

Vermont Reads Day at the Vermont Story Festival

September 6, Downtown Middlebury, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Schedule of Events

Town Hall Theater, Merchants Row

- 10 am: **Frostiana by Middlebury Community Chorus**
Conducted by Jeff Rehbach with accompaniment by George Matthew, Jr.
- 10:30 am: **Welcome and opening remarks**
Brent Bjorkman, Executive Director, Vermont Folklife Center
Peter Gilbert, Executive Director, Vermont Humanities Council
- 10:45 am: **A Restless Spirit author Natalie Bober's Book Talk, featuring Robin Hudnut, Robert Frost's granddaughter**
Followed by Q&A and Remarks by Jan Albers, Executive Director, Henry Sheldon Museum
- 11:45 am: **Natalie Bober Book-Signing**
On-site Bookseller: Vermont Book Shop

Cannon Park

- Noon-3 pm: **"Taste of Middlebury" food by area restaurants**

Henry Sheldon Museum – open until 5 pm

- 10 am-5 pm **Piecemakers: Vermont Country Quilts 1830-present (Gallery & Judd-Harris House)**
An exhibit celebrating Vermont's rich quilting tradition featuring the Sheldon's striking collection of quilts and a contemporary quilt-of-the-month.
- Noon-3 pm **Nature Cards Children's Activity (Side Porch)**
Make decorated note cards featuring a Frost poem.
- 12:30-1:10 & 1:10-1:50 pm **Painting with Robin Hudnut – LIMITED TO 20 in EACH OF TWO SESSIONS (Gallery)**
Make nature-inspired artwork based on Frost poems with his granddaughter!
Two sessions each, approx. 40 minutes each
- 2 pm and 2:45 **Children's Puppet Show (Gallery)**
Produced and performed by Aurora School summer program students
- 1:30 pm **Celebrate Henry Sheldon's Birthday (Front Porch)**
Enjoy cake and Monument Farms milk

Ilisley Public Library – open until 5 pm

- 12:30 pm **Tom Stamp - Stories in words and songs (Community Room)**
Lively tunes graced with humor; for all ages
- 1-1:45 pm & 1:45-2:30 pm **Poetry Writing Workshop with Geof Hewitt (Reference Area)**
Borrow Frost's voice to draft and revise a poem or two.
Middle school ages up; two sessions, approx. 45 minutes each.
- 2-3 pm **A Visit with Dorothy Canfield Fisher (Community Room)**
As portrayed by Helene Lang, this Vermont Humanities Council Speakers Bureau presentation introduces Fisher, who wrote novels and nonfiction from the 1920s-1950s. She knew Frost and she'll tell us what she thought of him! Middle school ages up.

Vermont Folklife Center – open until 5 pm

- Noon-5 pm **Multi Media Exhibit (First Floor)**
Featuring an interactive look at folk art and innovative digital quilt. Access documentary database to find interviewees VFC has recorded from your community, and listen to a rare Frost recording from the Ripton Community House on July 23rd, 1955!
- Noon-3 pm **First Saturdays Event: The Traditional Art of Polish Paper Cutting (Front Lawn)**
With artist Carolyn Guest from St. Johnsbury
- 12:30-3 pm **Vermont Story Project: Recording Family Stories (VFC Recording Studio, Lower Level)**
Call the Folklife Center to make an appointment to share your family story!
- 12:30-5 pm **Documentary Exhibit (Vision & Voice Documentary Workspace, Second Floor)**
The Golden Cage: Mexican Migrant Workers and Vermont Dairy Farmers