

Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce  
November Chamber Corner  
By Marji Graf, Executive Director

October was a month for congratulations and celebrations! Columbus Day weekend was exceptional within our Valley. Events were all packed from Cider Days in Belmont, to the Hoedown in Ludlow, to the Weston Craft Show and the Chili Cook-off. We had a great Chamber mixer and our guests on LPC-tv were Jon from Mountain Riders and Gary from The Cool Moose Cafe. [www.lpctv.org](http://www.lpctv.org)

Congratulations to Okemo! Parents Magazine names Okemo Mountain Resort's Jackson Gore Inn #1 in the 10 best snow resorts for families.

Welcome to Brian Halligan who replaced Rob Hodgkins as Director of Sales for Okemo Mountain Resort. Be sure to meet Brian at our November 11 mixer at the Jackson Gore Inn.

Congratulations to Vermont Country Store for being on the Today Show: [The Today Show](#)

Congratulations to BRAM who will be honored with three separate awards at its Nov 6 meeting for its multi-generational programs from The League of Local Historical Societies of the Vermont Historical Society.

Congratulations to WAAWEE Family Farm Market on Jersey Girl's 10 year anniversary.

Congratulations to Weston for appearing in Chronicles, again.

Congratulations to Willow of Chapter XIV for a wonderful front page picture in 10/29 Rutland Herald!

Congratulations to new member [BestofVermont.com](http://BestofVermont.com) for being chosen in Nov/Dec 2009 edition of Yankee Magazine article's; "The Ultimate Guide To Distinctive Gifts.

November/December 2009 issue of National Geographic Traveler ranks Vermont as one of the top five Best-Rated Places. <http://traveler.nationalgeographic.com/2009/11/destinations-rated/north-america-text/24>

Thank you to Melissa Bushey of PJ Bushey Landscaping for decorating the Chamber office for the season.

Thank you to Chris and Sarah from Curtis' All American Restaurant for hosting our October 14th "Let's Make A Deal" mixer.

Thank you to Bob Aldrich from the Inn and Weston and John McAveaney from Sunshine Acres Garden Center for joining me for the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund meeting at Newsbank. The Vermont Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives have set down a 2010 Legislative Agenda draft to address this issue. (copies are at the Chamber office).

Thank you to Deb Murphy of Green Mountain Rail Road; Bonnie Watters of Bonnie's Bundles; and Peter Crowley of CZ Construction Management for attending the SBDC meeting with Jane Applegate. The Chamber is starting a library and you will be able to take out "The Entrepreneur's Desk Reference" as well as "201 Great Ideas for Your Small Business" both by Jane Applegate.

On November 4<sup>th</sup> we are having a meeting to talk about Customer Service in the Okemo Valley. This will turn into a presentation on January 13 for our membership.

We are planning a scavenger hunt throughout the Okemo Valley on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to stop in the Chamber office to pick up instructions. There will be 5 winners throughout the day. Drawings will be at 1pm,, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm and 5:00pm.

Save the Date: Our Chambers Legislative Day at the State House is scheduled for January 21, 2010. Please let me know if you would like to join me and meet with your legislators.

Be sure and check out our extensive list of events on our website: [www.yourplaceinvermont.com](http://www.yourplaceinvermont.com) Click on Calendar of Events.

Upcoming events in November:

11/01/2009

Sunday 2:00 PM Vermont Voices: A Series Presented by Misty Valley Books - Archer Mayor Stone Church, Rt 103, Chester

11/03/2009

Tuesday 6:00 pm [Black River Academy Museum](#)-Annual Meeting & Pot Luck Supper  
Black River Valley Senior Center

11/03/2009

Tuesday 1:30p Board of Director meeting Fletcher Farm, Ludlow

11/04/2009

Wednesday 8:00 pm Open Mic Night at [Curtis' All American Restaurant](#)  
908 Route 103, Chester, VT 05143

11/06/2009

Friday 8:00 pm - 10:30 pm Vinny Dibernardo performs at [Fullerton Inn](#), Chester, VT

11/07/2009 - 11/08/2009

Saturday - Sunday  
The Covered Bridge RallyCross  
Jackson Gore Inn  
[www.ner.org](http://www.ner.org)

11/08/2009

Sunday 2:00 PM Vermont Voices: A Series Presented by [Misty Valley Books](#) - Madeleine Kunin Stone Church, Rt 103, Chester

11/15/2009

Sunday 2:00 PM Vermont Voices: A Series Presented by Misty Valley Books - Philip Baruth Stone Church, Rt 103, Chester

11/18/2009

Wednesday 6pm-8pm Chittenden Bank presents a Senior Safety Seminar at Annunciation Church, 7 Depot Street, Ludlow. Call Barb LeMire at 802-228-8821 by November 13th.

11/20/2009

Friday 8:00 pm - 10:30 pm Bern McWain at the Fullerton Inn, Chester, VT

11/21/2009

Saturday 6:30 PM [Green Mountain Festival Series](#): A Reunion Night of Music  
Green Mountain High School, Chester, VT

11/22/2009

Sunday 2:00 PM Vermont Voices: A Series Presented by Misty Valley Books -  
Robert Cohen Stone Church, Rt 103, Chester

11/25/2009 - 11/27/2009

Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Annual Shop Sample Sale at [Bonnies Bundles](#)

Bonnies Bundles 250 North St (RT 103) Stone Village, Chester, VT

11/27/2009 - 11/28/2009

Friday - Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Thanksgiving Crafts Bazaar

[Weston Playhouse](#) on the Green, Weston, VT

11/27/2009 - 11/29/2009

Friday - Sunday 10 am - 4 pm

Thanksgiving Weekend - A Top 10 Winter Event! [Billings Farm](#), Route 12,  
Woodstock, Vermont

11/28/2009

Saturday 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Handcrafted Ornament Show at [DaVallia](#)-Art & Accents, 78 Common Drive-Village  
Green, Chester,

11/28/2009

Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Craft Show & Sale

[Black River High School](#), Route 103 Ludlow