

Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce
October Chamber Corner

We had a busy September in the Okemo Valley Chamber. We began with our monthly chamber mixer. We decided to have a roving mixer courtesy of Vermont Backroad Tours. We met at the Chamber office at 5:30pm and went to Jackson Gore Inn to pick up guests who were attending the Tri-State Department of Transportation meeting. Then we went to Weston and courtesy of The Bryant House enjoyed hors d'oeuvres. We walked down to visit Wick in his studio (Whales in Vermont) and saw his latest sculpture. Next we walked to the Weston Playhouse and were given a backstage tour of costumes and sets. Back on the bus to Chester. Thanks goes out to the Stone Hearth Inn where we enjoyed desserts and drinks/coffee. We were met by more Chester businesses and unfortunately ran out of time and had to head back to Ludlow. The shops were staying open until 8pm, but we realized this was way too much to do in one evening. The guests that joined us were very impressed with our area and will be coming back to take the tour again.

Next we had our golf outing on September 16th. Thanks to Mary Knight (Knight Tubs) and Mary-Rita Batesole (Northern Benefits) for putting on such a successful event. We had 16 teams of 4 with the furthest guests coming all the way from Australia!! Fun was had by all, unfortunately, no one won the \$5,000.00. Maybe next year!!!!

My guest on LPC-TV in September was Liz Crowley (Streetscapes) to talk about the upcoming Throwdown at the Hoedown and Michael Alon from DaVallia Art and Accents in Chester. If you don't get LPC-TV you can always watch it online www.lpctv.org

Last but not least seven businesses attended the Big E with me in Springfield, MA from September 23 and 24th. September 23 was CT day and we saw over 76,000 people. September 24th was MA day and we saw over 46,000 people. We handed out our Okemo Valley Regional Guides and the members who joined me had the opportunity to hand out their brochures and rack cards.

We had a beautiful display in the Guildford Welcome Center in September with over 30 companies represented.

Be sure and check out our extensive list of events on our website: www.yourplaceinvermont.com Click on Calendar of Events.

Sincerely, Marji Graf, Executive Director