

# VERMONT BECKONS!!!!

*In case you missed it: National Geographic Traveler Magazine recently designated VERMONT as the number FIVE destination in the world to visit, and the number ONE place in the United States!!!!*

Here's your chance to experience what all the fuss is about; Vermont is hosting the 2010 Northeast Area Rally from May 7<sup>th</sup> thru May 9<sup>th</sup> and VASCOE is inviting everyone to join us in the beautiful Green Mountain State. Spring will be well under way by then, and the vibrant greens of the new grass and emerging leaves are spectacular. Throw in a wide variety of spring flowers and the colorful scenery is truly uplifting after the long dreary winter. Here is your chance for total relaxation, a break from the ordinary, wonderful food, and great company. Bring your spouse, bring your Mom (it is Mother's Day weekend!); there's even room for the kids. You won't be disappointed!

The Rally is being held at the Basin Harbor Club, located in rural Vergennes, situated along the shores of Lake Champlain. For those on the go, activities abound; check them out at [[www.basinharbor.com](http://www.basinharbor.com)]!

The festivities will begin on Friday, with a golf tournament teeing off at noon for the early arrivals. There will be a hospitality cabin set up for evening socializing, featuring a traditional Vermont sugar-on-snow party. Saturday breakfast is a buffet style spread beginning at 7, high-lighted by local Vermont food products. The business meeting will run from 8 to 12, and then it's again time to feast at the Taste of Vermont Lunch Buffet. Following lunch, don't miss the chance to join the tour of nationally acclaimed Shelburne Farms [[www.shelburnefarms.com](http://www.shelburnefarms.com)]. The beautifully restored farm buildings surrounded by 1900 acres of pristine farmland will transport you back to 19<sup>th</sup> century estate living. This will be followed by a visit to Nordic Farms, a state of the art dairy employing robotic milking machines. Saturday evening activities begin with a complimentary reception before dinner, followed by the Dinner Gala, and finishing up with more socializing during the Scholarship Auction and raffle drawing. Sunday morning continues the theme of great Vermont cuisine with another round of breakfast buffet, then its check out and head home, or extend your stay for a day or two at our specially negotiated price!

*Stay with us here, just a few more details!*

The grand prize of the evening raffle will be a handmade queen sized quilt created by local craftsperson, and Rutland/Bennington County PT, Marge Christy. The theme of the quilt is Vermont's renowned covered bridges. Marge comes from a long line of quilters, having learned her craft from her mother and grandmother. This is a rare opportunity to own what will undoubtedly become a cherished example of local Vermont folk art. Attached is a handy batch of easy to use raffle tickets. Simply print off as many as you

need or can sell, and either send the stubs and a check to Diane Heleba, 149 Boardman Hill Road, Center Rutland, VT 05736, or bring them with you to the Rally!

A special request is being made to all NASCOE members by a proud Military mom, Chris Lary. In her words “Please help the mom of a deployed soldier fill up some of the emptiness in her home and heart. Please bring a 12”X12” quilt square(s) with you to the NE Area Rally. This can be a traditional quilt square, scrap square, or a plain fabric square that has a thank you message written on it. Keep in mind that ¼” of it is for seam allowance. All squares will be used to make a quilt(s) for an injured soldier(s) through the Quilt of Valor Foundation. If you don’t have time to make a square, but have spare fabric you would like to donate to the project, please do. Patriotic colors/themes are always appreciated by the soldiers. Let’s show the soldiers how much the NE Area/FSA appreciates their service to this beautiful country!”

Finally, most of us are procrastinators when it comes time to make reservations and part with our hard earned money; however, there is an advantage to committing to the Rally early...a better chance of securing a prime cabin location directly on the shores of Lake Champlain! While all of the cabins are wonderful, there is something special about being at the water’s edge, the soothing sound of the waves to put you to sleep, the stimulation of the freshest of breezes, or the waterfowl entertaining you as you lounge in the evening. Those who act first, stand the best chance of scoring! Registrations are lagging, let’s see some enthusiasm. Vermont is only a day’s drive from most locations! Doreen, it’s not so far from Presque Isle; Devon, only 5 hours from Rhode Island (and bring your sister!) and Luke, how’s the calving this year down in Pennsylvania? Let us welcome you all!

**VASCOE Raffle for a Handmade  
Quilt or a Vermont Products Gift Basket  
Drawing May 8, 2010**  
at the *Northeast Area Rally*  
a portion of the raffle proceeds to benefit  
NASCOE Scholarship Fund  
\$1 each or 6 for \$5

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**Northeast Area Rally**

**May 7-9, 2010**

**At the Basin Harbor Club, Vergennes, 4800 Basin Harbor Road, Vergennes, VT**

**Reservation's Fax: 802-475-6545**

**REGISTRATION and RESERVATION FORM**

*Please register early to get your choice of accommodations*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Roommate/Spouse's Name, if attending \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Accommodation Requested- Please check your preference</b>	<b>Sharing Additional Bedrooms With</b> <i>(Suite Mates Must Send in their own reservation form)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Studio Suite/Cottage (1 Room)	
<input type="checkbox"/> One Bedroom Suite/Cottage (1 bedroom with living room)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Two Bedroom Suite/Cottage (2 bedrooms with living room)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Three Bedroom Cottage (3 bedrooms with living room)	

**Arrival Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Departure Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Need Transportation To or From the Airport?** \_\_\_\_\_ **Arrival Date/Time** \_\_\_\_\_ **Flight #** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Coordinate airport transportation w/ [Lawrence.parker@vt.usda.gov](mailto:Lawrence.parker@vt.usda.gov)** **Departure Date/Time** \_\_\_\_\_ **Flight #** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Or call Larry @ 802-865-7895 ext 102**

**No Accommodation Needed**

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: Friday April 9, 2010** *\*\* Important – Please note! \*\* We will still accept late reservations and rooms will be available; however, this is based on availability as NASCOE specific accommodations will have been opened to the public after this date.*

Please mail or fax your reservation with a deposit to:

**The Basin Harbor Club** Fax (802) 475-6545 Phone (800) 622-4000  
4800 Basin Harbor Road Please contact Basin Harbor Club directly for your bed preference.  
Vergennes, VT 05491

Your Credit Card information (The Basin Harbor Club takes only VISA, MASTERCARD or CHECKS)  
Please circle one: VISA MASTERCARD CHECK

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security # \_\_\_\_\_  
(last 3 digits on back of card)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

- Cancellation of reservations or notice of a shortened stay requires 14 days advance notice. Less than 14 days notice may result in forfeiture of your room deposit. Less than 3 days and all of your deposit is forfeit (Room, Golf, Food, Activities).
- You Must FAX or Mail your registration form to Basin Harbor Club. If faxing the form, please remember to fax both sides of the form.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM FOR DEPOSIT DUE INFORMATION**

## Registration Form

Name on Reservation: \_\_\_\_\_

### Friday May 7, 2010

Item	#	Price	Total
<b>Golf Tournament starting at noon:</b> Includes 18 holes with cart, box lunch and prizes on a par 71 beautifully manicured course.		@ \$50.00 per person	\$
<b>Accommodation:</b> Price includes Tax, Gratuity and Full Country Breakfast for 2 on Saturday morning, children under 12 are complimentary. (Please select accommodation requested on front of form).		@ \$ 102.00 per Bedroom	\$

### Saturday May 8, 2010

Item	#	Price	Total
<b>Accommodation:</b> Price includes Tax, Gratuity and Full Country Breakfast for 2 on Sunday morning, children under 12 are complimentary. (Please select accommodation requested on front of form).		@ \$ 120.00 per Bedroom	\$
<b>Registration for NASCOE Members (and associate members):</b> Includes AM Coffee Break and Taste of Vermont Lunch Buffet with Dessert.		@ \$40.00 per person	\$
<b>Registration for RASCOE, Non-Members, Spouses and Children over 12</b> Includes AM Coffee Break and Taste of Vermont Lunch Buffet with Dessert.		@ \$ 20.00 per person	\$
<b>Tour of Shelburne Farms:</b> Nationally acclaimed 19 <sup>th</sup> Century American Farm Buildings and educational presentations. Tour then proceeds to state of the art robotic milking facility at Nordic Farms Dairy.		@ \$ 15.00 per person	\$
<b>Reception:</b> One-Hour Complimentary Beer and Wine Reception before Dinner.		Complimentary	\$ 0.00
<b>Dinner Gala – Adults and Children over 10 years old:</b> Entrée includes Salad, Dessert, Rolls & Butter, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee and Tea.		@ \$ 33.00 per person	\$
<b>Please make your Entrée Selection as follows:</b>		Vermont Stuffed Chicken	
		Flat Iron Steak	
		Cedar Plank Salmon	
<b>Dinner Gala –Children under 10 years old:</b> Entrée includes Fruit Salad, Dessert, Rolls & Butter, Iced Tea, and Lemonade.		@ \$ 12.00 per Child	\$
<b>Please make your Entrée Selection as follows:</b>		Chicken Fingers & Fries	
		Pasta with Red Sauce	
<b>Total Amount Due with Registration Form</b>			<b>\$</b>

*Friday night hospitality suite/cottage will feature snacks, complimentary Vermont Sugar-on-Snow and socializing. Cash bar will be available.*