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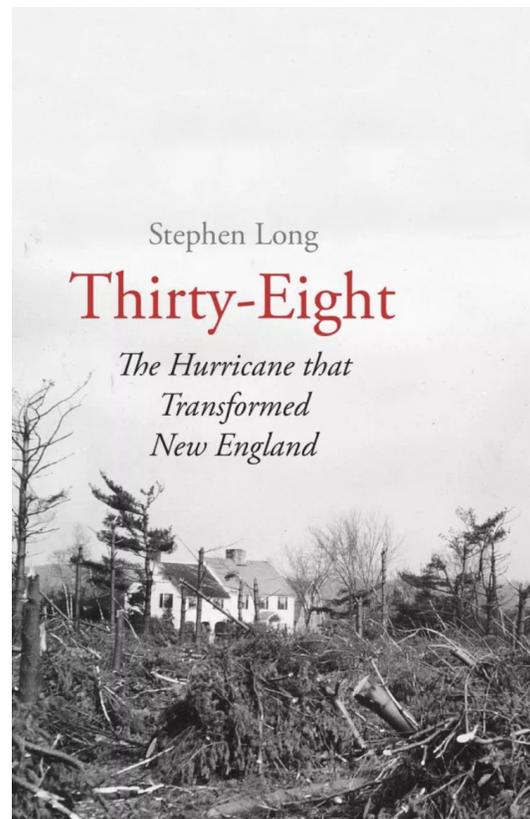


Thirty-Eight

The Hurricane That
Transformed New England
Jan 27, 2019 Billings Farm Museum
1-3 PM FREE

Stephen Long tells the story of New England's Katrina. A journalist and co-founder of *Northern Woodlands* magazine, Long focuses on the devastation to the region's forests and the daunting challenge facing New Englanders still in the throes of the Great Depression. His presentation is richly illustrated with archival photos of storm damage and the unprecedented recovery operation. What have we learned in the last 80 years?

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BLACK RIVER ACTION TEAM **BRAT**

Fourteen very interested people attended BRAT's first community get together to talk about interests and issues in the Black River watershed.

Kelly Stettner led the presentation which included plans for 2019. Want to get involved? visit [BRAT](#)

STORM WATER DISCHARGE ON ROADS

Continued erosion on Class 4 road and legal trails leads to degrading of banks and eventual loss of use. It also endangers use of Class 3 roads during a storm. The West Windsor Conservation Commission reviewed conditions on Barton Rd. and will be working on a long term solution to keeping this multi-trail use road open. Thanks to local support from horse organizations and snow mobile clubs, this work will be made possible. Know of an area that needs attention? Contact [ONRCD](#)



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Vermonters have an opportunity to protect and restore watersheds through the Vermont Watershed Grants Program. Half of the proceeds derived from the sale of the Vermont Conservation License Plate go towards funding the Vermont Watershed Grants Program. The Program, co-administered by DEC and the Department of Fish and Wildlife, distributes grant

dollars for noteworthy local and regional water-related projects within Vermont.



Mill Brook, running through Reading, West Windsor and Windsor, was the subject of a 2018 Watershed Grant. The water quality had not been tested since 1990 and the results showed a dramatic improvement in water quality due to connecting to a sewage treatment plant and improved agricultural practices. Testing will continue in 2019. Interested? Contact [ONRCD](#) for copies of data.

Amphibians in the snow?

Late fall migration of American Bullfrog, Blue-spotted Salamander, Eastern Newt, Eastern Red-backed Salamander, Four-toed Salamander, Green Frog, Northern Leopard Frog, Spotted Salamander, Spring Peeper, and Wood Frog have been reported. For more [INFO](#)



Plan a visit to Vermont's only volcano! [Here's how](#)

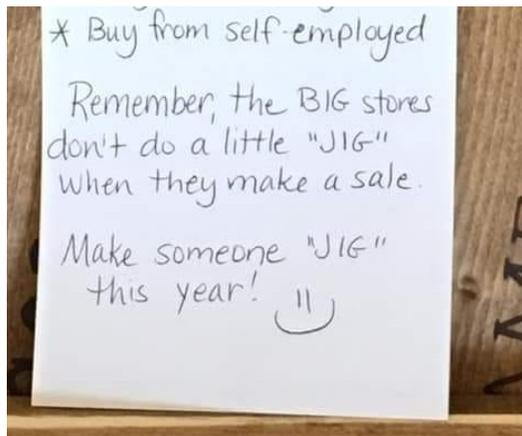


What kind of owl are you? A fun and informative quiz about our nocturnal friends. [HERE](#)





Scientists spy on bumble bees to learn altered behavior. [READ](#)



Vermont winter still life



Edible bale wrap - why not? [MORE](#)

Winter Squash

- Delicata**
Cut into rings, brush lightly with olive oil, season & roast on a baking sheet at 425F; use as a base for a pretty salad.
- Acorn**
Halve, bake at 425F cut side down for 30 mins; turn, add butter, salt, lots of pepper & maple syrup, then roast for 20 mins more.
- Buttercup**
Transformed by steaming! Halve & steam cut side down for 20 mins. Then mash with cream or olive oil & stir in sauteed onions, garlic & thyme.
- Pie Pumpkin**
Small but just enough for a pie! Or cookies or muffins or pancakes or ... Halve & roast cut side down for 1 hr.
- Spaghetti**
Halve, bake cut side down in 1 inch of water for 30 mins at 350F. Use a fork to tease out the noodly goodness - toss with pesto.
- Sweet Dumpling**
Cut off the top, scoop out the seeds, add butter, olive oil or cream, put the lid back on & roast for 1 hr.
- Kabocha**
Cut into large cubes & use in stews, chunky soups or curries. The skin is edible & nutritious!
- Red Kuri**
Also known as Hubbard. Makes a lovely fluffy mash.
- Butternut**
Perfect for soups because of its size & density. Saute with onions, garlic & tomato paste before simmering in stock.

****For all of the cooking suggestions, scoop out the seeds.****



Doug Linnell and Dan Morancy, have been playing music together in one way or another for a few years now. As Town of Hartland employees they have traveled far





and wide in the line of duty and gotten to know this place we call home. Listen to them [HERE](#)



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