

Organizations from around the state are encouraged to provide descriptions of recent or upcoming activities and events. E-mail your submission to [editor@mountainpridemedi.org](mailto:editor@mountainpridemedi.org)

### AIDS PROJECT OF SOUTHERN VERMONT

The AIDS Project of Southern Vermont, a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide services for people who are infected and/or effected by the HIV/AIDS virus, would like to thank the following people and organizations for their efforts in making our first annual Craft Fair the success it was: Volunteers: Anna Krawczyk, Bert L., Joanne Bowser, Barb Baker, Dani Tiftt, Hilda Outwater, Micah Dubreuil, Marybeth Merriam, Amanda Davis, and Hope Krawczyk. Advisory Board Members: Heather Babcock, Bill Perry, Kim Coryat, Greg Winterhalter, and Jim Cormier. Staff members: Alice Mazur and Justin Schwarz. Thanks also go to The Sacred Heart Saint Francis Church for the wonderful location and the very giving people of the church; S.A.D.D. (Students Against Destructive Decisions) who held a bake sale and donated half their proceeds to our organization; graphic artist Gypsy Jones; our local McDonald's Restaurant for their donation of cookies and juice; the Apple Bar for their donation of apple cider, apples and doughnuts; radio stations WBTV and WZEC; and local and surrounding-area newspapers. Last, but not least, our deeply felt thanks go to our vendors whom without them this event would never have happened. Thank you everyone for your help and caring hearts.

### MOUNTAIN PRIDE MEDIA

Mountain Pride Media is excited to have been awarded a \$2,000 challenge grant from The Vermont Community Foundation in support of the Out In The Mountains electronic archive project. If you are interested in making a contribution to this campaign please contact us at [mpm@mountainpridemedi.org](mailto:mpm@mountainpridemedi.org) for more details.

Mountain Pride Media would like to welcome our newest committee members. Judy Thompson and Bill Avery have joined our Technology Committee. Fran Moravcisk has joined our Outreach Committee and Vicky Phillips has joined our Strategic Planning Committee. We are always looking for community members who would like to put their skills, time and energy to work for a local non-profit. Please check out our Volunteers page on our web site ([www.mountainpridemedi.org](http://www.mountainpridemedi.org)) if you'd like to learn more about serving on one of our committees.

Each month, Mountain Pride Media acknowledges the individuals who help get Out In The Mountains out into the community. This month we send out our thanks to Judy, Dan B., David, Esther, Dustin, Fran, Bennett, Michael, Susan, Patrick, Matthew, Euan, James, Dan G., Aldora, Marsha, Daryl, Tyler, Larry, Justin, and Roland. Also an extra special thank you to our neighbors at NOFA who saved 2,000 copies of the paper from the rain. The January "Stuffing" will be on Thursday, January 31st starting at 5:30 p.m. at our offices above The Daily Bread in Richmond, Vermont. Please feel free to stop by and say hello and help out.

Mountain Pride Media would like to thank all the organizations and businesses that supported us in 2001: Samara Foundation of Vermont, The Gill Foundation, The Walter Cerf Foundation, The Vermont Community Foundation, Ben Franklin Stores, The Daily Bread Bakery & Cafe, The Vermont Historical Society, New England Culinary Institute, Hunger



Mountain Co-op, [ilovermont.com](http://ilovermont.com), O.R.C Property Management, Stone Ledge Landscaping, Nikon Corporation, and UVM's Department of Theatre. Without the support of grantors and local organizations our celebration of the 15th anniversary of Out In The Mountains would not have been the wonderful success it was.

### RU12? COMMUNITY CENTER

The RU12? Community Center is having an open house on Thursday, January 31st,

from 4:30 to 7:30 for volunteers. This event is for everyone, including those who have volunteered in the past (we want to say thank you) and those who are interested in working with us on all sorts of projects. Come and talk with us about what interests you, and find out about volunteer opportunities at the Center. This is a great chance to find out more about RU12?, find out plans and ideas for the New Year, and make new contacts. Call Volunteer Coordinator Meg Tamulonis at 860-7812 for more info, or just swing by and say hello. To get to the RU12? Community Center in Burlington, go west down Main St. or Pearl St. and make a left onto Battery St. turn right onto King St. and head toward ferry dock. Make sharp right onto Steele St. and park in Main St. Landing garage. Walk out of the entrance that you drove into. HQ is located immediately to your right on the north end of the Wing Building in Suite 113. See you there!

### VT PRIDE

As I write this, snow is finally making its seasonal descent from the sky, and it is a welcome sight. We at Pride VT would like to greatly thank everyone who donated items, helped organize, and attended November's Spirit of Giving dinner and raffle. It was a singing success as Bob Bolyard brought Karaoke Kapers to the warm and cheerful atmosphere of the St. John's Club in Burlington.

Pride will be having 2 meetings in January: Tuesdays, the 8th and 22nd at the McClure Multi-Generational Center from 7-9 pm on N. Winooski Ave. in Burlington. For more information please contact Brian at 859-9238. Also be sure to say "Hi!" and buy a raffle ticket from a Pride representative during Womyn's Night and Shakti, Friday evenings at

135 Pearl. For any additional information or inquiries about June events, check out the online site [www.pridevermont.org](http://www.pridevermont.org). Stay warm and well this season!

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America looks at Vermont as so hostile to business that it is not desirable to develop businesses in Vermont. Thanks Bernie!

Vermont has a fetish with clean that transcends all reason. Our governor tells us we have pristine waters. Yet, the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) applying the Vermont Water Resources Board standards lists 126 impaired waters (mostly small streams passing through densely developed areas). A visual ride around the state discloses vast forests and neat farms, except in the growth areas where once beautiful farms are now houses made out of ticky-tacky and they all look just the same, or jumbo shopping centers catering to the host of merchandise that crosses the oceans to fill the shelves of our consumer oriented culture in the cities. These are the "growth centers" that ANR wants to divert all of the revolving sewer fund, state law notwithstanding. Of the 31 states that have nuclear reactors for generating electricity, Vermont leads them all for nuclear electric use with about one third of our power coming from Vermont Yankee according to the Vermont Department of Public Service. An even larger percentage is from hydro, mostly Hydro Quebec. It is interesting to note that Vermont has a far better green mix for electric power, cleaner water and indeed better land use than most states, despite the 2% that is in

growth centers and the incredibly huge amounts of land that belongs to government or the socialist collectives masking as environmental groups.

As more land is needed for homes and businesses to provide jobs and more water and power are needed for 21st century lifestyles, Vermont faces the huge problem of dealing with ill considered laws, rules, regulations, policies and procedures promulgated by a well meaning but impractical minority of Chicken Little enthusiasts that a decade ago warned of an impending ice age and now are acolytes of global warming.

Removing the blinders and dealing with genuine facts is essential, but anyone who disagrees with the extremists is attacked as if it were a personal affront to them. Balance is needed and one reasonable suggestion is the dis-allowing of standing for all special interest groups from legal proceedings and permit processes. Since that applies to both sides of issues, it may help reduce the extremism on both sides.

In any case, we in Vermont need to struggle to find more balance between rights and duties. Those who cry out for rights must be examined with regard to performance of duties. This discussion is at the core of the future. Employment and progress hangs on the discussion.