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FEEL THE BEAT

At Manchester's **Earth Sky Time** (earthskytime.com), the spirit of Woodstock meets Vermont rurality in the Concerts on the Farm, held Sunday evenings from Memorial Day through Indigenous People's Day. Admission is discounted for students and farmers. Healthy salads, wood-fired pizzas, beer, and wine are for sale.

Dancing barefoot isn't mandatory—but why wouldn't you?

FALL IN PUPPY LOVE

You'll never forget your playdate with *at least* 10 golden retrievers—the photo ops alone are priceless. There's more to Jeffersonville's **Golden Dog Farm** (goldendogfarm.com), though, as we discovered while visiting this family-owned organic

producer of maple, honey, cider, and sheer happiness in *Weekends with Yankee* Season 9 (check your local PBS listings). The Golden Retriever Experience can be booked on select dates year-round, and gifting this heartwarming adventure is as easy as tossing a tennis ball.

GET A HOBBY

Do you have a favorite pastime you've neglected?

Or one you'd like to try for the sake of relaxation, exhilaration, or social connection? The **Woodstock Inn & Resort** (woodstockinn.com) has introduced a new Passion Pursuits program, designed to start you on your way during your vacay. The inn's "Passionistas" offer guidance in everything from fly-fishing and pickleball to gardening and antiques. You can even learn to fly a

hawk with the founder of New England Falconry, Chris Davis.

BE YOUR CHEESY SELF

Vermont is a cheese lover's dream. In Brattleboro, the **Vermont Country Deli** (vermontcountrydeli.com) sold 81,000 pounds—more than 40 tons!—of its ridiculously delicious cast-iron-baked mac and cheese last year. Ready to do more than snack?

Reserve a hands-on cheesemaking class or "Cheesemaker for a Day" experience at Hartland's **Fat Sheep Farm & Cabins** (fat-sheep-farm-vermont.com), where staying overnight means waking to the bleat of lambs and the glint of sun dancing off mountains. Save the date, too, for this year's **Vermont Cheesemakers Festival** at Shelburne Farms in Shelburne (vtcheese.com/festival): August 10.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Go where the wind takes you on a Lake Champlain cruise with Whistling Man Schooner Company; a taste of what's to come at the Vermont Cheesemakers Festival in August, hosted by Shelburne Farms; shaking it off at Jeffersonville's Golden Dog Farm.