

# VerShare

*To enhance a spirit of community, foster economic development, and contribute to projects to benefit the residents of Vershire.*

## President's Message

Happy Spring!

Given the events in taking place in the world and the state of our own political affairs, it is becoming increasingly evident that vibrant, local communities are going to become much more important in our daily lives as we move forward. From regular group meals and events, to offering a venue for local artisans to showcase their work, to creating opportunities for local children to expand their horizons, VerShare is committed to increasing the spirit of community in our town.

A strong community benefits the individual, the community as well as the greater society. People of all ages who feel a sense of belonging tend to lead happier and healthier lives, and strong communities create a more stable and supportive society. With our society moving at a faster and more detached manner due to technology, busy schedules and the frequency at which we change jobs, homes and locations, it becomes harder and harder to feel any sense of community.

VerShare is a remedy for those feelings of isolation and detachment. Come get involved!

Thank you so much for your continued support. We value your participation in this wonderful community and hope that you will continue to grow with us.

Aaron Hoopes, VerShare co-President



## VERSHARE LIBRARY

Library Hours: Wednesday 10-11:30, Thursday 2-5, Saturday 10-1. Tel 685-9982

**Wednesday mornings** are Storytime – come meet other moms and let your little one explore our wonderful selection of books and toys.

**Thursday afternoons** – 10 to 12 children hop off the school bus right at the door of the VerShare Library for a couple of hours of games, crafts, dress-up, outdoor exploration, and snacks.

**One Saturday a month** is Gaming Unplugged. Watch the Vershire Listserve for dates and times to play D&D, Magic or other board games.

Of course we always have new books flowing into the Library. The Library offers free passes to the Billings Farm, and discounted passes to the Montshire Museum and the ECHO Center. Starting in May we will also have passes to Vermont State Parks and Historic Sites.



## STAGECOACH STOP HOSTEL

The Stagecoach Stop Hostel is located in the Church Orr House and provides convenient and economical lodging for people visiting Vershire.

If you have any out-of-town visitors who need a place to stay...please come stay with us.

Hostel Rates:

\$35 per room/per night (single)

\$10 per extra person

Children under 12 FREE!

to reserve your space email:  
[information@vershare.org](mailto:information@vershare.org)



## Made-in-Vershire Shop

The Made-In-Vershire (MIV) Shop at the Church-Orr House offers a wide range of goods. Open every Saturday from 10:00 until 1:00. Come in to browse, shop, visit or sample some great snacks. The Made-in-Vershire Shop is a wonderful way to support your



community. Our diversely talented Vershire artisans create many unique items and delicious foods. Your buying in the shop keeps your dollars local and makes shopping a neighborly thing to do.



## Snowshoe-a-thon

Despite poor weather forecasts, 130 people, including 61 children & teens, enjoyed the fresh snow and a beautiful day on the trail from the Vershire Town Center to The Mountain School, with a wonderful winter carnival & lunch at the finish line.

Many thanks to all who snowshoed, hiked, sledged, and to our volunteers who made this year a success!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL PLEDGE DONORS & SNOW ANGELS! We raised more than \$6200 to the Children's Activity Fund for our VerShare Community Camp, Library activities, and other enrichment opportunities throughout the year.

*Next Year is our 20th Anniversary!!!*



## Summer Camp 2016

The VerShare Summer camp will run from July 18th to July 22nd this year. The camp is free to all children. The camp day runs from 8:30 – 3:30, with a half day option.

In addition to camp-wide circle times & tent group times, campers will participate in morning and afternoon workshops. Lunch for Chipmunks is at 11:30 and for Bobcats is at 12:00. Campers will be expected to bring a bagged lunch. We hope to get enough volunteer support to continue the daily salad bar featuring local food. Campers who cannot bring a lunch for any reason will be provided with a simple one.

Information and Applications for CITs (13-15y) & Counselors (16y+) is available online at [www.vershare.org](http://www.vershare.org) Due back by May 6th with interviews and decisions by May 20th.

We are happy to once again offer free leadership skill training & kayaking for teens, ages 13-15y, during Outdoor Leadership Week, July 11-15 Interested? See the CIT information & application

CAMPER REGISTRATION PACKETS are available online at [www.vershare.org](http://www.vershare.org) Due back by May 13th with confirmation letters sent out by May 31st.

# EVERY SATURDAY MORNING 10am-1pm

at the VerShare Church Orr House & MIV Shop

*Coffee, Tea & Snacks*  
*Friendly Neighbors*  
*Games & Stories for Children*  
*Free Superfast WiFi*



**The ALL NEW 2016 Vershire Directory is coming soon!**

**Make sure your contact information is up-to-date.**

**Contact Deborah Churchill to update your listing or to discuss advertising opportunities**

[debchurchill05072@gmail.com](mailto:debchurchill05072@gmail.com)

**802-685-3156**

## Time to Become a Member of the Community

VerShare is a non-profit, tax-empt community organization incorporated in 1998. Thanks to the hard work and support of many Vershire residents, VerShare has been able to make contributions to the town of Vershire that have enriched our way of life for nearly 20 years.

Member support, dedicated volunteers, and generous contributions are essential for VerShare to keep doing what it does. No town taxpayer money goes to VerShare.

I'm not going to list of all the expenses we have, nor am I going to list of all the wonderful things we have done. I am simply going to say that, if you are reading this newsletter, you are a member of this community. We want you involved. We want you to come to our events, gatherings and programs. Please join us in making Vershire a special place.

Annual Membership Levels:

\_\_\_ Individual \$10    Family \$15    \_\_\_ Friend \$25    \_\_\_ Associate \$60    \_\_\_ Sponsor \$150    Sustainer \$500

(All members receive special discounts at the Made-in-Vershire Shop / Sponsor or Sustainer members receive a \$5/night discount at the Hostel.)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail To:** P.O.Box 112, Vershire, VT 05079    *Please Make Checks payable to VerShare.*

Donations above individual/family membership are tax-deductible. VerShare FIN: 03-0356227

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## VerShare Board of Directors

- Aaron Hoopes — Co-President**
- Leslie Mamorale — Co-President**
- Ken Stella — Treasurer**
- Marissa Mazzucco — Co-Secretary**
- Debra Churchill — Co-Secretary**
- Shirley Collins — Hostel Manager**
- Kareen Obydol-Alexandre — Facebook**

### Other Volunteers:

- Andrea Herrington - Summer Camp**
- Karl Vitols - Snowshoe-a-thon**
- Lynn Roy - Library & Book, Bake & Plant Sale**
- Debra Kingsbury - Cabaret**
- Jean MacDonald - Civics Clatch**

and many more!

VISIT VERSHARE ONLINE

[www.vershare.org](http://www.vershare.org)

[www.facebook.com/madeinvershireshop](http://www.facebook.com/madeinvershireshop)

[email: information@vershare.org](mailto:information@vershare.org)

# ONGOING EVENTS

1st Wednesday Every Month - Community Lunch/Senior Lunch at Town Center

Saturday Mornings 10:00am - 1:00pm - Made in Vershire Shop

Wednesday Mornings 7:30am - Civics Clatch at Church Orr House

Fourth Friday Every Month - Soup Night at Town Center

# UPCOMING EVENTS

*June 11 - Book, Bake and Plant Sale* [To Donate Books or Plants call Lynn 685-3151]

*July 2 - Vershire Day* [To Volunteer or just help out call Andrea 333-3690]

*July 18th - July 22 - VerShare Children's Summer Camp* [To Sign up visit [www.vershare.org](http://www.vershare.org)]

