



## News from the Office

Finally some warm and sunny weather! Looks like spring is going to make an appearance. Upcoming dates and deadlines to remember are **April 20** - Deadline for inclusion in our advance program for vendors & exhibitors, and **April 25** - Deadline for all program ads. Please mark your calendars.

Latest updates to our **2011 Entertainment Line-up** include [Sarah Lee Guthrie and Johnny Irion](#), [Russ Lawton and Ray Paczkowski](#) (Trey Anastasio Band collaborators) and [Antje Duvekot](#). We have a great line-up so far and much more still to come! [Click here](#) for all the details...

Remember, **tickets are ON SALE NOW!** To celebrate our early bookings we've moved up the ticket sales start date. We have some really great Early Bird ticket deals and packages this year. In fact, our 4-pack deal offers a better weekend ticket price than you've seen in years! We hope you will take advantage of the savings. But do so early, because these prices disappear on May 15! [Check out our Ticket Information page by clicking here.](#)

More on the music front - we are currently seeking entries for our **Songwriter Showcase**. If you or someone you know might be interested in this fantastic SolarFest tradition [check out the details here.](#)

**SolarFest Workshops are Rolling Along!** While we do not have our final schedule yet, we can tell you that the workshops at this year's SolarFest will be the best ever! We will be offering more hands-on and demonstration workshops, as well as a greater breath and depth in all workshop tracks. Keep checking our website for the 2011 workshop schedule!

**We still need volunteers for 2011.** Please sign up early, it will be a huge help to us in this year of transition. Check out our [volunteer page](#) or email [volunteers@solarfest.org](mailto:volunteers@solarfest.org) for more information.

More cool stuff - Check out the home page of our website and take our weekly poll. This week we're asking if you'd become a member if SolarFest was a membership organization. [Take a look and weigh in.](#)

And last but not least, our next Festival Committee meeting is **Tuesday, April 12 (TOMORROW!)** at the SolarFest office (potluck at 6:30pm, meeting at 7pm). Please join us on the 12th and for any and all future meetings (2nd Tuesdays of each month - mark your calendar). May meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10.

Until next time,  
Patty Kenyon

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## Quick Links

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## Upcoming Meetings

- Festival Committee**  
Tuesday, April 12, 2011  
5:30 pm Site Walk  
6:30 pm
- Trustee Meeting**  
Monday, May 9, 2011  
6 pm
- Festival Committee**  
Tuesday, May 10, 2011  
6:30 pm

## Calling all SolarFesters!

How would you like to support SolarFest AND help create opportunities for young children to learn more about renewable energy and sustainability? You can do BOTH by volunteering with the newly formed Children's Museum grassroots committee in Rutland.

This committee will be offering children's exhibits and activities during Rutland's highly successful Friday Night Live and Farmers Market. Exhibits will focus on energy, sustainability, and farm and food. If you volunteer to help under the SolarFest "banner" you will help SF get great visibility and publicity all summer long. Volunteer needs include creating/building/designing sustainability and energy exhibits; serving as an on-site volunteer on Friday nights and/or Saturdays; and offering materials and/or financial support.

To get more information on how you can help, please contact Myra Peffer at [mrp07310@exchange.ccv.vsc.edu](mailto:mrp07310@exchange.ccv.vsc.edu). Be sure to tell her you are coming as SolarFester so we can demonstrate SF's reach and commitment beyond our wonderful festival!

*SolarFest blends art, education, and outreach to inspire conservation, promote renewable energy, and support sustainable communities.*



You can find out all the latest news and interesting tidbits on our [FaceBook](#) page and on [Twitter](#), so please look us up and join in the fun. We also have a live FaceBook feed on the home page of our [website](#) if you are not into the social network scene but still want to stay up to date on our postings.

## Good things from our friends & neighbors...

**Farmer to Farmer: Vermont to Japan donation campaign** organized by Radical Roots Farm. Endorsed by NOFA-VT (Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont), the Vermont Farmers Market Association and RAFFL (Rutland Area Farm and Food Link)

The campaign asks all Vermont Farmers to donate 5-10% of their proceeds from their opening day of Farmers' Market to support Japanese farmers and residents devastated by the earthquake and tsunami. We also ask all Farmers Market customers to donate generously at the farmers' market booths of participating farmers. All funds will be donated to two beneficiaries:

*The American Friends of Asian Rural Institute (AFARI), ([www.friends-ari.org](http://www.friends-ari.org)).*  
*ShelterBox USA, ([www.shelterboxusa.org](http://www.shelterboxusa.org)).*

For more information, please visit <http://www.RadicalRootsVT.com> or contact Carol Tashie/Dennis Duhaime at [radicalrootsfarm@gmail.com](mailto:radicalrootsfarm@gmail.com).

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