

Increasing Off-Season Activity

Includes goals from this [Creative Communities Report](#):

- Task Force on Increasing Off-Season Activity (Grand Isle)

The off-season activities group has overlapping interests with the indoor spaces group, both for using the spaces they help access and for partnerships with local organizations, clubs, schools, who are involved in creating activities for residents. **Coordinating** efforts could be made easier by developing an event support template that includes available space, available recreational resources, parking information and a list of marketing and other related support.

Resources include:

- The **Vermont Crafts Council** (vermontcrafts.com) runs an annual Open Studio weekend statewide.
- **HandMade in America** (handmadeinamerica.org/) is located in North Carolina and focuses on local craftspeople.
- Regional Cultural Heritage Guides, including Addison County. Contact **Barbara Harding** at the **Addison County Chamber of Commerce** (802) 388-7951.
- Check **Valley Quest** at vitalcommunities.org/ValleyQuest/ValleyQuest.htm. Valley Quest is a community-educational activity centered in White River Junction. It publishes, in book form, numerous quests or community searches that follow clues from place to place to a final destination. The result is an exploration and examination of a community's history and heritage and the natural world.
- **Vermont Outdoor Guide Association** (<http://www.voga.org/>) has done recreation resource inventories for three Vermont counties. They also have a large database of recreation related resources. Contact: **Graydon Stevens**, Vermont Outdoor Guide Association, P.O. Box 10, North Ferrisburg, VT. 05473, 800-425-8747, gray@voga.org
- The **Vermont Humanities Council** (VHC) vermonthumanities.org, offers a grants program to support community initiatives of certain kinds that deal with history, literature, heritage, culture, art history, archaeology, comparative religion, ethics, and the like. It also subsidizes public talks and reading and discussion programs in libraries and other nonprofit community centers.

Listings

- Check out the site listings already available on the following websites:
 - **Vermont Museum and Gallery Alliance** vmga.org
 - **The Northern Vermont Artists Association** vmga.org/exhibiting/shows/novermont.html
 - **Vermont Hand Crafters** vermonthandcrafters.com
 - **Vermont Crafts Council** vermontcrafts.com
 - **Vermont Travel Planner** vermontvacation.com