

MAY 8, 2015

TURTLE TRACKS

A WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER FOR THE VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 9
Spring Gala

May 12
Screening of Jay Craven's *Northern Borders*

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China Big Trip
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End of 4th Quarter

Screening of Jay Craven's *Northern Borders*, Tuesday May 12th!

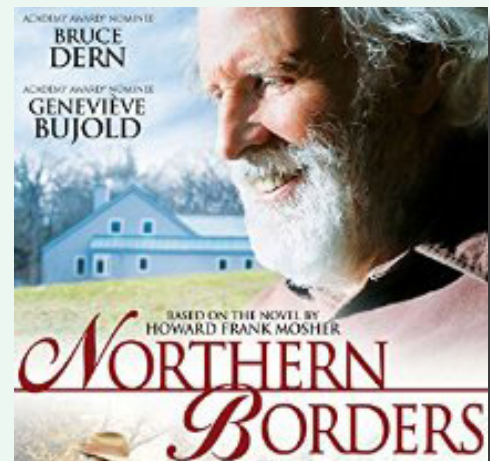
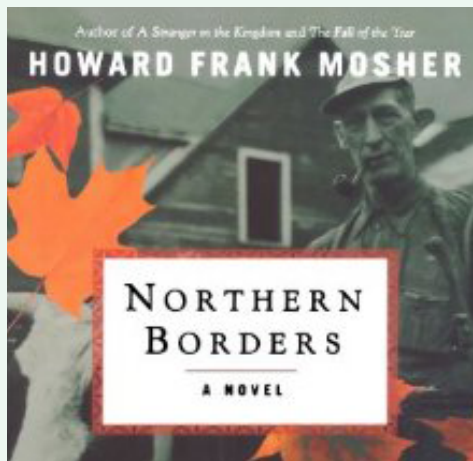
Award-winning indie director Jay Craven's newest film, *Northern Borders* will play at 6:30pm, Tuesday, May 12th at the Vermont Commons School in South Burlington. Craven will appear at the opening night screening to introduce the film and lead a post-screening discussion. Admission to the screening and discussion is free.

Northern Borders was shot in Vermont and is based on the award-winning Howard Frank Mosher novel that was recently declared by The London Guardian as one of the "Top Ten Books Featuring Grandparents." It tells the story of ten year-old Austen Kittredge, who is sent to live on his grandparents' Kingdom County Vermont farm, where he has wild adventures and uncovers long-festering family secrets. It's 1956 and Austen experiences rural Kingdom County as a place full of eccentric people including his stubborn grandparents, whose thorny marriage is known as the Forty Years War. Initially feeling stuck in this fractured household, young Austen plans a quick exit but ends up stranded with no choice but to navigate and endure. A humorous and sometimes startling coming-of-age story, *Northern Borders* evokes Vermont's wildness, its sublime beauty, a haunted past, and an aura of enchantment. A trailer for the film can be found at <https://vimeo.com/78182297>

Northern Borders stars Academy Award nominees Bruce Dern (*Nebraska*) and Geneviève Bujold (*Anne of a Thousand Days*, *King of Hearts*) and Seamus Davey-Fitzpatrick (*Moonrise Kingdom*, *Before Midnight*).

Jay Craven's six feature films include *Disappearances* (2007 with Kris Kristofferson) and *Where the Rivers Flow North* (1994 with Rip Torn and Tantoo Cardinal). His films have played 58 countries and 73 festivals, including Sundance—with special screenings at the Smithsonian, Lincoln Center, and others. Craven's commitment to New England place-based filmmaking was recently profiled by Orion Magazine that wrote: "Jay Craven has come closer than any other filmmaker to realizing (American poet, essayist, and film theorist) Vachel Lindsay's dream of a vital regional cinema that embodies the character and genius of a place in all its mystery, magnificence, and pain."

Filmmaker Jay Craven is featured in a recent WBUR Radio Boston interview: <http://radioboston.wbur.org/2013/08/02/jay-craven-film>. Craven's place-based filmmaking is explored in the August 2013 edition of Orion Magazine: www.orionmagazine.org/index.php/articles/article/7595



Peer Tutoring Now Available!

Kamli Faour & Jasmine Walker

A few of our upperclassmen as well as the members of the National Honors Society have teamed together to make peer tutoring happen at VCS! If you need help with homework, projects, organizational skills, or studying for a test, please come talk to us! Finals are approaching and we would love to help you create study guides and/or answer any questions you have about what to expect during finals. We know this can be a stressful time of year and we are here

to alleviate as much anxiety as possible.

We will meet in Room 1 on Tuesday mornings from 8:00-8:30, and on Thursday during lunch (11:50-12:20). If these times don't work for you, please let us know and we can find another time to get together.

Don't hesitate to reach out and ask us questions! You may get in touch with us by emailing Kamli at kfaour@vermontcommons.org, or you can find us in school.

Bring a Friend Day!

Vermont Commons was proud to host 11 friends of current Flying Turtles this past Tuesday! Our visitors participated in a special Green/Gray competition in Morning Meeting, caught fish, and decorated subway cars with graffiti. We hope to establish Bring a Friend Day as a regular tradition, and thank all of our friends for visiting us!



Spring Gala Reminder!

The annual Vermont Commons Spring Gala at the Shelburne Farms Coach Barn is **tomorrow (Saturday) night at 6:30pm!** There will be a live auction, plenty of food, entertainment and fun for all! We also still have scholarship tickets available. Contact Mary Hamilton at mhamilton@vermontcommons.org for more details. We hope to see you all there!

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