



Charles Light



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Smokey Fuller, a member of the Montague Farm Commune, drives a tractor. Members of the communes documented in Charles Light's film found themselves having to learn the skills of farming and rural life.

# Considering *the* counterculture



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The pioneers of Total Loss Farm in Guilford pose on the doorstep of the farmhouse. Sitting, from left: Michelle Clarke, Ray Mungo, and Peter Simon. Standing, from left: Richard Wizansky, Marty Jezer, Verandah Porche, and Laurie Miller.

*A new film, 'Far Out,' looks back five decades to a movement that changed Vermont and the young people on two rural communes who explored radically new ways to live, work, and interact and helped shape the region for a generation*

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The Commons

**B**RATTLEBORO—Charlie Light has finally got the film in the can.

Having started to document the development of communes in Guilford and in Montague, Massachusetts in real time in the 1970s, Light is relieved to see *Far Out: Life On & After the Commune* make it to the big screen.

■ SEE 'FAR OUT', B3

## BMAC gala celebrates art champions Sara Coffey and Dave Snyder

BRATTLEBORO—The Brattleboro Museum & Art Center (BMAC)'s annual gala raises vital funds for the museum's contemporary art exhibitions, transformative education initiatives, and dynamic public events serving thousands of local residents and visitors to Brattleboro.

This year's gala, what organizers call "a festive evening of appetizers, drinks, dinner, dessert, dancing, and a silent auction," will take place at the museum on Saturday, Sept. 21, 6 to 10 p.m., and will honor Sara Coffey

and Dave Snyder of Guilford for "their extraordinary contributions to art and culture in Brattleboro and beyond."

"For over two decades, Sara and Dave have enriched the artistic and cultural life of our entire state, not just Brattleboro," BMAC Director Danny Lichtenfeld said in a news release. "They are true Vermont art champions, and we are grateful for the opportunity to honor them."

The museum is offering two ticketing options for the gala: For \$125, guests may attend the

entire event, starting at 6 p.m. For \$30, guests may attend the dance party beginning at 8:30 p.m., which includes complimentary desserts and a cash bar by Saxtons Distillery. The dance party will take place outside the museum, under a tent, with music provided by DJ Wooly Mar. BMAC invites those unable to attend to contribute to the cause by making a donation in honor of Coffey and Snyder or in support of one of four special initiatives:

- Museum exhibitions

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Sara Coffey and Dave Snyder

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