

## On This Corner... The Overlock House

The house pictured here stood majestically on what is now the corner of Routes 44, 169 & 97 from the early 1800's until it was completely destroyed by fire in 1975 (the barn in the back left of the photo is now The Vanilla Bean Café). The residents of Pomfret knew it as "The Overlock House" named after Dr. Seldom Burden Overlock, a well known surgeon in New England who owned the house from 1900 to his death in 1934. The house, originally built as an inn in the early 1800's, was known as the "Peter Thompson Tavern". It is described by Historian Allen B. Lincoln as "A notable example of an 1830's tavern" and "The ideal structure to crown the site at the four corners of a New England town".

The tavern quickly became well known to travelers because of its location on the Hartford/Boston stagecoach road, and to locals it became famous as a meeting house for Masonic meetings, courts and public gatherings. In 1820 it was the birthplace of the Windham County Agricultural Society.

The "Peter Thompson Tavern" sat at the end of "The Street" as it was known to the locals during the 19th century. "The Street", Pomfret's one long beautiful thoroughfare, ran from the train station past many notable properties, churches, inns and schools to where it ended at the four corners.

Pomfret was the summer home to many 'fashionable' people and their guests from Boston, Newport and Providence and the tavern was one of many inns in the town. In January of 1840, the residents voted on Temperance, and Pomfret became a dry town. There are no records indicating when and if the Tavern closed, but it is known that in 1848 the building was partially destroyed by fire. Pomfret remained a dry town for almost 100 years.



Susan Jewett Griggs - Circa 1934

Dr. Louis Williams purchased the building in 1849. He lived in the house and used it as a place to care for the sick. Then in 1877 Dr. F. G. Sawtelle bought the Place and used it for the same purpose.

Dr. Seldom Burden Overlock purchased the house in 1900. Dr. Overlock also used the place as a residence and a place to care for the sick. He was a famous family doctor and known in New England as a surgeon of great skill. He was the chief surgeon at Day Kimball Hospital for many years.

After Dr. Overlock's death in 1935, the house was sold to Eva L. Langdoon who used it as a residence until E. W. Moon III purchased it in June of 1945. Ed Moon III and his family lived in the house until the early 70's.

Richard Russell who had ideas of reopening the "Peter Thompson Tavern" purchased the house in 1974. Before it ever opened, the building was completely destroyed by a fire in 1974/1975.

Throughout its history, the Inn at the end of "The Street" was known by many names. In the beginning it was known as the "Peter Thompson Tavern". While all three doctors owned the house it was known as "The Maples". Sometime in its history it was known as "The Old Pomfret Inn", and until the day of its demise (and afterward) it was known as "The Overlock House" or "Overlock's Corner".

The Jessurun family purchased the property in 1987 and opened "The Vanilla Bean Cafe" in 1989. The café has been built into the barn that was once part of that beautiful house (left side of photo). The tiled seating area is where the carriages were once kept, the kitchen is where the horses were corralled and the original walk-in cooler was once a sheep pen. The long dinning room with the wood floors housed the wood storage area and a blacksmith shop.

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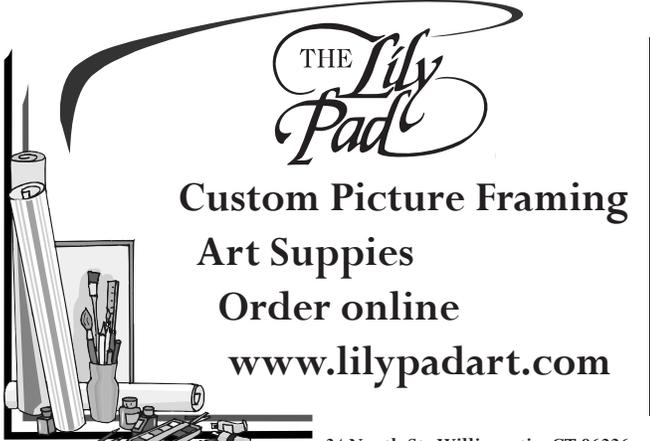
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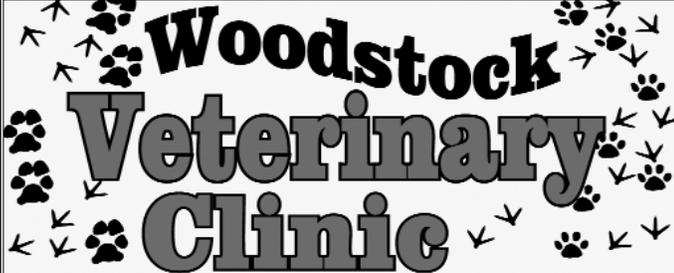


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## October Entertainment

### Friday - 4 - Open Mic



**Hosts - Faith Montaperto & Kala Farnham**  
**Feature - Carolyn Walker** - Violin teacher by day, singer-songwriter by night, Carolyn draws upon the imagery of the New England landscape to inspire her lyrics, using the turning of the seasons as metaphor for personal change and discovery.

### Saturday - 5 - Rusty Belle

**Rusty Belle** was founded in 2006 when brother and sister Matt and Kate Lorenz moved into an old school house in Amherst Massachusetts with Zak Trojano and an indeterminate number of other artists. "They're a little bit Country, a little bit rock n' roll, a little bit old-timey and a whole lot o' weird." says Seven Days Vermont, "but in a good way. Rusty Belle mashes genres as if they were tasty little sonic potatoes." Lorenz, Trojano and Lorenz are true connoisseurs of American music. Their sound is "Like a musical patchwork quilt made from scraps of old, sewn with new thread..." - Vermont Musician.



### Friday - 11 - Songwriter Sessions

One Friday each month (unless otherwise noted), The Vanilla Bean Café offers a warm and intimate listening room for artists in a monthly music series called **Songwriter Sessions**. Hosted by Lisa Martin, the series is dedicated to the craft of songwriting. Each performer is required to write a song based on a theme chosen by the previous month's audience. Newly crafted songs are presented in the evening's series which features local and regional songwriters.

### Saturday - 12 - Antje Duvkot

No one writes quite like **Antje Duvkot**, who was influenced lyrically by the very greats -- Dylan, Joni Mitchell, Paul Simon and Leonard Cohen, who are Mt. Rushmore-like figures to her. "Antje is the rare artist who can write about the social and the personal in the same breath," says folk icon Ellis Paul. "Her voice has a sound of innocence and naivete which makes razor-sharp insights into the human condition." Adds producer Neil Dorfsman, who has worked with Dylan, Bruce Springsteen and Sting: "She creates an entire, detailed world in verse, and takes you there with beautiful and understated melody. Her songs are stunning paintings of color and shade." And as Springsteen biographer Dave Marsh says, "Antje is the whole package."



## October Entertainment

### Saturday - 19 - The Kenn Morr Band

Kenn Morr's songs have an elemental quality; water, earth, relationships, seasons, time, change, loss - like the great songwriters who inspired him early on: Dylan, Simon, Van Morrison, Graham Nash, and especially Gordon Lightfoot. He understands that when trouble comes, the trade winds bring an upside, and there's always the redemptive power of music. "I'm not sure just how you do it," he addresses the muse on "Worth Imagining," his sixth and latest recording, "but sweet music tames my mind. It can keep you cool in the summer sun and warm in the winter time."



### Saturday - 26 - Cindy Kallet & Grey Larsen

Cindy Kallet and Grey Larsen, each well-known and loved for their decades of music making, have spent much of the last decade in a joyful musical collaboration. Cindy is a superb singer, guitarist, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist. Grey is one of America's finest players of the Irish flute and tin whistle, as well as an accomplished singer and concertina, fiddle, piano and harmonium player. As composers each has contributed to the unique tapestry of contemporary folk and world music as it exists and flourishes in America today. Together, they weave songs and tunes of vibrant color and rich texture. Scott Alarik of *The Boston Globe* calls Cindy "...one of folk music's most respected songwriters... provocative, heartwise, and original ...a brilliant guitarist...". Mike Joyce of the *Washington Post* calls Grey "... a gifted multi-instrumentalist who consistently demonstrates his melodic finesse," while *The New Mexico Daily* describes his playing as "positively spellbinding". Cindy and Grey have also appeared with host Andrea Seabrook on National Public Radio's "Weekend All Things Considered."

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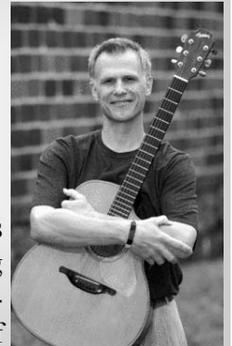
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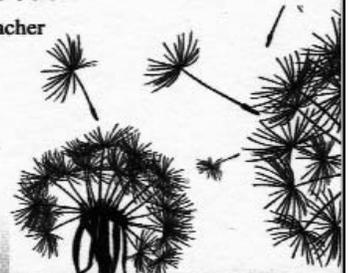
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## November Entertainment

### Friday - 1 - Open Mic



**Hosts - Faith Montaperto & Kala Farnham**  
**Feature - Sarah Barrios** is a 19 year old singer songwriter, & musician from Torrington, CT who recently won Infinity Hall’s First BIG Stage Open Mic Competition. Sarah is quickly filling up her calendar as a feature artist, as well as, opening act around New England.

### Saturday - 2 - Meg Hutchinson

**Meg Hutchinson** is an award-winning songwriter who artfully documents the human condition. With a poet’s ease, she makes the personal universal, allowing people’s stories to come alive through her unique vocals and haunting melodies. Since the release of her Red House Records debut *Come Up Full* in 2008, she has won high praise for her songwriting and has been featured nationally on NPR Music, XM/Sirius Radio and several times on the syndicated show Mountain Stage. Publications like The Winnipeg Free Press have compared her songwriting with that of veterans Mary Chapin Carpenter and Joni Mitchell.



### Friday - 8 - Songwriter Sessions

### Saturday - 9 - Yankee Dogs



**Yankee Dogs** is a group of music veterans from northeastern CT known for work in area bands including Band of Humans, Blue Steele, The Ron Stone Band, Yankee Dogs, The Stephanie Hansen Band, The Outlyers, R.O.A.D., Chordwood, Arizona Made, J.P. Jones & Rite Tite, and Switch. Band members Bill Reid, Louise Muller and Mike Barrette came together during jam sessions at open mics and discovered a shared love of American roots music. Reid’s interest in traditional American music along with Muller’s and Barrette’s renown solo work makes for a fun and rollicking time through a catalog of western swing, folk rock, blues, rockabilly, rock & roll, and bluegrass.



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## November Entertainment

### Saturday - 16 - The Honey Dewdrops & Annalivia

**The Honey Dewdrops** are the Virginia-based roots duet of Laura Wortman and Kagey Parrish. With a blend of new Americana and traditional folk music, they create inspired songs that are rooted in the experience and lives of people. Their sound is transcendent; they write all their own songs and they've embedded a sparse Appalachian clarity on every track that is accessible to listeners everywhere. The songs they write shine with energy and emotion through intimate performances with a handful of acoustic instruments and tightly layered harmonies.

**Annalivia** is an American 'roots and branches' string-band which draws from tradition and today to create their own brand of new acoustic folk music. The members of Annalivia - Liz Simmons, Flynn Cohen, and newest member Bronwyn Keith-Hynes - are all masterful players and have long histories with traditional music, ranging from bluegrass to Irish, Scottish, and Old Time Appalachian music. Their interpretations of their material can range from an inventive, quirky original fiddle tune to an innovative arrangement of a traditional song.

### Saturday - 23 - Roy Book Binder

**Roy Book Binder**, has earned his stripes. He travelled with The Rev. Gary Davis in the 60's. In the 70's, he re-discovered Pink Anderson and revived his career. Roy has been included in The Blues Whos Who & The Big Book of Blues. Jorma Kaukonen included Roy's songs on his last two Red House Records. Roy has appeared on TNN's Nashville Now thirty times with many of Country Music's biggest legends and has toured nationally with Bonnie Raitt, JJ Cale & Hot Tuna. You name it, he's done it!

### Saturday - 30 - Seth Glier

Despite his relatively young age, Massachusetts based singer/songwriter/pianist/guitarist **Seth Glier** is a seasoned troubadour. Averaging over 250+ live performances annually Seth has gone from opening act to headlining his own shows and playing major folk festivals. His music has also caught the ears of fans, industry and critics alike with USA Today stating that his "exquisite tenor echoes Bruce Springsteen and Billy Joel."

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## December Entertainment

### Friday - 6 - Open Mic



**Hosts - Faith Montaperto & Kala Farnham**  
**Feature - Emily Mure** is a classically trained oboist turned folk singer-songwriter. She is a composer who integrates her classical background with her folk and Irish inspired singing and songwriting. Emily began her songwriting career as a busker in Galway, Ireland, and is currently based in her native home of New York City, and touring the Northeast.

### Saturday - 7 - Vance Gilbert

**Vance Gilbert** burst onto the singer/songwriter scene in the early 90's when the buzz spread through the folk clubs of the Northeast about an ex-multicultural arts teacher who was knocking them dead at open mics.



Word got out about this Philadelphia-area born and raised performer, and Shawn Colvin invited Gilbert to be a special guest on her 1992 Fat City tour. Gilbert took audiences across North America by storm. "With the voice of an angel, the wit of a devil, and the guitar playing of a god, it was enough to earn him that rarity: an encore for an opener" wrote the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in its review of a show from that tour. Gilbert's three albums for the Rounder/Philo label - Edgewise (1994), Fugitives (1995), and Shaking Off Gravity (1998) - are all essential additions to the American singer-songwriter collection. With guests as varied as Tuck and Patti, Jonathan Brooke, Patty Larkin, Vinx, and Jane Siberry, all three albums found significant niches on NAC (New Adult Contemporary) and Non-Commercial A3 radio. Who else would name their most recent album "Old White Men", and actually have recorded a groundbreaking, heartbreaking title song to back it up? That'd be Vance Gilbert. This latest release has received raves based solely on the material folks knew would be on it!

### Friday - 13 - Songwriter Sessions

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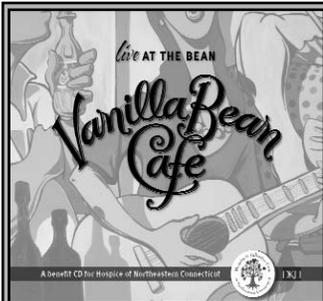
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## December Entertainment

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### Saturday - 21 - Atwater-Donnelly



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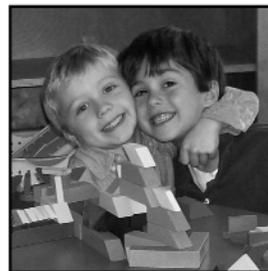
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## Weekend Breakfast

A full breakfast menu is served Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 am - 12:00 noon. We offer a variety of specials including recent items like Fishcake Benedict, Basil Feta Omelet, and Artichoke Spinach Scramble. We use only 100% maple syrup and top-quality Hormel bacon. ☺

## Dinner at The Bean

We are open for dinner Wednesday - Sunday. Each night we run four or five dinner specials. Recent items include: Wild Mushroom Ravioli, Garden Vegetable Risotto, Steak Medallions and Shitake & Arugula Mac & Cheese. We offer a truly quality dinner at a great price, in a warm and friendly atmosphere. If you haven't tried us for dinner yet, it's time you did. ☺

## The Artwork Gallery

The Café displays artwork by local artists year round. Some shows have openings and some do not. Most of the artwork displayed is for sale and often prices are listed with the piece or on a list located in the room. One hundred percent of the sale price goes to the artist.

**October - Laureen Hylka**

**November - Lynita Shimizu**

**December - Quilts**



## Entertainment

The Café is on the National Folk Music Circuit and attracts talent from all over the United States while featuring mainly New England performers. The majority of the shows are on Saturday night and start at 8:00 pm. Our Open Mic night is on the first Friday of each month. During shows, a theatre curtain separates the listening room from the tiled dining room and kitchen in an effort to keep the music in and the kitchen noise out. ☺

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**2. Not Market Standard Pricing** - We are not trying to fool the customer into thinking that \$9.95 is less expensive than \$10.00. We find this type of pricing insulting to our customers. However, the reason it is used so extensively around the nation is that it works effectively. We don't like that practice, and we also like to believe that our clientele is not so easily fooled.

**3. No Pennies, Dimes or Nickels** - Because our prices include tax and we do not price in the standard way, we do not have to use pennies, dimes or nickels. This is a service to both the customer and to us. We don't give you lots of change, and we only have to use quarters and fifty-cent pieces. This also helps our staff to be more efficient performing transactions, which saves time and money. An added bonus is that we don't have to count change at the end of the business day.



*The great question that has never been answered, and which I have not yet been able to answer, despite my thirty years of research into the feminine soul, is 'What does a woman want?'*  
- Sigmund Freud

## The Café Cash Card

The first Café Cash Card was introduced in 1997. The appearance of the card has changed since then, but our card still works like the gift cards available in most stores today. Café Cash Cards may be purchased in any amount at the restaurant or online and



are reloadable - add to the card balance at any time! Cards may be used to purchase any menu item at Vanilla Bean Cafe. A bonus of 10% is

added to the card balance when you purchase a card for \$100 or more. The card must be presented to redeem it at the time of purchase. The Café Cash Card makes a great gift for friends and family members and is ideal for students at the local schools. Café Cash Cards have no expiration date.



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## What's Happening at *The Bean*...



All shows start at 8:00 pm unless otherwise noted

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| ● <b>Friday October 4th</b> <i>7:00 pm</i> - \$5.00<br>Open Mic - Carolyn Walker                | ● <b>Saturday November 9th</b> - \$12.00<br>Yankee Dogs  |
| ● <b>Saturday October 5th</b> - \$10.00<br>Rusty Belle  | ● <b>Saturday November 16th</b> - \$15.00<br>The Honey Dewdrops & Annalivia                      |
| ● <b>Friday October 11th</b> <i>7:00 pm</i> - \$5.00<br>Songwriter Sessions - Lisa Martin Hosts | ● <b>Saturday November 23rd</b> - \$15.00<br>Roy Book Binder                                     |
| ● <b>Saturday October 12th</b> - \$15.00<br>Antje Duvekot                                       | ● <b>Saturday November 30th</b> - \$12.00<br>Seth Glier  |
| ● <b>Saturday October 19th</b> - \$10.00<br>The Kenn Morr Band                                  | ● <b>Friday December 6th</b> <i>7:30 pm</i> - \$5.00<br>Open Mic - Emily Mure                    |
| ● <b>Saturday October 26th</b> - \$15.00<br>Cindy Kallet & Grey Larsen                          | ● <b>Saturday December 7th</b> - \$15.00<br>Vance Gilbert  |
| ● <b>Friday November 1st</b> <i>7:30 pm</i> - \$5.00<br>Open Mic - Sarah Barrios                | ● <b>Friday December 13th</b> <i>7:00 pm</i> - \$5.00<br>Songwriter Sessions - Lisa Martin Hosts |
| ● <b>Saturday November 2nd</b> - \$15.00<br>Meg Hutchinson                                      | ● <b>Saturday December 14th</b> - \$15.00<br>Anders Vercelli & Friends                           |
| ● <b>Friday November 8th</b> <i>7:00 pm</i> - \$5.00<br>Songwriter Sessions - Lisa Martin Hosts | ● <b>Saturday December 21st</b> - \$15.00<br>Atwater-Donnelly                                    |

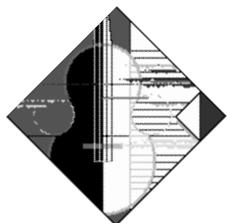
Call ahead, shows are subject to change

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"To Bean or not to Bean...?"  
...is it really a question?



2013 ... What's Happening at The Bean ... 2013

~ October, November & December ~



\*\* Saturday, November 23 - Roy Book Binder \*\*

\*\* Saturday, December 7 - Vance Gilbert \*\*



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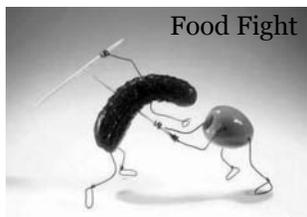
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