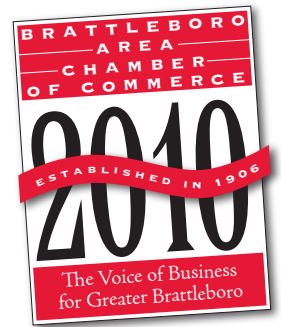


# Only in The **ONE** and **ONLY** BRATTLEBORO



What distinguishes Greater Brattleboro among Vermont communities has to be its singularly unique singularity. Indeed, it's a town "...you just can't make up!"

Why? Maybe it's because Brattleboro is home to:

... a **1938 combo movie palace and hotel complex** (not too many of those around!) that's done in classic Art Deco style

... **the first U.S. health facility** to provide humane treatment for patients with mental illness by recognizing such as a disease rather than a character flaw

... **a strain of rodent** first found here that is used in labs all over the world because of its unique inability to produce the anti-diuretic hormone vasopressin

... an exemplary community-based **center for music performance and education**

... **a world-renowned institute** that promotes international understanding in over 100 countries worldwide

... a **Main Street stroll** by heifers and other farm animals – our homegrown version of Pamplona's "running of the bulls"

... an organization that has registered every **Holstein-Friesian** cow in the U.S. for over 125 years

... **a shingle-style house** just north of the town built by the novelist who wrote *The Jungle Book* in its rooms

... **echoes of "hippie" communes** that dotted the hidden hills back in the 1960s and still influence the town's character and values

... a monthly **open gallery experience** that's as much a community happening as art walk

... **a bunch of plaques** that proclaim our prowess as a top arts town, top tourist destination and a town that has to be seen before one dies (it takes all kinds)

... **no big box stores**, unless you count our two supermarkets

... the only **newspaper** in the U.S. founded in 1876 as a campaign paper supporting Samuel J. Tilden in his presidential race against Rutherford B. Hayes)

... the largest **organ manufacturer** in the world whose assembly-line operation inspired Henry Ford when he visited in 1915 to order an organ

... a **center for circus arts** that attracts students from around the world

... **books, books, books** – from the first Bible to be printed in Vermont (in 1812) to the first U.S.-printed copy of the Harry Potter series (in 1997)

... the **first gummed postage stamp** produced and sold in the U.S. (in 1847)

... three – count'em – **three interstate highway exits and entrances** – the smallest town in the U.S. to have that many and the only one with the numbers one, two and three!

... a **representative town meeting**, the only town in Vermont to have one

... a **theater company** that provides professional training in all the theater arts specifically to young people

...a world-class **ski jump**, Olympics-quality

... **women's film and literary festivals** that are models for others to follow

... a **local novelist** whose crime books document the Greater Brattleboro area's many fascinating nooks and crannies

... one of the first **natural foods restaurants** in New England

... our own **coffee roaster, beer brewery, chocolate maker**