



September, 2008

From the desk of General Manager Greg Hooker    email: [greg.hooker@goddard.edu](mailto:greg.hooker@goddard.edu)

Dear Friend of WGDR:

As a wet summer gives way to the season of colors, WGDR finds itself once again nearing one of its semi-annual fund drives. Our fall pledge week runs from Saturday Oct. 18 through Friday Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>. As always, we've appreciated so very much your past commitment to WGDR. Now, we hope we can count on your continued support.

With these challenging economic times and uncertain leadership at the top (on both sides of the aisle), it seems now is the time to refocus ourselves on what's really most important: family, friends, and community. And we think community radio fits in that niche. Your contributions directly support programming that's produced by and for the local community. Consider just some of the programs WGDR brings to you:

- *Wood Warbler's Jazz Grass, New Folk Revival, Acoustic Harmony, Saturday Afternoon Jazz, New World Beats, Geezer Rock, Hot off the Press*, and many other music shows;
- *Relocalizing Vermont, The Quilting Hour, Gathering Peace, Woman Stirred Radio*, and other news, talk, and public affairs programs
- *Bob Minsenberger's daily Weather Watch report*
- *Live local High School Basketball games*
- *Democracy Now, Free Speech Radio News, BBC News, Counterspin*, and other compelling programs of national and international news

**Your contribution helps to make all these, and much more, a reality.**

It has been an exciting year thus far for WGDR. Just some of the highlights: we brought Amy Goodman of *Democracy Now* to the Old Labor Hall in Barre in May to help us celebrate our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary; folk singers Cindy Kallet and Grey Larsen also came to town to mark our birthday in June; and we carried on the celebration at the Northeast Kingdom Music Festival last month. Perhaps most notably, we received permission from the FCC to bring our signal north to the Hardwick-Morrisville -Greensboro area. We have lots of work ahead to finish that job, but it's all a part of the exciting adventure of community radio in Central Vermont. And none of it would be possible without you and your support, for which we thank you once again.

Sincerely,

Greg Hooker, General Manager  
on behalf of all the staff and volunteers at WGDR

**Please turn this letter over to support community radio**

Yes! WGDR is important to me!

# I am the community, and I support WGDR!

- Check Enclosed (payable to WGDR)
- Charge my credit card for a single gift of \_\_\_\_\_
- Automatic monthly donations, charge my credit card \_\_\_\_\_ per month  
Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone home \_\_\_\_\_

Phone work \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

- No Thank You Gift necessary. Thank you for giving a voice to the local community.

## Thank You for a \$15 Donation

- 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary WGDR Mouse pad (with new Mary Azarian art, thanks Mary!)

## Thank You for a \$30 Donation

- 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-Shirt (with new Mary Azarian art, thanks Mary!)  
(circle) Mens Womens small med lg xl xxl long sleeve short sleeve  
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Total Number of T-Shirts \_\_\_\_\_ (\$30 donation for each T-Shirt)
- Hemp CD Wallet (holds 32 CDs)

## Thank You for a \$40 Donation

- 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tote Bag (with new Mary Azarian art, thanks Mary!)  
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- Postage Saver... Call 322-1683 to make arrangements to pick up Thank You Gift up at the station by Friday, November 21.
- Please pop my Thank You Gift in the mail.

Send in this Fall pre-Pledge Drive letter by October 17 to enter a drawing! You could win one of three prizes:

- \* TWO HOURS OF PROFESSIONAL ELECTRIC SERVICE by Jan Ruta Electric (value \$100), or
- \* LEVEL ONE INSPECTION AND CHIMNEY CLEANING from Chimney Works (value \$155), or
- \* TIVOLI iPAL PORTABLE RADIO (value \$175).

Drawing is on the last day of the Fall Pledge Drive, October 24.

- Please let me know how I can participate in WGDR events and activities.