

March 14

"Housetop" - Vermont's swing and string band-four musicians from Brattleboro.

Sunday at 2PM

Montvale Library

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Lovers of harmony, vocalists, clarinetists, and lovers of traditional music-take note! This band is fun for all, but they really shine in these arenas.



About Housetop...

If Bing Crosby and the Andrews Sisters could have pulled out strings and horns and honked away on their own instrumentals like Benny Goodman and Stuff Smith sitting in with a hot backwoods jug band, they would have sounded something like Housetop: Southern Vermont's four-piece harmony singin' swingin' string band. Peter Siegel, well known as a songwriter and space-age vaudevillian, contributes his chunking, bluesy archtop guitar rhythm and his enviable high tenor voice. Erica Morse drives the low end on the upright bass, while crooning in an inimitable sisterly blend with Naomi Morse, also renowned for her strong, fiery fiddling. Anna Patton rounds out the quartet, harmonizing with her smooth alto and deftly swinging on the clarinet.

Housetop has developed an original recipe, skimming the best from many traditions: bit of blues, a pinch of western swing, a large dose of humor, tunes penned by anybody from Fats Waller to the Roches and their own originals. They have been dishing it out in concerts and festivals all over the Northeast, including Jay Ungar's Dancing on the Air, The New London Traditions Festival, and the Saratoga Dance Furry. Keep an eye out for their debut album available any day now-and in the mean time, come catch them live!