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*We are pleased to report that an invitation to the VAICS meeting has been extended to Vermont Magazine, which has done a number of stories on country stores in Vermont.*

**Vermont Alliance of Independent Country Stores  
Annual Membership Meeting  
Thursday, May 8, 2008  
King Arthur Flour, Norwich, Vermont**

Come celebrate the Alliance's 7th Anniversary at our Annual Meeting in Norwich, Vermont at King Arthur Flour's old retail store building (in front of the new store).

**Preliminary Agenda:**

**9:00 Coffee and Danish**

Meet fellow storeowners and do a little networking

**9:30 Introductions**

We'll want to hear one thing that's special or new about your store

**10:00 Discussion of Upcoming Events**

Vermont History Expo June 21-22

Vermont Country Store Month September

Website Update

**10:45 Membership Issues**

Your thoughts on getting new members and retaining current ones

**11:30 Country Stores of Vermont Book**

Dennis Bathory-Kitsz

**11:45 Introduction of VAICS' Private Label Soda Program**

Benchmark

**12:00 Lunch**

Sample Vermont cheeses and smokehouse meats, and apple pie for dessert. More networking.

**1:00 Tour of Dan & Whits**

Just up the road a piece and a gem of a General Store you won't want to miss!

**Registration and directions on reverse.**

Note: The meeting is open to all VAICS member stores and associates. If you are not a member and wish to learn more about the group, we invite you to register and join us on May 8. VAICS is a group of often historic and family owned country stores within VGA. VAICS has approximately 50 active store members today.

Store Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner (s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel.#: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax#: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Attending Meeting:

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There is no cost to attend for VAICS members and guests. However, preregistration is required.

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***Driving Directions to King Arthur Flour***

Take I-91 North to exit 13. Go straight down the off-ramp.

At the light, take a left and go under the highway.

At the next light, take another left onto Route 5 South.

On Route 5 South, look for our gray building with red trim on the left hand side, just past the car dealership and less than 1/2 mile from the lights.

Don't miss this opportunity to network with your fellow Country Store owners - find out what's working (and what's not working) for them!