



## Green Mountain Local Section of the American Chemical Society

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### Upcoming Events

**September 8-12** – ACS National Meeting, Indianapolis

**October 20-26** – National Chemistry Week



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# GMLS July 2013 Newsletter

## ***“Summer Dinner Cruise on Lake Champlain”***



**Date:** Wednesday, July 17, 2013  
5:30 p.m.

**Event:** Caribbean Sunset Celebration



**on the Spirit of Ethan Allen III  
docked at the Burlington Boat House  
western end of College Street, Burlington**

The ship sails promptly at 6:30, so you must be at the boarding site by 6:00 p.m. Dinner is served in “action station” style, at an all-inclusive cost of \$30 to our section members and guests. This is a substantially subsidized discount from the standard, individual cost of \$52 (plus tax and gratuity). For specifics of the menu, please go to [www.soea.com](http://www.soea.com). Entertainment will also be provided on board. We are scheduled to be back by 9:00 p.m. Please RSVP via email by Monday, July 15 to [willem.leenstra@uvm.edu](mailto:willem.leenstra@uvm.edu).

## Introducing Our New Secretary



*Senthil Natesan*

We are very happy to announce that Dr. Senthil Natesan has agreed to volunteer as our GMLS Secretary. Senthil received his Bachelor's degree in Pharmacy from the Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University, in Chennai, India. [For those who are unfamiliar with this institution of higher learning, it was established in 1987 and is named after the former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the (late) Dr. M.G. Ramachandran. It is the second-largest health sciences university in India.]

After a stint as a medical representative for Glaxo Smith Kline in India, Senthil obtained his Master's degree in Information Technology specializing in Bioinformatics from the Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad, India. Subsequently, he received his Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences from North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota. This was followed by a postdoctoral fellowship at Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, in Colchester, Vermont in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences where he is currently working as Instructor, teaching molecular modeling courses. His research comprises quantitative structure-activity relationship (QSAR) methodology development and Cheminformatics. He has presided over several oral sessions in the Computers in Chemistry Division during ACS National meetings.

Senthil loves Vermont's serene and beautiful nature, and in his spare time enjoys playing volleyball.

## Honoring 50-Year and 60-Year Members

Once again, ACS members will be honored as they celebrate 50 or 60 years of membership. In grateful appreciation of the many years of service that they have given to the Society, the honorees receive a special ruby pin and a 50-year membership card - which entitles them to free attendance at all ACS meetings - from the American Chemical Society.



In our own Green Mountain Section we would like to congratulate five such long-time fellow chemists at the 50-year mark:

- Peter Fichte
- Paul Hiznay
- Jack McCormack
- Leon Mir
- George Weller

Impressively, our Local Section also has the distinction of having a 60-year member:

- Irv Goldman

All have been invited as our Section's guests for the Lake Champlain Cruise. Congratulations to each of our distinguished members!

## Undergraduate Travel Scholarships to NERM

The ACS Green Mountain Section is sponsoring \$250 travel scholarships for undergraduate students to present a poster of their research at the upcoming ACS Northeast Regional Meeting in New Haven, Conn., October 23-26, 2013. Each Vermont College/University Chemistry Department may award one travel scholarship to an undergraduate student of the Department's choosing.

To obtain the travel award, the Department Chair (or designee) should submit the student's name, poster abstract and acceptance notification, as well as the NERM registration confirmation to Heather Bean ([beanchemist@gmail.com](mailto:beanchemist@gmail.com)). Only one submission per Department will be accepted for travel sponsorship. The deadline for submission is October 15, 2013.

