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The St. Johnsbury Osher Lifelong Learning Institute is part of a statewide network.

Its Lecture Series is designed from suggestions made by the community and implemented by an active Program Committee led by Sue Montague of St. Johnsbury.

You are invited to join these planners or simply to share your ideas with them. Talk with them any Thursday afternoon at Osher!

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STARTING SEPTEMBER 7, 2023
THROUGH OCTOBER 26, 2023
AT UNITED COMMUNITY CHURCH
1325 MAIN ST., ST. JOHNSBURY, VERMONT
Thursday, September 7 at 1:30 PM

**COLE PORTER: SOPHISTICATE OF AMERICAN SONG**

Robert Wyatt

Dilettante, hedonist, elitist, snob: Cole Porter was called all of them during his glittering yet troubled life. Whatever detractors may have said about him personally, Porter’s reputation as a musical genius has never been questioned. The lecture surveys Porter’s life on Broadway and in Hollywood, covering 40 years that produced 33 stage works and the music for 23 films. Rare archival film clips and recording of original cast members, including Ethel Merman, Fred Astaire, Louis Armstrong, and Bing Crosby are featured, along with Porter himself singing and playing “You’re the Top”—which he was. Through the use of a grand piano and a PowerPoint presentation, the audience will sway with the songs that people enjoy humming, masterworks like “Night and Day,” “Another Op’nin’, Another Show,” “Begin the Beguine,” “I Love Paris,” and many, many more. American music specialist Robert Wyatt will walk you through Cole Porter’s dramatic and fascinating life.

Thursday, September 28 at 1:30 PM

**THE GIDEON STOLTZ NOVELS: COMPelling,**

**HISTORICALLY ACCURATE MYSTERIES SET DURING THE AGE OF ANDREW JACKSON**

Charles Fergus

How accurately researched, well-written mystery novels can provide entertainment while teaching important aspects of American history.

Thursday, October 5 at 1:30 PM

**DOG MOUNTAIN “DREAM WITHOUT LIMITS”**

Pamela McCann, General Manager, Events Coordinator

Pamela will present a talk about Dog Mountain past and present, its ongoing mission, and show a video followed by time for Q&A.

Thursday, October 12 at 1:30 PM

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION 101**

Sally Fishburn, S. A. Fishburn, Inc.

The program will start with an introduction to historic preservation and a history of the historic preservation work in the United States, with a look to the future of historic preservation. The second half of the presentation will review some of the historic preservation work that S. A. Fishburn, Inc. has completed in Vermont.

Thursday, October 19 at 1:30 PM

**FOR COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION, FEELINGS MATTER**

Gillian Sewake, Director, Discover St. Johnsbury

When presenter Gillian Sewake was growing up in the St. Johnsbury area, it was hard to find anyone who had a good word about the town. And, it did have its challenges! But, St. Johnsbury was then, and remains a hub for creativity, ingenuity, and regional activity. While a hard-fought revitalization is underway, Sewake argues that one of the important factors in this turnaround in the town’s fortune is not necessarily changes to policy or specific projects, but the way people “feel” about St. Johnsbury. She’ll discuss ways to improve community’s self-perception, and how that intentional effort to build community connections and pride can lead to revitalization.

Thursday, September 21 at 1:30 PM

**END OF LIFE OPTIONS INCLUDING MEDICAL AID IN DYING. LET’S LEARN AND SHARE TOGETHER**

Audrey Winograd, MSW, Program Manager, Patient Choices

Audrey Winograd will lead an open discussion about end-of-life decision making including medical aid in dying under Vermont’s Act 39. This is an opportunity to learn, ask questions, and share stories. These conversations are life affirming and empowering. People often discuss their experiences with the dying process of loved ones and express their desires for what they would or would not like when they consider their end-of-life choices. Topics will include medical aid in dying under Vermont’s Act 39.

Thursday, September 28 at 1:30 PM

**LEGENDS OF BARNET, VERMONT**

Kathleen Monroe, Author

Eleven-year-old Jacques Cousteau’s first dive occurred in West Barnet’s Harvey Lake. The author tracked down five Scottish grandfather clocks brought to Barnet, settled by Scots. Each of the five is still ticking. The Hells Angels roared into our bucolic town, intending to build a summer lodge on the banks of Harvey Lake. One of the early investigations by the Bureau of Investigation was underway in Barnet in 1917. A deep dive into the history of Barnet, Vermont, is incomplete without research into the prior claim that the Goodwillie House served as the site of an Underground Railroad. This program offers an opportunity to share in Kathleen’s zeal for the Prolific history of this Northeast Kingdom town.