

The St. Johnsbury Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) of the University of Vermont

Founded in 2002 as the result of a generous grant from the Bernard Osher Foundation, based in San Francisco, the Osher Foundation has funded over 90 universities throughout the United States to establish lifelong learning institutes that provide non-credit, college level programs for adults. There are seven OLLIs in communities throughout Vermont: Brattleboro, Rutland, Springfield, Central Vermont, , St. Albans, Lamoille Valley, as well as St. Johnsbury. OLLI programs are also held on the UVM campus in Burlington.

Join Osher if you:

- Like to learn for the joy of learning
- Are interested in exploring a variety of topics and issues
- Enjoy interacting with others who want to continue to learn
- Want to support the ongoing programs provided by Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes in the Northeast Kingdom

Membership Benefits:

- Free attendance at all St. Johnsbury Osher programs this semester
- Free attendance at six other OLLIs throughout Vermont. Go to www.learn.uvm.edu/olli for offerings
- Discounted member rates for OLLI on UVM campus programs
- Bi-Annual OLLI e-newsletter
- Invitation to join learning vacations and other special events
- Enriching volunteer opportunities
- Access to information on OLLI throughout the US

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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!

For more information contact:
Sue Montague, 802-748-4262

**St. Johnsbury OSHER
Lifelong Learning Institute**

FALL 2023 LECTURE SERIES



The Catamount Arts building on Eastern Avenue has temporarily closed for environmental remediation.

Intellectually stimulating learning opportunities
in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom
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THURSDAYS, 1:30 - 3:00 PM

**STARTING SEPTEMBER 7, 2023
THROUGH OCTOBER 26, 2023**

**AT UNITED COMMUNITY CHURCH
1325 MAIN ST., ST. JOHNSBURY, VERMONT**

OSHER FALL 2023 LECTURE SERIES

THURSDAYS, 1:30 PM AT UNITED COMMUNITY CHURCH

◇ 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 14, at 1:30 PM

VERMONT vs HOLLYWOOD: 100 YEARS OF VERMONT ON FILM

Amanda Kay Gustin, Director of Collections & Access, Vermont Historical Society

Vermont has been a featured location in Hollywood movies for nearly a century. It has represented many different ideals during that time, and its portrayal reflects both Vermont's own history as well as American history. Examining those films provides interesting and fun insights into the hold Vermont has had on imagination in the media age. Amanda Kay Gustin of the Vermont Historical Society will provide background and share clips ranging chronologically from 1919's *Way Down East* to 2005's *Thank You for Smoking*.

◇ 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, who qualifies, and how it works, as well as the role of hospice and palliative care. Audrey will discuss how to talk to your doctor and recent legislative updates to Act 39.

◇ 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 a community's self-perception, and how that intentional effort to build community connections and pride can lead to revitalization.

◇ Thursday, October 26 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.

Health/Safety Guidelines:

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NEW REGISTRATION PROCESS!

Pre-Registration is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**

However, if you do arrive at the program without having pre-registered, we will not turn you away, but will provide instructions and an envelope to pay after the program. We cannot accept any cash.

Go to learn.uvm.edu/olli/stj and register online with your credit card;

Or complete the registration form below indicating full series membership or which specific program(s) you attended/plan to attend; mail completed form and your check (made out to University of Vermont-OLLI) to: OLLI at UVM, 23 Mansfield Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401.

**If mailing in the registration, please allow 10-14 days from the date of mailing check to receipt & processing*

For registration assistance, please call 802-656-5817

Membership Series Semester Special = \$30; Individual programs = \$8 each

St. Johnsbury OLLI Registration Spring 2022 Semester

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