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All presentations will be held at the
Montpelier Senior Activity Center (MSAC)
58 Barre Street, Montpelier

The Rick Winston films will be shown at the
Savoy Theater
26 Main Street, Montpelier

All programs (including films) take place on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.

Programs will not take place when Montpelier schools are cancelled for weather. Confirm at 802-223-5886.

Fees are $8 per program or $40 single/$70 couple for the 11-program series

No registrations will be handled at individual OLLI sessions. Everyone is encouraged to pre-register by phone, mail, or online or may do so after the fact. See registration form on reverse side.

CENTRAL VERMONT
Winter-Spring 2024

February 7, 2024 through April 17, 2024

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Complete membership form on the reverse side and mail to the UVM address provided.
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1) Go to learn.uvm.edu/ollie/centralvt and register online with your credit card; or
2) Complete the registration form below for membership or individual sessions and mail with a check to address below; or
3) Phone 802-656-8407 and register with your credit card.

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Semester Dues: Individual: _____ $40
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Single Sessions: $8 each. List dates and program titles on a separate sheet and return with this form. Make check payable to: The University of Vermont and mail to UVM OLLI Registration Office 109 So. Prospect Street Burlington, VT 05405

February 7 – Entrepreneur Tom Evslin
Latest on AI: The Good, Bad, and the Ugly
The artificial intelligence (AI) genie is not going back in the bottle. How can we see that its good uses more than compensate for the bad ones? Evslin will provide an insider’s view of the technology, sudden success, and public use of AI and also demonstrate the latest developments. He will speculate about how AI can (and should or shouldn’t) accelerate social change.

February 14 – Toni Kaeding, PCV
Medical Aid in Dying: What It Is and Isn’t
Chair of Patient Choices Vermont (PCV), Kaeding will introduce us to the VT law, Act 39, concerning medical aid in dying, She will then lead us through the detailed process including eligibility, safeguards, and challenges. Expect a lively question and answer session.

February 21 –Rokey Museum Executive Director Dr. Lindsay Varner
The Robinson Family and Anti-Slavery Advocacy in Vermont
Rokey was the Robinson family home from 1730 to 1961. The second generation of abolitionists was active in the national and statewide anti-slavery movement. Dr. Varner will share the story of the abolitionist movement in the 19th century and the history of the Robinson family aided by research into thousands of carefully preserved documents.

February 28–VAS President Jack St. Louis
2024 Total Solar Eclipse
Long-time member and current president of the Vermont Astronomical Society (VAS), St. Louis will provide an overview of this year’s total solar eclipse including background on why eclipses occur, interactions with the sun, what to expect, and how to view the eclipse safely.

March 6 – Secretary Anson Tebbetts
Vermont Agriculture and its Working Land
Agriculture Secretary Tebbetts will speak on developments in Vermont agriculture, including new products and technologies as well as novel practices for mitigating climate change and improving farm resiliency. He’ll also discuss the implications of these developments for Vermont’s working landscape.

March 13 – Landscape Designer Jean Vissering
Garden Design: Working with Nature and Human Nature
Vissering will discuss how to create gardens that satisfy our human needs, delight the senses, provide useful spaces, and taking advantage of nature’s preferences, thrive with minimal maintenance. She will also describe opportunities for incorporating native Vermont perennials, shrubs and trees into the garden.

March 20 – Author Howard Norman
What It’s Like to be Married to a Poet
Norman will provide an intimate portrait of his 40-year marriage to poet Jane Shore, referencing several of Shore’s poems that address shared incidents in their lives—joyful, bittersweet, and harrowing. He will touch upon their wedding, honeymoon, lessons from their child, a murder-suicide, and much more. He terms it a ‘privileged education.’

March 27 – Professor Matthew J. Dickinson
Forecasting the 2024 Presidential Election
Who will win the 2024 presidential election and why? This talk examines the factors that influence presidential elections. Will those factors determine what will happen in 2024, or is this an historically unprecedented election?

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WINTER/SPRING 2024 CENTRAL VERMONT OLLI SERIES

The OLLI film series will be shown at the Savoy Theater, 26 Main Street, in Montpelier. 1:30 p.m.

Author & Film Historian Rick Winston Presents
Actors and Directors: Three Collaborations
Certain directors do their best work with particular actors, and the converse is true as well, e.g. George Cukor and Katherine Hepburn or Alfred Hitchcock and Cary Grant. We’ll enjoy the fruits of three of these joint efforts with Winston helping to explain the magic produced.

April 3 – Pat and Mike (1962)
This is one of seven films in which George Cukor directed Hepburn—this time in an Oscar-nominated role as a brilliant athlete who enlists the help of a sports promoter (Spencer Tracy) to help her maintain her confidence in winning despite her overbearing fiancé.

April 10 – Notorious (1946)
In this high point of his career, Alfred Hitchcock directed two of his favorites—Ingrid Bergman and Cary Grant. It is a mature love story and spy drama set in WWII which is preserved in the Library of Congress for being “culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant.”

April 17 – The Seventh Seal (1957)
This work established Ingmar Bergman’s world-renowned reputation as he directed Max von Sydow and Bibi Andersson (one of a dozen such collaborations) in what is now known as a true world classic.