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Wednesdays at 1:30 PM

Montpelier Senior Activity Center (MSAC) 58 Barre Street, Montpelier, VT

> Note: The Rick Winston Film Series will be shown at the Savoy Theater 26 Main Street, Montpelier, VT

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To provide intellectually stimulating, affordable, non-credit learning opportunities to people 50 and over throughout Vermont in community settings.

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Spanning seven locations across the state of Vermont, OLLI members are a part of a vibrant and dynamic community of lifelong learners who enjoy exploring new ideas, enhancing their creativity, and sharing a passion with others through in-person & online programs.

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SEPTEMBER 25 Journalism Then and Now

David Goodman, Journalist

The award-winning journalist will discuss his lifetime in journalism, from covering Nelson Mandela and apartheid in South Africa, to exploring skiing in an era of climate change for the New York Times, to being "the godfather of Eastern backcountry skiing" as the *Boston Globe* calls him. He will also discuss the challenges facing journalism today.



OCTOBER 2 Building Resilience in Vermont Communities

Michael Wood-Lewis, Front Porch Forum CEO

Since 2006, Front Porch Forum (FPF) has helped neighbors connect and build community in Vermont towns. Of the state's 270,000 households, 235,000 members put FPF to great use in many ways. FPF's co-founder will share insights from his experience leading a staff of 30 Vermonters who serve every town in the state.



OCTOBER 9 Natural Burial: Choosing to Sustain the Future

Michelle Hogle Acciavatti, Natural Deathcare Worker & Vermont Forest Cemetery Founder

Active in the natural burial movement in Vermont since 2016. Acciavatti opened Vermont Forest Cemetery, the first cemetery dedicated to natural burial, in 2023. This presentation will include a video of the first burial there and look in depth at the environmental and emotional benefits of natural burial for individuals and communities.



OCTOBER 16 U.S. Democracy and the 2024 Election

Anthony "Jack" Gierzynski, Author & Researcher

The UVM professor and author will lead a discussion of the upcoming presidential election including what this year's election says about the current state of democracy in the US, and what it could mean for the future.

OCTOBER 23 No Yes/No Answers: A Poetry Reading

Jane Shore, Poet

Shore will read poems about Vermont, about memory and motherhood, daughterhood, life and loss. Julia Alvarez notes Shore "is a poet of little ambushes...moments that hold us hostage...of quandaries and questions...with no simple answers, but with the soothing, cooling balm of companionable poems like hers."

OCTOBER 30 Forty Years of Editorial Cartooning

Tim Newcomb, Cartoonist

Newcomb will present a collection of his editorial cartoons that ran in various newspapers between 1984 to 2024. In addition to examining the cartoons themselves, he will share a behind-the-scenes look at the context for these illustrated stories.

NOVEMBER 6 On the Cutting Edge: Lessons from the U.S. and Vermont Climate Plans

Dr. Lesley-Ann L. Dupigny-Giroux, State Climatologist

This presentation will explore the latest climate change science from the 2023 National Climate Assessment, as well as the implementation of Vermont's first-ever Climate Action Plan, adopted in December 2021.

NOVEMBER 13 The Chance of Ten Lifetimes: Restoring Notre Dame de Paris

Josh Jackson, Carpenter

After a fire severely damaged the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris in 2019, the volunteer group Carpenters Without Borders helped convince the French government to rebuild the structure. Vermont timber-framer Josh Jackson will describe his experience working on the cathedral's roof structure with expert carpenters Remy and Loïc Desmonts.

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AUTHOR & FILM HISTORIAN RICK WINSTON PRESENTS:
Chinese Life and
Character Through the
Eyes of Zhang Yimou

Although director Zhang
Yimou is primarily
known for action films
like The House of Flying Daggers, he's
also made quiet and more complex films
about contemporary Chinese life. A
recurrent theme - the resilience of the
Chinese people in the face of adversity is explored in this series.

November 20 - Not One Less (1999)

This film centers on a 13-year-old substitute teacher ordered not to lose any students. With a cast of non-professional actors, the film addresses education reform in China after the Cultural Revolution, economic gaps between urban and rural populations, and the prevalence of bureaucracy in everyday life.

December 4 – The Road Home (1999)

Shot immediately after *Not One Less*, this film is a love story spanning two generations which demonstrates the power of tradition and ritual in the face of difficult, seemingly impossible obstacles.

December 11 - Coming Home (2014)

This historical drama set during the harsh years of the Cultural Revolution focuses on a professor whose banishment to a labor camp destroys each member of his family. The film presents the professor's incredible persistence in the face of impossible odds to reunite and rekindle familial connections.



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- 2. Register over the phone with your credit card by simply calling the UVM Non-Credit Registration office at 802-656-8407 during regular business hours or email noncredit@uvm.edu
- **3.** Complete the registration form below indicating full series membership or which specific program(s) you wish to attend; mail completed form and your check (made out to University of Vermont-OLLI) to:

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