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### Our Mission:

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

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NOVEMBER 5

**Vermont's Merino Miracle**  
Jan Albers

**SEPTEMBER 24–DECEMBER 10**  
Wednesdays, 1:30 pm

**Montpelier Senior Activity Center (MSAC)**  
58 Barre Street, Montpelier, VT 05602

**NOTE:** The Rick Winston Film Series will be shown at the Savoy Theater, 26 Main Street, Montpelier, VT 05602

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**OLLI at UVM**, one of more than 120 OLLIs nationwide, is a cooperative learning community supported by the contributions and participation of our members.

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.

#### A HEARTFELT THANK YOU...

...to our dedicated Central Vermont Program Committee for their time, energy, and vision: Ginny Callan, Gregory Gerdel, Anne Greshin, Edie Miller, Avram Patt, Mary Just Skinner, Alison Underhill, and Marj Zunder.

**Programs will not take place when Montpelier schools are canceled for weather. Call 802.223.5886 to confirm.**

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FALL 2025 PROGRAMS

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Wednesdays, 1:30 pm



## Vermont's Historic Barns

with Thomas Visser, Historic Preservation Professor;  
Author of Field Guide to New England Barns  
and Farm Buildings

Wednesday, September 24, 1:30 pm

Discover how Vermont's older barns offer valuable insights into the state's rural heritage. Explore how the age and use of these structures can be interpreted through their character-defining features. Uncover the stories these barns tell about the evolution of farming and community life in Vermont.

## Historic Stage Scenery in Vermont

with Christine Hadsel, Director, Curtains Without Borders

Wednesday, October 1, 1:30 pm

Take a lively romp through Vermont's remarkable collection of 195 historic stage curtains. Focus on the painted scenery found in central Vermont—works of art that once brought drama, beauty, and storytelling to local stages. Discover how these vibrant backdrops reflect the culture and communities of their time, and learn about the efforts to preserve them. Join us for a colorful journey into this unique slice of Vermont's theatrical past.



Photo: Christine Hadsel

## Vermont Women and the Civil War

with Howard Coffin, Vermont Author; Civil War Historian

Wednesday, October 8, 1:30 pm

Explore Vermont's Civil War battlefield victories, like breaking the flank of Pickett's Charge and the stand at Wilderness. Discover the vital role Vermont women played on the home front. Learn how, with 35,000 men at war, women ran over 30,000 farms, took factory jobs, and produced supplies for soldiers. Examine their roles as editors of anti-slavery newspapers, advocates, nurses in military hospitals and battlefields, and teachers of freed slaves in the South. Delve into their letters and diaries to hear these stories firsthand—including that of one woman who may have secretly enlisted and fought.

## Co-ops in Vermont and Beyond

with Avram Patt, Cooperative Leader;

Former Vermont State Legislator

Wednesday, October 15, 1:30 pm

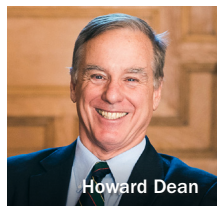
Delve in to the world of cooperatives – what they are, their key benefits, and the internationally recognized principles that unite all types of co-ops. Examine the various models of cooperative ownership, including customer-owned co-ops, housing co-ops, business-to-business co-ops, worker-owned co-ops, and agricultural co-ops. Trace the history of Vermont's cooperative movement, highlight its founders, and discuss the current landscape of co-ops in the State.

## American Foreign Policy and America's Future

with Former VT Governor Howard Dean

Wednesday, October 22, 1:30 pm

Explore Vermont's political landscape through the lens of former Governor Howard Dean. Examine the shifting dynamics of U.S. and international politics. Trace the global rotation of dominant powers and analyze the role America plays on the world stage today.



Howard Dean

## A Halloween Handful: Things That Go Bump in Vermont

with Joseph A. Citro, Author; Folklorist; Chronicler of Vermont's Strange and Supernatural

Wednesday, October 29, 1:30 pm

Join us for a special Halloween program featuring things that go 'bump' in Vermont. Encounter ghostly visitations, improbable coincidences, eerie visions, and even monsters! Ponder messages from beyond—are they real? Consider the evidence as you navigate the unknown. Filet fact from fiction through a chilling series of Vermont tales from our state's expert in all things strange and mysterious.

## Vermont's Merino Miracle: Lessons from a Landscape of Lambs

with Jan Albers, Historian; Author;

President of the Vermont Historical Society

Wednesday, November 5, 1:30 pm

Trace the transformation of early 19th-century Vermont from a patchwork of subsistence farms to a booming center of Merino sheep farming. Learn how diplomat William Jarvis sparked this dramatic shift in 1811 by importing Merino sheep from Spain. Explore the rapid rise of the Merino industry and the optimism it inspired across the state. Examine how, within just a decade, the "Merino miracle" collapsed as quickly as it began. Consider the lasting impact of this boom-and-bust cycle on Vermont's agricultural landscape and history.

Photo: Adelaide Murphy Tyrol



## Painting Large and Small

with Adelaide Murphy Tyrol, Natural History Illustrator;

Fine Artist

Wednesday, November 12, 1:30 pm

Follow Adelaide's artistic journey from her early career as a commercial painter in New York City to her work as a natural history illustrator in Northern New England. Explore how her experiences in both fields have shaped and informed her current work as a fine artist, blending scientific precision with creative expression.

## Scandinavian Comedies



WITH RICK WINSTON, AUTHOR;  
CO-FOUNDER OF THE SAVOY THEATER

Learn how these three films challenge the popular notion of Scandinavia as somber and humorless. One each from Sweden, Norway, and Denmark, these lively comedies demonstrate that these northern European folks do know how to have fun.

### Together—Sweden, 2000

November 19, 1:30 pm

This satirical and bittersweet comedy by director Lukas Moodysson invites viewers into the daily life of a 1970s Stockholm commune, "Tillsammans" ("Together"). The arrival of a single mother and her children disrupts the group's social dynamics and ideals, offering a humorous yet heartfelt reflection on socialist values. The film later inspired a 2023 sequel, *Together 99*.

### Kitchen Stories—Norway, 2003

December 3, 1:30 pm

In this visually clever comedy by writer/director Bent Hamer, post-World War II research on Swedish housewives shifts unexpectedly to solitary men. A Swedish researcher and a Norwegian farmer navigate quiet tension and growing friendship in a setting where every gesture matters. Subtle, absurd, and richly detailed, this film delivers dry humor with surprising warmth.

### Italian for Beginners—Denmark, 2000

December 10, 1:30 pm

In this feel-good romantic comedy by Lone Scherfig, nine quirky Danes find unexpected connections through a beginner Italian class. With its blend of humor, emotional honesty, and relatable charm, the film explores how love and community can grow from even the most unlikely situations.



Kitchen Stories—Norway, 2003

The Rick Winston Film Series  
will be shown at the: **SAVOY THEATER:**  
26 Main Street, Montpelier, VT, 1:30 pm



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## Central VT OLLI Registration

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Please consider option 1 or 2

(Quick & easy for you, and also for the OLLI Staff and Volunteers)

### REGISTRATION/PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- 1 Go to website: **learn.uvm.edu/olli/centralvt** and register online with your credit card;
- 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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85 South Prospect Street, Box 34, Burlington, VT 05405

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### Please check one of the following options:

- ☐ **Early Bird Full Membership—Individual:** (Register by September 10): \$40.50
- ☐ **Early Bird Full Membership—Couple:** (Register by September 10): \$72
- ☐ **Full Series Membership—Individual:** (after September 10): \$45
- ☐ **Full Series Membership—Couple:** (after September 10): \$80
- ☐ **Individual Program(s)** \$10 each

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Pre-registration will be required. Walk-in registrations will no longer be accepted.

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