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Reciprocal Membership:

Once you become a member in your local statewide OLLI, you are entitled to attend programs at the six UVM statewide OLLIs (Central VT, Lamotte Valley, Rutland, Springfield, St. Albans and St. Johnsbury) throughout Vermont.

Call to add your name to the roster.

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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.

OCTOBER 3–NOVEMBER 14
Fridays, 1:30–3 pm

Godnick Adult Center
1 Deer Street, Rutland, VT 05701

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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 Rutland Program Committee for their time, energy, and vision—and to the Rutland Recreation and Parks Godnick Adult Center for their generous support of our programs. The center offers a diverse range of programs designed for adults seeking social engagement, education, and wellness.

For weather related-schedule changes, check the website.

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When Our Music Ruled the World: Two Performances that Changed Everything!

with Cale Shipman, Former National Park Ranger; Music Enthusiast

Friday, October 3, 1:30–3pm

Celebrate the timeless music of legends from Elvis to Elton. Recall two special performances on the Ed Sullivan Show that changed everything. Reflect on these iconic moments—you probably already know the performers and may have even watched them live.

Shetland to Vermont: A Musical Journey

with Alastair Stout, Director of Music Ministries, Grace Congregational Church

Friday, October 10, 1:30–3pm

Venture from wild Scottish islands to ancient English cathedrals, from the ghost town trails of Western Pennsylvania to the soaring mountains of New England. Follow composer Alastair Stout as he retraces his remarkable 50-year musical journey across landscapes rich in history, mystery, and inspiration. Discover how place, memory, and experience have shaped his compositions and artistic voice. Join us for a personal and evocative reflection through music, story, and sound.



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Learning About the Myths of African Peoples

with Stephen Belcher, Scholar of African Mythology and Oral Traditions

Friday, October 17, 1:30–3pm

Discover the rich and diverse worlds of African mythology. Explore key regional themes and recurring patterns across the continent's many cultural traditions. Gain insight into the ways these myths reflect and shape the communities from which they emerge. Learn how to understand or approach the cultural contexts behind the stories, and come away with a deeper appreciation for the complexity and beauty of African mythological traditions.

Finding Meaning in Peace Corps and Beyond in Uganda, the "Pearl of Africa"

with Anne Lezak, M.P.A., Nonprofit Leader; Political Organizer and Harry Chen, M.D., Public Health Leader; Emergency Physician

Friday, October 24, 1:30–3pm

Join Anne and Harry as they reflect on how a late-in-life plunge into another culture enriched their lives. Learn about their year in Mbarara, Uganda, after joining Peace Corps Response in their 60s—Harry taught at a medical school and public hospital, while Anne volunteered with Hospice Africa Uganda, one of East Africa's first palliative care providers. Discover the lasting connections they've built through multiple return visits, most recently this past winter. Reflect on the gifts, challenges, and lessons of their journey and consider how connecting across cultures, whether abroad or at home, can transform your own life.

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The Rutland Halloween Parade: Hijinks & History

with Ben Burdge, Documentary Filmmaker; Member of the Rutland Historical Society

Friday, October 31, 1:30–3pm

Dig up the past as we unearth the origins and traditions of The Rutland Halloween Parade and the man who put it on the map, Tom Fagan. Discover the monumental impact Fagan had—not only locally but also among giants like Marvel and D.C. Comics. Explore beloved traditions such as The Annual Pumpkin Princess, The Mysterious Mr. or Ms. Jack O'Lantern, and much more!



Journalism Under Threat

with Nina Keck, Senior Reporter with Vermont Public; Award-Winning Journalist

Friday, November 7, 1:30–3pm

Trace the evolution of radio journalism in the U.S. over the past 40 years—shaped by technology, shifting audiences, digital platforms, and media consolidation. Join Vermont Public Senior Reporter Nina Keck as she reflects on her nearly four-decade career in radio. Explore the ongoing threats to local journalism and the critical role it plays in our communities. Examine the challenges and emerging opportunities facing public media in a rapidly changing landscape. Gain insight into the future of journalism from a seasoned reporter on the front lines.

Buried No Longer: Unearthed Stories from the Rutland Poor Farm and House of Corrections Cemeteries

with Joanna Tebbs Young, Biographer; Columnist; Vermont Historical Author

Friday, November 14, 1:30–3pm

Unearth a hidden piece of Rutland's past as we uncover a long-buried cemetery discovered beneath a pile of garbage off Gleason Road. Reveal the stories of some of the city's poorest—and loneliest—residents. Join historian Joanna Tebbs Young as she delves into the lives of Mary Jane, widow of a local Black barber; William, a mystery man found dead in an alley; Charles, Vermont's most notorious horse thief; and Vito, a man murdered by a jealous husband.



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

REGISTRATION/PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- 1 Go to website: learn.uvm.edu/olli/rutland 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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- ☐ **Full Series Membership:** (after September 19): \$30
- ☐ **Individual Program(s)** \$10 each

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STARTING SPRING 2026:

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