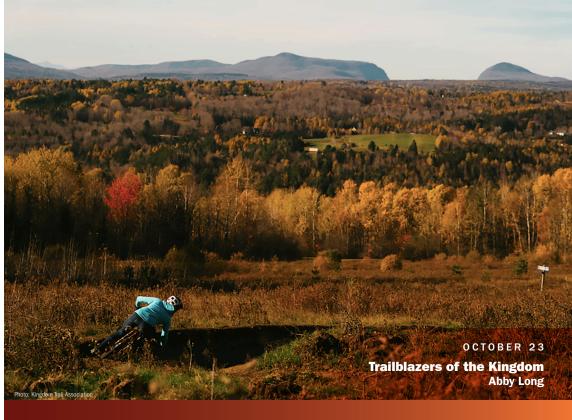






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SEPTEMBER 4-OCTOBER 23

Thursdays, 1:30-3 pm

Catamount Arts

115 Eastern Avenue, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819 HOMESCHOOLERS WELCOME!



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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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.

HEARTFELT THANK YOU...

...to our dedicated St. Johnsbury OLLI Committee Members for their time, energy, and vision—and to Catamount Film & Arts, Northeastern VT Regional Hospital, Kingdom Access TV, and St. Johnsbury History and Heritage Museum for their generous sponsorship. Your support makes lifelong learning in our community possible!

For weather related-schedule changes, check the website.

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Identity Compromised? Join the Crowd

with Elliott Greenblott, AARP Fraud Watch Coordinator and Advocate for Consumer Protection



Thursday, September 4, 1:30-3 pm

Navigate an era where personally identifiable information is easily exposed—through data breaches, personal data sharing, and the growing reach of artificial intelligence (AI). Recognize the increasing loss of personal privacy in our hyper-connected world. Explore the digital landscape, identify common pitfalls, learn self-defense tactics, and review steps for recovery. Join us for an eye-opening session designed to empower you to protect your identity in the digital age.

Building Resilience in Vermont Communities

with Michael Wood-Lewis, Founder of Front Porch Forum
Thursday, September 11, 1:30-3 pm

Build community and connect with neighbors through Front Porch Forum, which since 2006 has united Vermont towns. Engage with a network of over 240,000 members across the state's 270,000 households, leveraging this critical mass in countless ways. Join FPF co-founder Michael Wood-Lewis as he shares insights from leading a dedicated team of 30 Vermonters serving every town across Vermont





Storytelling and Creating Positive Change Through Documentary Filmmaking

with Bess O'Brien, Award-Winning Documentary Filmmaker and Theatre Producer

Thursday, September 18, 1:30-3 pm

Reflect on 25 years of documentary filmmaking as Bess shares her experiences focusing on pressing Vermont issues. She will explain how she selects topics, directs her films, and tours them across the state. Bess will also discuss how her work has raised awareness and sparked dialogue with Vermont audiences, while highlighting the challenges and rewards of being an independent filmmaker.



Raptors of Barnet: Stories and Sightings Behind the Lens

with Belinda Emmons, Local Wildlife Photographer
Thursday, September 25, 1:30-3 pm

Join a local wildlife enthusiast and photographer for an up-close look at the stunning birds of prey found in the Barnet, Vermont area. Discover the unique characteristics of local raptor species. Hear personal stories and explore the techniques used to capture these magnificent birds on camera.

History of the American Acoustic Guitar

with Bob Amos, Nationally Recognized Musician
Thursday, October 2, 1:30–3 pm

Presenting a fascinating multimedia history of the American acoustic guitar, acclaimed Vermont musician and songwriter Bob Amos will demonstrate various guitar-playing styles on multiple models and sizes.



Maple Sugaring: Tradition, Innovation, and the Future of Sweetness

with Mark Isselhardt, UVM Maple Specialist, Forest Scientist, Educator

Thursday, October 9, 1:30-3 pm

Trace the deep cultural roots of maple syrup in Vermont, a tradition that predates European arrival in North America. Uncover the story of near-continuous innovation and technological advancement behind this iconic product. This presentation will provide context for how Vermont reached a production of three million gallons of syrup in 2025 and consider the future directions of this evolving industry.





"The Chance of Ten Lifetimes:" Restoring Notre Dame de Paris

with Josh Jackson, Co-founder of TimberHomes Vermont Thursday, October 16, 1:30–3 pm

Explore a photographic tour led by Josh showcasing his work reconstructing the roof trusses of the nave at Notre Dame de Paris. Revel in the many delights of French culture, discover the rich history of this remarkable cathedral, and take a behind-the-scenes look at this extraordinary restoration project.

Trailblazers of the Kingdom: Building Community, Health, and Prosperity One Mile at a Time

with Abby Long, Executive Director of Kingdom Trail Association

Thursday, October 23, 1:30-3 pm

Spanning over 100 miles through Vermont's Northeast Kingdom with the Kingdom Trail Association, a world-class mountain biking destination and a model for community-driven prosperity. Discover how this nonprofit trail network, founded in 1994 by local landowners and community members, generates over \$10 million in economic impact while advancing public health and environmental stewardship in one of Vermont's most rural regions. Join us to explore the positive benefits of neighbors, nature, and a thriving trail network.

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St. Johnsbury OLLI Registration

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- 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



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