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**MARCH 6–APRIL 17**  
**Fridays, 1:30–3 pm**

**Godnick Adult Center**  
**1 Deer Street, Rutland, VT 05701**



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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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**A HEARTFELT THANK YOU...**

...to our dedicated **Rutland OLLI 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.**

**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.

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Nave Timber Frame Carpenters, Normandy

## Rebuilding Notre Dame: Gothic Architecture in Action

with Will Gusakov—Master Timber Framer,  
Founder of Goosewing Timberworks

Friday, March 6, 1:30–3pm

Join timber framer Will Gusakov for an inside look at the extraordinary effort to rebuild the nave roof of Notre Dame de Paris. Drawing on six months of hands-on work in France, Will shares stunning images, videos, and stories from both the Normandy workshop and the cathedral site. Learn about the artistry, craftsmanship, and collaboration behind restoring one of the world's most iconic gothic and neo-gothic architectural masterpieces.

## The Crown Point Road: Vermont's First Interstate

with Barry Griffith, Hiker and History Buff

Friday, March 13, 1:30–3pm

Discover the story of the Crown Point Road, first marked and cut by the British in 1759 and sometimes called "Vermont's first interstate highway." Trace its use as a military road from the Connecticut River to Lake Champlain during the French and Indian War and again in the American Revolution. Follow Vermont's earliest settlers from southern New England as they built homes and communities along the route. Explore the geology, history, and lasting significance of the road over the last 12,000 years to present day, with a special focus on Rutland County.

## Varied & Alive: Treasures from Shelburne Museum's Permanent Collection

with Katie Wood Kirchhoff, the Alice Cooney Frelinghuysen Curator of American Decorative Arts, Shelburne Museum

Friday, March 20, 1:30–3pm

Ever wonder what kinds of art and objects are hidden in Shelburne Museum's storage areas? Join curator Katie Wood Kirchhoff for an inside look at Varied & Alive, an exhibition opening in May 2026 at the Pizzagalli Center for Art and Education. Explore a fascinating mix of iconic paintings, furniture, trade signs, weathervanes, quilts, and more that bring the museum's rarely seen collections to life.

## "Who is James K. Polk?"

with Dr. Jonathan Spiro,  
Former President of  
Castleton University; Author

Friday, March 27, 1:30–3pm

Investigate why Donald Trump chose to hang a portrait of his favorite president, James K. Polk, in the Oval Office immediately after his reelection. (Who?) James K. Polk. Explore the life and legacy of America's 11th president, whose single term (1845–1849) transformed the nation through bold expansion and decisive leadership. Examine how Polk's ambitious agenda and controversial methods continue to influence and fascinate political figures today.



Weathersfield, Vermont—  
Historic Crown Point Road VT18



## Raptor Road Trip with the Vermont Institute of Natural Science

Non Profit Environmental Educators  
and Conservationists

Friday, April 3, 1:30–3pm

If you had wings like a hawk, where would you fly? Birds of prey are found all over the world, in all kinds of environments—so why don't we follow them! Join us on an imagined journey across the United States and encounter some resident raptors in their ecosystems. We'll learn about the habitat needs of each species, as well as their range and behavior in the wild. You'll also meet three live raptors up close during the presentation. Who knows whooooo we'll encounter?

## Killington, A Story of the American Dream

With Karen Lorentz, Freelance Writer and Author,  
Photojournalist

Friday, April 10, 1:30–3pm

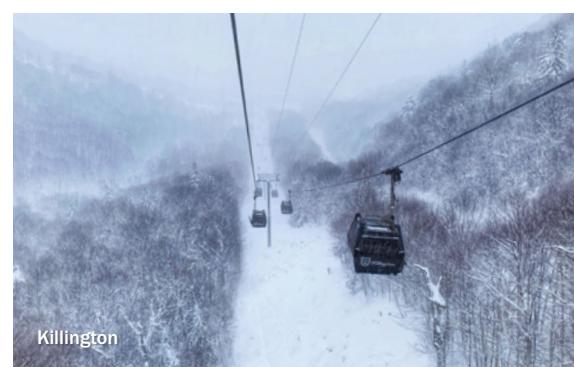
Experience an illustrated presentation of Killington Ski Area's fascinating journey from humble beginnings to the "Beast of the East." Trace the mountain's formidable presence on the Vermont landscape from the first known ascent in 1763 to the modern resort era. Learn how a man with foresight and tenacity explored the mountain in 1955 and, in pursuit of his American Dream, attracted a talented team who helped Killington pioneer "a better way"—ultimately becoming one of the nation's top destination resorts.

## Henry Ford and the Car That Changed the World

with Ernie Clerihew, Model T Enthusiast and Restorer

Friday, April 17, 1:30–3pm

Henry Ford (1863–1947) was born on a farm outside Detroit, but he hated the drudgery of farm work. Mechanically gifted, Henry was intrigued as a teen by the steam tractor. As a young man, he got a job in Detroit with the Edison Illuminating Company. In 1896 Ford built his first car and sought investors to establish The Ford Motor Company in 1903. Our presenter bought his 1914 Ford Model T in 1988 and has had many adventures with it. He will share the Model T's history and its quirks, and invites you to tour the car afterward.



Killington



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Please consider option 1 or 2

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

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**1** Go to website: [learn.uvm.edu/olli/rutland](http://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](mailto: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:

**UVM Non-Credit Registration Office**  
85 South Prospect Street, Box 34, Burlington, VT 05405

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**Full Series Membership:** (after February 20): \$35

**Individual Program(s)** \$10 each

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