

RUTLAND OLLI

**OCTOBER 2–NOVEMBER 13, Fridays, 1:30–3 pm,
Godnick Adult Center, 1 Deer Street, Rutland, VT 05701**

NOTE: Poetic License with Elisabeth von Trapp on November 6 will be held at the **TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 85 West Street, Rutland**

History of Voting

with *Babette Boyd, Attorney/Lecturer*
Friday, October 2, 1:30–3:00 pm

This program will cover the period from the founding of the United States to the present and will examine how the law—through the U.S. Constitution, its amendments, key federal statutes, and significant Supreme Court cases—has formed and shaped the use of the franchise in the United States. It will include an exploration of the multifarious means and the various legal, economic, sociopolitical, and extralegal strategies employed by states, the federal government, and others to control and maintain control over the use of the franchise in the United States.

Greenland: The Cold War, Our Warming Climate, and the Current Administration

with *Paul Bierman, Professor of Environmental Science, UVM*
Friday, October 9, 1:30–3:00 pm

Professor Bierman, a geologist and environmental historian, brings decades of research in the Arctic and expertise in storytelling to this timely topic. Don't miss this opportunity to gain insight into the past, present, and future of one of the world's most strategically and environmentally significant regions—Greenland.

Building Resilience in Vermont Communities

with *Michael Wood-Lewis, Front Porch Forum Co-Founder & CEO*
Friday, October 16, 1:30–3:00 p.m.

Resilient Vermont towns and neighborhoods are better equipped to navigate and recover from challenges such as recent flooding, the COVID-19 pandemic, the affordable housing shortage, and more. As Vermont's own Front Porch Forum celebrates 20 years of helping neighbors connect and build stronger communities, this session will explore its past, present, and future—and the impact it continues to have on towns across the state.

Register today!

Our Mission:

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

Picturing the American Revolution

with *Michael Dwyer, Retired American Studies Teacher*
Friday, October 23, 1:30–3:00 pm

Long before the advent of photography, images of the American Revolution were conveyed through broadsides, prints, cartoons and commissioned paintings. Michael Dwyer will take us on a pictorial slide tour beginning as the Revolution unfolded and then in the generation that followed through the works of Charles Willson Peale and John Trumbull. These manufactured images have made an indelible imprint on how we view this foundational chapter of American history.

Training Border Collies for Stock Work with Simplicity, Compassion and Patience

with *Jim McRae, Shepherd and Border Collie Trainer and Handler*
Friday, October 30, 1:30–3:00 pm

In this program, you will gain an understanding of what these gifted dogs can do, what they are like to live with, common misconceptions about Border Collies, and how they are trained for stock work. You will learn about the three great secrets of the Tao—Simplicity, Compassion, and Patience—and how they are applied in training stock dogs. There will be plenty of dog stories, some that will astound you and some that might make you weep.

Poetic License—Elisabeth von Trapp's Story—Setting Robert Frost to Music

with *Elisabeth von Trapp, Vermont Musician*
Friday, November 6, 1:30–3:00 pm

NOTE: This program will be held at the *Trinity Episcopal Church, 85 West Street, Rutland*

Through story and song, this presentation explores the origins of the musical project Poetic License and the inspiration behind it. The presenter will share why Robert Frost became the project's central poetic voice, reflecting on how Frost's work resonated from an early age and profoundly influenced a lifelong musical journey. Setting Frost's poetry to original music led to an unexpected path that "made all the difference," deepening an appreciation for the liberal arts and for studying in Vermont.



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.



Fraud Basics: The Scam Landscape & Staying Safe with AARP

with *Elliott Greenblott, Coordinator, AARP Vermont Fraud Watch Network*
Friday, November 13, 1:30–3:00 pm

This program is **FREE** and separate from the OLLI membership series.



Sponsored by **AARP Vermont**.

Have you ever been approached with a fraudulent offer or been a victim of identity theft? The AARP Fraud Watch Network provides practical tools and resources to help you spot and avoid fraud. This session shares current fraud trends, common scams, and tactics used to target individuals. Learn steps you can take to protect yourself and your family, what to do if fraud occurs, and where to access trusted support and resources.

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NOVEMBER 6

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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.



Rutland OLLI Registration

FALL 2026 PROGRAMS

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