

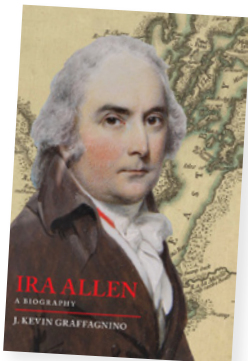
SPRINGFIELDOLLI

SEPTEMBER 15–DECEMBER 1, Tuesdays, 2–3:30 pm
Nolan Murray Center, 38 Pleasant Street, Springfield, VT 05156

Ira Allen and the Green Mountain Frontier

with Kevin Graffagnino, Vermont Historian
Tuesday, September 15, 2:00–3:30 pm

Examine the life and legacy of Ira Allen, a complex and influential figure in 18th century Vermont. Follow his roles as land speculator, revolutionary, pamphleteer, and empire builder during the state's formative years. Join Kevin Graffagnino as he traces Allen's checkered career and considers his lasting impact on Vermont's early history.



'Eyes to the Sky'

with Candace Hess, Counter—Putney Mountain, VT Hawkwatch; Co-director Borrego Springs, CA Hawkwatch

Tuesday, October 13, 2:00–3:30 pm

Explore raptor migration through the eyes of hawkwatchers in Vermont and Southern California. Hear from the Putney Mountain Hawkwatchers and learn how they identify species and track annual movements. Follow Swainson's Hawks on their journey from California to Argentina. Watch the full documentary *Hawkwatch*, highlighting over two decades of monitoring. Examine ecological challenges facing these birds and discover how volunteer data supports conservation. Reflect on our role in protecting raptors and their habitats.

The Midterm Elections and Beyond: America's Path Forward

With Garrett Graff, Journalist and Historian

Tuesday, October 27, 2:00–3:30 pm

Gain perspective on today's national landscape through the lens of history. Join historian and journalist Garrett Graff as he draws on decades of experience covering politics and the presidency. Examine key trends shaping this moment and place them in broader historical context as the nation approaches a major election and prepares to mark its 250th anniversary in 2026.

The Forest Year

with Ethan Tapper, Forester, Ecologist, Best-Selling Author

Tuesday, November 17, 2:00–3:30 pm

Delve into what it means to care for forests in a time of profound change. Ethan Tapper, New England Book Award-winning author of *How to Love a Forest*, shares his highly anticipated follow-up *The Forest Year: Finding Hope in a World Worth Saving*. The Forest Year is a book about trees, forests, birds and wildflowers, structured around themes of seasonality, community, resilience and the profound and beautiful thing that happens when we decide to stay. Follow a year of stewardship at Bear Island in Vermont through readings and reflections on ecology, natural history, and conservation.



Photo: Candace Hess

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Garrett Graff

'The Singing Weatherman'

with Mark Breen, Senior Meteorologist and Planetarium Director, Fairbanks Museum

Tuesday, December 1, 2:00–3:30 pm

Think about how often weather shows up in the music we know and love across every genre. Join Mark Breen of *Vermont Public's* "Eye on the Sky" as he brings together his passions for meteorology and music. Listen to a diverse mix of songs, from familiar favorites like "Let It Snow" to unexpected selections and an original premiere. Enjoy an afternoon of humor, reflection, and inspiration to brighten the lengthening winter nights.



daughter and literary executor, as she introduces his work and shares a selection of evocative, plainspoken poems that continue to resonate today.

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DECEMBER 1

'The Singing Weatherman'
Mark Breen

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IMPORTANT REGISTRATION DATES

July 21–August 21: Full Series Membership Registration only

August 11: Early Bird Deadline

August 25: Individual Program* Registration Opens (limited seating)

LIMITED SEATING & ADVANCED REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Parking and seating are limited. Register at least 24 hours in advance of the series or individual program; walk-ins on the day of the program and payment at the door cannot be accommodated.



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go.uvm.edu/spgreg and register online with your credit card.

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3 **MAIL (FULL SERIES MEMBERSHIP ONLY)****
Complete the registration form and mail with check payable to University of Vermont-OLLI to:

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* Individual program registrations **MUST** be completed online or by phone. No mail-in options available.

** Due to limited seating and mail delivery delays, we cannot guarantee space will be available if you choose to register by mail.

REGISTRATION OPTIONS

Please check one of the following:

- ☐ **Early Bird Full Membership**
(Register by August 11): \$31.50
- ☐ **Full Series Membership**
(after August 11): \$35
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