

ST. JOHNSBURY OLLI

SEPTEMBER 10–OCTOBER 29, Thursdays, 1:30–3 pm
Catamount Arts, 115 Eastern Avenue, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

HOMESCHOOLERS WELCOME!

The Enigmatic Life of Frank Sinatra

with Robert Wyatt, Pianist/Lecturer

Thursday, September 10, 1:30–3:00 pm

Follow Frank Sinatra's remarkable rise from singing waiter to one of America's most celebrated entertainers. Trace his breakthrough years with Harry James and Tommy Dorsey, his chart-topping success in the 1940s, and his enduring influence on music and film. Enjoy clips from beloved movies including *Anchors Away*, *On the Town*, *Guys and Dolls*, and *The Manchurian Candidate* while revisiting the unforgettable career of "Ol' Blue Eyes."

Not Just Silly Songs: The Artistry, Imagery, and Literary Value of the Songs by Weird Al Yankovic.

with Bryan Kasten, Retired Educator

Thursday, September 17, 1:30–3:00 pm

Explore the sharp wit and surprising depth of "Weird Al" Yankovic through examples of his imagery, irony, and social commentary. Examine how his lyrics stand alongside poets like Frost, Holmes, Poe, and Longfellow. Discover the literary craftsmanship beneath the humor, beyond the accordion and iconic style. Consider why this master satirist deserves recognition as a serious voice in modern American literature.

Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

with Barbara Edelmann,

Alzheimer's Association Volunteer

Thursday, September 24, 1:30–3:00 pm

Examine the impact of Alzheimer's; the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia; stages and risk factors; current research and treatments for some symptoms; and Alzheimer's Association resources.

The Quabbin Reservoir: The Needs of the Many vs. The Needs of the Few

with Thomas Good, Retired Environmental Science Professor

Thursday, October 1, 1:30–3:00 pm

Learn how about a quarter of Massachusetts receives high-quality drinking water from the Quabbin Reservoir, 65 miles west of Boston, which went into service in 1946. Discover how Massachusetts "discontinued" and evacuated four towns to build the reservoir, resulting in lasting regional bitterness. Explore a vivid and compelling story of the Quabbin. Experience a clear and fascinating presentation covering historical, scientific, and social issues, replete with illustrations, maps, and charts.

Keeping the Keys: Safe Driving as You Age

with Thomas Baran, Traffic Safety Education Specialist—AAA

Thursday, October 8, 1:30–3:00 pm

Extend your driving years safely with Keeping the Keys, a workshop designed for mature drivers. Learn how aging can affect driving and explore practical strategies to adapt with confidence. Examine common crash scenarios and discover ways to reduce risk. Understand how medications, physical changes, and vehicle fit impact safety. Gain helpful tips and resources to stay independent and on the road for as long as possible.

From Bats to Lemmings: Small Mammal Conservation in Vermont

with Alyssa Bennett, Small Mammals Biologist, Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department

Thursday, October 15, 1:30–3:00 pm

Learn about Vermont's small mammal species, from the little brown bat and the rock vole to the southern bog lemming and the star-nosed mole. Discover the unique habitats they rely on, the emerging threats they face, and the research and monitoring underway to fill in tremendous gaps in our understanding of these sometimes-cryptic creatures. Find out what Vermont is doing to conserve and recover this suite of furry inhabitants and learn how you can help.

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If I Can Get Home This Fall: A Story of Love, Loss, and a Cause in the Civil War

with Tyler Alexander, Author and teacher at Champlain Valley Union High School

Thursday, October 22, 1:30–3:00 pm

Drawing from his book, *If I Can Get Home This Fall: A Story of Love, Loss, and a Cause in the Civil War*, the presenter shares powerful excerpts from the wartime letters of a Glover, Vermont soldier who served in both the 6th Vermont Infantry and the 19th U.S. Colored Troops. Praised by Pulitzer Prize-winning historian James McPherson, these moving letters reveal Vermonters' perspectives on war, race, democracy, and national identity, while also telling a deeply personal story of love, hope, and sacrifice.

The Beatles: Collaborative Genius

with Bob Amos, Musician; Recording Artist

Thursday, October 29, 1:30–3:00 pm

Experience a multimedia journey through the history and creative collaboration of the most successful songwriting and recording act of all time. Join musician and songwriter Bob Amos as he shares unique insights into The Beatles' process from his perspective as a performer and bandleader. Explore photos, classic recordings, and live demonstrations that bring their music and innovation to life.

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