

St. Johnsbury OLLI Spring Registration is now open!

Programs run March 12 – April 30, 2026



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Early Bird Special:

Register by February 26 for 10% OFF the full Spring series membership.

Register at: go.uvm.edu/stjohnsburyolli

For registration questions call (802) 656-8407
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*****Pre-registration Required. No walk-ins or payment accepted at the door.**

► Thursday, March 12, 1:30-3:00 PM

A CELTIC CONCERT WITH WINDROSE AND SHUNPIKE HONEYMOON

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a lively exploration of Celtic music that reaches far beyond Ireland's shores. Enjoy a mix of familiar favorites and hidden gems that showcase the depth and beauty of this timeless tradition. Along the way, hear stories and reflections from travels through the British Isles and other regions that keep Celtic music vibrant and alive today.

► Thursday, March 19, 1:30-3:00 PM

RELIGION IN SCHOOLS

with Tom Lovett, Educator; Former Headmaster of St. Johnsbury Academy

Trace how the U.S. Supreme Court has shaped the role of religion in public education through landmark decisions. Examine how secular schools have navigated issues of faith, and consider current challenges facing Vermont schools today. Gain a clearer understanding of the laws governing religious expression in education, and engage in thoughtful discussion about how these principles continue to evolve in our local communities.

► Thursday, March 26, 1:30-3:00 PM

THE WILD BEES OF VERMONT

with Spencer Hardy, Bee Biologist

Join Spencer for an enlightening introduction to the 350+ species of wild bees that call Vermont home. Learn about their remarkable natural history, the challenges they face, and the simple yet powerful ways we can all help protect them. From gardening choices to everyday consumer actions, discover how you can make a difference in supporting these essential pollinators and leave with a deeper appreciation for Vermont's native bees.

► Thursday, April 2, 1:30-3:00 PM

BOBCAT & CANADA LYNX - NATURE'S TWO BIG "LITTLE" CATS

with Kurt J. Valenta, Educator; Founder of Exordium Nature Programs

Explore the hidden world of two of North America's most elusive wild cats - the Bobcat and the Canada Lynx. Discover how these beautiful cousins have adapted to thrive in their demanding habitats as stealthy, solitary hunters. Trace their history, learn about their current status, and consider the challenges they face in a changing environment. Join Exordium for a fascinating, fact-filled look at these remarkable "little" big cats.

► Thursday, April 9, 1:30-3:00 PM

WOMEN BUILD PLANES: A MILESTONE IN AVIATION HISTORY

with Beth White & WOMEN BUILD PLANES Team Members

Hear Beth White share her remarkable journey into aviation, sparked by a daring thought: "If Beryl Markham could fly solo across the Atlantic in the 1930s, why can't I?" Follow her path as she earns her pilot's license, meets an unexpected 80-year-old airplane mechanic mentor, and survives breast cancer, leading to a renewed life purpose. Discover how she now fosters the next generation of aviators, builders, and innovators by providing hands-on opportunities in aviation. Beth will be joined by some of the fabulous WOMEN BUILD PLANES team members - the Modern Rosies.

► Thursday, April 16, 1:30-3:00 PM

NORTHEAST KINGDOM COUNCIL ON AGING PROGRAMS

with Kimberly Rivard, Transition Coordinator, Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging

Learn about the vital programs and services offered by the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging that help seniors and individuals with disabilities stay active, independent, and engaged in their communities. Hear inspiring stories of impact that highlight how these initiatives foster connection, support well-being, and empower older adults to live with dignity and purpose throughout the Northeast Kingdom.

► Thursday, April 23, 1:30-3:00 PM

DUKE ELLINGTON - "BEYOND CATEGORY"

with Robert Wyatt, Steinway Artist; Smithsonian Scholar

Honor the life and legacy of Duke Ellington, one of America's greatest musical innovators. Trace his journey from early jazz clubs to international acclaim as a composer, bandleader, and cultural icon. Explore how Ellington's music redefined the boundaries of jazz, earning him recognition as a towering figure in American culture whose influence continues to inspire musicians and audiences around the world.

► Thursday, April 30, 1:30-3:00 PM

VERMONTERS IN SCOTLAND

with Brett Elliott, Maple Producer; Long-Distance Hiker

Take a visual journey through the land of the Scots, from the historic streets of Edinburgh and Glasgow to Inverness, St. Andrews, and Stirling. Discover ancient castles, storied battlefields, bonnie lochs, firths, farms, and the warmth of Scotland's people. Experience the breathtaking beauty of the Isle of Skye and the majesty of the Scottish Highlands in this captivating pictorial exploration.