

About Inquire

Now in its ninth year, **Inquire** is Wake Robin's lifelong learning program that selects a series of topics, often resident suggested, and explores them over a series of lectures and events. **Inquire** has offered courses on 20th century education, Canadian history, American history, brain science, literature, Vermont agriculture, conservation, gardening, Lake Champlain, computer technology, performing arts, economics, government, energy, food systems, and more. **Inquire** has collaborated with universities and colleges from all over the northeast, as well as area businesses, non-profits, and top notch regional arts organizations.

Important Program Information

Registration is required for all programs. Space is limited. Spots are first come first served.

Registration is from February 21st - March 8th, 2019.

Registration forms are inside this brochure or may be picked up in the Community Center.

Please return registration forms to the Community Center front desk. Once you have turned in your registration form, you will receive a confirmation notice of your enrollment within three business days.

Programs are free unless otherwise noted.

Questions?

Contact Jena Necrason, Program and Events Coordinator, jnecrason@wakerobin.com

or 802-264-5107

Wake Robin extends a very special thank you to all of its community partners for this semester.



Ukulele Shenanigans



Inquire at Wake Robin
200 Wake Robin Drive - Shelburne, VT
05482



Inquire Spring 2019 Lifelong Learning Programs



You.Me.We.

The noblest pleasure is the joy of understanding.
~Leonardo da Vinci

Confronting the Challenge of Climate Change

Climate change may be the most critical issue facing humanity and the natural world in the 21st century. This series will help us gain a broader and deeper understanding of the significance of this central issue, with the opportunity to examine the climate situation in the Northeast and Vermont, explore public opinion, and explore what we can do to make a positive difference.

All Sessions in the Meeting Room at 2PM

Tuesday, March 26th - Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux, Professor of Climatology, UVM
Climate change in the Northeast and Vermont

As the Lead Author of the Northeast Chapter of the National Climate Assessment released last November, Dr. Dupigny-Giroux will share insights on how climate change in the Northeast has affected our economies, livelihoods, and the seasons that make us unique as a region.

Tuesday, April 9th - Deborah Markowitz, Director of Policy Outreach, UVM's Gund Institute for Environment

Climate Politics, Paris and the Importance of State and Local Action

A talk on the Paris Climate Accord, the Trump Administration's efforts to withdraw from the agreement and the importance of state and local government climate leadership to keep the United States on track to meet our greenhouse gas reduction goals. Professor Markowitz will also share the latest research about the politics of climate change opinion in the United States.

Monday, April 15th - Johanna Miller, Energy & Climate Program Director, VNRC

Clean Energy and Climate Action in Vermont: The Reality and the Opportunity

VT has long had some of the strongest goals related to transitioning to a 21st century clean energy economy and doing our part to reduce carbon pollution. Unfortunately, the state remains dramatically far from meeting them. In this talk, get an update on where things stand and how you can help in terms of tackling climate change and helping all Vermonters invest in more efficient, local renewable resources.

THE LAND OF MILK AND HONEY

A history of beekeeping in Vermont...and elsewhere

An Evening with Bill Mares Thursday, March 28th 7:30PM (MR)



Vermont's beekeeping lineage goes back 250 years. During that time Vermonters joined the world-wide search for ways to harvest honey, maintain these vital pollinators, and protect them from the predations of the wax moths, American foulbrood, varroa mites, pesticides, loss of forage and climate change. This talk will describe the history of Vermont and world apiculture, what writer Sue Hubbell called "farming for intellectuals".



The Sages and Seekers program has the goal of breaking down generational barriers. By meeting with, getting to know, and hearing the life stories of community elders ("Sages"), the high school students ("Seekers") benefit from the knowledge, wisdom and life experience of the "Sages". The students gain valuable mentorship as they prepare to go out into the world and bring positive change in the future. As they meet with and get to know the "seekers", community elders benefit by continuing to stay actively engaged with young people as mentors, role models and advisors. This is the fourth year that the Lake Champlain Waldorf School has partnered with Wake Robin on this program. Participants attend 6 weekly sessions at the school, which is located 5 minutes from our campus. There will be some transportation available and we will also do some carpooling.

6 Wednesdays: March 6, 13, 20, April 3, 10, 17, from 1:55PM—2:55PM at the Waldorf School.

Intergenerational Technology Workshops (ITW)

Technology workshops available to all residents every Sunday in the Meeting Room. High school students join you to offer education and assistance with any technology related questions you may have! Attend their first meeting to suggest topics for each of the workshops. The students look forward to meeting you and hope to see you on March 10th. Bring your own device (laptop, tablet, smart phone) and your questions!

5 Sundays: March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 2-3:30PM in the Meeting Room

**This semester, the students will devise the weekly curriculum once they meet residents and get suggestions on March 10th. Jena will post weekly topics after that. No need to attend every week, come when the topic interests you!*



LEARN TO PLAY THE UKULELE!

Fun, light-hearted lessons with local musician Clare Innes.

Learn something new and gather with friends to play your favorite songs. If you don't have a ukulele, they'll be available at class to rent, purchase, or borrow during class time. No experience necessary!

6 week course: Wednesdays 1-2PM, March 13-April 17, in the Meeting Room

Cost for this series is \$40. Ukulele rental is additional \$20 (not required but recommended so you can practice!)



The Future of Work

Enormous advances in technology will transform the workplace of the future in unimaginable ways. Artificial intelligence (AI), robotics, and the "gig economy" will result in a workplace unlike what any of us have experienced. This three-part series offers an overview into what the workplace of the future will look like, and what skills will be needed to succeed.

All sessions are in the Meeting Room at 7:30PM

Monday, March 18th - Steve Farrington, Founder of Transcend Engineering
Is this time really different? The renewed popularity of Artificial Intelligence

This talk will introduce AI concepts, provide a brief history of AI development, and give examples of how AI is touching our everyday lives and what might lie ahead.

Monday, April 1st - Nick Cheney, Professor and Director of Neurobotics Lab, UVM
Humans Need Not Apply: The Role of Robotics and Automation in the Future of Work

Recent advances in machine learning and AI have paved the way for unprecedented automation across a wide variety of vocations and sectors of our economy. Hear about examples where automation already plays a large role in the workplace, how we may adapt and reinterpret some jobs in light of automation, and how we might expect the role of automation to continue to shift with further potential developments in AI and robotics.

Monday, April 22nd - Jill Charbonneau, President Vermont State Labor Council AFL CIO
Preparing the Workforce for the impact of Artificial Intelligence

This talk will look at when the workforce will feel the brunt of Artificial Intelligence. The National AFL CIO is gearing up for this change. One of the changes this labor organization has made internally is the decision to be more inclusive of nonunion workers. Together we will explore the future workforce.