


# Brattleboro Words Project Monthly Roundtable Discussion Posters/Media (2018 to 2021):

February 2018 (first one): Words and the Watercures with Lissa Weinmann & Reg Martell

PEOPLES, PLACES  
AND THE HISTORY OF  
**WORDS**  
IN BRATTLEBORO, VT

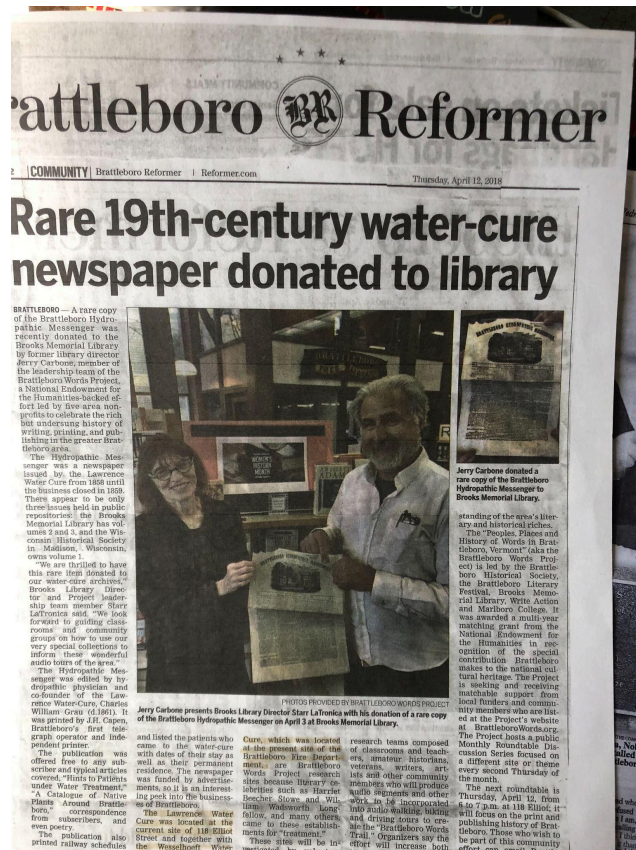
Presents:

*The Roundtable Discussion Series*



**Words & Water Cures**  
Wednesday, January 24, 6-7 pm  
118 Elliot, Brattleboro, Vermont

Join The Words Project for a presentation and discussion on the popular water cures of the mid- to late-1800s and their connection to our literary history.



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Thursday, April 12, 2018

## Rare 19th-century water-cure newspaper donated to library

BRATTLEBORO — A rare copy of the Brattleboro Hydropathic Messenger was recently donated to the Brooks Memorial Library by Jerry Carbone, member of the leadership team of the Brattleboro Words Project, a National Endowment for the Humanities-backed effort led by five area nonprofits to celebrate the rich mid-19th-century history of writing, printing, and publishing in the greater Brattleboro area.

The Hydropathic Messenger was a newspaper issued by the Lawrence Water Cure from 1868 until the business closed in 1898. There appear to be only three issues held in public repositories: the Brooks Memorial Library has volumes 2 and 3, and the Wisconsin Historical Society in Madison. Wisconsin owns volume 1.

"We are thrilled to have this rare item donated to our water-cure archives," Brooks Library Director and Project leadership team member Marc LaFontaine said. "We look forward to guiding classrooms and community groups on how to use our very special collection to inform their wonderful study of the area."

The Hydropathic Messenger was edited by hydropathic physician and co-founder of the Lawrence Water Cure, Charles William Criss (1818-1891). It was printed by J.H. Cason, Brattleboro's first telegraph operator and independent printer.

The publication was offered free to any subscriber and typical articles covered "Hints to Patients under Water Treatment," "A Catalogue of Native Remedies," "Correspondence from subscribers," and even poetry.

The publication also printed railway schedules and listed the patients who came to the water-cure with dates of their stay as well as their permanent residences. The newspaper was funded by advertisements, so it is an interesting peek into the business of Brattleboro.

The Lawrence Water Cure was located at the current site of 118 Elliot Street and together with the Wesselschlag Water Cure, which was located at the present site of the Brattleboro Fire Department, are Brattleboro Words Project research sites because history is intertwined with the business of Brattleboro.

Research teams composed of classrooms and teachers, veterans, writers, artists and other community members who will produce a book to be incorporated into Brattleboro's history and culture trail. The project will increase both the visibility and the value of the water-cure sites.

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Understanding of the area's literary and historical riches. The "Peoples, Places and History of Words in Brattleboro, Vermont" (aka the Brattleboro Words Project) is led by the Brattleboro Historical Society, the Brattleboro Library, the Brattleboro Memorial Library, Write Action and Marlboro College. It was awarded a multi-year matching grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities in recognition of the special contribution Brattleboro makes to the national cultural heritage. The Project is seeking and receiving matchable support from local funders and community members who are listed at the Project's website at [BrattleboroWords.org](http://BrattleboroWords.org).

The Project hosts a public discussion series focused on a different site or theme every second Thursday of the month.


The next roundtable is Thursday, April 12, from 6-7 pm at 118 Elliot. It will focus on the print and publishing history of Brattleboro. Those who wish to be part of this community effort can email [BrattleboroWords@brattleboro.org](mailto:BrattleboroWords@brattleboro.org).

March 2018: Words & Abenaki History: Joe Rivers & Rich Holschuh ([photos](#)) ([poster](#))

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**Words & Abenaki History**  
Thursday, March 8, 6-7 pm  
118 Elliot, Brattleboro, Vermont

Join the Brattleboro Words Project, Rich Holschuh, and Joe Rivers for a presentation and discussion on Abenaki history and Algonquian language.

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April 2018: Printing & Publishing/ Write Action



### Printing & Publishing

Thursday, April 12, 6-7 pm  
118 Elliot, Brattleboro, Vermont

Join the Brattleboro Words Project, Jeff Potter, Arlene Distler, Rolf Parker, Mary Ide, Stephanie Greene, Nancy Olson, & Steve Minkin for a discussion on a forthcoming book about the printing and publishing history of Brattleboro.



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May 2018:

June 2018: Estey Organ Company (Estey early advertising pioneer / Dennis Waring PhD held in situ at the Estey Organ Museum in Brattleboro)

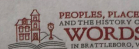


### Estey Organ Company

Thursday, June 14, 6-7:30 pm

Estey Organ Museum, 108 Birge Street, Brattleboro

Join the Brattleboro Words Project and Dennis Waring, author of *Manufacturing the Music: Estey Organs and Consumer Culture in Victorian America*, to discuss how Estey Organ advertising sparked American consumer culture.



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July 2018: Kipling at Scott Farm with Tom Ragle, Charles Fish ([photos](#)) -



# The Roundtable Discussion Series



**Heaven & Hell:  
Rudyard Kipling's Vermont Years**  
Thursday, July 12, 6:00 pm  
Scott Farm, 707 Kipling Road, Dummerston

Join the Brattleboro Words Project, Charles Fish, Kelly Carlin, and Thomas Ragle for a conversation on Rudyard Kipling's highly productive but emotionally difficult "American years" living near Scott Farm at Naulakha. Free with refreshments.



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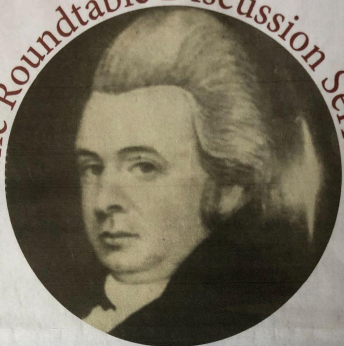
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Photograph courtesy of Charles Ragle





September 2018: Royall & Mary Tyler

## The Roundtable Discussion Series



**Royall Tyler:**  
**Author, Wit, and Judge, of Early Brattleboro**  
Thursday, September 13, 7:00 pm  
Brooks Memorial Library, Brattleboro

The Brattleboro Words Project invites you to join us for a discussion on Royall Tyler, the most important area author of the Federalist era. Marius B. Peladeau, the leading Tyler scholar, and moderator Tom Ragle of Guilford, will join Don McLean, Guilford, and Christina Gibbons, Brattleboro, authors of "True as Steel."

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Credit: Melvin Phillips Collection, Box 100, J. Burn, Middlebury College

October 2018: Historical & Archival Treasures of Windham County (National Archives Month)  
With Vermont State Preservation Historian Rachel Onuf - ([poster](#))



**Great Historical and Archival Treasures  
in Windham County**  
**Thursday, October 18, 6:00 pm**  
**118 Elliot Street, Brattleboro**

Unique, rare, and important historical treasures and archival collections reside within Windham County's numerous historical societies, public libraries, and museums. In recognition of **National Archives Month**, the Brattleboro Words Project invites you to join a discussion with representatives from a range of Windham County's major archives and collections who will discuss their holdings, display their artifacts, and project slides.



The free Roundtable Discussions (normally) happen on the second Thursday of each month—Come learn how you can help create the Brattleboro Words Trail!

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Photo courtesy of the Brattleboro Historical Society



November 2018:

December 2018: Vermont's Own Highwayman with author Tim Weed

**Vermont's Own Highwayman: History,  
Legend, and Early Brattleboro Publishing**  
**Thursday, December 13, 6 pm**  
**118 Elliot Street, Brattleboro**

Celebrated local author Tim Weed will discuss the legend of Captain Thunderbolt and the unique Round Schoolhouse in Brookline. In 1821, highway robber Michael Martin wrote a detailed and widely distributed confession implicating his Scottish mentor John Doherty, alias Captain Thunderbolt. Is it possible that Dr. John Wilson, the Scottish immigrant who designed the unusual round brick schoolhouse, is the famed outlaw? It's a story worth printing!

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January 2019: H.P. Lovecraft and Working with Students to Tell Audio Stories / Guilford School Teacher Jen Kramer.



**H.P. Lovecraft & Place-Based Learning**  
**Thursday, January 10, 6 pm**  
**118 Elliot, Brattleboro, Vermont**

Jennifer Kramer, long-time sixth-grade teacher at the Guilford Central School, will share her research work around renowned science fiction writer H.P. Lovecraft's stories linked to sites such as Round Mountain in West Brattleboro for the January Brattleboro Words Project's monthly Roundtable Discussion on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 118 Elliot, 6 to 7 p.m. The event is free and refreshments will be served.



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February 2019:

March 2019: WW1 Nurse Marion McCune Rice Letters and Photos with Steve Hooper

# The Roundtable Discussion Series

Thursday  
March 14  
6 pm  
118 Elliot  
Brattleboro, Vermont



## An American Nurse at War



BWP Research Leader Steve Hooper discusses Marion McCune Rice, a WWI nurse and letter writer who lived on Brattleboro's Chestnut Hill. Come see historic photos and Hooper's award-winning short film, "An American Nurse at War." *Free and open to the public, refreshments served.*



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## April 2019: A Meeting of Minds: Robert Frost & Marlboro College - Prof. Dan Toomey

### The Roundtable Discussion Series

A Meeting of Minds: Robert Frost & Marlboro College  
Thursday, April 18, 6:00 pm  
118 Elliot Street, Brattleboro, Vermont

It's a little known fact that Robert Frost had a hand in the founding of Marlboro College. In a nod to National Poetry Month, Robert Frost scholar Daniel Toomey will discuss Frost, his poetry, and his mentorship to Marlboro's founder and to early Marlboro students. *Free and open to the public, refreshments will be served.*

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May 2019: Daisy Turner & Community Storytelling with the Vermont Folklife Center ([poster](#))



Daisy Turner & Community Storytelling  
with  
The Vermont Folklife Center

Thursday, May 23, 6:00 pm  
118 Elliot Street, Brattleboro, Vermont

Vermont Folklife Center Associate Director and Archivist Andy Kolovos will discuss place-based audio storytelling and VFC founder Jane Beck's work with Vermont storyteller, Daisy Turner—the daughter of the formerly enslaved Alec and Sally Turner who settled in Grafton, Vermont in the years following the Civil War.



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December 2019: Clarina Howard Nichols



## The Roundtable Discussion Series

Meddling Mrs. Nichols:  
Early Brattleboro Editor, Abolitionist, and Feminist  
Clarina Howard Nichols

Thursday, December 12, 6:00 pm at Brooks Memorial Library

No stranger to controversy, Nichols was one of the first female newspaper editors in the nation. A courageous lobbyist and powerful orator, she helped lead all three major reform movements of her time: temperance, abolition, and women's rights.

Join Community Researchers Nancy Olson, Rolf Parker and Dan DeWalt to discuss the life and times of a little-known character whose legacy lives on with the **Brattleboro Words Trail**. Free and open to the public.



Nye Ffarrabas Art & Publishing on Western Ave (June 2019) - ([poster](#))

August 2019: Words on the Water (major much larger event in lieu of Roundtable)





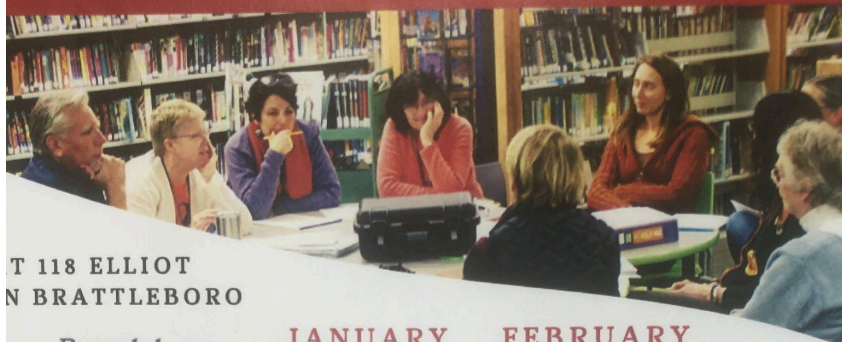
## January 2020 Students as Storytellers with Brattleboro Area Middle School Students



## Ongoing Weekend Workshops for Word Project Community Researchers Promotional Flyer

# SATURDAY WORDS WORKSHOPS

Semi-regular workshops led by Project staff to support and collaborate directly with Community Researchers



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**WORDS  
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## JANUARY

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## FEBRUARY

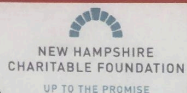
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**Introduction to Audio Storytelling: Interviewing & Recording**  
 Saturday, November 2  
 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
 at 118 Elliot  
 118 Elliot Street  
 Brattleboro, VT 05301

Part 2 of a 3-part Workshop Series with The Vermont Folklife Center and The Brattleboro Words Project

**\$95 (\$55 for students)**  
 Pre-register at (802) 388-4964 or at [vermontfolklifecenter.org/workshops](http://vermontfolklifecenter.org/workshops)  
 Free for pre-approved Brattleboro Words Project teachers/researchers. Write [BrattleboroWords@gmail.com](mailto:BrattleboroWords@gmail.com) to apply.

Whether you want to learn how to conduct oral history interviews to share with your family or build a interview-based podcast to share with the world, Introduction to Audio Storytelling: Interviewing & Recording provides hands-on training in interviewing techniques and the use of digital audio recording tools to get you started with your projects.

Instruction by

**Andy Kolovos**  
 Vermont Folklife Center  
 Associate Director and  
 Archivist

**Mary Wesley**  
 VT Untapped Podcast  
 Co-producer

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