

Addison County Retired Educators Association Program 2024 – 2025



October Program will be at Mt. Philo State Park.
Celebrating 100 years of Vermont's State Parks.

Officers

Co-Presidents – Teri Fitz-Gerald & Lauren Parren

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Visit our website at www.acreavt.org

Program Schedule

We generally meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, Sept - Dec & April - June
(exception for May this year will be the 3rd Wednesday & rain date for October is the 3rd Wednesday)
The business meeting agenda & program updates will be emailed prior to each event.

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

East Middlebury Historical Walking Tour

10:30 at the Sarah Partridge Library/Community House,
431 E. Main Street in E. Middlebury

Learn about the rich history of buildings you pass by on East Main Street and nearby. We will start with an introduction at the Sarah Partridge Library/Community House, at 432 E. Main Street, E. Middlebury. At 10:30, Bruce Yelton and Peggy Peabody will provide an introduction to the area and the walking tour options. At about 11:00, you can choose to stay at the center, head east toward the Gorge past the Waybury for a short distance to gain knowledge of what initially occurred in that area with many of the houses still standing, or choose to head west towards the local church. Many of the historic sites on this tour are close together, so even those with mobility concerns can take part (and we will have people to assist). Return to the Community House for lunch, being arranged with Otter East Bakery and Deli. For further information, you might wish to consult an informative booklet from East Middlebury Historical Society which shares the history of each building on the tour. We will have booklets available at the tour. In the meantime you can access some of the same information at this website: [East Middlebury Historical Walking Tour](#).

Lunch: Sarah Partridge Library/Community House, provided by Otter East;
Business Meeting will also be held at the luncheon
Chairs: Susanne Slayton & Marilyn Needham

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

History of Mt. Philo State Park (Rain Date October 16th)

10:00 a.m. at Mt. Philo State Park
5425 Mt Philo Rd, Charlotte

Mt. Philo State Park became Vermont's first state park in 1924. 2024 marks the 100th anniversary and Vermont has been celebrating this anniversary all summer. Luke, one of the park rangers will tell us more about Mt. Philo's history at 10:30. Luke has also collaborated with Judy Chaves, author of *Secrets of Mt. Philo: A Guide to the History of Vermont's First State Park*.

October should be a beautiful time to see breathtaking views of the Champlain Valley from this viewing venue! You can hike or drive to the top. There is an accessible path to the picnic area. Admission to Vermont State Parks is Free with your Green Mountain Pass. (If you don't have one yet, now is a great time to get it - only \$2 for a lifetime pass - see your town clerk!). There are some available Adirondack Chairs and picnic tables and you may bring your own lawn chair if you prefer. You can also walk or hike around the trails from the top if you wish to drive up first.

Lunch: Bring your own Picnic Lunch
Chair: Teri Fitz-Gerald

Wednesday, November 13, 2024
How to Cope with and Enjoy Aging
10:00 a.m. at The Residence at Otter Creek
350 Lodge Rd, Middlebury

We welcome Elise Blair as she shares with us her insights after 30 years of private psychoanalytic practice in Washington, D.C. She'll begin with a presentation entitled How to Cope with and Enjoy Aging and then we will work together to make her observations become part of our own lives. She was trained in the Netherlands, is a former teacher, board member and president of the Washington Center for Psychoanalysis.

10:00 business meeting followed by the presentation beginning at 10:15.

Lunch: At Otter Creek
Chair: Lauren Parren

Wednesday December 11, 2024
Holiday Luncheon
11:30 a.m. Home of Anne Friedrichs, 1 South St., Middlebury

Anne has invited us to her home in Middlebury for our annual holiday luncheon this year! Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for HOPE or place an order via their website. Watch your email for details of what is needed & how to order this year. RSVP via the Google Form that will be emailed a couple of weeks prior to this event.

Lunch: Main entree catered by Gilfeathers & sides/desserts by members
Chair: Anne Friedrichs

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

TBD

10:00 a.m.

A VT Humanities Selection is in the works! We have made several inquiries and are still working on this program. The program, location, and lunch option will be added to the electronic version of this document as soon as the information is available. The update will also be emailed to all members.

Lunch:

Chair: Lauren Parren

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

(Note: This is the 3rd Wednesday because of seasonal availability)

Lake Champlain Maritime Museum

10:00 am

4472 Basin Harbor Rd

We will gather at the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum for a tour. See visitor's information at <https://www.lcmm.org/visit/>. More details available in the spring.

Lunch location: Red Mill Restaurant

Chair: Anne Friedrichs

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Kingsland Bay State Park

Time and speaker TBD

As this date approaches we find a local legislator, senior advocate, or education spokesperson available for our date and time. We will announce the speaker and topic via email when we get closer to our meeting date. Bring a lawn chair if you can.

Lunch: Picnic provided by ACREA

Chair: Teri Fitz-Gerald

ACREA Dues

If you wish to become a member or have new contact information, please fill out this form, enclose a check payable to ACREA for \$15. Send information to Marilyn Needham, 79 Halpin Rd., Middlebury, VT 05753 or bring it to the next meeting.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

VREA Dues

Please consider also joining the **Vermont Retired Educators' Association**. Your membership is critical to protecting your state benefits! Dues are \$12.00 per year. Either mail your membership directly, or add it to our group mailing in September.

VREA Vermont Retired Educators Association

Annual Membership Drive; July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

JOIN NOW!

This year it has become clear that we can't take our state benefits for granted.

We need to be ever vigilant about the status of our pension and insurance. They are fragile.

We must keep a watchful eye on what is happening in the State legislature. When balancing the state budget, reducing our benefits is always part of the discussion.

Help us get the word out. We are all connected. We need your membership!

Working closely with VT-NEA when issues about our pension arise, the VREA is our voice. There is strength in numbers!

Please Join VREA

Name: _____ **Information the same:** Y N

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Dues: \$12 **Scholarship Fund:** _____ **Total:** _____

Make Checks Payable to VREA

Mail To: Kyleen Martelle, Membership Chair

33 Piedmont Drive, Rutland, VT 05701

kmm5369@gmail.com

Please check out our website: [VREA.website](#) for current information that could affect our members.

Quarterly Newsletter: Printed or Electronic (Circle One)

Mark your calendar, Annual VREA Meeting, September 17th.

Volunteer Hours

Please keep track of your volunteer hours. The Vermont Retired Educators Association presents the total time volunteered by all retired teachers to the VT Treasurer to illustrate our continued contributions to our communities.

VREA YOUTH/COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER HOURS JULY 2024 - JUNE 2025

Your Name: _____ Your

Unit (County): _____

Description of Activity Performed Number of Community Volunteer Hours

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Total Community Volunteer Hours _____

Description of Activity Performed Number of Youth Volunteer Hours

Description of Activity Performed	Number of Youth Volunteer Hours
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Total Youth Volunteer Hours _____

Community Hours _____ + Youth Hours _____ = Total Hours _____

Please give this form to your unit president by the end of June so that s/he can get them to the unit director to take to the July state meeting. Thank you!

Past Presidents

1964-66 Mary Wood
1966-68 Ida Ufford
1968-70 Lois Burke
1970-72 Ada St. George
1972-75 Ruth Hesselgrave
1975-76 Gertrude Bicknell
1976-77 Margaret Baker
1977-78 Travis Harris
1978-81 Marie Farnham
1981-83 Myra Stetson
1983-84 Edna Tatro
1984-85 George Tyler
1985-87 Ruth Steadman
1987-89 Victoria Sappio
1989-92 Evelyn Dike

1992-94 Charlotte Hammond
1994-96 Alice Perine
1996-98 Jean Littlefield
1998-00 Mary Petrusich
2000-02 Helen de Courval
2002-04 George Tyler
2004-08 Stanley Berger
2008-10 Diana Cotter
2010-12 Stanley Berger
2012-18 Alice Maurer & Lenore Morse
2018-22 Carol Kress & Teri Fitz-Gerald
2022-23 Teri Fitz-Gerald & Anne Friedrichs
2023-current Teri Fitz-Gerald & Lauren Parren

Recent Members - Join your friends in ACREA!

Nancy	Ambrose
Miriam	Berger
G. Dale	Birdsall
Gail	Blasius
Paulette	Bogan
Barbara	Bolduc
Linda	Brown
Connie	Cannon
Beth	Christian
Sally	Conway
Sharon	Cram
Kathleen	Douglas
Susan	Dula
Donna	Ebel
Michele	Fay
Ellen Claire	Fenn
Jean	Fifield
Teri	Fitz-Gerald
Barbara	Fitzpatrick
Deb	Foster
Jan	Fraga
Lee	Francis
Anne	Friedrichs
Seth	Gibson
Mary	Gill
JoAnne	Gruber
Sandy	Haddock
Daryl	Hatch
Linda	Horn
Shari	Johnson
Linda	Kokinis
Carol	Kress
Perry	Lessing
Tracy	Longchamp
Linda	Lunna
Donna	Masterson
Alice	Maurer
Kathleen	McKenna

Lou	Megyesi
Sue	Miner
Joy	Minns
Elaine	Mitcham
<u>Susan</u>	Mock
May	Morris
Lenore	Morse
Kitty	Muzzy
Marilyn	Needham
Jane	Nimblett
Susan	O'Daniel
Arnell	Paquette
Gareth	Parizo
Marilyn	Parmelee
Lauren Kelley	Parren
Peggy	Peabody
Shirley	Perkins
Diana	Raphael
Judy	Rice
Mary Pat	Rouche
Maureen	Rogers
Jim	Ross
Kathy	Rossier
Donna	Scott
Katharine	Scribner
Susan	Sears
Susanne	Slayton
Rita	Smith
Carol	Spencer
Mary	Sullivan
Lois	Thompson
Sheryl	Thurber
Barbara	Unger
Rose	Wenzel
Annie	Wilson
Marnie	Wood
Nora	Wright