

## HISTORY EVENTS, MOSTLY IN CENTRAL VERMONT 2019

(last updated April 10<sup>th</sup>)

If you're aware of additional Central Vermont events, please share them with us at [historicalsociety@berlinvt.org](mailto:historicalsociety@berlinvt.org)

Note this listing will be updated with more specifics on the Berlin Historical Society (BHS) programs and locations. Some programs for BHS may have a change of location this year.

When updating this listing for 2019, programs that have already happened will not be removed as it can be good reference for venues that have historic programs, you might be able to find the program later at another location, or even be the host to such a program.

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Saturday, March 9, 9am-4pm, Vermont History Center, Barre, VT, Exhibits at the History Center are open special hours on the Second Saturday of the month. One of your last chances to see our *Anything for Speed: Automobile Racing in Vermont* exhibit before it closes on March 30.

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Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 6pm – East Montpelier / Calais Historical Society meeting. Preserving Old Buildings: Calais Historical Preservation Committee, Potluck Supper, bring a dish & place setting. Location: East Calais Recreation Hall <http://eastmontpelierhistoricalsociety.org>

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Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 7pm – Berlin Historical Society meeting, 108 Shed Road, Berlin [historicalsociety@berlinvt.org](mailto:historicalsociety@berlinvt.org) (802) 552-8804

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Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 12 noon – The Estey Organ Company: An Ethnomusicologist's View with Dennis Waring. Free, open to public, light lunch included.  
<http://www.norwich.edu/news/news-feed/1639-museum-talk-expert-on-estey-organ-company>

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Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 7pm - Bill Torrey will be telling stories about growing up in the '60s in Vermont at the Waterbury Vermont library Some of his stories are on his website at the video link. He'll be back the following week to hold a workshop about How to Tell A Good Story.

Bill's page: <http://www.billtorreyvt.com>

Waterbury library: <https://www.waterburypubliclibrary.com>

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Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> – Anything for Speed Closing Day at the Vermont Historical Society, on the final day admission is free with donations appreciated.

<https://vermonthistory.org/visit/vermont-history-center/autoracing-in-vermont>

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Wednesday, April 10, 2019 - Getting from Here to There: A History of Roads and Settlements in Vermont with Deborah Luskin, 7 pm – 8:30 pm Greater Hartford United Church of Christ, 1721 Maple Street, Hartford Village, Vermont Humanities Council event, free

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Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 10am – 3pm - Button Expo & Education Day, Verd Mont Button Club is celebrating 40 years! Enjoy collectible button displays and button videos. Browse research books, meet collectors, see military buttons, pearl buttons, colonial buttons, 19<sup>th</sup> century

buttons. Learn about button identification. Bring a few buttons to identify. Open to the public, no admission, free refreshments. Shelburne United Methodist Church, VT Rte 7 on the Green.

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Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 6pm – East Montpelier / Calais Historical Society meeting. Annual Sugar-on-Snow dessert with sugaring tales. Potluck Supper, bring a dish & place setting. Location: E. Calais Recreation Hall. <http://eastmontpelierhistoricalsociety.org>

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Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 2:30pm - Howard Coffin: The Women of the Civil War. At Westview Meadows in the main dining room. A Vermont Humanities event. No admission. (Turn off Northfield Street onto Independence Green to find Westview Meadows in Montpelier) Contact: Nicole Dupont ([ndupont@westviewmeadows.com](mailto:ndupont@westviewmeadows.com))

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Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 7pm - Berlin Historical Society meeting, Paul Gillies will discuss his new book, The Law of the Hills: A Judicial History of Vermont at the Berlin Town offices, 108 Shed Road. No admission. [historicalsociety@berlinvt.org](mailto:historicalsociety@berlinvt.org) (802) 552-8804

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Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 7pm – Waterbury Historical Society Annual Meeting Local historian Brian Lindner will present a program on railroad wrecks. The railroad has been a critical part of Waterbury's history since 1849, when tracks were first laid. Over the decades, there have been many wrecks, ranging from the simple to the spectacular. This presentation will cover a general history of those wrecks and will be illustrated with photographs that have taken years to locate. Did you know there was once a fatal train accident on Lincoln Street and a head-on train wreck in Stowe? These stories and many more will be included. No admission. Waterbury Municipal Building, 28 N. Main Street. <https://www.waterburyhistoricalsociety.org>

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Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 3pm Bees Besieged: A History of Beekeeping with Bill Mares, writer, and a beekeeper for 45 years. Bill will tell of the origins and evolution of beekeeping, sometimes referred to as "farming for intellectuals," with a particular emphasis on his research in Vermont. Location: Westview Meadows in Montpelier. A Vermont Humanities event. No admission. Contact: Nicole Dupont ([ndupont@westviewmeadows.com](mailto:ndupont@westviewmeadows.com))

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Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm at the Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Vermont State Curator David Schutz explores Montpelier's rich architectural history. He will follow his First Wednesdays program with a walking tour of Montpelier on Saturday, May 4, beginning at the library at 10am. A Vermont Humanities event. No admission.

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Wednesday, May 15 - Vermont and the Civil War. From Cedar Creek to Gettysburg, Vermonters were central to the Union cause. Vermont author and Civil War historian Howard Coffin addresses the Vermont contribution to the Civil War. A Vermont Humanities Council event hosted by Berlin Historical Society. Location, First Congregational Church of Berlin, 1808 Scott Hill Rd, 7:00 pm. Potluck dinner 6pm, please call (802) 552-8804 or email [historicalsociety@berlinvt.org](mailto:historicalsociety@berlinvt.org) to let us know if you plan to attend. No admission.

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Wednesday, May 15 7pm – Middlesex Historical Society meets downstairs at the Middlesex Town Hall on the third Wednesday of January, May and September.

<http://middlesexvermont.org/middlesex-historical-society>

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Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 5pm (note early time) – East Montpelier / Calais Historical Society meeting. Touring trails (easy walking) in Calais – Town Forest or Wheelock Monument. Bring a brown bag supper & beverage. Lawn of the Old West Church, bring a chair.

<http://eastmontpelierhistoricalsociety.org>

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Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 7pm – Vermont’s Remarkable Sharpshooters and Gettysburg. Vermont sent far more sharpshooters to the Union armies than any other state on a per capita basis. Historian Howard Coffin will discuss his recent research into this little-recognized group and consider the reasons why Vermont may have been so well-represented in this elite group of marksmen. Brookfield Mason Hall, 21 East Street, Brookfield. A Vermont Humanities event. No admission.

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Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> 7pm – Berlin Historical Society meeting, 108 Shed Road, Berlin

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Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> 6pm – East Montpelier / Calais Historical Society meeting. Annual Croquet Game and ice cream sundae treats. No supper, just dessert. Rte 214, home of Chris Reed & Teresa Doyle.

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Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm (note early start time) – East Montpelier / Calais Historical Society meeting. History of Adamant Music School with Andy Christiansen, followed by concert there, optional, \$10 admission. Potluck supper, bring a dish & place setting. Location: Adamant Community Ctr on Martin Road, then concert at AMS on Haggett Road.

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Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> 7pm – Berlin Historical Society meeting, 108 Shed Road, Berlin

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Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm – Berlin Historical Society meeting, 108 Shed Road, Berlin

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Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> 5pm (note early state time) – East Montpelier Historical / Calais Society meeting. Tales of East Montpelier with Paul Gallerani & Moe Brown. Bring a brown bag supper & beverage. Location: Four Corners Schoolhouse in East Montpelier.

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Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 7pm – “Getting From Here to There: A History of Roads and Settlement in Vermont” at Berlin Elementary School. The difficulties of traveling in Vermont played a significant role in the state’s settlement, development, culture and politics. But Vermonters weren’t always eager to have good roads. Opposition began in 1753, when the

Abenaki joined forces with the French to protest the building of a British military road along an established Abenaki trail. Resistance to new roads has continued ever since, from the Green Mountain Parkway to the building of the interstates. Novelist Deborah Lee Luskin asks, given this opposition, how is it we now drive cars in all seasons, in all weathers, in all corners of the state? A Vermont Humanities event hosted by Berlin Historical Society at Berlin Elem. School 372 Paine Turnpike North. No admission. [historicalsociety@berlinvt.org](mailto:historicalsociety@berlinvt.org) (802) 552-8804

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Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> 6pm – East Montpelier / Calais Historical Society meeting. The Story of the Carr Murder at Hawkins Pond in Calais, by Jill Mudgett. Potluck Supper, bring a dish & place setting. Location: E. Calais Recreation Hall. <http://eastmontpelierhistoricalsociety.org>

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Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> 7pm – Middlesex Historical Society meets downstairs at the Middlesex Town Hall on the third Wednesday of January, May and September. <http://middlesexvermont.org/middlesex-historical-society>

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October – ***watch for Archives Month Events at the Vermont State Archives & Records Administration in Middlesex***

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Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> 7pm – Berlin Historical Society meeting, 108 Shed Road, Berlin [historicalsociety@berlinvt.org](mailto:historicalsociety@berlinvt.org) (802) 552-8804

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Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 6pm – East Montpelier / Calais Historical Society meeting. History of North Montpelier with Nathan Phillips Yes. Potluck supper, bring a dish & place setting. Home of Celina Moore, Rte 14, North Montpelier. <http://eastmontpelierhistoricalsociety.org>

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Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> 7pm – Berlin Historical Society meeting, 108 Shed Road, Berlin [historicalsociety@berlinvt.org](mailto:historicalsociety@berlinvt.org) (802) 552-8804

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Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> 6pm – East Montpelier / Calais Historical Society meeting. History of Wrightsville and the Wrightsville Dam with Manny Garcia. Potluck supper, bring a dish & place setting. Location: Old Brick Church, E. Montpelier. <http://eastmontpelierhistoricalsociety.org>

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Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 7pm – Berlin Historical Society meeting, 108 Shed Road, Berlin [historicalsociety@berlinvt.org](mailto:historicalsociety@berlinvt.org) (802) 552-8804

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Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> – East Montpelier Historical Society meeting

More Vermont Humanities programs throughout Vermont can be found at the following listing that is always being update as more is scheduled:

<https://www.vermonthumanities.org/events/category/speakers-bureau/>