Volunteers, We Celebrate Your Service!

In April, volunteer week is celebrated across the nation to recognize ordinary people doing extraordinary things to improve their communities. The national theme -- Celebrating Service -- honors individuals who take action and meet critical needs. We count on and appreciate our volunteers year round, but on April 6th we’ll take some time to celebrate the enormous contributions that volunteers make every day. All volunteers are invited to join us for breakfast at 8:30am.

“Volunteering is a Work of Heart”
Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 8:30 am

All volunteers are invited to the Center for a time of celebration, recognition, and a delicious breakfast.

Please RSVP by March 30 to 457-3277.

Alive Inside: A Story of Music and Memory
An Award Winning Alzheimer’s Documentary Presented by Susan Moor
Thursday, May 12, 1:30 pm

Alive Inside follows social worker Dan Cohen as he introduces iPods with personalized playlists to those who have Alzheimer’s disease or related disorders. The filmmaker had planned to follow Mr. Cohen for one day but was so fascinated that it turned into a 3-year project. We all can think of a time we heard a song on the radio and it took us back to the first time we heard it, or brought us back to a happy time earlier in our lives. In Alive Inside, we can see this happening as familiar songs from their youth are played for nursing home residents. A piece of familiar music serves as a soundtrack for a mental movie that starts playing in the mind. It calls back memories of a particular person or place and the association is established between the two things – music and memories. This documentary powerfully shows the physical and emotional effects of music for these residents.

Alive Inside won the 2014 Sundance Film Festival Audience Award. It is a must-see if you know anyone with Alzheimer’s disease or another type of dementia.

This documentary is 77 minutes in duration and is free and open to the public.
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BEHIND THE SCENES

The 2016 Thompson Dinner Dance
A Fun and Fabulous Success!

The Thompson Senior Center is so grateful to our entire community
for its generous support of the 2016 Thompson Dinner Dance. More
than 160 people joined us in our new, Woodstock Inn location for a
fun evening with good friends, delicious food, great music and dancing,
and lively bidding on a host of terrific silent and live auction items.
Through the efforts and support of more than 250 generous businesses,
donors, and volunteers, the Thompson raised almost $67,000—an amazing 11% increase over the amount we raised last
year! Most important, all of the money raised goes directly to our
mission to help seniors 'age well' in our community. Our heartfelt
thanks to everyone who helped to make the 2016 Dinner Dance such
a huge success!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're looking for volunteers to fold newsletters on the 3rd
Monday of every month starting at 8:30 am. Candidate must
be patient and flexible. Please contact Paula if you are interested in helping us out with this important job. 457-3277.

Congratulations to Norm Boynton who is our most recent Marble Game winner!

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Please sign-up in advance for special meals and Birthday Day.
This month Birthday Day will be on April 28th and is the
only lunch that requires a reservation.

Volunteers, if you are working and eating on that day you will
also need to sign-up at the front desk. Our fire code limits us to
80 guests. Thank you!

Sign up for the e-newsletter by emailing: jbloc@thompsonseniorcenter.org
EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Medicare Class for New Enrollees
Presented by Senior Solutions
Thursday, April 7, 1:00 pm

State Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) counselor, Pati Kimball, will be presenting this class for those individuals who will be signing up for Medicare. Pati will discuss the different levels of Medicare coverage options such as supplement plans, and Advantage plans as well as the current prescription drug plans. Please call The Thompson Center to register in advance.

Solar Energy in Vermont ~ Informational Talk
Tuesday, April 12, 1:00 pm
Note: This talk was previously scheduled on February 16 and was cancelled due to weather

SunCommon-er and Hartford resident Becca White will be giving a brief presentation about home and community solar in Vermont at the Thompson on Tuesday, April 12th at 1PM after lunch. She'll answer any and all of your questions about solar in Vermont and how you can take the next steps. Whether you own your home, or are a renter you can support solar by having panels on your home or becoming a member of a Community Solar Array. Energy from the sun can power our lives, heat and cool our homes, and even fuel our cars.

Spring Clean Your Legal Affairs
Estate Attorney Daphne Moritz returns to The Thompson Center to present this invaluable three part series on April 19, May 6, and May 13 at 1:00 pm

Spring is always a good time to take stock of our affairs whether we are cleaning our houses and preparing our garden beds, or clearing out our clutter. Spring is also a great time to get our legal houses in order. With estate planning, that means reviewing your existing documents which may have grown stale, and educating yourself on new aspects of the law which may not have been relevant to you only a few years ago. Whether you have already completed your estate planning, but you think it needs updating, or you are eager to learn more about the documents you should have, but on which you have not yet taken action, Spring Cleaning your Legal Affairs is a series for you.

April 19th Your Top Five Essential Estate Planning Documents
May 10th Long Term Care Planning and Aging Well (Including Residence Options); and

Come prepared with your questions about wills and trusts, long-term care concerns and Medicaid planning, health care powers of attorney, and advance directives.

Daphne Moritz is a partner in Melendy Moritz PLLC. She focuses her practice on estate planning, estate and trust administration, elder law, families with special needs, and related matters.
TRIPS & PROGRAMS

Take Another Look Art Opening
April 1st at 5:30 pm in White River Junction

Please join us at Open Door in White River Junction to celebrate the opening of Take Another Look, a multi-media exhibit capturing the lives of seniors through short films made by local youth and portraits by photographer David Hearne.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and there will be a short welcome and introduction by the exhibit organizers at 6:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided.

Take Another Look is a collaboration between United Valley Interfaith Project, ReThink Health, Community Access Television, and the Thompson Senior Center.

WHEN: Friday, April 1, 2016 from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM
WHERE: Open Door - 18 North Main Street, White River Junction, VT 05001

Spring 2016 New York City Bus Tour

At the time of this publication, Diamond Tours has sent out trip itineraries for those who are on email. Others will receive yours in the mail.

The coach bus will arrive at The Thompson Center on Friday, April 15 at 7:30 a.m. for an 8:00 a.m. sharp departure. Water and snacks will be provided on the bus to New York City, and please feel free to bring your own snacks. Paula Audsley will be your Thompson Center Trip Companion. Your motor coach is equipped with a restroom and your driver will be stopping at a public restroom approximately every 2-1/2 hours. You will be given name tags, lanyards and luggage tags per person upon arrival at Thompson Center. Safe travels everyone and enjoy your trip to the Big Apple!

Memorial Day Flag Ceramics
At The Thompson With ArtisTree
Mondays, May 3 and 24 at 1:30 pm

Fiona and her students will roll out the clay in May and using templates or working free hand, we will craft our own flags. You can design your own using your own symbols or create your own Old Glory. Once fired, the flags can be painted to take home the same day or glazed for the second firing.

New Insights into Parkinson’s Disease for the Non-scientist
Presented by Diane Sherman, PhD, Coordinator,
Neurology Resource Center/Parkinson’s Center
Wednesday, May 4, 1:00 pm

Parkinson’s disease is a “movement disorder” but so much more. It causes motor symptoms such as tremor, stiffness and gait issues, but also affects mood and behavior, sleep and cognition. And the avenues of research are as varied as the symptoms! Dr. Sherman will discuss some of the interesting research into the causes of and treatments for Parkinson’s.
**EXERCISE CLASSES**

Please call the Thompson Center to register for classes in advance, 457-3277

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**Tai Chi’s Slow, Gentle Exercise**
Great for Mind and Body
**Wednesdays, April 13, 20, 27,**
**May 4, 11, 18, 25**
**Beginners/Intermediate 9:30 am**
**Upper Intermediate/Advanced 10:45 am**

We will again have both an introductory tai chi class and a class for those who’ve been enjoying Anne Bower’s classes here for a while. Both classes use movements based on Sun 73 tai chi—the youngest of the tai chi styles and the one most focused on health. We know from individuals’ experiences as well as some clinical studies that tai chi can provide joint pain relief, greater balance, meditation, and fall prevention. Many doctors now recommend it to their patients!

Classes meet on Wednesdays, with the next round of classes beginning April 13 and continue for 7 classes. The cost is $35 for the session.
**Beginners and Intermediate 9:30-10:30**
**Upper Intermediate and Advanced 10:45-11:45**

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**Bone Builders**
**Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:00-4:00 pm**

The Bone Builders exercise program, developed at Tufts University, addresses bone health for people of all ages. Women especially may have thinning of bones as early as age 40, but men are welcome in this class and will benefit as well.

Bone Builders classes, with instructor Althea Derstine, are ongoing on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. Classes are free. **Minimum of six participants required. Please sign up in advance.**

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**Strength & Fitness**
**Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays**
**9:00 to 10:00 am**

This popular class is led by certified fitness instructor and personal trainer, Liz Hatfield. Liz incorporates aerobic, stretching, strength and weight bearing exercises. The benefits of these exercises include bone building, balance, and overall coordination.

She holds credentials for Group Fitness instruction in Aquatics, Spinning, TRX, Nordic Walking and Weight Training.

Cost: $3.00/class or 12 classes for $30 on a punch card.

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**Walking for Fitness: Getting Started**
**First, Second, and Fourth Wednesdays of the Month at 9:00 am**

**Meet at Woodstock Union Arena**

With spring upon us, we will continue to meet at the Union Arena and on nice days we will walk outside. Our walking program is for everyone regardless of how fast or slow you walk. At first walk only as far as you find comfortable and then from there slowly build on your duration. Remember, 5 minutes of exercise is better than none at all and we welcome your attendance.

Please note: We ask that you register in advance when possible by calling the Thompson Center. This will enable group leader Jerry Fredrickson to know who to anticipate.

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**When it comes to finding tools for staying healthy, active, and involved,**
**The Thompson is the place to start!**
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**Reservations Required**

Please sign-up in advance for special meals and Birthday Day. This month **Birthday Day will be on April 28th** and is the only lunch that requires a reservation.

Volunteers, if you are working and eating on that day you will also need to sign-up at the front desk. Our fire code limits us to 80 guests. Thank you!
## CLASSES & PROGRAMS

### Water Aerobics Class
**Woodstock Athletic Club**
*Fridays, March 4 - May 20th*  
*(please note: no class on April 8th & 15th)*  
*1:30 - 2:15 pm*  
**Cost:** $80 for 10 week class  
*The Thompson Center will provide shuttle service if needed*  
~This class is currently full~

### Weekly Game Schedule
- **Bingo** - Daily at 10:30 am  
- **Bridge** - Mondays at 1:00 pm  
- **Double King Pede** - Tuesdays, 10:00  
- **Scrabble** - Tuesdays at 1:00 pm  
- **Mahjong** - Wednesdays at 1:00 pm  
~Sign-up is encouraged~

### A Collaboration
**Between The Thompson Center and ArtisTree**

**Painting at ArtisTree**  
**Instructor:** Murray Ngoima  
**Friday mornings, 10:00 - 11:30 am**  
**Next Session:** April 29 - May 27

Come paint and learn about painting in the beautiful surroundings, inside and out, at ArtisTree in South Pomfret. Work with water-based media with instruction and/or on projects of your own choosing, in supportive and congenial company. The media offered include watercolor, acrylic, gouache, ink, and colored pencil. Materials provided. Complete beginners to experienced painters, all welcome!

Transportation provided as needed on The Thompson van at 9:30 a.m. from Woodstock to ArtisTree, returning to The Thompson in time for lunch. $50 for five classes or $12 per class. (5 participants minimum, 12 participants maximum).

### Journaling Group
**The Second and Fourth Mondays of each Month beginning April 25**  
**10:30 am-12:00 pm**  
**Facilitated by Sue Geno**

The Journaling Group supports personal journeys of discovery, creativity and reflection in a nurturing, open environment. We draw upon prompts, poetry, images and natural objects to inspire and practice a variety of journal modes-- writer's journals, daybooks, spiritual journals, nature journals, artistic journals and more. We work collaboratively to shape our direction as a group, and sometimes even to create collaborative writing or art. Bring your journal in whatever form you keep it, along with your favorite tools, a willingness to experiment, and your own ideas. You'll be invited but never expected to share anything, and we do not critique each other's work. We do set one ground rule: confidentiality. All levels of experience are welcome. **Newcomers are always welcome!**

### Mahjong Update
We are extremely grateful to Thompson friend and board member Peggy Kasden for volunteering her time and expertise in teaching our new Mahjong students in March. Players will be meeting regularly beginning on April 6th on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm at The Thompson. If you wish to join the group, please contact Gail Stickney at glavinstickney@yahoo.com
WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Chair Massages at The Thompson
10:00 am to noon
Greg Somerville’s chair massages will be
offered on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the
month. The benefits of having a massage on a regular
basis are numerous. See for yourself!

Please call in advance to schedule your 20 minute
massage. Cost: 20 minute massage/$20.00

Wellness Clinic &
Blood Pressure Screenings
Tuesday, April 26, 10 - 12 noon
Wellness clinics (blood pressure & consultation)
with VNA Wellness Clinic nurse, Mary Ann
Conrad, held on the 4th Tuesday of each month
from 10-noon.

ADVANCE DIRECTIVE CLINIC
Monday afternoons
Would your loved ones know your wishes about
medical care if you were unable to speak for your-
self? There is a legal document called an Advance
Directive that you can complete to give guidelines
about your wishes and appoint someone to represent
you if you are not able. We have arranged for a
trained and caring volunteer to be at the Thompson
Center every Monday from 1 pm - 3 pm. These vol-
unteers will take the time to explain both the docu-
ment and the simple process used to make your
wishes known. The most important part of this
process is talking to those you love about what mat-
ters most to you. You can call 457-3277 to schedule
an appointment.

Low Vision Support Group
Every 3rd Thursday of the Month
10:15 - 11:45 am
The Vermont Association for the Blind and Vis-
ually Impaired is offering this new support group
where participants can share experiences, chal-
lenges, and successes of living with a visual impair-
ment at this ongoing monthly meeting. Learn about
adaptive aids and strategies that support independ-
ence. Led by a Certified Vis:on Rehabilitation
Therapist from VABVI.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP
Wednesday, April 20, 12:30 pm
Support and education can make a critical differ-
eence for family members and caregivers of patients
with memory loss or disorders such as Alz-
heimer’s. Please join our confidential monthly
support group (with complimentary lunch) on the
3rd Wednesday of each month, and share ideas,
concerns, and constructive feedback with others
facing similar challenges.

Smiles Program
Free Oral Health Pilot Program
April 4 and May 2
9:00 am—1:30 pm
Adults of all ages are invited to schedule a free oral
health screening and fluoride varnishing with a licensed
Public Health Dental Hygienist. During the tax season
(Feb 1st—April 11th) oral health screening appointments
will take place at the Simmons building. Call OHF for
appointments. 457-4188.
Sponsored by OHF and partners.

Foot Care Clinics
Monthly, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm
on the 2nd Friday & 3rd Wednesday
~More Appointments Available!~
In addition to Mary Wood’s clinic on the second
Friday and third Wednesday of each month, we
are happy to offer more foot clinic availability
beginning on April 26th with our wellness
clinic nurse, Mary Ann Conrad. Mary Ann will
be offering an additional foot clinic on the fourth
Tuesday of the month from 12:30 to 2:45 pm
following her wellness clinic hours.
Both clinics will now be $20 beginning in April
and patrons are asked to bring their own towel.
As always, please inform us in advance if you
cannot make your appointment.
BOOK GROUP
Wednesday, April 13 at 1:00 pm

Our next book club read is The Housekeeper and the Professor by Yoko Ogawa. The language and story are beautifully spare, as is the case with most Asian authors. Math, for the Professor, is not a drab science; it's a work of art and a mode of prayer. It draws in his housekeeper and her son. Published as "The Gift of Numbers" in Japan (and made into a movie there), it is a story worth telling. Think of numbers as a way of communicating the specialness of prime ones. Newcomers are welcome!

A Meet and Greet with Woodstock Fire Department Chief, David Green
Thursday, April 14, 1:00 pm

Chief Green wants to meet our community members and will be available to talk about fire safety or questions you may have. Please join us at The Thompson as we welcome our new Fire Chief.

AARP Smart Driver Safety Course
Friday, May 20th, 9:00 am to noon
(break for lunch) 1:00 to 2:00PM

Instructor Bill Cherico returns to teach this four hour instructional course which is the nation's largest refresher course designed specifically for older drivers. Registration begins at 9:00 am. Your driver's license is required and your AARP card for members.

Course Fee: $15.00 for AARP members and $20.00 for nonmembers.

Please call the Thompson Center to sign up in advance, 802 457-3277.
Checks should be made out to AARP Smart Driver.

Intergenerational Friendship Project
Final meeting: Thursday, May 26, 1-2:30 pm
Prosper Valley School

Thompson friends of Prosper Valley second graders will meet for the final time at the Prosper Valley School for a tea party and book presentation. Friendship partners are also invited on a school field trip to Shelburne Museum on June 1st. Details of that trip will be forthcoming. Please inform Pam Butler if you are not able to attend this last meeting by emailing her at pbutter@thompsonseniorcenter.org.
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On April 28 we will celebrate your day!
Those who attend with a April birthday will receive a complimentary meal!
Please make a reservation by calling 457-3277.

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Please help with mailing costs for The Thompson Times!

Each year in April we ask that you make a donation for The Thompson Times. Your donation will allow us to continue to offer this publication as a timely way for you to learn about our exciting programs, meals, and trips. No one will be removed from the mailing list for failure to make a donation. Thank you!

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