



How History WORKS

LLHSM CONFERENCE

72nd Annual

May 8, 2026
St. Albans, VT

Join us in St. Albans for the largest yearly gathering of local history and museum enthusiasts in the state. The League of Local Historical Societies & Museums (LLHSM) Conference is a chance to network and learn with colleagues in a supportive environment.

This Year's Theme is *How History Works*

There are a few ways we can think about how history “works.” It is the nuts & bolts of doing history. It can also be the function it holds in our lives. Join us in exploring both practical examples of history projects & tools, alongside sessions and discussions that help us in thinking about the value history holds to our communities.

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REGISTRATION

Registration Fees:

\$35 VHS Members/\$50 Non-Members

Registration fees include lunch, light breakfast, all sessions, & snacks. Space may be limited, register early to reserve your spot. Contact Director of Service & Outreach Eileen Corcoran at director.outreach@vermonthistory.org for invoicing options or other registration questions.



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

9:00 to 9:30 am

Registration & Coffee

Saint Albans Museum, 9 Church St, St. Albans, VT

9:45 to 10:30 am

Welcome & LLHSM Awards

We'll kick off the conference with our annual LLHSM Achievement Awards.



Updated details, full session descriptions, & registration available online at vermonthistory.org/league-meeting

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

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10:45 to 11:45 am

Concurrent Sessions 1

Box Making Workshop

Kelly Bartlett, Devyn Cabral, & Patricia Reid, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum

Let The Power of Canva Tell Your Story

Bret Thayer, Crystal Falls Lake Historical Association

From Hidden to Honored: Matthew Lyon and the Fair Haven Historical Society

Walter Sperr & Victoria Angis, Fair Haven Historical Society



11:45 am to 1:00 pm

Keynote Discussion & Lunch: Inspiring History Work

Sponsored by Arcadia Publishing

with Jeffrey Potash, co-author of *Freedom & Unity: A History of Vermont*



1:15 to 2:15 pm

Concurrent Sessions 2

Vermont 2027: Inspiring the Next 250

Vermont Historical Society Staff

Stitching History: 100 years of Vermont Samplers

Ellen Thompson, Vermont Sampler Initiative

Rediscovering Immigrant Vermont

Beth Kanell, Krista Barry, & Darlene Young, Old Stone House Museum



2:15 to 2:30 pm

Break- snacks & conversation.



2:30 to 3:30 pm

Concurrent Sessions 3

The Green Mountain Parkway: Archival Collections and Classroom Engagement

Danielle Harris-Burnett, Vermont Historical Society

Saint Albans Museum Guided Tour

Saint Albans Museum Staff

Registration & Details

