



## LAMOILLE NEIGHBORS

### Upcoming Events for April

If you need transportation or help registering for an event call Vanessa at 802-585-1233.



**French Photography Pioneers, Auguste and Louis Lumiere, and their Connection to Vermont's Queen City at the Turn of the 20th Century, presented by Hugo Martinez Cazon and sponsored by Lamoille Neighbors.**

**April 4th at 4:00 pm at Morristown Centennial Library in person and on Zoom. To register click [HERE](#).**

As an environmental engineer, Hugo Martinez Cazon has always put together his love for history with his vocation. His Latin American background brings a different perspective to the work he's done researching Vermont's history. With a love for his adopted home, Hugo has been uncovering Vermont's forgotten gems such as the first international ice hockey game played on Lake Champlain in Burlington in 1886, and the lost ravine that at one time was a branch of the Winooski River that flowed through what is now the city of Burlington into Lake Champlain. The presentation at Morristown Memorial Library will focus on the breakthrough inventions in photography by the Lumiere Brothers of Lyon, France and how they found a place in Burlington at the beginning of the 20th century.

**Our monthly Coffee Hour, April 7th, 10:00 a.m.** at the Congregational Church in Hyde Park. Our only goal is to talk and laugh. If you would like to participate, please call Vanessa at 802-585-1233 or register on the website [HERE](#).

**Full Moon Snowshoe, April 5th, 7:30 p.m.** Meet at Pixie Loomis' house, 1701 Cleveland Corners Rd. Hyde Park. Bring a headlamp or flashlight. Call Lisa 802-233-4179 with any questions. Register [HERE](#).

### Ongoing Events

**Article Discussion Group on Zoom, every other Wednesday from 9-10 AM.**

We take turns choosing articles, and no matter the topic it's a lively discussion. We have space for a few more participants. If interested e-mail [lisadiamondstein@me.com](mailto:lisadiamondstein@me.com).

**Yoga for members and volunteers.** Weekly classes are Thursdays, 9-10 a.m. at River Arts. Faith Bieler is an amazing teacher. All levels are welcome. Please e-mail [lisadiamondstein@me.com](mailto:lisadiamondstein@me.com) if interested and not already registered.

## Meet Simone Cormier, a Lamoille Neighbor member



One thing you might find impressive about Simone is that in 1949, before she was even 18, she came to Morrisville to work as a bookkeeper at the Union Bank. She had grown up on a farm in Richford. She stayed at the Union Bank until 1969 when she went to work for Concord Manufacturing on Harrel Street doing general ledger bookkeeping.

She enjoyed her high school years - playing on the girls' basketball team (she still has her "letter"), taking Home Economics (the class had a good laugh when the teacher tried to make pea soup with fresh green peas), and learning to write in French which she could not do despite being able to read and speak the language.

Simone met her husband at the bowling alley where folks often went to watch the bowlers for entertainment. The young couple lived with family while saving for the purchase of the home she still lives in. They both worked full time over the years, sometimes communicating with notes left on the kitchen table as she worked days and her husband worked nights. He retired at age 62 and she soon followed at age 56. Together they enjoyed summers on Lake Elmore. Winters were for snow machines or cross-country skis. They also loved bus tours to the Eastern U.S. and Canada.

When asked what events played a part in shaping her life, she responded, "the FDR administration - it got the economy back on track." Simone is 91 now and believes that her long life is attributable to "hardy stock." Her advice for a happy life is to "eat well and sleep well." "Good friends help too!"

Simone has always enjoyed her life and "has done what I wanted to do." She became an artist at 20 years old and is still creating beautiful paintings and collages which she gives away to friends and relatives, as well as to the community. You have probably seen her work on a wall somewhere around town.

For entertainment, Simone watches the History Channel nightly on TV. Otherwise, she is not a fan of modern technology. Her message to young folks is to "learn how to cook, learn how to budget and keep a checkbook, and develop your verbal and writing skills." She is proud to be a Catholic and advises those who worry about the future that "God will take care of us, whatever happens."

Simone interviewed by board member Maxine Adams.



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The ABLE Library is part of the Vermont Department of Libraries.

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If you would like to become a member of the ABLE Library, you will need to fill out an application. You will also need to have someone sign your application to certify your eligibility as needing the service. The application has the list of professionals who can sign as a certifying authority. Librarians are on the list! Applications are available online, [HERE](#). Click apply for services on the left side.

If you want assistance filling out the application, or have questions about the ABLE Library, please contact Amy Olsen at the Lanpher Memorial. She is always happy to answer any question.

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Welcome to our new members: Peter Young from Hyde Park and Connecticut, Melissa Rose from Morrisville, Vince DeRico from Morrisville and Riki French who became a member in January.



Peter Young



Melissa Rose



Vince DeRico



Riki French



## Everyone Has A Story To Tell

Thank you to Wiffy Brooks, who not only wrote the grant for this event but organized and orchestrated the entire program. A big shout out to the Vermont Arts Council and the National Endowment of the Arts that funded this project. And we couldn't have done this without our inspiring and amazing instructors, Nan Carle Beauregard, Jude Prashaw and Melanie Viets. Another thank you to our partners, the Lanpher Memorial Library, the Morristown Centennial Library and River Arts where the groups met for their classes. I also want to thank all the participants who were willing to step out of their comfort zone and share deeply. This series was truly a profound experience. Stay tuned for how we'll share our work in the larger community.



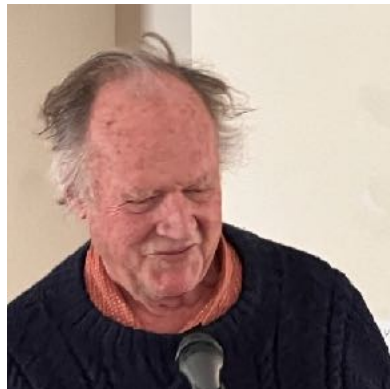
Smart Phone/Visual Storytelling Group



Clay Group



Writing Group





## April Birthdays

Barbara Sterns  
Kathleen Daniels

On January 10th we co-sponsored with the Lanpher Library OWLS OF NEW ENGLAND by Bird Diva Bridget Butler. If you missed the presentation you can view it [HERE](#). Thank you to GMATV for producing the video.



Seven of us had a gorgeous full moon snowshoe on March 6th.

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