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Cheers to 40 Years
An Evening of Storytelling
Tonight's Program

6:00 PM

Happy Hour

7:00 PM

Storytelling & Music

8:30 PM

Dessert & Celebration

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Tonight's Storytellers

Tom Baginski is an Artist, a Milkman, a Fabricator, a Sculptor, a Husband, a Father, a Brother, a Friend, and a Storyteller. Even though he was almost the worst student possible, other than for Art and Gym, he has come back to his arch nemesis, the "English Language". He will try to confront his fears and overcome his greatest challenge, finding the right words in his head to then speak them clearly through his lips, and hopefully paint the picture and set the scene for others to envision and relive some of the dumbest moments of his life. He's grateful for this opportunity and the hope to succeed in one of life's greatest pleasures, putting a smile on someone else's face.

Kevin Gallagher spends his days inside other people's stories helping them to re-author a different ending. When he's not saying, "How does that make you feel?", he likes to combine his Irish wit and lore to create spaces for reflection and humor. And then of course there is also endless laundry, Netflix and Turkey Taco Tuesdays.

Susanne Schmidt is the daughter, granddaughter and great granddaughter of very funny and amazing storytellers. When not telling funny stories, she is a drummer, a professor of counseling, a producer and the mother of two amazing young men. As a storyteller, Susanne's work has been featured on WGBH Stories from the Stage, National Public Radio (NPR), Home Box Office's (HBO) Inspiration Room and CBS Sunday Morning. She is a 2021 recipient of a Webby Award for her story *House on Fire* and was named the *Best of Valley Voices Storyteller* by New England Public Media (NEPM) in 2016 and 2022. As a mother, her work has been featured everywhere you find her sons.

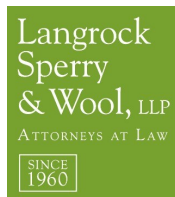
Tonight's Music:

The Brevity Thing is a labor of love for four very busy and talented musicians. Coming together for a special event in 2014, the band – featuring Dave Ball (guitar, harp), Jom Hammack (mandolin), Sue Schmidt (drums) and Steve Goldman (upright bass) – realized they had an amazing mixture of immediate friendship and incredible music, and the Brevity Thing was born. Blending a myriad of musical styles, featuring strong vocal harmonizing, musical spontaneity, choice "cover" songs, and a few wild originals, at a Brevity show you're never quite certain what is going to happen next, but it will be fun!



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The Vermont Housing & Conservation Board is an independent state agency that supports the creation and preservation of affordable housing and the conservation of Vermont's agricultural land, forestland, historic properties, important natural areas, and recreational lands.



Highlights of the History of HomeShare Vermont

- 1981 RSVP volunteers begin planning a home-grown homesharing program
- 1982 Project HOME is launched
- 1985 Project HOME becomes a program of Cathedral Square Corporation
- 1986 Project HOME becomes a Member Agency of the United Way
- 1988 First direct State of Vermont appropriation is awarded
- 1991 *No Place Like Home*, a five-year study by Drs. Nicholas Danigelis and Alfred Fengler, is published
- 1997 *A Vermonter's Guide to Homesharing* is first published
- 2000 First of five AmeriCorps members join us from the VT Housing & Conservation Board (VHCB)
- 2001 First Outcomes study conducted
- 2002 Project Home becomes HomeShare Vermont & the Polly Rowe Memorial Fund is created
- 2003 HomeShare Vermont expands into **Grand Isle County**
- 2005 HomeShare Vermont becomes an independent non-profit corporation
- 2006 HomeShare Vermont expands into **Addison County** & hosts National Shared Housing Conference
- 2007 Capital Campaign is completed & our new office in South Burlington is purchased
- 2010 The HomeShare Vermont Fund is opened at the Vermont Community Foundation



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- 2013 *A Vermonter's Guide to Homesharing*, 2nd Edition, is published
- 2014 HomeShare Vermont expands into **Franklin County**
- 2015 HomeShare Vermont is highlighted as a High Performing Non-Profit by Common Good Vermont
- 2016 Vermont Community Foundation recognizes HomeShare Vermont as a promising approach to an aging population in their report: *Opportunity 11 Critical Paths for Philanthropy in Vermont*
- 2017 HomeShare Vermont celebrates 35th Anniversary & Kirby Dunn is speaker at Home Share International's biennial conference in Madrid
- 2018 *A Resource Guide for Establishing a New Homesharing Program* is published
- 2019 HomeShare Vermont hosts a national training for new homesharing programs & we expand into **Lamoille, Washington & Orange** counties in Vermont, opening a satellite office in Montpelier
- 2020 HomeShare Vermont promotes Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) as a way to age in place, including publication of *A Guide to Creating an Accessory Dwelling Unit* in collaboration with AARP-VT
- 2021 HomeShare Vermont begins new strategic planning process
- 2022 Our 40th Anniversary! More to come...



Thank You Cathedral Square!

We would not be here today celebrating our 40th anniversary if it were not for Cathedral Square Corporation (CSC). While the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) gave birth to HomeShare Vermont, it was Cathedral Square Corporation who nurtured and raised us into adulthood. In 1984, Cathedral Square Corporation reached out and took HomeShare Vermont (then Project HOME) under their wings and “adopted us” when we outgrew the sponsorship of RSVP.



Cathedral Square provided a home for HomeShare Vermont rent free for 15 years in their flagship building at 3 Cathedral Square in Burlington. They also became the fiscal administrator, keeping the finances on track and helping to provide needed cash flow for this small organization, free of charge. “They provided support as we needed it, but also gave us the autonomy to develop our program and services as we saw fit,” said Helen Head, a former Executive Director of HomeShare. “They couldn’t have been more supportive.”

Sarah Carpenter was the Executive Director of Cathedral Square Corporation when approached to be our sponsor. “They were trying to serve the same elder population and we had many folks who we could not serve in our apartments and others who did not want to move out of their homes but needed some help. It was a natural fit,” Sarah said.

In 2005, after several years of discussion and planning, Homeshare Vermont ventured out on our own and became an independent non-profit corporation. We continue to work very closely with Cathedral Square, including in the creation of our new home in South Burlington. In 2007, again with the support of CSC and then Executive Director Nancy Eldridge, along with Amy Wright, we purchased our new office space as a condominium and again co-located with Cathedral Square. They still provide us with bookkeeping services!

Thank you to the current and former staff and Board of Directors of Cathedral Square Corp!!!



Media Sponsor: The Media Factory

Vermont Community Access Media (VCAM) and the Regional Educational Television Network (RETN) – now merged into the Media Factory – co-located in 2007 at 208 Flynn Avenue in Burlington's South End. During that time RETN and VCAM together successfully built a state-of-the-art media education classroom, a low power FM radio station (99.3 WBTV-LP), a new server room in partnership with CCTV/Town Meeting Television to house all of the technical channel operations and rebranded the shared facility as the Media Factory.



In 2018, the VCAM and RETN boards entered a joint strategic planning process and assessment of community needs. The resulting plan called for RETN and VCAM to officially combine forces as the Media Factory to create a vibrant, 21st century community media center - ensuring that the Media Factory remains an essential community resource well into the future. The Media Factory merger was made official in April 2021.

The Media Factory is a community of media makers who work in tv, film, radio, and more. The Media Factory provides the tools, training, space and access to distribution that give you the power to share your story.

Thanks to Our Bronze Sponsors

Margaret and Bert Cicchetti: Margaret serves as HomeShare Vermont's Board President and is proud to work with the dedicated staff and volunteers who help Vermonters remain in their own homes while giving their families peace of mind.

Vermont Housing Finance Agency finances and promotes affordable, safe and decent housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income Vermonters.



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Our 2022 Home & Away Raffle

This year, instead of just one fabulous raffle prize, we had two!

Special thanks to Gardener's Supply Company for a \$500 gift certificate and to Leisa Pollander & Ed Conrad for the 3-day/2-night stay at a beautiful cottage on Lake Champlain! (Valued at \$800)

Also, thank you to all the HomeShare supporters who purchased raffle tickets! The raffle sold out and we raised \$5,000 to support our homesharing program.

Congratulations to our winners:

Gardener's Supply gift certificate — Stewart and Becky Arnold

Lake Champlain cottage stay — Peter Cameron

