

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE

*Vermont Academy*

1965



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**The  
Vermont Academy  
of Arts and Sciences**

**1965 - 2000**

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**Founding and Affiliation**

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The Vermont Academy of Arts and Sciences was founded in 1965 on the initiative of Lucien M. Hanks, then Professor of Anthropology at Bennington College. It is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation. Since 1981 it has been affiliated with the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the National Association of Academies of Science.

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**Purpose**

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The PURPOSE of the Academy is to foster wider and more intensive participation in the arts, humanities and basic and applied sciences within the State of Vermont, to make the knowledge in these fields more accessible to the people of the State, and to stimulate achievement and promote excellence of education in these areas.

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**Mission**

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The MISSION of the Academy, among other things, is

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to conduct and sponsor events to meet our purpose, to cooperate with other associations and societies towards this purpose, to disseminate information about the arts, humanities and sciences, and to publish occasional papers on such events.

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### Membership and Dues

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The Academy has two kinds of members, persons and institutions, and all are welcome. Persons may join as individuals or with a family membership. Institutions that are now, or have been, members of the Academy include colleges, universities, libraries and museums. Other institutions, such as banks and commercial and industrial corporations, may also join. Membership of corporations with research divisions is especially welcome.

Dues for the various categories of membership are as follows:

Individual	15.00 per year
Family	25.00 per year
Sustaining	35.00 per year
Institutional	100.00 per year

All members receive the **Newsletter**, as well as **Occasional Papers** published during their year of membership, and all may attend Academy-sponsored events free of charge. At the annual meeting, held each October, they elect the Academy's trustees. Members are encouraged to participate in all phases of the program: Planning, execution, and expansion.

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**Activities**

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The dual nature of the Academy's membership is reflected in the dual nature of its activities. Some are organized as services to the community at large. Others are primarily services provided to its institutional members. Some activities partake of the nature of both.

Of the many varied activities undertaken by the Academy since it was organized, four principal activities have persisted through the years: An annual Intercollegiate Student Symposium, an annual Fall Conference on some significant subject, publication of Occasional Papers, and, since 1975, election as Fellows of the Academy persons who have made distinguished contributions to the cultural life of the state. Other activities undertaken from time to time include: Student Performing Arts Festivals, Student Art Exhibits, a Shakespeare Film Festival. The Academy sponsors activities with other organizations such as the Department of Education, teachers associations, and the Vermont Chapter of the Society of Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society. In 1990 the Academy, with the Department of Education initiated the Vermont-New Hampshire Junior Academy of Science. The JAS encourages and recognizes independent research by high school students.

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**Endowment Fund**

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The Academy has set its dues at a modest level to encourage the widest possible membership. Because the

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dues are modest, receipts do not suffice to pay for the Academy's activities. To provide a source of additional income, the Academy established an endowment fund. The interest from that fund is now large enough to help pay for the cost of annual events and for the Occasional Papers. Contributions from individuals, institutions, and business corporations are accepted with gratitude.

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**Lucien M. Hanks, Jr. Publications Fund**

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The Lucien M. Hanks, Jr. Publications Fund was established in 1989 in memory of Lucien M. Hanks, Jr., founder and first president of the Vermont Academy of Arts and Sciences.

The fund, once the income is large enough, will be used to promote the publishing goals of the Academy. Contributions may be made to the fund at any time and in any amount.

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**Past Meetings**

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The tabulation below includes a complete list of the meetings organized by the Academy through year 2000, together with the year of the meeting and the place where it was held. The list shows the breadth of scope and variety of subject matter dealt with at these meetings.

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Year	Place	Subject
1966	Manchester	The Geology of the Taconics
1967	St. Johnsbury	The Waters and People of the Northeast Kingdom
1968	Woodstock	Man's Emergent Environment
1968	Putney	Vermont's Natural Resources
1969	Montpelier	The Growth and Development of Government in Vermont Since March 4, 1791
1970	N. Bennington	Gambling, Gaming and Living
1970	Manchester	Ways of Seeing: Traditional versus Modern
1970	Johnson	The Liberal Arts in Vermont
1971	N. Bennington	Changes in New England Culture: Past and Present
1971	Bennington	Shakespeare Film Series
1971	Brownington	History and Education in the North Country
1971	Weston	The Theatre Now
1972	N. Bennington	Guides for Living: Inquiries into Ancient Learning
1972	Randolph Center	Marriage of the Arts and Sciences
1972	N. Bennington	New Strains on the U.S. Government: Relations of the Executive to the Legislative Branch

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1972	Montpelier	Wit and Humor in History and Literature
1973	N. Bennington	First Annual Readings by Local Writers
1973	Lyndonville	The Changing Environment of Northern Vermont
1973	Shelburne	Past Ways of Living
1973	Middlebury	The Energy Game: Electricity Production and Consumption in Vermont
1974	N. Bennington	Second Annual Readings by Local Writers
1974	Old Bennington	Centennial Tribute to Robert Frost
1974	Johnson	Music from the Composer's Point of View
1974	Springfield	The Machine Tool Industry in Vermont
1975	N. Bennington	Third Annual Readings by Local Writers
1975	Montpelier	Accountability in Vermont Schools
1975	Stratton	Vermont Writers: 1975
1976	Rutland	Vermont and the Year 2000
1976	Woodstock	Scientific Research in Vermont
1977	Winooski	Intercollegiate Performing Arts Festival
1977	Brattleboro	The Third World: What Does It Mean to Us?
1977	Castleton	Ancient Vermont

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1978	Middlebury	Varieties of Religious Experience
1978	Burlington	Wetlands and Lakes: What Do They Mean to You?
1979	Stratton	Science and Human Values
1980	Winooski	Close Neighbors: Quebec and Vermont in the 1980's
1981	Stratton	Armament-Disarmament in the Modern Era
1982	S. Burlington	Vermont Today in Myth and Reality
1984	E. Middlebury	Vermont Women: Thinkers, Creators, Doers
1985	Burlington	Health Care in Vermont: Then and Now
1986	Burlington	Literature – Vermont as a Setting
1987	N. Bennington	Vermont Composers & Choreographers
1988	Burlington	Legacy of Vermont Teachers: Excellence and Eccentricity
1989	Northfield	Vermont Contributions to World Peace & International Relations
1990	Burlington	Environmental Problems: Global and Regional Concerns
1991	Bennington	A Child's World of the Arts
1992	Colchester	Vermont and the World: Cultural Perspectives
1993	Marlboro	Biodiversity: Global Dilemma, Local Challenge



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1995	Rutland	Educating For a Green World: Integrating the Environment and School Curriculum for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century
1996	Poultney	Robert Frost: Shaping the Image of New England
1997	Marlboro	Vermont Touches the World
1998	Burlington	Educating for Ethical Decision-Making and Social Responsibility
1999	Barre	A Gift of Diversity: Artistic and Cultural Contributions of Vermont's Granite Industry
2000	Montpelier	Democracy and Technology in Vermont

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**Intercollegiate Student Symposia**

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The annual spring Intercollegiate Student Symposium provides an opportunity for students at the various colleges and universities of the state, as well as student members of the Junior Academy of Science, to present the results of their original research before an audience of their peers and members of the Academy.

These meetings have had a wide geographic distribution in the state. The following table gives the year of each symposium and the host institution for that year.

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<b>Year</b>	<b>Host</b>
1966	Castleton State College
1967	Norwich University
1968	Green Mountain College
1969	Bennington College
1970	University of Vermont
1971	Middlebury College
1972	Saint Michael's College
1973	Windham College
1974	College of St. Joseph the Provider
1975	Lyndon State College
1976	Trinity College
1977	Castleton State College
1978	Saint Michael's College
1979	Bennington College
1980	Goddard College
1981	Norwich University
1982	Champlain College
1983	Holiday Inn, Waterbury
1985	Castleton State College
1986	Middlebury College
1987	Saint Michael's College
1988	Green Mountain College
1989	Trinity College
1990	Lyndon State College
1991	Middlebury College
1992	College of St. Joseph's the Provider
1993	Castleton State College
1994	Saint Michael's College
1995	Trinity College
1996	Norwich University
1997	Trinity College
1998	Saint Michael's College
1999	Green Mountain College

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### **Occasional Papers**

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To date Twenty-eight Occasional Papers have been published. They are listed below by number and title. Most are highlights of the fall conferences or are collections of selected student papers from the Intercollegiate Student Symposia.

Some of these Occasional papers are still available and may be ordered by contacting the Executive Director at the Academy's office (see last page).

1. Geology of the Taconic Mountains in Vermont, 23 pp (1967)
2. Primitive versus modern: Contrasting attitudes toward environment, 24 pp (1968)
3. Symposium selections...from the third intercollegiate symposium, 44pp (1968)
4. Vermont and the environment, 39 pp (1969)
5. Growth and development of government in Vermont, 34 pp (1970)
6. The Liberal Arts in Vermont higher education, 35 pp (1970)
7. The world around us, 29 pp (1971)
8. Symposium selections, 42 pp (1971)
9. A miscellany, 37 pp (1972)
10. Intercollegiate symposium papers, 41 pp (1972)

11. Wit and humor in history and literature, 46 pp (1973)
12. Intercollegiate symposium papers, 50 pp (1973)
13. Miscellany Two, 41 pp (1974)
14. Vermont and the year 2000, 64 pp (1976)
15. Considering the cultural revolution, 75 pp (1977)
16. Twelfth intercollegiate symposium, 90 pp (1978)
17. Invitation to astronomy, 60 pp (1978)
18. Thirteenth and fourteenth intercollegiate symposia, 107 pp (1979)
19. Vermont women: Thinkers, creators, doers, 68 pp (1985)
20. Health care in Vermont: Then and now, 77 pp (1985)
21. Student symposium selections, 59 pp (1987)
- A short history of the Vermont Academy of Arts and Sciences, 1965-1988, 12 pp (1988)
- Fellows of the Vermont Academy of Arts and Sciences, 84 pp (1989)
22. Literature: Vermont as a setting, 77 pp (1989)
23. VAAS intercollegiate symposia: Selected student papers 1988-1989, 98 pp (1990)
24. Nurturing the child as artist, 7 pp (1992)
25. Vermont contributions toward world peace: An historical perspective, 9 pp (1992)
26. Autobiography of Irving Adler, 18 pp (1993)
27. Biodiversity in the context of science and society, 62 pp (1994)

28. Vermont and a changing world: Cultural perspectives, 12 pp (1994)  
--- A short history of the Vermont Academy of Arts and Sciences (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 1965-2000) [2000]  
--- Fellows of the Vermont Academy of Arts and Sciences (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 1965-2000) [2000]
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**Fellows of the Academy**

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Fellows of the Academy are elected by the Board of Trustees, on nomination by the awards committee, in recognition of outstanding contributions in the arts, humanities, sciences or teaching. Fellows are normally inducted at a special dinner on the evening of the fall conference.

1975	Sister Elizabeth Candon Carleton Howe Frederick H. Mold
1976	George V. Kidder Paul A. Moody Blanche Moyse Ronald Rood
1977	Lucien M. Hanks Royce S. Pitkin Helene Wallace Toolan

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1978	Ben Belitt Reginald L. Cook David Dushkin Dorothy Dushkin A. John Holden, Jr.
1979	Edward J. Feidner George Finckel Ralph Nading Hill
1980	George D. Aiken George Dykhuizen Richard McDowell
1981	John E. Craighead Lionel Nowak
1982	Betty Bandel Frederick Burkhardt Thomas Ragle
1984	Samuel Bogorad Vivian Fine Charles S. Houston Edward J. Miles
1985	Irving Adler Thomas Bassett Efrain Guigui Margaret MacArthur
1986	William Dean Fausett John K. Galbraith Noel Perrin Gunnar Schonbeck

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| 1987 | Louis Calabro<br>John Rowland Illick<br>Samuel B. Hand<br>Hubert W. Vogelmann                                  |
| 1988 | William D. Countryman<br>Elfriede Abbe<br>Stuart Eldredge<br>Joanne Rathgeb<br>Donald Rathgeb<br>William Dixon |
| 1989 | Milton Potash<br>Joyce Sparer Adler<br>Richard Clark<br>William Storrs Lee<br>Delores Tighe                    |
| 1990 | Pat Adams<br>Julius S. Held<br>Mariafranca Morselli<br>Carl H. Reidel  |
| 1991 | William Curtis<br>Jane Curtis<br>Lucy Doane<br>John Griffith McCullough<br>David A. Wells                      |
| 1992 | Jane Richardson Hanks<br>Lance Ritchbourg<br>Kenneth Sprague Rothwell<br>Sally Sugarman                        |

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1993	Fred Larsen Rein van der Linde Rosamond van der Linde John A. Wallace
1994	Erik Barnouw Daniel J. Bean Keith Jennison
1995	Sister Janice Ryan Jamica Kincaid William Tortolano
1996	None elected
1997	Diane Larsen-Freeman Rev. Norman Runnion Wolfgang Mieder Cyndy Szekeres Robert V. Daniels
1998	Patricia A. Barr Bernd Heinrich Ralph Harry Orth
1999	Jane Ambrose Jane C. Beck Eric A. Pillemer Verne Howe Connell Gallagher
2000	Alcide Fantoni Jean Richardson Claire Van Vliet



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**Past Presidents**

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1965-68	Lucien M. Hanks
1968-73	Hiram S. Hunn
1973-75	George Clay
1975-77	Lionel Nowak
1977-78	Ruth Barnard
1978-81	Irving Adler
1981-84	H. Donn McCafferty
1984-86	Milton Potash
1986-89	George Fersh
1989-92	Jeffrey Potash
1992-94	Lauren Howard
1994-96	Jerome Wyant
1996-97	Daniel J. Bean
1997-00	Lauren Howard

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