



VERMONT HUMANITIES

Presents

October 21st 5:30-7:30 pm

Finding Both/And Solutions to Communities' Hard Questions

Author and educator Susan Clark will lead the discussion at the Glover Town Hall. **All are invited** to enjoy this engaging presentation, including an informal activity to explore ideas, time for discussion, plus a catered meal with fresh savory and sweet French crepes.

At a time when political polarization is high, Americans are increasingly struggling to **solve problems together** and keep conversations constructive — whether at the community level, with neighbors, or even with family and friends.

“What is it about human nature that makes us tend to take sides? There’s a lot of interesting research on why humans prefer **‘either-or’ thinking**,” said Clark. “And what’s really exciting is what we can do to get **beyond it**.”

This lively presentation will review recent research on why well-intended problem solving often goes wrong. Participants will explore a powerful tool that can help groups work toward outcomes that **honor diverging viewpoints**.

Susan Clark is a facilitator, educator, and the co-author of books including *Slow Democracy: Rediscovering Community*, *Bringing Decision Making Back Home*. Just as slow food encourages chefs and eaters to become more intimately involved with the production of local food, slow democracy encourages us to govern ourselves locally with processes that are **inclusive, deliberative, and citizen powered**.

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