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Presentation on the Rattlesnakes of Vermont in Rutland

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Can you believe Vermont actually hosts and harbors rattlesnakes? Doug Blodgett will discuss this reclusive but much maligned and misunderstood reptile, and its unique contribution to Vermont's native wildlife community. The presentation will be held on Thursday, March 8th from 7pm to 8:30pm in Room 102 at the Community College of Vermont, located at 60 West Street in Rutland, Vermont. This event is family friendly and open to all ages.

Doug will reveal some interesting results of his research on this endangered species, and discuss the tough challenges it faces as well as the life history of this original Vermont native animal at the very northern end of its range in the continental US. Doug Blodgett has been employed as a wildlife biologist with the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department for 30 years. Throughout his career, he has worked extensively on game and non-game management programs as well as public and private land management programs. Recently, Doug's professional interest has focused on reptiles and specifically, rare snake research in Vermont.

We are asking all attendees to park either on the street or in the parking garage. The spaces in the parking lot near the building are reserved for staff and faculty.

This event is sponsored by the Vermont Woodlands Association. Registration is suggested. Register Online at vermontwoodlands.org/workshops.asp, email info@vermontwoodlands.org or call the VWA office at 802-747-7900.

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