

# Catalog

# Lifetime Learning



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**Spring 2024**  
**Registration is March 7 - 14**

## **Lifetime Learning Association at Peconic Landing**

Lifetime Learning at Peconic Landing is dedicated to stimulating discourse and friendship among people for whom learning is a lifetime journey. The Lifetime Learning Association at Peconic Landing agrees that learning is an important part of self-fulfillment at all ages. In furtherance of that principle, the \$50 annual membership fee for courses supports several projects.

After covering the cost of supplies and equipment needed for LTL's own classes, we provide several scholarships for area students each year. A \$1,000 grant supports Pre-K Education at Greenport Elementary School. Two \$1,000 scholarships are awarded to Greenport High School graduating seniors. One \$2,000 scholarship goes to a returning/mature student at the Riverhead campus of Suffolk County Community College.

Through your annual membership fee, you are serving people of all ages in our greater community. Beyond the fees, you give countless hours to all phases of Lifetime Learning at Peconic Landing in support of these projects, which, of course, include teaching and attending courses.

Many, many thanks to everyone,

The Lifetime Learning Council

March 7, 2024

Dear Member,

Welcome to the Spring Semester of Lifetime Learning at Peconic Landing! This catalog offers twelve courses for your interest and participation. Important dates include:

**March 7** ..... **Registration begins, Catalogs Distributed**

**March 14** ..... **Registration closes**

**NO REGISTRATION ACCEPTED AFTER MARCH 14**

March 18 ..... Class lists will be posted on bulletin board in the coat room

March 25 ..... Classes begin

May 17 ..... Classes end

The annual fee for courses is **\$50, to Lifetime Learning Association.** *Please include your check with your Registration Form, attached to this catalog.* You **MUST** register for courses listed in order of your preference. Every effort will be made to place you in your first-choice class, but if it is over-subscribed, participants will be chosen by lottery. If you do not make it into your first choice, we will try to place you in your second choice. Every class will have at least one space reserved for a sponsored non-member. **If you are signing up for any continuing course, you need to re-register each term.**

The Schanzer Series is dedicated to Lifetime Learning Council member Beverly Schanzer, who was instrumental in developing this series of 1-1/2 hour single-topic lectures, each with a different subject of interest in one session.

Lifetime Learning encourages new ideas for courses. Most classes are peer-led. If you or someone you know would like to teach a class, please contact Bill Batcher or Dee Parry, Curriculum Co-Chairs. Thank you for your interest.

Cordially,

Marie Rossi, President

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# SPRING 2024

UNLESS NOTED (IN BLUE) ALL CLASSES ARE IN THE LTL CLASSROOM

## TUESDAY

**S-1** -10:00 -11:30 – **FIRST RECORDED VOICES** – Ken Ettlinger  
3 Sessions – March 26, April 9, 16

**S-2** - 3:30-5:00 - **ANYONE CAN BE A WINE SNOB – BUT NOT US**  
Louisa Hargrave, Ken Ettlinger – 2 Sessions – April 9, 16

## WEDNESDAY

**S-3**- 10:00-11:30 – **CURRENT EVENTS** – Fred Lipfert and Brewster Righter  
Ongoing Weekly - **CARD ROOM**

**S-4** -1:30-3:00 – **OPRAH WINFREY TEACHES BUDDHISM** – Mike DeVito  
5 Sessions - March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24

**S-5** - 3:30–5:00 - **SCHANZER SERIES** – **AUDITORIUM**

**S-5a.** **RESISTING THE ATTENTION ECONOMY** - Rona Smith  
April 10

**S-5b.** **HAVING FUN WITH GHAZALS** – Bill Batchter – April 17

**S-5c.** **POLARIZATION AND ISOLATION** – Rona Smith – May 15

## THURSDAY

**S-6** -10:00 -11:30 - **THEATER GAMES** – Marion Pearce – 3 Sessions  
March 28, April 4, 18 – **ART ROOM**

**S-7**- 1:30 - 3:00 - **GREAT DECISIONS** – Sherry Smith – 4 Sessions -  
April 4, 11, 18, 25

**S-8**- 3:30 - 5:00 - **HIGHER SELF AWARENESS** – Patrick Leis  
5 Sessions – March 28, April 4, 18, May 2, 16

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## FRIDAY

**S-9** – 10:00– 11:30 – **MAKING PEACE...A WORKSHOP** – Joe Mc Kay  
4 Sessions – March 29, April 5, 12, 19

**S-10** –10:00 –11:30 –**CRAZY ABOUT WORDS...LANGUAGE IN A TIME OF  
RADICAL CHANGE** – Joe Mc Kay – 4 Sessions  
April 26, May 3, 10, 17

**S-11**- 1:00 – 3:00 **[NOTE TIME]** **EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS WITH  
MAH JONGG** - Phyllis Dubinsky  
6 Sessions - April 5, 12, 19, 26 May 3, 10 **WATER'S EDGE**

## SATURDAY

**S-12** -10:00 –11:30 - **CHESS** – John Munzel – 1 Session – March 30 **BISTRO**

**FIRST RECORDED VOICES****Ken Ettlinger**

Thomas Edison was first to patent the method for recording speech in 1877. Others, including Alexander Graham Bell, made improvements on the design. The first commercial phonograph was the “Edison Home Phonograph” built in West Orange, NJ. It was carried around like a lunchbox and could record sound on "wax" cylinders as well as play it back. Later, Edison produced "Diamond Disks" to compete with "78's" becoming popular. Ken will divide class time between a discussion of Edison’s life in the context of the phonograph, the technology used by the early recording industry and listening to the actual early recordings.

**Ken Ettlinger** played with an "Edison Home Phonograph" that his dad brought home even making "foil" recordings on it and when he was 10 years old bought an Edison Diamond Disk player. Ever since he has collected the recordings that capture a rare glimpse of the America between 1890 and 1930.

Class size: 30

3 Sessions: March 26, April 9, 16

**ANYONE CAN BE A WINE SNOB – BUT NOT US****Louisa Hargrave, Ken Ettlinger**

Are you a wine snob or just an aficionado? Whatever the depth of your wine affection or affliction, we will help you explore the world of wine from bud break to barrel. Through a series of organoleptic evaluations of rare or unusual wines, we will take you past the superficial into the divine.

**Louisa Hargrave** is co-founder of Long Island's first vineyard, Hargrave Vineyard planted the first grapes on the North Fork in 1973. She is an author, journalist, wine consultant and member emeritus of the Long Island Wine Council.

**Ken Ettlinger** (geologist/botanist) will assist with the course and provide a number of wines from little known producers for us to taste and share the experience with one another.

Class Size: 10

2 Sessions: April 9, 16



**S-3**

WEDNESDAY

10:00 – 11:30

**CARD ROOM**

## **CURRENT EVENTS**

### **Fred Lipfert and Brewster Righter**

An ongoing forum for members to discuss interests, and concerns on recent developments of interest. It is not a debating society although different views receive consideration. Everyone gets their chance to speak. We all have a good time.

**Dr. Fred Lipfert** has advanced degrees in Engineering and Environmental Studies. **Brewster Righter** majored in History and has continued studies in Totalitarianism and related topics. They alternate in chairing the weekly sessions.

Class Size: 18 Students

Meets Weekly

**S-4**

WEDNESDAY

1:30 – 3:00

**LTL CLASSROOM**

**OPRAH WINFREY TEACHES BUDDHISM**

**Mike DeVito**

View and discuss videos of Oprah Winfrey interviewing Buddhists on how Buddhism helps us navigate life's challenges, become better people, serve the poor, and whether Christians and Jews can practice Buddhism. See Oprah Winfrey, TV legend and multi billionaire, present the non-sectarian wisdom of Buddhism.

**Mike DeVito**, a lifelong Christian and a Buddhist practitioner for the past 17 years, believes Buddhism has helped him become a better and calmer person. Ask Carol, his wife for 46 years. Buddhism has also made Mike appreciate his Judeo-Christian heritage.

Class Size: 30 Students

5 Sessions: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24

## SCHANZER SERIES

**S-5**

Wednesday 3:30- 5:00

**AUDITORIUM**

### **S-5a. RESISTING THE ATTENTION ECONOMY Rona Smith**

Pop-ups! Ads disguised as editorial content! Pleas for contributions! Everyone seems to want our eyeballs and brains in new ways. People make money if they can get us to look. How can we avoid being fodder?

Credentials! MA, PhD, MBA. Rona's PhD in Communication supplied input on ways to analyze messaging even as it has morphed into new methods and strategies since that long-ago PhD.

Class size: Unlimited

1 Lecture: April 10

## SCHANZER SERIES

**S-5**

Wednesday 3:30- 5:00

**AUDITORIUM**

**S-5b. HAVING FUN WITH GHAZALS**

**Bill Batcher**

Ghazals (pronounced “guzzles”) are a form of poetry that originated in 7th century Persia. So why have they stood the test of time, and gained popularity among English-speaking poets like Adrienne Rich, Robert Pinsky, Galway Kinnell, etc?

One reason: Because they often use word play; they can really be fun to write. In this session, we will take a look at some ghazals and then as a group make one up on the spot!

I have written and published a number of ghazals. For a while, I was hooked on the form. In fact, in my 2016 book “Imaginings,” there are over a dozen.

Class Size: Unlimited

1 Lecture: April 17

## SCHANZER SERIES

**S-5**

WEDNESDAY 3:30- 5:00

**AUDITORIUM**

**S-5c. POLARIZATION AND ISOLATION Rona Smith**

Isolation and loneliness are often cited as primary sources of unhappiness. Divisions in the 'cultural conversation' may be one important villain of this important consequence. How can we avoid this deep pothole?

The course will feature some personal student anecdotes and some contribution of research to possible cures.

**Rona Smith** has used her PhD in Communication to explore and strategize issues like this on an individual level.

Can we heal the existing rifts? Or, can we find more helpful ways of interacting?

An overview of the problem itself may suggest some strategies

Class Size: Unlimited

1 Lecture: May 15

**S-6**

**THURSDAY**

**10:00 – 11:30**

**ART ROOM**

## **THEATER GAMES**

**Marion Pearce**

Exercises, games and improvisations to awaken the imagination and intuition, and inspire the freedom to play. Some agility is good and the hesitant are encouraged to join.

**Marion Pearce** studied acting and acted in NYC and taught acting and theatre courses at LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and the Performing Arts (the "Fame" school) in NYC.

Class Size: 22 Students

3 Sessions: March 28, April 4, 18

**S-7**

THURSDAY 1:30 – 3:00

**LTL CLASSROOM**

## **GREAT DECISIONS**

**Sherry Smith**

This is a learning and discussion class on four worldly topics. This spring session is a continuation of an earlier course held in February. A \$35 booklet, purchased by attendees, deals with eight important world dilemmas and seeks our ideas and/or proposals for resolution.

Topic leaders will be chosen from within the class and are likely to include **Sherry Smith**, Brewster Righter, Jamie Garretson, Frank Clifford and other volunteers.

Class size: 30

4 Sessions: April 4, 11, 18, 25

**S-8**

**THURSDAY 3:30 – 5:00**

**LTl CLASSROOM**

## **HIGHER SELF AWARENESS**

**Patrick Leis**

HIGHER SELF AWARENESS is a practice to promote a sense of well-being, safety and peace that is not dependent on external events, circumstances or conditions. The class will explore ancient techniques as well as modern methods for obtaining this state.

**Patrick Leis** has studied Ayurvedic science and medicine, Raja yoga, Tai Chi ,Chi Gong, Quantum Physics, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and Psychology for the last 25 years.

Class Size: 30 Students

5 Sessions: March 28 April 4, 18 May 2, 16



**MAKING PEACE...A WORKSHOP****Joe McKay**

We will each examine our own lives and experiences to come up with the kinds of things we've seen that have succeeded or failed in resolving conflict.

We will extrapolate ideas from this that might work in different situations and contexts outside our personal experience.

And we will discuss how much all conflict and resolutions have in common.

Finally, we will practice peacemaking in hypothetical situations.

**Joe Mc Kay's** career began in International Labor Relations with Pan American Airlines in the Middle East. The sensibility and skills he developed have served him well over many years in all aspects of life and business.

Class Size: 24

4 Sessions: March 29, April 5, 12, 19

## **CRAZY ABOUT WORDS...LANGUAGE IN A TIME OF RADICAL CHANGE**

**Joe Mc Kay**

The challenge to language as we learned it requires a paradigm shift in the way we hear, speak, read and write. "Effective" must be substituted for "proper" in discussing our usage of language.

Failure to meet this challenge will result in misunderstandings large and small in all spheres of life.

In this workshop we will discuss how the use of AI & euphemism, in particular, change our comprehension of Truth. We need to improve our skills in understanding the intention of communication directed our way.

"What you see is what you get" no longer applies when it comes to language

**Joe Mc Kay** has been following and sharing the trends in the evolution of the English language since he started leading this course in 2003. He is the author "Crazy About Words," a collection of essays which reveal his love for our English language in all its magnificence.

Class Size: 24

4 Sessions: April 26, May 3, 20, 17

## EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS WITH MAH JONGG

**Phyllis Dubinsky**

Maybe you are a beginner or played Mah Jongg long ago. Come and learn the basics and a few strategies to get started in this interesting and addictive game. The goal is to be the first player to match a series of tiles with a pattern on a printed card (which changes every year). Once you become somewhat familiar with the tiles and patterns, you are a player.

**Phyllis Dubinsky** has been an enthusiastic player of Mah Jongg for over 40 years. She has taught many, including Peconic Landing members, to enjoy and participate in this stimulating, exciting and convivial game.

Class Size: 6 Students

6 Sessions: April 5, 12, 19, 25 May 3, 10

**S-12**

**SATURDAY**

**10:00 – 11:30**

**BISTRO**

**BEGINNING CHESS**

**John Munzel**

Learn chess pieces and moves and then play other newbies

Over years I have taught many people basic beginning chess. I've always said that I can teach one to play chess in an hour. Then one spends the rest of life learning the game.

Class Size: 10

1 Session: March 30

# **LIFETIME LEARNING COUNCIL**

## **SPONSORS**

### **CURIOSITY UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS**

**Mondays at 3:00 P.M.**

**Channel 592**

#### **ABOUT CURIOSITY UNIVERSITY**

The Lifetime Learning Association has committed to bringing streamed presentations from Curiosity University to Peconic Landing on a monthly basis.

There is no charge for attending any of these lectures.

However, if you are not attending regular Lifetime Learning classes and would like to make a donation to help defray the cost of bringing Curiosity University to Peconic Landing, it would be greatly appreciated. Checks may be made out to the Lifetime Learning Association and added to our Scholarship Fund. Thank you!!



# Lifetime Learning Association - 2024 Spring Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Apt / Cottage Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Non-Members:

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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	1 <sup>st</sup> choice	2nd choice	3 <sup>rd</sup> choice	4 <sup>d</sup> choice
FIRST RECORDED VOICES (S1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ANYONE CAN BE A WINE SNOB – BUT NOT US (S2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CURRENT EVENTS (S3)	Ongoing class – Not open this semester			
OPRAH WINFREY TEACHES BUDDHISM (S4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
THEATER GAMES (S6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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MAKING PEACE...A WORKSHOP (S9)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CRAZY ABOUT WORDS (S10)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS WITH MAH JONG (S11)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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### Schanzer Series One Day Classes – Open to all registered members

- S-5a. RESISTING THE ATTENTION ECONOMY
- S-5b. HAVING FUN WITH GHAZALS
- S-5c. POLARIZATION AND ISOLATION

**Annual membership fee: \$50 per person. Covers Fall '23, Winter '24, and Spring '24**

**Make checks payable to: Lifetime Learning Association. Deposit this form with your check into the Lifetime Learning box in the coat room.**

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS MARCH 14**

