



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 believes 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 annually provide several scholarships for area students. 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.

Our faculty are either members or friends of Peconic Landing. They volunteer their skills, interests and expertise derived from backgrounds in academia, business, or the arts and professions. We are fortunate to have such a group!

The Lifetime Learning Council, which governs our activities, is made up of fifteen members elected for one year renewable terms. Together with over 100 dues-paying members each year, and volunteer faculty, we comprise the "Lifetime Learning Association at Peconic Landing."

Many thanks to all,

The Lifetime Learning Council

August 2024



The Lifetime Learning Council

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Dear Member,

Welcome to the Fall Semester of Lifetime Learning at Peconic Landing! This catalog offers thirteen courses plus 5 Schanzer Lectures for your interest and participation. Important dates include:

September 5 Kickoff & Registration begins, Catalogs distributed

September 12 Registration closes

NO REGISTRATION ACCEPTED AFTER SEPTEMBER 12

September 16 Class lists will be posted on bulletin board in the coat room

September 23 Classes begin

November 15 Classes end

The annual fee for courses is **\$50 payable 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 the late 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, Curriculum Chair. Thank you for your interest.

Cordially,
Dolores Parry, President

FALL 2024

All classes in Lifetime Learning classroom, unless otherwise noted

MONDAY

- F-1 10:00-11:30 - **Brush up on Bridge** - Linda McGrath - CARD ROOM
- F-2 1:30-3:00 - **Topics in Geology** - Ken Ettlinger
- F-3 3:30-5:00 - **Moonstruck is Brooklyn's La Boheme** - Mike Devito (section 1)

TUESDAY

- F-4 10:00-11:30 - **Who I Am: A Memoir Writing Workshop** - Sara Bloom
- F-5 1:30-3:00 - **Buddhism for the Non-Buddhist** - Judith Speyer
- F-6 3:30-5:00 - **Poetry Appreciation** - Fran Castan and Joe McKay
(Monthly: Sep 24, Oct 29, Nov 26)

WEDNESDAY

- F-7 10:00-11:30 - **Current Events** - Fred Lipfert & Brewster Righter CARD ROOM
- F-8 1:30-3:00 - **Moonstruck is Brooklyn's La Boheme** - Mike Devito (section 2)
- F-9 1:30-3:00 - **Bioethics Through Narrative** - Nancy King

- F-10 3:30-5:00 - **Schanzer Series - Auditorium**
- F-10A 10/2 - **Justice Holmes's Battlefield Conversion: Al Alschuler**
- F-10B 10/9 - **Irish National Identity in Postal Design: Monica Brennan**
- F-10C 10/16 - **Today in History with a Latin Flair: Jeff Greenberger**
- F-10D 10/23 - **Virtual Tour of Historic Orient Village: Jamie Garretson**
- F-10E 11/6 - **Creating A Village of 1850: Jerry Kessler**

THURSDAY

- F-11 10:00-11:30 - **Theatre Games** - Marion Pearce
- F-12 1:30-3:00 - **World Affairs** - Sherry Smith
- F-13 3:30-5:00 - **Higher Self Awareness** - Patrick Leis

FRIDAY

- F-14 10:00-11:30 - **Reading Like a Writer**- Joe McKay

SATURDAY

- F-15 10:00-11:30 - **Beginning Chess** - John Munzel

MONDAY

10:00-11:30 AM

BRUSH UP ON BRIDGE

INSTRUCTOR: LINDA MCGRATH

Many of us have come to Peconic Landing with different experiences playing the wonderful game of bridge. Some find the bidding different as well as the scoring. The purpose of this course is to find common ground and, more importantly, to find new friends with whom to share some happy hours enjoying the game. We will look at many hands, evaluating our values, considering our responses, planning the play and the defense as opponents.

Linda McGrath is a former math teacher and long-time bridge player.

5 Sessions: September 23, 30 October 7, 14, 21 **Class Size:** 10

MONDAY

1:30-3:00 PM

TOPICS IN GEOLOGY

INSTRUCTOR: KEN ETLINGER

Geology lecture/discussion will emphasize Long Island's landforms. There will be a lab component to learn/review how to identify the rocks on our beach here at Peconic Landing and so the course will be held in the Lifetime Learning classroom. There will be opportunities to explore related topics that are of interest to those in the class.

Ken Ettliger taught Geology and Biology at Suffolk Community College for nearly 50 years. He was a climber and cave explorer and has been honored by the US Geological Society for his field work. He is also a botanist, naturalist, collects early Edison recordings and is not a wine snob.

8 Sessions: September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28 **Class Size:** 30
November 4, 11

MONDAY (SECTION 1)

3:30-5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY (SECTION 2)

1:30-3:00 PM

Register for either the Monday session or Wednesday session, not both.

MOONSTRUCK IS BROOKLYN'S LA BOHEME

INSTRUCTOR: MIKE DEVITO

This course will present videos that show:

1. Film critics saying that *La Boheme* is not just *Moonstruck's* soundtrack but its commentary and main character.
2. How the music of *La Boheme* explains each scene.
3. Archival footage of behind-the-scenes casting, rehearsals, actors' interactions and arguments.
4. Interviews from movie's creation in 1987 to today depicting actors' perspective change AND physical appearance.
5. Film critics opining that *Moonstruck* is operatic. It is not about an Italian family but the universal family, speaking to everyone.

Mike DeVito holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy and a M.S. in Psychology. He watches movies from the point of view of these two fields of study. His love for movies has led him to take numerous courses in film.

SECTION ONE

3 Sessions: October 7, 14, 21

SECTION TWO

3 Sessions: September 25 October 2, 9

Class Size: 30 per session

TUESDAY

WHO I AM:

10:00-11:30 AM

A MEMOIR-WRITING WORKSHOP

INSTRUCTOR: SARA BLOOM

Memoir writing takes you on an instructive journey into your own past, revealing the unique experiences that define you. Along the way, you'll learn some of the basic elements of strong writing, and you will see how to apply these techniques to enliven your work. Isn't it time to tell your story, to reflect on who you are, and to have fun doing it? Your children, grandchildren, and future generations of your family will treasure this written inheritance.

In 21 years as Feature Editor and contributing writer to three weekly newspapers in Westchester County, *Sara Bloom* received 21 citations from the New York Press Association, including four first-place awards. Now retired from client work, she recently authored "*But He's Not My Dog and Other Tales*."

8 Sessions: September 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
November 5, 12

Class Size: 12

TUESDAY

1:00-3:30 PM

BUDDHISM FOR THE NON-BUDDHIST

INSTRUCTOR: JUDITH SPEYER

We will be reading and discussing two excellent books: *Rebel Buddha* by Dzogchen Ponlop and *Loving-Kindness* by Sharon Salzberg.

Judith is a psychoanalyst. She has been studying Buddhism for the past 40 years. She did not become a Buddhist, but that did not keep her from admiring them.

8 Sessions: September 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
November 5, 12

Class Size: 12

TUESDAY

3:30-5:00 PM

POETRY APPRECIATION

INSTRUCTORS: FRAN CASTAN & JOE MCKAY

Each month participants submit a poem they'd like to share with the group. Discussions led by Fran and Joe help illuminate the poems and their authors in the context of how and why poetry endures, teaches, and gives pleasure.

Fran Castan, poet, has always lived on an island...Long Island, Manhattan & Hong Kong. *Joe McKay* finds reading & writing poetry a wonderful medium for learning.

Meets monthly, the last Tuesday of the month:

September 24 October 29 November 26

Class Size: 12

WEDNESDAY

10:00-11:30 AM

CURRENT EVENTS

INSTRUCTORS: FRED LIPFERT & BREWSTER RIGHTER

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

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

Ongoing Weekly in the Card Room

Class Size: 18

WEDNESDAY

1:30-3:00 PM

BIOETHICS THROUGH NARRATIVE

INSTRUCTOR: NANCY KING

Everyone, at some point in life, deals with ethical issues posed by our health care needs. That makes bioethics everybody's business. Bioethics can seem intimidatingly academic to many people, so I often teach using fiction and poetry.

My approach is discussion-based. I will provide a brief reader's guide to each session topic, and in each session we will discuss how the assigned readings illuminate the topic. I'll also describe the bioethics principles, NY statutes, and academic and public policy relevant to each topic.

Nancy taught bioethics for 40 years, to medical and other health professional students, graduate students, health care providers and researchers, and the general public.

4 Sessions: October 16, 23, 30 November 6

Class Size: 24

THURSDAY

10:00-11:30 AM

THEATRE GAMES

INSTRUCTOR: 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.

4 Sessions: September 26 October 3, 10, 24

Class Size: 24

THURSDAY

WORLD AFFAIRS

1:30-3:00 PM

INSTRUCTOR: SHERRY SMITH

This course focuses on topics that are timely to this fall or beyond, and consists of readings that will be sent to you in your cubby. A designated topic leader will start off with additional information and then move on to discussion and questions from the class. Please come prepared with thoughts to share.

Possible topics under consideration are: Global warming, Heat waves, World Wide Immigration, Pros and Cons of IT, Scams and Identity Theft, China and Taiwan, Russian ambitions, Supreme Court accountability, Smart Robots, Nuclear Threats, and Current Climate Damage.

Discussion leaders will include: Brewster Righter, Frank Clifford, Jamie Garretson, and Brian McManus. They are all experienced speakers and leaders. Sherry Smith will be the coordinator.

4 Sessions: September 26 October 3, 10, 17

Class Size: 25

THURSDAY

HIGHER SELF AWARENESS

3:30-5:00 PM

INSTRUCTOR: PATRICK LEIS

This course will examine HIGHER SELF awareness, a practice which utilizes ancient Ayurvedic disciplines and modern techniques to access a part of ourselves which is always ok and able to handle any condition or circumstance that life offers with balance, joy and equanimity .

Patrick Leis has studied Ayurvedic science and medicine, Raja Yoga, medical meditation, vibrational medicine, cellular biology, psychology, neurogenesis and quantum physics for the last 25 years.

6 Sessions: September 26 October 3, 10, 24, 31
November 14

Class Size: 30

FRIDAY

10:00-11:30 AM

READING LIKE A WRITER

INSTRUCTOR: JOE McKAY

Through "close reading" of selected short stories, we will learn more about the short story form itself and how it contrasts with full length fiction. We read aloud in class, one at a time, sharing our notes on what we've read, and noting the craft of the author at work. We read slowly to fully absorb the nuances of the writing, thereby increasing our reading pleasure...the process is the polar opposite of the Evelyn Woods method.

Joe has been leading this reading/discussion course since 2010. It is based on Francine Prose's book of the same title. Joe is the author of *Crazy About Words*, a collection of 44 insightful essays on various aspects of our amazing English language.

8 Sessions: September 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25
November 1, 8, 15

Class Size: 24

SATURDAY

10:00-11:30 AM

BEGINNING CHESS

INSTRUCTOR: JOHN MUNZEL

Over the 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.

Every Saturday in the Bistro

WEDNESDAYS

3:30-5:00 PM

SCHANZER SERIES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2 ♦ AUDITORIUM

JUSTICE HOLMES'S BATTLEFIELD CONVERSION

INSTRUCTOR: ALBERT ALSCHULER

This lecture will examine how the Civil War experience of Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes affected his view of life.

Before retiring to Peconic Landing, *Albert Alschuler* taught law at eleven American law schools. His longest gig was 22 years at the University of Chicago, where he is the Julius Kreeger Professor Emeritus.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9 ♦ AUDITORIUM

IRISH NATIONAL IDENTITY IN POSTAL DESIGN

INSTRUCTOR: MONICA BRENNAN

This course will examine how after 1922 the new nation used postal designs to distinguish Ireland's unique identity from that of England: Catholic and rural with her own language and culture.

Dr. Brennan is a professor emeritus at St. Joseph's University. She has been an avid philatelist since childhood.

WEDNESDAYS

3:30-5:00 PM

SCHANZER SERIES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16 ♦ AUDITORIUM

TODAY IN HISTORY WITH A LATIN FLAIR

INSTRUCTOR: JEFF GREENBERGER

A lively survey of October 16 historical milestones - with an emphasis on the Latin roots underneath much of the vocabulary employed to describe them. Some of the events you will recognize, others may be obscure - just like the Latin word origins we will consider along the way.

Jeff Greenberger, longtime Latin teacher (and lifetime son of Joan), will once again try the patience of the Lifetime Learning crowd with his usual blizzard of the Latin (and Greek) origins of so much familiar English diction. Plenty of colorful visuals will complement the explanations, and all good, clean fun!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 ♦ AUDITORIUM

VIRTUAL TOUR OF HISTORIC ORIENT VILLAGE

INSTRUCTOR: JAMIE GARRETSON

Take a virtual tour through neighboring Orient Village, a Federal & NYS-designated Historic District. The tour is accessible to all and will be presented with photos and background of Orient Village discussing its history as well as its current challenges.

Jamie Garretson, Architect, past Chairman of the Southold Landmarks Preservation Commission & past President of the Orient Historical Society.

WEDNESDAYS

SCHANZER SERIES

3:30-5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 ♦ AUDITORIUM

CREATING A VILLAGE OF 1850

INSTRUCTOR: JERRY KESSLER

How Old Bethpage Village, a Long Island village of 1850, was created on 200 acres, authentic down to the use of cut nails on all restorations. Fifty- two houses, barns and other structures were moved to the site from all over Long Island. Over the past 50 plus years, over 4 million visitors have enjoyed seeing a blacksmith ply his trade, a hat maker create hats of the time and wedding ceremonies in the church. Rated as one of the finest historic restorations in the US.

In 1965, a group of citizens, including *Jerry Kessler*, joined with Nassau County to create the Friends for Long Island's Heritage. The Friends raised millions of dollars and acquired over 30,000 authentic furnishings, tools, farm equipment and more to complete the buildings.

CURIOSITY UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS

MONDAYS

4:00 PM

CHANNEL 592

The Lifetime Learning Association has committed to bringing streamed presentations from Curiosity University to Peconic Landing every Monday at 4:00 pm. *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 will be added to our Scholarship Fund. Thank you!!

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