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FALL 2016 CATALOG

The Second Half: Lifelong Learning Institute is a community-based membership organization whose programs provide intellectual stimulation and social interaction for members. Membership is open to adults who wish to learn in a non-traditional, relaxed environment. There are no admissions requirements, no exams, no grades, and no age requirements. All are welcome to participate.

INTRODUCTION TO THE SECOND HALF: LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE

We are a community—our strength is in our membership.

Our goal is to continue to provide the highest level of intellectually stimulating courses. To that end we have recruited an incredible faculty of group leaders and instructors. Their educational backgrounds are impressive. Their altruistic desire to share their knowledge and expertise with you is undeniable.

Join us for an exciting and thought-provoking adventure. You will meet new friends, reconnect with old friends, and perhaps travel New England and the world with these friends.

You will have all the fun of learning, growing, and bonding without the pressure of grades—an ideal way to feed your brain. We hope that you will take the step to be part of The Second Half this semester. Let this Fall be the season that you do something good for yourself—Grow!

Feed your curiosity, inspire life-long learning, and then go and share the knowledge with the world.



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FALL 2016 PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES

Open House: Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 1 p.m.

Bristol Community College

G Building, Atrium, 777 Elsbree Street Fall River, MA

Registration Begins: Tuesday, August 16, 2015

Registration Deadline: Friday, September 9, 2016

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Special Event: Cost: \$40.00

Memoir Workshop

Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

October 20 & 27, 2016

Everyone has a story to tell. Would you like to see your story come to fruition in print? In this two-day workshop, we will explore ways to frame our memories and express them with clarity, using voice, characterization, description, dialogue, and pacing – all the elements that make a story compelling. On the second day of the workshop, participants may share their stories with the group if they wish. Because memoir writing is personal, we will respect privacy about what might be revealed in the workshop.

Study Group Size: Minimum: 3; Maximum: 10

Location: Conference Room B, The Second Half, 205 Bedford Street, Fall River, MA

Workshop Leader: Marion Kenneally, M.S.Ed., Lesley University. Author of *One Nun's Odyssey, A Memoir*, Outskirts Press, 2016.

1201 21st Century Communications: Facebook and Beyond

Monday 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (8 weeks)

September 19 through November 14, 2016

(no class on October 10)

Most of this study group will be devoted to learning Facebook, the most important of the new social media with roughly 1.5 billion users throughout the world. You also will spend some time learning Twitter and YouTube, and we'll touch on cloud computing apps such as Google Photos, Google Docs, and Adobe Acrobat Reader. However, the goal is for everyone emerging from this study group to be a confident Facebook user. Every participant must have a Facebook account. This involves learning new skills that need to be practiced between class sessions, so all will be expected to post and comment in a closed Facebook group. We will rely on handouts and the overhead projector with a live Facebook connection. I see Facebook as a critical social connectivity tool for seniors. As my 80-year-old Facebook friend Grace put it: "Facebook has about saved my life! As an elder, we need contacts and I just love it."

Study Group Size: Minimum: 10; Maximum: 25

Location: Classroom A, The Second Half, 205 Bedford Street, Fall River, MA

Group Leader: Greg Stone was Director of Internet Development at UMass Dartmouth, where he pioneered teaching online Web courses starting in 1996, developed methods for teaching online, and trained faculty in the basics of online education at UMass Dartmouth and UMass Lowell. This early experience using the Web this way meshes nicely with the new age of social media tools such as Facebook.



STUDY GROUP DESCRIPTIONS, FALL 2016 - MONDAY/TUESDAY

1202 French is Fun

Monday 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (8 weeks)
September 19 through November 14, 2016
(no class on October 10)

The goal of the course is to develop grammatical understanding through the use of four language skills: speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Grammar will be practiced orally and further strengthened with the use of short readings, songs, film, and written practice employing newly acquired or reviewed grammatical structures. French culture and history will always be at the center of the language-learning experience.

Study Group Size: Minimum: 15; Maximum: 25

Location: Classroom A, The Second Half, 205 Bedford St., Fall River, MA.

Group Leader: Lorraine Carey holds an MA in French Language and Literature from Boston College and taught French for over 30 years at Ashland High School where she was Foreign Language Department chairperson.

1203 Examining Human Nature in the Golden Age of Neuroscience

Monday 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (5 weeks)
September 19 through October 24, 2016
(no class on October 10)

The current era has been labeled “The Age of the Brain” because of the interest and advancements in our understanding of how neural systems work at levels ranging from molecular activity to dynamics of social interactions. Eminent biologist E. O. Wilson described the significance of this in his Pulitzer Prize-winning *On Human Nature*, inspiring this study group. Participants will examine current understanding of how nerve cells work to allow brains to accomplish the amazing and mysterious feats of behavior, including consciousness. Presentations, demonstrations, and discussions will focus on human capacities for learning and participation in social dynamics, including risk perception, humor, empathy, altruism, deception (for fun and profit), and beauty.

Study Group Size: Minimum: 5; Maximum: 20

Location: Classroom A, The Second Half, 205 Bedford St., Fall River, MA.

Group Leader: Antonio Cabral retired from teaching biology at Brockton High School in 2004. After obtaining a degree in biology from Bridgewater State College, he studied pharmacology, neurosciences, and related subjects at Emory University and Harvard University. He continues to monitor advances in neuroscience.

1204 Intermediate Bridge

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (10 weeks)
September 13 through November 15, 2016

The focus of Intermediate Bridge is on improving the skill level of those already comfortable with the basics of bridge, including evaluating, bidding, and elementary play of the hand. During this 10-week course, we will use *Bridge Basics 2: Competitive Bidding* by Audrey Grant as our guide and will cover preemptive opening bids, overcalls and advances, takeout doubles and advances, and the competitive auction. Intermediate Bridge provides a supportive, friendly environment for class members to interact with one another, stay mentally fit, and just possibly improve their bridge skills along the way!

Study Group Size: Minimum: 12; Maximum: 24

Location: Bay View, 4380 North Main Street, Fall River, MA

Group Leaders: Brenda Stone is a retired teacher and school psychologist and is accredited by the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) to teach bridge. She plays bridge two or three times a week and enjoys helping others learn this exciting game.

Catherine Williams is one of the founders of The Second Half. She believes the on-going challenges of bridge are good brain exercise.

STUDY GROUP DESCRIPTIONS, FALL 2016 - TUESDAY



1205 The Philosophy of Mind: A General Survey of Thinking

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. (7 weeks)
September 13 through October 25, 2016

“Habits of the mind create structures of the brain.” This participatory course is intended to research the nature of mind and what can be said about the personal experience of thinking. Is it possible to make distinctions between consciousness, thinking, emotions, brain, and mind? What gives meaning to thinking, and how do our personal thoughts, experiences, accumulated knowledge, beliefs, and questions exist as part of a larger intellectual history of humanity? To help us along in this exploration, we will survey the writings of certain modern authors in philosophy and psychology who provide insights and questions into the meaning and purpose of thinking. In the end and simply stated, how the hell did thinking get us here? How do our thinking and feelings regulate and direct behavior, past, present and future, and why do we think what we think? Is it possible to map a mind, your mind? In this study group you will definitely be given the opportunity to stretch your mind and to think about your thinking. Ultimately, it is all about learning and having fun participating in shared thinking about thinking.

Study Group Size: Minimum: 7; Maximum: 21

Location: Southworth Library, 732 Dartmouth St., Dartmouth, MA

Group Leaders: **Raymond Loranger** received his Master’s Degree in Human Development and Holistic Counseling in 1992 and earned a Ph.D. in Humanities in 1999 from Salve Regina College in Newport, RI. He is a licensed mental health counselor in the state of MA and has worked as a counselor, director, and teacher in the prison system, mental health agencies, and Bristol Community College’s re-entry program for criminal offenders.

1206 High Heels on Wet Pavement: Film Noir and the *Femme Fatale*

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (6 weeks)
September 20 through October 25, 2016

We will screen six American films from the golden age of Film Noir featuring prominent females in roles that define ruthlessness and manipulation. Generally the females in these films are of two types—dutiful, reliable, trustworthy, and loving; or femmes fatales—mysterious, duplicitous, subversive, double-crossing, gorgeous, unloving, predatory, tough-sweet, unreliable, irresponsible, manipulative, and desperate women. Join me as we follow the goadings of the traitorous, self-destructive femme fatale, who would lead a struggling, disillusioned, and doomed hero into committing murder or some other crime of passion coupled with twisted love. This is classic Noir.

Study Group Size: Minimum: 10; Maximum: 30

Location: Classroom A, The Second Half, 205 Bedford St., Fall River, MA

Group Leaders: **Sam Jernigan** is a movie enthusiast who spent a significant amount of his early years in a projection booth with his father, a movie projectionist. He has followed film development over the years and led study groups for The Second Half on Film Noir. In addition, he has facilitated six courses on Noir in Newport

STUDY GROUP DESCRIPTIONS, FALL 2016 - TUESDAY

1207 Political Polarization I

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (8 weeks)
September 20 through November 8, 2016

Political polarization is undeniably the most troublesome feature of contemporary American politics. Political parties today are more internally unified and ideologically distinctive than they have been in over a century. This study group will explore the causes and the consequences of political polarization in the United States. Some of the specific questions that the study group will discuss are: What is political polarization? What caused party polarization? What roles do parties play in the democratic process? What does science know about the personalities of conservatives and liberals? Is each party equally to blame for the dysfunction? Are there any solutions to the current gridlock? The book *It's Even Worse Than It Was: How the American Constitutional System Collided with the New Politics of Extremism* (on the paperback cover "Looks" is crossed out and the word "Was" is written in; ISBN is 978-0465096732) by Thomas E. Mann and Norman J. Ornstein is required reading for this course.

Study Group Size: Minimum: 8; Maximum: 15

Location: Conference Room, The Second Half,
205 Bedford St., Fall River

Group Leader: Bob Miller has a B.A. in Political Science from The Ohio State University and has participated in several political campaigns over the years. He also graduated from The Ohio State University College of Law and has over thirty years' experience in the administration of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act in the mutual fund and insurance industries.

1208 Spanish for Beginners Part 2

Tuesday 9:30 a.m.– 11:30 a.m. (6 weeks)
September 27 through November 1, 2016

This study group is limited to Second Half members who were enrolled in Part 1. We will pick up where we left off in the spring session (after reviewing, of course) with a heightened focus on speaking. Additional cultural items will also be discussed. There's so much more to learn: hope you can join us!

Study Group Size: Minimum: 5; Maximum: 8

Location: Fairhaven Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, MA

Group Leader: Michele Zingara-Crotty retired from the Dartmouth Middle School where she taught Spanish I for over twenty years. She loves sharing the "tricks of the trade" with her students so that learning is fun, relaxing, and productive.



STUDY GROUP DESCRIPTIONS, FALL 2016 - TUESDAY

1209 Sherlock Holmes! The Game is Afoot!

Tuesday 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (6 weeks)
September 20 through October 25, 2016

Sherlock Holmes was created by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, and he has survived the test of time as one of the best-read detectives of all time. In this class, we will follow the development of Sherlock from youth to old age. We will view movies: “Young Sherlock Holmes” to “Mr. Holmes” -- beekeeper-retired. We also will study Sir Conan Doyle’s life and how he created and destroyed Sherlock, and then resurrected his character after his apparent death at Reichenbach Falls. We will use articles, novels (for example, *A Study in Scarlet*), and movies. We will also see movie actors such as Basil Rathbone, Nigel Bruce, Arthur Wontner, Ian Fleming, Ian Hunter, Raymond Massey, and Jeremy Brett. We will discuss present TV shows about the character and the latest collaborator, Mrs. Hudson, the housekeeper, in *Mrs. Hudson and the Spirit Curse*. Those who complete the course will be eternally enrolled in [The Bedford Street Irregulars!](#) **The Game is Afoot** for those who want to enjoy a fun-filled class that is basically very Elementary! “My name is Sherlock Holmes. It is my business to know what other people don’t know.”

Study Group Size: Maximum 25

Location: Classroom A, The Second Half, 205 Bedford St., Fall River, MA

Group Leader: James McNamee is a former Superintendent of Schools (Diocese of Fall River), Academic Principal at Bishop Stang High School, Principal at Bishop Connolly High School, and former President of The Second Half. He has taught many classes for The Second Half: Michelangelo, Silent Movies, Agatha Christie, Alfred Hitchcock, Movies with Morals, and more.

1210 Stay Within the Lines? - From Abstract Art to Coloring Books

Tuesday 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (5 weeks)
September 20 through October 18, 2016

This study group will be in a seminar format combining coloring, painting, and/or drawing with some audio-visual presentations which may include photos and/or movies. Discussion will be similar to that of a book club, and will follow the interests and experiences of the participants. While the main focus will be on art, it may include some discussion of cultural, political, and historical influences. Some possible topics are color theory, the origins of abstract art from Cezanne to Pollock from the perspectives of the artists and the critics and dealers who determined the viability of the work, and the personal likes and dislikes of the group. There will be no right or wrong answers, no judgment of the work produced in the group. I will provide colored pencils, watercolors, crayons, and paper. Participants should bring a coloring book of their choice and any other materials that they may have

Study Group Size: Minimum: 5; Maximum: 15

Location: Southworth Library, 732 Dartmouth St., Dartmouth, MA

Group Leader: Jo Walters has a B.A., M.A., and M.F.A. in art and printmaking with a minor in English from UC Berkeley. She has taught classes and seminars in design, color theory, drawing, painting, and printmaking at junior college and university levels. She also owned and operated a marketing communications agency specializing in medical marketing and illustration.



STUDY GROUP DESCRIPTIONS, FALL 2016 - TUESDAY

1211 A Tour of the Silent Cities

Tuesday 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. (6 weeks)
September 20 through October 25, 2016

This course will present six different presenters, each with a major interest in local history in the South Coast area.

September 20

The Rural Cemetery

Mark Fuller, President of the New Bedford Preservation Society, will do a tour on New Bedford's connection to the Civil War at the Rural Cemetery.

September 27

Westport Point Cemetery

Betty Slade and Paul Pannon, have identified, researched, and registered the 102 burial sites and cemeteries that have been found in Westport. In the process they have identified 23 whaling captains buried at the Westport Point Cemetery and will concentrate on whaling in their tour. If you wish to see their work, go to <http://Westport.lore.projects.com/home.cfm>.

Bob Kugler, descendant of Isaac Cory and grandson of Kate Cory, will assist.

October 4

Barlow Cemetery and another

Marueen McCarthy of the Mattapoisett Historical Society will be giving a tour of one of the town's oldest cemeteries, Barlow Cemetery, which features a memorial to the men who fought in the American Revolution.

Bobbie Gasper will recount some ghostly and spooky stories about the residents of another town cemetery.

October 11

Great Rock Cemetery and Apponegansett Burial Ground

Marion Ryall Board Member, Dartmouth Historical and Arts Society, and **Judith Lund**, Chairman, Dartmouth Historical Commission, will be giving a tour of Great Rock Cemetery and Apponegansett Burial Ground. Apponegansett Meeting House Burial Ground is the oldest Friends Burial Ground in Dartmouth.

October 18

Oak Grove Cemetery

Gale Powers is a Board Member of both Friends of Oak Grove Cemetery and Preservation Society of Fall River. She was born, raised, and educated in Fall River and continues to be a Fall River resident. Her tour will include the Borden family (those related to Lizzie and not to Lizzie), founding pioneers of the city of Fall River, including mill owners, business owners, and those buried at Oak Grove Cemetery with various backgrounds.

October 25

Riverside Cemetery

Chris Richard, Director of Tourism for Fairhaven, will take us to Riverside Cemetery to explore the Rogers and Delano family histories, and many other prominent people associated with the history of Fairhaven.

Study Group Size: Minimum: 10; Maximum: 20

Location: Various locations in the field

Group Coordinator: Lois Spirlet



STUDY GROUP DESCRIPTIONS, FALL 2016 - TUESDAY

1212 The Art of the Short Story: Modern British Short Stories

Tuesday 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (6 weeks)
September 20 through October 25, 2016

This course will study the art of the modern short story, examining both content and style, and using as a text *The Penguin Book of Modern British Short Stories*, Malcolm Bradbury, Editor. This classic text, first published in 1987, contains outstanding examples of British fiction. Among the contents are stories from Samuel Beckett, Elizabeth Bowen, V.S. Pritchett, Graham Greene, Jean Rhys, William Golding, Kingsley Amis, Muriel Spark, J.G. Ballard, William Trevor, Edna O'Brien, and Fay Weldon.

Study Group Size: Minimum 8; Maximum 24

Location: Classroom A, The Second Half, 205 Bedford St., Fall River, MA

Group Leader: James Cronin is a retired judge with an undergraduate degree in English from Harvard College and recent continuing education courses in literature and creative writing from Brown University, Harvard Extension School, and Frequency Writers. He has led many previous courses in the short story for The Second Half.

1213 Painting With Light: A Nature Photography Experience

Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (8 weeks)
August 24 through October 12, 2016



Please note early start date of August 24 – this in hope of seeing migrating birds. Register early! We also will have an all-day trip to Mount Wachusett on September 14 to look for migrating hawks. This group will visit a different natural location, such as Audubon refuges, each week for picture-taking walks. During the rest of the week, participants share, critique, and revise their images using a closed Facebook group seen only by members of this group. Walks, with the exception of the day trip mentioned, will be within 30 minutes to an hour's drive of Fall River. This is a learn-by-doing experience, not a course in photography, but participants will receive coaching and photography tips in the field and on Facebook. Fieldwork will start on site at 8:00 a.m., and each session will last approximately two hours. Optional "Dawn Patrols" will be added on short notice, subject to the whims of weather and group leader. They will supplement, not replace, regularly scheduled events. In the event of inclement weather, the walk will be postponed and the study group extended an extra week in order to hold a total of eight walks. You may use any camera (including phone) but a Digital Single Lens Reflex or sophisticated compact camera with telephoto lens and photo editing software are recommended. You must be able to post pictures to Facebook.

Study Group Size: Minimum 8; Maximum 16

Location: different location each week

Group Leader: Greg Stone is an amateur photographer whose current passion is capturing images of active birds and animals in beautiful, natural settings. Over the years his photographs have occasionally accompanied his articles in national publications such as *Yankee*, *Popular Science*, and *The New York Times*.

STUDY GROUP DESCRIPTIONS, FALL 2016 - WEDNESDAY

1214 The Origins of Modern Civilization

Wednesday 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. (6 weeks)
September 21 through October 26, 2016

Where did we come from? Who Are We? Where are we going? This is a look at human prehistory. Where did the current population come from, and where did the languages come from? Where did our tools and crops originate? How did our political and social structures arise?

Study Group Size: Minimum: 10; Maximum: 25

Location: Classroom A, The Second Half, 205 Bedford St., Fall River, MA

Group Leader: David Wyss (EDIT) is an adjunct professor of economics at Brown University. He was previously chief economist at Standard and Poor's and the consulting firm DRI/McGraw-Hill, as well as senior economist at the Council of Economic Advisers and the Federal Reserve Board. He has a Ph.D. from Harvard University and a B.S. from MIT.



1215 Master and Commander Books 13 & 14

Wednesday 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. (8 weeks)
September 21 through November 29, 2016

These superb Patrick O'Brian historical novels, revolving around Captain Jack Aubrey RN and his "particular friend" Dr. Stephen Maturin, in the time of Napoleon, display humanity in all its forms, using pathos, humor, and irony--often together--with an exquisite love story woven in.

The consummate seaman and fearless warrior Jack Aubrey is asked by a little girl, "Carry your bag for you sir?" Jack obliges in a special way. The diminutive youngster and crouching captain share the burden to his destination.

In another scene, where his Captain is about to undergo public punishment, a huge, brutish seaman, a long-time "follower" of Captain Aubrey, who has rescued him from drowning several times, positions hundreds of shipmates and himself between a threatening crowd and a group of protectors hired by Stephen Maturin, saying to the latter, "Now, gents, I don't mean no offense, but . . ."

In nearly every chapter of each story, the humanity theme is on display, whether in a sea battle, encounters with youngsters, or even between adversaries. O'Brian's erudition and scholarship are literary treats and you are invited to share them with us. This semester, we will be reading *The Thirteen Gun Salute* and *The Nutmeg of Consolation*, using the first W.W. Norton paperback or hardcover editions (so that we may all be on the same page). Our discussions are always lively--history, personalities, food, music, the customs and politics of our time. A reading feast awaits! (The definitive review on the author and these stories may be seen by googling "O'Brian, Richard Snow NYT.")

Study Group Size: Minimum: 6; Maximum: 15

Location: Conference Room, The Second Half, 205 Bedford St., Fall River, MA

Group Leader: Harris Gruber (EDIT) has worked and lived on the waterfront since he was a boy. He "discovered" the works of Patrick O'Brian but a few years ago. He has delighted in their reading, and more in the sharing. You are invited to join us.

STUDY GROUP DESCRIPTIONS, FALL 2016 - WEDNESDAY

1216 Armchair Travel

Wednesday 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (7 weeks)
September 21 through November 2, 2016

This course will present seven different presenters, each with a focus on travel to various parts of the world through personal experiences.

September 21

Tony Cabral, TSH member and study group leader, will use projected images to share adventures and misadventures traveling confidently and not so confidently in different places, including Japan.

September 28

John and Jennifer Brindisi, travel each year to destinations that have continuing natural and cultural significance in the world. They will share their photos and experiences traveling to four South American World Heritage Sites: the Amazon River Jungle of Peru, the Inca cultural and scientific marvel at Machu Picchu, the wildlife of the Galápagos Islands of Ecuador, and the collapse of the civilization of Easter Island, Chile.

October 5

Jackie Rolnick has traveled several times in Europe and Asia and has admired historical civilizations, but traveling the National Parks of the United States has been an awesome experience of natural wonder. There will be pictures and information from many of the parks that are on the “10 most visited parks list,” all of which she has visited. Our country has extraordinary vistas and rocks that should be witnessed live or in an armchair.

October 12

Benjamin Taggie, Professor Emeritus, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, will share the following topics: Venice, Refuge in the Lagoons to Adriatic Empire, and Athens in the Golden Age of Pericles.

October 19

The Careys, during the summer of 2015, spent two months traveling throughout central and southern France, visiting Paris, Bourgogne, Aquitaine, Languedoc, Provence, the Mid-Pyrenees, the Peridgord, Franche-Comte, Lyonnais, and Savoie. They look forward to sharing with you their wonderful adventure.



October 26

Roger Menard, TSH group leader, and wife **Judy** will give a presentation on their River Cruise from Amsterdam to Zurich: what you need to know to prepare for the trip, and what to expect during the trip.

November 2

David Wyss, Adjunct Professor of Economics at Brown University and TSH group leader, will speak on Chinese history and travel. David has visited China many times, especially the main cities.

Study Group Size: Minimum: 10; Maximum: 20

Location: Classroom A, The Second Half, 205 Bedford St., Fall River, MA

Group Coordinator: Lois Spirlet

STUDY GROUP DESCRIPTIONS, FALL 2016 - WEDNESDAY

1217 Conversational Spanish, Intermediate Level

Wednesday 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (10 weeks)

September 21 through November 30, 2016

(no class on November 23)

This is an ongoing, progressive learning study group. It focuses on developing the participants' increased familiarity with the language and the ability to express oneself both orally and with the written word. Class discussion and group exercises are major components. *Spanish is Fun, Book 2*, is used as a reference text. Spanish music is also used as a learning tool. For new members, some basic prior knowledge of Spanish is required.

Study Group Size: Maximum: 10

Location: Classroom B, The Second Half, 205 Bedford St., Fall River, MA

Group Leader: Mariano Merino is a native of Spain. He did graduate studies in Madrid. He has also done graduate work at Boston University and Rhode Island College. He has worked in the field of mental health.

1218 Book Club for the Mind and Soul

Wednesday 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (10 weeks)

Group A: Sept. 21, Oct. 12, Nov. 2, 23, Dec. 14

Group B: Sept. 28, Oct. 19, Nov. 9, 30, Dec. 21

Come join our lively discussions and make connections to your own prior experiences. When you pick up a book you have the world in your hands. Travel with us to unexpected places, meet diverse people, and be ready for endless encounters. Share your thoughts and feelings with us in a small, intimate setting. We have a chair waiting for you.

The books for this semester are:

1. *The Truth According to Us* by Annie Barrows
2. *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah
3. *The Hundred-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out a Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson
4. *The Woman Upstairs* by Claire Messud
5. *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin

The class will be divided into two groups. Each group will meet every other class.

Study Group Size: Minimum: 5; Maximum: 12 per group

Location: Westport Council on Aging, 75 Reed Road, Westport, MA

Group Leader: Elaine Oliveira majored in English and taught English as a second language in local elementary schools and at Bristol Community College. She has been leading this book group since 2001.



STUDY GROUP DESCRIPTIONS, FALL 2016 - WEDNESDAY

1219 My God, Your God, No God:

A Survey of Beliefs

Wednesday 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (10 weeks)

September 14 through November 26, 2016

This study group offers the opportunity to learn about different religions and beliefs. Each talk is presented by a leader or practitioner of the belief.

September 14

Modern Paganism: New Religions and the Old Ways

“Paganism” is an umbrella term that encompasses numerous spiritual paths and practices that honor the Earth and the cycles of nature, finding wisdom in ancient cultural traditions as they re-interpret, re-imagine, and reconstruct them. This talk will dispel some common misconceptions about Pagans, explain some differences between traditions and practices, and explore the spiritual satisfaction of a religion that considers Nature divine and weaves its practices with the seasons and cycles of life. Karen Andersen will take you on a ritual adventure into this topic and leave plenty of time for the questions that are sure to follow.

Presenter: Karen Andersen, currently serves as minister to the First Unitarian Universalist Church in New Bedford, where she has been a member for nearly two decades and maintains a fascination with the history of New Bedford’s First Church. She is also a Pagan Priestess who has been providing “spiritual but not necessarily religious” rites of passage to the greater community for over a decade, crafting and performing custom weddings, memorial services, child dedications, and coming of age ceremonies. Karen Andersen has nearly completed her Master of Divinity degree at Cherry Hill Seminary. She spent several years as a hospice volunteer and is currently volunteering as a Pagan Chaplain to the Bristol County House of Corrections. She has a passion for comparative religion and mythology.

September 21

The Jewish Faith and Tradition

To define Judaism is challenging, as it defies categorization. Is being a Jew to be part of a people? A set of beliefs? A way of living? If God, Torah, and Israel are the foundations of this faith, then what is meant by each of these terms? This class will try to define the parameters of the Jewish faith and address all of these questions. Please join

Rabbi Kanter as he explores what it means to be a Jew, and what is this faith called Judaism.

Presenter: Rabbi Raphael Kanter has been the spiritual leader of Tifereth Israel Congregation since 1997. A native of Sharon, MA, he attended the Solomon Schechter Day School and Maimonides Day School. He earned a Bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of Pennsylvania. He is a 1992 graduate of the Rabbinical School of the Jewish Theological Seminary and received a Master of Education degree in psychological counseling from Columbia University. In 2015 Rabbi Kanter was the recipient of the Sydney Adams Award for Clergy from the New Bedford Interchurch Council.

September 28

The Roman Catholic Church

In this class James McNamee will explore the foundations of the Roman Catholic Church. He will trace the history of the Church from its beginnings to the present times. He will highlight the contributions of Vatican II and its impact on the modern world and also the roles of Pope John XXIII and Pope Francis in our times. James McNamee hopes to have a lively dialogue and exchange many fruitful ideas.

Presenter: James McNamee is a former Superintendent of Schools (Diocese of Fall River), Academic Principal at Bishop Stang H.S., Principal at Bishop Connolly H.S., and former President of The Second Half. He has taught many classes for The Second Half.

October 5

The History of Islam

This lecture will cover the history of Islam; it will start with the Arabs and the Arabian Peninsula before Islam, followed by the family and the tribe of the Prophet of Islam. Prof. El-Wakil will continue with how the religion came into being and how it spread and built the first Islamic State in Medina. He will also briefly discuss the era of expansion (the Omayyad, the Abbasid, the Fatimid dynasties and finally the Ottoman Empire). The weakening and downfall of the Islamic empire concludes the discussion.

Presenter: Sherif D. El-Wakil, joined the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth in September 1987 as a full professor. He was promoted to the rank of Chancellor Professor in September 1995, one of only two professors in the College of Engineering.

He served as the Chairman of the Mechanical Engineering Department from June 1995 to June 1999 and served as the Interim Dean of the College of Engineering from December 1999 to September 2000. A practicing Muslim, Prof. El-Wakil is one of the founding members of the Masjid Al-Ehsan mosque in South Dartmouth, MA.

October 12

The Islamic Faith

This lecture is devoted to the fundamentals of the Islamic Faith together with the beliefs, rituals, and attitudes toward others. It answers very important questions: Who is a Muslim? What is entailed in being one? What are the five pillars of Islam? Finally, Prof. El-Wakil will elaborate on the commonalities and differences between Islam on the one hand, and Christianity and Judaism on the other.

Presenter: Sherif D. El-Wakil, *See biography, above, at October 5.*

October 19

Christian Existentialism in the Twenty-first Century

Christian Existentialism emerged as a protest against what is called "Cultural Christianity." In the mid-1800s Soren Kierkegaard took the Danish religious and cultural establishment to task for what he considered a perversion of the Spirit of Jesus, as conveyed in the biblical Gospels. His influence expanded far beyond Denmark and traditional Christianity in the twentieth century, as seen in the works of atheists such as Albert Camus and Jean-Paul Sartre, as well as the Jewish philosophers Martin Buber and Abraham Heschel. The Rev. Dr. Doug Cederberg will present this perspective based on over twenty years of study and experience.

Presenter: The Rev. Doug Cederberg has served in church ministry for the past twenty-five years, presently serving Pilgrim United Church of Christ in New Bedford. He earned a Master of Divinity degree with high honors from North Park Theological Seminary in Chicago and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Ashland Theological Seminary in Ohio. His areas of expertise are systematic theology, existentialism, and spirituality.

October 26

Quakerism

In this class Kevin Lee will explore how the Religious Society of Friends, through its founder George Fox, came into existence and quickly grew in the mid-17th century

in England during a time of unprecedented religious and political upheaval. He will cover the impact that early Friends had upon the Colonies after arriving in 1657; how Friends, also known as Quakers, influenced commerce and the social structure of the early United States through their peace testimony and moral code; and their influence up to the present day.

Presenter: Kevin Lee for 31 years, until his retirement in 2015, Kevin Lee was Dartmouth's Town Youth Advocate. He is a member of Westport Monthly Meeting, Westport, MA.

In 1988 Kevin founded a new retreat program for Quaker children and served as its Coordinator for 26 years before retiring from leadership in 2013. In 1991 Westport Friends and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends, having affirmed his sustained gifts in ministry among children and families, recorded Kevin as a Friends Minister. He graduated from Andover-Newton Theological School, with a Master of

Divinity degree with a concentration in studies in Pastoral Counseling in 1998. He previously served on the Board of Directors of the Greater New Bedford Interchurch Council. He is frequently asked to participate in or facilitate retreats, forums, and training workshops.

November 2

Unitarian Universalism: Liberal Pilgrims, Past, Present, and Future

Unitarianism began in Transylvania, but we are going to survey how this religion, with its roots in Congregationalism, took hold in early America and evolved into a home for the liberal religious pilgrims on our landscape. Unitarian history is tightly woven with local history, being the churches whose members were whaling captains and the movers, shakers, and builders of our communities. UU congregations are now comprised of a wide variety of people, all with diverse spiritual paths (including atheism), who believe in the freedom of religious expression in a supportive environment, in the never-ending search for Truth, and in the inherent worth and dignity of all people. Where will this liberal religion be in another hundred years? **Presenter:** Karen Andersen, *See biography, above, at September 14.*

STUDY GROUP DESCRIPTIONS, FALL 2016 - WEDNESDAY

November 9

Secular Humanism

Secular Humanism is a naturalistic belief system holding that Nature (the world of everyday physical experience) is all there is—and that reliable knowledge is best obtained when humankind queries Nature using the scientific method. We will explore the basic tenets of Secular Humanism, how Secular Humanism differs from atheism, and engage in an interactive discussion of how the world view of Humanists compares to the views of those adhering to religions that assert the existence of supernatural entities. Learn why Humanists believe that we can all be “good without God.”

Presenter: Russ Carey holds an M.B.A. in Finance. He joined the American Humanist Association (AHA) in 2008 and attended the first of several AHA conferences in the Spring of 2010.

November 16

Buddhism

This class will include a trip to the Wat Nawamin Thai Temple in Raynham for a talk on Buddhism and a tour of the magnificent temple. **There is room for a maximum of forty people.** Class members will have the first opportunity to sign up, after which the trip will be open to the full membership.

Presenter: Master Mongkol, the Director and Head Monk of the Wat Nawamin Thai Temple.

There is an additional charge for the trip.

Study Group Size: Minimum: 10; Maximum: 30

Location: Classroom A, The Second Half, 205 Bedford St., Fall River, MA, except for the November 16 class.

Group Coordinator: Eileen Sorrentino

1220 The 2016 Presidential Election

Wednesday 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (8 weeks)

September 21 through November 16, 2016

(no class on October 19)

A major goal of this class is to follow the 2016 presidential campaign from week to week, ending with an analysis of the results. We will study key aspects of the presidential race including party platforms and policy stands; opinion polls; the media; presidential debates, as well as other topics that circumstances or class interest should suggest. Moreover, we hope to go beyond consideration of the 2016 election as a mere horse race and arrive at a fuller understanding of it by placing it in a historical context, including both U.S. and foreign precedents; studying the nomination, convention, and electoral college features of the uniquely American political process; weighing the role of foreign affairs; and examining social, psychological, and economic factors impinging on the election. We approach this class with enthusiasm and a sense that it will open up rich new fields of discovery to all of us.

Study Group Size: Minimum 5; Maximum 20

Location: Southworth Library, 732 Dartmouth St., Dartmouth, MA

Group Leaders: Chuck Bichsel graduated from Oberlin College with a B.A. in Government and received an M.A. in Political Science from The Ohio State University. He taught at Middleborough High School where he headed the Social Studies Department. Interests include American politics, world affairs, history, travel, photography, and French language and culture.



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Bob Miller has a B.A. in Political Science from The Ohio State University and has participated in several political campaigns over the years. He also graduated from The Ohio State University School of Law and has over thirty years' experience in the administration of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act in the mutual fund and insurance company industries.

1221 Beginner Bridge

Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (10 weeks)
September 15 through November 17, 2016

This study group offers a basic introduction to the game of bridge using Audrey Grant's *Bridge Basics 1: An Introduction* as a guide. During the ten-week course we will discuss bridge terminology as well as evaluating, bidding, and play of the hand. Recent articles in publications ranging from *The New York Times* to the *AARP Bulletin* have pointed out how effective bridge is at keeping us mentally fit and socially active—two important components in the healthy aging of our brains. That fact certainly inspires me to keep playing and teaching bridge. So please join the group and enjoy interacting with others as you learn the rudiments of this captivating card game.

Study Group Size: Minimum: 8; Maximum: 16

Location: Bay View, 4380 North Main St., Fall River, MA

Group Leader: **Brenda Stone** is a retired teacher and school psychologist and is accredited by the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) to teach bridge. She plays bridge two or three times a week and enjoys helping others learn this exciting game.

1222 Pastels Again

Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (5 weeks)

October 20 through November 17, 2016

(During the 5-week period there will be one extra class for a total of 6 sessions.)

Open to all levels of pastel painters. Items needed: a small box of soft pastels, a pad of 9x12-inch pastel paper, a kneadable eraser, newspaper to cover work area. Items can be purchased at Michaels, AC Moore, Job Lot, etc.

There will be a discussion on what pastels are and their use. We will start drawing in the first class. The goal of these classes will be to accomplish several pieces of art work of your choosing.

Study Group Size: Maximum: 10

Location: Ship's Watch, 4001 N. Main St., Fall River, MA

Group Leaders: After retirement, **Tina Pacheco's** avocation is art, especially pastels. She has taught beginner pastels for The Second Half several times and now wishes to offer this more advanced class. She has received awards for her displayed art work.



STUDY GROUP DESCRIPTIONS, FALL 2016 - THURSDAY

1223 Knitting for Fun

Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (8 weeks)
September 22 through November 10, 2016

Beginner, intermediate, and accomplished knitters are welcome. Yarn is available for small projects. If you want to work on a larger project, you should bring your own pattern, yarn, and needles. Learn to knit or to improve your knitting skills.

Study Group Size: Maximum: 10

Location: Westport Council on Aging, 75 Reed Rd., Westport, MA

Group Leader: Gertrude Vigeant is an accomplished knitter who also teaches knitting for the Westport Council on Aging.

1224 Family History Fundamentals

Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (6 weeks)
September 22 through October 27, 2016

In this course we will cover genealogical basics including use of charts and forms, how to find information, learning research techniques, using vital record and census records, and learning how to navigate the Internet. We will put together a 5 generation chart and get students started on a lifetime of discovery.

Study Group Size: Minimum: 5; Maximum: 12

Location: Classroom A, The Second Half, 205 Bedford St., Fall River

Group Leader: Carol Gafford is currently a Librarian at the Swansea Public Library. She runs the Tuesday Club which is a small gathering of family historians at the library. She is a member of several genealogical groups including the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, Bristol Chapter; the Rhode Island Genealogical Society; and the Bristol Historical and Preservation Society Genealogy group.



1225 Exploring Poetry as Readers and Writers

Thursday 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (7 weeks)
September 22 through November 10, 2016
(no class on October 27)

This small group meets in the Mattapoisett Library to share favorite poems, to present our own work each week, and to improve our writing by carefully listening to each other. We examine the work of published poets to expand our knowledge of the craft and to aid in our conversation. And we become acquainted through our voices, our chosen words, and our stories. As each class member is an active participant, we keep the class small to encourage a supportive environment in which we can explore our own creativity and enjoy the work that comes with it. And we invite new members to join us as we draw from the fertile ground of our own life experiences.

Study Group Size: Minimum: 7; Maximum: 11

Location: Community Room, Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., Mattapoisett, MA

Group Leader: Betty Jeanne (BJ) Nooth retired from a career in state government and joined The Second Half in 2003. She enjoys walking, the beach, knitting, all sorts of literary pursuits, and becoming better acquainted with all the South Coast has to offer. This is the seventh semester a poetry course has been offered in Mattapoisett.

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1226 Physiology of Wellness

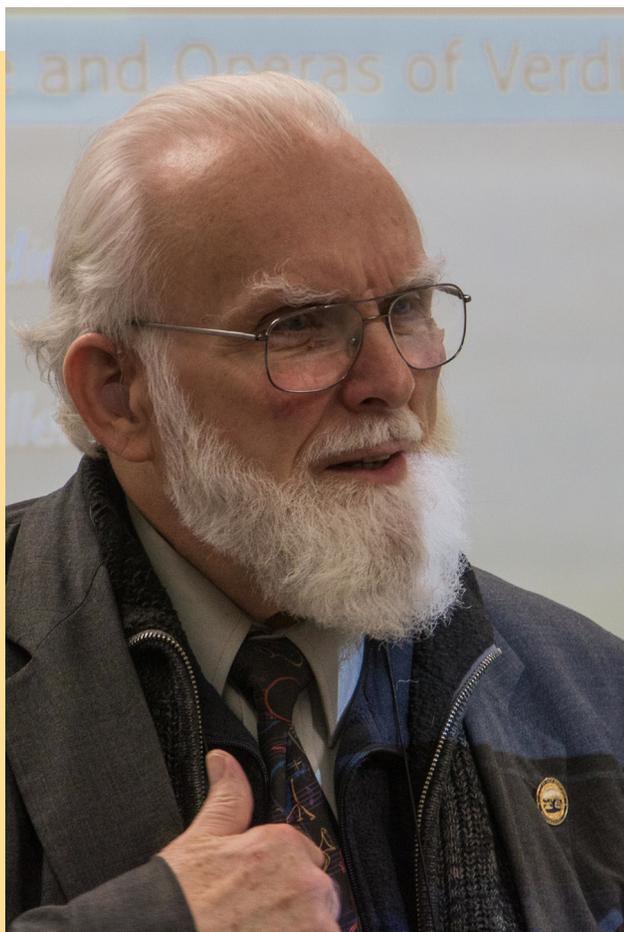
Thursday 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (8 weeks)
September 22 through November 10, 2016

This course is an introduction to the concept of wellness, basics of nutrition, exercise habits, weight control, cardiovascular disease, cancer prevention, stress management, immunizations, and developing self-advocacy for one's own healthcare.

Study Group Size: Minimum: 10; Maximum: 20

Location: Classroom A, The Second Half, 205 Bedford St., Fall River, MA

Group Leader: Paulette Howarth is a retired professor of Medical Laboratory Science from Bristol Community College. She currently teaches part time in the Biology Department at BCC. She has a B.S. and M.S. in Medical Laboratory Science, with healthcare experience in the Clinical Microbiology laboratory.



1227 Concert Masterworks, Part 3

Thursday 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (8 weeks)
September 22 through November 10, 2016

Parts I and 2 are NOT pre-requisites to take Part 3. The plan is to cover Beethoven's Violin Concerto in D Major and Johannes Brahms' Violin Concerto in D Major, both in depth, in four segments each. Each segment will have a 45-minute DVD presentation supplemented with information from Grove's *Dictionary of Music and Musicians*, CD performances, YouTube performances, handouts, and discussion about form, composition technique, and instrumentation. The main thrust will be on listening for better enjoyment and understanding of music.

Study Group Size: Minimum: 5; Maximum: 20+

Location: Classroom A, The Second Half, 205 Bedford St., Fall River, MA

Group Leader: Thom Sargent is Parish Music Director and Organist at St. Anthony of Padua Church in New Bedford. He retired in 2000 from the Providence, RI, School Department as Music Director at Classical High School. His formal education includes degrees in church music and music education.

1228 New Bedford Whaling Museum *Islands*

Thursday 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (6 weeks)
September 15 through October 20, 2016

The Whaling Museum connects with coastal communities around the world. Many are island nations that share a heritage of whaling and ocean dependency. Learn about this fascinating history and current projects that place New Bedford at the center of these international conversations.

September 15

Japan: The Manjiro Story

Captain William Whitfield rescued five Japanese fishermen from a remote Japanese island in 1841. He brought the youngest of the five, a 14-year-old boy named Manjiro, to his home in Fairhaven, MA, and educated him. Learn how these heroic acts led to opening Japan after 200 years of isolation. **Lecturer:** Gerry Rooney, President & CEO Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, Inc.

September 22

Islands of the Atlantic

“Expressly Placed to Facilitate Navigation”: North Atlantic Islands, their Advantages and Impacts, 1769 - 1924

As a matter of course American whaling voyages to the North and South Atlantic between 1769 and the early 20th century involved a number of island groups directly in their business relations. Transshipping oil, trading for foodstuffs, repairing damaged vessels, and needing consular services were several ways that Americans relied upon the island ports. Learn how these interactions resulted in a network of cross-cultural relations, stimulated economies, and initiated changes in established lifestyles.

Lecturer: Mike Dyer, Senior Maritime Historian, New Bedford Whaling Museum

September 29

The Bahamas and Caribbean: Life on Board

Andy Herlihy and his wife Liz packed up their young family and headed south this past winter to explore the Caribbean. Hear Andy describe life onboard; the planning, preparation, and unexpected events that occurred along the way. Homeschooling their two young children led to understanding the people and place in a whole new way.

Lecturer: Andy Herlihy, Executive Director, Community Boating Center

Christina Connett grew up sailing in the Bahamas on the R/V *Geronimo*, a 54' yawl, home to the St. George's School semester-at-sea program founded by her parents, Stevie and Babbie Connett, and dedicated to marine research. Learn how Christina's experience tagging sharks and turtles alongside her family led to a passion for the ocean, navigation, and marine conservation. Christina's experiences at sea will help inform one of the New Bedford Whaling Museum's most important upcoming exhibits dedicated to whale and ocean health, *Whales Today*-opening in spring 2017. Hear about islands, their fragile, unique ocean ecosystems, and where the work started by *Geronimo* is still making an impact in the nation of islands that make up the Bahamas.

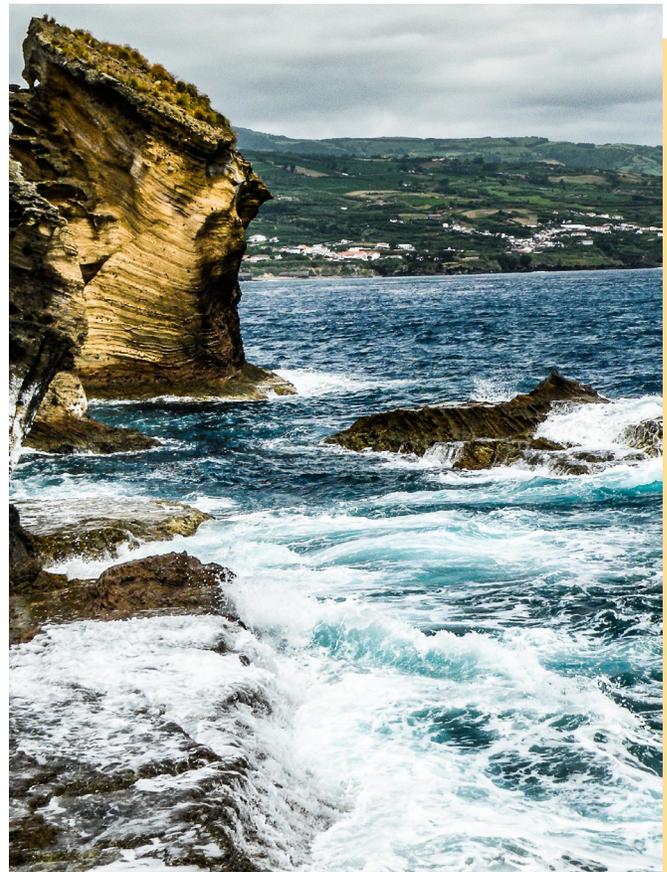
Lecturer: Christina Connett, Ph.D., Curator of Collections and Exhibits, New Bedford Whaling Museum

October 6

Madeira: “Of all islands, the most beautiful and free”

The Northern Atlantic archipelago of Madeira is often overshadowed by the more well known islands of the Azores. Director of Development, Sarah Budlong, will discuss the culture, landscape, and legends of this beautiful place, known as the “Pearl of the Atlantic.” Sarah led the 2014 NBWM members' trip to the Azores, and she will share personal photos, stories, and travel tips, as well as contextualize Madeira's history, traditions, and present-day challenges and opportunities.

Lecturer: Sarah Budlong, Director of Development, New Bedford Whaling Museum



The Dabneys of the Azores

How did Portugal and America come to develop historically close ties? Part of the answer lies with the Azores and one extraordinary American family, the Dabneys, that made the island of Faial their home. Boston Brahmins were merchants with elite social connections, which were enhanced in no small measure by their political role. Three generations of Dabneys were United States Consuls, forming a 90-year diplomatic dynasty that has never been repeated. To their hosts, the Dabneys' actions spoke louder than words in times of great hardship, earning them admiration throughout Portugal and America. This illustrated presentation surveys world events and famous names of the era from the perspective of this unique family living on these tiny but critical islands--a crossroads between the Old World and the New.

Lecturer: Arthur Motta, Curator of Old Dartmouth History, New Bedford Whaling Museum

October 13

Ireland: "Famine, Friends and Fenians"

This lecture looks at the Irish freedom movement of the mid-late 19th century and how this group's efforts impacted New Bedford in many important ways.

The link between New Bedford and Ireland is curiously significant. Quakers here supported relief efforts there during the great Irish famine of the 1840's. Frederick Douglass found inspiration from "the Emancipator" Daniel O'Connell during his time in Dublin. New Bedford whaling captain, George S. Anthony, sailed the CATALPA to rescue Fenian prisoners held in Fremantle, Australia on a daring mission of courage and cunning. The story continues through the Easter Rising of 1916 to when Iceland's President Eamon DeValera's visited Captain Anthony's graveside in 1922.

Lecturer: James Russell, President and CEO, New Bedford Whaling Museum

October 20

Discover Iceland

Just back from a fabulous members' trip, Caitlin McCaffrey will describe the breathtaking natural wonders that Iceland has to offer from waterfalls and black sand beaches to glaciers and lagoons. Discover why Iceland is a popular destination for people of all ages.

Lecturer: Caitlin McCaffrey, Assistant Director of Development, New Bedford Whaling Museum

New Bedford Whaling Museum high school apprentices participated in "Connecting Coastal Communities," a program funded through a grant from Museum Connect, which is a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and the American Alliance of Museums (AAM). The program had two main goals: to expand ocean literacy among youth in Massachusetts and in Húsavík, and to amplify the global shift toward eco-tourism and whale conservation. Learn how students from each country traveled to meet their counterparts and explored their similarities and differences as part of their work to change global attitudes about oceans and marine life.

Lecturer: Sarah W. Rose, Curator of Education, New Bedford Whaling Museum

Location: New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, MA

Group Coordinator: Sarah Rose, Curator of Education, New Bedford Whaling Museum, and Eileen Sorrentino



STUDY GROUP DESCRIPTIONS, FALL 2016 - FRIDAY

1229 Handbells for Fun: Intermediate Handbells Friday 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (13 weeks) September 23 through December 16, 2016

The Second Half Handbell Choir is an ongoing group of members who enjoy playing music together ringing handbells. New members with handbell ringing experience are always welcome.

Study Group Size: Maximum: 15

Location: Bay View, 4380 North Main St., Fall River, MA

Group Leaders: Diane Ennis is an experienced teacher, coach, and handbell ringer and has facilitated Handbells for Fun: Intermediate Handbells for many years.

Co-Leader Marilyn Potter has been playing handbells with The Second Half program for more than ten years, first with Julie Cleare as director and then with Diane. She has also played in Diane's bell choir at her church for ten years. Formal piano lessons started at age seven and continued to age 23. She has been a pianist, accompanist, and church organist for many years.

1230 Estate and Financial Planning: Tools for Success

Friday 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (8 weeks)
September 23 through November 11, 2016

This course has been designed to educate and inform participants on the relationship between estate planning and financial planning issues. The focus will be on planning for financial security both pre- and post-retirement, aging in place, planning for care in the least restrictive setting, and ensuring that one's estate be passed on to the desired beneficiaries in the most expedient and efficient way.

Topics to be discussed include basic estate planning documents (Health Care Proxies and Directives, Durable Powers of Attorney, Homestead Declarations, and Wills) and more sophisticated documents (Revocable and Irrevocable Trusts). Financial and retirement planning strategies, including life and health insurance, annuities, and other investment tools, will be discussed. Long-term care

planning strategies including long-term care insurance, annuities. Medicare and Medicaid will be discussed as well. Finally, tax planning strategies for income, capital gains, and estate and gift taxes will be addressed.

Study Group Size: Minimum: 10; Maximum: 25

Location: Classroom A, The Second Half, 205 Bedford St., Fall River

Group Leaders: Diane Graca, CFP, AIF, AEP, CLTC, and Jane Sullivan, Esq., both have over twenty years of experience in their respective fields. Diane has been affiliated with John Hancock Financial Network * for twenty years, and her specialties include investments, life insurance, long-term care insurance, retirement funding strategies, disability income insurance, college funding, and estate conservation. Jane is celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the opening of her own law practice here in Fall River, where she focuses in the areas of estate planning, elder law, and probate matters. Diane and Jane collaborate with one another and other estate planning professionals, including accountants, reverse mortgage specialists, geriatric care managers, certified senior advisors, and trust administrators. Several other local practitioners will participate in this course as guest speakers.

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1231 American Mahjongg for Beginners Friday 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (8 weeks) September 23 through November 11, 2016

American Mahjongg is a variant of the Chinese game mahjongg and is played with four players using tiles stamped with Chinese symbols. The goal of the game is to be the first player to match your tiles to a specific hand on a standard scorecard.

Although originally played only by Chinese aristocrats, today mahjongg has millions of dedicated players around the world. The excitement of playing mahjongg is in the decisions that you need to make while trying to construct a winning hand. Should you discard a tile or keep the tile?

Should you call for a tile that has been discarded or should you draw a tile from the wall? Class size is kept small so that three class members will have a study group leader at the table with them. Come join us in the game room at the Somerset Council on Aging and learn how to play this captivating game.

Study Group Size: Minimum: 3; Maximum: 12

Location: Somerset Council on Aging, 115 Wood St., Somerset, MA 02726

Group Leaders: Sheila Weinberg has been teaching American Mahjongg at the Somerset Council on Aging for almost five years. She also has run three successful mahjongg tournaments to raise money for the Council on Aging center and for local charities. Sheila keeps her beginner groups small because to learn mahjongg students must play rather than just listen or watch.

Sheila introduced Mary Martha Murphy to mahjongg several years ago, and Mary Martha was hooked. The first tournament in which she participated was in Bridgewater, and although she was a little intimidated when she went into the facility, she left feeling quite at home with a new set of friends. In the next tournament, she came in first place quite by accident, and in the next tournament she shared the booby prize in last place! Win or lose, Mary Martha thinks playing mahjongg is a fun way to meet and spend time with people her own age. She also enjoys helping Sheila teach the game to beginners and is looking forward to assisting Sheila with this Second Half study group.

1232 Discovering the Jewels of the Night Sky

Friday 12:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m. (6 weeks)

September 23 through October 28, 2016

This study group will investigate the marvels of the night sky. There will be sessions on historical perspective (how we evolved our understanding of the universe), understanding the size and scale of outworldly objects, a primer on everything visible in the night sky from satellites to galaxies, an introduction to observing (including how to observe with the naked eye, through binoculars and small telescopes), and sessions on how to find constellations and major deep-sky objects. There will also be an opportunity to observe objects we are studying through my telescope.

Study Group Size: Minimum: 6; Maximum: 25

Location: Classroom A, The Second Half, 205 Bedford St., Fall River, MA

Group Leaders: Roger Menard is an amateur astronomer and member of the Astronomical Society of New England (ASSNE). He has his own small observatory and spends most clear nights observing the skies. He tries to keep current on most aspects of astronomy and astrophysics.



1233 Slightly More Advanced Bridge Friday 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (10 weeks) September 16 through November 18, 2016

This bridge group is for those who have been playing bridge and know the basic conventions, rules of play (Rule #1=have fun), and wish to advance. The afternoon starts with a half hour discussion of the week's topic followed by the play of a set of duplicate bridge boards. Usually some of these boards are set up to practice the topic of the day. The study group decides the topics to be presented during the semester. Choices include: Defensive Signals, Michaels Cuebid, Various Doubles, Slam Bidding, Overcalls, Opening Leads, or other conventions such as Puppet Stayman, Texas Transfer, Splinter Bids, Jacoby 2NT, etc. It is helpful, but not necessary, to have a steady partner (interpret that as you will). There is always someone present who needs a partner. During the study group's duplicate bridge play, we will practice duplicate scoring, bidding with the score in mind, and envisioning the shape of the opponents' and your partner's hands.

Study Group Size: Maximum: 28

Location: Westport Council on Aging, 75 Reed Road, Westport, MA

Group Leaders: Al Humphrey is retired from a career in computers. He has revived his interest in bridge and has been facilitating this study group for many years. He plays bridge two or three times a week.

1234 Beowulf: A Thousand Years of Baggage Friday 2:30 a.m. – 4:30 a.m. (5 weeks) September 23 through October 21, 2016

Immerse yourself in the great Anglo-Saxon poem, "Beowulf," the first great piece of literature in Old English! You'll feel like you're back in high school, but with a twist. In addition to reading the poem, we will watch a film version of the story and, most importantly, attend the Trinity Rep production of *Beowulf: A Thousand Years of Baggage* in Providence. In the weeks following we can discuss the show.

Trinity Rep describes this show with the following: "Based on one of the most famous pieces of literature of all time, *Beowulf: A Thousand Years of Baggage* is a raucous rock 'n' roll re-telling of the blood-soaked Old English poem. With music by Dave Malloy (*Natasha, Pierre and the Great Comet of 1812*) the swaggering hero Beowulf defends the great hall of Heorot against the monster Grendel, Grendel's mother, and a fire-breathing dragon... as a panel of academics overanalyzes his every move. With music *The New York Times* called "catchy and pop-infused with echoes of Tom Waits," *Beowulf: A Thousand Years of Baggage* is an epic legend seen in a visceral, brutal, and tender new light."

We'll have plenty to talk about in this class!

Study Group Size: Minimum: 8; Maximum: 25

Location: Classroom A, The Second Half, 205 Bedford St., Fall River

Group Leaders: Susan Richard is a retired English teacher and Department Head who spent 35 years working with high school students. Working with adults is a joy and a pleasure! She is also the president of the Governing Board of Your Theatre, Inc., and an avid theatre patron. Although she has not been active on stage for some time, she has directed and performed in community theatre.



THE SECOND HALF: LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE

MEMBERSHIP FORM 2016-2017

Members new to The Second Half: Please complete this form.
We'd like to get to know you better and ask that you respond to the following questions.
This information will allow us to better serve all our members.

Name _____ Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

How did you hear about The Second Half? _____

Age? Under 50 _____ 50-55 _____ 56-60 _____ 61-65 _____ 66-70 _____

71-75 _____ 76-80 _____ 81-85 _____ 86+ _____

College Degree? Yes _____ No _____ Major? _____

Work Experience? _____

Are you retired? _____ Work part-time? _____

Please describe any volunteer activities/hobbies/interests _____

If you have any teaching or group leadership experience, please describe. _____

Are you interested in participating in any of the following activities?

Lead a study group Yes _____ No _____

Assist a group leader in a study group Yes _____ No _____

Serve on The Second Half Board of Directors Yes _____ No _____

Serve on a TSH committee (Curriculum, Communications, Membership, Special Events, Newsletter, Volunteer, Coordinator, Fundraising)

Yes _____ No _____ (If yes, circle which one)

Help with mailing and other office tasks Yes _____ No _____

Help with fund raising Yes _____ No _____ Help with grant writing Yes _____ No _____

Assist with the TSH website Yes _____ No _____

Membership fee is \$35.00 per year -- September 1, 2016 - August 31, 2017

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REGISTRATION FORM - FALL 2016

Name _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____ Cell Phone _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Emergency Contact: Name _____ Phone _____

ARE YOU NEW TO THE SECOND HALF? YES _____ NO _____
IF YES, PLEASE COMPLETE THE MEMBERSHIP FORM ON THE REVERSE SIDE.

STUDY GROUP SELECTIONS

(Please do not use the name of the study group; use the number listed next to the study group name.)

(1) #_____

(2) #_____

(3) #_____

(4) #_____

(5) #_____

(6) #_____

REGISTRATIONS ARE HANDLED ON A FIRST COME/FIRST SERVED BASIS

If you registered for a study group in Spring 2016 and did not get in because of over-enrollment, and if the **SAME** study group is being offered this semester, please register as a priority for that study group this semester.

_____ I request priority for study group # _____. **Requests for priority must be made by August 16, 2016.**

In case you do not get into one of the study group listed above, indicate an alternate choice: #_____

AMOUNT DUE

___ \$35.00 Membership Dues

___ \$150.00 Tuition for up to two study groups

___ \$_____ Tuition for each additional study group (\$30.00 per study group)

___ I am a Group Leader. My tuition fee is waived

___ \$_____ Donation

\$_____ TOTAL

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Driving Directions to the Parking lots across from 205 Bedford Street, Fall River (There are two parking lots next to each other that are open to TSH members.)

From the East: Wareham/Marion

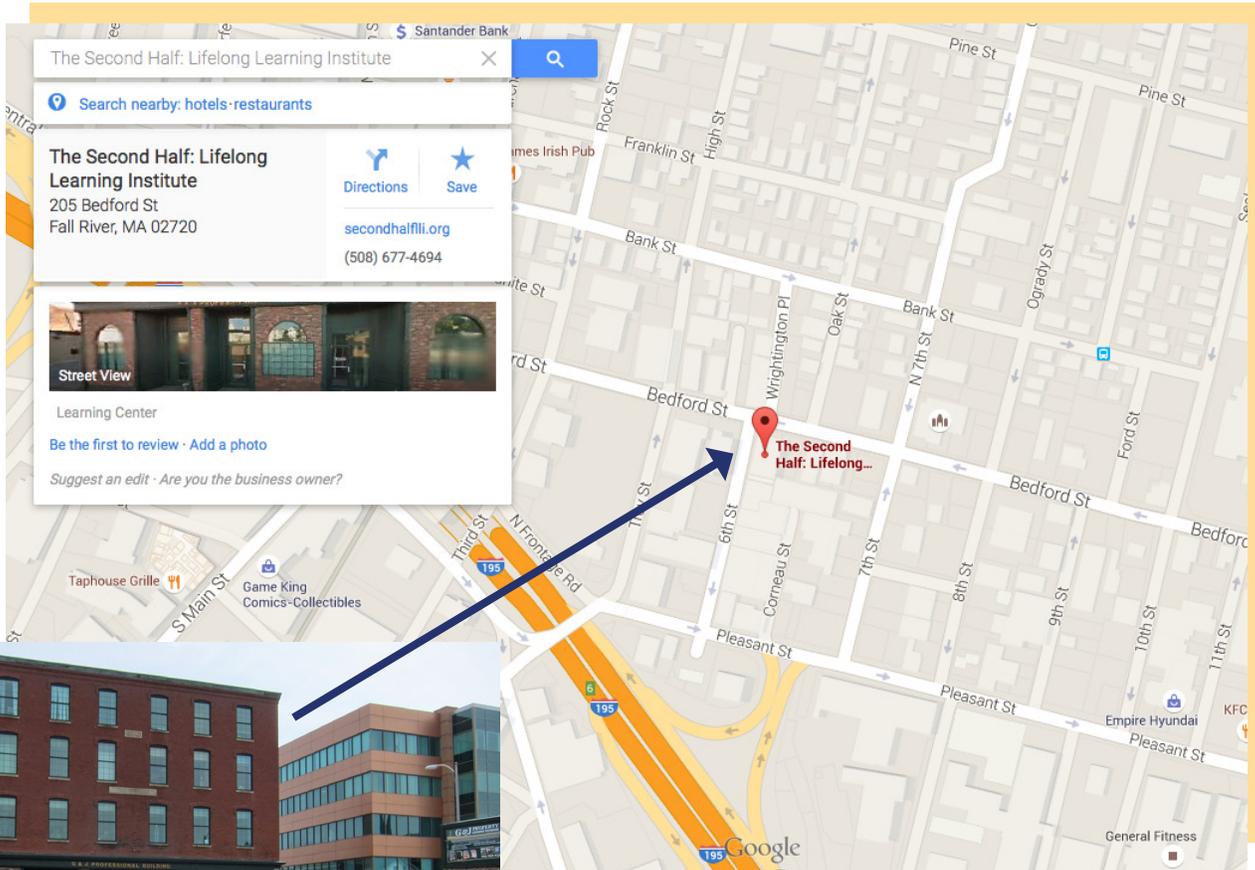
Take Route I-195 West
 Take Exit 6-7 toward MA-81 S/Plymouth Ave/Pleasant Street
 Keep left at the fork (the Pleasant St. Exit 6)
 Turn right onto Pleasant Street
 Take your immediate 1st left onto 7th Street
 Take your 1st left onto Bedford Street
 205 Bedford Street is on your left just before 6th Street
The parking lots are on the right directly across from 205 Bedford Street

From the West: Somerset/Providence

Take Route I-195 East
 Take the MA-81/Plymouth Ave Exit 6-7 toward Downtown Fall River
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 Turn right onto Hartwell Street
 Turn right onto 4th Street
 Take the 1st right onto Pleasant Street
 Turn left onto 7th Street
 Take the 1st left onto Bedford Street
 205 Bedford St. is on your left just before 6th Street
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From the North Taunton/Lakeville

Take 24 S to Route I-195 West
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 Keep left at fork (the Pleasant Street Exit 6)
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