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FALL 2021 CATALOG

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WELCOME TO THE SECOND HALF LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE- Fall Semester 2021

It is a new season. A perfect opportunity to do something **NEW**, something **BOLD**, something **BEAUTIFUL**. This season creates the perfect setting for a sense of comfort, warmth, and reflection after the chaotic COVID detour.

I think you are going to be pleased with the variety and content of the line-up of classes presented by your Second Half Lifelong Learning Institute for the Fall of 2021.

Distancing ourselves from the extremely tough year, we have not closed our doors. We have maintained a Spring 2020 semester, ran an inspired Fall 2020 semester, and we are just finishing up our looming Spring 2021 semester. So now that it is Fall, we deserve a respite, of sorts, a "Slippers & Cocoa" semester to reconnect, energize, settle in, and **VENTURE OUT--Together**.

For this Fall, we have a spirited teaching carousel of in-person and Zoom classes. We have discovered that with three semesters of Zoom teaching, it is easy to learn, and it is free for you to sign-up. I will be there to help.

Please join us for this exciting, thought-provoking adventure. You will renew acquaintances, cultivate new friendship, and learn things about our world, past, present, and future.

Just as climbing Mt. Everest is hailed as the "Third Pole," let this Fall semester be a gift to us all and the benchmark season of renewal, change, and light.

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FALL 2021 – PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES

Registration begins September 1, 2021

Classes begin the week of September 22, 2021

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P.O. Box 9333
Fall River, MA 02720

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2201 **Beginning Birding** **Spring**

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Field Trips 8:00 - 10:00 A.M.

Classroom: September 13 - October 4
Field Trips: October 11 - November 1
(8 weeks)

Special: Birding by Car – November 22

If you are “itching” to get OUTSIDE and walk in safe places, if you have been feeding birds and want to know more, if you want to see if birding is a hobby you would want to indulge in, then this the course for you.

This study group will consist of classroom presentations and field trips, with a concentration on Bird Food and Ducks. Field trips are to Bay Hawk Trail at BCC, Colt State Park, Gooseberry Island, Allen’s Neck Wildlife Refuge, Sachuest Point, with a special Birding-By-Car to the Cape Cod Canal Bike trail.

If a field trip is rained out, we will have a class.

Location: Classroom and in the field

Facilitator: Mary Martha Murphy
Mary Martha Murphy started birding during a vacation to the Allegash in Northern Maine in 1970. A fellow traveler introduced her to the *Little Golden Book of Bird Identification*, and he pointed out that the “duck” they had been chasing in their canoe

was none other than a Common Loon. She has graduated to more sophisticated field guides! Her birding trips include forays into Rhode Island, Cape Cod, Cape Ann, and the Bay of Fundy. She has also traveled to Southern Texas and the prairies of Montana.

2202 **Laugh, Laugh, Laugh!** **Ten of the Best Comedy** **Films of All Time**

10:00 – 11:00 A.M.
September 20 – December 13
(10 weeks)
(No Class October 11)

Last semester, one of the film-watching group asked why we don’t do more comedy films. Well, this time we will. Chosen from several lists of the Funniest Movies of All Time, these films will make you laugh till you cry. Laughter is the best medicine—it lifts your spirits and your mood. What a great way to start the week! I hope you’ll join us.

SEPTEMBER 20: *The General* (1926)
(Silent Film)

SEPTEMBER 27: *M.A.S.H.* (1970)

OCTOBER 4: *Duck Soup* (1933)

OCTOBER 11: *No Class*

OCTOBER 18: *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* (1975)

OCTOBER 25: *Modern Times* (1936)

NOVEMBER 1: *The Princess Bride* (1987)

NOVEMBER 8: *Airplane* (1980)

NOVEMBER 15: *Legally Blonde* (2001)

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NOVEMBER 22: *My Cousin Vinny*
(1992)

NOVEMBER 29: *Bridesmaids* (2011)

Location: Online Zoom

Facilitator: Eileen Sorrentino

Eileen Sorrentino is a retired lawyer and mediator who enjoys great movies. She plays ukulele, rows whaleboats whenever she can, and lives in Mattapoissett with her husband John.

2203 Greek History

9:30 – 11:00 A.M.

September 20 – November 15, 2021
(8 weeks)

(No Class October 11)

This is a general overview of “ancient” Greek History up to the time of the conquest of Greece by Rome. It is one of the two concurrent continuation of Ancient History 2 course from Spring 2021.

Location: Online Zoom

Facilitator: Thomas Roche

Thomas Roche holds an M.S.L. and a Ph.D. in classics/ancient history, from SUNY Buffalo, an M.S. from the University of Vermont, and a B.A. in classics from Williams College. He has taught extensively in various K-12 settings, as well

as at Wheaton College, Salve Regina University, Bridgewater State University, and Eastern Nazarene College. He has taught classical Latin and ancient Greek, rhetoric, philosophy, German, and reading/study Library Skills.

2204 Roman History

Noon – 1:30 P.M.

September 20 – November 15, 2021
(8 weeks)

(No Class October 11)

This is a general overview of Roman History, a continuation of Ancient History 2.

Location: Online Zoom

Facilitator: Thomas Roche

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2205 **The Rise of Asia**

9:30 – 11:30 A.M.

October 19 – November 23 (6 weeks)

We will look at the three major Asian countries- China, India, and Japan. The focus will be on the Industrial Revolution in these countries, which have gone from being among the poorest in the world to middle class or, in the case of Japan, rich. The Chinese economy is now bigger than that of the United States. We will start with a quick history of these three countries and why growth was so slow. But the focus will be on the industrialization, beginning around 870 in Japan, 1975 in China, and 1990 in India. How and why did the economies shift so quickly, and how long can rapid growth continue.

The class will make reference to the following:

John Kaey's *India: A History*

Deng Xiaoping's *The Transformation of China*

John Dower's *Embracing Defeat*

Location: Online Zoom class

Facilitator: *David Wyss*

David Wyss has a Ph.D. in Economics and has just retired from Brown University. He was previously chief economist for Standard and Poors and DRI/McGraw-Hill, as well as senior economist with the President's Council of Economic Advisors and the Federal Reserve Board.

2206 **The Art of the Short Story: Best American Short Stories 2020**

2:30 - 4:30 P.M.

October 5 – November 9 (6 weeks)

The Art of the Short Story Class will study contemporary short story using the latest version of the most prestigious annual anthology, *The Best American Short Stories 2020*, Curtis Sittenfeld, Editor. The book is a “striking and nuanced collection, bringing to life awkward college students, disgraced public figures, raunchy grandparents, and mystical godmothers. To read these stories is to experience the transporting joys of discovery and affirmation and to realize that story writing in American continues to flourish.

Location: Southworth Library, Haskell Auditorium, 732 Dartmouth Street, South Dartmouth MA

Facilitators: *James M. Cronin and Margot Green*

James M. Cronin has an undergraduate degree in English Literature from Harvard University, and has taken numerous postgraduate classes in literature and creative writing at Harvard Extension School, Brown University and Frequency Writers. He has facilitated The Art of the Short Story class for many years. His first book of poetry, *World of Shadows*, was published in 2018 by The Poetry Loft Press of Cranston, RI

Margot Green received a B.A. and an M.A. from Simmons College and stayed on as the administrator in the Department of Art and Music from 1965 to 1985. She taught at Bristol Community College from 2000 to 2015 and has been a member of the Yale Writers Conference since 2014.

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2207 **Female Artists: Trials, Tribulations & Tenacity**

2:30 – 4:30 P.M.

November 9 – December 14 (6 weeks)

During this six-week course we will explore the lives and works of six courageous women: Elizabeth Louise Vigee Le Brun, Rosa Bonheur, Edmonia Lewis, Camille Claudel, Maud Lewis, and Frida Kahlo. Some famous, some infamous, these female artists faced countless trials and tribulations to pursue their chosen field yet prevailed in overcoming the obstacles life presented them with tenacity and grace.

Location: Online Zoom

Facilitator: Elizabeth (Liz) M. Lafleur

Liz LaFleur is a New Bedford native. She recently retired from the manufacturing world where she worked in administration, compliance, and quality control over the years. Liz enjoys reading, traveling, and learning about art and different cultures.

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2208 **A History of the British Isles from 1600 to the Present**

9:30 – 11:30 A.M.

October 20 – December 8 (8 weeks)

When the Stuart King, James VI of Scotland, inherited the English crown in 1603, he sought to create a new state of Great Britain and Ireland. However, the Stuart century is primarily remembered for a brutal Civil War. Late in the century, a second James Stuart fled the country when the Dutch invaded, and the English made William of Orange and Mary Stuart their monarchs under a constitution that established Parliamentary sovereignty. During that same century, the English laid the foundation of what would become a great British Empire that was not dissolved until well into the twentieth century. In the 18th and 19th century Britain experienced the world's first industrial revolution and gave the name Victorian to Western bourgeois culture. In the 20th century Britain fought two world wars and lost its status as a great power. It also lost control over most of Ireland, spent a prosperous half-century as a member of what became the European Union, left the EU in the 21st century, and perhaps the United Kingdom itself may end if Scotland becomes independent.

To visualize these topics, we will use the first hour of each class to watch Simon Schama's acclaimed History of Britain (2000). These BBC films will treat us to a virtual tour of British History. During the second hours we will discuss his interpretations.

Location: Online Zoom

Facilitator: Gerard Koot

Gerard Koot is an Emeritus Professor of History at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, where he taught British and European history for 38 years, and a veteran Second Half presenter.

2209 **Learning From our Past: Germany and US as Racial States – A Conversation**

9:30 - 11:30 A.M.

October 6 - November 10 (6 weeks)

In this course we will examine how Germany was forced on a long and difficult (and at times meandering) path to confront its Nazi past and its attempts to come to terms with it and make atonement. The Germans even created a new word for confronting their past: "Vergangenheitsaufarbeitung" (coming to terms with the past). It was created in the aftermath of the war but began to be used and applied more commonly in the late 1950s and early 1960s. We will then examine how the United States has approached its own "sin" of slavery and racism since the conclusion of the Civil War. We will conclude with a two-class discussion on what we have learnt in class as well as the current debates surrounding race and racism in the United States. We may also discuss if any, or some, or none of the German experience with confronting the past can be applied in the US.

Location: Online Zoom

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Facilitators: Dr. Ronald Weisberger and Manya Bark

Dr. Ronald Weisberger is the Director of the Bristol Community College Holocaust Center and Adjunct Professor of History. He has a B.A. and an M.A. in History, an M.Phil.Ed, and an Ed.D. in Higher Education. He has taught at BCC for 40 years and has co-taught a course on the Holocaust for the last 14 years.

Manya Bark is an independent scholar. She has a B.A. and an M.A. in German and East European history as well as a minor in Judaic Studies. She was born and lived in Germany and studied in Australia as well as the United States.

2210 Book Club for Mind and Soul

**Noon – 2:00 P.M.
September 22 – December 8 (8 weeks)**

Love books? A book is a discount ticket to everywhere. Travel with us and meet diverse people who may help you connect to your life experiences. A chair waits for you in our book club. In order to give everyone a chance to participate in the discussions, the class will be divided into two groups. Both groups will discuss the same books. The books that have been chosen for Fall are as follows:

Fifty Words for Rain by Asha Lemmie

Group A September 22
Group B September 29

The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman

Group A October 13
Group B October 20

The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

Group A November 3
Group B November 10

A Piece of the World by Christina Baker Kline

Group A December 1
Group B December 8

Location: 1600 Highland Ave, Fall River, MA

Facilitators: Elaine Oliveira and Anne Maranda

Elaine Oliveira majored in English and taught English as a second language in local elementary schools and at Bristol Community College. She also studied in Lisbon on scholarship and at Azores University. She has been leading this book group since 2001.

Anne Maranda is a retired elementary school teacher. She taught in Boston, Acushnet, and New Bedford public schools and at Dominican Academy in Fall River. Since her retirement she has enjoyed reading and traveling.

2211 Conversational Spanish: Intermediate Level

**Noon - 2:00 P.M.
September 22 to December 1 (10 weeks)**

This is an ongoing, progressive learning study group. It focuses on developing participants' increased familiarity with the language and ability to express themselves both orally and with the written word. Class discussion and group exercises are major components. *Continuemos!* by Jarvis, Lebrede & Mena is used as a reference tool. For new members, some basic knowledge of Spanish is required.

Location: Southworth Public Library, 732 Dartmouth Street, South Dartmouth

Facilitator: Mariano Merino

Mariano Marino is a native of Spain. He did graduate studies in Madrid. He has also done graduate work at Boston University and Rhode

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Island College. He has worked in the field of mental health.

2212 KALEIDOSCOPE

Noon - 2:00 P.M.

September 22 through October 27
(6 weeks)

Join us on an adventure through the Southcoast and Rhode Island.

Each week you will enjoy, learn, and appreciate the many treasures that we have right here in our own backyard. So come with us to appreciate the beauty, learn about the past, be inspired by words, and pick up a trick or two about apple and flowers.

September 22: St Columba's Chapel
55 Vaucluse Ave
Middletown, Rhode Island

Enjoy a presentation about this historic chapel, followed by an opportunity to observe St. Columba's famous Tiffany stained-glass windows. Weather permitting, a tour of the historic churchyard and its notable residents will be followed by an opportunity to wander the churchyard and view the exceedingly rare lych gate.

We know that you will enjoy this lovely historical landmark, and spiritual place.

Guest Speakers: Robert Fye and Mary-Louise Sturtevant Howard

September 29: Araujo Farm & Greenhouses

Enjoy a slide show presentation and a demonstration of low-maintenance containers for every season. You will not be disappointed with the knowledge that you will bring home.

LeeAnne's demonstration will be outside, so bring a chair. She will create an arrangement and then raffle it off to our class.

Location: Araujo Farm & Greenhouses
1522 Williams Street
Dighton, Mass

Guest Speaker: LeeAnne Araujo

LeeAnne Araujo grew up in the Garden Center/Farming Industry. She has 24 years of experience to share. She is now the manager of the Araujo Farms Garden enter, which is open from March through December.

October 6: Walking Tour of the Head of Westport

During this tour, we will explore the special architecture and history of the Head of Westport, including shipbuilding, and industrial and commercial activities of its 19th century heyday. The tour will take a stop at the Westport River Watershed Alliance's new headquarters, the River Center, and the Bell School, the home of the Westport Historical Society.

Location: 25 Drift Road
Westport, MA

Guest Speaker: Jenny O'Neill, Executive Director Westport Historical Society

**October 13: Luther Store Museum--
Swansea Historical Society**

The Luther store is a historic store in Swansea. The store retains original fixtures, including solid mahogany counters, drawers for goods storage, and the proprietor's desk. Built in 1815 by John Brown Luther, it was in operation by the Luther Family as a store until 1903. It is the present site of the Swansea Historical Society.

Location: Luther Store Museum
69 Main Street
Swansea, Mass

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Guest Speaker: Carl Becker, President of the Swansea Historical Society

October 20: Heirloom Apple Tasting and Talk

Come taste a bite of history. Heirloom apples reflect the settlement of the United States from 17th Century New England apples with names like Roxbury Russet, Rhode Island Greening, and 18th Century Sheep Nose and Westfield See No Further to 19th Century Tolman Sweet. Apples were bred for fresh eating, dessert, sauces, baking, drying, keeping and for cider and hard cider.

Location: Westport Mass

Guest Speaker: Joseph Ingoldsby, ASLA of Westport

Joseph will speak about heirloom apples and bring a selection of seasonal apples for tasting and comparison of heirloom apple cultivars. He is the former owner of River Rise Farm above the North River in North Marshfield, which supplied apples to L'Espalier and the Flour Bakery in Boston, and to restaurants on the South Shore. His trees have been planted in Historic Deerfield; Coggeshall Farm, Bristol, RI; and at historic farms, historic houses, and estates from the Hudson River Valley to the North Shore.

October 29: Words That Inspire

The American experience is replete with sparkling success and dark chapters that tested the nation's character. The power of words, the magnificent power of words, has lifted, again and again, the nation's soul. Women, Men, Native People's, Immigrants, people of different religions and races--all have left an indelible imprint upon America's heart. Poetry, music,

simple statements, declarations, and other written expressions color the fabric of America. Come, listen to her song.

Location: 863 Belleville Ave. New Bedford

Guest Speaker: Joseph Cote

Joseph Cote is a native of Fall River. He received his undergraduate and doctoral degrees from the University of Georgia. He enjoys playing bridge and playing the piano.

Facilitators: Roberta Melton and Lois Spirlet

Roberta and Lois are history junkies with a great sense of adventure.

2213 Picasso, Matisse & Gertrude Stein

Noon – 2:00 P.M.

September 22 – October 27 (6 weeks)

“As different as the north pole is from the south pole” is how Matisse described Picasso and himself to Gertrude Stein. In 1906, American writer and art collector Gertrude Stein arranged for famed artists **Henri Matisse** and **Pablo Picasso** to meet. Little did she know that this fateful meeting would change the entire course of Modern Art History. While Matisse and Picasso initially disliked each other's paintings, they sensed the power that each held to challenge and motivate the other's work. This rivalry and friendship seemed to bring out the best in both artists. We will take a close look at the honest friendship and open rivalry between the two Masters of Modern Art, Matisse and Picasso, and the role played by Gertrude Stein's 27 Rue de Fleurus: The Stein salon.

This will be a fascinating look at Picasso's painting, sculpting, pottery--his many wives and mistresses--and Matisse's painting, sculpture, cut outs, stained glass windows, and designs for the Chapelle du Rosaire de Vence.

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Location: Online Zoom

Facilitator: *Nancy Ogden*

Nancy Ogden is an Art Historian by education and a filmmaker by occupation. She is developing a film on the life and work of Fra Angelico and the monastery of San Marco.

2214 **Zoom Trivia**

2:30 - 4:30 P.M.

**September 22 through October 27
(6 weeks)**

Are you tired of having all that trivial information in your head and no one to share it with? Are you afraid that someday your head just might explode if it has no place to go? The Second Half has heard you and we are ready to provide a solution! Join our Zoom Trivia class and release all that pent-up knowledge in a fun and painless way. Each week your Trivia Master will ask questions of participants taken from a variety of trivia games and sources. All you need is a pad of paper, a pen or pencil, and your fabulous brain! During the game, we will also explore some of the more obscure trivia answers to fill your brain with even more useless information! A winner will be declared each week, and there may even be a special prize for the truly gifted. So if you know that Boston was the first U.S. city to have a subway, that Knute Rockne popularized the forward pass in football, or that when doing a tequila shot, the correct order is salt, tequila, lemon, this class is for you!

(WARNING – Some questions may require serious thought.)

Location: Online Zoom

Facilitator/Trivia Master: *Susan Richard*

Susan Richard is a retired English teacher and Department Head who spent 36 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 directed and performed in community theatre for many years.

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2215 **Advanced Beginner Bridge**

9:30 A.M. – Noon

**September 23 through November 11
(8 weeks)**

Advanced Beginner Bridge is the next step for those players who understand the very basic plays of bridge, such as counts, suits preference, and point counts. This course is the next step and will hopefully advance your leads and discard skills. It will center on High Point as well as preempts hands and how to play them.

LOCATION: Fairhaven Council on Aging, 229 Huttleston Ave, Fairhaven, MA

Facilitator: Caroline Cooper

Caroline Cooper played Bridge in college and upon retiring found that she enjoyed the game, but that modern bridge was quite different from the game that she learned in college. She plays both social bridge and duplicate bridge weekly and has gained some Black, Red, Silver and Gold points. She has helped some of her social bridge players to become duplicate players but knows that learning bridge is never ending.

2216 **The Way of the Breath: Mindfulness Meditation Practice in our Daily Lives**

9:30 – 11:30 A.M.

**September 23, October 7, October 21,
November 4, November 18, December 2,
December 16
(7 weeks)**

This seven-week study group will offer strategies, guided meditations, and opportunities for discussion in order to help us to become more adept at taming our internal dialogues. Four decades of research into this 2,500-year-old practice have shown it to be beneficial for many stress-related emotional and physical conditions. It is also helpful in nurturing an atmosphere of inquiry into our internal lies and our own relationships.

Students must have participated in one of Mr. Pinter's classes in a previous semester.

Location: 209 Bedford St, Fall River, MA

Facilitator: Kenneth Pinter

Ken Pinter is a part-time psychotherapist who has studied and practiced mindfulness meditation for approximately 25 years. He currently maintains his own individual and weekly group practice.

2217 **The Night Sky**

1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

**October 7 through November 18
(6 weeks) No class November 11.**

How often do you look up at the night sky and wish you knew just a little more about the constellations, planets, etc. This course will start with some history of how we humans understand our surroundings. We will then spend a little time understanding the size and scale of our solar system, our galaxy, and the universe. We will start our adventure into the night sky by first discussing what can be seen with only the un-aided eye, a common binocular, and a small telescope. This will include hints and suggestions concerning how to

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buy binoculars and a small telescope. We will discuss many constellations, how they got their names, the mythology behind the constellations, how to identify the constellations, and any interesting objects within the constellations. While I will cover a great deal of deep sky objects, my sole intent is to leave you with a slightly better understanding of what you see when you look up into the night sky. There are no homework or quizzes—just come and have fun!

Location: Community Room, Dartmouth Public Library North Branch, 211 Cross Road, North Dartmouth

Facilitator: Roger Menard

Roger Menard is Vice President of the Astronomical Society of Southern New England. He has been an avid astronomy for several years and would like to share his knowledge and experience.

2218 **Armchair Travel**

2:30 to 4:30 P.M.

October 21 and 28, November 4 and 18, December 2 and 9 (6 weeks)

Join us for this six-week, two-hour session as we travel to foreign lands through the eyes and personal experiences of each presenter. Some of the locations we visit will be familiar, some exotic; all will be interesting.

Oct 21: Slovenia & Croatia

Presented by Elizabeth M Lafleur

We will visit hidden gems--enigmatic and enchanting--often overlooked by travelers: Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia; medieval

Bled Castle overlooking Lake Bled; Piran, the seaside resort city on Slovenia's Adriatic coast; Zagreb, the charming yet bustling capital of Croatia; and the Dalmatian coastal town of Spilt.

Oct 28: The Magic of Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia

Presented by Holly Fitzgerald

There are easier ways to go to South America--this will probably not be the way you want to take a trip yourself--but please sit back in the safety of your home and come along with my husband and me through the Andes Mountains to the Amazon jungle. We'll travel by horse, by foot, bus, small plane, and then down into the jungle by a handmade raft. What happened to us on the raft is the story I told in my book, *Ruthless River*, and I will go into that as well. I look forward to our adventure together!

Nov 4: Vietnam and Cambodia

Presented by Mariano Merino

This presentation will explore the culture, art, and some of the history of these two countries, and the riches of the Mekong Delta

Nov 18: The Splendors of Japan

Presented by Sheila and Gerard Koot

Travel with us across the North Pole to the "Land of the Rising Sun." Discover the ancient legacies of Japan. Visit Tokyo, Hakone, Kyoto, and more. Prior to the pandemic, we visited Japan and are anxious to share the history and culture of this fascinating country with you.

Dec 2: Ireland

Presented by Roger Menard

The guide for our trip to Ireland has the distinction of walking around Ireland (all 1,800 miles) with a donkey. He is a folk hero in Ireland, and almost everyone in every pub we went to knew him, even though he actually lives in Pittsfield, MA. I am currently reading his

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book on his travels with Missy (the donkey) and will include some of his insights in the presentation.

Dec 9: Germany: From Castles to Christmas Markets

Presented by Michael Sitarz

Enjoy a quick tour of Germany with a little of everything this country has to offer. From vineyards to picturesque small towns, you'll feel like you're going back in time. Visit some castle ruins, including one that is still inhabited by ancestors of the original family, and another that repurposed as a hotel.

Take a short hike in the Black Forest and then head on to explore small, picturesque villages, including Germany's best preserved medieval town.

Explore Christmas Markets in various locales, from simple to ornate, with crafts, food, and mulled wine to please almost everyone.

LOCATION: Online Zoom

Facilitator: *Elizabeth (Liz) M. Lafleur*

2219 Looking at and Listening to Beethoven Piano Sonatas, Part 1

2:30 - 4:30 P.M.

**September 16 through November 18
(10 Weeks)**

EARLY SONATAS

Each class will consist of a 45-minute DVD giving information on historical background, music forms, and music examples. Time will be

allotted for questions and discussion, and we will watch and listen to a YouTube example. Emphasis will be on listening and enjoyment.

LOCATION: Online Zoom

Facilitator: *Thom Sargent*

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2220 Looking at and Listening to Beethoven Piano Sonatas, Part 2

2:30 - 4:30P.M.

January 13, 2021, through March 17, 2022

(10 Weeks)

MIDDLE PERIOD SONATAS

Each class will consist of a 45-minute DVD giving information on historical background, music forms, and music examples. Time will be allotted for questions and discussion, and we will watch and listen to a YouTube example. Emphasis will be on listening and enjoyment.

LOCATION: To be announced

Facilitator: *Thom Sargent*

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THURSDAY CLASSES

2221 Looking at and Listening to Beethoven Piano Sonatas, Part 3

2:30 - 4:30 P.M.

April 7 through June 9, 2022

(10 Weeks)

LATE SONATAS

Each class will consist of a 45-minute DVD giving information on historical background, music forms, and music examples. Time will be allotted for questions and discussion, and we will watch and listen to a YouTube example. Emphasis will be on listening and enjoyment.

LOCATION: To be announced

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FRIDAY CLASSES

2222 **Bob Dylan: The Early Years**

9:30 - 11:30 A.M.

September 24 – November 12 (8 weeks)

This study group will focus on the rise of Bob Dylan through his songs, musical influences, and the culture of the 60s folk music scene. Join us for the chance to discover Bob Dylan in his early years.

Location: Online Zoom

Facilitators: *Gary Brown and Ron Weisberger*

Ron Weisberger is a professor of history at Bristol Community College.

Gary Brown is a retired high school English teacher and administrator. He is also an active musician, guitar teacher, and promoter.

2223 **Great Decisions**

9:30 – 11:30 A.M.

September 24 - November 12 (8 weeks)

Great Decisions is part of a nationwide, non-partisan program of the Foreign Policy Association intended to broaden public involvement in foreign affairs. Lead by librarian Carol Gafford, this program involves readings and meetings to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. Each year eight topics are chosen from the Briefing Book created by the Foreign Policy Institute. Become informed, engaged, and inspired.

Location: Online Zoom

Facilitator: *Carol Gafford*

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series of outreach programs over the last eight years on many topics. Like many a librarian, she wears many hats. She ran the News Hounds Program at the library for several years in which members read newspaper articles from local, state, regional, national, and world newspapers and discussed issues pertaining to current events.

2224 **Researching Your Family History**

9:30 – 11:30 A.M.

**November 19 (Fridays) through December 22 (Wednesday)
(6 weeks)**

In this class we will cover the basics of researching your family history and putting it in order to create a book. Starting with each person's genealogy, participants will learn how to find information and organize it. This class will teach the group how to place family members in the proper historical context, and blend fact with family history. We will put together biographies of relatives, create a timeline, read certain books as examples, talk about format options, and begin the story of You.

Location: Online Zoom

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FRIDAY CLASSES

2225 **British Children's Authors: Life, Love, and Literature**

**January 7 through February 11 (6 weeks)
9:30 - 11:30 A.M.**

In the class we will learn about six Great British children's authors, including A.A. Milne, C.S. Lewis, Anna Sewell, Beatrix Potter, Lewis Carroll, and Edith Nesbit. Learn about their lives, their literature, and what motivated and inspired them to create great classical books. We will reread the classic books and various biographies of the writers. We may also watch some of the films based on the books.

Location: Online Zoom

Facilitator: Carol Gafford

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2226 **Best American Football Movies Continued**

**September 24 through November 5
(7 weeks) 9:30 – noon**

We've stocked up on the snacks, and you've cleared your schedule so nothing can disturb you. Why not watch some of the best American Football Movies! Inspirational films about players, coaches, agents, and adopted moms. We've got seven candidates for the queue that are perfect for American Football fans and non-fans alike. Each week we will watch the film on your own at home at your leisure. A one-hour Zoom discussion group will follow each Tuesday. Please note these films can be streamed for a small rental fee from Amazon Prime. Some are on YouTube or Google Movies. Some of the films may be available from your local library on DVD, depending on availability.

SEPTEMBER 24: *Knute Rockne: All American*

OCTOBER 1: *The Longest Yard*

OCTOBER 8: *Radio*

OCTOBER 15: *Jim Thorpe: All American*

OCTOBER 22: *Jerry McGuire*

OCTOBER 29: *We are Marshall*

NOVEMBER 5: *The Blindside*

Location: Community Room, Dartmouth Public Library, North Branch, 221 Cross Road, North Dartmouth, MA

Facilitator: Paul Mercier

Paul Mercier is a lifelong student and holds a B.S. in management studies from Boston University.

WORKSHOPS

BRIDGE WORKSHOP: REFRESH AND RENEW

9:30 A.M. – Noon
Monday, September 14
and
Wednesday, September 16
Space is limited.

Cost for the 2-session workshop: \$20.00

This 2 ½- day program is for Graduates of Beginner Bridge ONLY. If you have not played bridge since the beginning of the pandemic and you want to refresh your beginner Bridge skills, this workshop is for you.

Want to learn the new rules that were passed while the pandemic was happening? This mini-course will help you get back to playing bridge confidently.

LOCATION: Fairhaven Council on Aging, 229 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven MA.

Facilitator: *Caroline Cooper*

Caroline Cooper played Bridge in college, and upon retiring found that she enjoyed the game, but that modern bridge was quite different from the game that she learned in college. She plays both social bridge and duplicate bridge weekly and has gained some Black, Red, Silver, and Gold points. She has helped some of her social bridge players to become duplicate players but knows that learning bridge is never ending.

GARDENING WORKSHOP: TWO-SEASON GARDENING-- HOW & WHEN

9:30 A.M. – Noon
TUESDAY OCTOBER 19 AND NOVEMBER 2
MONDAY MARCH 28 AND APRIL 11
4 SESSIONS

Cost for the 4-session workshop: \$40.00

In the Autumn we will discuss garden cleanup, pruning, prepping, planting & winter protection.

In the Spring we will discuss assessing the garden, leaves, weeding, fertilizing, dividing & containers.

Maximum: 8 students

LOCATION: Outdoor
Dartmouth MA and New Bedford MA

Facilitators: *Renate Oliver and Lisa Mellgard* Lisa is a Gardener and Renate is a Master Gardener

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REGISTRATION FORM – FALL 2021

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STUDY GROUP SELECTIONS.

Please use the number of the study group, not the name, in completing your registration.

REGISTRATIONS ARE FIRST COME/FIRST SERVED. Registrations received on or before September 1 will be date stamped with that date and processed first.

(1) # _____ (2) # _____ (3) # _____ (4) # _____ (5) # _____
(6) # _____ (7) # _____ (8) # _____ (9) # _____ (10) # _____

If you registered for a class in the spring and did not get in, you may request priority admission to the SAME class if it is offered again in the fall. **Please make your request as soon as registration opens.**

Priority request for # _____

_____ **\$50.00** Membership dues
_____ **\$150.00** Tuition for up to two study groups
_____ \$ _____ Tuition for additional study groups (\$30.00 per study group)
_____ I am a facilitator. My tuition is waived.
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Please describe your volunteer activities/hobbies/interests. _____

In what areas would you like us to offer classes, trips, special events? _____

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