



LLI MATTERS

Learning for the Love of It

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Learning does not end after high school, college or even graduate school. It can be a lifelong endeavor. If you have an interest in subjects like art, music, dance, literature, photography, movement, or travel, and wish to broaden your knowledge and experiences the Lifetime Learning Institute's Spring 2017 Semester at SUNY New Paltz has 33 diverse and interesting courses available for your enjoyment. (See page 6 for course list).



Catalogs are at the printers and should be mailed before the end of January.

The fee for first-time members enrolling mid-year for the spring semester only is \$75. Once you become a member there is no additional registration cost for classes. Since space is limited we ask that you sign up only for those classes in which your attendance will be consistent. We recommend registering by February 19th for your best chance of getting into your first choice courses.

LLI Officer Nominations

The LLI leadership has an upcoming vacancy for the position of vice president. And we are hoping you or someone you know would be interested in filling the position. As vice president you will learn the workings of the LLI Council and get primed to take over the presidency. Interested candidate should contact lifetime@newpaltz.edu or call (845)257-2892.



Lifetime Learning SUNY-New Paltz: The Beginning

The New Paltz chapter of LLI will soon celebrate its 10 anniversary and we have thrived. We owe it all to a group of forward thinking people in the community and SUNY New Paltz.

LLI was started by *Road Scholar*, originally known as Elderhostel, over 40 years ago. When our own founding president, Lyn Mayo, returned to New Paltz after living in Oregon for a few years, she joined the Bard Chapter of LLI, the closest one to New Paltz. After some encouragement from friends, Lyn approached SUNY administrators and found the college to be interested in starting a New Paltz chapter as part of its ongoing community outreach program through the Office of Extended Learning.

Lyn then spread the word throughout the community, and organized a group of friends and activists to initiate the program. They raised money and in two months compiled the curriculum, presenters, classroom sites, and catalog. The catalog went out in June 2007 for the Fall 2007 semester. By August classes were filled and LLI SUNY New Paltz began.

Here we are now, continuing to grow and thrive. Happy Anniversary to us all! Our sincere thanks to Lyn and her intrepid group for making it all happen.



GAME DAY AT GARDINER LIBRARY

March 1st

Enjoy board games, Mah Jong, or your favorite childhood pastime.

BRUNCH AT WOODLAND POND

March 14th

Experience Playback Theater



“Playback Theatre is an original form of improvisational theatre in which audience or group members tell stories from their lives and watch them enacted on the spot.”

April 20th

Seminole Indian Presentation

The longest Indian War: The Seminole Indian Wars.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIG)

DOO-WOPPERS

As an outgrowth of some of LLI courses, members are so inspired that they feel the need to continue examining and studying their favorite course topics. One such SIG is the DOO-WOPPERS which developed after Richie Sullivan’s “The History of Doo Wop” class. The students continue to meet the second Tuesday of every month in the afternoon to join in a sing-along of oldies. The songs on the iPod are of a high enough volume so those who feel they do not sing well or in tune are just part of the general sing-along. Everyone just sings to have fun! Unfortunately this group is unable to accommodate anyone else into their singing space for now, but there is always an opportunity for more SIG of various interests to form.

BOOK CLUB

This group was started after the members discovered they enjoyed each others opinions and insights into the books they read as part of their LLI course.

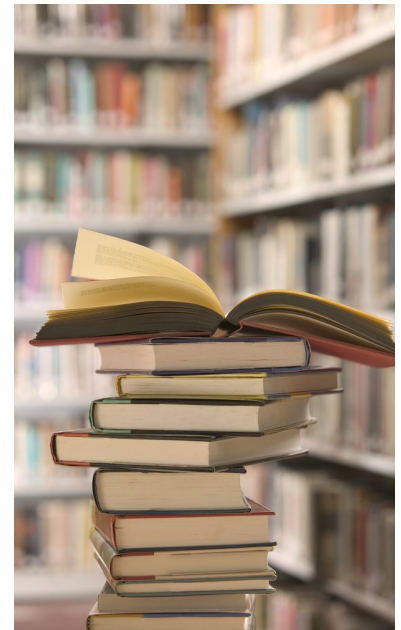
OTHER SIGs

BIKERS, WELLNESS, WRITING, CONSCIOUS DYING & RAMBLING HIKERS



Commemorative Brick Installation

The LLI Council recently approved the purchase of two bricks for the College Walk of Honor, soon to be installed behind the Student Union Building. The first brick will commemorate our founding President, Lyn Mayo (See article page 1). The second brick will honor LLI.



"LIFE IS LIKE RIDING A BICYCLE,
TO KEEP YOUR BALANCE,
YOU HAVE TO KEEP MOVING
"- **Albert Einstein**



LLI'S first trip a huge success!!

Twenty-eight members met at the Thruway Park-N-Ride one rainy morning to board a bus to John D. Rockefeller's Estate, Kykuit. On the ride home, people could not stop raving about the wonderful experience. They loved the ambiance and learned about the architecture, art, and the Rockefeller philanthropy. A lovely boxed lunch was enjoyed in the greenhouse, followed by a visit to Union Church of Pocantico Hills where 12 Chagall stained glass windows and the Matisse rose window were greatly admired by all.



**"If every time you
take one step forward
you take two steps
backward, don't be
discouraged. You
just learned how to
country line dance."**

—ANONYMOUS



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SECOND ANNUAL HUDSON VALLEY MINI-LLI CONFERENCE

On November 5, 2016, representatives of six local LLI organizations met at SUNY New Paltz. Hosted by Lifetime Learning Institute –SUNY New Paltz, the goal of the meeting was to discuss the nature of our organizations, programs and practices; to share our problems, find solutions, and to discuss our goals for the future

Representatives from LLI/SUNY New Paltz, CLS/Marist, Lifespring/Saugerties, LIFE/Mt. St. Mary, Bard as well as a representative of the newly organized Vassar LLI were present. The Vassar LLI has been approved by Vassar College and plans to be operational by 2018. Mihai Grunfeld, the representative and organizer of the upcoming Vassar LLI, joined the conference to get assistance from the operational organizations regarding how to set up the newly approved program at Vassar.

Discussions revolved around curriculum, presenters, membership, management and long term planning. It was interesting to note that although the organizations have the same goals written into their mission statements – to promote diverse and enriching learning experiences for older adults, to provide opportunities for social interaction and to encourage individuals to use their knowledge and skills in creative ways, due to circumstances and location, these goals are approached in different ways.

Some of the areas discussed were membership dues, methods of registration, how presenters are selected and compensated, waiting lists, problems regarding class attendance, locations, long term planning and use of the internet for contacting members.

Some LLI's depend entirely on the internet to contact members, while others use a dual system of internet and mail. Some only post their catalog on the internet, while others also have a printed format.

Presenters are not compensated monetarily by any LLI, but rather are offered a compensatory membership method for presenting a class.

Long term planning is an ongoing topic for all the LLI's with focus on membership and curriculum. Bard has embarked on a detailed program involving the use of Survey Monkey (an on- line survey program) which they sent to members with questions to help Bard determine its future direction.

The meeting was once again successful in sharing ideas and solutions regarding issues that face the LLI's of the Mid Hudson Valley. It was suggested that next year we expand to include organizations in additional counties, such as Westchester and Greene.



LLI—BARD



MARIST CENTER FOR LIFETIME STUDY—CLS

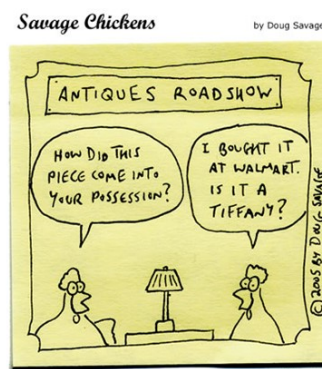
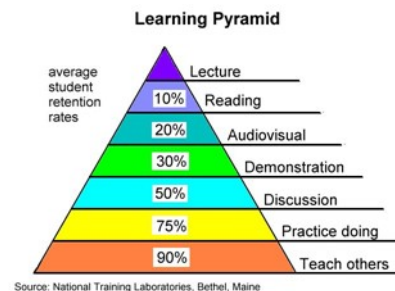
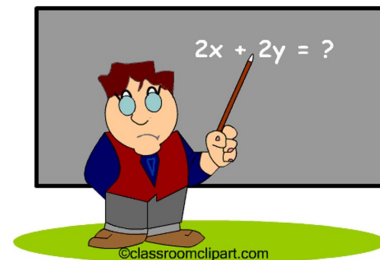


DESMOND—MSMC



LLI Spring 2017 Course Offerings

- ◆ Jewelry: Everything You Always Wanted to Know
- ◆ Toward Psycho-Spiritual Freedom
- ◆ The Wide World of Non-Fiction Writing
- ◆ Furniture Styles and the Characters Who Build Them
- ◆ Language and Society
- ◆ Fold Everything! All About Origami
- ◆ The Beauty of Math: A Course You Can Count On
- ◆ Current Events Discussion
- ◆ Here's Looking at You, Kid: Hollywood, Film, and Politics
- ◆ The Intersection of Psychotherapy and Buddhist Meditation Practice
- ◆ Vegetables: From Sides, Front and Center
- ◆ Opera as Politics
- ◆ Philosophical Approaches to Self-deception: Existential Philosophy
- ◆ Create Your Own Pilgrimage
- ◆ Psychological Astrology
- ◆ Beading 101
- ◆ Beading 102
- ◆ Chess for Beginners
- ◆ Glaze Play
- ◆ Uncorking the Mystique of Wine
- ◆ Messing with Metal
- ◆ Tasting International Wines II
- ◆ Film Appreciation
- ◆ Selected Topics in Chemistry
- ◆ Medieval Spain
- ◆ Pencil and Watercolor with You Tube Support
- ◆ Fitness for Seniors
- ◆ Theater and World History
- ◆ Dr. Manners Attends a Cocktail Party
- ◆ Chair Yoga
- ◆ Exploring Better Communication
- ◆ New Paltz Antique Road Show
- ◆ Two Women Who Changed History



Thank you PRESENTERS of Spring 2017

Morgan Mikula

Kaitlin Dunn

George Jacobs

Bette Anne Moskowitz

Gustav Pederson

Eric Chambers

Kathryn Paulsen

Boyd Herforth

Bill Goodman

Ernest Giglio

Maureen Ford

Suzanne Murphy

Chuck Mishaan

Janice Oser

Puja Thomson

Patty Kane Horrigan

Helen Tennenbaum

Ed Boden

Connie Noelle

Manny Sloan

Marny Janson

Mile Rupcic

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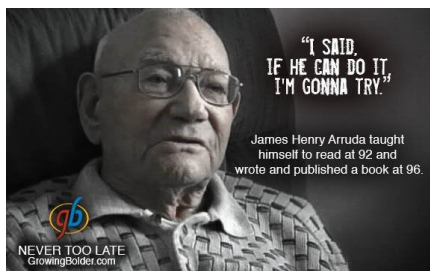
Susan Jacque

Kathy Mazzetti

Walter Marquez

Linda Mockler

Bob Brunet



Introducing Laurel M. Garrick Duhaney PhD

Our longtime liaison, Helise Winters, recently retired from the college after a very successful and mutually rewarding relationship with LLI. Her positive and helpful attitude will be missed. In the interim, Dr. Garrick Duhaney will be our liaison with the college's administration.

Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School

Laurel M. Garrick Duhaney became Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School at the State University of New York at New Paltz in 2006. Prior to her appointment, in June 2004 she began serving in both capacities on an interim basis. She was the Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs of the College in 2010-2011.



Garrick Duhaney's role as Associate Provost requires her to be responsible for coordinating assessment across the campus. She oversees the General Education program, including its assessment and revision—in accord with a broader vision of liberal learning. In her tenure, Garrick Duhaney has seen the SUNY System Administration approve both the College's Campus Based Assessment Plan and the Strengthened Campus Based Assessment Plan. She participates in undergraduate and graduate program reviews and disciplinary program accreditation reviews. She also coordinates the College's Middle States Commission on Higher Education accreditation activities, including serving as its Accreditation Liaison Officer to MSCHE.

As Dean of the Graduate School, Garrick Duhaney manages all aspects of the Graduate School including strategic planning; enrollment management, recruitment, and marketing; program development and revision; overseeing over 50 graduate programs; facilitating collaboration and interdisciplinary programming; supporting students; and chairing the Graduate Council. In February 2006, she initiated the Graduate School's first annual open house.

Prior to moving to the Provost's office, Garrick Duhaney was an associate professor of Special Educational in the School of Education at SUNY New Paltz. She joined the faculty in 1996.

Research/Creative Activity

Garrick Duhaney's research interests include inclusion of students with disabilities in general education classrooms, meeting the educational needs of students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and responsive teacher education for a diverse society. She has published extensively in prestigious, peer-reviewed journals. She has also been instrumental in work funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

Awards, Honors & Recognition

Garrick Duhaney was the recipient of a United States Agency for International Development scholarship (1990-1992).

Welcome Laurel, we look forward to working with you.

A Move to Vermont Ends an Era by Ed Steele

Your President Phyllis Sturm asked me to say a few words about my experiences as LLI newsletter editor from May 2011 until July 2016 when I moved to Vermont.

I've seen the first draft of the new newsletter, the newsletter you are now looking at, the editorial work (and page layout) for which was done by Phyllis. As you can see, she has given the newsletter a fresh new look that I applaud.



A few words about my experience as the newsletter editor over the past 6 years. I found the work thoroughly enjoyable for two reasons. First, I had fun doing it. Newsletter editing is a creative endeavor and I got a lot of personal satisfaction from it. I learned something from the experience, and isn't continuing to learn what LLI is all about? Second, the monthly meetings with the LLI Council were enjoyable because of the high caliber of the deliberations that took place at meetings and the good feeling that existed among the members of the Council, a dedicated and talented group of people.

While attending Council meetings I found it fascinating to observe the way the decision-making process took place. When an issue came up, there were often widely divergent ideas about how to address it, but as discussion proceeded, the choices were narrowed until a final decision, a really good one, was reached, a decision that was based on the thinking of not just one individual but on the ideas of a number of Council members. I have found that being part of a group of people who work together cooperatively is always enjoyable. And it wasn't always serious business. We had some hearty laughs along the way.

I should add a third reason for why I enjoyed being newsletter editor. LLI members were always effusive in their appreciation of my work. That was a real bonus. So I guess I have to end by saying "Thank you, LLI members" for giving me the opportunity to do what I did.

THE COUNCIL APPLAUDS THE HEROIC EFFORTS OF FORMER EDITOR, ED STEELE

LLI Council is appreciative of Ed's professional job producing our newsletters for the past 6 years.



Unsolicited Endorsements

"...explored the New Paltz LLI catalog and newsletter and registration process and website. I am incredibly impressed with all they are doing right!" - M. S. (Friend of a Council Member and a student at LLI - Bard).

"Thanks so much for enriching my life!!!!!!!" - D.S. (LLI at SUNY student)

LLI MISSION STATEMENT

The Lifetime Learning Institute of New Paltz promotes diverse and enriching learning experiences for older adults, provides opportunities for social interaction, and encourages individuals to use their knowledge and skills in creative ways.

UPCOMING ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

LLI's annual meeting will be held Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 9:30 A.M. at Woodland Pond. A brunch will be provided for all members in attendance. There will be speeches, elections, and a business meeting for all to enjoy. In Addition, the new officers will be sworn in and take over the reins of LLI.



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