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- Read the posting on our front door – inside lobby, ATeC building

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*Three Sunflowers*  
Vincent Van Gogh, 1888.
Dear Friends and Neighbors

A new year ushers in new possibilities – these pages offer many ways to learn something new, meet someone new, and grow in new ways!

Whether in person or online; delivered by accomplished experts, Lifelong Learning offers endless opportunities to cultivate your curiosity.

New, not-to-be-missed learning experiences include:

• Armchair Travel – Our National Parks from Acadia To Zion
• The Music & History Of Napoli
• Lunch & Learn: Preserving NJ Pinelands Through Art
• The History Of New York City
• Magical Mystery Tour
• A Women’s Conference

Wishing you a new year of peace, joy, and possibility.

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It is with much enthusiasm that we introduce The Jersey Shore Academy of Lifelong Learning! In collaboration with Ocean County College, Brookdale will be offering lifelong learning programs on the Ocean County campus. Turn to page 20 for a list of classes.

Masks are required indoors. Be assured your safety remains our primary concern and we will continue to make cautious adjustments as new realities unfold.
Friends’ Corner Winter/Spring 2022

Friends with a mission: Friends of Lifelong Learning is a volunteer group that formed with a mission to support, promote, enhance and preserve Lifelong Learning at Brookdale.

Featured Friends Frolic: Inaugural Offering of Invitational Lecture Grant Series “Gentrification Down the Shore”

In September, Brookdale Community College held its first seasonal in-person event when Friends of Lifelong Learning (“FLL”) sponsored the lecture entitled “Gentrification Down the Shore.” The Invitational Lecture Grant Series offers an annual lecture of interest to the community. Over 75 engaged learners joined speakers Molly Vollman Makris and Mary Gatta, who discussed the redevelopment of Asbury Park and the effects that gentrification has on the residents of the town itself.

Meet a Friend: Q & A with Carol Smith

• Years enjoying lifelong learning classes? 23 years! I took weekend bus trips while still working and expanded into classes after retirement.

• What inspired you to create the volunteer group Friends of Lifelong Learning? I am a retired engineer. Lifelong learning has enriched my life by introducing me to completely new interests such as art, history, and literature. A dedicated group of students can demonstrate the importance of these programs and influence future decisions made by the College.

• How has Lifelong Learning adapted during Covid? The introduction of Zoom classes was wonderful, with teachers and students adapting so well, I think the option will continue post-Covid. Some classes have out-of-state participants. Wow!

• Words of wisdom for prospective Lifelong Learners? Take every opportunity to grow, learn something new, and make new friends. Brookdale’s Lifelong Learning is a gem here in Monmouth County. Use it, support it, and support those who make these opportunities available.

We want to hear from you! Email us at FLLbrookdale@gmail.com

Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young.
– Henry Ford
NEW! ARMCHAIR TRAVEL

Our National Parks From Acadia To Zion

Beverly R. Miller and Michael S. Miller, Visions Photographic Workshop, professional photographers, certified national park guides.

Experience the wonders of our National Parks! Together, Beverly and Michael, have been exploring and capturing images of our National Parks for over 30 years. They’ll share a few favorite locations and stories from Acadia to Zion, from the Atlantic Ocean to the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific Northwest. Be inspired by their passion as they guide you on a journey through the grandeur of our National Parks.

Tues, Mar 22, 1-3 pm
Fee: $49, light refreshments included

Also see: Dreaming Of Italy, p 23, Incredible iPhone Photos, p 7

Acrylic Painting

Arlene Smelson, instructor

Whether you are a beginner or beyond, explore the magic of acrylic in a relaxed setting. Construct a painting by learning to develop an interesting composition, mix colors, build textures, and develop movement and values in a work of art. Learn a variety of techniques to bring out the artist within you. Develop skills that will allow you to express yourself in any way you can imagine. Supply list will be emailed one week before class begins.

5 SESSIONS
Tues, Mar 22-Apr 19, 10 am-12:30 pm
Fee: $169
Watercolor Tips & Tricks (All levels)
Arlene Smelson, instructor

Ever looked at a painting and asked yourself, “How did they do that?” Simple tools can give you the effects you want. Discover how household elements can create textures and values in a work of art. Cultivate a variety of watercolor approaches. Achieve effects through an assortment of washes, textures and applications. Learn how to create techniques along with resists can add texture and depth. Explore wide-ranging methods and develop a picture incorporating concepts established. Class combines step-by-step instruction, teacher demonstration and hands-on practice. No prior experience necessary. 5 SESSIONS Thurs, Apr 7-May 5, 10 am-12:30 pm Fee: $169

Intermediate Oil Painting
Marie Maber, art professor, professional artist

The spring landscape provides colors and breezes that draw any budding landscape artist out of their studios and onto Brookdale’s Campus to capture it all in paint. Do you have basic knowledge of painting with oils, gouache, or acrylics? Do you consider yourself to be an intermediate level painter or beyond? If so, don’t miss this opportunity for constructive guidance and collegiality during these on-campus sessions.

Seasoned art professor Marie Maber enjoys focusing on Landscape Painting, and has discovered that painting our natural surroundings, a uniquely refreshing, creative outlet. Marie graduated from The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts 4-Year Studio Certificate Program leading to a 6-Year BFA from University of Pennsylvania, and an MA in the History of Art from Temple University.

Paint your favorite Fieldstone Buildings, The Butterfly Garden, The Field of Dreams, Wooded Pathways, The Reservoir... there are many picturesque views to choose from. Materials list will be emailed one week prior to class. (Limited number of seated easels are available to borrow.) Enrollment is limited. 5 SESSIONS Sun, Mar 13-Apr 10, 2-4:30 pm Fee: $169

Watercolor: Focus On Florals (Beginner/Intermediate)
Arlene Smelson, instructor

Explore new ways of obtaining the results you have always wanted when painting or drawing flowers. Small class size allows for detailed instruction, personalized to suit individual skill levels, needs and interests. Lessons build upon basic concepts, so that students will be able to apply them in a sequential manner. Brush work, application of color, composition and design will be emphasized. Raise the quality of your work from average to outstanding. 5 SESSIONS Thurs, May 26-Jun 23, 10 am-12:30 pm Fee: $169

Drawing (Beginner/Intermediate)
David Dziemian, professional artist, Brookdale adjunct instructor

Experience the fun of learning to draw in the comfort of your home! Learn or review basic techniques while expanding your creative vision. Concepts include line, value, and perspective. Teacher demonstration and hands-on instruction. Suggested materials list will be emailed to students one week before class. 6 SESSIONS Wed, Feb 23-Mar 23, 10 am-12:30 pm Fee: $169
Sketch Journaling
(All Levels)
David Dziemian, professional artist, Brookdale adjunct instructor
Try a new approach to journaling. Learn to sketch freehand and quickly render line, form, and values. Develop your art with pencil, pen, markers, or watercolors. Add interest and vibrant detail to your travel sketching and journal drawing. Use materials of your choice; suggested materials list will be emailed to students one week prior. 5 SESSIONS
Wed, Apr 6-May 4, 10 am-12:30 pm
Fee: $169

Oil Painting For Beginners
David Dziemian, professional artist, Brookdale adjunct instructor
For those who have never used oils or need a refresher. Learn the basics of materials, techniques, color and concepts of oil painting through a step-by-step approach. Class uses a combination of teacher demonstration and hands-on instruction in a structured, supportive, environment. Materials list will be emailed to registrants 5 SESSIONS
Fri, May 20-Jun 17, 10 am-12:30 pm
Fee: $169

Mosaics: A Beginner’s Workshop
Harvey Altman, award-winning artist, instructor
Learn design, cutting, tile layout, types of surfaces, adhesion, and grouting. All the techniques needed to complete a 9”x12” mosaic project to take home. Course materials provided. Materials fee $60 payable to the instructor. 4 SESSIONS
Fri, Apr 8, 10 am-noon
Fee: $99

Intermediate Mosaics
Harvey Altman, award-winning artist, instructor
Learn next level design, cutting, tile layout, types of surfaces, adhesion, and grouting. All the techniques needed to complete a 9”x12” mosaic project to take home. Course materials provided. Materials fee $60 payable to the instructor. 4 SESSIONS
Fri, Apr 29-May 20, 10 am-noon
Fee: $99

Glass Mosaics
Harvey Altman, award-winning artist, instructor
Create mosaics using stained glass in this hands-on workshop. Learn to cut, grind, and grout stained glass. Craft a one-of-a-kind project to take home. All materials provided. Materials fee $60 payable to the instructor. 4 SESSIONS
Fri, Jun 3-24, 10 am-noon
Fee: $99

Mosaic Serving Tray
Harry Belkowitz, instructor
A unique mosaic art form which requires no breaking or cutting of tile. Ideal for those having difficulty managing tile breaking and tile cutting tools. We will use 1” colorful glass tiles to create a unique design decorative serving tray. All materials provided by the instructor. $70 material fee payable to the instructor.
Fri, Apr 8, 10 am-noon
Fee: $35

Mosaic Trivet
Harry Belkowitz, instructor
A hands-on workshop in creating a decorative and functional mosaic trivet. Craft a unique art piece for the kitchen and dinner table. Learn how to arrange, glue and grout ceramic tiles to create your own one-of-a-kind 10”x12” mosaic trivet. All levels welcome! Tools and materials provided by the instructor. $50 material fee paid in class.
Fri, May 6, 10 am-noon
Fee: $35

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Mosaic Stepping Stone
Harry Belkowitz, instructor
Create a 9” round mosaic stepping stone in this fun, beginner-friendly class. Project will be completed by the end of the session. Brighten any garden or outdoor space with a piece of art crafted by you! All tools and materials provided by the instructor. $40 material fee collected in class.
Fri, May 20, 10 am-noon
Fee: $35

Introduction To Jewelry Making
Niels Pustrom, instructor
Design and create a mixed metal piece in our professional jewelry studio. Learn techniques and safety procedures on specialized equipment. Leave with your own unique creation. Materials fee $15 payable to instructor. 4 SESSIONS
Tues, Mar 1-22, 6-8 pm
Fee: $159

Jewelry Making II: Recycle, Rethink, Repair
Niels Pustrom, instructor
Bring us your tired, your broken, your out-of-fashion jewelry. Use your creativity to breathe new life into your old pieces. Add a jump ring, or two, make a bail, forge a link, hammer a Texture, and use your old jewelry a new way. Bring it in, and let's see what's possible. Materials fee of $15 payable to instructor. 4 SESSIONS
Tues, Apr 5-26, 6-8 pm
Fee: $159

Jewelry Studio Time
Niels Pustrom, Instructor
Open to students who have completed a Jewelry making class at Brookdale, this workshop offers access to our professional jewelry studio. Work independently on your individual projects with your own materials to create unique pieces. No instruction or materials will be provided, but Niels Pustrom will be available in the studio to answer questions about equipment. 4 SESSIONS
Mon, May 2-23, 6-9 pm
Fee: $99

Introduction To Machine Sewing
Betty McCarty, instructor
Do you love fabric, fashion and interior design? Do you have a sewing machine, or want one, but don’t know how to use it? Learn how to operate and understand the parts of a sewing machine. Instructor will guide you through basic techniques to get you started on your first project. A portable sewing machine is required for this class.
Tues, Mar 29, 5:30-7:30 pm
Fee: $49

Basics Of DSLR Photography
Kevin Burkitt, media technology specialist, photographer
Unlock your camera's potential to create great photos by manipulating ISO, shutter speed and aperture. Enhance your landscape and portrait images. Whether you are new to photography or just need to brush up your skills, you will gain a better understanding of your camera and all you can do with it. Digital SLR camera required; no point-and-shoot or fixed-lens cameras.
Sec 1: Tues & Thurs, Mar 8 & 10, 6-8:30 pm
Sec 2: Tues & Thurs, May 10 & 12, 6-8:30 pm
Fee: $69

Adobe Lightroom Classic
Bart Lentini, professional photographer
Now that you've taken pictures you probably want a way to store, catalog, and edit them. To do so you need a robust application like Adobe Lightroom. Learn the basics of Lightroom Classic and how to take your photography to the next level using this powerful storage and editing software. 4 SESSIONS
Wed, Mar 16-Apr 6, 6-8 pm
Fee: $139

PHOTOGRAPHY

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Incredible iPhone Photos
Michael S. Miller, professional photographer, Visions Photographic Workshops
In this hands-on session Michael will share his simple and fun approach to the operation, functionality and features of the iPhone camera. Includes tips on creativity and making that everyday photo incredible. The best camera is the one that's in your pocket.
Wed, Apr 27, 1-3 pm
Fee: $39

Also See: Our National Parks From Acadia To Zion, p 3 and Preserving NJ Pinelands Through Art, p 23

COMMUNITY OUTREACH
Displaced Homemakers
And the day came when the risk to remain in a tight bud was more painful that the risk it took to blossom.
– Anais Nin
Have you lost your primary source of income due to separation, divorce, widowhood, spousal disability, spousal military deployment, or domestic violence, and need to transition into head of household? You Are Not Alone! Displaced Homemakers Services offers women and men no cost, confidential, holistic, customized help to enable you to reach your full potential. Call 732-739-6020 or visit brookdalecc.edu/continuinged/displaced-homemakers/

ART HISTORY
Before & After The Renaissance
Gene Wisniewski, instructor
Discover the surprising origins of the art movement that gave the world some of its most recognizable masterpieces, such as da Vinci’s Mona Lisa and Michelangelo’s Sistine Chapel – many of which are entirely unrelated to art. This concise, informative lecture also discusses the late work of Michelangelo and Raphael, and how their contributions to the Mannerist movement of the 16th Century helped bring the Renaissance to an end. 2 SESSIONS
Thurs, Feb 24-Mar 3, 10:30 am-noon
Fee: $59

Florence: Birthplace Of The Renaissance
Gene Wisniewski, instructor
Google “Florence, Italy,” and you’re bound to come across the phrase “Birthplace of the Renaissance.” Take a historical art tour of one of the world’s most beautiful cities, starting with the Etruscans who gave the region of Tuscany its name, and view the many art treasures on display there.
Thurs, Mar 10, 10:30 am-noon
Fee: $29

Brookdale Performing Arts Center
“ALL SHOOK UP”
Book and lyrics by Joe DiPietro.
Directed By Eric Petillo
About the show: It’s 1955, and into a square little town in a square little state rides a guitar-playing young man who changes everything and everyone he meets. Loosely based on Shakespeare’s Twelfth Night, this hip-swiveling, lip-curling musical fantasy will have you jumpin’ out of your blue suede shoes with such classics as “Heartbreak Hotel,” “Hound Dog,” “Jailhouse Rock,” and “Don’t Be Cruel.”
April 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23 at 8 pm
April 10, 24 at 2 pm
General Admission $15
BCC Students $5 (1 per student ID)
$10 senior Sundays (62+)
Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling the Box Office at 732-224-2411
Brookdale Culinary Arts – Hands-on Classes!

Don’t miss this chance to find out what’s cooking at Brookdale’s award-winning Culinary Education Center in Asbury Park. (Our graduates include Chopped champion, Emily Chapman) Join our professional chefs in hands-on commercial kitchen explorations of favorite foods.

Pasta Making 101
Chef instructor, Bill Roll

Focus on three fresh pasta dishes from various regions of Italy, each offering a twist on some of the classic dishes served here in the states that we know and love.
Thurs, Mar 3, 6-9 pm
Fee: $65

Donut Making
Pastry Chef instructor, Cathy Mandel

Grab a cup of Joe and come learn how to make yeast, jelly, and glazed donuts. You’ll prepare, bake and take home your sweet creations. Time to make the donuts!
Wed, Mar 9, 6-9 pm
Fee: $65

The Art Of Sausage Making
Chef instructor, Bill Roll

Wondering how sausage is actually made? Let a professional chef walk you through the steps of making several different types of sausages. Learn everything from grinding the meat, to using a sausage stuffer, to cooking the final product.
Thurs, Mar 10, 6-9 pm
Fee: $75

Basic Birthday Cake Decorating
Pastry Chef instructor, Maria Bouchard

Looking as good as it tastes is the icing on the cake. Learn basic techniques to fill, assemble, and decorate a simple birthday cake to impress your family and friends! Foundation buttercream skills will be taught, along with balloons, flowers, and writing skills. Take home your decorated cake at the end of class!
Fri, Mar 29, 6-9 pm
Fee: $65

Sushi Making
Chef instructor Chad Schoonveld

Learn everything you need to know about the techniques of making beautiful and delicious Sushi.
Thurs, Mar 31, 6-9 pm
Fee: $75

French Macaroons
Pastry Chef instructor, Maria Bouchard

Macaroons are an ongoing trend in baking! Learn how to make macaron shells with different types of fillings. Students will prepare and bake and take home an assortment of light and airy French macarons – ooh la la!
Tues, Apr 5, 6-9 pm
Fee: $65

Bake Your Own Biscotti!
Pastry chef instructor, Maria Bouchard

Impress friends and family with homemade biscotti. Learn how to easily make a variety of biscotti – a classic Italian cookie. to impress your friends and family. Bring home your biscotti to share with others...or keep to yourself!
Tues, Apr 12, 6-9 pm
Fee: $65

Classes meet at Culinary Education Center, 101 Drury Lane, Asbury Park

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Meditation & Mindfulness Series - From The Ground Up

*If every eight-year-old were taught meditation, we would eliminate violence from the world in one generation.*

– Dalai Lama

Karen Fiorelli, instructor

Looking for a way to go about life more calmly, thoughtfully and with less stress? Meditation could be the answer – it can help you navigate life’s challenges and stressors with greater ease. Even a few moments of mindfulness meditation, such as meditative breathing, can bring calm and balance.

Discuss and experience meditative practices such as breath meditations; mantra meditations and chanting; use of focus objects, guided meditations; and walking meditations. **Learn how to establish your own personal practice.**

Each session includes an exploration of a specific type of meditation, a practice for the week, a group meditation, and time for questions and sharing. Discover the benefits of meditation, the meaning of mindfulness, and insight into the wisdom of some of the most profound teachers.

Bring a meditation cushion or pillow to class, those more comfortable sitting in a chair are welcome to do so. 4 SESSIONS

*Thurs, Mar 3-31, 6:30-8 pm*

Fee: $79

No class Mar 17

Spring Cleaning For Mind, Heart & Home – Declutter & Simplify

*Now imagine yourself living in a space that contains only things that spark joy? Isn’t that the lifestyle you dream of?*

– Marie Kondo

Andreea Fegan, certified holistic health educator

It’s never too late for a fresh start! When our possessions clutter our lives, we feel drained of energy and lose our sense of freedom. Living a joyful, healthy life is often unrelated to food. It’s about lifestyle. Learn the benefits of a happy, decluttered life ~ from food, to home, to self. 3 SESSIONS

*Feb 25: Food & Kitchen:*

Join us as we simplify from pantry to fridge to meal planning and shopping lists so you can stick to your healthy eating goals.

*Mar 4: Home Environment*

We all like our stuff, but much of what we own owns us! Unravel what to keep and what not to keep when it comes to papers, books, clothes, and miscellaneous items.

*Mar 11: Self! What does it really mean to live a simplified life?*

What distractions are tapping your energy and keeping you from your best life? Learn how to live a cozy, happy, simplified life with more joy, every day.

*Fri, Feb 25-Mar 11, 10 am-noon*

Fee: $79
REIKI

Reiki can never and will never belong to just one person or one organization. Reiki is the spiritual heritage of all humanity.
– Dr. Mikao Usui.

Karen Fiorelli, instructor

The Japanese work “Reiki” means universal life force/energy. A 3,000-year-old method of healing touch, Reiki originated in ancient Eastern cultures. Reiki healers use ‘universal energy’ to restore balance and promote healing. Health sciences recognize that spiritual and emotional imbalances affect our physical health and wellbeing. Reiki restores balance to body, mind and spirit, maximizing the natural healing process.

Reiki I

Learn about the system of Reiki and consider what is meant by “a universal healing energy. Begin to experience this energy, begin to practice the system of Reiki, and receive suggestions and methods to continue to practice Reiki and incorporate it into your life. Students receive a certificate for Usui System of Reiki Healing.

Sat, Apr 2, 10 am-5:30 pm
Fee: $165

Reiki II

Focus and intensify the Reiki energy. We’ll build on the energy healing process taught in Reiki I. Study and learn to incorporate the mantras and symbols that are [the final] important components of the Usui System of Reiki, bringing you a richer connection with [earth and sky] this universal healing energy. Deepen your Reiki and meditation practice and learn to help others at a distance. Students receive a Reiki II completion certificate. Prerequisite: Completion of Reiki I course.

Sat, June 11, 10 am-5:30 pm
Fee: $165

NEW!

Reiki For Animals

Love animals and want a way to help them with physical or emotional issues or “just” wellness? Whether or not you have taken a Reiki class before, this course is for anyone interested in sharing Reiki with animals. Focus is on specific methods for using Reiki to promote healing for animals through the mindful meditation practices of Reiki. Class will include a study of the system of Reiki, its components and their meaning. Emphasis will be on learning specific practices and mediations to create a “healing space” for animals; how to use Reiki beyond the “hands on” techniques; the importance of intention; and how animals may respond to Reiki – cues and signals. Learn how you can start to share Reiki with senior, ill, or anxious pets at home or in shelters. Students receive a certificate in Reiki I and Animal Reiki I. Students should also purchase an Animal Reiki I manual (cost $25 plus shipping) – a comprehensive manual from one of the world’s leaders in Animal Reiki. Details to be provided upon registration.

Sat, Apr 30, 10 am-5:30 pm
Fee: $165

Wear comfortable clothing, bring water, and lunch or snack.
Down To Earth Food Series
Andreea Fegan, certified holistic health educator

Trends in nutrition can be confusing and intimidating. Treat yourself to a down-to-earth learning experience and find practical, appealing ways to incorporate healthier eating into your spring renewal.

**Plant-Based Foods – Feb 25**
Cooked or raw, staying close to nature and eating in a grounded, local way enables us to use the resources as nature provides them. Learn about clean, seasonal and pure foods.

**Raw Plant-Based Foods – Apr 4**
Clean, unheated food allows us to reap the benefits of enzyme-rich, nutrient filled nutrition that our bodies require to thrive. Learn the philosophy behind raw foods, and how to make simple, fun, and delicious recipes.

**Medicinal Raw And Living Foods For Longevity And Prevention – Apr 11**
Explore some of the most powerful foods and superfoods humans can eat to help our bodies thrive while at the same time help prevent western-world disease trends.

Fri, Apr 29-May 13, 6:30-8 pm
Fee: $85, includes healthy treat each session

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Positive Psychology:
Cultivating Mindfulness & Happiness
Diane Lang, therapist, author, educator

We all want to be happy, but what makes us happy? The research may surprise you. First, examine the truth and myths about happiness. Then, learn how cultivating mindfulness, a mind-body approach to life that helps people relate differently to experiences, can reduce stress and lead to a happier life. Living mindfully means paying attention to thoughts and feelings in a way that increases our ability to manage difficult situations and make wise choices. Develop new ways of thinking and behaving that can help you live a more positive and resilient life. 3 SESSIONS

Wed, May 4-18, 10:30-noon
Fee: $75

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**Conspiracy Theories: An Exploration**
Christian Perez, Brookdale political science instructor

What exactly are conspiracy theories, and where do they come from? Do shadowy all-powerful groups secretly control the world? This presentation will delve into some of the more prominent conspiracy theories and the issues raised by them. We will examine how conspiracy theories have crept into the political and cultural mainstream, and what signs you should look for when evaluating a supposed conspiracy theory. We know that human history has been riddled with tales of conspiracies, but what differentiates them from conspiracy theories?

Aren’t conspiracy theorists just being skeptical? This presentation contends that grand scheme conspiracy theories are ultimately just lazy political science. But that could just be what they want you to believe. 3 SESSIONS

Thurs, Feb 24-Mar 10, 6-8 pm
Fee: $75

**The Consequences Of Conspiracy Theories**
Christian Perez, Brookdale political science instructor

What is the harm in believing things that aren’t true? Explore the often-high costs associated with believing conspiracy theories, pseudoscience, and fake news. Far too often we relegate these ideas to the fringes of society. But as we’ve seen in recent years they have crept into the mainstream and even the highest office in the land. From flat-earthers to white supremacists to UFOs to Jan 6, 2021, we will examine various ideas and events and highlight their dubious place in American conspiracy theory history. Are these wrong ideas something new or the same old stuff with a new coat of paint?

Thurs, Mar 24, 6-8 pm
Fee: $35
Watershed Events In History: The Making Of Who We Are Today

*Whither goest thou, America, in thy shiny car in the night?*
– Jack Kerouac

Brooks Susman, history, philosophy instructor and rabbi emeritus

Join lifelong learning scholar, Brooks Susman for an exploration of the “defining watershed events” in world history that explain who we are today; as a culture and a country. What are the origins of democracy, and how fragile is it? An overview of human responses to their own times and circumstances will help us better understand the United States in the second decade of the 21st Century. 4 SESSIONS

Wed, Feb 2-23, 10:30 am-noon
Fee: $85

The New Normal Of The Global Economy

Joseph Bonacci, MBA, instructor

The 2021 US economy will go down in history as one of extremes. COVID-19 lockdowns produced economic data rivaling the Great Depression with a subsequent recovery producing some of the strongest economic data on record. These extremes have produced a new normal throughout the economy. Federal Reserve policy, government spending, employment, inflation, supply chains, and stock and bond markets – all have been affected. These topics will be discussed and given some historical perspective. 3 SESSIONS

Tues, Mar 1-15, 10 am-noon
Fee: $75

Booth, Lincoln And The Shot That Changed History

Gregory Caggiano, instructor

Learn the backstory behind one of the most controversial presidents in American history as well as the life and career of his assassin, and the chain of events and politics that led to the American Civil War, and Lincoln’s untimely death at Ford’s Theater.

Wed, Feb 16, 6-8 pm
Fee: $35

The Music & History Of Napoli

Mara Aderly-O’Kelly, professional opera singer, co-founder MusicWise LLC

Music flows through the veins of Napoli – you are probably more familiar with its musical influences than you know. Join Mara for an exploration of the rich heritage of Neapolitan music tracing the roots of such musical masterpieces as “O Sole Mio”. We’ll also take a look at the life and works of Italian composer, Gaetano Donizetti who spent a period of his life in the region. How did a life full of tragedy give birth to so many comedic operas? 3 SESSIONS

Tues, Feb 22-Mar 8, 10:30 am-noon
Fee: $75

Meet The Presidents

Daniel Radel, history instructor, journalist

Begin with (Teddy) Roosevelt, Taft and Wilson. Discuss Trust Busting, Square Deal, American Imperialism and World War I. Move to Harding, Coolidge, Hoover, (Franklin) Roosevelt and Truman. Discuss Prohibition, Roaring 20s, Stock Market Crash and Great Depression, The New Deal, World War II and the decision to drop the Atomic Bomb. 3 SESSIONS

Fri, March 4-25, 10 am-noon
Fee: $75
Is Our US Democracy At Risk?
Lawrence Bashe, instructor
The US Department of Homeland Security recently identified domestic terrorism as a major threat to national security. Domestic risks appear to be related to divisive political issues such as immigration policies, gun rights, abortion, election security and heath mandates associated with the global pandemic. Some groups identified as domestic terrorists participated in the January 6th insurrection at the Capitol. Our country is experiencing a massive spread of misinformation and conspiracies across the political spectrum which complicates the situation. What does our history tell us about times of division and unrest? If democracy is at risk, what can we do about it?

Note: This class is presented on campus. Students who prefer to learn from home may attend via ZOOM. Register for the section of your choice.

Sec 1: ON CAMPUS Tues, Mar 29, 10:30-noon
Sec 2: ZOOM Tues, Mar 29, 10:30-noon
Fee: $29

The Unique History Of US Political Parties
Lawrence Bashe, instructor
Our Founding Fathers were opposed to the creation of political parties. Thus, there are no provisions in the US Constitution about party involvement in election of candidates for public office. Despite this historical fact, political divisions by party affiliation began almost immediately in the early days of our Republic. Let’s examine the unique aspects of US political parties. Discuss topics spanning the birth and demise of major parties such as The Federalists and Whigs, the creation of party nomination conventions, the growth of political primaries, third party politics, and the unusual switch in policy positions of the two major parties on important issues. Review 20th century presidential elections that reflected major party realignments.

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Sec 1: ON CAMPUS Tues, Apr 12, 10:30-noon
Sec 2: ZOOM Tues, Apr 12, 10:30-noon
Fee: $29
The History Of New York City
Lyndell O’Hara, PhD, history professor
Nyack College

Pigs and pirates roam the dirt streets of lower Manhattan, George Washington is sworn in as the first president of the new American nation, Charles Finney leads anti-slavery rallies and religious revivals, thousands of immigrants crowd into the notorious Five Points neighborhood, political power is dominated by Tammany Hall, the artists of the Harlem Renaissance create cultural treasures and Mayor LaGuardia strives to make New York the “capital of the world.” It is all a part of the history of New York City! Examine the peoples, places and events which made this urban center the international economic, political and cultural capital it is today. The city has always been a haven for numerous religious, social and ethnic groups and while they have not always enjoyed a peaceful coexistence, they have defined the essence of New York City. 4 SESSIONS
Wed, Mar 16-Apr 6, 10 am-noon
Fee: $85

Reconstructing Reconstruction
Gregory Caggiano, instructor

A look at Reconstruction following the american Civil War and its effects on our country, felt immediately and today. Examine life in the post-war South, Jim Crow laws, the mythology of the “Lost Cause” and its reflection in the popular films “The Birth of a Nation” and “Gone With the Wind.” The portrayal of African americans in early 20th century pop-culture and contemporary issues, such as the removal of Confederate flags and statues from public spaces will be discussed. 2 SESSIONS
Wed, Mar 30-Apr 6, 6-8 pm
Fee: $59

Legends Of New Jersey: Fact Or Fiction
Gregory Caggiano, instructor

New Jersey is legendary. Explore the legends of New Jersey surrounding historical sites, local cemeteries and private residences. The story of the Jersey Devil will be examined, and his existence called into question. Are these legends fact or fiction?
Wed, Apr 20, 6-8 pm
Fee: $35

Another One Bites The Dust
Gregory Caggiano, instructor

Based on the popular book How They Croaked, we will examine some of the “awful ends of the awfully famous”. What happened to Henry VIII’s body after he died? What did doctors do to George Washington that may have actually killed him? How many doctors’ hands prodded the gunshot wound of James Garfield? Find out about death, dying, and other morbid curiosities in this shocking but darkly comic presentation. Warning: not for the squeamish or faint of heart.
Wed, May 4, 10 am-noon
Fee: $35

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Also see: Art History, p 7
Irish Heritage

IRISH HERITAGE

Being Irish, he had an abiding sense of tragedy, which sustained him through temporary periods of joy.
– W.B. Yeats

Irish Language

Over 2,000 years old, the Irish language boasts the oldest living literature in Western Europe. Despite colonial attempts to destroy the language – it is alive and well – and here at Brookdale! Instructors at all levels have earned the Fáinne Óir, and our classes are informal, fun, and stress-free.

Irish language instructors: Rath DeHoust, Donncha Quinn, Máire Léan Shevlin, Caoimhín Cléirigh

Designed for beginners to fluent speakers, students will be divided into groups, each with its own instructor, based on abilities and needs. Groups will interact with one another and participate in joint activities. This format will enhance the objective of keeping Irish available as the living, spoken language at the very heart of Irish culture. Whether you’re looking to dive into the Tain Bo Culaigne or just pick up a few phrases for travel, this program will work for you! 10 SESSIONS

WINTER MINI SERIES – 5 SESSIONS

Sect 1: ON CAMPUS, Thurs, Jan 20-Feb 17, 7-8:30 pm (for all levels)

Sect 2: ZOOM option for advanced level students only

Fee: $59

SPRING SERIES – 10 SESSIONS

Sect 1: ON CAMPUS, Thurs, Mar 24-May 26, 7-8:30 pm (for all levels)

Sect 2: ZOOM option for advanced level students only

Fee: $119

A Novel Idea!

Contemporary Irish Fiction

Maureen Dunphy-Brady, MA, NYU Glucksman Ireland House, Irish historian

Present-day Irish fiction is breathing new life into Ireland’s literary tradition. The Contemporary Irish Fiction Book Group will explore works by the Irish authors who are contributing to this new “golden age” of literary output. Students will read assigned novels and participate in lively, interactive discussions moderated by the instructor. Class meets once a month for a three-month period. Novels in order to be read and discussed include: Leonard and Hungry Paul by Rónán Hession; In the Woods by Tana French; and Normal People by Sally Rooney.

Wed, Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11, 10 am-noon

Fee: $89, includes coffee/tea light refreshments

St. Patrick’s Day Celebration

Join Brookdale’s two favorite Irish historians, Henry McNally and Maureen Dunphy-Brady for a celebration of St. Patrick’s Day.

Discover the birthplace of many popular tunes through an illustrated journey and narrative accompanied by live toe-tapping, heart stirring renditions performed by The Cook College Ramblers. Learn the why, how and when of Irish tourism – from its roots to its boom.

Fri, Mar 11, 10:45 am-2 pm

Fee: $59, includes lunch – (traditional “made in America” corned beef & cabbage)

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Ireland 1845 To 1916: Famine To Rising
Maureen Dunphy-Brady, MA, NYU Glucksman Ireland House, Irish historian
Ireland’s Great Famine of 1845 resulted in the death of one million people by starvation and disease and the emigration of more than a million, plummeting the country’s population and exposing the inequities of Britain’s rule. The Famine was a watershed in Irish history, driving transformational change in every aspect of Irish life – social, religious, cultural, and political. Explore the Famine, its historical underpinnings, and the subsequent grassroots efforts that sparked the revitalization of a distinct national identity. 5 SESSIONS
Mon, Apr 11-May 9, 10:30 am-noon
Fee: $85

Contemporary Irish Short Stories
Rath DeHoust, Irish language and literature lifelong learning instructor
Often hailed as a ‘National Genre’, Ireland’s best writers continue to produce some of the most cutting-edge short stories. Delve into the works of some well-known as well as lesser-known authors, identifying the cultural and historical issues and events that have shaped Irish writers, and Irish society, today. Join us for an exploration of some of the truly exciting literature coming out of Ireland today from writers such as William Trevor, Niall Williams, Sally Rooney, Anne Enright, and more. 4 SESSIONS
Mon, May 2-23, 7-8:30 pm
Fee: $69

The Jews Of Ireland
Henry McNally, MA, Fordham, Irish historian, recipient of the 2019 Eoin McKiernan Award
The title of this class may seem a kind of oxymoron; it is not. While not numerous, Jews have been present in Ireland for centuries. For a few decades in the late 19th-early 20th centuries, their numbers increased. While only a small minority, the Jews of Ireland have contributed to the cultural and intellectual life, as well as the struggle for Irish independence, well beyond what absolute numbers might suggest. Beginning with some personal reflections, Irish historian, Henry McNally will lead you through an illustrated history of the Jewish experience in Ireland followed by a viewing of the film, Shalom Ireland. Program will conclude with time for discussion and questions.
Friday, Mar 25: 9:30 am-noon
Fee: $49, includes continental breakfast
Hebrew For Travel (Beginner Level)
Harry Belkowitz, instructor

Get the most out of your travel to Israel. Learn key words and phrases to navigate challenging situations, including medical/dental care, banking, using local public transportation, and taxis. Strictly a beginner class, also beneficial to those interested in a bit of conversational Hebrew for fun.

3 SESSIONS
Wed-Fri Apr 27-29, 10-11:30 am
Fee: $69

Also See: Dreaming Of Italy, p 23

Reading Hebrew – A Beginner’s Class
Harry Belkowitz, instructor

Learn how to read Hebrew the simple and easy way and discover the exciting meaning of the bible in its original language. Learn to recognize traffic and road signs when traveling to Israel. This class is for those with no previous Hebrew reading and for those whose Hebrew School days is a fading memory. 3 SESSIONS
Wed-Fri, May 11-13, 10-11:30 am
Fee: $69

Friday Morning Musing For Short Story Lovers
Dillies Pilevsky, English and history instructor

Short stories are timeless in their magical ability to help us make human connections with an author, a narrative, our own life experience and each other. What does this mean? Let’s find out! Stories are in the order to be read. 3 SESSIONS

Sect 1: Grace Paley, A Conversation With My Father, 1972; Bernard Malamud, Black Is My Favorite Color, 1963; Saul Bellow, Looking For Mr. Green, 1968
Fri, Jan 14-28, 10 am-noon
Sect 2: Edgar Allan Poe, Masque Of The Red Death, 1842, Cask of Amontillado, 1846, The Telltale Heart, 1843, 1850
Fri, Feb 11-25, 10 am-noon
Fee: $55
PDF of stories will be emailed upon registration
Literature 101: The Bible, Part II
Brooks Susman, history, philosophy instructor and rabbi emeritus
Delve deeper into the most famous literary work of all time. As much as source of intriguing stories as religious teachings; it reflects historical situations, human events and human reactions to those events. It has influenced and is referenced throughout great literature across the globe. We’ll look to the personalities of the Matriarchs, Patriarchs, their offspring and leaders… as well as the “personality” of God as expressed through the text of The Hebrew Bible and its influence on later texts. No Part I prerequisite or prior Bible study necessary – open to all. Please bring a Bible to class. 5 SESSIONS
Tues, Mar 8-Apr 5, 10 am-noon
Fee: $95

I See The Light!
Patricia Whitehead, librarian, teacher, enthusiastic reader
You know those moments. You’re blithely chugging along, living your life, when suddenly, bam, you’re confronted with a realization. The thing you’ve been telling yourself, the life you’ve been living, gets a jolt, a readjustment, and you have an epiphany of sorts, an encounter with a different reality. These four stories depict something of that sort, to varying degrees, and we get to tease out the altered reality, to see what has or hasn’t changed for the characters after they “see the light”. Stories include: John L’Heureux, The Long Black Line; Maile Meloy, The Proxy Marriage; Alice Munro, Friend of My Youth; Lorrie Moore, Community Life. 4 SESSIONS
Mon, Mar 21-Apr 11, 10:30 am-noon
Fee: $79

The Life & Poetry Of Emily Dickinson
Carl Calendar, PhD
Having published only a few poems anonymously in her lifetime, Emily Dickinson is now the toast of 19th Century American Literature. In these informal lectures Brookdale’s retired Humanities dean, Carl Calendar, will discuss Emily’s childhood, her education and her reclusive life as the Belle of Amherst. Many of her greatest poems as well as the many mysteries of her life will be explored. We’ll also cover the influence of her family, friends and the milieu of a 19th Century conservative New England town. 3 SESSIONS
Tues, Apr 19 -May 3, 10-11:30 am
Fee: $59

The Times They Are A – Changing
Patricia Whitehead, librarian, teacher, enthusiastic reader
Nothing stays the same. History keeps changing, the political boundaries shift, our social identities evolve. This is certainly true today in the ever-changing world in which we live. Each of these stories explores some aspect of change socially or politically for an assortment of the Americans they depict, a shifting of the ground beneath their feet. Come explore how literature helps us to navigate and observe how our place in the world changes as the world changes around us. Stories include: John O’Hara, Graven Image; Joseph O’Neill, World of Cheese; Ben Fountain, Lion’s Mouth; Said Syrafiezdhah, Scenic Route. Thurs, May 26-June 16, 1:30-3 pm
Fee: $79
PDF of stories will be emailed upon registration

Writing Children’s Fiction
Barry M. Putt, award-winning author, instructor
Learn the essential elements of creating engaging children’s stories. Explore story language, developing memorable characters for children and story structure. Marketing approaches will also be discussed. Brown bag lunch recommended.
Sat, Apr 2, 9:30 am -4 pm
Fee: $79

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Financial Strategies For Successful Retirement
Joseph P. Silvestri, CFP, ChFC, CLTC and Chester O. Gordon IV, CFP of Creative Financial Group

As baby boomers approach retirement, new financial questions arise. We’ll address your questions about building enough wealth to retire, increasing retirement income, and exploring lifestyle options. Discuss mutual funds, insurance, stocks, bonds, estate taxes, and long-term care. You’ll receive a workbook packed with sound, solid information that you can take home and put to good use in the development of your own financial blueprint. Come away with a clearer picture of the opportunities available to improve your future financial security. Spouse/partner may attend for free.

3 SESSIONS
Sec 1: Wed, Mar 23-Apr 6, 6:30-9 pm Northern Monmouth HEC (Hazlet)
Sec 2: Sat, Mar 26-Apr 9, 9:30 am-noon
Fee: $65

Understanding Medicare & Medicare Option Care
Alfred Norton, Licensed Health Insurance Agent

Whether you are soon turning 65, or already a Medicare recipient, don’t miss this thorough review of Medicare program basics and the variety of ways to enroll in Medicare. Our discussion will outline Original Medicare (parts A&B), Medicare Prescription Drug Plans (Part D), Medicare Advantage Plans (Part C with or without Medicare Part D) and, finally, Medigap Coverage (Supplemental) and how it interfaces with Original Medicare. We will evaluate Medicare entitlement, approximate costs and eligibility, together with outlining help/procedures for individuals with limited income or those receiving Social Security Disability. Information will also be provided regarding the major carriers in NJ for Medicare Part C, and Medigap Policies.

Sat, Mar 26, 10-11:30 am
Fee: $39

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The Irish Rebel Countess: Constance Markievicz
Maureen Dunphy-Brady, MA, NYU Glucksman Ireland House, Irish historian
Constance Gore-Booth, an aristocratic Irishwoman, studied art in London and Paris before marrying a Polish nobleman and becoming Countess Markievicz. A staunch Irish nationalist, she traded in her ball gown for an Irish rebel uniform, becoming a leader in the 1916 Easter Rising to free Ireland from British tyranny. She was the first woman elected to British Parliament and the first woman cabinet member of a European Government. Her life story is an epic account of shattering gender norms and demonstrating resilience in the face of overwhelming odds.

Wed, Apr 16, 10:30 am-12:30 pm
Fee: $35

Do You Believe In Magic? How the Music of the 60s Shook the World
Patrick Barton, professional musician, instructor
Journey through the 1960s to learn how songs from that era shook the musical and cultural landscape, helping to shape a future still reverberating sixty years later. Through live performance and recordings, Pat will enhance his presentation. Leave believing in musical magic. 3 SESSIONS
Thurs, Apr 28-May 12, 10 am-noon
Fee: $75

Introduction To Buddhism
Cheryl Bartholomew, PhD, professor emerita, George Mason University
Explore Buddhist teachings, philosophy, and practices in this overview of Buddhism. Consider how Buddhist practices can help us to generate the clarity, understanding, and compassion needed to address our individual, community, and global suffering in turbulent times. Gain a deeper understanding of how the intersection of science, religion, and spirituality empowers us towards enlightenment and happiness. Discover your path.

Tues, May 3, 1-3 pm
Fee: $35

Nazi Germany’s Top-Secret WW II Plans To Invade Ireland
Maureen Dunphy-Brady, MA, NYU Glucksman Ireland House, Irish historian
During WW II, Nazi Germany’s plan to invade Ireland included the imposition of martial law and enforced civilian labor. Following the plan’s discovery, a clandestine war of espionage and counter-intelligence ensued. German spies and Irish codebreakers were the combatants. Coded messages and secret dossiers were the weapons. An alliance with a sworn enemy was an unexpected outcome. This story, concealed for decades, reveals Ireland’s underground activities during World War II, when the country had officially declared a state of neutrality.

Wed, May 4, 10:30 am-12:30 pm
Fee: $35
The Many Muses Of Irish Poet W. B. Yeats
Maureen Dunphy-Brady, MA, NYU Glucksman Ireland House, Irish historian
William Butler Yeats, winner of the 1923 Noble Prize in Literature, is best known for his association with the Irish Literary Revival, the Abbey Theatre, and as one of the greatest poets of the 20th Century. Lesser known are the remarkable women who inspired his creative genius – an heiress, a countess, a playwright, a poet, a revolutionary, a novelist, an actress, to name a few. This class focuses on the lives of these exceptional women, noteworthy for their own accomplishments, while examining their relationships with Yeats at various stages of his life.
Wed, Jun 1, 10:30 am-12:30 pm
Fee: $35

The History Of The Irish In America
Henry McNally, MA, M.S., Irish Historian
And what a history it is! Irish were among the very first settlers in America, a few as adventurers, most as servants some as parolees. Soon, they came in larger numbers, Protestants looking for religious freedom escape from British intolerance; they would soon become the most ardent revolutionaries. Then they came in hoards, Catholics, unlettered, unwashed and unwanted, threatening the very existence of a still-young America. As those arrivals pushed out from the ghettos of American cities, they changed America forever, demanding that the country live up to the promises of the Constitution and setting an example for immigrant groups who followed. By the early 20th Century, the Irish controlled the big cities and had begun to frequent the halls of Congress and the board rooms of Wall Street. We’ll follow their paths, for those were diverse and often at odds; and conclude with a consideration of Irish America today, including the very real question: “Is there an Irish America?”
5 SESSIONS
Tues, Mar 15-Apr 12, 10 am-noon
Fee: $85

Jon Bon Jovi Soul Kitchen Cooking Demonstration & Lunch
Jon Bon Jovi Soul Foundation
Find out what’s really cooking at the JBJ Soul Kitchen – where unique community-building happens. First, learn to cook two of JBJ Soul Kitchen’s most popular menu items from their expert chefs. Next, enjoy a lunch prepared especially for you featuring these delicious dishes and learn more about this innovative enterprise. A perfect opportunity to enjoy learning, laughing, and lunch!
Address: 207 Monmouth Street, Red Bank
Sect 1: Thurs, Feb 17, 11:30 am-1 pm
Sect 2: Thurs, Mar 17, 11:30 am-1 pm
Sect 3: Thurs, Apr 21, 11:30 am-1 pm
Sect 4: Thurs, May 5, 11:30 am-1 pm
Fee: $39

Bring A Friend Walking Tour: Ocean Grove
Daniel Radel, history instructor, journalist
Spend a spring day in Ocean Grove and learn the unique history of what is known as “God's Square Mile.” Meet at the Great Auditorium, stroll Founder's Park, come face to face with the statue of The Rev. Ellwood Stokes, the first president of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, walk the boardwalk and visit the quaint downtown. Rain date is Apr 30. Please note: no refund will be given if the rain date is used. Fee is for two registrants!
Sat, Apr 23, 1-3 pm
Fee: $40
Pickleball For Beginners
Find out why pickleball is the fastest-growing sport in America! A paddle sport for all ages and skill levels, pickleball combines elements of tennis, badminton, and table tennis. The rules are simple, and the game is easy to learn. We’ll provide the paddles and the balls (similar to whiffle balls) Don’t miss this addictive new form of fitness and fun. Class meets at the Colts Neck Racquet Club (indoor courts)
36 Artisan Pl, Colts Neck 3 SESSIONS
Sec 1: Wed, Feb 2– 16, 3-4 pm
Sec 2: Thurs, Mar 3-17, 2-3 pm
Sec 3: Wed, Apr 6-27, 3-4 pm (no class 4/20)
Sec 4: Thu, Apr 7-28, 3-4 pm (no class 4/21)
Sec 5: Tues, May 3-17, 3-4 pm
Sec 6: Thurs, May 5-19, 2-3 pm
Fee: $69

Learn To Sail
Seas Monmouth, certified sailing instructors
Combined classroom and hands-on instruction will give the adult beginning sailor the skills and confidence to operate a small sailboat. The class includes four evening classroom sessions and two Saturday sailing sessions on the Shrewsbury River aboard 17-18 foot sloops (water sessions may be rescheduled due to inclement weather). Successful completion of the course leads to a SEAS Basic Sailing certificate. A basic swimming test is required (treading water and putting on a flotation device) administered during the second class. Students are required to provide a personal flotation device (PFD) for the water sessions. Ages 18 and up only.
6 SESSIONS
Sec 1: Mon & Thurs, Jun 6-16, 7-9 pm
Sat, Jun 11 & 18, 9 am-4 pm, on the water
SEC 2: Mon & Thurs, Jul 11-21, 7-9 pm
Sat, Jul 16 & 23, 9 am-4 pm, on the water
Sec 3: Mon & Thurs, Aug 1-11, 7-9 pm
Sat, Aug 6 & 13, 9 am-4 pm
Fee: $225

The Secret Life Of Black Holes
Sarbmeet Kanwal, Ph.D., physicist
It is hard to come up with a scientific phenomenon that holds as universal a fascination as Black Holes. Perhaps it’s the mystery they hide – no one can peek inside without being swallowed up; or maybe because they could be a gateway to a new universe, or a porthole to communicate with the past, as in the movie Interstellar. In this course we will separate myth from reality by looking at black hole physics: Why they exist? What we still don’t know about them? How they could be the ultimate source of energy? Training in math/science is not required. 3 SESSIONS
Fri, Apr 1-22, 2-4 pm
Fee: $85
Dreaming Of Italy
Patricia Skea, MST, instructor

Dreaming of visiting Italy or dreaming of returning? Join fellow dreamers (and travelers) on a classroom journey. Explore and discuss the culture, history, sights, and sounds of Italy. Learn about the Italian way of life from an instructor who has eight years of teaching experience in Rome and a passion for La Dolce Vita! 4 SESSIONS
Tues, April 5-26, 10 am-noon
Fee: $89

Lunch & Learn – Preserving NJ Pinelands Through Art

My greatest dream is to capture the beauty of the New Jersey Pinelands National Reserve and then have those images help to preserve it.

– Albert D. Horner

Albert D. Horner is an award-winning fine-art photographer whose images distill the quiet beauty and intimate landscapes of New Jersey’s Pinelands National Reserve. Self-taught, he brings curiosity, patience, and a practiced eye to his craft, recording the oak and pine forests, cedar swamps, meandering waterways, and native wildflowers that make the “Pine Barrens” a place like no other. A Pinelands Preservation Alliance board member, he uses his art to advocate on behalf of the ecologically important region.

Journey deep into the Pinelands through the eyes of an artist who has spent many years capturing the environmentally sensitive region. Learn the history of the region and little-known facts about the area, its flora and fauna, as well as efforts underway to preserve it. Join us for an exploration of this unique and mysterious region. Presentation followed by a Q&A and book signing. Horner’s coffee table book, Pinelands: New Jersey’s Suburban Wilderness, will be available for sale during the program.

Fri, Apr 8, 11:45-1:30 pm
Fee: $45 includes lunch
Magical Mystery Tour
Pat Barton, professional musician, instructor
Join professional musician Pat Barton on a six-hour tour exploring the musical and cultural legacy the Beatles left behind following a recording career lasting less than ten years. Using live performance, recordings, lecture, and group activities, we will explore the magic, discuss the mystery and re-discover music that continues to shape and influence our world almost sixty years after the tour began. 3 SESSIONS
Thurs, Apr 7-21, 10 am-noon
Fee: $75

Comedians Of The 20th Century
Larry Wolfert, instructor
Laughter is the best medicine, and we can all use a laugh. Learn about the people who made America laugh in the 20th Century, from Laurel & Hardy and the Marx Brothers to Lucille Ball and Carol Burnett and many in between. Explore their paths to stardom and their downfalls and sample some of their classic routines and scenes. 3 Sessions
May 19-Jun 2, 10 am-noon
Fee: $75

You Be The Judge!
Bruce Brickman, Esq
Examine three landmark Supreme Court cases recently argued but not yet decided. Gain a deeper understanding of the court and each Justice’s interpretative prism – through questions that test arguments, ensnare advocates, or support critical issues. We’ll evaluate the clarity of the advocate’s narrative and discuss the strength of response. Which Justices were most obvious in their preference? You will decide on each case and vote! After the court rules, you will be informed of their decision and find out how close your opinions were to the Supreme Court opinions. Bruce K. Brickman, who no longer actively practices law, brings his passion to the classroom. He teaches understanding of the Constitution through consequential Supreme Court decisions. You don’t want to miss these court dates! 3 SESSIONS
TBA, 10:30 am-noon
Fee: $75

Also See: Positive Psychology: Cultivating Mindfulness & Happiness, p 11

TOUR & TALK

Experience something new. Your life can change in a day.

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With much excitement - we welcome Brookdale travelers back to Tour & Talk.

Your safety and well-being are our primary focus – all passengers must be fully vaccinated and present a vaccine card upon boarding the bus (no phone apps can be accepted.) You are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after you have received a second dose in a two-dose vaccine series or two weeks after you have received a single-dose vaccine.

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Architecture Tour of Frank Lloyd Wright’ Beth Sholom Synagogue; Guided Tour of The Philadelphia Masonic Temple: Lunch at Maggiano’s Little Italy

Join Brookdale’s dynamic duo, Rabbi Brooks Susman and Dr. Chris Bellitto for a memorable day exploring two unique and intriguing architectural designs. Designated a National Historic Landmark in 2007, Beth Sholom is the only synagogue designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. A strikingly arching wire-glass structure topped in fiberglass that looks something between a tri-corn hat and a translucent peak – Wright himself once referred to it as a “luminous Mount Sinai”. Following a family style lunch at Maggiano’s experience a guided tour of The Philadelphia Masonic Temple. Constructed in 1873 and adorned with some of the finest artifacts of Freemasonry and magnificent Lodge rooms this temple has been called one of the “wonders” of the Masonic world.

Fri, Feb 11, 8:15 am-6 pm
Fee: $155

Chanticleer House & Garden Tour: Lunch At The White Dog Cafe

Delight in a guided tour of the Rosengarten estate, built as a country retreat by the late Adolph G. Rosengarten Jr., a former Army spy during WWII, Philadelphia corporate director and Main Line philanthropist. Mr. Rosengarten’s humor is evident in naming his home after the estate “Chanticlere” in Thackeray’s 1855 novel The Newcomes. The fictional Chanticlere was “mortgaged up to the very castle windows” but “still the show of the county.” A garden of pleasure and learning, relaxing yet filled with ideas to take home, Chanticleer has been called the most romantic, imaginative, and exciting public garden in America. Enjoy a delicious lunch at The White Dog Cafe; the perfect addition to a day immersed in enchanted surroundings.

Fri, June 3, 8:30 am-5:30 pm
Fee: $155
Turandot – Metropolitan Opera At Lincoln Center: Brunch At Marseille

Mara Aderly-O’Kelly, professional opera singer and lifelong learning instructor will share her passion and knowledge on a trip to the Met. Giacomo Puccini’s final opera is an epic fairy tale set in a China of legend, loosely based on a play by 18th-century Italian dramatist Carlo Gozzi. Featuring a most unusual score with an astounding and innovative use of chorus and orchestra, it is still recognizably Puccini, bursting with instantly appealing melody. The unenviable task of completing the opera’s final scene upon Puccini’s sudden death was left to the composer Franco Alfano. Conductor Arturo Toscanini oversaw Alfano’s contribution and led the world premiere. Start the day with a delicious lunch at Marseille – a Tour & Talk favorite French brasserie. Estimated run time: 3 hours, 15 minutes. Seats rear orchestra.
Sat, May 7, 8:30 am-6:15 pm
Fee: $275

Not ready for the bus?
Private Live Virtual Tour: Historic Harlem: From The 1600s To Its Renaissance And Beyond…

Join Debra Zelcer for a very picturesque prowl through historic Harlem, once a bucolic estate setting for gracious mansions, later a hub for European immigrants, and then the destination of southern Blacks fleeing Jim Crow and migrating to the North in pursuit of jobs and rights. We’ll explore settings associated with these phases of Harlem’s history, while concentrating on the emergence of the Harlem Renaissance, that wonderful period of Harlem history when the creativity of Black writers, musicians and performers became a sought after and much-admired influence on American and world culture. Walk through Sylvan Terrace, Sugar Hill, past Hamilton Heights, Hamilton Grange, the historic City College campus, Strivers Row, and the Abyssinian Baptist Church, and see sites where well-known Harlem residents lived. Last stop on this enlightening and pleasurable prowl at a special pavilion to view historic WPA era murals depicting the lives of Harlem’s Black residents.
Sun, Feb 27, 1:30-3 pm
Fee: $25

More To Come…
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iPhone Tips And Tricks
Stephen Fowler, instructor

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Tues, Feb 8-22, 5:30-7 pm
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Calling All Women! For all the work you do (paid and unpaid), this day’s for you!

Learn. Laugh. Lunch.

TEA FOR THREE: Lady Bird, Pat & Betty
by Eric H. Weinberger and Elaine Bromka

This Off-Broadway solo hit starring Emmy Award-winning Elaine Bromka offers an unforgettable, behind-the-scenes look at three former First Ladies. Critically acclaimed for its blend of wit, intimacy, and passion, the show reveals three women who suddenly found themselves celebrities – in what Pat Nixon called “the hardest unpaid job in the world!”

In three scenes taking place in the family quarters of the White House just before the end of living there as the wife of a president, each of the women confides alone to the audience. Secrets are spilled about their early years, their husbands’ rise to power, their romances with the men, their unique paths as wives in the White House, and their feelings about imminent retirement.

“Good stories...subtle...even silence is emotion-filled.” – The New York Times

“Brilliant! Reaches across the aisles.” – Women Arts

Elaine Bromka has had a long and rewarding career. Her film work includes Uncle Buck (playing Cindy, the mom), In the Family, and Without a Trace. Television works include Girls, The Sopranos, Sex, and the City, ER, Providence, Dharma & Greg, Sisters, Law & Order, Stella Lombard on Days of Our Lives, the Emmy Award-winning Playing for Time with Vanessa Redgrave and Catch a Rainbow, for which Bromka herself won an Emmy.

She has appeared on Broadway (The Rose Tattoo, I’m Not Rappaport, Macbeth) and off-Broadway. Starring opposite Rich Little in The Presidents for PBS, where she portrayed eight first ladies, led to her co-writing TEA FOR THREE: Lady Bird, Pat & Betty with Eric H. Weinberger. Since its successful off-Broadway run, she has continued to tour with it nationwide.

We’re bringing the theater to you! Enjoy an inspiring performance followed by a Q&A with the star of the show. Explore a topic of interest in your choice of workshop.

Fri, Apr 22, 9 am-3 pm
Fee: $85, includes continental breakfast and hot lunch
Stories Behind the Stars
Don Milne presents a lecture/discussion about his nonprofit history initiative

*Don Milne, Founder and National Director had a lifetime interest in history, but in 2016 he started a personal project on his lunch break to write a daily story of a WWII fallen. After four years and more than 1,200 stories, he started a nonprofit initiative to include others in this project which now involves more than 1,500 people from all 50 states and more than a dozen other countries.*

During World War II a banner with a gold star was presented to the families of the fallen. The **Stories Behind the Stars** Initiative was created to organize one central digital location to collect the stories of the 421,000+ Americans who were killed during World War II. These stories will be digitally linked to all war memorials and cemeteries by a smartphone app so visitors can read the stories of the fallen at any of these locations.

This national effort, researched, written, and financially supported by all those who want to see the fallen remembered, will ensure that future generations will be able to learn about each of the Americans who paid the price for the freedoms we take for granted every day. So far, these volunteers have written more than 13,000 stories, including all those from one state (Utah – 2,100), all those from D-Day (2,502), and all those from Pearl Harbor (2,335). By Memorial Day 2022, all 7,700 US WWII fallen buried at Arlington National Cemetery will also have their stories done. Join us to learn about some amazing stories about WWII and how you can volunteer to be part of this incredible history project.

Wed, Feb 16, 7:30-9 pm
Fee: $24
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**Journeys Beyond Genocide:**
**The Human Experience**

**Journeys Beyond Genocide** engages visitors with the human story of the Holocaust, the Armenian Genocide, and the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. This virtual or in-person fieldtrip is an incredible experiential learning opportunity for educators, students, interest groups, community members, and families alike.

Featuring more than 100 archival items and video testimony of local survivors, **Journeys Beyond Genocide** spotlights personal history to connect genocides of the past to today’s world.

This 2” x 1” book was given to Ruth Lebram Knopp while she was incarcerated at Theresienstadt. One of Ruth’s patients, M. Diament, created and gifted it in appreciation of the care she received from Ruth, anurse in the camp hospital. It includes drawings of anurse at work and a message of thanks.

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