

DECEMBER 2021 Zoom Pop-Ups Adventures In Learning classes:

During December, we are again offering a number of “Pop-Up” classes that are FREE to our participants for the holidays. Just click on the [Zoom link](#) and register. You will get a class confirmation that can take you directly to the class when it’s time to connect. SCG will also send you the Zoom link the day before the class.

Happy Holidays from SCG!

The Greensboro Symphony

Instructor: **Lisa Crawford**

Join us for a discussion about the changes happening with our wonderful symphony. Lisa Crawford is the CEO and will share plans ahead and be able to answer your questions. Are you planning to attend Beethoven’s 9th at the new Steven Tanger Center? Or is the music of Queen more your style?

Date: **Tuesday, December 7**

Time: **9:30 am**

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91811591159>

Frank Bender: “Recomposer of the Decomposed”

Instructor: **Tom Brawner**

The late Frank Bender, a self-taught Philadelphia forensic artist, combined art and science to create life-like busts of murder victims and fugitives from justice. Hired as a last resort by law enforcement, Bender created uncanny human likenesses based upon the victim’s skull or, in the case of fugitives, old photographs. This brilliant artist had an amazing success rate in providing some sense of closure for grieving families as well as justice for fugitives and other criminals. This class will focus on Bender’s truly fascinating life, his unique craft, and his most important cases.

Date: **Tuesday, December 14**

Time: **9:30 am**

Register in advance for this meeting:

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A History of the Tuscarora in North Carolina

Instructor: **Arwin Smallwood, PhD**

Chair of the History & Political Science Dept. at NC A&T University

In this course we will study the history of the Tuscarora of North Carolina and their impact on both North Carolina and American history from the 16th century to the present. This course begins with the early migration of the Tuscarora to North Carolina and does a thorough investigation of early Tuscarora political and cultural developments, folk culture, and religious expression. It also explores their role in North Carolina history including the Great “Tuscarora War” and their subsequent diaspora around the state, nation, and world.

*Our guest presenter, Dr. Smallwood, is the author of multiple books with his research primarily focusing on the relationships between African-Americans, Native-Americans and Europeans in Eastern North Carolina during the Colonial and early Antebellum period. We are honored to have the professor share his expertise.

Date: **Tuesday, December 14**

Time: **11:30 am**

Register in advance for this meeting:

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“The Lincoln Highway” ... what’s all the buzz about this book?

Instructor: **Brian Lampkin, Scuppernong Books**

Brian Lampkin, owner of Scuppernong Books, will highlight this hot new release from Amor Towles. Readers who loved Towles’ books, from "Rules of Civility" to "Gentleman from Moscow," have been awaiting this novel of a journey that captures our hearts as a coming of age journey. AND, Brian has a surprise announcement for you!

Date: **Tuesday, December 14**

Time: **2:00 pm**

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvduqhjkpH9JAxDYuanqqLaQfRRPDyITy>

Hollywood Dance

Instructor: **Larry Brown**

(Guest speaker from Shepherd’s Center of St. Andrews, Columbia, SC)

Larry Brown returns with a fun class to celebrate music and dance from films we'll remember. Swing and sway with dance numbers and teams, behind the scenes trivia about how stars and choreographers brought these musical numbers to life...even adding some holiday music and cheer!

Date: **Wednesday, December 15**

Time: **9:30 am**

Register in advance for this meeting:

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Nellie Bly: the Real Around-the-World in 80 Days Race

Instructor: **Tom Kuhn**

(Guest speaker from Shepherd’s Center of St. Andrews, Columbia, SC)

In 1889, two aspiring and intrepid young newspaper women set off from New York in opposite directions on a race to break Jules Verne’s fictional record of going around the world in less than 80 days. Sponsored by two competing daily newspapers, their race and the dispatches they sent back would create an international sensation, open up newspaper reporting for women far beyond the usual social pages, and make Nellie Bly a household name while influencing the Women’s Rights Movement of the early 20th Century.

*Our new guest presenter is Tom Kuhn, a retired archaeologist, anthropologist and writer. His six part People of the Stone series of novels details the origins and spread of Native American culture from the end of the Ice Age to the coming of the Spanish, and is the base of his blog (www.peopleofthestone.com), which continues to address controversial and related topics in Native American and general anthropology and archaeology.

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New Year's Eve Around the World

Instructor: Carol McGinnis Kay, PhD

(Guest speaker from Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews, Columbia, SC)

Carol has taught past classes on the Curious History of Eating Utensils, Cathedrals of England, and Norman Rockwell. She is returning with a fun program to get us ready for New Year's Eve by taking us around the world!

(bring your lunch and stay on after her program to chat for Sandy's Birthday!!)

Date: **Wednesday, December 29** Time: **11:00 am**

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZcrdOGurDloHNCi3vJb2tTgWA2V8T2EFA6>

This is a great time to invite you friends and family to join a class with Shepherd's Center! There is no charge for the December classes so please forward this announcement to people you'd like to involve in lifelong learning.

The regular Adventures In Learning Winter semester of classes will begin on January 18, 2022. There will be 9 Zoom courses on Tuesdays and Fridays PLUS 9 or more In-Person classes on Thursdays. Watch for a separate email with details and links (please check your spam folder since these may be announced as a larger emailing from our Vertical Response platform).

We look forward to changing the calendar as we move into a new year with all of you!

Remember: After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

******(If you want to co-host a gathering, send an email to me at email address listed at bottom of this page.)

It's been another amazing year of challenges, life lessons, great classes, and strengthening our mission as we continue to adapt and adjust in how we serve others. With 33 new Zoom topics, our volunteers provided over 7,400 hours of lifelong learning and we finally ventured back with fall in-person classes for a limited number of AIL participants. And while the weather was cold in Feb-March, our team of four volunteers prepared 119 tax returns for seniors AND our team received the IRS award of having 100% of returns accepted as fully accurate.

Thank you to all our donors, volunteers, and Board members for guiding us forward toward a stronger 2022. As we enter the holiday season, please consider a donation to the Shepherd's Center of Greensboro to support unique learning opportunities and services for our community. Please mail donations to the P.O address listed below, or on our website <http://www.shepctrq.org/ways-to-support-scg/>

Thank you for your interest and we'll see you in December for the new pop-up classes!

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