

SPRING 2022

Adventures In Learning virtual & in-person classes

SpRING has SpRung! We made it through another winter and we are amid a glorious spring in Greensboro. We invite you to join our classes from wherever you live or vacation.

We are going back into the hybrid model for a full 6-week series of our famous Adventures In Learning semester. Our version of hybrid is having **Zoom classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays**, then offering **in-person small classes on Thursday mornings**. You can sign up for 1 or 3 or 10 based on your schedule and interests, all for a one-time fee. But you must register!

Step 1: Click on the link **on page 6** of this document to get online to choose your classes and then to pay the semester fee of just \$45.00. You will **pay online, through the secure website**, using PayPal or your credit card. Be sure to enter your preferred email address as that is the only way we can send you the connection links for your Zoom classes. *

Step 2: After you pay the fee, you will get a confirmation email. Then, we will email you the links to do the full Zoom online registration so you will get your individual codes for each class you choose. Decide how the dates fit your schedule, which topics or instructors you prefer, and **then you will register on Zoom for each topic** you plan to attend. (People who choose only in-person classes will not need to do step 2.)

Please *only select in-person classes* if you plan to attend at First Baptist Church. The seats are limited and your reservation is considered a promise/plan to attend.

*Live links to the classes cannot be shared, so **send this invitation to your friends** if you'd like them to attend.

Let the flowers bloom, let the trees turn a lively green, get us back outside to absorb the sun, and may we all continue learning as we thrive. .

The many donations we receive keep us viable, engaged and ready to be here for you at an affordable price. You may choose to add a **Kick-off-another-year donation** on the SCG website ([click here](#)) or by mailing a gift to P.O. Box 4063, Greensboro, NC, 27404. We love your energy and interest and we deeply appreciate your participation.



** *IF you cannot register/make payment online, you must call Vickie at 336.501.8849 to let her know you are mailing a check to our post office box (SCG, P.O. Box 4063, Greensboro NC 27404).*

Sandy & Vickie & your AIL Volunteer Team

Tuesdays beginning 5/3/22 ZOOM Classes

In the News

Instructor: **John Spurrier, PhD**

Emeritus Professor John Spurrier leads a discussion of current news stories appearing in major newspapers around the country. Emphasis is placed on considering the stories from different viewpoints. Links to the stories are emailed a few days before each class. Listeners and talkers are equally welcome.

Dates: **Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 2022**

Time: **11:30 am**

The History of Mixed-Race Peoples in N.C. and North America

Instructor: **Arwin Smallwood, PhD**

This course explores the history, origins and persistence of Tri-racial Isolates and Mixed-Race Peoples of the Eastern U.S. from 1524 to present. It examines race-mixing between Native Americans, African Americans, and poor Whites in North America from the colonial period to the present (including but not limited to Lumbees, Melungeons, Jackson Whites, Creoles, Brass Ankles, Jukes, etc.) Special emphasis will be placed on the question of creolization in early America and how the mixing of Africans, Native Americans, and Europeans has led to hundreds of mixed-race communities and millions of mixed-raced peoples all over the eastern U.S. We will also examine the evolution of laws dealing with mixed-race people from the 1500's to present.

Dr. Smallwood is the chair of the History & Political Science Dept. at NC A&T State University and recipient of the Holshouser Award for Excellence in Public Service 2022.

Dates: **Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and June 7, 2022**

Time: **2:00 pm**

Morning Music with Paul

Instructor: **Paul Stewart**

Paul will give us a preview of his upcoming participation in the "World Championship of Old-Time Piano playing contest & Festival" at the University of Mississippi, along with additional piano selections. *Paul is a retired UNCG music professor.*

Dates: **Tuesday, May 24, 2022**

Time: **11:30 am**

Wednesdays beginning 5/4/22 ZOOM Classes

The Homicides of March: A Bloody Month for Carderock Springs

Instructor: **Tom Brawner**

In March of 1976, two multiple murders brought unwanted attention to an affluent DC suburban neighborhood in Bethesda, MD. On March 1, Bradford Bishop slaughtered his family in his home and fled, sparking an international manhunt. Later that month, Bishop's neighbor, Robert Angell, shot and killed two policemen after robbing a local bank...and then, upon capture, confessed to yet another murder. The class will explore the details of the crimes, with emphasis on the Bishop case, including the murderers and their victims, and the issues that cause these murders to resurface in the news.

Dates: **Wednesdays May 4, 11, 18, 25 and June 1, 8, 2022**

Time: **9:30 am**

CHINA, An Amazing Voyage

Instructor: **Edwina Winters**

In this class we will cover the amazing history and geography of China, extraordinary inventions, beautiful objects, culture, and modern living. *Ms. Winters lived and worked in China for 12 years and brings a unique perspective to many of the amazing discoveries she experienced. She is a guest presenter from the St. Andrews Shepherd's Center in South Carolina.*

Date: **Wednesdays May 4, 11, 18, 25 and June 1, 8, 2022**

Time: **11:30 am**

Fridays beginning 5/6/22 ZOOM Classes

Eyewitness to Discovery

Instructor: **Tom Kuhn**

Hear the backstory and become a fly on the wall at six of the greatest discoveries in archaeology and human history. Follow the intrepid and often quite eccentric adventurers, archaeologists, and just plain "lucky" folk who opened the world's eyes to these amazing glimpses into the human past. From revealing the lost city of Troy to the chance discovery of the Chinese terracotta army each class will focus on one such unique encounter and assess its importance to our knowledge of the past.

Tom is a retired anthropologist and archeologist and is a guest speaker from Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews, Columbia, SC

Fridays May 6, 13, 20, 27 and June 3, 10, 2022

Time: **9:30 am**

How Frankenstein Became the Perfect Vehicle for All Our Fears

Instructor: **Carol Kay, PhD**

Since its appearance in 1818, Mary Shelley's novel about a creature brought to life by a scientist has taken on a life of its own appearing in movies, comics, scientific journals, popular ads, and on our front porches every Halloween. The iconic image of a lurching, green-faced creature is instantly recognizable around the world. But the original story is a far cry from this image. What is Shelley's novel really like? It is not at all what you think it is! How did the story become so popular and so different in each generation? Let Dr. Carol McGinnis Kay, take you on a tantalizing journey through the creature's many appearances and the various ways in which society's current fears have been reflected. *Dr. Kay is a retired Distinguished professor of English emerita at USC and the 2021 recipient of the national volunteer leadership award from Shepherd's Center of America.*

(Not required but requested reading: *Frankenstein (1818 Edition)* by Mary Shelley by week 3 (per instructor, this is critical to understanding the author's original concept which will be explained). Available on Amazon Kindle for \$.99 and may still be a free download from B&N or the library.)

Fridays May 6, 13, 20, 27 and June 3, 10, 2022

Time: **11:30 am**

What Shall I Read (?)

Instructor: **Bruce Moses**

This class will consist of 4 - 5 Book Reviews that will allow participants to determine if the book might be of interest for follow up reading. We will review books like "The Last Empire: The Final Days of the Soviet Union" by Serhii Plotkhy, "How Emotions Are Made, The Secret Life of the Brain" by Lisa Feldman Barrett, "God, Human, Animal, Machine" by Meghan O'Gieblyn, "One Belt, One Road" by Eyck Freymann, and many, many more. Each participant will receive a complete listing before the class by email.

Date: **Fridays May 6, 13, 20, 27 and June 3, 10, 2022**

Time: **2:00 pm**

Thursdays, beginning 5/5/2022 In-Person

Small classes at First Baptist Church

As of this printing, the board has approved the extra safety measure of showing your proof of vaccination card as required on the first day of class attendance. During classes, the church recommends that masks be worn and social distancing respected, as well as setting limits on the number of people for each room. We are grateful for their help in honoring all other safety guidelines. You are responsible for making your own mask decision.

There will not be lunch available since the church no longer has a kitchen staff. We have asked FBC to offer coffee service at the time between classes in the fellowship hall. You may choose to go out to lunch with a friend after the classes end. **We hope that many of our non-zoomers will choose to come back & participate after a long time away from Adventures In Learning.

All About Butterflies

Instructor: **Dennis Burnette, M.P.A.**

Using photos of live butterflies in the wilds and gardens of the Triad, we will explore the lives of what have been called "flying flowers". We'll start at the beginning and learn a bit about butterfly biology, how to find and identify them, and even what plants they like. **Class Limit - 20.**

Dates: **Thursdays, May 5, 12, 19, 26 and June 2, 9, 2022**

Time: **9:30 am**

Move To Improve with Yoga (*Gentle/Beginner Level*)

Instructor: **Jennifer Dowler**

This course is appropriate for students who want to learn the basics of yoga in a safe environment. Students should bring their own yoga mats and dress in comfortable clothing to allow free movement.

Class Limit - 15

Dates: **Thursdays, May 5, 12, 19, 26 and June 2, 9, 2022**

Time: **9:30 am**

Bless This House

Facilitators: **Janet Maslack and Battleground Home Depot Specialists**

This class will provide useful information for home maintenance, repairs, and enhancements. Topics covered will include lighting and electrical basics; new and innovative products; home “toolbox” and safety; selecting the right flooring products; painting projects (product selection and equipment); and gardening tips and plant selection. Much time is allotted per session for questions and discussion in a lively and engaging atmosphere.

Class Limit - 25.

Dates: **Thursdays, May 5, 12, 19, 26 and June 2, 9, 2022**

Time: **9:30 am**

Drawing with Watercolor Pencils

Instructor: **Melanie Bassett**

The lights and colors of watercolor with the lines and space of drawing. We will learn about watercolor pencils, drawing, and art history through techniques and experiments. No experience necessary, only humor and daring. Supply list will be emailed after registration is completed.

Class Limit - 12

Dates: **Thursdays, May 5, 12, 19, 26 and June 2, 9, 2022**

Time: **9:30 – 11:30 am**

The Paintings & Techniques of Major Impressionists: Claude Monet, Mary Cassatt, Berthe Morisot, Henry Tanner, and Edgar Degas

Instructor: **Jim Langer**

A discussion and demonstration of the ways these artists approached the visual environments around them, from portraits and figures, to still life and landscapes. Comparisons to 19th Century Realists and Romantics will help illuminate the radical changes brought by technology and scientific studies of color and light. The instructor will execute small copies of their works, starting some and finishing others during the class times to help show the physicality involved in making these experiments, which only much later became a “set” style. Some time will also be devoted to discussion of the meanings associated with (or purposely foisted upon) these works, often reflecting the philosophies of the time period. *Jim is an art history and art instructor at local colleges.*

Class Limit - 40

Dates: **Thursdays, May 5, 12, 19, 26 and June 2, 9, 2022**

Time: **9:30 am**

10:30 – 11:00 Break with social time & COFFEE in the fellowship hall

Then back into the classrooms for :

Drawing with Watercolor Pencils – Part 2 continues

Dates: **Thursdays, May 5, 12, 19, 26 and June 2, 9, 2022**

Time: **9:30 – 11:30 am**

Greensboro Bound: “The Sum of Trifles” by Julia Ridley Smith

Instructor: **Ronald Headen**

The class will read and discuss “The Sum of Trifles” by Julia Ridley Smith, one of the local and featured authors at the 2022 Greensboro Bound Literary Festival. The book is a memoir that follows the dilemma the author faces on what to do with the significant possessions of her parents after both are deceased. **The author will visit the class on June 2nd session!** Other class sessions will have presentations to enhance the reading and discussion of the book; the last two sessions will be a full book discussion so you will have time to read the books that will be distributed on the first day of class. *Ron is the Adult/YA Media Selector, Book Club Advisor & Adult Programming Coordinator for Greensboro Libraries. Info on Ms. Smith at: <https://greensborobound.com/event/hood-smith/>*

Dates: **Thursdays, May 5, 12, 19, 26 and June 2, 9, 2022** Class Limit – 20 Time: **11:00 am**

Genealogy and Creating a Family Tree

Instructor: **Tim Spradling**

The class will consist of instructions on how to research your family tree, using the various State and County resources and the internet. It’s your family, let’s go find out more about those ancestors! Guest speakers: Michelle Doyle and Danielle Pritchett. **Class Limit – 20**

Dates: **Thursdays, May 5, 12, 19, 26 and June 2, 9, 2022** Time: **11:00 am**

Women of Ancient Rome: Social Lives, Legal Status, Occupations, and Health Concerns

Instructor: **Linda Danford**

In these **four** sessions, we will look at the private lives of women during the period of the Roman Empire, roughly two thousand years ago. We will explore the ways in which the lives of Roman women were similar or different from our own lives today and explore the various factors that contribute to whatever changes have taken place. *Linda is a retired UNCG professor of classics studies.*

Class Limit - 40

Dates: **Thursdays, May 19, 26 and June 2, 9, 2022** Time: **11:00 am**

Are you excited with this line-up? Sign up quickly for a great semester?

Click here for the website to pay for the classes:

<https://shepnet.wufoo.com/forms/q1m7jppi09nmpxl/>

Or, you can copy and paste that link into your browser

(If you have never paid on line, or need help, please call Sandy 10:00-4:00 at number noted.)

Thank you for your interest and we’ll see you in the May – June classes!

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