



AUTUMN 2022

Adventures In Learning virtual & in-person classes

It may still be August, but these last few cooler days remind us that autumn is about to arrive! There are still opportunities to dine outside, travel and see family and friends; it's time for that fall ritual of getting back to school, ordering a new sweater, and get the brain back in gear with new classes. 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 and Fridays**, then offering **in-person small classes on Thursday mornings**. Autumn session begins September 13 with Tom Brawner once again kicking off the session. 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 5** 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.



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** 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 9/13/22 ZOOM Classes

Manteo Mystery: The Unsolved Murder of Brenda Holland

Instructor: **Tom Brawner**

On Saturday, July 1967, Campbell University student Brenda Joyce Holland failed to show up for her backstage summer job at the Roanoke Island outdoor theater production of *The Lost Colony*. The discovery five days later of her strangled, decomposing body in the Albemarle Sound spawned an intensive investigation of Brenda's odd disappearance, the homicide, and several local suspects. This

class will explore Brenda's life and murder and will evaluate the evidence and suspects in one of North Carolina's most enduring true crime mysteries.

Tom is a retired attorney who loves researching murder mysteries and bringing them to SCG.

Dates: **Tuesdays, September 13, 20, 27 & October 4, 11, 18**

Time: **9:30 am**

In the News

Instructor: **John Spurrier, Ph.D.**

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.

Dr. Spurrier is a retired Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Statistics at the USC.

Dates: **Tuesdays, September 13, 27 & October 4, 11, 18 2022** (no class on 9/20) Time: **11:00 am**

Estate Planning for the Second Half of Life: What you need to know

Instructors: **Dennis Toman, JD. CELA, Lauren Quaas, JD & Mike Casterlow, JD**

Proper estate planning depends upon life stages. Join attorneys from The Elderlaw Firm to consider key aspects of what you need to know for the second half of life. Begin by learning common problems that can be avoided with key strategies. We will discuss how to better protect yourself, your savings, and your family's future, through estate planning designed to answer 3 key questions about planning: (a) what if a person dies? (b) what if a person doesn't die but needs care? and (c) what if a person gets dementia or otherwise can't make decisions for themselves?

These attorneys specialize in elder law, estate planning, and advocacy for seniors in our community

Dates: **Tuesdays, September 13, 20, 27 & October 4, 11, 18**

Time: **2:00 pm**

Thursday One-Time Guest Presentation on 9/22/22 ZOOM Classes

The Russian-Ukrainian War in a Historical Context

Instructor: **Jeff Jones, Ph.D.**

This talk will place the current conflict in a broader historical context with a primary focus on the recent decades of Ukrainian independence following the collapse of the USSR and an emphasis on Ukraine's internal political developments.

Dr. Jones is a Professor of Russian/Soviet/Modern World History at UNCG.

Dates: **Thursday September 22, 2022**

Time: **2:00 pm**

Wales: the Untamed Land of Mystery and Song

Instructor: **Edwina Winters**

Wales is the least well-known country that was part of the cradle of Celtic Christianity and resistance of the Roman Empire. It is a country of fascinating history and culture, breathtaking landscapes, stunning music tradition, unique language, and a determined people with a complicated relationship with their English cousins. Over the duration of this class, we will get to know this little green gem and the contribution the Welsh people have made to the world. *Edwina was born in the UK, grew up in Ethiopia, and continued her world travels for careers in construction, telecommunications and civil nuclear businesses. She is a guest presenter from the St. Andrews Shepherd's Center in South Carolina.*

Date: **Fridays September 16, 23, 30 & October 7, 14, 21, 2022**

Time: **9:30 am**

African American History from 1861 to 1931

Instructor: **Arwin Smallwood, Ph.D.**

As we continue our studies with Dr. Smallwood, this session is designed to educate participants on the history of African Americans from the Civil War through Reconstruction, the late 19th Century into the Early 20th Century. It will conclude focusing on the impact of Jim Crow, segregation, lynching and white violence against African Americans during the Red Summer 1919. (earlier classes are not a prerequisite)

Dr. Smallwood was the chair of the History & Political Science Dept. and is now Interim Provost for Undergraduate Education at NC A&T State University. He is also recipient of the Holshouser Award for Excellence in Public Service 2022.

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Strange Bedfellows: Three English Royal Marriages

Instructor: **Carol Kay, Ph.D.**

Dr. Carol McGinnis Kay, Professor of English Emerita, USC, uses a close-up look at three royal marriages to give a broader picture of England as a nation. We start in the 12th century with Henry II and Eleanor of Aquitaine, a brilliant and volatile duo involved with crusades, civil wars, and the murder of an archbishop---all while laying the foundations of English government and law. Then we move to the 15th century with Henry VII and Elizabeth of York, a loving couple who founded the Tudor dynasty and ushered in the Renaissance. Our final couple will be George IV and Caroline of Brunswick, whose gross mismatch nearly toppled the government in the 19th century.

Dr. Kay is a retired Distinguished professor of English emerita at USC, guest speaker from SC St. Andrews, and the 2021 recipient of the national volunteer leadership award from Shepherd's Center of America.

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Time: **2:00 pm**

Thursdays, beginning 9/15/2022 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.

Drawing Is Seeing

Instructor: **Melanie Bassett**

Drawing is based on the practice of "Seeing." Drawing as the beginning to all mediums and will help us with our desire to create art. No experience, talent, or artistic relatives necessary. Past and new aficionados welcome. We will explore drawing, art history, collage, mixed media, and the wonderful world around us. (a supply list will be emailed to all registrants) **Class Limit - 12**

Melanie's life has been making art, studying in England and Spain, with fifty years of teaching, curating, restoring and making art.

Dates: **Thursdays, September 15, 22, 29 & October 6, 13, 20, 2022**

Time: **9:30 – 12:00 pm**

The Secret Lives of Wild Animals

Instructor: **Jayne Parker, Ph.D.**

In this class we will explore how wild animals eat, prey, love and think differently than we do. Jayne will add stories to science and will bring great photos to celebrate these wild animals.

Dr. Parker is the Director of Communications and Conservation Education at the NC Zoo Society.

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Time: **9:30 am**

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

Then back into the classrooms for :

Drawing Is Seeing – Part 2 continues

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Time: **11:00 – 12:00 pm**

Poetry Unchained

Instructor: **Laurie (Lollie) White, Ph.D.**

Does anyone read and discuss poetry for pleasure? In this class will discuss short poems to experience how wonderful poetry can be when there is no test and no browbeating. Our text will be *Poetry 180: A Turning Back to Poetry*, edited by former poet laureate Billy Collins who created the collection and the website as part of his laureate project. We will write a bit, too—as a way to see the connection between poetry and memoir writing. **Reading suggested but not required** *Poetry 180: A Turning Back to Poetry* by Billy Collins.

Laurie (Lollie) White, Ph.D. in English, taught for many years at UNCG in the Honors Program.

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The Webb Space Telescope: First Results

Instructor: **Stephen Danford, Ph.D.**

Launched last Christmas day, the Webb Space Telescope will revolutionize our understanding of the universe. We'll discuss the early results that were released in July, including: how stars and galaxies form, what we can see of the most distant parts of the universe, and the search for new planets.

Dr. Danford is a retired UNCG Physics and Astronomy Professor and Chair of the AIL Planning Committee.

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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/qu4kyzi1592xv5/>

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 autumn classes!

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