



AUTUMN 2023

Adventures In Learning

virtual & in-person classes

Has the summer heat and tropical storm impacts in August finally moved out so our glorious autumn days can move in to fill our eyes with new beauty? While 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 nourishing our brains with new classes. With new and returning instructors, 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**, plus offering **in-person small classes on Thursday mornings**.

Autumn session begins September 21 for the in-person morning classes at First Baptist Church. If you remember the lunchtime forum (back when we had full-day classes), you will be happy to learn that we are keeping that format to help you connect with friends in conversations over coffee and snacks between classes, and adding back speakers that will enliven our Community Forum to keep us informed about local services and leaders.

Autumn classes on Zoom, from your home or on vacation, begin on October 10 with Tom Brawner once again kicking off the Zoom sessions.

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 pay the semester fee of just \$55.00. You will **pay online, through the secure website**, using PayPal or your credit card. Be sure to correctly 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.



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 **donation** on the SCG website ([click here](#)), at the time you complete registration or by mailing a gift to P.O. Box 4063, Greensboro, NC, 27404. We need and deeply love your support. Thank you for your unique 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

**IN-PERSON CLASSES will begin on September 21, on THURSDAYS
for the 6-week semester at First Baptist Church (1000 W. Friendly Ave.)**

Choose your classes when you click on the registration link. If the instructor has a reading or supplies list, it will be emailed to you after registration is completed. Social time before classes or during the Community gathering from 10-11 is encouraged...since your friends miss seeing you! And, of course, plan to go out to lunch with a friend or new acquaintance at noon. ** We hope that many of our non-zoomers will choose to come back and participate at Adventures In Learning!!

NOTE: Shepherd's Center of Greensboro plans to continue keeping safety as a priority. As of this printing, masks are not required by our sponsoring church nor our health department; but we encourage participants and volunteers not fully vaccinated and boosted to wear masks while at AIL. Please be respectful of other participants who choose to wear a mask and prefer social distancing in halls and classrooms.

Answering Poetry

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

Participants will be encouraged to read aloud their favorite poems; famous and otherwise. We will also read – and maybe write—answers to poems. Along the way, we'll discuss how people get ideas for poems and ways to develop the poetic muscle. Beginners and experienced poets are welcomed.

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

Dates: **Thursdays, September 21, 28 & October 5, 12, 19, 26, 2023** Time: **9:00 am**

Drawing Is Seeing

Instructor: **Melanie Bassett**

Drawing is Seeing, we will practice remembering to see. Drawing is the beginning of all mediums. Drawing for all with a desire to create art. No experience, talent, staying in the lines, or artistic relatives are necessary. We will explore drawing, art history, collage, mixed media, and the wonderful world around us.

Melanie's life has been making art, and studying in England and Spain, with 50 years of teaching, curating, restoring, and making art.

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One City-One Book: The Carolina Table

Instructor: **Ron Headen**

The Greensboro Public Library's **One City, One Book** for 2023 is *The Carolina Table: North Carolina Writers on Food*. It is a collection of essays edited by the late NC writer Randal Kenan that looks at our heritage through food-related stories by other North Carolina writers. The class will feature information related to the book as we examine the experience and meaning of great North Carolina food. Library books will be available at the first class.

Class limit to 30

Ronald Headen is the Adult/YA Media Selector, Book Club Advisor, and Adult Programming Coordinator for Greensboro Libraries.

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Enjoying Nature: Wildflowers, Birds, and More

Instructor: **Dennis Burnette, MPA.**

Learn about the aspects of nature that are all around us, both familiar and unfamiliar. Each week we will focus on a different topic guided by beautiful and interesting photographs in narrated PowerPoint presentations. We will renew our acquaintance or meet for the first time the birds, butterflies, wildflowers, and even dragonflies that are in our neighborhood. We will have plenty of time for comments, questions, and answers.

Dennis Burnette is a retired professor, a serious amateur nature photographer, a nature educator with a special interest in teaching adults, and an instructor for SCG for more than 20 years.

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Pearl Harbor in Historical Perspective

Instructor: **Ron Cassell, Ph.D.**

An examination of the reasons the Japanese chose to attack Pearl Harbor and the short and long-term consequences for them and us.

Ronald Cassell is a retired Associate Professor Emeritus of History who taught at UNCG from 1966-2003. He earned his Ph.D. from UNC-Chapel Hill with a focus on Modern Britain and the two World Wars.

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10:00 – 11:00 COMMUNITY FORUM

***Mini-break with social time & coffee/snacks in the fellowship hall.
Followed by the FORUM presentation from a local community leader,
beginning at approximately 10:15 to educate us on community
actions/events/resources for all our participants.***

FORUM presentations planned are:

Mustard Seed Clinic, Building Stronger Neighborhoods, Corner Community Market, local author of Keenagers(a new look at healthy aging), the latest SCAMS and prevention, & more.

Then back into the classrooms at 11:00am for classes:

Drawing Is Seeing – Part 2 continues

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Inside of a Dog-It's Too Dark to Read: Animals in Art

Instructor: **Jim Langer, UNCG Professor.**

See how humans have related to their cousins, helpmates, and enemies in the animal kingdom from predators and prey in Prehistoric wall paintings to Egyptian godlike cats, to courtly canines, to Baroque bovines, and Modernist monkeys. We will discover their meanings as signs; how societies have grappled with the human fear of the primal, and our responsibility for the demise of so many species. What can and should artists do in the face of habitat loss and other stressors that have silenced too much of our world?

Jim Langer has taught college art and art history for 30 years. He draws and paints, including animal subjects. He is married and has two growing primates.

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The Sonata

Instructor: **Gregory Carroll, Ph.D.**

The term for this musical genre, "sonata" (sonare--to sound), first appeared about 1710 and was used in contradistinction to "cantata" (cantare--to sing). These instrumental works changed over the course in the 18th and 19th centuries and this set of lectures will explore its evolutionary course. Lecture content will be informed by numerous selected videos. No previous musical knowledge is required.

1-Baroque Sonatas; 2- Classical Sonatas; 3-Beethoven Sonatas; 4&5-Romantic Sonatas

Gregory Carroll is a retired Professor Emeritus in the UNCG School of Music where he taught music theory, composition, and history from 1981-2020. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa with a focus in Composition/Theory.

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VIRTUAL CLASSES ON ZOOM will begin on October 10th, on TUESDAYs or FRIDAYs for the 6-week semester. (Specific dates are listed for each topic)

Our fabulous Zoom classes will continue as part of your AIL registration flat fee. After you fully register, into the Zoom site, we will send a reminder with the Zoom link on the day before each class. We will try to record many of the classes. We welcome your class participation, questions and expressed gratitude for these volunteer instructors.

Tuesdays beginning 10/10/23 ZOOM Classes

Robeson County Justice: The Murder of Michael Jordan's Father

Instructor: **Tom Brawner**

Three decades after the senseless roadside killing of James R. Jordan, troubling issues remain. While Jordan's body was found in Marlboro County, SC, the murder occurred and two young men

were convicted in notorious Robeson County, NC, a hotbed of racial tensions, crime, and corruption. Let's examine the people and events in this case and evaluate whether our legal system delivered justice.

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

Dates: **Tuesdays, October 10, 17, 24, 31 & Nov. 7, 14, 2023**

Time: **9:30 am**

Six Places – Six Books that impact a life

Instructors: **Peter Bergstrom, Ph.D.**

As we age-forward, it's often amazing to think back to times/things/places that had great impacts on our lives. As a historian and traveler, Peter will share impressions of six places that profoundly shaped his life and will also share thoughts on six books that are associated with those places and events. * *Please think of a place that positively shaped your life and consider sharing it in one of our classes!*

Peter Bergstrom Ph.D. in Early American History from the University of New Hampshire.

Dates: **Tuesdays, October 10, 17, 24, 31 & Nov. 7, 14, 2023**

Time: **11:30 am**

Living with Peripheral Neuropathy

Instructor: **C.J. Holliday**

If you or someone you love has peripheral neuropathy, you are not alone! Join us for a look at cognitive, therapeutic, and medical approaches to coping with neuropathy. This will be interactive class with time for discussion/Q&A. 4 weeks only

CJ Holliday has led a peripheral neuropathy support group since 2011.

Website: peripheralneuropathyresources.com

Dates: **Tuesdays, October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2023**

Time: **2:00 pm**

Fridays beginning 10/13/23 ZOOM Classes

Exploring Polish History and Culture

Instructor: **Lynn Zimmerman, Ph.D.**

This course will introduce participants to various aspects of Polish history and culture. We'll start with a brief outline of Polish history from the 10th to the 21st century. Then, we'll look at some Polish holidays and how they are celebrated. Next, we'll spend two weeks focusing on who has inhabited Poland during its 1000-year history. Week 5 will focus on the Solidarity movement and wrap up the course talking about the arts in Poland. And you'll learn some Polish along the way.

Lynn is Professor Emerita of Education at Purdue University. She moved to Poland in 1992 to teach English to Polish high school students for 2 years as a Peace Corps volunteer.

Date: **Fridays, October 13, 20, 27, and November 3, 10, 17, 2023**

Time: **9:30 am**

Secret History of Brands: The Dark Twisted Beginnings

Instructor: **Deb & Bob Gants**

The Industrial Revolution spurred business growth across the world. People no longer depended on local and regional goods but could purchase from catalogs and faraway businesses because of the railroad. Branded merchandise was the result, but at what cost? Join Bob and Deb Gants as they explore the twisted dark secrets of brands such as Adidas, Chanel, and Bakelite Plastics.

Deb and Bob Gants are guest presenters from the St. Andrews Shepherd's Center in South Carolina.

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Time: **11:30 am**

Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa

Instructor: **Edwina Webster**, MRICS, MAPM

Ethiopia is often called the cradle of humanity, and yet Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa is a region we know so little about. It is a place of unique culture, fierce independence, and glorious landscape. We will explore thousands of years of history, dramatic and stunning geography, a warm and diverse people, ancient Christianity, a royal family that traces its roots to king Solomon, a vibrant modern culture and much more..

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.

Dates: **Fridays, October 13, 20, 27, and November 3, 10, 17, 2023**

Time: **2:00 pm**

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/q18uul9712q6h6e/>

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

(If you have never paid online, 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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