



AUTUMN 2026 Adventures In Learning virtual & in-person classes



Had enough of the summer heat and tropical storm impacts? Ready for some calming, glorious autumn days to fill our eyes with new beauty? While there are still opportunities to dine outside with family and friends, it's time for that fall ritual of getting back to school and nourishing our brains with new classes.

With many instructors and participants sharing cool fall vacations with friends and family, and many traveling but still interested in lifelong learning, we are offering a shorter group of classes for both in-person (4 weeks) and on Zoom (6 weeks). You can sign up for 1, 3, or more topics based on your schedule and interests; all for a one-time fee. But you must register!

Step 1: Click on the link on page 4 of this document to get online to choose your classes and then to pay the semester fee of \$55.00. 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 from PayPal. If you choose a Zoom topic, you will get the link for quick sign-in on the day before each class.

*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** at the time you complete registration, or on the SCG website, ([click here](#)), 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).

Ready to expand your mind and rush back-to-school with us?

Sandy & Vickie & your AIL Volunteer Team

ZOOM Classes that begin on 9/29/26:

The Camden Massacre: Howard Unruh's "Walk of Death"

Instructor: Tom Brawner

Howard Unruh had had enough. Since returning from combat in World War 2, he had endured numerous cruel insults and indignities from his Camden, NJ neighbors. On Tuesday, September 6, 1949, Unruh decided to settle the score. He calmly walked down the street and shot and killed thirteen men, women, and children in what is known as the first recorded mass murder in US history. This class will examine this horrific slaughter and its tinderbox setting, the background and motives of Howard Unruh and his victims, and the questionable legal disposition of the case.

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

Dates: Tuesdays, September 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27, & November 3

Time: 9:30 am

Senior Transition Roadmap

Instructor: **Ryan Riggins**

Most families *react* to senior transitions instead of *planning* for change and decisions for aging in place or making a move. Take a practical walk through living situation changes and challenges we all face with a focus on the house, your safety, in-home vs community options, the paperwork, the timing, and the money for aging in place. Ryan will provide worksheets, timing guidelines, a "Plan B" with trigger points, home care costs, and the process for planning so you can continue to enjoy life! (If you have an adult child to involve, please note that on your registration and we will welcome them to join you in the Zoom room.)

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Time: **11:30 am**

Ryan is a Senior Transition Advisor who works with Greensboro families to navigate complex issues that families face for aging in place and options for safe transitions, and past experience in real estate.

Fraturdays, beginning 10/23/26 ZOOM classes

The Importance of Knowing Black History

Instructor: **Conchita Ndege, PhD**

Over the four weeks, we will discuss the following topics: 1). New Orleans and Haitian connections; 2) Trying to understand what is going on in the Sudan War; 3) The 20th Century black ideological movement to combat racism: A look at Pan-Africanism; and 4) The February One Statue of NC A&T and other art and artifacts that reflect civil and Human rights history.

Dr. Conchita Ndege is a retired Professor and at present an Adjunct Lecturer in the Department of History and Political Science At NC A&T State University.

Dates: **Fraturdays(3): October 23, 30, and November 6 & a Tuesday(1) Nov.3**

Time: **2:00 pm**

Wednesday, 10/28/26 ZOOM class...special guest presentation

1776: Medicine and War: Doctors and the Battle for America

Instructor: **Ron Gibbs, MD**

Ron is returning to share the basics of his new book, (the title is the same as our class title) focusing on the gripping tale of medicine and disease in the American Revolution. Tales of the impact on revolutionary soldiers, medical personalities, and astonishing treatments. How many of the signers of the declaration of Independence were physicians?

Dr. Ronald S. Gibbs is Clinical Professor and Knowles Distinguished Scholar at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Stanford University School of Medicine, Palo Alto, CA

(His book is now available on Amazon)

Dates: **Wednesday: October 28**

Time: **2:00 pm**

Thursdays, beginning 10/1/2026 In-Person classes for FOUR Weeks:

10/1, 10/8, 10/15, and 10/22 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. (the Community Forum between classes is not scheduled this semester) Learn in-person, interact with others, and invite a new acquaintance to head to lunch after classes

IN-PERSON Classes at 9:00 AM:

Heads UP!

Instructor: **Jim Langer**

We will discuss the history of Portraits in drawing, including Asian Art, Medieval Art, Renaissance to Modern Art. Jim's Greensboro College students in Basic Drawing will join the classes to present artists they are studying, and caricatures they are learning to do.

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

IN-PERSON Classes at 10:00 AM-12:00 PM:

Drawing Is Seeing - Faces

Instructor: **Melanie Bassett**

How to draw. How to draw more. How to draw differently. There is no distinction between what we can see and what we can draw. Continuing the journey of remembering our skill to see. We will see ourselves in this session. Learning to see faces using ourselves as models (and others). Open to beginners and those remembering. No talent or artistic relatives required.

Melanie studied in England and Spain, with fifty years of teaching, curating, restoring, and making art.

IN-PERSON Classes at 10:00 AM:

Quakers and Anti-Slavery: From Enslaving to the Underground R.R.

Instructor: **Max Carter**

In this series, we'll examine early Quaker attitudes about slavery and the first stirrings of anti-slavery in the 1600s, followed by a focus on the central abolitionist figures in 1700s. North Carolina Quakers' adoption of an anti-slavery testimony in the 1700s, and finally a look at the Underground R.R. in Guilford County and the continuing controversies among Quakers about how best to respond to slavery.

Max Carter is a retired Professor of Quaker Studies at Guilford College and the author of several books on Palestine and Israel. .

IN-PERSON Classes at 11:00 AM:

The Hero with a Thousand Faces: The Complicated History of Odysseus

Instructor: **David Wharton, PhD**

In these sessions we'll trace Odysseus's journeys, not just his 10-year trek home from Troy, but his 2800-year Odyssey through Western art, literature, and drama – all the way to Sir Christopher Nolan's popular and controversial movie blockbuster. Perhaps we'll figure out why we just can't quit this ancient warrior, trickster, philanderer, and devoted family man.

**** Dates: October 1, 15, 22**

David Wharton is Emeritus Associate Professor in the Department of Ancient Mediterranean Studies and Archaeology, at UNCG.

***** **Sign up quickly for this semester!** *****

Click here for the website to register and pay for the classes:

[CLICK HERE to REGISTER](#)

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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