



Lifelong Learning—2017 Fall/Winter

(See Brochure for any final updates)



**The Marshfield Lifelong Learning Opportunities Program will be kicking off the Fall Program on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 9:00 am breakfast & 10:00 am registration until 11:30 at the Senior Center. Below is a description of courses offered. Registration will be ongoing at the Senior Center after the kick-off. A 2nd kick-off will be available at the Ventress Memorial Library on Sat., September 16, 2017 from 10:00 am to 12 noon.**

**The Architecture of North Marshfield w/ Bob Jackman - @ 10 -11:30am (6 Sessions), Thursdays, September 28, October 5, 12, 19, 26, and November 2.** Bob Jackman will survey some well documented and interesting houses that remain standing in North Marshfield and the Marshfield portion of "Two Mile". We will draw extensively on information on the MACRIS website, architectural studies and local histories. In addition we will also push the level of current knowledge about these buildings, and to evaluate the accuracy of conflicting sources. With many of the houses selected, we will examine both the home's architecture and also the lives of some well documented residents who lived colorful, interesting lives. At times the program will expand from a discussion of architecture to a broader look at practices, customs, and local life of earlier times. **Cost \$20 @ Senior Center**

**The Marshfield Shoreline - Past, Present, and Future w/Bob Jackman @ 10 - 11:30am, (6 Sessions), Thursdays, November 9, 16, 30, December 7, 14, and 21.** Bob Jackman will survey the interesting process that has created the shoreline we currently know, and an effort will be made to forecast some of the patterns of change that will carry into the future to create the Marshfield shoreline a century or two from now. The ocean approached the vicinity of today's Marshfield about 6,000 years ago, but the shoreline was not exactly in the location we see in 2017. As with earlier courses, the program will utilize documented sources. We will view some historic maps of the coast, and also some maps specifically created for this course to depict changes of the last 400 years, and some maps that identify areas where change is likely in the future. Classes will be centered around PowerPoint slide presentations with lots of dialog among class members. **Cost \$20 @ Senior Center**

**Beginners Collage/Mixed Media Art Course w/ Laura Harvey @ 1:00-2:30pm (6 Sessions) Mondays, September 25, October 2, 16, 23, 30, & Nov. 6.** In this fun class, for all levels of artist, we will take collage to the next level by adding paint and other media to our masterpieces! Processes covered will include photo/image transfer techniques, gold leaf, how different media affect the look of the work (i.e., how to "fake" the look of encaustic; "a type of wax based painting"). Each class will begin with a short demo, accompanied by a handout to bring home. **Cost TBA, Materials cost will be on your own and a list will be available at the front desk. @ Senior Center**

**Musical Romanticism; Beethoven, Chopin, Tchaikovsky and Beyond w/ Larry King - @ 1-2:30pm (6 sessions) Fridays, September 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27, & Nov. 3.** Musical Romanticism began in the late 18th and early 19th centuries condoning increased emotional expression, deeper truths and human feelings while preserving and extending the formal musical structures from the Classical Era. Composers created new forms that were frequently drawn from sources outside music including historical, social, cultural, economic, politics and nature itself giving rise to some of the most tuneful and expressive music ever written. **Cost is \$20 @ Senior Center**

**World War II in The Movies w/John Sullivan - @ 1-2:30pm (6 sessions) Thursdays, October, 5, 12, 19, 26, November 2 & 9:** How was World War II portrayed in film? This is the questions that we will examine during this 6 week course. We will analyze the ground war in Europe and the Pacific as well as the complexities of the air war. Finally, we will watch soldiers begin their transition to Post War America. Four movies will be shown as part of the course including; "Guadalcanal Diary", "A Walk in the Sun", "Twelve O'clock High" and "The "Best Years of Our Lives". **Cost \$20 @ Senior Center**

**Walt Whitman Poetry w/ Stephen Collins @ 10:00 -11:00am (six sessions), Mondays, October 2, 16, 23, 30, November 6, & 13<sup>th</sup>.** This seminar will delve deeply into the life and work of America's beloved poet Walt Whitman. The impact of his writing is still felt today. Whitman found inspiration in the everyday life of America; he saw and wrote of "a teeming nation of nations". He wanted to help Americans understand their past, experience their present, and anticipate their future. "The United States themselves are essentially the greatest poem," he said, adding, "Past and present and future are not disjointed but joined." The first class will focus not only on a biographical sketch of his life, but also a discussion concerning the major forces that influenced him. Whitman wrote, "The greatest poet forms the consistence of what is to be from what has been and is. At least one class will be devoted to the Civil War Poems from *Drum Taps*. If students wish to read a biography, *Walt Whitman, a Cultural Biography* by David S. Reynolds is recommended. **Cost \$25 @ Senior Center**

**"Winging It" with the Mass Audubon's w/Doug Lowry and Various Guest Speakers @ 1:00-2:00pm (6 sessions) Wednesdays, September 27, October 4, October 11, 18, 25, & November 1** This course will consist of various topics on birds. The topics will include, feeding the birds, building a sample bird feeder, what plants are the best additions to your yard to attract birds, bird songs, owls and finally migration and the physiology of flight adaptations. **Cost \$20 @ Senior Center**

**Edwardian Christmas Tea w/ "Mrs. Gordon" @ 2:00pm (1 session), Tuesday, December 12.** Enjoy an afternoon of holiday cheer as Edwardian matron Mrs. Gordon transports you back to Christmas 1908 during her Edwardian Christmas Tea. Find out what ladies, gentlemen and children wanted in their stockings that year, as well as the holiday traditions. Take a moment from the holiday stress as Mrs. Gordon shares with you her plans for the holiday including her preparation of a Christmas dinner. And don't forget to bring along your "Christmas Wish List" and she will

open up her 1908 Sears & Roebuck catalogue and let you know how much it will cost you! Enjoy a sumptuous tea spread with goodies baked from authentic Edwardian recipes. Take home a recipe card and favor. How elegant! **Cost is \$10. @ Ventress Library. Limit 40**

**Genealogy Forum w/Chris Woods @ 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, (1 session) September 27, 2017.** "Climbing Your Family Tree" (for beginner to intermediate researchers) - Bring your genealogy research triumphs and pitfalls to the library and share with others the joy and frustrations of climbing your family tree. Librarians will offer research tips and tricks in this genealogy forum, and provide handouts to aid in research and documentation. Bring photos and notebooks to share your story with others. Beginners to intermediate researchers are encouraged to attend. This class will launch an ongoing genealogy group to meet at the library monthly. Come share a journey on the road to finding out your personal family story! **@ Ventress Library, Cost \$5 Limit: 40**

**Historical/Literary Bus Tour of Boston w/ Stephen Collins @ 10:00am – 3:00pm Wednesday, (1 session) September 20.** Bus Tour starting at the COA and traveling to Boston and viewing the architectural, literary and historical past of the city. The tour will include commentary by Stephen Collins who will share his knowledge and insight. The tour ends at Boston's famous "No-Name" restaurant where lunch is on your own. **10:00am – 3:00 pm starting and returning to the COA. Cost is \$30. Limit.13**

**Huzzah! Trip to Boston's Tea Party Museum w/ Marilee Comerford @ 8:45am, (1 session), Tuesday, October 3.** We will travel together by commuter boat into Boston and take a short walk to the Boston Tea Party Museum where there will be a fully immersive tour starting with an interactive colonial town meeting, a trip to the ship to "dump the tea" and through the museum to Abigail's Tea Room where you can buy a light snack or enjoy a cup of tea. Stop in the gift shop and savor your time in Boston. Return to Hingham on your own or with the group using your ticket. *We will meet at the Hingham Ferry at 8:45 am. Walk over as a group to take the tour. Lunch is on your own but we can eat as a group if desired. There is no return time and you will get back on the ferry at your leisure or we can stick together.* **Cost is \$25. Limit of 15**

**Lunch & Learn: Salem Witch Museum and Salem Witch Trials of 1692 and 1693 at Plimoth Plantation's Visitors Center w/ Stacy Tilney (Director of Communications at the Salem Witch Museum) @ 10:00am – 2:00pm (1 session), Thursday, October 5.** Stacy presents the true story of the 1692 Salem witch trials, examining the causes of the colonial tragedy and lessons we can bring into our contemporary lives. The word "Witch" has many meanings, and despite Salem's reputation as the Halloween capital there is no connection between the trials and the modern celebration of the candy and costume holiday. *Bus will leave the COA at 10:00 am and return at 2:00pm. Cost \$15, Lunch is on your own in the cafeteria. Limit of 14.*

**Lunch and Learn at the Jetty: The Mayflower Story – A Business Venture w/ Regina Porter @ 11:00am – 1:00pm, (1 session) Thursday, Oct. 19.** The colonist who came in the early 1600's to Plymouth Colony had a financial plan. Learn about the London Merchant Company and the "Pilgrims", their expectations, unforeseen problems and the accrued debt. How it all was settled and what was *Marshfield's Edward Winslow's role.* **COA bus transportation on request. Cost is \$25 Limit.50**

**Lecture on "Love? & Marriage in Colonial New England" w/ Regina Porter @ 11:00am-12:00pm, (1 session), Thursday, November 9.** *Learn more about love and marriage and the legal rights of women in marriage and those who came from different religions and races. What was legal and what was not. How old were women when they got married, learn about the ceremony and the celebration as well as their clothing and expectations.* **@ Senior Center, Cost \$5. No limit**

**Lecture "Daily Life in Marshfield in the 1600's" w/ Regina Porter @ 11:00am-12:00pm, (1 session), Thursday, November 16.** What would life have been like if you had lived in Marshfield in the early 1600's? We will talk about raising children, farm chores, cleaning, cooking, church and marriage. We will compare the changes as well as the consistencies. **@ COA. Cost \$5.**

**Art History Genres– "The Three Main Genres Still Life, Portraits, & Landscape" w/Anthony Pilla @ 1-2:30pm (3 sessions) Wednesdays, November 8, 22, and December 6.** Did you ever wonder who painted the first true landscape or when the first still life (as we know it) was created? This class will present subjects, themes, and issues relevant to the development of the main genre types in the visual arts of western culture. Each presentation will focus on the evolution of various thematic genres such as landscape painting, still life, and portraiture from their beginnings as subjects of interest, in various stylistic manifestations, and as cultural contributions. In addition, art works that had a significant socio-historical impact as well as art works that were precedent setting in the history of art will be presented. This series of classes will include a variety of examples from different time periods to illustrate the form and content presented for discussion. **@ Senior Center, Cost \$20**

**Constitution and How Government Works- How does it apply in today's changing world? w/Carol Neely @ 10-11:30 am (4 sessions) Fridays, October 20, 27, November 3 & 17.** This course will provide a basic understanding of the structure, powers, duties, and expectations of the federal government as outlined in the U.S. Constitution and it will also include an overview of state and local governments and how they interact with each other and with the Federal Government. We will do a thorough reading of the constitution and a robust discussion at each class. Questions such as: Who has greater authority the President or Congress? How far do executive powers go? What is the process for impeaching a President? **@ Senior Center, Cost \$20**

