



Spring 2017 Class Descriptions

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WHERE IN THE WORLD HAVE YOU BEEN?

Presenters – various

Coordinator – Frank Spence, 503 325 2365, frspence@bellsouth.net

Day/Time – Monday 10 am - noon; 7 sessions

Dates – April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22

Location – Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange Street, Astoria

This class will be 7 full weeks of wonderful stories about places around the world.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE:

April 10: **Cuba** – Chris Bryant

April 17: **Norway and Iceland** – Art Limbird and Erhard Gross

April 24: **Indonesia** – Bruce Williams

May 1: **Scuba Diving Around the World** – John Markham

May 8: **San Carlos, Mexico** – Art Limbird and Erhard Gross

May 15: **Khartoum and Sudan** – Khidir Dalouk

May 22: **North Argentina** – Anne Gant



CERAMICS

Instructor – Ricia Parcher, 503 738 7393 Ext 0 (Bob Chisholm Center)

Coordinator – Sue Zerangue, 503 338 0313, zerangue@hotmail.com

Day/Time – Tuesday 10 am – 11:30; 5 sessions

Dates – April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2

Location – Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue 'A', Seaside



Back again, following a 2 year hiatus, Ricia Parcher will take us through the basic skills of ceramics and pottery.

This will include hand-building, coil, slab, and pinch pot techniques, progressing to wheel-thrown work, if the student chooses. All skill levels are welcome. Tools, glazes, and 5 lbs. of clay provided. Additional clay available at \$.80/lb. There will be a materials/kiln fee of \$10 per student, due the first day of class. There is a limit of 8 students for the term, so register early with Evy Berger, 503-338-2566, to save your space.

BRIDGE INSTRUCTION

Instructors – Ann Marie Gramson, 503 861 1133

Sandra Baker, 503 738 0782

Day/Time – Tuesday 9:30 am - noon; 8 sessions

Dates – April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23

Location – Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange Street, Astoria



This ACBL-certified teaching team has worked together since they were both young instructors in elementary schools, and now both team-teach Bridge classes locally. A primary goal of this class is to introduce new players to the game of Bridge and to encourage social Bridge players to learn to play Duplicate. Bridge is a competitive and challenging social activity, known to enhance mental abilities - especially important for senior players. Appropriate texts available through instructors: "Bidding in the 21st Century" and "The Play of the Hand."

READING ALOUD

Instructor – Nellie Hutchinson, 503 717 9838
Coordinator – Sue Zerangue, 503-338-0313, zerangue@hotmail.com
Day/Time – Tuesday 1:30 – 3:30 pm; 8 sessions
Dates – April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23
Location – CCC South Campus, 1455 N Roosevelt Drive, Seaside



Returning by popular demand, Nellie Hutchison will again lead us in reading aloud from any short selections that we choose. Nellie often reads from her extensive library of poetry, ancient to modern, as well as her own humorous and evocative works. Anecdotes, essays, limericks, brief excerpts from books or magazines, even letters of interest, and background information for your piece, are all welcome. Discussion will follow each reading. Students are not required to read in class, listening is fine, but each is encouraged to share in the timeless joy of reading aloud.

SCIENCE EXCHANGE

Facilitators – Kit Ketchum, 503 717 5027, lilyloosy4@gmail.com
Mike Kinney, 503 994 2080, wooferwalker@yahoo.com
Coordinator - Sue Zerangue, 503-338-0313, zerangue@hotmail.com
Day/Time – Wednesday 10:30 am - noon; 8 sessions
Dates – April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24.
Location - Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange Street, Astoria.



Science Exchange, a staple and long-standing favorite class among ENCOREites, continues in its Wednesday morning time slot this term, starting at 10:30 a.m, meeting at the Astoria Senior Center's classroom. Facilitators Kit Ketcham and Mike Kinney look forward to hosting a lively class featuring videos, member-supplied topics, and offering a vintage idea from the days of Meg Weaver --- a weekly list of possible discussion items to pique folks' interest.

AARP SMART DRIVING COURSE

Instructor – Di Stuppy, 503 869 2390, didyado.di@gmail.com
Coordinator – Ellen Norris, 503 440 5667, ellendnorris@gmail.com
Day/Time – Wednesday 9 am – 4 pm; 1 session
Date – May 17
Location – CCC South Campus, 1455 N Roosevelt Drive, Seaside



There will be a charge of \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-AARP members, payable on the day of the class. Checks should be made payable to AARP. Bring your AARP card or other proof of membership to the class.

Call Evy at 503-338-2566 to register for the AARP Smart Driving Course.

Excerpts from the AARP website:

Cars have changed. So have traffic rules, driving conditions and the roads you travel every day. Some drivers age 50-plus have never looked back since they got their first driver's license, but even the most experienced drivers can benefit from brushing up on their driving skills.

By taking a driver safety course you'll learn the current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques and how to operate your vehicle more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment. You'll learn how you can manage and accommodate common age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time.

You may be eligible to receive an insurance discount upon completing the course, so consult your insurance agent for details. AARP membership is not required to take the course and there are no tests to pass.

FAUNA of the PACIFIC COAST

Instructors – various

Coordinator – Ellen Norris, 503 440 5667, webmaster@encorelearn.org

Day/Time – Thursday 10 – noon; 6 sessions

Dates – April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11

Location - Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange Street, Astoria



This class examines the fauna of the Pacific Coast region from various perspectives, highlighting how volunteers and hobbyists as well as non-profit organizations and doctorate-level scientists are using scientific research to ensure the survival of important animal species. Follow this common thread through the four diverse presentations on bees, birds, elephant seals, and salmon. Field trips are scheduled to the Wildlife Center of the North Coast and - weather permitting - to see beehives in Astoria.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE:

April 6: **Bees** – Tod Lundy, Carole Elder, Jeff Hall

April 13, 20: **Birds of the Pacific Flyway** – a field trip on April 20 to the Wildlife Center

April 27, May 4: **Elephant Seals** – Ellen Norris

May 11: **Salmon of the Pacific Coast** – Steve Meshke, Clatsop County Fisheries and Parks

CRITICAL EXAMINATION of the NEW TESTAMENT as a HISTORICAL TEXT

Instructor – Erhard Gross, 503 468 0752, unighorn@charter.net

Coordinator – Elfi Gross, 503 468 0752, elf.gross1@gmail.com

Day/Time – Thursday 1:30 – 3:30 pm; 5 sessions

Dates – April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4

Location – Astoria City Hall council chambers (elevator equipped), 1095 Duane St., Astoria



This course looks at some of the questions that can arise from a text-critical look at the New Testament. The approach will be historical-critical, i. e., not from a devotional vantage point. The objective is not to undermine religious belief but to stimulate objective research, religious tolerance, and critical thinking.

RETIREMENT: A TIME TO BE T.I.D.Y.

Instructor – Gregg Bonham, 503 325 8722, cbs2@charter.net

Coordinator – Reta Lindstrom, 503 77708750, rlindstrom@centurylink.net

Day/Time – Thursday 1:30 – 3:30 pm; 1 session

Date – May 18

Location – Astoria City Hall council chambers (elevator equipped), 1095 Duane St., Astoria



This one-session class will be a discussion of retirement issues. It will focus on the psychological transition into a phased retirement. T.I.D.Y. is an acronym for being: Timely, Intentional, Determined, and Yielding. Gregg will present some of the common issues in retirement and how we can do better in managing this time of life.

CRITICAL REASONING

Instructor – Kjirsten Severson

Coordinator – Erhard Gross, 503 468 0752, uniqhorn@charter.net

Day/Time – Friday 10 am - noon; 4 sessions

Dates – April 7, 21, May 5, 19

Location – Astoria Senior Center 1111 Exchange Street, Astoria



Together during this course, we will have the opportunity to become more aware of the structures of thought and the forces that influence not only what we think, but also how we think. As well, in this study, we must become aware of both the structure and fluidity of language in its relation to thought. This course also asks us to be willing to listen carefully to our own voice as well as to others, and to become more aware of the multiple forces that influence our perceptions and therefore, how we understand and experience our own lives.

BOOK DISCUSSION: JOHN PERCIVAL'S *THE GREAT FAMINE: IRELAND'S POTATO FAMINE 1845-51*

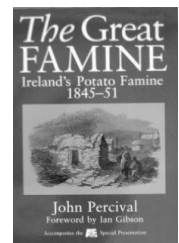
Instructor – Steve Berk, 503 791 0120, sberk@clatsopcc.edu

Coordinator – Sue Zerangue, 503 338 0313, zerangue@hotmail.com

Day/Time – Friday 10 am - noon; 4 sessions

Dates – April 14, 28, May 12, 26

Location – Astoria Senior Center 1111 Exchange Street, Astoria



Ireland's Great Famine due to the potato crop blight of the 1840s has tremendous historical resonance. Its immediate effect was a mass migration which significantly changed the ethnic composition of the US and Canada. The dire effects of the famine on the Irish people was largely the result of English imperial occupation. Nineteenth century Britain, with its market economy characterized by massive inequality, provided minimal relief to suffering underclasses. The Irish famine and mass migration set a pattern applicable to increasing famine and migration today, caused by a similar market based world system, coupled with the effects of climate change.

The class text is John Percival's "*The Great Famine: Ireland's Potato Famine 1845-51*." It accompanied an A&E series in the nineties. The book is a beautifully illustrated hardback now available from Amazon for greatly reduced prices. Sue Zerangue has copies available that she purchased for the class, for \$5. Contact Sue at zerangue@hotmail.com or 503 338 0313 to purchase or reserve your copy.

Dear Members of ENCORE,

Your Curriculum committee is trying to put together programs and courses that appeal to a broad audience. Whereas some of these offerings may be as tame as crocheting, others can be controversial. And where we encourage our instructors, old and new, to give our members a fair advance notice of the contents of their presentations, under the principle of Academic Freedom, we neither require an absolutely unbiased presentation nor censure our instructors and facilitators.

If you are exposed to subject matter and instructors whose bias you can't share, you have the option of leaving. Short of that, we request that you respect the opinions of others just as you would expect others to respect yours.

For the Curriculum committee,

Reta Lindstrom, Chairperson, October 19, 2015