Fall 2014 Course Offerings

RAPPANHANNOCK INSTITUTE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING (RILL)

A program of the Rappahannock Community College Educational Foundation, RILL was designed by a group of volunteers to be a life-enriching and thought-provoking learning experience for adults who wish to keep their minds active.

MISSION: Recognizing that a vigorous mind is as necessary to a full life as are physical exercise and social relationships, RILL offers educational opportunities and intellectual enrichment for adults of any age. In a stimulating classroom study environment, participants can acquire new knowledge, engage in thought-provoking ideas, and share their interests and experience with like-minded community members.

CLASSES: RILLs noncredit college-level courses are held in several convenient locations within RCC’s service region, and usually meet from 1 to 3 p.m. Some instructors may suggest specific preliminary reading material to prepare students to get the most from the course; this information will be sent to registered students. The courses will include neither prerequisites nor tests. Evaluations by participants will provide feedback for future offerings.

#182: Beer, Wine, and Food ($60)
Sept. 9, 16, and 23 (Tuesdays); 3-5 p.m.
Ware Episcopal Church, Gloucester
Instructor: Beth Haskell

Join Beth Haskell from Kelsick Specialty Market for an adventure in the art of selecting wines and beers to enhance your food. One class will be devoted to pairing wines with food, one to pairing beers with food, and the last to a face-off tasting that compares beer and wine. The cost of all food, beer, and wine served is included in the fee.

Beth Haskell has traveled to the wine countries of Europe as well as the West and East Coasts of the United States; her Kelsick Specialty Market (Kelsick Gardens) opened in 1992. She brings to this class a love of wine and all things related to food and wine, backed by over 40 years in the food and wine industry.

#183: Experience the Art of Paris
Sept. 12, 19, and 26 (Fridays); 1-3 p.m.
RCC, Glenns Campus, Room 118
Instructor: Margaret Hancock

Through visual presentations and interactive discussions, students of this course will explore the art, architecture, and culture that define Paris, the City of Light. A variety of icons and collections will be covered in this course, from the Eiffel Tower to masterpieces of the Louvre and the Musée D'Orsay. No art history background (or passport!) required—just a desire to learn, converse, and be inspired by the art of Paris.

Margaret Hancock holds the degrees of master of education from the University of Virginia and bachelor of arts in art history from Duke University. She spent several years with the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington D.C.; completed an internship with the National Gallery of Art, and has served as the director of programs and curator at the Virginia Center for Architecture.

#184: Rudyard Kipling and the British “Raj” in India
Oct. 14, 21, and 28 (Tuesdays); 1-3 p.m.
Mathews County Library, Mathews
Instructor: Peter S. Bennett

Although Rudyard Kipling lived in India for only 12 of his 71 years, his early poems and short stories, and his best-known novel, “Kim,” brought him enormous popularity in England in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. This course will cover Kipling’s writings about India, his view of India, and the reason he gained such a huge following.

Raised on Kipling’s “Jungle Books” and his “Just So Stories,” Peter Bennett was most pleasantly surprised to gain such a huge following.

#185: Studying and Protecting Our Historic Places: Virginia’s Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula
Oct. 24 and 31, and Nov. 7 (Fridays); 1-3 p.m.
Watkins College Campus, Room 118
Instructors: Dr. David Brown, Thane Harpole

This course gives an overview of Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck history, with emphasis on surviving historic buildings, landscapes, and archaeological sites, and discusses architectural and archaeological trends, events, and persons. It covers the process of documenting historic buildings and places, and also teaches how to recognize, study, and preserve historic places, how to maintain and restore historic buildings, and how to care for and preserve archaeological sites. Information on grants and funding sources, as well as preservation easements, is also provided.

Both Brown and Harpole received their undergraduate degrees, and Brown his doctorate, from the College of William & Mary, and have conducted archaeological research in Gloucester County since 1994. They are co-directors of the Fairfield Foundation and founding members of the Werowocomoco Research Group.

#186: "In the Name of Faith: A History of Violence"
Nov. 6, 13, and 20 (Thursdays); 1-3 p.m.
Christ Church Parish Hall, Saluda
Instructor: Father Paul Andersen

Although most of the world’s major religions espouse the concept of peace, their histories document numerous episodes of violence, intolerance and persecution. In this course we will seek to identify common threads and patterns in episodes of violence from these faiths (Jewish, Christian, Muslim, and Hindu).

Father Paul J. Andersen holds the degrees of bachelor of arts from the University of Alabama and master of divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary. In addition to his ministry work, Fr. Paul served for 21 years in the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, India and West Africa, with the United States Department of State’s Foreign Service. He has also worked as deputy chief of staff to a member of the United States Congress.

#187: Arranging for the Harvest Season, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Beyond ($40)
Nov. 29 and Dec. 11 (Thursdays); 1-3 p.m.
Christ Church Parish Hall, Saluda
Instructor: Laura Anne Brooks

Students of this course will learn to arrange flowers “as they grow in nature, with a strong contemporary twist.” In the first session, Brooks will demonstrate her techniques, focusing on Thanksgiving themes. Session Two will turn to Christmas; in this hands-on class, students will create their own arrangements, which they may take home with them.

A prize-winning horticulturalist and flower arranger, Laura Anne Brooks is a fellow of the Washington National Cathedral school of flower arranging, a past president of the Garden Club of Virginia’s Middle Peninsula chapter, and an instructor at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond. Her work can often be viewed at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, and at her design studio at “Dunblace” in King William County.

REGISTRATION: completed registration forms (see tear-off panel in this brochure), with the appropriate tuition, must be received before the first class meeting. As class size may be limited, early registration is strongly advised. Tuition is neither tax-deductible nor refundable.
Separate charitable gifts to the Foundation, designated for RILL, will help to defray program costs. These gifts are tax-deductible.

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#176: Genealogical Miscellaneous
Sept. 10, 17, and 24 (Wednesdays); 1-3 p.m.
Northumberland Historical Society, Heathsville
Instructor: Dr. Hilary Derby
If you would like to publish a family history, or perhaps join a hereditary society, for which society do you qualify, and what documents are needed? How do you locate backyard tombsstones, and find out to whom they belong? For a family reunion, how can you plan a sightseeing trip to sites of family interest? This course will answer all of these questions, and many more.
Hilary Derby is an active genealogist who compiled information for the book "Rocks of Age" by Pruessi Crowther, Jr., and is currently at work on her own book, "Northumberland County, VA Birth Records 1853-1906." Dr. Derby holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in architectural engineering, family history, and history, and has completed three genealogical missions for the Mormon Church. She is a member of several genealogical and hereditary societies and associations.

#177: Introduction to Computers
Sept. 11, 18, and 25 (Thursdays); 1-3 p.m.
L.E. Smoot Memorial Library, King George
Instructor: Martin Bailey
This course is designed for those who are not at home with modern technology. It will begin with basic computer operating fundamentals for both hardware and software, and will provide an overview of Windows 7 OS and Windows 8 OS. Follow-on sessions will develop competence in file and folder organization and management, Internet and e-mail usage, and management of various file formats. The course will also briefly introduce the Microsoft Office Suite, reviewing the main features of each of its primary applications.
Martin Bailey holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from The College of William and Mary and a master's degree in computer science from Virginia Tech. Before his retirement from the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Dahlgren, he was involved in many aspects of computer work, including programming, algorithm development, database management systems, and computer security.

#178: Being There: Our Exploration of the Solar System
Sept. 19 and 26, and Oct. 3 (Fridays); 1-3 p.m.
RCC, Kilmarnock Center, Room 100
Instructor: Dr. Greg Boeshaar
Since the earliest observations of the night sky, our understanding of Earth's planetary neighborhood has expanded rapidly. By way of telescopes on Earth and in space, manned explorations of the Moon's surface, and satellite probes of other planets, our knowledge now covers the entire Solar System. We will take a visual tour of the amazing landscapes captured in images from these missions.
Greg Boeshaar holds a Ph.D. in astronomy from Ohio State University, and has published several articles on the topic. He has worked in the fields of optical imaging and spectroscopy, and radio interferometry, at many United States observatories. His space-science engineering experience includes the development of the Hubble Space Telescope, atmospheric data archives, and NASA planetary exploration mission assessment.

#179: Making a Scene ($55)
Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 (Wednesdays); 1-3 p.m.
RCC, Kilmarnock Center, Room 100
Instructor: Gail Kenna
The focus of this writing course will be on making a scene: the essential element of both fiction and non-fiction autobiographical forms, such as memoir. From studying effective scenes—looking carefully at dialogue, point-of-view, and dramatic tension—students will write their own scenes. This course promises a supportive environment and is open to all levels of writers—from those with experience, to those who dream of writing and would like to give it a try.
Gail Wilson Kenna, a published writer and former university instructor, has taught for RILL since 2005. Winner of the Donald Axinn fiction scholarship to the 2012 Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, the also received awards in the 2013 Soul-Making Keats Literary Competition, and has been named a finalist in the 2014 Iowa Review literary competition.

#180: Estate Planning and Administration, Powers of Attorney, and Advance Medical Directives ($30)
Oct. 2 and 9 (Thursdays); 1-3 p.m.
RCC, Kilmarnock Center, Room 102
Instructors: James A. Butts IV; Bob Walker
On October 2, “Alfie” Butts will consider “What Happens When I Die—Estate Planning and Administration.” The course will provide information on Virginia laws that cover probate and inheritance, the use of revocable trusts to avoid probate and provide for asset management during incapacity, and the reasons you need an estate plan. On October 9, Bob Walker will provide detailed information on powers of attorney, advance medical directives and Social Security benefits. Each session will be followed by 30 minutes of open discussion.

#181: The Anglican Church ($35)
Oct. 23 and 30, and Nov. 6 (Thursdays); 1-3 p.m.
RCC, Kilmarnock Center, Room 100
Instructor: Rev. Dr. Christopher M. Agnew
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