

FALL CLASSES

Monday to Thursday - September 21 - October 29

Each class is 1 hour via Zoom

Join us 15 minutes before class to socialize

MONDAY CLASS TIMES 9:30 am-2:30 pm

MON – 1 9:30 - 10:30 am

Coins & Currency Marvin Dudek, Instructor (Class size - 12)

We will cover topics such as US silver coins, US Mint issues, Dahlonga Mint, Obsolete US notes, any other numismatic topic suggested by the class. Bring in your coins and currency to be graded and evaluated. Why is one Peace dollar worth \$14 and another \$700? Find out the answer in "Coins and Currency".

MON – 2 10:45 - 11:45 am

**Peace on earth as it is in heaven - from dream to reality
Dr. Roger (iraj) K. Doost, Instructor (Class size - 20)**

Baha'u'llah (1817-92) was the Prophet/Founder of the Baha'i Faith. He spent the entire period of His ministry (1852 - 92) as an exile and a prisoner of the Ottoman and Persian empires in formulating some revolutionary ideas/ideals to change the world and bring lasting peace and prosperity to an ailing humanity. Whether you come to accept Him as a prophet or not, you must hear the gist of what He had to say in some one hundred volumes of Writing, and this is the essence of it: 1) There is one God whose essence we will never be able to know, but we can know Him through His attributes (goodness) and trying to emulate it, 2) If there is one God, there is also one race (the human race) and we are all His children and must learn to live together and love one another, 3) If there is one God and one human race, there is also one religion that has come to humanity through time at different times and at different places with the same basic ideals, but 4) Although all religions agree on the essential issues, they may differ on social issues because of the exigencies of the time and place of their revelations. We will spend the majority of our time talking about those issues. (beginning with independent/unfettered/unbiased search for truth and universal and compulsory education)... until there is "peace on earth as it is in heaven".

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MON – 3 12:00 - 1:00 pm

**Gamechanges in American History
Brandt Ross, Instructor (Class size - 50)**

Did you dislike history as most of us did in our early schooling? That's because we learned names and dates.....and none of the great stories. See and hear wonderful stories of "Game-changers" who changed our country and its destiny:

9/21 -Abigail Adams " –Founding Mother"

9/28 -Andrew Jackson " –Hero or Villain or both?"

10/5 "Remember the Alamo"

10/12-"Two stories from the Civil War"

10/19-"Davy Crockett-"larger in life or in legend?"

10/26-The first Grand Canyon expedition – John Wesley Powell

MON – 4 2:30 - 3:30 pm

**A Hard Day's Night: The Story of the Beatles
Rod Daugherty, Instructor (Class size - 50)**

The Beatles are widely regarded as the most influential rock and roll band of all time. They were the phenomenon that invented stadium sized concerts. In this class we will explore the different periods of their music and observe the things that shaped their lives which was reflected in their music. We will look at the following general periods in their career as The Beatles:

1. 1957 - 1962 The early years
2. 1963 Their association with Brian Epstein, George Martin and their first album
3. 1964 Their first appearances in the USA
4. 1965 The release of the Rubber Soul album and the evolution from "I want to hold your hand" to adult themes
5. 1966 - 1967 Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band changed how albums were made
6. 1968 - 1970 Let It Be: The end of the band and the beginning of their individual careers

Rock & Roll has always been about counter culture. It was the opposite of institutions and social conventions that were the domain of "adults". **Warning:** part of the story of The Beatles (indeed all rock & roll) involves mention of sex, drugs, rock & roll and profanity. If you are offended by these topics, do not sign up for this class.

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TUESDAY CLASS TIMES 9:30 am-2:30 pm

TUE – 1 9:30 - 10:30 am

Current Events

Howard Fields, PhD, Instructor (Class size - 20)

Do you have an opinion concerning what is going on in the world around you? Would you be willing to share with other people who may agree or disagree with you in a collegial environment? Then you would enjoy the session on “Current Events”. You can bring virtually any issue to the session and the folks there will listen and share their opinions. This is a place where **controversial issues are discussed in a civil manner**. Come and join.

TUE – 2 10:45 - 11:45 am

Let’s Make Stuff Up

Josh Langston, Instructor (Class size - 25)

Join bestselling author Josh Langston, and try your hand at writing (or simply telling) stories of your very own. Josh will provide topics from which you can choose, or you can dream up your own. Writing tips and techniques will be shared at the start of each class, and participants will be asked to keep them in mind when working on their stories. Josh's classes are always fun, and if you've never taken one, you'll be in for a treat. His motto is: "If you're not laughing, you're not learning!"

TUE – 3 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Introduction to Behavioral Economics

Shai Robkin, Instructor (Class size - 25)

The course introduces students to key concepts designed to help people and organizations make better decisions and avoid common pitfalls that result from instinctive human behaviors. While classical economic theory assumes that people make rational decisions, weighing costs and benefits in order to optimize the likelihood of achieving desired outcomes, behavioral economists start by asking how humans actually behave in the real world. The course covers basic theories of evolutionary psychology, automatic vs. controlled thinking, heuristics (simple procedures that people use unconsciously to reach decisions on difficult questions), prospect theory and inaccurate perceptions of risk, the role of chance, public policy and choice architecture, and when and when not to trust experts.

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TUE – 4 1:00 - 2:00 pm

**Examining Our “Funny” Bone - More Please, I’m a Glutton for Punishment
Dr. Mark Levine, Instructor (Class size - 20)**

You are cordially invited to examine “more” of our humorous and often crazy situations we encounter in our senior years. Dare to take part in: the games we played, politically incorrect jokes we told, understanding our relationships, being grandparents, creating our humorous family trees, appreciating art (as we never have), finding morals to our stories, figuring out life’s signs, and our memories, movies and songs-and much MORE! Whether we laugh because it’s funny, laugh instead of crying or just laugh at things even if we don’t know why, join us because laughter is my best anti-aging remedy!

TUE – 5 2:30 - 3:30 pm

**A Poetry Potluck
Nancy Bierman, Instructor (Class size - 12)**

Poetry tells stories, captures the essence of scenes and experiences, and expresses emotions: it uses carefully chosen words plus meter, formatting, and sometimes rhyme to help the reader see and feel the familiar in a new way. One of the best ways to appreciate poetry is to read and discuss it with a group of fellow poetry lovers. These informal sessions are open to poets, lovers of poetry, and even those who think they don’t like poetry but who do enjoy a pleasant hour in the company of friends. The class is part open mic, part discussion group. Bring a poem to share – your own work or a poem you love. Or research a favorite poet or style of poetry and tell us about it. Or just come and listen. We’ll focus on a different theme, poet, or poetic style each week and we’ll be sure to allow time for each class member read a poem of their choosing.

WEDNESDAY CLASS TIMES 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

WED – 1 9:30 - 10:30 am

**The Art of Literature
Jeff Plowman, Instructor (Class size - 25)**

This class session we will cover two literary “anthologies”, each a masterwork of American literature and each presenting a distinctly American “place” through the voices of its inhabitants. The poetic voices engaged by Edgar Lee Masters in Spoon River Anthology give us Spoon River, Illinois, and the fictional voices deployed by Sherwood Anderson in Winesburg, Ohio give us that Midwestern town. We will read and discuss these

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works and their authors with our usual vim, vigor and attention to context and quality, but keeping it fun in the meantime. Join us!

WED – 2 10:45 - 11:45 am

The Dark Ages

Jack Le Moine, Instructor (Class size - 50)

During this time, the Roman Empire in the West fell and the Empires of Islam rose. The Roman Empire in the East became the Byzantine Empire. To the West, the Barbarian Kingdom of Charlemagne became the Holy Empire. The Vikings began to ravage Europe. Further east, China and India became the most advanced civilizations in the world. In America, the Mayans had a Golden Age while other native civilizations rose and fell. These centuries were bad for most people but they were great for the rest. This course covers the entire history of the world during this time.

WED – 3 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Pine Needle Creative Coiling – Experienced

Linda Prater, Instructor (Class size - 15)

Come join us for a little pine needle basket coiling time. Together we can work on our baskets, share ideas, learn some new stitches, or perfect the ones we already use. Topics will include sources for supplies, places to find inspirational basket images, color combinations, using beads and other decorative items to enhance our work.

Previous coiling experience required.

WED – 4 2:30- 3:30 pm

The Economy, Taxes, and The Election

Randy & Nic Yeomans, Instructors (Class size - 25)

This class is for those concerned about the economy, higher tax rates, and the fast-approaching election. In this interactive class, your instructors will provide information on:

- 1.) Historically, how the economy and market react during/after presidential elections
- 2.) Ways to establish an election strategy for your retirement accounts
- 3.) The CARES Act, SECURE Act, and TAX Cut and Jobs Act
- 4.) New retirement account rules you must consider!
- 5.) How to protect your retirement accounts from possible future higher tax rates
- 6.) Should you consider a ROTH conversion
- 7.) ROTH conversion strategies to pay little to no tax

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WED – 5 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Each One, Teach One: Train the Trainer
Dixie Whitman, Instructor (Class size - 8)

Are you passionate about a subject? Would you like to share your passion or knowledge but you aren't sure if your thoughts and ideas might become an exciting ELM class? This class is intended for students to explore their ideas about a favorite subject and determine if it could be translated into an intriguing and inspiring class. We'll plan discussion, class projects, and exercises to help you gain skills that will make your class a resounding success.

THURSDAY CLASS TIMES 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

THR – 1 9:30 - 10:30 am

A History of the Bible
Joel Smith, Instructor (Class size - 25)

What is the history of the Bible? Who wrote the Bible? When? Where? Why? How many Prophets of God were there in the Old Testament? (Hint: there were 48 male Prophets.) How many Old Testament Prophets were women? (Hint: There were seven.) What was the history of these people? What was going on in the world when these Prophets wrote their books? Who translated the various Bibles into European languages and what happened to them after they did? How many original Bible manuscripts exist today? What do they say? How are these ancient manuscripts similar? How do they differ? How were these ancient manuscripts dated? What is the archaeology that illustrates their stories? Come join us to find the answers to these questions and many more!

THR – 2 10:45 - 11:45 am

Have a Cuppa and Conversation
Dixie Whitman, Instructor (Class size - 8)

Grab your favorite cup or mug, filled-to-the-brim with wonderful coffees, teas, or hot chocolates, and let's spend some time in joyful conversation. Each week we'll be conversing about a different topic in an effort to connect in celebrated, charming, and caring conversation.

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THR – 3 **1:00 - 2:00 pm**

The Unseen Israel – Expanded
Tim & Rachael Gelinias, Instructor (Class size - 50)

We will journey through rarely visited and recently discovered sites in God's Promised Land. This class is certain to spark your interest and ignite your passion for one of the most amazing and storied places on Earth. We will concentrate on Northern Israel in this class looking at its significance and treasures. Tim and his wife Rachael have spent a total of over 24 weeks during 12 different trips to Israel. During these trips they have become friends with many influential people in the archaeological community who have provided the experiences Tim will be sharing with you during this class. We hope you enjoy! Tim Gelinias is a former ordained campus minister at The University of Georgia.

THR – 4

2:30 - 3:30 pm
Successful Retirement Strategies
Tim Gelinias, Instructor (Class size - 25)

Successful Retirement Strategies is designed to be fun and interactive as well as informative. Class participation is encouraged, This class will cover all stages and needs of retirement, such as the need of making income last, tax deferred growth, estate planning and organizing the details of an estate, asset management and diversification, and mutual funds and annuities. The more information that someone has the better informed they will be to make wise decisions about their future. Everyone chose to pay for this class to learn, so please don't hesitate to ask your questions! Remember, "Inquiring minds want to know!" Included in the class is a complementary personal financial review, this will allow each participant to address any pitfalls or areas of concern in their retirement picture.