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WINTER/SPRING 2018 CATALOG AND REGISTRATION FORM



Registration is required for all ALI classes. **ALL registrations will be MAIL IN ONLY and will be processed based on the date they are received at the ALI office. Confirmation slips will be mailed.**

Registration fee is \$10 per semester. Class fees range from \$10 to \$30 based on the total number of times the class meets. There may be additional fees for course materials or supplies. Registrations will be accepted during the semester as long as there are class spaces available. **CLOSED** classes will be posted on the ALI website at www.adultlearnersinstitute.org.

THREE FREE classes are being offered with our partners, the Chelsea District Library and the Chelsea Senior Center. Consult the catalog for the class descriptions, dates, location, time and registration instruction.

Additional catalogs and registration forms are available at the ALI office, located at Chelsea Wellness Center/5 Healthy Towns Foundation; Chelsea & Dexter Senior Centers; front desk at CRC, Silver Maples, The Cedars of Dexter; the Chelsea and Dexter District Libraries; the Chelsea and Dexter Chambers of Commerce, or print one from the ALI website at www.adultlearnersinstitute.org.

Mail your registration form (one for each person) to Adult Learners Institute, PO Box 134, Chelsea, MI 48118, **with a check made out to ALI of Chelsea MI, Inc.** If you have questions, call 734.292.5540 to leave a message, and someone will return your call as soon as possible.

Adult Learners Institute Winter-Spring Classes, 2018

Many great courses are scheduled from February through May, 2018. A scholarship fund is available for those needing assistance with registration fees.

Based in Chelsea, Michigan, the Adult Learners Institute [ALI] provides a diverse selection of quality community-based learning experiences and camaraderie for adults. ALI is a nonprofit (501c3) Lifelong Learning Institute [LLI] affiliated with Road Scholar Institute Network, a group of similar organizations.

ALI is always looking for additional volunteers to help fulfill its mission. Examples include, curriculum planning, finance committee, catalog editing, processing registration forms, returning phone messages, class and audio-visual assistants.

For more information call, 734.292.5540 to leave a message, or see our website at www.adultlearnersinstitute.org.

Many Adult Learners Institute courses are conducted in cooperation with Washtenaw Community College.

PLEASE NOTE: ALI classes are cancelled when Chelsea District Schools are closed due to inclement weather [Call 734.433.2275 for information].

BREWING KOMBUCHA FOR BEGINNERS

Keegan Sulecki

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A FREE CLASS, BUT YOU MUST REGISTER BY CALLING THE CHELSEA DISTRICT LIBRARY AT 734.475.8732

March 7 (1 Wednesday)

7:00 to 8:30 pm

Chelsea District Library, McKune Room, 221 S. Main Street, Chelsea, MI

While kombucha may be experiencing a resurgence in popularity, this fermented tea beverage has a long history in cultures all over the world, which includes the social practice of brewing and sharing it with friends and neighbors. Join us to learn how to safely experiment with making your own kombucha at home. Learn what equipment you will need, how to prevent contamination of your brew, and how to experiment with different flavors.

Keegan Sulecki is the current Head of Information Services at Chelsea District Library and has been a degreed librarian for eight years. She holds a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Michigan and a Masters in Library and Information Science from Wayne State University. She loves to learn and try new things, which is how she discovered kombucha and began experimenting with making her own at home.

CHINA AND INDIA-ASIAN GREAT POWERS AND RIVALS

Jui Hwa Upshur

February 27 & March 6 (2 Tuesdays)

10:00 am to 12 noon

Chelsea Senior Center, 512 E. Washington St., Chelsea, MI, Bldg 100 - Board Room

China and India are the two most populous world powers. India gained independence from Great Britain in 1947 through peaceful means and has remained a parliamentary democracy with elected governments, as no other country with population approaching India's has succeeded in doing. China became a one-party totalitarian state as a result of the Communist Party's military victory over the Chinese Nationalist Party in a civil war in 1949; the Communist Party has ruled China ever since with no meaningful opposition political party permitted. Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, China is by far the most powerful existing Communist state. This course will look at the differing political, economic and social systems in these two countries. It will also examine their geopolitical relationship with each other, territorial disputes, and the issue of the Tibetan religious leader, the Dalai Lama's government-in-exile in India.

Jiu-Hwa Upshur has a Ph.D. in Chinese history from the University of Michigan (secondary fields were histories of modern India, Russia and the Soviet Union, British Empire and Commonwealth, and U.S. diplomatic history.) She was a Professor of History at Eastern Michigan University (retired in 2007).

CLAUDE DEBUSSY: IMPRESSIONISM'S MASTER COMPOSER

Henry Aldridge

April 3 (1 Tuesday)

1:00 to 3:00 pm

Silver Maples, 100 Silver Maples Dr., Chelsea, MI

In addition to his famous piano piece, "Clair De Lune," French composer Claude Debussy (1864-1917) wrote operas, descriptive tone pictures such as "La Mer" and Nocturnes, ballets, and numerous inventive piano and chamber works that changed forever the style of Western classical music. We will explore Debussy's unique musical language, sometimes

called Impressionism, describe how it differs from the styles that preceded it and play recorded examples of several of Debussy's works. We will conclude our program with a DVD performance of "La Mer" by Leonard Bernstein.

Dr. Henry Aldridge, is a Professor Emeritus of Film Studies at Eastern Michigan University, and is a life long lover of classical music. He holds B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of North Carolina, and a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. Dr. Aldridge is a native of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

COOKING FOR ONE OR TWO

Judy Radant

April 17 (1 Tuesday)

10:00 am to 12 noon

Chelsea Wellness Center - 5 Healthy Towns Foundation, 14800 E. Old US-12, Chelsea, MI

During the class, you will receive recipes and hints on how to scale down your shopping and cooking to one or two servings, so you avoid lots of leftovers and still have healthy, satisfying meals. There will be samplings of the foods demonstrated. (A supply fee of \$5 will be charged for tasting.)

Judy Radant is a retired Home Economics and Culinary Arts teacher. She taught Middle School Home Ec in Plymouth, Culinary Arts at Saline High School and at Washtenaw Community College. While raising her kids, she ran a catering business and a cake decorating business. Currently, she does elder care, cooking demos, teaches ServSafe food safety and sanitation classes. In addition, she plans and leads Kids Cooking Camps for Chelsea Community Kitchen. Judy and her husband have been a family of two since 2012, so she has had several years of cooking for two.

CREEPY, CRAWLY, ICKY STUFF IN MICHIGAN AND MICHIGAN'S CREATURES OF THE NIGHT

Don Chalfant

May 4 (1 Friday)

10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Silver Maples, 100 Silver Maples Dr., Chelsea, MI

This class will include two sections. The first: Creepy, Crawly, Icky Stuff in Michigan; snakes, bugs, spiders and more animals which we see, but probably don't want to touch. The second: Michigan's Creatures of the Night which features the sights and sounds of many night animals that we are more likely to hear than see. Both of these sessions will include photos and sounds of many of these creatures.

Don Chalfant received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Michigan. He retired from the Ann Arbor Schools in 1995, where he taught elementary students for many years. In retirement, Don indulges his passion for the outdoors, and especially for birding. He has recently added nature photography to his list of enthusiastic pursuits.

CUBA LIBRE-FROM BATISTA TO BACARDI

Elisabeth Thoburn

(Presented in cooperation with Washtenaw Community College)

March 21, 28 & April 4 (3 Wednesdays)

2:30 to 4:30 pm

Silver Maples, 100 Silver Maples Dr., Chelsea, MI

World traveler Elisabeth Thoburn will present a "cocktail" of people, country, UNESCO sites, food, dance, and a history of Cuba mixed with travel tips.

Elisabeth Thoburn holds a double masters degree in Eastern and Western History of Art from the University of Michigan. Since 1994 she has been teaching art history and humanities classes at Washtenaw Community College. For the last 25 years Elisabeth has been traveling in the Middle East, Europe, China, and South America. She is known locally through various public talks on subjects ranging from the Middle East to the Medici, the Aztecs, to talks on the fall of the Berlin Wall.

EXPLORING MUSICAL THEATER

Hank Muir and Chris Lenehan

April 16, 23, 30 & May 7 (4 Mondays)

2:00 to 5:00 pm (3 hours)

Silver Maples, 100 Silver Maples Dr., Chelsea, MI

This class is a continuation of a previous popular film series, presenting four new films geared for those of us who like musical theatre. Each movie is preceded by an introduction including a brief history of the production and information about the authors, composers, lyricists, casting, location, difficulties, and interesting trivia. After the showings there is time for questions, comments and discussion.

Hank Muir is a retired teacher and medical practice administrator. He has a bachelor's degree in social studies from Graceland College, a masters in history from the University of Nebraska and he is a Fellow in the American College of Medical Practice Executives. Hank has lived in Chelsea since 2003 and is a collector of books, records and movies.

Chris Lenehan is a retired physical therapist who has loved music all her life and remembers singing along with Shirley Temple movies. Her first role was as Cinderella in the sixth grade, but musical theatre really hooked her in high school when she played Rose in "Bye Bye Birdie." She sang and danced her way in high school and then, at the University of Pennsylvania, she enjoyed the sanity that theatre brought in the midst of studying for her PT and biology degrees. She has presented this course for several years now and enjoys it more each time. Chris and her husband have three children and her all-time favorite role is being a mom.

THE FASCINATING WORLD OF BEES AND BEEKEEPING

Roger Sutherland

April 27 (1 Friday)

10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Silver Maples, 100 Silver Maple Dr., Chelsea, MI

A slide-lecture program designed to give a close-up look at the highly organized honey bee colony. Some attention is given to the practice and history of beekeeping. The importance of bees to agriculture, the vital flower and honey bee relationships, pollination, swarming, and bee communication are also included.

Roger Sutherland MS, MA, Professor Emeritus, Schoolcraft College, taught biological science for 34 years prior to retirement in 1991. He is past President of Michigan Audubon Society, Michigan Beekeepers' Association, and Michigan Botanical Club-Huron Valley Chapter. He received the 1987 "Beekeeper of the Year Award," and the 2001 "Silver Skep Award." He was twice named "Educator of the Year." For the past 25 years he has been presenting nature programs to a large number of garden clubs, Audubon Societies, church groups and service clubs. He and his wife Mary have conducted nature and wildflower classes and led many nature walks.

FASHIONS FROM THE TITANIC ERA

Helen Welford

February 23 (1 Friday)

10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Silver Maples, 100 Silver Maples Dr., Chelsea, MI

A glimpse into the fashions and foibles of 1912 - what they wore and what was going on! That the Titanic could sink was unthinkable. Those boarding her that April represented the rich in first class, those of more modest means in second class, and the less fortunate in steerage. Their fashions told the tale of development, influence, and practical necessity in the western world. The Titanic represented a microcosm of the thinking, attitudes and dreams of the time.

Helen Welford earned an undergraduate degree in art from Antioch College and a graduate degree in art education from Stanford University. She has been commissioned to make many gowns, and from time to time she is invited to stage fashion shows of historic costumes. Four years ago she signed up to be a test sewer for the Vintage Pattern Lending Library and their "Titanic" project, working with patterns from 1912 featuring garments from the Parisian fashion magazine "*La Mode Illustrée*."

GARDEN INSECTS: THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY

Jennifer Fairfield

April 19 (1 Thursday)

10:00 am to 12:00 noon

Chelsea Senior Center, 512 E. Washington St., Chelsea, MI, Bldg. 100 - Cafeteria

While it might seem that any insect in your garden is a bad thing, there are actually many good ones out there too. Garden Mill owner Jennifer Fairfield will discuss

different common, and not so common, insects in the garden - those that want to eat your flowers, as well as some that will eat those that want to eat your flowers! She will also give you pointers on how to deal with the bad guys and how to entice the good guys into your garden.

Jennifer Fairfield grew up in southern New Jersey - "The Garden State" - helping out in her grandmother's gardens, and has been a resident of Michigan for more than 20 years. After spending most of her adult life in the Human Resources Industry, Jennifer decided in 2012 to do something that she was really passionate about, and bought The Garden Mill in Chelsea, MI. There is nothing Jennifer likes more than talking about gardening.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CENSUS

Albert Anderson, Lisa Neidert & Reynolds Farley

May 7, 14 & 21 (3 Mondays)

6:30 to 8:30 pm

Chelsea District Library, McKune Room, 221 S. Main Street, Chelsea, MI

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This course will introduce the participants to the U.S. decennial census and the annual American Community Survey (ACS) conducted by the Census Bureau. The instructors have extensive experience in using census data in instruction, helping others to use the data, and in their own research. The decennial census was established in the Constitution to provide the basis for apportioning the members of the House of Representatives across the states. Over the years, it has been extended to provide a broad base of information about the U.S. population ranging from national through state and down to local levels. This information has been used for creating and evaluating federal programs as well as supporting other public and private endeavors. These range, for example, from congressional studies of poverty and income inequality to defining school districts and determining locations for businesses. The course will first cover the history and nature of the census. Then we will look at websites that provide information and support for those wishing to use census data. Finally, we will execute and discuss some basic analyses of census data of interest to the participants using a PC-based application, PDQ-Explore.

Dr. Anderson is retired from the Population Studies Center at the University of Michigan where he concentrated on applying computer technology to the management and analysis of large data sets such as the census data.

Dr. Neidert is an Assistant Research Scientist at the Population Studies Center. She is the Director of Data Services and a lecturer in Sociology. Associated with her position in Data Services, she is interested in data use agreements, data quality, confidentiality, data access and user interfaces to data. She teaches a course in quantitative reasoning.

Dr. Farley is retired from the Population Studies Center and is the Dudley Duncan Professor Emeritus of sociology at the University of Michigan. He is the author of many research articles and books, including *Detroit Divided*, and an expert on the census, racial segregation, population trends, and the history of Detroit.

HISTORIC WASHTENAW: YPSILANTI'S DEPOT TOWN AND ANN ARBOR'S LOWER TOWN

Grace Shackman

(Presented in cooperation with Washtenaw Community College)

May 3, 10, 17 & 24 (4 Thursdays)

2:00 to 4:00 pm

Cedars of Dexter, 411 Cedars Lane, Dexter, MI

Ypsilanti's Depot Town and Ann Arbor's Lower Town were downtowns that almost were. Learn how these two neighborhoods lost that title, but still contributed to their towns' development and evolved into pleasant places to live. The class will consist of one lecture for each community and a walk in both places. (Walking tours may not be handicapped accessible.)

Grace Shackman has been writing historic articles for close to 40 years, mainly for the *Ann Arbor Observer* and *the Old West Side News*. Other publications include *Michigan History*, *Atomic Ranch*, and several University of Michigan publications, as well as authoring four books. She enjoys sharing what she's learned in classes and lectures. Her recent interests include architect Albert Kahn and Mid-century Modern architecture.

HISTORIC WOMEN OF MICHIGAN

Beverly Fish

(Presented in cooperation with Washtenaw Community College)

February 22, March 1, (skip 8) 15, 22 (4 Thursdays)

10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Silver Maples, 100 Silver Maples Dr., Chelsea, MI

The focus each week for this class will be on a different time period in Michigan for the following women:

- Early Abolitionists - Sojourner Truth & Laura Haviland
- Women Suffrage Workers - Clara Arthur & Anna Howard Shaw
- Additional Leaders in other areas - Betty Ford, Helen Milliken, Martha Griffith & Dexter's Katharine Dexter McCormick.

Beverly Fish has a master's degree in Women's Studies and American History from Eastern Michigan University. She has also been a board member of the Michigan Women's Studies Association and Historical Center since 1984. She has published articles and lectured on Michigan women throughout the state, while teaching courses in women's history and women's studies at Wayne State University and the College of Creative Studies.

INVASIVE SPECIES AND THEIR IMPACT

Greg Peter

February 26, March 5 & 12 (3 Mondays)

1:30 to 3:30 pm

Cedars of Dexter, 411 Cedars Lane, Dexter, MI

From zebra mussels and Eurasian milfoil to mute swans, feral swine, and Asian carp, invasive species threaten biodiversity and ecosystem stability. How did they get established and what factors promote their propagation? What can we do to ameliorate their effects? We will discuss invasion biology through case studies of some of the aforementioned species and others suggested by class discussion/questions. So please come to class with an interactive disposition!

Greg Peter received both undergraduate and graduate degrees in Zoology from the University of Michigan in the 70's and a doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Michigan State in 1980. After postdoctoral training at the University of Michigan Medical School in Laboratory Animal Medicine and board certification in the veterinary specialty, he began working for Parke-Davis in 1983. For 24 years he served as a clinical veterinarian, collaborative research scientist, and biomedical imaging expert. Since becoming gainfully unemployed, he has pursued secondary interests in wildlife disease and outdoor education. He currently serves as an Executive Director of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs and scientific advisor to the Portage, Baseline, Whitewood Lake Owners Association, among other public service activities.

PEOPLE AND PLACES OF THE GREAT LAKES ISLANDS

Karen Vigmostad

(Presented in cooperation with Washtenaw Community College)

March 9, 16, 23, 30 (4 Fridays)

10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Silver Maples, 100 Silver Maples Dr., Chelsea, MI

Dotting the Great Lakes are 32,000 islands that "nobody knows about" yet form the largest collection of freshwater islands on earth. You will learn what makes an island special and enjoy a lake-by-lake survey of the islands and archipelagos in U.S. and Canadian waters. You'll view photographs, videos and learn the unique characteristics of islands in each lake.

Dr. Vigmostad has led a Great Lakes islands project since 1995. She will share new information she is uncovering while researching her book on these globally significant islands. You'll receive seven handouts plus a list of resources leading you to in-depth information beyond what we cover in class.

Dr. Karen Vigmostad has worked on Great Lakes policy and conservation issues for 35 years. Currently, she is doing research, conducting interviews and taking photographs for a book on the islands of the Great Lakes. She holds a doctorate from Michigan State University and has held Great Lakes policy positions at the state, federal and international levels. Dr. Vigmostad teaches Great Lakes classes at Washtenaw Community College and at adult-learning centers throughout Michigan. Born and raised in Detroit, she came to love the Great Lakes and their islands through boating with her Norwegian father on Lake St. Clair.

SPRING EATING

Trinh Pifer, Jim and Mary Randolph

March 23 (1 Friday)

1:00 to 3:00 pm

Chelsea Senior Center, 512 E. Washington St., Chelsea, MI, Bldg. 100 - Cafeteria

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A FREE CLASS, BUT YOU MUST REGISTER BY CALLING THE CHELSEA SENIOR CENTER AT 734.475.9242

There's a bounty of produce available in Spring to enjoy! Come learn some simple and healthy recipes to try at home. (Suggested donation of \$5 supports the Intergenerational Garden.)

Jim and Mary Randolph along with Trinh Pifer, are self-proclaimed foodies who enjoy gardening and making the connection from farm to table.

Throughout the year, they host cooking classes for all ages that encourage exploration of new flavors from around the world.

TECHNOLOGY THROUGH THE AGES

Charlie Taylor

April 10, 17, 24, May 1 & 8 (5 Tuesdays)

2:00 to 4:00 pm

St. Mary Church, Knights of Columbus Room, Parish Hall, 14200 E. Old US-12, Chelsea, MI

NOTE: Enter through the north side door.

What is technology? Well, it's anything we use that is not just picked up ready-made from nature (like a stone or stick). An advanced technology is one of the things that distinguishes humans from other animals. But what were the first technologies, and how did they come about? This class will explore early (caveman) technologies, but continue on with machines and devices for housing, farming, writing, warfare, building and maintaining cities, wagons, boats and ships, etc. We will continue with discussions of the "Industrial Revolution" in the late 1800's, automobiles, airplanes, telephones and electronics slightly afterwards, and then eventually on to scientific instruments, the tech revolution and our modern information economy. As with previous classes, questions and discussion are not only allowed, but specially requested!

Charlie Taylor received a bachelor of science degree in Zoology from The University of Texas in 1975 and a PhD in Neurobiology from the University

of California, Berkeley in 1980. He has authored many scientific articles in peer reviewed journals or books. He was a biologist in pharmaceutical drug discovery from 1982 to 2007. Since 2007, he has worked as a consultant in Chelsea and also taught a few classes in Neuroscience at University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

TRAVELOGUE - REMOTE ALASKA - HYDER TO BARROW AND ROADS IN BETWEEN

Nancy Zyburt

April 26 (1 Thursday)

4:00 to 6:00 pm

St. Mary Church, Knights of Columbus Room, Parish Hall, 14200 E. Old US-12, Chelsea, MI

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Nancy Zyburt has visited Alaska four times and has driven up there two of those times. She has been on nearly all the "highways" in the state including the 400+ mile dirt road up to Prudhoe Bay. Her class will cover a bit of the southeast panhandle and Anchorage (where most organized tours go), and will branch out into Fairbanks, Nome, Prudhoe Bay, Barrow (the Northern most U.S. settlement), Seward, Homer, and some national parks; Wrangell-St. Elias, Kenai Fjords, Kobuk Valley, Katmai and Glacier Bay. She has enjoyed the glaciers, whales, sled-dogs, bears, totem poles, sand dunes, musk-ox, and much more.

Nancy Zyburt has lived in Chelsea for nearly 40 years. She has three daughters, three sons-in-law and four grandchildren. She grew up in southeastern Michigan and took many road trips in the family station wagon back in the 1960's and early 1970's. She learned to read maps at an early age, and was always intrigued by the diversity of all the states. After her daughters graduated from college, she sold her long-time business and set out on Expedition 56. She is currently working at Chelsea State Bank, and saving up for Round 2 of the Give-Back-to-America journey which will happen after retirement. Nancy plans to take her 5th trip to Alaska next summer to visit the remote town of Petersburg on an island south of Juneau where a daughter and son-in-law work in the summer.

TRAVELOGUE - ALI INSPIRED US TO GO TO ITALY

Cathy and Mike Muha

March 26 (1 Monday)

2:00 to 4:00 pm

First United Methodist Church of Chelsea, 128 Park St., Chelsea, MI

After attending an ALI class on the culture and geography of Italy, we decided to revisit the country we had been to 20 years before. This was a very different trip with a very diverse itinerary, taking us to small towns we had never heard of. We visited Gubbio with its Iguvine bronze tablets discussing pre-Christian religions dating back to the third century BC, and Civita di Bagnoregio, teetering atop a pinnacle rising high above a vast canyon. We also toured some well-known sites such as Venice, Pisa, and Pompeii. We'll tell you what surprised us and intrigued us about these other sites.

Mike Muha recently retired after many years as a Software Consultant. **Cathy Muha** has been retired for several years, and is now getting back to her painting. They always find the time to travel. Their trips abroad have included: England, Thailand, Hungary, Romania, Italy, Switzerland, Peru, Ecuador, Mexico, United Arab Emirates, Japan, Australia, Czech Republic, Jamaica and Bermuda.

THE TUDORS—EVOLUTION OF A DYNASTY THROUGH FILM—PART II

Susan Nenadic

(Presented in cooperation with Washtenaw Community College)

March 15, 22, 29 & April 5 (4 Thursdays)

2:00 to 5:00 pm (3 hours)

Cedars of Dexter, 411 Cedars Lane, Dexter, MI

Last fall we considered the Tudors from Henry VII to the death of Mary I. This sequel will consider only the reign of Elizabeth I. Again we will utilize film, discussion and presentation to eliminate the rumors and stereotypes in order to gain a more historically accurate understanding. It is not necessary to have participated in Part I last fall in order to understand Elizabeth's personality and reign. Did she really have a love child/children? Did she ever consider marrying any of her suitors? And did she actually say that Mary's son, James, should succeed her? We will discuss these and many other issues that surround this famous monarch. (Earphones for the hearing impaired will be available.)

Susan Nenadic is a retired high school teacher of English and history. Since retiring, she provides programs and classes throughout Michigan. Susan is the author of *A Purse of Her Own: 19th Century Women's Occupations* and *Legendary Locals of Ann Arbor*. She also is the author of numerous articles published by the Michigan Historical Society and the Washtenaw County Historical Society. Susan is currently researching 19th century women in competitive and professional sports as well as establishing a non-profit to build a secondary school in Uganda.

VICTORIAN WOMEN WRITERS—PART I

Joan Gaughan

April 6, 13, 20 (skip 27) & May 4 (4 Fridays)

2:00 to 4:00 pm

Cedars of Dexter, 411 Cedars Lane, Dexter, MI

This course, offered in two parts, (Spring and Fall 2018) introduces Victorian women writers in four categories: 1) letters and journals, 2) poetry and fiction, 3) travel writing, and 4) essays. The Spring course will encompass writers from the late eighteenth century until about the time of the death of Prince Albert in 1861.

Joan Gaughan completed a two-year stint in the Peace Corps in Iran (1964-1966). She earned her doctorate on the British Empire at the University of Michigan while teaching Western Civilization at Washtenaw Community College. One of her

doctoral fields was Victorian literature which became useful when she did her dissertation on British women who had gone to India.

WOMEN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Dr. Rev. Kenneth Phifer

(Presented in cooperation with Washtenaw Community College)

May 11, 18, 25, June 1 & 8 (5 Fridays)

10:00 am to 12:00 noon

St. Paul United Church of Christ, 14600 E. Old US-12, Chelsea, MI

NOTE: 4 steps down with rail to enter classroom.

Women in the New Testament examines each of the 27 New Testament books to see what role women play - what they say, what they do, what others say about them. We will discuss how two millennia of scholars and religious reflection have understood the women of the New Testament, and what has changed in these attitudes over the last half century. We will read the books in the order most students of the Bible think they were written, not the order in which they appear in the New Testament. We will begin with the two Thessalonian letters, continue with the two Corinthian letters, etc. The first class will be an introduction to the text and the society within which it was created. Classes will be conducted by lecture and discussion.

Dr. Rev. Kenneth Phifer did his undergraduate work at Harvard College and his doctorate at the University of Chicago Divinity School. He has been a Unitarian Universalist minister for 45 years, and was the minister of the Ann Arbor UU Congregation for 25 years until his retirement in 2005. He has published three books and some 20 articles, and has taught many courses.

PLEASE NOTE

Due to the extensive renovation project at the Chelsea Retirement Community, we have moved our office. Our new contact information is:

Phone Number: 734.292.5540
Mailing Address: PO Box 134
Chelsea, MI 48118

Our new office space is at 5 HEALTHY TOWNS OFFICES in the Chelsea Wellness Center.

We are grateful for the continued support of the Chelsea Retirement Community, Silver Maples, Cedars of Dexter, Chelsea Senior Center, Chelsea District Library, 5 Healthy Towns, as well as St. Mary, St. Paul and First United Methodist Churches.