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WINTER/SPRING 2020 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 class spaces are available. **CLOSED** classes will be posted on the ALI website at www.adultlearnersinstitute.org.

TWO 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 instructions.

Additional catalogs and registration forms are available at the Chelsea & Dexter Senior Centers; front desk at Chelsea Retirement Community, Silver Maples, The Cedars of Dexter; the Chelsea, Dexter and Manchester 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, 2020

Many great courses are scheduled from February through May, 2020. A scholarship fund is available for those needing assistance with registration fees.

The Adult Learners Institute (ALI) located at 5 HEALTHY TOWNS OFFICES in the Chelsea Wellness Center, 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: audio-visual and class assistants, curriculum planning, catalog editing, and one-day events. The ALI Board is always looking for new Board members. Board members attend a once-a-month Board meeting.

For more information: call 734.292.5540 to leave a message. Our website is 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].

22,000 BULBS AND COUNTING.....

David Mastie

May 15 (1 Friday)

12:00 noon to 2:00 pm

Mr. Mastie's home. Directions will be provided with registration confirmation.

It all started 22 years ago after a cancer diagnosis. Having read that "planting a bulb is a contract with your future," I proceeded to plant 1,000 bulbs that fall to increase my odds! It worked so well that I am now in total remission and still planting 1,000 bulbs each year so as not to break the contract. We will begin by serving a lunch of "Mastie's pasties," salad and also several desserts before a casual, self-directed tour of the gardens. You will find the bulbs nestled among our 65 species of trees, 85 species of shrubs, and over 300 perennials throughout our three acres. Wear walking shoes and enjoy.

(A Supply Fee of \$5 is included in the registration fee to help defray lunch costs.)

David Mastie (a former science teacher for 43 years) brings to his gardens his knowledge of plants, soils and climate, his passion for young people, his skills in public speaking, his non-stop energy and his desire to make the world a better place. Father of two sons, grandfather of five, and great-grandfather of six, David will be assisted by his wife of 58 years, Marjorie (also a former ALI presenter). They enjoy traveling, entertaining friends, gourmet cooking and just having family members gather in their home and gardens. A successful television teacher at one time, David remains a popular presenter to audiences of students and adults across the state, the nation and internationally. His talks are particularly memorable for drawing in surprising connections from art, Bible stories, geography and historical events to the topic at hand. Starting from the lovely "bones" created by two gardeners before him, he has built the three acres surrounding their Chelsea home into over 40 unique gardens.

JANE AUSTEN: MANNERS, MONEY, MARRIAGE AND MORALITY

Geraldine de Batlle

March 27, April 3 (skip 4/10), 17 & 24 (4 Fridays)

2:00 to 4:00 pm (**NOTE:** Only on 4/24 class time is 2:30 to 4:30 pm)

Cedars of Dexter, 411 Cedars Lane, Dexter, MI

In Jane Austen's era, a time of rigid social codes, money with marriage was a woman's goal. Without money and without family, her fate was to be a governess, a seamstress, or a woman of the street. With family, but without money or marriage, she was destined to be an "old maid" dependent on others. Jane Austen, influenced by John Locke and his philosophic theories of knowledge and self-identity, creates each heroine's journey toward self-knowledge and sometimes happiness. Those heroines who learn to live within the social structure of the age, dealing with its moral codes and manners, create meaningful lives and moral choices. Novels to be considered are: *Pride and Prejudice*, *Northanger Abbey*, *Sense and Sensibility* and *Persuasion*.

Geraldine Pittman de Batlle is a recently retired professor of literature at Marlboro College in Vermont. Long active with the National Endowment for the Humanities, she is past president of the Vermont Humanities Council. She was also a citizen member of the Vermont Bar Association. She has studied at Columbia, Stanford and Harvard Universities. She spent the summer of 1987 as a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow at Dartmouth's Dante Institute.

COOKING WITH HERBS: SPICE UP EVERYDAY MEALS

Jim & Mary Randolph and Merrill Crockett

March 25 (1 Wednesday)

1:00 to 3:00 pm

Chelsea Senior Center, 512 Washington St.

Chelsea MI

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A FREE CLASS, BUT YOU MUST REGISTER BY CALLING THE CHELSEA SENIOR CENTER AT 734-475-9242

Culinary herbs and spices are fundamental to healthy, flavorful cooking as well as a superb way to add interest to food without salt. Join us as we incorporate a sampling of common and not-so-common herbs into a host of tasty dishes.

(A \$5 Supply Fee Donation is Requested)

Jim and Mary Randolph 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.

Merrill Crockett has been growing and using herbs for more than 30 years. She considers herbs as "Old Friends" not only in the kitchen, but elsewhere in the home and garden. From 1987 to 2012 she and a friend operated Old Friends, a dried flower and herb business from her farm in Chelsea. They taught classes and gave talks on a variety of herb and garden related topics. Merrill is a Certified Master Gardener. In the past few years she has thoroughly enjoyed volunteering in the Intergenerational Garden, teaching Camp Gabika kids about gardening, cooking and eating the fruits of their labor.

DESSERTS BY DECADE: THE 1920S

Keegan Rodgers and Patti Smith

March 11 (1 Wednesday)

6:30 to 8:00 pm

Chelsea District Library, McKune Room,

221 S. Main Street, Chelsea, MI

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A FREE CLASS, BUT YOU MUST REGISTER AT CHELSEA DISTRICT LIBRARY BY CALLING 734-475-8732 ext 219

The decade began with the high of women getting the vote and ended with the lows of a stock market collapse. In between, the Jazz Singer and Steamboat Willie premiered, John Scopes and Mae West went on trial, and the World Series was broadcast on the radio for the first time. The modern world was being formed, but everyone still had to eat! Learn about some darb (1920s slang for fun or cool) recipes from the 1920s and hear about national and local history. Don't be a wurp (1920s slang for wet blanket) and come out and join us!

Keegan Rodgers is the owner/baker of The Lakehouse Bakery in the Waterloo State Recreation Area of Chelsea where he bakes up tasty treats and hosts cooking classes and demonstrations.

Patti Smith is a special education teacher, writer, and historian who lives in Ann Arbor with her husband and cat.

SERGEI DIAGHILEV AND THE BALLETS RUSSES

Henry Aldridge

March 20 (1 Friday)

2:00 to 4:00 pm

Cedars of Dexter, 411 Cedars Lane, Dexter, MI

Entrepreneur, genius, and scoundrel, Sergei Diaghilev founded the Ballets Russes in 1909. For the next twenty years, he brought together composers, artists, and dancers to create some of the most exciting and controversial ballets of the 20th Century including the three groundbreaking Stravinsky scores *The Firebird*, *Petrushka*, and *The Rite of Spring*. In this two-hour class, we will first survey the people and productions of the Ballets Russes with a PowerPoint presentation. In the second hour, we will show DVDs of complete performances including *The Firebird* and Debussy's *Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faune* with the original choreography by Vaslav Nijinsky.

Dr. Henry Aldridge is a Professor Emeritus of Film Studies at Eastern Michigan University, and is a popular Adult Learners presenter. Dr. Aldridge is an amateur musician and regularly plays the Barton theater pipe organ at the Michigan Theater. He has undergraduate and MA degrees from the University of North Carolina and a Ph.D from the University of Michigan.

EVOLUTION: IT'S NOT JUST BIOLOGY

Greg Peter

March 16 & 23 (2 Mondays)

2:00 to 4:00 pm

Cedars of Dexter, 411 Cedars Lane, Dexter, MI

When one thinks of evolution, do thoughts of the Scopes Trial and the dogmatic conflict it represents come to mind? Is it just the biological evolutionary tales (tails) of human origins or the reason behind the existence of highly diverse flora and fauna. As a process, evolution is evident in most all aspects of life, and also in human endeavor. Adaptive strategies are selected for and maladaptive ones are selected against. Change is the rule not the exception. Although the status quo is comfortable - inevitably it is challenged and new demands result in the emergence of new ideas. Using as a guide --- Matt Ridley's book "*The Evolution of Everything: How New Ideas Emerge*" - we will discuss how evolution is manifest not only in genes, but in the economy, technology, government and many other arenas of the world in which we live. Having read the book is not necessary, but a willingness to discuss the subjects and to interact is desired.

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 Michigan United Conservation Clubs and scientific advisor to the Portage, Baseline, White-wood Lake Owners Association, as well as serving on the board of the Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative among other public service activities.

FIVE KEY GREAT LAKES ISLANDS

Karen Vigmostad

(Presented in cooperation with Washtenaw Community College)

March 5, 12, 19, 26 & April 2 (5 Thursdays)

10:30 am to 12:30 pm

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

This is a new series about Great Lakes islands that explores one important island per Great Lake. Each class will include videos and photographs of key features of each island such as lighthouses, shipwrecks, fish and wildlife, and mineral resources plus an overview of each lake. Also included will be Native American, First Nation and Euro-American exploration and settlement. Travel information, handouts, books, memoirs, and other resources will be shared.

Specific topics covered by island include:

- Isle Royale (Lk. Superior) Wolf-moose interactions on island ecosystem, rare lake trout subspecies and arctic disjuncts, volcanic and glacial eras, Greenstone ridge, and history of mining, fishing, and summer resorts.
- Beaver (Lk. Michigan) - Addressing invasive phragmites, history of Irish settlement, the Mormons and King Strang, sacred Native American cemetery, and archipelago management planning.
- Manitoulin (Lk. Huron) - Features of the largest freshwater island in the world, First Nation history and settlements, globally rare alvar plant communities, and physical diversity of the shoreline.
- Pelee (Lk. Erie) - Key location in the Atlantic and Mississippi flyways, International Bird Area (IBA), the endemic Lake Erie watersnake, vineyards, and pheasant hunts.
- Wolfe Island (Lk. Ontario) - Migration of hawks and bats, recent windfarm controversy, aboriginal hunters, early French explorers, and role as gateway to the Thousand Islands.

Karen Vigmostad has worked on Great Lakes policy and conservation issues for over 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.

GARDENING: SPICE UP YOUR GARDEN AND IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH

Jennifer Fairfield

April 23 (1 Thursday)

1:00 to 3:00 pm

Chelsea Senior Center, 512 Washington St., Chelsea, MI

Garden Mill owner Jennifer Fairfield will discuss growing and cooking with herbs. In addition to adding flavor to your favorite dishes, herbs are filled with antioxidants and essential nutrients. Did you know that one of the compounds in thyme is a key ingredient in Listerine because of its antiseptic properties, or that basil has a detoxifying effect on the liver, and that just the smell of rosemary may improve your memory? Join us and explore the value of herbs in your recipes and your quest for wellness.

Jennifer Fairfield grew up in southern New Jersey - "The Garden State" - helping out in her grandmother's gardens. She 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.

HISTORY OF TRANSPORTATION IN WASHTENAW COUNTY

Grace Shackman

(Presented in cooperation with Washtenaw Community College)

May 5, 12, 19 & 26 (4 Tuesdays)

2:00 to 4:00 pm

Cedars of Dexter, 411 Cedars Lane, Dexter, MI

We will study modes of transportation in the 19th century ranging from stage coaches, to railroads, street cars, and the interurban. In the 20th century we will look at the onset of motorized vehicles and how that changed our way of life as well as the many connected businesses such as auto parts manufacturing, car dealerships, and gas stations. We will end by discussing the future of the automobile in the 21st century. The class will consist of two slide lectures and two field trips.

NOTE: Field trips on May 12 & 26 may not be handicapped accessible.

Grace Shackman began writing historic articles when her children were little to combat boredom. Once started, she was amazed at all the subjects waiting to be explored and has continued to the present date. As her articles received attention she was often asked to give talks or lead walks which led to her regular teaching at Washtenaw Community College in 1998 and later for ALI. She has written several books and continues to write for the *Ann Arbor Observer* and the *Old West Side News*.

THE MAKING OF MODERN INDIA

Jiu-Hwa Upshur

February 26, March 4 & 11 (3 Wednesdays)

1:00 to 3:00 pm

Chelsea Senior Center, 512 Washington St., Chelsea, MI (Board Room)

When Europeans reached India in the late 15th Century, most of the Subcontinent was ruled by a Muslim dynasty originally from Central Asia. By the late 19th Century, Britain had become the supreme power in India, ruling until 1947. This course will look at the impact of British rule, the formation of three successor states on the Subcontinent after its departure and their relationship with one another. Finally, we will discuss these three states' place in today's world.

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, Eastern Michigan University (retired in 2007).

MINDFULNESS, MEDITATION AND MOVEMENT

Karla Groesbeck

(Presented in cooperation with Washtenaw Community College)

February 25, March 3, 10 & 17 (4 Tuesdays)

2:00 to 4:00 pm

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

(NOTE: There are 4 steps down leading into the room.)

Ahhhh. We want to feel good. We want our minds to be clear and calm. We want to feel relief from day-to-day stress. Stress depletes our energy, robs our memory, and even contributes to illness. It is said that challenging things happen, but suffering is optional. In this class you will experience practical meditation techniques that you can do anywhere, anytime, and not just seated in one place. You will have opportunities to feel mind/body connection that may bring you into conscious awareness, and the peaceful power of the present moment. Gentle internal empowerment exercises with minimal movement will be offered as guided meditation. (This is an ongoing class and is not necessary to have taken it previously.)

Karla Groesbeck, (with nearly 25 years teaching experience) has a wealth of information in the body movement, meditation, Qigong and martial aspects of Tai Chi. As Manager of Crazy Wisdom Bookstore in the late 90's, she enjoyed the company of, and the opportunities to learn from many dignitaries of the spiritual community of Ann Arbor including Tibetan and Zen Buddhist teachers, as well as masters of Western esoteric traditions. She is the owner and founder of Tai Chi Love, and a popular instructor/presenter at many venues in Ann Arbor, and throughout Washtenaw and Wayne Counties. With hundreds of students, she innovates internal empowerment training, as well as Tai Chi solo, two-person and weapons forms.

MOOD LIFTERS FOR SENIORS

Dr. Scott Roberts

May 18 (1 Monday)

10:30 am to 12:30 pm

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

Late life depression and anxiety are unfortunately common, with relatively few older adults receiving formal mental health services for these conditions.

This presentation will describe Mood Lifters, a para-professionally administered, community-based program designed to improve participants' well-being. The program draws from proven psychotherapies (e.g., cognitive-behavioral therapy, positive psychology) to teach its participants techniques across five domains key to mental health: sleep, cognition, emotional regulation, social processes, and behavior. We will consider how future Mood Lifters programs might be adapted to address issues commonly faced by older adults, including transition to retirement, coping with increased health challenges, and loneliness/social isolation.

Dr. Scott Roberts is a clinical psychologist at the University of Michigan School of Public Health, with a specialization in mental health and aging. His research interests include brain health and communication of genetic risk information for Alzheimer's disease.

MUSICAL THEATER

Hank Muir and Chris Lenehan

March 24, 31, April 7 & 14 (4 Tuesdays)

1:00 to 4:00 pm (3 hours)

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

This class was created long ago for ALI by Angelo Angelocci and is now carried on by his personally-chosen successors. Each week a filmed version of a musical from Broadway, Hollywood, the world of opera or Gilbert & Sullivan will be shown. The movies are shown on a big screen, usually with sub-titles. Before and after the showing there will be discussion delving into the inspiration behind the show's creation, its performers and creative team, the chronology of its different productions, and the place it occupies in theatrical history. There is always time for members of the class to ask questions and share their own insights.

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 through high school and then at the University of Pennsylvania. 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.

RELIGION AND VIOLENCE

Rev. Ken Phifer

(Presented in cooperation with Washtenaw Community College)

April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 (5 Wednesdays)
10:00 am to 12:00 noon

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

Violence is one of the great challenges of the 21st century, as it has always been. How can we resolve conflict and manage serious differences without assaulting and killing each other? Among reasons suggested for why we are violent is that religion tells us to do so. What is the link between religion and violence? Does religion necessarily involve violence? Can religion help us to curb violence? Are some religions more violent than others? Why? Why not? These are some of the questions we shall consider in this course, in lectures and discussion.

Kenneth W. Phifer is a retired Unitarian Universalist minister. He served for 25 years as the minister of the Ann Arbor congregation. He has degrees from Harvard College and the University of Chicago Divinity School. He is the author of numerous articles and books. He has 17 grandchildren.

SENSES AND MEMORY IN THE BRAIN: HOW DO THEY WORK?

Charlie Taylor

April 7, 14, 21 & 28 (4 Tuesdays)
10:00 am to 12:00 noon

Chelsea Retirement Community-Dancey Theater, 805 W. Middle Street, Chelsea, MI

How do our senses work? Without them, we could not function as humans at all.... This class will review the way that sight, sound, touch and taste enter our thoughts, from sense organs on the outside to the brain parts involved on the inside. We will also spend some time learning about...learning! In recent years, neuroscience has revealed a tremendous amount about how memories are preserved in the brain and later recalled, facts that were truly unknown only 40 years ago. As always, this class will rely heavily on questions and conversation from class members! No previous biology experience is needed.

Charlie Taylor received a PhD from University California, Berkeley in 1980 and was a postdoctoral fellow in brain science in 1980-82. He has authored many scientific articles and presented at scientific meetings. He was involved in drug discovery for Parke-Davis from 1982 to 2001 and then with Pfizer until 2007. He has lived in Chelsea since 1983 and now works part-time as a consultant. He previously taught classes on science topics for ALI each year since 2009, and he taught undergraduate neuroscience at University of Michigan in 2011-2013.

THE SEARCH FOR GENERAL TSO

Frances Wang

(Presented in cooperation with Washtenaw Community College)

March 30 (1 Monday)
12:30 to 3:00 pm

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

Who is General Tso and why are we eating his chicken? Watch the Sundance Selects documentary film, "The Search for General Tso," as director Ian Cheney (King Corn, The City Dark) journeys from Shanghai to New York to the American Midwest and beyond to uncover the origins of this iconic dish, turning up surprising revelations and a host of humorous characters along the way. Local writer and educator, Frances Kai-Hwa Wang, will lead a guided discussion about the significance of this dish in our lives, the role of Chinese restaurants in American Immigration history, and the question of when does Chinese food become American food? Extra credit question: Where were fortune cookies invented? Everyone will leave with a recipe for General Tso's chicken and a recommendation for Frances' favorite local Chinese restaurant.

Frances Kai-Hwa Wang is a journalist, essayist, speaker, educator, and poet focused on issues of diversity, race, culture, and the arts. The child of immigrants, she was born in Los Angeles, raised in Silicon Valley and now divides her time between Michigan and the Big Island of Hawaii. Her writing has appeared at *NBC News Asian America*, *PRI Global Nation*, *New America Media*, *Pacific Citizen*, *Angry Asian Man*, *Cha Asian Literary Journal*, *Kartika Review*, three chapbooks, and several anthologies, journals, and art exhibitions. She teaches Asian-Pacific Islander American studies at the University of Michigan and creative writing at University of Hawaii Hilo and Washtenaw Community College. She co-created a multimedia artwork for the Smithsonian Asian-Pacific American Center, Indian-American Heritage Project online art exhibition. She has a weakness for a well-crafted argument and a lyrical turn of phrase.

SNAPSHOTS OF THE INUPIAQ ESKIMO LIFE-WAYS: BEFORE OIL AND AFTER

Pam Ross

February 24 (1 Monday)

1:00 to 3:30 pm

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

The first half of this session will explore the semi-subsistence lifeways of inland Inupiaq Eskimos in northwest Alaska during the mid-1960s. The announcement of oil on the North Slope in 1968 marked the end of the Late Post-Contact Time Period and the beginning of the Oil Age. The second half of the session will highlight the impact of oil on village life when viewed in the mid-1990s. Many artifacts will be on display and there will be time for Q&A.

NOTE: Pam's Alaskan artifacts will be on public display at Silver Maples during February and will be available for more hands-on viewing at the lecture.

Pam Ross is a retired librarian with a second master's in anthropology. In the mid-1960s, she and her former husband lived a semi-subsistence lifestyle for a year in an inland Arctic Eskimo village ending with a six-week seal hunt on the coast. She returned to the same village for a year in the mid-1990s to do anthropological fieldwork while studying the intergenerational transmission of the women's subsistence knowledge. During a three month camping road trip to the northwest in 2016, Pam returned, yet again, to "her" village.

A VIRTUAL NATURE WALK

Don Chalfant

May 1 (1 Friday)

2:00 to 4:00 pm

Cedars of Dexter, 411 Cedars Lane, Dexter, MI

Were I to lead a nature walk with you, I'd start by encouraging you to use your eyes - not just to look, but to look more closely, from a different angle, get a new perspective. I'd also encourage you to listen to the sounds made by each animal we encounter, and I'd also share a detail that might help you remember the plant or animal. This program is such a walk, and will include sounds and photography.

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.

WELCOME TO BRAZIL

Rosangela Lawrence

(Presented in cooperation with Washtenaw Community College)

March 2 & 9 (2 Mondays)

10:30 am to 12:30 pm

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

Come and discover BRAZIL, the largest country in South America. Explore the history and culture of this ethnically diverse nation and one full of surprises. This class will benefit those who are planning a pleasure or business trip to Brazil, those who interact with Brazilians on a daily basis, as well as anyone with a desire to learn more about this country with the world's largest river system and most extensive rain forest.

Rosangela Lawrence is a native of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, with language degrees in both Portuguese and English. She taught both languages in Brazil for several years. In the U.S., she has been working with the Portuguese language and Brazilian culture since 1995, teaching and writing her own courses at WCC and working with translation, interpretation and tutoring.

WORLD MYTHOLOGY

Elisabeth Thoburn

(Presented in cooperation with Washtenaw Community College)

May 7, 14 & 21 (3 Thursdays)

2:00 to 4:00 pm

Cedars of Dexter, 411 Cedars Lane, Dexter, MI

This is a three-part class on Mesopotamia and the Oldest Mythology. The classes are divided into three parts:

- Part 1: Ancient Mesopotamia and an Introduction into Myth Theory
- Part 2: The Enuma Elish and its context
- Part 3: The Gilgamesh and its impact

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, Asia, 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.

PLEASE NOTE

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 First United Methodist, St. Mary, and St. Paul Churches.