

# High Country Lifelong Learning Summer 2013

Lectures are held at the Lois E. Harrill Senior Center located in the Watauga County Human Services Building at 132 Poplar Grove Connector, Suite A, Boone.

## **Hike - Mt. Jefferson State Natural Area**

When: Tue, Jun 4 10:30am to 1:00pm

Place: Mt. Jefferson State Natural Area

Description: Ranger led hike and picnic lunch Mt. Jefferson State Natural Area Ashe County: Hwy #221 turn on Mt Jefferson State Park Road; drive to the top June 4th 10:30-1:00 Meet with the ranger at the Picnic Shelter for a 1.3 mile hike at 4683 feet above sea level. Explore natural science and the human history of the area. Bring a bag lunch for a picnic after the hike. Please wear sturdy shoes and bring water to drink.

## **Lifelong Artists**

When: Every Wed, Jun 5 - Aug 9:00am to 12:00pm

Place: Classroom 3

Description: Instructor: JoAnn Pippin, Watercolor Artist and ALL Member  
Join JoAnn Pippin and others who will be gathering every Wednesday starting on June 5 for an informal session on painting and inspiration. Just bring your paints and equipment and enjoy the experience. JoAnn has been painting watercolors since 1992, with major inspiration coming from experiences travelling along the Intercoastal Waterway and camping in national parks across the country. She also loves the woodlands and gardens of North Carolina and New England. Her primary studies were at the Art League School in Alexandria, VA, but she has also studied with other nationally acclaimed artists. Her landscapes and close-ups of nature have appeared in galleries and juried art shows in Tennessee, North Carolina, New Hampshire, Maine, California, and Colorado. She has had two works accepted by the National Watercolor Society for Annual All Member Exhibits. She is a member of the High Country Watermedia Society, the National Watercolor Society, the North Carolina Watercolor Society, the Watauga County Arts Council, and the Avery County Arts Council. More works can be viewed at her website, [www.jlpippinstudio.com](http://www.jlpippinstudio.com).

## **Bird Walk / High Country Audubon Society**

When: Tue, Jun 11 8:30am to 10:00am

Place: Daniel Boone Native Gardens

Description: High Country Audubon Society Bird Walk Daniel Boone Native Gardens on Horn in the West Drive, Boone June 11th 8:30-10:00 Meet at the stone gatehouse. Wear comfortable shoes. Beginners welcome. Plan to hike to the summit of Strawberry Arboretum located across from the Gardens.

## **Watercolor Just for Fun (Session 1)**

When: Tue, Jun 11 9:00am to 12:00pm

Place: Harill Senior Center

Description: Watercolor Painting Just for Fun Presentation by JoAnn Pippin Two Sessions: Two approaches to painting with watercolors Class will be limited to 12 participants. Session 1: Color and Creativity You will immediately put paint to paper using some techniques and tricks that will give rise to your creative juices. While these background paintings are drying, JoAnn will talk about how to use color to make effective paintings along with viewing some examples of paintings and photos to reinforce color and technique concepts. Using these ideas and anything else that pops into your head, you will transform your backgrounds into beautiful paintings. Fee (for materials) \$10.00

## **Changing Religious Landscape in America**

When: Tue, Jun 11 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Description: Dr. Sandie Gravett will speak on Changing Religious Landscape in America: More people than ever in the United States claim they are not religious. And yet we continue to see, particularly in the American South, the influence of religious communities on our lives and in our politics. For many people, the religious right still feels as if it is a mighty force and yet that is not where growth and power truly reside. We will look today at the growing influence of Latino Christians in both the Catholic and Protestant churches, the power of newer traditions such The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons), and the changes in two of our biggest non-Christian groups, Jews and Muslims. We will also think about the ways in which newer spiritualities incorporate some traditional elements of religion, but to different effect. And, of course, we will explore the rising tide of atheism and agnosticism and consider its impact.

## **Prior to the Pilgrims: European Activity in North America Before Plymouth**

When: Thu, Jun 13 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Description: European activity in North America before the Pilgrims. By Dr. Lynne Getz. Unfortunately early history about this great nation of ours has always been short-changed in our schools. All 12 year olds' know that Columbus discovered the 'new world' in 1492. They are also well versed in the 1622 landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth. What went on in the intervening 130 is as much of a mystery as the thousands of years man was in North America before Columbus. Dr. Getz will fill in this 130 year blank.

## **Watercolor Just for Fun (Session 2)**

When: Tue, Jun 18 9:00am to 12:00pm

Place: Senior Center classrooms

Description: Watercolor Painting Just for Fun Presentation by JoAnn Pippin Two Sessions: Two approaches to painting with watercolors Class will be limited to 12 participants. Session 2: Composition If there is a scene or an object that you are inspired to paint, this session is the one for you. Bring your idea, a photo of a landscape, flowers, food, or whatever. Using the concepts from the first class and adding a bit about composition, JoAnn will work with you to plan, sketch, and paint your masterpiece.

## **The Jewish Elements in Elie Weisel's Holocaust Memoir "Night."**

When: Tue, Jun 18 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Description: Dr, Rosemary Horowitz will speak on The Jewish Elements in Elie Weisel's Holocaust Memoir "Night." "Night" is an account of what happened to Weisel during the Nazi occupation of Europe. By understanding the religious aspects of the work, readers can deepen their appreciation of the text.

## **The Hillsville Shooting presented by Michael Finney**

When: Wed, Jun 19 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Place: Senior Center

Description: Pandemonium broke out in a crowded Hillsville, Virginia courtroom on March 14, 1912 when gunfire suddenly erupted. Combatants exchanged close to sixty shots in the courtroom and more on the steps and lawn outside. At the end of the shooting five people lay dead or dying, with several others suffering gunshot wounds. The presentation introduces the people involved, chronicles events leading to the shooting and explores difficult issues/questions the incident evokes.

## **Creating Travel Journals (2 Classes)**

When: Thu, June 20 & 27, 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Place: Senior Center

Sue Spirit and Lois Sessoms will lead a workshop on creating travel journals. Participants are encouraged to bring tales, sketches, photos, maps, receipts and other remembrances for some hands-on fun in capturing memories of a special travel experience you've had. Better than a shoebox full of photos, a spiral bound journal is a good starting point for beginning. Bring one! Other materials we will have on hand are paper, pencils, scissors, pens, colored pencils, markers, watercolor paint, and adhesives. You might like to bring other interesting bits and pieces for the group to use. The facilitators will demonstrate and aid in using media and narrative when creating travel journals.

## **Book Talk**

When: Tue, 2 July, 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Place: Senior Center

Book Talk is an opportunity for bookworms and bibliophiles to share with each other their love for reading and opinions about materials they are reading. Learn about new books from the other participants and discuss broader topics that start from the content of these discussions. Bring some favorite books with you and share with the group. Book Talk is always a lively conversation!

## **Bird Walk/ High Country Audubon Society**

When: Tue, Jul 9 8:30am to 10:00am

Place: Daniel Boone Native Gardens on Horn in the West Drive

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## **Hike Elk Knob State Park**

When: Tue, Jul 16 11:00am to 2:00pm

Place: Elk Knob State Park

Description: Elk Knob State Park 5564 Meat Camp Road Todd, NC July 16. 11:00- 2:00 Hike to the summit of Elk Knob on a 1.9 mile (one way) trail. Bring a bag lunch to enjoy at the top along with the stunning views. Meet at the trail head parking lot.

## **How Did We Get into This Mess: A Non-political View of Taxes and Spending**

When: Wed, Jul 17 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Description: How did we get into this mess? By Ron Pippin. For the last five years we have been bombarded by new stories, political rants and barber chair talk about our national debt. This program will be a non-political look at how this debt was accumulated over the past 60 years. Sorry, no finger pointing, just the facts. However, it will leave you with an understanding of the difficulty in correcting the problem.

**The Cone Family (Part 1)** - Presented by Dodie Glowa, Retired History Teacher and Blue Ridge Parkway Volunteer

When: Thu, Jul 18 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Place: Senior Center

Description: Instructor: Dodie Glowa, Retired History Teacher and Blue Ridge Parkway Volunteer Part 1: The Story of Moses and Bertha Cone and Their Blowing Rock Summer Home %u2013 Flat Top Manor Flat Top Manor on the Blue Ridge Parkway, near Blowing Rock, was the summer house of Moses and Bertha Cone. Moses Cone rose from

his early years as an itinerant peddler to become one of the South's principal creators of textile factories, specializing in the first use of colors in denim. Some have referred to him as 'The Father of the Blue Jeans.' We will explore the story of his desire to build a beautiful summer home, second only to the Biltmore Estate in Asheville. Moses wanted his home to reflect more of Americana, rather than an elaborate European home such as the Biltmore. The class will primarily focus on the building of the home, its details, the land and its usage, as well as the interesting couple who spent their summers there.

### **Indonesia: Country of Paradox**

When: Tue, Jul 23 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Group: High Country Lifelong Learning

Description: Dr. Maria Lichtmann will speak on "Indonesia: Country of Paradox". Indonesia is a nation made up of 17,000 islands, so that unity of any kind is a challenge. Yet, the fledgling democracy of 1945 was inaugurated by five principles of unity, its "Pancasila," principles which require belief in God and the establishment of a just society. Yet, among Indonesia's six officially recognized religions, unjust practices remain in the law and human rights violations continue. What can we Americans learn from the struggles to form a fair and just democracy politically and religiously in Indonesia?

### **The Cone Family (Part 2) - Dodie Glowa, Retired History Teacher and Blue Ridge Parkway Volunteer**

When: Thu, Jul 25 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Place: Senior Center

Description: Part 2: The Cone Sisters: Etta and Claribel and their Victorian Lives as Serious Collectors and Friends of some of the World's most Famous Artists In 1949 the collection of art amassed by Etta and Claribel Cone was awarded to the Baltimore Museum of Art. In 2002 that collection was valued at \$1 billion, making them two of the most philanthropic art collectors of our age. This class will look at the lives of these two sisters, opposite in every way except collecting art. Their summers spent in Europe where they met Picasso and Matisse as young, emerging artists, depicts a rare type of life for two wealthy Victorian women. A close association with Gertrude Stein and her brother adds to the interest of their lives as art collectors.

### **Mushrooms and Wild Flowers Presentation & Saunter in the Woods**

When: Wed, 31 July, 10:00am to 11:30am

We will begin at the Senior Center with a presentation by Julie Mullis and progress to trails up Bodenheimer Road

## **APP State Summer Reading**

When: Thu, 1 August, 8:00am to 9:00am

American Dervish has been selected for the 2013 Summer Reading Program. Hayat Shah is a young Pakistani-American who wrestles with his religious identity, tumultuous feelings for his mother's friend, Mina, that he can't explain, and his own sense of himself in Ayad Akhtar's *American Dervish*. In many ways, the story is as much Mina's and her mystical embrace of Islam as it is a coming of age story of Hayat. Hayat's wish to earn Mina's respect as a young hafiz, someone who has memorized the entire Quran, gradually comes into conflict with his infatuation for her with terrible and unforeseen consequences. In the end, however, Hayat slowly arrives at an understanding of not only his father's wholesale rejection of Islam but also of Mina's mystical fervor and its demands. He seeks and finds a balance between his cultural identity, his sense of his own family, and his personal values. *American Dervish* will be provided to all incoming freshmen at Appalachian, and Ayad Akhtar will speak to members of the campus community and others during Convocation in the Holmes Center on campus, September 10. Akhtar also will participate in other discussions on campus and in the community, on September 11.

## **The Once and Future Appalachian Theatre**

When: Tue, Aug 6 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Place: Harrill Senior Center

Description: The Once and Future Appalachian Theatre presented by Dr. Frank Mohler. The 1938 Appalachian Theatre was a cinema in downtown Boone until the modern multiplex cinema was too much competition. It closed in 2007 after 69 years of operation. This program will look at the history of this theater, which was for many years the center of social activity in Boone. It will detail the current effort to restore the theater and renovate it into a modern live performance venue.

## **Culture of Fiji from a Peace Corps Perspective**

When: Thu, Aug 8 10:00am to 11:30am

Place: Senior Center

Description: Janice Johnson will share her experiences as a Peace Corps representative in the Fiji Islands.

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## **Ukranian Music**

When: Tue, Aug 13 2:00pm to 3:00pm

## **The Moors in Spain**

When: Thu, Aug 15 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Description: The Moors in Spain. By Dr. Josette Maxwell. If you have ever been to Spain, you are well aware of the great architectural masterpieces left behind by the Moorish occupation. Dr. Maxwell will not only address the architecture but the many other Moorish cultural and scientific gifts provided to the Spanish, while the rest of Europe was 'sleeping' through the Dark Ages.

## **Hike New River State Park**

When: Tue, Aug 20 11:00am to 1:30pm

Place: New River State Park (Hwy 221 Access)

Description: New River State Park (Hwy 221 Access) Ranger led 2.5 mile loop trail hike and bag lunch August 20th 11:00-1:30 Meet at the Visitor Center for a 10 minute video and then join the ranger to explore the flora and fauna of the area. We will go down hill to walk along the river, stopping at picnic tables for lunch before hiking back on gentle hills to the visitor center. This river was almost dammed and land lost; so come and see it now. Meet at the Visitor Center by taking #221 North from Jefferson for 7 miles; entrance is clearly marked on the right.

## **The Middle Fork of the Salmon River - Mike Duus**

When: Wed, Aug 21 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Place: Senior Center

Description: In July, Mike will be traveling to Idaho for a 6-day river trip on Idaho's Middle Fork of the Salmon River. This pristine wilderness area is very protected and access to the river is limited to a lottery system each year, which took his group 10 years to win a permit. Mike will describe the natural and human history of the region and share highlights of the trip.