

## **HIGH COUNTRY LIFELONG LEARNERS**

### **Fall 2014 Catalog of Programs and Events**

**September, October, November, and December**

**Most programs are held at the Lois E. Harrill Senior Center at 32 Poplar Grove Connector in Boone, unless otherwise noted.**

#### **Lifelong Painters**

When: Every Wednesday: 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, except November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Leader: JoAnn Pippin, watercolor artist with 20 years of experience

Join JoAnn and others who gather every Wednesday for a “paint together” session. Just bring your watercolors and equipment and be inspired by this lively group of painters. All levels are invited, but some experience with watercolor is helpful.

#### **The Five "Stans"**

When: Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Location: Harrill Senior Center - 2nd Floor Conference Room

Diana Mast White will bring us a travelogue of her recent trip to Five Stans - the Silk Route countries of Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan.

#### **North Carolina Slavery and Slave Narratives**

When: Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Location: Harrill Senior Center – Dining Room

Dr. Grace McEntee, ASU Department of English – A number of African Americans enslaved in North Carolina who found way to the North wrote accounts of their experiences. Their stories of escape are varied, often amazing. This presentation will cover some of other most fascinating North Carolina slave narratives, with special focus on the state's, most famous fugitive slave, Harriet Jacobs of Edenton, NC.

## **Community Event – Watauga Reads – Clapton’s Guitar**

When: Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 – 11:30 am

Location: Watauga County Public Library

Wayne Henderson, the craftsman, speaks at the Library about the book, Clapton’s Guitar. Allen St. John visits and observes Wayne Henderson in Virginia as he makes the finest guitars using little more than a pile of good wood and a sharp whittling knife. There is a ten-year waiting list for Henderson’s heirloom acoustic guitars, and even a musical legend like Eric Clapton must wait his turn. Time is measured by old jokes, music, and homemade lemon pies shared by good friends.

## **Movies at the Library: O Brother, Where Art Thou?**

When: Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 4:30 pm

Location: Watauga County Public Library

High Country Lifelong Learners, in association with the Watauga County Public Library, invite you to join us for a movie viewing of O Brother, Where Art Thou? (2000). The Coen Brothers direct this movie set in the deep South during the 1930’s where three escaped convicts search for hidden treasure while a relentless lawman pursues them. Did you know that this film’s story is a modern satire loosely based on Homer’s epic poem, the Odyssey? The movie sound track won a Grammy for its old time music. The film has a rating of PG – 13 and an approximate run-time of 106 minutes.

If you like, bring a seat cushion, sweater, snack, BYOBeverage, and we will have the popcorn.

## **Journaling with Sue Spirit**

When: Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Location: Harrill Senior Center – Classroom 3

Do you keep a journal or would like to start? Sue Spirit’s program will give you lots of ideas for journaling, plus we will try a couple of exercises. Bring a pen and journal or notebook.

## **Adventures in Uganda**

When: Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Location: Harrill Senior Center – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

Professor Kelly Williams, ASU Department of Social Work, will talk about the service-learning experience trip to Uganda she led with 12 students this past summer. While there she also conducted research on Uganda women's view on family planning.

### **Pressed Flower Demonstration – Shirley MacNulty**

When: Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Location: Harrill Senior Center – Classroom 3

Shirley MacNulty will not only provide a demonstration of pressed flower art, but will teach us how to make a note card.

If you are interested in this hands-on demonstration, bring a pair of scissors, Elmer's glue, tooth picks, and tweezers.

Let us know by emailing us at [high.country.lifelong@gmail.com](mailto:high.country.lifelong@gmail.com) with your name and Pressed Flower Art Demonstration **NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**.

### **Is Being Human the Same as Being a Person?**

When: Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 – 4:00 pm

Location: Harrill Senior Center – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

What makes you a person, not just Homo Sapiens? When do you gain your personhood? When do you lose your personhood? Want the answers to these questions? Join us as Dr. Ken Shull, ASU Professor Emeritus guides through these thought provoking questions.

### **Community Event – Science Seminar - Know Watts Cooking: The Physics of Energy-Efficient Cooking**

When: Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Location: ASU, Reich College of Education Building, Parking in the College Street Parking Deck

### **Is Mythology Still a Meaningful Aspect of Modern Life?**

When: Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Location: Harrill Senior Center – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Center

Dr. Rick Spencer will discuss the science, psychology, literature, and “myth-making” in shaping or encoding one's world-view, and its relative value.

## **Jacob, Patriarch of Israel**

When: Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Location: Harrill Senior Center – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

Dr. Alan Hauser presents: Jacob, Patriarch of Israel. In Genesis 25: 19 – 34, Gen. 27, and Gen. 29 – 32 we have a clear, if not always happy, portrait of Jacob (“tricky one” or “heel grabber”) as the Patriarch, who’s other name becomes to be “Israel. We will discuss the very interesting way in which Jacob is portrayed, and the implication this has for the way his progeny, Israel, later relates to God.

## **Native American Spirituality**

When: Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Location: Harrill Senior Center – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

Dr. Sandie Gravett presents a talk on Native American Religion. In trying to talk about Native American spirituality as a whole, we do something of a disservice to the unique and particular traditions and stories associated with a given tribe. But, we can safely think about the connection between spiritual practice, the environmental, and social conditions of a people, and the need to preserve an understanding of history and place. This presentation will explore a variety of traditions from that vantage point to help us think about the purpose and function of a spiritual life and how it serves a community.

## **Elections in the US and Beyond**

When: Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Location: Harrill Senior Center – Dining Room

Dr. Paul Gronke is the Daniel German Distinguished Professor of Political Science at ASU and the Director of the National Early Voting Information Center. He has served for more than a decade as an elections monitor throughout the world and will share some of these unique experiences and discuss the critical role which rules play in influencing the outcomes of elections. Dr. Gronke argues political leaders do not need to stuff or steal ballots, if they are able to control the rules which the ballots are cast.

## **In Flight, Fallow, or Fullness: A Perspective on Humanity's States of Being**

When: Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Location: Harrill Senior Center - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

Throughout our lives and the history of humanity we have found ourselves in various states of being. Periods of our lives or our culture in which we are struggling, sensing our fullness, or aware of seeming stagnation. Each state has something to teach as we journey through our lives and collectively evolve. Rev. Tommy Brown from Boone Unitarian Universalist Fellowship will introduce this concept and facilitate a discussion about these different periods and the opportunities to learn, grow, and evolve through the experience of each.

## **An Adventure through Turkey and Greece**

When: Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 – 4:00 pm

Location: Harrill Senior Center – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

Join Deb, Susan and John on their adventures in Greece and Turkey, great historic sites, art, and food!

## **Movies at the Library – Storm Center**

When: Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 4:30 pm

Location: Watauga County Public Library

High Country Lifelong Learners, in association with the Watauga County Public Library, invite you to join us for a movie viewing of Storm Center. This 1956 movie, starring Bette Davis, is about a small town librarian, who is branded a Communist by local politicians, when she refuses to withdraw a controversial book from the library's shelves. This is the first overtly anti-McCarthyism film to be produced in Hollywood. The film has an approximate run-time of 85 minutes.

If you like, bring a seat cushion, sweater, snack, BYOBeverage, and we will have the popcorn.

## Shape Note Singing

When: Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Location: Harrill Senior Center – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

Mr. Clint Cornett and his chorus from the Mt. Dale Methodist Church will grace us with special style of singing which originated in New England in 1801. The idea behind shape notes is that the parts of a vocal work can be learned more quickly and easily if the music is printed in shapes that match up with the solfege syllables with which the notes of the musical scale are sung. (Wikipedia) fa, sol, la. Think The Sound of Music.

## When the World Turned Upside Down: The Age of Enlightenment

When: Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Location: Harrill Senior Center – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

Josette Maxwell, Ph.D. Traditionally, the Age of Enlightenment is dated from 1650 – 1790, corresponding almost exactly to the evolution of Colonial America. It was the era of the great political philosophers who put forth a new world view, for lack of a better term, which emphasized the role of the individual rather than dominance of the community, the role of human reasoning in lieu of the source of all truth about anything being pronounced by the Church (whether Protestant, Catholic, or Islamic). It laid the foundation for setting aside the divine right of Kings and it spawned deism, a belief in the existence of God proven by reason and nature, who created the universe ruled by natural laws which can be discovered by man, but does not interfere in it as opposed to “revealed by religion”, for example given to Moses or messages given by the archangel Gabriel to Mohammed.

## Book Talk

When: Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Location: Harrill Senior Center – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

Come to Book Talk to discuss your current reading. The book emphasis today is the **Rosie Project** by Graeme Simsion. In the romantic comedy Don Tillman, inept professor of genetics, designs a project to scientifically find his perfect partner, but discovers that you don't find love, it finds you.

## **New Perspectives on the Nazi Holocaust**

When: Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Location: Harrill Senior Center – Classroom 3

Our understanding of the Nazi Holocaust continues to expand. New evidence, new questions, and numerous unfinished issues have broadened and deepened our knowledge of this horrendous event. Dr. Rennie Brantz will discuss how these new developments have changed the history of the Holocaust and what this means for our understanding of genocide today.

## **Looking Back and Looking Forward: Predictions and Perspectives on the 2014 Midterm Elections**

When: Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Location: Harrill Senior Center – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

Dr. Phillip Ardoin and Dr. Will Hicks, ASU Department of Government and Justice Studies, presentation will provide an overview of the role of midterm elections in American Democracy, a discussion of recent changes in partisan campaigning and campaign finance, the impact of the 2010 redistricting process for North Carolina, and perhaps offer their own predictions on the November 2014 Elections.

## **Paper Weaving & Pine Needle Weaving on Gourds**

When: Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Location: Harrill Senior Center – Classroom 3

Pat Moritz, local basket maker, will demonstrate her skill in two medium of weaving.

## **Aquatic Entomology**

When: Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Location: Harrill Senior Center – Dining Room

Are you a fly fisher or a parent or grandparent wondering what your child or grandchild is bringing in from the creek? Well...Matthew Greene, ASU Biology Graduate Student, will show you, with live examples of these critters, and the flies they imitate. I can feel my line twitching, can you?

## **Movies at the Library – Casablanca**

When: Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 4:30 pm

Location: Watauga County Public Library

High Country Lifelong Learners, in association with the Watauga County Public Library, invite you to join us for a movie viewing of Casablanca. This 1942 movie, starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, is set in unoccupied Africa during the early days of World War II. An American expatriate meets a former lover with unforeseen complications. Casablanca won three Academy Awards, including Best Picture. Its lead character, memorable lines, and pervasive theme song have all become iconic. The film has consistently ranked near the top of lists of greatest films of all times. The film has an approximate run-time of 120 minutes.

If you like, bring a seat cushion, sweater, snack, BYOBeverage, and we will have the popcorn.

## **Boone, NC – Present and the Future**

When: Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Location: Harrill Senior Center – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

Join us as Mayor Andy Ball shares with us the current plans and what the future holds for the town of Boone.

## **Book Talk**

When: Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 – 4:00 pm

Location: Harrill Senior Center – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

Share your interesting reading, including Zorba, the Greek, by Nikos Kazantzakis. This classic novel is the story of two men, their incredible friendship, and the importance of living life to the fullest. Zorba, a working man and unfettered spirit, invites the reader to reevaluate the most important aspects of their lives, leading us into the holiday season.

## **Community Event – Novelist – Charlie Lovett**

When: Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

Location: ASU Campus, Belk Library, Room 421

Born in Winston-Salem, authored The Bookman's Tale. His upcoming work, First Impressions: A novel of Old Books, Young Love, and Jane Austin, out this October.

## Movies at the Library – Love Actually

When: Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 4:30 pm

Location: Watauga County Public Library

High Country Lifelong Learners, in association with the Watauga County Public Library, invite you to join us for a movie viewing of Love Actually. Love Actually is a 2003 British Christmas-themed romantic comedy. From aging rock stars, to a stony headmistress, to a monolingual Portuguese housemaid- love arrives in many forms, shapes, and sizes. Here, ten separate, but intertwining, stories of love all lead up to a big climax on Christmas Eve, proving that love is the driving force in all of these people's lives. The film has an R rating and has an approximate run-time of 135 minutes.

If you like, bring a seat cushion, sweater, snack, BYOBeverage, and we will have the popcorn.

## Annual Trip to the Barter Theater, Abingdon, VA

When: Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am – 6:00 pm or so

Location: Carpool from Harrill Senior Center – **leaves** promptly at 10:30 am

Our choice of **matinee of either play below**, begin at 2pm

**Holiday Memories** – Truman Capote, play adapted by Russell Vandenbroucke, “Imagine a morning in late November. A coming of winter mornings many years ago..” as we enter into the memories of Truman Capote’s boyhood, when he was sent to live with distant relatives in Alabama. His best friend is an eccentric 67-year old Miss Sook, who has never left the country, seen a movie, or told a lie. Capote’s autobiographical stories, “The Thanksgiving Dinner” and a Christmas Memory”, have delighted readers for generations, and now they’re brought to life on stage just in time for the holiday season.

**A Modern Christmas Carol**, adapted from Charles Dickens, by Rickard Rose, with original music by Nicholas Piper. This adaptation sets the familiar story in our own backyard. Mr. S is the CEO of MS Enterprises, a multinational high-tech corporation that makes “everything Christmas”. He has decided to shut down his manufacturing plant and ship the jobs overseas, until he receives a late-night visit from an old friend who takes him on an incredible journey. It’s a Christmas story just as heartwarming as the original.

Ticket price for either play is \$33 – 35.00 range.

Order tickets at [www.barthertheater.com/shows-and-tickets.php](http://www.barthertheater.com/shows-and-tickets.php) or by calling 276-628-3991 for MATINEE of either of these plays AND MEET at the senior center parking lot at 10:30 am to carpool to Abingdon.

We will have lunch before the performance.

You will need to order your tickets by the **15<sup>th</sup> of OCTOBER** and notify JoAnn Pippin by email at [rj2pippin@yahoo.com](mailto:rj2pippin@yahoo.com) that you are coming and how many people are in your party.

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The following organizations offer programs that members of High Country Lifelong Learners enjoy:

Chargers and Rechargers – [www.boonenc.org/hiking/](http://www.boonenc.org/hiking/)

Watauga County Public Library – [www.wataugacountylibrary.com](http://www.wataugacountylibrary.com)

High Country Audubon Society – [www.highcountryaudubon.org](http://www.highcountryaudubon.org)

Watauga County Arts Council - [www.watauta-arts.org](http://www.watauta-arts.org)

Blowing Rock Art and History Museum (BRAHM) – [www.blowingrockmuseum.org](http://www.blowingrockmuseum.org)

Mountain Friends – [marysunshinetza@aol.com](mailto:marysunshinetza@aol.com)

Lois E. Harrill Senior Center, 132 Poplar Grove Connector, Boone, NC (828-265-8090)  
offers the following activities weekly:

**Monday**

Art Class (intermediate)	9:00 - 12 noon
Muscles and More	10:30 - 11 a.m.
Bone Builders	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Bingo	11:00 - 11:45 am
Arthritis Foundation	1:00 – 2:00 pm
Zumba Gold	4:00 – 5:00 pm

**Tuesday**

Brain Games	10: 00 – 11:00 am
Exercise	10:30 - 11 am
Nutrition/Health Classes	11:00 - 12 noon
Sit and Knit	1:00 – 4:00 pm
Line Dancing (Call prior to attending)	1:30 - 2:30 pm
Rummikub	2:30 - 3:30 pm
Sewing Classes (\$)	6:00 - 8:30 pm
Yoga (\$)	6:15 - 7:15 pm

**Wednesday**

Art Class (beginner)	9:00 - 12 noon
Life Long Artists	9:00 - 12 noon
Indoor/Outdoor Games	10:00 – 11:00 am
Muscles and More	10:30 - 11 a.m.
Bone Builders	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Bingo	11:00 - 11:45 a.m.
Arthritis Foundation	1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Zumba Gold	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**Thursday**

Music	10:00 - 12 noon
Sign Language	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Crafts	10:00 - 1 p.m.
Exercise	10:30 – 11:00 pm
Needlework Class (\$)	1:00 – 4:00 pm

**Friday**

Gardening	10:00 – 11:00 am
Muscle and More	10:30 – 11:00 am
Bingo	11:00 – 11:45 am