

## 2016 Fall Catalog of Programs and Events

### High Country Lifelong Learners

In the near future, we will have a webpage, as well as a Facebook page. As such, we are recruiting for a volunteer to support these endeavors. Anyone with these skills, please contact us through our email address: [high.country.lifelong@gmail.com](mailto:high.country.lifelong@gmail.com).

Most speaker presentations, memoir writing, Lifelong Painters, and book talks are held at the Lois E. Harrill Senior Center, 132 Poplar Grove Connector in Boone, with some exceptions. Please note room location and time.

Monday Movies at the Library are held at the Watauga County Public Library, 140 Queen St., Boone.

### LIFELONG PAINTERS

LIFELONG PAINTERS WATERCOLOR STUDIO with local artist JoAnn Pippin meets weekly on Fridays from 10:00 to 3:30 at the Harrill Senior Center. No fee. Come any time during these hours to be inspired by local artists who are wild about watercolor. Bring your paints and maybe your lunch. For more information, contact JoAnn Pippin at [rj2pip@yahoo.com](mailto:rj2pip@yahoo.com).

### CLASSES IN SEPTEMBER:

Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2:00—3:30pm: Bees and Plant Pollinators  
Speaker: Prof. Jennifer Geib of the Dept. of Biology at ASU.  
2nd floor conference room

Thursday, Sept. 8, 2:00—3:30: Book Talk

June Mann hosts a roundtable discussion of your favorite summer reading

**\*\*Meet at the Watauga County Public Library\*\***

### MONDAY AT THE MOVIES

Monday, Sept. 12, 2:00—5:00pm

The Wolf of Wall Street (2013) 180 minutes. Jordan Belfort is a Long Island penny stockbroker who served 22 months in prison for defrauding investors in a massive 1990's securities scam that involved widespread corruption on Wall Street and in the corporate banking world. Nominated for 5 Oscars.

**\*\*Meet at the Watauga County Public Library\*\***

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

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2:00—3:30pm: The Potato Famine of the 1840s and Irish Immigration into America

Larry Kaiser returns to discuss how the Great Famine in Ireland caused a crisis in the United States, both for those coming here to flee the disaster and for the American society they moved into. We will discuss the impact of this event on what it would mean to be Irish in America, using the example of one Irish-American family.  
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Friday, Sept. 16, 9:30am—12:00pm: Easy Hike: Cone Manor House to Bass Lake

A leisurely 2 1/2 mile walk from the Cone Manor house down to Bass Lake through lovely wooded areas. We will pass the old apple orchard along the way. Once at Bass Lake, walkers can choose to ride back up or continue the loop around Bass Lake and back up to the manor house/gift shop. Broad, even walking surface. Rated: easy. Call Juin Adams at 828-295-9607 at least by 8pm the night before so she can arrange carpooling and spotting an extra car at the lake for any who need a ride back to the Manor House parking area.

**\*\*Meet at Cone Manor parking lot, mile 294 on Blue Ridge Parkway\*\***

Monday, Sept. 19, 2:00—3:30: The Political History of North Carolina

Presented by Dr. Karl Campbell, Associate Professor of History, ASU.

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Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2:00—3:30: The Rain Forest We Know As Grandfather Mountain! Details of Selected Flora and Fauna  
Naturalist Bob Cantu is our presenter. Did you know there are 1600 unique wildflowers in our local mountains? Which plants have medicinal properties? What was the role of Native Americans in teaching us about these properties? What are the erosive and climatic forces shaping evolutionary change in these plants and

animals? Bring your questions!

2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room

Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2:00—3:30: “My Four Mothers”

Prof. Peter Petschauer, Dept. of History at ASU, shares the story of the four women who shaped his life from Italy and Germany. Hear how these women were able to overcome the ideologies of the Fascists and Nazis by holding on to traditions and household routines.

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Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2:00—3:30: 16<sup>th</sup> Century Catholicism in Mexico

Dr. Cheryl Claassen, Department of Anthropology, and Dr. Laura Ammon, Department of Philosophy and Religion, are teaming up to share the expansion of Catholicism and anthropology in Mexico in the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

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Friday, Sept. 30, 9:30am—1:30pm: Walk on the Greenway followed by Lunch Out

This is a surprisingly lovely, secluded walking trail along the river, paved and nearly level the whole way. You can walk 4 miles or turn back at any time for a shorter walk. We will join the the Blue Ridge Hiking Club who bills this as a leisurely walk ending at noon, followed by lunch at a place chosen by the walkers at the end.

Location: Burnley Park, Hunting Hills Ln. off St. Farm Rd. across from the Armory

**CLASSES IN OCTOBER:**

Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2:00—3:30: Modern English Translations of the Bible and Its Canonization, Presented by Dr. Hauser

We will do a quick scan of various contemporary translations of the Bible into English. Then we will look at the events and processes that led to some documents from ancient Judaism and Early Christianity to be accepted as Scripture, while others were not included. We will also look at the differences among the Jewish, Western Christian, and a Eastern Christian communities

regarding their Scriptures.

2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room

Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2:00—3:30: Does Religion Still Matter to Voters in 2016?

Religion 2016: An Election Primer: Does religion still matter to voters in 2016 nationally? Locally? We will look at campaign 2016 and see whatever happened to “values voters” and where the influence of religion on voting behavior matters — including an assessment of the rise of the “Nones.” Dr. Sandie Gravett is a Professor in the Department of Philosophy & Religion at Appalachian State University.

2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room

### MONDAY AT THE MOVIES

Monday, Oct. 10, 2:00—4:00

Frost/Nixon (2008). 122 Minutes A dramatic retelling of the post-Watergate television interviews between British talk-show host David Frost and former president Richard Nixon. Nominated for 5 Oscars.

**\*\*Meet at the Watauga County Public Library\*\***

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Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2:00—3:30: Novel Discussion, Part 1

1 M. Forster’s *Howards End*

Dr. Robert Higbie, ASU Professor, presents our fall novel in two sessions: today and October 25. E. M. Forster's *Howards End* is a novel about the nature of English society and of society in general; ours too - and our relationship to it. Though it was written in 1910, the problem it describes is one we still face: the conflict between materialism and humanism, between those who transact the world's business and those who care about people's feelings and seek to foster connections between people - and the need to try to reconcile these opposing forces. To secure a copy from Watauga County Library/NC Cardinal, 20 copies are available - some with several titles - Put in your library number and mark place hold for delivery to the library. Our new bookstore - Foggy Pine Books,

444 W. King St. (across from Turchin Center) can order a paperback Signet Classics copy for \$6.95 minus 15% for book club members, including us. Also check Amazon.com/books. Try to add *Howards End* to your summer reading.

Classroom 3

Friday, Oct. 14, 10:30am—1:30pm: Walk/Picnic: Beacon Heights Overlook, Blue Ridge Parkway

We will take a leisurely one mile round trip walk from overlook parking at milepost 305.2 up a gentle rise out onto two different very safe massive rock faces with some of the most spectacular views in the area. A great place to picnic and enjoy the views. Bring something to sit on, lunch and a drink. After lunch, we will drop by the Linville Viaduct visitor center and then take a short paved trail out to look up at the Linville Viaduct. A separate car can be made up of hikers that want to go further on the Tanawha trail to Rough Ridge. We'll drive back on the Parkway. Following is a link to photos and hike description:

[https://www.romanticasheville.com/beacon\\_heights.htm](https://www.romanticasheville.com/beacon_heights.htm)

Meet at Harrill Senior Center for carpooling or drive directly to the overlook, MP 305.2. Call Juin Adams at 828-295-9607 at least by 6pm the night before so she can arrange carpooling.

Monday, Oct. 17, 2:00—3:30: US and Mexico: Friendly or Estranged Neighbors?

Dr. Renee Scherlen and visiting scholar from Mexico, Dr. Antonio Cisneros, both from the Department of Government & Justice Studies, will speak on past, present, and future relations including immigration between the US and Mexico.

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Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2:00—3:30: Charles Darwin: Still the Greatest Psychologist of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century

We welcome back Joe Lowman, retired professor of psychology, who will enlighten us about the father of evolutionary biology, Charles Darwin. Darwin is best known for laying the foundation for modern biology by demonstrating that his adaptive mechanism of natural selection accounts for evolution of plants and animals in

varying and changing ecosystems. His contributions to the modern science of psychology are less well known. This talk will deal with his seminal works on how humans and other animals communicate emotions and how complex human social behavior can be better understood as adaptive mechanisms. Darwin's continued contributions to modern psychological theory and research will be illustrated by ideas from the recent field of evolutionary psychology.

2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room

Monday, Oct. 24, 2:00—3:30: A Discussion of the Upcoming Presidential Election

Dr. Phillip Ardoin returns to discuss the 2016 presidential election, his predictions and a bit of humor. Phillip J. Ardoin is a Professor of American Politics and serves as Chair of the Department of Government and Justice Studies at ASU.

2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2:00—3:30: Novel Discussion, Part 2

1 M. Forster's *Howards End*

Dr. Robert Higbie presents Part II of novel *Howards End* by E.M. Forster. See October 12 for novel description.

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Friday, Oct. 28, 8:30am—4:00pm: Excursion to Old Salem Museum and Gardens & The Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts

We will stroll the district, lunch at the Tavern, then tour the museum (for those who buy tickets) on the way back to the cars. Old Salem's restored and reconstructed buildings, staffed by living-history interpreters, present visitors with a view of Moravian life in the 18th and 19th centuries. The features include skilled interpreters such as tinsmiths, blacksmiths, cobblers, gunsmiths, bakers and carpenters, practicing their trades while interacting with visitors. Approximately 70% of the buildings in the historic district are original, making this a truly unique living history museum. Located in a modern building in the historic district, the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts (MESDA) is dedicated to

exhibiting and researching the regional decorative arts of the early South. In its galleries, MESDA showcases the furniture, paintings, textiles, ceramics, silver, and other metalwares made and used in Maryland, Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, Kentucky, and Tennessee through the early 19th century.

Call Juin Adams at 828-295-9607 at least by 8pm the night before so she can arrange carpooling from the Harrill Senior Center.

Monday, Oct. 31, 2:00—3:30: When Ireland Was Irish (or Before the Brits Took Over)

We welcome back Josette Maxwell who will shine a light on the history of Ireland before England invaded in the mid 12th century beginning with prehistoric times. Basically, here again, those who conquered wrote the history and, of course, it conformed to what they considered to be "truth" which didn't necessarily correspond with reality. Thus, throughout this period, we're going to "correct" the history books because Irish historians, archaeologists, etc. have been seeking out the real history of Ireland when it was Irish. You may be surprised at what things were actually like in this time period.

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

Lois E. Harrill Senior Center –

[http://www.wataugacounty.org/main/App\\_Pages/Dept/Aging/New\\_sletter/](http://www.wataugacounty.org/main/App_Pages/Dept/Aging/New_sletter/)

Blue Ridge Hiking Club – [www.blueridgehikingclub.com](http://www.blueridgehikingclub.com)

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 – [marysunshineta@aol.com](mailto:marysunshineta@aol.com)

Blue Ridge Chapter Native Plant Society -  
[blueridgencnps@yahoo.com](mailto:blueridgencnps@yahoo.com)