

*FIVE COLLEGE
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Descriptions of 5CLIR Special Programs **for Fall Semester 2010**

NOTE: Watch the monthly *5CLIR Reporter* issues for specific dates, times & locations for the following and additional Special Programs throughout the year. Contact the facilitators of the individual Special Programs for further information.

Friday Morning Lectures & Encore Presentations – **Chris Hurn and Larry Ambs, Facilitators** – Hadley Senior Community Center, 46 Middle St (Rte 47). A series of Friday morning lectures (10:00 a.m. to 12 noon), based on some of the most outstanding seminar presentations which members have suggested would be of general interest. Topics will be announced in the newsletter and on the website. For more information, contact: Chris Hurn or Larry Ambs.

Arts Interest Group – **Suzannah Fabing and Betsy Siersma, Facilitators** – This group meets on the third Thursday of each month from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in various locations around the Valley. It presents programs about all of the arts – painting, sculpture, architecture, dance, theater, etc., and welcomes 5CLIR members who might wish to share their contacts, knowledge and/or skills in one or more of the arts. Notify Suzannah Fabing or Betsy Siersma to be put on the list to receive program announcements by email, or to make suggestions about program possibilities. Programs will be offered in September, October, November, February, March, and April. In 2009-10, we visited a pottery studio, theater costuming department, collection of artist's books, furniture-maker, and icon-writer. We anticipate an equally stimulating range of visits in 2010-11.

Viewpoints – **Hy Edelstein, Facilitator** – This group meets the first Thursday of each month, from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. in the small conference room at Highland Valley Elder Services in Florence. "Viewpoints" is an open, informal, spontaneous discussion group, a fresh departure from the formal presentations and discussions in our seminars. However, it does adhere to our peer learning mission. While preparation is not required, at each session several topics proposed by participants are discussed – topics which may be drawn from a whole spectrum of events and trends in society/culture, concerns over developments in public/private life, issues in the humanities/technologies. Discussions over such matters, drawing on the spontaneity, spirit, thoughtfulness, and good humor of its seasoned participants, are indeed enriching learning experiences. For further information, contact Hy.

LIR Book Interest Group – **Gloria Ferber, Facilitator** – This group meets mostly the last Friday afternoon of each month from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., from September through May. Responsibility for leading the discussion of each book is rotated amongst the membership of the book group, with meetings held in members' homes. The group is now open to new members. We read a variety of contemporary fiction and non-fiction, as well as literary classics. Contact: Gloria.

Ethnic Eating Interest Group – **Joice Gare, Facilitator** – This group meets about once a month at a local restaurant featuring food from another country or special region of this country. (Occasionally, it's just a new and intriguing restaurant.) Each dinner is coordinated by a different member of the group who chooses the restaurant, selects the menu and sometimes arranges with staff for someone to talk to us about the food, culture and country their establishment represents. If you want email notification of the dinners or if you have questions, contact Joice.

French Conversation – **Judith Pool, Facilitator** – The group meets every Friday afternoon, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Amherst College Student Center, room 208, **starting October 8th**. This is a group of 5CLIR members who enjoy speaking and learning French. They meet pretty much year round; watch the *5CLIR Reporter* for Fridays when they will not meet. To join the group please contact Judith.

Travel Interest Group – **Marybeth Bridegam and Joan Wofford, Facilitators** – This group meets the fourth Thursday of each month, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Community Room at Lathrop Northampton. Many of us are well traveled, and all of us know of places we would love to go but will never have the time (and/or money) necessary. The Travel Interest Group will provide an opportunity for travelers to share their knowledge, experience, and pleasure with those who so far have only dreamed of going. Marybeth will be your host and Joan will provide technical assistance, if necessary, to put your pictures in the format appropriate for projection. The atmosphere is quite informal, and there is no other obligation (well, unless you are one of the speakers!) than to come and listen to the speaker(s) of the day, when and if you feel interested in the subjects. Check the Newsletter for the monthly programs. You can reach Marybeth or Joan.

Emily Dickinson Poetry Group – **Lise Armstrong, Facilitator** – This is an introduction to the poetry of Emily Dickinson, designed especially for those unfamiliar with her work. All materials needed will be supplied by the facilitator for each session. Location: Amherst Women's Club, 35 Triangle Street, Amherst: **Fridays, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon; Sept 17, Oct 1, 15, 29, Nov 19, Dec. 3**. Open to all LIR members. No need to register and beginners are welcome. Come anytime with a copy of her poems if you have one. We will continue our informal investigations of Dickinson's poetry. Plenty of parking and the building is handicapped accessible. For more details, call Lise or email.

Live Performances – If you want to be notified of events, musical, theatrical or other, unrelated to 5CLIR, that are happening in the area please let Kathy Hazen know that you wish to be on her list.

Conversational Italian – Dean Poli and Zina Tillona, Facilitators – Do you enjoy speaking Italian but don't get enough opportunity to do so? Then join Zina Tillona and Dean Poli on Fridays from 1:30–3:30 p.m. at the Newman Catholic Center, 472 North Pleasant Street, Amherst, when the group discusses in Italian a variety of topics of interest. In addition, in order to get acclimated to hearing native Italians speaking Italian, the group also spends time watching and discussing various Italian movies. You do not have to be fluent in Italian to enjoy the discussions and the movies; all you need is an interest in speaking and improving your Italian. Contact Dean.

Opera Preparation – Peg Bedell, Facilitator – Fridays, Northampton Lathrop Community Room, 1:30–2:30 p.m. A series of HD video productions of operas performed at the Metropolitan Opera will be shown in the fall at the Hadley Cinemark theater on Saturday afternoons. Tickets must be purchased by 5CLIR members in advance. In preparation for seeing (and hearing) them, Peg Bedell will offer an introduction to each opera on the preceding Friday. (EXCEPTION is Thurs., Nov 11th instead of Friday, Nov. 12th). Anyone interested may attend any session. For more information, contact Peg.

Prep dates and operas are as follows:

<u>Prep date</u>	<u>Opera</u>	<u>Date of Cinemark showing</u>
Friday, Oct 8	Wagner: <i>Das Rheingold</i>	Saturday Oct 9
Friday, Oct 22	Mussorgsky: <i>Boris Godunov</i>	Saturday Oct 23
Thursday , Nov 11	Donizetti: <i>Don Pasquale</i>	Saturday Nov 13
Friday, December 10	Verdi: <i>Don Carlos</i>	Saturday Dec 11
Friday, Jan 7	Puccini: <i>La Fanciulla del West</i>	Saturday Jan 8

An additional six prep sessions and operas are scheduled for February, March, April and May. Details will appear in the next Special Programs leaflet.