

*Five College  
Learning in Retirement*

# Special Programs

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# Descriptions of 5CLIR Special Programs for Spring Semester 2011

Note: Watch the monthly *5CLIR Reporter* issues for specific dates, times and locations for the following and additional Special Programs through the year. Contact the facilitators of individual Special Programs with your questions or for information regarding handicap accessibility, parking, guest attendance, etc.

## **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. Spring semester programs will be offered in February, March, and April. In fall 2010, we had a behind-the-scenes look at Valley Light Opera and visited Zea Mays printmaking studio. We anticipate an equally stimulating range of visits in spring 2011, including a conversation with an architect about “green” buildings and a session looking at works on paper at the Smith College Museum of Art. Details will be announced in the 5CLIR Newsletter.

## **Viewpoints – Hy Edelstein, facilitator**

Viewpoints 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. This 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.

## **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 other 5CLIR members who would like to vicariously enjoy their visits. 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 enjoy the beautiful photos and interesting presentations. Here is the schedule for second semester. Check the Newsletter each month for reminders of these monthly programs. Contact information is: Marybeth and Joan.

*Thursday, February 24, 2011* –

Naomi Yanis – South Africa (for the entire two hours, with a break in the middle)

*Thursday, March 24, 2011*–

Joel Halpern and June Guild – Northern Climes: Greenland, Newfoundland, the Orkneys & Faeroe Islands

AND Michael Lally – Ireland

*Thursday, April 28, 2011* –

Ellen Peck – South India

AND Susan Gerstle – North India

## **Ethnic Eating Interest Group – Joice Gare, facilitator**

We meet 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 e-mail notification of the dinners contact Joice Gare.

## **French Conversation – Judith Pool, facilitator**

This is a group of 5CLIR members who enjoy speaking and learning French. They will meet on Fridays at Applewood, from 1:30–3:30 p.m., from January 14 through May 27. Contact Judith to register your interest in this program.

## **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 when the group discusses in Italian a variety of topics of interest. In addition, to become acclimated to hearing native Italians speaking Italian, the group also spends time watching and discussing various Italian movies – some of which contain Italian subtitles.

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. We meet Fridays at 1:30 p.m. in the Quigley Room at the Newman Catholic Center at UMass.

Contact: Dean.

## **Friday Lectures and Encore Presentations – Chris Hurn and Larry Ambs, facilitators**

Come enjoy our Friday programs based on some outstanding seminar presentations which members believe would be of general interest. Occasionally we host outside speakers who discuss topics of interest to our membership. We meet from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Applewood, 1 Spencer Drive, Amherst.

Topics will be announced in the newsletter and on the website. Contacts:  
Larry *or* Chris.

**Live Performances – Kathy Hazen** – 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.

## **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 if you are interested.

## **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 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. Anyone interested may attend any session. For more information, contact Peg.

Prep dates and operas are as follows:

<b><u>Prep date</u></b>	<b><u>Opera</u></b>	<b><u>Cinemark showing</u></b>
Friday Jan 7	Puccini: <i>La Fanciulla del West</i>	Saturday Jan.8
Friday Feb 11	Adams: <i>Nixon in China</i>	Saturday Feb 12
Friday Feb. 25	Gluck: <i>Iphigenie en Tauride</i>	Saturday Feb. 26
Friday Mar. 18	Donizetti: <i>Lucia di Lammermoor</i>	Saturday Mar. 19
Friday Apr. 8	Rossini: <i>Le Comte Ory</i>	Saturday Apr. 9
Friday Apr. 22	Strauss: <i>Capriccio</i>	Saturday Apr. 23
Friday Apr. 29	Verdi: <i>Il Travatore</i>	Saturday Apr. 30
Friday May 13	Wagner: <i>Die Walkure</i>	Saturday May 14