

FALL 2020 CCAL SCHEDULE OF ZOOM CLASSES And Class Descriptions

Traveling Through Panama

Tuesday, **September 15** at 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Charles Hartley

Trolleys Around Oneonta – From Oneonta Street Railway to Southern NY Railway Part III

Thursday, **September 24**, at 1:30 to 3:00 pm
Paul Straney

Introduction to Gender Diversity: Transgender 101

Friday, **October 2** from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Justine Woolner Wise and Patti Noon

Practical Ideas on How to Organize Your Affairs Prior to the Inevitable

Tuesday and Thursday, **October 6 and 8**, 10:00 -11:30 am
Judith Pachter

Things I Learned While Traveling that I Did Not Expect

Thursday, **October 8** at 1:00 to 2:00 pm
Charles Hartley

FDR's Second Term

Mondays, **October 12, 19, and 26** at 1:00 to 2:30 pm
Harry Pence

From Professor Gilbert to “Ukulele Steve”: A Hopefully Entertaining Story

Wednesdays, **October 14 and 21**, 1:00 – 2:00 pm
Steve Gilbert

Oneonta to Mohawk Trolley Line

Thursdays, **October 15 and 22**, 1:30 to 3:00 pm
Paul Straney

Medicare 101

Monday, **October 19**, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Jim Farnham

(Advanced registration is required for the class, info on registering is in the Class Description area below.)

Building Bridges in Cuba....although the bridges I built turned out to be different ones from my expectations!

Tuesday, **October 20 and 27** at 10:00 to 11:00 am
Shirley Ferguson

“Love Harry!” Christian Imagination in the Wizarding World of Harry Potter

Thursdays, **October 29 and Nov. 5** at 1:30 to 3:00 pm
Carmel Ann Sperti

20 Years of Innovation: Diaghilev’s Ballets Russes

Mondays, **November 2 and 9** at 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Gail Baden

Genealogy for Beginners

Friday, **November 6 and 13** 1:00 to 2:00 pm
Eileen Multari

2020 U.S. Presidential Election: What Happened, Why, and So What?

Thursday, **November 12** from 3:00 to 5:00 pm
Paul Scheele, Richard Barberio, Laurel Elder

The Year Without a Summer - 1816

Wednesday, **November 18**, 1:00 – 2:30 pm
Robert Parmerter

Mary Magdalene: Divine Mother of Our Time

Thursday, **November 19**, 10:00 to 11:30 am
Dale Capristo

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Traveling Through Panama

Photos and stories of our travel through Panama with the canal, the hat, the people, the jungles, the beaches, monkeys, sloths, alligators, iguana, birds and waves.

Trolleys Around Oneonta

From Oneonta Street Railway to Southern NY Railway Part III

Continuing where the previous class from July left off, we will continue to explore the trolley lines within the City limits, covering material we did not get to in the July class. Using vintage photos, narrative and discussion, we will continue to explore the streets in Oneonta that the trolley traveled along, and the local businesses and people the line served. We will also discuss the end of service within the City limits.

Introduction to Gender Diversity: Transgender 101

A presentation of the components and diversity of gender – the lived experience of persons who are gender non-conforming and information on the expanding vocabulary around gender and sexuality. Ample time for Q&A provided. Information on local and national resources will be provided.

Practical Ideas on How to Organize Your Affairs Prior to the Inevitable (This is mostly a repeat of the course given in October 2019)

I strongly suggest to attend this course with your spouse or partner if a member of CCAL.

We will discuss how to organize your paperwork so that you and your family will not feel overwhelmed upon your death or the death of your spouse. We will talk about making your wishes clear in order to avoid squabbles among your heirs and also to give you practical ideas so that you are not spending money on needless professional fees.

Things I Learned While Traveling that I Did Not Expect

Photos and stories from a dozen or so countries including “Hoisting children through a bus window”, “Bananas for the monkeys, then peanuts”, “It was the best \$500 I ever spent for one hour”, “You really can send people an email from a foreign country and they will send you \$1000”, “I met a man who made his own island”, “The Chicken Village”, and more.

FDR's Second Term

As Roosevelt’s first term came to a close, assumptions about the responsibilities of government had changed dramatically, but economic problems still persisted. New Deal Legislation was under attack from left and right. Some Americans believed that fascism represented the best alternative, while many of the best and brightest in Europe fled to this country to escape fascism. This is also a good time to examine the special relationship that existed between FDR and Eleanor. This course is a continuation of last year’s Roosevelt Takes Command, but the material from that earlier course is not required to enjoy the current offering.

From Professor Gilbert to “Ukulele Steve”: A Hopefully Entertaining Story

Following a brief description of a personal journey from teacher to teaching-entertainer, I will introduce, discuss and perform approximately 25 songs per class (of the approximately 150 songs in my repertoire). As it is impossible to totally suppress the psychology-teacher in my nature, some information, observations, and speculations about aging and music will seep in throughout!

Oneonta to Mohawk Trolley Line

Building on the class "Trolleys Around Oneonta", this class will explore the push north by the Oneonta Street Railway that ultimately connected Oneonta to Cooperstown and the Mohawk Valley. As with the previous class, this course looks not only on the equipment used, but also at the trolley line within the context of the communities it served, examining what it was, where it went, how it affected those communities, and how changes in the area shaped it and ultimately rendered it obsolete.

Medicare 101

Are you currently enrolled in Medicare? Will you be turning 65 over the next year or two? Learn about eligibility, how and when to enroll, when you can make changes, and the insurance options available to you. Review and compare what services are covered/not covered under Medicare Parts A, B, C and D. Detail the costs associated with medical and drug insurance. Explore and evaluate Original Medicare, Medicare Supplement Insurance, Prescription Drug Plans and Medicare Advantage Plans. This program will simplify the choices you need to make, help you make more well-informed decisions and explain what Medicare means for you! This is an educational event.

You must register in advance for this educational event.

At the registration page,
please **fill in your first name only**
and leave your last name blank.

Please register at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Cg3SCGo1Q9qVgkgtP8Ukfw

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Building Bridges in Cuba....although the bridges I built turned out to be different ones from my expectations!

Last fall when I wrote my original proposal about my Cuba trip that I had not yet actually gone on, my description for the course was based on documentation and expectations I had received from the volunteer organization with which I had signed up. The reality turned out to be quite different from these expectations...although the trip still provided a diverse and engaging look into Cuban culture and its people. However, I did NOT create ceramic tiles for the community, nor did I participate in dance workshops and sports games with the children, and although I thoroughly enjoyed my meals, members of the arts community rarely joined us for those meals. I DID, however, live in a former barrio outside Havana, and I DID spend much time at Muraleando, a community art center, and I DID stay in local casas partiulares, family run bed and breakfasts in private homes. And I DID experience and enjoy local foods and music and art!

And on the extension, I was also able to explore diverse parts of Cuba - Trinidad, Cien Fuegos, and the Vinales Valley, all of which were unique and delightful. So, although not quite the trip I had expected, it turned out to be one that was fulfilling and satisfying in other ways.

Come join me in October as I relate, through photos and narrative, based on my experiences on this 12-day trip last February, a look into the Cuba of today!

“Love Harry!” Christian Imagination in the Wizarding World of Harry Potter

Using images and embedded videos from the films, this course stimulates discussion among participants of all religious (or no) traditions on core values, symbols and situations as presented in JK Rowling’s *Harry Potter* series of books and films. Participants are expected to have read at least one book or seen at least one film in the series.

20 Years of Innovation: Diaghilev's Ballets Russes

The Ballets Russes is widely regarded as the most influential ballet company of the 20th century. The world of ballet changed forever when Serge Diaghilev's Ballets Russes took Paris by storm in May 1909. Diaghilev brought together cutting-edge composers, designers and dancers including Nijinsky, Picasso, Chanel and Stravinsky. These artists revolutionized ballet with exotic costumes and sets, stunning dance performances and choreography. Through photos, film and illustrations, this class will acquaint participants with this brilliant dance company.

Genealogy for Beginners

This course is a modification of the genealogy course presented in Fall 2019 for people interested in researching their family roots and creating a family tree. This 2 session course is designed to show you how to begin your search and create an online family tree using ancestry.com (you may use a different application if you wish). We go over how to use online sources (census records, city directories, military records, etc.) and learn how and where to apply for other documents from local, state and other government sources to gain information about your ancestors. How to use DNA testing in your research will also be discussed, as well as how to break through brick walls when you think you have come to a dead end in your research.

2020 U.S. Presidential Election: What Happened, Why, and So What?

The course will consist of one two-hour session during which the facilitators, Professor of Political Science Laurel Elder of Hartwick College, Paul Scheele, retired professor of political science at SUNY Oneonta, and Richard Barberio, associate professor of political science at SUNY Oneonta, will offer their descriptions and analyses of the November elections, followed by time for class members to share their assessments, insights, and questions. Attention will be paid to both presidential and congressional elections because, constitutionally at least, both president and Congress share in setting national policies.

The Year Without a Summer - 1816

A look at the cause of that lack of a summer and the effects, state and local, using reports from 200 years ago.

Mary Magdalene: Divine Mother of Our Time

Beloved of Jesus, Scorned Woman, First Apostle, Teacher, Healer, Oppressed, Dismissed and now – Sainted. Who was she? Reading from several sources we will engage in a process of discovery to “unveil the mystery” that Mary Magdalene embodies. We will delve more deeply into qualities of Mary Magdalene to incorporate more of the Divine Feminine in our own lives.

Cost of two books: Mary Magdalene: Insights From Ancient Magdala by Jennifer Ristine and The Gospel of the Beloved Companion by Jehanne De Quilian