

FALL 2021 SCHEDULE OF CCAL CLASSES AS OF 9/15/21

Unless Specified, all classes Will Meet on Zoom

Zoom Links will be emailed weekly

Absolutely Not Your Normal CCAL Photography Class, 2nd Edition

Bill Ryall

Wednesday, September 29

9:30 – 12:00 Noon

This class will be a one-session field experience with no pre- or post-classroom time involved. There will be no formal instruction on site but simply a chance for those who have taken CCAL photography classes in the past (but also for those who have not, for sure) to be out in the field working on photo composition techniques, developing their own vision and sharing thoughts and ideas with fellow-photographers. This is the facilitator's effort to keep us shooting until we can once again get back together for regular classroom instruction.

We hope that the color of the fall foliage will be at its peak for this field experience. The field experience will also include a guided tour of the Mill itself, giving participants not only an occasion to do some indoor photography but also to learn the fascinating history of the facility.

Please note: Whether you are vaccinated or not the wearing of a face mask is mandatory for all when we are on site, both indoors and outdoors.

Please note also that we were not able to schedule a rain date. Should inclement weather force us to cancel class we will look forward to the beauty of Fall 2022! We would love to start promptly at 9:30 so please arrive a few minutes early to take care of your admission fee and to check in with our class assistant. Bring your camera(s) and dress comfortably! We will gather in the parking lot just outside the Hanford Mills office. Please feel free to contact Bill with questions or concerns:

ProfRyall@aol.com.

Cost: \$4.50 per person for admission

Location: Hanford Mills Museum, East Meredith, NY

Registration: **Limited enrollment of 12.** To register please email ccaloneonta@stny.rr.com or call 607-441-7370.

"In an exception to our policy of only Zoom classes for the fall/winter, CCAL is offering one more outdoor session, a photography exercise at Hanford Mills on September 29 at 9:30 AM to noon. A similar class was successfully given on Aug. 13, and we easily followed Hanford Mills' masking and social distancing policy."

Medicare 101

Jim Farnham

Saturday, October 2

10:00 to 12:00 Noon

OR

Monday, October 18

6:00 to 8:00 pm

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.

Choice of two dates. Please register for any one of the following:

Saturday, October 2, 2021, 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon: <https://bit.ly/3xwfjWi>

or

Monday, October 18, 2021, 6:00 to 8:00 PM Eastern Time: <https://bit.ly/3o0Bb7L>

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

Teaching Oral English in China: Chinese People & Chinese Culture

Charles Hartley

Tuesday, October 5

1:00 – 2:30 pm

I will describe what I learned about the Chinese people and the Chinese culture while in China for six months teaching oral English in 2005. I will attempt to describe some of what I learned from my approximately 200 twenty-year old university students taking an oral English class that I taught at the Zhejiang GongShang University in Hangzhou, China, and what I learned from my adventures and travel in and around Hangzhou. I learned a great deal about the universities, university students, and the Chinese people, their aspirations, their customs, and their government.

The History of Revolutions: 1400 – 1815

Edwin Sanborn

Thursdays, October 7, 14, 21, and 28

10:00 – 11:30 am

Survey covering the social, political, and economic causes and consequences of five major revolutions that helped shape Europe and North America. I will share knowledge of the Hussite, Dutch, English, American, and French Revolutions and their impact today.

My Dad's WWI Airplane (repeat)

Robert Parmerter

Thursday, October 7

1:00 to 2:30 pm

This account of a French training plane that was brought to the US after WWI by a French Ace to use for barnstorming, will be told from the unique point of view of the airplane, complete with its imagined emotions, photos, documents, clippings, audio and videos. It flew from Roosevelt Field and was featured in an early silent film thriller. The Ace died trying to cross the Atlantic in another plane, and my father bought the trainer and restored it. Marriage and the Great Depression caused Dad to sell it and it later appeared in public in the "new" 1976 Air & Space Museum. Subsequently my son and I accidentally "discovered" it as it was flying at Cole Palen's Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome, and Dad was invited to be reunited with it. The plane still survives as one of the few originals from that era."

Historic New York Museums

Karen Cuccinello

Tuesday, October 19

10:00 – 11:00 am

I will show a slide show of the museums listed in the book *Historic New York- A Tour of more than 120 of the States' Top National Landmarks*, just published in June 2021. The book provides anecdotes and color photos of unique museum collections, homes of famous authors and architects, and vistas of natural beauty in the Adirondacks. I will discuss some of the sites I visited, some of the trials and tribulations of gathering information for the book and show photos of ones not personally visited.

Note: Karen Cuccinello has authored numerous books and articles on Schoharie and Northern Delaware County history, and she is the Town of Summit and Village of Stamford Historian.

Traveling Through Tibet and Visiting Mt. Everest Base Camp

Charles Hartley

Wednesday, October 27

1:00 – 2:00 pm

I will describe through stories and photographs my trip through parts of Tibet, including the capital, Lhasa, a mountain-top monastery near Lhasa, a cross country road trip to the Rongbuk Monastery (the highest altitude monastery in the world) at the base of Mt. Everest, and on to the Everest Base Camp on the north face of Mt. Everest.

Yama and Niyamas of Yoga

Arlana Young

Mondays, November 1, 8, 15

1:00 – 2:30 pm

The ten Yamas and Niyamas of Yoga are often referred to as ethical guidelines or ways of "right living;" similar to the Ten Commandments but without the religious connection. The 5 Yamas are guidelines for how to treat others; the 5 Niyamas reflect on how to treat yourself. Participants are welcome to read the book that I will be using to prepare my comments (*The Yamas and Niyamas*, by Deborah Adele) or to study one or several of the many other books and articles that can be found in bookstores and online. It will be interesting to include interpretations from other authors in our discussion. It will also be useful and beneficial to have a journal of some kind to write personal thoughts about applying the Yamas and Niyamas to your own life. Sharing is, of course, optional.

Creepy Crawlies and other Critters on U S Postage Stamps

Dorothy Scott Fielder

Thursday, November 4

10:00 – 11:30

I am offering another course featuring U S stamps from my collection, illustrated by my photographs on Power Point slides. This course combines three of my interests – biology, stamps and photography. I plan to show many creatures from the lower realms of the animal kingdom, to raise awareness of the great diversity and beauty of these often-overlooked creatures. I have shown animals and pets on stamps but have shown few of the invertebrates and not very many reptiles and amphibians. This course will fill in that gap and show a sample of the variety of creatures on our postage stamps.

Local Railroads, Dairy Farmers, and Getting Dairy Products to

Consumers

Paul Straney

Friday, November 5

2:00 - 3:30 pm

As dairy farmers in Upstate New York, the challenge for the farmers was getting their products to market. Prior to the coming of railroads, the only way to ship was by water or wagon, a time- and labor-intensive process which limited the dairy farmers' ability to get their products to market.. With the coming of the railroads, local farmers now had a fast and easy way to ship their products to markets both near and far. This class will recount the story of how the creation and evolution of railroads helped facilitate and shape the dairy industry in the late 19th and early 20th Century.

Japan: Images, Opinions, and Rabbit Holes

Sil Martini

Tuesday, November 9

1:00 – 2:30 pm

I will present highly personal impressions of Japan based on images taken while visiting and random readings. The course is built around images taken during trips in 2006 and 2019. The commentary is based on random reading that started in my teens and that became slightly more focused in preparation for this presentation. The opinions offered will be personal and should not, under any circumstances, be considered expert.

Note: The class will continue on Tuesday, November 16 from 1:00 – 2:30 pm, if needed.

How the Egyptians Built the Big Pyramids

Charles Hartley

Wednesday, November 10

1:00 – 2:30 pm

I will explain the purpose of, religious significance of, architectural design of, site preparation of, surveying for, processing and transport of stone blocks for, construction of, and interior features of the large Egyptian pyramids. I will present photographs, diagrams, and dialogue in an attempt to explain much of the known features of the construction of the Great Pyramid at Giza, the burial tomb of Pharaoh Khufu, the oldest of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, and the only Wonder standing mostly intact today.

“Ukulele Steve”, Round 3

Steve Gilbert

Thursday, November 18

2:00 – 4:00 pm

In my previous performance course, I described how, after my retirement, I started performing for residents of Binghamton-area Senior Living Centers and Nursing homes, and how--when the pandemic made such performances impossible--I began recording songs and disseminating them via Facebook and email distribution lists. This discussion set the stage for me to sing, strum and talk about some of the great songs I play. In the current course, I'll pick up where I left off, and you'll help me choose the songs you want to hear and learn more about! There will be lots of singing and a bit of reminiscing about what these songs mean to you. I hope it will be both a little enlightening and a lot of fun

Ancient Astronomy in the Middle East

Charles Hartley

Tuesday, November 23

1:00 – 2:30 pm

Tuesday, November 30

10:00 – 11:30 am

I will explain how ancient people measured celestial events and how they built calendars and schemes to predict future celestial events. I will present photographs, diagrams, and dialogue in an attempt to describe how ancient people (mostly Babylonians and Mesopotamians, with a few Egyptian thrown in for good measure) measured the length of the year, the length of the lunar cycle (the month), and the timing of eclipses of the Sun and Moon, and used this information to develop sophisticated calendars to help predict future celestial events. Also, through observations of the motion of planets, ancient people were able to somewhat predict their motion. These observations and predictions were some of the first uses of numbers and simple mathematics.