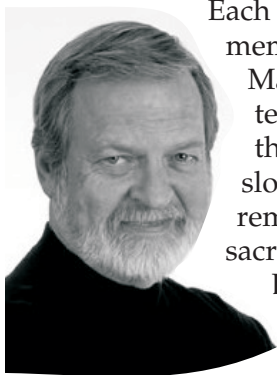


September LLI Forum

Wednesday, September 5, 2012, at 10 a.m.
(Social Time at 9:30 a.m.)

The Architect of the Korean War and Vietnam War Memorials Discusses the Special Challenges of Building Monuments on the National Mall



William P. Lecky

Each year millions of people visit the memorials on the National Mall.

Many visitors have been moved to tears at the Vietnam Wall and by the lifelike soldier sculptures slogging through Korea, reminding us of the hardships and sacrifices endured by our veterans.

But building an effective memorial is an enormous undertaking which must satisfy many intertwining personal, political, artistic,

financial, environmental, and emotional needs. Bringing it together is a huge unsung task of democracy.

The young Maya Lin, you may recall, won the design competition for the Vietnam Memorial; but, afterwards, there were unanswered issues about how to satisfy veterans' groups and, indeed, how to build a memorial with thousands of names. Our

speaker, William P. Lecky, and the people in his firm Cooper-Lecky lived through the controversies, hired the contractors, and supervised every phase of the work for this memorial. Based on this success, Mr. Lecky later was asked to be the architect of the Korean War Veterans Memorial.

In his book *Designing for Remembrance*, he tells many poignant stories and looks back on some frustrating hilarious times, which were not always so funny at the time. This will not be your standard tourist visits Washington, D.C., but a special behind-the-scenes look at how our Memorials on the National Mall are hammered out, review by review, and granite stone by stone.

Please Note: *Parking is free on the campus until September 22. If space is available, you may park free in the visitors garage or, without a permit, anywhere in student lots B. Please come early if a close in parking space is important to you as NOVA students choose these free garage spaces, requiring LLI members to park farther away.*

LLI Forum Forward: Our October Forum will focus on the prospects of a future solar electric power system. Our speaker is a world recognized scientist and pioneer in solar energy, Henry W. Brandhorst, Jr., Ph.D., the President and Chief Technology Officer of Carbon Free Energy LLC.

Campus Parking for the Handicapped



NVCC does not issue special permits for using the parking spaces designated for the handicapped on the Annandale campus. Appropriate parking permits issued by any state and the District of Columbia are honored. The permit must be properly displayed and used only by the person or persons to whom it is issued.

Lunch Bunch

John Bogart bogartje@cox.net

Reservations for lunch after the **September 5 Forum** have been made at the **Pan Am Family Restaurant**, 3051 Nutley St., Fairfax. The menu has popular Greek and American foods at moderate prices.

Directions from NOVA: Turn left onto Rte. 236 (toward Fairfax); turn right onto Prosperity Ave. to Arlington Blvd. (Rte. 50). Take a left on Arlington Blvd. to Nutley St. then turn right onto Nutley St. The restaurant is located in the Pan Am Shopping Center next to the CVS drug store.

Calendar of Events



September 2012

- 5 Forum
- 7 Brookside Gardens Day Trip
- 7 October newsletter deadline
- 14 Board meeting
- 17 October newsletter mailing

- 9 Board meeting
- 9 Newsletter update
- 13 Virginia Fine Arts Splendor Day Trip
- 19 Newsletter update mailing

October 2012

- 3 Forum
- 11 Monticello Day Trip
- 12 Board meeting
- 12 November newsletter deadline
- 22 November newsletter mailing

December 2012

- 4 Holiday Party
 - 7 January newsletter deadline
 - 10 Ginter Gardens Day Trip
 - 14 Board meeting
 - 17 January newsletter mailing
- Dec 20 –Jan 2**
NOVA Winter break
— No Forum

November 2012

- 7 Forum

IMPORTANT: Report Address / E-Mail / Phone Number Changes

Laura Charron, Administrator

To be assured of receiving important notices concerning classes and trips, **please remember** to notify the LLI office as soon as possible of a new e-mail address as well as a change in mailing address and/or telephone number. Notify the office by phone at (703) 503-0600, or e-mail at llinova@juno.com.

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Welcome, New Members! We hope you will participate in our classes and volunteer your time and talent.

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Study Travel — 2013

The group will depart for a river cruise on the Danube June 7 with the Grand Circle program "Eastern Europe to the Black Sea". The 13 day cruise will visit Bucharest and Constanta Romania; Ruse and Vidin Bulgaria; Belgrade, Serbia; Osijek, Croatia; Kalocsa and Budapest Hungary. Optional extensions are available to Transylvania, Romania and Prague, Czech Republic.

For additional information, contact Terry Brittain at 703-425- 8240 or terry_brittain@cox.net.

President's Message

Welcome to the start of a new LLI year! With your involvement, it could be the best year yet.

I want to take this opportunity to thank four outstanding members who no longer serve on our Board of Directors but continue to serve LLI.

- **Paul Hople** served as our President for the last three years. His was a stellar effort and, as I am learning, quite time intensive. Paul now assumes the role of Past President and, as such, will remain on the Executive Committee.
- **Norma Hughes** served as a past president and was a Board member for many years. Norma has been a bedrock of LLI and we much appreciate all she has meant to the organization.
- **Moe Moser** has stepped down from the Board, but he continues with the very difficult job of classroom/space coordinator. Moe is the "face" of LLI for the many organizations that rent us class space. He also continues to be our "official" photographer at our various events, and I thank him for continuing to volunteer for these critical assignments.
- **Karren Scott** was on the Board for more than two years and helped us out in so many important ways. Hopefully, she can rejoin the Board sometime in the future.

Our heartfelt thanks are extended to each of you.

By now you should have received your catalog for our fall classes. We have 39 classes covering a wide range of topics and I am sure there is something there for you. Also, four trips are being offered, which can add greatly to your LLI experience. I want to thank the Curriculum Committee and the Trip Committee for their outstanding work. I am fully aware of the effort required to provide these programs and all of us are most appreciative.

Finally, the position of Assistant Treasurer has been vacant for several years and this sorely needs to be filled. It doesn't require a CPA or a mathematician to do the work. If you can keep a checkbook and have some idea of how budgets work, you can learn how we do it. Anyone interested in volunteering to fill this critical position, please contact me, Treasurer Phil Runge, or any of the other Board members.

Ed McKnight

LLI Fall Class Cancellation

Course 12F36A — Russian/Soviet Union Brief History has been cancelled but will be rescheduled at a later date.

Community Outreach

Betty Lee Thatcher 703-354-8154
Carol Weber, caroljeanweber@hotmail.com

We will resume our food collection program with the September Forum. For new members, we'd like to let you know that at each Forum we collect non-perishable food and household supplies for one of our area food banks/pantries. Each month a different organization is selected to receive our donations, and one of our members delivers the food. Bring your food to the Forum and place it on the tables located in the back of the Forum room.



If you would like to include a new organization, please let us know. Below we have listed the organizations and the deliverer/s from September 2011 — June 2012:

September 2011: Committee for Helping Others —
Laura Charron

October: Arlington Food Assistance Center —
Marianne Moerman

November: Lorton Community Action Center —
Pat Harrison

December: No collection

January 2012: Providence Presbyterian Church —
Clint Hall

February: Food for Others — Bev Portman

March: Arlington Food Assistance Center —
Marianne Moerman

April: Fairfax Area Christian Emergency and
Transitional Services — Bonnie and Paul Hople

May: Annandale Neighborhood Food Assistance Site —
Carol Weber

June: Annandale Christian Community for Action —
Betty Lee Thatcher and Carol Weber

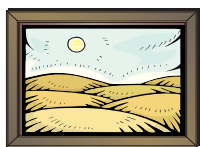
The September donations will be taken to the Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC). The Center continues to serve the families and children in the Lorton, Alexandria, and Fairfax areas by providing food, clothing, and emergency financial assistance as well as other needed services.

You can help LCAC to continue to make a difference in the daily lives of their clients by donating items most needed by the pantry. As always, whatever non-perishable items you donate would be greatly appreciated; however, the following items would be especially useful:

breakfast cereals (hot & cold), wheat crackers, brown rice & pasta, canned soups, tuna, dried/canned beans, pasta sauce (please no glass jars), cooking oil

As always, thanks to each of you for your generous donations and for making a difference in the lives of those less fortunate than us. Donations will be delivered by Pat Harrison.

Special Interest Groups



LLI Arts & Smarts

Donna Trogler, 703-751-8932
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Date: Wednesday, Sept. 19,

10:30 a.m.

Location: National Museum of American History,
First level information desk

Metro: Smithsonian Station (Mall exit to Madison
Drive entrance)

Slavery at Jefferson's Monticello — Paradox of

Liberty: Using objects from museum collections
and archaeological excavations, this landmark
exhibition examines slavery through the lens of
Jefferson's plantation and the experiences of six
families living at Monticello during and after their
lives in slavery. Enslaved families are given human
dimension.

Our Docent is from the Museum of African American
History & Culture which breaks ground in 2015 and,
if you are signing up for LLI's day trip to Monticello
on 10/11, this may be of particular interest.

For further information/signup contact Virginia
Fernbach, event coordinator, 703-751-8369 or
lvfern@aol.com. Sign up soon, max only 20!



LLI Bridge Group

Bob or Merry Huley, 703-534-4819 or
703-489-9045 roberthuley@cox.net

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Bring
a bag lunch

Location: Mason District Governmental Center

September Play Dates: Wednesdays,
September 12 and September 26

October Play Dates: Wednesdays, October 10
and October 24

Bring a bag lunch. You do not need a partner
because we rotate partners so you will play with
everyone. We are always looking for new players,
and all levels of players are welcome in this very
friendly game. Please call or email me if you would
like to attend (or for more information) so that we
can provide sufficient card tables.

Recent Results — Catch-up

Here are some of the results since the last
newsletter. The top four players at the game on May
25 were: **Janet Goodrich, Bob Huley, Mary
Underwood,** and **Dick Schacher.** For the match on
May 30, the top four were: **Nate Rosenbaum,
Jack Acey, George Chalou,** and **Bob Huley.** In

June, for the game on the 20th, the top four
were: **Nelva Berend, Erma Blassic, Bob Huley,**
and **Donna Trogler.** Finally, for our game on June
28, the top four positions were **Carole Compton,
Betty Pogerman, Erma Blassic,** and **Nelva
Berend.** For the first half of 2012, the top six players
were: **Mary Underwood, Nate Rosenbaum** and
**Raymond Burmester (tied), Carole Compton,
Jack Acey, Nelva Berend** and **Bob Huley (tied),**
and **Arline Sachs.** Congratulations to all



LLI Current Events Group

Marion Jacknow, 703-698-8702
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Date/Time: Friday, September 7, 10:00 – 11:30
a.m.

Location: Small Conference Room, Mason District
Governmental Center

The Current Events Group meets monthly for
continued interesting and educational discussions.
Topics reflect the current social, political and worldly
events surrounding the time of the meeting. Please
join us to share your ideas and/or learn more about
current events – whatever is your pleasure. For
more information, please contact Marian Jacknow.



LLI Favorite Books Club

Lynne Smaldone, 703-525-9623
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Date/Time: Thursday, September
20, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: Braddock District Governmental Center
(King's Park Library building)

Jill Ciment's novel, *Heroic Measures*, details one
long weekend in the lives of Ruth and Alex Cohen,
an elderly New York City couple, hoping to sell their
East Village apartment of 45 years. As they ready
for an open house, a gas tanker gets stuck in the
Midtown tunnel, seizing the city with gridlock and
fear of a terrorist attack. Meanwhile, their beloved
dachshund, Dorothy, falls ill and is taken to an
uptown animal hospital. As the real estate market
swings in response to the news about the tanker, the
Cohens wait to hear about their dog and confront the
reality of leaving their home.





Financial Discussion Group

Doug Johnson, 703-628-3115
llinovadoug@gmail.com

Date/Time: Friday,

September 14, 1:30 p.m.

Location: Braddock District Governmental Center (King's Park Library building)

The pain in Spain is mainly in the Euro!!! The topic will be something timely, i.e., QE3 or who will be the next President, or are Apple's glory days over? Come join us for a lively and, hopefully, enlightening discussion. For more information, contact Doug Johnson.



LLI French Conversation Group

Sally Reynolds, 703-352-7494
saldonreyn@aol.com

Date/Time: Tuesdays,
September 4 & September 18,
10:00 a.m. – noon

Location: Goodwin House, Media Room, 3440 S. Jefferson St., Falls

Church

Under the expert guidance of AI Brothers, we will continue to increase our French language skills and also our appreciation of French culture with the program "French in Action" lesson #9. If you would like to join the group, please contact Sally Reynolds.



LLI Gourmands

Mary Underwood, 703-329-8391
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The September Gourmand Event is scheduled for **Wednesday,**

September 12, noon, at Esposito's, 9917 Lee Highway, Fairfax, phone 703-385-5912. Please RSVP to Eleanor Shubinski-Mosser by September 10, at 703-280-2542 and leave a message. Esposito's is an Italian Restaurant and will arrange for separate checks.

Directions: From Rte 236 take Pickett to Rte 50 West, turn left toward Fairfax City. Drive through the Circle and make a U-turn at Rebel Run. The

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restaurant is on your immediate right. From the Beltway, take Rte 50 West and proceed as above.

At this luncheon the Gourmands will discuss how this SIG wants to continue, i.e., monthly, quarterly or other scheduled luncheons.

Seventeen Gourmands attended the "Bastille Day" luncheon at *L'Auberge Chez François* on July 12. This event was planned by Virginia Fernbach and is becoming an annual luncheon for the Gourmands.



LLI Nimble Fingers

Bev Portman,
703-560-6740 firse@juno.com

Date/Time: Wednesday,
September 12, 10:00 a.m. – noon

Location: Small Conference Room, Mason District Governmental Center

This group meets monthly to enjoy and share all types of needlecrafts. Please bring a small project of any type to work on. New members are always welcome. For more information, contact Bev Portman.



LLI Photography Group

Buck Myers, 703-532-3726
hbm@hbmphoto.com

Date/Time: Friday, **September 21, 10:00 a.m. — 12 p.m.**

Location: Braddock District Governmental Center, (King's Park Library building)

Members have a wide range of photographic abilities and interests and share a common desire to hone existing skills or learn new ones. Meetings center on a specific topic, area of interest or theme decided by the group.

New members are always welcome. Meetings are held on the third Friday of every month. We meet in the Braddock Hall Meeting Room, Braddock District Supervisor's Office, which is co-located with the Kings Park Library. This room is just inside the entrance to the Braddock District Supervisor's Office, which is on the opposite side of the building from the Library. The room can also be accessed from inside the Library.

For further information, contact Buck Myers.



LLI Walkabouts

Merry Macke, 703-451-3248, cell phone:
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merry.macke@verizon.net

Date/Time: First and third Fridays at noon

September 14: Hunter Mill Rd. the walk goes to the W & OD trail and then into Tamarack by following Difficult Run (Cross-Country Trail). Take I-66W to Rte.123 N. Turn left onto Hunter Mill Rd. (second light) and continue to Hunter Station Rd. Park at the parking area there. Walk begins across the road and goes south on the W & OD Trail. Tamarack Park trails are dirt and hilly. This walk had the largest turnout for the Walkabouts.

September 21: A new walk at Roundtree Park, 3320 Annandale Rd. The park is located between Graham Rd./Hickory Hill Rd. and Rte. 50/Arlington Blvd. We will walk east to Sleepy Hollow Rd. For more information, contact Merry Macke.



14. Mt. McKinley in Alaska at 20,320 feet
13. Vatican City (.17 sq. miles)
12. Rhode Island
11. Turkey: part of it is in Europe and part is in Asia
10. The U.S. Virgin Islands
9. The Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina
8. Angel Falls in Venezuela
7. Yellowstone
6. Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah
5. Los Angeles, New York, and New Orleans
4. Chicago
3. New York City, London, and Toronto
2. God, Coca-Cola, and Titanic
1. Alaska, Hawaii, Maine, and Vermont

Answers to Picnic Travel Quiz



Membership Renewal Reminder

The mailing label on each newsletter includes your membership renewal date. You must renew and be a member in good standing in order to register for courses and to participate in LLI's many other activities. Complete the membership form (last page in the current course catalog), check "renewal," indicate any new information, and mail it to the LLI office with a check in the amount of \$110 for each person wishing to continue membership with LLI. Please print clearly to help ensure that your information is entered correctly. **It is important to include the form with your check, for ease in crediting your membership renewal in our database.**



Norma Hughes Honored



LLI President Paul Hopler awards Norma Hughes for her many years of service to our LLI organization.



Mark Your Calendars for Future LLI Day Trips

LLI's Trip Committee has been diligently planning trips for you! Registration forms for these trips are in the Fall 2012 catalog which was mailed July 23.

September 7 — Tour of Brookside Gardens, including "Wings of Flight" with free-flying butterflies in the Conservatory; lunch at Mykonos, an award-winning Greek restaurant; and a tour of Strathmore Mansion and Music Center. *Please sign up for this trip as soon as possible!*

October 11 — Charlottesville and Monticello with a tour the new Visitor's Center and renewed dining room with its bright yellow walls. Lunch is at the historic Michie Tavern, then return to the mansion for a house tour.

November 13 — Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond, with a reserved audio tour of the visiting major exhibition of works by the renown glass artist, **Dale Chihuly**; lunch in the Museum's café; and free time to explore the Museum's exhibits and gift shop.

December 10 — Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, near Richmond — due to last year's popularity, this tour is being offered again. Enjoy a guided tour through the gardens and Conservatory and a delicious buffet dinner. Then, after dark, view the extensive holiday lights display in the gardens. Take some time to visit the Garden Gift Shop, featuring unusual gifts for last-minute holiday shopping.

LLI's June Picnic — Successful Again



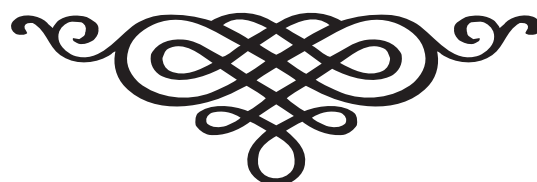
LLI's picnic, held this past June 19, was planned around the theme "Where in the World...?" A big "thank you" and "job well done" goes out to the members of this year's picnic committee (pictured above) **Merry Macke, Nancy Jerdan, Bonnie Hopler** (Chair), **Marianne Moerman, Sallie Wise** and **Trudy Hynes**, who so successfully carried out the theme using props, quizzes, and a variety of activities.

Among the travel-related activities that members had an opportunity to participate in was an "Ice Breaker" quiz, which is included on the right. See if you can accurately answer these questions; then check on page 6 in this newsletter for the correct answers.

LLI Picnic Travel Quiz

1. Which four states in the U.S. do not allow billboards?
2. In order, what are the three most widely recognized words in the world?
3. What three major cities do you think of when you think of live theatre?
4. What U.S. city is the location of the action in the book, "Devil in the White City"?
5. What are the three most popular cities in the U.S. for film locations?
6. What four states meet at the Four Corners Monument in the southwestern U.S.?
7. What was the first National Park in the U.S.?
8. Name the world's tallest waterfall and the country where it's located.
9. Give the name and location of the largest home in America. It's now a tourist site.
10. In which U.S. unincorporated territory do you have to drive on the left, British style?
11. What country is part of two continents? Plus name the continents.
12. What is the smallest state (by area) in the U. S.?
13. What is the smallest country in Europe?
14. Which is the highest mountain in the U.S.?

Answers on page 6



Class Registration Reminder

Please Register As Early As Possible

The Fall 2012 course catalog was mailed to all members on July 27, 2012. Registration closes August 24. Please mail your course registration forms to the LLI office as early as possible, but certainly before the Forum on September 5. The earlier your registration is received, the better chance you have of getting into your preferred courses.

Please number your class choices by priority and indicate the same priority **ONLY ONCE**. Also enclose a stamped, self-addressed **business-sized** envelope so that your registration confirmation can be returned to you. Finally, use the new office address found on the front of the catalog.

Volunteer Openings

➤ Volunteer to Help the Trip Committee

The trip committee always welcomes new members; you don't need to lead a trip, but we certainly need assistance with the many tasks involved with trip planning. If you have any questions please contact Martie Klee, 703 644-4931 or marthaklee@verizon.net.

➤ Holiday Party Volunteers

Volunteer opportunities are available to assist with plans for the Holiday party scheduled for December. Contact Merry Macke, 703-451-3248 or merrymacke@verizon.net, if you are interested.

The Honor Circle

The LLI Honor Circle is beginning the fall term by recognizing the achievements and contributions of one of our most active and most dedicated long-time members, **Lorin Goodrich**. If members want an example of what volunteerism means to LLI, just look at the variety of duties and assignments that Lorin has assumed since his decision to join LLI in 1997.



Lorin Goodrich

As one of the early members of our organization, Lorin, almost from the start, has volunteered for a wide variety of important and challenging activities. Below is a list of some of his many contributions:

- Vice-President 2001-2003
- President 2003-2005
- Chair of the Forum Committee — 2 years
- Chair of the Nominating Committee 2 years, and served on this committee on 3 other occasions
- Served on the committee for the annual picnic for several years
- Continues to serve, as he has for many years, on the Curriculum committee
- Continues to serve as liaison with the college deans to select top quality professors to teach courses for LLI; some departments in which professors have volunteered to teach for LLI include history, psychology, and economics. Lorin is the only LLI member who has handled this important assignment.
- Continues to serve, as he has for many years, as a coordinator for many LLI courses

Members who have worked with Lorin over the years agree that he is a very likable, personable individual who can persuade people to be part of the organization and to contribute of themselves. He is an outstanding leader, who can manage a team with a variety of skills, opinions and enthusiasm and get the job done in a timely manner. He calmly mediates disagreements or heated discussions of challenging issues, while making everyone in the group feel they made a contribution, were listened to, and that each was appreciated.

He continues to be one of the “go to” people when information is needed or a task needs to be done, while promoting a culture that evokes warmth and

inspiration to those around him. His continuing willingness to take on needed tasks demonstrates dedicated enthusiasm for the organization.

Lorin has indicated that what is most memorable to him over his many years with LLI has been the spirit of volunteerism of the members and that it has been a pleasure to work with so many great people. Let us each thank him wholeheartedly for his willingness to volunteer his time and talents over many years of valuable service that has

helped make our Lifetime Learning Institute the efficient, effective organization that it is today.



In Memoriam



Charlotte Wink, a long time member of LLI passed away on June 18, 2012. Burial was at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

George Staten, one of LLI's founding members, passed away on July 14, 2012. He was a key advisor to LLI's founder,

Knox Singleton, and helped establish the organization that we know today. As an active member for some years, he taught a variety of classes, especially in history and languages; and established some LLI practices that still exist.

George started the monthly LLI Lunch Bunch, the informal lunch open to all LLI members and guests after each Forum, as a way for people to become better acquainted; the Lunch Bunch he created continues to this day. He also was an early editor of the LLI newsletter; was instrumental in developing the first course catalog (called a “Sampler”); and provided several early Forum speakers, especially from embassies.

Survey Update: From the Curriculum Committee

Last year, the LLI Board of Directors conducted a survey to obtain members' opinions and ideas on many different aspects of our organization. In response to some of your suggestions on the curriculum, we'd like to offer you the following.

One of the most frequent concerns was that when members suggest topics for future courses, they never receive any feedback. First, rest assured that the Committee always considers course suggestions and tries to accommodate them whenever possible. We maintain a running list of every course that has been suggested over the past few years. Members have been requesting courses in Yoga and Tai Chi and it was only for the Summer 2012 semester that we were finally able to secure Yoga instructors who were willing to teach us free of charge. We have been working on Tai Chi for about two years, and still haven't been able to locate an instructor. What would be extremely helpful to us is for members, if possible, to provide the name of an appropriate instructor when they suggest a course. Also, over the next few months, we will be revising our Course Evaluation Form to include a space for members to include their name and phone number. This will be strictly voluntary, but if you'd like feedback on a suggestion, we can't do it without knowing who you are!

Another suggestion was for more courses of shorter duration; members indicated it was difficult to commit to something that runs for 8-10 weeks. We agree, and will try to keep that in mind in the future. Not all members enjoy the courses that include, for example, DVDs from The Great Courses. That's understandable; however, many members do enjoy these courses. That's why we try to provide a variety so you can pick and choose. Some members would like to see more courses dealing with health and aging. The good news is that we have some excellent health-related courses on the schedule for the Fall 2012 semester, and even more for the Winter/Spring. We are also trying to increase course offerings in the sciences and art. We know many of you are interested in these areas, and we hear you!

Many members would like to see more courses offered by the National Park Service (NPS). We are fortunate to have had NPS teach for us every semester for the past several years. However, we are not the only organization to which the NPS offers courses. They participate in an extensive community

outreach program and have very full schedules. We are so grateful when they are available.

Other suggestions were for courses in the areas of economics and politics. Again, we are in luck for the Fall semester. We are featuring two courses on economics and two on politics. We are also trying to offer a course on the history of the Bible, which was another suggestion.

As far as "housekeeping" matters are concerned, several members felt there was too much emphasis on attendance and notifying Course Coordinators if they are unable to attend a course. Others requested that courses start on time (rather than waiting for latecomers), and some would like to see courses held in locations west of Annandale. Attendance is actually quite important as we can review attendance sheets and decide which courses should be offered again. Also, many courses have waiting lists, and if you are unable to attend after you have been accepted, someone from the waiting list can attend.

Regarding class locations, the Committee is in the process of searching for additional classroom space, an ongoing effort for some time. We try to use locations that are in the vicinity of NOVA since a majority of LLI members live in that general area. We hope our new locations will suit many of you.

The Curriculum Committee takes very seriously all suggestions made by LLI members. To coordinate everything involved in putting a course together; most importantly, finding an instructor who is willing to conduct a course free of charge and then accommodating his or her schedule, often takes time. That doesn't mean we have ignored your input. As a Committee of 15 people, we couldn't do our job without your ideas so please keep them coming!



Reminder

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