

April LLI Forum

Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at 10 a.m.
Art & Craft Exhibit: 9 – 10 a.m.
(Social Time at 9:30 a.m.)

The Lewis and Clark Expedition: The Latest Research and Findings by Two Internationally Acclaimed Scholars

From near St. Louis in May 1804, the Corps of Discovery headed westward to explore and map lands acquired in the Louisiana Purchase. This famous expedition, led by Captain Meriwether Lewis and Second Lieutenant William Clark, has been the subject of many books, stories and legends. But now a recent book *Mapping the West with Lewis and Clark* disputes the general belief that the Corps of Discovery ventured into an unknown wilderness during their historic crossing of the North American continent. In truth, they had the equivalence of AAA Trip-Tiks, thanks to the geographical information provided by the Indians, whose lands they crossed from St. Louis, Missouri, to the Pacific.



Ralph Ehrenberg



Dr. Herman Viola

Both co-authors of the book will be speaking at the April Forum. **Ralph Ehrenberg** is the Director of the Geography and Map Division of the U.S. Library of Congress, and before that of the U.S. National Archives. **Dr. Herman J. Viola**, a member of LLI, is the curator emeritus at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History.

Through the map of their route published in 1814, Lewis and Clark gave Americans the first accurate depiction of the network of waterways and extraordinary terrain of the Far West as well as the thousands of American Indians living there.



Art and Craft Exhibit

9:00 — 10:00 a.m.
before April 6 Forum
and during break



Arts and crafts have been around since the dawn of humanity. Remember those cave drawings? Arts and crafts can be both decorative and functional. Woven baskets carried food and water and were embellished as items of both beauty and utility. Early crafters used precious metals and gems to create exquisite jewelry. Rosey Greenless, Director of the Crafts Council, said that: "Contemporary craft is...an intellectual and physical activity where the maker explores the infinite possibilities of materials and processes to produce unique objects. To see craft is to enter a world of wonderful things...and to understand and enjoy the energy and care which has gone into their making."

We invite you to behold the breadth of arts and crafts our LLI members' imaginations have created.

Consequently, all the surveying and mapping that occurred in the American West after the Lewis and Clark expedition, which laid the foundation for its relentless expansion, the threatening of the American Indian ways of life, the exploitation of natural resources to sustain a surging population of immigrants as well as western commerce, can be traced to the maps of Lewis and Clark.

Please Note: *Parking is available in the parking garage (\$2/hour). Parking in B and C lots is by permit only. If no garage slots are available, a \$10 daily permit for the B lot is available at the office to the right just inside the garage entry gate.*

Calendar of Events



April 2016

- 13 Board Meeting
- 6 Forum and Art and Craft Exhibit
- 19 Spring Wine Tour
- 6 May Newsletter deadline
- 23 June newsletter mailing

June 2016

- 8 Board meeting
- 1 Forum
- 18 May newsletter mailing
- 10 Board meeting
- 26 Fredericksburg Garden Day



May 2016

- 4 Forum
- 11 June Newsletter deadline

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

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 email address or a change in mailing address and/or telephone number. Notify the office by phone at 703-503-0600, or e-mail at llinova.admn@gmail.com.



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

Updates

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LLI Wine Tour: May 19, 2016

Virginia is for Wine Lovers! Leave winter behind and welcome spring with your fellow LLI members by touring two of Virginia's finest wineries: Doukenie Winery and Sunset Hills Vineyard, both in Purcellville, Virginia. First stop is the Doukenie Winery offering a spectacular view of the countryside. Next, we lunch at the *Magnolia at the Mill Restaurant*, which promises to be a dining experience suitable for a gourmand. After lunch we continue our tastings at the Sunset Hills Vineyard featuring a charming gallery in a restored barn. Then relaxed, wined, and fed, we head home — with someone else doing the driving. Only 24 lucky people will be able to join us so don't wait to register.

COST: \$100.00, which includes 13 wine tastings, lunch, transportation, driver's tip, tax, and gratuity

DEPART: Little River United Church of Christ, Annandale at 10:00 a.m. (please arrive by 9:45 a.m.). Bus returns at approximately 4:30 p.m.

SIGN UP: By May 1. This trip may be cancelled if the minimum number of reservations are not received by this date.

QUESTIONS: LLI Trip Manager, Martie McDowall, 703-532-0965, martiemartin@verizon.net; or Pat Harrison, 703-550-7530, pjharris80@msn.com.

Reservations accepted on a first come, first-served basis. To register, make check payable to LLI/NOVA and complete and return the LLI Trip Registration Form (found elsewhere in this issue) no later than **May 1**.

President's Message

The sun is finally shining and we keep hearing that winter is finally over. So, as I read on a card in a small shop in St. Michaels, "Today I am happier than a seagull with a French fry." I hope you are all as happy as the seagull and enjoying the beautiful weather.

Many things continue to happen in LLI. We will have our third annual craft fair before and during the break at the April Forum. Last year we saw how talented our LLI group is. This year is promised to be even better. We thank Arlene Gribben for all her hard work.

Our organization continues to grow and we now have 360 members. The Board of Directors is currently working on business cards to pass out to prospective members. Yes! Hustle the seniors you meet! Tell them that this is the best bargain in town!

And now for some heavy lifting: As Thomas Jefferson stated, "In matters of style, swim with the current. In matters of principle, stand like a rock."

George Chalou, LLI President

NVCC Newsletter

The Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus, issues an electronic community newsletter. Goals of the newsletter include providing information regarding activities and events on campus and addressing community concerns. If you would like to receive this newsletter, send your request with your email address to rhull@nvcc.edu.

Important — Keep Your Membership Directory Current

Please remember to retain your LLI Handbook and Membership Directory and note in it the Members information that is provided each month on Page 2 of the newsletter. This will help keep your directory up to date with changes that occur between the annual directory issuance dates.

Community Outreach

Carol Weber, caroljeanweber@hotmail.com
Marianne Moerman, marianne.c.moerman@gmail.com

For April, donations are being requested for the Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC) which serves over 250 families a week. Additionally LCAC provides emergency financial assistance for rent or mortgage and utilities to low income individuals, senior citizens and families living in Ft. Belvoir, Lorton, Newington and other portions of Fairfax County.



The following food pantry items would be extremely helpful but any items you choose to donate are always graciously accepted: **canned tuna & chicken; cooking oil; rice; sugar free cereal; crackers; dried/canned beans; pasta & pasta sauce (no glass jars please); baby wipes; and toiletries.**

The donations will be delivered to the LCAC by Pat Harrison.

If you are a new member of LLI, we want you to know that we collect non-perishable food and household items at each of our Forums. Are you affiliated with a local food pantry? If so, and you would like that pantry to be the recipient of one of our collections and you would be willing to deliver the food, please contact one of the coordinators listed above. Thank you.

Please remember to wear your name badge as this is now a requirement for many facilities where classes are scheduled. It is also the best way for new members to get to know others and a way for established members to welcome new members. If you have lost your badge, just contact the LLI office and they will send you a new one.

Special Interest Groups



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.

Location: Mason District Governmental Center,
6507 Columbia Pike

In April, we will play on **Wednesday, April 13**, and **Thursday, April 21**. In May, we plan to play on **Wednesdays, May 11** and **May 25**. 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 (703-534-4819), or email me (roberthuley@cox.net), if you would like to attend (or for more information) so that we can provide sufficient card tables.

Recent Results —

The top four players at the February 25 game were **Raymond Burmester, Lynda Brittain, Carole Pyle,** and **Jessica Burmester**. Congratulations to all.



LLI Current Events Discussion Group

Peter Schwarzkopf 703-998-0769
pschwarzkopf@verizon.net

Date/Time: Fridays, Apr. 1, May 6, Jun. 3, July 8 (2nd Friday because of July 4th holiday weekend) and Aug. 5 / 10:00 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.

Location: Small Conference Room, Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike

The Current Events Discussion Group meets the first Friday of each month for 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.

*Deadline for the
May newsletter
is April 6.*



LLI Favorite Books Club

Lynne Smaldone, 703-525-9623
smaldonega@hotmail.com

Date/Time: Thursday, April 21,
11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Location: Braddock District Governmental Center,
9002 Burke Lake Road (Supervisor's Meeting Room,
on the backside of King's Park Library)

This month we will be reading *All The Light We Cannot See*, the Pulitzer Prize winning novel by Anthony Doerr, originally scheduled for January.

Come join us!



Financial Discussion Group

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

Date/Time: Fridays in 2016: April 8, May 13
and June 10. No meetings in July or August.

Location: Braddock District Governmental Center,
9002 Burke Lake Road (in back of the King's Park
Library)

Come join your fellow LLIers as we try to figure out the market's financial matters and discuss our options. Hope to see you there.



LLI French Conversation Group

Patty & Richard Steelman,
(703)504-6866
richardsteelman@hotmail.com

Date/Time: Tuesdays, April 5
and 19; 10:00 a.m. — noon

Location: Top of the West at the
Goodwin House Baileys, 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* and perhaps view part of a French film.





LLI

presents a 3 day / 2 night trip

Scenic Railroad Adventure

West Virginia

September 30 - October 2, 2016

Package Includes:

- 2 nights accommodations in Elkins, WV
- 2 breakfasts
- 1 lunch served on the train
- 2 dinners including one dinner in the Elkins Vintage Railroad Restaurant
- **2 Exciting Train Rides** - Travel into the high country spruce forests of legendary Cheat Mountain on the most distinctive rail excursion in the Eastern United States. Named in honor of the little endangered creature whose sole habitat is the river of the same name, the Cheat Mountain Salamander takes you through some of the wildest mountain wilderness you will ever experience. Enjoy the sights and sounds of one of the few remaining steam locomotives in existence. The Durbin Rocket Train is powered by a rare steam locomotive. Old #3 is one of only three operating Climax geared logging locomotives on earth.
- **2 Shows at the American Mountain Theater** - Located in the Historic Rail Yard in downtown Elkins, West Virginia. The American Mountain Theater has the state's first and only "Branson Style" family-friendly, music & comedy variety shows.
- Baggage handling, hotel taxes & meal gratuities
- Driver trip & snacks included
- Motorcoach transportation included

\$50 per person deposit due April 15, 2016.

Payments can be made monthly or total balance due by August 1, 2016.

Make checks payable to Festive Holidays

Please give or mail to Pat Harrison

6723 Blanche Drive, Lorton, VA 22079

Credit Card payments accepted - Call for details

**7:00 AM Departing from Mason District Governmental Center (arrive by 6:45 AM)
6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA
Approximate arrival time home is between 4-6 PM.**

For Further Information & Reservation Contact:

Pat Harrison -- 703-550-7530

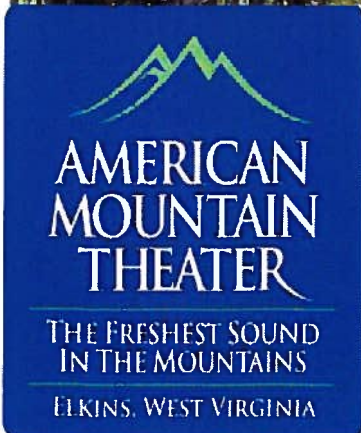
OR

Debi Hunsberger- 703-534-3494

Price: \$505.00

Per Person, Double Occupancy
Single Supplement: \$165.00 Additional

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Scenic Railroad Adventure

Elkins, West Virginia

Sample Itinerary

3 Days / 2 Nights

- Day 1:** Welcome to West Virginia!
Arrive and check-in to your hotel located in Elkins, WV.
Enjoy dinner this evening at a local restaurant.
After dinner, return to your hotel.
- Day 2:** Good Morning! Enjoy a hot breakfast buffet at the hotel.
After breakfast, depart for Durbin, WV and the Durbin Rocket Train for a 10 mile, 2 hour round-trip ride along the upper Greenbrier River. The Durbin Rocket is the oldest operating Climax steam locomotive in the world. After your ride, enjoy lunch at the Durbin Depot. There will be some time to visit the Rail & Trail Store located there. Board your motorcoach and depart for the Cheat Mountain Salamander Train. This vintage passenger train takes you on a 45 mile trip through unspoiled mountain scenery to the High Falls of the Cheat River.
Depart High Falls and continue through the heart of the Cheat Mountain Wilderness viewing many native animals in their natural habitat.
The train will return you to Elkins for dinner this evening.
Enjoy dinner at the Railyard Restaurant (upstairs) located next to the Elkins Depot.
After dinner, depart for the American Mountain Theater.
The evening show begins featuring a "Branson-style" music & comedy variety show.
After the show, return to your hotel.
- Day 3:** Good Morning! Enjoy a hot breakfast buffet at the hotel.
After breakfast, check-out and depart for the morning performance of the History of American Music Show at the American Mountain Theater.
After the show, depart on a safe journey home with fond memories of a wonderful trip!

SAMPLE ITINERARY ONLY! ORDER OF EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Trip subject to cancellation if we do not have the required number of reservations by August 1, 2016.

Cancellation Policy:

- 46 days prior to departure - full refund.
- 45 – 15 days prior to departure - 50% of total tour cost plus any transportation penalties.
- 14 days or less prior to departure or once tour has commenced, there will be NO REFUND.

Festive Holidays recommends Trip Cancellation Insurance for cancellation due to medical or legal reasons. Insurance payment should be submitted directly to the insurance company. Please see your Group Leader for details.



LLI Gourmands

Linda Cyr 703-750-1257,
linda.cyr@verizon.net
Patti Volz, 703-892-6124,
pattivolz@verizon.net

SAY CHEESE! On Monday, April 18 at noon, the Gourmands will lunch at the original **Cheesetique**, a specialty wine and cheese restaurant located at **2411 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria** in the quaint neighborhood of Del Ray. The Mac and Cheese at **Cheesetique** recently was named the best by Food Network. In addition to European-style cheese boards, this small restaurant/shop offers interesting cheese-based sandwiches, salads, and hot dishes. On Mondays, diners may choose any cheese in the case to create their own exotic cheese board. Menus can be found at www.cheesetique.com. Separate checks will be provided. Please RSVP to our host Karren Scott at karren.scott@verizon.net or 703-313-7127 by April 13. If you have any questions regarding the Gourmands please contact Patti Volz (pattivolz@verizon.net or 703 892-6124) or Linda Cyr (linda.cyr@verizon.net or 703 750-1257).



LLI Photography Group

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

Date/Time: Friday, April 15,
10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

Location: Braddock District Governmental Center (Braddock Hall Meeting Room), 9002 Burke Lake Road (on right hand side of the King's Park Library)

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 or area of interest decided by the group and include display and discussion of photos taken by members based on a monthly theme. Recent meetings have focused on getting the most out of your camera, editing and organizing techniques for digital pictures, and photographic themes such as Creative Cropping, Patterns, Autumn Leaves and Faces. Come join the group if you have an interest in photography. New members are always welcome. Meetings are held on the third Friday of every month.

Forum Refreshments

If you are unable to deliver refreshments on the day for which you have volunteered, please notify **Nancy Jerdan**, (703) 455-2699, or **Phil Centini**, (703) 658-1545, as soon as possible so they may make other arrangements.



LLI Walkabouts

Merry Macke, 703-852-5133,
cell phone: 703-987-7751,
merry.macke@gmail.com

Date/Time: Fridays at noon.

April 8: Lake Mercer: Fairfax County Parkway going west. Take Pohick exit but proceed to Hooes Rd. going south, which is the second left. Pass 1st light (Newington/Valleyfield Drive) and then look to the right for a small gravel parking area in the woods. Park. We will meet where the path begins.

April 22: Rutherford Park: Braddock Rd west to 4798 Guinea Road north, between Bayard Pl. and Braeburn Dr. Road dips to a wooded area. Park on west side, left and walk to right.

Happy Hiking!

Newsletter on the Web

Our monthly newsletter is generally available on the LLI website earlier than you will receive it through the mail. In cases of delivery delays by the Postal Service, you may want to keep <http://lli.nova.org> in mind. Any pictures and/or graphics will also be in color on the website.

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.**



Oklahoma — The Musical!

Save the Date

LLI is going to the theatre! Join us on Wednesday, August 17 to see Oklahoma, the musical, at the Riverside Theatre in Fredericksburg. The musical, set in the early 1900s, is the story of two pairs of lovers with more than their share of challenges. There are the two young cowboys, the evil ranch hand, and a traveling peddler. And then there are Laurey and Annie. Who is cozying up with whom, and what's next? There is fun, music, and romance; a little something for everyone.

Place: Riverside Center, 95 Riverside Parkway, Fredericksburg, VA

Cost: \$90 per person, includes transportation, a three-course gourmet meal, show, gratuity, taxes, and tips. Menu includes choice of entrée, two sides, salad & rolls, dessert, and coffee or tea.

Depart: 10:30 a.m. from Little River United Church of Christ, Annandale (please arrive by 10:15 a.m.). The bus returns at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Day's Schedule: 10:30 a.m. departure; 11:30 a.m. arrive theatre and lunch served; 1:30 — 4:15 p.m. show; 4:30 p.m. depart for home.

Reservation: No later than **June 1**. The registration form will be in the May newsletter. Checks should be made payable to LLI/NOVA and mailed to 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale by **June 1**. This trip will be cancelled if the minimum number of reservations has not been received by this date.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations, with a refund, will be given only if the reservation is filled by someone from the wait-list or another replacement.

Confirmations will be by email. If you do not have an email address listed in the LLI Directory, please enclose a self-addressed stamped, legal size envelope and your confirmation will be mailed.

Contacts: LLI Trip Managers, Sue Olesch, s.olesch@yahoo.com, at 703-425-9617; or Pat Harrison, pjharris80@msn.com 703-550-7530.

Study Travel

After an extensive review and selection process, the Study Travel Committee announced the group's selected destination for our 2017 trip at the March Forum. We will be traveling to Scotland to enjoy iconic castles, rugged isles, scenic Highlands, lochs, and more, and perhaps we may even sample a "wee dram" of the renowned Scottish elixir. The Study Travel Committee will begin negotiation with the selected travel vendor, and we hope to have specific trip details and be able to open the trip for registration by the April Forum. We have decided not to pursue a second tour to Cuba in 2017 due to increasing prices and waning interest.

To join the Study Travel email list and receive advance notification of Study Travel trips and activities, please contact Bob Huley at 703-534-4819 or roberthuley@cox.net. If you would like to be on the Study Travel Committee and help analyze destinations and tours for future trips, please let Bob know.

Happy Traveling!

Humor Corner

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell "crocodile?"

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L.

TEACHER: No, that's wrong.

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

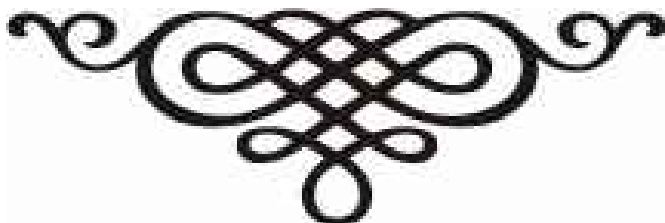
TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on "My Dog" is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

CLYDE: No sir, it's the same dog.

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.



LLI TRIP REGISTRATION FORM

Assumption of Risk and Acknowledgement of Responsibility

As a prerequisite for tour participation, this Assumption and Acknowledgement must be signed by trip participant (s), along with providing *two* emergency contact numbers.

Tours of LLI/NOVA may require walking and physical capability to access sites having structural obstacles. By participating, I assume risks inherent in this tour. I agree not to hold LU, its Board of Directors, Administrator, Volunteers, or other agents responsible for any and all claims of bodily injury and/or property damage, resulting from my participation in this tour, or my ability to participate fully.

Further, I understand that, should I require personal assistance to participate in this tour, I am responsible for securing such assistance, and registering a person who can and will be totally responsible for providing all assistance. I will register the person by having them sign below. I also understand LLI reserves the right to deny requests to participate in this tour, if, as determined by LLI, such participation would impact the tour's operation or diminish the enjoyment of other tour participants.

Participant Signature /	Emergency Contact # 1 /	Emergency Contact #2
/	/	
Participant Signature	Emergency Contact #1	Emergency Contact #2

Tour #: **5-19-16** Tour Name: **LLI Spring Wine Tour**

Date(s) of Trip: **Thursday, May 19, 2016**

Tour Fee: Member(s): \$100.00 Non-Member(s): \$100.00 Total Cost: _____

1) Name: _____ Address: _____ City/State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

2) Name: _____ Address: _____ City/State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Number of Reservations: _____ Total Cost: _____ Reservation Deadline: May 1, 2016

Reservation & Payment: Trip Payment is required at time of registration. Reservations are accepted on first-come, first-served basis. *CANCELLATION POLICY- A refund will be made only if the reservation is filled by someone else. Refunds will be made after the trip is completed.*

Make checks payable to: LLI/NOVA and send to: LLI/NOVA, Godwin Building, (CG), Room 202, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003-3743.

Trip Notification: You will receive trip confirmation via email; if you do not have your email address listed in the LLI Directory, please enclose a SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED, LEGAL SIZE ENVELOPE, and your confirmation will be sent via mail.

Trip Managers: Martie McDowall, 703-532-0965, martiemartin@verizon.net; Pat Harrison, 703-550-7530, pjharris80@msn.com.

For office use only: Amount Paid: _____ Check #: _____ Date/Initials: _____



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Look at the date on this label.
Is it time to send your dues?

April 2016

April Fools'
Day – April 1



Tax Day –
April 15

Passover
April 22 –
April 30

