The Institute for Learning in Retirement

Spring 2019
Discussion Group Schedule

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- Byways of Language & Literature
- Computer Security: Exploring The Digital World
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- Food: A Cultural Culinary History
- Expand Your World: TED Talks

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- The Great Books: Short Story Omnibus
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- ‘Round Town—Field Trips

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- Interfaith Discussions—Exploring the Religions of the World
  - Understanding Climate Change
  - The Wisdom of History
  - Windows Above & Windows Below
  - Unscripted Discussions
  - Byways of Business & Economics
Road Scholar LLI Resource Network (formerly The Elderhostel Institute Network) is delighted to be working with the UNA Institute For Learning In Retirement. Together, we bring the highest quality educational programming to older learners living in the vicinity of The Shoals. From their national offices in Boston, Road Scholar gathers stimulating curriculum resources and exciting new initiatives to offer to all the Institutes for Learning in Retirements (ILRs) across North America. They also compile and pass on all the latest news and happenings from across the Network and serve as a central resource that ILRs can turn to for help and information. Thanks to their well-known profile they have access to innovative educational opportunities and their high visibility ensures their ability to promote the learning in retirement movement on both national and international levels. Road Scholar and the UNA ILR are together providing a stimulating and exciting opportunity for older learners. Together we are helping educate our society about successful and productive aging and the joys of older learning. The 21st century does indeed hold great promise for the learning in retirement movement!

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2018/2019 Leadership

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Committee Chairs
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ATTENDANCE AND REGISTRATION
As a member, you are allowed to attend any or all courses in which you are interested. However, Great Books has a limited enrollment so we do need an official registration for that course. We do not call roll but we do count attendance so that we may get an idea of how well attendance is sustained throughout the semester. Of course, we do not have any tests, grades or outside homework (except for the Great Books course). Our members like this freedom and ability to come and go as they please!

PARKING
UNA Center For Learning & Professional Development & the Institute for Learning in Retirement are located in the UNA East Campus Building. This building is located at 1640 Tune Ave., Florence, AL 35630. Parking and classroom access is located behind the building. Please arrive early to get a good space. As a member, you will be issued a Temporary Parking Permit if registered for classes on the main campus. This is to be placed in your dashboard when parking on campus. It is good for only one semester.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY
UNA Center For Learning & Professional Development will furnish each member a directory of all ILR members. These copies will be placed with the other literature available for pick-up.

EMAIL
If you would like to be added to the ILR email distribution list, please let the program coordinator know your email address. Periodically, we will send out notices to members via email, including weather announcements.
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REFRESHMENTS
Members volunteer to provide refreshments for each class meeting. The Social Committee Chairperson organizes this and there will be a sign-up sheet that is circulated. UNA will provide coffee, but if you prefer to have soft drinks, you may volunteer to bring these instead of refreshments. PLEASE bring a serving utensil and remember to take it home with you when the day is over. Also, volunteers are needed to help with setup and cleanup. If you would be able to volunteer, please see Meghan Fike, Chris Johnson or John Messamore.

ILR ORGANIZATION
The UNA ILR is member led and governed with administrative assistance from the UNA Center For Learning & Professional Development. There is a twelve member Council that meets to discuss ILR events and business. Each member serves a term of three years. The Annual Meeting is held every April/May to elect new council members and to amend the by-laws if necessary. ILR officers are elected by the council. The President appoints the Committee Chairpersons such as Travel, Social, and others.

ILR CURRICULUM
The ILR Council meets before each semester to decide on what courses to offer. If you are interested in volunteering to be a course leader or have some great ideas, please contact the President or any member of the council. We are ALWAYS in need of fresh ideas and fresh energy to put together a dynamic and fulfilling semester! Please volunteer and take an active role in the ILR!

ROAD SCHOLAR INSTITUTE NETWORK AFFILIATION (FORMERLY ELDERHOSTEL) —
The UNA ILR is affiliated with the internationally recognized Road Scholar Institute Network (formerly Elderhostel Institute). We receive publications that list Lifelong Learning Institutes all over the world and provide information on other ILRs and what they are doing.

PAST COURSE DVD SESSIONS
Past course DVD sessions are available for checkout. These can be checked out from the UNA office.
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To make your and everyone’s experience at ILR pleasant and fulfilling, may we offer the following:

1. Please pass on ideas for classes, trips and individual programs to the President, Course Leader, Trip Coordinator or UNA Program Coordinator.

2. Sign up for refreshments once or twice a semester. Please leave them for the next class (we have refrigeration). Wednesdays and Fridays sometime run short. If you have leftovers from a personal event, bring them anytime!

3. Always be courteous to the speaker. Don’t converse during his/her presentation.

4. Turn cell phones off or on vibrate.

5. If you have hearing problems, please sit near the front.

6. Use trash cans for empty drink cups/bottles, etc. There are one or more in every room. We want to protect our facilities and leave them as clean as we find them.

7. If you have a problem or suggestion regarding a course, please contact the UNA Program Coordinator, ILR President, Course Leader or a Council Member.

Everyone’s participation in the UNA Institute for Learning in Retirement is encouraged and contributes to its success! Thank you!
Day Trippin’

U.S. Space & Rocket Center
Friday, February 15
Course Leader: Robin Armstrong

We will enjoy a guided tour of the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Lunch will be at onsite. Sign up is required. Bus will leave from the UNA East Campus back parking lot.

Spring Picnic
Save The Date!

Thursday, May 16
Location: McFarland Park Shelter #2
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Potpourri

Monday · 9:00 am—10:10 am
Course Leader: John Sworm

January 28  Heart Mountain WWII Japanese Internment Camp
John Sworm

February 4  Growing Up In The Shoals In The 1950s
Ron Helgemo

February 11 Social Entrepreneurship
Dr. Dennis Balch

February 18 Journey Into Genius
Dr. Bill Cale
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Understanding The World’s Oceans
Introduction To Earth’s Final Frontier

Monday · 9:00 am—10:10 am
Course Leader: Dr. William Cale

February 25  The Ocean Adventure; Ocean Basics & Ocean Basins
Professor Harold J. Tobin, University of Wisconsin-Madison, begins our course with both context and content. We learn what the oceans are and how every scientific discipline is involved in studying them, what their similarities and differences are, how they came to be and how they are changing, and the myriad ways in which they are influencing the entire planet and life on it.

March 4  Habitats – Sunlit Shelves To The Dark Abyss; The Formation Of The Earth & Its Oceans
Today we take a look at life in the oceans and how it varies from one habitat to another. We learn about interactions between living creatures and the ocean features (substrate, plant life, coral reefs) that support them. Then we take a step back in time to understand how the earth and its oceans came to be, what the early atmosphere was like, and how the earth and ocean came to be what we know today.

March 11  The Peculiar Nature Of Water; The Deepest, Slowest River–Polar Bottom Water
We begin today with a quick review of a very peculiar property of water - how it behaves as it cools. Ever wonder why lakes (and oceans, for that matter) don’t freeze from the bottom up. How water changes its density with temperature is key to understanding ocean currents. Once we go over that, we go back to Professor Tobin for a look at the vitally important circulation in the deep ocean.

March 18  The Ocean & Global Climate; The Warming, Rising Sea
No natural processes are more important in regulating earth’s climate than those created by oceans. Earth’s natural climate system, including the greenhouse effect, as well as natural climate change (short and long term) together with global warming are explained. The final presentation examines the likely impact of a warmer earth on our oceans and the concurrent effect on climate.
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Byways of Language & Literature

Monday · 10:35 am—11:45 am
Course Leader: Dr. Dennis Balch

January 28  Dictionaries & Those Who Make Them
Before you can “look it up,” the “it” has to be compiled, organized into “look able” form, and published. Those who do this work are curious, ambitious, and more than a little compulsive. This session explores some noteworthy dictionaries, the personalities of their creators, and some delicious definitions.

February 4  How E-Publishing Disrupted Print & News & Made You An Editor
Among retail casualties of internet technology, bookstores and newspapers are obvious even to the casual observer. Not so obvious is the impact on the overall business model for publishing (who benefits and who suffers?) and the role of gatekeepers. This session explains the changed business model and your new editorial responsibility.

February 11  The Priest & The Peripatetic: The Nature Writing of G.M. Hopkins & John Muir
Nineteenth-century nature-lovers could justifiably claim to live in the best of times & the worst of times. On the one hand, an explosion in knowledge of the natural world led to an understanding of natural systems; on the other hand, the degrading impact of the industrial revolution posed an obvious threat to these systems. This session introduces you to two nineteenth-century writers who were passionate advocates for nature—one British, one American; one a priest poet, the other a rambling prose writer who advised a president.

February 18  William Gay, Scribe of Hohenwald, Master of Tennessee Hill Country Gothic
William Gay is the greatest writer you’ve never read, and he’s a home boy from right up the road in Hohenwald, Tennessee. This session features an interview with Gay, an overview of his work, and excerpts that demonstrate the precise language and the blend of mundane and eerie that characterize his style.
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Computer Security
Exploring The Digital World

Monday · 10:35 am—11:45 am
Course Leader:  Dave Kennebeck

February 25  Crash Course in Computing
This is a preparatory session for the three that follow. It will provide a review of important concepts though a series of brief and fast-paced video presentations. Our very knowledgeable host will review the concepts of computer memory, file systems, cybersecurity and hacking. A survey will also provide attendees an opportunity to determine the participant-oriented content of the fourth session (March 18).

March 4  Digital Data Discovery
We’ll explore the world of computer forensics; how “deleted” data may be recovered; and how “unknown” data is discovered.

March 11  Ethical Hacking (or not)
A discussion and demonstration of tools used for “hacking”; an introduction to “John the Ripper” via an example of password cracking using data from the TV show “Law & Order, SVU”. Passwords submitted by participants will also be securely explored.

March 18  Mental Models
A potpourri session that will explore answers to the questions of How, What and Why pertaining to computer usage. Most people learn as much as they need, but isn’t there more...? This session will address questions and topics from the survey that was distributed during the first session (February 25th).
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Brown Bag Lunch Talks

Monday · 12:30 pm—1:40 pm
Course Leader: Robin Armstrong

January 28  The Binary Star Zoo
Dr. Mel Blake, Director, UNA Planetarium,
Associate Professor, UNA Physics & Astronomy

February 4  Leprosy: The Neglected Of Tropical Diseases
Dr. Tom Gillis, Dept. of Microbiology, Immunology & Parasitology, LSU School of Medicine

February 11 Human Aspects Of Space Flight
Robert L. Stewart, Brigadier General US Army-Retired, NASA Space Shuttle Astronaut

February 18 Inspiration Landing
Ronnie Wicks, Sheffield City Council

February 25 The Magic Guy
Skip Cain, USO Magician & Entertainer

March 4  Apollo & Before
Ron Paulus, Retired NASA Army Missile Command & Colonel USAR

March 11 That’s What I Love About Sunday
Mark Narmore, Songwriter, Grammy & Dove Nominee

March 18  A Potpourri Of Drinking Songs: Here & Elsewhere, Now & Then
Roland Hauck
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Food: A Cultural Culinary History

Monday · 1:50 pm—3:00 pm
Course Leader: Nora Dailey
Course Format: The Great Courses DVD & Discussion

January 28   Carnival In The High Middle Ages
Europe was mostly in ruins after the Dark Ages. In the 9th and 10th centuries, there were waves of invasions from the Germanic people and the Vikings. These invasions introduced a new foldaway to the region.

February 4   International Gothic Cuisine
The reconnection of Eastern trade routes, and the increasing stratification of society led to a splendid cuisine enjoyed not only kings and barons, but imitated by those below them on the social scales.

February 11   A Renaissance In The Kitchen
Sixteenth century Italian cooking inherited many features from the Middle Ages, but the wealth, variety, and presentation made it something quite new.

February 18   Aztecs & The Roots Of Mexican Cooking
The Aztecs were not the first great new world civilization, but they absorbed or ruled over most of the earlier cultures. So the culinary traits of the Aztecs are comprised of an assortment
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Expand Your World—TED Talks
Different Perspectives On Our World

Monday · 1:50 pm—3:00 pm
Course Leader: Susan Daniel

February 25  Fascism & How It Relates To Our Modern World
What does it mean? What are we doing or not doing to enable it?
Presented by an Israeli historian and a professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

March 4  Tis Better To Give...But Are We Doing It Wisely?
How do we choose a worthy charity? How well does it work?
Presented by an American entrepreneur, author, and humanitarian activist

March 11  Does The Language You Speak Determine What You Think?
Many experts think so. Two complementary views on the topic.
Presented by a law student at King’s College in London and a professor of biology, neurology, & neurological sciences at Stanford University

March 18  Why We Come To ILR
(Besides the friendly faces)
What does neuroplasticity have to do with it?
Presented by a brain scientist at the University of British Columbia
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Bicentennial Conversations

Wednesday · 9:00 am—10:10 am
Course Leader: Nancy C. Gonce

January 30  Childhood: Past, Present & Future - “Last Child in the Woods” by Richard Louv
Dr. Jacquie Osborne, Educator

February 6  Colbert County Celebrations -Stories, Sites, & Sounds Along The Singing River
Dr. Lorie Johnson, UNA Assistant Professor, Elementary Education, Director, Continuous Improvement & Accreditation, College of Education & Human Sciences

February 13 Florence Time Capsule—Preserving The Past For The Future
Pat Burney, Chairman, Florence Bicentennial Committee

February 20 Tracking The Trails—Identifying Paths & Trails of Alabama
Joel Mize, Historian

February 27 The Creative Future—New Directions For The UNA School of the Arts
Dr. Terrance Brown, Executive Director, UNA School of the Arts, Associate Professor, Music

March 6 Florence Past, Present & Future—Planning For The Future Of Florence
Melissa Bailey, Director, Florence Planning Department

March 13 Sustainability In The Shoals—An Overview Of The 5th Annual Sustainability Conference
Dr. Brenda Webb, Chair, UNA Dept. of Physics & Earth Science

March 20 Retelling The Stories—Redesigning Florence Arts & Museums Facilities For The Future
Libby Jordan, Director, Florence Dept. of Arts & Museums
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**Enjoying The Arts**
Exploring A Variety of Art Genres
Local Artists Share Their Experiences & Works

**Wednesday • 10:35 am—11:45 am**
Course Leader: Elizabeth Renault

- **January 30** Local Fiber Artist  
  *Martha Beadle*
- **February 6** Tim Stevenson, Painter &  
  Martha Carpenter, Portrait Artist
- **February 13** Graffiti & Graffiti Art
- **February 20** Brandon Stoll, Local Graphic Designer & Graffiti Artist
- **February 27** Art Of The Southwest
- **March 6** Michelle Thompson Rideout,  
  Nashville Artist
- **March 13** Norman Rockwell, Part I
- **March 20** Norman Rockwell, Part II
Great Books:
Readings & Discussion
Short Story Omnibus

Wednesday • 10:30 am—11:45 am
Course Leader: Nancy Belue • Room 104

January 30  Looking for Mr. Green by Saul Bellow
Discussion Leader: Nora Dailey

February 6  Sonny’s Blues by James Baldwin
Discussion Leader: Betty Balch

February 13  Argument & Persuasion by Donald Hall
Discussion Leader: Dennis Balch

February 20  The Professor’s House by Ursula K. Le Guin
Discussion Leader: Kathryn Scott

February 27  Lost in the Funhouse by John Barth
Discussion Leader: Donna Albright

March 6  Tomorrow & Tomorrow & So Forth by John Updike
Discussion Leader: Anne Davis

March 13  Cathedral by Raymond Carver
Discussion Leader: Jim Berry

March 20  The Man from Mars by Margaret Atwood
Discussion Leader: Jacquie Osborne
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American History
Outstanding People & Events

Wednesday · 12:30 pm—1:40 pm
Course Leader: John Messamore

January 30
Changing The Arc Of Alabama Taxation
Chuck Bailey, Director, Alabama State FAIRtax

February 13
Cherokee Roots & Indian Horses Tribal Traditions
Dale Lone Elk Casteel, author of seven books including “The Native People Of Turtle Island”
Dr. Yvette Running Horse Collin, Sacred Way Sanctuary

February 27
Quilts Of Colbert County
Glen Rikard, Tennessee Valley Art Association Board of Directors

March 13
Mississippi Blues History
Dr. Brian Dempsey, UNA Assistant Professor, History, Director, UNA Public History Center
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‘Round Town—Field Trips

Wednesday • 11:50 am—until
Course Leader: Robin Armstrong
Bus and/or lunch costs are not included with ILR registration.

February 6  Tim Stevenson’s Art Studio Tour

February 20 Wilson Dam Inside Tour & Presentation
Guided by Scott Fielder & Other TVA Specialists
**Security Background Check Will Be Required**

March 6  New Lauderdale County Animal Shelter Tour

March 20  Peanutt Montgomery’s Music Museum Tour
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Interfaith Discussions
Exploring The Religions Of The World

Friday · 9:00 am—10:10 am
Course Leader: Dr. Jacquie Osborne

February 1  The Native American Tradition
Dr. Danny Whitehead, priest at St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church, will share his experiences as a priest among the Native Americans in Canada.

February 8 Seventh Day Adventists: An American Tradition
The Seventh Day Adventist Church is a Protestant Christian denomination distinguished by its observance of Saturday as the Sabbath, and by its emphasis on the imminent second coming of Jesus Christ. The denomination grew out of the Millerite movement in the United States during the mid-19th century.

February 15 UNA Closed/ILR Day Trippin’ Field Trip

February 22 Abrahamic Religions & The Inception of The Covenant
Dr. Jacqueline Osborne—Western religions differ from those of the East in being related through the concept of the covenant. The idea of the covenant & its relation to history and myth will be explored in this session.

March 1 The Mosaic Covenant
Dr. Carl Gebhardt—The idea of the covenant expanded & developed as a part of the religion of Moses, which grew into modern Judaism. This class will explore that development.
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Understanding Climate Change & Its Implications

Friday • 9:00 am—10:10 am
Course Leader: Larry Gautney

March 8  History & Review Of The Science Of Climate Change
This session will focus on the early development of the science that is the basis for our understanding of climate change. It will also provide a review of the evolving science and the reaction of the public and governments to the implications of the science.

March 15  Review Of The Intergovernmental Panel On Climate Change (IPCC) Reports
This session will be a review of the reports prepared by the IPCC, the conclusions of the reports, and the response of business and governments.

March 22  Implications Of Climate Change
This final session will focus on a single question: “What does this have to do with anything?” As it turns out, a lot more than many are aware or suspect. Much of the material presented will be from official U.S. government sources, especially the Fourth National Climate Assessment.
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The Wisdom Of History
Friday · 10:35 am—11:45 am
Course Leader: Jean Mammen

February 1  Lecture 35: Wisdom Of History & The Citizen
We go back to our first thought- that the founders of our country believed that history is the most important single subject for all citizens of a free republic to study

February 8  Lecture 36: Wisdom Of History & You
We turn back to ask the question about whether history can speak to you as a private individual

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February 22  Follow The River
A 50 minute DVD was obtained from Pope’s Tavern in Florence depicting the History of Florence, Lauderdale County. It depicts history going back from the Ice Age until present time. The video presenters include: Ken Johnson & Leo Cobb (past members of ILR), Harry Wallace (historian & instructor of Shoals History offered by UNA Continuing Education), McDonald (official historian of Lauderdale & Florence), & various professors of UNA. Much can be learned about this area we call home from this short video

March 1  Land Grant Colleges
They are institutions of higher education in the United States designed by a state to receive the benefits of the Morrill Acts of 1862 and 1890. What colleges hold this distinction and how does it benefit the college? What is required of the college?
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Windows Above & Windows Below

Friday · 10:35 am—11:45 am
Course Leader: Dr. David Curott

March 8  The Sky Above
Learn to recognize stars & constellations
David Curott Ph.D., Emeritus Professor, UNA

March 15  More Sky Above
Continue learning star patterns
David Curott Ph.D., Emeritus Professor, UNA

March 22  Utilities For Windows
Free utilities to improve your PC windows experience
David Curott Ph.D., Emeritus Professor, UNA
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Unscripted Discussions

Friday · 12:30 pm—1:40 pm
Course Leader: John Messamore

Current Events Topics (TBD)

February 1
February 8
February 15—UNA Closed/ILR Day Trippin’ Field Trip
February 22
March 1

Ever feel like we don’t have enough class time to discuss issues of importance? This class is a forum that will do just that. This class provides the opportunity for all ILR members to address topics of interest like: current events, philosophical issues or, stories you’d like to tell or yarns you’d like to spin. If possible, topics will be identified before class so students can choose to attend discussions of interest. So if you are one of those folks who believes “everyone has a right to hear my opinion”, then this class is for you!
March 8  
**Idea Generation & Market Exchange: Matt Ridley & Milton Friedman Explain**

We might say that ideas are a prime ingredient of economic activity. Without ideas to focus application of resources, we accomplish nothing. Where do they come from? How do we stimulate idea generation? Matt Ridley’s video provides a social view of idea generation, showing a close relationship between idea generation and market exchange. Milton Friedman’s video uses the humble pencil as a case study to demonstrate the miracle of market-based coordination of human activity.

March 15  
**Money: A (Very Important) Figment of The Imagination**

A piece of currency (e.g., $100 bill) is actually almost worthless as a physical artifact, but the idea it represents is immensely powerful. And this idea is represented in many other forms. So what is money, exactly? What does it do for us? And what affects the supply and value of this essential commodity?

March 22  
**What Do We Buy? What Do We Sell? U.S. & Alabama Trade Insights**

Understanding international trade involves a lot more than just balance of payments. This session will provide some basic information to help you better understand the state of U.S. and Alabama trade with partner countries. Good news! This is one area in which Alabama is not last on a list.
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9:00—10:10 am  Growing Up In The Shoals In The 1950s, Ron Helgemo
10:35—11:45 am  How E-Publishing Disrupted Print & News & Made You An Editor
12:30—1:40 pm  Leprosy: The Neglected of Tropical Diseases, Dr. Tom Gillis, Dept. of Microbiology, Immunology & Parasitology, LSU School of Medicine
1:50—3:00 pm  International Gothic Cuisine
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10:35—11:45 am  Tim Stevenson, Painter & Martha Carpenter, Portrait Artist
Great Books: Sonny's Blues by James Baldwin, Discussion Leader: Betty Balch

11:50 am—until  Tim Stevenson’s Art Studio Tour

February 8
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10:35—11:45 am  The Wisdom of History: Wisdom Of History & You

12:30—1:40 pm  Unscripted Discussions

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**February 18**
9:00—10:10 am  
**Journey Into Genius,** *Dr. Bill Cale*  
**William Gay, Scribe of Hohenwald, Master of Tennessee Hill Country Gothic**

10:35—11:45 am  
**Inspiration Landing,** *Ronnie Wicks, Sheffield City Council*  
**Aztecs & The Roots Of Mexican Cooking**

12:30—1:40 pm  

1:50—3:00 pm

**February 20**
9:00—10:10 am  
**Tracking The Trails,** *Joel Mize, Historian*  
**Brandon Stoll, Local Graphic Designer & Graffiti Artist**  
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10:35—11:45 am  

12:30—1:40 pm  

1:50—3:00 pm

**February 27**
9:00—10:10 am  
**The Creative Future,** *Dr. Terrance Brown,* Executive Director, UNA School of the Arts, Associate Professor, Music  
**Art Of The Southwest**

10:35—11:45 am  
**Great Books: Lost in the Funhouse** by John Barth  
**Discussion Leader:** Donna Albright  
**Quilts Of Colbert County,** *Glen Rikard, Tennessee Valley Art Association Board of Directors*
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|                 | 10:35—11:45 am      | Digital Data Discovery  
|                 | 12:30—1:40 pm       | Apollo & Before, Ron Paulus, Retired NASA Army Missile Command & Colonel USAR  
|                 | 1:50—3:00 pm        | Tis Better To Give...But Are We Doing It Wisely? TED Talk  
| March 6          | 9:00—10:10 am       | Florence Past, Present & Future, Melissa Bailey, Director, Florence Planning Department  
|                 | 10:35—11:45 am      | Michelle Thompson Rideout, Nashville Artist  
|                 | 11:50 am—until      | New Lauderdale County Animal Shelter Tour  
| March 8          | 9:00—10:10 am       | History & Review Of The Science Of Climate Change  
|                 | 10:35—11:45 am      | The Sky Above, David Curott Ph.D., Emeritus Professor, UNA  
|                 | 12:30—1:40 pm       | Idea Generation & Market Exchange: Matt Ridley & Milton Friedman Explain  
| March 11         | 9:00—10:10 am       | The Peculiar Nature of Water; The Deepest, Slowest River –Polar Bottom Water  
|                 | 10:35—11:45 am      | Ethical Hacking (or not)  
|                 | 12:30—1:40 pm       | That's What I Love About Sunday, Mark Narmore, Songwriter, Grammy & Dove Nominee  
|                 | 1:50—3:00 pm        | Does The Language You Speak Determine What You Think? TED Talk  

Daily Schedule

March 13
9:00—10:10 am  Sustainability In The Shoals, Dr. Brenda Webb, Chair, UNA Dept. of Physics & Earth Science
10:35—11:45 am  Norman Rockwell, Part I
Cathedral by Raymond Carver, Discussion Leader: Jim Berry
12:30—1:40 pm  Mississippi Blues History, Dr. Brian Dempsey, UNA Assistant Professor, History, Director, UNA Public History Center

March 15
9:00—10:10 am  Review Of The Intergovernmental Panel On Climate Change (IPCC) Reports
10:35—11:45 am  More Sky Above, David Curott Ph.D., Emeritus Professor, UNA
12:30—1:40 pm  Money: A (Very Important) Figment of The Imagination

March 18
9:00—10:10 am  The Ocean and Global Climate; The Warming, Rising Sea
10:35—11:45 am  Mental Models
12:30—1:40 pm  A Potpourri Of Drinking Songs: Here & Elsewhere, Now & Then, Roland Hauck
1:50—3:00 pm  Why We Come To ILR TED Talk

March 20
9:00—10:10 am  Retelling The Stories, Libby Jordan, Director, Florence Dept. of Arts & Museums
10:35—11:45 am  Norman Rockwell, Part II
Great Books: The Man from Mars by Margaret Atwood, Discussion Leader: Jacquie Osborne
Peanut Montgomery’s Music Museum Tour
11:50 am—until

March 22
9:00—10:10 am  Implications Of Climate Change
10:35—11:45 am  Utilities For Windows, David Curott Ph.D., Emeritus Professor, UNA
12:30—1:40 pm  What Do We Buy? What Do We Sell? U.S. & Alabama Trade Insights