



2025



Lifetime Learning
Fall Courses

REGISTRATION SEPTEMBER 4-11, 2025

Welcome to Lifetime Learning at Peconic Landing.

The Lifetime Learning Association at Peconic Landing was formed in our opening year, 2002, by three pioneer couples who had earlier participated in LTL programs at various universities.

As Greenport was not proximate to a university, they petitioned Elderhostel, then the parent of the 454-member LTL Network to become the only non-University affiliated chapter. We were approved, after a review of the profiles of our member base showed it could easily be a source of "volunteer peer Faculty." This has proven very successful over the years as our LTL Council has worked with PL residents plus interested community people to identify and coach faculty, and to develop curricula.

The result was surprising: by broadening our scope in identifying potential "faculty" to include not only retired academics, but people from business, the arts and professions, and LTL members eagerly pursuing new-found interests, we've been able to establish a dynamic group of course leaders developing a diverse curriculum over three semesters each year! On average, we offer a dozen courses, plus individual lectures in the Schanzer Series, in separate subject areas each trimester, to about half the PL population.

One 'student' described our program as "an aphrodisiac for the mind;" another commented, "How fortunate I feel to live on a campus where peer learning contributes so much to a mode of retirement living that is truly "masterpiece."

Our diverse faculty, currently including a Buddhist, a Geologist, a Genealogist, a coterie of Ivy Leaguers, a Poet Laureate, the Mother of the LI wine industry, a Thespian, a Bioethicist, Historians of several stripes, a renowned AI pioneer, several Engineers and Scientists, a Composer, a retired Hospital President turned expert on Women Spies in WWII... are fellow residents and "forever learners" themselves who share their knowledge in lectures, workshops, and discussion groups.

Our Active Learning model encourages the highest possible level of participation in a peer-learning process. Our "Professors" are enriched by the depth and varied life experience that participants bring to our on-campus classrooms, which cannot be matched on any university campus.

There's a not-so-old-adage in learning circles of older adults that goes, "If they're laughing, they're learning." It's no surprise! According to the American Psychological Association, laughter activates regions in our brains which release the neurotransmitter dopamine. When dopamine is present during an experience, we are most likely to remember it. Students who laugh pay more attention and retain information and concepts; they are more apt to ask questions and to interact with each other.

And isn't that what it's all about?

The Lifetime Learning Council, September 2025



The Lifetime Learning Council

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OUR STRATEGIC PARTNERS

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WILLIAM FLOYD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Dear Member,

Welcome to the Spring Semester of Lifetime Learning at Peconic Landing!
This catalog offers a variety of courses for your interest and participation.
Important dates include:

September 4 Kickoff & Registration begins, Catalogs distributed

September 11 Registration closes

NO REGISTRATION ACCEPTED AFTER SEPTEMBER 11

September 15 Class lists will be posted on bulletin board in the coat room

September 22 Classes begin

November 14 Classes end

The annual fee for courses during the academic year – Fall, Winter and Spring semesters is **\$50 payable to Lifetime Learning Association.**

Please include your check with your Registration Form, attached to this catalog. Please register for courses and list in the order of your preference. Every effort will be made to place you in your first-choice class, but if it is over-subscribed, participants will be chosen by lottery. If you do not make it into your first choice, we will try to place you in your second choice. Every class will have at least one space reserved for a sponsored non-member.

If you are signing up for any continuing course, you need to re-register each term. There is only one fee for the three semesters.

Lifetime Learning encourages new ideas for courses. Most classes are led by Peconic Landing residents. If you or someone you know would like to teach a class, please contact Bill Batcher, Curriculum Chair. Thank you for your interest.

Cordially,

Dolores Parry, President

Lifetime Learning Council



FALL 2025



All classes in Lifetime Learning classroom, unless otherwise noted

MONDAY

F-1 1:30-3:00 - **Singing Rounds** - Patsy Rogers

TUESDAY

F-2 10:00-11:30 - **Shakespeare & History** - Terry Walker

F-3 1:30 - 3:00 - **Improve Your Bridge** - Bob Feger

WEDNESDAY

F-4 10:00-11:30 - **Current Events** - Fred Lipfert & Brewster Righter CARD ROOM

F-5 1:30-3:00 - **What in the World? United States
and Its International Challenges** - Phil Metzger

3:30-5:00 - **Schanzer Series - Auditorium**

F-6A 10/1 - **Mao & Jimmy Carter in a Model-T (Latin-etymology):
Jeff Greenberger**

F-6B 10/8 - **Fun and Prizes: What the Ancient Greeks gave Western
Civilization - A Jeopardy Game: Mike DeVito**

F-6C 10/15 - **ChatGPT: Your AI Companion for Everyday Life: Jeff Richlin**

F-6D 10-29 - **How Vaccines Work: Dr. Bev Dixon**

F-6E 11-6 - **3D Printing: Jeff Richlin**

F-6F 11-12 - **The President's Pardon Power: Al Alschuler**

THURSDAY

F-7 10:00-11:30 - **Theatre Games** - Marion Pearce - ART STUDIO

F-8 10:00-11:30 - **Chair Theatre Games** - Marion Pearce - ART STUDIO

F-9 3:30-5:00 - **Finding Serenity in the Midst of Chaos** - Pat Leis

FRIDAY

F-10 10:00-11:30 - **Reading Like a Writer** - Joe McKay

F-11 1:00-3:30 - **Documentary Portraits & Landscapes** - Toba Tucker

SATURDAY

F-12 10:00-11:30 - **Beginning Chess** - John Munzel

MONDAY

1:30-3:00 PM

F-1: SINGING ROUNDS

PATSY ROGERS

The course is open to everyone who loves to sing. We'll start with familiar rounds we remember from childhood, moving on to more complex ones as we get used to singing together. The emphasis will be on the joy of singing together, not on achieving perfection.



Patsy is a composer, conductor and choral singer who has taught privately as well as in schools and colleges all over New York and New England. She loves to sing and to share the joy of music with others.

4 Sessions: September 22, 29, October 6, 20

Class Size: 25

TUESDAY

10:00-11:30 AM

F-2: SHAKESPEARE & HISTORY

TERRY WALKER

This is a repeat of last winter's Shakespeare class. In the 1590s Queen Elizabeth had been on the Throne for over 30 years. She had no children and hence no legitimate heir. The question of who would succeed her was in the air. It couldn't be discussed, at least publicly. But Londoners flocked to theatres to see plays about the travails of earlier monarchs including King Richard II's abdication and Henry IV's struggles to establish his claim to the throne and control his wayward son, Prince Hal. Our class will consist of 6 sessions focusing on Henry IV Part 1.



Terry Walker worked in the New York theatre for many years. At various times he directed, acted and taught theatre. He studied at the HB Studio and the Actors Studio. At PL he taught a class on The Comedy of Errors in 2023 as well as last winter's Shakespeare class.

6 Sessions: Oct. 14, Nov. 18 - LTL classroom
Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11 - Art Studio

Class Size: 15

TUESDAY

F-3: IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE

1:30-3:00 PM

BOB FEGER

This hands-on course is designed for players with Bridge experience. We will begin with learning Bridge Proprieties and work our way through Basic Bridge Conventions. The focus of this course will be sup play. A workbook will be provided



Bob Feger is a former educator who has been playing Contract Bridge for many years. He currently holds the ranking of NABC Master.

8 Sessions: Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 Nov. 4, 11, 18

Class Size: 6

WEDNESDAY

F-4: CURRENT EVENTS

10:00-11:30 AM

FRED LIPFERT & BREWSTER RIGHTER

An ongoing weekly forum where members discuss their interests and concerns on recent developments. We try to inform, entertain, and have a good time. Everyone gets a chance to speak and diversity is welcome.



Dr. Lipfert has advanced degrees in Engineering and Environmental Studies. *Mr. Righter* majored in History and has continued studies in Totalitarianism and related topics. They alternate in chairing the weekly sessions.

Ongoing Weekly in the Card Room

Class Size: 18



WEDNESDAY

1:30-3:00 PM

F-5: WHAT IN THE WORLD? THE UNITED STATES AND ITS INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGES

PHIL METZGER



Many issues challenge decades of United States World Leadership: an aggressive China, the muddled Middle East, United Nations opposition, Automated Intelligence unknowns, isolationist sentiment in the United States regarding NATO, Ukraine, Israel, and Europe, international trade competition and global warming cooperation. Subject articles will be distributed to class members in advance of each session. Discussion leaders from the class will be supported by audio-visual tools. Class members are expected and encouraged to share their thoughts and opinions.

Philip Metzger worked 31 years for the United States Customs Service in NYC and Washington, D.C., the last 20 years as an executive in the Office of Trade.

4 Sessions: October 22, 29, November 5, 12

Class Size: 25

WEDNESDAY

SCHANZER SERIES

3:30-5:00 PM

OCTOBER 1 ♦ AUDITORIUM

F-6A: MAO & JIMMY CARTER IN A MODEL-T (LATIN-ETYMOLOGY)

JEFF GREENBERGER



A exploration (and, frankly, an exploitation) of the tenuous linguistic connections among such disparate events as the founding of the People's Republic of China, Mr. Ford's machine, our 39th President, and the nation's third National Park. What links them all? You can be sure that it has to do with the Latin roots of the words, terms, and concepts we have long used to describe each of them. Ninety minutes of engaging etymology, popular history, and lots more Fun With Words!

Jeff Greenberger, though formally trained in the Classical Languages, comes by his ability to lull audiences into somnolence quite naturally. He has delivered a few Schanzer lectures and no one has ever stormed out - but his relentless optimism, combined with his strained etymological explications, may yet claim some victims.

OCTOBER 8 ♦ AUDITORIUM**F-6B: FUN AND PRIZES: WHAT THE ANCIENT GREEKS GAVE WESTERN CIVILIZATION - A JEOPARDY GAME****MIKE DEVITO**

TA fun, pictorial PowerPoint presentation showing items Ancient Greece gave us: ice cream, cheesecake, toothpaste, central heating, automatic doors, etc. Discover Greek based English words. Answer Jeopardy questions for prizes. Attendee with the most correct answers wins the grand prize of a bottle of Greek wine.



Mike DeVito holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy and a M.S. in Psychology. He watches movies from the point of view of these two fields of study. His love for movies has led him to take numerous courses in film.

OCTOBER 15 ♦ AUDITORIUM**F-6C: CHATGPT: YOUR AI COMPANION FOR EVERYDAY LIFE****JEFF RICHLIN**

In this engaging one-hour talk, we will discover what ChatGPT is. It can be a helpful, easy-to-use tool in daily life. We'll explain how this artificial intelligence program can answer questions, help write emails, spark creativity, assist with hobbies, and more – all in plain, friendly language. No technical background is needed. Attendees will see real examples, learn how to use ChatGPT safely, and explore its many possibilities, from travel planning to recipe ideas. By the end, you'll feel confident and curious about using ChatGPT to enrich your day-to-day experiences.



Jeff Richlin has about 50 years experience in building custom manufacturing machines. Today his firm specializes in engineering and building automation and robotic systems. He has built installations for all sorts of industries: Medical, Aerospace, Industrial, even a factory to produce cotton candy with robots.

OCTOBER 29 ♦ AUDITORIUM
F-6D: HOW VACCINES WORK

DR. BEV DIXON

Presentation on how vaccines are made and how they interact with the immune system to provide protection against infectious pathogens.



Bev received an MSPH from the School of Public Health at UNC-Chapel Hill, and a PhD in Medical Microbiology from the College of Veterinary Medicine - UGA. Her doctoral research on vaccines earned a patent in 1980. She taught medical microbiology, immunology, and parasitology for 30 years at California State University.

NOVEMBER 5 ♦ AUDITORIUM
F-6E: 3D PRINTING

JEFF RICHLIN



This presentation will cover what 3D printing is and how it works. Every day applications range from dental replacements, household accessories, and printing buildings. I will show examples of how printable content is created and print a few examples during the class. Don't be afraid to attend, the class is geared to members that are not tech savvy.

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WEDNESDAY

SCHANZER SERIES

3:30-5:00 PM

NOVEMBER 12 ♦ AUDITORIUM
F-6F: THE PRESIDENT'S PARDON POWER

AL ALSCHULER

This lecture will offer a brief history of presidential clemency, focusing particularly on the pardons of Abraham Lincoln and Bill Clinton



Albert Alschuler, the Julius Kreeger Professor Emeritus at The University of Chicago Law School, is the author of *The Corruption of the Pardon Power*, 18U. St. Thomas L.J. 1 (2022); *Limiting the Pardon Power*, 63 Ariz. L. Rev. 545 (2021); and *Bill Clinton's Parting Pardon Party*, 100 J. Crim. L. & Crim. 1131 (2010)

THURSDAY

10:00-11:30 AM

F-7: THEATRE GAMES

MARION PEARCE
ART STUDIO

Exercises, games and improvisations to awaken the imagination and intuition, and inspire the freedom to play. Some agility is good and the hesitant are encouraged to join.



Marion Pearce studied acting and acted in NYC and taught acting and theatre courses at LaGuardia High School of Music and Art and Performing Arts (the "Fame" school) in NYC. She has a masters in MAT (Literature) and in TESOL.

4 **Sessions:** September 25, October 2, 9, 23

Class Size: 24

THURSDAY

10:00-11:30 AM

F-8: CHAIR THEATRE GAMES

**MARION PEARCE
ART STUDIO**



Exercises and games and improvisations to awaken the imagination and intuition, and inspire the freedom to play. Open to those with walkers or wheelchairs or who prefer to stay seated.

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3 Sessions: October 30, November 6, 13

Class Size: 16

THURSDAY

3:30-5:00 PM

F-9: FINDING SERENITY IN THE MIDST OF CHAOS

PATRICK LEIS



This class will explore the power of our thoughts to make us feel safe in a world that appears dangerous and chaotic, changing our perception from that of a victim of life's random circumstances to a creator of our destiny.

Patrick Leis has studied psychology , energy medicine, vibrational medicine, cellular biology , medical meditation , epigenetics, neurogenesis and quantum physics for the past 25 years.

7 Sessions: Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13

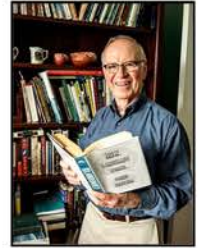
Class Size: 30

FRIDAY

10:00-11:30 AM

F-10: READING LIKE A WRITER

JOE MCKAY



The purpose of this course is to practice a method of reading used by writers for hundreds of years. It is guaranteed to give you greater reading pleasure! We will use excellent short stories of varying styles as practice material, and so gain a better feel for the art & craft of the short story form.

Joe has been leading this class, based on the book of the same title by Francine Prose, since 2010. He is also the author of "Crazy About Words" published in 2013.

8 Sessions: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21

Class Size: 24

FRIDAY

1:30-3:00 PM

F-11: DOCUMENTARY PORTRAITS & LANDSCAPES

TOBA TUCKER



The first of two sessions is about my life experiences and adventures as a documentary portrait and landscape photographer. This is shown through original photographs, projected images and related narratives and stories. In Session #1 you will see the world of Native Americans in the Northeast and Southwest including the Navajo Nation, the Onondaga Nation, the Shinnecock, and the nineteen Pueblos of New Mexico. In Session #2 you will see the awesome, sometimes mysterious landscape of the West and Southwest, extending the traditional boundaries of the west to include Alaska and Hawaii.

Photographs in permanent collection prestigious museums, libraries and universities, including: Metropolitan Museum of Art, Museum of Modern Art, National Museum American Indian. Yale University acquired archive life's work. Awarded grants: National Endowment Arts, several National Endowment Humanities. Published books of photography, appeared LIFE Magazine. Lifetime Achievement Award, Pollock-Krasner Foundation 2024.

2 Sessions: October 3, 10

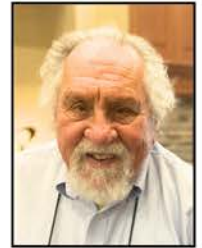
Class Size: 30

SATURDAY

10:00-11:30 AM

F-12: BEGINNING CHESS

JOHN MUNZEL



Over the years, I have taught many people basic beginning chess. I've always said that I can teach one to play chess in an hour. Then one spends the rest of life learning the game.

9/27 LTL Classroom then every Saturday in the Bistro through May 17

**CURIOSITY UNIVERSITY
PROGRAMS**

MONDAYS

4:00 PM

CHANNEL 592

The Lifetime Learning Association has committed to bringing streamed presentations from Curiosity University to Peconic Landing every Monday at 4:00 pm. *There is no charge for attending any of these lectures.*

However, if you are not attending regular Lifetime Learning classes and would like to make a donation to help defray the cost of bringing Curiosity University to Peconic Landing , it would be greatly appreciated. Checks may be made out to the Lifetime Learning Association and will be added to our Scholarship Fund. Thank you!!

Lifetime Learning Association - 2025 Fall Registration Form

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Annual membership fee: \$50 per person. Includes Fall '25 Winter '26, and Spring '26

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Lifetime Learning Council

AT PECONIC LANDING

Lifetime Learning at Peconic Landing is dedicated to stimulating discourse and friendship among people for whom learning is a lifetime journey. The Lifetime Learning Council at Peconic Landing believes that learning is an important part of self-fulfillment at all ages. In furtherance of that principle, the \$50 annual membership fee for courses supports several projects.

After covering the cost of supplies and equipment needed for LTL's own classes, we annually provide several scholarships for area students. A \$1,000 grant supports Pre-K Education at Greenport Elementary School; two \$1,500 scholarships are awarded to Greenport High School graduating seniors; one \$2,500 scholarship goes to a returning/mature student at the Riverhead campus of Suffolk County Community College.