TOURS & EVENTS

Redwood Library & Athenaeum Tour
Monday, September 16
Time: 11 a.m. Cost: $20
Presenter: Brandon Aglio
Location: Newport
Limit: 20

You’ll see more than beautiful books at the Redwood Library. There are paintings, busts, sculptures, decorative arts, and so much more to be seen as you wander through the library. The two galleries offer a revolving schedule of exhibitions. The visit to the Redwood will provide attendees a tour of the library, detailing the early history and significance of the institution. After the tour and a brief Q&A, the group will move to the upstairs boardroom to investigate closely a number of books chosen from our special collections. Topics can be discussed further in detail but from prior discussions a few ideas include History of Newport/Redwood Library and Historical Interior Design.

URI Medicinal Garden Tour
Wednesday, September 18
Time: 10 a.m. Cost: $20
Presenter: Elizabeth Leibovitz
Limit: 20

The medicinal garden, which is attached to the URI School of Pharmacy, consists of plantings related to healing and treatment of diseases. The tour will include discussion of the differences between herbal and medicinal plants. There will also be an opportunity for a hands-on experience with developing fragrances and growing herbs. Registrants will receive directions to the garden prior to the class.


The Hurricane of 1938: Readings and Beach Walking Tour
Sunday, September 22
1:30—4:30 p.m. Cost: $10
Presented by: Alice Dzen Gross and Janice Stassi
Location: Watch Hill Limit: 12

The class will meet at Napatree Point, Watch Hill, Westerly RI, at the gazebo on Bay Street (water side). There, the group will participate in a communal reading of hurricane survivor memories selected from Sudden Sea: The Great Hurricane of 1938. Text Materials will be provided by leaders. After the readings, there will be a guided walk along Napatree Point, a 1.5-mile-long barrier beach and important habitat of threatened and endangered bird, insect, and plant species. After the Hurricane of 1938, Napatree returned to its natural state but an occasional glimpse of cement walkways, chimney bricks, or pieces of dinnerware remind us of what vanished on September 21, 1938. Suggested reading: R.A. Scotti: Sudden Sea: The Great Hurricane of 1938 (Little, Brown, 2003)

Providence Ghost Tour!
Wednesday, October 23, 8 p.m. in Providence Cost: $20

Enjoy the spooky side of history on a private ghost tour. The guide will lead us by lantern light and introduce us to Providence’s longest lingering residents. As we creep among the shadows and walk in the footsteps of local literary giants and humble servants alike. Learn the tales that keep college students jumping out of their beds at night!

Our guides and storytellers bring the history of Providence to life as they guide you on a tour of the East Side’s streets and hills, including parts of the Brown University and RISD campuses. With spine-tingling tales, fascinating historical facts, and even a bit of poetry.

The tour lasts for 90 minutes and the group will meet at Prospect Terrace Park (60 Condgon Street) in Providence. Please arrive 10-15 minutes before your scheduled time. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

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South Kingstown Bike Path
Watercolor 102
Fridays, Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 18 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. $45
Instructor: Burl Dawson
Limit: 20

Supply lists will be provided to enrollees before the first class.

This course is a continuation from the Watercolor 101 Techniques class or for students with prior experience with watercolor.

Students will paint from their own photos. Emphasis will be on technique, composition and the art elements and art principles of design.

Oil Painting 101
Fridays, October 25, Nov 1, 8, 15, & 22, Dec 6 1:30-3:30 p.m. $50
Instructor: Burl Dawson
Limit: 20

Painting is all about seeing a color and knowing in one’s mind how to create it. During this course we will be doing just that. Beginner students will spend the majority of time mixing and copying swatches of colors that the instructor has painted. These swatches of colors will be used to create small paintings by copying those paintings simply composed by the instructor.

Backstage Pass
Monday, October 28
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. $10
Instructor: Celeste C. Ferendo-Canfield

This one-time "talk" focuses on Celeste’s career of 40 years in the entertainment industry. Backstage Pass is a journey through a life in show biz aimed not only at enriching the audience member’s experience, but also to help them appreciate ALL of the members of the artistic and technical teams that give their all to make these events happen. After receiving degrees in Art and Theater, Celeste worked on Broadway, in all 50 states and over 30 countries with Dance, Theater, Rock and Roll, Opera, Film, the Superbowl half-time show, TV and many special events and award shows. Her point of view is from BACKSTAGE, with stories that will make you laugh... and make you cry and she welcomes questions from the audience.

Gamm Theatre
Mondays, Sept 16 and October 7 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. $20
Presenter 1st Class: Tony Estrella
2nd Session: Gamm Theatre on your own
1245 Jefferson Blvd in Warwick
Presenter 3rd Class: Terry Duffy
Rhode Island’s own Gamm Theatre and the OLLI at URI have joined forces to present a course that includes a trip to the theater at its location in Warwick. The course comprises three sessions and is designed to broaden the appreciation of the performing arts for all theater goers. In the first session, the director of the Gamm theatre, Tony Estrella, will lead the OLLI classroom discussion about the play. The second session will be a trip to the theater to attend the play at your convenience. The third session is held back in the classroom for a follow-up lecture and discussion.

*Second session (seeing the play) Class participants may choose any date during the run of the play and purchase their tickets at a discounted price using code OLLI10. You may purchase up to two tickets at a $10 discount each. Purchase your tickets directly through the Gamm Theatre at gammtheatre.org or by phone 401-723-4266 ext 500. Present your OLLI member ID at the will-call window. Tickets range from $23 to $50 (regularly $33-$60) depending on the day/time you see the show. Cannot be combined with other discounts or offers.
Courage and Compassion
Mondays, Sept 23, 30, Oct 7, 21, 28 and Nov 4  Cost: $50
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Instructor: Kenneth Knott

How do we respond when confronted with evil? This is about Courage and Compassion in great literature. We will read and discuss excerpts from classic literature to understand these two virtues and when they can become vices.

Our most immediate responses seem to be fear and pity or compassion. Are these responses in need of regulation by reason or virtue? Courage is traditionally regarded as the virtue that regulates fear and our actions in response to it. Is there a corresponding virtue that regulates compassion?

Suggested Reading List:
Plato, Laches; Euripides, The Trojan Women; Bible, Gospel of Luke (selected passages); Shakespeare, Macbeth; Faulkner, Pantaloon in Black; Dinesen, Sorrow Acre

Innovation and Aging
Fridays, November 1, 8, 15
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  Cost: $30
Limited to 16 students
Instructor: Sandra Enos

In this course, we will explore Design Thinking, an approach to created human-centered technologies, devices and environment. Design Thinking has been used by inventors, policy makers, systems designers and individuals to ask questions like, "How might we redesign airports to better fit the needs of travelers with disabilities?", "How might we redesign classrooms to make them work better for all learners" and many more. In this course, we will experience design thinking tools and apply them to some of the challenges older adults face.

Remembering Toni Morrison
Wednesday, October 2
9:30-11:00 a.m.  Cost: $10
Instructor: Karen Stein

Toni Morrison (1931-2019) was the first African American woman to win a Nobel prize in literature. She challenges us to rethink our beliefs about ourselves and our values as she examines the tangled and complex issues of race, power, gender, and class in the context of American history and culture.

This session commemorates her life and work. It provides an overview of her life and invites participants to read passages from her Noble Prize address and other works.
1. Improve your global literacy  
   Tuesday, Sept 17, 9:30-11:00 a.m.  $10  
   This course will focus on the use of all kinds of on-line maps to assist the student in better understanding the world. We will use maps that show literacy, life expectancy, infant mortality, per capita GDP, ethnicity, religious beliefs, wars, military spending, refugees, human rights, malnutrition, energy use, and more. Besides analyzing what these maps tell us, we will take part in considerable discussion of the topics listed here. By the end of the course, students will better understand the issues, and will also find that their geographical IQs will be considerably higher.

2. Improve your Middle East literacy  
   Tuesday, Sept 24, 9:30-11:00 a.m.  $10  
   This course will focus on the use of all kinds of on-line maps to assist the student in better understanding the Middle East. We will use maps that help us understand Arabs, Kurds and Persians; Sunnis vs Shi’a; monarchies vs. democracies vs. theocracies; rich vs poor Middle Eastern countries; ISIS, Al-Qaeda and other terrorist groups; the Arab Spring; Saddam’s pan-Arabism and more.

3. Improve your African literacy  
   Tuesday, Oct 1, 9:30-11:00 a.m.  $10  
   This course will focus on the use of all kinds of maps to assist the student in better understanding Africa. We will use maps that help us understand the diversity that is Africa. Topics we would learn about, through the use of on-line maps, are colonial effects on Africa; economic challenges; civil and other wars; degrees of democracy; malnutrition; disease; success stories, etc.

4. Improve your literacy regarding Central America  
   Tue, Oct 22, 9:30-11:30 a.m.  $10  
   This course will focus on the migration from Central American countries, especially from Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala and Mexico. We will use on-line maps and data to discern the differences between countries that are the source of significant migration and those that are the source of comparatively less migration: Belize, Costa Rica and Panama.

JIM BUXTON taught global studies and international relations at South Kingstown H. S. for thirty-two years. For twenty years during his tenure there, he and his international relations students conducted model United Nations conferences which, at their height, included approximately 400 students from over 25 schools, including about 170 students from SKHS. Since his retirement in 2009, he has taught international politics courses at URI.
ELDER LAW – WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES
Monday, September 30
TIME: 3:30-5pm
Presenter: Attorney Josh Sroka
Are you concerned about your ability to make choices about your care, medical treatment, and protecting your home and assets? Many people avoid making an estate plan because they do not understand the differences between the documents used in the process. In this session, Attorney Sroka will explain the differences between Wills, Revocable Trusts, Irrevocable Trusts, Powers of Attorney, and Living Wills in Plain English. After this course, you will be armed with the knowledge and confidence to develop a solid estate plan. You will also learn the importance of making choices today that will enable you to age with dignity.

ACHEIVING FINANCIAL WELL-BEING AFTER THE LOSS OF A SPOUSE
Monday, November 4
TIME: 3:30-5pm
Presenter: Joanne Daly
Losing a spouse is a traumatic event. It drains your emotions and makes it hard to focus on simple daily tasks, let alone financial matters. Unfortunately, financial obligations don’t stop for grief; there are bills to be paid and decisions to be made. Taking an active role in your finances and in understanding the key financial issues you could face before they happen can help you implement a plan that will bring more confidence and clarity to your life.

TAX ISSUES FOR SENIORS
Tuesday, October 22
TIME: 5:30-7 p.m.
Presenter: Jeffrey Kreyssig
A focused discussion on the tax regulations that impact seniors. Topics include selling of home(s) and downsizing, reverse mortgages, kiddie (grand kiddie) taxes, social security taxes, charitable gifts. The course is non-technical but designed to help you have a better understanding of how the regulations impact you and the decisions you may need to make.

OUTSMART THE SCAMMERS
Wednesday, November 20
TIME: 3:30-5pm
Presenter: Leslie Pierini
Incidents of fraud are on the rise, and scammers’ tactics are becoming more complex. That’s why it’s important to educate yourself about fraud. And while no one is immune, there are steps you can take to Outsmart the Scammers. Join us for this presentation and learn important strategies to help protect you and the ones you love. We’ll share:
- How to spot certain red flags that may indicate a fraudulent encounter
- Resources you can turn to in the event you or a loved one is targeted
- Steps you can take now to help protect yourself and your loved ones

TIPS ON DOWNSIZING
Wednesday, December 4
TIME: 1:30-3:00 pm
Presenter: Peter Roberts and Lisa Souls
This class is for people who are considering downsizing from a larger home to a small home or condo or vacation home(s). We will start with the question of “Why” are you downsizing, then move to the Where, What, and How of your home search, as well as things to beware of. We will discuss the preparation to reducing your belongings to fit into your smaller home and getting your home ready for the market, and the benefits of hiring professionals for a smooth transition and to reduce the stress involved. We will provide additional resources, financing options, and how to buy and sell at the same time.

FREE PARKING
All vehicles parked at the URI Kingston campus between 7 am and 5 pm Monday through Friday MUST have a valid parking pass. Register online at URI.AIMSPARKING.COM
BRENDON AGLOIO is the Tour Coordinator for the Redwood Library and Athenaeum. He has served in this capacity for the last year and a half, and has worked with numerous groups ranging from elementary schools to Continuing Education classes.

CELESTE FERENDO –CANFIELD holds a B.A. in Art with a minor in Art History and a B.A. in Theatre with minors in speech and communications. Her work life in entertainment took her around the world more than once. She has done costume design and construction, taught ballet, tap, jazz, and gymnastics. She is currently a substitute teacher and a writer. In addition, she works with drama productions as well as mentoring individuals. Her other interest are literature, psychology, poetry, ecology and carpentry.

JOANNE M. DALY, CDFA®, Financial Advisor, Morgan Stanley. Joanne has more than 25 years of financial services experience, was a former CPA Tax Manager for Ernst and Young and earned an M. S. in taxation from Bryant University. Joanne has attained Morgan Stanley’s Family Wealth Advisor (FWA) designation after completing an extensive accreditation program.

BURL DAWSON taught art in grades K-12 for twenty-eight years for the North Smithfield School Department. He has also taught at RISD’s summer program, RIC, Cross Mills Public Library, and the Westerly YMCA. He holds a B.F.A. in painting from the Swain School of Design (now part of UMass, Dartmouth, MA), and master’s in art education from UMass Dartmouth. For more about Burl Dawson, go to BurlDawson.com.

TERRY DUFFY, after childhood art classes, took to wandering the halls of the RISD museum, which had a profound, lifelong impact on him. Visiting museums and appreciating art became his hobby and the experience impelled him to learn more. After attending Providence College and Rhode Island College, he enjoyed a successful career in sales and marketing. His many visits to America’s great museums fed his insatiable interest in the visual arts. For the OLLI at URI, Terry gave Two Great Decades in Art History.

SANDRA ENOS is an associate professor of sociology at Bryant University. Following a long career in public service, she earned a Ph.D. from UConn. She has conducted research in the history of child welfare in Rhode Island and in the intersections of race, gender, and imprisonment. For the OLLI at URI, she has given several courses, most recently Understanding Our Lives Through a Sociological Lens

ALICE DZEN GROSS is a former assistant dean of University College at URI and a retired clinical psychologist. She has always loved walking at Napatree Point but hadn’t realized its unbelievable history pre-hurricane 1938 until she read Sudden Sea by R.A. Scotti. Since the, she has had the desire to share the story with others.

KENNETH KNOTT studied Plato, Thucydides, Aristotle, and other classical writers at St. John’s College Executive Seminars in Annapolis, Maryland, where his reading focused on leadership, politics, and philosophy. Ken has lectured for the New York State Bar Association and Connecticut libraries, and has written extensively for various law journals. For the OLLI at URI, Ken has taught several courses including Courage and Compassion, Civility, The Examined Life, and Selections from 19th Century Literature.

JEFFREY KREYSSIG has been working in the accounting and finance field for almost 40 years. He has worked with major corporations for most of the time, with the last 5 years as owner of Padgett Business Services, which focuses on small business and individual tax and accounting. He is a graduate of URI with a degree in Accounting, a CPA and holds a Master degree in Business Administration.

PETER ROBERTS is a seasoned real estate professional with unsurpassed local knowledge and proven success in helping you find a home perfect for you and is dedicated to listing your home. Committed to providing excellent customer service, before, during and after the sale of your home.

LESLIE BANNISTER PIERINI is fourth generation Wakefield resident. She looks for ways to help and serve her community and strives to pay it forward. She has a holistic financial practice in town. She attended URI and holds her AS and BS from Johnson & Wales University. She Hold a Series 7, Series 66, Life and Health license’s. Leslie lives in Wakefield with her husband John, her two children Michael and Lauren and Riley, their dog.

 JANICE SASSI started with the Watch Hill Conservancy and has served as the Napatree Point Conservations Area Manager for five years. She co-leads the Hurricane of 1938 program with Alice Gross. For more information about the work at Napatree, go to www.tinyurl.com/napatreepoint.

LISA SOULS is a mortgage professional with over 16 years of exemplary sales and customer service experience. Ability to analyze current needs of clients and provide the best mortgage solution that will meet expectations. BFFRI, or Business From Fellow-ship Rhode Island, is a group interested in paying it forward and giving back to the community.

JOSHUA SROKA started his career in litigation and found his passion in Elder Law, Estate Planning and Real Estate Law. In recent years, he has focused his practice on helping seniors protect their home and life savings from the high cost of long-term care and nursing home expenses. He is a native Rhode Islander and currently resides in South Kingston with his Wife, Sherry and their four children.

KAREN F. STEIN is a professor emerita of English and of the Gender and Women’s Studies Program, which she co-founded at URI. Her own early studies culminated in a B.A. from Brooklyn College (CUNY), an M.A. from The Pennsylvania State University, an M.L.I.S from URI, and a Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut. As a specialist in modern North American women writers, she has presented conference papers and written books and articles on Margaret Atwood, Toni Morrison, Rachel Carson, and Adrienne Rich.
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