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Mondays



Let's Explore the Google Suite

4 sessions on Mondays, April 12, 19, 26, May 3
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Cost: \$40
Instructor: Peter Stetson



The Google Suite—Google Drive, Google Docs, Google Sheets, and Google Slides—is accessible wherever there is an internet connection. With these tools, you can set up and organize your Google Drive with folders. With Google Docs, you create, format, and save your documents. We will cover the basics of spreadsheets with Google Sheets and create a slide presentation with Google Slides.

Before the first class: On your own device, using an internet browser (Chrome, Edge, Safari) go to Google.com. Then either create a Google account or sign in to your Google account. Using either the Google Play Store or the App Store on an Apple device, download the app for the day. Assistance will be available 30 minutes before class to help with downloading an app or setting up your screen.

Suggested reading: James Bernstein: *Google Apps Made Easy: Learn to Work in the Cloud*. The first chapter is helpful for setting up a Google account.

Peter Stetson is a retired teacher who taught biology, earth science, and environmental science over the course of 35 years in the Coventry public schools. He also served for 16 years as coach for the school's Envirothon, six-time winners in the RI state competition and participants in the national competition. As an educator, he used the Google Suite with his students.

Ars Moriendi (The Art of Dying) vs. Euthanasia

1 Session on Monday, May 17
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Cost: \$10
Instructor: Peter Colosi



This class will present two concepts of death and dying: the older approach of *Ars moriendi* or how to “die well” vs. the newer movement of euthanasia, the act of intentionally ending a life. We will review both sides in this debate that claim to offer compassion to the sick and suffering and explore the underlying rationale of their claims. We will also philosophically analyze the current bill, pending in the RI State House, which seeks to legalize physician-assisted suicide.

Readings [Click here for suggested reading](#)

Peter Colosi is associate professor of philosophy at Salve Regina University. He earned a B.S. in mathematics from Franciscan University, an M.A. in Franciscan Studies from St. Bonaventure University, and M.Phil. and Ph.D. from the International Academy of Philosophy in Liechtenstein. He has been published in several Catholic periodicals.

Becoming a Bestselling Author at 70: The How, Why, and What Was She Thinking?

1 Session on Monday, April 12
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Cost: \$10
Instructor: Leah Weiss



Leah Weiss will discuss the story behind the story: how she found her southern and lyrical writing voice in her third age. From memoirs about her mama's life to short stories that led to her first novel that gathers dust on a closet shelf, Leah started on a new quest. Her debut novel, *If the Creek Don't Rise*, was published when she was 70 and has sold 100,000 copies. Feel free to submit questions to Leah ahead of time at leahstories@live.com.

Suggested text: Leah Weiss: *If the Creek Don't Rise* (Sourcebooks Landmark, 2017), available at public libraries, Amazon, and Wakefield Books at a 20% discount.

Leah Weiss is the bestselling author of *If the Creek Don't Rise*. Her second book, *All the Little Hopes*, will be released in July. Leah was a teacher the first third of her life, the executive assistant for the Headmaster at a boarding school the second third of her working days, and now writes. For more information, go to leahweiss.com.

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Introduction to Plant-Based Nutrition

1 Session on Monday, April 19
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Cost: \$10
Instructor: Ella Rodriguez



What is a “healthy diet?” If we ask ten different people, we will probably get ten different answers. The focus of this workshop is to help you understand exactly what a healthy diet really is and to give you the tools

and resources you need to age healthfully.

For the first class: Watch any of these documentaries on Netflix, YouTube, or Amazon: “What the Health,” “Forks over Knives,” and “Food Choices.”

Suggested reading: go to pcrm.org/veganstarterkit.

Ella Rodriguez started on a path toward plant-based nutrition when she was faced with a health issue a few years ago. Wanting to deepen her nutrition knowledge, she completed the Whole Foods Plant Based Nutrition Certification from eCornell University. In order to share what she learned, Ella went on to become a Healthy Teachers Program Instructor for Whole Foods and a Food for Life Instructor through the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine. Ella teaches a variety of nutrition education and cooking classes for different organizations, depending on their individual needs. Together with other like-minded people, Ella continuously works on a larger scale in the hopes of inspiring and educating people across RI as a co-leader of the Powered by Plants RI organization.

Abraham Lincoln, Statesman

1 Session on Monday, April 26
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Cost: \$10
Instructor: Frank J. Williams

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Because Abraham Lincoln is such a domineering figure in the American republic, all of us in this divided country—conservatives, liberals, labor, immigration, anti-immigration groups, capitalists—need to understand his ideas and put them into action. He represents courage, resilience, empathy, and effectiveness. An icon to all, people take him as their own. We will examine the man and the politician and the lawyer that he became.

Frank Williams is the retired Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Rhode Island and one of the country's most renowned experts on Abraham Lincoln. He is founding chairman of The Lincoln Forum and is currently at work for Fordham University Press on an annotated bibliography of all the Lincoln titles published since 1865. In 2017 he and his wife Virginia donated their Lincoln and Civil War collections to Mississippi State University “to help with the healing as the Civil War did not end in 1865.” The Chief also served in the U.S. Army from 1962–67 achieving the rank of captain. For his service he was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Bronze Star, three Air Medals and, from the Republic of Vietnam, the Gallantry Cross with Silver Star for Valor.



Wildlife Conservation in Rhode Island

1 Session on Monday, May 10
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Cost: \$10

Instructors: Mary Gannon and Gabrielle DeMeillon

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Learn about Rhode Island's wildlife and current conservation projects with the RIDEM Division of Fish and Wildlife! Topics will include the history of wildlife management, how state wildlife conservation is funded, and the work being done to research, monitor, and manage our state's diverse wildlife resources. You'll also learn about ways you can get involved to help wildlife. Whether you hunt, hike, birdwatch, or just enjoy seeing wildlife outside your window, this class is a great opportunity to learn more about your local natural resources!

Mary Gannon works as the Wildlife Outreach Coordinator for RIDEM's Division of Fish and Wildlife. She holds a B.S. in wildlife biology from URI, and an MAT in science education from Brown University. Her field experiences include working with birds and native plants.

Gabrielle DeMeillon is the technical assistant for the Wildlife Outreach and Volunteer Programs at the RIDEM's Division of Fish and Wildlife. She holds a B.S. in wildlife biology from URI. Gabby has done field work with all sorts of wildlife, but her favorite creatures are reptiles and amphibians.

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URI Safe Zone Project

1 Session, on Monday April 5, 10AM-12PM

Cost: \$10

Instructor: Manuela Vadis

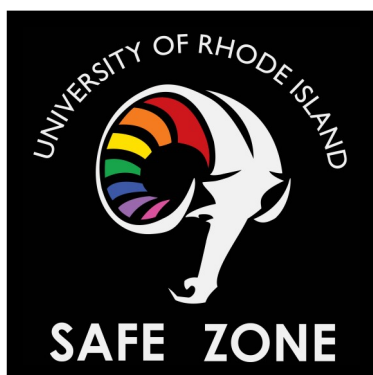
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URI's Gender and Sexuality Center Safe Zone Project offers this workshop to inform the URI campus and beyond about issues affecting the LGBTQA community. Learn about the history of the LGBTQA community at URI and programs designed to increase awareness about LGBTQA issues, build a visible support network, and improve the climate for LGBTQA people at URI. For more information, go to uri.edu/gender-sexuality/safe-zone.

Manuela Vadis is a Graduate Student of the URI College Student Personnel Program



Tuesdays

Making Environmental Choices: Climate, Energy, Chemicals and Radiation

6 sessions on Tuesdays, March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27 9:30 AM-11:00 AM Cost: \$50

Instructor: Kenneth Hinga

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The choices we face in our daily lives might include which policies to support and what personal actions to take or avoid. We will look at some physical processes that are central to our understanding of environmental issues. Topics to be covered include climate change, renewable energy, nuclear radiation and wastes, marine dead zones, and the fate of chemicals in the environment. Along the way we will look at some facets of the norms and conduct of sci-

ence research, including scientific publications, science advisory committees, and how journalism treats science. No scientific background is required.

Kenneth Hinga was a research scientist and assistant dean at URI's Graduate School of Oceanography. His research addressed oceanic carbon budgets, phytoplankton ecology, whale feeding, marine eutrophication, marine hydrocarbon pollutants, indices of paleo carbon dioxide levels, and radioactive waste disposal. His teaching included courses in general oceanography, marine pollution, and understanding environmental issues. He moved to Federal service on a diplomacy fellowship where he spent ten years at USDA Foreign Agricultural Service, and US FDA Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition. He was a science advisor for both agencies, providing technical analysis of a variety of food safety and agricultural-environmental topics for international negotiations. He has offered classes for the OLLI at American University and the OLLI at Johns Hopkins University, in person and by Zoom. For copies of his presentations, along with some resource materials, go to olichoicesenv.com/welcome.html.

Soil Health and Compost for Your Garden

1 Session on Tuesday, March 16, 9:30 AM-11:00 AM

Cost: \$10.00 Instructor: Jayne Merner Senecal

Having healthy soil in your garden makes growing easier and your produce more nutritious. But what is healthy soil? In this introduction to soil health you will learn how to improve your soil and how to make compost. We will even look into the microscope to see what beings live in healthy soil. Get your soil questions ready!

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Suggested:

Watch *Kiss the Ground* (available on Netflix) and the Merner farm documentary on [youtube.com/watch?v=3QgmsVWBB-k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3QgmsVWBB-k)

Jayne Merner Senecal owns Earth Care Farm, which was started by her father Michael Merner in 1977. She serves on the Rhode Island Food Policy Council and the Charlestown Agricultural Preservation Commission. She was named Professional of the Year 2018 by the RI Nursery and Landscape Association (RINLA), awarded 1st place for Landscape Design, and named the Providence Business News PBN 40 under 40 in 2019. Jayne enjoys sharing her deep love of nature with the community.

Tuesdays

Crime Prevention for Older Adults

1 Session on Tuesday, May 4, 9:30 AM-11:00 AM

Cost: \$10.00 Instructor: Jeff Coons

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Pick up some practical tips that can be used to prevent you from becoming a victim of some common offenses such as fraudulent phone calls, illegal solicitation, and consumer schemes. Based upon complaints he investigated during his many years as a police officer, the instructor will present useful information for those living in a rural setting such as South County. The overall intent will be to assist in determining suspicious activity and the actions to take when reporting it to the police.

Jeffrey D. Coons received a B.S. in criminal justice from Northeastern University in 1977. He became a Bangor, Maine, patrol officer for two years and then entered the United States Army in 1980. Jeff left active duty in 1992. He joined the South Kingstown Police Department as a patrol officer in 1994 and continued his Army career as a RI National Guardsman. He received an M.S. in Administration of Justice from Salve Regina University in 2000. He retired from the U.S. Army as a lieutenant colonel in 2009 and from the police department in 2013.

Toni Morrison: The First and Final Novels

2 Sessions on Tuesday, May 11 & Thursday May 13

9:30 AM-11:00 AM Cost: \$30.00

Instructor: Jane Barstow

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A comparison of *The Bluest Eye* and *God Help the Child* can highlight Morrison's most enduring themes and artistic devices. Of special interest is how "beauty," one of the most destructive ideas in the history of human thought according to Morrison, oppresses many of her protagonists. The Breedloves' embrace of their own perceived ugliness, the Bridewells' horror at the "Sudanese" blackness of their baby; the Hollywood icons Shirley Temple and Jean Harlow, the later



Black is Beautiful movement, and growing African American cosmetic industries provide important cultural context. Beauty is the Beast in these novels. But we must also consider and appreciate artistic beauty as it transcends ugly realities and reaches toward the sublime.

Suggested reading: *Toni Morrison: The Bluest Eye* (1970) any edition; and *God Help the Child* (2015), Vintage International.

Jane Barstow, Ph.D., prof emerita, University of Hartford, retired in 2010 after many years as a member of its English department. She also served as Dean of Hartford College for Women and taught abroad in Greece and Bulgaria as a Fulbright scholar. More recently she has taught an on-line course on immigrant narratives for the graduate women's studies program at SCSU. She has frequently lectured to community groups on Edith Wharton, Margaret Atwood, Edwidge Danticat, and Toni Morrison. Her publications include many essays on women writers and the 1997 bibliography One Hundred Years of American Women Writing, 1848-1948.

Wednesdays

Climate Change and Resilience in RI

1 Session on Wednesday, May 5, 1:00 PM - 2:30

PM Cost: \$10.00 Instructor: Elizabeth Stone

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Join Elizabeth Stone from the RI Department of Environmental Management to hear about what's going on in state government to combat climate change, promote the use of clean energy, and make RI more resilient in the face of a changing climate. We will cover issues like mitigation, adaptation, funding for municipal resilience projects, and much more.

Elizabeth Stone has been with the RI Department of Environmental Management Director's Office since 2000. For the first six years, she served as its legislative director and then transitioned into a policy role working on a wide variety of policy and program development issues including climate change and resilience. She holds a B.A. from Brown University and an M.P.P. from the College of William & Mary with a concentration in regulatory and environmental policy.

Wednesdays



Wickford Photography Walking Tour

1 Session on Wednesday, May 12,
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Cost: \$10
Instructor: Cindy Horovitz Wilson

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This hands on-session is an introduction to travel photography. It will take place along the streets of Historic Wickford Village. We will focus on how one may approach a new town, city, or country, creating a sense of place and what makes that place special. Genres covered are architectural, street, and landscape photography with an emphasis on settings, light, and composition. History and fun Wickford facts will entertain the participants. During the tour: Wear a mask and maintain social distancing. Materials needed: camera and lens/es, extra camera battery, memory card.

Cindy Horovitz Wilson, a resident of Wickford Rhode Island, has been making photographs since 1976. She earned her B.A. from the URI in 1978, studied briefly at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, and received her M.F.A. from Tyler School of Art of Temple University in 1984. After 20 years in wedding photography and three years operating a gallery in Wickford, Cindy began teaching photography at local art associations. Since 2009, she has led travel photography workshops in various locations in New England and around the world. Cindy continues to pursue her creative journey, capturing her subjects with curiosity, authenticity, and dignity. She exhibits in regional and national shows, local art festivals, and art organizations.

The Golden Bowl: A Study

6 sessions on Wednesdays, March 17, 24, 31
April 7, 14, 21 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM
Cost: \$50 Instructor: Ann Ferrante



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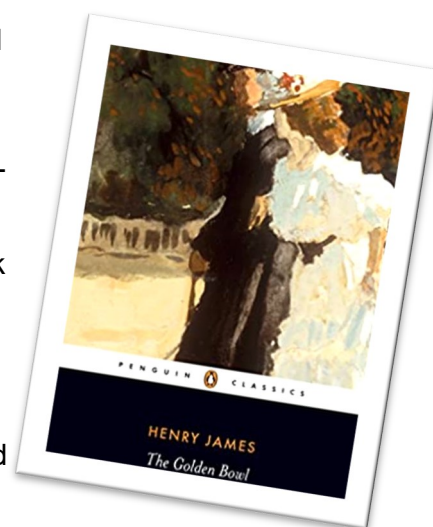
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This course focuses on the artistic achievement of Henry James in composing the greatest of the masterpieces of his mature period in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Published in 1904, *The Golden Bowl* centers on four characters, two women and two men, who come to live together in city and country settings in England. The theme of American innocence verses European experience that James is known for pursuing plays a part in the book but acts as a distant feature in the intense study of the inner lives of the four characters. Using psychological, biological, spiritual, and historical perspectives, James explores the mingling of several dualities integral to the quadrangle of characters: love and hate, incestuous confinement and desire for freedom, faithfulness and deceit, morality and amorality, optimism and despair. The book can be imagined as a large intricate tapestry or as a gigantic abstract impressionist painting.

Required text: Henry James: *The Golden Bowl*, Penguin Classics, or a good audio version.

Ann Ferrante (B.A. Tufts, M.A. URI). After receiving her Ph.D. in English from URI, Ann taught courses in writing and literature at URI and Rhode Island College. In 1987, she began a 30-year career as an adjunct professor of English at RISD. She is a specialist in 19th- and early 20th-century American literature. Her doctoral dissertation is entitled *The Dark Woman of Hawthorne's Art*. Since retiring from RISD in 2017 (as Distinguished Lecturer and Faculty Emerita), Ann has led discussions on novels by Henry James at the Willett Free Library in Saunderstown.



Wednesdays

Self-Care Through Reflexology

3 Sessions on Wednesdays 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
May 5, 12, 19 Cost: \$35 Instructor: Claudia Wojcik

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Venture into the ancient healing practice of reflexology, discovered in Egypt and then finding its way across the world. The thousands of reflexes and nerve endings in the soles of the feet, hands, and ears correspond with every system within the body. We will delve deeper into foot reflexology and the importance of this ancient practice.

For the first class: Wear comfortable clothing and have available a warm facecloth, lotion, pillow(s), blanket, and whatever else you think you may need.



Claudia Wojcik is a holistic practitioner, certified and licensed in Thai Shiatsu Bodywork, Yoga, Reiki Master, Reflexology, and Ear Coning. A lifelong seeker and dedicated healer, her studies began when she was young, learning from many masters. A member of the All That Matters community since 2008, Claudia's passion is in igniting people's inner strength, bringing a special brand of positive energy to all her clients. For more about Claudia, go to HealthAndWellnessWithClaudia.com.

The U.S. Constitution: One Key Question

1 Session on Wednesday, March 10, 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Cost: \$10.00 Instructor: Stephen Berardo

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This one-time presentation follows an earlier four-week course, The U.S. Constitution: Keep It, Amend It, or Replace It? That course covered a wide range of current constitutional topics and questions, including the federal and state response to the pandemic, the voting problems and procedures in the 2020 election, and possible changes to the U.S. Supreme Court. It also covered the history behind our Constitution, state constitutions, as well as comparisons with other countries. This session will be a group discussion about the key question: Should "we the people" rewrite, abolish, or keep our Constitution?

The Framers clearly said that we had the right to do so. And if we decide that we should rewrite or abolish our Constitution, how do we go about doing that? Note: This presentation is open to all OLLI members.



Suggested reading: The U.S. Constitution, including the Amendments.

The instructor will also forward recently published articles about this topic ahead of time to those who register for the class.

Stephen Berardo has a master's degree in public administration and is a student of history and political systems. A planning consultant, he has been an adjunct and full-time college faculty member teaching courses in business administration and aviation issues. He has also worked for many years with local, state, and federal government agencies on a variety of land use and infrastructure development issues.

Making Merry: A Celebration of Shakespeare and the Art of Poetry

2 Sessions, Wed/Fri April 21 & 23, 10:00AM-11:30AM;
Cost: \$30.00 Instructor: Kara Marziali

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Grab your ruff and tip your hat to the Bard as we observe National Poetry month and commemorate William Shakespeare's birthday. During the first class, we will study Sonnet 18, "Shall I Compare Thee to a Summer's Day," and explore Shakespeare's influence on our language. Then, inspired to tap into our own talents, we will showcase our creativity, which could include poetry (iambic pentameter optional), Elizabethan music, a model of the Globe Theatre, or any other unique way to celebrate our friend Will during the week of his birth and death.

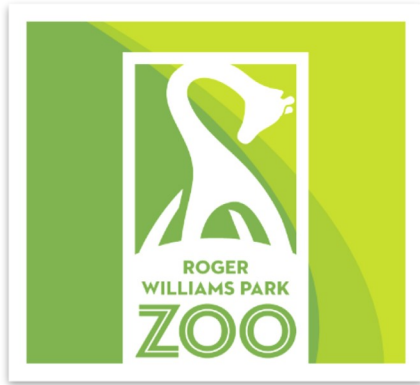
For the first class: Familiarize yourself with Sonnet 18 and be prepared to showcase your creativity for the final class.

Kara Marziali is an artist, author, and educator. Kara holds a B.F.A. in theater arts from Emerson College and is a certified Ageless Grace® instructor. She remains a dedicated patron of the arts and is involved in many creative endeavors both personally and professionally. Her first children's book, *Kara Koala and Her Kaleidoscope of Feelings* was recently published and is available on Amazon. For the OLLI at URI, Kara's most recent offerings were *Ageless Grace and Tartuffery: Molière's Humorous Exhumation of Religious Hypocrisy* in fall 2020.

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Thursdays



Roger Williams Park Zoo Virtual Meet & Greet

1 Session, Wednesday, March 31
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM Cost: \$10
Instructor: Roger Williams Park Zoo Staff

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Join educators from the Roger Williams Park Zoo as they introduce you to three of its animal ambassadors. During this interactive presentation, you'll get up close to the animals and learn all about these wild wonders. As leaders in conservation and animal care, we create engaging experiences that empower guests to join us in conserving wildlife and wild places. Participants will have an opportunity to interact by asking questions throughout the presentation.

For nearly 150 years, Roger Williams Park Zoo has connected people with wildlife to inspire a love and appreciation for the environment and its animals. From hands-on Masai giraffe feedings and armadillo encounters, to witnessing giant otters splash and slide down their waterslide, such moments tell stories and create connections that last a lifetime. It is by providing such experiences that the Zoo's educators create future leaders with a desire to protect and save species.

Quilting 101

4 sessions on Thursdays,
April 8, 15, 22, 29 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Cost: \$40.00
Instructor: Madonna Terlizzi

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Become familiar with the tools and fabrics needed for quilting. In this series, learn to cut and stitch pieces together to create a small quilted piece using a sewing machine. From this series, participants can

develop their skills and work toward making more involved projects. Participants can observe the process or have the materials on hand and work along with the instructor. Those who register will receive a list of the tools and fabrics needed. For the classes: If planning to quilt along with the instructor, have the listed tools and materials at hand.

Madonna Terlizzi has over 50 years experience with sewing, quilting, and hand embroidery, including 21 years giving personal instruction at Blackstone Valley Needle Arts Studio in Uxbridge, MA, which she owns, along with QueenbeeOriginals.com, an online store.

Shortcuts to World Cuisine

6 sessions on Thursdays, March 11, 18, 25 April 1, 8, 15
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Cost: \$50
Instructor: Victoria Richter

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In this class students will observe and participate in cooking master classes based on easy to cook regional dishes from six different parts of the world: Russia, Africa, Uzbekistan, France, India, and Mexico. Participants can observe the cooking process or purchase the ingredients before class and cook along with the instructor. Those who register will receive recipes and a list of simple ingredients available at any supermarket.

For the first class:

If planning to cook along with the instructor, have the ingredients and cooking utensils on hand.



Victoria Richter is a life-long teacher, learner, musician, singer, and cook. She has an M.Ed. from Moscow Institute for Foreign Languages, an M.A. from NYU, and a Ph.D. from University of Toronto. She is currently teaching languages at Brown and Pawtucket adult education programs. She always incorporates cooking in her language classes. She has 30 years experience in teaching adults. Her classes are lively and full of humor and music. She makes learning meaningful and life changing.

Thursdays

Beginner Russian

6 sessions on Thursdays, April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Cost: \$50.00
Instructor: Victoria Richter



Students will be introduced to the Russian alphabet and learn to read simple phrases. They will be able to speak about themselves, their families, places they live, their occupations, and interests. Easy songs and poetry in Russian will also be part of this class.

For the first class: Bring pen/pencil and paper.

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Reading a Rock's Story

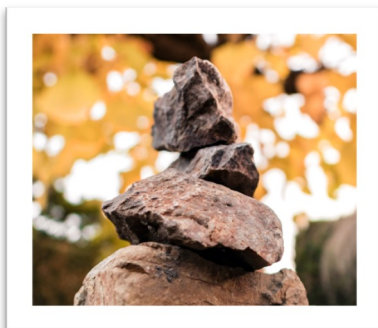
2 sessions on Thursdays, April 29 & May 6,
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Cost: \$30.00
Instructor: Kristyn DeMarco



Just as every human has a story to tell, so too does every rock. Encoded in the physical and chemical characteristics of every rock is the story of where it came from, how it was formed, and how it came to be above Earth's surface. We will learn the basics of physical geology with an emphasis on rocks, how to identify rocks, and decipher the historical code locked within their structure.

For the first class: Collect (if possible) two rocks that look different and two rocks that are only one color.

Suggested reading: Go to these two web sites: geocaching.com/geocache/GC51DR2_only-in-rhode-island and ereferencedesk.com/resources/state-symbols/rhode-island/rock.html.



Kristyn DeMarco, an OLLI member, is an associate professor of Environmental Science and Geology at Northern Virginia (NOVA) Community College's Loudoun campus. She pioneered the environmental science program at NOVA, Loudoun as she began her journey at NOVA eight years ago. Kristyn holds an M.S. in Geoscience from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and is currently finishing a Ph.D. in Environmental Science and Public Policy at George Mason University. She has a great love for everything outdoors and is an avid rock collector.

Smart Solar Siting

1 Session on Thursday, April 15
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Cost: \$10
Instructors: Scott Millar & Ashley Sweet



Rhode Island needs to transform from fossil fuels to renewable energy as quickly as possible to help avoid the harmful impacts of climate change. However, the siting of certain large utility-scale solar development has become very controversial. This course will explain the key issues from multiple perspectives and how policy and stakeholders can directly and indirectly influence the siting of solar to minimize conflict yet achieve our goals regarding climate change here in Rhode Island. The instructors, a community planner and an environmental scientist, will provide their perspectives.



Scott Millar is director of community assistance and conservation, Grow Smart RI and former Administrator of the RI Department of Environmental Management's Sustainable Watersheds Office. A member of a RI solar siting advisory group that prepared legislation and solar siting guidance, he has over 35 years of environmental management and policy experience.

Ashley V. Sweet, a planning, zoning, and land use consultant, is senior planner in the firm Weston & Sampson. A town planner for Exeter, RI and former town planner for Scituate, RI, he was a member of a RI solar siting advisory group that prepared legislation and solar siting guidance and is president-elect of American Planners Association of Rhode Island.

Other Spring Classes

There's still room in many of our previously released spring courses.

Check out our website or log on to your account:

[URIOLLI.AUGUSOFT.NET](https://uriolli.augusoft.net)

- **Women of Rock and Roll**, Begins March 23 (3 sessions)
- **Ida Lewis: The Legendary Lady Lightkeeper of Lime Rock**, April 13
- **Rhode Island and the Mosquito Fleet**, March 24
- **Contemporary Masters of Photography**, March 11
- **The Iditarod: Alaska's Last Great Race**, Begins March 5 (3 sessions)

Easy Ways to Register

In person registration is not available this semester. Please go online or call the office at 401-874-4197.

Payment is accepted by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover) or check.



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What's Happening?

Looking for the calendar? Visit our website to view our calendar. You can even click on the class listing for a description of the class.

<https://web.uri.edu/olli/programs/>



PLEASE NOTE: Most classes will continue to be virtual this semester using Webex. However, a few classes will be held in Zoom and are indicated with the Zoom icon.