

NEW CLASSES FOR OLLI August 2021

TREE IDENTIFICATION

Wednesdays August 4, 11, 18 25
10AM-11:30AM \$40
Instructor: Peter Stetson

Learn the fundamentals of basic tree identification. Begin by comparing coniferous to deciduous trees; then, explore some of the outliers, like the larch. Some class time will be spent outside on a short field trip to practice tree identification using the book. The final class will be a field walk at a local preserve.

For the first class: Look over the Watts book, especially pages 0 – 5.

Suggested text: May

Theilgaard Watts: *Tree Finder: A Manual for the Identification of Trees by Their Leaves* (Nature Study Guild Publishers, 1991). The instructor will have some copies available for use during the class. Available at the library and on Amazon.

Pete Stetson is a retired 35-year veteran science teacher from the Coventry Public Schools where he taught biology, earth science, and environmental science. He was the coach for the school's Envirothon teams for 16 years, winning the state competition 6 times and taking those teams to the national competition.



EXPLORING THE GILDED AGE SPORT OF PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL

Thursday, August 26 4:00-5:30PM \$10
Instructor: Ed Achorn

The explosive growth of power and wealth in America in the late nineteenth century emerged from its extraordinarily robust and competitive society. Historian and author Edward Achorn reveals the gritty world behind that amazing transformation by exploring the Gilded Age sport of professional baseball — a grueling game played barehanded by hard-drinking, ill-educated and combative athletes. He looks at Rhode Island's incredible Providence Grays, who won baseball's first World Series, and explores the role that immigrants and beer played in saving baseball.

Suggested Readings: *The Summer of Beer and Whiskey* and *Fifty-nine in '84* Both are available on Amazon as well as Wakefield Books and Savoy Bookshop and Cafe. Olli members receive a 20% discount at both bookstores.



Edward Achorn is the author of three critically acclaimed books about American history. His new book, "Every Drop of Blood: The Momentous Second Inauguration of Abraham Lincoln," was named one of the Best Books of 2020 by *The Economist* magazine and is an Amazon Editors' choice for Best History. He is also the author of the classic baseball history books "The Summer of Beer and Whiskey" and "Fifty-nine in '84." You can reach him at his website, edachorn.com. A journalist for 41 years, Achorn is the former Vice President and Editorial Pages Editor of *The Providence Journal*. He was a Pulitzer Prize finalist for Commentary and won the Yankee Quill Award for distinguished lifetime service to journalism.

THE SPICE TRADE AND THE AGE OF EXPLORATION

Monday, August 16
4:00PM-5:30PM via Zoom \$10
Instructor: Larry Canepa



Although the origins of spices were known throughout Europe by the Middle Ages, no ruler proved capable of breaking the Venetian hold on the trade routes. Near the end of the 15th century, however, explorers began to build ships and venture abroad in search of new ways to reach the wealth and riches of the spice-producing regions. So began the famed voyages of discovery. Rediscover your favorite spices and enjoy some new flavors, too.

Chef Larry P Canepa is a Certified Culinary Educator with over 40 years of food and beverage experience and 20 years of teaching expertise in cooking, food and culture, and STEAM-focused classes to every age of student from K-8 to post-secondary and beyond. He has taught culinary classes at Le Cordon Bleu, the International Culinary School at the Art Institute, OLLI, corporate wellness events, libraries, community centers, and public and private

elementary schools throughout the valley. His engaging, entertaining, educational 'food-tainment' presentations have been enjoyed by hundreds of local and national audiences.



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For the *Love* of **LIGHTHOUSES**

RHODE ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE CRUISE

Wednesday, August 11
1:00PM-2:00PM \$38

Take a narrated cruise past 10 Rhode Island Lighthouses in Narragansett Bay along with a complete Newport Harbor Tour. This 30 mile cruise will be narrated by none other than OLLI instructor Brian Wallin. This tour also takes you past 10 beautiful islands, under the breathtaking Jamestown & Newport Bridges, past mansions, historic Fort Adams and many other famous Rhode Island sights. Join your OLLI friends for a day on the Bay!



BEAVERTAIL LIGHTHOUSE TOUR

Wednesday, August 25
10:00AM-11:00AM \$10 (+small donation is suggested for each member attending to help support the Beavertail Lighthouse)

OLLI members will enjoy a private tour of the Beavertail Lighthouse, which is an iconic lighthouse — one of the 21 still found in Rhode Island. The quaint old structure has a claim to fame as the third oldest in the United States. Located on the southernmost tip of Jamestown, the Beavertail Lighthouse museum features a collection of information, artifacts, and conversation about the history and site of the third-oldest lighthouse in North America. Come and enjoy New England hospitality as you engage with lighthouse history and with interesting elements of Nar-

ragansett Bay's maritime science, technology, art, and culture. Afterwards you can visit the gift shop and spend some time in the spectacular Beavertail State Park adjoining the lighthouse site.

OLLI BOOK TALK: With an Author and Researcher

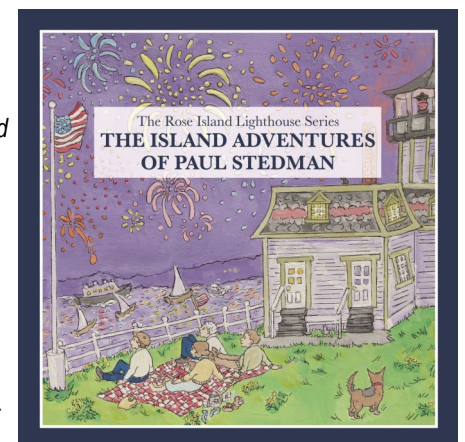
Thursday, August 12, 3:30PM FREE & Bring a Friend!
Lynne Heinzmann and Marilyn Harris

Join OLLI instructors Lynne Heinzmann (author) and Marilyn Harris (researcher) as they discuss the publication of their second book of the Rose Island Lighthouse series. Hear all about what inspired this book, how historical fiction must be true to its ear, and what goes into writing a book with a careful balance of both historical accuracy and creativity. Afterwards, copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

Lynne Heinzmann is a writer/editor/professor from North Kingstown, and the author of two books: Frozen Voices (New Rivers Press, 2016), a historical novel and The Curious Childhood of Wanton Chase (Woodhall

Press, 2019), a work of historical fiction for readers ages 8 to 12. Lynne has been an OLLI instructor since 2018, teaching a variety of creative writing workshops. For more about her, go to LynneHeinzmann.com.

Marilyn Harris, a many-times transplanted Midwesterner, earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Illinois and master's at Kutztown University (PA). Her work in the field of education—in federal project management, curriculum writing, gifted/talented teaching, and adult education—covers a span of over 45 years. Since 2011 she has enjoyed teaching numerous classes at the OLLI at URI. Marilyn's particular interests include travel (she has visited over a dozen countries and counting) and history (pretty much any period), and these form the basis of many of her courses. Most recently she offered RI Voices from the Titanic and the Seven New Wonders of the World.



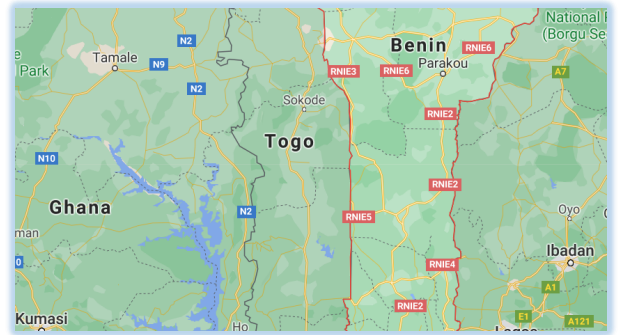
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8 OBSCURE WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES

Monday, August 16, 3:00PM-4:30PM \$10

Instructor: Jim Buxton

This course covers information about 8 African countries, including cultural info, geographic info, political info, economic info and more. While obscure to most of us, these 8 countries are very important to learn about. Three of the countries have had significant civil wars in the past 3 decades and two of them have had sizeable United Nations Peacekeeping missions. The region where these 8 African countries are located was a major slave trading location back in the 17th – 18th centuries. One of them was the first African country President Obama visited in 2009, and is considered one of the most stable countries in Africa. One of the countries was set up as a country for freed American slaves returning to Africa in the early 1800s. The 8 countries include: Benin, Togo, Ghana, Cote D'Ivoire, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea and Guinea-Bissau.



MIKHAIL GORBACHEV AND THE BREAK-UP OF THE SOVIET UNION

Tuesday, August 24, 11:30AM-1:00PM \$10 Instructor: Jim Buxton



Mikhail Gorbachev came to power in 1986, and lost power in 1991. There are many who would say that in that short six-year tenure that he changed the world. In this course, we will briefly review Soviet history from 1917 - 1986, and then we will delve into Gorbachev's glasnost, and perestroika which led to so many changes in the USSR, but also globally.

Jim Buxton taught at South Kingstown HS for 32 years focusing on global studies and international relations. Between 2009 and 2020, he taught international politics at URI. Since 2012, he has taught many OLLI courses: the Arab Spring, the Arab-Israeli Conflict, Nuclear Proliferation, Costa Rica, Iraq and Iran, Syria and the ISIL crisis. He has also worked in the education department at Salve Regina, teaching an introduction to American education and supervising social studies student teachers.

KAYAK HISTORIC WICKFORD HARBOR

Wednesday, July 28, 10:30AM-1:30PM \$10

Instructor: Ken Fandetti

This is an opportunity to paddle a kayak in the waterways of Historic Wickford Village. Following the coastline of the harbor, we will pass what is left of Wickford's fishing industry. We will go around a couple of the islands in the harbor (Cornelius and Rabbit), pass Smith's Castle, and proceed up Mill's Creek. No prior paddling experience is necessary, but participants should be mobile enough to paddle for several hours in tranquil conditions. Participants will use the Kayak Center's equipment—tandem (double) kayaks, paddles, and life jackets. The class will be held rain or shine so dress accordingly.



**Personal Kayaks can NOT be used for this event. A waiver is required to participate in this class. \$30 fee paid directly to the Kayak Center is required before participating in this class.

Ken Fandetti is a certified America Canoe Association coastal kayak instructor and has been for the past 20 years. He has led or co-led kayak trips in the U.S. and in foreign countries, including Belize, the outer Bahama Islands, and Bonaire.

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* A small donation to the Beavertail Lighthouse is suggested. **Requires a \$30 fee paid directly to the Kayak Center.

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