

## **ARTS & CRAFTS**

### **Drawing with Eddie**

11 Mon., Sept. 9-Nov. 25, 9:30–11:30, \$110

Eddie teaches drawing using a multitude of approaches, mediums, and subject matter, including: landscapes, the still life, portraits - the sky is the limit! He welcomes all skill levels, including beginners. Even though most students work on the same subject matter, each student will be taught according to his/her own skill level with no pressure to catch up to other students.

### **Acrylic Painting Techniques and More**

11 Thursdays, Sept. 12-Nov. 21, 10-12, \$99

Althea Ericsson will help you strengthen your painting fundamentals as you take your artwork to the next level. She will guide you through the fundamentals of composition, portraiture, color values, and perspective while you discuss other artists and how they achieve their style.

### **NEW: Jewelry Making with Althea**

4 Thursdays, September 19-October 10, 12:30-2:30 p.m., \$40 + supplies

Learn basic jewelry-making techniques from an experienced and patient instructor.

Althea is going to focus on repairing and remaking old pieces of jewelry as well as designing new pieces. Bring whatever you want to work on to the first class. If you want to start with something new, you can call us for a list of nearby jewelry supply stores.

### **Needlepoint**

Mondays, 2-3 p.m., Free

Aggie Aspinwall, who teaches at The Enriched Stitch in Wilton, will teach stitches and techniques, such as turkey work, ribbonwork and beading. Those working on needlepoint projects who need a little help or who just like to stitch with others, are welcome to attend.

### **Crafty Tuesdays**

Tuesdays, 10-noon, Free

This group works on a variety of crafts, including the Landmark Ornaments, all of which are sold to benefit local charities.

### **Knitting and Crochet**

**most Tuesdays, 2:15-4, Free**

Bring your knitting or crocheting projects and have fun chatting and working with other talented stitchers. We have needles, hooks and yarn if you want to learn to knit or crochet.

### **Open Studio Time**

**Fridays, 8:30-noon, Free**

If you lack space to paint at your house, try out our free studio time with the added benefit of other painters to chat with. Just come when you like.

### **Holiday Fair**

We will hold our annual Holiday Fair in early December. As always, all proceeds go to local charities. If you sew, knit, crochet, paint or whatever, we'd love to have you donate an item or two to our Fair. Stop by or call Lyn at 203-594-3620.

## **BOOKGROUPS & COMPUTER**

### **Visiting Jude the Obscure**

8 Thurs., Sept. 12-Oct. 31, 12:15 p.m., Free

Please join us as we read – or reread – the work ranked 29th on The Guardian’s list of the 100 Best Novels. Throughout this eight-week course, we will be following Jude Fawley in his misguided pursuit of education, love, and self-identity in the modern era. Our informal weekly discussions will invite all participants to share their ideas and insights into this haunting classic, considered by Virginia Woolf to be “the most painful of all Hardy’s books.” Stephanie Stiles, novelist and former British literature professor, will guide discussions.

### **NEW: Non-Fiction Writing**

4 Tues., Sept. 17-Oct. 8, 12:05-1 p.m., Free

Non-fiction writing can be as creative in its way as fiction writing. How to do it? Why to do it? How do you choose subjects? Do you hope to sell an idea? Who buys non-fiction and why? Study the market. Look for an original twist. "How I spent my summer vacation" won't do it. But what will?

Patricia Brooks has been writing and selling non-fiction since 1952. She has had published 26 books and has written and sold hundreds of magazine articles to Bon Appetit, Travel & Leisure, Food & Wine, Vogue, Harper's Bazaar, Modern Bride and many other publications. From 1977 to 2017 she was the restaurant reviewer for the Connecticut section of the weekend New York Times.

### **Irish and Other Authors Book Group**

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Free

Sept. 18: The Heart’s Invisible Furies by Boyne

Oct. 16: Waxwings by John Raban

Nov. 20: Charlotte Grey by Sebastian Faulks

Ned Monaghan and his group read and discuss books by mostly Irish authors.

## COMPUTER AND TECHNOLOGY

### **Green Gadgets - Tuesday, October 1, 2 p.m.**

The Gadget Girls, Aggie Aspinwall and Marylou Wilkinson, will bring information on gadgets that are both energy-efficient and user-friendly. Marylou will bring samples of the new LED light bulbs (incandescent and curly bulbs are so passé!) and tell you what you need to know before you buy bulbs.

### **Brain Games - Tuesday, October 15, 2 p.m.**

The research is mixed as to how much brain games can improve your memory. But it does show that games are fun, social and make you happy—so what is the downside?! We have some fun games that will stretch your brain and make you laugh.

### **Streaming – Again Thursday, October 24, 2 p.m.**

Roku? Apple TV? Google Chrome? The Gadget Girls, Aggie and Marylou, will bring in some of the devices you can use to stream television and show you how to set them up and use them. They will also discuss streaming services such as Amazon Prime, Hulu, YouTube and Netflix. Aggie and Marylou Wilkinson, one of our very tech-savvy volunteers, will help you discover what technology can do for you. Classes are limited to 12; register at 203-594-3620.

### **One-on-One Technology Help**

Use the emails below to schedule an appointment for one-on-one tech help; if you can't email, call Aggie or Lyn at 203-594-3620. *We request a donation of \$20.*

#### **The PC Doctor - [pcdoctor@laphamcenter.org](mailto:pcdoctor@laphamcenter.org)**

Having a problem with your PC or tablet? Want advice on buying a new computer? Have PC repair questions? Let one of our experienced volunteers help you resolve the issue or guide you to your answer.

#### **The Mac Tutor - [mactutor@laphamcenter.org](mailto:mactutor@laphamcenter.org)**

If you are having problems with an Apple product, **Marylou Wilkinson** will answer your questions.

# HISTORY

## **Third Reich: The Nazi Revolution, 1919-1934**

8 Mondays, Sept. 9-Nov. 4, 10:30 a.m., \$80

This is the first of a two-part course. This class explains Hitler's rise to power.

### Part 2

explains the Nazi State. This course does not include battles from either WWI or WWII. Focus will be on the rise of the Nazis and the phenomenon of the Nazis in power, with the German version of the Corporate Fascist State. **Mark Albertson** is the instructor.

## **A Critical Look at the Legacy of the New Deal**

8 Thursdays, September 12-October 31, 9:30 a.m., Free

With renewed interest in the New Deal on the part of policymakers, it's time to take a new look at how well the Administration of FDR coped with the Great Depression, how it countered the environmental crisis of its time, and what actions it took to increase the economic and social security of Americans and equip us to prevent or overcome future economic meltdowns. The course focuses on the New Deal's innovative approach to relief through job creation that both rescued millions of jobless Americans and with their labor created bridges, parks, tunnels, schools, and public arts. Also, who were the New Dealers—the innovative, dedicated, and energetic men and women who came to Washington in the 1930s to address near economic and political collapse?

**Trudy Goldberg** holds a B.A. from Vassar and master's and doctoral degrees from Columbia. She has authored numerous articles and publications, including two books, (both co-authored/edited with Sheila Collins) on the New Deal.

## **⌘ World War II with Ned Monaghan**

6 Thursdays, Nov. 7-21, Dec. 5-19, \$20

Fifty-five million people died in WWII, the greatest conflict in human history. Fifty years later, these lectures ask and answer important questions about this war, such as: Might Hitler have been stopped sooner? Should Roosevelt have foreseen Pearl Harbor? Did Truman have to use the atomic bomb?

Ned will show these Teaching Company lectures featuring Dr. Thomas Childers, Professor of History at the U. of Pennsylvania, and lead the discussion afterwards.

This class consists of thirty lectures and will continue in January and beyond. Please pay cash or make checks payable to Senior Center.



## ⌘ Tuesday Art History Programs

### **Art of the Western World**

11 Tuesdays, Sept. 10-Nov. 5, 1 p.m., Free

Beginning in ancient Greece and Rome, historian Michael Wood leads this eye-opening tour through 2,500 years of Western art. Four years in the making and filmed at over 150 locations in 8 countries, this nine-part documentary travels from sun-bleached temples to soaring cathedrals, palaces to villas, galleries to gardens, and Soho's streets to the Arizona desert.

The fascinating journey is complemented by close-up views of masterpieces, walks through important buildings, and informative commentary by historians and scholars.

### **The Impressionists**

4 Tuesdays, Nov.19-Dec. 10, 1 p.m., Free

This BBC mini-series tells the intimate history of a most illustrious brotherhood of Impressionist artists - Monet, Degas, Renoir, Cézanne and Manet. Entirely based on documentary evidence, special effects transport the viewer inside some of the world's best-loved paintings, The Impressionists will recreate the illuminated landscapes, and haunting portraits of late 19th-century France.

## **MUSIC**

### **The ABCs of Opera**

5 Wednesdays, Sept. 11-Oct. 9, 1:30-3:30, \$75

**Dr. Jerry Schulster** will present an introduction to the magnificent world of opera: the composers, the stars, the history, and the greatest hits. Although he hopes to draw some new people into the excitement of opera, he promises that his 'regulars' will enjoy it as well.

⌘ **Classical Music**, Thursdays at 2 p.m.

**Tchaikovsky**, 1840-1893 September 19-October 10

**Mahler**, 1860-1911 October 17-November 7

⌘ *These programs are high-quality video lectures from The Teaching Company, BBC, PBS and other venues shown on a big screen.*

### **Ukulele Lessons**

11 Wednesdays, September 11-November 20, \$99

Beginners: 12:30-1:30 p.m. \* Players: 1:30-2:30 p.m.

**Uncle Zac**, the "uke guy", a local ukulele performer and teacher who has played the uke for 50 years, will teach you variety of chords, techniques and songs. This class is for those who have some experience with a ukulele. He will rent you a ukulele for the semester for \$10 if you don't have one.

## LANGUAGES

### **French Conversation** 9 Mondays, September 9 – Nov.18, 10:30-noon, \$144

This is a continuation class or for those people who have already acquired basic skills in French. Madame will start with an article from a French daily like *Le Figaro* or *Le Point*, mostly from the cultural section, along with a vocabulary sheet of words or expressions. She facilitates conversations about student's lives and says all her students enjoy her cultural quizzes. Taught by Nell Mednick.

### **Beginning Italian** 8 Mondays, September 16-November 11, 9-10 a.m. \$160

For students with no previous knowledge of Italian. Students will learn to speak, understand write and read simple Italian using examples from everyday life. It will provide students with a basic foundation in the Italian language and grammar. Taught by Lisetta Malagoli

### **Advanced Beginning Italian** 11 Wednesdays, Sept. 11 – Nov. 20, 9-10 a.m., \$187

This course is for students with a basic knowledge of Italian. Students will speak, understand, write, and read simple Italian, using examples from everyday life. It will provide students with a basic foundation in the Italian language and grammar. Taught by Lisetta Malagoli

### **Intermediate Italian** 11 Tuesdays, September 10 – November 19, 9-10:30 a.m., \$220

This class is for students able to read, write and understand in present, past and future tenses. It is aimed at those who want to improve their Italian through conversation while advancing grammar and comprehension. Taught by Lisetta Malagoli

### **Italian Conversation** 11 Tuesdays, September 10 - November 19, 10:30-noon, \$330

This course is for Lisette's returning conversation students or those with a working knowledge of Italian. The objective is for students to improve speaking, reading, and oral comprehension. Taught by Lisetta Malagoli.

### **Spanish Introduction** 10 Tuesdays, September 17-November 12, 9-10 a.m., \$140

This course will help students attain a comfortable level of speaking, listening and reading with an increasing awareness of the Spanish language. Text: *Let's Talk Spanish*. Taught by Bob Dalury.

### **Spanish Conversation** 10 Mondays, September 9– November 18, 9-10 a.m., \$140

Practice makes perfect. This class will allow students to practice Spanish and further develop confidence in talking with native speakers. Text: *Recuerdos*. Taught by Bob Dalury.