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Expand your mind and horizons

The Blue Ridge Center for Lifelong Learning (BRCLL) offers its members opportunities for education and enrichment. Through a variety of classes, trips, and special events, we are committed to nurture intellect and inspire imagination.

Featured Class

Immigration: The Peopling of America

4 sessions

Thursdays

July 7, 14, 21, & 28

1:00 – 3:00

Patton Building

Room 150, BRCC

Fee: \$25

This class weaves the tapestry of the settlement of America by a diversity of cultures from the first bands of hunters crossing from Siberia, to the great waves of immigrants fleeing poverty, persecution, and warfare in the last four centuries, to the internal movements of pioneers seeking land and employment.

Session 1: Learn about the arrival of prehistoric Americans, as well as early Europeans and Africans.

Session 2: Discover the pawns of imperial powers, along with the pre-Civil War expansion.

Session 3: Find out about the mass migration before WWI and post-war internal movements.

Session 4: Learn about refugees and contemporary America, plus a picture of America after four centuries of immigration.

Presenter **Dr. John Gill** is Professor Emeritus at Michigan State University. He is a lifelong amateur historian and has taught at BRCLL, the Center for Creative Retirement in Asheville, and the Renaissance Academy in Fort Myers, Florida.



Images courtesy of: Ellis Island Foundation, Inc.

From the President:

The educational opportunities in BRCLL keep improving. The spring of 2011 offered a menu of exciting classes and trips surpassing all expectations and forcing us to turn some folks away. Attendance at Great Decisions was exceptional, as were the lectures. Look in this issue for a picnic basket of summer delights. And speaking of picnics, save the date for our annual picnic, scheduled for June 14. You won't want to miss the great BBQ and entertainment.

This year is our 20th anniversary. Be on the lookout for activities to celebrate this milestone, including our Brown Bag Lunches, plus an opportunity to take in an Asheville Tourist baseball game. Page 10 contains all the details.

Please take note: we have changed the name of our off-campus activities to EdVentures meaning Educational Adventures. The committee, which organizes these events, felt that term better reflects the theme of these activities, and you will see the new name introduced in this newsletter.

You have noticed the size of our newsletters has been increasing. Do you know that our website contains all of the information that is in the newsletters, including the forms to register for our events? If you would like to help us reduce our costs and the impact on our environment, send your name and e-mail address to **webmaster@brcll.com**. If you do this, we will send an e-mail note to you when the website is updated with the new information – usually before the snail mail is delivered.

All work for BRCLL is performed by volunteers, with the exception of our part-time coordinator, Gayle Covey. When you see a Board or committee member at a lecture or trip (or somewhere around town), let us know how we can make improvements. Consider participating; our Program and EdVentures committees are always looking for new faces with fresh ideas.

I hope to see you at some of our activities,

Carl Schoendorfer



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Brown Bag Lunches

Food for the body, community for the soul



To celebrate its 20th anniversary, the Blue Ridge Center for Lifelong Learning offers a fun and informative way for you to spend your lunch hour with our **free** lecture series. Our **Brown Bag Lunches** are open to the public, so it's a great way to share time with old friends and meet new ones. Bring whatever lunch munchies make you happy and join in the discussions. Seating is limited, so you **must pre-register** to attend. Registration forms are on page 18.

**You ARE a
Television Expert**
Wednesday,
June 1
11:30 – 12:30
Technical Education
and Development
Center, Cortland
Conference Room,
BRCC

Do you know how television works in the U.S. and Western NC? **Jack Connors, General Manager at WLOS/WMYA-TV**, will explain the importance of local news and local sports.

He will also reveal what your local station's relationship is with the network and how that functions. We'll also learn about programming in the 21 hours that are **not** primetime: who decides and how do they reach the decision?

Here's your opportunity to find out everything you might want to know about TV but didn't know whom to ask.

**Henderson County-
District Attorney
Jeff Hunt**
Wednesday,
August 24
11:30 – 12:30
Technical Education
and Development
Center, Cortland
Conference Room,
BRCC

In this environment of increasing prosecutorial needs and shrinking personnel and resources, it will be enlightening to learn how North Carolina prosecutorial offices are set up and the duties, responsibilities, and powers of each of North Carolina's 44 elected District Attorneys.

Jeff Hunt has been a lawyer since 1975. He is a graduate of Wake Forest School of Law and was a private sector attorney for 19 years before winning election as District Attorney in 1994. He has served as the president of the North Carolina Conference of District Attorneys. Prosecutorial District 29B has been acknowledged for its excellence by both a Democrat and Republican Chief Justice of the North Carolina State Supreme Court.

He has written on prosecutorial issues in both the *N. C. State Bar Journal*, and the *Civitas Review*. Mr. Hunt will be available for questions and answers after his presentation.

Classes May—August, 2011

For classes, each member must enroll individually, one form per person. Please write checks for classes to "BRCC." You'll find the class registration form on page 16.

Unless you are notified to the contrary, your registration has been accepted. Refunds must be requested in writing at least one week before a class begins. No refunds will be issued after a class begins.

Understanding Judaism

2 sessions,
Wednesdays
May 18 & 25
1:00 – 3:00
Patton Building
Room 150, BRCC
Fee: \$15

Hillel, a famous Jewish religious leader, is popularly known as the author of the expression of the ethic of reciprocity, or "Golden Rule": "*That which is hateful to you, do not do to your fellow.* That is the whole Torah; the rest is the explanation; go and learn."

This two-session lecture will introduce you to Judaism and to the Jewish people. The first session begins with a short talk on some basic principles for understanding Judaism, including Hillel's "Golden Rule," followed by time for questions and discussion. The second session includes beliefs about the world, the place of the Jewish people in it, and a survey of world history as seen from a Jewish perspective.

Presenter **Rabbi Philip J. Bentley** has served congregations in Curacao, in the Netherlands Antilles, Jericho NY, Queens NY, and elsewhere, as well as in Hendersonville. He has been involved in community affairs and in Jewish and interfaith organizations throughout his life. Rabbi Bentley is the author of many published articles on a variety of subjects and is currently working on his first book.

Current Issues in the Automotive Industry

2 sessions,
Tuesdays
May 24 & 31
1:00 – 3:00
Patton Building
Room 150, BRCC
Fee: \$15

The automotive industry is one of the most popular current topics. This class will focus on issues in the automotive industry including quality, fuel efficiency, and cost. Design may account for more than 85% of the cost of manufacturing the vehicle, but no level of manufacturing efficiency can compensate for poor engineering concepts.

No discussion relating to today's automotive industry would be complete without a consideration of fuel efficiency, including how the industry is striving to improve it by reducing the mass of the vehicles and changing the design of the engines and powertrains, as well as the use of fuel cells. In addition, some of the innovative techniques to reduce manufacturing costs and improve efficiency will be discussed.

Presenter **Mario Albert Polón's** last position was Director of Engineering and Sr. Research Fellow for the General Motors Corporation. From 1995 to 1998, he was responsible for Product Design and Manufacturing Engineering in Shanghai, China. On his return to the States, he worked on Advanced Technologies, LASER Applications, and the development of the Fuel Cell motor. He has written numerous papers on the design and manufacture of automobiles. He has degrees in computer science, mechanical engineering, and business administration.

Development of Music since the Fourteenth Century

4 sessions, Mondays
June 6, 13, 20, & 27
10:00 – Noon
Patton Building
Room 150, BRCC
Fee: \$25

We can appreciate music only through the act of listening to it! Join us as we strive to better understand the development of musical styles, demonstrated with recorded examples of the Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, and Romantic periods, which characterize each era and its musical center.

Our discussion will be enhanced with handouts illustrating the influence of the church, opera, politics, and secularism. These classes will emphasize the tension between classical and romantic tendencies in music and human nature.

Last summer, **Robert Hudson** taught a Lifelong Learning course on understanding music and returns by popular demand.

His career includes a variety of music-related positions in Alabama, Maine, and Hendersonville. Here, he is Music Director of Providence Baptist Church (CBF), Conductor of the Community Orchestra, and leader of the Carolina Village Chorale.

Hiking the Appalachian Trail

1 session, Thursday
June 9
1:00 – 3:00
Patton Building
Room 150, BRCC
Fee: \$10



Photo courtesy of:
Issac Wiegmann,
Appalachian Trail Conservancy

While attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, **Peter Barr** planned to hike 70 miles in five days on the Appalachian Trail (AT) through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park with a college friend. They did everything wrong, carrying 60-pound backpacks, wearing tennis shoes and all-cotton clothes, bringing a cooking stove they didn't know how to use, and approaching the hike with a false sense of physical conditioning, while carrying chips on their shoulders.

Peter has learned much since that fateful trek, as he has thru-hiked the entire 2,181 miles of the AT, in addition to hiking an additional 200 total miles to reach peaks, waterfalls, high points, historical spots, and views. Peter, a.k.a. "Wippersnap," will show us some of these views, describe some of his experiences, and share new and exciting places to hike locally, with emphasis on the locations protected by the Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy (CMLC), where he is an AmeriCorps Land Owner Information Associate.

Chet Howland, an AmeriCorps Outreach Associate with the CMLC will join Peter to discuss his efforts to coordinate events and manage the organization's hiking program. A native of Asheville, Chet received his B.A. from Davidson College in history in 2010, and coaches the Asheville High Track and Cross Country teams.

The Mysterious Maya of the Yucatan

2 sessions, Saturdays

June 18 & 25

10:00 – Noon

College Walk

Retirement

Community

Brevard

Fee: \$15

In the heartland of Mesoamerica, the Yucatan, there were once regions of highly developed cultures and brilliant civilizations, which had been abandoned and swallowed by the jungle, long before the Spanish Conquest. It is only recently, namely during the past 60 years, that archaeologists, linguists, and others have been piecing together the dramatic history of the Maya world.

In this PowerPoint presentation, we will see pictures of the Maya Classic Period, such as Palenque, Yaxcitlan, and Bonampak, and we will visit cities of the Post-Classic Period such as Chichenitza, Mayapan, and Lamanai.

We will talk about the Maya numbering system, the Long Count, the Calendars and the Maya Glyphs. We will hear about the Maya creation story, as told in the Popul Vu, the Maya Bible, and we will talk about the Maya Prophecies and that fateful date in December 2012.

This class is a repeat of the class on the Mysterious Maya given at Blue Ridge Community College in October 2010.

Presenter **Charlotte Self** has pursued her interest in the Maya as a volunteer in the Department of Archaeology at the University of California, Los Angeles, by participating in two archaeological digs, and visiting Maya sites in Mexico as often as possible. Her husband **Syd**, a semi-professional photographer, has taken many pictures, and together they have climbed pyramids and explored Maya ruins, especially in the Yucatan.

The Scottsboro Case and the Origins of the Civil Rights Movement

2 sessions, Tuesdays

June 21 & 28

1:00 – 3:00

Patton Building

Room 150, BRCC

Fee: \$15

In 1931, nine black youths were indicted at Scottsboro, Alabama, on charges of having raped two white women in a freight car passing through the state. Despite evidence that no rape had taken place, the youths were sentenced to death.

In two landmark decisions, the U.S. Supreme Court reversed their convictions; in 1937, the state dropped charges against five and accepted long sentences for the remaining four.

In two sessions, we will explore the legal importance of the case, how it became a rallying cry for a generation of civil rights activists, and how it helped ignite the civil rights movement.

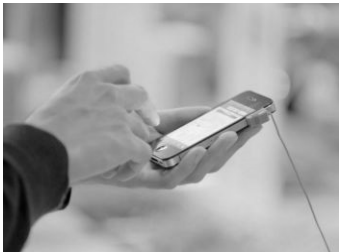
Presenter **Dan Carter** is Professor Emeritus of History at the University of South Carolina. He has held visiting professorships at London's Westminster University, Cambridge University, the University of Genoa, the University of Richmond, and the Roosevelt Studies Center in the Netherlands. He is the author and editor of six prize-winning books and more than 50 articles on American history.



Photo courtesy of: UPI

Technology Made Simple

1 session, Thursday
June 23
1:00 – 3:00
Patton Building
Room 150, BRCC
Fee: \$10



Do you wonder about iPads, iPods, iPhones, pencils that record, tweeting? Does rapidly changing technology leave you in a state of confusion? Bring your questions! This class will demystify items such as smart phones, automatic autos, Facebook, and blogs. Such terms will be explained in plain English. Additionally, “future tech” and its implications will be discussed. Specific content will depend on class interest and current innovations. You will leave with a better understanding of the seductive, addictive marvels of our digital world.

Presenter **Alicia Knighten** co-owns and operates Action Digital Incorporated, a web technology company specializing in cutting-edge web sites, e-commerce development, and graphic design. She is a native of Western North Carolina with expertise in advertising and marketing, web design, and search engine placement. Alicia teaches Continuing Ed at BRCC and leads the Computer Club at Carolina Village.

Feng Shui of Fashion

1 session, Thursday
June 30
1:00 -3:00
Patton Building
Room 150, BRCC
Fee: \$10

Learn how to balance the principles of the five elements of Feng Shui to accessorize basics you already have in your closet to make them more creative, expressive, and up-to-date! This one-session class will also help you determine which other essential items might still be needed in your wardrobe to add a dash of personal flair. Discussions will center on colors, fabrics, and specific accessories every woman should own. The program will include fashions and accessories from Elite Repeats Boutique and will be fun, playful, and interactive! You will also receive handouts to help accessorize and update your wardrobe when you get home!

Presenter **Denise Medved** has studied with various prominent Feng Shui experts over the past 25 years. Born in Tennessee, she was a senior officer and board member of one of the largest communications companies in the world in New York City for 14 years, and served as a Marketing & PR consultant in both California and North Carolina. She brings high energy, creativity, and fun to her teaching. She is an International Nia Education Trainer and travels around the world sharing this fitness technique. She is also the founder and creator of *Ageless Grace® - 21 Simple Tools for Lifelong Comfort and Ease* and author of a new book and DVD set.

Coming of Age Senior Style

4 sessions, Tuesdays
July 5, 12, 19, & 26
1:00—3:30
Patton Building
Room 150, BRCC
Fee: \$25

Where have all our heroes gone? Films with the theme “coming of age” usually focus on “growing up” from adolescence into adulthood. This course will explore films with older characters who still have something to learn about life. Don’t we all?

Each week we will view a film and discuss the film’s themes, how aging is represented, and how the film resonates with our own experiences. Or not.

Proposed Films (subject to change):

Week 1: *Mrs. Henderson Presents*

Week 2: *World’s Fastest Indian*

Week 3: *Wild Strawberries*

Week 4: *Up*

Presenter **Beth Ellers** is an Adjunct Faculty member of Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa, North Carolina, where she teaches film studies. Beth has taught classes at BRCLL for a number of years, and we are pleased that we will enjoy films with her once again. After a career in public health, Beth returned to school at Boston University to receive an MFA in Film Studies (a.k.a. how to watch movies).

Inspired Interiors: Decorating For Everyday Living

4 sessions,
Wednesdays
July 6, 13, 20*, & 27
1:00 – 3:00
Patton Building
Room 150, BRCC
Fee: \$25



This four-week course is geared to arm you with the “insider” tools to create rooms that are not only stylish and inspired, but also as fabulous to live in as they are to view. Ashley Smith, of Benson & Babb Interiors, will guide you through the applications of color, pattern, and texture that will leave your rooms with the look of a professional decorator. We will identify elements of scale and proportion when placing furniture and accessories, and the use of general, task, and accent lighting in the room. A two-hour session at a design studio will put our knowledge to work.

Session 1: Color theory, the color wheel. Variables of color and how to apply. What constitutes quality furniture? Study how to create pattern mixes with fabrics and textiles.

Session 2: Spatial planning, placing furniture and accessories in a room, lighting theories.

Session 3*: Meet at Benson & Babb Interiors Showroom to work with vignettes, real furniture, rugs, fabrics, and accessories to put together a real scheme.

Session 4: Critique previous schemes and recap.

* The July 20 session will be held at Benson & Babb Interiors, 145 Brookside Camp Road, Hendersonville.

Presenter **Ashley Smith** is the owner of Hendersonville's Benson & Babb Interiors and has been in the business of design for 20 years. A regular contributor to *Builder/Architect of WNC*, he has been published by the likes of *Southern Living* and *Carolina Home + Garden* magazines. Ashley earned his degree in Interior Design from Western Carolina University.

Carousel Art

1 session, Monday
August 22
10:00 – Noon
Patton Building
Room 150, BRCC
Fee: \$10

Grab a gold ring and enjoy yesterday's wonderful merry-go-rounds by exploring the colorful era of wood-carved carousels. You will learn about major styles, construction, and decoration of wooden figures, and why many carousel animals have become one of America's most enchanting art forms. This Power-Point program will include recorded band-organ music and photos of the work of major carvers and companies. Carousel figure restoration and collecting will also be covered.

Presenter **Hoyt Griffith** and his wife have been merry-go-round enthusiasts for almost 30 years; 11 carousel animals are displayed in their home. Hoyt, who has presented for UNCA's College for Seniors and Continuing Ed at BRCC, has restored seven wooden carousel figures. He earned Communications degrees at Temple University and the University of Southern California. Hoyt worked at Peckham Productions in New York and edited many TV and video projects.

An Introduction to Gemology

1 session, Thursday
August 25
1:00 – 3:00
Patton Building
Room 150, BRCC
Fee: \$10

Gemstones have fascinated people throughout history. They have also been subject to misinformation and fraud – problems that have increased with the development of synthetics, imitations, and other treatments and modifications that may confuse even experts.

In this class, we will explore the various classes and types of gemstones, and discuss the four C's – Color, Cut, Clarity, and Carat weight – which may affect their value.

We'll also learn about the minute inclusions found in many gemstones and how they increase or decrease a stone's worth; how gemstones are tested and the equipment used in their identification, plus discuss how gemstones are cut and polished and how this adds or detracts from the value of the finished stone.

Please note the class will not include actual appraisals or valuations of gemstones.

Presenter **Walt Hawn** has been involved in amateur gemology, faceting, and jewelry making for 30 years. After a career in industry, he taught industrial maintenance at a community college for 14 years. He has an avid interest in many areas of science. He will supplement his discussion with illustrations used by permission from Barbra Smigel, PhD, GG, and a Professor Emeritus at Nevada State University.



Photo courtesy of: GemGlamour

Eight Years in China

1 session, Monday
August 29
1:00 – 3:00
Patton Building
Room 150, BRCC
Fee: \$10

In 1993, the People's Republic of China was still struggling to become a modern society. Discover what it was like to spend the next eight years among thousands of expatriates witnessing first hand the most important change of a society and turnaround of a country to have ever happened in history during such a brief period of time. During this one-session class, you will learn about the fast changing habits, customs, architecture, public services, communications, and openness to the world that China experienced.

Presenter **Jorge Cancellieri** and his wife, Consuela, lived in China from 1993 until 2001. Jorge earned degrees in Chemical Engineering and Economics, worked for Gillette from 1965 to 2002, and presented a class at BRCLL in June 2010.

You may write one check for all EdVentures made payable to “**Lifelong Learning**.” The EdVenture registration form is on page 20, and the registration form for the Asheville Tourist game is on page 21.

Batter Up! Asheville Tourist Game at McCormick Field

Thursday, May 19
5:45 pm - approximately 10:30 pm
Depart from and return to lower Patton Parking lot, BRCC
Cost: \$32 per person



Image courtesy of:
Asheville Tourists

To celebrate our 20th anniversary, we are offering a special EdVenture, where you can invite up to two non-member guests age 18 years or older!

Experience the fun and excitement of Class A baseball. Take a ride back in time when you board Hendersonville's Historic Trolley and head to McCormick Field, longtime home of the Asheville Tourists farm team of the Colorado Rockies, when they take on the Rome Braves Single A affiliates of the Atlanta Braves.

Have fun while traveling in style to a classic ballpark with front gate service, no parking hassles, and box seats behind the first base line. Enjoy the antics of Ted E. Tourist, the best and hardest working mascot in the minors, as you sip \$1 beers with your friends and neighbors. As a special bonus, your name will be entered in a raffle for two tickets to a future Asheville Tourist game. Life doesn't get much better than that!

Activity Level – Easy: minimal walking, primarily flat surfaces, some steps.

Includes: transportation to McCormick Field via the Historic Hendersonville Trolley, reserved box seats, drivers gratuity, and insurance.

Escape to the Land of Waterfalls

Thursday, June 2, 2011
8:30 am – 3:00 pm
Depart from and return to lower Patton Parking lot, BRCC
Cost: \$42

This EdVenture will take you to places you can't go to on your own. You'll have the opportunity to visit waterfalls most folks never see. Escape for a few hours to roads less traveled as your personal guide shares stories of these mountains that he's learned over the past two decades exploring the land and searching for waterfalls in Transylvania County. Most of the falls you'll visit are on private land and off the beaten path. Learn about the rich history of the area, plant life, geological features, how the falls got their names, and maybe even a little bit about moonshine.

Eat a hearty breakfast and bring along a bag lunch and beverage to enjoy on the bus as we travel through the county. You'll also need good walking shoes, comfortable, cool clothing suitable for the season, water, and your camera.

This trip goes RAIN or SHINE, so bring appropriate gear.

Activity Level - Moderate Plus: Walking over uneven trails and some incline. No long or hard hikes. Paths can be slippery around the waterfalls.

Includes: Services of a knowledgeable guide for the entire tour, transportation, driver and guide gratuity, and insurance.

Due to the nature of this trip, reservations are limited to 27 participants.

An Appalachian Evening at Stecoah Valley Cultural Arts Center Stecoah (Robbinsville), NC

Saturday

July 16, 2011

1:30 pm – approximately 11:30 pm

Depart from and return to lower Patton Parking lot, BRCC

Cost: \$74 per person



Photo courtesy of: Stecoah Valley Cultural Arts Center

Mouth-watering Appalachian dishes and traditional mountain music served up in a restored 1926 schoolhouse. This mountain cultural arts center has been delivering a memorable and authentic Appalachian experience known simply as “An Appalachian Evening” for 12 years. The concert and dinner series embodies the Center’s mission to preserve mountain traditions. Dinners are served family-style and feature the down-home goodness of traditional Southern Appalachian mountain cuisine, using the freshest local ingredients available.

The keystone of “An Appalachian Evening” is the music performed in the renovated historic auditorium. Featuring wood flooring, ceiling, seats, and stage, this auditorium is acclaimed for its exceptional acoustics. Bluegrass performances date back decades on the Grand Old Stage, including such early pioneers of the genre as Lester Flatt, Earl Scruggs, and The Carter Family. You’re in for a real treat when this Nashville based group, the Farewell Drifters, take the stage. With their shimmering harmonies, gently propulsive acoustic instrumentation, and disarmingly honest songwriting, the Farewell Drifters have arrived at an engaging, inventive musical hybrid all their own – pure, but not so simple, accessible and welcoming, yet highly personal.

“The group brings a fresh sound to the stage combining bluegrass music with 1960s-influenced harmony singing and a twist of John Hartford-style uniqueness.”

Derek Halsey, *The Herald Dispatch*

“If a young Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel had ever gathered with Brian Wilson and the young Beach Boys and formed a Nashville string band, it might just have sounded like “The Farewell Drifters.”

Zachary Greenberg, *Nashville Review*

En route, we’ve planned a brief stop at the Fontana Dam. The Visitors Center at Fontana Dam is designed to offer an entertaining and educational introduction to hydroelectric power, and the history associated with the building of Fontana. The Observation Deck and the Overlook provide exceptional views of the dam, the unusual discharge tunnels, and the mountain scenery.

After dinner, we’ll take a short ride to Bee Global, a working candle studio offering distinctive handcrafted beeswax creations. Upon our return to the Cultural Center, you will have time to visit the Stecoah Artisans Gallery where over 125 local and regional artists are represented.

Activity Level - Easy

Includes: Family-style dinner including dessert & beverage, show tickets, seat cushions for those wooden chairs, transportation, all taxes and gratuities including driver, and insurance.

Deadline for registration: May 30, 2011

Knowing our history enriches our lives.

**Stroll Historic
Main Street
Hendersonville**

May 23, Monday

or

June 17, Friday

10:30—Noon

Cost: \$10

From the Historic Courthouse to City Hall, stroll with **Mary Jo Padgett** along Hendersonville's Main Street to learn more about the Historic District. Discover who donated land for the city, learn which is the oldest block of buildings, find out what was on the third floor (and in the basement) of the old City Hall, and treat yourself to lunch at one of the many Main Street restaurants on the way back to your car.



Mary Jo served on Hendersonville City Council for two terms, is a journalist and public relations consultant, co-founder of ECO and former executive director, was associate editor at *The Mother Earth News* magazine, and presents educational programs about living in Paris, France, and about France and the American Revolution. Her parents spent their honeymoon in the Skyland Hotel on Main Street. She grew up on a farm in Rutherford County, and has lived in a 100-year-old house in downtown Hendersonville for 30 years.

Tours will be conducted rain or shine.

Activity Level—Moderate: Extended periods of standing and some steps.

Maximum number of attendees for each tour: 15

EdVentures Refund Policy

We understand that you occasionally may have to change your plans, sometimes due to unexpected events. We will do our best to maximize your refund whenever possible, minus a modest administrative fee of \$10. Most theater and event admissions are not refundable. Each trip will have a deadline after which no refunds will be made. If a trip has a waiting list, we will fill your spot and be able to issue a refund.

BRCLL Annual Picnic

Annual Picnic

June 14

Tuesday

11:30—2:00

Bo Thomas Auditorium

BRCC

Cost: \$12

Come on by at 11:30 to check in and socialize with old and new friends.

Enjoy lunch provided by **"Harry's Barbeque"** of Columbus, NC, the divisional winner in two categories at the Blue Ridge BBQ Festival in Tryon, NC: smoked chicken and BBQ pork, cole slaw, baked beans, buns, sweet and unsweet tea, water, and a variety of desserts provided by the Blue Ridge Center for Lifelong Learning Board and Program Committee.

At 12:30 our entertainment will begin. Listen to folk and country music, songs, and patter by the witty and talented singer, song writer, **Tom Fisch.**



***Great voice, great guitar, wonderful songs
and a warm and appealing style!***

Members may bring up to two non-member guests age 18 or older.
Everyone must **pre-register by June 7** to ensure we have sufficient seating.



Become a member of The Blue Ridge Center for Lifelong Learning (BRCLL)

If you want to meet people from diverse backgrounds who share a common interest in learning, then become a member of BRCLL. Our programs are content rich and reflect shared interests and life experiences of our members. These educational programs are purely for enjoyment – no tests, grades, or need for prior experience – just the chance to join your peers in the joy of learning and the many benefits it brings.

Any person having an interest in the mission and activities of this organization can become a lifetime member for a **one-time \$40 fee**.

Membership benefits include:

- Nominal tuition fees for courses
- Day and overnight trips at a reasonable price
- A copy of our newsletter, which is published three times a year.
- Free e-mail subscription so you can be the first to know new and exciting happenings and events.

Join today!

BRCLL Membership Application

Lifetime membership fee \$40 per person

Please print clearly

Return this application with your check made out to **"Lifelong Learning"** to:

Blue Ridge Center for Lifelong Learning
180 West Campus Drive
Flat Rock, NC 28731

For more information, contact our
Coordinator at 694-1740 or visit
our website at www.brcll.com

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____
 Last **First** **MI**

Address: _____
 Street **City** **State/ZIP**

The NC State Board of Community Colleges requires the following information for all students:

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

Employment: ___ Retired ___ Employed Part-time ___ Employed Full-time ___ Unemployed

Education: ___ High School ___ Two-year College ___ Four-year College

Would you like to receive information about BRCLL via e-mail? Yes No

E-mail: _____

BRCLL respects your privacy and will not sell or share your email information with third parties.

Welcome to our newest members

Robert E Adams	Dorothy Drew	Charlotte McCurdy	Julia Sellers
Helen Bird	Sharon Dunfee	Robert McCurdy	Frank Skolnick
Helen Burnside	Kathleen Hespelt	William Mittelmaier	Janie Skolnick
John Cudd	Karen Howell	Josette Mowery	Brenda Sloan
Robert Delwiche	Terry Howell	Elsie Pilarski	Joe Bill Sloan
Jane DeMartini	Joseph Jenkins	Richard Pilarski	Joan Uhrich
Tom DeMartini	Mary Jones	Ann Puryear	William Uhrich
Ann Dolan	Craig Kinney	Kathryn Rodgers	Charles White
Gayle Donaldson	Mary Ellenor Marsh	Donald Schultz	JudyRose White

Payment Information:

For Classes:

Each member enrolls individually, one form per person. Please write checks for classes to "BRCC."

For EdVentures:

You may write one check for all EdVentures made payable to "Lifelong Learning."

Additional registration forms are available online at www.brcll.com

BRCLL Wants You!

While Gayle Covey is our dedicated, part-time coordinator, we couldn't offer the quality classes and events without the efforts from those who volunteer. Show your Lifelong Learning spirit and become involved!

- **Program Committee** - help us help you and your fellow members develop future class offerings and obtain qualified instructors. The committee meets the first Tuesday of each month and more brainstormers are needed.
- **Membership Committee** - the "welcome center" for new members to assist in answering questions about BRCLL. Have an hour or two to spare during the month? Enjoy talking with people on the phone? Then this could be the volunteer opportunity you've been looking for.
- **Electronic Communications Committee** - the BRCLL website is updated approximately three times a year when new classes and trips are announced for a semester. Join our team if you would be willing to share your web page development expertise.
- **Publicity Committee** - does developing a marketing or PR plan make you happy? Enjoy drafting press releases? Looking to use your communications background for a great cause? Then step right up and give us a hand spreading the word about BRCLL, the joy of learning, the sense of community, and the many benefits they bring.
- **EdVentures Committee** - Do you enjoy fitting pieces of a puzzle together? Are you organized, detail oriented, and a creative thinker? Do you enjoy interacting with groups of people? Does planning group travel appeal to you? If you answered with a resounding "Yes!," then book your next volunteer tour with us.

Contact Gayle Covey, BRCLL Coordinator, if any of these volunteer opportunities peak your interest. She will put you in contact with someone to answer any questions and get you on your way to becoming part of the BRCLL team. Gayle can be reached by phone (694-1740) or e-mail (g_covey@blueridge.edu).

Brown Bag Lunch Registration

(**Location:** Technical Education and Development Center, Cortland Conference Room, BRCC)

Please mark circles to indicate your registration choices

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____
 Last **First** **MI**

Address: _____
 Street **City** **State/ZIP**

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At the Blue Ridge Center for Lifelong Learning, we want....

- 1) to spend BRCLL's money smarter by saving postage
- 2) to send you reminders for courses and trips in which you've enrolled
- 3) to keep you up-to-date on a course or trip that you have interest
- 4) to send you our newsletter in a timely fashion

Will you help us?

- If you want to be removed from BRCLL's mailing list, please let us know.
- If you have an e-mail address and you haven't given it to us, please let us know. We won't share it with any other person or organization; we promise!
- If you have changed your physical or e-mail address, please let us know. We want to send BRCLL newsletters to the right location.
- If you are a snowbird, please let us know both addresses...and the approximate dates that you are at each address. In the past, we have not kept but one address...but we're going to try harder to let you know what's coming up at BRCLL.

Please contact our office through e-mail -- at **g_covey@blueridge.edu** (best way!) or by calling Gayle Covey, BRCLL Coordinator, at 694-1740 with your current information...or to let us know if you're no longer interested in receiving our mailings. We keep our course and trip costs way down by being careful to spend our funds carefully...and this would really help. Thank you!!

Help Us Save Money (and a few trees!)

Each semester, the Blue Ridge Center for Lifelong Learning mails out over 1800 copies of our newsletter. With increases in printing and mailing costs, we want to give you the opportunity to access the newsletter via our website, starting with this issue. With just one click, you will have instant access to exactly the same newsletter content, including registration forms, as its hard copy cousin.

Anyone who does opt to access the newsletter online will be notified by email to alert you to its availability.

If helping us save money and be more eco-friendly appeals to you, here's what to do:

- Send an email to **webmaster@brcll.com** with your first and last name and "Paper Free" in the subject line.

That's all there is to it!

Should you prefer to continue receiving our newsletter by U.S. mail, it's not a problem, you don't need to take any action, and you can expect to receive future issues in a prompt and timely manner.



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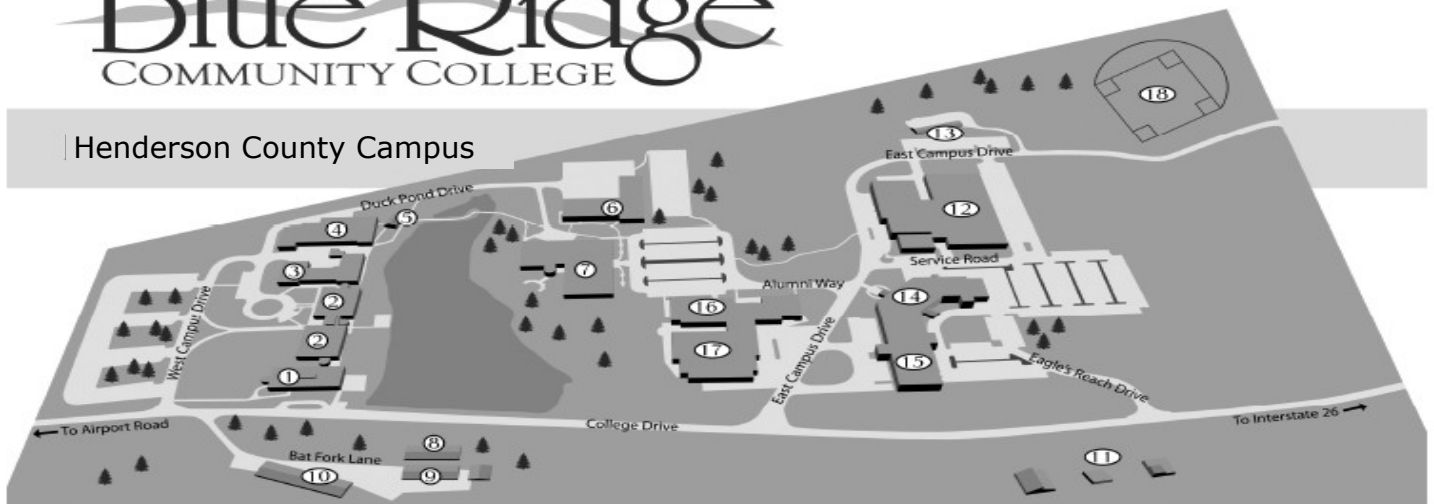
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Make a Note

- Our Coordinator's office hours depend on our class schedules. In general, Gayle plans to be in the office from 9am to 3pm on Mondays and Wednesdays and from 9am-1pm on Tuesdays. Thursday hours will be irregular. Her phone (694-1740) and e-mail (g_covey@blueridge.edu) can receive messages at any time. She updates her phone message daily and returns calls as soon as possible.
- If the College is closed for weather-related issues, all Lifelong Learning programs scheduled for that day are cancelled. If BRCC is on a delayed schedule, afternoon Lifelong Learning classes will meet. Closing information is broadcast on local radio and television stations. You can also call the College at 694-1700.

Blue Ridge COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Henderson County Campus



1. Continuing Education Building
2. Patton Building
3. General Studies Building
4. Arts and Sciences Building
5. Picnic Shed
6. Industrial Skills Center

7. Killian Building
8. Groundskeeping Building
9. Motorcycle Safety/Masonry Building
10. Maintenance/Storage Building
11. Fire Training Center
12. Spearman Building

13. Bullington Greenhouse
14. Sink Building
15. Thomas Auditorium
16. Technology Education and Development Center
17. Blue Ridge Conference Hall
18. Moreno Baseball Stadium