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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 nurturing intellect and inspiring imagination.

Featured Event

BRCLL 20th Anniversary & Oktoberfest

Tuesday

October 4, 2011

4 to 5:30 *OR*

5:45 to 7:15

Southern Appalachian
Brewery

822 Locust Street

Hendersonville

Cost: \$15 per person



Celebrate Lifelong Learning's **20th Anniversary and Oktoberfest** in a special get-together at The Tasting Room of the recently opened Southern Appalachian Brewery.

Delight in a late afternoon/early evening private party with a choice of craft beers, wine, or soft drinks, while listening to music by **Todd Hoke**. The Brewmaster will offer mini-tours of the Brewery.

Tuesday, October 4, we will have the place to ourselves. Yes, we can relax, socialize, and absorb the unique setting while enjoying a freshly baked **Bretzel** from the nearby Underground Bakery, munchies, and **either**:

- a pint of one of Southern Appalachian's craft beers; or
- a "Flight" (4.5 oz sample of four different brews); or
- a glass of wine; or
- choice of soft drink.

In order to accommodate our members, we offer **two** sessions:

(a) 4 to 5:30 p.m.

OR

(b) 5:45 to 7:15 p.m.

You choose the session you wish to attend.

Reservation deadline: September 23

Space is limited, so attendance will be by "first registered, first accepted." We require a minimum of 30 persons for each session – so, please be aware that your time selections are NOT guaranteed. Indicate which session you wish to attend on the registration form at the **bottom of page 17**.

Plenty of parking is available in the lot across the street from the Brewery.

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Brown Bag Lunches

Food for the Body, Community for the Soul



To celebrate our 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. A registration form is on **page 17**.

Witness to Ground Zero

Friday,
September 9
11:30 – 12:30
Technical Education
and Development
Center, Cortland
Conference Room,
BRCC

Hear a first-hand account of what it was like to be in lower Manhattan on September 11, 2001. **Steven DeVico** (who has called Hendersonville home since 2002) lived and worked blocks from the World Trade Center (WTC). He was just one block away from the South Tower when it collapsed. Steven will recount how the day unfolded for him — being evacuated from work, walking past the WTC to get to his apartment, the frightening realization that the first tower was collapsing, ducking beneath a planter, being pulled into safety, the long march across the Brooklyn Bridge to get to a safe haven. The street in front of his apartment building was littered with detritus from the crash; three months later, he was able to move back into the building. He will answer questions about that fateful day and the weeks that followed as lower Manhattan struggled to recover.

Mining Your Mind for Memoirs

Wednesday,
October 5
11:30 – 12:30
Technical Education
and Development
Center, Cortland
Conference Room,
BRCC

Fred Flaxman is the author of a tongue-in-cheek memoir, *Sixty Slices of Life ... on Wry: The Private Life of a Public Broadcaster*. Using examples from his own book, Fred will discuss how to write your own memoir in one easy lesson.

He is also the creator, writer, producer, editor, and host of *Compact Discoveries*, a classical music public radio series heard on stations from West Palm Beach, Florida, to Manila. He is an award-winning writer, public television and radio producer, and former public broadcasting executive.

Fred's B.A. in journalism is from the University of Michigan; his M.A. from Stanford is in political science. He also has a certificate in French culture and language from the Sorbonne in Paris.

Classes September—December, 2011

For classes, each member must enroll individually, one form per person. You may write one check for all classes made payable to "BRCC." You'll find the class registration form on **page 15**.

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.

Creative Collage

3 sessions
Thursdays
September 1, 8, & 15
10:00 - Noon
Patton Building,
Room 150*, BRCC
Fee: \$20

Class Limit: 30

Learn to express your own personal creativity through art collage. You will be making backgrounds using paper, lace, paints, stamps, and many other items. Collage is a wonderful way to tell your story, to display a favorite photo, or just to make a picture.

Session One: The instructor will discuss collage, show examples, and give demonstrations. You will also learn how to put a collage together and to prepare substrates.

Session Two*: You will start doing your own backgrounds, learning about composition, paints, and glazes.

Session Three: You will apply papers, cloth, pictures, newspaper clippings, and add writing, drawing, and painting, to continue with your collage.

You will be provided a list of places to buy supplies and receive recommendations for books and on-line videos, which can be watched for free.

Presenter **Phyllis Peterson** has been "making art" for the past 10 years. She likes "mixed media" and has attended many workshops from well known people. She creates collages, using photos, paint, paper and pen, and any material that comes to mind.

***Session Two will be held in the Continuing Education Building, Room 122, BRCC.**

Canvas of Words

2 sessions
Saturdays
September 10 & 17
10:00 - Noon
**College Walk
Retirement
Community**
Brevard
Fee: \$15

Many wonderful poems come from response to another person's creativity - artist responding to artist - as famous paintings, classical music and jazz, even architecture moves poets to find words inspired by the subject matter. Join us as we look at how creativity begets creation, the ultimate compliment, and how art becomes art.

Presenter **Kenneth Chamlee** is the Seese Distinguished Professor of English at Brevard College. He has published two books of poetry and his poems have appeared in the 2007 and 2008 editions of *Kakalak: An Anthology of Carolina Poets*.

Transforming Negative Thoughts

3 sessions

Mondays

September 12,
19, & 26

10:00 – Noon

Patton Building,
Room 150, BRCC

Fee: \$20

Despite the work we have done on building good communication skills, we often lapse into repetitive, unconscious habits of thinking. Because thought is the “builder” of everything we think, say, and do, we can change our lives by changing our thoughts. We can rid ourselves of the negative belief system we have about ourselves and others. We shall work individually, as well as in small groups.

Session One: Focus on identifying our negative thoughts and feelings, understanding the damage they do.

Session Two: Learn, by designing transformative sentences, how to recognize and process past feelings connected with these thoughts and feelings.

Session Three: Practice fine-tuning these sentences with a method that becomes a surefire way to release recurring negative thoughts.

Presenter **Suzu Camp-Goodman** has a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Illinois and maintained a private psychotherapy practice for many years before retiring. Before that, she was the long-time Director of Social Work at a general hospital. In both positions, she has created and led many workshops helping people to develop healthier ways of thinking and communicating.

A Study of the Character of Abraham Lincoln

1 session

Tuesday

September 13

1:00 – 3:00

Patton Building,
Room 150, BRCC

Fee: \$10

This course will have a strong emphasis on Lincoln’s personal qualities tracing his life to his amazing selection for President. It will include a detailed study of his relationship with his cabinet, largely based on the Doris Kearns Goodwin book *A Team of Rivals*, which is being made into a movie by Steven Spielberg, starring Daniel Day Lewis (Lincoln) and Sally Fields (Mrs. Lincoln).

Presenter **Jim Jackson** got his love for Lincoln from his dad who quoted his grandmother who lived through the Civil War in Chattanooga: “The worst thing that happened to the South was not the loss of the War, but the untimely death of Abraham Lincoln.” We don’t know what would have happened had Lincoln lived, but we can only presume what his efforts might have been.

Mr. Jackson spent eight years in business, followed by Seminary at Oberlin, and then 30 years in ministry-related work with a heavy emphasis on Civil Rights. He is retired and living in Tryon, NC.



A History of Modern Exact Sciences

2 sessions
Wednesdays
September 21 & 28
10:00 - Noon
Patton Building,
Room 150, BRCC
Fee: \$15

If a scientist performs a certain experiment starting always with the same set of conditions and arriving always at exactly the same results, the scientist in question is dealing with an exact science. There are very few disciplines that follow this rule; actually, until the middle of the 20th century there were only three: mathematics, physics, and chemistry. In the last sixty years, computational science has been added.

During this presentation, we shall review the lives of the brilliant minds that formulated the principles noted above, which have built most of our current scientific and technical "know how" and "know why." The description of the laws and principles will be presented in simple and understandable terms.

Presenter **Jorge Cancellieri** earned his degrees in Chemical Engineering and Economics and worked for Gillette from 1965 to 2002.

Evolution of the Flags

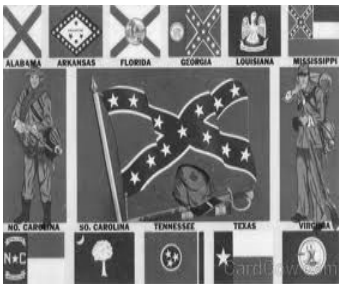
1 session
Thursday
October 6
10:00 - Noon
Patton Building,
Room 150, BRCC
Fee: \$10

The Evolution of the Flags is a fact-filled overview of flag history designed to educate those who misunderstand and abuse Confederate symbols and to demonstrate the proud and rightful place in American history of these emblems.

Presenter **Ken Bachand**, attired in the uniform of a Confederate brigadier general, begins his presentation of more than 70 flags with a discussion of flag symbolism and then carries the historical timeline from the British Isles through the American Revolution to the birth of the U.S. and Confederate national flags. From there, the presentation moves to the adoption of the Confederate state flags and then to the origin and use of Confederate and Union battle flags and national flags during the War Between the States.

Mr. Bachand lives in Hendersonville and is a member of Capt. Walter M. Bryson -George Mills Camp 70, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and chairman of the Civil War Round Table of Western North Carolina. He is a Civil War re-enactor and Commanding Officer of Macbeth Light Artillery. His wife, Mary, who is descended from Cherokee, Choctaw, and Confederate ancestors, will assist him.

On September 24th and 25th, Mr. Bachand will coordinate the Blue-Gray Heritage Civil War re-enactment that will be held in Mills River. You may want to attend this re-enactment to get a glimpse of what it was like during the War Between the States.



History of Gays in the Military

2 sessions
Thursdays
October 13 & 20
1:00 – 3:00
Patton Building,
Room 150, BRCC
Fee: \$15

Many people do not realize that there were prominent figures in the military who were gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender since the beginning of recorded history (2284 BCE). This course is a cross-cultural history including Egyptian, Judeo-Christian, Chinese, Greek, Roman, Muslim, Japanese, English, French, and Native American references from the American Revolution, the War Between the States, World War I, World War II, and the Vietnam War, concluding with our present time. The people include Alexander the Great, Richard the Lion-Hearted, and Jose M. Zunia, US Soldier of the Year.

Presenter Dr. **Clay Eddleman** is a retired psychiatrist, who was in the Navy and has worked with the Veterans Administration for 30 years. He is Professor Emeritus, Emory University School of Medicine. He has co-authored papers related to this subject in the *American Journal of Psychiatry* and on Post-traumatic Stress Disorder in *Comprehensive Psychiatry* and in the *Australian* and the *New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry*. He currently works as a consultant for the VA Medical Center in Asheville, NC.

The History and Art of Conversation

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

How are we impacted by conversation in which we engage? Do dull conversations cause our brain cells to wither away? What is it that causes meaningful conversation to make us feel better about ourselves and the world? This course will attempt to answer these and other similar questions regarding conversations by looking into the history of this vanishing art and exploring its intricacies.

Born in what is now Serbia, presenter **Jelena Gill** earned a Ph.D. in Mathematics from the University of Belgrade, Yugoslavia and worked as a researcher at the Yugoslav Academy of Arts & Sciences. She taught at Michigan State University and has been a presenter for a variety of Lifelong Learning classes.

Business Ethics: An Oxymoron or just a Paradox?

2 sessions
Fridays
October 21 & 28
10:00 – Noon
Patton Building,
Room 150, BRCC
Fee: \$15

Are you concerned about product safety, direct-to-consumer marketing of prescription drugs, fast food promotion, and predatory lending practices? Interactive sessions will consider case studies of these four issues and their impact on global business decisions. You will be provided reading material for each case and encouraged to present your personal experiences to the forum for lively inquiry and discussion.

Presenter **Barbara Boerner** earned degrees from Argosy University (Atlanta), Loyola, American University (Washington, D.C.), and UNC-Greensboro. She has taught since 1998 at Brevard College.

Find out more about Ms. Boerner on **page 8**.

An Interview with Professor Barbara Boerner



You may remember **Barbara Boerner** and her Globalism class. She spoke about the Challenge of the Global Financial Crisis during the 2010 Great Decisions series, then lectured on Globalism in America at the Henderson County Campus of BRCC and the College Walk Retirement Community last fall and winter.

Bernie Fox, BRCLL newsletter editor, spoke with Ms. Boerner to find out more about her and her thoughts on Business Ethics.

Bernie Fox (BF): I understand congratulations are in order on your promotion to full professorship.

Barbara Boerner (BB): Yes, I was recently elevated to full professorship at Brevard College where I have taught since 1998. It is a great honor indicating a significant contribution to teaching, the college, and the community.

BF: What is your position on business ethics? Many people feel there are no ethics in business.

BB: The field of Business Ethics is one in which for many years for complex reasons, the regulatory arm has been greatly emphasized. This was recently underlined by the passage in 2004 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act following major corporate and accounting scandals. This act streamlined corporate reporting guidelines in critical financial areas. It again brought attention to the regulatory aspect of business ethics.

BF: Are there any recent changes in the field?

BB: Within the last three years, the emphasis has shifted to involve the cultural aspects. This includes such things as environment preservation, the care and protection of natural resources, and the efficient and proper use of human resources. Johnson and Johnson has had a good business ethic for many years, and others are beginning to emulate this model.

BF: What is a current goal of business ethics?

BB: A significant current goal is to establish a global ethic that spans all cultures, creating reasonable accountability for all nations. This is the focus of the paper I presented at the Global Conference on Business and Economics at Cambridge University in June of 2011.

BF: What is the best way to teach the subject?

BB: By an interactive process with students that allows them to share their experience and create a dialogue where ideas are exchanged. My Lifelong Learning course will do this in the areas of product safety, fast food marketing, predatory lending practices, and direct marketing of drugs to consumers.

**Little Known
Women Who
Made a
Difference**

1 session
Thursday
October 27
10:00 – Noon
Patton Building,
Room 150, BRCC
Fee: \$10

This illustrated lecture will introduce you to two fascinating women. You will leave familiar with their lives and writing, wondering why they are not more widely recognized.

The Irish-born writer **Ethel Lilian Voynich** (1864-1960) became a celebrity in Russia; she was a daughter of the great mathematician George Boole and the wife of Wilfrid Voynich, a revolutionary and book dealer of somewhat dubious reputation. Those who have viewed the television series "Reilly, Ace of Spies" will know part of Ethel's story. Ethel also was a revolutionary, spy, composer, translator, and pianist. Her life was full of intrigue coupled with a profound spiritual insight into humanity.

Recent biographies about **Freya Stark** (1892-1993) may have brought her to your attention. These books offer valuable insights into the minds, hearts, history, and behavior of Middle Eastern people that outsiders find difficult to understand. She was an English explorer, adventurer, Arabist, travel writer, and occasional spy who traveled alone when that was considered unladylike! After a severe childhood injury, during a period of poor health, Stark learned Arabic and set off for Lebanon at 35. She lived among and traveled with the people, absorbing their culture and becoming a respected authority on the Middle East.

Born near Boston, presenter **Pamela Blevins** was a public relations and publishing consultant, former award-winning journalist, news photographer, and newspaper editor. Her extensive research and keen interest in the arts form the basis of her lectures on many subjects.

**Growing Cross-
Culturally:
Traditional Appala-
chian Values in
Contemporary
Western North
Carolina**

1 session
Monday
November 7
10:00 – Noon
Patton Building,
Room 150, BRCC
Fee: \$10

Dr. Tom Plaut brings his 40 years of experience in community development, public health, and teaching in Appalachia to explain why mountain folk may see the world just a bit differently than people who grew up elsewhere -- and why both perspectives are valid even when they disagree! This presentation describes key values of traditional mountain culture and their roots in regional history. It points out where and why these values lead to conflict in the contemporary workplace and cultural settings. You will be given examples of everyday differences caused by misunderstandings between people having different cultural orientations. Time for questions and discussion will be included.

Dr. Plaut received his A.B. degree from Harvard, M.A. from American University, and Ph.D. from the Union Institute. He was a member of the faculty in Sociology and Regional Studies at Mars Hill College from 1977 until his retirement in 2005.

As a specialist in community organization and culture, he helped organize hospices in Buncombe, Haywood, Yancey, and Madison counties. In 1989, he conducted the first community needs assessment for a pilot health project in Madison County funded by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. He is the founder and former director of the Center for Assessment and Research Alliances (CARA) at Mars Hill College. He has also conducted research and cultural training for the Mountain Area Health Center (MAHEC) for 27 years.

You may write one check for all EdVentures made payable to "Lifelong Learning." The EdVentures registration form is on **page 19**.

Elk Experience in Cataloochee Valley

Tuesday

September 20, 2011

3:00 pm to approximately 9:00 pm

Meet in Patton Building, Room 150, BRCC

Cost: \$40 per person



Photo courtesy of Country Captures

Have you ever found yourself in a mountain valley on a cool evening literally surrounded by herds of giant bugling elk? Most people would have to say "no." All that may change on the evening of September 20. Accompanied by environmental educators from the WNC Nature Center, we will head to Cataloochee Valley in the Great Smoky Mountains.

Before embarking on this educational expedition, we'll participate in a one hour course in "Elk 101." We'll learn about the biology of elk, their behavior, and ecological history in western North Carolina. The crowning jewel of this experience, however, revolves around the timing. That's because September is the season when elk are in rut (that's elk-speak for ready to mate), which means that the male elk are pulling out all the stops in order to acquire as many mates as possible.

We'll travel by van to Haywood County and the stunning Cataloochee Valley. Be advised the road into the valley is partially graveled with sharp curves and steep, unprotected shoulders. It is not dangerous, just a bit uncomfortable for those who do not like heights. If you often have motion sickness, medication such as Bonine taken prior to the class may be advisable.

When we arrive at the Valley you may choose to walk two miles to the Caldwell House while observing the elk in action or use the "step-on, step-off" option as determined by our guide. Walking is restricted to a flat, dirt road with pot-holes and loose gravel. We will be parking along the road where elk will be visible, so you may even elect to stay in the van for some of your experience in the Valley. You are welcome to bring a **small** fold-up camp chair. Space is extremely limited.

Bring binoculars, sunglasses, camera, comfortable walking shoes (sneakers), walking stick if desired, and a warm jacket, as the temperatures in the Valley are lower than Asheville temperatures (as much as 10 degrees when the sun goes down). We will not be stopping for meals. We will be served snacks (water, fruit, cheese tray, and cookies) in the van. Should you desire something more substantial to eat, please feel free to bring along your own meal.

Activity Level: Moderate to Moderate Plus

NOTE: Space is very limited due to the nature of the trip. Reservations will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

**National Register
of Historic
Churches and
Historic Biltmore
Village, Asheville**

Tuesday

October 11, 2011

8:15 am until approxi-
mately 5:00 pm

Depart and return to
lower Patton parking
lot, BRCC

Cost: \$42 per person



What better time of the year to pay a visit to Asheville than when autumn puts on its spectacular show? The surrounding mountains present their glorious colors and the air is brisk and exhilarating. Docent-led tours will highlight the architectural wealth and related history of three of the city's churches, which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Architect Douglas D. Ellington's **First Baptist Church**, completed in 1927, incorporates a variety of styles including Beaux-Arts and Art Deco. Ellington based the design of the sanctuary on the famous cathedral and dome of Santa Maria del Fiore in Florence, Italy.

Completed in 1909 in the Spanish Renaissance style, the **Basilica of St. Lawrence**, designed by Rafael Gustavino and Richard Sharpe Smith, has the largest freestanding elliptical dome in North America. The **Cathedral of All Souls**, designed by Richard Morris Hunt, is in the style of the Norman period of transition from Romanesque to Gothic. The interior features wonderful stained glass windows illuminating a variety of scenes from the Old and New Testaments.

In the late 1890's, George W. Vanderbilt transformed the sleepy crossroads settlement known as Best into a quaint English-style community with tree-lined streets, brick sidewalks, and pebbledash cottages known today as **Historic Biltmore Village**. Most of the area's fine restaurants and unique shops are housed in the original cottages, which feature recessed porches, multiple gables, and steeply pitched roofs.

We'll lunch on our own with dining options from casual soup and sandwich to gourmet specialties at Historic Biltmore Village. After refueling, time for some early holiday shopping from one-of-a-kind decorative craft items, to original artwork, custom-designed jewelry, clothing, home accessories, antiques and more.

Activity level: Moderately easy - leisurely walking over primarily even surfaces, including brick sidewalks. Some standing required and perhaps climbing some stairs.

Includes: bus transportation, church donations, driver gratuity, and insurance.

Seagrove Potteries and the NC Zoo

Wednesday - Thursday
November 9 & 10,
2011

8:45 am departure
Depart and return to
lower Patton parking
lot, BRCC

Cost: \$175 per person,
double; \$215 single



Our two-day trip takes us to places many of us have long-wished to visit: Seagrove Potteries and the NC Zoo.

The Seagrove area of Asheboro is one of the largest communities of potters, with the longest continual history of pottery making in the United States. Nestled in the heart of the rural North Carolina countryside, this area has long been the home of some of the world's most talented and well-known potters. On our way to Seagrove, we will stop for lunch at the world famous Lexington Barbecue, where you can purchase a delicious lunch. Afterwards, we will stop at three galleries and shops. You will see potters creating vessels on their wheels, and we might catch demonstrations of glazing, turning, and the loading and firing of kilns.

En route to the Hampton Inn, we'll stop for a photo op at the "Pisgah Covered Bridge," one of North Carolina's two remaining historic wooden spans. After checking in, we'll have time to rest, relax, and revive. That evening we'll enjoy a full dinner at "Something Different Steaks and Kabobs."

Following breakfast at our hotel, we will travel to the North Carolina Zoo, one of America's largest natural habitat zoos. There are two fantastic areas at the zoo: the African and the North American sections. Connect with wildlife from two different continents as you explore 500 acres of exhibits carefully constructed to resemble natural habitats. Walk from Africa's grasslands to North America's Arctic coast. There is a bus that can take you around the sections. Since you cannot see animals from the bus, we will be walking through the grounds. Lunch will be on your own in one of the three cafes located on the zoo grounds. There are also gift shops scattered around the park.

We will leave for Hendersonville at 2:30 pm.

Activity Level: Moderate - significant walking required, places to sit throughout the zoo

Included: transportation, lodging, breakfast and dinner, zoo admission, tour of potteries, insurance and gratuities.

You will be responsible for two lunches.

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.

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:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 | <p>BRCC Campus Amenities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Free WiFi access• Bookstore• Library• Cafeteria |
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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

Barry Arch	Sharon Kay Keith	Marjorie Menyhard	Eleanor Reim
Irene Austin	Lee Krusienski	Nicholas Menyhard	Burton Richards
Mary Berger	Patricia Krusienski	Patricia Metzler	Catherine Segall
Ralph Berger	Carol Leaman	Ron Michael	Ronald Segall
Catherine E. Blair	Robert D. Luebke	Nancy Miller	Douglas P. Sigmon
Barbara Brinkman	Sondra L. Luebke	Elaine Moyzis	Kathleen Strong
Thomas Brinkman	Roy Mabe	Joseph Moyzis	Louise Taylor
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Linda Davis	Marcella Mack	Thomas A. Normand	Ellie Tomberg
Theodore Eggert	Ruth Marcus	Gerry Pasternack	Marvin Truebenbach
Hunter Hale	Sanford Marcus	Mara Pasternack	Patricia Turner
Simine Heise	Ann McFadden	Mary Jane Pell	Paul Vanek
Shawnee Irwin	Richard W. Mears	Suzanne Phillips	Jutta Wolff
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Looking for more personal enrichment classes? Then be sure to check out the wide variety of Learning for Leisure offerings from Blue Ridge Community College, including:

- Line, Shag, & Ballroom Dancing
- Exploring Clay
- Oil Painting
- Manage Your Health Naturally
- Computer Courses
- Stained Glass

And More!

Visit **www.blueridge.edu** and enter "community enrichment" in the search box to access the latest course selections.



Special Interest Groups: What's Your Opinion?

At BRCLL, we strive to create a strong sense of community with our members and are exploring Special Interest Groups (SIGs) as another avenue for lifelong learning.

For those who may not be familiar with SIGs, think of them as groups of like-minded people who meet on a regular basis to share their thoughts, ideas, or skills for things like books, poetry, science, bridge, philosophy, cooking, stained glass, computers, or other interests a group may share.



SIGs wouldn't take the place of BRCLL educational offerings, but instead provide a more social venue for you to learn and make new friends.

We want to know what you think. Would you be interested in starting a SIG? Have ideas on what SIGs you would join if they were available? Let us know your thoughts on these and other questions by visiting our website at www.brcll.com and taking the SIG Survey.

Payment Information:

For Classes:

Each member enrolls individually, one form per person. You may write one check for all classes made payable to "BRCC."

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

Brown Bag Lunch Registration

(**Location:** Technical Education and Development Center, Cortland Conference Room, BRCC.
See **page 20** for campus map.)

Please mark circles to indicate your registration choices

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

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

Witness to Ground Zero
Friday, September 9
11:30 – 12:30

Mining Your Mind for Memoirs
Wednesday, October 5
11:30 – 12:30

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BRCLL 20th Anniversary & Oktoberfest Registration

(**Location:** Southern Appalachian Brewery, 822 Locust St., Hendersonville)
Please mark circle to indicate your registration choice

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

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

E-mail _____

Session A: 4:00–5:30 p.m.

OR

Session A: 5:45–7:15 p.m.

Cost: \$15 per person

Make check payable to "Lifelong Learning."

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

Important Class & Membership Fee Information

Operating in a challenging economy is difficult for any business, but even more so for non-profits like BRCLL, as our funding sources are more limited. While all the work to provide quality classes, EdVentures, and special events is done by our dedicated volunteers, there has been a growing upswing in the amount of administrative hours required, increases in printing and mailing costs, as well as monies to pay top-notch presenters.

Because we want to continue offering the quality and variety of offerings our members are accustomed to, our membership and class fees will need to increase effective **January 1, 2012**. This is the first time in four years an increase has been necessary.

On January 1, class fees will be \$20 for a single session, \$30 for two sessions, \$40 for three sessions, and \$50 for four sessions. Also on that date, new members will pay a **one-time, lifetime** fee of \$70.

While fee hikes are never popular, it's worth noting how we compare with other lifelong learning groups. For instance, members at the Center for Creative Retirement in Asheville pay a \$60 **annual** membership fee, classes are \$75, with workshops an additional cost. OLLI @ Furman members are charged a \$35 **annual** fee, with individual courses priced at \$50. Clearly, BRCLL remains a bargain.

At BRCLL we are committed to keeping our expenses as low as possible, while offering you some of the best opportunities for education and enrichment that nurture your intellect and inspire your imagination.

Help Us Save a Few Trees!

Each semester, the Blue Ridge Center for Lifelong Learning mails out over 1500 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. With just one click, you will have instant access to exactly the same newsletter content, including registration forms, as you would find in 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.



September—December, 2011 EdVentures

Return this form with your check made out to “**Lifelong Learning**” to:

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 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

EdVentures	Price	Total Cost	Check #
Elk Experience September 20	\$40 per person		
National Register of Historic Churches/Biltmore Village October 11	\$42 per person		
Seagrove Potteries/NC Zoo November 9 & 10	\$175 per person, double \$215 single		

Name #1: _____
 Last **First** **MI**

Phone: _____

Name #2: _____
 Last **First** **MI**

Phone: _____

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

E-mail: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Traveling with: _____

Visit our website (http://brcll.com/forms/Medical_Form_eversion2.pdf) to complete an online Medical Form to send in the mail with your registration.

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

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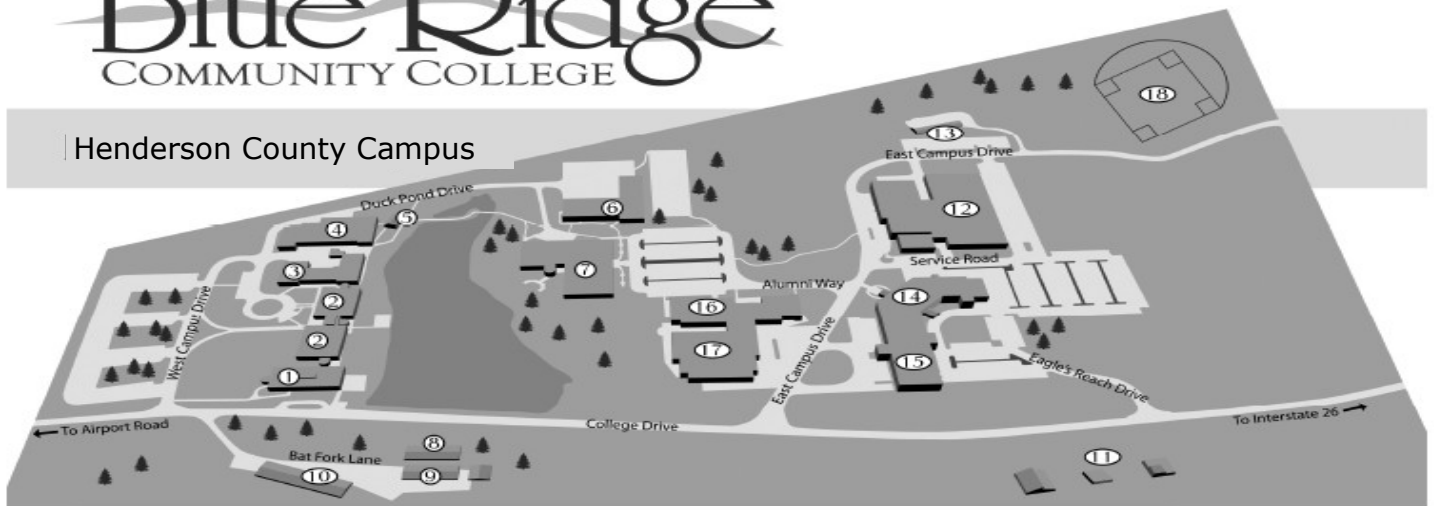
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Make a Note

- Our Coordinator's office hours depend on many things, including class schedules. In general, the office is open from 9am to 5pm on Mondays and Wednesdays and from 8am-1pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Gayle's 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



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| 1. Continuing Education Building | 7. Killian Building | 13. Bullington Greenhouse |
| 2. Patton Building | 8. Groundskeeping Building | 14. Sink Building |
| 3. General Studies Building | 9. Motorcycle Safety/Masonry Building | 15. Thomas Auditorium |
| 4. Arts and Sciences Building | 10. Maintenance/Storage Building | 16. Technology Education and Development Center |
| 5. Picnic Shed | 11. Fire Training Center | 17. Blue Ridge Conference Hall |
| 6. Industrial Skills Center | 12. Spearman Building | 18. Moreno Baseball Stadium |