

# Partners In Learning Fall News

October 2017

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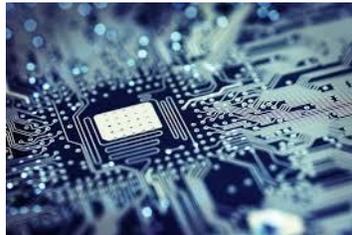
## FUN DISCOVERY

DANDELIONS HAVE BEEN FOUND GROWING IN ROUGH TAILINGS IN THE TAR SANDS IN ALBERTA WITH THE HELP OF FUNGUS .

There you go. You just never know what Nature will get up to.

## New courses start October 30

Our second set of courses this fall starts this Monday, October 30th. First up is **Technology** with Nancy Winters at noon. This one promises to address some trouble many of us seem to have with our "devices" that we can't seem to live with or without.



No promises that all our problems will be sorted out but, depending on the



response, this course may lead to a future more practical one where upgrading skills with computers, iPads and cell phones could be



Soup and bread will be ready in the break from 1:15 –2:00 pm for an even \$5.00 per person. Feel free to bring any additional goodies to round out your lunch.



## Heroes with Don Santor

Don is back to remind us that everyone has heroes and that it can be illuminating to examine them. Especially nowadays, we may disagree on some heroic figures from the past who some of us may see differently at this point.

This course should help us



sort out some of the quandaries surrounding our choice of heroes and the

traits and deeds that lead us to see people this way.

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**“I’m still learning.”**

*Michelangelo  
at age 87  
years.*

## Bring a guest!

A club is only as interesting as its members and we definitely have plenty of engaging and memorable individuals in Partners In Learning!

However, we could use a few more to round out our numbers and so all of us are encouraged to bring as a guest or two to join us for a session on the house.

Some members have already started to bring a



friend and for sure—the more the merrier!

Guests may attend free the first time and are welcome



in any course, any time.

If your guest plans to stay over the lunch break, please let Nancy know.



## Your Views Are Needed!

Partners In Learning has developed and changed since it began 12 years ago and our Executive Board feels it is time to get more feedback from members.

The particular issue we have to sort out is that of

participation. Originally, everyone was expected to contribute resources to the courses they attended. This normally took the form of presentations of varying lengths and served two purposes. First, it made sure everyone was active in the course. And second, the moderator could expect serious help from partici-

pants to bring in information and share it, thus reducing the load of planning each week. It was definitely a co-operative.

Currently, we have tried to encourage those who enjoy presenting to do so while not pressuring those who don't for whatever reason.

We need to hear from you so please answer the attached questionnaire and



## Annual General Meeting December 4



Our holiday gathering for the Annual General Meeting is on December 4th at 12 noon at the Southcott Clubhouse. Please bring your appetite and a favourite dish for the potluck.

We will bring in an Executive Board for 2018 and hear from moderators about upcoming courses and events. We need a new vice-president so please forward suggestions to anyone on the board. See you there!

### Sneak Preview of Winter Courses

Winter courses include something practical and hands-on, something uplifting, something about science, and something aesthetic.

We'll have Introduction to Drawing with Richard Sewell, Inspirations with Sybil Tinker and Karen Bowes-Sewell, Energy with Mike Ash, and Sound Effects with Nancy Winters.

With January storms swirling, it will be a great time to cozy up and explore both our artistic and scientific



### Spring Pot Pourri

We're looking for ideas for Pot Pourri in April - May. This is a favourite for both members and the community as it's a chance to experience some fascinating local events and get out to a field trip or two.

Please let us know of anything

at all you think might be of interest for a talk or event and we'll do the rest.

THANK YOU!

