

REMEMBER US?

Most of us are retired from a career that put us in daily contact with a broad spectrum of personalities and experiences. If we were lucky, we found this atmosphere very stimulating. After the first thrill of retirement freedom, we often find ourselves less informed than we once were, and looking for engaging activities and social connections.

A good place to reconnect is Partners in Learning. We offer well organized but informal courses and discussions. But we also have time and place for private friendship. We are not a school; we are not scholars. We are curious and open to new thinking.

And we enjoy sharing the experience and knowledge of a lifetime of discovery.

**Winter
Start-Up
Party
on**

Twelfth Night

"**Twelfth Night**" is a reference to the **twelfth night** after Christmas Day, called the Eve of the Feast of Epiphany. It was originally a Catholic holiday and therefore, like other Christian feast days, an occasion for revelry. Servants often dressed up as their masters, men as women and so forth. Therefore

COME AS YOU ARE™T

On January 6
10204 Pineview Crescent
Merrywood
From 4 to 8 pm

**Beer by GoodLot and
Finger Food
and the famed King Cake**

Partners in Learning

WINTER COURSES 2020



Winter Courses January-March at Huron Shores United Church

1. PIL Forum Mondays at 2:30 on January 13 to February 10 Fee: \$20 Membership required. ‘

These topics come out of the exploratory process of PIL Forum (Sept 2019).

Diverging from the pressure of the lecture hall, members took time to uncover topics especially meaningful to them, and worked in groups to find lively formats to engage members. Of special interest is the use of questions and interactive participation to stimulate discussion. Join us for a refreshing experience!

Jan 13 **Textiles** Karen Bowes-Sewell, Nancy Winters

Jan 27 **Considering Death** Molly Russell, Sybil Tinker,

Jan 20 **News, Fake News, and Spin** Nancy Winters, Jean Weigand, Jackie Soutcott

Peter Kybol–Syrový and Mary Feret

DISCOVERY TALK 2 Monday February 10 at noon. Membership not required. \$5 fee. Week five of Forum is available for a second Discovery Talk. Of interest to a great many of our members is how to manage “home alone”. Persons who have lost spouses, divorced, or who are otherwise facing aging alone will find this an illuminating subject, full of good advice and helpful coping strategies.

2 Shakespeare As You Like IT! Mondays at 2:30 on January 13 to February 10 Fee: \$25 Membership required. Format: Lecture, video, discussion, participation, but no advance preparation. Moderator: Nancy Winters

How come Shakespeare is a billion dollar world-wide industry four hundred years after he wrote the plays, while other playwrights of his time and later are utterly unheard of? Because Shakespeare’s plays still work on the modern stage. Educators regular spoil them by slogging the through texts. This course aims to undo some of the damage done in classrooms by making a case for their genius. Week by week, we will talk about what we already know, the men (heroic and villainous), the women (good and bad), the plotlines, and then, “what you will”.

3. My Favourite Moment in History Mondays at noon on February 24 to March 23 Fee: \$25 Membership required. Format: peer learning, participant research and input is required. Moderator: Mike Ash and Nancy Winters

What historical event has captured your imagination? The significance of an event cannot be measured scientifically. Every historian, journalist or student could make their own lists. This course is meant to draw attention to a number of events in history that left an indelible mark on peoples lives and an indisputable memory in the minds of later generations. Pick something that interests you, and would interest the group and tell us about it. It can be an event over years or a point in time – a big event or something small but significant. Any time period is fair game.

4. Climate Crisis Unpacked Mondays from 2:30 to 4:30 on February 24 to March 23 Fee: \$25/ or \$5 per session. Membership not required. Format: Guest speakers and discussion. Moderator :Karen Bowes-Sewell

This course is running in a similar way to *Realizing Reconciliation* last season. It is designed to appeal to members as well as to the general public who may attend without membership for \$5. per weekly session. Climate change is worse than many of us expected. Our survival is threatened and we have to respond quickly and wisely for our grandchildren’s sake. How do we decide which issues should be priorities when so many seem urgent? Which activist groups should we support? How do we organize as a community to be effective? This series brings together speakers from government, the Indigenous community, activist groups, and others to share their views on a feasible path forward. If you want to worry less and find positive solutions, please join us. No membership required.