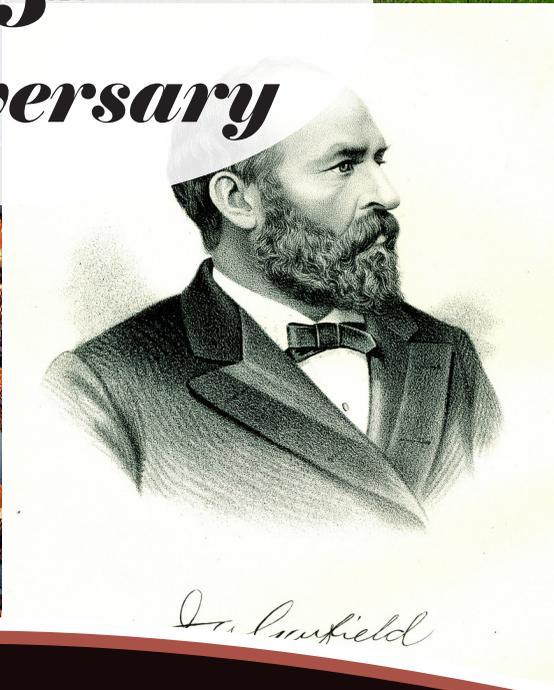
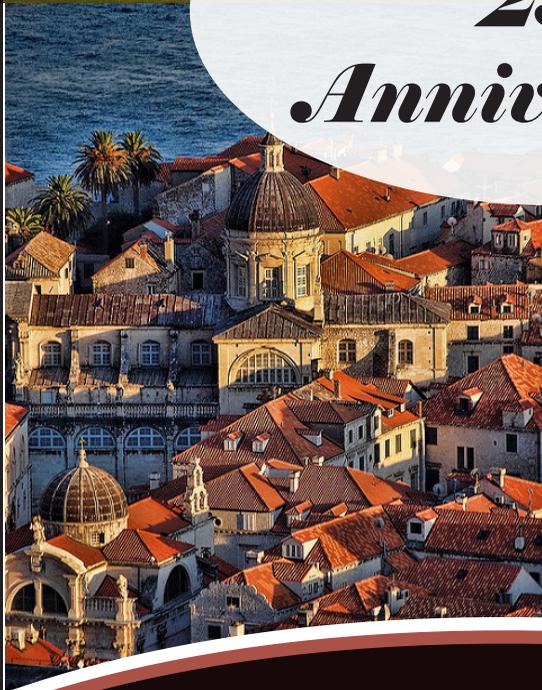




*LiR's  
25<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary*



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Quinebaug Valley Community College

## CELEBRATING OUR 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



From Virginia Sikkel’s “History of LiR” (2000), we learn that in the autumn of 1994, Dick Fontaine, the director of Continuing Education at Quinebaug Valley Community (Technical) College, had an idea to form a center where retirees could meet for intellectual and social stimulation. Enthusiastic people gathered to discuss their interest in this project and formed a committee to begin planning.

The first social event had 110 people in attendance! Of these, 87 enrolled in classes and 86 became charter members. What we now know as LiR was up and running. At their first annual meeting, May 29, 1996, Constitution and Bylaws were adopted, and by then there were 120 charter members. Their official name was Learning in Retirement at Quinebaug Valley Community Technical College. The first officers were:

President — J. Raymond Sikkel  
Secretary — Carolyn Wolfe

Vice President — Lyn Hanson  
Treasurer — Stuart Boldly

Through the years we have changed our name to LiR and the college has become Quinebaug Valley Community College. We have amended our constitution to include all adults. But, our mission remains: to provide a place for life-long learners to find intellectual as well as social fulfillment.

Our organization will be 25 years old in 2019, so we are planning special events throughout the 2018–2019 year. Our sincere thanks to those founding members and to all who have come since! “Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at 20 or 80. Anyone who keeps learning stays young.” (Henry Ford)

**We are looking forward to a very special year! Many exciting events for members are coming, so please plan to join us at LiR.**

*Joan Buell, President*

LiR is for adults who enjoy learning in a stimulating and social environment. To join us at LiR, pay the annual membership fee of \$20 covering September 2018—May 2019, and sign up for those courses of interest to you. New members are welcome throughout the year. There is an additional charge of \$7 for each of the multi-session courses to help cover our expenses. Single-session presentations are free to registered members, as are the socials and other events we hold each year. Visit our website at [www.qvcc.edu/lir](http://www.qvcc.edu/lir) for newsletters, updates, and items of interest.

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## FREE TO PAID LiR MEMBERS

### **COMMUNITY PANEL DISCUSSION** **Thursday 10:30–12 PM • Auditorium** **October 25**

We are so fortunate to live in an area where compassion and caring for others is expressed through many of our wonderful local organizations. You may have heard of them, but do you know how important they are to our community? This free program, followed by a question and answer period, will share information about:

**The Veterans Coffeehouse** — Tom Pandolfi, Garry Brown and Fred Ruhlemann will discuss its mission, its history, how it helps veterans get easier access to benefits and information, and how the local business community is involved.

**Interfaith Human Services of Putnam** — Karen Osbrey admits you may not be familiar with the name of this organization, but have you heard of the Daily Bread Food Pantry, Diaper Bank of NECT, or the Fuel Assistance Program? All these and more are under the umbrella of IHSP.

**Community Kitchens** — Pat Monaghan is very knowledgeable about the who, what, and where of non-profits in Killingly and the volunteer opportunities that abound in our area. Have you always wanted to help others but didn't know where to start? Come and get some ideas.

**Assisted Living** — David Panteleakos, from Westview Healthcare Center, brings us information about a new Assisted Living Center that is being built, and he will explain the types of services that would be provided by this type of facility.

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### **THE BEE GEES 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY (1968)** **Friday 1–2:30 PM • Auditorium** **November 2**

The Bee Gees: brothers Barry, Robin and Maurice Gibb. The trio had two distinct periods of exceptional success: as a popular music act in the late 1960s – early 70s, and in the mid-to-late 1970s (the disco era). Then 1978 brought Saturday Night Fever with *Stayin' Alive* and *How Deep is Your Love*. Come see their 1997 Las Vegas concert.

*Presenter:* Roger Pellerin spent 41 years in Finance and Accounting, retiring in 1994. He has been a member of LiR for about 12 years and for the past seven years served as Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee. His hobbies include golf, music, and fitness training. He resides in Brooklyn with Lorraine, his wife of 61 years.

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## NEED TO KNOW SERIES

### WHAT ARE HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE?

Wednesday 1–2:30 PM • Auditorium  
September 12

In life we prepare for everything... college, marriage, children, and retirement. But rarely do we have conversations about how we want to be cared for at the end of our lives. Learn the differences between Hospice and Palliative Care and how to access this care. Learn what services are provided and covered, and dispel some hospice myths.

*Presenter:* Erica Alexander has been at Day Kimball Homecare and Hospice for the past eight years, a registered nurse for 12 years and a certified hospice and palliative care nurse. Extremely passionate about hospice and palliative care, she looks forward to sharing her knowledge and expertise with the community in hopes of helping increase awareness about all the available options when a person or their family member is dealing with a life threatening or life limiting illness.

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### COMMON BANKING SCAMS:

#### AVOID BEING A VICTIM

Monday 10:30–12 PM • Auditorium  
October 1

Con artists can get the best of you! We need to be on guard when it comes to our financial security. Scammers use many methods to trick us into falling for their ploys, but they share a common goal: to access our personal financial information and steal our hard-earned money. Knowledge is your best defense!

*Presenter:* Kathleen Titsworth is the outreach coordinator for the Connecticut Department of Banking, promoting the agency's mission of protecting consumers, and she represents the Department on the Military Community Coalition. She is on the steering committee of the Coalition for Elder Justice in CT and is a dynamic presenter to community groups.

## USING YOUR PERSONAL COMMUNICATION

### DEVICES

Tuesday 10:30–12 PM • Room E233  
October 9

Are you utilizing your phone or iPad to its fullest potential? Working with the Wireless Zone of Putnam, our classroom-based senior tech seminar will help show you the best tips and tricks for your devices. Bring your personal device along, of course. We'll split into beginners and intermediate users, and all leave more comfortable with our technology.

*Presenter:* Patrick Lynch is an energetic, dynamic yet easy-going instructor; he has represented Verizon in small-groups training around our area and has been well-received. You will immediately see that he both loves technology AND loves teaching us how to make the best use of our personal electronic communication devices.

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### SETTING UP YOUR AFFAIRS FOR PROBATE

Tuesday 10:30–12 PM • Auditorium  
October 16

Plainfield–Killingly Probate Judge Andrea Truppa will answer questions about Wills, Living Wills and Power of Attorney forms. She will explain quicker options for handling a small estate, how to probate the marital home, the benefits of having a conservator, and the various resources available to local families through the Children's Court. We all need to know!

*Presenter:* Andrea Truppa was elected the Plainfield–Killingly Probate Judge in 2014, since then adjudicating over 2,000 cases. She is an attorney with over 20 years of legal experience; before becoming the probate judge, she represented over 100 individuals in the probate court. Andrea resides in Danielson with her husband, son and their two dogs.

## 2018 MEDICARE UPDATE

Tuesday 10:30–12 PM • Auditorium

October 23

Nothing remains static in the world of government: learn all the newest information regarding Medicare. You might have questions whose answers would benefit everyone present.

*Presenter:* Laura Crews serves as the director of Benefits Access and the Regional CHOICES coordinator and has worked at the 56 Town Regional Senior Resources for 11 years. She is extensively trained by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the National Council on Aging. She is proficient in all of the related topics.

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## ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE NEWS

Tuesday 10:30–12 PM • Auditorium

October 30

Alzheimer's is the most costly disease in the U.S. More than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease. Kristine will bring everyone up-to-date, dispel myths and legends, and look at research that is underway to change this number in the future. June is the month to wear purple to support Alzheimer's research!

*Presenter:* Kristine Johnson is the Eastern CT director of the CT Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. More than 74,000 people in CT have Alzheimer's disease. The Connecticut Chapter's outreach and support increase each year to meet the needs of those living with the challenge of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

## MULTI-SESSION (\$7) COURSES

### OPERA: VERISMO

Wednesdays 1–2:30 PM • Auditorium

October 3, 10, 17

Verismo (Realism) is a term for operas most popular from about 1890 through 1910, with a few examples from before and after these dates. Verismo simplified the vocal scores—banishing all of the vocal “excesses” of the Bel Canto and Romantic eras of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Each of these operas that we'll study is approximately one hour long.

- Puccini's *Il Trittico* (The Cloak) is a pot boiler.
- Puccini's *Gianni Schicchi* is his only comedy, about a dying man, a will and the relatives.
- Mascagni's *Cavalleria Rusticana* (Rustic Chivalry) explores life and love(s) in a Sicilian village.

*Presenter:* Bill Brower loves music — country—western, blues, opera, Broadway and more. After the beauties of Bel Canto opera last semester, he thought a look at a totally different genre is equally worthy.

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## BOOKS OF THE BIBLE:

### VIDEOS TO BRING THE BIBLE TO LIFE

Fridays 1–3 PM • Auditorium

September 7, 14, 28 \*Note skip in date

Enjoy these videos of live productions from the huge Sight and Sound Theaters which have a 300–ft stage that surrounds the audience on three sides, state-of-the-art technology, and live animals.

- *Moses* is the journey of a broken man and the enslaved Israelite people who find their identity and freedom in God. 116 min.
- *Noah* is followed as he obeys God's instructions and builds an enormous boat in a skeptical, godless environment. 110 min.

- *Jonah* is a prophet with cold feet who learns that the love of God is always seeking to give someone another chance. 116 min.

In the Winter Session, the series will continue with:

- *Joseph* is a story of dreams and the power of forgiveness. 127 min.
- *Ruth* follows the improbable journey of Ruth and Naomi whose faith in God and in each other ignites a chain of events that changes the course of history. 130 min.

*Presenter:* Marilee Morse is a retired elementary band and classroom music teacher. She currently serves as the director of music at The Congregational Church of Putnam, sings with the Concert Choir of Northeast CT, and co-directs, accompanies, and/or sings with the Plainfield Senior Chorus.

**HEALING HEARTS & BUILDING  
COMMUNITY THROUGH STORYTELLING**  
Tuesdays 10:30–12 PM • E233  
September 11 – October 2 • Limit 12

An East Indian Proverb, in part: “Tell me a story and it will live in my heart forever.” Let’s explore the POWER OF STORY. We will read stories, listen to stories and choose a story to share. There will be tips on learning a story to tell and, during the final session, we will share our stories with one another.

*Presenter:* Pat Krodel is a retired teacher who incorporated storytelling as a teaching tool at all grade levels. She has been a member of the CT Storytelling Center for more than 25 years and has presented two previous storytelling workshops at LiR. She is a featured storyteller at The Inn at Woodstock Hill during Stew and Story evenings.

**INTERMEDIATE BRIDGE**  
Thursdays 1–3 PM • W105  
September 13 - November 1

There’s always more to learn in Bridge. Due to popular demand, Richard Lebel will continue his guidance and instruction to intermediate bridge players — further honing their skills and understanding of the nuances of the game. You don’t need to bring a partner to participate in this class.

*Presenter:* Richard Lebel is a former Killingly High School English teacher. He is also a Silver Life Master in bridge and enjoys sharing his skills with those eager to learn.

**CONVERSATIONAL GERMAN**  
Wednesdays 10:30–12 PM • W102  
September 19 – October 10

Did you know that German has a 60% similarity to English and a 29% similarity to French? So maybe learning German isn’t as difficult as you thought it might be. If you’d like to give it a try, join our classes for a new opportunity. Former learners keep coming back for more!

*Presenter:* Steve Rechner has been teaching German for LiR for several years. He has also presented German films from the classic Weimar Era. His teaching style is appreciated by his students, and he makes the class enjoyable.

**SCIENCE/NATURE (7 SESSIONS)**  
Auditorium \*Note skip in date/days

**How the Discovery of New Medicine Works or Doesn’t — Thursday, September 13, 10:30–12 pm**

While the US pharmaceutical industry has invested over \$820 billion in R&D in the last 15 years, the rate of discovery has not substantially changed since 1950. Let’s compare technology development in biology to that in other

sciences, like chemistry and physics, then think about where national resource investments should be made in the coming decades.

*Presenter:* Preston Hensley, MA, PhD, has worked in the pharmaceutical industry and in biotech (Pfizer, GlaxoSmithKline) for 20 years. A previous faculty member at Georgetown University Medical Center and a lecturer at the University of California, Berkeley, he is helping to develop a biological research program at the Science and Technology Magnet High School in New London.

### **The Art and Science of Forest Management — Thursday, September 20, 10:30–12 pm**

A forest may appear simple and uniform, but within are unique and amazing trees. Learn about how forestland data is collected, management planning, and the importance of regeneration treatments. With an aging forest, insects, diseases, and a changing climate, keeping our forests healthy is more important than ever. “Forests are the lungs of our land...”

*Presenter:* Mike Bartlett, chief forester at Hull Lumber, earned entrustment with the management of forestlands owned by the Boy Scouts of America, Windham County 4-H Foundation, land trusts and town-owned forest. Landowners’ objectives are his highest priority. In his spare time Mike enjoys hiking and outdoor activities and doing his best to reduce the tick population.

### **Current and Future Trends For Connecticut Agricultural and Farmland Preservation — Thursday, September 27, 10:30–12 pm**

Is our agriculture community addressing changing consumer preferences? What is the PDR program (Purchase of Development Rights); what positive impacts does the program have on agriculture, our rural viewscapes and our local taxes? What adjustments in

farmland and forestland management will keep agriculture viable in Connecticut? From P. A. 490 to PDR, Joan is THE expert.

*Presenter:* Joan Nichols is director of Member Relations and Community Outreach, CT Farm Bureau Association. She is the advocate for individual agricultural producers on issues that affect their farming operation, as well as the advocate on the local and state level for sustainability of CT agriculture. Remember: no farms — no food.

### **"To the Light and Back Again" — Consciousness After Death — Friday, October 12, 10:30–12pm**

Heard reports of near death experiences? The fact that consciousness exists even after life is a stunning realization. From studying cases of people who have had near death experiences, Dr. Woods was struck by how reliably similar these stories are and found credible evidence for what can be learned about the brain after the body dies.

*Presenter:* Dr Vincent Woods has been teaching Human Anatomy and Physiology at QVCC after retiring from the practice of Chiropractic Medicine in Putnam, CT.

### **De-nitrification: Removal of Nitrogen from our Coastal Salt Marshes — Thursday, October 18 10:30–12 pm**

The process during which microbes transform nitrates to various gases is called de-nitrification. In salt marshes, this process occurs in the soil and is important for preventing the accumulation of nitrate in coastal waters. It is influenced by salt marsh vegetation, sea-level rise and tidal restoration. Let’s look closer at the coastal waters’ nitrogen cycle.

*Presenter:* Sean Khan Ooi is a Masters student in the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment at UCONN. He is from Malaysia

but has been a student in the U.S. for some time. Outside of work, he enjoys philosophy and video games.

**Mind Changers: Great Scientific Thinkers — Thursday, November 1, 10:30–12 pm**

Our modern world with its cyber toys is a very recent interlude in the story of our planet. BUT what took us so long to get here? Some people actually changed the way we thought, especially a few scientists in the Renaissance. Let's take a brief look at the history of scientific thinkers: those people who are to blame!

*Presenter:* Ron Tillen retired after a long career in technology and he has spent the last 18 years presenting to and enjoying LiR. He is quite adept at making science accessible to the rest of us!

**Your Health & Well Being: Important Things to Know About Hearing and Hearing Loss — Thursday, November 8, 10:30–12 pm**

Hearing loss affects 1 in 10 Americans! Ralph will dig into the science and the anatomy of hearing loss that leads to social isolation, depression, falls, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, dementia, and mortality but especially how to help families cope with someone with hearing loss. Attendee participation is welcome; bring questions!

*Presenter:* Ralph Campagna is a Board-Certified Hearing Instrument Specialist, CT licensed (1981), and the owner of Amplisound Hearing Care Centers. Since 1983, he has designed and manufactured hearing aids that are distributed internationally, and is a co-inventor resulting in two patents. Ralph has done extensive travel and lectures to hearing-care professionals and serves the hearing improvement needs of the local community.

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**NATURE/GARDENING (3 SESSIONS)  
WEDNESDAYS • Auditorium**

**Extending the Garden Season, Putting the Garden to Bed, and Preparing for Next Year — September 12, 10:30–12 pm**

Mr. Lorusso will discuss season-stretching methods such as row cover, low tunnels, mulching, proper cleanup procedures for the garden, evaluating what did well and what could be improved in this year's garden. And most importantly: strategies for getting a jump start on next year's garden.

*Presenter:* John Lorusso is the UCONN Master Gardener coordinator for Windham County. He has organized and developed school-based community gardens and has been very active with the People's Harvest Garden in Pomfret, a large vegetable garden maintained by Master Gardeners since 2005. The produce from this garden is donated to kitchens that serve those in need throughout Northeastern CT.

**Palmer Arboretum: Over 100 Years Old — September 19, 1–2:30 pm**

Take a four-season tour of Woodstock's Historic (1914) Palmer Arboretum. Dotti Durst (videographer) and Bill Brower, Arboretum volunteer (and still photographer), have collaborated on capturing the special trees, shrubs and flowers, with scenes of the Arboretum throughout the previous year. Over 100 years in developing, the quiet natural landscaping has a charm of its own.

*Presenter:* Bill Brower is a retired teacher and active tree hugger. He currently serves as the Arboretum's chairman. He has been part of the LiR team for over 12 years; his presentations have a loyal following.

## **WALKTOBER — September 26, 1–2:30 pm**

The story of how Walktober came to be is fascinating; we'll offer highlights of popular walks as well as suggested walks/hikes/events to attend this year. There are places to visit all year that are great for getting outdoors and walking. Get your 2018 Walktober brochure as well as our map and the 2018 "Explore" Guide at our presentation.

*Presenter:* Bill Reid is chief ranger of The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor, a federally designated National Heritage Corridor (encompassing 35 towns in MA and CT, over 1,000 square miles). He conducts programs in many venues and locations interpreting and celebrating the region's rich natural and cultural resources.

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### **LOCAL INTEREST (4 SESSIONS)**

**Auditorium \*Note skip in date/days**

## **How the CT Courts Have Evolved from the Beginning of the Colony — Monday, October 1, 1–2:30 pm**

Join Judge John Boland as he discusses the CT courts: what was the original mission and what were the responsibilities of the courts and how much has it changed? Or has it changed at all? How much do court decisions impact our everyday lives?

*Presenter:* Judge John Boland, after more than 25 years in private practice here in Northeastern CT, was appointed to the CT Superior Court in 2004. He has served in all of the court's divisions.

## **Ellen Larned: Connecticut Historian Emeritus — Wednesday, October 17, 10:30–12 pm**

From the very arrival of the Europeans hereabouts, there has been a need for and a love of books. This was nurtured by a remarkable woman who had no formal education but who rose to be a Connecticut Historian Emeritus. She wrote about race riots in New York, fires in Thompson — best of all — the history of Windham County.

*Presenter:* Ron Tillen will talk about this remarkable woman and help us understand why a museum is named in her honor.

## **The Thompson Congregational Church — Wednesday, October 24, 10:30–12 pm**

In Thompson, Connecticut, like many other towns in New England, there was a church before there was a town. Thompson Congregational, The United Church of Christ, traces its beginnings back to the first church in Killingly in 1715 and the original gathering in Thompson in 1728. Come hear this storied history.

*Presenter:* The Reverend Dr. Greg Gray is originally from Monroe, GA. He is an alumnus of Emory University with a Master of Divinity, and of Boston University with a Master of Sacred Theology and a Doctor of Ministry. Dr. Gray is currently serving as the 31<sup>st</sup> Settled Pastor of Thompson Congregational, The United Church of Christ.

## **The Woodstock Fair: A Brief History — Wednesday, November 7, 10:30–12 pm**

The dynamism of the Woodstock Fair: we'll introduce you to the people and events that have made this fair a major activity in Northeast CT and one of the State's major fairs. Images and material (published and

unpublished) from the Woodstock Historical Society and the Woodstock Agricultural Society will be used to illustrate the story.

*Presenters:* Irene Wheeler, historian of the Woodstock Agricultural Society, with backup from Elaine Lachapelle, cataloger from the Woodstock Historical Society, will present this program. Irene, a retired elementary school teacher, has written a *Year in Review* on the Fair since 1994. Elaine Lachapelle, a retired librarian and computer graphics instructor, has been working with the Woodstock Historical Society's collection since 1971.

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## HISTORY I (6 SESSIONS)

**MONDAYS • Auditorium \*Note skip in date**

### **The American Volunteer Military (1941–1942): "The Flying Tigers" — September 10, 1–2:30 pm**

Nicknamed the Flying Tigers, volunteers were recruited from the U.S. military, officially became members of the Chinese Air Force, and were trained in Burma with the mission of defending China against Japanese forces. The shark-faced nose art of the Flying Tigers remains among the most recognizable images of any individual combat aircraft or combat unit of World War II.

*Presenter:* Tom Pandolfi has the largest private AVG Flying Tiger collection known, on permanent display at the New England Air Museum located in Windsor Locks, across from Bradley International Airport. He has been to China twice, courtesy of the Chinese Government, because of what the American Volunteer Group accomplished in defending China against the Japanese invasion.

### **Lesser Known Heroes of the Holocaust — September 24, 1–2:30 pm**

Familiar with Oskar Schindler? What about Carl Lutz? He and many others used their positions and/or wealth to hide and transport Jews out of Hungary during that tragic time. Their bravery and sacrifices are an important part of the history of the Holocaust. "If you save one life, you save the world."

*Presenter:* Prof. Cesar Beltran is a retired diplomat and was a veteran public affairs and communications manager, with expertise dealing at the highest levels of government, most recently in Central Europe. He became involved in the Carl Lutz and Mensch Foundations during his tenure as a counselor at the American Embassy in Budapest. He is currently a professor at ECSU.

### **Frederick Law Olmsted: Landscaping Pioneer — October 15, 10:30–12 pm**

The landscape design firm Frederick Law Olmsted, founded over a century ago, was involved in over 6,000 landscape architecture projects throughout North America. Beginning with the seminal work of New York's Central Park, Olmsted created landscapes that nourished both body and mind and helped to nurture the nation's democratic spirit. That included the well-known Boston Park System.

*Presenter:* Alan S. Banks oversees historical interpretation of the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site in Brookline, MA. During the last 27 years, he developed landscape walking tours and presentations about Olmsted and his work across the country. He recently was seen on *Olmsted and America's Urban Parks*, a documentary screened on PBS.

**The 1918 Global Flu Pandemic:  
Commemorating 100 Years — October 22,  
10:30–12 pm**

The 1918 pandemic, one of the worst ever, traveled the globe with the soldiers in WW I, and as a result of massive immigration from Europe, spread to ports as far apart as Boston and Freetown, Sierra Leone. What are the prospects for a repeat?

*Presenter:* Bev York teaches history and humanities at QVCC and is director of Education at the Mill Museum in Willimantic. Over the years she has presented at LiR, always with an intriguing aspect of history.

**A Thousand Days to Live — October 29,  
10:30–12 pm**

*A Thousand Days to Live* is the story, based on the Civil War letters of Henry Washington Brown, which gave historians a glimpse into the life of an ordinary Civil War soldier as he transitions from a naive young man into a hardened combat veteran disgusted with war. A viewing of the letters will be available.

*Presenter:* Joe Lindley is a member of the Thompson Historical Society and curator of the Tourtellotte Museum. He has penned several books including *The Thompson Tourtellottes and the Civil War* and *Forgotten Hero*. Joe is the recipient of the DAR Historic Preservation Award, has a Master's Degree in Education, and is a frequent presenter at LiR.

**President James A. Garfield (1831-1881): A  
Path to Greatness Cut Short — November 5,  
10:30–12 pm**

Americans have elected 45 Presidents. Some of these men were great, some less so, and some would have to be described as failures. Elected in 1880, James A. Garfield seemed marked for greatness. However, he served his high office for only 200 days. The dream of greatness

disappeared in a wave of gun shots.

*Presenter:* George Groom AB, M Div is a graduate of Drew University. He taught American and Ancient History at the Rectory School in Pomfret for over 30 years, from which he retired. He has traveled widely with his wife Sandy, both in this country and abroad. He has made several presentations to LiR.

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**HISTORY II (6 SESSIONS)**  
**Auditorium \*Note Thursday/Friday**

**The Wars of the Roses (2 sessions) — Friday,  
September 7 & 14, 10:30–12 pm**

Travel back to medieval England and learn about the battles and struggles of the period known as 'The Wars of the Roses.' Think it's a struggle between the houses of York and Lancaster? Come and learn the real causes.

*Presenter:* Sally Keil completed two-terms as membership chairman for the American Branch of the Richard III Society. Sally has published articles about Richard III and lectured in previous LiR programs about him, including the recent discovery of his remains under a parking lot in England.

**Who is Juana of Castile? (Known to history  
as Juana the Mad or Juana La Loca) — Friday,  
September 21, 10:30–12 pm**

Queen Juana, daughter of Spain's King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, was betrayed by the three most important men in her life — her father, her husband, and her son. Although still nominally Queen, she was declared mad and imprisoned for the last 46 years. But was she just surrounded by ambitious men who wanted to rule in her place?

*Presenter:* Janet M. Avery is a native of CT. She has been fascinated with British history — particularly the monarchy — since her first trip to England at age 15. Janet (BA in history from UCONN) is a Ricardian of the Tudor Society (member of the Richard III Society).

**The Princess And The Queen: How The Brazilian Empire Became A Republic — Friday, September 28, 10:30–12 pm**

1889: A military coup ended the Brazilian Empire and instituted a republican form of government. 1904: Our Lady Aparecida, one of the representations (in the form of a statue) of the Virgin of the Immaculate Conception, was crowned Queen of Brazil by the Cardinal. The Brazilian-born colonial oligarchy manifested hostility against the Portuguese authorities — ah, the roots of modern Brazilian nationalism.

*Presenter:* Joan Meznar is a professor of Latin American History, whose current research focuses on the role of religion in shaping Brazilian political culture. Before coming to ECSU, she held faculty appointments at Mount Holyoke College, the University of South Carolina, and Westmont College.

**Russia and the West — Thursday, October 4, 10:30–12 pm**

Putin's tension with the U.S. is just the latest episode in a tumultuous relationship. Russia and the West have been distant neighbors, close allies, and bitter enemies. Let's take a brief glimpse at this complicated history. In particular, we'll examine how Russian attitudes toward the West have influenced its foreign policy, domestic politics, and culture.

*Presenter:* Scott Moore is an assistant professor of History at ECSU, where he teaches courses in Central European and Russian History. His research explores the creation of a Central

European identity in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NASA: A Journey in Space/ Time — Thursday, October 11, 10:30–12 pm**

NASA is turning 60 this year — travel through time and recall some of the missions NASA has conducted. View some of the historic pictures and data that NASA has collected, changing forever our view of the universe and our place in it. And let's learn more about some of the people involved in various NASA missions.

*Presenter:* Geoffrey McLean is a former Naval Officer, Engineer at Electric Boat, and entrepreneur. In 2009, his daughter was awarded a 4-day trip to Goddard Space Center which rekindled his interest in space. Retired, he volunteers as a Solar System Ambassador for NASA, is a ranger for The Last Green Valley, and runs astronomy programs in our area.

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**NATIONAL PARK SERIES (4 SESSIONS)**  
**FRIDAYS • Auditorium \*Note AM/PM**

**Our National Parks: 100 Years of the Preservation of Splendor — October 5, 1–2:30 pm**

Ranger Andy will lead us through the 1916 origin of the National Park system, from the earliest preservation efforts and into the second century of the National Park Service. We'll take a look at the Park Service's mission, some of its greatest successes, and the challenges it faces today.

*Presenter:* Andrew Schnetzer has worked for the National Park Service for over 10 years, beginning his career of public service as a wildland firefighter. He is currently the Supervisory Park Ranger at New Bedford

Whaling National Historical Park. He has traveled extensively throughout federal and National Park Services GOAL Leadership Academy.

**The Outcomes of What Presidents Grant and Wilson Did — October 12, 1–2:30 pm**

What is the difference between a National Park/National Forest /National Seashore/ National Historic Site? Learn about the various categories of Federally Preserved land and areas. Geology has played a role in selecting locations — but it is not all about vast canyons! Broaden your understanding of the National Parks System and learn what a Senior Parks Pass provides!

*Presenter:* Dotti Durst, a retired teacher, will use various media to help us appreciate the Federal preservation programs. She has been an LiR presenter as well as a recruiter of other presenters and believes in the mission of LiR. She'll show where she and her family have used their National Parks Passport. It's good news to hear "You've been cancelled."

**The Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor — October 19, 10:30–12 pm**

From a man who grew up in Lincoln, Rhode Island, along the Blackstone Canal, learn all about the Blackstone River Valley and how it came to be named a National Heritage Corridor. One of 52 of America's National Historical Parks, it is a living landscape containing thousands of natural and historic treasures. And learn what the future holds.

*Presenter:* National Park Ranger Kevin Klyberg has worked for the National Park Service for 21 years, helping to preserve and interpret the wonderful historic and natural sites of the Blackstone River Valley. The seat of the American Industrial Revolution, including the Slater Mill, today comprises the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor.

**Create More Meaningful Photographs When Traveling (whether in a National Park or elsewhere!) — October 26, 1–2:30 pm**

Anyone wishing to improve their photographic skills will learn how to make keepsake photographs by looking through the eyes of an expert. Ron's purpose in life has been to help people make more meaningful photographs to bring back from their travels. Ron's examples in his digital slide show will appeal to everyone, not just photographers.

*Presenter:* Ron Rosenstock has been leading photo tours around the world for 50 years. A resident of MA, he is a world traveler and internationally recognized photographer who has authored several books. He has taught photography at Clark University for 30 years.

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**TRAVEL I (4 SESSIONS)**

**MONDAYS • Auditorium \*Note AM/PM**

**A Trip to Historic/Important Gardens of Connecticut — September 10, 10:30–12 pm**

Fourteen beautiful and unique gardens at historic sites have joined to form Connecticut's Historic Gardens. These delightful places offer visitors an opportunity to explore a variety of garden styles and time periods. Laurie, site manager of founding member Roseland Cottage, introduces you to these gardens which have charmed and inspired visitors for a century or more.

*Presenter:* Laurie Masciandoro is Historic New England's site manager at Roseland Cottage. She holds a Master's Degree in American History from UCONN. Roseland Cottage ("The Pink House"), itself a location for an attractive garden, interacts frequently with the community through Laurie's outreach activities and presentations.

### From Croatia to the Black Sea — September 17, 10:30–12 pm

Come and see with Joan four of the Eastern European countries along the Danube River: Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, and Romania. Visit large cities, small villages, medieval fortresses, and cultural monuments. Eye-opening to those of us who first knew these countries as part of the Soviet Bloc.

*Presenter:* Joan Buell, the current president of LiR, is a retired hospice nurse, worked in urban ministry with her husband for 20 years, and is active in missions at her church. She likes to share her global travels with LiR.

### A SMÖRGÅSBORD of Alpine Experiences — September 17, 1–2:30 pm

Four weeks in the Alps in summer 2018, wow! Combining her love of travel with her historical interest in both world wars and the Cold War, Jayne will talk about her travels, and the historical connections she makes along the way. Oh, and perhaps some photos of the family wedding she is attending in Lake Garda, too!

*Presenter:* Jayne Battye, QVCC professor of Political Science, also has broad areas of interest concerning the future of students. She co-presented the topic *Tackling Food Insecurity* at the 2018 Faculty Advisory Council Conference at SCSU. A former student states “I know from having previously taken her classes that Prof Battye is an adventurous and easy-going traveler hailing from Scotland.”

### A Glimpse of Greece — September 24, 10:30–12 pm

Ann and Walter Hinchman will share the scenery, archaeological sites, food, destinations, accommodations, and people of Santorini (alleged to be the ancient Atlantis) and Crete (the largest of the Greek islands).

*Presenters:* Walter and Ann Hinchman have traveled round the world, sometimes on a shoe string. Their fascinating experiences have been shared with LiR many times.

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## **TRAVEL II (3 SESSIONS)** **FRIDAYS • Auditorium**

### Navigating In Merry Olde England — October 5, 10:30–12 pm

A travelogue by two old expatriates: the history and geography of Merry Olde England were illustrated in part with pub signs. Before good maps and GPS, visitors were directed to what can be considered an open-air art gallery. Names and signs vary in a way that relate to location, folklore, history or simply the landlord's sense of humor.

*Presenters:* Ron and Gwyneth Tillen have lived in CT for over 50 years. Ron, now retired from his career in science, and Gwyneth from hers as Thompson's Librarian, have friends and relatives on both sides of the Atlantic.

### Along Three Great European Rivers at Holiday Time — November 2, 10:30–12 pm

Enjoy a very different Europe at a time of year when vibrant crowds along the Seine, Rhine and Danube are local people, enjoying their regional traditions. Holiday time in Europe is unique: the “holiday dress” of the cities and the atmosphere of the Christmas Marts are explored in each locale.

*Presenters:* Jon and Pam Pearse, retired Air Force medical officers, have had, in 56 years of collective service, the honor to live and travel both for their profession and at leisure around the world. Retirement offers the opportunity to add to this couple's experiences, and now share them with LiR.

**London to Venice and Back: By Train! —  
November 9, 10:30–12 pm**

The train journeys themselves were as important as the destinations. Stays in Lucerne, Lausanne, Venice, Paris and London included excursions by steam ship and cog rail as well as an "opera by boat." The trip included two concerts, three currencies, four countries, five pizzas and innumerable mountain peaks!

*Presenter:* Sandy Groom is a retired teacher who loves doing trip research and planning trips by public transport. Last year the Grooms presented an LIR program about Wales. An avid fan of mystery books, Sandy loves those set in Europe. However, this is not the famous train journey of Hercule Poirot!

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 2018 Medicare Update
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<b>9/3</b>	<b>9/4</b>	<b>9/5</b>	<b>9/6</b>	<b>9/7</b>
Labor Day				Wars of Roses
				Books of Bible
<b>9/10</b>	<b>9/11</b>	<b>9/12</b>	<b>9/13</b>	<b>9/14</b>
Gardens of CT	Storytelling	Garden Season	New Medicine	Wars of Roses
Flying Tigers		Hospice & Palliative	Int. Bridge	Books of Bible
<b>9/17</b>	<b>9/18</b>	<b>9/19</b>	<b>9/20</b>	<b>9/21</b>
Croatia	Storytelling	German	Forest Mgmt	Juana of Castile
Alpine		Palmer Arboretum	Int. Bridge	
<b>9/24</b>	<b>9/25</b>	<b>9/26</b>	<b>9/27</b>	<b>9/28</b>
Greece	Storytelling	German	CT Agriculture	Brazilian Empire
Heroes Holocaust		Walktober	Int. Bridge	Books of Bible
<b>October 2018</b>				
<b>10/1</b>	<b>10/2</b>	<b>10/3</b>	<b>10/4</b>	<b>10/5</b>
Banking Scams	Storytelling	German	Russia & the West	Olde England
CT Courts		Opera	Int. Bridge	Natl Park 100 Years
<b>10/8</b>	<b>10/9</b>	<b>10/10</b>	<b>10/11</b>	<b>10/12</b>
Columbus Day	Personal Devices	German	NASA	Consciousness
		Opera	Int. Bridge	Grant & Wilson
<b>10/15</b>	<b>10/16</b>	<b>10/17</b>	<b>10/18</b>	<b>10/19</b>
Frederick Olmsted	Probate	Ellen Larned	De-nitrification	Blackstone River
		Opera	Int. Bridge	LiR Social
<b>10/22</b>	<b>10/23</b>	<b>10/24</b>	<b>10/25</b>	<b>10/26</b>
Flu Pandemic	Medicare Update	Thompson Church	Comm Panel Disc	
			Int. Bridge	Photographs
<b>10/29</b>	<b>10/30</b>	<b>10/31</b>		
<i>Thousand Days</i>	Alzheimer's			
<b>November 2018</b>				
			<b>11/1</b>	<b>11/2</b>
			Mind Changers	European Rivers
			Int. Bridge	The Bee Gees
<b>11/5</b>	<b>11/6</b>	<b>11/7</b>	<b>11/8</b>	<b>11/9</b>
President Garfield		Woodstock Fair	Hearing	London to Venice

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| _____ | \$0  | 3304 | Common Banking Scams     | _____ | \$0 | 3305 | Personal Communication Dev. |
| _____ | \$0  | 3306 | Probate                  | _____ | \$0 | 3307 | 2018 Medicare               |
| _____ | \$0  | 3308 | Alzheimer's Disease News | _____ | \$7 | 3297 | Opera                       |
| _____ | \$7  | 3300 | Books of the Bible       | _____ | \$7 | 3301 | Storytelling                |
| _____ | \$7  | 3299 | Intermediate Bridge      | _____ | \$7 | 3298 | Conversational German       |
| _____ | \$7  | 3315 | Science/Nature           | _____ | \$7 | 3310 | Nature/Gardening            |
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| _____ | \$7  | 3317 | History II               | _____ | \$7 | 3314 | National Parks              |
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