

Summer 1994

1. **On the Information Superhighway**

1st Section: Wednesday, June 8 & 15, 2 - 3:30 pm

2nd Section: Wednesday, June 22 & 29, 2 - 3:30 pm

Sign up early for this opportunity to take a test drive on the national information superhighway and learn about electronic communication via personal computer and modem.

The course is designed for those who are familiar with personal computers and who want to learn to use them for electronic mail (E-mail). You will get an introduction to the GMU AMason1@ computer information system, learn to send and receive electronic mail, and find out how to access information on the Internet, a kind of electronic highway.

Because much of the instruction will be hands-on at computer terminals, class size is limited to ten students for each two-week section.

To register for this course, you must provide your social security number on the Registration Form in order to obtain remote access to the GMU computer systems.

Allen Montecino says he is not a computer expert but is willing to serve as the friendly guide on this introductory trip to the world of E-mail, computer access to remote data bases and cyberspace.

2. **Summertime Reading**

Monday, 11:30 am - 1 pm

Join other LRI members for book discussions. Class members will take turns presenting reviews of books they've read recently.

Kathryn Brooks, LRI's founder and a popular teacher of literature courses, will moderate this study group.

3. **The Windy World of Sailing**

Monday, 9:30 - 11 am

Whether you are a would-be sailor, an old hand, or merely curious, here's a way to learn more about sailing. The course presents a historical review of the developments leading to the modern sailing yacht, sail and hull design and construction, sailing techniques, celestial navigation and instrumentation.

The last class will be a trip to the Calvert Marina at Solomon's Island and a tour of the instructor's boat, followed by a picnic lunch.

John Heffernan is a native of Baltimore with a lifelong hobby of sailing.

4. **Read Them Again for the First Time**

Tuesday, 9:30 - 11 am

The idea for this course came from Mickey Henriquez of Duke's LRI, who graciously shared it with our Program Committee. As he says, a fortunate few people get hooked on poetry for life, but too many of us had a brief encounter that inoculated us sufficiently to make us immune to poetry for the rest of our lives.

This class will revisit some of the familiar poems of our school years to see if we can read them in a fresh way. Come join in this relaxed celebration of what Voltaire called *the music of the soul*.

Eleanor Morrow, who holds a master's degree in education and has organized several LRI courses, will be the leader.

5. Nearby Gardens of Virginia

Each week you will visit a special garden and learn about plants indigenous to Virginia, their planting and care. Guides at each garden will answer your questions. *Page Styles* and *Jan Dewire* will serve as coordinators. Directions to the sites will be sent with your course confirmation form.

Winkler Botanical Preserve

Wednesday, June 8, 10 am

This 43-acre area is surrounded by the concrete of Alexandria. With trees, wildflowers, a lake, waterfalls and ponds, the area is a horticultural museum.

River Farm

Wednesday, June 15, 10 am (\$4 fee collected at door)

This site near Mount Vernon is the home of the American Horticultural Society. It was one of George Washington's five farms, though he never resided there. River Farm is 27 acres of sweeping lawns with a striking view of the Potomac River, beautiful perennial borders, old plants from Washington's and Jefferson's day, and a children's garden. The tour will include the home and gardens. We will picnic, so bring a bag lunch; drinks and dessert will be provided.

Dumbarton Oaks

Wednesday, June 22, 10:30 am (\$5 entrance fee)

A docent will take our group on a tour of the formal gardens, and we will also visit the Pre-Columbian museum in a wing designed by Philip Johnson. This Georgetown estate, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss, was the site of the 1944 conference that led to the founding of the United Nations.

Patricia Bennett Private Garden

Wednesday, June 29, 10:30 am

Pat will tell us about the work she is doing with hybrid lilies and show us her beautiful perennials and daylilies. Her garden is a national display for the American Hemerocallis Society and will be a national convention garden for the American Hosta Society in 1995.

SPECIAL EVENTS

A. Visit with a Ham Operator

Tuesday, June 7, 11:30 am

Glenn Markus, who has taught history courses at LRI, is an amateur radio operator. He will demonstrate the operation of his radio, contact other operators and discuss this fascinating hobby.

B. Tour Reston with Robert Simon

Monday, June 13, 10 am

Robert Simon, the founding father of Reston, will discuss the origins of this planned community, its present and its likely future. The tour meets at the Lake Anne Visitors Center before a short walking tour, followed by lunch at Lake Anne.

C. Learn More About the Capitol

Monday, June 20, 9:30 am, Tallwood

Monday, June 27, at Capitol (time
will be on your confirmation form)

This unique two-part event will feature a talk on the history of the U.S. Capitol by *Michael Michaelson*, former C-SPAN vice president. On the second session, we will have a private tour of the Capitol building.

