

# Mondays

## 2. Money "T alks"

June 4, 11, 18, 25 from 10:00 to 11:30

Lake Anne Church

This discussion group will appeal to those who enjoy talking about personal financial issues and sharing information on investment strategies, industry development and sector trends. LRI member Stanley Newman serves as coordinator.

## 3. The Historic Buddha

June 4, 11, 18 from 10:00 to 11:30

Tallwood

The lecturer, Aqiq Kahn, has a personal interest in the history of Buddhism, having grown up in the town where Buddha began his public ministry. Living about 50 miles from the place where Buddha was born, he has been a student of the historical, political and cultural circumstances existing in India that led to the introduction, blossoming and finally the decline of Buddhism. The first class will set the scene by describing the political and cultural climate in the years before the birth of Sudharta Gautam, known to us today as Buddha, the enlightened one. The second class will focus on the historic Buddha, his philosophy and its extraordinary impact on the India of his time. In the final class we will examine the reasons for the decline of Buddhism in India and how, in the land of its birth, Buddhism became a religion practiced by only two percent of the population. Aqiq Kahn is a student of Buddhism and in his retirement has enjoyed reflecting on various philosophies of life and trying to understand the evolution of man.

## 4. TV in the Making

June 4, from 10:00 to 11:30

Tallwood

"Capital Region Roundtable" is a public affairs program covering topics of local and national interest, ranging from the U.S. military role in Japan to the issue of are we overmedicating our children. Produced by GMU-TV, the show is now

in its third season and is distributed regionally on cable and nationally on the Research Channel. The show's host and producer, GMU's Toni Travis, Associate Professor of Public and International Affairs, will give us an inside view on how a TV show is put together. There may be opportunities for LRI members to be guests or to work on shows.

## 5. Trip Tales by LRI Members, Part I

June 4 from 10:00 to 11:45

Tallwood

- In September last year Susanne and Rod Zumbro traveled to Tunisia with a small group led by LRI instructor Glenn Markus. Rod captured the highlights of the trip in a video that includes magnificent Roman ruins, beautiful Roman mosaics, fascinating visits to Tunisian homes and a stay in a Saharan desert camp. Susanne and Rod will narrate and answer questions.

- Al Giles a 20-year veteran of Elderhostels, will fill us in on the who, what, where, when and why of Elderhostel travel. Al has traveled to the four corners of the USA and to eastern Canada. He has tips on how to make a vacation a learning experience that is not only educational but lots of fun.

## 6. The First Virginians

June 11 from 10:00 to 11:30

Tallwood

The recently excavated archaeological site at Cactus Hill in Sussex County Virginia may contain evidence of the First Americans. Tools found at the site may be up to 18,000 years old, about 4,000 years older than prior evidence of man crossing the land bridge from Siberia to Alaska. Russell Darden, who has worked extensively on the Cactus Hill dig, will show us the site on slides, talk about the lives of the people who lived there, and compare the earliest finds with other time periods at this and other Virginia sites. He is a member of the Archaeological Society of Virginia and was awarded the Amateur Archaeologist of the Year award in 1992.

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### **7. Riding With the Grey Ghost**

*June 18 from 10:00 to 11:30 at Tallwood*

*June 19 from 10:00 to 4:00, next day bus trip*

For three years, John Singleton Mosby and his band of Confederate raiders bedeviled the Union Army in our backyard, striking out of nowhere and vanishing into the mists. His exploits are legendary--often romantic, sometimes brutal, largely true--and traces of Mosby can still be found throughout Fairfax, Loudoun and Fauquier counties. On June 18 at Tallwood, we will discuss Mosby's Civil War activities and his surprising postwar life over the next 50 years. On June 19, we will saddle up our bus and ride into the heart of Mosby's Confederacy, the beautiful countryside between Route 50 and 1-66 as far as the Blue Ridge. The instructor and tour leader is Robert A. Webb, who has written about the Civil War and historic preservation and has conducted LRI programs on colonial and Civil War history. For the field trip on June 19, meet the bus at 9:45 at the front corner of University Mall (the site of a former First Union Bank) at the intersection of Route 123 and Braddock Road. The bus will depart promptly at 10:00. There will be several dismounts, rest stops and short, easy walks. Bring lunch and liquids. Include a check for \$13 with your Registration Form to cover the cost of the bus and driver gratuity. Class limit: 55.

### **8. Plans for a Dulles Rail Line**

*June 18 & 25 from 10:00 to 11:30*

*Reston Storefront Museum*

This two-session course examines the proposed Dulles Rail transit line in terms of both transportation and the land use ramifications. Moderator Sarah Larson, executive director of the Reston Storefront Museum, will be joined by a panel of experts:

- Larry Goldstein, transportation economist
- Patrick Kane, urban planner
- Patti Nicoson, land use and transportation planner

- Guy Rando, landscape architect
- Joe Stowers, transportation planner

### **9. Fighting Crime With Forensics**

*June 25 from 10:00 to 11:30 Tallwood*

Police Lieutenant Joseph Pignatiello, veteran FBI forensic fingerprint examiner and current GMC police officer, will give us a behind-the-scenes look at some of the techniques and technology used in identifying criminals. He will explain and demonstrate the slow and exacting process of making composite sketches for the police. Showing samples of his work, he will tell how he helps victims recall pictures that are in their memories. He will also explain the use of the polygraph, how the machine works by picking up physiological signals from the body when a person tells a lie. He may ask for testing volunteers!

### **10. Russia Today and Tomorrow**

*June 25 from 10:00 to 11:30 Tallwood*

The Cold War is over but our interest in the great Russian bear is as strong as ever, with new opportunities opening for entrepreneurs to become partners in fledgling Russian business enterprises. Slava Timashev and his wife, Shirley, will give us their perspectives on the Russian people, the current political and economic scene and the future of the new Russia. The Timashevs are U.S. residents with an intimate knowledge of Russia. Slava is president of a private digital mapping company whose business operations are in Yekaterinburg, Russia. He is also Director of the Science and Engineering Center for the Russian Academy of Sciences, Ural Branch. Born in China to Russian parents, Slava was fluent in five languages before he was uprooted and taken to the Soviet Union to live when he was 12. Boris Yeltsen was a college classmate. Shirley taught business in the 1990s at the Ural State Technical University. Her first trip to Russia was in August 1991 and coincided with the attempted coup to bring Communists back in power.

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### **11. Watch Open Heart Surgery**

*June 25 from 7:20 to 11 :00*

*Fairfax Hospital*

Have you ever wondered how open heart surgery is performed? This visit to the Inova Heart Center Surgery Observation Dome at Fairfax Hospital will allow you to view heart surgery above the surgical suite and see close-up views of the surgery through closed-circuit TV. You will learn about the roles

of the surgery team, have an opportunity to handle instruments and supplies used in coronary artery bypass graft surgery, and be able to ask questions about heart disease and risk factors. An experienced nurse from the cardiac surgical team will guide the group through the surgery. You must be at the hospital no later than 7:20. Further instructions will be mailed with confirmation letters. Coordinator: Carol Ferrara (703-503c-7866). Class limit: 20.

## **Tuesdays**

### **12. Poetry Workshop**

*June 5, 12, 19, 26 from 10:00 to 11:30*

*Tallwood*

Hearye! Hearye! Aspiring poets of all persuasions! The Poets of Tallwood invite you to join them in their weekly workshops for friendly critiques of works in progress or finished poems. Your unique views on any subjects are welcome, \with equal regard for serious or humorous poems, either in forms or in blank or free verse or in experimental efforts. LRI member Barbara Achilles, a published poet, will lead the group. Class limit: 20.

### **13. Then Came TV and Air Conditioning**

*June 5 from 10:00 to 11:30*

*Reston Storefront Museum*

Historian Sarah Larson, executive director of the Reston Storefront Museum, invites participants to explore how communities were changed by the advent of technologies that lured us off the front stoop and into our separate living rooms. She will bring the report from the scholarly front and encourages LRI members to bring their recollections of how they used to entertain themselves before TV, air conditioning, even radio.

### **14. Community Mosaic: Newcomers to Northern Virginia**

*June 5 from 10:00 to 11:30*

*Tallwood*

Reports on the 2000 Census indicate that population growth in Northern Virginia has soared in the last decade. The region's demographic profile now includes large numbers of Asians, Hispanics and other minorities. Our speaker, Valerie Sutter, is a legislative aide in the Virginia General Assembly and a volunteer for area organizations serving immigrants and refugees. She will tell us about the area's new and growing diversity in the context of the current wave of immigration, one of the largest in the history of the U.S., and compare today's immigrant experiences \with those of earlier times.

Ms. Sutter was for many years a university faculty member and administrator whose areas of teaching and research included immigrant and refugee issues, multiculturalism and comparative and international education. She has a Ph.D. from the University of Virginia and is the author of *The Indochina Refugee Dilemma*. This class is also offered at Lake Anne (see Course 20).

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### 15. St. Mary's Historic Church:

#### A Lesson in History

*June 5 from 10:00 to 11:30*

*St Mary's Historic Church, Fairfax Station*

St. Mary's Historic Church on Fairfax Station Road and Route 123 is one of Fairfax County's special gems. Steeped in historical tradition, the church was dedicated in 1860. Built on a hill overlooking what was then the main road leading into Fairfax from the south, St. Mary's was requisitioned as a shelter for the wounded and dying as Northern Virginia was ravaged by the Civil War. Here, under the direction of Clara Barton, the idea of the American Red Cross was conceived. Jack French, a long-time parishioner and professional actor, will be our guide for a tour and presentation. Directions from Tallwood will be sent with confirmation letters. Coordinator: Velma Berkey (703-591-6674).

### 16. The Heroic Age of American "Pop"

*June 5 from 10:00 to 11:30*

*Tallwood*

Prepare for a musical treat as LRI member Bill Deary leads us on an exploration of the best (and worst?) of vaudeville from 1892 to the advent of talking pictures. His presentation will consider the emergence of "pop" (as distinct from merely popular) song as a thriving commercial enterprise and as a vehicle for socio-cultural commentary. Lyrics handouts will accompany a representative sampling of recorded songs. Sing-along, while encouraged, is not required. Bill has taught LRI history courses and has presented similar musical programs at LRI, including "Popular Songs of WW1" and "Campaign Songs From Jefferson to Dewey."

### 17. The Fine Art of Simulation

*June 5 from 10:00 to 11:30*

*Lake Anne Church*

Simulation, although rarely acknowledged as a serious discipline, is nonetheless an important subject in its own right. Lying at the juncture of science and practice, it presents one of the most challenging tasks for a computer because it can

generate its own workload. The lecture will be presented by John Dockery, who holds a Ph.D. in physics and spent most of his career applying the results of physics research to problems of systems analysis and simulation of real world conditions. He plans to cover the areas in which simulation has been most heavily used, including the military and transportation.

### 18. Freer Gallery

*June 12 from early morning to mid-afternoon*

*Bus Trip*

This trip, which will pick up LRI members at both University Mall and Lake Anne, features a docent-led tour of the Freer Gallery of Art's Japanese screens and hand scrolls as well as Chinese landscapes, bronzes and jades. We will also visit the famous Peacock Room. There are some stairs. Assisted-listening devices are available. After the tour there will be time for lunch and/or museum browsing before leaving at 1:30 from the drop-off point. The cost is \$14, which includes a driver gratuity. The bus will pick up passengers at 8:45 at Lake Anne and at 9:30 at the front corner of University Mall (site of a former First Union Bank) at the intersection of Route 123 and Braddock Road. Please arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled pick-up time. The bus will return to Lake Anne at 2:30 and to University Mall at 3:15. Coordinator: Joan Tullington (703-323-8652).

### 19. Community Mosaic: Newcomers to Northern Virginia

*June 12 from 10:00 to 11:30*

*Lake Anne Church*

See Course 14 above for description.

### 20. The Puritan Years

*June 12 from 10:00 to 11:30*

*Tallwood*

The early colonists in New England were a determined lot of settlers, intent on keeping their religious integrity intact. John Ludden, LRI member and history buff, will talk about what happened to

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the Puritans before the "great migration" to the New World, their years of peace and King Phillip's War. He will also discuss how the ordinary people in early New England who searched for religious freedom became caught up in the Salem witch trials.

### 21. Keeping Mentally Healthy

June 19 & 26 from 10:00 to 11:30

Lake Anne Church

"Getting old is not for sissies" or so the saying goes. Learn some of the pitfalls of aging and what you can do to keep healthy mentally. In this two-session course, mental health professional Mary Ann Carrie will explore the emotional aspects of aging, including how changing circumstances and loss can affect your mental health. Mental illnesses that are associated with aging will be discussed as well as theories of successful aging and measures you can take to achieve good mental health.

### 22. AARP Safe Driving June

19 & 20 from 10:00 to 2:30

Fellowship House at Lake Anne

You can improve your defensive driving skills and probably save money on your insurance by taking this course. The two four-hour sessions will be taught by Edna Ray, instructor with AARP Driver Safety Program. Upon completion of both sessions, you will receive a certificate, which will give you a 10% discount on most auto insurance for a three year period. No test is required. There is a \$10 fee to cover class materials, books and the certificate. Enclose your check with your Registration Form. (The same course is offered at Tallwood on June 27 & 28. See Course 37.)

### 23. A Taste of Persian Cooking

June 19 from 10:00 to 1:00

St. Mark's Church, Vienna

Have a delicious Persian lunch and learn some of the secrets of this cuisine from a native Persian cook, LRI member Odette O'Donnell. The menu is typically Persian: cucumber yogurt dip, saffron

chicken with dill and lima bean rice, You will learn about the culture, dress and history of Iranian people as well as the food and recipes associated with each of the regions. This hands-on class is restricted to 15 students. Include a check for \$10 with your Registration Form to cover the cost of the food. Directions to the church will be sent with confirmation letters.

### 24. George Washington: Death of a Hero, Death of a Man

June 26 from 10:00 to 11:30

Tallwood

This class goes beyond the conventional historic view and seeks to understand the remarkable figure of George Washington, humanizing without trivializing him. Dr. Peter Henriques, Associate Professor of History at GMJ, will focus on the death of our first president. Dr. Henriques pieces together the events that led to Washington's death by combining the modern medical understanding of his infirmity with accounts of his death written by those who attended him. In looking at the manner in which George Washington faced death, we will have better insight into his character and personality. Dr. Henriques is the author of *The Death of George Washington: He Died As He Lived*.

### 25. The Many Faces of Africa

June 26 from 10:00 to 11:30

Tallwood

Africa is made up of many different cultures that have evolved over thousands of years. Today many of the countries are undergoing additional changes as the result of the social and economic pressures associated with the global marketplace. Edna Ray will share her impressions and photographs from a recent seven-week tour of Africa, visiting Tunisia, Morocco, Senegal, Ghana, Togo, Benin, Namibia, South Africa, Madagascar, the Comoros Islands and Kenya. She travels extensively after retiring from a career in the insurance industry. She has a B.A. in Psychology from Macalester College and has done graduate work at the University of Minnesota and American University.

## Wednesdays

### 26. Investment Forum

*June 6, 13, 20, 27 from 10:00 to 11:30*

*Tallwood*

This forum is an ongoing investment discussion group that meets regularly throughout the summer except for July 4, August 22 and 29. As usual, the primary focus is on individual stocks. Other topics may be chosen broadly from the entire field of investing. Sessions typically include both prepared presentations by members and extemporaneous discussion. Member participation is encouraged. Thomas Crooker will again moderate the sessions. He has a long-time interest in investment subjects.

### 27. Birding-A Natural High

*June 6 from 10:00 to 11:30 at Tallwood*

*June 7 from 8:00 to 9:30, next day field trip to Eakin Community Park*

This two-day course will introduce you to the pleasures of birding. On the first day LRI member Carolyn Williams, a passionate birder, will talk about what you need to get started in birding. You will get exposure to spring bird migration, area breeding birds, attracting birds to your yard, bird identification and, if there's time, a short birding session at Tallwood. The second day will be a field trip to Eakin Community Park in the Accotink Stream Valley where Carolyn leads weekly bird walks. We will identify birds by sound and sight and learn concepts of watersheds and stream valleys and the importance of the latter for avian breeding habitats and migration routes. The class will examine the negative effects of human activities on habitat and some ways we can help correct the situation. For the June 7 bird walk bring binoculars and meet at 8:00 at the Eakin Community Park parking lot on Prosperity Avenue, which is about halfway between Routes 50 and 236.

### 28. The Black Presence in the Bible

*June 6 from 10:00 to 11:30*

*Lake Anne Church*

Both the New and Old Testaments mention black persons as respected members of communities of

faith. Nelson Montague, LRI member and President of the McLean Clergy Association, will be our guide in a study of black persons who are noted in the Bible. He will explore stories of the prophet Zephaniah, the Queen of Sheba, King Solomon's bride and the pharaoh's daughter, among others, as they are brought to light in the rich narrative and poetry of the Bible. There will be opportunity for students to participate as cast members in the Song of Solomon.

### 29. Woodlawn Plantation and Pope-Leighey House

*June 6 from 9:00 to 1:00*

*Bus Trip*

Built in 1805, Woodlawn was the first private home to be designated as a National Trust Historic Site. On the same grounds is Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House, an example of his classic Usonian style. We will have a docent-led tour of both homes and time also to visit the gift shop and explore the grounds. You may bring a bag lunch to eat on the bus or wait until we return to Fairfax at about 1:00, since there is no restaurant at this site. The bus will leave promptly at 9:00 from the front corner of University Mall (site of a former First Union bank) at the intersection of Route 123 and Braddock Road. Please arrive 15 minutes early. Enclose a check for \$9 with your Registration Form to cover entrance fee, bus and driver gratuity. Coordinator: Mary Coyne (703-435-9721).

### 30. Understanding Deaf Culture

*June 13 from 10:00 to 11:30*

*Tallwood*

Many of the estimated two million profoundly deaf people in the United States view deafness not as a disability or abnormality but as a minority culture. Deaf culture has its own history, values, traditions, folklore and communication behaviors. Its language is American Sign Language (ASL), which is what gives the group its identity. Deaf people consider their primary problem to be the need to communicate and interact with hearing people. Harriet Kaplan, an LRI member who is a retired

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professor of audiology at Gallaudet University, will help us understand the deaf culture. She has a Ph.D. in hearing and speech science from the University of Maryland.

### 31. Trip Tales by LRI Members, Part II

*June 13 from 10:00 to 11:30*

*Lake Anne Church*

Join Betty and Dick Podol as they share their recent Elderhostel "Adventures Afloat" trip to Southeast Asia, touring Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam and Hong Kong. This was the first visit to Cambodia by Elderhostel, the ship and the Podols. Betty and Dick are well traveled, having spent 25 years living abroad in eight countries while in the Foreign Service, mostly in the Indian sub-continent and Africa.

### 32. Hillwood Museum and Gardens

*June 20 from 7:45 to 1:30*

*Bus Trip*

This former home of Marjorie Merriweather Post houses an extensive collection of Russian and French decorative art. Our visit begins with an audio-guided tour of the museum followed by a docent-led tour of the gardens. The museum is handicapped accessible, but the garden visit will require considerable walking. The bus will leave promptly at 7:45 from University Mall at the Rt.123 and Braddock Road intersection. Plan to arrive no later than 7:30. There will be no lunch available on this trip. Include a check for \$22 with your Registration Form to cover the cost of the entry fee, bus and driver gratuity. Coordinator: Joan Tullington (703-323-8652).

### 33. The Post-DNA Jefferson

*June 20 from 10:00 to 11:30 Lake*

*Anne Church*

Two years ago, DNA tests "proved" that Thomas Jefferson sired several children by Sally Hemings, one of his slaves, thereby contradicting the denials that most professional historians had given to allegations first made almost 200 years ago. This

talk will focus on how Jefferson's personal (and sexual) life may help explain the contradictions in his public thoughts and actions. Historians have used such terms as enigma and sphinx to describe Jefferson, and perhaps he will always remain a mystery. Michael Styles, who has talked about Jefferson before at LRI, believes he isn't that mysterious, just complicated. This lecture is also offered at Tallwood on June 28 (see Course 44.)

### 34. A New Look at Old Town Fairfax

*June 20 from 10:00 to 11:30*

*Tallwood*

From your classroom chair, take a tour of the City of Fairfax. Dr. Randolph Lytton, Associate Professor in the History Department at GMIJ, will use slides as he talks about historic sites as they look today and what they were like in earlier times. He will discuss the history of Fairfax City and current efforts to preserve the historic district.

### 35. "I Am Still Learning"

*June 27 from 10:00 to 11:30*

*Tallwood*

When he was 80 years old, Francisco de Goya put the inscription "I Am Still Learning" on a black chalk drawing of an aged man walking with the aid of two sticks. LRI member Rosalie Lesser, a volunteer docent at the National Gallery of Art, will give a brief talk on the Gallery and show slides that represent impressive works in the Gallery created by artists in the last years of their lives, including Bellini, Titian, Degas and Homer. This talk is based on a full-color, illustrated pamphlet titled *I Am Still Learning: Late Works by Masters*, by Frances Feldman, available in the Gallery bookstore.

### 36. The Butterfly Garden

*June 27 from 10:00 to 11:30 Lake*

*Anne Church*

Attracting butterflies to your garden is part art and part science. Peggy Humphreys, an experienced and enthusiastic butterfly farmer, will introduce us to butterflies, their favorite plants for feeding,

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laying eggs and nectaring. She will bring a variety of live butterflies, chrysalis and caterpillars to demonstrate the life cycle of the butterfly. You will learn how to identify a variety of butterflies and caterpillars and how to enhance your garden to attract these beautiful creatures.

### **37. AARP Safe Driving**

*June 27 & 28 from 10:00 to 2:30*

*Tallwood*

See Course 22 above for description.

## Thursdays

### **38. The New World of Digital**

**Photography** *June 7, 14, 21*

*from 10:00 to 11:30*

*Tallwood*

For some expert advice on where we are today in the photographic industry, hear what Elliot Stern has to say. He has spent the last 33 years with Nikon and has many years of experience with MAC and DOS based Windows applications, and with digital imaging and equipment. He will discuss advances in film, cameras and printers, and what's being done to make them less complex and more accurate. A "digital workspace" will be set up to demonstrate such things as scanning, image processing and burners, with a review of the process of shooting digital images and moving to final production.

### **39. Literary Roundtable**

*June 7, 14, 21, 28 from 10:00 to 11:30*

*Reston Used Book Shop*

Continuing the study of the short story, this semester we will read selected short stories from publications such as the *New Yorker*, the *Atlantic Monthly* and *Harper's*, as well as small literary magazines. Moderators are Elaine Schwartz and Lydia Macdonald. Class limit: 10

### **40. Prospects for Peace in the Balkans**

*June 7 & 14 from 10:00 to 11:30*

*Lake Anne Church*

The first of these lectures traces the evolution of the conflict in the Balkans from its quasi-mythical beginnings on the field of battle in the 14th century to the present. It addresses the ethnic strife that has existed for centuries and led in part to the rise to power of Serbian strongman Slobodan Milosevic, the breakup of Yugoslavia and the subsequent wars in the region. The lecture also addresses the factors that led to the involvement of the U.S., both in forging a peace plan and in leading the peacekeeping mission. The second lecture focuses on the prospects for peace absent an international peacekeeping mission, the obstacles to a lasting peace, and the challenges facing the international community and the indigenous leaders. The speaker is Edward Balint, a retired CIA operations officer, who will also discuss the role of U.S. intelligence in support of the peacekeeping missions in the Balkans and offer his views on the long-term prospects for peace in the region.



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### 41. Our Schools: A View From the Top

June 7 from 10:00 to 11:30

Tallwood

Fairfax County has the nation's twelfth largest school system. The person with the formidable responsibility for the system is the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Daniel A. Domenech. He will share with LRI members his thinking on issues that affect the citizens of the County as well as the schools.

What are the pros and cons of Standards of Learning (SOL)? Is a one percent sales tax the best way to get more funds for schools? What does the future hold for teachers? Will year-round schools be the wave of the future? How do business partnerships benefit our schools? Dr. Domenech will bring valuable insights based on his extensive experience, as both a teacher and superintendent.

### 42. Arab Immigration

June 14 & 21 from 10:00 to 11:30

Tallwood

America takes in more immigrants than the rest of the world combined, and they hail from practically every nation on earth. We like to talk about our "ethnic diversity," but we tend to know more about some of the larger groups, such as the Irish, the Italians and the Jews, than we do about smaller groups whose languages and cultures we have not encountered as often. The Arabic-speaking immigrants are one of these groups. At the first session Alixa Naif, a founding member of LRI who has published on Arab immigration and has contributed a large collection of Arab immigrant artifacts and archival material to the Smithsonian, will talk about Arab immigration and assimilation from about 1880 to 1914. In the second session she will bring the narrative up to 1950 and show slides from the Smithsonian collection.

### 43. Trip Tales by LRI Members, Part III

June 28 from 10:00 to 11:30

Tallwood

- Upper Provence is the area Peter Mayle describes in his book *A Year in Provence*. Betty Denton will describe her trip there walking through vineyards, medieval villages and the remains of a summer palace of medieval popes. Her trip included stops at local wineries for tastings and a look at Avignon.

- Connie and Ed Vihstadt have a plan to visit all the presidential libraries. So far they have visited six. They will tell us about their trips to the Franklin Roosevelt library in Hyde Park, New York, the Nixon and Reagan libraries in California and the John F. Kennedy library in Boston.

### 44. The Mystery of the Masked Man's Music

June 28 from 10:00 to 11:30

Lake Anne Church

Take a trip through the highways and byways of early radio history in search of the music used on *The Lone Ranger* radio program. Along the way, you'll learn about the origins of the "masked man" and the creation of the Mutual Network, sidestep into Republic Pictures to pick up some soundtracks, fight through the ASCAP boycott and the American Federation of Musicians strike, and visit Mexico with NBC for a series of recording sessions. Through recorded examples and discussion, you'll finally discover what all that music was that kept you on the edge of your seat when you listened to America's favorite adventure program. Leading the way will be Reg Jones, whose keen interest in popular culture led to his researching and writing *The Mystery of the Masked Man's Music* in 1987 (now in paperback). Since then, he has been a guest speaker at radio, TV and film conferences and in

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1996 joined members of the original radio and TV cast to recreate two episodes of *The Lone Ranger*. He has also written the program notes for several CDs containing soundtrack music from the movies, and occasionally hosts a TV program called *Out of the Past* on Channel 10, the Fairfax County cable channel. He is currently a columnist for the *Federal*

*Times*. His work also appears on planetgov.com and FEDweek.com.

### **45. The Post-DNA Jefferson June**

*28,fr01n 10:00 to 11:30 Tallwood*

See Course 33 above for description.

## Post-Term Activity

### **46. Winterthur Museum, Garden and Library**

*Wednesday, July 11 from 8:00 to 5:30*

*Bus trip*

Winterthur, near Wilmington, Delaware, was once the country estate of H.F. duPont and is now a museum with the greatest collection of decorative arts made and used in America. The garden, a 60-acre masterpiece of American naturalism, is accessible by foot or tram. The library contains one of the most impressive resources on American material culture. This bus trip features a docent-lead tour

of the museum for groups of eight to ten. The museum tours will begin at 11:00 and last approximately 45 minutes, with the remainder of the day available for lunch, touring the grounds, visiting the gift shop or browsing in the library. Tram tours of the grounds are available. The bus will leave promptly at 8:00 from the front corner of University Mall (site of a former First Union bank) at the intersection of Route 123 and Braddock Road. Please arrive 15 minutes early. Include a check for \$27 with your Registration Form to cover the cost of admission, bus fee and driver gratuity. Lunch will be on your own in the cafeteria. Coordinator: John DeVoll (703-323-6573).