

## **1. Landscape Designs and Gardens Galore**

*June 3, 10, 17, 24, 10:00-11:30*

*Tallwood*

Three speakers over four weeks will bring new techniques and approaches to landscaping and gardening.

- Landscaper and LRI member Ray Solomon will focus on landscape design, foundation plantings and naturalizing your house, including selecting the right shrubs. Solomon will continue with soils and lawns, preparing the ground, pruning and shaping. Participants may submit landscaping designs for analysis or get help from the instructor at their home site.
- Returning from the Winter garden class is Master Gardener Norma Baxter-Brown, in "Exotic Shade Gardens, Flowers are not Everything."
- Also a returnee from winter, Master Gardener Fabienne Laveau will discuss "Getting the Most Out of Your Annual Garden," including vegetable and herb gardening as well as flower culture.

## **2. Money "Talks"**

*June 3, 10, 17, 24, 10:00-11:30*

*Lake Anne Church*

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

## **3. The Ongoing Pleasures of Music**

*June 3, 10, 17, 24, 10:00-11:30*

*Lake Anne Church*

Fix yourself a cup of tea or coffee, pick up a cookie and join other LRI members for a relaxing time listening to a variety of recorded performances. Sessions will highlight chamber music, vocal literature and unusual instrumental combinations from instructor Gloria Sussman's extensive collection of recordings. She recently

retired as the coach of the vocal ensemble Musica Concordia. You do not need to have taken previous music courses to enjoy and learn from this class.

## **4. Bookworms Anonymous: Summertime Fun**

*June 3, 10, 17, 10:00-11:30*

*Tallwood*

Join a group of avid readers who enjoy sharing their literary treasures and discussing them with other bookworms. Shirley Smith will lead this informal three-week class that will help you compile a list of "want to read" books for the hot and lazy days of summer. For the first session bring two or three of your favorite "books to die for" -mystery, thriller or horror books. Please share with us why an author is a favorite. Second and subsequent session topics will be decided by the group-perhaps biography or historical novel; romance of the ages; or books to stimulate thinking and open new avenues of adventure.

## **5. The Folger Shakespeare Library**

*June 3, 9:00-2:45*

*Bus Trip*

Enjoy a trip to Capitol Hill for a tour of the Folger Shakespeare Library. The Folger, with its unparalleled collection that began with Shakespeare but has expanded to include fields of learning from medieval to modern times, is marking its 70th anniversary of the gift from Henry and Emily Folger. Several docents, including LRI member Jane Catron, will be on hand to introduce the Elizabethan Theater, the Great Hall (currently offering an exhibit focused on Shakespeare through the ages), the Reading Room, the Founders' Room, the Elizabethan Garden and Gift Shop. After your visit, enjoy lunch on your own at a restaurant along Pennsylvania Avenue or at the cafeteria in the Madison Building of the Library of Congress. The bus will leave promptly at 9:00 from the front corner of the University Mall at the intersection of Route 123 and Braddock Road. Please arrive there by 8:45. The fee of \$4, payable with your Registration Form, includes the bus and driver gratuity. Coordinator: Jane Catron (703-437-7334)

## 6. Cooperative Threat Reduction

*June 10, 10:00-11:30*

*Tallwood*

Following the breakup of the Soviet Union, many weapons of mass destruction (WMDs)-nuclear, biological and chemical-remained in place in the former states of the Soviet Union. Under the Congressional Nunn-Lugar Act, the United States and eligible states of the former Soviet Union are now working together to reduce the threat of WMDs falling into the hands of rogue nations or terrorist groups. Our speaker, Brig. Gen. Thomas Kuenning Jr. USAF (Ret.), is the Director of Cooperative Threat Reduction for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and a frequent visitor to the former states of the Soviet Union. He will address the progress of our nation's cooperative threat reduction efforts.

## 7. Canada: Will the Country Survive?

*June 17 & 24, 10:00-11:30*

*Tallwood*

Most Americans know little about Canada, the country that shares the long U.S. northern border and is our largest trading partner. Canadian geography presents a harsh environment for most of the country and limits development. Tensions and antagonisms exist among the Canadian provinces and the government in Ottawa. In 1995, the people of Quebec almost voted for independence. Additionally, British Columbia and the three provinces of Western Canada demand ever more powers from Ottawa. Instructor and LRI member **Bill Ciccolo** questions, "Will Quebec secede? Will the other Canadian provinces join the U.S? What is the U.S. policy toward Canada and Quebec?" In two PowerPoint presentations, participants will become familiar with Canadian history and geography and the Canada of today.

## 8. Target Location in the Korean War

*June 24, 10-11:30*

*Tallwood*

The correct identification of a target location in a military operation is crucial to the success of the operation. Locating friendly units, determining meteorological conditions that might affect shell trajectories, and finding enemy mortar and artillery positions-each plays

a crucial role in pinpointing enemy targets. LRI member Paul Johnson was a radar platoon commander and battalion radar officer in Korea in 1953 and 1954. Drawing on personal experience, he will give insights into how artillery units are supported on the battlefield

## 9. Digital Photography: All Positives and No Negatives

*June 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:00-11:30*

*Lake Anne Church*

Now that we are in the computer age, photography is going in new directions. Digital photography is the way of the future, says instructor Abbie Edwards. During the four sessions, you will learn which digital camera is right for you and which accessories you will need for successful digital photography. You will learn how to take digital pictures and how to put your pictures onto the computer and organize your pictures into files. You will learn tricks for improving your pictures, such as lightening, darkening, more or lower contrast, and taking out red eye. We will work through how to present your pictures by putting them into a PowerPoint slide show. Those boxes of photographs taking up space in your closet and trips to the photo store will be no more! (Digital camera not needed for class participation.)

## 10. Poetry Workshop

*June 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:00-11:30*

*Tallwood*

Hear ye! Hear ye! 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 subject are welcome, with equal regard for serious or humorous poems, either in forms or in blank or free verse or in experimental efforts. The workshop, led by Barbara Achilles, has published three volumes of original poetry. The group has presented five annual poetry readings at LRI. Some members have won prizes in poetry competitions and have had poems selected for inclusion in a

yearly regional anthology and other publications. Class limit: 20

### **11. W. T. Woodson High School Planetarium** *June 4, 9:30-11:30*

*(Note time) W T. Woodson High School*

Resident astronomer Steve Brown will introduce us to the stars, constellations, visible planets and asterisms, and give hints for observing the summer night sky. The address is 9525 Main Street, across the street from Fair City Mall. Plan to park in the lot that adjoins Whitacre Road. You can enter the lot by turning left from Whitacre and park near or beyond the chain fence, past the paid parking. Enter the school through the set of doors at the end of the walkway between two buildings marked with a large #9 and #8. Once inside turn left. The planetarium is down the hall on your right across from the two cafeterias. There is some walking between the parking lot and the school entrance. Coordinator: Jan Baxter (703280-1037).

### **12. U.S. on the World Scene: The First 50 Years**

*June 4, 10:00-11:30*

*Tallwood*

During the early years of its independence, the U.S. faced numerous foreign enemies in Europe and even in far-away Russia. Few of them expected or wanted the new republic to succeed. Most historians focus on how the U.S. survived domestically during its founding years. Little attention is paid to how it survived, and even advanced its own interests, in a hostile foreign climate. Michael Styles, who has taught other courses on American history at LRI, will take us through the first 50 years of U.S. foreign relations, showing that it was not until the post-WWII period that the U.S. again became as actively involved on the world scene as it was during these early years. This course will also be given on June 11 at the Lake Anne Church. (Same description as for Course 16).

### **13. What is this game called Soccer - Cancelled**

### **14. La Guardia, An Icon in His Time and Beyond**

*June 11 & 12, 10:00-11:30*

*Tallwood*

Fiorello H. La Guardia (1882-1947) was one of America's great political leaders. La Guardia was a World War I flying hero, a crusading congressman and leading Progressive, and the mayor of New York known for cleaning up graft and corruption. He was an associate of Franklin Roosevelt and the New Deal, to the consternation of his own Republican party. T. M. Pasca knew him and his family well in his own childhood and youth. A journalist and teacher, Pasca will discuss La Guardia's origins and childhood, his personality, ambitions and aspirations, his marriages and family life, "all that made the man and drove him."

### **15. Personal Identity Theft**

*June 11, 10:00-11:30*

*Tallwood*

Instructor Kelnan Torrans will define identity theft and discuss who is most vulnerable to it; explore means by which individuals can avoid or prevent becoming victims of this type of crime; evaluate methods that could be used to repair the damage inflicted by identity thieves and reclaim stolen identities; and discuss current law enforcement methods used to combat ID theft in general. We will have a brief question and answer session following the presentation.

### **16. See # 12**

### **17. Understanding Advance Directives** *June 18 & 20, 10:00-11:30*

*Lake Anne Church*

A registered nurse from Reston Hospital Center, who works directly with those faced with these important life decisions, will discuss why an advance directive is important and how to make your end of life wishes known. Copies of advance directives and living wills will be provided to those who attend this class. In the second class, guest speaker Hank Dunn will discuss his book, *Hard Choices for Loving People*, now being used in many hospitals,

nursing homes and hospices. Mr. Dunn will talk about such issues as CPR, artificial feeding, comfort care and the patient with a life-threatening illness. Copies of his book will be available for purchase following this class.

### **18. Children of Chernobyl**

*June 18, 10:00-11:30 Tallwood*

Children of Chernobyl is a world-wide volunteer program trying to help children living with the fall-out from the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear explosion by providing summer health recuperation respites with local families. Instructor Judy Canyock notes that children from Belarus, formerly a Soviet republic that suffered much of the fallout, have been visiting Northern Virginia since 1993. Learn a little about their country, the aftermath of the Chernobyl tragedy and their experiences in our culture. Canyock, a retired teacher of Russian, coordinates the Annandale Children of Chernobyl Program.

### **19. Introduction to Architecture** *June 18, 10:00-11:30*

*Tallwood*

Dr. Jaan Holt, professor of Virginia Tech's School of Architecture and director of the Washington Alexandria Architecture Center/will discuss the fundamentals of architecture with an emphasis on the structural design of buildings in our area. He will include some history of architectural development and an update on the current projects at the School of Architecture.

### **20. Introduction to Turkey** *June 25, 10:00-11:30*

*Lake Anne Church*

Instructor Murat Polat, a native of Turkey, will introduce us to a brief history of cultures in Asia Minor (also known as Anadolu) between 2000 B.C. and 1300 A.D. and during the Ottoman Empire, and look at the modern nation of the Republic of Turkey since then. Current information will be presented on the living style of Turks, the economy of the country, the politics of modern Turkey, and Turkey's uniqueness in being the only Muslim member of

NATO. We will learn about sites to visit and the delights of Turkish cuisine.

### **21. Treasures From the National Gallery of Art's West Building** *June 25, 10:00-11:30*

*Tallwood*

Rosalie Lesser, LRI member and volunteer docent at the National Gallery of Art, will show slides from the West Building and lead a discussion about them. Examples of Dutch, Spanish, French and American art will be presented.

### **22. Trip Tales: Prince Edward Island & Cruising Around South America** *June 25, 10:00-11:30*

*Tallwood*

LRI member AI Giles will tell of his recent trip via Elderhostel to Prince Edward Island, the smallest province in Canada. He will describe exploring the shoreline on the Gulf of St. Lawrence and talk about the background of the book *Anne of Green Gables*. He saw the harvesting of products from field and sea and heard tales of the North Shore of the island. Included will be details of the local climate, accommodations and food. LRI member George Agris will tell of his experiences with the people, culture and heritage of parts of South America. He will include Rio de Janeiro with its Copacabana beaches and mountain views, and Buenos Aires with its museums and presidential palace. Sailing around Cape Horn, George shared the experiences of early explorers. In Valparaiso, Chile, he found winding, cobbled streets and brightly colored houses near the sea

### **23. Intermediate Watercolor** *June 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:00-11:30 Tallwood*

Here's a chance for those with some watercolor experience to share their knowledge and enthusiasm for watercolor painting. Emphasis will be on your individual approach to painting and having a good time. Instructor Marion Reh Gurfein suggests that students should be familiar with the use of materials.

## **24. Investment Forum** *June*

5, 12, 19, 26, 10:00-11:30

*Tallwood*

This forum is an ongoing investment discussion group that meets regularly throughout the year. The primary focus is on individual stocks. Other topics may be chosen broadly from the entire field of investing. Thomas Crooker will again moderate the sessions, which typically include prepared presentations by members and extemporaneous discus. . Member participation is encouraged.

Ronald McDonald House: A nationwide organization, established to provide accommodations and support to families whose children are seriously ill and hospitalized. Locally, numerous volunteers and staff aid families whose children are patients at Fairfax Inova Hospital and Children's Hospital

## **26. Founder's Tour of Reston**

*June 5, 2:00-3:30 (Note time)*

*Reston Storefront Museum at Lake Anne*

Tour Reston with its founder and namesake, Bob Simon. He envisioned it as a town where persons of all economic strata could live and work together in a community of lakes, trees and trails. In 1965 Lake Anne was a community of 227 town homes and a small village center. We will hear Bob talk about Reston and the changes that have taken place in Lake Anne, then go on a walking tour around Lake Anne Village Center.

## **27. Update on the Virginia Assembly**

*June 5, 10:00-11:30*

*Tallwood*

What happened in Richmond during the last session of the General Assembly? How has it impacted us in Northern Virginia? Are party lines dissolving on issues that pertain to Northern Virginia? Two legislators will talk about issues that affect our region. Delegate Chap Peterson (D), who represents the 37th District in which LRI resides, and Delegate Jim Dillard II (R) from the 41<sup>st</sup> District will give their insights on what happened in Richmond. This is your opportunity to get the inside story on the legislative session and to ask questions on

## **28. NATO Moves East: Does It Include Russia?**

*June 12, 10:00-11:30*

*Lake Anne Church*

The North American Treaty Organization (NATO) may add up to nine new countries from Central and

issues of concern

Eastern Europe, continuing the enlargement process that recently gave membership to Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic. NATO, in a November conference in Prague, will decide how many of the nine candidate countries, if any, will become members. Instructor and LRI member Bill Ciccolo will explore key questions on the effect of the decisions. How will NATO membership for Central and East European countries, including the Baltics, change NATO? Also, Russia and NATO are negotiating a much closer role for Russia in NATO, which is very controversial. What will be Russia's role in NATO? Will Russia have a veto over NATO decisions? What are the geopolitical implications of such enlargement?

## **29. Mature Driver Improvement (and Course 31)**

*June 19 & 20, 10:00-2:30 (Note time)*

*Tallwood*

Virginia residents, 55 years of age and older, can now learn about the issues surrounding the mature driver and how this age group can cope with the demands they face behind the wheel. The Fairfax County Police Department is offering enrollment in a Mature Operators' Driver Improvement program. This course, sanctioned by the AAA, is presented by Auxiliary Police Officer Mike Szeklock and will highlight safety behind the wheel for the mature driver.

Completion of these classes entitles a participant to a Virginia State mandated insurance premium reduction. The fee of \$10 (for materials) should be enclosed with your Registration Form. Coordinator: Florence Adler (703-455-6658). This course will also be given on June 26 and 27 at Reston Community Center at Lake Anne.

## **30. Pacific Gray Whales** *JULIE 19,*

*10:00-11:30*

*Lake Anne Church*

LRI members Dick and Betty Podol, after years in the Foreign Service, still enjoy adventure travel. Last year they traveled to the whale watcher's paradise in San Ignacio Lagoon, Baja California, Mexico, to have

another close encounter with Baja's "friendly" gray whales. Just how close can one get to these 35-40 ton whales? Would you believe that some of the baby whales and their mothers wanted nothing more than for humans to reach out and rub their soft, smooth skin? Dick and Betty will tell you about their trip and show a 20-minute video, "The Friendly Pacific Gray Whales."

### **31. See Course 29**

### **32. Intermediate**

**Italian** June 6, 13, 20, 27,

*10:00-11:30 Tallwood*

This course is for those who have had previous exposure to Italian. Instructor Renata Pia Bardo, a native of northern Italy, will review the first 12 lessons of the text, *Ultimate Italian: Basic-Intermediate*, by Salvatore Bancheri, Living Language Series (Random House). New vocabulary and more complex grammar will be added; the course will focus on conversation as well as grammar. Class participation and homework are expected.

### **33. Literary Roundtable**

June 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:00-11:30

*Reston Used Book Shop at Lake Anne*

Continuing the study of the short story, this term moderators Janice Dewire and Carol Henderson will continue with the book, *You've Got to Read This: Contemporary American Writers Introduce Stories that Held Them in Awe*. The paperback is edited by Ron Hansen and Jim Shepard, and published by Perennial, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers. This is a group discussion course. Members will be expected to help lead discussions and to share their questions, insights and ideas. You do not need to have taken the previous course. Carol Henderson is a retired librarian, and Janice Dewire has a never-ending enthusiasm for adult learning. Class limit: 20.

### **34. Barbershop: An Original American Musical Art Form**

June 6 & 13, 10:00-11:30

*Tallwood*

Barbershop music is a classical American art form performed by another American classic, the barbershop quartet: four people singing four different parts, without instrumental accompaniment, resulting in beautiful music. Instructor Mike Stoll is president of the Fairfax Jubil-aires Barbershop Chorus. LRI member Palmer McGrew, who sings with the Jubil-aires, will help with instruction. Listen to actual recordings of turn of the century and current champion quartets. Learn where the music got its origins and where it is today, and participate in creating barbershop harmony with easy-to-learn music. Be prepared for fun! We will study the evolution of the barbershop style of singing and experience actual in-class training and coaching.

### **35. Early Renaissance Art**

June 6, 10:00-11:30

*Lake Anne Church*

Rosemary Poole will lecture on the art of the Italian Renaissance, covering sculpture, frescoes and paintings from the late 13th century through the 14th century. With slide illustrations, we will explore the work of Giotto, famed for his frescoes in Padua, and the works of the Sieneese painters Duccio, Simone Martini and the Lorenzetti brothers. A specialist in Early Renaissance art, the instructor has taught at GMU for the past ten years, for Smithsonian Associates and three courses at LRI.

### **36. River Rafting on the Shenandoah and the Potomac Rivers**

June~ 1:30-4:30 (Note time)

We will carpool to Harpers Ferry where River Riders will help us into rubber rafts holding six to eight people plus a guide to travel over Class I to Class III rapids. They will provide life vests, helmets and paddles. You could easily get wet-that's part of the fun! This should be an exciting but not dangerous excursion. Be there at 1:00 for the ride starting at 1:30. It will last about three hours, so allow four hours total. Directions and a list of fellow members for carpooling will be mailed. The cost is \$47 per person. Coordinator: Mary Coyne (703-435-9721)

### **37. Birding: A Natural High**

*June 13, 8:00-9:30 (Note time) Eakin*

*Community Park*

This field trip to Eakin Community Park will introduce you to the pleasures of birding. (For those of you who were rained out of last summer's field trip, here's a second chance to explore the Accotink Stream Valley.) Carolyn Williams, a leader of weekly bird walks, will explore spring bird migration, area breeding birds and bird identification. We will identify birds by sound and sight, and learn why watersheds and stream valleys are important 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. Bring binoculars for the bird walk, and meet at 8:00 at the Eakin Community Park parking lot on Prosperity Avenue, halfway between Routes 50 and 236

### **39. E.Bay: Looking for Treasures in the Electronic Age**

*June 20, 10:00-11:30*

*GMU Telework and Training Center*

Almost anything can be bought or sold on e-Bay, from antiques and art to books, movies and music; business supplies, clothing and accessories; coins, stamps, collectibles, computers, dolls and bears. Look for home and garden items, jewelry, gemstones, photo equipment, electronics, pottery and glass, real estate, sporting goods and memorabilia. You might find tickets, travel, toys, hobbies and crafts, autos, boats-the list goes on and on. Join instructor Anne Walsh for a class on Bay buying and selling at online auctions. She will take you to an online auction to see what treasures can be found, and will teach safety tips for buying. The Training Center is located at 4031 University Drive, Suite 110, Fairfax City. Include a lab fee

### **40. The History of Afghanistan**

*June 20, 10:00-11:30*

*Tallwood*

of \$10 with your Registration Form

Instructor Chester Myslicki will emphasize the period from 1747 to 2000 and elaborate on the six interrelated factors that have contributed to Afghanistan's devastation. The course is essentially a repeat of the LRI History Club

presentation in February. Mr. Myslicki is a retired economist who spent one and a half years in Afghanistan with the International Monetary Fund and four years in Iran for U.S. AID.

### **41. Trip Tale: African Safari**

*June 27, 10:00-11:30*

*Tallwood*

Experience the excitement of an African safari without the hassles of air travel! Join world travelers Susanne and Rod Zumbro as they tell you about their favorite trip of all, a safari to three of Kenya's game parks. This Trip Tale features an unforgettable 42minute movie set to dramatic music that shows you what it is like to travel among the teeming African wildlife.

### **42. Winterthur Collection at the National Gallery of Art**

*June 27, 9:00-2:00*

*Bus Trip*

Escape the 130-mile trip! Many of the rarest and most renowned of American antiques will be on display here, from Winterthur, the country estate of Henry Francis du Pont in Delaware. Some 300 masterpieces from that collection of 85,000 objects, including furniture, textiles, paintings, prints, ceramics, glass, needlework and metalwork, will be in the exhibit. A docent-led tour is scheduled for 10:00. After the tour you will have two hours on your own. You may lunch at the Gallery cafeteria or visit its Sculpture Garden, or the nearby Botanical Gardens. The bus will leave the National Gallery at 1:00 to return to Fairfax. The departure bus will leave the upper level of the University Mall parking lot at the intersection of Route 123 and Braddock Road promptly at 9:00. Please board at 8:45. The fee of \$11, payable with your Registration Form, includes the bus and driver gratuity. Coordinator: Tom **Hartnett** (703-481-3492)

### **43. The Words We Use**

*June 27, 10:00-11:30 Tallwood*

Have you seen the Grand Canyon, Niagara Falls, or the sun setting on the Pacific as you sail west toward Japan? We all like to recall those kinds of experiences, but when we try to describe them, our words often fail to tell what it was like to be there. Calvin Sandt, a performing poet and

a storyteller, will explore the relationship of words, reality and our perceptions of reality. Come and find out what he means when he speaks of verbal maps and the "cookie cutter effect"