

This Week at LRI

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Events This Week

- **Special Event A, Science Center at Baltimore Inner Harbor**, Friday, April 4, 8:15 a.m.-5:15 p.m., bus trip from University Mall at 8:15 with a second pickup at Lake Anne, Reston, at 9:15.
- **New Members' Coffee**, Friday, April 4, 10:30, Tallwood.

Committee Meetings

- Special Events Committee, Wednesday, April 2, 1:30, Tallwood.
- Program Committee, Friday, April 4, 10:00, Tallwood.

Ongoing Activities

- Bridge Club, Fiction Writing Group, History Club, all meet Wednesday, April 2, 1:30, Tallwood.

Other Meetings

- Landscape Crew, Friday, April 4, 10:00, Tallwood, TA-1.

Welcome to the Spring Session

Those of you who are new members may already have discovered how challenging it can be to choose classes. The LRI staff will try to help arrange transportation between Tallwood and Lake Anne, Reston. If you need a ride to attend a class at the other location, call the LRI office, 703-503-3384, or e-mail Joanne at jlingerf@gmu.edu. LRI office hours during sessions are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays. Friday's hours are 9 a.m. to noon. There is a locked drop box outside the office door that is checked every morning.

This Week at LRI, which also covers next week and beyond, attempts to keep track of changes in event dates and times. If you are in charge of a committee or an ongoing event, let *This Week* know of any changes, additions, or what topics your upcoming events will cover. Use the folder in the Social Room, call 703-435-9721, or e-mail mcoyne@his.com.

Events Next Week

- **Special Event B, Green Thumb Alert!**, Wednesday, April 9, 2:00-3:30, Tallwood, Washington Post's Adrian Higgins.
- **Special Event C, Wilderness Search and Rescue**, Friday, April 11, 2:00-3:30, Tallwood, Bud Hyland, rescue expert.
- **Special Event D, Biking on the C&O Canal**, Friday, April 11, 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., bus pickup at Reston Community Center, Hunters Woods Village Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston.

Ongoing Activities

- Book Club at Tallwood, Bridge Club, both April 9, 1:30, Tallwood.

Other Meetings

- Reston Lunch Bunch, Tuesday, April 8, 1:00 (new time), Jasmine Cafe, Lake Anne, Reston.

Schedule Changes

- **Virginia Integration**, class 703, Wednesday, April 9 (new starting date), 11:30, Tallwood. Still a 4-week class.
- LRI Board of Directors, Friday, April 25 (new date), 10:00, Tallwood.
- Book Club at Tallwood, dates changed to April 16 and May 21. Both at 1:30-3:00.

Board Candidates Announced

The Nominating Committee, chaired by John DeVoll, has announced the names of nine candidates for the LRI Board of Directors. Members will make their six selections from the following candidates: Florence Adler, Gordon Canyock, Rose Mary Gustin, Arthur Hill, Donald Igo, Ceda McGrew, Allen Montecino, Joan Salemi, and Carr Whitener.

Profiles of each candidate will be sent to LRI members this week along with the announcement of the Annual Meeting, which will be held in TA-1 this year, Friday, May 9. The traditional "Meet the Candidates" session will

be the main topic of the Annual Meeting. See page 2 of the *LRI Times* for details on this year's voting procedure.

Damage Assessment

Let's be candid—the people taking care of the Tallwood grounds are not another committee but rather a grounds crew. Ray Solomon, the landscaping crew boss, says it will meet this week to appraise the status of the grounds after a vicious winter. The agenda will be to decide on replacement and new plantings. Who is on the crew? Ray says a member is anyone who shows up and “loves to commune with nature, or just talk about it.” Friday's meeting is at 10:00 in TA-1.

Spring Exhibit

Dick Hibbert's pictures will be on display in the Social Room Annex during the spring session. Dick is a long-time LRI drawing instructor and former photography teacher at Northern Virginia Community College. His exhibit presents photography from a recent trip to China. The photos were taken with a digital camera and printed on an inkjet color printer.

Handicapped Parking Survey

As part of its investigation into future LRI parking conditions, the Planning Committee is gathering parking statistics. Committee member Gordon Canyock would like to know how many members in LRI currently have an official County handicapped parking permit. If you have a placard or a plate please call Gordon at 703-425-4607. Gordon's new e-mail address is gordoncanyock@cox.net. If you have experienced difficulties obtaining handicapped parking when attending LRI courses, let Gordon know about that too.

Trip Tales

Trip Tales are wanted for the fall session. If you have pictures, a video, or simply a great story to tell, call Virlinda Snyder and pick a date. She has set up Trip Tale classes for the summer session, but also would like some for the fall. Virlinda's number is 703-339-5748.

Missed Items

Members who regret missing classes during the last week of the winter session will be glad to hear that Carol Ferrara is trying to reschedule some of them for a later session.

Members who are missing winter garments, umbrellas, books, or other items should check the LRI lost and found. At Tallwood coats and large umbrellas can be found in the Social Room, on the coat rack by the windows. Other items are saved in a lost-and-found box in the LRI office. Two paisley scarves, a tan umbrella, and a pair of women's black gloves are among the items currently in the box.

For lost items at Lake Anne, Reston, LRI staffer Mathilde Speier is the person to see. Mathilde says that Reston members rarely lose anything and if they do she usually knows to whom the item belongs and tracks them down. On one occasion, she returned a coat and keys to a teacher before he realized he had left them behind.

Fairfax Ink

LRI's literary magazine, has published its fall 2002 issue. Copies of *Fairfax Ink* are available in the LRI office. This issue, six stories and five poems, is dedicated to the memory of LRI member Freeda Swope, who died last summer. Freeda was especially active in LRI's writing groups; this issue contains one of her poems.

Peter Poole, of the LRI Fiction Writing Club, reminds us that we have only a couple of weeks left to finish our short stories for the Club's contest. Don't send in your story without reading the rules first. The current issue of *LRI Times* explains the contest on page 2. The Fiction Writing Club is running the contest, Peter says, to stir up interest in the group itself. But the April 15 deadline is close and 5,000 words are not easy to come by. The winner gets \$50 and guaranteed publication in *Fairfax Ink*. The contest judge is Wendy Kaufman. Ms Kaufman received a Master of Fine Arts degree in creative writing from GMU in 1997; her story *Helen on Eighty-Sixth Street* appeared in the *New Yorker* that same year. Ms Kaufman is now teaching writing at Johns Hopkins's School of Advanced International Studies.

Open Classes

The following spring semester classes are still open. The easiest way to add a class is just to show up. While there, pick up a Change of Schedule Request slip and fill it out. Give the slip to the class Liaison or drop it off at the LRI office after class. Remember your check if you add the Maryland Science Center at Inner Harbor event.

Tallwood

- 101 American Musical Theater
- 102 "New" Modern Art
- 103 Intermediate Watercolor
- 106 Sketching with Pencil & Ink
- 107 Photographic Vision
- 109 Singing for Fun
- 110 Ancient Greek Theater
- 112 Drama
- 113 Readers' Theater
- 114 Collage Workshop
- 201 Economic Issues
- 202 Investment Basics
- 302 American Revolution
- 307 EU, Turkey, Eastern Enlargement
- 311 Local History (various locations)
- 401 Life Purpose
- 403 The Hardy Reader
- 405 Ulysses
- 409 Poetry Workshop
- 501 French Conversation
- 502 Italian the Fun Way
- 702 Community Action
- 703 VA Integration
- 801 Science & Technology Today
- 901 Retirement 102

Lake Anne, Reston Area

- 104 British Painting
- 105 Painting Workshop
- 108 Ongoing Pleasures of Music
- 111 Play Readers' Workshop
- 204 Money "Talks"
- 308 Middle East Conflict
- 309 Sub-Saharan Africa
- 402 King Lear
- 406 Tolstoy's Miracle
- 410 Literary Roundtable
- 602 Pirket-Avoth
- 704 All the News
- 903 Shop Smart, Eat Healthy

Special Events

- A Maryland Science Center (bus trip)
- B Green Thumb Alert
- C Wilderness Search/Rescue
- E Jefferson and UVA (UVA trip is closed)
- G Israeli-Palestinian Relationships
- H Search & Rescue Dogs
- I Vocal Studies