

ONLINE STUDY GROUPS

Our Online Spring Study Groups are 8 weeks; \$55 each; with a maximum of 16 members.

Each member researches a topic related to the general subject and shares their findings with the class.

Note: For additional details, please visit www.slrlondon.com.

GREAT GARDENS OF THE WORLD

Monday 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

April 19 – June 14 (No class May 24, Victoria Day)

Course Leader: Alison Greenhill; Zoom Host: TBA

The great gardens of the world are a living form of art that condenses time and space. Offering more than serene views and budding blooms, these beautiful spaces often reflect the history and culture of a location through their collections of flora and dedication to the preservation of their extraordinary landscapes. Join us and discover the most beautiful gardens of the world.

Possible Topics: *Keukenhof Garden, Gardens of Versailles, Royal Botanical Gardens – Kew, Butchart Gardens, Biltmore Gardens, Villa d'Este, Koishikawa Karakuen Garden, Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens, Powerscourt Estate, Nangnooch Tropical Garden.*

NATURAL AREAS I DREAM OF VISITING

Tuesday 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

April 20 - June 8

Course Leader: Muriel Andreae; Zoom Host: TBA

Do you have a wish list of places you'd like to see? Let's share pictures and stories of natural areas in Ontario or anywhere in the world that you would like to visit. Research details such as hiking trails, best views for photography, and interesting animals or plants that you could see in these natural sites and share your research with other day-dreaming travellers.

Possible Topics: *Grasslands Park, Saskatchewan; Yellowstone Park, Wyoming; Haida Gwaii, British Columbia; Raincloud Forest, Costa Rica; Kilauea, Hawaii; Ngorongoro Crater, Tanzania; the Great Barrier Reef, Australia.*

ENCORE

Wednesday 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

April 21 – June 9

Course Leader: Brenda Jackson; Zoom Host: TBA

This is your opportunity to inform and entertain our group with a topic that you have presented previously. Choose one of your favourites to share with a new and enthusiastic audience.

ASSASSINATIONS!

Wednesday 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

April 21 – June 9

Course Leader: Paul Webb; Zoom Host: Jeff Keenor

The murder of a president, prime minister, monarch, or leader of a social or political movement can resonate throughout a country and the world. The impact of an assassination, even a failure, can have lasting influence on world events and history. Who were these assassins and what were their motives? What happened or changed in the aftermath of their actions?

Possible Topics: *Julius Caesar, Philip II of Macedon, Thomas Becket, De Coligny, Henri IV, Franz Ferdinand, Phoenix Park Massacre, Gregor Rasputin, Abraham Lincoln, Mahatma Gandhi, Tsar Nicholas II, Qasam Soleimani, Anwar Sadat, Yitzhak Rabin, Martin Luther King, and so many more.*

FIFTY YEARS OF MUSICAL FAVOURITES

Thursday 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

April 22 - June 10

Course Leader and Host: Burton Moon

Think of a popular song from the 1920s to early 1960s (e.g., Somewhere Over the Rainbow) and explore the life and times of the composers/lyricists on one or more of your favorite songs from this era. Who were these creators? How did they develop their talent? How does their poetry/wit impress? How have these songs impacted or reflected the wider culture of the times?

Possible Topics: *Any song or songs by any composer from the period 1920 – 1964.*

ONLINE DISCUSSION AND ACTIVITY GROUPS

Number of sessions and fees vary

REALLY CURRENT EVENTS

Monday 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

April 19 – June 14 (8 sessions; no class May 24, Victoria Day)

Course Leader: Don Efron; Zoom Host TBA

Fee: \$55; Maximum 14 members

Start your spring off with this stimulating discussion group. We will look at stories that have an immediate time frame - stories that have made the news within the past week. Each participant, in turn, brings three media stories for the whole group to discuss. Animated discussion is guaranteed.

THE ROLE AND INFLUENCE OF MASS MEDIA

Tuesday 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

April 20 - May 18 (5 sessions)

Course Leader and Host: Lydia Keras

Fee: \$35; maximum 12 members

Mass media is communication that reaches a large audience, including television, radio, newspapers, magazines, Internet, etc. It's a significant force, both reflecting and creating modern culture. It can be a positive or destructive influence. Let's talk about how mass media influences us, which media you trust and how that has changed over the years. Should media be regulated, and if so, who should do the regulating?

LIFE IN THE TIME OF COVID

Wednesday 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

April 21 – May 26 (6 sessions)

Course Leader: Margaret Cowan; Zoom Host TBA

Fee: \$40; Maximum 14 members

From "we are all in this together" to "the light at the end of the tunnel", we have had quite a pandemic ride – and it's not over yet. We have new heroes and media personalities, new worries and fears, new habits to remember and new threats to our economy and health. Come join us to discuss the pandemic and its 'progress' so far.

Possible Topics: *Modern heroes, long-term care, Zoom, virtual celebrations, virtual arts/entertainment, online shopping, mental health, public health's profile, anti-maskers, rights and responsibilities, what countries have done better/worse, vaccines, variants, what will I do differently if this is going to continue into next winter?*

TED TALKS ON COMEDY AND HUMOUR

Thursday 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

April 22 - May 20 (5 sessions)

Course Leader: Twyla Atchison

Zoom Host: Shari McNeill

Fee: \$35; maximum 10 members

The TED Talk organization provides internet access to short presentations on hundreds of interesting and timely topics. This discussion group will meet weekly to screen and discuss from two to three TED talks addressing comedy and humour. Please join us for interesting exchanges of ideas on the value and enjoyment of what is funny in today's world.

CANNABIS 101

Friday 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

April 23 - May 28 (6 sessions)

Course Leader and Zoom Host: Shari McNeill

Fee: \$40; maximum 10 members

Now that cannabis is legal in Canada, it is time to re-examine this plant and understand all it offers. Why was cannabis illegal? Differences between THC and CBD and consumption methods? Why are seniors turning to medical cannabis? What are consumables and edibles? How do we use them safely? How to decipher retail descriptions and buy with confidence. Discussion will follow short presentations.

Note: For additional details on all our groups, please visit our website at www.slrlondon.ca

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Got Questions?

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INTEREST GROUPS & SOCIAL EVENTS

Due to COVID-19, all interest Groups except the Photography Club (full) and all Social Events have been cancelled.

SPRING PROGRAM PREVIEW AND REGISTRATION - ONLINE

Friday, March 26

1:30 – 3:30 p.m. (Zoom opens at 1:15; Presentations begin 1:30 sharp!)

Online Registration Opens at 4:00 p.m.

Hear and see our course leaders describe their courses in a lively and fun way, with each course leader trying to convince you that his/her course is the right one for you. It's also a chance to socialize. Registration will open at 4:00, following the Preview.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB WITH JEFF KEENOR

Continued from September 2020

Meets first Tuesday of the month

11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Fee: \$15 for 2020 - 2021 Year

Open to a few new members with a digital camera, any skill level. Share photographs, tips and techniques, so that all increase their enjoyment of photography.

ROMEI (Retired Old Men Eating In)

Wednesday 12:00 noon - 1:15 p.m.

April 21, May 5, May 19, June 2 (4 sessions)

Group Leader: Sandy Kechnie; Zoom Host TBA

Fee \$10; Maximum 8 members

Come on men, let's Zoom! Join our council of elders and enjoy online fellowship with other men from the comfort of your own home. We'll discuss anything we want over a scrumptious meal of our own making. We'll share a peck of friendship, a bushel of ideas and a barrel of laughs. Please join the ROMEI!

JULIETS (Let's Do Lunch – Zoom Style)

Wednesday 12:00 noon - 1:15 p.m.

April 21 - June 9 (8 sessions)

Group Leaders: Linda Munn, Ann Vandenbosch;

Zoom Host TBA

Fee \$10; Maximum; Maximum 8 members

Open to all ladies who enjoy great conversation and friendship while enjoying your own prepared lunch in the comfort of your own home. Sharing mealtimes with others is a great opportunity to stay connected and perhaps learn some new recipes. Join us for fun, food and fabulous company.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Spring Program Preview (Online): Friday, March 26, 1:30-3:30.

Spring Registration Opens: 4 p.m. (after the Program Preview, March 26)

Online Classes Begin week of April 19.

Victoria Day Holiday: Monday, May 24, no classes.

Fall 2021 Brochure: Due out May 24.

Fall Program Preview (Online): Friday, May 28, 1:30-3:30.

Fall Registration Opens: 4 p.m. (after the Program Preview, May 28)

REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND POLICIES

All Courses Will Be Online for the Spring Term:

Due to COVID-19 we will not have a Spring Open House, but will have a Program Preview online (see Mark Your Calendar for date).

You can register for courses online by going to www.srlondon.com or in person at the Coach House on dates TBA, or via regular mail. If unsure how to register online, go to the Zoom tab on the website to get the easy step-by-step instructions.

Annual Membership Fee for New Members:

If you are new to SLR starting in the Spring term, please remember to pay your annual membership fee of **\$10** (prorated for the Spring term). Just select the Membership "product" on the website and add it to your cart in addition to your course selection(s) before checking out. If filling out a paper registration, then check the membership fee in the appropriate column and add it to your course fee(s). If you are a current member who paid for your membership in the Fall or Winter, then do not pay again.

Waiting Lists:

If a course you want is FULL, you can add your name to a Waiting List. Sometimes openings become available in the first week. To join the waiting list, just click on the link below to send us an Email. Be sure to tell us the name of the course you want.

Payment Options:

The website accepts credit and debit cards. As soon as you pay by credit card or debit card you will get an automatic email notification.

You can also pay by cheque. First select your courses, add your Membership Fee (if relevant) and proceed to checkout. After filling in your information, select the **CHEQUE** option (found just before the **PLACE ORDER** tab).

In the case of a cheque payment, you will receive a confirmation email which confirms your registration and will remind you to send a cheque asap making it payable to SLR London. If not received within a reasonable amount of time, SLR reserves the right to cancel your registration. Please mail it to the address below or drop it off in the Grosvenor Lodge Coach House on the days and times specified in a future email. Once we have received your cheque, you will be notified.

Note 1: Registration is complete only when full payment has been received by SLR; cheques must be received before classes begin.

Note 2: We are unable to process post-dated cheques. Please do not send cash through the mail.

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REFUND POLICY

No refunds are issued for Annual Membership Fees.

If SLR cancels a program, a full refund is issued.

A full refund of fees, less a nominal \$5 administration fee, will be issued up to the second session of a course. Members who withdraw after the second week of term normally will not receive a refund.

Exceptions will be considered for medical or compassionate reasons.

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