



MID-TERM ONLINE COURSES FALL 2020

STUDY GROUPS (Note: All current online Study Groups are 6 weeks; Fee: \$40 each; maximum of 11 members. Each member makes a presentation related to the general topic.)

FASCINATING DESTINATIONS

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

November 2 – December 7

Course Leader: Burton Moon; Host: TBA

Although few of us travelled in 2020, we still remember past adventures and dream of future ones. Tell us about a special travel destination that you are yearning to visit or a place that haunts your memory because of the landscape, culture, architecture, or its place in history. Choose your most fascinating travel destination - past or future - and tell us its attractions.

Possible topics: Great cities such as Singapore, Paris, Rio de Janeiro; natural spaces such as the Galapagos Islands, Victoria Falls, Antarctica; cultural treasures from the Pyramids, La Scala, the Great Wall of China, etc; far flung places like Nepal, Australia's outback, Machu Picchu, Mongolia; or treasured Canadian destinations

LAUGHTER IN THE MEDIA

Tuesdays 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

November 3 - December 8

Course Leader: Margaret Cowan; Host: TBA

From the slapstick comedy of Charlie Chaplin to the socially critical humour of M*A*S*H to the political satire of Saturday Night Live, humour can both delight us and make us uncomfortable. Choose a comedian who exemplifies a kind of humour and tell us about him/her, or choose a style of humour and tell us how it is effective. (If you wish to include a PowerPoint with your presentation, help will be available).

Possible Topics: A favourite comedian (John Candy, Robin Williams, George Carlin, etc.); TV comedy series; funny movie; late night comedy; political or news humour.

POTPOURRI

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

November 3 - December 8

Course Leader: Brenda Jackson; Host: TBA

The field is wide open for any topic you think will challenge the intellect, tickle the funny bone, provoke controversy, stimulate discussion or just keep us informed. Do you have some insight that you have always wanted to share with others? You will have an attentive and appreciative audience.

GREAT MIGRATIONS

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

November 5 – December 10

Course Leader: Herman Sahrman; Host: TBA

Fee: \$40; Maximum 11 members

Population shifts are common in human experience. The spread of *Homo sapiens*, Indo-Europeans, Barbarians threatening Rome, Anglo-Saxons infiltrating England, European emigration to the Americas and the refugee crisis today, are all familiar examples. Whether done peacefully or by conquest, each had profound effects on culture, ethnicity, the economy, and even cuisine. Why did they move and what was the impact?

Possible topics: The Neanderthals; Polynesians in the Pacific; Jewish Diaspora; Steppe nomads: Turks or Huns; Pre-European peopling of the Americas; The Arabs and Islam; Specific groups: Irish; German; Italian, etc.

A SHAVIAN EXPERIENCE

Thursdays 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

November 5 - December 10

Course Leader: John Husband; Host: TBA

George Bernard Shaw, an avowed socialist, was among the most prolific playwrights, essayists and novelists in English and German Literature. His writings have entertained and inspired generations. You can choose from one of more than fifty plays, including titles such as Pygmalion, Major Barbara, Candida, Arms and the Man, and the list goes on. You can present one of his many essays, or pick one of his novels. Let's hear what he was saying to the people of the late 19th and early 20th centuries and how his words resonate today. This is a study group with endless possibilities.

DISCUSSION GROUPS (Note: Discussion Groups vary in length and fee)

U.S.A. AND THE WORLD AHEAD

Tuesdays 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

November 10 - December 8 (5 sessions)

Course Leader and Host: Ed Jambor

Fee: \$35; Maximum 12

The U.S. has taken a different course internally and internationally in the past four years. We will examine some of these changes and consider how they impact U.S. influence in the world. Where is the U.S. heading and where do you think it should go? Our discussion will be directed by the results of the U.S. election on November 3. Join us with an open mind and you're sure to learn something new.

INTRODUCTION TO INTERNET SCRABBLE CLUB

Tuesdays 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

December 1 & December 8 (2 sessions)

Course Leader: Helen Olmstead; Host: TBA

Fee: \$15; Maximum 12 members

Missing a Scrabble game? The *Internet Scrabble Club (ISC)* is a website that allows players around the world to play Scrabble through a Web interface. Pick a name, set your parameters and start to play. You can play with strangers or set up a buddy list for favourite partners. Let us help you get started.

MY FAVOURITE BOOK

Wednesdays 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

November 18 – December 9 (4 sessions)

Course Leader: Lisa Darling; Host: TBA

Fee: \$30; Maximum 11 members

We've all been reading a lot recently, so tell us about your favorite book - maybe it's a "new" read, or perhaps it's one you have loved for many years. Here is an opportunity to learn about other people's choices and possible new titles to add to your future reading list. Whatever the genre, let us hear about your number one pick.

SO, WHAT NOW, PANDEMIC?

Wednesdays 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

November 4 – November 25 (4 sessions)

Course Leader: Cathy Cameron; Host: TBA

Fee: \$30; Maximum 12 members

If thoughts of a pandemic winter have been on your mind, you're not alone. The prospect of the next few months might seem daunting, but the good news is that we've been through this before and learned many coping strategies. Join us as we share tips, resources, activities, hobbies and more. Perhaps we will gain a new perspective and some fresh ideas on how to approach the coming months.

TED TALKS ON HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

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

November 4 – December 2 (5 sessions)

Course Leader: Roslyn Moorhead; Host: Shari McNeill

Fee: \$35; Maximum 12 members

What's the latest on health and well-being? The TED Talk organization provides Internet access to short presentations by experts in medicine and health. This discussion group will meet weekly to screen and discuss from 2 to 3 TED talks addressing aspects of health, wellness, and related issues. Learn something new or challenge your old thinking. Something for everyone.

CANADA'S NATIONAL FILM BOARD

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

November 6 - December 11 (6 sessions)

Course Leader: Diana Lloyd; Host: Jean Surry

Fee: \$40; Maximum 12

Since 1939, our taxes have supported talented filmmakers who have produced over 3000 films and won 5000 awards. Their mandate is "to interpret Canada to Canadians and to other nations." How much do you know about this overview of our Nation? Together, we will choose a theme for each week and then select a few short (< 30 minutes) relevant documentaries. We will watch them independently, prior to class, in order to be ready for discussion. Come Zoom with us and explore this extraordinary national treasure about the Canadian experience.

Possible topics: History; The 60's; People; Creative Artists; Architecture; Parks; Plants or Animals; Climate; Animations; Oscar Winners, etc.

INTEREST GROUPS (Note: At this time only the Photography Group will meet as usual)

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB with Jeff Keenor (FULL)
This group continues throughout until June 2021.
Meets on the first Tuesday of each month.