

STUDY GROUPS

All Study Groups are 8 weeks; Fee: \$50 each. Max: 16 members each. For additional details, please visit www.slrlondon.ca.

REALLY CURRENT EVENTS

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

April 19 – June 7 (8 sessions)

Moderators: Helen MacKenzie, Richard Waring

Start your summer off with this stimulating class. This study group looks at stories that have an immediate timeframe; stories that have made the news within the past week. Each participant in turn brings in three such media stories for the whole group to discuss. No research paper is required. Animated discussion is guaranteed.

WHAT'S MUSIC TO YOUR EARS?

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

April 19 – June 7 (8 sessions)

Moderators: Jeff Keenor, Patricia Robinson

What is music to your ears? What's on your personal playlist? It could be jazz, folk, classical, country and western, pop, opera, or maybe even reggae or rap. Share your favourite artist, instrument or style with the group. Say it, play it and we will listen.

FIRST-HAND TRAVEL ADVICE

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

April 20 – June 8 (8 sessions)

Moderators: Cam Doxtader, Jacqui Doxtader

Share your first-hand recent travel information and experiences – knowledge gained, opportunities missed, the good, the bad, and recommendations for consideration – with fellow SLR members. These presentations will be useful for members planning trips.

ENCORE

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

April 21 – June 9 (8 sessions)

Moderators: Brenda Jackson, Carl Silke

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.

FRENCH CULTURE

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

April 21 – June 16 (8 sessions; no class May 19))

Moderators: Terry Flummerfelt, Jean Surry

Do you have a strong affinity towards the French culture – the people, their history, literature, politics, language, cuisine, customs, fashion, music, architecture, geography, tourism and traditions? Come share your enthusiasm with other kindred spirits! The sessions will be in English.

ACTIVITY GROUPS

All locations at Grosvenor Lodge unless otherwise noted.

LET'S UKE IT UP! with Noële Hall

Monday a.m. 9:30 – 11:30

April 18 – June 13 (8 sessions; no class May 23)

Fee: \$50; Maximum 12 members

Learn to play the versatile, little four-stringed ukulele. Together we will learn a little strumming, a little finger picking, and even a few cool solos! Absolutely no musical background or ability to read music is required. Bring a ukulele, music stand, and the Hal Leonard Ukulele Method Book 1 (purchase at Long and McQuade, ~\$10).

MEDITATION AND MINDFULNESS with Mary Elford

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

April 19 – May 24 (6 sessions)

Fee: \$40 (Maximum 14 members)

Meditation helps make our minds peaceful. Mindfulness helps us pay attention to what comprises that peaceful path in order to achieve a richer, more meaningful life, while accepting the hardships that inevitably go with it. This course is an enlightening and practical guide to reducing stress and realizing the source of our happiness.

INTRODUCTION TO FACEBOOK with Peggy Matser

Wednesday p.m. 1:00 – 3:00

April 20 (1 session)

Fee: \$5.00 non-refundable (Maximum 15 members)

Come to this workshop to get answers to your questions about getting started; posting videos, photos and updates; confidentiality issues; joining groups; private messaging, and more. This will not be a hands-on workshop, so you don't need to have a tablet or laptop to attend.

INTRODUCTION TO POWERPOINT with Peggy Matser

Wednesday p.m. 1:00 - 3:00

May 18 (1 session)

Fee: \$5.00 non-refundable (Maximum 15 members)

Learn how to use PowerPoint for your presentations. We'll explore how to type your own text into PowerPoint; use special effects; add links to the internet for videos; access and copy pictures, cartoons, and more. This is not a hands-on workshop, so you don't need to have a tablet or laptop to attend but if you have one with PowerPoint loaded on it, you are welcome to bring it with you.

PHOTO EDITING FOR QUALITY AND FUN with Jeff Keenor

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

April 20 to May 11 (4 sessions)

Fee: \$25; Maximum 16 members

This workshop will be a hands-on practical learning experience for those who wish to explore enhancing their digital pictures through the use of free editing software. Editing techniques will include cropping and sharpening pictures, fixing blemishes, enhancing colours and special effects.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

SHAKESPEARE'S HENRY IV PART 1 (Stratford 2016) with Patricia Robinson

Tuesday a.m. 11:45 - 1:00
April 12 to April 26 (3 sessions)
Fee: \$20 (Maximum 16 members)

Join us as we meet Prince Hal, Henry Hotspur, Shakespeare's famous Falstaff, and visit taverns and battlefields.

Sympathize with a father disappointed in his son, a young prince trying to find his place in the world. Bring your enthusiasm and willingness to do some preparation to launch our discussions. The library has DVDs and print copies and the text is free on the web.

GLOBAL ISSUES with Terry McSpadden

Monday a.m. 9:30 - 11:30
April 18 to May 16 (5 sessions)
and
Monday p.m. 12:30 - 2:30
May 9 to June 13 (5 sessions; no class May 23)
Fee: \$30 (Maximum 20 members)

There are many issues of concern in the world today that cross national boundaries and affect the global community. Examples include foreign aid, international trade policy, refugees, terrorism, pandemics, environmental damage, and trafficking of humans, drugs and weapons. Each week we will discuss a topic chosen by the group.

FINANCIAL PLANNING DURING RETIREMENT with Don Pollock

Thursday p.m. 1:30 - 3:30
April 21 - May 5 (3 sessions)
Fee: \$20 (Maximum 16 members)

There are many financial planning opportunities and traps during retirement. Over three weeks, we shall explore a variety of topics such as investing, estate planning, taxes and reverse mortgages. It is never too late to improve your financial position during retirement.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Please pay for these separately.

ICECULTURE IN HENSALL

Thursday, March 31
Depart London: 9:00 a.m.; Badder Bus Transportation
Cost: \$60 (includes bus, Iceculture tour, and Black Dog Lunch in Bayfield)

Join fellow SLR members in travelling to Hensall in early spring for an ice sculpting adventure. Iceculture, a family-owned business with a staff of 40, has earned its place as one of the major ice-carving industries in the world. Plan on enjoying a lunch at the Black Dog restaurant in Bayfield following the Hensall tour.

SPRING LUNCHEON AND 22ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, April 14, 12:00 noon
West Haven Golf & Country Club
7083 Egremont Drive
Cost: \$25 (includes gratuity)

Celebrate the end of SLR's 22nd year at the leisurely Spring Luncheon and brief AGM in the lovely surroundings of the West Haven Golf & Country Club. There may even be daffodils in bloom! We will also begin distributing the Fall Brochure at this event.

SPRING NATURE WALK

Thursday, May 12, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Optional lunch to follow in a residential back yard
Cost: No charge

Warbler Woods, one of London's Environmentally Significant Areas, is a hidden gem waiting to be enjoyed. Join us in this favourite destination located in western Byron, which for more than a century has been explored by naturalists who revel in its wonderful array of plants and wild life. Thickets and wetlands harbour many species of birds, most notably warblers.

BUS TRIP TO THE AGA KHAN MUSEUM

Wednesday, May 25
8:00 a.m. Depart London on Badder Bus to Toronto
6:00 - 6:30 p.m. E.T.A. back to London
Cost: \$70 for bus, tours of the Museum and lunch

This vibrant, educational institution, which opened in 2015, offers visitors a window into the artistic and intellectual heritage of Muslim civilizations. Join us in a day-long trip to this new and exciting addition to Toronto's cultural attractions, one that has been linked to the Musee du Louvre in Paris and the State Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg.

STRAWBERRIES IN JUNE

Wednesday, June 15, 12:00 noon
Grosvenor Lodge
Cost: \$15

Enjoy this annual Spring tradition by joining us for a buffet lunch catered by Youth Opportunities Unlimited. The Lodge will be looking its best as the gardens take on their early summer glory. The drawing card is always the strawberry dessert, which entices people to sample our Ontario berries when they are at their prime.

SUMMER THEATRE ADVENTURE

Wednesday, July 13, 2:00 p.m.
Matinee performance of "Birds of a Feather"
Port Stanley Theatre
Optional lunch at the Port Stanley Tapas and Grill
Cost: \$32 for the theatre; \$20 for lunch

The Bachman Warbler is extinct . . . or is it? Competitive bird watchers converge on a quest for the rarest of birds, as archrivals clash in a battle of wits, technology and high stakes. Lessons learned, loves revealed and a laugh-filled search for one of life's surprises . . . be careful what you wish for!

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Got Questions?
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INTEREST GROUPS

Facilitators will confirm the date of the first meeting unless shown otherwise. Note: Many interest groups are off-site.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB with Jeff Keenor

Meets 1st Thursday a.m. of each month 11:45 – 1:00
Fee: \$15 for September 2015 to June 2016
Maximum 16 members

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

RECORDER ENSEMBLE with John Morgan

Meets every other Thursday p.m. 2:00 – 3:30
Location: Church of St. Jude, Fanshawe and Adelaide
Fee: \$15 plus expenses

This is a continuing group – new members welcome. It is expected that all members will play a C or F instrument and be in the process of learning the second instrument.

FRIENDS OF THE HYLAND with Mary Evans and Helen Bullas

Meets 2nd Sunday of the month for early matinee at the Hyland Theatre followed by a trip to a local restaurant for lively discussion of the film.

Fee: \$15 for September 2015 to June 2016.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

EASTER HOLIDAY (No Classes)

Friday, March 25

SPRING REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION SESSIONS

Wednesday, March 30,
10:00 – 12:00 noon and 1:00 – 3:00
Grosvenor Lodge

This is a great time to register for the Spring study, activity and discussion group(s) of your choice and talk with the moderators and facilitators about the Spring Program. Short information sessions will be held throughout the day for prospective and current members who would like an overview of SLR and discover all we have to offer – and what you can offer us. The waiting list for Co-Registration is also available at this time. As usual, refreshments are free. Everyone is welcome. Don't hesitate to bring your friends!

SPRING LUNCHEON AND 22ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, April 14, 12:00 Noon (see **Social Events for details)**

FALL PROGRAM BROCHURE AND REGISTRATION FORM

Distribution begins at the Spring Luncheon and AGM (April 14), and will continue thereafter in classes, on the website, in the lobby, and at the Fall Program Preview on May 19 (see below). If you need a hard copy mailed to you, please contact the office at 519-438-3525.

SPRING TERM BEGINS

Week of April 18

SPRING NATURE STROLL

(see **Social Events** for Details)

FALL PROGRAM PREVIEW AND REGISTRATION

Thursday, May 19, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Siloam United Church
1240 Fanshawe Park Road East

Listen to the moderators and facilitators describe their study, activity and discussion groups, and be among the first to register. Our program previews are lively and fun, with each facilitator trying to convince you that his/her course is the best one for you. Another opportunity to socialize and enjoy free coffee and cookies. As always, friends are welcome!

VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY (No Classes)

Monday, May 23

AGA KHAN MUSEUM BUS TRIP

Wednesday, May 25 (see **Social Events for details)**

STRAWBERRIES IN JUNE

Wednesday, June 15, 12:00 noon (see **Social Events for details)**

SUMMER THEATRE ADVENTURE

Wednesday, July 13 (see **Social Events for details)**

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

REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND POLICIES

Registration opens upon distribution of the brochure.

All registrations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. See brochure for maximum group sizes.

The Registration Form with payment can be handed in at the Open Houses, the Program Previews, or at any time by mail or drop off in the SLR locked mailbox located in the 1st floor foyer. (For the date, time and location of the Program Preview and Open House, see the “**Mark Your Calendars**” section in the brochure and/or visit www.slrlondon.ca)

Cheque or **cash** payments only. Cheques are payable to **SLR London**.

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

Registration is complete only when full payment has been received by SLR.

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CO-REGISTRATION POLICY

To guarantee a place in a Study, Activity or Discussion Group, payment is required for each course at the time of registration. If, however, there is space available in another course you would like to take **AND** you have already registered and paid for at least one course of equal or higher value, you may apply for the additional course **AT OR AFTER** the Open House or Program Preview at no charge by going to the Co-Registration table to submit your request. You may also make your application by email or telephone at any time following the Open House or Program Preview.

Applications will be processed the week prior to term commencement and all applicants will be contacted as to the status of their applications.

REFUND POLICY

No refunds are issued for Annual Membership Fees.

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

Refunds will be issued if a withdrawal occurs prior to the commencement of the program. Refunds are subject to a \$5.00 administration fee.

No refunds will be issued after the commencement of classes.

Exceptions will be considered for medical or compassionate reasons.

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