

ONLINE STUDY GROUPS

Online Spring Study Groups are 8 weeks; 2 hours/session; \$55 each; with 15 members maximum.

In Study Groups, each member researches a topic related to the general subject and shares their findings with the class. Note: For additional details, please visit www.srlondon.com.

FRENCH CULTURE FOR KINDRED SPIRITS

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

April 18 - June 13 (No class on Victoria Day)

Course Leader: Terry Flumerfelt

Are you a Francophile? Do you have a strong interest in French culture – the people, their history, politics, cuisine, customs, architecture, tourism and traditions? French is the official language of 28 countries around the world and France is the most visited country in the world. Come share your enthusiasm with other kindred spirits! Please note – sessions will be conducted in English.

Possible Topics: *Why is French food so popular? Famous French people; France as a tourist destination and tourist tips; French customs and traditions; social class in France; France's immigrant population; French lifestyle and leisure activities; historic moments; French family and values; French music, literature, painting, architecture; wine and vineyards of France.*

INDIGENOUS ART AND ARTISTS

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

April 18 - June 13 (No class on Victoria Day)

Co-Leaders: Lynn Hamilton and Diana Lloyd

Join us for a journey through the world of Indigenous Art past and present. We'll explore artists, styles, colours, mediums and more – painting, pottery, sculpture, weaving, beadwork and carvings. Choose the art of any indigenous group in any corner of the world and share with us what you learn.

Possible Topics: *Maori art; Canadian Indigenous art; weaving; Inuit soapstone sculpture; any indigenous artist; Aboriginal rock art; Australian Aboriginal art; Canadian Metis art; art and artists of Africa; pottery of North American peoples; Ethiopian art; totem poles of the Canadian Haida.*

MOMENTS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

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

April 20 - June 8

Course Leader: Burton Moon

What moments have changed the world for the better? In history there are many examples of "eureka" moments in the sciences, arts, politics, medicine, and finance – moments that changed life as we know it. Choose one of these and share your findings; or you may wish to share a personal "ah-ha" moment that made a huge difference in your life.

Possible Topics: *Google "eureka moments" or "transformational moments in history" in any sphere of human endeavour. There are multiple lists and possible topics to explore.*

GREAT SHORT STORIES

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

April 21 - June 9

Course Leader: Sara Kearney

Short stories can be humorous, thought-provoking, mysterious, or even scary. Within the space of a few pages, an author must weave a story that's compelling, create characters we care about, and drive the story to its ultimate conclusion. Pick an old favourite or explore works from modern authors to share with the class.

Possible Topics: *Stories by Carol Shields, Emma Donoghue, Stephen Leacock, Ian Rankin, Peter Robinson, James Reaney, O. Henry, Edgar Allan Poe, Ernest Hemingway, Agatha Christie, Virginia Wolfe, Toni Morrison, Raymond Carver, Roald Dahl, Daphne du Maurier.*

ONLINE DISCUSSION AND ACTIVITY GROUPS

Number of sessions and fees vary

THE ONTARIO PROVINCIAL ELECTION

Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

May 10 - June 7 (5 sessions)

Course Leaders: Ray Jones and Eleanor Rath

Fee: \$35; maximum 24

Our Provincial Election is June 2nd with four parties running. What is each party's platform on the many challenges facing Ontarians? Does Doug Ford deserve another term? Who is Steven Del Duca? Can the NDP win? What role will the PPC play? We will meet four times before the election and once afterward to discuss the results. Join us for a very lively discussion.

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

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

April 19 - June 7 (8 sessions)

Course Leader: Deborah Roberts; Zoom Host: Denise Ritchie

Fee: \$55; maximum 12 members

Creative writing is a form of artistic expression, drawing on imagination and open-minded thinking - the craft of making things up. Anyone can be a creative writer. In an encouraging and fun environment, we'll engage in varied writing exercises to stretch our mental muscles. From various forms - poetry, short stories, songs, plays, and stream-of-consciousness - we'll construct and share our compositions. Join us for an enjoyable experience.

HOT TOPICS IN THE NEWS

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

April 20 - June 8 (8 sessions)

Course Leader: Alison Greenhill

Fee: \$55; maximum 12

A weekly sampling of what's happening in our city, province, country and the rest of the world. Topics can range from politics, racial issues, health care, education, history, arts and entertainment, ethics to good news stories - what is of interest to you, is of interest to us. Each participant, in turn, will contribute three items for the whole group to discuss.

CANNABIS 101

Thursdays 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

April 21 – May 26 (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? What are the 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 follows short presentations.

THE RIGHT PLACE

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

April 22 – May 20 (5 sessions)

Course Leaders: Phyllis Brady and Kathleen Hazelwood

Fee: \$35; Maximum 12 members

Join us as we explore housing alternatives, delve into our expectations of living into old age, and investigate options to consider. Topics include decisions on aging in place, downsizing, retirement communities and co-housing, to name a few. Bring your questions and shared experiences so we can learn together.

SOCIAL EVENTS

SPRING PROGRAM PREVIEW AND REGISTRATION - ONLINE

Friday, April 1

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. (Zoom opens at 1:00; presentations begin 1:30 sharp!)

Online Registration Opens at 3:00 p.m.

Join us for a spirited and fun preview of our Spring classes. Each of our course leaders is given just 1-1/2 minutes to convince you to sign up for their class - not an easy task! There is also an opportunity to socialize prior to and after the formal program.

28th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - ONLINE

Wednesday, April 27

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Join us for our 28th AGM to get an update on our current status, our hopes for the future, and to vote on candidates for the Board. There will be time for questions and comments.

Spring 2022

Got Questions?
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INTEREST GROUPS

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB with Jeff Keenor (FULL)

Meetings are held on Zoom the first Tuesday of each month

September to June from 11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

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

THE SLUGS (Ukulele Ensemble)

Ongoing on Fridays: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Facilitator: Jacqui Griffin

Fee: \$15 for 2021-2022 Year

The SLUGs will meet every Friday outside Grosvenor Lodge to recoup skills lost over the winter and polish off the songs we have been working on. Graduates of previous ukulele courses are invited to join the group.

FRIENDS OF THE HYLAND is currently on hold.

The GINA BARBER SLR SINGERS, RECORDER ENSEMBLE, and PLAY ON have been suspended for the duration of the pandemic. SLR members will be advised when it is deemed safe for these valued groups to resume their activities.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Spring Program Preview (Online)

Friday, April 1, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Spring Registration Opens

Friday, April 1, 3:00 p.m. (after the Program Preview)

Online Classes Begin

Week of April 18

28th Annual General Meeting (Online)

Wednesday, April 27, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Victoria Day Holiday

Monday, May 23, no classes

Fall 2022 Brochure

Due out May 23

Fall Program Preview (Online)

Friday, May 27, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Fall Registration Opens

Friday, May 27, 3:00 p.m. (after the Program Preview)

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

REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND POLICIES

All Courses will continue Online for the Spring Term:

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

You can register for courses online by going to www.slrlondon.com, or via regular mail. If unsure how to register online, go to the Zoom tab on the website (top right on home page just before large REGISTER button) to get the easy step-by-step instructions.

Membership Fee for New Members:

If you are new to SLR starting in the Spring term, please remember to pay your pro-rated membership fee of **\$10**. 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).

Members who paid their membership in the Fall or Winter 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 prior to or in the first week. To join the waiting list, just click on our email link (under Mailing Address below) to send us a message. Be sure to tell us the **name of the course you would like**.

Payment Options:

The website accepts credit and some (not all) 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. 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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