

Horizons

Learning Later, Living Greater

Fall 2019

Winter Lecture Series on the White Mountains

Bob Lyon, one of our newest Study Group Leaders and a member of the AIL Curriculum Committee, is moderating a course for the Winter 2020 term on a subject close to home: the White Mountain National Forest in New Hampshire. Bob has gathered an impressive group of speakers with expertise on the environment, history, recreational opportunities, dangers, and art inspired by the White Mountains.

- Laura Sykes, a professor and Dean of Faculty at Colby-Sawyer College, will begin the series with an overview of the White Mountains and their importance to the region.



New Hampshire (White Mountain Landscape), Régis François Gignoux, ca. 1864. Hood Museum of Art Collection, Dartmouth College.

- Kristin Judge, who has climbed all 48 of the 4,000+ foot mountains in New Hampshire, will discuss the many hiking opportunities and challenges in the area.

- Dartmouth College professor Allen Koop will present the history of the Appalachian Mountain Club mountain huts, which offer hikers and climbers both food and lodging on the Presidential Range. The eight huts are located along this White Mountain section of the Appalachian Trail.

- Andrew Drummond will talk about backcountry skiing or, as Bob calls it, “skiing where other people don’t,” including Tuckerman Ravine where dense snowpack can extend the ski season into early summer.

- Jon Sykes, a well-known authority on rock and ice climbing, will tell us how to navigate the White Mountains by taking profoundly off-the-beaten-track routes (and surviving to tell the story).

- Author Julie Boardman will talk about hikers and climbers who didn’t survive, the focus of her book, *Death in the White Mountains*. A second

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Commit yourself to lifelong learning. The most valuable asset you’ll ever have is your mind and what you put into it.

Brian Tracy

President's Letter

Following upon another successful and varied Summer program and our first Science Pub of the new academic year, AIL Fall courses are now well underway. I hope you've all renewed your memberships and are engaged in stimulating classes this term. I had a hard time choosing and am taking five!

And, hot off the press, our Thursday's Child dinner at the New London Inn is now scheduled in October, a wonderful way to launch our new academic year! Did you know that half of the net profits from these dinners comes to AIL and goes into the AIL Scholarship Fund? In 2019, we contributed almost \$1,000 through the Thursday's Child dinner and the total fund now stands at more than \$34,000. Last year our Colby-Sawyer AIL Achievement Award recipient, a third-year student in the nursing program, was awarded \$2,300. We can make a difference! So, mark your calendars for October 24th, get a table together, make a reservation at the Inn and come enjoy great food and conversation, renewed and new friendships and support a good cause.

Happy Fall! See you at the Inn and in class,

– Mary Doyle, President



Muster Field Farm, Joan Eaton



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Thursday's Child Dinner – October 24th at the New London Inn



Our Thursday's Child dinner on Thursday, October 24th at the New London Inn supports the AIL Achievement Award, established in 2008. This award is given to a junior at Colby-Sawyer College whose academic scholarship demonstrates the potential for lifelong learning. In addition, the recipient's commitment to Colby-Sawyer College and potential for lifelong contribution are indicated by his or her service to the college and leadership.

Thanks to AIL members, we can support a promising Colby-Sawyer College student with this annual award. We hope many of you will join us on October 24th for an enjoyable evening with AIL friends.

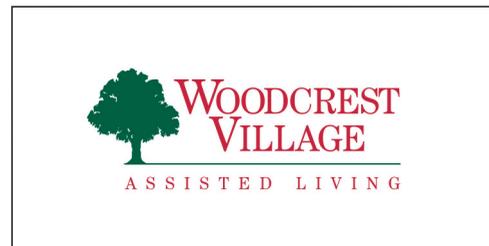
Community Outreach at Woodcrest

The meeting room is nearly full, as are most AIL classes. Participants are talking with one another, catching up on news since they last met. Some are speaking with the instructor, checking on upcoming offerings. There are walkers and canes leaning against chairs. Some attendees need assistance in moving about; others are tapping along with the "poetry through music" the instructor is offering, or are singing along when they know the tunes. There is spirited class participation, chiding one another and even the instructor, and lots of laughter.

This is what a class is like at Woodcrest Village, part of an outreach program launched by AIL in 2012. More than 70 different programs have been offered since, free of charge and open to the public. Usually presented by those who have offered programs in the regular course cycle, they have run the gamut from Lord Peter Wimsey and Steven Jobs to the films of Buster Keaton and Renaissance Florence.

The Woodcrest residents and administrators, and the public have embraced the program wholeheartedly. It means residents can participate as fully as they wish in programs that would otherwise be inaccessible to them. Programs are just an hour and are offered at 3:30 the fourth Thursday of each month... and adjourn just in time for a leisurely stroll down the hallway to the Woodcrest "Happy Hour."

Betsy Boege organizes and coordinates the presentations. Details are advertised in The Kearsarge Shopper one week ahead of the scheduled program. If you're interested in joining the roster of presenters, contact Betsy through the AIL Office.



Woodcrest Talks this Fall

AIL and Woodcrest Village are offering the following talks in October and November in the Community Meeting Room:

Thurs., Oct. 24, 3:30 p.m.

England's Romantic Poets with
Morris Edwards

Tues., Nov. 19, 3:30 p.m.

Drugs of Abuse with Bob Lyon

– Maggie Ford

Outstanding Winter Course Offerings

Adventures in Learning is offering 12 courses for the Winter 2020 term including **We the People (Reading the Constitution Again for the First Time)**, back by popular demand. Richard Schwemm will discuss many constitutional issues of today, focusing on the 2020 presidential election.

Larry Crocker raises challenging issues in his course **What You Wanted to Know About Philosophy but Were Afraid to Ask**. Does philosophy produce answers? What moral principles are required by reason; is morality even relative? Were Nazi laws really laws? All challenging issues to be explored during a five-week course.

Ace Eaton will lead **The United States, 1941-1945: The Home Front**. This course will examine how the United States supported a two-front war during WWII following a strong isolationist policy after WWI. In her two-week course **Above the 49th Parallel – Canada, an Idiosyncratic View**,

Kathleen Hunter, a dual citizen of Canada and the U.S., will highlight our neighbor to the north, a country too few Americans know much about. The course will explore Canada's history, politics, literature and the arts. **Tulips, Trade and Art: The Netherlands' Golden Age**, led by Bill Helm, will take us back to the dawn of the 17th century, from Tulipomania to Rembrandt, Frans Hals and Rubens, Amsterdam-on-the-Hudson and more. Enjoy!

To pass the long, cold winter months, become an armchair traveler and sign up for a course on **Spain's Treasures: The Basque Provinces, Catalonia, and the Balearic Islands**. Bill Tighe examines the Basque cultures, one of the oldest in Europe with a language all its own and no relation to any other Indo-European language. Visit Mallorca, Menorca, Ibiza and

Formentera in the Mediterranean Sea, explore their food, music, sports, tourism and more. There are no assignments or text books, so sit back, relax and who knows, maybe book a trip to the sun!

Then on to **The Allure of Countries Less Travelled**: Ken Tentarelli will be the moderator for this course exploring the diversity of our world as each week a different presenter will take us to a country with a unique history and culture. Countries such as Belize, China, Tanzania, Argentina, and Saudi Arabia are on the list.

Closer to home, AIL will offer a course on **The White Mountains: Adventure, Beauty and Danger in our Backyard**. Bob Lyon, Ph.D. will be the moderator of a lecture series featuring local experts on the White Mountains. Topics include history, current issues facing the White Mountains, hiking, extreme skiing at Tuckerman's Ravine, rock and ice climbing, Mt. Washington, danger in the White Mountains, and more.

Music, literature and the visual arts are represented in a course entitled **Beginning . . . Middle . . . End, Surveying the Symphonies of Ralph Vaughan Williams**. David L. Almond will guide you listening to movements of these symphonies and reading articles related to the music. Sensitive ears and a lively imagination are all that is needed. **Nobel Literature Laureates** participants will experience a global view of the best in world literature. Nancy Marashio will include the Nobel citation for each author, the presentation speech, and the Nobel acceptance lectures.

*The Winter Course Catalog
will be mailed in mid-October*

Registration begins Oct. 30

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Last but not least, **Hollywood True Crime** led by John Peterman will pull back the curtain on Tinseltown during 100 years of celebrity glamour and fan worship. Actors such as Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle, Lana Turner, Sal Mineo and Robert Blake will be discussed. Then in **small films w/ BIG IMPACT**, Joseph P. Fanning will present films made with small budgets, yet generating great interest, impressive awards, and monetary gains! The films *Goodbye, Mr. Chips*, *High Noon*, *The Apartment*, *The Spiral Staircase*, and *It Happened One Night* will all be viewed.

– Marion T. Leyds

Upcoming Science Pub Programs

There are three more Science Pub programs this Fall. You can find details in the Fall 2019 course catalog. Reservations are required. Reserve your place by calling 526-3434 two weeks before each event:

Oct. 10, 6:00 p.m. — Weather on the Internet, Brent Scudder, M.S. Registration opens Sept. 26.

Nov. 14, 6:00 p.m. — Becoming an Avian Ecologist, Leonard R. Reitsma, Ph.D. Registration opens Oct. 31.

Dec. 12, 6:00 p.m. — The Unraveling of the Arctic: Why It Matters to US, Ross A. Virginia, Ph.D. Registration opens Nov. 27.

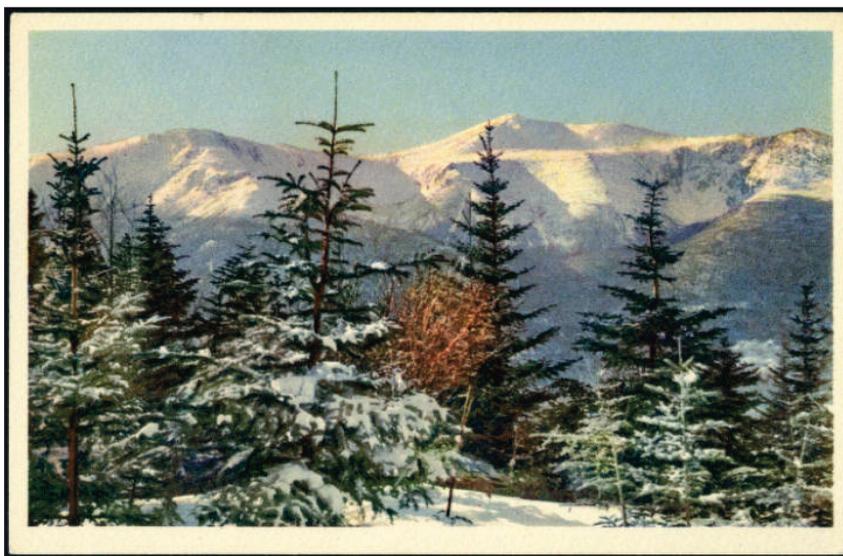
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lecture based on her other book, *When Women and Mountains Meet*, will look at the roles that intrepid women – explorers, mountaineers, conservationists, and one particular author – have played in the White Mountains.

- Jo Evarts wraps up the series with a discussion of the art of the region and how several famous Hudson Valley School painters brought their talents to the White Mountains to capture the beauty of the landscapes.

Seldom do we have such a collection of experts on a subject we can all visit within a short drive. Asked how he was drawn to this subject, Bob said he and his wife, JoAnn, are avid outdoors people who ski, hike, snowshoe, scuba dive, and climb mountains. The topic was a good fit for their interests. Bob has also run 15 marathons and finished a half-Ironman triathlon (a few years back). Bob, who has a Ph.D. in Pharmacology and recently retired after a 30-year career at Procter & Gamble, has led an AIL course on drugs of abuse and been a presenter for Science Pub. This course, inspired by his enthusiasm for all this region has to offer, will bring the White Mountains to us through eight lectures on history, nature, art, and outdoor adventures. Don't miss this one – it's going to be a fascinating lecture series!

– Sheldon Boege



Mount Washington from Wildcat Ski Trail, White Mountains, N.H., Postcard, 1936. Museum of the White Mountains, Plymouth State University.

Recognition Luncheon for Study Leaders

At the urging of John Roberts, outgoing Curriculum Chair, and with enthusiastic support from the members of the committee, study leaders were treated to the first-ever study leader recognition luncheon at the New London Inn on June 25th.

It was a lively event, with twenty-five study leaders and Curriculum Committee members in attendance. John began with words of heartfelt appreciation to John Ferries, AIL's outgoing president, for his outstanding contribution to the program. Joanna Henderson was also welcomed as the new Curriculum Committee chair.

In his remarks to study leaders, John Roberts expressed thanks for their hard work and support of lifelong learning. "I think of AIL courses as a journey. And a good journey needs a good guide," John said. An apt metaphor.

And there was more! A stunning Levenson leather portfolio – provided by John Roberts – was won by Dr. Gene Lariviere (whose raffle number was 7; maybe there is something to the lucky 7 superstition!). Gene, a seasoned study leader who has presented 18 AIL courses (soon to be 19), certainly earned such a lovely gift.

Everyone received a thoughtful token of appreciation, a stemless glass with the words,

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Thank You
Learning Later, Living Greater

– Beverly Marshall



Photo: Nina Tasi

John Roberts and Joanna Henderson



Photo: Nina Tasi

Gene Lariviere with his new portfolio



Photo: Abby Hutchinson

Meet the Chamber Night

AIL was among the 50 local organizations at Meet the Chamber night on Aug. 1, organized by the Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce. The tent was packed and AIL volunteers answered lots of questions about courses and membership.

Pictured, L to R: Pat Stewart, PR Committee Chair; Nina Tasi, AIL Program Coordinator; and Janie Webster, PR Committee member. Committee member Sonja Suitor was also on hand to help. Thanks to all!

Photos of Summer Term Courses



Photo: Joan Eaton



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Top row, L to R: Study leader Patricia Peters Martin and Encore 2019: Film course participants. Second row: Janice Cundey in the course she led with Bill Helm and an AIL member in Pam Sanborn's course, Age - Thrive - and Stay ALIVE. Third row: Fran Wilson talking with students in her course, Summertime is for Painting, and Jim Bays in his course on Thomas Jefferson Bottom: Neil Shifrin leading a session of Encore 2019: Science



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at Colby-Sawyer College.

*Remember to renew your membership
for 2019-2020 so you don't miss any
ALL news. Annual membership runs
from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.*

Winter Term at a Glance

Classes begin the week of Jan. 13 unless otherwise indicated

MONDAYS

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

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The United States, 1941-1945: The Home Front / Ace Eaton

What You Wanted to Know About Philosophy but Were Afraid to Ask

Larry Crocker

Beginning . . . Middle . . . End

Surveying the Symphonies of Ralph Vaughan Williams / David L. Almond

TUESDAYS

9:30 a.m. – noon

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

small films w/ BIG IMPACT / Joseph P. Fanning

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