

South Florida State College

# Lifetime Learners Institute

## Who We Are

South Florida State College's Lifetime Learners Institute (LLI) has been in existence for over 20 years. It provides non-credit, educational, short-term sessions that foster the exchange of ideas and experiences in a collegiate setting.

The LLI season begins in January and ends in March allowing for both our year-round and much-welcomed snow friends an opportunity to attend. Sessions are every Thursday with at least one field trip per month. Field trips provide a relaxed environment for adults to develop new interests and enjoy opportunities for personal growth and social interaction with like-minded people.

Governed by a committee of peers that ensure the season's schedule provides intellectually enriched sessions and cultural explorations. Our presenters volunteer from our membership, the community, and South Florida State College faculty and retirees.

## Membership

Save by becoming a 2020 Lifetime Learners member for \$108 and enjoy all of our sessions (excludes any additional field trip and/or lunch fees). In addition, LLI members may bring one friend to one session during the 2020 program year, free of charge—*excluding field trip dates*.

Not sure about becoming a member? Not a problem, attendees may choose sessions of interest and pay as they go. Select individual sessions for \$18 each. \*Field trip prices vary.

**South Florida State College  
welcomes you!**

**Highlands Campus,  
600 West College Drive, Avon  
Park, FL**



## Field Trip Highlights

### ★ Jan 16

- Big Cats Habitat and Gulf Coast Sanctuary, Sarasota, FL
- Fees: \$30 LLI member / \$40 Non-Member / \$10 Veteran – proof required at registration and at sanctuary
- Traveling in SFSC vans
- Wear appropriate dress and footwear
- Lunch on your own
- Meet at SFSC Library—Highlands Campus at 8:30 a.m., depart at 9 a.m.
- Depart from Sarasota at 3 p.m.

### ★ Feb 13

- Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum Big Cypress Museum, Clewiston, FL
- Fees: \$25 LLI member / \$33 Non-Member
- Traveling in SFSC Vans
- Wear appropriate dress and footwear
- Lunch on your own at Billie Swamp Safari
- Meet at SFSC Library—Highlands Campus at 7 a.m., leaving at 7:30 a.m.
- Depart from Clewiston at 3 p.m.

### ★ March 12

- Lakeland Trip – Art Museum, Swans
- Traveling in SFSC vans
- Fees: Non-Member \$28 / LLI Member \$10
- Lunch not included in LLI member or non-member fee
- Meet at SFSC Library—Highlands
- Wear appropriate dress and footwear
- Campus at 9 a.m., leaving at 9:30 a.m.
- Depart from Lakeland at 4 p.m.

### ★ March 26

- History of Golf and Pinecrest Golf Club
- Lunch – on your own, on-site at the Sandhill Grill
- Meet at SFSC Library—Highlands Campus at 9 a.m., leaving at 9:15 a.m.
- Depart from Pinecrest at 2 p.m.



# January 2020

## **Jan 9 (Non-Member Session CRN 20296)**

- **Session A: (9 a.m.) Heel Together Academy – Sheriff Blackman**

Sheriff Paul Blackman will introduce us to the Highlands County Heel Together Academy and explain how eight weeks can transform the lives of canines and their inmate trainers.

- **Session B: (11:15 a.m.) PowerPoint on upcoming field trip to the Big Cats Rescue**

PowerPoint on upcoming field trip to the Big Cat Habitat and Gulf Coast Sanctuary.

## ★ **Jan 16 Field Trip (Non-Member CRN 20334 / LLI Member CRN 20335/ LLI Veteran CRN 21410)**

- **Session A & B: Big Cat Habitat and Gulf Coast Sanctuary – Sarasota**

**\*Fee— Non-member \$40/ LLI Member \$30 /Special Veteran price - \$10 proof require at time of registration and day of trip to show at entrance**

A non-profit facility that rescues and provide a permanent home to exotic cats and other wildlife in need of a safe home. Join us as we tour the compound and learn what it takes to care for these wild exotic animals.

## **Jan 23 (Non-Member Session CRN 20337)**

- **Session A&B: (9 a.m.) Florida's Involvement in the Civil War -- Ray McIntyre**

Ray McIntyre, a Florida Cracker, was born in Highlands County, third generation Highlands's County family and sixth generation in Florida. During the war, Florida made a significant contribution to the war effort, in materials, and significant amounts of beef cattle. His great-great-grandfather served in the 9th Florida Infantry, Confederate States of America (1861 - 1865).

## **Jan 30 (Non-Member Session CRN 20336)**

- **Session A&B: (9 a.m.) Five Minutes to Stage – Tammy Snow, SFSC Alan J. Wildstein**  
**Performing Arts Center, House Manager**

Step back stage for a first-hand look at what it takes to set up for performances. Everything from load in to load out, carpentry, riggers and much more. Tour backstage with Tammy and discover how performances look from behind the curtain.



# February 2020

## **Feb 6 (Non-Member Session CRN 20338)**

- **Session A: (9 a.m.) Highlands County Citizens Academy – Deputies Moore, Riley and Gunn / SFSC's Sari Crews, previous attendee of the academy**

An up-close and hands-on look at what the Sheriff's office does every day. The Citizen's academy is an eye-opening learning experience open to anyone. Citizen's Academy students get a taste of everything. They get to conduct simulated traffic stops, arrests and searches, as well as, see what it is like to respond to an "active shooter" and see K-9 and Taser demonstrations.

- **Session B: (11 a.m.) —The Florida Citrus Industry - Hurner, Laurie**

Development? Greening? Canker? With much talk regarding the research on new crop possibilities in Florida and the many challenges they face; where does the citrus industry stand as a major part of the state's economy? Hurner, Highlands County's Citrus extension agent, will take us through the history and future of the state's official fruit – oranges.



## **Feb 13 Field Trip (Non-Member CRN 20340 / LLI Member CRN 20342)**

- **Session (Session A & B): Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Big Cypress Museum – Clewiston**  
**\*Fee — Non-member \$33/ LLI Member \$25**

Join us as we discover in the nestled heart of the Everglades on the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation, the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum is home to more than 180,000 unique artifacts and archival items. Come and learn about the Seminole people and experience their rich cultural and historical ties to the Southeast and Florida, as they have made Big Cypress their home since creation. We will enjoy an inside tour along with a film and a one mile boardwalk tour of the sculpture gardens.

## **Feb 20 (Non-Member Session CRN 20343)**

- **Session A&B: (9 a.m.) Building Healthy Communities: Archbold Biological Station's Education Program—Angell, Dustin, Director of Education and Swain, Hillary**

Archbold Biological Station's Education Program exists to share the knowledge needed to better understand and protect the life, lands, and waters of Florida's Heartland. Angell will highlight Archbold's youth programs and share stories about Archbold research.

## **Feb 27 (Non-Member CRN 20344)**

- **Session A: (9 a.m.) Hogs in our community – Wild Pigs: Billion Dollar Bacon, Raoul Boughton**

An invasive species to the Americas, wild pigs cause billions of damage to agriculture and impact the natural ecosystems surrounding us. Until recently, there was little understanding about their biology and ecology in North America. This presentation will explain why wild pigs are a big issue and the results of research conducted right here in Highlands County about this robust and prolific species.

- **Session B: (11a.m.) Gatorama Presentation – Register, Patty**

The day in the life of a gator in the wild and in captivity at Gatorama.



# March 2020

## **March 5 - (Non-Member Session—CRN 20857)**

- **Session A/B: (9 a.m.) SFSC First Responders Program and Tour—Ashworth, Steve**

History of EMS and Fire Science at SFSC. Presentation, describing the expansion of the EMS and addition of the Fire Science programs. This will include a virtual tour of the facilities.

## ★ **March - 12 Field Trip (Non-Member CRN 20946 / LLI Member CRN 21049)**

- **Session A & B: Lakeland Outdoor Art , Museum and Swans**

**\*Fee — Non-member \$28 LLI Member \$10 (Lunch on your own – not included in the registration fee)**

The trip to Lakeland will start with a docent tour of the Polk Museum of Art, a first class museum affiliated with Florida Southern College. Then a downtown tour of the Florida Outdoor Sculpture Competition winners for 2020. This is coordinated through the Lakeland Parks & Recreation Department, the same Department responsible for the 80+ swans living on three downtown lakes. We will learn about these beautiful birds in their habitat. Lunch is at the Garden Bistro, next to lovely Hollis Gardens, a botanical display garden in a neo-classical environment within Lake Mirror Park.

## Closed for Spring Break - March 16 - 20

## ★ **March 26 - Presentation and Luncheon (Non-Member CRN 21050)**

- **Session A/B: History of Golf and Pinecrest Golf Club—Staffieri, Joseph**

**Lunch at the Sandhill Grill - \*Fee — Non-member \$18**

Joe Staffieri will provide us with a history of the Pinecrest Golf Club, as well as, a question and answer session followed by a delightful lunch at the Sandhill Grill. (Lunch on your own – not included in the registration fee)

Please visit [www.southflorida.edu/community](http://www.southflorida.edu/community) for registration form.  
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