

South Florida State College

# Lifetime Learners Institute

## Who We Are

The Lifetime Learners Institute (LLI) is sponsored by South Florida State College. 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 held 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.

LLI is 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 2019 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 2019 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. Pick and choose individual sessions for \$18 each.

**South Florida State College  
welcomes you!**

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



## Field Trip Highlights

### ★ Jan 31

*Archbold requires a separate PRE-REGISTRATION which must be done prior to 1/24/19—Please see Trish M. - LLI Committee Member*

- Archbold Biological Station  
Venus, FL
- Additional Fee: \$17 pp includes lunch
- Traveling in SFSC Vans
- Wear appropriate dress and footwear
- Meet at SFSC Library—Highlands Campus at 8 a.m., leaving at 8:30 a.m.

### ★ Feb 28

- Center for Great Apes  
Wauchula, FL
- Additional Fee: \$25 pp
- Traveling in SFSC Vans
- Wear appropriate dress and footwear
- Meet at SFSC Library—Highlands Campus at 10 a.m., leaving at 10:15 a.m.

### ★ March 21

- Sugar Sand Distillery
- Traveling in SFSC Vans
- Food truck or sub platters will be available—lunch not included in LLI member or non-member fee
- Meet at SFSC Library—Highlands Campus at 9:45 a.m., leaving at 10 a.m.

### ★ March 29

- Meet at the Hotel Jacaranda at 9 a.m.—Please make sure you are registered and paid for the luncheon. See registration form for information.
- **REMINDER:** LLI member or not, please register and pay for all field trips/luncheon that you plan to attend.



# January 2019

## Jan 10 (Non-Member Session CRN 20114)

- **Session A: (9 a.m.) Pollinators—Dr. Mark Deyrup, Emeritus Research Biologist**

If you enjoyed Dr. Deyrup's "Wild About Ants" presentation last year, come back for this year's "Pollinators." With his wealth of knowledge on this subject and his beautiful illustrations, you will be fascinated by these insects that affect our lives in so many ways.

- **Session B: (11 a.m.) An Overview of Archbold —Dustin Angell**

Dustin Angell is an environmental educator and conservation photographer living and working in the headwaters of Florida's Everglades. As an educational coordinator at Archbold, he interprets and researches the history of the organization and its research priorities for all audiences.

## Jan 17 (Non-Member Session CRN 20371)

- **Session A: (9 a.m.) Anglo-Saxons in England ca 400—1066—Dr. Ivan McDaniel**

We will look at the culture of the Germanic tribes, the Angles, Saxons, and Jutes, in what is now England from their arrival around 40 A.D. to their conquest by the Normans in 1066 A.D. We will also take a look at their history, art, literature and language, especially focusing on the Sutton Hoo ship burial and more recent archeological discoveries.

- **Session B: (11 a.m.) Early Bok Tower: The People and The Gardens—Peter Brockmann**

Peter Brockmann will guide us through the history of Bok Tower Gardens from concept to the current day.

## Jan 24 (Non-Member Session CRN 20369)

- **Session A: (9 a.m.) "RSVP" - The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Overview—Kris Juve "Disaster in a Bucket" - Lea Ann Curry**

Kris Juve, Coordinator for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) for 11 years will share her experience with the program and provide insight on how you can become more involved within your community. Lea Ann serves as the lead disaster preparedness volunteer for (RSVP) and since 2007, has taught nearly 5,000 Highlands County residents (including Snowbirds) the importance of preparing for disasters by creating a family plan. Participants will learn how to create a family disaster plan, build an emergency evacuation kit in a five gallon bucket, and hear "lessons learned" from Hurricane Irma.

- **Session B: (11 a.m.) Senior Sleuths: Senior's vs. Crime —Thomas C. Guinther of the Highlands County Sheriff's Office presents this project of the Florida Attorney General wherein "Senior Sleuths" offer free assistance to seniors who have been taken advantage of financially.**

## ★ Jan 31 (Non-Member—CRN 20374 / LLI Member—CRN 20373)

- **Session A & B: Archbold Biological Station: Science, Conservation, and Education in the Florida Heartland**

Dustin Angell will provide us with in depth insight into to the history of the research that is being done at Archbold about the interesting and highly threatened ecosystem. You will learn about the plants and animals of the scrub, the rate of fire, and the history of the Lake Wales Ridge. There will also be a guided tour of their learning center and the opportunity to pet a live snake (for those who are interested!). Additionally there will be a half-hour guided tour through some of the scrub land. At the end of the tour, there will be a sandwich bar lunch and the opportunity to ask questions. *(Non-member fee \$35 / LLI member fee \$17 in advance/includes lunch.—Must be pre-registered with Archbold prior to Jan. 24, 2019)*

# February 2019



## **Feb 7 (Non-Member Session CRN 20320)**

- **Session A & B: Eagles in Florida—Reinier Manguia, President Lake Audubon Society**

There are an estimated 1,500 breeding bald eagle pairs in Florida, which is second to Alaska, in the United States. Bald eagle populations are being monitored in most of Florida and show that our national symbol is thriving, but also faces threats as more of the Sunshine State is developed. Mr. Manguia will tell us how their environment and survival has changed over the years, as well as the impact on other members of the “eagle” family.

## **Feb 14 (Non-Member Session CRN 20375)**

- **Session A: (9 a.m.) —Bill Parken, Ranger Florida Fish and Wildlife**

The Lake Wales Ridge originated as a series of sand islands more than a million years ago. These sand hills of Central Florida are home to a unique collection of plants and animals found nowhere else in the world.

- **Session B: (11 a.m.) —Coyotes in the Heartland, the Ugly Truth—Ray McIntyre & Gator Howerton**

With no natural predators, the coyote population in this part of Florida has grown exponentially. Raymond McIntyre and Gator Howerton will share about the harvesting of coyotes in our county. Coyote sightings aren't limited to rural areas, although ranchers and dairy owners have had their run-ins, more recently urban calls have increased as well.

## **Feb 21 (Non-Member Session CRN 20364)**

- **Session A: (9 a.m.) Florida Aquifer—Jason Patterson**

What is an aquifer and why do I care? Jason Patterson, hydrologist, and team member for the central Florida Water Initiative will discuss the Florida aquifer system and how it affects our daily lives via our water supply.

- **Session B: (11 a.m.) The Center for Great Apes**

The Center for Great Apes was founded in order to provide lifetime care for rescued chimpanzees and orangutans. Learn how this ambitious undertaking began and how it has resulted in an impressive and amazing sanctuary.

## **★ Feb 28 Field Trip (Non-Member CRN 21282 / LLI Member CRN 21152)**

- **Session A & B: The Center for Great Apes— Additional fee—Non-member \$43 / LLI Member \$25**

Come with us as we tour The Center for the Great Apes in Wauchula, home to nearly 60 chimpanzees and orangutans rescued from medical research, the entertainment industry, and the exotic pet trade.



# March 2019

## **March 7 (Non-Member Session—CRN 20996)**

- **Session A: (9 a.m.) Audubon Society—Dr. Paul Gray**

Dr. Gray will talk about the wondrous diversity of birds in Florida as well as their relationships to humans, including the Audubon Society's efforts to protect them for the last 120 years.

- **Session B: (11 a.m.) Heartland LIVING Magazine—Cindy Sebring Adams, CEO Publisher**

With more than 15,000 copies circulating homes and distributed to over 1,000 high-traffic locations throughout the Heartland including businesses in DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Okeechobee and Polk counties, Heartland Living Magazine has been Cindy Sebring Adam's passion for the last six years. She is proud to call this beautiful part of Florida "Heartland" her home and proud of publishing her very own publication Heartland LIVING Magazine. Life takes us down interesting roads, some planned, many not, but this has been a labor of love for her to do something special for the community. Her goal for Heartland LIVING is to raise the bar for quality in our community. She wants the magazine to feel, look, and be special for their readers.

## **March 14 - College Closed for Spring Break**



## **March 21 Field Trip (Non-Member CRN 20367 / LLI Member CRN 20366)**

- **Session A & B: Sugar Sand Distillery—Jessica Giffin**

Learners will watch the process of using sugarcane to distill spirits, be taught the specifics of the distillation process and sand land growing techniques, and be shown the harvesting process of sugar cane.

## **March 28 Presentation and Luncheon—(Non-Member CRN 20368 / LLI Member CRN 20365)**

- **Session A/B: LLI Closing Luncheon—The Historic Jacaranda Hotel - Dr. Catherine P. Cornelius, former president of South Florida State College from 1984-2002**

Dr. C, as she is affectionately known to many, is a pillar in our community. Her leadership as the SFSC president, a member of the SFSC Foundation since 1984, and 16- year role as a commissioner on the Highlands County Historic Preservation Commission provided her with the unique opportunity to assist in the purchase and restoration of the Hotel Jacaranda. Join us as we close our 2019 LLI season with Dr. C on a stroll down memory lane and hallways at the historic Hotel Jacaranda.

*(Lunch—\$15 includes meal, drink, tax, gratuity—All attendees must pre-register and pay using CRN code provided above.)*

**\*Schedule is subject to change**