



## Learning in Retirement Class Offerings Spring Semester 2022

On-line member enrollment opens **Monday, January 10 and continues throughout Spring Semester 2022**. If you enrolled during Fall Semester 2021, your membership is still active and you need not enroll again.

The Annual Member Enrollment fee for 2021-2022 is **\$45/person** (good to June 30, 2022). You can complete your enrollment at any time. Go to LIR website at: [www.nicoletcollege.edu/lir](http://www.nicoletcollege.edu/lir)

We do have scholarships available. Contact Brenda Peltier, LIR Coordinator, at: [bpeltier@nicoletcollege.edu](mailto:bpeltier@nicoletcollege.edu) or [lir@nicoletcollege.edu](mailto:lir@nicoletcollege.edu).

Enrolled members will receive an email every Friday called, **LIR Weekly Reminder**. You will receive information on upcoming in-person classes and links to access virtual or recorded classes. To **register for any in-person classes** the LIR Coordinator, Brenda Peltier, will send out a notice three (3) weeks prior to the start of class. Contact Brenda at: [bpeltier@nicoletcollege.edu](mailto:bpeltier@nicoletcollege.edu) or 715-365-4491 to get your name on the list for in-person classes.

**Classes begin Monday, February 7, 2022**. Classes are VIRTUAL, unless a location is listed for an in-person class. We will record virtual classes if permitted by the presenter. Links for recorded classes will be provided in the LIR Weekly Reminder.

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### Nicolet College Covid-19 update

Nicolet College currently requires masks to be worn while inside campus buildings regardless of an individual's vaccination status. Nicolet requests everyone to be mindful of physical distancing while they are both indoors and outside. The College will continue to offer hand sanitizer and masks at the main entry ways of our campus building and respectfully requests all to stay home if they feel unwell.

For the latest and most up to date information visit [www.nicoletcollege.edu](http://www.nicoletcollege.edu)

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Enjoy the following listing of classes that our LIR Curriculum Committee put together for Spring Semester 2022.

## **FEBRUARY**

### **Current Events (8 sessions)**

Michael Shores

Monday

February 7, 21; March 7, 21; April 4, 18; May 2, 16

9:30 am

Virtual

Once again we will consider issues in Rhinelander, Oneida County, Wisconsin, the nation, and the planet. Many thanks to those who have provided the stories that are the grist for our mill and once again, we need those folks to continue and others to step up. As the spring semester comes into sharper focus, it is possible that face-to-face meetings may be possible at some point. The Weekly Reminder will include Michael's contact information to send him your stories/articles.

### **What We're Reading Now (8 sessions)**

Michael Shores

Friday

February 11, 25; March 11, 25; April 8, 22; May 6, 20

9:30 am

**Virtual**, link will be in Weekly Reminder

**In-person**, Nicolet College, Lakeside Center, room 222.

The non-fiction books the attendees are reading provide a starting point for interesting conversations on a wide variety of topics. Join us if you are a reader who likes to share, someone who enjoys stimulating discussions or one who loves to listen.

### **Motorcycle Travelogue 2021**

Petra Pietrzak

Tuesday

February 15

9:30 am

Virtual

Come along on Petra's great solo riding adventure of the year, a 5,000+ mile loop in search of national parks, hot springs, nice people, and other surprises that invariably arise along the way. Learn more about what it's like for a woman to take up motorcycling in the "golden years" -- other than starting too late!

#### **LIR MISSION**

**Learning in Retirement values a lifelong learning process that provides education and social opportunities that are stimulating, exciting, challenging, and fun.**

## **Computer Basics - Introduction**

Ray Blackburn

Friday

February 25; March 4

10:00 am

Location: Nicolet College, Northwoods Center, rooms 207 & 208

This class is intended to introduce you to the concepts and terminology you'll need to better understand your Windows 10 computer. It is not intended to be a hands-on class (we'll do that one next semester, if there is interest). We'll talk about terminology you'll need when making a computer purchase. We'll discuss files, folders, networking, email, social media, and many other concepts. Please bring your questions and confusion and we'll work to get you going forward. To keep it simple, we are not planning to talk beyond the scope of Windows 10.

**Maximum: 20**

## **MARCH**

### **Great Masters of Western Painting (4 sessions)**

David Barnhill

Monday

March 15, 22, 29; April 5

1:00 pm

**(Change)\***This class will be using pre-recorded videos from fall semester 2021, due to unforeseen circumstances. Watch the Weekly Reminder for links.

Here's an opportunity to dive into the art of four great masters of Western painting: Rembrandt, JMW Turner, Monet, and Van Gogh. Each week we will review one artist's biography, and using the best slides available, we will get to know his entire oeuvre while examining in depth several of his masterpieces.

### **History of the Veterans Administration**

Walter Gager

Wednesday

March 16

1:00 pm

Nicolet College, Northwoods Center, rooms 207 & 208

From its inception, the United States of America has been at war. The individual survivors return home but to what do they return? Some are able to continue their lives as before but unfortunately some cannot. If unable, where can they turn? The Department of Veterans' Affairs was founded by two concerned women long ago. Dr. Walt Gager will tell the story of the DVA from the beginning, including some serious shortcomings.

**Maximum: 20**

**Understanding Cultural and Human Geography (4 sessions)**

Michael Shores

Wednesday

March 23, 30; April 6, 13

9:30 am

Virtual

This DVD course is presented by UW Professor Paul Robbins. The lectures this semester include: social history and language; cultural geography; the rise of new world cities; the importance of place; and the power and politics of meaning.

**Square Dancing (2 sessions) \*UPDATED INFORMATION**

Amanda Herdt, Caller

Thursday

March 24, 31

1:30 – 3:30 pm

YMCA of the Northwoods, Aerobics Studio

Learn a few basic steps to square dance from a professional caller. You'll learn to Do Si Do, allemande left, promenade, swing, sashay, and more. No partner is necessary unless you have one willing to join in the fun. We are looking to form 2 squares.

**Maximum: 16**

**APRIL**

**YouTubing**

Ernie Schluter

Wednesday

April 6

12:30 – 3:00 pm (doors open at noon)

Location: Pine Lake Town Hall

As you know YouTube has thousands of segments. I have picked out a multitude of segments that should entertain and educate you. Be prepared to laugh and learn. I don't think you will go home disappointed.

**Where Two Worlds Meet (4 sessions)**

Gregg Guthrie

Thursday

April 7, 14, 21, 28

1:00 pm

Location: Minocqua Public Library for April 7, 14, 21. Details for the tour on April 28 will be determined once class begins.

These four classes will explore the two worlds in the Lac Du Flambeau area that historically evolved from issues around treaties made by the Tribal nations and the US government. The class will describe governance, ownership of land and cultural practices and the fourth class will be a driving tour of the Tribal museum, the village, the Tribal economic center and possibly the dental and medical clinics. Pastor Guthrie hopes to convey a sense of the diversity of people and land in the hopes of improving relationships between communities and enriching each culture by that understanding.

**Maximum: 15**

**Wisconsin English**

Joe Salmons, UW-Madison Professor

Monday

April 11

1:30 pm

Virtual

This presentation, including plenty of audience participation, will explore the kinds of English spoken in our state, including pronunciation, words and word forms, and grammar. We'll look at how key features of Wisconsin English have developed over time, how remarkably recent they are, and how they are changing and becoming more distinct today. Joe Salmons, UW-Madison College of Letters and Science Professor, will take us on a unique language journey.

**Ernie's Matinee Movies (5 sessions)**

Ernie Schluter

Wednesday

April 13, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18

12:30 – 3:15 pm (doors open at noon)

Location: Pine Lake Town Hall

The Cinema has reopened with the same admission price (free). Ernie is our resident movie historian. His movies and knowledge of them have always made this class popular.

In his first session he will share his knowledge of people in film. He will introduce participants to people who are now largely forgotten but worth knowing. Some of the stories are sad, many are uplifting, and they are all interesting. Join this session to learn a little history that isn't in the history books.

In the subsequent five (5) sessions Ernie will show movies based on true events and then let you know how true they were. Bring a lunch if you choose, sit back, and enjoy the film.

**Ced's Nature Series** (4 sessions)

Presenters: Various Experts

Wednesday

April 20; May 4, 18, 25

9:30 am

Virtual, with the possibility of May 25 (only) being in-person

Since Ced Vig has been described as “A Writer for All Seasons”, we look forward to giving him a shout-out this spring in four virtual sessions. They will, in part, be related to potential changes in our Northwoods and northern Wisconsin in general. Speakers will address invasive forest plants (the changes they are making to our woods), and the effects on wildlife of increasing and changing human interactions. You will receive a detailed schedule of topics once the semester starts. Hope to see many returning as well as new members. **See page 9 for presenters/topics.**

**MAY**

**Women in American History** (3 sessions)

Ted Russell

Monday

May 2, 9, 16

1:00 pm

Location: Minocqua Public Library & Virtual

Description: Ted Russell will continue his series on Women in American History. Ted is focusing on the lives of women whose stories are not generally known. These are women who should be remembered because of their perseverance and strength of character. Join us to learn about these inspiring women in American history.

**Maximum: 15**

**Movie: Capernaum**

Elaine Strite

Tuesday

May 10

1:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Location: Nicolet College Theatre (Free)

Follow a clever and gutsy 12 year-old Lebanese boy surviving on the streets as he decides to assert his rights and sue his negligent parents for the “crime” of giving him life. With a gut-wrenching storyline, the highest-grossing Middle Eastern film of all time has received critical acclaim for its documentary-like realism. Elaine Strite, who lived and worked in the Middle East for nearly three decades, will present the film, facilitate discussion and answer questions.

### **What It Takes Before Takeoff**

Matthew Leitner

Thursday

May 12

1:00 pm

Location: Rhinelander Oneida County Airport

A lot goes on at the Rhinelander Oneida County Airport before planes take to the sky. The airport manager will explain the workings of the operations building and fire station, as well as what it takes to keep the terminal running smoothly. This will also be a good chance to view the impressive Packer exhibit at the airport.

**Maximum: 20**

### **Almon Park Bog Tour**

Tom Jerow

Thursday

May 19

1:00 pm

Location: Almon Park Recreation Trailhead, Rhinelander, WI

Explore the magical wetlands and lakes of Almon Park by taking a 1.5 mile hike on the wetland trail. Wisconsin GreenFire member, Tom Jerow, will lead this tour to discuss the functional values of wetlands and the science of aquatic ecosystems. The hike will include exploring a floating bog near the shoreline of Buck Lake and involves uneven ground and steep grades.

### **Shared Interest Group (SIG)**

SIGs are initiated by members who have a passion, expertise, and/or an interest in a particular topic. The enjoyment comes when they share it with other like-minded people. If you would like to start a SIG or have an idea for Fall Semester 2022, contact Brenda at: [bpeltier@nicoletcollege.edu](mailto:bpeltier@nicoletcollege.edu).

### **“Sole” Mates (6 sessions)**

Brenda Peltier

Tuesday

April 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24

10:00 am

Various hiking trails in the Northwoods area

Join this hiking group as we explore the nature trails that surround us in the beautiful Northwoods area. The hikes average 2-3 miles and won't be very strenuous. You will need proper footwear and appropriate clothing for each outing. If interested in this SIG, contact Brenda Peltier at: [bpeltier@nicoletcollege.edu](mailto:bpeltier@nicoletcollege.edu) or call 651-226-9700 (cell). Once the group is formed, information will be emailed to each member. Brenda will select the first hike of the season – others will offer suggestions for subsequent hikes. You'll be amazed at how many hiking trails we have in the Northwoods!

## Location of Classes

Most directions are from Rhinelander. If you have a GPS system, you can enter the entire address into your device to get directions from your home to the location of the class.

### **Almon Park Recreation Trailhead (near Buck Lake)**

3540 Hixon Lake Rd.

Rhinelander, WI 54501

There are several ways to get to Almon Park Recreation Trails. The easiest way is to Google Map the address and put in your starting point. Once you turn into the park, the link below is a map of the trails. Do not go to Buck Lake parking lots, stay to your right for the trails area and parking lot.

<https://oneidacountywi.com/goNeida/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/AlmonCountyParkTrail.pdf>

### **Minocqua Public Library**

415 Menominee St.

Minocqua, WI 54548

From Rhinelander, drive north on Hwy. 47. Turn left on Midlake Rd. Turn right on Hwy. 51 N (this is E. Park Ave.) to Menominee St.

From Tomahawk, drive north on Hwy. 51; in Minocqua, turn right on E. Park Ave. then left on Menominee St.

### **Nicolet College**

5364 College Dr.

Rhinelander, WI 54501

The campus is located south of Rhinelander on Hwy. G. When you reach the first building on campus, there is a large billboard showing the location of each building. Refer to map on page 10.

- Lakeside Center
- Northwoods Center

### **YMCA of the Northwoods**

2003 E. Winnebago St., Rhinelander, WI 54501

## **Special Thanks to our Curriculum Committee for all their efforts:**

Curriculum Co-Chairs: Jane Banning and Cate Hallisy


Curriculum Members: Karen Amstadt, Margaret Barnes, Mary Grieco, Joan Hauer, Cornelia (Cookie) Lough, Gretchen Passmore, Brenda Peltier, Carol Ritter, Mary Romportl, Steven Schreier, and Mary Ticknor.

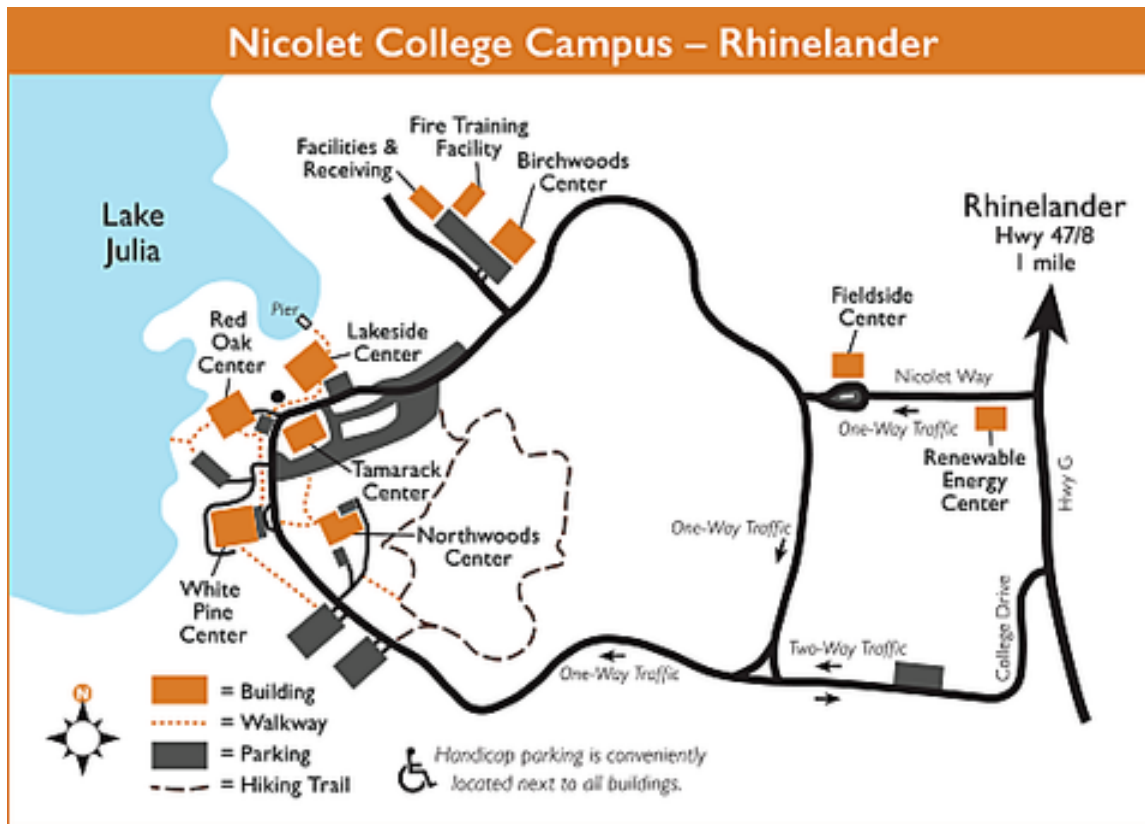
## **Consider being a part of this great committee!**

If you enjoy: “rolling up your sleeves”, finding interesting locations to tour, contacting potential speakers, and joining a group of other LIR members who are committed to our mission – contact Brenda Peltier, LIR Coordinator at: [bpeltier@nicoletcollege.edu](mailto:bpeltier@nicoletcollege.edu) or 715-365-4491.



**THE CED VIG NATURE SERIES**  
**Spring 2022**  
**Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.**

Date	Speaker	Topic
April 20	<p style="text-align: center;">Mary Bartkowiak                      Plant Pest and Disease Specialist                      Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Invasive Forest Plants                      What kinds threaten the Northwoods                      What can be done to mitigate the threats</p>
May 4	<p style="text-align: center;">Paul Skawinski                      Statewide Citizen Lake Monitoring                      Network Educator                      Extension Lakes                      University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Crayfish and other Aquatic Invertebrates</p>
May 18	<p style="text-align: center;">Kari Kirschbaum                      Land Protection Coordinator                      Northwoods Land Trust</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Beaver Creek Hemlocks:</b>                      A major conservation project of NWLT                      Learn the conservation value of and ecosystems in                      this unique, recently acquired tract of land.</p>
 <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">This UW outreach program is co-sponsoring the May 25 presentation</p>		
May 25	<p style="text-align: center;">David Drake, Ph.D.                      Professor and Extension                      Wildlife Specialist                      Department of Forest and                      Wildlife Ecology                      University of Wisconsin, Madison</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Urban Canid Project:                      Findings thus far and comparison to                      “rural” canids?</p> <p>*Note: This class may be in-person. Watch for details.</p>



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**LIR provides two - \$2,000 scholarships to nontraditional students  
at Nicolet College, each year.**