

# Highlands-Cashiers Center for **Life Enrichment**

## 2023 PROGRAM SERIES

Providing life enrichment opportunities through educational lectures, art workshops, culinary and nature programs for over 30 years.



## What is CLE?

The Center For Life Enrichment (CLE) is a continuing education, non-profit organization. The Center is operated by a board of directors and has tax exempt status under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Service. CLE serves our community by providing educational and entertaining programs on a wide range of topics, presented by well-informed scholars from universities as well as the business world. To accommodate today's busy lifestyle, our lectures are limited to two hours duration. Workshops and trips are of varying lengths. Our goal is to encourage an exchange of ideas and the exploration of new subjects.

## Program Overview

The Board of Directors of CLE is proud to present the 2023 Program Series for your review and selection.

## Giving to the Center for Life Enrichment

Your generous support through membership and class attendance allows us to offer innovative programs.

## Registration Policy

Register online at [www.clehighlands.com](http://www.clehighlands.com) or submit the registration form along with payment. Registrations received by mail are processed in the order they are received. If a course is full, you will be notified and placed on a waiting list in the order your registration was received. You will be notified if a place becomes available in the course.

## Cancellation Policy

Please let us know immediately if you are unable to attend a class. There is no refund for cancellations within two (2) weeks prior to a scheduled class. Programs that include food, beverage or art materials must be canceled within three (3) weeks prior to receive a refund. CLE reserves the right to cancel a program if the minimum enrollment has not been met or for circumstances beyond our control, and participants will be notified, a complete refund will be issued.

## Notification Policy

Participants are reminded of registration by email a few days prior to the course. Please reference the website for up to date program locations. In the event information has changed from the published brochure, it will be posted on our website and in our e-blasts. Addresses for "private residence" venues will be provided to registrants within 1 week of program date.

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# Important Announcement for the 2023 Season:

As many of you know, as a result of a major water leak, caused by the rupture of the sprinkler heads/ water pipes at the Peggy Crosby Center (PCC) that occurred on December 24, 2022, the CLE Lecture Hall was significantly damaged, including the electronic equipment in the Lecture Hall.

As of the print date for this 2023 Program Series Catalog, repairs to the CLE Lecture Hall have just begun because of various factors, and CLE is in the process of locating venues to hold CLE's 2023 Program Series. CLE believes that it will secure venues for our 2023 Program Series shortly and will announce the location to our Members in the near future.

Also, because PCC replaced an aging sewer line, the CLE office at PCC is also not open at this time. CLE is working with PCC to complete repairs to the office floor and hallway to allow CLE to open the office.

CLE will advise our members when the office opens, and, in the meantime, you can continue to contact CLE through our phone line, 828-526-8811 or through email: [office@clehighlands.com](mailto:office@clehighlands.com)



If your membership level includes complimentary programs, look for this icon beside programs that you may apply your membership pass upon registering.

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*Penny Pollock*



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With Pulitzer Prize Winning Author

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## Two Part Program Series

With Pulitzer Prize Winning Author, Journalist and Filmmaker

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## Starting Your Plants Off Right



**Tuesday May 16th 2:00-4:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

Selecting the right plants, knowing how to plant properly, and good site preparation will go a long way to ensuring gardening success. Whether you want to plant broccoli, blueberries or boxwoods, we will talk about some key concepts that will help your plants get off to a good start and will help you avoid problems down the road.



**Presenter:** Laura Ney is the Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent Athens Clarke County. She has been in the Athens Area off and on for almost 15 years. After completing her bachelor's in Horticulture from UGA, with certificates in organic and international agriculture, Laura worked as an educator and farm manager at the University of Georgia's Costa Rica campus.

She returned to Athens, where she earned her PhD, focusing on soil health and nutrient cycling. She now works with the University of Georgia and Clarke County to provide support and education to producers and homeowners concerning sustainable management, food production and landscaping.

### The Placemakers Academy of Garden Design: A Three Part Series in Home Landscape Design **Part 1: Set Yourself Up For Garden Success!**



**Monday May 17th 10:00-12:00**

**\$60/\$70 Member/Non-Member**

Do you envision beautiful gardens and wonder how to bring them to life? This course will guide you toward developing the ability to observe, map, and analyze a site like a professional landscape designer, which, of course, starts with a foundation in botany, horticulture, and soil science. By the end of Part 1 of this series, you will have the expertise to choose the right plant for the right place and the ability to co-create with nature and employ regenerative design techniques. (See Part 2 & 3 Course Descriptions on page 10.)

#### Minimum: 8



**Presenter:** Mary Palmer Dargan RLA, APLD. With over 45 years experience designing home environments from coast to coast, Mary Palmer has honed her unique design philosophy. Her process is a synthesis of form and function, style and eco-awareness, with deep roots in her English and Celtic heritage.



**Assistant instructor:** Arielle McIntyre PDC, APLD is inspired by the intersection of art, ritual, food, and regenerative garden design. Since 2019, Arielle has been shadowing Mary Palmer learning and designing curriculum around her design process from a beginner's perspective.

## Botanical EcoTour: Spring Wildflowers at the Headwaters of the Chattooga



**Monday May 22nd 9:00-12:00**

**\$50/60 Member/Non-Member**

Springtime in Appalachia is filled with flowers, and this is one of the best spots for viewing them. Join Trip Leader Adam Bigelow for a slow, gentle walk looking at Spring Ephemeral

Wildflowers, hearing their stories, and learning interesting facts about them.

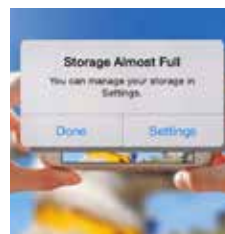
Meeting time and location will be emailed to registered attendees closer to the program date. Be prepared to hike in light rain. In the event of severe weather, the backup date is Tuesday May 23rd 9:00-12:00.



**Leader:** Adam Bigelow is a Horticulturist and the owner of Bigelow's Botanical Excursions, an Ecotourism business offering guided, interpretive walks with a focus on the Native Wildflowers and Plants of the Southern Appalachian bioregion. Adam has been studying and working with plants for over twenty years, and is the Garden Manager for the Cullowhee Community Garden, a

donation based organic community garden supported by the Jackson County Health Department.

## Clean Up, Clear Out & Unclutter Your iPhone/iPad



**Wednesday May 24th 1:00-4:00**

**\$40/\$50 Member/Non-Member**

### Levels 2 & 3

- Get familiar with Bytes and sizes of digital documents, photos and media
- Clear your browsing history
- Learn how to browse in Private Mode
- Clear unwanted data from iOS and offload unused apps
- Free up space on your device
- Clean up duplicate contacts & duplicate photos
- Understand battery health and how to preserve it



**Instructor:** Loraine Smith has been teaching all things Apple for CLE for the last three years. Loraine holds a BS in Financial Management from Clemson University and is an Apple Certified Business Partner.

## Talk and Hike: "In the Footsteps of a Wild Vision - Japanese Immigrant George Masa's Journeys on the Highlands Plateau"



**Wednesday May 31st 10:00-3:00**  
**\$70/\$80 Member/Non-Member**

Brent Martin will discuss the life of Japanese photographer George Masa with an emphasis on Masa's time spent photographing the Highlands plateau in 1929. Martin is the author

of the recent *George Masa's Wild Vision: A Japanese Photographer Imagines Western North Carolina*, which won the Thomas Wolfe Memorial Literary Award in December of 2022, and which is currently a finalist for the Southern Environmental Law Center's 2023 Reed Environmental Writing Award. Participants will spend part of the day indoors viewing Masa's images and discussing Masa's life, followed by lunch and outings to explore and consider areas that Masa photographed in a modern day context. (Bagged lunch provided)



**Presenter and Hike Leader:** Brent Martin is the full-time director of the Blue Ridge Bartram Trail Conservancy. He has served as the Southern Appalachian Regional Director for the Wilderness Society, Executive Director of Georgia Forestwatch, and Associate Director of the Land Trust for the Little Tennessee. He has an M.A. and ABD in History from Georgia State University and worked for several

years on a dissertation on historical land use patterns in the northwest Georgia mountains. He is a recipient of the Southern Environmental Law Center's Southern Environmental Leadership Award and served for two years as the North Carolina Poetry Society's Gilbert-Chappell Distinguished Poet for the West. He is the author of *George Masa's Wild Vision: A Japanese Immigrant Imagines Western North Carolina*, winner of the 2022 Wolfe Memorial Literary Prize, and *The Changing Blue Ridge Mountains: Essays on Journeys Past and Present*.

## The Placemakers Academy of Garden Design: A Three Part Series in Home Landscape Design **Part 2: Bring Your Garden Design To Life!**



**Wednesday May 31st 2:00-4:00**  
**\$60/\$70 Member/Non-Member**

This course will give you the context of western garden history and classical design philosophy, a working understanding of art elements and design principles, and

a 'Master Plan' to share, including a raw, built, living map, and plant list. By the end of Part 2 of this series, you will have the knowledge and tools to implement and bring your design to life! (Minimum: 8)  
**Instructor:** Mary Palmer Dargan & Arielle McIntyre  
(See bio to the left on previous page 8.)

*Opening Season*  
**Party!**  
**Friday June 2nd**  
**5:00-7:00pm**  
Wine and light fare will be served.  
**Location:**  
**Mountain Laurel Tennis Club**  
**353 Mountain Laurel Dr, Highlands, NC**

## Settings On Your iPhone/iPad



**Monday June 5th 10:00-12:00**  
**\$40/\$50 Member/Non-Member**

### Levels 2 & 3

- Control Center Features
- Casting and Mirroring Options
- AirDrop
- Synchronizing your devices
- Keeping your devices up to date and backed up
- Keychain Password Management
- Make your text larger and bolder
- Personal Hotspot
- Notifications
- Accessibility

**Instructor:** Loraine Smith (see bio on previous page 9)

## Reduce Junk Mail and Spam



**Monday June 5th 1:00-2:00**  
**\$40/\$50 Member/Non-Member**

### Levels 1, 2 & 3

- Learn how to filter out junk emails in settings
- Learn how to properly file junk emails, texts and spam
- Block phone numbers, contacts or emails
- Manage blocked callers and testers

**Instructor:** Loraine Smith (see bio on previous page 9)



## Ellicott's Rock: Surveyor's Footsteps on the 35th Parallel



**Tuesday June 6th 10:00-12:00**

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**\$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

Working for the State of Georgia in 1811, surveyor and astronomer Andrew Ellicott set his famous rock marking the northeast corner of Georgia, common to North Carolina and South Carolina,

on the bank of the Chattooga River on the day after Christmas. He had begun his surveys a few months earlier by following the footsteps of previous surveyors whose conflicting boundaries had fueled the so-called "Walton War" among contentious settlers in that mountainous area. Did they live in North Carolina or in Georgia? Ellicott did settle the war, but his client did not like the answer. Since that time, has anyone recovered Ellicott's Rock? For the past 200 years most people have looked in the wrong place. Why? Surveyor and historian Tom Robertson answers those questions today, and in his publication *Ellicott's Rock: Surveyors' Footsteps on the 35th Parallel*, culminating over seven years of searches through dusty archives and beautiful mountain wilderness scenery.



**Presenter:** Thomas Heard Robertson, PE, AICP, RL served as president of Cranston Engineering Group, P.C. for thirty-four years and retired from full-time professional practice in 2021. He currently fills a part-time role as a senior professional engineer and surveyor and participates in specific aspects of the firm's work where his broad experience can add value for clients. He has fifty years of

experience with the firm as a consultant for a wide variety of civil engineering, planning, urban design, land surveying, and historic engineering projects throughout the southeast, including many assignments in the Highlands/Cashiers area. He has authored papers, articles, and books on technical subjects, and on local and regional history.

## The Placemakers Academy of Garden Design: A Three Part Series in Home Landscape Design **Part 3: Stump the Experts!**



**Wednesday June 7th 10:00-12:00**

**\$60/\$70 Member/Non-Member**

Need solutions for your landscape design conundrums? Send four photographs of your garden design problem areas. Quick solutions and insights for all your garden woes are

shared with the class. Attendance is strictly limited in order to spend enough time on each project, so preference is given to students who have attended the first two sections of this course. (See Part 1 & 2 Course Descriptions on page 8.) **Minimum: 12**

**Presenter:** Mary Palmer Dargan RLA, APLD and Arielle McIntyre PDC, APLD (see bios on page 9)

## Intro to Wild Mushrooms and How to Cook with Them



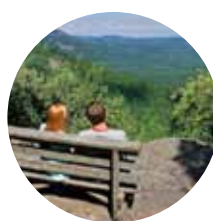
**Tuesday June 6th 1:00-4:00**

**\$50/\$60 Member/Non-Member**

This event will include a short lecture covering the most gourmet offerings our local forests provide, as well as basic safety guidelines and a hands-on learning experience. You will learn ways

to take these mushrooms from the forest to your dining room table and medicine cabinet. This is a rain or shine event, please dress accordingly.

**Location: Mountain Retreat and Learning Center  
3872 Dillard Rd, Highlands, NC 28741**



The Mountain is an ecologically-conscious retreat and learning center located on 4,200 foot high granite cliffs throughout the Eastern Continental Divide in the Blue Ridge Mountains. The Mountain offers a unique opportunity in gratitude to the unique ecology and history of the oldest mountains in the world. Refresh your spirit in the natural beauty of these ancient mountaintops.

## Appetizers and Charcuterie Boards : A Cooking Demo



**Wednesday June 7th 3:00-6:00**

**\$70/\$80 Member/Non-Member**

Back by popular demand! Susan offered two demos for CLE last year and both sold out with waiting lists. Now is your chance! The word "charcuterie" is derived from the

French words for flesh (chair/char) and cooked (cuit). The word was used to describe shops in 15th century France that sold products that were made from pork, using a practice of salting and smoking meats to preserve them which dates to ancient Rome. Today's boards include a variety of meats, cheeses, fruits and more which delight any palette. During this demonstration, you will learn how to build a gourmet and visually stunning charcuterie board featuring a bounty of fresh, quality ingredients, and a variety of textures and flavor profiles. Susan will demonstrate how to make four different seasonal appetizers. The appetizers are easy to make and will impress your friends and family this summer! Afterwards, we will all socialize and enjoy this creation with wine!

**Location: Private Residence**

**Presenter:** Susan Hansen has spent over 30 years creating and cooking all sorts of culinary delights in her kitchen and in various public eateries. She enjoys teaching others and bringing out each participant's "inner chef!"

## Vignettes from 39 years of Diplomacy: The Foreign Service Behind the Curtain



**Thursday June 8th 10:00-12:00**

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In his 35-year career in the foreign service, Gene Cretz has served in some of the most challenging countries in the world: India, China, Egypt, Syria, Israel and Libya. In China, Mr. Cretz was present at the gathering of the Falungong in Tiananmen Square in a protest that caught Chinese leadership by surprise in 1998. In Libya, where he served as America's first ambassador since the restoration of relations in 2006, his reporting on the regime of Muammar Gaddafi led to a warning from the government there that he should leave the country or be a target of possible assassination. In Egypt, Israel and Syria, he served as a senior American official to governments led by Hosni Mubarak, Benjamin Netanyahu and Bashar al-Assad and he will offer candid assessments of these key figures. Mr. Cretz will also discuss how and why diplomats remain critical in a world increasingly dominated by direct leadership interactions and non-traditional ways of doing business, including cyber intrusions and zoom meetings. Of greater interest to the audience may be vignettes relating to this body of experience. Come peer behind the curtain with perspectives on personnel in the State Department and working with Congress overseas.



**Presenter:** Gene A. Cretz was nominated by President George W. Bush to serve as the United States Ambassador to Libya in July 2007 and was confirmed by the Senate on November 20, 2008. Mr. Cretz subsequently also served as US Ambassador to Ghana (2012-2015). In a forty year career as a diplomat, specializing in Mideast, South Asia and African affairs, Ambassador Cretz also

served in Tel Aviv, where he was responsible for the Arab affairs portfolio, including the Gaza Strip; Beijing, where he was in charge of China's External Affairs portfolio; Cairo, as Minister-Counselor for Economic and Political Affairs; Damascus, first as Charge d'Affaires, then as Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM); and Tel Aviv again, as Deputy Chief of Mission.

After retiring from the State Department, Ambassador Cretz served for four years (2015-2019) as the representative of the Director General of the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) in Tel Aviv.

## China in 2023: A Year of Living Dangerously



**Friday June 9th 10:00-12:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

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Now that China has emerged from two years of COVID lockdown, what can we expect in 2023 in terms of its domestic priorities and its international relationships, especially with the United States, Russia and the countries of the Asia-Pacific? Will the new leadership that emerged from the 20th Party Congress in October 2022 and the 14th National People's Congress in March 2022 be able to restore its reputation for competent governance? Will the economy again resume its role as one of the engines of global growth or see further slowdown and social unrest? Can China persuade other countries that it is a responsible caretaker of global security and trade norms or will it insist on transforming the rules of engagement? Will 2023 be a return to growth and a steady march toward parity with the United States or a year of living dangerously and risk taking?



**Presenter:** For the past ten years, Robert Goldberg has been a Principal with The Scowcroft Group (TSG), a Washington DC-based consulting group which provides insights and analysis about US and global geopolitical and economic issues. Mr. Goldberg's focus with TSG is on the Asia-Pacific region (China, Northeast Asia), regional security (the Association of Southeast Asian Nations) and economic institutions (the US Indo-Pacific Framework).

Prior to joining The Scowcroft Group, Mr. Goldberg served for thirty years as a diplomat in India, Hong Kong, Taiwan and China, advocating for U.S. businesses abroad, advising companies on U.S. foreign and economic policies, negotiating the resolution of trade policy disputes and helping expand market and investment opportunities. Mr. Goldberg's assignments included: Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, U.S. Consul General in Guangzhou, China, Director of the State Department's Office of Chinese and Mongolian Affairs, and Deputy Economic Counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing

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## Presidential Transitions: Friendly and Hostile Takeovers



**Monday June 12th 10:00-12:00**

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Peaceful transitions are one of the primary markers of democratic governance. In the United States we have, even today, a rather long period of transition compared to parliamentary democracies. There are basically two types of transitions, hostile and friendly takeovers. Most transitions in American History have been relatively friendly, regardless of the parties involved. But when the exchange is hostile, everybody suffers. Therefore, even in cases of hostile takeovers, most incoming and outgoing presidents have swallowed their pride and have done what's best for the country. In this presentation, Daniel will highlight two hostile and two friendly takeovers: Truman to Eisenhower, Hoover to Roosevelt, Johnson to Nixon, and Jefferson to Madison.



**Presenter:** Daniel Franklin is Associate Professor of Political Science, Emeritus at Georgie State University. His areas of specialization were American Chief Executives, Film and Politics, Georgia State Politics, and Budgeting and the Legislative Process. He is the former Director of the Georgia Legislative Internship Program and a former Distinguished Honors Professor.

He is the author of seven books, numerous articles and reviews. His latest book is on The Politics of Presidential Impeachment (with Robert Caress, Robert Sanders and Cole Tarratoot), and was published by the SUNY University Press (2020) and included in their American Constitutionalism Series.

## The Artists Series



**Monday June 12th 2:00-4:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

This lecture is an exploration of key artists whose commitment to explore one specific subject, exhaustively, brought depth and innovation to their work. We will begin with Monet, the true author of this movement, and look at successive artists, including Bonnard, Cézanne, Matisse, in the early to mid-twentieth century, and others who followed this path in contemporary times, such as Jim Dine and Jennifer Bartlett, Diebenkorn and others. This survey inspires us all by what can happen when one shows up consistently to their creative work over a period of time.



**Presenter:** Norma Hendrix has been an exhibiting artist for over 40 years. She holds a BFA, an MA, and an MFA. She has been an artist in residence and presenter at Wilson College, Chambersburg, PA, The Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT, and Atelier Four Winds, Aureille, France and Corris, Wales. She was a professor of Drawing,

Life Drawing, Painting and Art History for 10 years at Western Carolina University. She founded and directed Cullowhee Arts, an internationally recognized non-profit arts organization. Hendrix participates in international cultural exchange through artist residencies and artist lectures. Most recently, she presented an arts based paper at the International Conference of Autoethnography, July, 2022, Bristol, England. Hendrix's artwork is held in private and public collections in the US, France, England and Wales.

Incredible presentation!  
Tim revealed many details  
about Churchill that I  
never would have known  
had I not attended this  
presentation.

**See page 15 for Tim Riley's 2023 Program Details**



*Tim Riley  
July 2022*

## Europe's Persistent and Adaptable Far Right



**Tuesday June 13th 2:00-4:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

Much has been written since the 1980s about the presumed resurgence of xenophobic, nationalist parties and movements throughout Europe.

Whether in France, Italy, Austria, Hungary or elsewhere, the two primary questions animating public and scholarly discourse have been, "Why here?" and "Why now?" Granting the salience of those lines of discourse, this presentation will focus not on the sources and circumstances of mobilization for electorally successful far right parties, but instead on the distinct ways European states (and their previously dominant mainstream parties) have sought to address challenges from their extreme flanks. Key debates exist about who has been more effective in combating threats to the democratic order, with strategic responses ranging from political quarantines (the cordon sanitaire approach) to constructive engagement (the moderation through incumbency approach). Timely cases from national contexts throughout the continent (including post-Communist states) as well as the European Parliament illustrate the most frequent outcomes associated with strategic choices made by traditional conservative as well as social democratic parties.

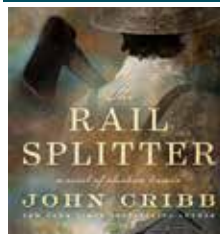


**Presenter:** Dr. William M. Downs is the 13th President of Gardner-Webb University. A Raleigh native, Downs earned his BA in Political Science (with a minor in Journalism) from North Carolina State University in 1988, and he holds MA (1990) and PhD (1994) degrees in Political Science from Emory University. Prior to his appointment at Gardner-Webb, Downs was Dean of

the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences, Professor of Political Science, and W. Keats Sparrow Distinguished Chair in the Liberal Arts at East Carolina University. Downs was Area Dean for Social and Behavioral Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences at Georgia State University, where he was a member of the faculty for 17 years. Before his service in the Dean's Office at Georgia State, Downs was Chair of the Department of Political Science and, before that, Director of Graduate Studies in Political Science.

## Cocktail Reception & Book Talk with John Cribb

Author of *The Rail Splitter*



**Wednesday June 14th 4:00-6:00**

**USE PASS \$70/\$80 Member/Non-Member**

Join us at one of the plateau's many beautiful homes for a cocktail reception and discussion with John Cribb about his novel *The Rail Splitter* which tells the story of Abraham

Lincoln's remarkable journey from a log cabin to the threshold of the White House—a journey that turns him into one of America's most beloved heroes. Like *Old Abe*, Cribb's acclaimed novel about Lincoln's years as president, *The Rail Splitter* brings Lincoln to life in a way no other book does. Walk beside him on every page, through Indiana woods and Illinois prairies, and come to know his hopes and struggles on his winding path to greatness. The story of the rawboned youth who makes his way from a frontier farm to the White House is, in many ways, the great American story. *The Rail Splitter* reminds us that the country Lincoln loved is a place of wide-open dreams where extraordinary journeys unfold. Light fare and cocktails are provided.

**Location:** Private Residence



John Cribb is a bestselling author who has written about subjects ranging from history to education. *Old Abe*, his first novel, tells the story of the last five years of Abraham Lincoln's life. His other works include coauthoring *The American Patriot's Almanac* and *The Educated Child*, both New York Times bestsellers.

## Native Plants to Benefit Your Vegetable Garden



**Thursday June 15th 10:00-12:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

Many commonly used landscaping plants can have damaging effects on the ecosystem, without us even knowing it. Join Horticulturist Adam Bigelow for a fun and informative

presentation where you will learn which plants, shrubs and trees are invasive, what invasive plants mean, and the benefits of using Native Plants in your landscaping.



**Presenter:** Adam Bigelow is a Horticulturist and the owner of Bigelow's Botanical Excursions, an Ecotourism business offering guided, interpretive walks with a focus on the Native Wildflowers and Plants of the Southern Appalachian bioregion. Adam has been studying and working with plants for over twenty years, and is the Garden Manager for the Cullowhee Community Garden, a

donation based organic community garden supported by the Jackson County Health Department.



## "Mobilizing the English Language" The Speeches of Winston Churchill



**Thursday June 15th 2:00-4:00**

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**This Program is Sponsored By:  
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Winston Churchill's mastery of the English language informed and inspired Britain during the Second World War. His speeches and writings played an important role in the Allied victory during the war and throughout his long and storied career. This presentation will closely examine several of Churchill's speeches and reveal how Churchill used the power of prose to win the war and preserve the peace.



**Presenter:** Tim Riley is the Director and Chief Curator for The Winston Churchill Museum at Westminster College. Tim is a graduate, cum laude, of Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin and also studied at Columbia University in New York City. He has also served as a curatorial assistant, education assistant and lectures/concerts coordinator at The Metropolitan Museum of Art. From

2006 through 2012 Tim served as director of The Trout Museum of Art in Appleton, and was appointed Director Emeritus in 2012. In April of 2022 Tim was installed as Churchill Fellow of Westminster College.

## Churchill and the Monarchy



**Friday June 16th 10:00-12:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

**This Program is Sponsored By:  
Berry and Ruthie Edwards**

From Queen Victoria to Queen Elizabeth II, Winston Churchill

was a strong monarchist and devoted subject of the crown. The presentation will explore Churchill's views on constitutional monarchy and his personal and professional relationships with six sovereigns and many other members of the British royal family.

**Presenter:** Tim Riley (see bio above)

## Goldwater Girls Grow Up



**Monday June 19th 10:00-12:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

When we talk about the politics of the New Right, we think of names like Newt Gingrich, Jerry Falwell, and Ronald Reagan. This course looks at the women's work behind the successful men – the volunteers and organizers who laid the foundation of the modern Republican party in the South. The talk will trace conservative women's contributions from volunteering in the 1960s to finally running for office themselves in later decades. Learn how unknown women created our current political landscape.



**Presenter:** Robin M. Morris is Associate Professor and Chair of History at Agnes Scott College in Atlanta, Georgia. She is the author of *Goldwater Girls to Reagan Women: Gender, Georgia, and the Growth of the New Right* (UGA Press, 2022). She is a native of Atlanta and holds a BA from Queens University of Charlotte, MA from University of Mississippi, and PhD from Yale University.

## Botanical EcoTour: Wildflowers at Panthertown Valley



**Tuesday June 20th 9:00-12:00**

**\$50/60 Member/Non-Member**

Panthertown Valley is one of the most beautiful and special of places in Southern Appalachia, with many great views, waterfalls, and distinct ecosystems. Join Trip Leader Adam Bigelow for a slow, easy walk along the trail to Salt Rock overlook, where we will see many beautiful Trees, Shrubs, and Wildflowers.

Meeting time and location will be emailed to registered attendees closer to the program date. Be prepared to hike in light rain. In the event of severe weather, the backup date is Thursday June 22nd 9:00-12:00.



**Leader:** Adam Bigelow is a Horticulturist and the owner of Bigelow's Botanical Excursions, an Ecotourism business offering guided, interpretive walks with a focus on the Native Wildflowers and Plants of the Southern Appalachian bioregion. Adam has been studying and working with plants for over twenty years, and is the Garden Manager for the Cullowhee Community Garden, a donation based organic community garden supported by the Jackson County Health Department.

## Stark Raving Mad: Contemporary Politics in Historical Perspective



**Tuesday June 20th 2:00-4:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

In 1489 the English poet John Skelton wondered if commoners “were stark raving mad” when they lynched a wealthy nobleman over a political dispute. Certainly, the same question

can be asked of Americans today. Our politics has become so polarized, angry, and seemingly irrational that the majority of Americans fear for the survival of democracy itself. Can history help us understand why United States voters and politicians alike appear to have gone stark raving mad? Join us for a nonpartisan, civil, and enlightening lecture and discussion.



**Presenter:** Karl Campbell is a professor of history at Appalachian State University, where he teaches North Carolina and recent United States history. Originally from Ohio, Karl received his B.A. degree in history and political science from Warren Wilson College in Asheville and his M.A. and Ph.D. in history from UNC Chapel Hill.

## Pirates, Patriots, Tar Heels, and Slaves: Historical Roots of Modern NC



**Wednesday June 21st 10:00-12:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

History is not just in the past, it shapes the present and the future, too. Many of North Carolina's defining characteristics grew from the dramatic experiences of its early history. Known

as “Poor Carolina” during the colonial period, the state suffered from poverty, conflict, and violence. North Carolina claimed to be “first in freedom” during the American Revolution, only to slip back into political and economic lethargy under an oppressive system of slavery. The first three centuries of Tar Heel history were marked by humility and heroism, slavery and freedom, poverty and progress. These struggles shaped North Carolina's historical identity and continue to impact our lives today.

**Presenter:** Karl Campbell (see bio above)

## The Book of the Year: The Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man



**Wednesday June 21st 5:30-8:30**

**\$50/\$60 Member/Non-Member**

For more than 15 years, Dr. Brian Railsback has been offering CLE members thought provoking literature classes. He returns this year to stimulate the conversation as he examines a book of the last year (2022) that achieved literary and popular acclaim. Since the Book of the Year is too new to be enshrined as a classic, we will have plenty of room to debate its merits and misfires. We will examine a celebrated memoir, Paul Newman's *The Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man*. The memoir and Newman's unusual project to create it are the subject of Ethan Hawke's six-part docuseries on HBO Max, *The Last Movie Stars*. The book itself was compiled and heavily edited, creating some controversy. Despite the tortured path to Newman's memoir, the result is an intensely honest and personal discussion of a great artist's life and an unsparing look at what it takes to be a famous Hollywood actor. *The Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man* is an unusual memoir produced in a novel way. As such, the book is a great jumping off place to examine what makes a successful memoir and might be of interest to those interested in writing their own.

The *Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man* (Knopf 2022) is widely available; we will read the hard cover edition.

Please plan on completing the book before the program.

**Location: Private Residence (a catered meal will be provided).**



**Presenter:** Dr. Brian Railsback is a Professor of English at Western Carolina University, where he served as founding Dean of The Honors College and Chair of the Faculty. He teaches creative writing and US literature. He has published a novel, short stories, a scholarly book, and numerous essays. He has lectured or taught courses in Cuba, Georgia, Hungary, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, and Portugal. In

2022, he was selected as a Fiction Participant at the Bread Loaf Writers Conference, the oldest and most prestigious conference of its type in the US.

“  
Brian's “Book of the Year”  
Program & Dinner Party has  
been the highlight of my  
summer for many years.  
”



## Putin's War in Ukraine: the Russian Empire Reborn?



**Thursday June 22nd 2:00-4:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

**This Program is Sponsored By:  
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This presentation will provide a summary of Russia's attacks on Ukrainian territory since the annexation of Crimea in 2014, with a focus on the catastrophic Russian invasion launched in March 2022. It will then offer an overview of the major explanations advanced by scholars, observers and analysts for the Russian onslaught. Economists point to the stagnation of Russia's economy, while economic historians note the long term drive of Russia's rulers to expand their borders southward to warmer climes. Historians of Russian politics and ideology see the invasion as a continuation of the variety of extremist Russian nationalism, which views Ukrainian identity as an invention of the West that has influenced the country's politics since the late nineteenth century. Scholars of Russian religion highlight the ways Russian nationalism has built on the religious significance of the country, and especially its capital, Kyiv, in the history of Orthodox Christianity. Finally, a minority of scholars closely engages with Putin's popularity, and general receptivity to Russian nationalism in certain segments of Ukrainian society. Taken together, these elements will provide participants with a comprehensive grasp of the conflict and its history.



**Presenter:** Boston native Eren Tasar has taught in the History Department at UNC Chapel Hill since 2013. His interests are the religious and social history of Soviet Central Asia. Tasar's first book, *Soviet and Muslim*, examined Soviet policies toward Islamic institutions. He is currently writing a 24 lecture video series about the history of Central Asia since ancient times for The Great

Courses. He is also working on a second book project dealing with atheistic literature written in languages spoken by Muslims in the USSR. This past summer, Tasar made a research trip to Uzbekistan with his wife and three children. Tasar received his Bachelors degree from Stanford University and Masters and PhD degrees from Harvard University.

## NEOM: Line City in the Saudi Desert



**Friday June 23rd 10:00-12:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

**This Program is Sponsored By:  
Hugh and Connie Fitzpatrick**

Would you like to live in a 170-km long city? How about in the desert, where summer highs exceed 130 degrees? Does it sound crazy? Not to Saudi Arabia's future king, Muhammad bin Salman, who is trying to transform his regressive kingdom into a modernist utopia. Part of "Saudi Arabia 2030," a plan to diversify the country's oil-based economy in the next 25 years, the city will be built in a long line along the Red Sea Coast. Its name, which is a combination of the Greek word for "new" and the Arabic word for "future," aims to house 9 million people who will be able to get all the services they need by walking no more than five minutes. The Line, as its known, will have an airport, a major port, and agricultural land on both sides, growing specially designed genetically modified crops that can withstand the extreme desert climate. This talk will describe the plans for this ambitious project in detail, but from a historical perspective. From Brasilia to Phoenix, grandiose urban construction projects have always had a dark side, and NEOM offers no exception. The area's indigenous tribal inhabitants have been forcibly evicted from their homes, and in some cases killed, to make room for construction. Announcement of the project has been accompanied by brutal human rights crackdowns. The city's targets have been called unrealistic, while no answer seems forthcoming on the question of who will actually live in NEOM. As a utopian project it offers a unique template into the anxieties of an impoverished, authoritarian, and deeply tribal society trying to somersault into the 21st century at the behest of one authoritarian ruler.

**Presenter:** Eren Tasar (see bio to the left)

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## The Geology of the Plateau, Its Mountains and Its Waterfalls:

Understanding How We Have These Special Places



**Monday June 26th 10:00-12:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

Ever wonder why it's uphill to Highlands, from all directions? Or why the face of Whiteside Mountain is in part a rough, sheer cliff and in part smoothly rounded? This program will

answer these and many similar questions by exploring the processes, spread over more than 500 million years, that have created the western-North Carolina mountains. Using concepts and language comfortable for the non-scientist, as well as numerous photographs, graphics and rock samples, Bill Jacobs will discuss not only the Blue Ridge generally, but also the geology that has created the unique Highlands-Cashier Plateau. In addition, he will examine a wide collection of nearby mountains and waterfalls, explaining how ancient differences in their geologic history continue even today to shape their form and character.



**Presenter:** Bill Jacobs is the author of *Whence These Special Places? The Geology of Cashiers, Highlands & Panthertown Valley*. He has been exploring the mountains and waterfalls of the Highlands-Cashiers Plateau for over 35 years, in part as a full-time resident of Cashiers, and in part as a seasonal homeowner. When he retired from his Atlanta-based legal career in 2011, he began pursuing his curiosity about the

geologic origins of the mountains. After years of in-person and on-line courses, wide-ranging self-study, and numerous back-country explorations, he began to give presentations to interested groups, and then wrote and published his book. He is particularly fascinated with how the waterfalls and mountains we see today have been shaped by ancient geologic processes.

## iPhoto

**Monday June 26th 1:00-4:00**

**\$40/\$50 Member/Non-Member**



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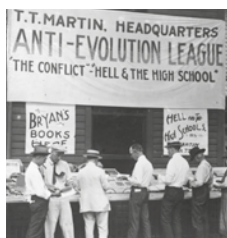
**Instructor:** Loraine Smith has been teaching all things Apple for CLE for the last three years. Loraine holds a BS in Financial Management from Clemson University and is an Apple Certified Business Partner.

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## The Scopes Trial in History and Folklore



**Tuesday June 27th 10:00-12:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

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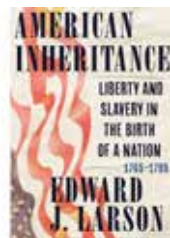
Historian and legal scholar Edward J. Larson won the Pulitzer Prize in 1998 for *Summer for the Gods: The Scopes Trial and America's Continuing Debate Over Science and Religion*. Larson rivetingly describes the surprising and sometimes comic first skirmish in what has become an American culture war. Set in the unlikely hamlet of Dayton, Tennessee in the summer of 1925, the Scopes trial focused on evolution, but it ignited a broader, increasingly complex debate about the tension between science and religion that continues a century later – fundamentalism versus modernity, majority rule versus individual rights, school curriculum and textbook content, reproductive rights, LGBTQ+ protections, the role of government in public health, and climate science. Larson not only captures the drama of the trial and the great encounter between Clarence Darrow and the declining William Jennings Bryan; he also discusses misconceptions about the trial that have persisted. The tenor of this debate has changed little over the years.



**Presenter:** Ed Larson holds the Darling Chair in Law and is University Professor of History at Pepperdine University. Recipient of the 1998 Pulitzer Prize in History for *Summer for the Gods: The Scopes Trial and America's Continuing Debate Over Science and Religion*, Larson received a Ph.D in the history of science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a law degree from

Harvard. He taught for twenty years at the University of Georgia, where he chaired the history department. The author of fifteen books and over eighty published articles, his books include, in addition to *Summer for the Gods*, *A Magnificent Catastrophe: The Tumultuous Election of 1800*; *Evolution: The Remarkable History of a Scientific Theory*; and the New York Times bestsellers, *The Return of George Washington, 1783-1789* and *Franklin & Washington: The Founding Partnership*. Larson recently published, *American Inheritance: Liberty and Slavery in the Birth of a Nation, 1765-1795*. His articles on science, history, or law have appeared in such varied journals as *Nature*, *Time*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *American History*, *Scientific American*, *The Nation*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Isis*, and twenty law reviews, including *Virginia Law Review* and *Constitutional Commentary*.

## Conceived in Liberty



**Wednesday June 28th 10:00-12:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

**This Program is Sponsored By:  
Al and Martha Pearson**

With his newest book, *American Inheritance: Liberty and Slavery in the Birth of a Nation, 1765-1795*, Pulitzer Prize winning historian Edward Larson enters the contentious modern debate among historians and journalists about the founding period of U.S. History. Larson examines whether the American Revolution was waged to preserve slavery and whether the Constitution was a pact with slavery or a landmark in the antislavery movement. In this lecture, Larson will reexamine the words that gave birth to a nation and will explore the tensions between liberty and slavery during the Revolutionary Era in American history -- a period that witnessed both the first great emancipation of enslaved persons and a doubling down on slavery. Unlike much history of this period, Larson's book highlights the urgency of liberty through the voices of Black Americans. The depth of the contradictions between freedom and bondage present at the founding helps explain the enduring legacy of slavery that Americans confront today.

**Presenter:** Ed Larson (see bio to the left)

## Shackleton: The Man and the Myth



**Thursday June 29th 10:00-12:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

**This Program is Sponsored By:  
Al and Martha Pearson**

Ernest Shackleton today stands as the hero among heroes in the pantheon of polar expedition. Even though he never reached either pole, he is better known and more widely admired than any of those that did – particularly for his remarkable efforts to save his Endeavour crew after their boat was crushed in the Antarctic ice on his failed third and final effort to reach the South Pole. In this lecture, Larson will recount what Shackleton actually achieved in his Antarctic expeditions and how his methods (more than their results) and his remarkable response to adversity made him a thoroughly modern hero. He offers a telling study in contrast to his two main rivals in early South Polar exploration, Robert Falcon Scott and Roald Amundsen.

**Presenter:** Ed Larson (see bio to the left)



## Garden Tour and Safari Cocktail Party at Fernwood



**Wednesday June 28th 4:00-6:00**

**\$130/\$140 Member/Non-Member**

280' private waterfalls are a rarity and if it's been raining - this one really thunders! Join us for a special small group cocktail party at *Fernwood*, the home garden of celebrated landscape

architects Hugh and Mary Palmer Dargan. Enjoy their 'Out of Africa' Dining Pavilion on the banks of the Upper Horse Pasture River, a protected trout stream, right in the heart of Cashiers, NC. Hike up and cross the waterfall and explore the paths along the river or sit and meditate along the shore. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres are provided to build stamina. Parking is extremely limited, so guests will ride together in a coach van reserved specifically for CLE! Transportation details are provided to registered attendees closer to the date. This is a rain-or-shine event. Wear hiking boots, bring an umbrella or a parka.



Hosts: Licensed landscape architects, Hugh and Mary Palmer Dargan, ASLAs, enjoy creating custom master plans for living environments. Their designs for residential properties, museums, churches and campuses have received innumerable awards, print and TV media coverage. Now almost 40 years into honing their craft, the Dargans travel far and wide to assist in creating transformative environments. Birthing books as well as landscapes, the Dargans' best-selling texts are the top landscape design books of this era.

## Medicinal Garden Tour: Cultivating Medicinal Plants in the Home Garden



**Thursday July 6th 10:00-12:00**

**\$40/\$50 Member/Non-Member**

Plants share their medicine with us on many levels. Their medicinal qualities support the healing of our bodies, while their beauty heals our soul. Come experience the medicinal garden of a

herbalist as you bathe in the plants' beauty; and learn of their medicine and how to identify and grow these plants in your own garden!

Location: Private Residence. Details will be provided to registered attendees closer to the program date.



Presenter: Connie Thompson is a Brenan Healing Science Practitioner, a non-dualistic healing practitioner, and an avid student of herbal medicine. She wildcrafts (gathers and creates) local herbs to create tinctures, teas, and other herbal medicines.

## Right-Wing Politics and Populism in Modern France



**Thursday July 6th 2:00-4:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

Like many countries around the world, France has seen a right-wing populist movement gain ground in traditional political spaces. More people are backing parties and

candidates that were once considered outside the norms of French politics. But what's old and what's new in this development? This presentation will review the history of the Right in Modern France to reveal its legacies in action today.



Presenter: Max Owre is the Executive Director of Carolina Public Humanities. A graduate of the University of Vermont, he obtained his PhD in modern European history from UNC-CH in 2008. Max is a lecturer in the History Department, teaching courses in European, world and colonial history since 2007. Max is a principal organizer, and frequent host and moderator of CPH Events. He also lectures

frequently for CPH on various topics in French and European history.

## The Secular State and its Discontents: Religious Freedom in France



**Friday July 7th 10:00-12:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

The French Republic takes pride in its secular nature. However, the Republic's policies have often been hostile to religion—from its early contests with the Catholic Church to its more

recent laws regarding Muslim citizens and subjects. This presentation will examine the French model of secularism, known as *laïcité*, to help explain the Republic's stance on the religious expression of its subjects and the problems that arise when it's implemented in society. It will also compare the French model to the intersection of religion and secularism in the United States.

Presenter: Max Owre (see bio above).



## Meet Don McGahn White House Counsel to President Trump



**Monday July 10th 10:00-12:00**

USE FREE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member

**This Program is Sponsored By:  
Bill Ritchie and Diana Hunt**

In a spirited question and answer session, Don will discuss his role as campaign counsel for then candidate Trump and his years as White House Counsel. Several attorneys will pose questions to Don, and CLE Members and guests will have an opportunity to join the action. Whatever your political persuasion, this promises to be a very special event.



**Presenter:** Don McGahn served as Donald Trump's campaign counsel during his run for the presidency and as White House Counsel for President Trump from the day of his inauguration through October 17, 2018. He was the point person in the White House assisting President Trump with his Supreme Court and other judicial nominations. Prior to his work in the Trump administration, he served for a number of years on the Federal Election Commission.

## The U.S. Supreme Court: A Year In Review



**Monday July 10th 2:00-4:00**

USE FREE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member

During its 2021-2022 term, the U.S. Supreme Court reversed *Roe v. Wade*, eliminating the constitutional right to abortion, greatly restricted the ability of States to regulate guns, required funding of religious education in Maine, blocked COVID 19 mandates for large businesses, and restricted the power of the Environmental Protection Agency to address climate change, among many other important decisions. The 2022-23 term promises to be equally consequential. Affirmative action, the conflict between anti-discrimination laws and free speech rights, the continued viability of the Voting Rights Act, and state legislative control of the federal electoral process are among many issues the Court has agreed to address. This lecture will examine the decisions in those cases and the trends they reflect as the conservative majority asserts its power, and the role of the High Court in our judicial and political system.



**Presenter:** Todd Collins, Ph.D., J.D., is Steed Distinguished Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science and Public Affairs and Director of the Public Policy Institute at Western Carolina University and a licensed attorney. His research focuses on constitutional law and judicial politics.

## Garden Cocktail Party & Joe Webb Cabin Tour

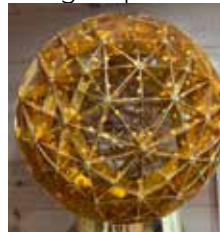


**Tuesday July 11th 4:00-6:00**

**\$60/\$70 Member/Non-Member**

Enjoy libations and light fare at this unique garden cocktail party, home & workshop tour where several Joe Webb Cabins (Circa 1929) are situated. Home owners Lisa Torbett and Hamp

Stevens purchased the property in 2010 from the Allen family. Ms. Torbett is, by trade, an Interior Designer. She brought her talents to bear and oversaw a complete renovation. Most of the renovation work was done by the late Tommy Chambers, who is a recognized expert on Joe Webb renovations. Every effort was made to maintain the Historic nature of the property while at the same time bring it up to today's standards.



Over the past year a barn was added to the property which will also be available to tour. Mr. Stevens is a nationally known "Mathematical Artist" and uses the barn as his workshop and studio. The landscape design which accentuates the natural contours of the property while

making a conscious effort to keep the native foliage in place of the property was done with the help of Cashiers local and globally respected Landscape Architect, Mary Palmer Dargan.

**Location: Private Residence.** Address and further details will be emailed to registered attendees closer to the date. Save The Date: Rain Back-up Date is Monday July 17th



“ So much fun!  
Susan was a great instructor,  
I had a blast at this cooking  
demo. I finally feel  
confident to make my own  
charcuterie board at our next  
neighborhood party.”

See pages 11 and 24 for Susan Hansen's 2023 Cooking Demo Programs.

## Botanical EcoTour: Wildflowers and Plants of Brushy Face



**Wednesday July 12th 9:00-12:00**

**\$50/60 Member/Non-Member**

Join Horticulturist and Native Plant Enthusiast Adam Bigelow for a slow, gentle walk in the woods of Brushy Face Preserve, one of Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust's newer hiking trail

networks. You will learn about the plants and wildflowers seen along the way. Adam shares stories of the plants that include natural history, ecological relationships, edible and medicinal uses, indigenous and historic connections, and more.

Meeting time and location will be emailed to registered attendees closer to the program date. Be prepared to hike in light rain. Save the Date: In the event of severe weather, the backup date is Thursday July 13th 9:00-12:00.



**Leader:** Adam Bigelow is a Horticulturist and the owner of Bigelow's Botanical Excursions, an Ecotourism business offering guided, interpretive walks with a focus on the Native Wildflowers and Plants of the Southern Appalachian bioregion. Adam has been studying and working with plants for over twenty years, and is the Garden Manager for the Cullowhee Community Garden, a donation based organic community garden

supported by the Jackson County Health Department.

## Creative Workshop: Repurposing and Redesigning Your Old Costume Jewelry



**Wednesday July 12th 2:00-4:00**

**\$60/\$70 Member/Non-Member**

Do you have a jewelry box of broken costume jewelry that you would like to bring back to life? This class will give you the confidence, knowledge and materials to remake that old broken or

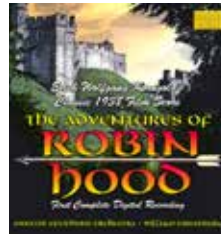
dated costume jewelry and repurpose it into a new one-of-a-kind piece that you will be happy to wear.

Items to bring: Broken chains, beads or pendants from broken necklaces or bracelets. Instructor will supply new clasps, stringing wire, tools, and knowledge for you to create a brand new piece that you'll be proud to wear.



**Presenter:** Cathy Korotkin is a retired landscape designer. At the guidance of her grandmother, she has quilted and made jewelry since she was a little child. Over the years she studied extensively both Jewelry Design and Advanced Pictorial Quilting and has taught classes in both for 5+ years. Cathy's jewelry is sold in several shops in the Highlands/Cashiers and Atlanta areas.

## Music and the Movies I: How the Soundtracks We Love Bring Movies to Life



**Thursday July 13th 2:00-4:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

Music for film, television, and video games occupies a unique position as being the only performed music which (some say) is not intended to be heard! From classics of the Golden Age like

King Kong (music by Max Steiner) to The Adventures of Robin Hood (music by Erich Wolfgang Korngold) to modern hits Out of Africa (music by John Berry) and Jaws (music by John Williams) and more, this session will explore the role of music in the cinema and how composers create artistically effective and enjoyable soundtracks.



**Presenter:** Scott Stewart is the Music Director and Conductor of the Atlanta Youth Wind Symphony. He holds Bachelor of Music Education and Doctor of Music degrees from Indiana University and a Masters Degree in Music Education from the University of Texas at Austin. He has served as Director of Wind Studies at Emory University and is on the Instrumental Conducting Faculty at the Westminster Schools (Atlanta, GA). He specializes in wind band/ensemble, symphony orchestra, conducting, and film music.

## Music and the Movies II: Classic Hollywood Soundtracks from Robin Hood to Star Wars



**Friday July 14th 10:00-12:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

The Golden Age of Hollywood produced movie classics like Gone With The Wind, The Wizard of Oz, and Citizen Kane. Music was a huge part of their success and influenced

generations of composers. This session illustrates the connections between music of cinema's Golden Age of the 1930s and the return of the Hollywood symphonic soundtrack with clips from:

Gone with the Wind (Max Steiner), The Adventures of Robin Hood (Erich Wolfgang Korngold) A Streetcar Named Desire (Alex North), Psycho (Bernard Herrmann) Star Wars, ET, Hook (John Williams), The Lord of the Rings (Howard Shore) and The Incredibles (Michael Giacchino). Music soundtracks and movie clips will abound in this interactive presentation!

**Presenter:** Scott Stewart (see biography above)



## Prosecuting a Former President: Perils and Challenges



**Monday July 17th 10:00-12:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

Drawing on his unique perspective from serving as a senior member of Special Counsel Mueller's team, a former FBI General Counsel, and a long-time white collar prosecutor, Mr. Weissmann will discuss the perils and challenges of investigating and prosecuting Donald J. Trump. He will explore the status of the various state and federal criminal and civil investigations and cases — including legal and factual issues involved in bringing certain charges, venue issues about where to bring those charges, and the national security implications of and debates about bringing various charges. He will also address the challenges of the Special Counsel rules in conducting a federal investigation and bringing charges. He will explore ways those rules can be improved to deal with the difficult issue of how a member of the executive branch can investigate itself or former executive branch members.



**Presenter:** Andrew Weissmann is a Professor of Practice with the Center on the Administration of Criminal Law at New York University School of Law. He served as a lead prosecutor in Robert S. Mueller's Special Counsel's Office and as Chief of the Fraud Section in the U.S. Department of Justice. He is the author of "Where Law Ends: Inside the Mueller Investigation." He also served as

General Counsel for the F.B.I., Director of the Enron Task Force, and as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for 15 years in the Eastern District of New York, where he served as the Chief of the Criminal Division. He is a frequent MSNBC news contributor on matters related to federal and state prosecutions of high profile political figures.

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**3.** Call the CLE Office at 828-526-8811

## How to Taste: The Practical Science of Wine Enjoyment



**Thursday July 18th 3:00-5:00**

**\$85/\$95 Member/Non-Member**

Join us in a wine tasting and presentation of science-based advice for improving your enjoyment of fine wines. You will learn about the biological basis of flavor, the components of wine flavor, and the process of developing tasting skills. The tasting will also explore the psychological aspects of wine enjoyment.



**Presenter:** Joe Frank is a retired professor of food microbiology. He taught a University of Georgia study abroad course in wine science in Cortona, Italy for 12 years. He also served 10 years as wine director for the Athens Chapter of the American Wine Society.

## Garden Tour: A Unique Woodland Garden in Highlands Falls



**Wednesday July 19th 10:00-12:00**

**\$50/\$60 Member/Non-Member**

Frank Langford of Memphis and Highlands will lead a tour of his magical garden. He is an avid gardener who has created over the years a space for shade loving native plants, including plants growing on the exposed roots of "nurse" trees felled decades ago. Winding trails, ponds, bridges and stones are used in making this an enchanting garden. The property is bordered on one side by a narrow mountain stream and along the woodland garden by a small branch of the Ocoee River. The front garden has several large beds with Japanese Maples of several varieties and under planting of ferns and other shade loving plants. The driveway is bordered on the right by an Indian mound which is planted with native azaleas, day lilies and hostas. The back garden is sun filled with perennials and a central water feature in which a 1500 pound millstone "floats".

**Location:** Langford Residence. Address and further details will be emailed to registered attendees closer to the date.

## Why and How the Atlantic Revolutions of the Late 18th Century Remain Important for American Democracy Now



**Wednesday July 19th 2:00-4:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

This presentation will focus on the revolutionary upheavals that spread across the Atlantic world in the late eighteenth century, creating independent nations and advocating new conceptions of human rights that continue to influence the modern world. We'll discuss how the ideas of this revolutionary era still resonate in our own time when democratic institutions are facing new challenges across the Atlantic world and beyond.



**Presenter:** Lloyd Kramer is a professor of history and the Director of Carolina Public Humanities at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. He received his Ph.D. from Cornell University. He is coauthor of *A History of Europe in the Modern World*, which is now in its 12th edition. Kramer's interests focus on Modern European History with an emphasis on nineteenth-century France.

## Why and How Fascists and Nazis Destroyed Democracies in Italy and Germany



**Thursday July 20th 10:00-12:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

This presentation will focus on the anti-democratic movements that emerged after World War I in Italy and Germany, where the ideas of the 18th-century Atlantic revolutions were widely rejected. We'll discuss the popularity of autocratic leaders, the methods that anti-democratic forces used to consolidate power in Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany, and the ways in which democracies become vulnerable to anti-democratic ideas and leaders.

**Presenter:** Lloyd Kramer (see bio above)

## Cooking Demo: One Pan Dinners



**Thursday July 20th 3:00-5:00**

**\$70/\$80 Member/Non-Member**

Just because you're feeding one or two doesn't mean you need to resort to endless takeout, frozen dinners, or have gallons of leftovers that you end up tossing. You will learn how to prepare quick, easy, nutritious and healthy meals that don't require a whole lot of fussing. Take time to explore how healthy eating leads to a healthy life! We will prepare several meals that can be on the table in 30 minutes or less. Afterwards, we will all socialize and enjoy this creation with wine!

**Location: Private Residence.** Address and further details will be emailed to registered attendees closer to the date.

**Presenter:** Susan Hansen has spent over 30 years creating and cooking all sorts of culinary delights in her kitchen and in various public eateries. She enjoys teaching others and bringing out each participant's "inner chef" as she did successfully during last year's programs at CLE.

## How "Modern" Was the Old South?



**Monday July 24th 2:00-4:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

Southern slaveholders went to great lengths to portray themselves as custodians of a backward-looking, noble society, one that drew its strength from the past and fought against the recklessness of the modern future of free wage labor and democracy. In their architecture, literature, and in the institution of slavery itself, they fashioned themselves as feudal lords, heirs to a past they admired and cherished. Beneath this facade, however, was a modern, highly exploitative system of labor, one that gave rise to one of the most "progressive" societies in the world in the first half of the nineteenth century. This lecture explores how, beneath the gloss of genteel aristocracy, the Old South pioneered some of the most modern, even capitalistic innovations in the world.



**Presenter:** Mark Smith is an American historian, Director of the Institute for Southern Studies, and a Carolina Distinguished Professor of History at the University of South Carolina. He is a scholar of environmental disasters, southern history, and of sensory history, which he described to an interviewer as stressing "the role of the senses" – including sight and vision – in shaping people's experience in the past.



## America's First Civil War



**Tuesday July 25th 10:00-12:00**

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**\$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

Roughly twenty percent of American colonists were "Loyalists" during the American Revolution. Who were these people and why did they elect to remain loyal to the Mother Country?

The risks they took were great but no greater than those taken by Americans who chose to rebel. What motivated those who wanted to leave the British Empire? What was at stake in their decision? This presentation outlines the motivations, risks, and possible rewards for both sides and frames the American Revolution as America's first Civil War.

Presenter: Mark Smith ( See bio on page to the left)

## Art Workshop: Botanical Art Graphite Rubbings



**Tuesday July 25th 1:00-4:00**

**\$100/\$110 Member/Non-Member**

The art of Frottage, or "Rubbings," is a simple form of printmaking that does not require a printing press. The class will begin with gathering botanical matter from the lush wildflowers,

grasses and leaves on surrounding facility grounds. Our harvested specimens will be used to make rubbings on two different surfaces; rice paper and vellum. This process will allow each student to attain faithful details of their botanical, which then becomes the basis of further creative exploration using collage materials, and watercolors. All Materials and Printing Equipment Provided.



Presenter: Norma Hendrix has been an exhibiting artist for over 40 years. She holds a BFA, an MA, and an MFA. She has been an artist in residence and presenter at Wilson College, Chambersburg, PA, The Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT, and Atelier Four Winds, Aureille, France and Corris, Wales. She was a professor of Drawing, Life Drawing, Painting and Art History for 10 years at

Western Carolina University. She founded and directed Cullowhee Arts, an internationally recognized non-profit arts organization. Hendrix participates in international cultural exchange through artist residencies and artist lectures. Most recently, she presented an arts based paper at the International Conference of Autoethnography, July, 2022, Bristol, England. Hendrix's artwork is held in private and public collections in the US, France, England and Wales.

## How to Recognize Misinformation on the Internet



**Wednesday July 26th 10:00-12:00**

**\$40/\$50 Member/Non-Member**

**Levels 2 & 3**

In this class, we will:

- Understand how news can be manipulated
- Learn to spot misinformation
- Navigate distorted published information
- Learn how to fact check
- Learn how to have conversations with others who believe the misinformation found on the internet



Instructor: Loraine Smith has been teaching all things Apple for CLE for the last three years. Loraine holds a BS in Financial Management from Clemson University and is an Apple Certified Business Partner.

## Privacy & Online Security



**Wednesday July 26th 1:00-2:00**

**\$40/\$50 Member/Non-Member**

**Levels 1, 2 & 3**

In this class, we will learn:

- How to use the internet safely
- What are the latest scams and how to protect yourself from them
- What sectors are safe to utilize online
- Terms we should all know relating to malware, phishing scams, and viruses

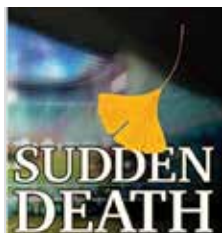
Instructor: Loraine Smith (see bio above)

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## Cocktail Reception & Book Talk

with Author Carolyn Newton Curry: *Sudden Death* - A Novel



**Thursday July 27th 4:00-6:00**

**\$70/\$80 Member/Non-Member**

Join us at one of Highlands' many beautiful homes for a cocktail reception, book signing and discussion with Carolyn Newton Curry, author of the novel *Sudden Death*, a murder/

mystery set in the world of football written by a woman who has spent her entire life married to a player and coach – Bill Curry. But it is more than a whodunit, the novel spans roughly thirty years from 1966 to 1997 in the life of one couple, who grew up half the world apart. Kendall Harris, a brilliant law student from Georgia, and Duke Astin, a star quarterback from Hawaii, meet at UCLA, fall in love, and marry soon after college. She starts practicing law and he goes on to play ten years in the NFL and then enter college coaching. Things take a troubling turn when Duke is hired by a football powerhouse in the South and is confronted with influential boosters who were unhappy that he was chosen in the first place and who undermine everything he does. Kendall, who has always fought spouse abuse, is caught in the middle of a dispute that endangers her life. The coach and his wife both receive death threats as they work to keep focus on their missions. But when the murder occurs, it becomes a story about the search for joy and goodness in life. Ultimately, it is about the capacity of the human spirit to triumph over great odds.

**Location: Private Residence.** Address and further details will be release to registered attendees closer to the date of the program.



**Presenter:** Carolyn Curry is an award-winning author, historian, and Founder of the nonprofit Women Alone Together®. In 2014, she published *Suffer and Grow Strong: The Life of Ella Gertrude Clanton Thomas 1834-1907*. In 2015, it was named One of the Books All Georgians Should Read by the Georgia Center for the Book. In that same year, Curry received Georgia Author of the Year Award

from the Georgia Writers Association.

## College Football Preview with Tony Barnhart & Coach Bill Curry



**Friday July 28th 10:00-12:00**

**\$35/\$45 Member/Non-Member**

**This Program is Sponsored By:  
Doc Wilson and Ronnie Elliott**

In this program, Tony Barnhart will give his annual preview of the fall 2023 football season with a focus on SEC and ACC teams and a forecast about the teams most likely to be in contention for the national title. Will Georgia win its third straight title or will some other teams have a chance to take the crown away from them. Joining Tony in this program will be Bill Curry, former coach at Georgia Tech, Kentucky, and Alabama and a NFL player for ten seasons. Among his many accomplishments, Curry played on three NFL and two Super Bowl Championship teams. Tony and Bill will discuss the revolutionary challenges facing college football and college sports generally. They will also discuss Tony's new book, *The 19 of Greene: Football Friendship and Change in the Fall of 1970* for which Curry wrote a moving introduction. The book is about the Greene County Tigers first integrated football team and the unifying power of sport in the face of social turmoil.



**Presenter:** Tony Barnhart, a 1976 graduate of UGA's school of journalism, has covered college football for 47 years. This includes 25 years as a columnist and reporter for the Atlanta Journal Constitution and stints with CBS Sports and ESPN. Tony is currently an analyst for the SEC Network and a columnist for TMG College Sports. He is the author of five books on college football, including

biographies of Vince Dooley and Larry Munson. Among his honors: named Georgia Sports Writer of the Year in 1999 and inducted into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame in 2021.



**Presenter:** As a player, Bill Curry learned the game from such legendary masters as Bobby Dodd, Vince Lombardi, and Don Shula. He was a two-time Pro Bowl center and a three-time NFL Champion, including victories in Super Bowls I and V. As a coach, Bill restored the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets to national prominence. At the University of Alabama, where he was named Bobby Dodd National

Coach of the Year, Bill led the Tide to an SEC Championship and to berths in the Hall of Fame Bowl, the Sun Bowl, and the Sugar Bowl. At Kentucky, Bill led his Wildcats to their first bowl game in nearly a decade. In 2008, Bill became the first head coach at Georgia State which played its inaugural season in 2010.

## The Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Angel Fire



**Monday July 31st 10:00-12:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

A great white angel spreading her wings across the Moreno Valley: this is how one visitor described the memorial standing atop a windswept prominence in the Sangre de Cristo

Mountains near Taos, New Mexico. A de-facto national Vietnam veterans memorial, built by one family more than a decade before the Wall in Washington, DC, and without aid or recognition from the US government, the chapel at Angel Fire is a testament to one young American's sacrifice—but also to the profound determination of his family to find meaning in their loss. In *The Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Angel Fire*, Steven Trout tells the story of Marine Lieutenant David Westphall, who was killed near Con Thien on May 22, 1968, and of the Westphall family's subsequent struggle to create and maintain a one-of-a-kind memorial chapel dedicated to the memory of all Americans lost in the Vietnam War and to the cause of world peace. Focused primarily on a life lost amid our nation's most controversial conflict and on the Westphalls' desperate battle to keep their chapel open between 1971 and 1982, the book's brisk and moving narrative traces the memorial's evolution from a personal act of family remembrance to its emergence as an iconic pilgrimage destination for thousands of Vietnam veterans. Documenting the chapel's shifting messages over time, which include a momentary (and controversial) recognition of the dead on both sides of the war, *The Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Angel Fire* spotlights one American soldier's tragic story and the monument to hope and peace that it inspired.



**Presenter:** Steven Trout is professor of English, chair of the Department of English, and codirector of the Center for the Study of War and Memory at the University of South Alabama. His books include *On the Battlefield of Memory: The First World War and American Remembrance, 1919-1941* and *Memorial Fictions: Willa Cather and the First World War*.

## Tales from the Garden



**Tuesday August 1st 2:00-4:00**

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Dr. Armitage will educate and entertain with his Tales From The Garden. Was there really someone called Joe Pye? Of all the flowers in the world, why is the poppy the flower of remembrance? What do bachelor's buttons have to do with bachelors, and why is a dogwood called a dogwood? It has nothing to do with dogs. Enjoy stories that you can share with others, and watch them smile.



**Presenter:** Professor Emeritus of Horticulture, Dr. Allan Armitage has written 17 books that serve as classroom texts, reference books, and gardeners' companions. His reference book *Herbaceous Perennial Plants*, now in its 4th edition, was recognized as one of the best 75 books in the last 75 years. One of his most recent books, *Of Naked Ladies and Forget-me-Nots*, which tells the stories behind plant names, is also a best seller. His App, *Armitage's Great Garden Plants*, serves industry and consumers. He has received almost every award that can be bestowed upon a horticulturist, and is also a National Champion on the tennis court.

## Great Gardens of the World



**Wednesday August 2nd 10:00-12:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

Join Dr. Armitage as he guides us through some of the world's finest gardens. He has visited the Great Gardens of Ireland, Wales, France, Italy, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa and Canada, to name but a few. In this presentation, he will take us through a melange of gardens, so sit back and see the world with Dr. A.

**Presenter:** Professor Emeritus of Horticulture, Dr. Allan Armitage. See bio above.

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## Leadership Challenges in the Digital Age



**Thursday August 3rd 2:00-4:00**

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Lee and Chesley Garrett**

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and New York Times bestselling author Ron Suskind has spent the majority

of his career examining and writing about leadership, in both the public and private sectors. He is the author of signature investigations of leadership across decades for The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, and four bestselling books on U.S. presidents that shaped history. He wrote the seminal piece for the New York Times before the 2020 election that characterized the Trump presidency and predicted events that occurred on January 6.

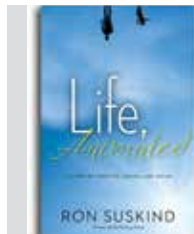
Ron knows leadership and -- as a technology leader with five patents and deep expertise about the spread of disinformation -- the perils and possibilities of leading in the digital age. His first-hand knowledge and understanding of the leaders of our era is unique; his assessments, rapier sharp and informed by the hope of how we might meet the challenges of our time.



**Presenter:** Ron Suskind is a journalist, author, and filmmaker. Writing for The Wall Street Journal from 1993 to 2000, he won the 1995 Pulitzer Prize for Feature Writing for articles that became the starting point for his first book, *A Hope in the Unseen*, that chronicles the journey of a student who aspired to escape his "blighted D.C. upbringing" and attend an Ivy League university. He has

written four other books about national politics and issues related to the United States' use of power: the Price of Loyalty, on the two-year tenure of George W. Bush's Treasury Secretary, Paul O'Neill; the New York Times Best Seller, *The One Percent Doctrine*, about the Bush administration's foreign policy after 9/11, driven by Vice President Cheney's focus on terrorists and rogue states access to nuclear weapons; *The Way of the World: A Story of Truth and Hope in an Age of Extremism*, about the struggles of individuals in the U.S. government and elsewhere around the world to combat nuclear terrorism; and, *Confidence Men: Wall Street, Washington and the Education of a President*, that describes the 2008 financial crisis and President Obama's White House efforts to address it. His memoir *Life Animated: A Story of Sidekicks, Heroes, and Autism* became an Emmy Award winning, Academy Award-nominated feature documentary.

## Life, Animated: A Tale of Autism, Hidden Potential, and Love.



**Friday August 4th 2:00-4:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

**This Program is Sponsored By:  
Lee and Chesley Garrett**

Ron Suskind's sixth bestselling book, *Life, Animated: A Story of Sidekicks, Heroes and Autism*, took readers

on a twenty-year journey with his family and their son's autism. Part memoir, part investigation, part adventure story of the human heart, the book was excerpted in the New York Times, introducing Owen Suskind, who lost all speech at 3, memorized 50 Disney movies, and created an emotional language drawn from lyrics and dialogue -- a language in which the family became fluent. Over years of communicating through Disney, Owen regained speech, and developed into a truly unique young man. Along the way, the Suskinds developed a therapeutic model called Affinity Therapy which turns deep, narrow interests -- characteristic of autism -- into pathways for growth and social connection. All of this went global when their 2016 feature documentary, *Life, Animated*, was nominated for an Academy Award, swept the Emmys, and spread across the world. Ron tells the story of his family's extraordinary journey -- still unfolding -- with movie clips and personal recollections that change an audience's views of sidekicks, heroes, the "differently abled" and what defines "a meaningful life."

**Presenter:** Ron Suskind see bio to the left.

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## Music As My Guide



**Friday August 4th 10:00-12:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

Grammy Award-winning cellist Zuill Bailey, and Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival favorite, presents a special "informance"-speaking, playing, and taking

questions- walking us through how music has sculpted his path and given him the tools to navigate life's adventures.



**Presenter:** Zuill Bailey is a Grammy Award winning, internationally renowned cello soloist, recitalist, Artistic Director and teacher. His rare combination of celebrated artistry, technical wizardry and engaging personality has secured his place as one of the most sought after and active cellists today. A consummate concerto soloist, Mr. Bailey has been featured with symphony

orchestras worldwide. He is a renowned recording artist with over twenty titles and received a Grammy Award for his solo live recording of "Tales of Hemingway," by Michael Daugherty. He has made numerous television and radio appearances. In addition to his extensive touring engagements, he is the Artistic Director of five music festivals and the Director of the Center for Arts Entrepreneurship at the University of Texas at El Paso. He received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the Peabody Conservatory and the Juilliard School.



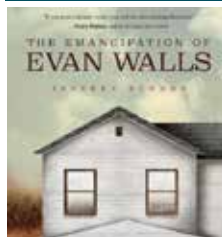
*Cocktail Reception and Author Book Talks  
with Cassandra Conroy-King  
August 2022*

We are grateful to the hosts for opening their beautiful home for CLE's author book talk. It was the perfect setting for a private, intimate conversation with the author.

See pages 14, 26, 29 and 36 for CLE's 2023 Cocktail Reception and Author Book Talk Programs.

## Cocktail Reception and Book Talk with Jeffrey Blount

Author of *The Emancipation of Evan Walls*



**Monday August 7th 4:00-6:00**

**\$70/\$80 Member/Non-Member**

**This Program is Sponsored By:  
Ray and Diane McPhail**

Join us at a beautiful home overlooking the mountains that produce the

famous Bear Shadow for a discussion with Jeffrey Blount about his award-winning novel *The Emancipation of Evan Walls*. The novel is a thought-provoking, painful and often shocking story that gives the reader "a poignant and profound witness to the complexities and dynamics of racism, identity, and courage." Evan is a black child growing up in the racially charged 1960s in a small rural Virginia town. Inspired to overcome the racism and class status imposed on blacks, he dreams of a life bigger than that lived by most everyone he knows and is resented by friends and family for his aspirations. Among the smartest in his class, Evan becomes a target of white kids threatened by the forced integration of their schools. Caught in this racial crossfire, Evan is often alone and bewildered. Only the love of his great grandmother and another important mentor keeps him on track. Together, they help Evan find perspective and peace.

**Location: Private Residence.** Address and other details will be provided to registered attendees closer to the date of the program.



**Presenter:** Jeffrey Blount is the award-winning author of three novels — *Almost Snow White*, *Hating Heidi Foster*, and *The Emancipation of Evan Walls*, which won the 2020 National Indie Excellence Award for African American fiction, the 2019 Readers Favorite Book Award, the 2019 American Bookfest Best Book Award and a Shelf Unbound 2019 Notable Book. He is also an Emmy award-

winning television director and a 2016 inductee to the Virginia Communications Hall of Fame.

During a 34-year career at NBC News, Jeffrey directed a decade of *Meet the Press*, *The Today Show*, *NBC Nightly News*, and major special events. He has contributed writings to *HuffPost*, *The Washington Post*, *The Grio.com* and other publications, commenting on issues of race, social justice, and writing.

He is also an award-winning documentary scriptwriter for films and interactives that are on display in the Smithsonian Museum of African American History and Culture, *America I AM: The African American Imprint* at the National Constitution Center, The Museum at Bethel Woods at the site of the 1969 Woodstock Music and Arts Fair, and others.

In 2017 and 2018, Jeffrey served as Journalist in Residence and Shapiro Fellow at the School of Media and Public Affairs at The George Washington University.

## Future of Journalism in a Polarized World



**Tuesday August 8th 10:00-12:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

**This Program is Sponsored By:  
Ray and Diane McPhail**

The litany of complaints about the press and social media are familiar:

- conflicts of interest
- bias and loss of trust in journalists and media organizations
- the challenge of misinformation and disinformation in a daunting, factually complex world of political, cultural, and economic issues
- the nationalization of politics and the erosion of local journalism

With thirty years directing programming for NBC News, Jeffrey Blount is uniquely positioned to explain the origins of these developments, discuss the consequences for democracy, and offer ideas for correcting, or at least mitigating the problems they pose to democracy. In this Q & A presentation, Mr. Blount will touch on a wide variety of issues: the Founders' vision of the role of the free press in a democracy; the consequences of the adoption by TV and radio of the "entertainment" business model; the common use of "both sides," "horse-race" and "false equivalence" political coverage rather than substantive policy analysis; the role of unconscious bias; how journalists do or should cover matters of social justice and "culture war" controversies. Join us for a lively discussion of these issues and come prepared with questions.

**Presenter: Jeffrey Blount (See bio on previous page).**

## Plants as Medicine: Wildcrafting and Basic Herbal Medicine Making 101



**Tuesday August 8th 2:00-4:00**

**\$50/\$60 Member/Non-Member**

Many plants and herbs can be made into simple medicines to support the health and healing of our families and communities. In this class you will receive information about all the types

of herbal medicine that can be made in your kitchen, as well as instruction on how to create an herbal tincture, and how to blend an herbal tea. You will leave with a tincture or tea of your choice.



**Presenter: Connie Thompson** is a Brenan Healing Science Practitioner, a non-dualistic healing practitioner, and an avid student of herbal medicine. She wildcrafts (gathers and creates) local herbs to create tinctures, teas, and other herbal medicines.

## Hands-On Creative Workshop: Reverse Decoupage 2.0



**Wednesday August 9th 10:00-12:00**

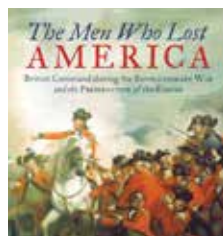
**\$60/\$70 Member/Non-Member**

This year we will rev up our decoupage bag of tricks with an introduction to REVERSE DECOUPAGE. The technique remains the same, application of printed paper with

Modge Podge, but this time to the back of a clear glass plate creating a unique piece that is sure to be noticed. Two plates will be provided for each participant, plus all needed supplies. There will be a handout with a supply list and instructions so you can continue to work independently after the class. Level of difficulty = easy, no experience required!

**Presenter: Colette Clark** is a ceramic artist, painter and "jack of all trades". You can find her most often teaching at the pottery barn at the Bascom. She has a past career as an RN, and traveled the world with her retired Marine Colonel husband.

## Men Who Lost America: British Leadership and the Revolutionary War



**Wednesday August 9th 2:00-4:00**

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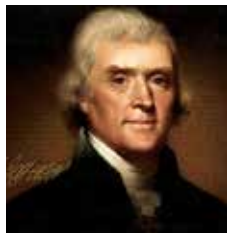
The loss of America was a stunning and unexpected defeat for the powerful British Empire. Common wisdom has held that incompetent military commanders and political leaders must have been to blame, but were they? Weaving together the personal stories of ten prominent men who directed the British dimension of the war, O'Shaughnessy dispels the incompetence myth and uncovers the real reasons that rebellious colonials were able to achieve their surprising victory.



**Presenter: Andrew O'Shaughnessy** is the Vice President of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation (Monticello), the Saunders Director of the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies at Monticello, and Professor of History at the University of Virginia. His most recent book is the *Illimitable Freedom of the Human Mind: Thomas Jefferson's Idea of a University* (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2021). He has previously published *The Men Who Lost America: British Leadership, the American Revolution and the Fate of the Empire* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2013), which received eight national awards including the New York Historical Society American History Book Prize, the George Washington Book Prize and The Society of Military History Book Prize.



## "The Illimitable Freedom of the Human Mind:" Thomas Jefferson and Education



**Thursday August 10th 10:00-12:00**

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Jefferson regarded education as essential to the survival of an elective republican government. The talk reviews his remarkable pioneering efforts in public education and why

they remain relevant. He saw education as essential to the survival of a democracy and regarded mass elementary education as the first priority. He advanced what would have become the first public school system in the world. The talk explains why he was only able to establish a university and why he regarded it as one of his three greatest achievements in life.

Presenter: Andrew O'Shaughnessy (see bio on previous page)

## From Polar Bears to Puffins



**Monday August 14 2:00-4:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

In this presentation Jim McClintock will speak about changes to the Arctic sea ice and ice sheets driven by rapid climate change. The essence of the talk focuses on the impacts of warming

and ocean acidification on key species of animals that make up one of the most productive ecosystems in the world, ending with a message and story of hope for the future.



Presenter: James B. McClintock is the Endowed University Professor of Polar and Marine Biology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of California at Santa Cruz (1978) and his doctoral degree from the University of South Florida (1984). In 1987, after completing a National Science Foundation Postdoctoral

Fellowship at the University of California at Santa Cruz, he joined the faculty of the Department of Biology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Dr. McClintock's research focuses on aspects of marine invertebrate nutrition, reproduction, and primarily, Antarctic marine chemical ecology. Over the past decade his research has also encompassed studies of the impacts of rapid climate change and ocean acidification on Antarctic marine algae and invertebrates.

## Diving Below Antarctic Ice



**Tuesday August 15th 10:00-12:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

In this presentation, Jim McClintock will share stunning photographs of the spectacular world under the sea ice in Antarctica. The presentation focuses on the history of scientific

diving in Antarctica and a tour of the ecology of key marine organisms. Jim will feature some of the research discoveries during his 15 Antarctic expeditions.

Presenter: James B. McClintock ( See bio to the left)

## Common Invasive Landscape Plants and Native Alternatives



**Tuesday August 15th 2:00-4:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

Many commonly used landscaping plants can have damaging effects on the ecosystem, without us even knowing it. Join Horticulturist Adam Bigelow for a fun and informative

presentation where you will learn which plants, shrubs and trees are invasive, what invasive plants mean, and the benefits of using Native Plants in your landscaping.



Presenter: Adam Bigelow is a Horticulturist and the owner of Bigelow's Botanical Excursions, an Ecotourism business offering guided, interpretive walks with a focus on the Native Wildflowers and Plants of the Southern Appalachian bioregion. Adam has been studying and working with plants for over twenty years, and is the Garden Manager for the Cullowhee Community Garden, a

donation based organic community garden supported by the Jackson County Health Department.

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## Ten Myths About America's Founding Documents



**Wednesday August 16th 2:00-4:00**

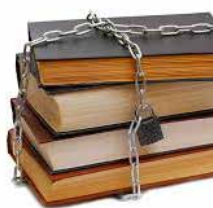
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Over the centuries, all three of the United States' founding documents—the Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights—have, like undersea treasures, become encrusted with a thick coating of mythology. Americans think of the Declaration of Independence as a bold protest against government by kings and queens, though it never actually denounces monarchy. Today most people's favorite clause from the Declaration of Independence is "created equal," but delegates to the Continental Congress who signed it cared less about individual rights than states' rights. Over the next hundred years, though, black and white Americans opposing slavery and males, as well as females supporting women's rights, transformed it into a universal declaration of human rights. Few people today realize that one of the most pressing motivations for the men like Madison and Washington who wrote the Constitution was to roll back what Hamilton called the "excess of democracy" unleashed by the American Revolution. Today the most beloved clauses of the Constitution are in the Bill of Rights which the framers of the original Constitution not only didn't write but resolutely opposed. We owe our most precious freedoms to the men and women who hated the original Constitution and agreed to it only after being promised a Bill of Rights.



**Presenter:** Woody Holton is the Peter and Bonnie McCausland Professor of History at the University of South Carolina where he teaches and researches Early American history, especially the American Revolution, with a focus on economic history and on African Americans, Native Americans, and women. He is the author of several previous books, including *Abigail Adams*, which was awarded the Bancroft Prize; his second book, *Unruly Americans and the Origins of the Constitution*, was a finalist for the National Book Award.

## Subversive Books, Politics and the First Amendment



**Thursday August 17th 10:00-12:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

In the last five years, there has been an upsurge in the effort to ban books from public libraries and schools, even such seemingly inoffensive and inspiring children's books like *Martin Luther King, Jr. and the March on Washington* and *Ruby Bridges Goes to School*, a memoir by an African American girl who integrated a white New Orleans school. In response to what they characterize as "woke" indoctrination of students, conservative organizations have offered model legislation for states to adopt to prohibit not only specific books but also the mention of LGBTQ+ people and difficult historical topics like slavery and the Civil War. Many of these censorship laws have been adopted. Meanwhile, left-leaning groups have pressured school boards and libraries to remove books deemed racist, such as *Huckleberry Finn* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*, sexist or homophobic. This presentation will discuss the free speech issues generated by this controversy.

**Presenter:** Woody Holton see bio on left.

“Woody is an enthusiastic lecturer who will challenge your preconceived notions about history.”

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## Hands-On Creative Workshop: Cabins, Cocktails and Creativity Making a Birdhouse Out of Foraged Materials



**Two Workshop Dates Offered:**  
**Thursday August 17th 1:00-4:30**  
**or**  
**Friday August 18th 1:00-4:30**  
**\$80/\$90 Member/Non-Member**

Back by popular demand, this year with a location surprise! Join us for creativity, cabins and cocktails on this 20 acre property that is home to three historic Joe Webb log cabins built in the 30's. The many springs and the lake found on the property are the headwaters for Bridal Veil Falls. Basically unchanged since built, the main cabin was featured in Rubin Cox's photo documentary book "The Works of Joe Webb". Surrounded by Highlands history, you will design and create a wooden Birdhouse with foraged natural finds from our beautiful Highlands/Cashiers plateau. Mosses, dried flowers, greenery, mushrooms and pine cones along with a few surprises will be available for you to design a masterpiece to display in your home, for years to come. Come create with us and enjoy good company. Complimentary refreshments and libations included. Small groups of 10 are required in this intimate setting. To encourage maximum participation, two date selections are available. This is not a 2 day workshop.

**Location: Private Residence.** Address and additional details are provided to registered participants closer to the program date.

**Presenter:** Penny Pollock, is an encaustic painter, potter, retired fashion designer and creator of unique and unusual home decors.

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## Botanical EcoTour: Wildflowers of Dixon Woods



**Monday August 21st 9:00-12:00**  
**\$50/\$60 Member/Non-Member**

Join Horticulturist and Native Plant Enthusiast Adam Bigelow for a slow, gentle walk in Dixon Woods Park, Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust's newest hiking trail network that surrounds Dixon Pond. You will learn about the plants and wildflowers seen along the way. Adam shares stories of the plants that include natural history, ecological relationships, edible and medicinal uses, indigenous and historic connections, and more. Meeting time and location will be emailed to registered participants closer to the program date. Be prepared to hike in light rain. Save the Date: In the event of severe weather, the backup date is Thursday August 24th 9:00-12:00.



**Leader:** Adam Bigelow is a Horticulturist and the owner of Bigelow's Botanical Excursions, an Ecotourism business offering guided, interpretive walks with a focus on the Native Wildflowers and Plants of the Southern Appalachian bioregion. Adam has been studying and working with plants for over twenty years, and is the Garden Manager for the Cullowhee Community Garden, a donation based organic community garden supported by the Jackson County Health Department.

## Art History Lecture & Take-n-Make: The Work of Georgia O'Keeffe



**Monday August 21st 1:00-4:00**  
**\$70/\$80 Member/Non-Member**

Georgia O'Keeffe is best known for her flowers and desert landscape paintings. Using O'Keeffe's life work as inspiration, participants will come to understand her process and create artwork based on her style. Work will be created on a canvas board using watercolor, pastel, colored pencils and a variety of materials. All materials are provided so that you take home your very own piece of art.



**Instructor:** Mary Cavaoli is an award winning teacher and art instructor. She has been an Arts Educator for over 40 years working with public and private schools, museums and communities in Florida, Iowa and Japan. She is a National Board Certified Art Teacher K-12, Bachelor of Arts and Art history and holds a Master's in Interdisciplinary Arts Leadership.



## Regime Theory and American Politics for the Next Generation



**Tuesday August 22nd 10:00-12:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

Thirty years ago, Stephen Skowronek, a political scientist at Yale, published a book titled *The Politics Presidents Make*. It was generally recognized as one of the most important books on the presidency since Richard Neustadt's book, *Presidential Power*. In his book, Skowronek argued that every 40 years or so, a "reconstructive" president comes along and establishes a new presidential "regime." Former President Trump might well be regarded as a "reconstructive president," or one that completely transformed American politics for at least a generation. Trump has a unique ability to question the central precepts of the last half century. That's what reconstructive presidents do.



**Presenter:** Daniel Franklin is Associate Professor of Political Science, Emeritus at Georgia State University. His areas of specialization were American Chief Executives, Film and Politics, Georgia State Politics, and Budgeting and the Legislative Process. He is the former Director of the Georgia Legislative Internship Program and a former Distinguished Honors Professor.

He is the author of seven books, numerous articles and reviews. His latest book is on *The Politics of Presidential Impeachment* (with Robert Caress, Robert Sanders and Cole Tarratoot), and was published by the SUNY University Press (2020) and included in their American Constitutionalism Series.

## Find Your Champagne Style



**Tuesday August 22nd 3:00-5:00**

**\$80/\$90 Member/Non-Member**

What makes Champagne different from other sparkling wines? We will discuss numerous topics: the unique history of the region; why Champagne began to sparkle and

how the Champenoise learned to work with the bubble; the variety of styles; why yeast is so important; how champagne is made; and how to serve it. There are three grapes blended in NV Champagne and you will get to taste and compare examples of each varietal dominating the blend, as well as a wine that is equal parts all three varietals. By the end of the seminar, you should have a better idea of what style of Champagne you prefer. Come with any questions about Champagne!

**Location: Private Residence.** Address and other details will be provided to registered attendees closer to the program date.



**Presenter:** Cara Freije became a Certified Sommelier through the Court of Master Sommeliers in 2015. Living in Asheville, she can be spotted mostly in Cashiers and Highlands at this time of year, representing Tryon Distributing. Cara designed and managed the wine program at nationally acclaimed Corner Kitchen in Asheville. Cara's passion for wine is rooted in its

unique relationship to the world, a product of nature and human invention that expresses history, culture, creation, and a sense of place and time in every good bottle.

I have friends that come into town every year specifically for this program. There's no way I would miss Tony Barnhart when he comes to Highlands.

See page 26 for Tony Barnhart and Bill Curry's 2023 Program Details



*College Football Preview  
2022*

## Digital Photography on Your iPhone/iPad



**Wednesday August 23rd 10:00-12:00**

**\$40/\$50 Member/Non-Member**

### Levels 1, 2 & 3

- Understand how and where photos are stored
- Learn the "Rule of Thirds"
- Practice taking different

photographic styles in various settings

- Learn how to set auto features
- Learn how to take good videos, selfies, wide angles, etc



Instructor: Loraine Smith has been teaching all things Apple for CLE for the last three years. Loraine holds a BS in Financial Management from Clemson University and is an Apple Certified Business Partner.

## Password Management on Your iPhone/iPad



**Wednesday August 23rd 1:00-2:00**

**\$40/\$50 Member/Non-Member**

### Levels 2 & 3

- Learn why it's important to let loved ones know where to find your passwords
- Explore different password

management apps, how they work and their costs

- Options on where to record your passwords
- Learn how to share estate documents with loved ones
- What is a "Legacy Contact" and how to add someone as a legacy contact to your Apple ID

Instructor: Loraine Smith (see bio above).

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## Art Workshop: Intro to Alcohol Inks



**Thursday August 24th 1:00-3:30**

**\$80/\$90 Member/Non-Member**

This workshop is an introduction to alcohol inks and their versatility in creating translucent and very fluid artworks. Alcohol inks are highly pigmented and fast drying. We will be using 91% Isoprophyl Alcohol, Yupo paper, plus the inks to create beautiful, colorful art. If you have used watercolors, you will enjoy seeing the beautiful effects these inks can achieve! (All materials provided)



Instructor: Mary Cavaoli is an award winning teacher and art instructor. She has been an Arts Educator for over 40 years working with public and private schools, museums and communities in Florida, Iowa and Japan. She is a National Board Certified Art Teacher K-12, Bachelor of Arts and Art history and holds a Master's in Interdisciplinary Arts Leadership.

## What Is A Just War?



**Friday August 25th 2:00-4:00**

**USE PASS \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member**

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has been widely condemned as unjust. But what makes it unjust? How, precisely, does the invasion – or any other current or historical military intervention – violate standard ethical considerations about war? This talk will lay out the generally accepted framework of just war theory and review some of the current philosophical disagreements surrounding that framework.



Presenter: Peter Lindsay is Professor of Political Science and Philosophy at Georgia State University. He received his MA and Ph.D. from the University of Toronto and his bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado, Boulder. Before coming to Georgia State, he held positions at the University of Toronto, Harvard University and the University of New Hampshire. He has received numerous teaching awards, including the Georgia Board of Regents Hall of Fame Teaching Award, the American Political Science Association's Distinguished Teaching Award, the Georgia State University College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Teaching Award and the Georgia State University Distinguished Honors Professor Award. His research focuses on matters of economic justice, as well as pedagogy in higher education. He is the author of two books – *Creative Individualism: The Democratic Vision of C. B. Macpherson* (SUNY, 1996) and *The Craft of University Teaching* (University of Toronto Press, 2018). He is the co-founder and co-coordinator of the Georgia State University Prison Education Project.

## Two Day Series Art Workshop: Hands-On Color Concepts for Artists



**Monday August 28th 1:00-3:30  
&  
Tuesday August 29th 1:00-3:30**  
**\$200/\$210 Member/Non-Member**

Color can be one of the most frustrating aspects of painting, but it can also be the defining aspect of a successful piece of art. This two day workshop will provide artists with a clearer understanding of seeing, interpreting and mixing strong color palettes. Using one subject and a color wheel, we will set up 4 different palettes applied to four quick paintings. Students will leave understanding how to mix lights and darks by using colors that provide beauty and depth, colors that are never "muddy." We will talk about color as value and the "zen" of mixing color on the palette, before we put our brushes to the painting surface.

Materials included: Pre-cut rag paper, gouache paint, pencil, take home color wheel, brushes, and subject materials.



**Presenter:** Norma Hendrix has been an exhibiting artist for over 40 years. She holds a BFA, an MA, and an MFA. She studied color theory under Joseph Canzani, founder of the Columbus College of Art and Design, who studied under American painter and colorist Hans Hoffman. She has been an artist in residence and presenter at Wilson College, Chambersburg, PA, The Vermont

Studio Center, Johnson, VT, and Atelier Four Winds, Aureille, France and Corris, Wales. She was a professor of Drawing, Life Drawing, Painting and Art History for 10 years at Western Carolina University. She founded and directed Cullowhee Arts, an internationally recognized non-profit arts organization. Hendrix participates in international cultural exchange through artist residencies and artist lectures. Most recently, she presented an arts based paper at the International Conference of Autoethnography, July, 2022, Bristol, England. Hendrix's artwork is held in private and public collections in the US, France, England and Wales.

## Cocktail Reception and Book Talk with Author Tracie Enerson Wood: *The President's Wife*



**Wednesday August 30th 4:00-6:00**  
**\$70/\$80 Member/Non-Member**

Join us at one of Highlands' many beautiful homes for a cocktail reception and discussion with Tracie Enerson Wood about her newest novel, *The President's Wife*, a

fascinating exploration of Edith Wilson's indispensable role as First Lady to her husband Woodrow Wilson. The *President's Wife* presents a portrait of one of the most consequential First Ladies in U. S. History who regularly advised her husband on policy matters, encrypted top-secret messages during World War I, attended the Paris Peace Conference and all but assumed the Presidency herself when her husband suffered a debilitating stroke. The reception will also feature food prepared from recipes from Ms. Wood's co-authored book, *Homefront Cooking: Recipes, Wit, and Wisdom from American Veterans and Their Loved Ones*. This collection of over 70 treasured family recipes, stories, and photographs captures memories of service members and their loved ones, past and present. Stories range from anecdotes passed down from great-great-grandfathers who served in the American Civil War, to ones from those serving today.

Both books will be available for sale and signing by the author. And all the proceeds from the sale of the cookbook will be donated to veteran organizations. Light fare and cocktails are provided.

**Location: Private Residence.** Address will be provided to registered attendees closer to the program date.



**Presenter:** Tracey Enerson Wood comes from a multi-generational military family and is a retired Registered Nurse. She is the USA Today and international best-selling author of *The Engineer's Wife*, *The War Nurse* and several screen plays.

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**complimentary programs?**

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## Wild Table Experience: Forest to Table Lunch



**Tuesday September 5th 11:00-1:00**

**\$45/\$55 Member/Non-Member**

You've heard of Farm to Table cuisine, what about Forest to Table? This event will feature a delicious meal made almost completely from ingredients that were either grown or foraged at

Many Hands Peace Farm. You will be dining under a large covered tent right in the field where your food is grown. This is a rain or shine event, please dress accordingly.

**Location: Mountain Retreat and Learning Center  
3872 Dillard Rd Highlands, NC 28741**



The Mountain is an ecologically-conscious retreat and learning center located on 4,200 foot high granite cliffs on the Eastern Continental Divide in the Blue Ridge Mountains. The Mountain offers a unique opportunity in gratitude to the unique ecology and history of the oldest mountains in the world. Refresh your spirit in the natural beauty of these ancient mountaintops.

## Calendar and Reminders on your iPhone/iPad



**Wednesday September 6th 10:00-12:00**

**\$40/\$50 Member/Non-Member**

### Levels 1, 2 & 3

- Keep appointments current
- Sync calendars across devices
- Set alerts and reminders
- Share calendars with others

- Easily map directions to appointments
- Invite others to an event
- Create multiple calendars for different agendas



**Instructor: Loraine Smith** has been teaching all things Apple for CLE for the last three years. Loraine holds a BS in Financial Management from Clemson University and is an Apple Certified Business Partner.

## Cashless and Digital Payment Systems on Your iPhone/iPad



**Wednesday September 6th 1:00-2:00**

**\$40/\$50 Member/Non-Member**

### Levels 1, 2 & 3

- Learn how mobile payment Apps work and how to set one up
- What is the safety level of these Apps and how much do they cost?

- What is the future of digital payment systems?

**Instructor: Loraine Smith** (see bio above).

## Just Say No...To Pinot Grigio! Explore the Fascinating World of Italian White Wines



**Thursday September 7th 3:00-5:00**

**\$80/\$90 Member/Non-Member**

Italy's white wines are as diverse as the country's reds. There is an Italian white wine with a trove of native varieties to fit every budget and occasion. There are so many choices that shopping for

Italian white wine can be overwhelming. Adding to the confusion, many of the white grapes have similar-looking names. You don't have to memorize an encyclopedia to find the perfect wine for dinner. During this tasting, you will learn about the large world of Italian White Wines other than Pinot Grigio.

**Location: Private Residence.** Address and other details will be emailed to registered participants closer to the program date.



**Presenter: Stephanie Miskew, CSW, CS, WSET III,** is an award-winning Sommelier who turned degrees in Art History + Speech Pathology into a successful career in the wine world. Over the past 14 years, she has worked as a wine educator, consultant, judge, Fox News food & wine contributor and regional TV wine segment personality. In 2011, she launched The

Glamorous Gourmet and Wine Atelier, an educational website, podcast + retail wine business with retail locations in Cashiers, NC and Delray Beach, FL. As of January 2022 Stephanie and her husband are the new owners of Highlands Wine Shoppe. Stephanie and her husband also own Buck's Coffee Café in Cashiers.

## Art Workshop: Mixed Media



**Friday September 8th 1:00-4:00**

**\$70/\$80 Member/Non-Member**

How do artists bring a variety of art materials and ideas together into one piece of work? Learn the basics of creating a "mixed media" piece by studying the process and then creating

a piece based on your personal expression and style. (All materials provided.)



**Instructor: Mary Cavaoli** is an award winning teacher and art instructor. She has been an Arts Educator for over 40 years working with public and private schools, museums and communities in Florida, Iowa and Japan. She is a National Board Certified Art Teacher K-12, Bachelor of Arts and Art history and holds a Master's in Interdisciplinary Arts Leadership.

## Botanical EcoTour: Late Summer Wildflower Meadow



**Monday September 11th 9:00-12:00**  
**\$50/60 Member/Non-Member**

Just before the full flush of Fall leaf color arrives, Nature provides one last gasp of beautiful Wildflowers to enjoy before the onset of dormancy and Winter. We will visit numerous Asters, Ironweeds, Gentians, and Goldenrods as we walk at a slow and gentle pace, learning of the plants and their stories. Meeting time and location will be emailed to registered participants closer to the program date. Be prepared to hike in light rain. Save the Date: In the event of severe weather, the backup date is Wednesday September 13th 9:00-12:00.



Leader: Adam Bigelow is a Horticulturist and the owner of Bigelow's Botanical Excursions, an Ecotourism business offering guided, interpretive walks with a focus on the Native Wildflowers and Plants of the Southern Appalachian bioregion. Adam has been studying and working with plants for over twenty years, and is the Garden Manager for the Cullowhee Community Garden, a

donation based organic community garden supported by the Jackson County Health Department.

## Art Workshop: Drawing For All



**Wednesday September 20th 1:00-3:30**  
**&**  
**Thursday September 21st 1:00-3:30**  
**\$70/\$80 Member/Non-Member**

**For beginners and intermediate creators. Take one class or both!**

Back by popular demand! Learn skills using a variety of drawing materials. Mary will teach you how to draw using the elements of art: line, shape, form, value and texture. Graphite pencils, ebony pencils, Sharpies, etc., are your tools. We will be creating a value scale and simple drawings, still life and landscape, using these elements. Bring a sketchbook or journal. 'Process over product' style of learning. All participants will be supported on drawing ideas they would like to develop.



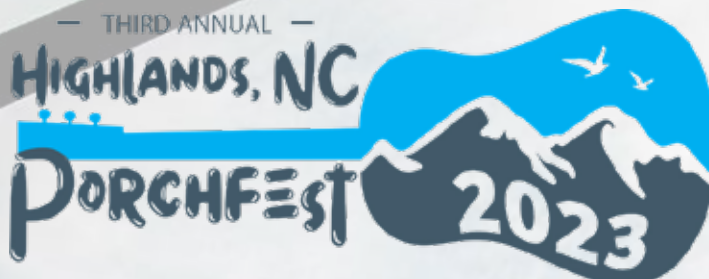
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## Join us *for an end of season* Celebration!

**Friday September 22nd  
4:30-6:30**

Wine and light fare will be served.

**Location: Peggy Crosby  
Center Porch  
348 South 5th Street**

## Botanical EcoTour: The First Hints of Fall



**Tuesday October 3rd 9:00-12:00**

**\$50/60 Member/Non-Member**

Panthertown Valley is one of the most beautiful and special of places in Southern Appalachia with many great views, waterfalls, and distinct ecosystems. We will take a slow, easy

walk along the Blackrock Trail where we will see many beautiful Trees, Shrubs, and Wildflowers. Meeting time and location will be emailed to registered participants closer to the program date. Be prepared to hike in light rain. Save the Date: In the event of severe weather, the backup date is Thursday October 5th 9:00-12:00.



Leader: Adam Bigelow is a Horticulturist and the owner of Bigelow's Botanical Excursions, an Ecotourism business offering guided, interpretive walks with a focus on the Native Wildflowers and Plants of the Southern Appalachian bioregion. Adam has been studying and working with plants for over twenty years, and is the Garden Manager for the Cullowhee Community Garden, a

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## Private Bear Shadow Viewing Cocktail Party



**Thursday October 19th 5:00-7:00**

**\$70/\$80 Member/Non-Member**

Don't fight the crowds at the overlook this year. This is your chance to view the Bear Shadow like never before, from the deck of a private residence offering

a spectacular panorama of Whiteside Mountain and Highland's famous Shadow of the Bear. Hors d'oeuvres, libations, good company will make THE BEST bear shadow experience. "Wow" your visiting friends and family with an autumn event in Highlands that they won't forget. This event sells out every year, reserve your space now.

**Location: Private Residence.** Address and parking details will be provided to registered attendees closer to the program date. Plan to carpool as parking is limited.





## CLE Member Registration Opening Dates:

April 3, 2023: Chancellor, Dean, Chairman and President

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April 24, 2023: Family and Individual

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**YES, PLEASE START OR RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP SO THAT  
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- ☐ **CHANCELLOR \$5,000**  
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(MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES ALL \$30 LECTURES FREE)
- ☐ **CHAIRMAN \$2,500**  
(MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES 8 FREE \$30 VALUE LECTURES)
- ☐ **PRESIDENT \$1,000**  
(MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES 6 FREE \$30 VALUE LECTURES)
- ☐ **PATRON \$500**  
(MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES 4 FREE \$30 VALUE LECTURES)
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- ☐ **FRIEND \$100**  
(MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES 1 FREE \$25 VALUE LECTURE)
- ☐ **FAMILY \$50**  
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- ☐ **INDIVIDUAL \$35**  
(MEMBERSHIP PRICING FOR ONE INDIVIDUAL)

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Patron, Benefactor:  
Registration Opens April 10th  
Friend:  
Registration Opens April 17th  
Family and Individual:  
Registration Opens April 24th  
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<b>MAY</b>					
T 16	Starting Your Plants Off Right	\$30/\$40			
W 17	Home Landscape Design Part 1 of 3	\$60/\$70		X	
M 22	Botanical EcoTour: Spring Wildflowers at the Headwaters of the Chattooga	\$50/\$60		X	
W 24	Clean Up, Clear Out and Unclutter iPad	\$40/\$50		X	
W 31	Talk and Hike: "In the Footsteps of a Wild Vision - Japanese Immigrant George Masa's Journeys on the Highlands Plateau"	\$70/\$80		X	
W 31	Home Landscape Design Part 2 of 3	\$60/\$70		X	
<b>JUNE</b>					
M 5	Settings on iPhone/iPad (Levels 2 & 3)	\$40/\$50		X	
M 5	Reduce Junk Mail and Spam (Level 1, 2 and 3)	\$40/\$50		X	
T 6	Elliott's Rock: Surveyor's Footsteps on the 35th Parallel	\$30/\$40			
T 6	Intro to Wild Mushrooms and Cooking with Them	\$50/\$60		X	
W 7	Home Landscape Design Part 3 of 3	\$60/\$70		X	
W 7	Cooking Demo: Appetizers and Charcuterie Boards	\$70/\$80		X	
Th 8	Vignettes from 39 Years of Diplomacy: The Foreign Service Behind the Curtain	\$30/\$40			
F 9	China in 2023: A Year of Living Dangerously	\$30/\$40			
M 12	Presidential Transitions: Friend and Hostile Takeovers	\$30/\$40			
M 12	The Artists Series (Lecture)	\$30/\$40			
T 13	Europe's Persistent and Adaptable Far Right	\$30/\$40			
W 14	Cocktail Reception and Book Talk with John Cribb: Author of <i>The Rail Splitter: A Novel</i>	\$70/\$80		X	
Th 15	Native Plants to Benefit Your Vegetable Garden (Lecture)	\$30/\$40			
Th 15	Churchill's Greatest Speeches	\$30/\$40			
F 16	Churchill and the Monarchy	\$30/\$40			
M 19	Goldwater Girls Grow Up	\$30/\$40			
T 20	Botanical EcoTour: Wildflowers at Panthertown Valley	\$50/\$60		X	
T 20	Stark Raving Mad: Contemporary Politics in Historical Perspective	\$30/\$40			
W 21	Pirate, Patriots, Tar Heels, and Slaves: Historical Roots of Modern North Carolina	\$30/\$40			
W 21	The 2022 Book of the Year: The Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man by Paul Newman	\$50/\$60		X	
Th 22	Putin's War in Ukraine: The Russian Empire Reborn?	\$30/\$40			
F 23	NEOM: Line City in the Saudi Desert	\$30/\$40			
M 26	The Geology of the Plateau, Its Mountains and Its Waterfalls	\$30/\$40			
M 26	iPhoto - Level 2	\$40/\$50		X	
T 27	The Scopes Trial in History and Folklore	\$30/\$40			
W 28	Conceived in Liberty	\$30/\$40			
W 28	Garden Safari Tour and Cocktail Party at Fernwood	\$130/\$140		X	
Th 29	Shackleton: The Man and the Myth	\$30/\$40			



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<b>JULY</b>					
Th 6	Medicinal Garden Tour: Cultivating Medicinal Plants in the Home Garden	\$40/\$50		X	
Th 6	Right Wing Politics and Populism in Modern France	\$30/\$40			
F 7	The Secular State and its Discontents: Religious Freedom in France	\$30/\$40			
M 10	Meet Don McGahn, White House Counsel to President Donald Trump	\$30/\$40			
M 10	The U.S. Supreme Court: A Year in Review	\$30/\$40			
W 12	Botanical EcoTour: Wildflowers and Plants of Brushy Face	\$50/\$60		X	
W 12	Repurposing Your Old Costume Jewelry	\$60/\$70		X	
Th 13	Music and the Movies I: How Soundtracks We Love Bring Movies to Life	\$30/\$40			
F 14	Music and the Movies II: The Legacy of Classic Hollywood Soundtracks from Robin Hood to Star Wars	\$30/\$40			
M 17	Prosecuting a Former President: Perils and Challenges	\$30/\$40			
T 18	How to Taste: The Practical Science of Wine Enjoyment	\$85/\$95		X	
W 19	Garden Tour: Unique Woodland Garden in Highlands Falls	\$50/\$60		X	
W 19	Why and How the Atlantic Revolutions of the Late 18th Century Remain Important for American Democracy Now	\$30/\$40			
Th 20	Why and How the Fascists and Nazis Destroyed Democracies in Italy and Germany	\$30/\$40			
Th 20	One Pan Dinners (Cooking Demo)	\$70/\$80		X	
M 24	How "Modern" was the Old South?	\$30/\$40			
T 25	America's First Civil War	\$30/\$40			
T 25	Botanical Art: Graphite Rubbings	\$100/\$110		X	
W 26	How to Recognize Misinformation on the Internet	\$40/\$50		X	
W 26	Privacy and Online Security	\$40/\$50		X	
Th 27	Cocktail Reception and Author Book Talk with Carolyn Curry Author of <i>Sudden Death: A Novel</i>	\$70/\$80		X	
F 28	College Football Preview	\$35/\$45		X	
M 31	The Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Angel Fire	\$30/\$40			
<b>AUGUST</b>					
T 1	Tales from the Garden	\$30/\$40			
W 2	Great Gardens of the World	\$30/\$40			
Th 3	Leadership Challenges in the Digital Age	\$30/\$40			
F 4	Life Animated: A Tale of Autism, Hidden Potential, and Love.	\$30/\$40			
F 4	Music as my Guide	\$30/\$40			
M 7	Cocktail Reception and Book Talk with Jeffrey Blount: Author of <i>The Emancipation of Evan Walls</i>	\$70/\$80		X	
T 8	Future of Journalism in a Polarized World	\$30/\$40			
T 8	Plants as Medicine: Wildcrafting and Basic Herbal Medicine Making 101	\$50/\$60		X	

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<b>AUGUST (continued)</b>					
W 9	Decoupage a Platter Workshop	\$60/\$70		X	
W 9	The Men Who Lost America: British Leadership and the Revolutionary War	\$30/\$40			
Th 10	"The Illimitable Freedom of the Human Mind:" Thomas Jefferson and Education	\$30/\$40			
M 14	From Polar Bears to Puffins	\$30/\$40			
T 15	Diving Below Antarctic Ice	\$30/\$40			
T 15	Common Invasive Landscape Plants and Native Alternatives	\$30/\$40			
W 16	Ten Myths about America's Founding Documents	\$30/\$40			
Th 17	Subversive Books, Politics and the First Amendment	\$30/\$40			
Th 17	Making a Birdhouse Out of Foraged Materials & Cocktail Party	\$80/\$90		X	
F 18	Making a Birdhouse Out of Foraged Materials & Cocktail Party	\$80/\$90		X	
M 21	Botanical EcoTour: Wildflowers of Dixon Woods	\$50/\$60		X	
M 21	Art History and the Work of Georgia O'Keeffe (Lecture and Make-n-Take)	\$70/\$80		X	
T 22	Regime Theory and American Politics for the Next Generation	\$30/\$40			
T 22	Find Your Champagne Style (Tasting)	\$80/\$90		X	
W 23	Digital Photography with Your iPhone/iPad	\$40/\$50		X	
W 23	Password Management	\$40/\$50		X	
Th 24	Introduction to Alcohol Inks (Art Workshop)	\$80/\$90		X	
F 25	What is a Just War?	\$30/\$40			
M 28 & T29	Hands-on Color Concepts for Artists (2 day workshop)	\$200/\$210		X	
W 30	Cocktail Reception and Book Talk with Tracie Enerson-Wood Author of <i>The President's Wife</i>	\$70/\$80		X	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>					
T 5	Forest to Table Lunch	\$45/\$55		X	
W 6	Calendar Reminders	\$40/\$50		X	
W 6	Cashless and Digital Payment Systems	\$40/\$50		X	
Th 7	Just Say No... To Pinot Grigio: Explore the Fascinating World of Italian White Wines	\$80/\$90		X	
F 8	Mixed Media Art Workshop	\$70/\$80		X	
M 11	Botanical EcoTour: Late Summer Wildflower Meadow	\$50/\$60		X	
W 20	Drawing For All	\$70/\$80		X	
Th 21	Drawing For All	\$70/\$80		X	
<b>OCTOBER</b>					
T 3	Botanical EcoTour: The First Hints of Fall	\$50/\$60		X	
Th 19	Private Bear Shadow Viewing Event	\$70/\$80		X	
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