



# ALLways

Newsletter of the Academy for Lifelong Learning of Cape Cod, Inc.

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## November, 2016

The Academy follows the closing policies of Cape Cod Community College. It is important to note the possibility of class cancellations because of inclement weather or other factors. Please post the number listed below near your phone. We've had reports that the Hotline is not always up to the minute, so please keep checking.

**College Hotline Number**

**508-375-4070**



**Elevator Access:** For directions on how and where to use the elevator, please call the ALL Office at 508-362-2131 x4400.

## Nodding to November



We welcome this month with the aromas of pumpkins and persimmon, of roast turkey and mince pie. We welcome back our sweatshirts and sox.

Here at ALL our six week long classes have ended. Thank you to our Coordinators and Participants. Ended too this zany election season.

In this issue we feature three coordinators, Wayne Hoover, Marilyn Nouri and Lili Seely. They report it's a joy to be an ALL facilitator.

"I encourage those who haven't done so to consider being an ALL coordinator," says Marilyn Nouri. "Beginners might start by basing their courses on books that have interested them and that they think will

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interest others."

Yes, Marilyn. Other coordinators show videos, invite speakers and do Power Point presentations. Whatever your expertise, whatever your passions, consider being an ALL coordinator for either a six or 12 week course. It's a great way to get to know people. Yes, you can.

*Barbara Leedom, Editor*

## Holiday Luncheon for All of ALL



We will have our ALL Holiday Luncheon on Sunday, December 11 from 12-2 pm in the Grossman Commons Cafeteria. There will be a sign- up sheet in the ALL office right after the Thanksgiving break. Also, in this upcoming season of giving, we will be collecting money from ALL members to make a sizable donation to the Cape Cod Times Needy Fund. Collection envelopes will be placed in coordinator folders early this month (before Thanksgiving break) and passed around in classes.

## 2017 Board of Directors Nominating Committee

The Committee is currently seeking members to fill Board positions for three year terms. To qualify, a candidate must have been an ALL member in good standing for at least one year. The ability to work as an effective group member or leader; effective communication skills, both oral and written; leadership skills; and previous experience on a board are desirable qualifications as well. The Board of Directors meets monthly year round, and members are expected to attend meetings. Each Director will be appointed to an office or chosen to head a committee by the Board President. Persons seeking nomination must complete a petition containing the signatures of 10 ALL members. Petitions are available at the front desk. ALL is a volunteer organization approaching its 30th year and your give back will ensure our attaining that goal.

*Paul S. Arnold, Chair Nominating Committee*

## Special Events Planning



At their October meeting the committee decided to cancel the trip to Plimouth Plantation because of the small numbers who signed up for the event. In the meantime, the planning continues for some interesting upcoming events.

A theater and dinner event is scheduled at the Barnstable Comedy Club and the nearby Barnstable Tavern for this Sunday, November 6 -- the musical performance this year is "Bye Bye Birdie."

David Bisno will be returning on Friday, Dec. 9, 2016, with a presentation on "The Johann Strauss Family - History & Music," in Lecture Hall A at 1 pm. His lecture will be interspersed with recordings of Strauss' music. There will be a break during which Austria-themed refreshments will be served. We hope everyone will come and enjoy yet another enthralling David Bisno presentation.

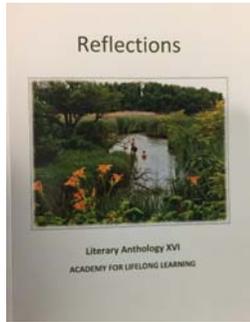
*Donna Northrup, Special Events Committee*

## Winterim Returns

Board members Dr. T. Berry Brazelton and Lili Seely are developing a three-day program of events for mid-January. Tentative dates are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, January 17, 18 and 19, and each day will have a separate and significant theme -- we are looking at Alzheimer's Disease, the Opioid Epidemic, and Climate Change. Stay tuned for details....



## Reflections Update



Only about 50 copies of the 2016 *Reflections* in anthology remain. If you are new to ALL be sure to stop at the table in the lobby of the ALL suite and pick up your copy. Or if you've been a member for a while, get your copy or pick up an extra to give someone for Christmas.

The 2017 issue is being edited and will be launched the middle of February. Look forward to more prose, poetry and photography by ALL members. This is a publication that speaks your language because it's written by your colleagues.

*June Calender*, Reflections Committee Chair

## Tech Talk & Techniques, Wayne Hoover

Wayne earned his Ph.D. in mathematics and taught at the college level. He also worked in the federal government as a mathematician involved in the development of complex defense systems and as a computer specialist overseeing the development, installation, and maintenance of computer systems.

Wayne understood that there was limited demand in ALL for courses in areas related to his education and experience such as advanced calculus or computer systems. However, Wayne also has a passion for something where there is a very high demand for courses - high technology and especially Apple Products. Wayne's knowledge, skills, and abilities when it comes to technology and especially the iPad, iPhone, Apple Watch, and Apple TV are equal to or greater than younger tech enthusiasts. He has the most current products and has reviewed hundreds of applications (apps) for smart phones.



*Wayne and Diane Hoover*

Accordingly, Wayne developed the course "Introduction to iOS for the iPhone and iPad" which he is now coordinating. His class consists mostly of ALL members who described themselves as knowing very little about the iPhone especially in comparison to their grandchildren, children, or spouse. Many describe themselves as technophobes. However, everybody in the class wants to learn. Wayne has shown remarkable patience and humor in presenting materials and responding to questions. He has used various teaching tools such as online videos and has spent time after class in the cafeteria to provide additional help to members. He has gone over the form

factor for the devices, user interfaces, and the diversity of the apps and functions. He has demonstrated many practical uses for the smart phone such as those relating to health and security. He also shows ways to have "fun" with technology.

Wayne has enjoyed the courses that he has taken at ALL and is now returning the favor by coordinating a class where others learn from him. He has shown that he has the gift of helping others learn. Instead of explaining complexity, he has revealed simplicity. ALL members have learned from Wayne that it is okay to play with technology and to stop worrying about breaking something.

*Ed Wirtanen*

## Oh, So You're Lili...



*Lili Seely*

Many people say when they meet Lili Seely because they have heard of her but never met her. Her class, "The Doc is In" has been a staple at ALL for years and has a reputation as being standing room only.

As Lili's co-coordinator, I have come to learn that she is the reason for the class's popularity and for it being quickly sold out every semester. After Lili shares a documentary film with her class, she encourages people to participate in the most important part of the classes which are the discussions, by being completely nonjudgmental.

Participants are encouraged to express divergent views and all views are analyzed and respected. Lili has an astonishing memory of people's names and faces and of the order in which they raised their hands to comment in class. And she unfailingly remembers to call on them in that order and checks on herself if she has any doubts. That is because of absolute respect for everyone in her class and his or her opinion. That respect is contagious and explains why a cell phone is never heard ringing in her classes and no one whispers or talks during the films or discussions.

Lili Seely is famous for running an extremely popular film class that is hard to get into, for being a great listener, for being respectful, for encouraging dialogue and divergent views, and for encouraging these qualities in everyone she meets. No wonder people are anxious to meet her.

*Leslie Mathis*

## Meet Marilyn

Raised on a farm in Harland, Iowa, Marilyn and her two older brothers were not strangers from manual labor from young ages. But she says, as far back as she can remember, she was interested in academics. She graduated from Iowa State University (where she met her future husband) and received advanced degrees at Syracuse University. They settled in Oneonta, NY, where Marilyn taught Life Course Studies. Marilyn and Esmat had a daughter. Now a widow, Marilyn has a three year old grandson.

When they moved to the Cape, Marilyn joined the Barnstable Public Schools as Director of Research, Assessment, and Evaluation. She retired after seven years.

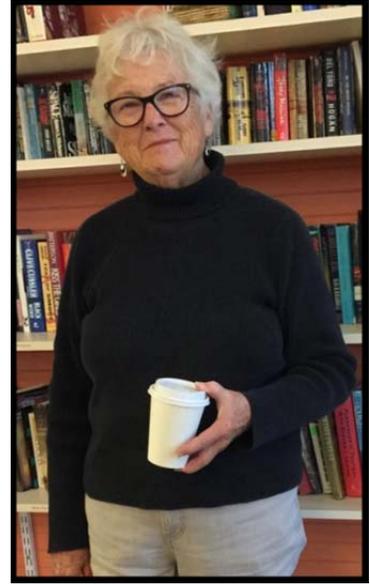
"I was familiar with adult education programs because we had one similar to ALL when I was at Oneonta. I joined right away after I retired and have been here ever since, five years now."

Marilyn began coordinating courses two years after she joined us. She's facilitated Life Course, Being Mortal, Five Social Issues that Need to be Addressed but Aren't. The latter is being offered the 2<sup>nd</sup> six weeks of this semester. Why such a variety?

"I do different courses because I enjoy the preparation which gets me to look at different topics. I like to update myself, stay fresh."

When not teaching and learning, Marilyn is learning golf and continues her 30-year hobby of stained glass.

*Barbara Leedom*



*Marilyn Nouri*

## Volunteer Opportunities

We continually need volunteers to help with administrative projects and answer questions at the ALL desk in Grossman Commons. This is a great way to support ALL for only two hours while getting to know some of our wonderful members and coordinators. Desk Volunteer shifts are: **8:30 am - 10:30 am; 10:30 am - 12:30 pm; 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm**, Monday - Friday. We are looking to fill some current shifts and begin scheduling for the Spring 2017 semester. Please email me as soon as possible at [raymond.partridge@outlook.com](mailto:raymond.partridge@outlook.com).

*Raymond Partridge, Vice President*

## ALL Art Gallery

We are always looking for ALL member artists and photographers who want to show their work and talent in our ALL Art Gallery in the lounge area. We feature two artists or photographers in each show for six week periods during the school year. Thirty percent of the sales are donated to ALL. We know there are many of you out there with artistic talent and we would love the opportunity to show your work so don't be shy.

Now showing in the ALL Office is watercolor artwork by Ann Corbett and photography by John W. Ward.



**Artwork by Ann Corbett**



**Photography by John A. Ward**

**Please contact Ann Corbett at**

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[www.anncorbettart.smugmug.com](http://www.anncorbettart.smugmug.com)

### Coyote

trots across my path, snow veil parting to  
reveal the wraith, gaunt and gray, eyes  
fixed on me. Squirrel squirms in jaws  
jammed tight with hunger's gnaw.  
She dares a dash to vanish -  
only tracks through trees.

*Peter Saunders*



### Morning in the Cavern

Pigeons eat in the picnic gutter near sleepy sidewalks. Not much time before legs will pump down the long street, hundreds of legs. Don't be late, legs. To the escalator and elevator, legs. They will be coming soon. But now it's quiet in this man-made gully. No cars come through, yet red lights blink eerily. There is time to see clouds up there beyond the building. Time to feel the numb of empty.

The kick-up. The stir has started down the street. Down beyond twenty three office building. See? They erupt from a hole in the ground. They come toward us. Wait. Not all. There seems to be a restaurant that swallows them. A plastic cup that landed in the gutter must have come from there. Still time. Some will linger and have breakfast. So far, feathered scavengers are undisturbed, having little that night residents haven't eaten.

But the pigeons are displaced by the crowd that rushed toward them. Blessed with wings, they pull themselves past the gray concrete and glass to perch on ledges, window sills and rooftops. They wait for the blitz to end and the marauders to do whatever they do inside the walls of this hollowed out place. The birds wait and dream of feasts of bun-ends, crusty bread, a smidge of sugary something, maybe a piece of sausage.

*Joan Hennessey*

# Calendar of Events

Check out our website at [www.capecodall.org](http://www.capecodall.org) for changes, updates and a monthly calendar.

## NOVEMBER

- "Bye Bye Birdie" Show & Dinner** Sunday, November 6, 2016  
2:30 pm  
Barnstable Comedy Club  
Barnstable Tavern
- Veterans Day** Friday, November 11  
**NO CLASSES**
- Thanksgiving Break** Tuesday - Friday, November 22-25  
**NO CLASSES**  
(**Note:** the College will be open on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week as will the ALL office)
- Thanksgiving Day** Thursday, November 24

## DECEMBER

- "The Johann Strauss Family - History & Music"** Friday, December 9  
1:00 pm  
A presentation by *David Bisno* Lecture Hall A
- ALL Holiday Luncheon** Sunday, December 11  
12:00 - 3:00 pm  
Grossman Commons Cafeteria
- Classes end** Friday, December 16

## JANUARY 2017

- New Year's Day** Sunday, January 1
- Spring 2017 Registration Begins** Monday, January 9
- Winterim** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
January 17, 18, and 19
- New Member Orientation** Friday, January 27  
10:00 am
- Coordinator's Luncheon** Friday, January 27  
noon
- Classes begin** Monday, January 30

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*Barbara Leedom*

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## Things to do in November

Rake leaves. Thank veterans. Get involved. Exercise. Drink water. Slow down for turkeys. Eat turkey. If you don't eat turkey, eat tuna, if you don't eat tuna, eat turnip...Plant spring bulbs. Invite a person living alone to lunch. Give away a sweater you haven't worn for 20 years. Buy a new sweater, or one at a thrift store.

Say THANK YOU often.

