



ALLways

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

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ALL Greetings

February on Cape Cod is full of snow, melting snow, melted snow resulting in puddles, ice, turkeys, budding forsythia, slush, more sunshine, valentines and the search in bogs and at shores for the great snowy owls.

At ALL, February is the start of the spring semester - new coordinators, new courses, seasoned coordinators and their popular courses.

We students and coordinators are avid learners. We learn as students and we learn from our students.

It's the hope of all who teach and learn that this spring semester is a fruitful one for all of us. We're out of the house, into the college, over at our libraries - the constant continuance of getting informed.

Happy February with our esteem for George and Abe, for our love of love on Valentine's Day and for the emergence of snowdrops in the garden.



Barbara Leedom, editor

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Valentine's Day is Reflection Launch Day



**ACADEMY FOR
LIFELONG LEARNING
OF CAPE COD**

Reflections XVIII

Everyone is invited to come and celebrate the publication of *Reflections XVIII*:

February 14, 2018

Lorusso Technology Building

2nd floor Atrium

2:00 - 3:00 pm

If you are new, the Lorusso Technology Building is across the driveway from the Grossman Commons Building where ALL classrooms are held. If the weather is unpleasant, park in lot #10, cross the street and enter the Lorusso building on the ground floor then take the elevator to the second floor.

We extend a special invitation to those who have prose, poetry or photography in the new anthology; Some of you will be asked to read your material to the guests. We will emphasize romance a

bit-after all it is Valentine's day. Come see how handsome your words or photography look in the book.

To all ALL members, whether this is your first year or you're a long time member, celebrate with us and be among the very first to get a copy of the new book and to read a wonderful variety of works.

June Calender, Reflections
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Two Special Events

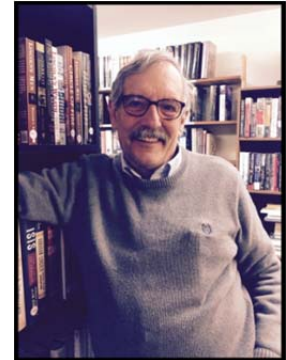


Stew Goodwin

Please save the dates for two special events that are coming in February and March. On Wednesday, February 28, 2018, Stew Goodwin will present *An Update on the Middle East*. His lecture will be given in Lecture Hall A at 2:30 p.m. Stew has taught a wide variety of classes and presented lectures on various topics to ALL audiences. We look forward to his update on this timely topic concerning the Middle East.

In March, Lew Taylor will speak on *America's Forgotten Patriot: Mercy Otis Warren and the Writings that Fanned the Flames of Revolution* on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at 2:30 p.m. in Lecture Hall C. Lew has been the coordinator for many ALL courses and is presently the Chair of the Curriculum Committee. Please join us for this presentation in March. For mid-March, stay tuned for a 50's & 60's dance sponsored by Special Events. More details will follow.

Diane Hoover, Chair, Special Events



Lew Taylor

Understanding Your Electric Bill - Cape Light Compact

The Cape Light Compact was formed in 1997 to deliver cost-effective energy efficiency programs, provide a stable competitive power supply option that benefits consumers, and represent the interests of Cape and Vineyard electric ratepayers at the state level. **The Cape Light Compact will be holding a presentation at 3:00**



p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 in Lecture Hall C. Austin Brandt, the CLC's Senior Power Supply Planner, will review how this local municipal aggregator was formed by the 21 towns of Barnstable and Dukes Counties and outline its services available to residents and businesses.

Information will be provided on what to be aware of when evaluating competitive electric supply offers, the market drivers of electricity pricing, how to take advantage of the Compact's energy efficiency programs, and what to consider when evaluating whether to install solar or participate in a community solar project. Materials on a variety of energy topics will be available.

ALL in the Community

The Cape Cod Needy Fund provides financial assistance for basic human needs to individuals and families on Cape Cod and the islands who are facing financial hardships. I am happy to report that your donations during December allowed ALL to contribute \$1,003 to the Needy Fund on behalf of its members.

I am also pleased to share that in January ALL made a donation to the Cape Cod Community College Educational Foundation in the amount of \$5,000, to be used by the Foundation to grant two \$2,500 scholarships to deserving individuals at the end of this term for their continuing studies. One of these scholarships is for a student who will be continuing their studies at CCCC; the second is for a CCCC graduate's continuing study at a four-year institution.

Aside from being another way of saying thanks for the support ALL receives from CCCC, one of the criteria for these scholarships is that, other things being equal, preference is given to a student aged 50 or above.

Kirk Young, Treasurer

Spring 2018 Registration

This spring we had the pleasure of registering over 560 ALL members into 60 courses. We were delighted to welcome 60 new members. As usual a wonderful team of volunteers helped register members' course selections, enter the data into our system and assisted members in making alternate choices as needed. Thanks to all of our volunteers, some of whom are pictured below. Also pictured below is one of our new members, Calum Maclachlan.

Jackie Faulhaber, Registration Chair



Welcome to New Members for Spring 2018

Another successful and well-attended New Member Orientation was held on January 24th. ALL Board members and guests shared information on their volunteer roles, how they found out about the Academy for Lifelong Learning and how long they have been involved. Board members sat with groups of new members to review the New Member Handbook and to answer any questions they might have about the Academy.

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Attending were over half of the Spring semester new members. Some are brand new to the Cape and others have been here for over a decade. One table of new members shared that hearing about us from their neighbors helped them decide to take classes. The conversations were lively and it was fun to see people making new connections based on classes where they live, etc.

For those who were not able to attend, the New Member Handbook is available for download on our website. Several of our committees are looking for volunteer members including Communications, Finance, the Front Desk and Policy and Procedures. These committees are looking for those with skills specific to their committees (see New Member Handbook for details). Feel free to contact the chairs of those committees. Their email addresses are listed on last page of the Handbook. www.capecodall.org.

If anyone has questions about classes that still have openings, please contact the Front Desk, staffed by volunteers, to see what might be of interest and get yourself signed up. Call **774-330-4400**.

See you in class.

Judy Roettig, Vice President



ALL Coordinators Lunch

Our coordinators, current and new, and their classes are the backbone of our organization. On Wednesday, January 24, and as they do each semester, the Curriculum Committee hosted a luncheon for ALL's coordinators. As with the September luncheon, a number of desk volunteers joined. These luncheons allow new coordinators the opportunity to meet other coordinators, members of the Curriculum Committee, members of the Board of Directors, as well as the desk volunteers, who are often called upon to assist with class materials, enrollment issues, etc. Miriam Kronish emceed the event on behalf of Lew Taylor, Curriculum Committee Chair, who was out of town. Following the meeting, Nancy Weida again hosted a session in C-106 where she explained the operation of the AV equipment.

Jim Lathrop, President



Longevity

"May you live as long as you want to,
May you want to as long as you live."

This ancient mantra appeals to all of us, I think. In our present human condition five score years and ten is likely our maximum life span, but so few of us get anywhere near. The advances in scientific medicine have made the old sixty the new ninety but can we get beyond that? We all have irrational, unproven beliefs and mine is the belief that if we set firm goals for the future we are more likely to achieve longevity than if we fritter our precious limited time away.

Believers could pray to St. Kevin of Glendalough, the patron saint of Long Life, but for the rest of us firm future goals are probably better. These goals can be simple like living for a birthday, a celebration, a graduation or, more ambitiously, reinventing oneself for the next decade.

A longtime medical colleague, whose ninetieth birthday I attended in Maine, said he was not interested in his past achievements, only in the next ten years. He became a very successful creator and grower of new varieties of Irises. He died when he was 101. He had set a high standard, but lesser mortals like ourselves can still make use of the sources of knowledge that are available to us and encourage others to join us.

ALL is always in need of new coordinators and both new and longtime members should think seriously about developing a course. Those who already coordinate courses should consider preparing something new, instead of repeating last year's offering. All unproven, of courses, but such thinking has been part of humanity since Adam. So to every past, present and future coordinator, I wish you a happy productive New Year and 'lang may ya lum reek'!

Raymond Partridge, Coordinator and Board Member



Ray Partridge

We are Looking for Coordinators

Whether you have coordinated a course or are passionate about a topic, we are always looking for new subjects and new coordinators. Members of our Curriculum Committee are available to help you think about a topic you might like to teach at ALL.

The course proposal submission portal on the ALL website is now open for the Fall 2018 semester. Our coordinators enjoy the classroom experience with our enthusiastic ALL members. Please consider joining us.

Lew Taylor, Curriculum Committee Chair

Welcome, Rod Owens, New Member, New Coordinator



Rod Owens

We welcome a new guy to ALL and a new coordinator - the same new guy. He's a musician, an actor, a singer, a playwright, an artist and Mr. Nice Guy. What a pleasure to make Rod Owens our New ALL Member, New Coordinator, New Friend.

Rod learned about us one day when he dropped by Lew Taylor's *I Can't Live without Books* bookshop on Rt. 28 in West Dennis. He and Lew chatted and Lew told him he thought he'd make a fine ALL coordinator because he has so many talents.

Rod has been the lone male cast member with three women actors, of the ongoing play *A Woman's Heart*, by Judith Partelow, which has played in various venues on Cape Cod for a year. He will be coordinating a course by that name this semester. He looks forward to class members taking roles.

A retired high school English teacher in Katonah, NY, Rod has been coming to the Cape since he was a child. His grandparents had a house in Chatham.

"The Cape's in my blood," he says. "My companion, Kelly, and I are so pleased we're here for good."

When not performing and teaching, Rod creates collage walking sticks out of cedar branches and photos. Go to ETSY online and view some of them.

ITunes has Rod's album, *Rod Owens and the Cream of Reality*.

How come, this interviewer asked, "we don't know more about you?"

"I'm terrible at marketing."

He was told we'll help him with that.

Welcome to ALL, Rod. *bs!*

ALL in the News

ALL is featured in the Winter 2018 *Primetime* article on adult education on Cape Cod. Jim Lathrop and Judy Roettig did a wonderful job of describing our courses and events, and the opportunities to teach, to volunteer and to make new friends.

The freelance writer who wrote the piece is Rich Holmes, a former Cape Cod Times reporter, editor and designer. He successfully captured the spirit of our organization. You can pick up a free copy of *Primetime* at most of our grocery stores. The article is on our bulletin board in the ALL office, and we will have a few copies available for you to read.

Lee Pledger, Communications Chair

Display Your Artwork at ALL



Ann Corbett

We are always looking for ALL member artists who want to show their work and talent in our ALL Art Gallery in the lounge area. We generally feature 2 artists, both painters and photographers in each show for six week periods during the school year. Thirty percent of the sales proceeds 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.

Please stay tuned for new creative works to be shown.

Ann Corbett, ALL Art Gallery

Please contact Ann Corbett at

anncape@comcast.net or

call **508-428-4171**

www.anncorbettart.smugmug.com

Now showing in the ALL office are Watercolor paintings by **Bett McCarthy**- "I continue to develop my own personal style inspired by my garden and the incredible vistas on the Cape"-and Needlepoint works by **Carolyn Bell**- "This is Not Your Grandmother's Needlepoint".



Bett McCarthy



Carolyn Bell

Calendar of Events

Check our website at www.capecodall.org for changes, updates and a monthly calendar.

February 2018

Reflections XVIII Valentine's Launch Party Wednesday, February 14
1:00 - 2:00 pm
Lorusso Building Atrium

President's Day Holiday Monday, February 19
NO CLASSES

Board meeting Tuesday, February 20
1:00 pm
The Club Room,
Grossman Commons
Building

*Understanding Your Electric Bill and
Controlling Costs* Wednesday, February 21
3:00 – 4:00 pm
by Cape Light Compact Lecture Hall C

An Update of the Middle East Wednesday, February 28
by Stew Goodwin 2:30 pm
Lecture Hall A
Science Building

March 2018

Spring Recess Tuesday-Friday
NO CLASSES March 13-16

*America's Forgotten Patriot: Mercy Otis
Warren and the Writings that Fanned the
Flames of Revolution* Wednesday, March 28
by Lew Taylor 2:30 pm
Lecture Hall C

Board Meeting TBD

Winter Blizzard Fails

*Hustle home to hunker down safe
as winter storm breaks, gale winds
driving rain through the night while*

*we read, nod, reflect and love, warmed
with Miso soup, then sleep safe 'til
a lone dawn plow scrapes down*

*our street looking for snow, gives up,
turns back, retreats home to sleep,
exhausted from rattling skylights.*

Winter

*Would that warm days
could be stored in a chest
to blanket the cold ones.*

Peter Saunders



*I was sitting in the fast food place
She leaned down to offer a kiss
and almost fell on me
Her caregiver held on tight*

*At first I did not know her
her face was so different
the vibrant Italian actress
was hardly there any more*

*How many times
I entered that place for lunch
and felt the warmth
projected by the stage voice
that said to friends
and everyone else*

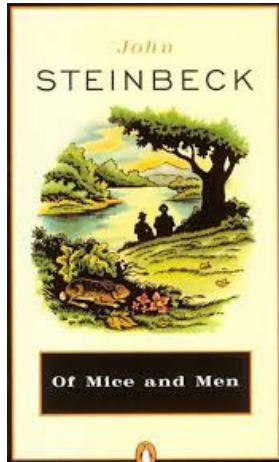
*Look who's here
and then she'd say my name
loud*

*When we last met
my name escaped her
and yet her smile was offered
it was two Aprils ago*

And now it is February

Joan Hennessey

Things to do in February, 2018



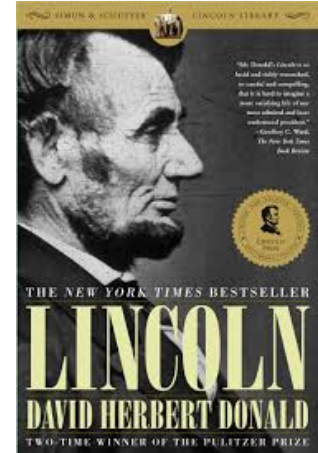
Read or reread *Of Mice and Men*.



Exercise



Send Valentines.



Read a biography of a President.



Relax.

ALLways welcomes Letters to the Editor with comments and suggestions on just about anything related to our organization. We also welcome articles, blurbs and snippets. We don't accept unsigned material.

Please remember to check the bulletin board in the office for additional ALL news and updates. The list of Board members and the current Board member meetings are also posted.

Thank you.

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