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Stay Curious, Stay Engaged... OLLI!

Message from the Governing Council

Sometimes we bemoan change...we like things the way they were. That said, change is essential to personal growth. OLLI constantly undergoes change...I like to call it transformation. We all know that our leadership changes each year with new Governing Council and Committee leadership.

Probably not as noticeable is that OLLI has changed in the most positive of ways in the recent past.

Just think of all the new subjects that are offered. Years ago we would never have thought of offering T'ai Chi or Chair Yoga. We have many new facilitators offering different perspectives, new skills, history you didn't know about. That is positive change. In this catalog you will find many new classes, many of them not offered previously.

We also have a new campus – Prescott Valley. That campus expands our visibility as well as our impact in Yavapai County. We have new members as a result of the new campus. Change...not so bad, eh?

We also solicit ideas for change. What new social activities would be good? What new topics might we seek out? How do we improve our communications? How do we expand our outreach to different parts of our communities?

Change, while sometimes difficult, is important to OLLI. We are open to new ideas. We want change, but admittedly only the kind that expands our possibilities.

Becky Gunn

Chair, Governing Council

**In Person Registration is available in
Verde Valley (M-Th) & Prescott (M-F)**

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Membership Fee Options

All Membership levels cover 5 consecutive terms (one year), access to classes offered online and all our lo-cations, and unlimited Munch and Learns. Osher Online classes are \$60 each, no matter your member-ship level.

Basic Membership for \$65, multi-week classes are \$35, 1-day classes are \$15.

Deluxe Membership for \$185, includes 20 free multi-week or 1-day classes.

Premium Unlimited Membership for \$350, includes unlimited classes and workshops.

Memberships are not eligible for refunds or extensions. Classes are refundable through the first week, 1-day offerings are refundable up to one week prior.

Important Dates

Fall 1: Aug 24-Oct 5

Fall 2: Oct 26-Dec 11

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Monday		No Classes Mon, 9/7		
Osher Online	9/28-11/2	8-9:30	\$ Great Artists in American Roots Music \$	T Ackley
Osher Online	10/19-11/23	8-9:30	\$ 3,500 Years of Global Supply Chain \$	S Jones
Offsite	8/24-10/5	8-12	65) Hike the Prescott Circle Trail	J Pillman*, K Paris*
Prescott 31-101	8/24-10/5	9-10:15	89) Fiction Writing in the Age of AI	J Veney*
Online	8/24-10/5	10:30-12	77) New Ideas	B Brown*
Prescott 31-101	8/24-10/5	11-12:15	90) Knowing About You in Mandarin Chinese	L Chen
Prescott 31-102	9/14	11-12:30	28) Deadly Mistakes in Estate Planning	J Linford
Osher Online	9/28-11/2	10-11:30	\$ Art Detectives: Forgery, Provenance, and the Science of Authentication \$	C Maasdam
Osher Online	9/28-11/2	10-11:30	\$ The British Family in Film: Heavy is the Head That Wears the Crown \$	B Epps
Prescott 31-101	8/24-10/5	12:30-1:45	47) Thinking About Iran	P Jones
Osher Online	10/5-11/9	12-1:30	\$ Sacred Mountains of the World \$	J Duncan
Prescott 3-119	8/24-10/5	1-4	11) PIXAR III - PIXAR is Back!	D Baier*
Prescott 31-102	8/31-9/2	1-3	1) Gluebook Collage (Mon, Tues, Wed)	K Kinsler, H Guthrie
Prescott 15-260	8/24-10/5	2-3:15	15) Beginning Western Line Dance	C Reynolds(GC)
Online	9/14	2-4:30	71) Birdwatching for Beginners: An Ecological Approach	W McDowell, S Sherman*
Prescott 31-101	8/24-10/5	2:30-3:45	68) Chair Yoga and More (Monday)	C Young*
Osher Online	10/12-11/16	2-3:30	\$ The Search for an American Sound \$	E Abramovits
Osher Online	10/5-11/9	4-5:30	\$ The History and Experience of Route 66 \$	P Dedek
Tuesday				
Osher Online	9/29-11/3	8-9:30	\$ Winning the White House: The Evolution of the Presidency \$	J White
Prescott 31-101	9/29-10/1	8:30-10:30	61) Watson Woods Riparian Tour/ MG Series	P Lund
Prescott 31-101	9/22-9/24	8:30-10:30	63) How to Identify Birds of Yavapai /MG Series	R Knight
Offsite	9/15	8:30-10:30	Q) Tour of Sharlot Hall Historical Gardens/MG Series	K Corum
Prescott 15-260	8/25-9/29	9-10	62) Intermediate Ball-bouncing for Body-Brain	M Ehlers
Prescott 30A-126	9/15-9/29	9:30-10:45	91) 10 Minute Originals	M Schaffer*(GC)
Prescott 31-102	9/1-9/8	10-12:30	13) Inside the Rehearsal Room: Directing and Stage Management	A Mazella*, L Janowski*
Prescott 31-102	8/25	10-12	60) Composting & Soil Mgt Course/ MG Series	D Kraul
Prescott 31-101	8/24-9/29	11-1	45) Foreign Affairs: More Geopolitics	J Lowe*
Osher Online	9/29-11/3	10-11:30	\$ Mexico City: Empires, Revolutions, and Everyday \$	W Beezley
Prescott 30A-126	8/25-9/29	12-1:30	76) Hearing Loss Communication	G Pelletier
Osher Online	10/6-11/10	12-1:30	\$ Cults and New Religious Movements in America \$	K Davis
Prescott 31-101	8/25-9/29	2-3:30	4) Beginning Quilling (Prescott)	A Evans
Prescott 3-205	8/25-9/29	2-4	12) Concerts of Sarah Brightman	J Shepherd
Prescott 4-102	8/25-9/29	2-4	40) Prescott History Series	J Krizek, S Jordan
Osher Online	9/29-11/3	2-3:30	\$ A Cosmic Grand Tour: The Realms of the Universe\$	A Fraknoi
Osher Online	9/29-11/3	4-5:30	\$ Apple at 50: How it Revolutionized Computing and Transformed Daily Life \$	L Kahney
Osher Online	9/29-11/3	6-7:30	\$ The Birth of the Beat Generation \$	K Hemmer

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Wednesday				
Osher Online	9/30-11/4	8-9:30	\$ Some Assembly Required: The Story of the North American Kit Home \$	N Tate
Offsite	9/2-10/7	8-11	59) Slow Hiking	R Rohe, P Tardone
Offsite	8/26-9/30	8-10:30	64) Moderate Hiking	L Neakrans*, M Troester*, P Fuge
Online	8/26	9-11	70) 7,000 Miles through America's National Parks	D Kroese
Prescott 31-102	9/16	9:30-12	5) Holiday Fabric Collage: Snip, Layer, & Glue Keepsake Cards (AM)	J Riggensbach(GC)
Prescott 31-101	8/26-9/30	10-12	41) Current Issues	R Forte, A Lopez*(GC)
Prescott Valley-216	8/26-9/30	10-11:15	88) French Speak Easy	K Keim(GC)
Prescott Valley-172E	9/9	10-1	73) Beyond The Veil: Let's Talk Metaphysics	M & R Karayan
Prescott 30A-126	9/2	10-1	84) Unfinished Business: Healing Relationships (PV)	M & K Karayan
Online	8/26-9/30	10:30-12	58) Armchair Adventures	B Brown*
Osher Online	10/7-11/11	10-11:30	\$ Post-War Architecture: The Innovative Architects of the Midcentury Modern Period \$	E Schrader
Prescott Valley-172E	8/26-9/30	2-3:30	7) Beginning Quilling (PV)	A Evans
Prescott Valley-214	8/26	12-1:30	21) Handy Gmail tips and tricks	K Paris
Online	9/2	12:30-1:45	36) Cochlear Implants: Hear Again!	S Sherman*(GC), J Moreno
Prescott 31-101	8/26-9/30	12:30-1:45	44) Interesting and Anomalous Physical and Geopolitical Aspects of the World	J Veney*
Prescott 4-102	8/26-9/30	12:30-2:30	75) How the Earth Works Pt 4	D Hoffman*, J Kangal*
Osher Online	10/14-11/18	12-1:30	\$ History of Comedy in America \$	E Friedfeld
Prescott 31-102	9/16	1:30-4	8) Holiday Fabric Collage: Snip, Layer, & Glue Keepsake Cards (PM)	J Riggensbach(GC)
Prescott Valley-106	9/16	2-4	22) David Hockney and the IPAD	A Newton(GC)
Prescott 3-119	8/29-9/30	2-5	17) Foreign Films	A Lopez*(GC), D Baier*
Prescott Valley-106	8/26-9/9	2-4	24) Keep It Simple: An Introduction to Investing	J Farmer
Prescott Valley-106	9/23-9/30	2-4	25) Last Transfer: Understanding Estate Planning (PV)	J Farmer
Prescott 31-101	8/26-9/30	2-3:15	33) Your Awesome Body	H Huffman
Prescott 3-205	9/2-9/30	2-4	92) Memoir Writing Class	J Ashlock*
Prescott 31-101	8/26-9/30	4-5:30	72) Creation, Dinosaurs & Noah's Ark	D Larsen
Osher Online	10/7-11/11	2-3:30	\$ August Wilson and His American Cycle-The First Five: 1904-1957 \$	L Menson-Furr
Osher Online	9/30-11/11	2-3:30	\$ The Role of Music in Great Movies-Part II \$	M Agron
Osher Online	9/30-11/4	4-5:30	\$ Tracing Our Roots: DNA, Family History, and the Politics of Identity \$	A Cervantes
Thursday				
Osher Online	10/1-11/5	8-9:30	\$ Biology & Society \$	E Simon
Prescott 31-101	8/27-10/1	8-9:45	82) Keep Your Mind Sharp: Learn To Play Bridge!	B Phillips
Prescott 31-102	8/27	9:30-12	3) Decoupage Gourd Birdhouse Workshop (AM)	J Riggensbach(GC), A Kells

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Thursday				
Online	8/27-10/1	9:30-11	52) JFK's Quest for Peace	C Blum*
Prescott 31-101	8/27-10/1	10-12	81) Bridge: The Next Steps	B Phillips
Osher Online	10/15-11/19	10-11:30	\$ Power and the People: The Evolution of the U.S. Federal Judiciary \$	L Andersen
Osher Online	10/1-11/5	12-1:30	\$ "Studies Show..." (Or Do They?): Under the Hood of a Scientific Study \$	J Hendrickson
Online	9/3	12:30-1:45	G) M&L: The World in Numbers (Zoom)	A Herschkowitz
Online	9/10	12:30-1:45	I) M&L: 107 Days at Sea: Journey That Changed (Zoom)	S Srikanth*
Prescott 3-119/Online	9/17	12:30-1:45	J/K) M&L: Local School Districts Pulse Check	K Boryca*
Prescott 3-119/Online	9/24	12:30-1:45	L/M) M&L: Sinking of the USS Indianapolis	K Boryca*
Prescott 3-119/Online	10/1	12:30-1:45	N/O) M&L: AI for Lifelong Learners: Practical Uses, Concerns, and Everyday Confidence	P Reid
Prescott 30A-126	8/27-10/1	1-2:15	31) Understanding Hearing Loss and Hearing Aids	L VanDuivenbode
Prescott 31-102	8/27	1:30-4	6) Decoupage Gourd Birdhouse Workshop (PM)	J Rigenbach(GC), A Kells
Online	8/27-10/1	2-3:15	14) "I Want to Dance": Celebrating the Human Spirit	B Mains
Prescott 3-203	8/27-9/17	2-4	48) Impactful, Little Known Women in US History	B Gunn*(GC)
Prescott 3-271	8/27-10/1	2-3:30	80) 8 Keys of Communication	R Fine, J Fine
Prescott 15-255	10/1	2-3:15	P) Community Chats with AZ Phil	M Flurry, H Flurry
Prescott 31-101	8/27-10/1	2:30-3:45	69) Chair Yoga and More (Thursday)	C Young*
Osher Online	10/8-11/12	2-3:30	\$ Early 20th Century Avant-Garde: From Rebellion to Abstraction \$	L. Weingarden
Friday				
Osher Online	10/9-11/13	8-9:30	\$ The 60s Through the Great Speeches \$	A. Benedict
Prescott 31-102	8/28-10/2	9:30-11	2) 6 Crafts in 6 weeks	S Lavallee
Prescott 31-101	8/14	9:30-10:45	A) Thinking About Facilitating	C Maxwell*
Prescott Valley-214	9/4	10-12	26) Medicare Made Easy	K Boryca*
Prescott 15-260	8/28-10/2	10-11:15	10) Improved Beginner Western Line Dancing	C Reynolds(GC)
Prescott 31-101	8/28-10/2	10-12	42) Viewpoints	J Wilson*, A Lopez*(CG)
Prescott Valley-105	9/11-9/25	10-11:30	43) Welcome to Prescott Valley!	R Rohe
Online	8/28-10/2	10:30-12	49) This and That	B Brown*
Prescott 31-101	8/14	11-12:15	B) New Facilitator Training	C Maxwell*
Prescott 4-118	8/28	11-12:30	20) Electric & Hybrid Vehicles	G Stein
Online	8/28-10/2	11-12:30	86) Align • Activate • Heal	D Archer*
Online	8/28-10/2	1-3	51) Current Economic Issues (Zoom)	C Blum*
Prescott 31-101	9/11-9/25	12:30-1:45	32) Healthy Hair, Skin and Nails With The Cell Salts	D Sicignano
Prescott 31-102	8/28-10/2	12:30-2	83) Game: Pegs and Jokers	R Ayars
Prescott Valley-215	8/28-9/11	1-3:30	34) Wellness in a Changing World	K Law, B Branstrator
Prescott Valley-214	9/4	2-4	27) Medicare Part D Drug Plans	K Boryca*
Prescott Valley-214	8/28-10/2	2-5	16) Foreign Films (PV)	A Lopez*(GC), D Baier*
Prescott Valley-105	8/28-9/18	3-5	46) Impactful, Little Known Women in US History (PV)	B Gunn*

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A) Thinking About Facilitating

Fri, Aug 14 • 9:30 AM-10:45 AM • Free

1 Meeting • Prescott Bldg 31-101 • OP-401-F126

Facilitator: Chris Maxwell*

This workshop is for new facilitators who are ready to start exploring the world of facilitating for OLLI and experienced facilitators who might want to try something new. We will talk about how to plan both in person and online classes, options and how to hold effective discussions. We will show you all the tools OLLI has to offer. Limit: 15

Munch & Learn: The World in Numbers

Thurs, Sept 3 • 12:30-1:45 • Free

F) Verde Campus Bldg.M-137 • OV-406-F126

G) Online • OSZ-407-F126

Facilitator: Andy Herschkowitz

No description of the world we live in is complete without data. OLLI facilitator Andy Herschkowitz examines what the numbers describe about world and American demographics including economy, health, education, environment and politics both at present and over time and, in particular, how our nation compares to the rest of the World. Limit: 40

Munch & Learn: 107 Days at Sea: The Journey That Changed Everything

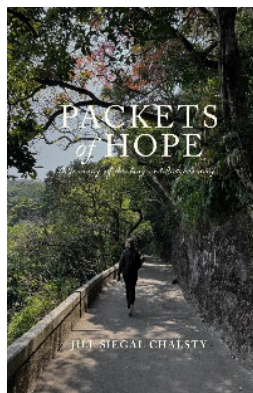
Thurs, Sept 10 • 12:30-1:45 • Free

H) Verde Campus Bldg M-137 • OV-408-F126

I) Online • OSZ-409-F126

Facilitator: Shri Srikanth*

At 63, grieving the loss of her husband and facing cancer, Jill Chalsty set off alone on a voyage around the world. In this engaging presentation, she shares the inspiring journey behind her memoir *Packets of Hope*, highlighting the people, places, and experiences that transformed adversity into resilience and purpose. Discover how one person's courage can create a lasting impact across continents. Memoir available free at packetsofhope.com. Limit: 40

**Munch & Learn: Local School Districts Pulse Check**

Thurs, Sept 17 • 12:30-1:45 • Free

J) Prescott Bldg 3-119 • OP-410-F126

K) Online • OPZ-411-F126

Facilitator: Kelly Boryca*

The Superintendents from the Prescott, Humboldt, Chino Valley, and Mayer Unified School Districts will provide updates on a range of topics including student achievements, infrastructure improvements and the impact of the ESA voucher program expansion. Learn how our community schools fare compared to the state and the nationwide average. Limit: 50

**L) Munch & Learn: Sinking of the USS Indianapolis**

Thurs, Sept 24 • 12:30-1:45 • Free

L) Prescott Bldg 3-119 • OP-412-F126

M) Online • OPZ-413-F126

Facilitator: Kelly Boryca*

The USS Indianapolis, a heavy cruiser, sank in the final days of World War II with over 1,000 crew on board. It was torpedoed just after midnight on July 30, 1945 and sank in about 12 minutes in the Philippine Sea. Come listen to John Boyer discuss the sinking of the ship with personal stories from his family and other survivors. He will also be discussing the contributions that the Upper Peninsula of Michigan contributed to the WWII war effort. Limit: 60

Munch & Learn: AI for Lifelong Learners: Practical Uses, Concerns, and Everyday Confidence (Prescott)

Thurs, Oct 1 • 12:30-1:45 • Free

N) Prescott Bldg 3-119 • OP-414-F126

O) Online • OPZ-415-F126

Facilitator: Philip Reid

Artificial intelligence is becoming part of everyday life, but it can also feel confusing or overwhelming. This session introduces AI in a simple, practical way, showing how lifelong learners can use it for tasks such as writing, organizing information, learning new skills, planning, and making decisions. Participants will also explore common concerns about privacy and misinformation, gaining a better understanding of what AI can and cannot do and how to use it with confidence. Limit: 60



P) Community Chats with AZ Philharmonic

Thurs, Oct 1 • 2-3:15 • Free

1 Meeting • Prescott Bldg 15-255 • OP-416-F126

Facilitators: Maria Flurry Henry Flurry

The week before each Arizona Philharmonic Sunday subscription concert, the conductor and/or soloists will meet with OLLI. They will share insights into the music that is on the program as well as details about their craft and passions. Occasionally the presenter will bring their instrument. We will answer your questions at the end of class. Limit: 70



Q) Tour of Sharlot Hall's Historical Gardens/Master Gardener Series

Tues, Sept 15 • 8:30 AM-10:30 AM • Free

1 Meeting • Offsite • OP-417-F126

Facilitator: Kathleen Corum

We begin with a brief overview of Prescott and Sharlot Hall Museum history, followed by a tour of its century-old gardens. Explore more than 30 tree species, the Territorial Women's Rose Garden with 270 heirloom roses and historic irises, the Yavpe Ethnobotanical Garden featuring native plants used by Indigenous peoples, a petroglyph garden showcasing local artifacts and a pioneer garden with heirloom vegetables. Discover beautiful landscapes and ideas for plants that thrive locally. Limit: 25



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Prescott Valley Center Map

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ARTS & CRAFTS**7) Beginning Quilling (PV)**

Wed, Aug 26-Sept 30 • 2:00-3:30 • \$35

6 Meetings • Prescott Valley-172E • OPV-107-F126

Facilitator: Ann Evans

Quilling is an art form that uses strips of precut paper that are rolled, shaped, and glued together to create decorative designs. We will begin with the basics: learning to roll the paper coils and how to mold the coils into shapes. Then you are ready to begin creating the beautifully detailed designs that quilling is known for. The class fee is \$35 per student for tools and supplies payable to the facilitator. Limit: 10

ARTS-VISUAL & PERFORMING**16) Foreign Films (PV)**

Fri, Aug 28-Oct 2 •

2:00-5:00 • \$35

6 Meetings • Prescott Valley-214 • OPV-116-F126

Facilitators: Armando Lopez*(GC), Don Baier

Travel the world without leaving your seat! Join us for a cinematic adventure featuring recent and vintage foreign films, each one celebrated internationally for its powerful storytelling and unforgettable performances. We'll watch the film, then dive into a lively discussion where everyone gets to share their thoughts and reactions. Plus, you'll have a say in picking future movies, so your voice shapes our next screenings. Get ready for great films, great company, and plenty of surprises! Limit: 30

**COMPUTER & TECHNOLOGY****21) Handy Gmail Tips and Tricks**

Wed, Aug 26 • 12:00-1:30 • \$15

1 Meeting • Prescott Valley-214 • OPV-121-F126

Facilitator: Ken Paris

This class will show you many of the tips and tricks I've learned in more than 20 years as a Gmail user. I'll also spend a little time on protecting your Gmail environment. This class is based on using Gmail in a browser window but some of what will be covered is applicable to the Gmail app. Limit: 25

22) David Hockney and the IPAD

Wed, Sept 16 • 2:00-4:00 • \$15

1 Meeting • Prescott Valley-106 • OPV-122-F126

Facilitator: Andrew Newton

David Hockney is an English artist who became famous as a significant contributor to the Pop Art movement in the 1960s. We will focus on one of his most recent explorations, creating art with an IPAD. During class, we will review videos of his major IPAD creations, download the free software "Brushes," and watch instructive videos on how to use this software. Students will also receive an e-mail with the weblinks for the material presented in class. Limit: 12

FINANCE, ECONOMICS, & LAW**24) Keep It Simple: An Intro to Investing**

Wed, Aug 26-Sept 9 • 2:00-4:00 • \$35

3 Meetings • Prescott Valley-106 • OPV-124-F126

Facilitator: John Farmer

Most people spend more time planning a vacation than understanding their investments. This three-session course covers stocks, bonds, mutual funds, ETFs and annuities. Topics include asset allocation, risk and return, portfolio construction and the most common mistakes investors make. No prior experience required. Walk away with vocabulary, confidence and tools you can actually use. Limit: 30

**25) The Last Transfer: Understanding Estate Planning and the Transfer of Wealth (PV)**

Wed, Sept 23 & Sept 30 • 2:00-4:00 • \$35

2 Meetings • Prescott Valley-106 • OPV-125-F126

Facilitator: John Farmer

What happens to everything you have worked for when you are gone? This two-session course takes an honest, practical look at estate planning and the transfer of wealth at death. Whether your estate is large or small, this course will help ensure your assets end up exactly where you intend. Limit: 30

26) Medicare Made Easy

Fri, Sept 4 • 10:00-12:00 • \$15

1 Meeting • Prescott Valley-172E • OPV-126-F126

Facilitator: Kelly Boryca*

Medicare can be both overwhelming and confusing. This class will walk you through Advantage Plans, Medicare Parts A and B, supplements (also called Medigap plans) and drug plans. Kelly Boryca, the facilitator, has been counseling people on Medicare for 14 years as a volunteer for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP.)

27) Medicare Part D Drug Plans - How Do They Work and How to Save Money

Fri, Sept 4 • 2:00-4:00 • \$15

1 Meeting • Prescott Valley-172E • OPV-127-F126

Facilitator: Kelly Boryca*

Figuring out how to evaluate Medicare drug plans each year can be challenging but can also save significant money. Don't overpay for your plan! The class will review how they work, how to evaluate the best plan for you and how to independently easily sign up for a new plan!

HEALTH & NUTRITION**34) Wellness in a Changing World**

Fri, Aug 28-Sept 11 • 1:00-3:30 • \$35

3 Meetings • Prescott Valley-215 • OPV-134-F126

Facilitators: Kristen Law, Bob Branstrator

Despite medical breakthroughs, modern diseases like obesity, cancer, depression and dementia still plaguing us—our bodies aren't built for today's fast-paced, tech-driven world. Join this science-based class to discover how technology and lifestyle shape your health and learn practical strategies for lifelong wellness. Limit: 25

HISTORY & CURRENT AFFAIRS**43) Welcome to Prescott Valley!**

Fri, Sept 11-Sept 25 • 10:00-11:30 • \$35

3 Meetings • Prescott Valley-105 • OPV-143-F126

Facilitator: Ronn Rohe

Prescott Valley is growing at a phenomenal pace and is made up of transplants from across the U.S. There's a surprising amount to know about the area: its history, geography, government and

recreation. We'll have a guest speaker from the Town government (yes; it's a town, not a city, and we'll go over what that means), an overview from a local history expert and lots of good-to-know practicalities. Limit: 30

46) Impactful, Little Known Women in US History

Fri, Aug 28-Sept 18 • 3:00-5:00 • \$35

4 Meetings • Prescott Valley-105 • OPV-146-F126

Facilitator: Becky Gunn*(GC)

Let us take a look at women who have impacted the history of the United States. Little known but exceptional women contributed to the American Revolution, the Civil War, the Suffrage Movement, in government and in the military. Join us in learning about these women and appreciating their contributions to our country.

PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION & UNEXPLAINED**73) Beyond The Veil: Let's Talk Metaphysics**

Wed, Sept 9 • 10:00-1:00 • \$15

1 Meeting • Prescott Valley-172E • OPV-173-F126

Facilitators: Mathias Karayan, Rita Karayan

Metaphysics addresses the experience of brushing up against the Veil; the borderland between your experience as a body of sensation & perception, and your experience of "your self." Topics may include Dreams, Visitations, Astral Travel and the relationship between Reincarnation, Karma and Past Life Recollections. Limit: 12

WRITING, LITERATURE, & LANGUAGES**88) French Speak Easy**

Wed, Aug 26-Sept 30 • 10:00-11:15 • \$35

6 Meetings • Prescott Valley-216 • OPV-188-F126

Facilitator: Karen Keim

I would like to teach you the French Language, revealing secrets about French living, traveling, history and culture. We will have activities with games practicing correct usage, view "shorts" about curiosities, and cover important facts for travelers. We will learn about the remarkable contribution to Cuisine francaise of Edith Piaf, the voice of France, Chef Auguste Escoffier and Julia Child. Francophiles only need register! Limit: 20

ARTS-VISUAL & PERFORMING**14) "I Want to Dance": Celebrating the Human Spirit**

Thurs, Aug 27-Oct 1 • 2:00-3:15 • \$35

6 Meetings • Online • OPZ-114-F126

Facilitator: Bill Mains

Explore how individual passion defies restriction to find identity and community. Designed for film lovers who appreciate stories of resilience, this six-week series analyzes characters who claim their authentic self-expression through movement. We will discuss Strictly Ballroom, Silver Linings Playbook, Shall We Dance?, Footloose, Mao's Last Dancer and Billy Elliot, celebrating the enduring vitality of the human spirit. Limit: 20

HEALTH & NUTRITION**36) Cochlear Implants: Hear Again!**

Wed, Sept 2 • 12:30-1:45 • \$15

1 Meeting • Online • OSZ-136-F126

Facilitators: Sharon Sherman*(GC), Jaysen Moreno, PhD

Does your hearing continue to deteriorate such that interacting with other people is a continual struggle? Hearing loss and isolation so often go together. Learn more about how cochlear implants might help from a Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) with loads of experience, along with an individual who recently had a CI. Learn about how they work, how you qualify, what the surgical procedure and recovery entail, and about the profound experience of hearing recovery. Limit: 50

HISTORY & CURRENT AFFAIRS**49) This and That**

Fri, Aug 28-Oct 2 • 10:30-12:00 • \$35

6 Meetings • Online • OPZ-149-F126

Facilitator: Barbara Brown*

A weekly adventure into subject from art to zoology and everything in between. Come curious - leave inspired! Limit: 40

50) Great Courses Potpourri

Email Only • \$35 • OP-150-F126

Access to the catalog of Great Courses offering through the OLLI account, streamed from your home. Learn about music, history, mindfulness, science and travel.

51) Current Economic Issues

Fri, Aug 28-Oct 2 • 1:00-3:00 • \$35

6 Meetings • Online • OSZ-151-F126

Facilitator: Charles Blum*

By presenting relevant concepts and data, this on-going course aims to equip each participant to be an educated consumer of news on a wide range of economic topics. Discussions will be fact-driven and nontechnical; no formal economics training is required. Limit: 12

52) JFK's Quest for Peace

Thurs, Aug 27-Oct 1 • 9:30-11:00 • \$35

6 Meetings • Online • OSZ-152-F126

Facilitator: Charles Blum*

For John Kennedy, peace was a lifelong quest -- starting with the failure of appeasement in the 1930s and his military service in the 1940s and ending with his audacious attempt to end the cold war and align the US with the anti-colonial world at the time of his murder in 1963. We will examine his family history, education, travel and listen carefully to his major speeches. At various junctures, we'll consider his relevance for today's conflicted world. Limit: 30

LOCAL INTEREST & TRAVEL**58) Armchair Adventures**

Wed, Aug 26-Sept 30 • 10:30-12:00 • \$35

6 Meetings • Online • OPZ-158-F126

Facilitator: Barbara Brown*

Join us to travel the world without passports, expenses, long lines at airports, cathedrals and museums. Whether you're a seasoned traveler or simply curious about the world, come experience the culture, stories, art, and history that make every destination unique. Every journey offers new discoveries, fresh perspectives, and the chance to experience the beauty and diversity of our world—all from the comfort and convenience of home.

NATURE & THE OUTDOORS, ACTIVE MIND & BODY

70) 7,000 Miles through America's National Park System

Wed, Aug 26 • 9:00-11:00 • \$15

1 Meeting • Online • OSZ-170-F126

Facilitator: David Kroese

We share remarkable places and their stories selected from over 7,000 miles of day hikes in over 430 National Park Service units. Against the backdrop of striking scenery and rapidly evolving history, we consider the national park system's current value, relevancy and challenges. Limit: 60



71) Birdwatching for Beginners: An Ecological Approach

Mon, Sept 14 • 2:00-4:30 • \$15

1 Meeting • Online • OSZ-171-F126

Facilitators: Will McDowell, Sharon Sherman*(GC)

Novice birdwatchers will learn how to find and identify birds in the Verde Valley. Understand why certain birds live in specific habitats, and why the birds are so plentiful in that environment. The ecological concepts of habitat diversity and adaptation provide a window into why Arizona is such a fabulous place to see and learn about birds. Gain practical tips on equipment, reference books, apps and techniques for seeing more birds in your yard or the great outdoors. Limit: 55

SCIENCE & MATH



77) New Ideas

Mon, Aug 24-Oct 5 • 10:30-12:00 • \$35

6 Meetings • Online • OPZ-177-F126

Facilitator: Barbara Brown*

Embark on weekly adventures into the world of bold ideas and fascinating discoveries. Each session dives into a fresh topic - from cutting edge science and breakthrough technology to the wonders of space, the arts and global culture. Come curious - leave inspired! **Please Note: This class skips a week for Labor Day 9/7.** Limit: 40

SELF-ENRICHMENT & LIFESTYLE

86) Align • Activate • Heal: Align your energy.

Activate your potential. Heal your life.

Fri, Aug 28-Oct 2 • 11:00-12:30 • \$35

6 Meetings • Online • OSZ-186-F126

Facilitator: Darielle Archer*

Discover practical tools to activate your natural healing abilities and increase your energy, resilience, and well-being. Learn the Energy First Aid System I used to recover and heal from a lightning strike. You'll be guided through techniques that relieve symptoms: reduce inflammation; turn down pain level; energy drains; reduce stress, brain fog and fatigue; discover the power of color for healing; and release limiting patterns inhibiting healing. Limit: 20

ARTS & CRAFTS**1) Gluebook Collage**

Mon-Wed, Aug 31-Sept 2 • 1:00-3:00 • \$35

3 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 31-102 • OP-101-F126

Facilitators: *Kim Kinsler, Holli Guthrie*

Gluebook collage is the art of filling notebooks with collected images, paper scraps and ephemera, offering a relaxing way to explore composition and storytelling. Participants create curated spreads—often themed or monochromatic—using daily ephemera like magazine images, stickers, Washi-tape and assorted papers. All materials will be provided. \$10 materials fee payable to the facilitator on the first day of class. Limit: 11

2) 6 Crafts in 6 Weeks

Fri, Aug 28-Oct 2 • 9:30-11:00 • \$35

6 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 31-102 • OP-102-F126

Facilitator: *Stacey Lavallee*

Join us where each week, you'll dive into a new fun project! We'll explore Bracelet or Necklace Making, Earrings and Key Chain Blanks, Junk Journals, Nail Polish Dip on Pumpkins, Seashell Jewelry Holder and Decoupage on Boxes. Each activity offers a hands-on way to express your artistic side while learning new techniques. \$50 supply fee due to facilitator on the first day of class. Must have crafting experience. Limit: 17

3) Decoupage Gourd Birdhouse Workshop

Thurs, Aug 27 • 9:30-12:00 • \$15 • OP-103-F126

6) Decoupage Gourd Birdhouse Workshop

Thurs, Aug 27 • 1:30-4:00 • \$15 • OP-106-F126

1 Meeting • Prescott Bldg 31-102

Facilitators: *Judy Riggensbach, Ann Kells*

Learn to create a charming birdhouse from a natural gourd in this fun, hands-on decoupage workshop! Students will embellish a dried gourd using decorative papers and fabric, to create a unique patio accent. All skill levels are welcome and each participant will leave with a completed birdhouse. \$20 fee payable to facilitator for cost of supplies. **NOTE: This class is offered twice in the same day. Register for either the morning or the afternoon session, NOT both.** Limit: 17

4) Beginning Quilling

Tues, Aug 25-Sept 29 • 2:00-3:30 • \$35

6 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 31-101 • OP-104-F126

Facilitator: *Ann Evans*

Quilling is an art form that uses strips of pre-cut paper that are rolled, shaped, and glued together to create decorative designs. We will begin with the basics: learning to roll the paper coils and how to mold the coils into shapes. Then you are ready to begin creating the beautifully detailed designs that quilling is known for. The class fee is \$35 per student for tools and supplies payable to the facilitator. Limit: 11

5) Holiday Fabric Collage: Keepsake Cards (AM)

Wed, Sept 16 • 9:30-12:00 • \$15 • OP-105-F126

8) Holiday Fabric Collage: Keepsake Cards (PM)

Wed, Sept 16 • 1:30-4:00 • \$15 • OP-108-F126

1 Meeting • Prescott Bldg 31-102

Facilitator: *Judy Riggensbach*

Materials will be provided for you to create eerie Halloween, blissful Thanksgiving and festive Christmas cards. This workshop is perfect for anyone who loves fabric, paper arts, mixed media or simply the joy of having fun with other OLLI folks. Bring scissors & tweezers, plus enthusiasm for thinking outside the box. VERY EASY! \$15 fee first class **NOTE: Register for either the morning or the afternoon session, NOT both.**

ARTS-VISUAL & PERFORMING**10) Improved Beginner Western Line Dancing**

Fri, Aug 28-Oct 2 • 10:00-11:15 • \$35

6 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 15-260 • OP-110-F126

Facilitator: *Cindy Reynolds(GC)*

Continue with the fun and exercise as we dance to classic Country/Western music. Let's dance!

15) Beginning Western Line Dance

Mon, Aug 24-Oct 5 • 2:00-3:15 • \$35

6 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 15-260 • OP-115-F126

Facilitator: *Cindy Reynolds(GC)*

Come join the fun and exercise as we dance to classic Country/Western music. We will review the common dance steps. Let's dance! **Note: This class skips a week for Labor Day Sept 7.**



11) PIXAR III - PIXAR is Back!

Mon, Aug 24-Oct 5 • 1:00-4:00 • \$35 **No 9/7**

6 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 3-119 • OP-111-F126

Facilitator: Don Baier*

PIXAR IS BACK! (And Disney Animation Studios too!) 6 more Pixar/Disney films come to the screen! Pixar's second-ever feature film leads off this time, and we'll see films born from the Pixar/Disney collaboration, and PIXAR's latest too! *A Bug's Life*, *Tangled*, *Brave*, *Encanto* and *Moana* are all here, and PIXAR's newest feature length film, *Hoppers*, released this year! Come and enjoy the Background, the Movies, the Popcorn, and the Mayhem of PIXAR & its influence on Disney!

12) Concerts of Sarah Brightman

Tues, Aug 25-Sept 29 • 2:00-4:00 • \$35

6 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 3-205 • OP-112-F126

Facilitator: Jim Shepherd

This is a video series of Sarah Brightman's concerts from 1999-2018. Following her critically acclaimed performance in the original *Phantom of the Opera*, she has been described as the world's leading classical crossover soprano, combining classical, pop, rock, and opera into stunning international concert tours. Classes will include one concert with additional supplemental interviews, early performances and behind the scenes videos.

13) Inside the Rehearsal Room: Directing and Stage Management

Tues, Sept 1 & Sept 8 • 10:00-12:30 • \$35

2 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 31-102 • OP-113-F126

Facilitators: Angie Mazella*, Lois Janowski*

Curious about what really happens behind the scenes of a play? This hands-on workshop invites students to explore the creative collaboration between directors, stage managers and actors throughout the rehearsal process. We will discover how productions move from script to stage. Julie Harrington, a director and actor, and Julie Cargill, a stage manager and actor. Both with decades of theatre experience in Prescott and a passion for sharing the art of live performance. Limit: 24

17) Foreign Films

Wed, Aug 26-Sept 30 • 2:00-5:00 • \$35

6 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 3-119 • OP-117-F126

Facilitators: Armando Lopez*(GC,) Don Baier

Travel the world without leaving your seat! Join us for a cinematic adventure featuring recent and vintage foreign films, each one celebrated internationally for its powerful storytelling and unforgettable performances. We'll watch the film, then dive into a lively discussion where everyone gets to share their thoughts and reactions. Plus, you'll have a say in picking future movies, so your voice shapes our next screenings. Get ready for great films, great company, and plenty of surprises!

COMPUTER & TECHNOLOGY

20) Electric & Hybrid Vehicles

Fri, Aug 28 • 11:00-12:30 • \$15

1 Meeting • Prescott Bldg 4-118 • OP-120-F126

Facilitator: Greg Stein

EV/hybrid/gas powered vehicle ratios vary over time due to gov't subsidies, gas prices and the "facts" circulating. In the U.S., gas powered vehicles dominate though more hybrids and EVs are being offered and sold...due to higher gas prices. Internet fact checkers have been let go, and government incentives eliminated, so EV sales will continue to suffer, yet these are excellent options for virtually all! I will present the facts so you can make an informed decision. Limit: 30

FINANCE, ECONOMICS, & LAW

28) Deadly Mistakes in Estate Planning

Mon, Sept 14 • 11:00-12:30 • \$15

1 Meeting • Prescott Bldg 31-102 • OP-128-F126

Facilitator: Jon Linford

Creating an estate plan that effectively addresses your needs and those of your loved ones can be challenging. If you're unsure where to begin, join attorney Jon Linford for an insightful discussion on how to avoid common mistakes in estate planning. He will cover a range of topics, including probate, changes in the law, nursing home costs, capital gains tax, retirement plans, divorce, healthcare documents and how to communicate your wishes to your loved ones. Limit: 15

HEALTH & NUTRITION**31) Understanding Hearing Loss & Aids**

Thurs, Aug 27-Oct 1 • 1:00-2:15 • \$35

6 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 30-126 • OP-131-F126

Facilitator: Laurie VanDuivenbode

Are you considering a hearing aid or not content with yours? This course provides a practical, easy to understand overview of hearing loss and modern hearing solutions. Participants will learn how hearing works, what causes hearing loss and how it impacts everyday communication. The course will also explore hearing aid technology, provide guidance on selecting, using and maintaining devices for optimal results. Limit: 15

32) Healthy Hair, Skin & Nails With Cell Salts

Fri, Sept 11-Sept 25 • 12:30-1:45 • \$35

3 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 31-101 • OP-132-F126

Facilitator: Deborah Sicignano

Healthy hair, skin and nails might be a given when we are young. Over time we may find that these parts of our appearance benefit from a bit of gentle nudging and support. This brief introduction to the Cell Salts will show one of the EASIEST and safest ways to enhance your appearance and well-being with a product that is sitting right at your local natural health food store! This gentle and effective health and beauty tool is hiding in plain sight just waiting to be rediscovered. Limit: 30

33) Your Awesome Body

Wed, Aug 26-Sept 30 • 2:00-3:15 • \$35

6 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 31-101 • OP-133-F126

Facilitator: Holly Huffman

Our bodies are designed to maintain health and function. Every cell contains an innate intelligence to maintain balance even when faced with episodic stressors by possessing the resilience and vital reserves to combat challenges. If stress becomes chronic and unresolved it will cause imbalances, loss of function and ultimately disease. We will look at how our bodies are designed to maintain wellness, the effect of imbalances and how to restore and maintain vitality as nature intended. Limit: 30

HISTORY & CURRENT AFFAIRS**40) Prescott History Series**

Tues, Aug 25-Sept 29 • 2:00-4:00 • \$35

6 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 4-102 • OP-140-F126

Facilitators: John Krizek, Stuart "Stu" Jordan

Experience historic Prescott and the fascinating people who passed through here! Each lecture will normally be delivered by a guest speaker considered an expert in local history, often a published author or luminary who has presented at other venues nearby. Most topics will typically be rooted in the territorial days of Arizona, although there may occasionally be some exceptions.

41) Current Issues

Wed, Aug 26-Sept 30 • 10:00-11:30 • \$35

6 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 31-101 • OP-141-F126

Facilitators: Robert Forte, Armando Lopez

Discuss the current issues of the day, with guest speakers, experts in their fields, to present their topics and answer questions. The subjects will be determined before class. Our last class will be a review and open discussion.

42) Viewpoints

Fri, Aug 28-Oct 2 • 10:00-12:00 • \$35

6 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 31-101 • OP-142-F126

Facilitators: Jack Wilson*, Armando Lopez

Please join us for this participatory class. Members nominate class subjects and vote on the topics for each week. Recent subjects include socialism, the federal government checks and balances, climate change, the Supreme Court, SETI, deficits and inflation and water resources.

44) Interesting and Anomalous Physical and Geopolitical Aspects of the World

Wed, Aug 26-Sept 30 • 12:30-1:45 • \$35

6 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 31-101 • OP-144-F126

Facilitator: Jim Veney*

This class will look at a variety of interesting things about countries of the World, such as the fact that the smallest 145 countries by area could all fit into Russia with room to spare, or that the US, China and India could all fit intact into Africa, or that the population of the island of Java is greater than the population of the entire nation of Russia.

45) Foreign Affairs: More Geopolitics

Tues, Aug 25-Sept 29 • 11:00-1:00 • \$35
 6 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 31-101 • OP-145-F126
Facilitator: John Lowe*

This learning group continues our discussions about foreign affairs as we review recent major events and important international issues. We enjoy lively discussions about geopolitics and talk about the stories behind the headlines. The facilitator and distinguished guest speakers (DGS) may use brief presentations to generate interactive civil conversations. Limit: 30

47) Thinking About Iran

Mon, Aug 24-Oct 5 • 12:30-1:45 • \$35
 6 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 31-101 • OP-147-F126
Facilitator: Philip Jones

The focus of this course will be on the deep culture of Persia, its history, culture, conversion to Islam and rise of the Shia state. We will also cover the Shah and clergy, the Pahlavis, Anglo-Iranian Oil Company & Mossadegh. CIA's Operation Ajax, Cold War alignments, Iran's Revolution, rule of the Ayatollahs, war with Iraq, Iranian Revolutionary Guards Corps and the current conflict. **Note: This class skips a week for Labor Day Sept 7.**

48) Impactful, Little Known Women in US History

Thurs, Aug 27-Sept 17 • 2:00-4:00 • \$35
 4 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 3-203 • OP-148-F126
Facilitator: Becky Gunn*(GC)

Let us take a look at women who have impacted the history of the United States. Little known but exceptional women contributed to the American Revolution, the Civil War, the Suffrage Movement, in government and in the military. So much accomplished, so little acknowledgment. Join us in learning about these women and appreciating their contributions to our country.

NATURE & THE OUTDOORS, ACTIVE MIND & BODY**59) Slow Hiking**

Wed, Sept 2-Oct 7 • 8:00-11:00 • \$35
 6 Meetings • Offsite • OP-159-F126

Facilitators: Ronn Rohe, Paul Tardone

How many times have you hiked with a group, then found yourself 50 yards behind after ten minutes? This group is NOT for beginners. You should feel comfortable hiking 2-5 miles with intermittent elevation gains, but at a leisurely pace with time to take in the scenery. We'll cover trails of low to moderate difficulty and varying conditions.

60) Composting and Soil Management Course Master Gardener Series

Tues, Aug 25 • 10:00-12:00 • \$15
 1 Meeting • Prescott Bldg 31-102 • OP-160-F126
Facilitator: Dawn Kraul

Yavapai College horticulture professor Justin Brereton presents the fundamentals of soil health for the Prescott/Chino Valley area. Learn about soil types, improving soil structure, increasing organic matter, water retention, and home composting methods. The class also covers plant nutrients, how to read fertilizer labels, organic vs. elemental nutrients, and how compost, manure and other amendments can improve plant growth and soil function in high-desert soils. Limit: 24

61) Watson Woods Riparian Tour Master Gardener Series

Tues & Thurs, Sept 29 & Oct 1 • 8:30-10:30 • \$15
 2 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 31-101 • OP-161-F126
Facilitator: Paula Lund

Learn about a rare & threatened forest type in Prescott. On Sept 29, Michael Byrd, Executive Director of Prescott Creeks, will present about the cottonwood/willow riparian forest along Granite Creek. On Oct 1 tour Watson Woods Riparian Preserve & learn about ongoing ecological restoration efforts. Tour meets at Peavine Trailhead-1624 Sundog Ranch Rd. \$15 cash donation payable at start of tour. \$5 parking fee. Participants must be able to navigate steps and steep, uneven terrain. Limit 20.



62) Intermediate Ball-bouncing for Body-Brain Integration

Tues, Aug 25-Sept 29 • 9:00-10:00 • \$35
6 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 15-260 • OP-162-F126

Facilitator: Michael Ehlers

This class elevates the complexity of skill from beginner to an intermediate level. Bouncing two-balls alters the auditory-rhythmic patterns and increases the integrative benefits. A very fun class! REQUIRED: Must have attended the Beginner class. Balls are provided. Limit: 20

63) How to Identify the Birds of Yavapai County Master Gardener Series

Tues & Thurs, Sept 22 & Sept 24 • 8:30-10:30 • \$15

2 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 31-101 • OP-163-F126

Facilitator: Robin Knight

Eric Moore, owner of The Lookout, and Prescott's local wild bird expert, will teach a revolutionary method to identify wild birds. While most birders focus on plumage (the colorful markings of birds) Eric will teach other elements of bird identification skills including habitat (where did you see the bird) and bird behavior. The two-hour class will be followed up two days later with an in-the-field bird watching trip to put into practice the principles taught in the class. Dress for a hike. Limit: 30

64) Moderate Hiking

Wed, Aug 26-Sept 30 • 8:00-10:30 • \$35
6 Meetings • Offsite-Hiking • OP-164-F126

Facilitators: Lynn Neakrans*, Mark Troester*, Pat Fuge

Join us on moderate hikes of up to 5 miles on rocky, sometimes steep terrain, experience the beauty and diversity of some of the many trails in our area. You will need to be in good physical condition and accustomed to hiking at higher elevations and temperatures. Wear a hat and sunscreen and bring plenty of water and hiking poles. For comfort and enjoyment, wear comfortable boots and dress in layers appropriate for the weather. Limit: 15

65) Hike the Prescott Circle Trail

Mon, Aug 24-Oct 5 • 8:00-12:00 • \$35
6 Meetings • Offsite-Hiking • OP-165-F126

Facilitators: John Pillman*, Ken Paris*

The PCT is a roughly 56 mile trail around Prescott, divided into 11 segments. This session we will hike segments 1-6 which range in length from 5-9 miles and can contain a lot of elevation change. These are not beginning or easy hikes but are the prettiest and most challenging segments of the PCT. Breaks will be taken as needed. So lace up your hiking boots, grab your poles and join us in this great hiking adventure. **Note: skips 9/7**

68) Chair Yoga and More (Mon, skips 9/7)

Mon, Aug 24-Oct 5 • 2:30-3:45 • \$35
6 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 31-101 • OP-168-F126

69) Chair Yoga and More (Thurs)

Thurs, Aug 27-Oct 1 • 2:30-3:45 • \$35
6 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 31-101 • OP-169-F126

Facilitator: Candice Young*

Our bodies are our vehicles throughout life. As they change with time, physical issues and limitations we need to honor them exactly where they are each day. We will establish a strong body awareness with slow controlled movements focusing on balance, lengthening in the spine, symmetry, coordination, flexibility and building core strength. Wear comfortable loose-fitting clothes. This is a beginner/intermediate level class. Please contact facilitator if you have had recent surgery.

PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION & UNEXPLAINED

72) Creation, Dinosaurs & Noah's Ark

Wed, Aug 26-Sept 30 • 4:00-5:30 • \$35
6 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 31-101 • OP-172-F126

Facilitator: David Larsen

What are the ramifications of the Bible's account of a global Flood? Is it history? Could the flood account for the fossil record? Could the remains of Noah's Ark still exist on Mt. Ararat? Why have some dinosaurs survived, unchanged by evolution for millions of years? Where do dinosaurs fit into the biblical account of history? How are all of these questions related? Opinions presented are those of the author..

SCIENCE & MATH**75) How the Earth Works Pt 4**

Wed, Aug 26-Sept 30 • 12:30-2:30 • \$35

6 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 4-102 • OP-175-F126

Facilitators: *Dave Hoffman**, *Johanna Kangal**

We live on a planet that is constantly changing. In this exciting series you will witness the history of our planet in spectacular detail, learning what Earth is made of, where it came from, where it's going and above all, how it works. Professor Michael Wyssession is back again. In this series he integrates geology, biology, geophysics and geochemistry to illustrate the dynamic processes that shape the Earth and define its place in the cosmos.

76) Hearing Loss Communication

Tues, Aug 25-Sept 29 • 12:00-1:30 • \$35

6 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 30A-126 • OP-176-F126

Facilitator: *Gloria Pelletier*

Communication is hard for those who can hear. It is exponentially harder for those who have hearing loss. Discussions will center around ideas for better communication methods. Specific examples for study. Class participation is encouraged. Bring your experiences, thoughts and curiosity to the table for exploration. Learn about how to live with hearing loss successfully for you, family and friends. Limit: 12

SELF-ENRICHMENT & LIFESTYLE**80) 8 Keys of Communication**

Thurs, Aug 27-Oct 1 • 2:00-3:30 • \$35

6 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 3-271 • OP-180-F126

Facilitators: *Richard Fine, Janet Fine*

Do you have difficulty communicating with family, friends or even complete strangers. This can be made even more problematic if you are discussing a sensitive subject. This workshop will give you the tools to build trust, understanding and communication with clarity and empathy. With these 8 Keys to Communication, you will know how to have a conversation that leads to better understanding, stronger relationships and successful outcomes. Limit: 25

81) Bridge: The Next Steps

Thurs, Aug 27-Oct 1 • 10:00-12:00 • \$35

6 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 31-101 • OP-181-F126

Facilitator: *Bill Phillips*

This course builds on the foundation we developed in prior classes and adds tools to your arsenal of bridge skills. Topics include useful bidding conventions, making the most of your declarer play and avoiding common mistakes on defense. Limit: 20

82) Keep Your Mind Sharp: Learn To Play Bridge!

Thurs, Aug 27-Oct 1 • 8:00-9:45 • \$35

6 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 31-101 • OP-182-F126

Facilitator: *Bill Phillips*

Learn to play the world's best card game. Keep your brain active. Improve your memory, problem-solving skills, reasoning ability and patience. You don't need any prior experience with bridge or any other card game. You will learn the mechanics, terminology and techniques of the game. This is a "hands-on" course that gives you lots of opportunities to practice what you are learning. If you have played bridge in the past, feel free to sign up for "Bridge: The Next Steps" too. Limit: 20

83) Game: Pegs and Jokers

Fri, Aug 28-Oct 2 • 12:30-2:00 • \$35

6 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 31-102 • OP-183-F126

Facilitators: *Rachel Ayars, Rick Ayars*

Pegs and Jokers is an adult game similar to the old games of "Sorry" or "Aggravation" using cards to determine your moves from Start to Home. In this class we will teach new students the game, while giving Intermediate students more instruction on Strategy. New students will only be paired with "seasoned" players after we feel they have mastered the basic play of the game.

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84) Unfinished Business: Healing Relationships

Wed, Sept 2 • 10:00-1:00 • \$15

1 Meeting • Prescott Bldg 30A-126 • OP-184-F126

Facilitators: Mathias Karayan, Rita Karayan

This class is about the understanding that all relationships are opportunities to remember love. The nature of every relationship is a mutual teaching and learning encounter. In this class you will learn to give your relationship a united goal, a new purpose for healing to occur ... and the opportunity to remember love. This class is an interactive approach. Should you choose, you will have an opportunity to share your relationship challenges. Limit: 12

WRITING, LITERATURE, & LANGUAGES

89) Fiction Writing in the Age of AI

Mon, Aug 24-Oct 5 • 9:00-10:15 • \$35

6 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 31-101 • OP-189-F126

Facilitator: Jim Veney*

This class will examine the writing of fiction with attention to the first page, the introduction of a character, first meeting of two characters, action scenes and other literary situations. Participants will be expected to read several examples of each situation, and write their own version of each. Examples will also be shown as written or revised by AI. Questions of how to deal with AI as a writer will also be addressed. **Please Note: This class skips a week for Labor Day Sept 7.** Limit: 15

90) Knowing About You in Mandarin Chinese

Mon, Aug 24-Oct 5 • 11:00-12:15 • \$35

6 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 31-101 • OP-190-F126

Facilitator: Leeann Chen

This class is for people with no knowledge of Mandarin to pick up the basics of a new language, Mandarin Chinese. The class is facilitated in Mandarin and English, with introductory topics such as names, nationalities, family members, birthdays and hobbies. Course activities include mini-step practices, discussions and class presentations. **Note: This class skips a week for Labor Day Sept 7.** Limit: 12

91) 10 Minute Originals

Tues, Sept 15 - Sept 29 • 9:30-10:45 • \$35

3 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 30-126 • OP-191-F126

Facilitator: Maryann Schaffer*

This class will present a wide range of thought-provoking questions, such as "It's winter, and you have just moved to North Dakota. Write a postcard that makes Californians jealous." You will have 8 minutes to write a response and read it aloud—no criticism, just fun. Limit: 14

92) Memoir Writing Class

Wed, Sept 2-Sept 30 • 2:00-4:00 • \$35

5 Meetings • Prescott Bldg 3-205 • OP-192-F126

Facilitator: Joann Ashlock*

Ready to share your story? This class is your chance to bring your memories to life! Whether it's for your family or just for your own reflection, we'll help you organize your thoughts into a powerful memoir using the "I" point of view. You'll learn creative writing techniques, receive positive, supportive feedback, and be inspired by others' stories. Whether you're a first-time writer or a seasoned pro, everyone's welcome—let's get writing and make those memories unforgettable! Limit: 6



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A Cosmic Grand Tour: The Realms of the Universe

Tues, Sept 29-Nov 3 • 2:00-3:30 • \$60

6 Meetings • Online • OZO-901-F126

Facilitator: Andrew Fraknoi

This course explores four realms of the cosmos: planets, moons, stars, and galaxies, the universe's building blocks. Using everyday language with no math, we will study each topic through stunning color images from space probes and major telescopes, including breathtaking recent views from the James Webb Space Telescope.

Apple at 50: How it Revolutionized Computing and Transformed Daily Life

Tues, Sept 29-Nov 3 • 4:00-5:30 • \$60

6 Meetings • Online • OZO-902-F126

Facilitator: Leander Kahney

This course traces Apple's fifty-year history and its impact on personal computing, design, and everyday life. Each session explores a different decade, from the late 1970s PC era to Apple silicon and VR headsets. We will examine how Apple reshaped technology and transformed how people live, work, and communicate.

Art Detectives: Forgery, Provenance, and the Science of Authentication

Mon, Sept 28-Nov 2 • 10:00-11:30 • \$60

6 Meetings • Online • OZO-903-F126

Facilitator: Christine Maasdam

The art world is often associated with wealth and prestige, yet deception is widespread. We will explore art forgery, authenticity, provenance, and ownership. Through stories of master forgers, criminal schemes, and scientific investigations, we will examine how experts distinguish genuine works from fakes and why authenticity matters.

August Wilson and His American Cycle-The First Five: 1904-1957

Wed, Oct 7-Nov 11 • 2:00-3:30 • \$60

6 Meetings • Online • OZO-904-F126

Facilitator: Ladrice Menson-Furr

August Wilson was the first African American playwright to have a Broadway theater named after him. This course examines his American Century Cycle, a ten-play series representing each decade of the African American culture's 20th century. We will study his life, influences, and key plays (*Gem of the Ocean*, *Joe Turner's Come and Gone*, & *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*), exploring his portrayal and celebration of African American culture.

Biology & Society

Thurs, Oct 1-Nov 5 • 8:00-9:30 • \$60

6 Meetings • Online • OZO-905-F126

Facilitator: Eric Simon

This course introduces the scientific study of life, focusing on real-world applications and the social, ethical, and legal implications of biological advances. Designed for non-scientists, it connects key biological principles to everyday issues while encouraging discussion. We will also explore current debates on how new discoveries should be applied.

Cults and New Religious Movements in America

Tues, Oct 6-Nov 10 • 12:00-1:30 • \$60

6 Meetings • Online • OZO-906-F126

Facilitator: Kathryn Davis

America has long been a setting for new and alternative religions, some becoming accepted, others fading, and some sparking controversy or tragedy. This course examines New Religious Movements in the United States during the 18th and 19th centuries, exploring their beliefs, histories, and both insider and outsider perspectives.

Early 20th Century Avant-Garde: From Rebellion to Abstraction

Thurs, Oct 8-Nov 12 • 2:00-3:30 • \$60

6 Meetings • Online • OZO-907-F126

Facilitator: Lauren Weingarden

We will explore early 20th-century art and the rise of abstraction. From Fauvism and Cubism to Surrealism, we examine how artists reshaped visual culture. Focusing on Matisse, Kandinsky, Picasso, Mondrian, Duchamp, and Dalí, we will study their goals and the social and cultural forces that shaped their work.

Great Artists in American Roots Music

Mon, Sept 28-Nov 2 • 8:00-9:30 • \$60

6 Meetings • Online • OZO-908-F126

Facilitator: Taylor Ackley

From its emergence amid rapid cultural change in the early 20th century, country music has resonated with people who feel left behind by a shifting world. A key genre of American roots music, it captures hardships of modern life while intentionally evoking emotional response. Whether facing troubled relationships, unemployment, homelessness, loneliness, or spiritual bereft, there is a country song for you. This course traces the history of country and American roots music through the stories and artistic developments of influential performers. Each session highlights key figures including the Carter Family, Bill Monroe, Hank Williams, and Dolly Parton.

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Living off The Laughter: The History of Comedy

Wed, Oct 14-Nov 18 • 12:00-1:30 • \$60

6 Meetings • Online • OZO-909-F126

Facilitator: Eddy Friedfeld

This course is a history class with a laugh track. We will analyze the significant periods and players of the 20th and 21st Centuries against their historic context and legacy, using humor as the platform. We will cover Silent Films, Vaudeville, Radio, Screwball and Romantic Comedies, Comedy Teams, and the Golden Age of Television. We will study how America laughed in each generation, and how the change in American character and persona shaped how they laughed and what (and whom) they laughed at.

Mexico City: Empires, Revolutions & Everyday Life

Tues, Sept 29-Nov 3 • 10:00-11:30 • \$60

6 Meetings • Online • OZO-910-F126

Facilitator: William (Bill) Beezley

Mexico is defined by diverse peoples, music, food, festivals, and traditions expressed through year-round celebrations. This course explores Mexico City as a cultural crossroads shaped by Indigenous civilizations, colonial rule, independence, and revolution. We will trace its modern political evolution and examine how culture, power, and celebration intertwine today.

Post-War Architecture: The Innovative Architects of the Midcentury Modern Period

Wed, Oct 7-Nov 11 • 10:00-11:30 • \$60

6 Meetings • Online • OZO-911-F126

Facilitator: Eleanor Schrader

Mid-20th-century designers used new materials and ideas to shape post-World War II American life. This course explores optimistic design, especially open living spaces in architecture. We will study the Case Study Program and designers like Charles and Ray Eames, Saarinen, Lautner, Jones, and Wexler amid rapid social and cultural change.

Power and the People: The U.S. Federal Judiciary

Thurs, Oct 15-Nov 19 • 10:00-11:30 • \$60

6 Meetings • Online • OZO-912-F126

Facilitator: Lauren Andersen

The American experiment began with the Declaration of Independence and includes the federal judiciary as a key institution. This course traces the courts from English roots to the Constitution and the Supreme Court's development, examining landmark eras from the Marshall Court through the New Deal, Warren Court, and today.

Sacred Mountains of the World

Mon, Oct 5- Nov 9 • 12:00-1:30 • \$60

6 Meetings • Online • OZO-913-F126

Facilitator: Jonathan Duncan

Across cultures and throughout history, mountains have inspired powerful beliefs, stories, and traditions. This interdisciplinary course explores the sacred meanings of mountains through mythology, religion, and cultural history. Through illustrated lectures, readings, and discussion, students will examine humanity's enduring relationship with the world's high and wild places.

Some Assembly Required: The Story of the North American Kit Home

Wed, Sept 30-Nov 4 • 8:00-9:30 • \$60

6 Meetings • Online • OZO-914-F126

Facilitator: Nigel Tate

In this course, we will step inside the fascinating world of kit homes and explore their history and cultural impact across North America, especially during their peak from 1905 to 1945. We will dig into the industry's rise and decline, industrial developments of kit homes, and their connections to race and gender in the early 20th century. By examining both the kit home industry and the people who lived in them, we will uncover why they remain an important part of the architectural and cultural landscape.

"Studies Show..." (Or Do They?): Under the Hood of a Scientific Study

Thurs, Oct 1-Nov 5 • 12:00-1:30 • \$60

6 Meetings • Online • OZO-915-F126

Facilitator: John Hendrickson

What changes when we read beyond the abstract? This interactive course examines real research papers, especially in health and nutrition, to understand how scientists interpret evidence. We will explore how study design shapes results and why headlines can mislead. No technical background is required—just curiosity about how research really works.

The 60s Through the Great Speeches

Fri, Oct 9-Nov 13 • 8:00-9:30 • \$60

6 Meetings • Online • OZO-916-F126

Facilitator: Arthur Benedict

There 1960s is a decade wrapped in myth and misunderstanding. In this course, we will cut through that haze by turning to something powerful and concrete: the speeches of the era. The times and the conditions demanded these significant speeches. Together, we will listen to the voices that moved a nation and shaped history.

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The Birth of the Beat Generation

Tues, Sept 29- Nov 3 • 6:00-7:30 • \$60

6 Meetings • Online • OZO-917-F126

Facilitator: Kurt Hemmer

In this course, we will examine the dramatic circumstances that gave rise to the Beat Generation in the 1940s. Together, we will examine three famous Beat works: *Howl and Other Poems* by Allen Ginsberg, *On the Road* by Jack Kerouac, and *Naked Lunch* by William S. Burroughs. We will focus on historical events involving Beat writers, important passages of Beat literature, and the literary movement that spawned the 1960s counterculture

The British Family in Film: Heavy is the Head That Wears the Crown

Mon, Sept 28-Nov 2 • 10:00-11:30 • \$60

6 Meetings • Online • OZO-918-F126

Facilitator: Butch Epps

We will explore royal succession and political power through acclaimed British films. From Plantagenet conflicts to Tudor transformations, we will examine monarchy as a source of moral and political crisis rather than ceremony. Through historical dramas and Shakespeare adaptations, students will trace the evolution of kingship, legitimacy, and national leadership.

The History and Experience of Route 66

Mon, Oct 5-Nov 9 • 4:00-5:30 • \$60

6 Meetings • Online • OZO-919-F126

Facilitator: Peter Dedek

Route 66 is both a historic highway and a powerful American symbol. We will explore its origins, rise, decline, and revival, examining its role in travel, nostalgia, and car culture. Today, it functions as a kind of pilgrimage route, marked by neon signs, roadside attractions, and preserved motels, cafés, and gas stations. Through its landmarks and preservation efforts, students will discover the enduring appeal and evolving legacy of America's most famous road.

The Invisible Thread: 3,500 Years of Global Supply Chain

Mon, Oct 19-Nov 23 • 8:00-9:30 • \$60

6 Meetings • Online • OZO-920-F126

Facilitator: Scott Jones

We often notice global supply chains only when they fail, yet trade has long powered civilization. This course examines its evolution from ancient maritime routes to modern logistics systems. From Bronze Age merchant ships to today's intermodal networks, we will explore the vessels and systems that move global wealth.

The Magic Behind Film Scores: Part II

Wed, Sept 30-Nov 11 • 2:00-3:30 • \$60

6 Meetings • Online • OZO-921-F126

Facilitator: Mike Agron

This course explores how music functions as the emotional engine of film. Designed for film lovers, it examines how scores and songs shape story, character, and meaning. We will study iconic themes and song-driven films across genres and eras, highlighting how music expands and transforms cinematic storytelling.

The Search for an American Sound

Mon, Oct 12-Nov 16 • 2:00-3:30 • \$60

6 Meetings • Online • OZO-922-F126

Facilitator: Emanuel Abramovits

Since the 1890s, composers have sought to define a distinct American musical sound. This course explores how classical, Broadway, and Hollywood composers shaped musical identities reflecting America's people and landscapes. Through audiovisual examples and anecdotes, we will examine the works of Copland, Gershwin, Price, Bernstein, and others.

Tracing Our Roots: DNA, Family History, and the Politics of Identity

Wed, Sept 30-Nov 4 • 4:00-5:30 • \$60

6 Meetings • Online • OZO-923-F126

Facilitator: Angel Cervantes

We will explore how DNA reshapes understanding of ancestry, colonial society, and identity in the Americas. Using genetic genealogy and the New Mexico DNA Project, we will study Y-DNA and mitochondrial evidence alongside historical records. Topics include Indigenous and Spanish lineages, colonial identity systems, and the limits of genetic interpretation.

Winning the White House: The Evolution of the Presidency

Tues, Sept 29-Nov 3 • 8:00-9:30 • \$60

6 Meetings • Online • OZO-924-F126

Facilitator: John White

Harry S. Truman once described the presidency as "the most peculiar office in the world." We will explore how the Founding Fathers left the office for future presidents to define, creating conditions for a dramatic expansion of executive power. We will cover how this peculiar office is won or lost, how they have exercised power, and how the rise of the administrative state has reshaped the balance envisioned by the framers.

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ONLINE OPTIONS



Tuesday Trivia - Weekly, Tuesdays on Zoom. Non-competitive trivia - fun questions, no pressure!
Contact: Bev Thurber - thurberbw@gmail.com



Social Bridge - Weekly online Bridge games via Bridge Base Online (BBO). All levels welcome.
Contact: Doug Adams - ret2az09g@gmail.com, (928) 759-2363



Good Morning Email Group - Daily email with weather, OLLI news, jokes, and videos. Delivered every morning. Contact: Barbara Brown - vacbrown@yahoo.com



Write What You Want - Weekly, Wednesdays on Zoom. Creative writing group, all genres welcome.
Contact: Jim Veney - jimeveney@gmail.com



Prescott Computer Society - 3 meetings per month on Zoom. PC topics and tech help.
Contact: <https://pcs4me.com>

PRESCOTT IN-PERSON OPTIONS



Book Club - Monthly, hybrid (in-person/Zoom). Book discussions. Currently full - waitlist available.
Contact: Winnie Hoots - wjhoots@gmail.com



Chess - U.S. Chess-rated tournaments. Regular scheduled meetings for all skill levels.
Contact: Tom Green - tagreen@owu.edu, 740-803-2532



Fiber Arts - Monthly, in-person. Knitting, crochet, quilting - all skill levels welcome.
Contact: Carol Miller - loves2paintchina@yahoo.com



Games - Weekly, themed sessions. Board games, card games, tile games.
Contact: Diana Gasser - rose_dln@hotmail.com



Mindful Meditation Mondays - Bi-monthly (twice a month). Mindfulness and meditation in YC Sculpture Garden. Contact: Lesley Schuler - schulerlesley@gmail.com



Bridge (In-Person) - Weekly practice for those who've taken an OLLI Bridge class.
Contact: Darcy White - darcy838@yahoo.com



ROMEOS - Monthly. Retired Old Men Eating Out - men's social dining group.
Contact: Claxton Lovin - celovin327@att.net, 817-404-7400



Fly Fishing Anonymous - Monthly meetings. Story-sharing and discussion for fly fishing enthusiasts.
Contact: Mitch Childs - Enc44az@gmail.com



Guitar - Bi-monthly, in-person and via Zoom. All skill levels welcome.
Contact: Michael Gunn - michaeljohnngunn@gmail.com



Beginners & Beyond Mahjongg - Regular meetings. Practice and play for all skill levels.
Contact: Sue Holle - holles19@yahoo.com



Prescott Mac Users Group (PMUG) - Monthly meetings. Mac-focused tech group (extra fee applies).
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