

SPRING 2021

NEWSLETTER

Spring Term Dates: March 8 – April 30



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

- *Annual Membership (spring and fall term) \$200 – unlimited classes, no course fees
- *Single Term Membership (spring term) \$125 – unlimited classes, no course fees
- *Flex Membership (spring term) \$25 – course fees apply per class

CLASSES & EVENTS ARE VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

Animal Behavior

What makes animals behave the way they do? Topics will include migration, instinct, circadian rhythms, senses, aggression, etc.

- Blaine Ferrell
- Tuesday 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- March 9 – 30 (4-week course)

Instructor Bio:

Blaine Ferrell is Dean Emeritus of the WKU Ogden College of Science and Engineering and a professor of biology for 39 years. He has taught courses on Birds and Animal Behavior. He is active in the Kentucky Ornithological Society and served as editor of its publication, Kentucky Warbler.

Flex Member Course Fee: \$36

Birding in the Field

We will take field trips to observe local and migrating birds.

- Blaine Ferrell
- Tuesday 9:00 (earlier time after first session for field trips)
- April 6 – 27 (4-week course)
- Recommended: Binoculars

Instructor Bio: Listed above

Flex Member Course Fee: \$36

Registration for classes begins February 22

Community Impact: United Way of Southern Kentucky

Participants will learn how United Way of Southern Kentucky is impacting the community through four key areas: Health, Education, Income, and Safety Net. The 2-1-1 program meets the needs of those in our region and connects callers to local agencies and resources that can help.

- Elizabeth L. Newbould
- Wednesday 9:00 -10:30 a.m.
- March 31 (1-week course)

Instructor Bio:

Elizabeth L Newbould is the Marketing and Communications Director at United Way of Southern Kentucky. She grew up in Chattanooga Tennessee, before moving to New York for School. Then, in 2016, her work brought her to Bowling Green. She is passionate about nonprofit work, real estate, hospitality, and traveling (when it is safe).

Flex Member Course Fee: \$9

Conflict and Common Ground in Black-White Relations

This class will help participants increase their understanding of the many roles race plays in the lives of all U S citizens. We will examine why black males are disproportionately killed when conflict occurs and other important current topics in race relations.

- Howard Bailey
- Tuesday 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- March 9 – April 13 (6-week course)

Instructor Bio:

Howard Bailey is a past student leader who has 45 years of experience teaching race relations and black history in higher education. He is a retired VP of Student Affairs at WKU and continues teaching and training on a national level.

Flex Member Course Fee: \$54

History on the Hill: WKU and Its Heritage

This course traces WKU from its roots in the late 19th century to the present day.

- David Lee
- Thursday 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- April 8 – 29 (4-week course)

Instructor Bio:

David Lee has been a member of the WKU History Department since 1975. A former dean and provost, he is currently serving as the University Historian at WKU.

Flex Member Course Fee: \$36

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How to Build a Mountain

Mountains are the most majestic and awe-inspiring features on Earth. They cover about one-fifth of the planet's terrestrial land area and provide essential elements for a sustainable global system. This course examines the processes that operate within and upon the Earth to create and shape mountains. We will and conclude with a discussion of their important societal, environmental and sustainability issues.

- Ken Kuehn
- Tuesday 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
- April 6 – April 27 (4-week course)

Instructor Bio:

Ken Kuehn is a registered professional geologist in Kentucky with more than 30 years of experience traversing the state and studying its most interesting places. He is a recognized leader in Kentucky geological circles and has been recognized for his contributions to teaching, research, and service to the public.

Flex Member Course Fee: \$36

The Art of Short Films

In this course we will watch several short films, including Oscar winners and those that have won awards at major film festivals. We will compare the short film to the feature film and study both narrative and technical aspects of the short. We will watch the films together during class with plenty of time to discuss them.

- Ted Hovet
- Tuesday 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- March 9 – April 13 (6-week course)

Instructor Bio:

Ted Hovet is a Professor in the WKU Department of English where he has taught English and Film Studies classes since 1995.

Flex Member Course Fee: \$54

The Eight Greatest Geopolitical Mistakes of Modern Times

Each week, we examine key events in geopolitical history, such as the 1916 Sykes-Picot Agreement, the 1980 Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan, the 1982 Falklands conflict, and the 2003 Iraq War, to understand the consequences of these events.

- David Keeling
- Wednesday 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- March 10 – April 28 (8-week course)

Instructor Bio:

David Keeling is the Distinguished Professor of Cultural Geography at WKU. He has traveled the world over the past 50 years in search of good wine, tasty food, compelling cultural experiences, and knowledge about people and places.

Flex Member Course Fee: \$72

Registration for classes begins February 22

This is Your Life! Philosophy of Aging and the Life Review

Join Dr. Anton and her WKU students in their Philosophy of Aging course and participate in the Life Review process. We will read Elizabeth Marshall Thomas's *Growing Old: Notes on Aging with Something Like Grace*, a short, exciting, reflective autobiography of an amazing woman in her late eighties. We will discuss this New York Times best-selling author's journey living among different peoples and animal groups all over the world as she chronicled their communities and cultures. In the second half of the course, SLL participants will be paired with her students for several interviews about the SLL member's life. Her students will then write a Life Review – a philosophically reflective summary of their SLL partner's journey through life and the meaning he or she derives from it. All SLL participants will be gifted a copy of their partner's final product.

- Audrey Anton
- Thursday 2:15 – 3:30 p.m.
- March 11 – April 22 (7-week course)
- Limit: 12 participants
- Required Text: *Growing Old: Notes on Aging with Something Like Grace* by Elizabeth Marshall Thomas (Available online and from major booksellers)

Instructor Bio:

Audrey Anton is an Associate Professor of Philosophy at WKU. Her research areas include Ethics, Ancient Philosophy, and Philosophical Gerontology. Before turning to philosophy, Dr. Anton studied Gerontology as an undergraduate and spent a year on a Fulbright fellowship in the Republic of Ecuador interviewing elders about their lives and interactions with persons of other generations.

Flex Member Course Fee: \$63

Traveling After Covid

Is it safe to travel? What has changed when it comes to taking trips? What destinations are accessible? Join Christi for this four-week course as she walks us through how to travel again safely. She will cover details about the Real ID, all-inclusive resorts to consider, travel methods and destinations, including some hidden gems.

- Christi McGown
- Tuesday 1:30 p.m.
- March 9 – 30 (4-week course)

Instructor Bio:

Christi McGown is a 1992 graduate of WKU. After 20 years as a compliance officer in the financial industry, Christi opened Happy Place Travel in 2014. Her travel agency focuses on All Inclusive Resorts, River Cruising and Group Travel experiences.

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Traveling by Trailer

Come travel with John and Lisa to experience some of what North America has to offer via trailering and camping. Skeptical about camping and roughing it? In this course, you will be introduced to some of the many options and resources available to fit a variety of preferences from motorhomes to pull-behind trailers and everything in between. Time will be spent (as needed) covering some of the basics related to trailering and camping so you know where to begin. We will share pictures and stories from our travels so you can experience what is possible and how you might be able to make it work for you.

- John Forman and Lisa Dalporto
- Thursday 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- March 11 – April 1 (4-week course)

Instructor Bio:

John Forman has camped with trailer and tent his entire life. Since 2012, John and his wife, Lisa, have made trailer traveling an integral part of their lifestyle, affording them participation in special activities and events. Admittedly, John lives for this stuff, which is probably related to his engineering/tinkering background. When at base camp in Bowling Green, often times he is preparing the trailer and support toys for their next journey!
Flex Member Course Fee: \$36

Understanding and Enjoying Whiskey

In this class, we will cover the art, craft, rules, history, and enjoyment of whiskies from around the world. We will discuss flavors, where they come from, and a variety of ways to enjoy whiskey. Also discussed will be the craft-distilling scene and some of the exciting new types of whiskey that are emerging. And of course, we'll do all this while enjoying a dram online.

- Jason Parker
- Thursday 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- March 11 – April 29 (8-week course)
- Recommended: *Tasting Whiskey* by Lew Bryson

Instructor Bio:

Jason Parker grew up in Bowling Green, KY. He now lives in Seattle, WA where he has been brewing professionally since 1989. Jason opened Copperworks Distilling in 2013 to make American Single Malt Whiskey. He has more bottles of whiskey than any reasonable person should.

Flex Member Course Fee: \$72

Registration for classes begins February 22

Wendell Berry: His Coat of Many Colors

The stories chosen from the class text *A Place In Time* will focus on a variety of topics that Wendell Berry believes to be important to a better quality life for all. Those topics range from environmental concerns to community life and the need for love of family and community. The class will work on the basis of shared insights gained from group and class discussion. No previous knowledge of Berry or his writings is required or needed.

- Sue Wilson
- Wednesday 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
- March 24 – April 28 (6-week course)
- Class Text: *A Place in Time* by Wendell Berry (Available online and from major booksellers)

Instructor Bio:

Sue Wilson is a retired English teacher and gifted studies facilitator who holds advanced degrees in both of those areas, as well as master's degree in speech and debate. One of her joys in life is working with others who appreciate good literature. She looks forward to this class and the discussions generated from reading the Wendell Berry stories chosen from the class text.

Flex Member Course Fee: \$54

What's So Great About Kindness?

This class will explore kindness – what it is, what the benefits are, and who benefits from it. After learning about kindness, the last two sessions will be spent developing a personal kindness “to do” list and together coming up with an SLL joint kindness project.

- Ernie VanHooser
- Wednesday 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
- April 7 - 28

Instructor Bio:

Ernie VanHooser is a husband of 48 years, a father of 4, and a grandfather of 4. He's a retired attorney and mediator, as well as a retired Commander in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve. He has had a lifelong interest in kindness and how it affects people. In this class, he intends to review the underpinnings of kindness and explore ways the class, individually and as a group, can engage in acts of kindness.

Flex Member Course Fee: \$36

Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes

With a mission of "Healing the Earth One Yard at a Time," the Wild Ones organization has chapters throughout the country, including one in Southern Kentucky. Class sessions will feature recorded presentations by notable experts, practice in designing gardens and landscapes, and opportunities to build connections with fellow native-plant enthusiasts in our area. Optional: field trips to a garden and a nursery with native plants.

- Janeen Grohsmeyer
- Wednesday 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- March 10 – April 14 (6-week course)

Instructor Bio:

Janeen Grohsmeyer is a founder and current president of the Southern Kentucky Chapter of Wild Ones. She is a member of the Garden Club of Kentucky, a KY Master Gardener, and is working on certification as a Landscape Design consultant.

Flex Member Course Fee: \$54

Presented by Career and Workforce Development at WKU

*CWD is sponsoring an opportunity for SLL members for the spring term - participation in two of their Excel-based classes. These classes will include paid registrants from the Bowling Green area. The Excel Class (\$79 value) and the Pivot Table Class (\$79 value) will be **free** to SLL Annual and Single Term members. A \$9 course fee applies for SLL Flex members.*

Intermediate Excel

This course will introduce you to charting features and database management in Microsoft Excel. You will design worksheets that meet Excel criteria for database functions, such as sorting and filtering. You will also learn how to link sheets and files together, demonstrate how to use the conditional functions and understand how to use essential list management.

- Susan Thomison
- Monday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- March 29 (1-week course)

Instructor Bio:

Susan Thomison is a certified Microsoft Educator (MCE). She holds certification in Excel, PowerPoint, Word and Access. Susan has trained hundreds of students. She has trained adults with Warren County Public Schools, Kentucky Association of Career and Technical Educators, and the Kentucky Business Educators Association. Susan earned her Bachelor's, Master's, and Rank I degrees from WKU.

Pivot Tables

Pivot Tables and Pivot Charts are powerful tools available in Microsoft Excel that allow you to filter, sort, analyze, and summarize very large spreadsheets in incredibly flexible ways and transform that information into an easy to understand visual format.

- Susan Thomison
- Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- March 30 (1-week course)
- NOTE: This class is **not for beginners**, but if you know how to use the basic functions of Excel, it can help you step up your ability to get the information you need from your data and share it with others in a concise, useful format.

Instructor Bio: Listed above

Registration for classes begins February 22

SLL GATHERINGS DURING THE SPRING TERM

All SLL members are invited to participate in these casual “pop-up” gatherings in addition to the regular course offerings. No registration is required and there are no additional fees. Be on the lookout for additional “pop-up” opportunities.

Crafts, Coffee, and Conversation with JoAnn

Grab a cup of coffee and join JoAnn for a relaxed conversation about crafting and other original ways to use your creativity. Participants are invited to “show and tell” a personal project.

- JoAnn Ryan
- Day and Time: TBA
- Date: TBA

Instructor Bio:

JoAnn Ryan has been passionate about arts and crafts her whole life and wants to share the fun and creativity with others.

Travel Journals

Share your lunch hour with other members and friends of SLL who will share from their travel adventures. A new "journal" entry each session with a variety of destinations.

- Thursday 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- March 11, 25, April 8

Inside the Song

#1 Hit songwriter Paul Jefferson, award winning Nashville songwriter Joe Hash and Water Wheel Round Host Dan Modlin will play video clips of songs they have written. The writers will talk about how the songs originated and were developed. Through this virtual presentation, participants will be able to ask questions about the writing process. All of the writers leading this discussion have extensive experience in writing and recording country and country rock songs. Joe, Paul, and Dan have also performed for years in the top songwriting clubs in Nashville.

- Dan Modlin, Facilitator and Host
- Monday 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- March 22

Wine Night with Friends

Since the fall term ended, members have gathered virtually to enjoy some wine and conversation. Because of the positive response and request to do these gatherings again, we have scheduled more for February, March and April. There is a suggested wine theme for each month. As we gather, bring your wine selection, your choice of appetizer, and share your time with other wine lovers.

- Facilitators: TBA
- Day and Time: TBA
- Dates: TBA

SLL SPRING 2021 COURSE & EVENT CALENDAR

	9:00-10:30	11:00-12:30	1:30-3:00	3:30-5:00	5:30-7:00
MONDAY					
TUESDAY	Animal Behavior March 9 – 30 (4 weeks) Birding in the Field April 6 – 27 (4 weeks)	Conflict and Common Ground in Black-White Relations March 9 – April 13 (6 weeks)	Traveling Post Covid March 9 – 30 (4 weeks) How to Build a Mountain April 6 - 27 (4 weeks)	The Art of Short Films March 9 – April 13 (6 weeks)	
WEDNESDAY	Community Impact: United Way of Southern Kentucky March 31 (1 week) What's So Great About Kindness? April 7 – 28 (4 weeks)	Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes March 10 – April 14 (6 weeks)	Wendell Berry: His Coat of Many Colors March 24 – April 28 (6 weeks)	The Eight Greatest Geopolitical Mistakes of Modern Times March 10 – April 28	
THURSDAY		Travel Journals March 11, 25, April 8 (3 weeks)	This is Your Life! Philosophy of Aging and the Life Review March 11 – April 22 (7 weeks) Time Exception: 2:15 – 3:30	Traveling by Trailer March 11 – April 1 (4 weeks) History on the Hill: WKU and Its Heritage April 8 – 29 (4 weeks)	Understanding and Enjoying Whiskey March 11 – April 29 (8 weeks)
FRIDAY					

SLL "Pop-Up" Gathering

Inside the Song

presented by Dan Modlin

Guest Songwriters; Paul Jefferson and Joe Hash

Monday, March 22 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Sponsored by Career and Workforce Development at WKU (CWD)

Intermediate Excel

Monday, March 29, 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Pivot Tables

Tuesday, March 30, 9:00 a.m. - Noon