

ELDERCOLLEGE COURSES FALL 07

ELDERCOLLEGE

ElderCollege is for people over 55. We encourage learning for enjoyment and provide a forum for sharing ideas, knowledge and experience. Courses are given at the Sunshine Coast campus, unless otherwise stated. You can register as soon as you receive this brochure. Find out more at www.eldercap.com

Print Making Workshop

A 'hands on' course focussed on processes that don't require a press. You'll learn about image development, composition strategies, plate processes, inking up, registration of the print and actual printing. Art history will be included at all stages. No previous experience is needed.

Course #

Phyllis Surges

6 Tuesdays

10 am - noon

Sept 18 - Oct 23.

\$30 plus \$10 materials fee

The Artist at Home

A very special opportunity for a lucky few to meet and talk with artists in their studios. Gibsons painter Ed Hill will escort you to the studios of four Sunshine Coast artists. Learn about their techniques, their sources of inspiration, artistic aims and history.

Course #

Ed Hill

Times and dates TBA

\$30

Mending the World

Robert Smith, former moderator of the United Church of Canada, sees a world in trouble; where governments, having ceded power to corporate interests, have lost sight of the common good. As a result, economic criteria are the only ones that matter, monoculture replaces diversity and the planet itself is at risk. In this discussion course, Dr. Smith examines the historic and contemporary roots of this predicament and offers resistance strategies.

Course #

Robert Smith

5 Thursdays

2.30 - 4.30 pm

Oct 18 - Nov 15

\$30

What Makes News?

Everything that happens in the world is filtered through the media, whether on radio or TV, in newspapers or magazines, or via the internet. This course takes a critical look at the factors that influence the selections made by editors and reporters, as they choose what to present as 'the news'. We shall also survey the options available to those seeking a varied perspective on current events.

Course #

Discussion leaders: Jerry Thompson, Joy Jones, Bill Terry, Deborah

Jones.

4 Tuesdays

2 - 4 pm

Oct. 2 - 23

\$30

The Cosmos

Four UBC physicists illuminate our universe:

1. *Our Place in the Cosmos*. You will appreciate just how small and insignificant we are, as Douglas Scott puts us in our place on an astronomical scale.
2. *Cosmic Influences on Life on Earth*. Harvey Richer describes how extraterrestrial objects, from dust particles to killer asteroids, affect life on Earth.
3. *Stellar Furnaces*. Erich Vogt explains our current understanding of the source of stellar energy and the creation of the elements.
4. *The First Moment*. Janis McKenna discusses the nature of the universe an instant after the 'Big Bang' and the anticipated discoveries resulting from operation of the new particle accelerator beneath the Jura.

Course #

Various presenters

4 Saturdays

1.30 - 3.30 pm

Sept 22 - Oct 20

\$30

No class October 6

Forest Stewardship

How do we balance the ecological, social and economic interests of this crucial Coast resource? Many complex factors must be considered in reaping the economic benefits, while maintaining healthy forests and protecting biodiversity, wildlife habitat and watersheds. This series presents the views and experiences of three experts, active in the management, harvesting and protection of our forests.

Course #

3 Wednesdays

10.00am - noon

Nov 7 - 21

1. *Preserving the Natural Diversity* - Daniel Bouman
2. *The Sechelt Community Forest* - Robert Sitter.
3. *The Management Perspective* - David Lasser.

\$30

Splash! Protecting our Water

Around the world our most precious resource is becoming scarcer, threatened by human activity and increased demand. On the Coast there seems to be plenty, but we too need careful stewardship. This course is about the cycles and sources of fresh water and the need for enlightened management of the supply, ensuring its conservation, treatment, distribution and future protection.

Course #

Michael Jackson

3 Fridays

1.30 - 3.30 pm

Nov 2 - 16

\$30

Conversation Café

What does it take to be a good person? To be part of a community? How we relate to others and even to ourselves, reflects our underlying beliefs. This philosophical series offers the

opportunity to explore those beliefs. Moderators will introduce topics and propose ideas for discussion.

Course # *Dave Marsh, Patricia Anderson, Norma Mercer, Joy Jones*

4 Mondays *10.00 am - noon*

Nov 5 - Dec 3 *\$30*

No Class November 19

Offsite: Sunshine Coast Arts Centre, 5714 Medusa St. Sechelt

Writing your Memoirs

Have you ever had the urge to write it all down? Do you wish you'd captured the stories your parents could have told you? Well-known author, playwright and editor, Betty Keller, will explain the purpose of memoirs; and will guide you through the process, including where to begin and what to include. Each class will include memoir-writing exercises.

Course # *Betty Keller*

4 Thursdays *2 - 4 pm*

Nov 8 - 29 *\$30*

COMPUTER COURSES

Computer Essentials: Level I

This hands-on beginners' course assumes no previous experience and covers all the topics you need in order to feel comfortable operating a modern computer. Starting with an overview of basic hardware, the course progresses to discuss the Windows Operating System, folder and file management and the internet. Course material provided.

Course # *Matthew Lehmann*

4 Tuesdays *3 - 5 pm*

Sept 18 - Oct 9 *\$65*

Computer Essentials: Level II

If you're familiar with basic computer operations and wish to develop your expertise, this is the course for you. Learn more about using the internet, webmail and Outlook Express; how to protect yourself online, and how to perform general maintenance tasks. Participants should have active email and internet connections at home. Course material provided. Pre-requisite:

Computer Essentials: Level I or comparable experience

Course # *Matthew Lehmann*

4 Tuesdays *3 - 5 pm*

Oct 23 - Nov 13 *\$65*