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**SPRING 2021 CALENDAR**

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<b>Week of</b>	Detailed course and event descriptions available on LLI website	<b>January 21</b>	Zoom Preview of Spring Program, 2:00 – 3:15 p.m. Zoom webinar link will be emailed.
<b>January 11</b>	Catalog in pdf format available for viewing or download	<b>January 25</b>	Online registration opens at 10:00 a.m.



En Plein Air watercolor class, Fall 2020. Photo credit: Terry Wildman

**Spring 2021**  
**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**



# LLI Spring 2021 Courses at a Glance

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>11:00 - 12:30, 6 weeks Feb 15, 22, Mar 1, 8, 15, 22 <b>TED Talks</b> (limit 20) Dean Spader</p> <hr/> <p>11:00 - 12:30, 4 weeks Feb 22, Mar 1, 8, 15 <b>Financial Strategies for Retirees</b> (limit 23) Paul French, Chris French, Bettye Ackerman</p> <hr/> <p>1:00 - 2:30, 5 weeks Feb 8, 15, Mar 8, 15, 22 (skip Feb 22, Mar 1) <b>From the Heart: Appliqué Quilting</b> (limit 12) Paula Golden</p> <hr/> <p>1:00 - 2:30, 3 weeks Feb 15, 22, Mar 1 <b>Taste of Technology</b> (limit 35) Carolyn Meier, Sandy Hagman, Diana George, Coordinators</p> <hr/> <p>1:00 - 2:30, 6 weeks Feb 22, Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 <b>Exploring the Power of Short Stories</b> (limit 15) Jane Goette, Molly McClintock, &amp; Paul Metz</p> <hr/> <p>12:30 - 2:30 OR 3:00 - 5:00, 6 weeks Feb 15, 22, Mar 1, 8, 15, 22 <b>Appreciating South American Wines</b> (limit 12 per session) Randall Horst</p> <hr/> <p>3:00 - 4:30, 5 weeks Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 <b>Policing and Criminal Justice Reform: Political, Practical, and Social Implications</b> (limit 25) Stephen Owen &amp; Tod Burke</p>	<p>9:00 - 10:15, 6 weeks Feb 16, 23, Mar 2, 9, 16, 23 <b>Sampler</b> (Unlimited) Molly McClintock, Coordinator</p> <hr/> <p>11:00 - 12:30, 4 weeks Mar 9, 16, 23, Apr 6 (skip Mar 30) <b>Photographic Creations: Creating Cards from Your Digital Photos</b> (limit 15) Diana George &amp; Sandy Hagman</p> <hr/> <p>11:00 - 12:30, 1 week Apr 6 <b>The Man Who Planted Trees: A Conversation with NYTimes Science and Environmental Reporter, Jim Robbins</b> (limit 35) Katherine Allen</p> <hr/> <p>1:00 - 2:30, 6 weeks Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Apr 6 <b>Modern Africa: Challenges of Nation Building</b> (limit 30) Josiah Tlou &amp; Joseph Mukuni</p> <hr/> <p>1:30 - 3:00, 2 weeks Feb 16, 23 <b>Lessons for the Economy from the Pandemic</b> (limit 50) Mike Ellerbrock</p>	<p>9:00 - 10:30, 6 weeks Feb 17, 24, Mar 3, 10, 17, 24 <b>Living Well to the End of Life: Creating a Better- End-of-Life Path</b> (limit 20) Marian Silverman, Richard Shepherd, Anne Campbell, Jerry Niles</p> <hr/> <p>11:00 - 12:30, 8 weeks Feb 10, 17, 24, Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 <b>Great Decisions</b> (Unlimited) Kathie Sewall &amp; Joan Hirt, Coordinators</p> <hr/> <p>2:00 - 3:30, 6 weeks Feb 17, 24, Mar 3, 10, 17, 24 <b>Opening Pandemic's Box: All About COVID-19</b> (limit 30) Beth Grabau, Coordinator</p> <hr/> <p>2:00 - 4:00, 2 weeks Mar 17, 24 <b>Lights! Camera! Action! Movie Musicals Over the Years</b> (Unlimited) Dan Sherman</p>	<p>9:00 - 10:30, 6 weeks Feb 11, 18, 25, Mar 4, 11, 18 <b>Issues in Criminal Law</b> (limit 23) Jack Call</p> <hr/> <p>11:00 - 12:30, 6 weeks Feb 18, 25, Mar 4, 11, 18, 25 <b>Learn to be Happier! Practice the Science of Happiness</b> (limit 15) Vicky Dierckx</p> <hr/> <p>11:00 - 12:30, 6 weeks Feb 25, Mar 4, 11, 18, 25, Apr 1 <b>Prophetic Vision: James Baldwin in Contemporary Times</b> (limit 25) Gena Chandler-Smith</p> <hr/> <p>1:00 - 2:30, 6 weeks Feb 25, Mar 4, 11, 18, 25, Apr 1 <b>Federalist and Progressive Perspectives on the U.S. Constitution, Part 2</b> (limit 20) Al Pearson</p>	<p>9:00 - 10:30, 4 weeks Feb 19, 26, Mar 5, 12 <b>Create Your Plan for Aging in Place</b> (limit 20) Carol Davis &amp; Pamela Ray</p> <hr/> <p>9:00-12:30, 6 weeks Feb 19, 26, Mar 5, 12, 19, 26 <b>Intermediate Watercolor – Special Considerations</b> (limit 12) Jesi Pace-Berkeley</p> <hr/> <p>10:00 - 11:30, 6 weeks Feb 26, Mar 5, 12, 19, Apr 2 (skip Mar 26) <b>Memoir and Essay Writing</b> (limit 12) Richard Gilbert</p> <hr/> <p>10:30 - 12:00, 3 weeks Feb 19, Mar 5, Mar 19 <b>Organize and Maintain Your Photo Collection</b> (limit 20) Carolyn Meier &amp; Merrie Winfrey</p> <hr/> <p>1:00 - 2:30, 1 week Feb 12 <b>Cutting the Cable: Streaming Television</b> (limit 35) Tim Lockridge</p> <hr/> <p>1:30 - 3:00, 6 sessions Feb 19, 26, Mar 5, 12, 19, 26 <b>Free Virtual Events</b> (Unlimited); register for each separately Judith Jones, Coordinator</p>

# LLI at Virginia Tech Online for Spring 2021

Spring 2021 programming will be delivered online using free Zoom video conferencing software. Wine tasting and watercolor painting are the two exceptions; these classes will meet in person with COVID safety precautions in place. The Sampler and Great Decisions classes and the free virtual lectures will have unlimited enrollment. Online learning has some distinct advantages: it is easier to hear and see presentations, you can join in classes even when you travel, and people more distant or less mobile can easily participate from home. Based on feedback from enrolled members during Fall 2020, the vast majority of participants found Zoom easy to use and their learning experiences rewarding. Join us!

Zoom Basics training will again be available in January for new users. Check the LLI website for dates. Download free Zoom software at [zoom.us](https://zoom.us). And don't miss the Spring Preview on January 21!

## Free Virtual Events

Unlimited enrollment; register for each separately. Zoom webinar format.  
Participants will be invited to submit questions during or after the presentation.

### Hamilton - Man and Musical

Dan Sherman

**Tuesday, March 2, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.**  
(also Sampler session)



The smash Broadway musical *Hamilton* has focused new attention on the life and career of Alexander Hamilton. This presentation will draw on Hamilton's biography and stage depiction to examine his accomplishments, his relationship with Aaron Burr, and the accuracy of the musical.

After his retirement, Dan Sherman found his passion in teaching about theatre and opera to a wide variety of groups throughout Washington D.C. and Williamsburg area.

### Friday Lecture Series

**1:30-3:00 p.m.**

6 sessions: Feb 19, 26, Mar 5, 12, 19, 26

**February 19. There Has Got to be a Better Way! The Electoral College and the National Popular Vote Bill**  
Ted Fuller is professor emeritus of sociology at VT.

**February 26. Living with Mosquitos and Ticks: How to Protect Yourself, Your Pets, and the Environment**  
Kasha Helget is an Extension volunteer and a charter member of the Arlington Regional Master Naturalist organization.

**March 5. Using the Harp in Therapeutic Settings**  
Becky Coffey plays piano, harp, guitar, recorder, ukulele, and she is a vocalist. She loves to use her music to minister to others.

**March 12. Continuing Conversation on Commemoration and Denial: How Slavery and Racism Shape Our World Today**  
Smithfield-Preston Foundation Board Members



**March 19. Music Magic with the Maestro**  
David Stewart Wiley is music director and conductor of the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra and Orchestra Long Island (NY).

**March 26. A Great History Comes to Light: The Wharton Civil War Letters**  
Scott Gardner is director of the Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Gallery in Radford, Virginia.



## FEES

Spring term membership: \$45. You **must** be a member to register for a course and or sign up for virtual lectures and events.

LLI courses: \$30 per course. One- and two-session classes are \$10 and \$20. Some courses require an additional materials fee or purchase of a textbook or supplies.

Virtual lectures: free to members.

## SPRING 2021 REGISTRATION

There are three ways to register this spring beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 25:

- Online with a credit card **\*\*\*best option\*\*\***
- On the phone using a credit card
- Mail-in form with credit card information or check (form will be posted on LLI website on January 21)

***Walk-in and drop-off registration is not available this term for safety reasons.***

Registration details available on the LLI website. Please contact CPE Registration at 540-231-5182 if you need help.

Please note that many classes have limited seats available. Early registration is recommended.

## FEE WAIVERS

The Lifelong Learning Institute is committed to accessible and affordable educational opportunities for NRV residents. Requests for fee waivers should be addressed to the LLI Registrar, phone 540-231-4364. All requests are confidential.

## GUESTS

LLI courses are intended for LLI members only. LLI members are not permitted to share Zoom access links for courses or events with any unregistered person.

## REFUNDS

Membership fees are not refundable. However, if LLI cancels a course for any reason and the member has not enrolled for any other activity, the membership fee and the course fee may be refunded.

A member must cancel enrollment one week prior to the first session of the class to receive a refund of the course fee.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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