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OCTOBER CALENDAR

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For more information, PLEASE contact the person indicated for each event!

October

- Tue 4, 18 - Special Program: Kitchen Wizards** with Lise Armstrong. See Special Programs catalog for details. Maximum of six people per session; you must pre-register with Lise before attending. **Contact:** Lise Armstrong for more information and to register.
- Thur 6 - Special Program: Viewpoints** with Hy Edelstein, 12:30–2:00 p.m., Highland Valley Elder Services, 320 Riverside Drive, Florence. **Contact:** Hy Edelstein
- Thur 6 - Curriculum Committee meeting #1**, 2:30–4:30 p.m., the basement recreation room, Rockridge Retirement Community, 25 Coles Meadow Road, Northampton.
- Fri 7, 21, 28 - Special Program: French conversation**, 1:30–3:30, 7th: chez Marybeth Bridegam; 21st, 28th: Room 308, Lilly Hall, Smith College. **Contact:** Judith Pool (no class Oct 14th)
- Fri 7, 14, 21, 28 - Special Program: Conversational Italian**, 1:30–3:30, Quigley Room, Newman Catholic Center, 472 North Pleasant Street, Amherst **Contact:** Dean Poli & Zina Tillona
- Thur 13 - Council meeting**, 2:30–4:30 p.m., Five Colleges HQ, 97 Spring St, Amherst.
- Fri 14 - Special Program: Opera Prep with Peggy Bedell - Donizetti: Anna Bolena**, 1:30–2:30 p.m., The Meeting House, Northampton Lathrop. See Special Programs catalog for more details. **Contact:** Peggy Bedell

Friday 14 & Saturday 15 - CIVIL WAR CAUSES & CONSEQUENCES

Mahar Auditorium & Isenberg School of Management, UMass campus.

There is still time to register (until October 7th):
online - www.5clir.org - click on the blue banner at the top
by mail - you were mailed a form...or contact the office
QUESTIONS? Contact [Chuck Gillies](#).

See flier on page 5.



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- Thur 20 - Special Program: Arts Interest Group: Studio visit to sculptor (and LIR member) Lou Stubbs**, 2:00–4:00 p.m., 11 Trumbull Street, Northampton. [See page 6 for details.](#)
- Thur 20 - Special Program: Finding Family**, 1:30–3:30 p.m., Room 308, Lilly Hall, Smith College. **Contact:** Bobbie Reitt [See page 8 for details.](#)
- Thur 20 - Special Program: Science Roundtable: “Radiation Sources in Everyday Life”** 2:00–3:30 p.m., The Meeting House, Northampton Lathrop. **Contacts:** John Armstrong or Dottie Rosenthal [See page 7 for details.](#)
- Fri 21 - Special Program: Encore presentation: Robert Repetto presents “America’s Climate Problem: The Way Forward”** 10:0 a.m.–12:00 noon, Hadley Senior Community Center, 46 Middle Street (Rte 47), Hadley. **Contact:** Larry Ambs [No need to register!](#)
- Fri 21 - Curriculum Committee meeting #2**, 2:30–4:30 p.m., Five Colleges HQ, Amherst
- Thur 27 - Special Program: Travel Interest Group: Ellen Peck: “Libya – Classical Greatness, Modern Problems,” followed by Sandy Muspratt: “Haiti Now, Helping Out,”** 2:00–4:00, Northampton Lathrop Community Room, off Bridge Road. **Contact:** Marybeth Bridegam
- Fri 28 - Special Program: Encore presentations: First, Michael Greenebaum presents “Alexis de Tocqueville – The Reluctant Democrat,” followed by John Gaustad on “Arab Science”** 10:0 a.m.–12:00 noon, Hadley Senior Community Center, 46 Middle Street (Rte 47), Hadley. **Contact:** Larry Ambs [No need to register!](#)
- Fri 28 - Special Program: Opera Prep with Peggy Bedell - Mozart: Don Giovanni**, 1:30–2:30 p.m., The Meeting House, Northampton Lathrop. [See Special Programs catalog for more details.](#) **Contact:** Peggy Bedell
- Sat 29 - Deadline for spring semester seminar proposals!**
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Letter from the President, Joan Wofford



A respected member of LIR said to me at the LIR picnic that it is not clear to him what Council is doing, and he wishes for greater transparency. These newsletters are an attempt to create that transparency, and in this issue, there are two reports specifically on Council activities. The first is this letter of mine and the second is Ellen Peck's report on the latest Council meeting.

As I described in the last newsletter, the results of the extensive study of LIR resulted in the Council's choosing four topics to pursue through the device of task forces comprised of both Council members and members at large. Those four topics were

- (1) a review of our financial situation with the possibility of creating an endowment fund;
- (2) an examination of our needs for seminar spaces as LIR grows and we progressively lose seminar rooms in the colleges;
- (3) an exploration of the possibilities of building more flexibility into seminar requirements to accommodate an increasingly aging population; and
- (4) a survey of members with respect to their wishes/needs for more social interaction.

The first three topics were chosen for work this fall and members designated. Ellen Peck has a complete review of these decisions in her notes on the September 15 Council meeting, on page 4 of this newsletter.

I am very pleased with the work of Council in taking on these issues and look forward to the work of the task forces which will be reviewed at subsequent Council meetings. If you have ideas you would like to see discussed on any of these topics, please submit them to me.

Joan

Summary of the September 15, 2011 Council Meeting

Ellen Peck, Secretary

The Council meets on the second Thursday of the month from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Five College Headquarters, 97 Spring Street, Amherst. Besides members of the Council, committee co-chairs are invited to attend; however, for space reasons, co-Chairs will alternate unless something relevant to their work is on the agenda. Any member of LIR is also welcome to attend Council meetings, but must clear it with the president, Joan Wofford, since the room is crowded.

The main focus this month was establishing the task forces which will work on the issues indicated in our recent survey. The Council decided that three interconnected issues deserve priority: flexibility in seminars, space for seminars, and financial needs. These three task forces will be at work during the fall. The social needs of members will be discussed in the spring.

Each task force will include two to four members of the Council and three or four members at large.

Since space seems to be a defining issue – determining how many seminars we can offer and how large the organization can become – the task force will be eliciting suggestions from members who know about appropriate spaces around the Valley. When LIR started, seminars were held at the five colleges. Now space is at a premium in many of the colleges, and so LIR has held some seminars in other places such as the various retirement communities, Arcadia, Amherst Woman's Club, Grace Church, and the Hitchcock Center. Renting more spaces will impact our finances. The kinds of spaces we have will also determine how flexible we can be for our members.

The task force on flexibility in seminars will work with the curriculum committee, particularly on publicizing the many ways in which members have given presentations in seminars. The newly revised Moderators' Manual has new suggestions for demystifying presentations.

For residents of Applewood, there was a clarification of our policy on auditors. Residents who are not members, can check out a seminar one time, but not for the whole semester. The Applewood newsletter was misleading on this issue.

Agendas and minutes of Council meetings are available through the LIR office.

NOTE THIS DATE!

**The deadline for Seminar Proposals
for SPRING 2012
is Saturday, October 29**

**If you need help in putting together a proposal,
call Mary Franks or Sandy Campbell.**

SAVE *THIS* DATE! YOU'RE INVITED!

MODERATORS' MEETING—FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4th

From 10 a.m. until noon at the Amherst Woman's Club.

35 Triangle Street, AMHERST

**All current moderators, past moderators, prospective moderators, or anyone who cares
about moderating seminars is invited to come join us on that date. There will be a:**

*** PROGRAM ***

Plus REFRESHMENTS & SOCIALIZING

We hope to see you then!

Your Curriculum Committee

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 5:30 P.M.

Keynote address by ERIC FONER, Columbia University
"Lincoln, Emancipation and Race in America" (Mahar)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Panel discussions with scholars (Mahar) and small group sessions (Isenberg)
Morning: "The Causes of the War"
Afternoon: "The War and its Consequences"

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 4 P.M.

Keynote address by DAVID BLIGHT, Yale University
"The Summing Up: Civil War History and Memory" (Mahar)

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First of the Season: Arts Interest Group

Studio Visit to LIR member, Sculptor Lou Stubbs

Thursday, October 20, 2:00-4.00 p.m.

Lou was born in New York City, graduated from the School of the Boston Museum of Fine Art, majoring in sculpture with a minor in painting. She also attended the Accademia di Belle Arte in Perugia, Italy. She taught at Milton Academy, Boston University and Boston Center for Adult Education.

Lou has had six solo shows, has exhibited in many group shows and carried out three major public art commissions in the Boston area. She was commissioned to create “Pregnant Woman II” which stands at Cooley Dickinson Hospital. Two further works are “Happy Frog” on Main Street, Northampton, and “Reaching Torso” in Armory Common Park, Springfield.

Lou is a Fellow of the National Sculpture Association, a Member of both the New England Sculptors Association and the Boston Visual Artists Union. She is also listed in *Who’s Who in American Art* and *Women Artists in America II*.

We will gather in Lou’s Studio at 11 Trumbull Road (off King Street), Northampton. This will be followed by a brief walk, climbing up six steps onto a deck and into her house. There we will see further works of hers on display.

Parking: As you know, this is always difficult in Northampton so we encourage you to car pool and leave yourselves enough time to find a parking spot.

You must register in advance for this event by emailing Ann and John Martin. Space is limited to 16 people. Reservations will be taken on a first-come basis.

**Email Ann and John at
jhmartin@larp.umass.edu
or, if you do not have email,
call 549-4908**

Water Generates Lively Discussion at Science Roundtable

At the initial fall session of the Science Roundtable on September 22, Carol Jolly spoke about issues related to water supply, an area in which she has extensive professional experience. Her introduction generated a very lively discussion during which all those in attendance contributed questions and comments. If you have expertise in some area of science and would be willing to make a similar presentation and lead a discussion, please contact Roundtable co-leaders John Armstrong and Dottie Rosenthal.

The next meeting of the Science Roundtable will be on Thursday, October 20 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Meeting House, Lathrop Community in Northampton. The topic for that session will be “Radiation Sources in Everyday Life.” John Armstrong introduced the topic at the end of the session on the 22nd with a brief overview of the different sources of radiation we encounter in our daily lives. Members of the Roundtable volunteered to research one of the sources and give a brief presentation of 5–10 minutes at the October 20 meeting. The types of radiation to be covered are: microwaves, UV radiation, X-rays, CAT scans, lightning, radon, particle radiation (such as alpha, beta, and neutron radiation), cosmic rays, and radio waves/cell phones.

All members of 5CLIR are invited to attend this next session. You do not have to have attended the Roundtable in the past nor do you need to sign up – just come and participate.

Finding Family Update

different time.....different place

The Finding Family special interest group will meet in October – and only in October – on Thursday the 20th in room 308, Lilly Hall, on the Smith campus, at 1:30 p.m.

We will devote the meeting to a review and discussion of the basic genealogical resources listed in the handout Bobbie Reitt is supplying the group. This session will orient the newcomer to essential sources of reliable information for their family research and inspire the experienced researcher with new ideas and approaches.

Gail Gaustad's photographs of The Picnic

Many thanks to Gail for these pictures, and to both Gail and John for again hosting the "All-LIR Potluck Picnic" in September.





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