



# ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Academy of Lifelong Learning  
University of Delaware

April 17, 2006

## END OF THE YEAR APPROACHES

The end of the academic year brings with it a change in Council leadership as Nan Norling and a new team take over. I am amazed at how quickly my term passed, from the Hi Ho Silver Jubilee, the first Summer Courses session, the search for a new University Coordinator, the audio system improvements in all the classrooms, and busy fall and spring semesters.

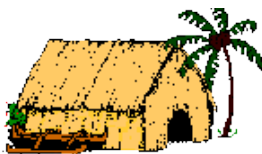
Many thanks to all the Committee Chairs and volunteers who keep the Academy running at its fast pace. A special thank you to Linda Osoinach and her staff for providing the base for our operation. This is the first year for many of our staff, and they have performed exceptionally well.

I hope to see you at our many summer functions. Before we know it, September will be here and we start again, with new projects but the same Academy mission and experience. Have a great summer.

Pete Wellington

## FALL REGISTRATION

Catalogs for the fall semester are scheduled to be mailed starting mid-July. Catalogs may also be accessed on line at [www.academy.udel.edu](http://www.academy.udel.edu). Registration at Arsht Hall will be from noon to 3 p.m. on Tues., July 25 through Thurs., July 27 and from 9 a.m. to noon on Mon., July 31 through Fri., Aug. 4. Open house is August 1 from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration will reopen on Mon., Aug. 28.



## SCHOOL IS OUT - HAWAIIAN IS IN

Come to the Hawaiian Party on the last day of classes, Fri., May 12, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt or muumuu. Enjoy refreshments, music, dancing and surprises. Tickets will be on sale beginning April 17 in the lobby during the lunch break or in the Academy office.

## SUMMER COURSES

Registration for the Academy's July Summer Courses continues through Fri., May 12. After June 5 you may register for any courses that still have openings. If you did not receive a listing of summer courses go to the Reception Desk for a copy. There is a registration form in the back of the listing. The Academy office will take your \$60 fee and registration form. Being here for three days a week for the four weeks of July is a great way to spend a portion of your summer. There are about 40 courses to choose from including ones offered for the first time such as **Vincent Van Gogh - His Life and Work**, **Golden Years of Radio**, **Explorations of the Values Concept**, and **Planet Earth**. A number of last summer's popular classes are being repeated.

Classes will meet from July 5 through July 27 with two courses meeting each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings for 75 to 90 minutes each. Because the July Fourth holiday falls on Tuesday, those classes will be held the afternoon of Wednesday, July 5 for that week only. Confirmations of your class choices will be mailed at the end of May with any available class openings listed in the letter. Your friends are welcome. Attending the July sessions make it a fine way to introduce others to the joys and stimulation of the Academy.

Chenda Davison and Jean Kennedy  
Co-chairs, Summer Courses

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Schedule for the *Academy Newsletter*

<u>Submittal deadline</u>	<u>Issue date</u>
Mon., July 31	Tue., Sept. 5
Mon., Sept. 18	Mon., Oct. 9

Submit articles to rehrlich@udel.edu, or place in the Newsletter mail slot on the rear wall in the Reception Area.

### **SUMMER LECTURE SERIES**

The lectures will run from June 19th to the 23rd. There will be two lectures each day for the week, with lunch on Friday. The cost for everything will be \$50, the same as last year.

You may register for Summer Lecture in the Lobby of Arshat Hall. Look for us near the fireplace before classes, and again at lunchtime. You may also register in the Academy office. We will accept checks made out to University of Delaware, cash or credit cards. Please come and enjoy!

Nancy Peters  
Chair, Summer Lectures

### **SOCIALS**

Come to the Lobby on Wednesday, April 19 at 1:45 p.m. for the last social of the year. Meet your friends and enjoy delicious homemade cookies along with tea and coffee.

Thanks to all who baked cookies, decorated tables or made phone calls. There are too many to name. You know who you are. Your contributions have made the spring socials a success.

Barbara Golin  
Social Committee Chair

### **THE MUSIC GOES ON**

Since the year 2000 the instrumental music activities have continued into the summer. The Concert Band will perform at Loudis Hall on May 17 at 7 p.m. Academy musical ensembles would like further opportunities to play for any group. Performances can be during the semesters or in the summer.

Music groups are:

**The Academy Band (50), Circle Singers (15), String Ensemble (15), The Academy Swing Notes (15), Brass Ensemble (15), Recorder Ensemble (15), Woodwind Ensemble (12), Lamp Lighters (6), Memories (4), Four Winds (4), The Academy Flute Quartet, The Academy String Quartet, Clarinet Quartet, tres bien (3).** For availability contact Claire Guise at cguise1@comcast.net (999-8097) or Buddy Bratton at Budbratton@comcast.net,(995-1470).

Want to learn or relearn to play an instrument? For advice contact Joe Lofland at jjlofland@aol.com (322-7131) or Carroll Humphrey at cwhdyh@aol.com (994-7410).

We are thinking of forming a drumming circle as an extracurricular activity. For information look into the books and vertical file in the Reading Room under Wellness and Music. Interested? Contact Martha Newlon at J7mnewlon@aol.com 998-4234

Dawn McCord

### **ARTISTS GO OUTDOORS**

Each summer Academy painters take their easels out into the open air. The Academy Plein Air Painters will continue to paint and socialize this summer. Last September, several of last summer's works were featured in the News-Journal's Crossroads section.

### **SPRING ART SALE**

The Spring Art Sale will take place in the Lobby from Monday, April 24 to Thursday, April 27. All Academy artists are invited to participate. All art will be for sale and must be removed by noon on Thurs., April 27. Artists can sign up in Room 206.

Charles Strahan and Mary Tanne

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Three new publications have been added to the Cannon Reading Room. They are "Commentary," the "National Review," and the "Conservative Chronicle." The "National Review" is a conservative publication issued every two weeks. William F. Buckley is most notably associated with this publication. The "Conservative Chronicle" is about a 30 page publication issued every two weeks in a newspaper format. Each issue is quite topical reflecting the views of about 50 writers whose columns have appeared in daily newspapers during the preceding week or so. Many thanks go to the Academy member who provided these publications for all of us to enjoy.

Joyce Merges, Sara Lu Schwartz  
Co-Chairs, Cannon Reading Room

## ALLSTEL UPDATE

The ALLSTEL Committee is very gratified by the positive response we received again this year. Normally we anticipate accepting about 110 people for the program and hope to have a minimum wait list. This year we received 122 applications. With seating limitations for dinners all of the applications could not be accepted. Five people are a waiting list determined by lottery and we extend them our apologies.

We believe we will again have an ALLSTEL that will provide the educational and social experience we have come to expect and enjoy. We look forward to sharing this fun time at the beach with all our participants and hope to see others of you at next year's event.

Chuck Hober  
ALLSTEL Chairman

## ALL IN THE FAMILY

Bring a friend, bring a parent, bring a child. Margaret Hardin, a member since 1980, and her daughter Cathy Sanders, who joined this semester, are current Academy members. We have had other two generation memberships in the past. Are there any others out there? Let us know.

## WHAT ABOUT ALICE?



For all of you that brag about how many years you've been at the Academy, Alice has you all beat. According to John Nemeth of the University of Delaware, Alice was one of the first to arrive at the Academy of Lifelong Learning over twenty years ago. Taken "under the wing" of Burke Cleaver, grounds keeper at that time, she became the Academy's unofficial mascot.

This pint-sized feline earned her keep by doing occasional "mousing." She mothered a few offspring and enjoyed the beauty of the Goodstay Gardens. This very independent creature had her choice of any of the buildings on the grounds when the weather was cold, but she seemed to love the sunny side of the Apple House in her later years. Many of us saw her there during the summer when we painted in the art studio. When Officer Janet Hedrick came to direct our traffic and care for our well-being, she also assumed responsibility as Alice's primary caregiver. While directing traffic, Janet happily accepted freebie cat food samples donated by those of us who also cared about Alice. The lion's share of the work fell to Janet, who not only fed her but took her to the vet whenever necessary. She also took on the responsibility of her final vet visit this past January. Those of you who miss Alice can take comfort knowing that she is nearby, smiling down on her favorite perch next to the Apple House.

Roberta D. Schwartz

## ACADEMY COUNCIL

On March 13, the Council affirmed five new members whose backgrounds are summarized below. They will serve three year terms beginning with the April meeting. At the April meeting the Council elected Nan Norling as Council Chair and Irene Farrance as Executive Vice Chair.

If you would like to know more about what Council has been doing, the minutes of Council meetings are available in notebooks at the Reception Desk and in the Reading Room. These notebooks also contain the Academy By-Laws and Operating Policies.

### OUR NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Jim Cosgrove** is a native New Yorker with degrees in English and theology. He taught English at the high school level on Long Island, where he was involved with the International Baccalaureate Program. As might be expected of an English major, he is an avid reader. He is also a dedicated woodworker and furniture maker. At the Academy he has taught courses on Shaw and O'Neill.



**Mary Ann Dowd** has a degree in elementary education and has taught at the K-2 level. She has had a lifelong interest in music. She has been President of the Newark Symphony Society and has participated in many choral and dramatic groups. At the Academy she is a member of the Travel Class Committee and chair of the Member Relations Committee.



**Bobbette Mason** has always felt close to nature. Following her training in biology she was a science teacher and curriculum coordinator at Tower Hill School. She was granted an EPA award for her Native Naturalists curriculum which she has adapted for Summer Courses at the Academy. The Academy has been an outlet for her energy and creativity. Her credo is "Catch the magic. Pass it on."



**Bruce Morrissey** holds degrees in physical chemistry, biochemistry and the law. Following a career as Corporate Counsel in biotechnology at DuPont, Bruce is currently an attorney in Technology Development at the University of Delaware.



At the Academy he has taught courses on Moby Dick, constitutional law, equal protection, seafaring explorers, and Native American culture and rights.

**Stuart Siegell** received a doctorate in chemical engineering which led to a career at DuPont where he had responsibilities in R&D and manufacturing. He has interests in art history and the Middle Ages. Stu is a docent at the Delaware Art Museum. At the Academy he has taught courses in American Illustration, 1492 and the Spanish Empire, and the culture of the Middle Ages.





## EXCITING NEW COURSES PLANNED FOR THE FALL

We are truly becoming a year-round institution with our full schedule of exciting summer programs in addition to the regular semesters. Planning for the fall semester is well under way and we have many exciting new courses to look out for including these from experienced instructors: **Crusade** (Raymond Eid); **Literature and the Lure of the West** (Bruce Morrissey); **Explorers: Polo to Apollo 11** (Pete Wellington); **Women's Science Fiction—Seeking the New Parables** (Yvette Rudnitsky); **Exploring Abstract Painting** (Margaret Getty); **History of Cartography** (Tom Goodrich); **Russian: Basic and Review, Part 1** (Richard Burgess); **DNA—History and Social Impact** (Howard Hoffman).

Looking even further ahead, we are always seeking new ideas for courses. On the wish list are modern popular music (jazz and rock), the Vietnam or Gulf Wars, the Civil Rights movement, the history of engineering, and literature by minority authors. If you think you might like to teach, contact any member of the Curriculum Committee or the Academy Office to discuss how to go about it. When we return in September, the deadline for spring 2007 course proposals will come up fast. In the fall, we plan to have available a listing of professional materials (such as those from The Teaching Company) which can be borrowed to assist in course planning. Details will be in the next newsletter.

Be sure to mark your calendar for registration in July and August and bring a friend to share the rich experience we have at the Academy.

Irene Farrance  
Curriculum Committee Chair

## SPECIAL EVENTS WEDNESDAYS (CONTINUED)

### May 3, Academy Band Spring Concert

The Concert Band of the Academy of Lifelong Learning will present its annual spring concert on May 3, 2006. Since beginning with 15 members in 1999, this enthusiastic group has grown into a 72-piece band. Some of the participants have learned how to play an instrument for the first time at the Academy of Lifelong Learning. Others had not played since high school. This certainly is another example of how life's journey can continue to produce marvelous experiences.

### May 10, Academy Chorus Spring Concert

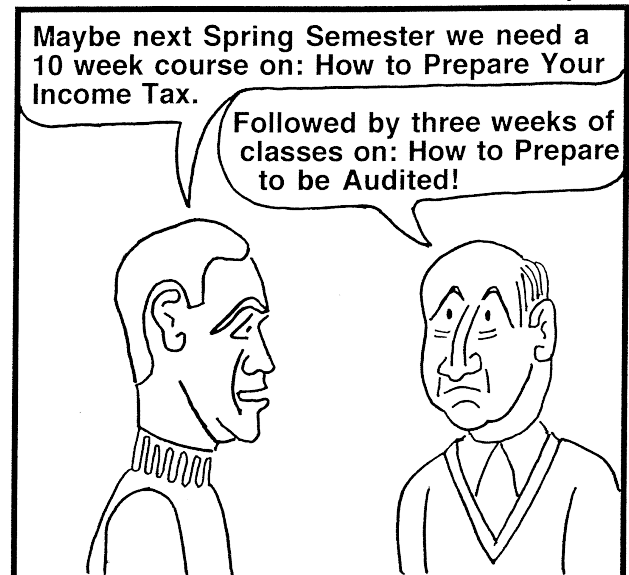
The 75-voice Academy Chorus under the direction of Marilyn Haas will present a highly entertaining program of familiar love songs, folk songs and Broadway show tunes. Here are some samples: Jerome Kern, Johnny Mercer, Fiddler on the Roof, Ice Castles, Beauty and the Beast. Beast. You gotta' love this music!

Lyn Newsom  
Chair, Special Events Wednesdays

## COURSE REQUEST

ALL in Fun

by Bolt





# Schedule of Events



## FRIDAY AFTERNOON LECTURE SERIES

Come hear stimulating public lectures on Friday afternoons, 1-2:30 p.m., with time for questions and answers. Bring a friend.

### April 21, Gretchen Rubin

Rubin who clerked for Justice Sandra Day O'Connor will discuss her new book (published in October, 2005), **Forty Ways to Look at JFK**.

### April 28, Jonathan Russ, UD Dept. of History

Dr. Russ, an historian of Delaware and business, will speak on "The Gospel of Wealth: Philanthropy in Early 20th Century Delaware"

### May 5, Brenda Jones,

Jones will speak on her new book, **Nurses Under Fire**, an historical novel based on the true story of the nurses who were held prisoners of war in the Philippines during WWII.

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Join us each Wednesday from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. in Room 105 to enrich your day. Feel free to buy your lunch, bring your lunch, or just come and enjoy!!

### April 19, Dr. Raymond Callahan – Religion & War

Professor Callahan is a well known historian and frequent University of Delaware speaker at the Academy. This presentation will discuss how religion and war have interacted and how religion has been used to justify and rally many of the world's past conflicts.

### April 26, Academy Players

The "Hey Gang, Let's Do a Show" class invites you to attend another of their open rehearsals. This time, they'll do theater-in-the-round by performing three one-act comedies right in the middle of Room 105. They call it, "The 3-ring Circle in the Square."

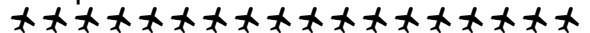
Overture at 12:45 and everyone will get the best seat in the house . . . guaranteed.

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- Sat., Apr 22 – Gettysburg – Electric map, Battlefield tour, Eisenhower farm
- Sat., May 6 – Philadelphia/Constitution Center
- Fri., May 12 – Brooklyn Botanical Garden
- Fri., May 19 – Washington, DC – National Arboretum
- Tues., June 13 to Thurs., Jun 15 – NY Finger Lakes/ Auburn / Lake Skaneateles /Tiffany Glass / Seward Homestead
- Thu., Aug. 17 to Sat., Aug. 19 – Long Island
- Sat., Oct. 14 – Harrisburg/PA Capitol/Hershey
- Sun., Jan. 21 to Mon., Jan. 29, 2007 – Mexico's Copper Canyon

For more information, visit the Travel Desk in the lobby, Monday through Thursday, 11:45 – 12:30 p.m.



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ACADEMY CALENDAR	
2006	
Fri., May 12.....	Spring Semester ends
Tue., May 30 - Fri. Jun. 2.....	ALLSTEL
Mon., Jun. 19 – Fri. Jun. 23.....	
.....	Summer Lecture Series
Wed., Jul. 5 – Thu. Jul. 27..	Summer Courses
Tues., July 25 – Thurs., July 27 and Mon., July 31 – Fri., Aug. 4 .....	Fall Registration
Tues., Sept. 5 .....	Fall Semester begins
Fri., Dec. 8.....	Fall Semester ends