

Brown Bag Lunch

History and Stories of HonorAir, the "Honor Flight Network"

Brown Bag - Enjoy your lunch while listening to this interesting presentation.

Tuesday,
January 30
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**BRCC, Room 150
Patton Building**

Member/Non-Member
Fee: \$5.00

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Jeff Miller will present the history of HonorAir and Blue Ridge Honor Flight. He also will discuss "The Honor Flight Network", co-founded by Jeff and Earl Morse in 2007. We will have the privilege of hearing some of his entertaining stories, some very emotional, others filled with humor, gleaned from the last ten to twelve years flying veterans to various destinations in the United States.

Jeff Miller is the owner/operator of Miller's Fine Dry Cleaning in Hendersonville. He also recently was reelected to Hendersonville City Council.



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### Introduction to Greek Mythology

2 Sessions  
Thursdays  
January 18 & 25  
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**BRCC, Room 122  
Continuing Education  
Building**

Member Fee: \$30  
Non-Member Fee: \$40

This course will focus on Greek myths, particularly the ancients' understanding of how the universe came to be, the pantheon of gods and their relationship to the human race, as well as the afterlife and all natural phenomena. We will ask, and hopefully answer, the question: How have Greek myths been instrumental in influencing Western culture? The topics covered include: the rape of Persephone, the monster in the labyrinth, the story of Oedipus and the Odysseus adventures.

**Susanne Kimball** has a Master of Arts and a Doctorate in German and Comparative Literature from the University of California in San Diego.

Before retiring to Asheville in 2014, she taught research writing and literature on all levels in California as well as at the University of Texas at San Antonio. She is widely published in a variety of literary journals and has reviewed new publications for several publishing houses.



# Course Schedule, January - April, 2018

## Freethought in America: The Nature of Ideas

2 Sessions  
Mondays  
February 5 & 12  
10:00 a.m. - Noon

**BRCC, Room 122**  
**Continuing Education Building**

Member Fee: \$30  
Non-Member Fee: \$40



This course highlights the history of Freethought in America from Thomas Paine to John Burroughs with emphasis on the challenging, creative dynamics between secular/sacred, non-theist/theist and natural/supernatural world views. Through lectures, board and screen presentations with engaging discussions, participants will encounter great reforming minds who changed the course of major movements including human rights, abolition, slavery, women's issues and more.

**Chris Highland** has a Masters degree in the areas of philosophy and religion, as well as 30 years of experience in interfaith work. He has taught in various schools and given presentations for many years. He was an ordained minister until 2001 and is now a humanist celebrant and freethinker. The author of eleven published books, Chris writes a weekly column for the Citizens Times.

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Present Foreign Policy

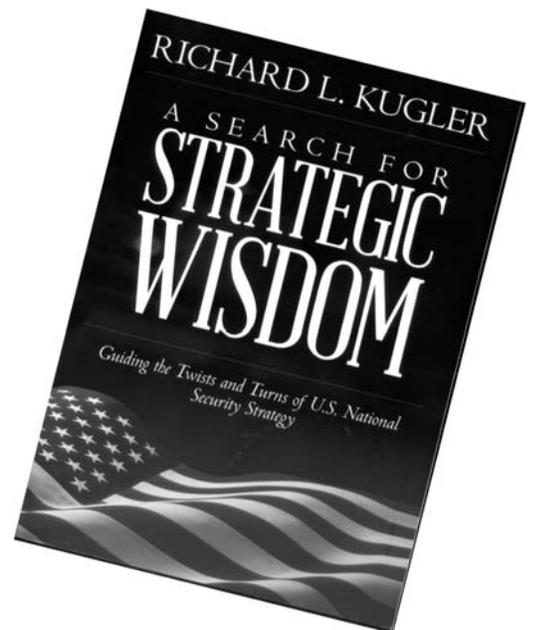
1 Session
Monday
February 26
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

BRCC, Room 150
Patton Building

Member Fee: \$20
Non-Member Fee: \$30

Dr. Richard Kugler is one of our most popular lecturers and will speak to us about trends in the current administration's foreign policy: an "American First" strategy of principled realism for a troubled world.

Dr. Richard Kugler received his Ph.D. in planning and defense economics from MIT. During his long career in Washington D.C. he has been a senior executive in the Office of Secretary of Defense, a senior defense analyst at RAND and a distinguished research professor at the National Defense University. He is one of the original architects of NATO enlargement and other U.S. policy initiatives. Richard has written twenty books and numerous papers in his field, has taught this subject at the graduate level and has been awarded the Distinguished Civilian Service Medal. His latest book was published in the spring of 2017 and is titled *A Search For Strategic Wisdom: Guiding the Twists and Turns of U.S. National Security Strategy*



Course Schedule, January - April, 2018

A Docent's Journey, Part II: From Baroque To 21st Century Art

4 Sessions

Thursdays

March 1, 8, 15 & 22

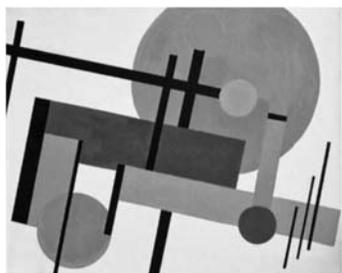
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

BRCC, Room 336

**Technology, Education
& Development
Building**

Member Fee: \$50

Non-Member: \$60



Art is more than painting on canvas, architectural structures or figures chipped from stone. Western art mirrors its cultural forces, historical events and social changes that define each period. This course will be a virtual stroll about Western Art through world famous museums and locations using lectures, slides, and videos.

Part II topics include:

Session 1: Baroque Art in Italy and Netherlands

Session 2: Impressionist Masterpieces

Session 3: Early 20th Century Early Modern Art

Session 4: Contemporary 21st Century Art

Part I, which was offered in the Fall of 2017, is not a prerequisite for this course. You can learn and enjoy this series of lectures without having taken Part I.

Dr. Ari Landau received his B.S. in history/education from the University of Colorado, his M.A. in history from the University of Northern Colorado, and his Juris Doctorate cum laude at Gonzaga University. He has completed formal instruction and received his certification as a Docent from the Dallas Museum of Art. Dr. Landau has led hundreds of museum guided tours in European and American museums. He is a repeat presenter at BRCLL.

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### **Astronomy: Part III**

4 Sessions

Mondays

March 5, 12, 19 & 26

10:00 a.m. - Noon

**BRCC, Room 213**

**Technology, Education  
& Development  
Building**

Member Fee: \$50

Non-Member Fee: \$60

One of our most popular speakers, Mark Whipple will return to continue his Astronomy series. This time the lectures focus on a variety of subjects.

Session 1: Nebulae in our galaxy - Types of nebulae (emission, reflection, planetary) and star clusters.

Session 2: The Milky Way - The size, shape, and distributions of matter in our galaxy, and our place in it.

Session 3: Other galaxies - Different types of galaxies, and their distribution in space.

Session 4: The Universe and the Big Bang - The biggest question of all: how did the Universe begin, what will happen to it in the future, and does it go on forever?

**Mark Whipple** taught high school physics and astronomy for 33 years, primarily in Maryland, before retiring to North Carolina. He has served internships at the Goddard Space Flight Center and the National Air and Space Museum. Never fully retired from astronomy, he continues to teach what he loves.



## Course Schedule, January - April, 2018

### **The Dark Corner: An Elusive to Exclusive Odyssey**

4 Sessions  
Mondays & Wednesdays  
April 9, 11, 16 & 18  
10:00 a.m. - Noon  
**BRCC, Room 150  
Patton Building**  
Member Fee: \$50  
Non-Member Fee: \$60

This course is an overview of the famous, yet infamous, mountainous region in northeastern Greenville County, SC, bordering on Polk County, NC, and Spartanburg County, SC, known for over 175 years for moonshine, mystery and mayhem. The Corner is delineated by physical boundaries, living philosophies, moonshining and superstition, spirituality and scenic beauty. Two Revolutionary War battles on the NC/SC border, Round Mountain and Earle's Ford, are covered in the course.



**Dean Campbell**, "Squire of the Dark Corner", gives deep insights into this unique Appalachian mountain region. He is a native son whose maternal and paternal ancestors came to the area in 1784 and 1832. He was Associate Producer of "The Dark Corner", a documentary DVD which premiered in 2008 at the Upcountry History Museum, and continues to be shown on both ETV and the Documentary Channel. As columnist for the *Tryon Daily Bulletin*, he has completed 150 "Twice Told Tales of the Dark Corner", including "Twice-Sung Ballads" of the region.

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The Civil War in the South - Part II

4 Sessions
Thursdays
April 12, 19, 26 & May 3
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
**BRCC, Room 150
Patton Building**
Member Fee: \$50
Non-Member Fee: \$60

The Civil War, 1862 - 1865 course was presented in the Fall, 2017. This second segment will start by examining the feeling of isolation that existed in the slave states and the resulting destruction of the Second American Political Party System. Focus will be on the economic and political crises of the 1850s that led to the secession from the Union of the South in 1860-61. The creation of the Confederacy divided southern whites, but this new nation and the institution of slavery changed rapidly during the Civil War becoming a source of weakness for the Confederacy. Although Robert E. Lee and his army won numerous military victories, they could not overcome the material advantages of the Union. Confederate President Jefferson Davis was a divisive leader who quarreled with his legislature, generals, and state governors. Inflation, unfair taxes, and conscription into the southern armies led to open civilian dissension and desertion from the army. The end of the war left the Confederacy shattered and the South devastated.

Part I, which was offered in the Fall of 2017, is not a pre-requisite for this course. You can learn and enjoy this series of lectures without having taken Part I.

Dr. Gordon McKinney earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in U.S. history at Northwestern University. He has taught at Valdosta State University, Western Carolina University, University of Maryland, and Berea College of KY. He is the author of several books including *Southern Mountain Republicans*, *Zeb Vance* and *Heart of the Confederate Appalachia: The Civil War in Western North Carolina*. He was awarded the 2014 Outstanding Achievement Award by Western N.C. Historical Association (WNCHA) for contributions to preserve and to promote the history of the mountain region. He is active and on the board of WNCHA, which operates at the Asheville Historical Society at the Smith-McDowell House in Asheville.



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The Flat Rock Playhouse

1 session

Monday

April 30

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Meet at the Flat Rock Playhouse, Mainstage Building, Corner of 225 and Little River Road in Flat Rock

Member Fee: \$20

Non-Member Fee: \$30

Come and join us at Flat Rock Playhouse entrance to the mainstage building and learn about the history of this local icon, from its humble beginnings to what it is today, The State Theatre of North Carolina. Dane Whitlock will greet us and treat participants to a "behind the scenes" course to learn how the season is planned, from choosing the shows' titles, budgeting, securing sponsors as well as casting for 80 years and counting of the *Vagabond Players*.

Dane Whitlock, Senior Director of Marketing and Development, came to the Playhouse as an actor in 1999. Nearly 20 years later, he is still proud to be a member of the Vagabonds.



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### Note:

Although we try very hard to hold all our sessions in the same room, Patton 150, we cannot always be assured of the room being available.

Please double check the Newsletter for the correct location of your course.



Thank you



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