

YOU ASKED FOR IT - HERE IT IS!!

Dark Corner Tour

Wednesday
March 27

Class: 8:30 a.m.
**BRCC, Room 150
Patton Building**

Depart: 10:30 a.m.
(approximately) after a
two hour class at
BRCC, lower Patton
Parking Lot, BRCC

Return: 5:00 p.m.
(approximately)

Cost: \$86.00

Activity Level:
Moderately easy,
minimal walking over
even ground

**Registration
Deadline:
Tuesday, February 26**

Included: Motor coach
transportation, all food
and beverages, driver
gratuuity, insurance, tips
and taxes.

Register on page 15.

The Elusive to Exclusive Dark Corner Up Close Tour

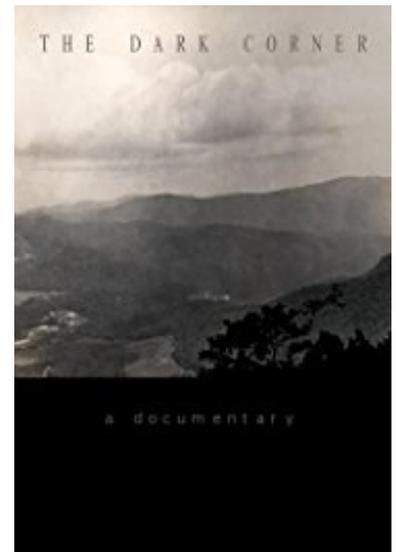
Many of you who attended our class in the spring of 2018 expressed an interest in having a tour of the Dark Corner, so we have arranged exactly that! The tour will start with a two hour class at BRCLL, beginning at 8:30 a.m. An overview of the heritage and history of this mysterious mountain region in the northeastern corner of Greenville County, SC will be given by the **'Squire of the Dark Corner', Dean Campbell.**

Attendees will learn how the area earned its designation; its physical boundaries; its early absolute dependence on a moonshine economy; its surprising educational heritage that goes back to 1809; its spiritual heritage; and its pristine scenic beauty that has allowed it to become one of the premier real estate locations in the booming upstate. At the conclusion of this session, we will board our motor coach which will be waiting for us in the Lower Patton parking lot on Airport Road.

We will then proceed to Gowensville, SC, the oldest settlement in the Corner, where we will meet up with the Squire for lunch. At the widely known Junction Restaurant we will be treated to a delicious country buffet which will feature a wide variety of items, including fried chicken as well as both peach and apple cobbler. If you leave hungry, it will be your own fault!

After lunch, we will explore the area's heritage and history firsthand. The tour will include 25 historical sites of the area, six of which are on the National Register of Historic Places. We disembark from the motor coach at the Poinsett's Bridge, a fitted stone structure with a 15 foot high Gothic arch which is the oldest standing bridge (1820) in SC, and at Campbell's Covered Bridge, the sole surviving, extant covered bridge in the state. The tour will also include the sites of two Revolutionary War era battles: the Battle of Round Mountain between early settlers and the Cherokee nation, and the Battle of Earle's Ford between patriots and loyalists. This was one of the nine battles and skirmishes leading up to the Battle of Kings Mountain and the Battle of Cowpens, which were turning point battles in the southern states.

After our extensive tour, we will say farewell to the Squire and return to the Blue Ridge Campus.



Cathedral of All Souls

Biltmore Village
9 Swan Street
Asheville

Wednesday, April 3
2:00 p.m.

This is a self-drive
tour.

Cost: \$20.00
Tour is limited to **25**
Participants.

Activity Level:
Moderately easy,
minimal walking over
even ground

**Registration
Deadline:
Thursday, March 28**

**Plenty of free
parking** is available on
the streets of Biltmore
Village. Also, public
parking is located
underneath the retail
stores at 10 Brook
Street entrance next to
Chico's.

Register on page 15.

SPECIAL INTEREST TOUR

**A Special Look at The Historic
Cathedral of All Souls**

All Souls Cathedral in Biltmore Village in Asheville was built by George Vanderbilt as the parish church for the village. It was designed by Richard Morris Hunt, the architect of Biltmore House. Mr. Vanderbilt served as Senior Warden for 18 years until his death in 1914, and his daughter, Cornelia, married British aristocrat John Cecil in the Cathedral in 1924.

Join us for a special afternoon as we learn about the history and architecture of All Souls. Fiber artist **Kerstin McDaniel** will present some of the beautiful banners, altar cloths and other items she has created for the Cathedral. Kirstin came to the US as an exchange student from Sweden when she was in High School, and then studied at the Fashion Institute in New York City. She later settled in Asheville where she earned a BFA in painting from UNCA. She has been stitching for All Souls and other churches since 1979.

We will also meet **Martha Fullerton**, who has been a parishioner of All Souls for almost 30 years. Martha retired as an architectural historian following a career in historic preservation for North and South Carolina. She currently serves on the board of the Preservation Society. One of her favorite things to do is to share her vast knowledge of the history of Biltmore Village and All Souls Cathedral.

When you receive your instructional letter just prior to this activity, you will also receive a map depicting a walking tour of Biltmore Village. You may choose to arrive in the morning, do the walking tour and take in one of the many restaurants located in the village. You could then finish your day by joining us at the Cathedral for your docent-led tour.



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EdVentures, January - April, 2019

Global Culinary Tour

Thursday
April 25

Depart: 7:45 a.m.
Lower Patton Parking
Lot, BRCC

Return: 7:00 p.m.
(approximately)

Cost: \$129.00

Activity Level:
Moderate, multiple
stops on and off motor
coach, walking and
standing

**Registration
Deadline:
Friday, March 25**

Included: Motor coach
transportation, all food
and beverages provided
at the various stops,
driver gratuity,
insurance, tips and
taxes.

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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Global Culinary Tour

If you are an adventurous foodie who enjoys sampling new cuisines, exploring new cultures, and savoring the exotic aromas of unusual spices, this is the tour for you. We will be traveling to East Charlotte for a Global Table cultural event. The population of East Charlotte is made up of people from many corners of the world who have come to this area to pursue the American dream of opening a business and have worked tirelessly to provide a good life for their families.

The establishments we will visit are small, family-run businesses and the proprietors are anxious to share their culture and traditions with their new neighbors. Many of these businesses have been in the area for several years and have gained the respect of their customers and the trust of the community around them.

We will begin the tour with a stop for coffee and a snack at a Dominican restaurant/market. During the course of the day, we will visit ten businesses, including markets, restaurants and bakeries. We will have time to wander the aisles of the stores in search of unusual items and will taste food which is indigenous to each of the cultures. Some of the cuisines included in this tour are Nepali, Lebanese, Dominican, Mexican, Vietnamese, Ethiopian and Serbian. The tastings will occur in a very casual manner. Some places are relatively small, so your sample foods are eaten while standing and conversing with employees or people you have met along the way. Others will have some seating so that the proprietors may explain their cultures and the food while you are eating. Each stop will be extremely interesting and expose you to another facet of world culture and cuisine. You will also be given some time to visit the Dominican Market to do any last minute shopping before we get back on the bus and head for home.

If you have been searching for an unusual spice for a special recipe, you will find it on this tour. You will also notice a considerable difference in prices from your local markets. We will provide a cooler on the bus so you may safely take home any items you have purchased on the tour.

We hope you will join us for this one-of-a-kind tour. We believe you will have an exciting and rewarding experience.



EdVenture Preview, May 22, 2019

The Barns of Madison County

Wednesday, May 22

Depart: 8:00 a.m.
(approximately)

Return: 5:00 p.m.
(approximately)

Cost: \$126.00

Depart from and return to Lower Patton Parking Lot, BRCC

Registration Deadline:
Registration is open during the preview period. You may sign up at any time until April 19, 2019.

Activity Level: Moderate, short periods of walking to view the barns, one flight of 12 steps. There may be a few other steps on the tour, but they are discretionary. The restroom located adjacent to the barn is a well-maintained outdoor facility. This venue hosts weddings and local music festivals to mention a few.

Included: Motor coach transportation, driver gratuity, insurance, catered lunch, all tours, entertainment, rental fees, all taxes and tips.

There will be no alcoholic beverages offered.

Register on page 15.

Preview of the first EdVenture scheduled for the Summer Term

A short time ago, we conducted a member survey regarding an overnight EdVenture which was scheduled for the month of September 2018. When asked about reasons for not taking this trip, many of you responded that you had heard about it too late and had already made plans for that date. We heard what you said and, as a result, we have decided that future Newsletters will feature previews of trips scheduled to take place during the first month of the next term. We hope that this will give you ample opportunity to take advantage of these trips. As I'm sure you are aware, it is a great deal of work to put together these travel opportunities and we want to make sure that you hear about them in a timely fashion. It will result in a win, win situation for all of us.

You may sign up for this featured trip during this preview period (page 15). It will also appear in the May-August 2019 Summer Newsletter.

The Barns of Madison County - A Celebration of the Mountains

Join us for a very special event! We have secured the services of **Taylor Barnhill** to be our step-on guide for a tour of some of the historic barns of Madison County. Taylor, who was the instructor for our class in May 2018 entitled *Appalachian Barn Building Tradition*, is a research historian for the Appalachian Barn Alliance as well as an architect/planner. His architectural knowledge, combined with his knowledge of the local region, will give us a feel for the people who built and used the barns, each one of which was constructed at a different time and for a different reason. As well as learning about the architecture of the barns, we will also hear stories about the local community's history. We will have a close-up view of several of the barns in the Mars Hill area of Madison County as well as hear many stories about these and other barns we pass along the way. When you walk into an older barn, like one with a log crib, it's like walking into an archeological discovery site. You can see the untouched evidence of a time when people built what they needed from materials at hand in order to survive.

Our three hour tour of the widely differing structures will be divided into two segments. After the first half, we will enjoy a delicious, catered barbecue lunch in an authentic, perfectly preserved tobacco barn at Quiver Full Farms in Mars Hill. This barn, a handsome structure, will take you back to the days when the sunlight streamed in through the cracks in the walls to aid in the drying out of the tobacco hanging over the rails.

To complete the nostalgic experience, we are honored to have three of the area's most prominent, Grammy award-winning musicians as part of our mountain celebration. **Roger Howell** is a masterful musician, both as a fiddler and banjo player. A lifelong resident, he has helped put Madison County on the musical map with his award-winning performances at major music festivals and on recordings. **Jerry Sutton**, an essential branch in a rich family tree of musicians, is a hot guitar player who is equally at home on bass, guitar or lead vocals. He has also won many awards at major music festivals and on recordings. **Cathy Arrowood** is a world class bass player who has also won many awards at major music festivals. CDs will be available to purchase after the performance. And if any of you are cloggers, feel free to bring along your shoes and take advantage of this great music!

After lunch, we will continue with the final segment of our barn tour, at the conclusion of which we will bid farewell to Taylor and return to BRCC.

EdVentures Registration, January - April 2019

The Dark Corner Wednesday, March 27	\$86.00 x _____	
Charlotte Culinary Tour Thursday, April 25	\$129 x _____	
Appalachian Barns Wednesday, May 22	\$126.00 x _____	
<u>Special Interest Tour</u> All Souls Cathedral Wednesday, April 3	\$20.00 x _____	

*** TRIP CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY ***

We understand that you occasionally may have to change your plans due to unexpected events. If you need to cancel a trip and **WE ARE ABLE TO FILL YOUR PLACE FROM AN ACTIVE WAITING LIST**, you will receive a full refund minus an administrative fee of \$10. If there is no wait list, refunds cannot be given.

Make check payable to **BRCC (Blue Ridge Community College)** and mail to:
 Blue Ridge Center for Lifelong Learning, 180 West Campus Drive, Flat Rock, NC 28731

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 Last First (for name tag) MI

Address: _____
 Street City State/ZIP

E-mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ Phone: _____
 (Please list someone who is NOT on the trip.)

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#2 Name: _____ Phone: _____
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Address: _____
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 (Please list someone who is NOT on the trip.)

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