



Blue Ridge Center for Lifelong Learning

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June - July - August, 2021

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Spring Bird Walk at Flat Rock Park

1 Session
Tuesday
June 15

9:00 - Noon
Flat Rock Park
Highland Lake Road

Member Fee: \$21.30
Non-Member Fee: \$31.30

(Fee includes off-campus class insurance.)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
June 14

Rain Date:
Friday, June 18

Join local birder and owner of Ventures Birding Tours for an introductory walk at one of our newest and upcoming birding locations. The Park at Flat Rock offers easy walking through various habitats, both man-made and natural, and we should see a good selection of local breeding species. Migration should be mostly over by May and our nesting birds should be well into their breeding season. We will walk around the property to find many of the local birds, including Eastern Kingbird, Yellow-throated Warbler and Indigo Bunting; all recently arrived from their wintering grounds to the south. We will also learn some of the local bird songs and calls as this is the best way to locate many species.

Bring binoculars and a bird book if you have one. We will talk about local birds, field-guides and binoculars and will supply everyone with a list of birds for the morning.



Simon Thompson, a nationally recognized ornithologist, was born in Malta and educated in Britain. He leads small groups of naturalists and birders both within North America and to many locations throughout the world. Simon owns and operates his own bird watching and natural history tour company. He gives many bird watching talks and programs throughout Western NC.

Forecasting the Weather with Jason Boyer (WLOS)

1 Session
Tuesday
July 13

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
ZOOM

Member Fee: \$10
Non-Member Fee: \$15

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
July 12

Ever wonder why Western North Carolina's weather can be so fickle? Chief Meteorologist Jason Boyer of WLOS News 13 has been forecasting mountain weather patterns for more than two decades. In this class Jason will explain how unique this region's climate and weather are, show some of the extreme examples and take you through the process of weather forecasting.

JASON BOYER is the Chief Meteorologist for WLOS and WMYA. With a passion for weather that started in childhood, Jason pursued his dream of being a meteorologist and graduated from the University of Illinois while studying Atmospheric Science. During his college years, Jason worked for a local radio station and later a TV station, realizing in the process that he was well suited to the field of broadcast meteorology. He has won two Associated Press awards for Best Weathercast, one in Colorado and the other in North Carolina. Jason comes to us after stops in Chattanooga and Denver.



Course Schedule: May - June - July, 2021

Russian Composers

2 Sessions
Monday & Wednesday
August 2 & 4

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
ZOOM

Member Fee: \$25
Non-Member Fee: \$35

**REGISTRATION
DEADLINE:
July 29**

Russia's Cultural Golden Age (1850-1910) produced great composers. This two-session course will highlight four of the most beloved masters: Mussorgsky (Pictures at an Exhibition), Rimsky-Korsakov (Scheherazade), Tchaikovsky (1812 Overture) and Prokofiev (Dance of the Knights). Each composer's biography will be studied to understand how the masterworks were composed and how they were influenced by the cultural and social conditions prevailing at the time. We will listen to an introductory lecture and then share the wonderful music. Time will be saved for Q&A sessions.

Ari Landau is an educator and art enthusiast. He taught high school history, including art history classes, for ten years, and for several years enjoyed taking students to famous European museums and conducting his own tours. He completed formal instruction and received his certification as a docent from the Dallas Museum of Art. Ari earned his Bachelor of Science in history/education from the University of Colorado, his Master of Arts in history from the University of Northern Colorado, and his Juris Doctor cum laude at Gonzaga University. He has led hundreds of museum guided tours in European and American museums.



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## Trail of Tears: Cherokee Removal Resistance & Resilience in North Carolina

1 Session  
Tuesday  
August 10

10:00 a.m. - Noon  
ZOOM

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

**REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE:  
August 9**

In 1838, the forced removal of the Cherokee Indians was especially complex in western North Carolina. The Cherokee citizens and their allies mounted legal and extralegal campaigns to thwart the federal government's efforts to remove them. This class will examine the causes and process of the United States' dispossession and expulsion of the Cherokee people from their ancient homelands. The success of this resistance is evident in the persistence and resurgence of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, the sole federally recognized native nation resident in present-day North Carolina.

**Brett Riggs** is a Sequoyah Distinguished Professor of Cherokee Studies at Western Carolina University. He is an executive board member of the National Trail of Tears Association, co-author of *Cherokee Heritage Trails Guidebook* and former deputy Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.



# Course Schedule: May - June - July, 2021

## Uncomplicated Kitchen

1 Session  
Tuesday  
August 17

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.  
ZOOM

Member Fee: \$15  
Non-Member Fee: \$20

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**  
July 16

In this course, participants will learn how to simplify the process of planning and preparing meals by having a well-stocked pantry and by using multi-tasking kitchen tools and fewer ingredients.

**Jenna Kranz** is the founder and Executive Director of the Uncomplicated Kitchen, a non-profit dedicated to improving food security through educational outreach. Jenna teaches weekly cooking classes to people of all ages and from all socioeconomic backgrounds.



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Internet Security

1 Session
Monday
August 23

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
ZOOM

Member Fee: \$15
Non-Member Fee: \$20

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
July 19

The amount of information you don't know about the Internet CAN hurt you. Through lecture, discussion and examples, we will gain a more in-depth understanding of using the Internet more safely. The focus will be to understand and manage the risks of using the Internet, regardless of the devices you use.



Bob Davis is a former chief information officer with many years' experience in technology, business and management consulting. He has taught courses for Lifelong Learning for many years.

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## Decision Making for Seniors: Older Isn't Always Wiser

1 Session  
Tuesday  
August 24

10:00 a.m. - Noon  
ZOOM

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

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**  
August 19

## Decision Making for Seniors: Older Isn't Always Wiser

We all make decisions on a daily basis and, when we don't make good decisions, we somehow learn to live with the results. But decisions for seniors can be very different. Seniors may be making some major decisions for the last time; they don't always have the time or resources to correct mistakes; and they may have underlying issues that are skewing the decisions, such as money or family relationships.

This two hour presentation will explain the reasons many decisions are different for seniors. As well as introducing the three components of good decision-making, attendees will receive concrete steps to increase their control over the decision-making process.

**Annette Dubrouillet** spent over 13 years in leadership positions for family support programs within the U.S. Department of the Army. She subsequently founded Decision Drivers, LLC, a training and consulting firm. She is the author of the book, *Make No Mistake: How to Make the Best Decision the First Time*. Since leaving full-time employment, Annette continues to work part-time with individuals and organizations, providing techniques to lead people to better decisions.



# COURSE REGISTRATION: Form Must Be Mailed

**ONE FORM PER PERSON - The information in this box is required by the college.**

**NOTE - ZOOM CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE EMAILED 2-3 DAYS PRIOR TO CLASS.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State/ZIP

**Email (Required):** \_\_\_\_\_

*The following information is required by NC State Board of Community Colleges.*

**Employment Status:** Full Time \_\_\_\_\_ Part Time \_\_\_\_\_ Retired \_\_\_\_\_ Do Not Work \_\_\_\_\_

**Highest Level of Education:** High School \_\_\_\_\_ 2-Year College \_\_\_\_\_ 4-Year College \_\_\_\_\_ Higher \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mark circles to indicate your course registration choices. If you need to drop a course, all requests must be in writing (email or mail) and received PRIOR TO the start of the course.**

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| <input type="radio"/> | <b>Birding</b><br>6/15 9-Noon<br><b>Flat Rock Park</b><br><br>Rain Date, 6/18 | Member<br>Non-Member | \$21.30<br>\$31.30 |
| <input type="radio"/> | <b>Weather w/Jason Boyer</b><br>7/13 10-11 a.m.<br><b>Zoom</b>                | Member<br>Non-Member | \$10<br>\$15       |
| <input type="radio"/> | <b>Russian Composers</b><br>8/2, 4<br>1-2:30<br><b>Zoom</b>                   | Member<br>Non-Member | \$25<br>\$35       |

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| <input type="radio"/> | <b>Trail of Tears</b><br>8/10<br>10-Noon<br><b>Zoom</b>           | Member<br>Non-Member | \$20<br>\$30 |
| <input type="radio"/> | <b>Uncomplicated Kitchen</b><br>8/17<br>1-2:30<br><b>Zoom</b>     | Member<br>Non-Member | \$15<br>\$20 |
| <input type="radio"/> | <b>Internet Safety</b><br>8/23<br>1-2:30<br><b>Zoom</b>           | Member<br>Non-Member | \$15<br>\$20 |
| <input type="radio"/> | <b>Decision Making for Seniors</b><br>8/24 10-Noon<br><b>Zoom</b> | Member<br>Non-Member | \$20<br>\$30 |

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

**Student ID #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Receipt #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail registration to:**

**Blue Ridge Center for Lifelong Learning, 180 West Campus Drive, Flat Rock NC 28731**

For courses, each member must enroll individually, **one form per person**. You may write one check for all courses made payable to Blue Ridge Community College, "BRCC." Unless you are notified to the contrary, your registration has been accepted. Refunds must be requested in writing *before a course begins*. No refunds will be issued after a course begins. Pursuant to College Procedure 8.1.1 Blue Ridge Community College reserves the right to use photographs, motion pictures and electronic images of students who are age 18 or older for marketing and promotional purposes. Objection to the use of an individual's photograph in such a manner may be made in writing to the Blue Ridge Community College Director, Marketing and Communications.

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

**Total Amount Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Check**      \_\_\_\_\_ **Cash**      \_\_\_\_\_ **VISA**      \_\_\_\_\_ **MC**      \_\_\_\_\_ **AMEX**

**NOTE: Credit Card payments are not permitted by phone or fax. Form must be mailed in.**

**Card Number** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **Expiration Date** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ **Security Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Card Holder Name (Please Print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

# New Member Application - Summer, 2021



Blue Ridge Center for  
**Lifelong Learning**

**Strengthen your mind, expand your knowledge and widen your horizons** - join the Blue Ridge Center for Lifelong Learning (BRCLL) and take part in opportunities for education and enrichment through a variety of classes. BRCLL is committed to nurturing intellect and inspiring imagination. Adults 50 and older having an interest in the mission and activities of BRCLL can become a **LIFETIME** member for a one-time fee of \$70 for both seated and on-line classes or \$35 for on-line classes only. Membership benefits include a wide range of courses offered throughout the year and the BRCLL newsletter.

**Make check payable to BRCC or fill out credit card information below and mail to:**

**Blue Ridge Center for  
Lifelong Learning  
180 W. Campus Drive  
Flat Rock, NC 28731**

**Please Note:** BRCLL respects your privacy and will not sell or share your email information with third parties. All information requested is required by the state for college records. The NC State Board of Community Colleges requires the following information for all students.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Highest Level of Education: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment Status: \_\_\_\_ Retired \_\_\_\_ Full-time \_\_\_\_ Part-Time \_\_\_\_ Do Not Work

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to receive email updates and information from BRCLL.

\_\_\_\_ I am interested in helping plan courses. Please contact me with information on the BRCLL Program Committee.

## Help Us Plan - Member Profile

How did you hear about Blue Ridge Center for Lifelong Learning:

\_\_ Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) \_\_ Newspaper \_\_ Radio \_\_ Friend \_\_ Other

Primary career field and expertise: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in teaching a class? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what subject? \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_\_\_ MC \_\_\_\_\_ AMEX

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