



Blue Ridge Center for Lifelong Learning

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PLEASE NOTE - CHANGE FOR 2022

As we announced last newsletter, we are happy to announce that starting in January, 2022 Lifelong Learning will again be holding classes on the BRCC Henderson County campus. While we have missed not having everyone on campus for classes, the health and safety of everyone involved with BRCLL classes has been our utmost concern. If the situation should change, we will let you know, but as of now, we are excited to be back on campus and look forward to seeing everyone again!



Please take advantage of the Sandburg Sidebars course in December (below) as an introduction to the longer Sandburg course in January.

Thank you for your support during this unusual time - our members are the best!!

**Please Note: As of this newsletter mailing, BRCC requires masks on all persons inside buildings on the BRCC campus.

December, 2021

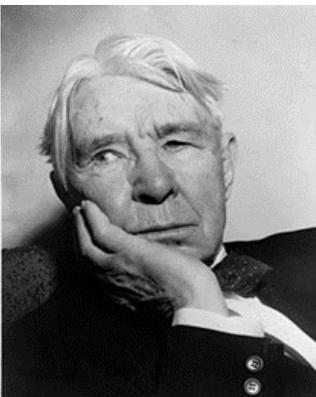
Sandburg Sidebars

2 Sessions
Wednesdays
December 1, 8

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

Member Fee: \$20
Non-Member Fee: \$25

**REGISTRATION
DEADLINE:
November 30**



Join us via Zoom for these sidebars about Carl Sandburg that provide a unique look at different aspects of the poet's life. The content is pulled from a variety of primary and secondary sources, combined in ways that are new to the literature about Sandburg. The series will employ images, quotations and visual and audio recordings by Sandburg and others. Time for questions and comments will be provided at the end of each session. Participants will gain an increased understanding of Sandburg from different perspectives and can anticipate being amused by interesting anecdotes.

Session one will cover Three Acres and Liberty and From Prince to Prints: Sandburg Family Dogs from Maywood to Connemara. Session two will cover A Walk with Carl Sandburg and Family and Hosting Sandburg: Creating a Home Away from Home for Carl.

Then join us in January on-campus for the "Life and Works of Carl Sandburg and Family", tracing the family history, achievements and the historical context of the time.

John W. Quinley, a retired college administrator and faculty member, currently volunteers as a house docent for Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site and teaches American History for A-B Technical Community College. John holds an Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration and an M.A. in Humanities, among other degrees.

John presented a two-hour lecture on Sandburg for Western Carolina University and has published articles on Sandburg for the NPS site in Flat Rock and for the Friends of Carl Sandburg at Connemara. A further article for *Inklings and Idlings*, The Newsletter of the Carl Sandburg Historic Site Association in Galesburg, Illinois is expected in their forthcoming edition.

Course Schedule: January, February, 2022

The Life and Works of Carl Sandburg and Family

3 Sessions
Wednesdays
January 12, 19, 26

10:00 - Noon
Sink Building
Room 233

Member Fee: \$40
Non-Member Fee: \$50



As a young man of 19, Carl Sandburg left his home in Illinois for a brief odyssey as a hobo. Not always knowing how and where, he traveled some 2,000 miles finding whatever jobs and beds he could along the way. Sandburg would later follow many paths: poet, performer, biographer, lecturer and more. His achievements were pioneering, and he often pursued these at the same time during his long life. Sandburg's personal narrative captured the public's imagination and made him a national media figure.

"Except for Walt Whitman, no other American poet has been so immediately responsive to the convolutions of American life" writes his biographer, Penelope Niven. "From 1900 until 1967, Sandburg's voice addressed the pivotal events of this century."

This three session series will trace Sandburg's and his family's personal life history and their many achievements couched in his core beliefs and the historical context of the times. Lectures will employ images, quotations, and visual and audio recordings by Sandburg and by those who wrote about his life and work or knew him personally. Participants can expect to develop new understandings of the depth and breadth of Sandburg's work as well as the achievements of his family. Time for questions and discussion will be planned throughout the presentation.

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Carl Sandburg

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## The Uncomplicated Kitchen

1 Session  
Thursday  
January 20

**1:00 - 2:30**  
**ZOOM**

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

**REGISTRATION**  
**DEADLINE:**  
**January 18**

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 nonprofit organization dedicated to improving food security through educational outreach. Jenna teaches weekly cooking classes to people of all ages and from all socioeconomic backgrounds.



# Course Schedule: January, February, 2022

## Russian Composers

2 Sessions  
Mondays  
January 24, 31

**1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**  
**Sink Building**  
**Room 233**

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



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.

**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.

## Henderson County Government-Whose Pothole is it Anyway?

2 Sessions  
Tuesdays  
January 25 & February 1

**1:00 - 3:00 - p.m.**  
**Sink Building**  
**Room 233**

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

Rebecca McCall, first term County Commissioner, will provide a roadmap detailing the inner-workings of our local, state and federal governments. Session 1 will address questions regarding how and when the County works with the Hendersonville City Council and other municipal representatives in Henderson County, describe what services are provided, who pays and where is the line drawn on ownership and responsibility. Session 2 will describe Henderson County's interaction and participation with state and federal level agencies and how those interactions may affect local decisions and efforts.

During these 2 sessions, participants will gain insight into the critical inter-relationships of local government agencies, comprehend the intricacies of tax supported programs, their focus, benefactors and beneficiaries, discover who really is in charge of fixing potholes and understand how you, as a volunteer, can make a difference in your community.



**Rebecca K McCall** was elected to the Henderson County Board of Commissioners in November of 2018 to serve a four-year term. In her third year on the board, she was elected to the position of Vice Chair. During her first three years in office, she was actively involved in numerous board-appointed committees as either a Commissioner liaison or voting member including (but not limited to) Agriculture Advisory Board, French Broad River MPO/Transportation Advisory Committee, Henderson County Planning Board, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, Local Government of Cooperative Action, Joint College Facilities Committee, Library Board of Trustees, and Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee. In 2020, she was elected by her peers to serve as Director of District 16, which includes Henderson, Buncombe, Transylvania and Madison counties, for the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. Through the NCACC, she was chosen to participate in the 2019 President's Initiative project which focused on developing Pathways for Disconnected Youth in NC. This led to the development of a similar initiative in Henderson County. She has also been actively involved in bringing the Henderson County Rails-to-Trails dream to reality and led the Henderson County Beautification project in 2021 which focused on cleaning up roadside litter. In 2021, she was selected to the Advisory Board of Commissioners for myFutureNC to serve a two-year term starting in 2022.



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Rebecca holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Montreat College, an AA in Mechanical Drafting and Design from Blue Ridge Community College and a Jr College Diploma from Brevard College. Rebecca is a life-long resident of Henderson County and is an active member of the Hendersonville Lions club where she holds the office of Second Vice President and is a 40 year member of Bethel Wesleyan Church.

# Course Schedule: January, February, 2022

## Shoulder Pain? Arm Pain? Don't Shrug it Off!

1 Session  
Thursday  
February 3

**1:00-2:30**  
**Sink Building**  
**Room 233**

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

Shoulder problems are sneaky and complicated. In this course, Dr. Susanne Hall will help us sort out the causes of shoulder pain. The most common problems in the shoulder such as bursitis, rotator cuff tendinitis, and rotator cuff tears are typically felt on the side or front of the shoulder and send pain down the side or front of the arm. This course will identify common shoulder problems, identify how to recognize red flags and outline how to prevent injuries.

**Susanne Hall, MD** came to North Carolina in 1999 and taught Duke Orthopedic Residents at the Asheville VA for six years. She founded Appalachian Shoulder Specialists in 2005 and practices in Hendersonville, NC. Dr. Hall attended medical school at the University of Massachusetts, interned at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York, spent her orthopedic residency at Bronx Lebanon Hospital (affiliated with Albert Einstein College of Medicine) and served a shoulder fellowship at the Hospital for Joint Diseases Orthopedic Institute in New York City.



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The Challenge Posed by a Warming World and the Uplifting Awe of Nature

2 Sessions
Mondays
February 7, 14

1:00-3:00
Sink Building
Room 233

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

How is it possible that nature and humanity will be devastated if the world warms a mere few degrees? This course will delve into that question, exploring the science of climate change, the arguments and organizations disputing its importance, and the many options available to blunt the worst of the impacts. To uplift and help remind us of what is at stake, each session will begin and end with awe-inspiring photographs and descriptions of natural wonders and amazing critters found on the seven continents.

Roger Helm worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for nearly 25 years. He focused on assessing the impact of oil and other contaminants on wildlife and pursuing restoration claims against companies that harmed plants and animals or their habitats. Roger received his Doctorate Degree in Biological Ecology from the University of California at Davis and his Masters Degree in Biology from Moss Landing Marine Laboratories in Monterey Bay, CA. Roger has co-authored a book on *Marine Mammals of California* and numerous other publications on marine birds and mammals, natural resource damage assessment and global climate change. Presently he teaches on the effects of global climate change and works with organizations on solutions to this potentially catastrophic problem.



BRCLL Miscellaneous

Blue Ridge Center for Lifelong Learning

*We are committed to creating a sense of community,
focusing on individual enrichment and growth, ensuring
excellence and innovation to benefit our
members and enhance the quality of life in our community.*

BLUE RIDGE CENTER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM!

Looking for a volunteer opportunity to work with enthusiastic, dedicated and interesting people? Blue Ridge Center for Lifelong Learning is just the place for you.

Our organization is volunteer run with minimal staff help. Volunteers are needed to assist with programing and researching possible topics for each semester, which includes helping to plan and develop courses.

Members brainstorm class ideas at monthly meetings, then seek out those qualified to present to the membership. The committee meets monthly on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. except December.

Please call (828-694-1740) or email our coordinator, Terri Wallace (tk_wallace@blueridge.edu).



Mission

We are committed to nurturing intellects, inspiring imaginations, and expanding the horizons of adult lifelong learners.

Vision

Through our educational and culturally diverse offerings and opportunities, we expand the minds and inspire the imaginations of our adult lifelong learning members plus enhance the quality of life in our community.

Values

We are inclusive. In all that BRCLL does, we create an atmosphere that is welcoming and open to all who want to benefit from and enjoy our programs and services.

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### **Blue Ridge Center for Lifelong Learning Board of Directors**

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