

# Academy of Lifelong Learning

## West Shore Community College



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Spring is finally here and I am happy to be back at home and back at West Shore Community College. It is great to get away to a warm climate in the winter, but it is wonderful to return home once again.



We are looking forward to a new season of community programs and classes for you. I want to say thank you to all those who presented classes and attended classes this winter. I have heard very positive comments on what was offered to you. I especially thank Patti Davidson who covered for me while I was in Arizona, and I must say, she did an outstanding job of covering all the details. Thanks again, Patti.

Travel Opportunities available:

### **June 9-11, 2008 Road Trip to the Soo Locks**

Road trip to the casino in St. Ignace and Sault Ste. Marie with a boat ride on the Soo Locks. The cost is \$235 double occupancy and \$275 single occupancy which includes transportation, lodging in Sault Ste. Marie, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, boat ride and lunch on boat, \$70 cash and \$30 in food coupons, and \$20 in tokens. Call Donna at 757-4705 for details.

### **September 4-15 Alaska**

Staterooms start at \$3,389 which includes air fare and a 7 night cruise as well as a 4 night land tour. A deposit of \$400 will hold your stateroom. Call Donna at 757-4705 for details.

### **October 16-27 Grand Canyon and Las Vegas**

Cost is \$1029 for double occupancy and \$1459 for single occupancy. Eleven nights - \$75 will hold your reservation. Call Donna at the Scottville Senior Center at 757-4705 for details soon. There may still be openings available.

**He who has no fire in himself cannot warm others.**

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### **May 12-June 6, 2008 Spring Into Motion**

When the gray days of winter fade and the first glimpses of spring appear, there is a tangible excitement called spring fever – the perfect time to step up physical activity and start walking outdoors. **Spring Into Motion** is a fun, four-week walking program that will help participants boost their activity level and develop a healthy walking habit. Classes begin on May 12 and conclude on June 6. We will meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (except for Monday, May 26) from Noon to 1:00 p.m. in the new Campus Center, Room 751 (at the top of the stairs). The class will be led by Julie Page Smith, the Director of the Wellness Center. To register for the class, send your check to **Spring Into Motion – ALL** for \$25 to:

Ruth Gustafson  
Academy of Lifelong Learning  
West Shore Community College  
3000 N. Stiles Road  
Scottville, MI 49454

The \$25 covers the cost of a t-shirt and a step-counter (pedometer). Please call me as soon as possible to register at 231-845-3361 (I will need t-shirt sizes) so we can get the t-shirts ordered.

### **May 25-June 26, 2008 Local Flora Class (MBOT 137)**



**Are you ready for summer?**

We are!!! We are offering a class for you to study and identify non-vascular and vascular (non-flowering and flowering) plants, economic and ecological importance of these plants considered, and a plant collection required.

If you are in-district, the fee is \$42. and you may register for the class by calling Irma in the Student Services Department at 845-6211 extension 5862. Seniors may take this class for audit (no grade) purposes if you desire. The class is taught by Professor Hamdy Helal, Professor of Biological Sciences, and meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Room 356 in the Arts and Sciences Building.

## May 17, 2008 **Mortgages**

Saturday, May 17, 2008 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., in the old café in the Administrative and Conference Building, Stephanie Overholt will be presenting a program on "Mortgages". This program is not limited to seniors, but will be open to younger citizens as well. Stephanie has worked in the mortgage lending field for 15 years locally. Stephanie will be covering several areas of interest: credit, credit counseling, foreclosures, credit scores, first-time home buyers, debt, how and when to refinance, value of your home vs. what you owe, equity loans, adjustable rate mortgages, and reverse mortgages – what they are and how they work. This will be an information-packed time with regard to what we all know about mortgages. Please call Ruth at 231-845-3361 or e-mail me by May 16, 2008 to register for this class. The cost will be \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Please make out your check to **Mortgages – ALL**. There will be refreshments available.

## June 3 - June 24, 2008 **Basic Computer Class**

As you have requested, we are offering a Basic Computer Class for four consecutive Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This course will teach students to learn the very basics of operating a computer. The computer lab is located in the Technical Building, Room 201. The class size is limited to 17 people, so call me with your reservation for the class. The cost will be \$20 per person and you can send your check to me made out to **Computers - ALL**. No food or beverage is allowed in the computer lab.

## June 6 – June 27, 2008 **Basic Photography**

This course will begin with information about purchasing digital cameras: determining a

purchase budget, resolution, memory, controls, zoom and lenses. The course will also teach students how to properly compose photographs, lighting techniques, and camera functions. Students will also learn how to download their files onto a computer and how to order prints at local vendors. Students will also be taught how to organize and store digital photo files. Students should expect at least one photographic field trip during the course. The class will meet in Room 426 in the Recreational Center. The cost of the course is \$25 and class size is limited so register early.

## June 11, 2008 **Learning About Investments**

Wednesday, June 11, 2008 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. we will have Dale Parker to present information to us about **Learning About Investments**. This session will be open to all age groups who want to learn the difference between IRAs, Roth IRAs, Annuities, Life Insurance, Bonds, and other types of investments. This class has been requested by younger individuals, and is not just for those who are near or at retirement age. We will meet in the MBT Conference Room in the Administrative and Conference Center Building on Campus. There will be refreshments provided. This class is free.

Note:

The new "Wind Turbine" was installed recently on the WSCC campus near the Ice Arena. We were expecting to have a program for you on June 18, but we are going to have to postpone it. It is disappointing, but we do not have the data necessary to present to you at this time. However, we are planning to have a program for you at a later date. We are looking for information that we can use to measure how it is working, the advantages of its alternative energy, and its instructional avenues. As soon as can gather this information, we do intend to bring you this program.

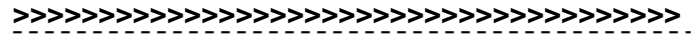


## June 18 – July 9, 2008 **Music Appreciation**

If you love music, this is for you. Professor Dan Meyers will present a Music Appreciation Class

beginning on Wednesday, June 18 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon in the Recreation Center, Room 426, for four consecutive weeks. Please call Ruth Gustafson to register. More information will be forthcoming.

**The head learns new things, but the heart forevermore practices old experiences.**



**June 18, 2008 Alaska's Beauty**

On Wednesday, June 18, 2008 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Kent and Peg Gage will narrate this power point program "**Alaska's Beauty**" of their adventures of their trip to Alaska in 2007. This will be of particular interest to those who are going to Alaska in September. This will be in the MBT Conference Room in the Administrative and Conference Building. Please call me at 845-3361 to make your reservation by Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. This class will be free and refreshments will be provided.

**"Forever Membership" to the Recreation Center**

At the April 21, 2008 meeting of the Board of Trustees of West Shore Community College, a revised plan for the future of the College's Recreation Center was approved. The College's Recreation Center was determined to be somewhat underutilized and it was decided to offer something to increase usage by the public. A special lifetime arrangement for our current senior patrons was approved. Currently, seniors who are 60+ years old now may pay the regular rate of \$180 per year or \$90 for four months. However, under the newly approved plan, a "Forever Membership" can be purchased which will cost \$120 per year and will be available to all in-district seniors who join between July 1, 2008 and September 1, 2008. Thus, it is available to any in-district senior who turns 60 between now and September 1. As long as the individual membership is continuously maintained, it will remain at \$120 a year "forever". I believe this is quite reasonable and I wanted to bring this offer to your attention.

**July 8-July 29, 2008 Explorations in Clay**

Explore basic hand-building techniques of coil, slab, and press molds using stoneware clay. Following demonstrations by the instructor, students will receive one-on-one attention as they create artwork using these techniques. Most students will complete 4-5 projects that will include a set of tiles, a planter, a large vessel, and a box form. Finished work will be glazed by the students at the end of the 4-week session and fired by the instructor. Beginners welcome! Register early as space is limited to 15. The class meets from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on four consecutive Wednesdays. The cost for the class is \$40.

**Cultural Arts Series 2008-2009**

**We are kicking off the Cultural Arts Series on Friday, July 18, 2008 with our Gala Dinner Theater.** This event is by invitation. This year the theme is "Mardi Gras" and features The New Reformation Classic Dixieland Jazz Band in the Center Stage Theater at 7:00 p.m.



**Other classes to be offered in the future will be:**

**Essentials of Writing by Veronica Jabrocki**

**Lake Michigan – Our Most Precious Resource**

**The History of Native Americans in Mason County**

On Saturday, July 19, 2008, the public performance of the New Reformation Classic Dixieland Jazz Band will take place in the Center Stage Theater at 8:00 p.m. Please put this on your calendar. July will be here before we know it!



If you have any questions or suggestions, please call Ruth Gustafson at 845-3361 or e-mail [ragustafson@westshore.edu](mailto:ragustafson@westshore.edu).

