

Bigelow Center Lifelong Learners
are pleased to present

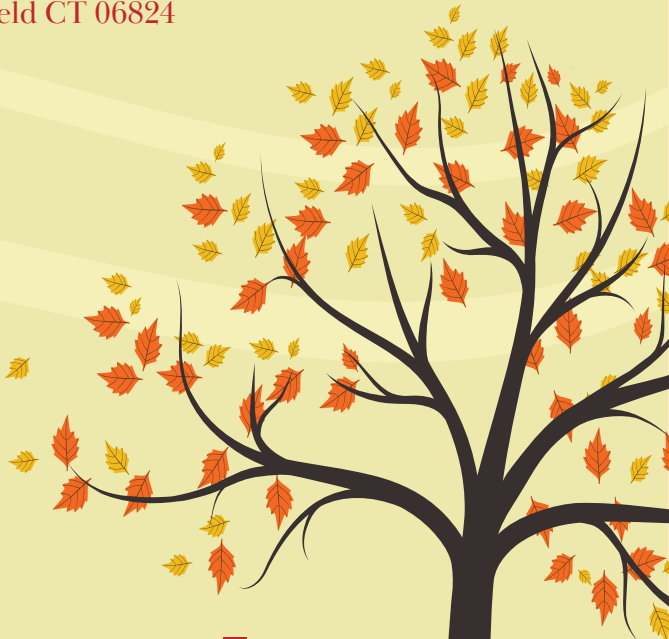
Lifelong Learners

Fall 2025

September 8th to October 30th

Live In-Person at Bigelow

Bigelow Center for Senior Activities
100 Mona Terrace - Fairfield CT 06824
(203) 256-3166



LIFELONG LEARNERS

READ CAREFULLY!

Lifelong Learners is a not-for-profit community-based organization for those who share a love of learning. This fall, Bigelow Center Lifelong Learners are proud to offer LIVE AND IN-PERSON **five weekly courses** and **five single classes**.

Courses of multiple sessions cost \$30; a one-off class costs \$12. Mark your own calendar carefully so you don't forget and miss the course dates you register for.

Please note that a minimum number of participants are required for the course to run.

The Bigelow Center no longer charges a separate registration fee for Fairfield residents. Residents of other towns will be charged \$25 a year to participate in any Bigelow programs. If you are an out-of-town resident, please remember to mail a check for \$25 addressed to the Bigelow Center c/o Janet Merando.

Once you are a member of the Center, **registration for Lifelong Learners classes may be done in the following ways.**

1. Register AND pay by credit card online on your myactivecenter.com account. (If you have not yet created an account, please call the Center for instructions on how to set up your account.)
2. In-person at the Center with cash or check. No credit cards accepted at the Center.
3. Mail in your registration and payment to the Bigelow Center, 100 Mona Terrace, Fairfield, Ct. 06824.
Attention: Janet Merando

You will not be fully registered for the class until payment is received.

FIVE MULTI-WEEK COURSES
(\$30 EACH)

A JOURNEY THROUGH ROCK 'N ROLL OF OUR GENERATION

Harvey Heyman

Monday afternoons 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

September 8, 15, 22

**ENRICH YOUR TRAVEL EXPERIENCE IN EUROPE BY
LEARNING ITS FASCINATING HISTORY**

Diane Stone

Tuesdays afternoons 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

September 30, October 7, 14, 21

TWO AMERICAN PLAYS:

***WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF?* BY EDWARD ALBEE
AND *ANGELS IN AMERICA* BY TONY KUSHNER**

Arthur Gang

Wednesday afternoons 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

September 10, 17, October 1, 8

MODERN WARFARE, LESSONS FROM UKRAINE

Olena Lennon

Thursday afternoons 1:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

September 11, 18, 25, October 9

**CHARLES DICKENS: THE GREAT NOVELIST AND
SOCIAL CONSCIENCE OF THE VICTORIAN AGE**

Dr. Marc Blosveren

Thursday mornings 10:00 A.M.– Noon

October 9, 16, 23, 30

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Learn about and relive the Rock 'n Roll history that many of us lived through. Let the good times roll!

Harvey Heyman received a BA from Brown University and an MBA from Harvard Business School. He retired in 2022 as IT Director and Business Planner for a hospital-owned chain of physical therapy clinics. Harvey is a passionate consumer of current political and social events and feels we are at a pivotal point in the health of American democracy.

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Europe's Greatest Hits, London, Paris, Venice, Florence, Rome and parts of Eastern Europe are where you may have been or want to go. Either way, to fully "see" and understand these places, historical, social and cultural context are critical. During this course, we'll visit these fabulous places to understand the "at the time" cause and effect for what are now key tourist sites and meet the "movers and shakers" who created them.

Diane Stone has been a presenter in the OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) program at UCONN Waterbury, teaching courses combining European History and travel. Her background in European history coupled with many years of business and leisure travel made her realize that her knowledge enriched her travel experience. The study of history at the undergraduate level at Queens College of The City University of New York and European History at the graduate level earned her a master's at The University of Michigan.

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Arthur Gang

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Discuss and analyze these iconic works of American drama with an expert in this field.

Arthur Gang earned a BA from NYU, with Honors in English, a JD from Brooklyn Law School, and a Masters in American Studies from Fairfield University, with a thesis on the plays of Tony Kushner. He is President of the Fairfield County Chorale, a docent at Fairfield University Arts Museum, and an instructor/facilitator at Lifetime Learning Institute, Norwalk CT.

MODERN WARFARE, LESSONS FROM UKRAINE

\$30

Olena Lennon

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September 11, 18, 25, October 9

More than any other modern war, the war between Russia and Ukraine has revolutionized modern warfare. What many assumed would be a relatively short, decisive war in Russia's favor has become a continual contest of endurance, political will, and adaptation. The course will offer explanations as to why the ostensibly superior Russia has been unable to defeat and subjugate Ukraine. The course will discuss how the Russia-Ukraine war has changed warfare on political, economic, military, cyber, information, and nuclear fronts. A special emphasis will be placed on how the West can apply lessons from the Russia-Ukraine war to improve its deterrence and defense capabilities.

Olena Lennon is an Adjunct Professor of National Security at the University of New Haven. An Eastern Ukraine native, she also serves as an election observer with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. Formerly a Fulbright scholar and most recently a Title VIII Scholar at Woodrow Wilson Center's Kennan Institute in Washington, DC, Olena has dedicated her research to domestic and international politics of Ukraine, as well as Eurasian geopolitics and security writ large. She has also conducted Ukraine country studies training for U.S. advisors to Ukraine's Ministry of Defense, under the auspices of the United States European Command Office of Defense Cooperation.

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Dr. Marc Blosweren

Thursday mornings 10:00 A.M.– Noon

October 9, 16, 23, 30

Learn more about Dickens, the man, the novelist, and his impact on Victorian England.

Dr. Marc Blosweren has a BA in Chemistry and Psychology; an MS in Science Education/Chemistry; an MA in Psychology; and a Doctorate in Science Administration. He was Supervisor of Science, NHPS; Yale Peabody Museum; Adjunct Professor in Chemistry and Science Methodology: Quinnipiac University; Sacred Heart University; University of New Haven; and Head of Master of Science and State Certification Program at Western Connecticut State University.

FIVE 2-HOUR COURSES
(\$12 EACH)

- September 9:** **HISTORY OF ART: THE SCHOOL OF PARIS**
Scott Verchin
Tuesday morning 10:00 A.M. – Noon
- September 16:** **HISTORY OF ART: THE RESTITUTION OF**
STOLEN ART
Scott Verchin
Tuesday morning 10:00 A.M. – Noon
- September 29:** **TELLING YOUR OWN STORY:MEMOIRS,**
OBITUARIES AND REMINISCENCES
Scott L. Smith
Monday morning 10:00 A.M. – Noon
- September 30:** **AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN FAIRFIELD**
Mark Barnhart
Tuesday morning 10:00 A.M. – Noon
- October 15:** **WHAT IS FASHION?**
Ellen Gang
Wednesday morning 10:00 A.M. – Noon

HISTORY OF ART: THE SCHOOL OF PARIS

\$12

Scott Verchin

Tuesday morning 10:00 A.M. – Noon

September 9

The School of Paris was not a school or even a single art movement. Instead, it refers to French and émigré artists who worked in Paris in the first half of the 20th century. During this time, Paris was the center of Western art and, between 1900 and 1940, the city drew artists from all over the world. These artists were largely met with resistance as outsiders; however, they soon proved to be equal, and in many cases, superior to French-born (and less talented) artists of that period.

Scott Verchin is an independent business consultant, focusing on the visual arts and museum sectors. Throughout his career, Scott has served such notable roles as publisher of both Museum and Archeology magazines. He has also been a contributor to Art Market magazine covering US exhibitions. As a lifelong patron of the arts Scott has frequented art museums and galleries on five different continents.

HISTORY OF ART: THE RESTITUTION OF STOLEN ART

\$12

Scott Verchin

Tuesday morning 10:00 A.M. – Noon

September 16

Art restitution refers to the return of cultural property, including artworks, to their rightful owners, often after they were illegally acquired or displaced. This can involve returning stolen or looted art to individuals, families, or countries of origin, particularly when the original transfer was unlawful, such as through theft, forced sale, or during wartime. Art restitution cases have been receiving higher than usual media attention in recent years, and it seems that no institution, government, or private collector is immune to this. Whether it's Nazi-looted art during World War II or indigenous artifacts being smuggled from their native land, the process of restitution is a complicated one with many claims remaining unsettled.

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**TELLING YOUR OWN STORY:
MEMOIRS, OBITUARIES AND REMINISCENCES
\$12**

Scott L. Smith

Monday morning 10:00 A.M. – Noon

September 29

Learn the necessary skills and processes to gather information and memories to leave a lasting personal history to your loved ones.

Scott L. Smith is an experienced journalist, podcaster and webinar host. His work has appeared in print, radio and online. He also helped produce a TV pilot on the Cape Cod baseball league. In his career he has interviewed major newsmakers in politics, business, sports and entertainment.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN FAIRFIELD

\$12

Mark Barnhart

Tuesday morning 10:00 A.M. – Noon

September 30

Affordable Housing in Fairfield: Why do we have a moratorium? What is being built or soon to be built? Why is this happening? Is this construction good for Fairfield?

Mark Barnhart has been the Director of Community & Economic Development for the Town of Fairfield since September 2002. Prior to this Mark served as the Town Manager for the Town of Stratford from 1989 to 2002. Mark holds a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Pennsylvania and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Government from Albright College.

WHAT IS FASHION?

\$12

Ellen Gang

Wednesday morning 10:00 A.M. – Noon

October 15

What is Fashion? A fun overview with images and video clips. In addition to 25 years of experience in the fashion industry, Ellen has been teaching for many years at F.I.T. in New York City, at Sacred Heart University, and at The Ellen Gang Design Studio--where teens and young adults learn to experience the joy of design.

Ellen Gang: As Director of Design & Merchandising at Knitwaves, Inc. Ellen was responsible for the design and product development of fashion-forward Infants, toddlers, 4-6x, 7-16, and young-junior lines and licensed properties and overseeing the studio with sewers, cutters, artists, garment duplication and final fit approval. She worked directly with sales, marketing, production and purchasing teams, buyers, editors and licensors.

2025 Fall Registration

This form is only for those not paying online.

Tuition is \$30 or \$12 per course (*plus a \$25 registration fee valid September through June for those not residing in Fairfield).

Name _____

Telephone _____

Address _____

Email _____

Town _____ Zip _____

Course Title _____

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Registration Fee (valid September-June for out-of-town participants). \$ 25.00

of \$30 Courses _____ x \$ _____ = \$ _____

of \$12 Courses _____ x \$ _____ = \$ _____

Total Due & Enclosed = \$ _____

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