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Upcoming Dates

No Classes on
April 20

SummerFest
Catalog published: May 4
Classes: Fridays, June 1, 8, 15, 22

Last Day of Spring Classes
May 12

LLI Annual Meeting
Friday: May 18
9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Membership Renewal and
New Member Applications**
June 1- June 21

Please see a full listing of all our upcoming events on our website calendar at bardlli.com.



Spring Events and Changes, from LLI President Tom Esposito



Photographer: Jill Lundquist (LLI)

Bard College Conservatory Students Perform for an LLI Class

Students: Zongheng Zhang, violin; Yushi Pan, viola; Lily Moerschel, cello, performing Serenade by Ernst von Dohnányi.

I hope you are enjoying another interesting spring semester at Bard LLI. I know you join me in thanking Anne Sunners and her Curriculum Committee for their inspired course offerings. We are always particularly pleased when we are fortunate enough to have Bard students participate in our classes as they do in Joan Tower's very popular course, **Creating and Playing Music**.

I look forward to seeing you in Olin in our expanded hospitality room. I value listening to your thoughts and ideas about LLI and hearing how your classes are going.

Also, our recent member survey had approximately 120 who did not respond. We look for your feedback. It is your way of showing your interest in LLI and it is your chance to communicate with us about how we can improve. This is **your** LLI.

There was a meeting for potential volunteers on April 6 in Olin. If you were not able to attend, but would like to volunteer, please contact lli@bard.edu or call (845) 758-7314.

We are in the midst of making changes to Bard LLI to align with our new Bylaws. We will alert you to those changes as they unfold. We are also modifying our calendar to align with Bard's. You will notice that our Annual Business Meeting is moving from September to **May 18. Please save that date. The event will begin at 9:00 a.m. and run until 11:30 a.m.** And we can look forward to our yearly fall kick-off meeting in September with a new format.

CCE – Center for Continuing Education at Bard College

by Jill Lundquist, Second Vice President

In the fall of 2016, LLI at Bard was put “under the umbrella” of the Center for Civic Engagement (CCE) at Bard College. At the same time, Jonathan Becker, Executive Vice President of the College and the Director of CCE, became our official administrative liaison at the College. In the spring of 2017, LLI President Tom Esposito asked me to serve as the liaison from LLI to CCE and in that role I also serve on the Advisory Board for CCE.



33 CCE student leaders working with 285 student volunteers impacting 3100+ people in 12 countries.

The statement below is the mission statement of the Center for Civic Engagement, which has a remarkable reach into the surrounding local area and the global communities through its extensive programs. I encourage you to browse around the CCE website, <http://www.bard.edu/cce/>, learn about its many impressive programs.

We have had events at LLI featuring some of them, such as their participation in Jane Diamond and Denise Ryan's **Civic Engagement, Global Crises, and Imperialism** courses; LLI Intersession presentations; the Bard Prison Initiative; and Brothers at Bard. But there are many, many more which I am certain you will find of great value and interest.

“The Center for Civic Engagement at Bard College embodies the fundamental belief that education and civil society are inextricably linked. In an age of information overload, it is more important than ever that citizens be educated and trained to think critically and be actively engaged with issues affecting public life. Through its educational endeavors in the United States and abroad, CCE demonstrates a firm conviction that institutions of higher education can and should operate in the public interest.

CCE and the Bard network use their resources to develop vibrant and sustainable programs that tackle critical issues of education and public policy. With an entrepreneurial spirit and a sense of civic duty inspired by social consciousness, the Center for Civic Engagement creates and sustains reciprocal programs and relationships locally, nationally, and globally.”

You can sign up for the CCE newsletter, read their blog, and check their calendar by simply going to their website, [Bard CCE](http://www.bard.edu/cce/), and clicking on the **News and Events** tab. CCE may also be found on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Links to each are found at the bottom of every CCE webpage, [Bard CCE](http://www.bard.edu/cce/).

Interession 2018, Interession 2019

by Gene Burns, Special Events Chair

The final presentation in our Interession 2018 program was held on January 31 in Weis Cinema, before a packed house...only 2 or 3 empty seats! *New Yorker* cartoonist Danny Shanahan wowed us with a fascinating talk and exposition of dozens of cartoons as well as some of the many front covers he has produced for the magazine. He distributed one of his cartoons and asked audience members to create a caption. The winner was selected by Danny and was to be presented with his cartoon artwork and their winning cartoon caption at a later date. Thanks to Danny and his wife, Janet Stetson, Bard's own Director of Graduate Admissions, for their time and effort in putting together this most enjoyable final Interession presentation of the year! Thanks to all our other great 2018 presenters: Lou Trapani, Don Fraser, Samantha Hill, and Lauren Rose.



Photographer: Barbara Herles (LLI)

Gene Burns, Special Events Chair

Plans are moving ahead for Interession, 2019. If you know of anyone interested in being a presenter for our next program, now only 10 months away, please email Gene Burns, Chair of Special Events, or Council Secretary Linda Bouchey at lli@bard.edu. Please include your email address. Our goal is to have our completed roster of presenters finalized by **June 1**.

***New Yorker* Cartoon Caption Winner – Kathy Oconnor**

Kathy Oconnor, a new LLI member, was the winner of the Interession cartoon contest. Danny Shanahan, *New Yorker* cartoonist, completed the final cartoon, with Kathy's caption included, and presented it to her on February 28 at Bread Alone in Rhinebeck.



Danny Shanahan and Kathy Oconnor

This is not her first attempt at a *New Yorker* cartoon. In 1980, she imagined a cartoon, then had someone draw the scene while she created the caption. Perhaps ahead of its time, her creation was not accepted back then. Kathy says: "I find humor in the commonality that people share. When given the cartoon Danny distributed in his lecture, it seemed to me that both of the folks at the bar would aspire to adjust themselves, from the inside as well as their outward appearance. The anchor to the caption, of course, was that the big guy was already an invention."

Kathy says: "I come from a family with a rich history of being known for their colorful and quirky sense of humor."



Linking to the Bard College Calendar of Events

How very fortunate we are to have the rich array of activities and events that Bard College has to offer available to us. On any given day, you might check the Bard calendar to find a film, a dance recital, a poetry reading, a concert, a salon, an art show, a debate, or a student tennis match.

By attending events on campus, you can give back to Bard and enrich your own lives at the same time. Go to the website, bard.edu/news/events/, and take a moments to check out the month's activities. Look for a small red calendar icon and the word **Subscribe**. If you hit the drop down arrow you can subscribe to all Bard events or narrow it down to specific events such as Bard College Conservatory offerings. You can also sync it so that the Bard events you are interested in show up on your cell phone's calendar.

In Case Of An Emergency

YOU SHOULD KNOW

Bard College has a trained on-campus emergency response team.

This is the *fastest* way to get help.

should there be a serious emergency — medical, fire, etc.

call (845) 758-7777 from your cellphone.

Be prepared to give your name and location.

They will provide help and call 911 if necessary.

Take a moment to place this information into your cellphone Contacts.

Stickers with this number will soon be available for the back of your ID tag.

All Class Managers have this information and are prepared to place this call if necessary.

Notes on the March LLI Council Meeting

Council minutes are posted on our website, bardlli.com, after they are approved. Click on [About Us, Governance](#) to find minutes from the last several months.

- The Council will hold a workshop on Monday, April 16. There will be a brief business meeting at 9:30, to which all members are welcome, followed by a closed session for the workshop. The purpose of the workshop is to plan for the implementation of the new bylaws.
- The Website team needs volunteers who know or would like to learn how to create a newsletter in Mail Chimp. Deborah Schwartz offers training for those interested.
- The Treasurer is preparing the 2018-19 budget for approval at Council on April 16 and reporting to the membership at the Annual Meeting on May 18.
- New LLI assignments for our future organization include Mary Deady heading Program Support, Maddy Watterson heading Membership Development, and Deborah Schwartz heading Administration/Infrastructure.

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