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Upcoming Dates

SummerFest

Registration Closes: May 18
Classes: Fridays, June 1, 8, 15, 22

Seniors-to-Seniors

Thursday, May 18

LLI Annual Meeting

Friday: May 18

Membership Renewal

June 1-21

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June 26-July 6

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May Is a Very Busy Month, by LLI President Tom Esposito

This has been a very successful Spring semester for us, with thanks as always to Anne Sunners and the Curriculum team and also to our member-presenters and to our many member-volunteers. **Our last class is May 11**, but we have much more going on after that.



May at Bard College

Photographer: Barbara Herles (LLI)

In this newsletter, you will see details about our **May 17 Seniors-to-Seniors Presentation and Tea, at 10:00 a.m. in Weis Cinema**. It's a great event and I hope many of you will make a point of coming and enjoying the delicious spread that the Hospitality Committee creates after the presentations. And on **May 18 at 9:00 a.m. we kick off our new annual cycle with the first Annual Meeting in May** rather than September. Gene Burns and his team have put together a great program.

May is also the month to register for **SummerFest**. Thanks again to Anne Sunners and Curriculum for an expanded program, with more opportunities for community members to join us LLIers in these classes. Be sure to tell anyone you know who's interested in the program to go to bardlli.com to register.

And, finally, mark your calendar to renew your membership in June. Membership is open for renewing members from **June 1 – 21**. If you have friends interested in joining LLI, tell them to check our website, bardlli.com between **June 26 and July 6**.

Thank you to the many, many members who have volunteered to make LLI work, to build our robust programs, and to help us move into the future.



Photograph by John Shuhala (LLI)

SummerFest and the Learning is Easy

What makes SummerFest special?

- A relaxed schedule with two class periods, 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
- Ten exciting courses to choose from.
- A coffee break in the Olin Rotunda with a chance to visit with friends and stroll outside the building in (we hope) beautiful June weather.
- Easy parking! The students have left and the Bard summer programs have not begun.
- Easy classroom accessibility – all classes are in Olin.
- Nonmembers are welcome – invite your friends to sample LLI.

Classes meet June 1, 8, 15, and 22. Registration is now open and is on a first-come, first-served basis, with preference to members. The program is free to members, \$50 for nonmembers and the fee may be paid online when registering. **Registration closes May 18.** To register, go to the Bard LLI website, bardlli.com, and follow the instructions for SummerFest registration. All registrations will be acknowledged by email before classes begin. SummerFest Catalog: <http://www.bardlli.com/catalogs>.

LLI SummerFest will need several **class managers** to take attendance. If you would like to help, email Elaine Habernig at ehabernig@gmail.com, or check off the box on the SummerFest registration form when you enroll.

Don't Miss the Seniors-to-Seniors Tea!

Each May, LLI "seniors" gather to honor Bard College's graduating seniors who were selected as recipients of the Dean Stuart Stritzler-Levine Seniors-to-Seniors Scholarships. The scholarships are awarded to the honorees to assist with their senior projects. The grants are one of the many ways that LLI strives to give back to Bard and to strengthen the ties between the generations.



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Seniors-to-Seniors
will be held on:
Thursday, May 17th
10:00 a.m. - noon
Weis Cinema
Bertelsmann Campus Center.



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In the past, student topics have ranged from studying conceptions of racial and bi-racial identity in Japanese culture; studying the experiences of refugees and displaced persons in Germany; exploring China's one-child policy; analyzing the functional redundancy of Presenilin-1 and -2 in Alzheimer's disease; and analyzing the London Eye and the theoretical concepts that inform the various perceptions of this urban landmark. Student films, photography projects, and original translations have also been presented.

At the end of the presentations, afternoon tea will be served with LLI member-made delicious sandwiches, desserts, and pastries. Fresh fruit is available. At this time members will have an opportunity to talk to the students and ask questions about their projects.

ANNUAL MEETING AND SPRING BRUNCH

For LLI Members

Friday May 18

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Olin Rotunda and Auditorium

Not your usual business meeting!

Stage Performances, Volunteer Recognition, Raffle.



RSVP by clicking the link: <https://bardlli.wufoo.com/forms/mhjbb9m0hi4edp/>
RSVP by Thursday, May 10 to attend.

9:00 -10:00 a.m.	Brunch
9:30 -10:00 a.m.	Quartet Performance
10:00 -11:00 a.m.	Business Meeting Volunteer Recognition President Q/A
11:00 -11:30 a.m.	Joan Tower Recognition Student Performance
11:30 a.m.	Raffle Prizes Awarded: 12 Kline meal tickets One annual membership fee (Must be present to win)



Class Evaluations Count

by Bill Tuel

As we near the end of classes for our Spring 2018 semester, please do take the time to fill out your class evaluations. You will be receiving them by email or you can find them on bardlli.com. Your feedback is important.

At the end of the Fall 2017 semester, you submitted over 800 evaluation responses, a response rate of 40%. You also took the time to make 1,341 individual comments. The Curriculum Committee appreciates the time and thought you put into those. Ratings and comments about individual courses were given to the course producer to be shared with the presenter. You also had 128 “other” comments on LLI in general, and those were shared with the entire Committee and with the LLI Council. Most of your comments were positive. Many members missed the social time that came with lunch; the new class schedule, with a break from 1:00 to 1:40 is in direct response to your feedback.

Thank you for your thoughtful comments!



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Bill Tuel

June is Membership Month at Bard LLI

June is LLI Membership Month: Renew between June 1 and 21

In a change that will simplify class registration, LLI is separating membership and registration. In June we will renew our memberships. And Bard has worked with LLI so that we will not have to mail a check! When we fill out our online membership renewal, we can pay our annual membership of \$175.00 by credit card. In July, we will register for classes as we always have, and the registration committee will have a complete list of our membership to work with.

New Members: If you have friends who are interested in LLI, tell them to go to our website, bardlli.com, between **June 26 and July 6**, to apply for membership. If they are accepted, they will receive an email by mid-July with directions for their online payment of LLI dues and registration information.

Wanted: Mentors

After a very successful first year, LLI's mentor program is continuing. This program connects current LLI members with the new member class to respond to basic concerns or questions about LLI. Later in the fall term, the program also helps place new members in volunteer positions.



Robert English

Current members who volunteer to be mentors will be paired with one or two new members. Mentors will help new members find their way at LLI, introduce them to other new members, and answer questions during their early days.

This is a great program if you want an easy and meaningful volunteer opportunity. If you would like to be a mentor, contact Robert English by **June 15** at binglish@swbell.net or call 918-758-9187. Robert will be working on this program with Carol Kleban and Nanci Kryzak.

Please Note:

Council Meeting: Our next Council meeting will be: **Monday, May 21** in Bertelsmann Campus Center. All LLI members are welcome to attend.

In Case of an Emergency While You Are on Campus: This is the fastest way to get help. Bard College has a trained on-campus **emergency** response team. **Call (845) 758-7777** from your cellphone. Be prepared to give your name and location. They will provide help and call 911 if necessary.

Linking to the Bard Calendar of Events: Go to, <http://www.bard.edu/news/events/>, and take a moment to check out the month's activities. Look for a small red calendar icon and the word **Subscribe**.

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