

Community Education

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Fall 1999

COMOX VALLEY *ElderCollege*

Registration

Our Fall 1999

Semester starts the week of Oct 12 and ends Dec 4. Course and registration information will come to all members through our brochure and newsletters.

ElderCollege is "here" and will be offering courses in the Fall semester starting October 12 and ending Dec. 4, 1999. ElderCollege at North Island College (NIC) is a program of NIC and provides learning opportunities for older adults who wish to enrich their lives through education. ElderCollege is an educational community where adults aged 55 and over explore new areas of learning. ElderCollege is peer driven, run by Seniors, for Seniors - all volunteers— working within the policies and procedures of North Island College.

Membership forms are available at NIC. The annual fee is \$10 per person.

Registration

for ElderCollege
Members will be held at NIC:

Mon, Sep 27
Tues, Sept 28
Thurs, Sept 30
Fri, Oct 1
from 9 am - 4 pm &
Wed, Sept 29
from 1 - 8 pm

At ElderCollege the learning process is lively - full of discussion, controversy and humour. Everyone is encouraged to participate with no tests, no grades and no educational prerequisites for any of our courses. Courses being planned for our first semester - Fall/99 :

- A Lively Taste - Contemporary Literature
- Listening to Jazz - Music Appreciation
- The Faces of Art - Art Appreciation NIC
- Sunshine in the South - Novels of Jane Austen
- Wine Appreciation
- Blood, Guts and Little Critters - Biology
- Age Makes a Difference - a Saturday morning Lecture Series (see next page.)
- Introduction to Windows 95 and the Internet for Seniors, offered by Computer Science Graduate Students
- This Is the Beginning - Computer Skills - Basic Level- IBM
- I Need More!! - Intermediate Level-IBM
- Macs for Muddlers - A Computer Course for non-beginners

Fees

- Each 8 week course for members - \$30
- Introduction to Windows 95 - \$48
- A limit of 2 courses per member plus lecture series

Lecture Series: Age Makes a Difference

ElderCollege's Celebration of the International Year of the Older Person

Come and participate in this interactive lecture series about "us". The guest lecturers, leading speakers in their fields, offer opportunities for informative, provocative and challenging sessions. Facilitator for the lecture series is Norma Steven, the host for "Talk to Norma", on TV Channel 10. Courses are listed on the following page.

Lecture Series: Age Makes a Difference

EldC-001 - 8 Saturdays - 10 am to 12 noon - Stan Hagen Theatre, NIC
Oct 16, 23, 30, Nov 6, 13, 20, 27 & Dec 4

Costs: ElderCollege members... \$30

Non-members of all ages ... \$50*

(*Subject to seat availability, non-members may register for the series Oct 4 - 15)

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Oct. 16 - The Seniors' Surge: Demographics of a New Millennium

Dr. Ellen Gee will give FACTS, discuss trends and the impact of this fastest growing age group. The challenge - identify the impact of these trends on our lives in the Comox Valley.

Dr. Gee is Chair of the Department of Anthropology and Sociology at Simon Fraser University.

Oct. 23 - The Myths of Age: Mostly "Strawmen"!

Myths aren't what they used to be. Are new ones needed? Dr. James Thornton will lead us through the myths that everyone seems to want to create about getting older. Why? The challenge - ask "What are the realities?"

Dr. Thornton, is an Associate Professor Emeritus (Adult Education), U.B.C. and one-time Coordinator of the Committee on Gerontology, Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Oct. 30 - Unique Life Experiences

The Hon. Bryan Williams will describe the function of his office and the administration of the court system. The challenge- ask all those questions about the court system that you have always wanted to ask and never had the opportunity.

The Hon. Bryan Williams, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of B.C., grew up in the Comox Valley.

Nov 6 - Health Care for Us? What's Going On?

An expert in health care will examine issues around the health care system and its availability, accessibility and quality. The challenge- bring your tough questions about health care.

Kim McGrail, MPH

Nov. 13 - Creating a Senior-Friendly Community in the Comox Valley

Dr. Gerald Hodge discusses why seniors are a major asset to a community and the challenges of planning a community so that seniors can remain independent and active citizens. The challenge- ask, "What should our community look like? Which facilities and services should be there? Where should they should be located?"

Dr. Hodge is a former Director of the School of Urban and Regional Planning at Queen's University.

Nov 20 - Faces of Age

Lance Woods explores the spiritual questions and issues older people face on their journey of life. He will draw on the work of Carl Jung. The challenge - consider the many faces of age and what they hold for the meaning, purpose and direction of one's life.

Lance Woods is a retired clergyman, gerontologist and grief therapist

Nov. 27 - Wisdom of the Elders

Wedlidi Speck, through storytelling, will offer insights into the reverence with which the aging population is viewed, particularly within the First Nations' community. The challenge - consider what could be learned from this.

Wedlidi Speck is a gifted speaker, storyteller, community relations consultant and facilitator of workshops in cultural sensitivity.

Dec 4 - The Fountain of Age - Creativity in Later Life

Join with some extra-ordinary older people - musicians, artists, authors, poets- from the Comox Valley who have crossed the chasm of age using their creative abilities to find continual fulfillment in later life. The challenge- enjoy and celebrate our own creativity.

Come Learn With Us for the Joy of Learning!

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