



New Frontiers News

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Important Dates

Website calendar [HERE](#).

Out-to-Lunches are the second Thursday of the month.

Jan. 9 9:30-11:00
NFLL Council Meeting
MCC Downtown and via
Zoom (email
cindyschrantz@gmail.com
for the link)

Jan. 13 and 14
7:00 am - 1:00 pm
MCC Welcome Week
Dobson Campus
[Volunteers needed](#)

Jan. 14 - Mesa Arts Classes
start
See the next page of the
newsletter to see when
these classes begin.

Jan. 17 – Spring Open
House
Red Mountain Campus
1:00-3:00 pm

Report Volunteer Hours

If you volunteered for NFLL or
MCC, please record your
hours. You can access the
form [HERE](#)

Welcome
New Member

Nancy
Palomo

Welcome to 2025!

Get ready to kickstart your learning after the holiday season

The Spring Schedule is available online and you can begin registering now! Click [here](#) to get to the Spring Schedule. Once you've found something you're interested in, click [here](#) to get to your ProClass account to register and click on the Members Acct tab. Not a member? Click [here](#) to join! If you requested a printed copy of the schedule, it will be in the mail soon.

Spring Open House

January 17, 1:00-3:00
Red Mountain Campus
Mesquite Building, 2nd floor
7110 E. McKellips Rd.
Mesa, AZ 85207

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Invite a friend or two!

**New Frontiers
for Lifelong
Learning**
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**OPEN HOUSE
SPRING 2025**

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Activities Offered:

- Non-Credit Classes
- Social Activities
- Field Trips
- Discussion Groups
- Book Clubs
- Guest Lecturers

Friday, January 17, 2025
1:00 - 3:00 pm
M-200
MCC Red Mountain Campus
7110 E. McKellips Road
Mesa, AZ 85207

Contact us:
480-561-7497

Scan the QR code
for a Campus map

Now You Know (NFLL Stats)

The Spring Schedule includes 88 classes:
24 at Southern & Dobson 19 Red Mountain
15 off-site 30 online

73 people attended the Holiday Luncheon
376 volunteer hours were recorded in November



Mesa Arts Center has partnered with New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning (NFLL) to offer 4 classes to members of NFLL and NAIL. There are limited slots for each of the following courses, and most begin in January, so early enrollment is necessary.

To request a spot in any of these courses, send an email to Suzanne Brown, NFLL Curriculum Chair, at NFLLcurriculum@gmail.com

1. Age of Wonder -- Tuesdays, Jan 14 – April 1, 14 weeks, 10:30 - noon

Join the Mesa Arts Centers' Creative Aging team to improve movement through dance. Students will use dance as a modality for telling their life story. NFLL enrollment limited to 10.

2. Zuill Bailey Concert Experience -- Wednesday, Jan 29, 2025, 10 am - 12 noon

Renowned cellist, Zuill Bailey will guide us through classical music and the concert etiquette. Join the Mesa Arts Center Creative Aging team in learning more about "Classical Music Inside Out." NFLL enrollment limited to 15.

3. You're Family to Me: Intergenerational Storytelling Workshop – Weekly in March

Join a cohort of storytellers for a series of workshops that explores the notion of family and everything they mean to us. The series You're Family to Me invites you to come as an individual, pair, or trio of people who belong to your family - which could mean people you're related to, your chosen family, work family, or any other kind of close familial connection you share.

The series will guide participants through some storytelling circles, sometimes fully open to any story and sometimes following themes like home, food, ritual, and coming-of-age moments. Participants will tell and listen to many stories; help support each other in developing and honing the craft of storytelling; and build a bond of community. The series will culminate in a free, casual performance of these stories with an invited audience.

No storytelling experience needed. Bring yourself as you are. Enrollment limited to 10 pairs.

4. Smart Phone Photography -- Tuesday, Jan 22, 1 session, 10 am - noon

This smartphone/tablet photography class will cover an introduction needed for creating photographs, from recommended settings, composition tips, lighting, and editing. The class is for individuals 55+ years. Enrollment limited to 15.

Get Involved

NFLL is a volunteer organization and our members are the ones who make it possible to offer the quality and variety of programs we have. Many of our members have been consistent volunteers and now we need to encourage more of you to participate.

Please consider what you would be interested in doing or learning to do. We need facilitators, people who want to contribute newsletter items, Committee chairs, and committee members. Council members are happy to talk about where we need volunteers. Please reach out to any of them. You can find the list of Council members [here](#).



Holiday Luncheon

Jennifer Wong

Our annual Holiday Luncheon was hosted by the Social Committee on Dec. 5, 2024, and held at EVIT (East Valley Institute of Technology) Culinary Arts Building. The food was prepared and served by EVIT's chefs-in-training.

Sitting down at our table, we could not help but appreciate the centerpiece of each table, courtesy of Joanne Handlong, who created them. It consisted of three light-filled bottles, surrounded by two green wreaths which were decorated with four removable ornamental birds.

The Holiday Luncheon ended with the EVIT students' rendition of Jose Feliciano's Christmas song, "Feliz Navidad", as they bade us farewell. Our thanks go out to everyone who helped to make the Holiday Luncheon a success!

Our heartfelt thanks especially to Joanne Handlong for her creation of the table centerpieces and to Janice Overdorff and Joan Hancock for the donation of their time and talent to produce door prizes for our Holiday Luncheon every year!



We were entertained by the Salt River Brass Band, compliments of Suzanne Brown, who won a performance and then kindly donated it to the Holiday Luncheon.



As is tradition, attendees brought non-perishable food and personal hygiene items, all of which were donated to Mesa Market, MCC's campus food pantry.



At left: Four wreaths made and donated by Joan Hancock were given out. Jennifer and Sam Wong received one!

At right: After lunch, drawings began to raffle off two quilts donated by Janice Overdorff (center), with proceeds of \$416 from the raffle going to the United Food Bank. Shirley Epp (on the left) and Lois Schaffer (right) won the quilts!



Tour of Falcon Field Airport
Jennifer Wong

New Frontiers' members attended a tour of Falcon Field Airport organized by Greg Master and facilitated by Monica Karel of the Social Committee.

Members met in the lobby of the terminal building where they were greeted by a member of the Marketing Department who gave us an introduction of Falcon Field Airport which is owned by the City of Mesa.

We got into shuttle vans for a short drive to a hangar which houses about 8 fighter planes dating back to World War II. Falcon Field Airport was used to train British pilots how to fly Stearman fighter planes before they returned to their home base to await their next assignment. The original hangar, which dates back to World War II, is easily recognizable from its semi-circular roof.



At the hangar, members were greeted by one of Falcon Field's docents who told us pilots were required to have a total of 250 flight hours in order to fly planes during World War II. He also introduced us to the two planes which airmen trained in before returning to their home base in the UK.

All of the pilots were British. However, the flight instructors and support crew were all American. During an informal chat, we discovered the father of one of our members, Robert O'Connell, used to work as a flight instructor at Falcon Field during World War II.

Most of the planes in the hangar are flown on a regular basis to keep them in working condition. Some are used to take veteran pilots for a ride. Others are used for fly-by's to honor fallen pilots.

On our return trip back the terminal building, we had a drive-by tour around Falcon Field Airport and drove by Banner Medic's planes as well as the control tower. Sadly for us, we were unable to have a tour of the control tower.

If anyone is looking for a place in Mesa from which to watch Arizona's spectacular sunset, the terminal building is available. While there, you can also see the planes departing and arriving at the airport. If you live near to Falcon Field Airport, you might be fortunate to see a WWII-era plane flying overhead while you're outside in your backyard.

Photos courtesy of: Bill Lentz, Mary Kay Owen, Cindy Schrantz, Allan Zisner

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