NEW FRONTIERS CALENDAR

DEADLINE FOR SPRING ‘22 PROPOSALS
Monday, November 15, 2021

VETERANS DAY [No on-campus classes]
Thursday, November 11, 2021

THANKSGIVING [No on-campus classes]
Thursday - Friday, November 25-26, 2021

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PARTY
Mesa Country Club, 660 W Fairway Drive, Mesa
[11AM] Friday, December 10, 2021

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE [Tentative Date]
Wednesday, January 19, 2022

CLASS REGISTRATION OPENS
[9AM] Monday, January 24, 2022

NFLL CLASSES START
Monday, February 7, 2022

DID YOU KNOW?

We are starting to record some of the classes which meet online only or meet both in person and online (hybrid classes). If you missed a class and want to see if it was recorded, you will find it on our website! Go to the PHOTOS Tab and choose Photos 2021 or CLICK HERE.

Cindy Schrantz, Vice-Chair Curriculum Committee

Bob Dukelow Strikes Again

Once again, the Curriculum Committee is a little concerned that people who are trying to dethrone me as the king of the procrastinators will wait too long to submit their exciting proposals for the Spring 2022 semester. To make your task of using the nearly fool-proof new automated proposal form easier, I’m sharing some of my ideas that you might not want to submit because I thought of them first.

1. Tic-Tac-Toe: Tips and tricks to ensure you win every time. This might involve cheating.
2. Surefire strategies to win the Powerball Lottery. Hint, be sure to buy the winning tickets.
3. The Art of the Duel. Suggestion, wear clean underwear to the training sessions.
6. Preparing the Five Favorite Recipes of Hannibal Lecter. This class may require a new risk form.

For the past ten years I have enjoyed presenting and facilitating New Frontiers’ classes. After I submit a proposal, I try to learn as much as I can about the topic. This is a hugely fulfilling process. I encourage you to try it. My suggested classes were only jokes but now it is your turn to submit your class proposals. Do it today.

Bob Dukelow, NFLL Vice-President
NFLL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, December 10, 2021 at 11:00 AM
Mesa Country Club
660 W Fairway Drive, Mesa 85201

Choose one of the entree selections:

1. Sliced Tenderloin in Bordelaise Sauce
2. Chicken Marsala
3. Grilled Salmon in Lemon Dill Butter
4. Vegetable Lasagna

Will be served with
Garden salad
House rolls with butter
Cheddar scalloped potatoes with bacon
Green beans almandine
Assortment of Desserts

Coffee, tea & lemonade served at Beverage Station

Donations for MCC’s Food Pantry (for students) such as canned goods, pasta, cereal, any items that can be reconstituted.

Also to be donated, toiletry items (such as toilet paper, soap, lotion and tissues).

There will be a Raffle for a quilt donated by Janice Overdorff. Raffle tickets will be $ 3 or four for $10. Proceeds will be donated to the United Food Bank.

Entertainment during lunch and possibly afterwards.

Several door prizes including - wreaths, glass cheese boards, poinsettias and other holiday plants.

Cost will be $22.00 for members and $35.00 for guests.

Checks to be made payable to Mesa Community College and sent to Lois Schaeffer, 2051 E Laguna Dr. Tempe, AZ 85242.

On the memo line of the check advise your lunch choice, one of the four. If you have a guest, include name and lunch choice.

Receipt of check to be confirmed via e-mail or, if need be, by phone.

Please be sure it is received by December 1st. Any reservations after that date will be an additional $5.00.
2021 – A Year Like No Other

The year 2021 is proving to be a year like no other.

It began with COVID-19 still very much with us. But there was hope. A vaccine had just been rolled out and we, the 65+ group in the community, would be the first group to receive the vaccine so life could go on as usual.

Spring saw us getting the vaccine which was first available by appointment on a first-come, first-served basis-only and was at first available only at specific distribution centers and, later on, at our local pharmacy. As more people became vaccinated, the vaccine became readily available on a walk-in basis.

With our 65+ group inoculated, we approached summer cautiously. Except for the outdoor classes which would continue to observe social distancing guidelines, New Frontiers’ summer semester would resume with online classes in lieu of on-campus classes.

Unlike last summer, when we were still looking for an answer to COVID, this summer we were optimistic that we were seeing a light at the end of the tunnel and began to have in-person meetings with our friends and family.

Fall’s arrival greeted us with news that COVID had a new variant, Delta. Since we were going into the cold winter months when COVID would be surging, we needed to be cautious. As a result, our Fall semester would be hybrid. In addition to having on-campus classes, we would also have in-person/online classes which would accommodate the needs of both those who preferred to have in-person classes as well as those who wished to continue to attend classes online.

As 2021 draws to a close, since it is looking like COVID-19 might remain with us for a while longer, we are in the midst of getting a booster shot of the vaccine. And our grandchildren will soon be able to get the vaccine which will go a long way towards eradicating COVID-19.

Jennifer Wong
Patty was born in a farming community in a small town in Wisconsin. She started 1st grade in a one-room schoolhouse with students from all 8 grades. In January, her father got a higher paying job as a contract laborer in Philadelphia for a “gas conversion” company. Needless to say, the rest of 1st grade was much bigger! The gas conversion jobs only lasted a few months. Then it was time to move back to Wisconsin to stay with her grandmothers until the next good paying job came along. Because of her father’s professional mobility, she experienced not less than seventeen school changes until she reached college. She then went to Viterbo University in La Crosse, Wisconsin and earned a major in biology.

After college, she married her husband Bob. His professional career took the family from Oklahoma where their son, David was born, then to Minnesota and on to Belgium for 3½ years and finally back to Minnesota. They lived in Burnsville MN for 12 years and Patty worked for the Minnesota Zoo.

In 1985, tired of the cold Minnesota winters, the family decided to move to Arizona as their son started college at ASU. In Arizona, Patty worked for twenty-three years at the Phoenix Zoo, in the Guest Services, Education, and Reservation departments where she retired as a supervisor in 2008. Three days later she was back at the Zoo as a volunteer!

Through the Audubon Society, Patty heard of the Southwest Monarch Study which is researching the migration and breeding patterns of monarch butterflies in Arizona and the Southwestern United States by tagging the adults.

There are four stages in the development of the monarchs – egg, larva or caterpillar, pupa or chrysalis, and adult. Milkweeds are the only plants where monarchs will lay their eggs and where the caterpillars can grow and develop. Nectar from various flowers provides the fuel monarchs need to fly. Patty has many native Arizona plants growing in her yard, but the adult monarchs especially like the Gregg’s Mist Flowers that are blooming now.

Monarchs have four generations within a year, each generation traveling a little further north from their area of hibernation than the last. During the fall, the last generation does not become reproductive and migrates either to central Mexico (monarchs from the northeastern part of the USA), or to coastal southern California (monarchs from the north and western part of the USA) where they overwinter. These migrating butterflies will become reproductive again as they move back north.

Patty has become a “community scientist” volunteering for the Southwest Monarch Study. She grows various kinds of milkweed along with nectar plants for the adults. She collects larger size monarch caterpillars and milkweed branches which she puts in a mesh cage outside on her patio. They develop and eventually turn into pupas hanging from the roof of the cage. In 3-4 weeks, they emerge as adult monarchs. She delicately tags them on a specific area of the wing prior to releasing them. The tag displays an email address and some numbers which allows the scientists get a better understanding of the monarch’s life and the whole process of migration. Some monarchs tagged in Phoenix migrate to Mexico, some migrate to California, and some stay here.

But this is not enough to keep Patty busy. She also volunteers at a downtown clinic. She is also involved with Aster Aging and takes a visually impaired woman grocery shopping or to doctor appointments. And she enjoys the many classes and opportunities to keep active through New Frontiers. In other words, Patty O’Brien does everything she can to keep young!
In the Spring semester, Jennifer Wong will tell us about the country, Guyana, formerly British Guiana, where her great grandfather immigrated from China in the 1800s.

It is the country where Sir Walter Raleigh lead several expeditions looking for the golden city of El Dorado. It is the country of Mount Roraima, a beautiful mountain which inspired Sir Conan Doyle to write “The Lost Word.”

NFLL is so fortunate to have members coming from all over the world!

Marie Ganansia

Guyana – Land of Many Waters

I had long wanted to have a pictorial reminder of my homeland which I left many years ago. Having no photos to use proved to be a hiccup. Recently being inspired, I decided to google whatever I wanted and I was amazed at what I discovered. The sky was the limit. Likewise, there was much to be found at YouTube.

In the Spring, you can share in the fruits of my labors. Join me in my trip down Memory Lane and rediscover with me the Guyana that I remember and discover what is today’s Guyana.

Learn where Guyana is located and why it is not considered to be a part of Latin America. What is Guyana known for? What is Guyana’s importance in the ecosystem? Who are the Guyanese?

Since there is much to learn, I will first introduce you to Guyana. In future sessions, you can join me as I discover the Guyana which us city dwellers have yet to discover.

Jennifer Wong
BULLETS & BEDLAM – DANGER ON THE ARIZONA FRONTIER  [Volunteering as a Facilitator]

Jay Mark is recognized for his lively, entertaining and engaging presentations. He is a historian, writer and photographer who has been in the antiques and book business since 1974.

And Jay is one of New Frontiers’ most popular presenters because of his diligent research on his subject, his wonderful photos projected during the presentation, and his delivery that always displays his sense of humor.

Friday, October 22, Jay talked about the violence in Arizona during the early mining days. Not just miners shooting each other, but lawmen quick to hang a suspect, many times in a brutal way difficult to look at.

The 50 plus NF members who attended Jay’s presentation were not disappointed. As you enjoy the photos taken by Gary Kleemann, please note the masks and distance in the seating, that helped our members feel comfortable to attend one of the first in person presentations this Fall.

Please join NF members who have reserved their seat for Jay Mark’s next presentation “WHATIZAT?!!” You will not be disappointed.

Barbara Thelander, Facilitator, Volunteer Chair

MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE THEATER & PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Volunteer Usher/Ticket Taker
The primary function of usher’s/ticket taker is to help maintain the safety of the guest at the MCC Theatre/MCC Performing Arts Center and Studios. They also provide a high level of customer service.

Duties of volunteers in this position include:
Greet and direct the public inside the facility.
Take tickets at the Performing Art Venues.
Hand out programs.
Answer questions about the facility and events.
Escort patrons to their seats.
Help at the end of the performance to pick up programs and tickets from the auditorium.

Dress code:
As a part of our team, we want you to take pride in volunteering. Patrons will see you as a representative of us. Provide prompt and professional service and dress the part.
Please wear black slacks, closed toed shoes and button up shirt.
Jeans and T-shirts are NOT ALLOWED.

*When you are done with volunteer duties before the show starts you get to see the performance for free.
A NF’S VOLUNTEER’S EXPERIENCE by Mary Adamick Volunteer Committee

Immerse yourself into the arts is so easy to do when you volunteer at MCC’s Performing Arts Center and Theatre. This semester allowed me to again enjoy in person the Community and MCC’s Band and Orchestra, the Choir Concert and Vocal Jazz Concert along with the theater performance of “Concord Floral.”

Jazz Big Band Lovers! You won’t want to miss the MPJE Jazz Ensemble with Artistic Director and Piano Extraordinaire Nick Manson. This group is made up of professional musicians and educators from around the valley. How fortunate we are to have such dedicated and talented directors for MCC’s music programs like Nick Manson, Paul Brewer, Mike King and many others.

To think, all this music comes for the price of ushering or handing out programs. After the reclusiveness of COVID, before the vaccine, now MCC’s music and art programs are here once again for our enjoyment and the pleasure of hearing and seeing the next generation of musicians and music teachers bloom and grow at MCC.

Contact Marisa Estrada at MCC if you would like to volunteer. She will contact you when events come up. marisa.estrad@mesacc.edu

Mary Adamick, Volunteer Usher

GET INVOLVED

Be a volunteer and reap the rewards
New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning

New Frontiers is an organization dedicated to adults wishing to continue their discovery of knowledge and advance their learning. Founded in 1995, New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning was created through the sponsorship of Mesa Community College.

The community college is located in Mesa, Arizona and serves the communities of the East Valley of metropolitan Phoenix. We are a peer-led, self-governed organization with interests in volunteer opportunities, travel, hiking, and healthy lifestyles.

Discovering new, lifelong friendships is an added bonus.

Isaac Asimov, American writer and professor of biochemistry at Boston University

Education is not something you can finish.

NEW FRONTIERS FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

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