Not 1, not 2, not 3, not 4, but FIVE one day SUMMER SESSION classes in 2012! Costs range from $7.00 to $21.00 per class. Plus, there will be a special get-together for those who might be interested in a nine day trip to Great Britain in June 2013. See page 2 for the class schedules; use registration form in spring catalog or go to www.jmu.edu/socwork/lli/
Summer One Day Classes!

Watercolor Painting Workshop, Thursday, June 7, 9:00am-3:00pm, Cost: $21.00, Village Hall, Virginia Mennonite Retirement Center, Limited to 10 participants

The day begins with a painting demo. Each participant will have free time to paint. A critique will be held at the end of the class. Allen Berkshire, is a self-taught artist who has developed his painting techniques and artistic vision through hard work and years of practice. Additionally, fellow artists Ray Yoder, Frank Webb and Tony van Hasselt have each served to enrich the depth and character of Allen's artwork through the sharing of their time and techniques.

Observing the Shenandoah Valley Night Sky - Thursday, June 14, 2:00-4:00pm Cost: $10.00

Astrophysics is an academic enterprise in which we have learned our universe is filled with billions of galaxies, each of which can have billions of stars. We are now learning that planets around these stars are common. Is the discovery of life next? Join us for an afternoon at the John C. Wells Planetarium on the JMU campus to learn more about these discoveries and how you can use the constellations to find your way around the night sky. If weather permits, there will be a telescope observing session in the evening. Your instructor, Shanil Virani, is the Director of the John C. Wells Planetarium and an Assistant Professor of Physics & Astronomy at JMU.

East European Orthodox Iconography - Wednesday, June 20, 10:00am-12:00noon, Cost: $7.00 Hiner Room, Memorial Hall

Icons express in images the spiritual realities that are inexpressible in words. We will undertake a close examination of the historical, cultural, theological and spiritual elements, paying close attention to technical detail. We will discuss history and styles of Iconography, traditional and modern techniques, meaning and symbolism in Orthodox Iconography. We will analyze different painting and finishing techniques, gold leafing, and egg-tempera technique. Anca Schmittou has been involved in exhibitions in United States, Romania, Hungary and Japan. She is a permanent artist at the CoArtGallery in Staunton.

Treasures of Shenandoah Mountain, Thursday, June 28, 8:30 -3:30 Cost: $21.00

Limited to 12 participants

Located west of Harrisonburg in the George Washington National Forest, Shenandoah Mountain is a popular recreation area, offering scenic views, cascading cold-water native trout streams, hiking trails, and biodiversity in abundance. It is a haven for black bear and home to 250 species of birds. Beginning in Harrisonburg, the group will caravan to Hone Quarry Picnic Area and then continue on to Reddish Knob, the highest point. We will stop a second time at Hone Quarry on our return to enjoy a bag lunch. Participants will learn about the history and ecology of the area with particular attention to wildflowers and birds. Leaders: Naturalist Diane Holsinger and Friends of Shenandoah Mountain Co-chair Lynn Cameron. Participants should be able to walk at least ¼ mile over uneven ground without assistance. Bring water, a bag lunch, wear sturdy shoes and bring a jacket and binoculars.

Architecture of Staunton, early July, cost: $21.00. Further information forthcoming

During a five block walk on Beverly St. in downtown Staunton, we’ll revel in the Revival architecture. Beginning at the synagogue, we’ll walk and talk about the various buildings down to the Trinity Episcopal Church with its magnificent Tiffany windows. In the church, we’ll be treated to a special event. Lunch will be on your own downtown.

Heads Up for this Trip!
The Best of Great Britain June 11 - June 19, 2013 (yes, that’s next year!) Approximate cost: $3500.

This nine day trip to Great Britain will begin in Glasgow, Stirling and Edinburgh, Scotland and then travel to York, Oxford and London, England. The tour will include a cross-cultural experience, a Thames River cruise and two evenings at London theater performances. Visits will be made to museums, churches, medieval abbeys and castles. A representative from Casterbridge Tours and LLI member Anna Rose Geary will meet with interested potential travelers on Wednesday, July 11, 2012 (yes, that’s this year) at 11:00 am, in Blue Ridge Hall, room to be announced.
Sierra Alewine and Kayla Swartz are the recipients of the 2011-2012 Cecil D. Bradfield Lifelong Learning Scholarship. Both students demonstrate a consistent and sustained commitment to the field of gerontology. The scholarship money in the amount of $1000 has been deposited to the tuition account of each student.

Sierra is a health communications major and gerontology minor. She volunteered with Loyalton of Harrisonburg and the Harrisonburg/Rockingham Area Agency on Aging. She also created radio public service announcements on preventing falls and was a guest speaker on the radio segment for “Issues in Aging”. She is currently completing her field experience for the gerontology minor with the eldercare attorney at Blue Ridge Legal Services in Harrisonburg. Sierra hopes to pursue a master’s degree in gerontology.

Her personal statement and reference letters support her consistent and sustained interest in the field of aging.

Kayla is a health science major with a minor in gerontology. She volunteered with various nursing homes in her home community and with Loyalton of Harrisonburg. She is currently completing her field experience for the gerontology minor with The Daily Living Center, an adult day care center in Waynesboro, VA. Kayla’s plans are to pursue a master’s in nursing in the field of geriatrics. Her personal statement and reference letters document her compassion, interest and dedication in working with older persons.

We wish both students continued success as they complete this semester and move toward graduation.

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**2011-2012 Bradford Scholarship Recipients Announced**

**Sierra Alewine**

**Kayla Swartz**

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**Don't forget these Brown Bag Lunches….**

- **May 1, 2012** Virginia Naturalist Program—Gilkerson Center
- **May 15, 2012** Growing Grapes and Creating Wine—Bluestone Winery
  - $5.00 tasting fee
- **May 29, 2012** Preview of Shenandoah Valley Bach Festival 2012

More details available in catalog or [www.jmu.edu/socwork/lli/brownbag.html](http://www.jmu.edu/socwork/lli/brownbag.html)
The following four honorees were cited at the anniversary banquet for their outstanding contributions to Lifelong Learning:

Each Spring throughout LLI's 15 years, Harvey Yoder has introduced learners to "Mennonites in the Valley." A Virginia Mennonite Conference pastor, Family Life Resource Center counselor, and social-justice activist, Harvey grew up in a Beachy Amish family in Stuarts Draft. His classes have visited schools and churches within various Mennonite divisions; shared a sumptuous lunch in an Old Order caterer's home; and observed a blacksmith at work, a softball game played, barefoot, by "plain"-clothed schoolchildren, and a Pennsylvania Deutsch lullaby Harvey recalled from childhood.

For Charles "Bill" Blair, retirement as a JMU education professor allowed deeper immersion in his favorite field of learning: history. Since then, he's brought to life the Shenandoah Valley's history (from Colonial through Civil War) and Scots-Irish heritage for Lifelong Learners, both newcomers and natives. Bill's roots in the Valley go deep. This Spring, in addition to teaching "The Colonial History of the Valley," Bill - whose A History of Mossy Creek Presbyterian Church was published in 2000 -- guided the "Grave Tidings" class through that church's cemetery, where his forebears rest.

Sandra Conrad (Chicago native, designer and restaurateur) says she’s "interested in everything." That's led her to tap many presenters for a gamut of LLI courses and "brown-bags." Topics have included gardening for seniors; Valley stained glass, artisans and bluegrass; mountain culture and folklore; and local African-American history. Among Sandra's catchy titles have been "Quaint Offerings" (local tours), "How Not To Kill Yourself In Your Own Home" (safety tips), "What Idiot Chose This Destination?" (travel), and "Grave Tidings" (this semester's local-cemetery trek).

Robin McNallie, having taught JMU undergrads from 1965-1998, gladly transitioned into sharing his passion for literature with fellow-retirees. This Buffalonian, Princeton alum, baseball fan and punster has taught 18 LLI courses, 17 of them on separate topics. (The exception was his course in Poe, offered twice.) McNallie syllabi have addressed Whitman, Hawthorne, Shakespeare, contemporary poetry, "Poetry Out Loud," "Graying Contemporary Writers on the Power of Life," "The American Short Story," and this Spring's "Rooms of Their Own: Short Stories by Women."*

by Chris Edwards
**One Year Free LLI Membership Offer**

Beginning July 1, 2012, the Lifelong Learning Institute at JMU will offer a **free, one-year membership** to individuals who have never before been a member of LLI. The new member agrees to receive all LLI correspondence by email. This includes program guides, newsletters, and confirmation letters.

This membership is valued at $20 and is required before one can register for courses or trips. To begin your free membership, send an email to LLI@jmu.edu containing your name, address, city, state, zip, phone, and email stating you would like to take advantage of this offer—call 540-568-2923.

Membership runs from July 1, 2012–June 30, 2013. If you have any questions, call the LLI office at 540-568-2923.

And….remember that there is no longer an age limit; tell your young friends and neighbors about this deal—you may be surprised at their interest! After a friend talked about their experiences during the “Mennonites in the Valley” class, a young woman in her late 20s was intrigued and is eager to attend that particular class, when it may be offered again next year.

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**The Shenandoah Valley Bach Festival:**

**Making Beautiful Music**

June 14–16, 2012

Enjoy privileged access to this acclaimed summer music festival devoted to promoting the appreciation and understanding of the music J.S. Bach and other composers, countries and eras. Meet the musicians and experience classes with festival personnel and guest lecturers who provide an insider’s look at the festival’s music and the rich history and culture of the scenic Shenandoah Valley. Meet 4 time Grammy Award winning artist, Eugene Friesen, whose work has been commissioned to celebrate the festival’s 20th anniversary.

**Highlights:**

- Tickets to two major festival concerts.
- One dinner with Artistic Director and Guest Artist.
- Six classes in varied venues with professional musicians and an arts and culture expert.
- Three delicious boxed lunches.
- Backstage access to orchestra rehearsal and noon chamber music performances.

**Cost:** $200 per participant

Register by June 1, contact LLI at 540-568-2923

(Encourage friends and neighbors to join LLI to access this unique opportunity)

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Help LLI “Go Green” by saving paper—it comes from trees, you know. Simply agree to receive all newsletters and spring and fall catalogs by email each year. Last year’s cost, just for printing was $6,200. Think what LLI could do with that “found” money! And class photographs are in COLOR online—call the LLI office NOW at 540-568-2923.
Annual LLI Meeting
May 10, 2012
5:30-7:00 PM
Massanutten Presbyterian Church
Bring a dish to share: meat and drinks will be provided

Following the meal, the LLI membership will vote to approve the following nominees and the remaining members of the 2012-2013 Advisory Board.

President: Judy Liss
New Nominees: President Elect - Knute Leidal,
Secretary - Betty Kitzmann, Curriculum - Linda Bradley,
Social - William “Bill” Dent, Publicity - Ellen Layman,
Membership—Bill Ney, Member at Large - Chris Edwards.
Remaining Members: Finance - RoxAnna Theiss,
Nominations - Alice Krech, Member at Large—Betty Hoskins,
Member at Large—Moe Philon