



# SPRING NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

*“Springtime is the land awakening.  
The march winds are the morning  
yawn.”*

*- Lewis Grizzard*

Spring, 2019 is the 26th issue of the JMU Emeriti Association Newsletter. The first Volume was printed and distributed in the fall of 2006. The sixth year of the Association’s existence, this was a time of forming new Interest Groups as well. I hope you have enjoyed the Fall, 2018 speakers, special events and especially the fellowship of both old and new friends.

*“The beautiful spring came, and  
when nature resumes her loveliness,  
the human soul is apt to revive also.”*

*- Harriet Ann Jacobs*

The Executive Board has planned several interesting opportunities for us to enjoy this spring and early summer. We hope you will join us during this beautiful time of the year. You will

find details in this newsletter and on our website at [www.jmu.edu/emeriti](http://www.jmu.edu/emeriti).

June 6th President and Mrs. Alger have generously offered to host us at the Hall of Presidents Room in the new and improved D-Hall facility. Following the reception there will be an optional guided tour of the dining hall and its diverse offerings. Parking and transportation will be provided.

Finally, I encourage you to continue to give generously to both the Association Legacy Grant and the Valley Scholars Program. You may do so anytime directly through the JMU Foundation, and also when you renew your Membership in June. Our commitment to these initiatives is a meaningful way for us to continue to connect to the JMU community.

I sincerely look forward to seeing you all at an event this spring.

Warm Regards,

**Shelia A. Moorman**

*President, Faculty Emeriti Association*

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## INTEREST GROUP REPORT *by Mary Lou Wylie*

For several years, the Emeriti Association has had active interest groups with robust membership, and we are always interested in starting new groups that reflect the interests of our members. These groups provide an informal atmosphere for emeriti faculty to gather and socialize. If you are interested in any of these groups, you can get additional information from the organizer, listed in the left margin of this page, or either of the Emeriti Interest Group Coordinators--Mary Lou Wylie (wylieuml@jmu.edu) or Bill Voige (voigewh@jmu.edu).

**The Breakfast Group** meets the second Wednesday of each month at 9 am at Hotel Madison.

**The Lunch Group** meets monthly (except in August and December) at 11:30 at a local restaurant. We rotate through the weekdays to accommodate members who have obligations on particular days. We generally have around 20 members in attendance, and spouses and guests are always welcome.

**The Dinner Group** meets every other month with the usual exception of August and December. Group members host the lively potluck dinners.

**The Beer and Hard Cider Group** meets every couple of months at various locations—breweries, beer shops, bars, restaurants and members' homes—to taste a variety of beers and hard ciders, and to enjoy the camaraderie.

**The Wine Social Group** gathers once a month to enjoy wine, food, and conversation.

**The Emeriti Book Club** meets monthly (except in July, August and December), generally on the third Monday afternoon. Our choice of books is eclectic and includes a balance of fiction and nonfiction.

**The Film and Theater Group** is a loosely structured group of movie and theater buffs who enjoy getting together with friends to go to the movies or a play and perhaps a meal before or after the show.

**The Bridge Group** meets the first Wednesday morning of each month for contract bridge.

**The Whisk(e)y Appreciation Group** meets regularly to discuss and enjoy various whiskeys (Scotch, bourbon, etc.).

**The Play-Reading Group** is active again. The group meets regularly to take roles and read plays.

**The Emeriti Friends Group** is available to provide assistance to any members needing help with transportation, meals, etc. If you would like some kind of assistance or if you would like to be on the list to help provide assistance, please contact Violet Allain.

**We are always looking for new interest groups for our members. If you have ideas for other possible groups, contact Mary Lou Wylie or Bill Voige.**

# UPCOMING FEA EVENTS



## APRIL 10, 2019 SPRING LUNCHEON

Reception 11:30 a.m., Lunch at noon  
Festival Ballroom A

Faculty Emeriti Legacy Grant recipient, Professor Trudy Cole will share her work supported by the grant. She has been focusing on the blurred lines between fine art and illustration as demonstrated in the development of her current project. Professor Cole is currently the Associate Director of SADAH and Professor of Graphic Design.

## MAY 21, 2019 FACULTY EMERITI SCHOLAR LECTURE

4:00-5:30 p.m.  
The Ice House

*Art, Relationships and the  
Apocalypse - An Author's Panel*

Dr. Kay Arthur, Professor Emerita of Art History, Dr. Esther Minskoff, Professor Emerita of Special Education and Virginia Soenksen, Associate Director of the Madison Art Collection will talk about their current publications, what motivates them to write and the processes involved in writing and publishing in their unique fields.

## MAY 16, 2019 SMITHSONIAN MALL TRIP

Mark your calendars for a trip to the Smithsonian on Thursday, May 16th. Of course, you can visit whatever you like on the mall or nearby, but there are two “treats” that may especially interest you.

The first is the Sackler-Freer’s Asian art galleries which will have a highly acclaimed exhibit called “Empresses of China’s Forbidden City,” assembled by curators from several museums working in China for four years. The exhibit covers the empresses of the Qing Dynasty, from 1644 to 1912. They were Manchu rather than Han and therefore did not practice foot-binding, although they lived in a harem. A number of the empresses became quite powerful. Also, in the Sackler-Freer is James Abbott McNeil Whistler’s famed Peacock Room.

The second option is at the National Art Gallery which will be celebrating the 500th anniversary of the birth of the famed Venetian artist Jacopo Tintoretto (he was born either in 1518 or 1519). Two exhibits from Venice are going to be combined here and will show Tintoretto’s emergence as a Renaissance master.

## SAVE THE DATE!

### JUNE 6, 2019 RECEPTION WITH PRESIDENT & MRS. ALGER

5:00-6:30 p.m.  
Hall of Presidents

Mark June 6th on your calendar as President Alger is hosting a reception for the Faculty Emeriti Association at the new D-Hall Hall of Presidents Room from 5-6:00 pm. Following the reception anyone interested may also join a guided tour of the new D-Hall facility.

Invitations to this event will come from the President’s office, including details regarding parking and shuttles to D-Hall.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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Members of the Faculty Emeriti Association are faculty and administrative faculty who have retired and have been awarded Emeritus/Emerita status. Associate members include spouses/partners of deceased members in good standing, and adjunct faculty with at least ten semesters service. FEA Membership dues are renewable annually on June 30th. Members may pay \$10 on an annual basis, or \$100 Lifetime dues.

In May, 2019 the annual membership drive will kick off with a mailing MEMBERSHIP UPDATE providing a form to complete and return by July 1st. Paid membership is necessary to participate in interest groups, special events such as our luncheons and excursions, and to receive newsletters. Please renew your membership. All newly approved Faculty Emeriti during 2018-2019 will be given membership with complimentary dues through June 30th. Currently we have 269 active members in the association.

## SMARTPHONE TRAINING

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Are you having trouble understanding how to use your smartphone?

In collaboration with the Staff Emeriti Association, we have been looking into the idea of “Smartphone 101” training but at this time we are unable to do so. HOWEVER, you can still take advantage of **FREE local smartphone workshops** through Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation.

You do **NOT** have to be a Harrisonburg resident to enroll in this **free program**.

Each program has two 1 ½ hour meetings on a Wednesday evening at the Lucy Simms Center Conference Room. There are separate programs for iPhone and Android devices. You may register by calling the Gilkerson

Community Activities Center at 540-433-2474.

Do you own a Smartphone and still find yourself confused when trying to use it? Take advantage of a two-part class with one-on-one assistance that will help you become more efficient with your phone.

Below is more information on the programs:

### **iPhone Device Workshop**

Program # 120965A2  
Wed. March 13 & 27 | 6–7:30pm

Program # 120965A3  
Wed. May 8 & 22 | 6–7:30pm

### **Android Device Workshop**

Program #120964A2  
Wed. March 6 & 20 | 6-7:30pm

Program #120964A3  
Wed. May 1 & 15 | 6-7:30pm

## Welcome New Members!

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Please extend a warm welcome to new members among your colleagues and encourage them to participate in our activities.

- **Eric Boyd**
- **Daphyne Thomas**
- **George Johnson**
- **Thomas McHardy**
- **Joan Kindig**
- **Jan Gillis**
- **Gary Freeburg**

## Forbes Center Shows

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### ***Leonce und Lena***

MARCH 19-24  
STUDIO THEATRE

### **Scharoun Ensemble Berlin**

MARCH 19  
CONCERT HALL

### **New Voices in Dance**

***Featuring JMU's Contemporary Dance Ensemble***  
MARCH 21-24  
MAINSTAGE THEATRE

### **Sing Out!**

***An A Cappella Celebration***  
MARCH 22-23  
CONCERT HALL

**See more events at:**  
[jmu.edu/forbescenter](http://jmu.edu/forbescenter)

# FEA EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



*Trip to the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C. | November 2018*



*FEA Holiday Gala | December 2018*

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- **John Edson McKee**, Professor Emeritus of Graduate Psychology
- **George "Ken" Kenneth Lewis Jr.**, Associate Professor Emeritus of Integrated Science and Technology

In order to keep this information as accurate as possible, please email to [kingsf@jmu.edu](mailto:kingsf@jmu.edu) those names of faculty who pass away.

# THE ARBORETUM CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

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Celebrating 30 years! 2019 marks the Edith J. Carrier Arboretum's 30th year as a public garden institution, honoring as the Year of the Trees. As part of this celebration, Friends of the Arboretum memberships will be available at a reduced price all year long! Learn more at [www.jmu.edu/arboretum](http://www.jmu.edu/arboretum).

### What does the Arboretum offer?

- Gardens & Jogging Trails
- Seasonal Plant Sales
- Workshops & Lectures
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Restoration Recreation
- Class Interaction & Research

### Upcoming Events

#### March 27 | 12 – 1 PM

Wildflowers of Spain Talk  
Speaker | Rae Kasdan

#### March 28 | 5 – 7 PM

Artist Talk & Reception:  
Jackie Labovitz

#### April 12 & 13 | 9 AM – 3 PM

Spring Celebration Plant Sale

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