

Charitable Giving Strategies Presentation

September 17, 2025
12:00 - 1:30 PM

Highlands Community Building
869 N 4th St, Highlands, NC



Join us for an insightful presentation designed to empower both non-profit organizations and individual donors. Whether you're part of a non-profit seeking innovative ways to engage supporters, or an individual exploring meaningful and strategic ways to give, this event will provide valuable tools and guidance to help you create a lasting legacy. Lunch will be provided for registered attendees.

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• CLE EVENTS •

Religion, literature, science and history at the Center for Life Enrichment

By Martha Pearson
CLE President

The audiences at the Center for Life Enrichment's programs this summer have come to expect engaging speakers on fascinating and often timely topics. The last two weeks of the season will continue with that tradition closing the CLE season of academic presentations with an all-star cast of speakers, many familiar to the Plateau.

Jeffrey Small, author and scholar of world religions, as well as a CLE favorite, will present two lectures. In the first, he explores how the world's religious traditions conceive of heaven and eternal life. Can religious traditions other than our own enlighten our views on the meaning of salvation? Can we find salvation during this life? These are the questions he will consider on Monday, August 18th from 2-4p at his lecture entitled, Who Goes to Heaven? Perspectives on Eternal Life from the World's Religions. He then takes up the even more complex problem of the existence of evil and suffering in the world. Eastern and Western religious traditions approach this problem in very different ways. While both recognize the imperfections in our lives, they prescribe

different paths to understanding them. This lecture, titled, The Necessity of Imperfection: Grappling with Evil and Suffering in the World's Religions, will be on Tuesday, August 19th from 10a to noon.

High Country Wine and Provisions and CLE will host one of the most highly acclaimed authors of the Southeastern United States. Ron Rash, the Parris Distinguished Professor in Appalachian Cultural Studies at Western Carolina University, will discuss the major themes of his life's work: eight novels, seven collections of short stories and four volumes of poetry. Professor Brian Railsback, Professor of English at WCU and Rash's colleague, will offer an introductory lecture to Rash's body of work and Rash will read from selections of his poetry and fiction. Rash will answer questions from the audience and Dr. Railsback. This presentation, Words from the Heart: an Evening with Ron Rash on Life, Literature, and Legacy, will be on Wednesday, August 20th from 5:30-7:30p. CLE is pleased to share that a portion of the proceeds from this event will be donated to the Literacy and Learning Center, to support their

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mission of providing educational and enrichment opportunities free of charge for all ages.

The work of another local author, Dr. James Costa, Executive Director of the Highlands Biological Station, will be featured at a cocktail reception on Thursday, August 21st from 4-6p. Dr. Costa will discuss his book, *Darwin and the Art of Botany: Observations on the Curious World of Plants*. This book spotlights 45 fascinating plants Darwin studied, and each is illustrated with beautiful, historical botanical artwork curated by Costa's co-author Bobbi Angell from the Library at the Oak Spring Garden Foundation in Upperville, Virginia.

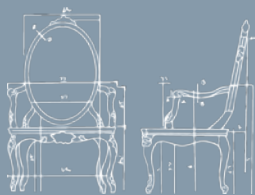
In *The Future of Nuclear Power – An Insider's Perspective*, John Kotek, Senior Vice President for Policy and Public Affairs at the Nuclear Energy Institute, will address the important topic of next-generation nuclear energy systems. He will explain the growth in demand for clean electricity driven by data centers and AI companies, and how nuclear energy fits into meeting that demand as well as the plans of US utilities to decarbonize electricity generation.

Finally, Dr. Catherine Lewis, Professor of History at Kennesaw State University and Assistant Vice President of Museums, Archives and Rare Books at KSU will present two lectures. She will examine the role

of women in World War II, which she calls a "woman's war" because of the numerous and varied roles women played in that global conflict. As the title, *Beyond Rosie: Women and World War II*, suggests, Lewis will show that women were not only wartime production workers, but also served in auxiliary military units, in resistance groups, as journalists and USO performers, among many others. Lewis then focuses on Hollywood's role in the World War II effort. She will examine how Hollywood supported the war producing newsreels, military combat footage, short films, cartoons and full-length features with which we are all still familiar, including *Casablanca*. Rosie will be presented on Monday, August 25th from 2 to 4p and Hollywood on Tuesday, August 26th from 10a to noon..

With the exception of the Rash and Costa events, these presentations will take place at CLE's Lecture Hall, located in the Peggy Crosby Center at 348 South 5th Street. The cost for each program is \$30 for CLE members and \$40 for nonmembers. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information about those programs or to register for either the Rash or Costa events which are \$70 for CLE members and \$80 for nonmembers, please visit clehighlands.com or call (828) 526-8811.

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Highlands-Cashiers Center for **Life Enrichment** Program Highlights

Unveiling the Smokies: How Discover Life in America (DLiA) is Mapping the Hidden Biodiversity of the Great Smoky Mountains

Presenter: Todd Witcher, Friday, August 15, 10am-noon,
\$30 Members /\$40 Nonmembers

Night Visions: Unlocking the Secrets of Photography After Dark

Presenter: Kevin Adams, Monday, August 18,
10am-noon, \$30 Members /\$40 Nonmembers

Who Goes to Heaven? Perspectives on Eternal Life from the World's Religions

Presenter: Jeffrey Small, Monday, August 18,
2-4pm, \$30 Members /\$40 Nonmembers

The Necessity of Imperfection: Grappling with Evil and Suffering in the World's Religions

Presenter: Jeffrey Small, Tuesday, August 19,
10am-noon, \$30 Members /\$40 Nonmembers

Alcohol Inks (Advanced Art Workshop)

Instructor: Mary Cavaoli, Tuesday, August 19,
2-4pm, \$85 Members /\$95 Nonmembers

Words from the Heart: An Evening with Ron Rash on Life, Literature, and Legacy

Presenters: Ron Rash and Brian Railsback, Wednesday,
August 20, 5:30-7:30pm, \$70 Members /\$80
Nonmembers, Location: High Country Wine & Provisions

Author Reception: Darwin and the Art of Botany

Presenter: Dr. Jim Costa, Thursday, August 21, 4-6pm, \$70
Members /\$80 Nonmembers

The Future of Nuclear Power - An Insiders Perspective

Presenter: John Kotek, Friday, August 22, 10am-noon,
\$30 Members /\$40 Nonmembers

Beyond Rosie: Women and World War II

Presenter: Dr. Catherine Lewis, Monday, August 25,
2-4pm, \$30 Members /\$40 Nonmembers

Hollywood Goes to War

Presenter: Dr. Catherine Lewis, Tuesday, August 26, 10am-noon, \$30 Members /\$40 Nonmembers

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