

DOWNEAST SENIOR COLLEGE



**Fall 2018
Course Offerings
September - November**

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Fall 2018 Course Descriptions

Monday Courses

- Global Climate Change** *October 1, 8, 15, & 22* *10:00 am – 12:00 Noon* **NO LIMIT**
Climate change is the biggest problem facing civilization today. Our grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and descendants not yet born will live in a climate vastly different from which we have now. This course will explain the science of greenhouse gas warming, how carbon dioxide is produced, and the carbon cycle. We will look at the earth as a system with four components: atmosphere, hydrosphere, biosphere, and geosphere, and see how the warming driven by increasing carbon dioxide effects each of these components. We will investigate the climate change predictions out to 2100, and the environmental, social-economic, health, and political effects these changes will produce. Finally, we will turn to many of the solutions being implemented now and proposed for the future to mitigate climate change.
Instructor: Dan Koch is retired from Mt. Desert Island High School, where he taught Chemistry, Math, and Special Education. With a co-worker, he developed and implemented a Portfolio Project for the chemistry curriculum at MDIHS, where students researched the aspects and implications of Climate Change.
DSC Contact: Dan Koch (667-3586) **SITE:** Ellsworth City Hall, Council Chambers
- American Short Stories in the 20th Century** *November 5, 12, 19 & 26* *10:00 am – 12:00 Noon* **(Limit: 15)**
Many literary critics say that the short story is an American invention, and arguably the most important literary genre to have emerged in the United States. In this readers' group we will explore some of the best short stories of the century for themes, writing styles, and how they reflect our changing culture.
Instructor: Monica Moeller is a literature lover who has a liberal arts degree. She worked as a librarian, & later in the computer industry, where for almost 45 years she led project teams, taught & mentored about new tools & techniques. This is Monica's third literature course for DSC. Her courses have garnered rave reviews from students.
DSC Contact: DSC Contact: Peggy Emigh (422-9006) **SITE:** Trenton Animal Shelter, Rte. 3, Trenton

Tuesday Courses

- Great Indoor Fun for Families and Guests** *SEPT. 18 & 25; Oct. 2, 9, 16 & 23* *10:00 am – 12:00 pm* **(Limit: 8)**
Last year's Board Games course was such a huge hit that no one wanted it to end, thanks to Pat Summerer, who started out as a one-session volunteer helping us get started, and ended up being a superlative teacher of the course. Pat suggested she teach a 6-week course this time around. The games will include board games, dice, tile, and cooperative games. Learn new games to play with your friends, grandkids, even two-person games for you to enjoy with your favorite companion.
Instructor: Pat Summerer is a former music teacher with four children, two grandchildren (and three sisters) who love to play games. Her oldest son works in the board game industry, reviewing games and talking about them on a podcast called "The Dice Tower." He often passes along games he thinks Mom and her friends will like.
DSC Contact: Pat Summerer (963-7182) **SITE:** Trenton Animal Shelter, Rte. 3, Trenton
- Drawing Portraits** *October 2, 9, 16 & 23* *1:00 pm – 3:00 pm* **(Limit: 8)**
Mary Newman will demonstrate portrait drawing of a different live model each week. **Students: bring drawing supplies and an easel (if you have one)** so you can learn the process by participating along with Mary. A different model will be needed each week, so if you have a friend or family member who will volunteer, please call 963-7674 or 422-8239.
Instructor: Mary Newman, a graduate of the Boston University School of Fine Arts, has been a portrait painter/drawer for 65 years.
DSC Contact: Evelyn Carpenter (422-8239) **SITE:** St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Ellsworth
- World War I: The Great War** *Oct. 30, Nov. 13, 20 & 27* *10:00 am – 12:00 Noon* **NO LIMIT**
At 11 o'clock am on the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918, the Great War ended. This November will see the 100th anniversary of the Armistice, and we will commemorate it with a course whose theme is "The Great War – Setting the Stage for World War II."
Instructor: John Wingert is an amateur military historian whose specialty is the American Civil War, but whose wide-ranging interests include many facets of American history. Now living in Maine, he brings his historian's perspective to local aspects of the American Revolution. John Wingert has taught several history courses for the Senior College.
DSC Contact: John Wingert (584-5444) **SITE:** Ellsworth City Hall, Council Chambers

Wednesday Courses

Cemetery Art "Stone by Stone" *September 19 & 26, October 10 & 17* *2:00 pm – 4:00 pm* **(Limit: 20)**

This course is about uncovering local history in historical burial grounds. Learn how almost-lost Mill Pond Cemetery in Corea, Maine was recovered and resurrected; how cleaning, doing rubbings, and even some repairs are "loving cemeteries to death." The last class will be a tour of a local cemetery to learn the *Do's and Don'ts* of historic cemetery preservation.

Instructor: *Jennifer Stucker is an active member of Maine Old Cemetery Association (MOCA) and the Association for Gravestone Studies (AGS), and has received awards from both organizations. For the past ten years, she has spent hundreds of hours developing her skills, and has worked with numerous professional conservators, earning the title "The Lichen Lady."*

DSC Contact: Evelyn Carpenter (422-8239)

SITE: ELLSWORTH CITY HALL AUDITORIUM

Thursday Courses

Memory Slices *October 4, 11, 18 & 25* *1:00 pm – 3:00 pm* **(Limit: 15)**

Everyone has a story, and learning to tell it well is what we will explore in the four weeks of classes. This course will introduce to beginners some fun ideas and techniques. Come join us in learning to write slices of life that may flourish with embellishments or provide a living account of memories to share with families. All those pictures stored in boxes can give your written word life again. The choice is yours. There will be assignments each week that you may share in class if YOU desire.

Instructor: *Linda Stevens has been a nurse for 25 years. Writing is one of her hobbies.*

DSC Contact: Elaine Dow (667-0251)

SITE: St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Ellsworth

Maine Edibles *September 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 10 to Noon, and November 1 from 2 to 4PM* **(Limit: 20)**

This class will consist of field trips to a variety of food production settings:

September: Getting ready for your own raised bed gardening: ME Cooperative Extension; 10 am-12 Noon, Ellsworth City Hall

September 13: Raising Halibut indoors: Franklin facility

September 20: Green Lake National Salmon Hatchery

September 27: Jock Crothers of Sorrento, Oyster Farmer - lecture 10 am-12 Noon, site TBA

November 1: Sea Vegetables - 2 to 4PM, Ellsworth City Hall

Instructors on-site

DSC Contact: Fran Trefts (422-2259)

DESIGNING THE MOORE CENTER *October 4, 11, 18 & 25* *10:00 am – 12:00 Noon* **(Limit: 12)**

Have you ever wondered what it is like to design a 5-million-dollar community center? This course will give participants a hands-on journey through the actual process of designing the renovations and additions to the historic building. Through a series of design exercises, participants will grapple with some of the challenges the design team faced, try out solutions of their own, and ultimately gain an understanding for why the project turned out the way it did.

Instructor: *Mike Sealander, AIA, is a Maine Licensed Architect practicing in Ellsworth. He was the principal in charge of the Moore Center addition and renovation project. Mr. Sealander has a Master of Architecture degree from Columbia University. He practiced in San Francisco prior to moving to Maine.*

DSC Contact: Peggy Emigh (422-9006)

SITE: Moore Community Center, Art Room

Friday Courses

Breweries/Wineries *September 7, 14, 21, & 28* *meet at 1:00 pm* **(Limit: 10)**

This fall we'll hit the road again for some delicious tastes in beer! For a new taste, we'll try the "green growth" at Marsh Island Brewing in Orono. This green growth is made from tree tips, just like a Christmas Wreath. Should be very interesting. We'll also go to visit The Friar's Brewhouse in Bucksport. Friar's Brothers Kenneth and Donald Paul also have a wonderful bread you can take home. We'll also go to the Sea Dog Brewing Co. and 2 Feet Brewing in Bangor.

Sept. 7 - The Friar's Brewhouse in Bucksport; Sept. 14 - Marsh Island Brewing in Orono;

Sept. 21 - Sea Dog Brewing Co. in Bangor; and Sept. 21 - 2 Feet Brewing in Bangor.

Facilitator: *MJ Smith is a retired professional tour guide who has led many tours with a great many Downeast Senior College students of this fascinating part of New England.*

DSC Contact: MJ Smith (667-8049)

SITES: Meet at 1:00 PM at the UMA Ellsworth Center parking lot, Mill Mall

Friday Courses

Deep Ecology #2 **CLASS PRICE: \$15** *November 2 and 9* *10:30 am – 12:30 pm* **(Limit: 20)**

Session #1: Hugh Curran will resume acquainting his audience with the ecological practices of Celtic and other nature-oriented cultures. From the computer dictionary: "Deep Ecology is an environmental movement and philosophy that regards human life as one of many equal components of a global ecosystem." **Session #2:** This session will deal with the cultural influence of immigrants from Celtic areas on the culture of the northeastern United States.

Instructor: *Hugh Curran was born in Donegal, Ireland in a Gaelic-speaking family. After immigrating to northern Canada, the family lived in Ontario & Alberta. He attended St. Francis University in Nova Scotia &, after moving to the U.S., he studied psychology at Temple University, later becoming a Zen monastic at the Rochester Zen Center. He made an extensive pilgrimage to religious centers in India & Japan. In Maine, he became a founding member of the Morgan Bay Zendo, where he is on the Board of Directors & guides retreats. He currently teaches courses & workshops on Celtic Mythology & Early Irish Literature. Hugh maintains a deep interest in Celtic matters & continues to explore the golden age of Celtic spirituality, especially Irish & Scottish spirituality from the 6th to the 10th centuries.*

DSC Contact: John Van Pelt (667-8723)

SITE: TBA

Saturday Outings

Blue Hill Rifle & Pistol Club *Sept. 15, 22 & 29 – see below for times* **(Limit: 5)**

The Wild West lives on at the Blue Hill Rifle & Pistol Club in the shooting sports of Cowboy Action Shooting, Cowboy Fast Draw, & Gong Shooting (buffalo hunting). Participants use firearms of the Wild West era, original or reproductions. The **Buffalo Hunters** shoot single-shot black powder cartridge rifles at steel buffalo targets. **Fast Draw** shooters pair up one-on-one in classic gunfighter competition and shoot wax bullets from .45 cal. single-action revolvers at steel targets wired to timing systems. **Cowboy Action** involves shooting revolvers, lever-action rifles, and shotguns of the 1865 to 1899 era at steel targets. Cowboy era costuming is required for **Cowboy Action & Fast Draw**. We will visit the Blue Hill Rifle & Pistol Club on three Saturdays in September to watch and learn about these exciting western-themed shooting sports. Class members will have an opportunity to try out the firearms and targets under close supervision. Each of these shooting sports has strict but simple safety rules that will be explained to class members. The Blue Hill Rifle & Pistol Club requires each participant to sign a Liability Waiver. Eye and ear protection is required. Class limit is 5 adults. Grandparents may bring grandchildren 9-years-old or older. Information packets will be available. You will provide your own transportation to the Blue Hill Rifle & Pistol Club.

Schedule: **Cowboy Fast Draw – Saturday, September 15 at 9:30 AM**

Gong Shoot – Saturday, September 22 at 9:00 AM

Cowboy Fast Draw – Saturday, September 29 at 8:30 AM

Instructor: *Dan Koch is a past President of the Blue Hill Rifle & Pistol Club and an active participant in the three Wild West shooting sports. He is a Range Officer and instructor for both Cowboy Action and Cowboy Fast Draw.*

DSC Contact: Dan Koch (667-3586)

SITE: Blue Hill Rifle & Pistol Club

Frenchman Bay Guided Hikes *October 6, 13, 20 & 27* *9:30am meeting time* **NO LIMIT**

THESE HIKES ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

**Schoodic Bog – October 6; Salt Pond, Hancock – October 13; Mariaville Falls – October 20; and
Corea Heath – October 27.**

DSC Contact: Evelyn Carpenter (422-8239)

SITE: Meet at Tidal Falls, off East Side Road, Hancock

Do you know someone who would like to teach a course?

Would you like to teach a course? Talk to us!

DOWNEAST SENIOR COLLEGE offers courses and activities to persons at least 50 years of age living in Hancock & Southern Washington counties. No exams, grades, or degrees are required for participation. DSC's curriculum is derived from the land and the people. "Downeast Maine" is our primary text – its land and sea, its fauna and flora, and its people. Our courses include both traditional reading-related courses and non-traditional "hands-on" courses.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP (7/1/18 – 6/30/19) is \$25. Membership entitles you to participate in any senior college in the statewide network.

COURSES AND ACTIVITIES: Tuition is \$25 per course, unless otherwise listed. *No refunds.* Outings are free but may include a transportation cost or entrance fee. If you pay for two courses, a third one is free.

CONTACTING DSC: If you need a fast answer about a course, call the DSC contact person for that course. If you need an answer to another question, please contact the program chair, **Peggy Emigh at 422-9006**. She will return your call as soon as possible. Or e-mail us at dscinfo@maine.edu.

REGISTER SOON: We have no registration deadline, but it is a good idea to register promptly. Some courses fill quickly. *Some courses require materials for the first session.*

PHONE NUMBERS & E-MAIL: Please include your phone number and email address on the registration form. We may need to notify you if a session is moved. Some courses have times and places to be determined at a later date. *We like to be able to notify you as soon as possible.*

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