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**SPRING 2025 ALI MICHIGAN CATALOG AND  
REGISTRATION FORM**

**NEW FOR SPRING 2025**

**Two Ways to Register** - **ON-LINE:** Class information, registration and payment can be made by going to the ALI Website “[alimichigan.org](http://alimichigan.org).” The registration form and payment instructions are provided. A receipt will be mailed to you with class information. **MAIL IN:** You can also register by filling out the registration form located in the catalog and mail with your check to ALI, PO Box 134, Chelsea, MI 48118 Confirmation will be sent to registered students.

**FEE SCHEDULE** - The **class fees** will range from \$20 to \$35 based on the total number of times the class meets. There may be additional fees for course materials or supplies. Registrations will be accepted during the semester as long as class spaces are available. **WE ARE PROVIDING MORE CLASSES WITH ZOOM.** CLOSED classes will be posted on the ALI website at [www.alimichigan.org](http://www.alimichigan.org).

## ALI Michigan Spring Classes, 2025

Many great courses are scheduled from February through May, 2025.

The Adult Learners Institute (ALI) located at 5 HEALTHY TOWNS OFFICES in the Chelsea Wellness Center, provides a diverse selection of quality community-based learning experiences and camaraderie for adults. ALI is a nonprofit (501c3) Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) affiliated with Road Scholar Institute Network, a group of similar organizations.

**ALI is always looking for additional volunteers to help fulfill its mission.** Examples include: audio-visual, class assistants, curriculum planning, catalog editing, and one-day events. **Audio-Visual volunteers** will not be charged for the class they are assisting. **Class Assistant volunteers** will receive one \$20 certificate to be used on future classes. Please note, class assistants will be selected and notified by ALI before the class begins.

The ALI Board is also looking for new Board members. Board members attend a once-a-month Board meeting.

For more information: call 734-292-5540 to leave a message, Our website is [www.alimichigan.org](http://www.alimichigan.org).

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**PLEASE NOTE: ALI classes (except "ZOOM ONLY") are cancelled when Chelsea District Schools are closed due to inclement weather [Call 734.433.2275 for information].**

**IN-PERSON** classes will be limited by location space and will follow all COVID-19 safety measures, along with following the class venue COVID protocol. **Therefore, these classes are subject to cancellation or possibly changed to Zoom.**

**ZOOM** classes can be connected by using your smart phone or computer. Information will be provided by email to **registered students only** prior to the beginning of the class.

Registrations will be accepted as long as there is availability.

**ONE FREE** class is being offered with our partner, the Chelsea District Library. Consult the catalog for the class descriptions, date, location, and time. Registration for the Chelsea District Library class must be made by calling the CDL directly (734-475-8732 ext 219).

Additional catalogs and registration forms can be printed from the ALI website at [www.alimichigan.org](http://www.alimichigan.org) **OR**, will be available at the Chelsea Senior Center and Chelsea and Dexter Libraries, along with other public locations in Chelsea, Dexter, Manchester, Grass Lake and Stockbridge.

The Adult Learners Institute is grateful for the continued support of the 5 Healthy Towns Foundation, the Chelsea Senior Center, and the Chelsea & Manchester District Libraries, the Cedars of Dexter, Our Savior Lutheran Church, and Chelsea Retirement Community for their partnership in ALI's Spring 2025 semester. We also thank previous supporters Silver Maples, First United Methodist, St. Paul, North Lake United Methodist, and St. Mary churches.

## ADVENTURES IN NOVA SCOTIA

**Mike & Cathy Muha**

1 Friday, April 25

1:00 to 3:00 pm - *Chelsea Senior Center, 512 W. Washington St., Chelsea, Room 114*

### IN-PERSON

Join Mike and Cathy Muha on their driving trip from Chelsea to Nova Scotia and back, including a stop in Maine and a visit to Campobello, the only International Park in the world. Learn about the Great Explosion of 1917 in Halifax, the largest man-made detonation until the nuclear bomb. Take the Cabot Trail tour of Cape Breton Island, where you can see where Nova Scotia got its name (means "New Scotland"). There will be more on the history and beauty of this land, as well as art and food. Then join us on the drive home, visiting Quebec's Old Town and vibrant Montreal.

**Mike Muha** is retired after many years as a Software Consultant and Technical Trainer.

**Cathy Muha** retired from the University of Michigan Health System, where she served as Web Master for the Nursing Department. They always find the time to travel. Their trips abroad have included: Vietnam, Laos, England, Scotland, Italy, Amsterdam, Thailand, Hungary, Romania, Switzerland, Peru, Ecuador, Mexico, United Arab Emirates, Czech Republic, Vancouver Island, BC, Jamaica and Bermuda (and of course Canada).

## AMERICA'S WESTWARD EXPANSION (1787-1890)

**Katherine R. Willson**

1 Wednesday, March 19

10:00 am to 12:00 noon - *Chelsea Retirement Community, 805 W. Middle St., Chelsea, Dancey Bldg.*

### IN-PERSON & ZOOM

Did your ancestors journey into the vast expanse of the Louisiana Purchase, the most significant land acquisition in American history? How did Lewis and Clark's exploration influence future generations? Did they traverse the Oregon Trail, seek fortune in the gold rush, or become homesteaders in an untamed frontier? Was their mail delivered by the Pony Express or the newly-constructed transcontinental railroad? While westward expansion brought prosperity to many, it also inflicted displacement and profound injustices on Native Americans, Mexicans, Mormons, and enslaved individuals. We will examine 25 events between 1787-1890 that defined the westward expansion of America.

**Katherine R. Willson** is a national genealogy lecturer at regional and national events; a full-time researcher for clients; and a genealogy educator for 25+ years, including courses for the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy and the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh. She is the founder & past President of the Virtual Genealogical Association, past President of Michigan Genealogical Council, and past board member of the Association of Professional Genealogists. Her website ([SocialMediaGenealogy.com](http://SocialMediaGenealogy.com)) contains valuable resources for genealogists.

## ATTRACT BUTTERFLIES TO YOUR GARDEN

**Carol Brodbeck**

(Presented in cooperation with Washtenaw Community College)

1 Monday, April 7

1:00 to 3:00 pm - *Chelsea Senior Center, 512 W. Washington St., Chelsea, Room 114*

### IN-PERSON & ZOOM

Attract these flying beauties to your garden (and containers) which will also help to pollinate your plants. Expect to learn what flower colors and shapes attract them and why and other items that they need, such as basking areas, shelter, water, mud puddle areas, plants for their young (those hungry caterpillars) and of course courting behaviors.

**Carol Brodbeck** is a degreed Biologist, Certified Advanced Master Gardener, and National Garden Clubs, Inc Five-Star (Accredited Master Gardening, Landscape Design, and Environmental Consultant and Master Flower Show Judge). She has been presenting to diverse audiences (age, backgrounds and interests) and organizations (e.g., libraries, garden clubs, social clubs, historical societies, museums) on varied topics (i.e., gardening, nature, vintage/antique aprons) for the past twenty years throughout southern Michigan.

## THE BEATLES - EVERYTHING YOU NEVER KNEW

**Bill O'Reilly**

1 Monday, April 21

1:00 to 3:00 pm - *Chelsea Senior Center, 512 W. Washington St., Chelsea, Room 100*

### IN-PERSON & ZOOM

Whether you're a Beatles fan or not, their behind-the-scenes stories are quite fascinating. They were far from being an overnight success. Bill O'Reilly will share details from their very early origins to years beyond their break-up. The presentation will include dozens of rare photos to accompany the little-known stories behind the foursome who changed the music world and helped define a generation.

**Bill O'Reilly** is a very experienced presenter having put together many programs over a wide range of topics - Genealogy, Ireland, Scotland, Chelsea History and so on. He is a lifelong fan of the Beatles and has gathered many behind the scenes stories and photos into a visual and musical presentation on the legendary Beatles. Bill recently returned to his role as President of the Chelsea Area Historical Society, and he serves on the board of Scotland based Clan MacAulay. Among his many previous roles, he has served as the Executive Director of the Chelsea Senior Center, President of the Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan, and President of the Ford Homes Historic District.

## **BRAVERY AND INNOVATION: EARLY AVIATION HEROES**

**Wendy Zielen**

1 Friday, April 11

1:00 to 3:00 pm - *Chelsea Retirement Community, 805 W. Middle St., Chelsea, Dancey Bldg.*

### **IN-PERSON & ZOOM**

Imagine waking at 4 a.m., donning a wool-and-leather flight suit, and ascending in an open cockpit to 20,000 feet on fragile wings of spruce and silk. You volunteered for this deadly mission, knowing your life expectancy was less than six weeks. How did America's WWI aviators overcome impossible odds, shortening the war and saving countless lives? Explore their thrilling stories, with a special focus on Michigan pilots from our hometowns, and discover how they mastered risk with courage and resilience.

**Wendy Zielen**, originally from upstate New York, became a lifelong Michigander after meeting her husband at the University of Michigan. She serves as the Executive and Development Director of Bendix Academy, a nonprofit in Brighton, Michigan, dedicated to fostering mentorship through hands-on toolmanship education. Wendy is deeply committed to historical preservation and advocating for youth in underserved communities. Inspired by American heroes like aviator Eddie Rickenbacker, her passion for history deepened while retracing her Doughboy grandfather's footsteps across France during the Great War.

## **DEXTER AND CHELSEA: A COMPARISON OF TWO CITIES**

**Grace Shackman**

(Presented in cooperation with Washtenaw Community College)

2 Wednesdays, April 9 & 16

1:00 to 3:00 pm - *Manchester District Library, 912 City Rd., Manchester*

### **IN-PERSON**

This class will look at the history of Dexter and Chelsea within the context of the rest of the county. Two sessions, both power point presentations, will include a variety of subjects including the original Native American residents, the founding of the towns by two different men with different aims, various modes of transportation, historic buildings still standing, and more.

**Grace Shackman** became interested in local history when she moved into a neighborhood which had been an enclave for people who were German or German heritage, which led her to bigger subjects on the history of Ann Arbor as a whole. A job as a reporter for the Dexter Leader and Chelsea Standard papers began her interest in Western Washtenaw County.

## **EXPLORING MUSICAL THEATRE**

**Chris Lenehan & Hank Muir**

4 Fridays, February 28 & March 7, 14 & 21

1:00 to 3:30 pm - *Chelsea Senior Center, 512 W. Washington St., Chelsea, Room 114*

### **IN-PERSON**

This class is a continuation of a previous popular film series, presenting four new films geared for those of us who like musical theatre. Each movie is preceded by an introduction including a brief history of the production and information about the authors, composers, lyricists, casting, location, difficulties, and interesting trivia. After the showing there is time for questions, comments and discussion.

**Chris Lenehan** is a retired physical therapist who has loved music all her life and remembers singing along with Shirley Temple movies. Her first role was as Cinderella in the sixth grade, but musical theatre really hooked her in high school when she played Rose in "Bye Bye Birdie." She sang and danced her way through high school, and then at the University of Pennsylvania enjoyed the sanity that theatre brought in the midst of studying for her PT and biology degrees. She has presented this course for several years now and enjoys it more each time. Chris and her husband have three children, and her all-time favorite role is being a mom.

**Hank Muir** is a retired teacher and medical practice administrator. He has a bachelor's degree in social studies from Graceland College, a masters in history from the University of Nebraska, and he is a Fellow in the American College of Medical Practice Executives. Hank has lived in Chelsea since 2003 and is a collector of books, records and movies.

## **FINDING OIL IN MICHIGAN**

**Steve Daut**

1 Monday, March 3

1:00 to 3:00 pm - *Cedars of Dexter, 411 Cedars Lane, Dexter*

### **IN-PERSON**

An estimated 60,000 oil and gas wells have been completed in Michigan, and 4,500 of those are producing oil or gas. Currently, Michigan ranks as the 17th state in oil and gas production, and it has the most underground storage in the country. This course provides a look at how oil is formed, how it comes to be trapped underground and how it is extracted and produced. We will also look at the specific types of oil production that make our state unique. Prior to his current avocation as a storyteller, **Steve Daut** had a successful career as a geologist, geophysicist, and consultant in the oil/gas and environmental industries. He obtained his BS and MS degrees in geology from the University of Iowa in 1978 and 1980, respectively, and moved to Michigan in 1982 to work for a small oil company in Jackson,

Michigan, branching out on his own as a consultant in 1987. During this time, he designed and managed geophysical exploration programs and advised clients on multimillion dollar drilling ventures.

## **HISTORY OF CHURCH MUSIC - PART 2**

**Rev. Daniel W. Pezzica**

3 Tuesdays, March 18, 25 & April 1

1:00 to 3:00 pm - *Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1515 S. Main St, Chelsea*

### **IN-PERSON & ZOOM**

In "History of Church Music - Part 2" we will study the development of hymns and liturgical music, from the Reformation Era onwards. We will both examine the history and listen to some of the most memorable songs from the most influential composers.

**Pastor Daniel W. Pezzica** earned a B.A. degree in music theory and composition degree from Concordia University Chicago and an M.Div from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. He served as pastor of Sherman Oaks Lutheran Church in Los Angeles for 10 years and currently serves as pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Chelsea. He began teaching classes with the Adult Learners Institute in the spring of 2024.

## **HISTORY OF CROSS-DRESSING**

**Susan L. Nenadic**

(Presented in cooperation with Washtenaw Community College)

3 Mondays, March 10, 17 & 24

1:00 to 3:00 pm - *Cedars of Dexter, 411 Cedars Lane, Dexter*

### **IN-PERSON**

Cross-dressing has occurred since civilization began. This class will explore the reasons people cross-dressed, and how their cultures responded to their non-conformist attire. In some eras and places no one really cared. In others, cross-dressing could get a person killed by people, by governments and by religions. Joan of Arc was burned at the stake not just because of her heretical notions but because she dressed as a man. Many, like Joan, cross-dressed but made no attempt to hide their true sex. More individuals than one might expect lived long lives before anyone discovered that they were cross-dressing. **SEX IS BIOLOGICAL; GENDER IS SOCIAL.**

**Susan Nenadic** has multiple degrees in history and taught high school classes that integrated history and English. Since retirement, she has written three books and several articles and has taught ALL classes for the past decade. She has served on the Board of the Washtenaw County Historical Society where she was in charge of exhibitions. Susan established a nonprofit that is currently building a school in Uganda.

## **IMPRESSIONS OF KYOTO AND CITIES OF JAPAN'S SETO INLAND SEA**

**Edie Wiarda**

1 Friday, February 21

1:00 to 3:00 pm - *Chelsea Retirement Community, 805 W. Middle St., Chelsea, Dancey Bldg.*

### **IN-PERSON & ZOOM**

Japan is a fascinating place to visit, and a growing travel destination for Americans. This presentation shares impressions of a small but culture-packed region of Japan. The itinerary includes Kyoto, home of 17 UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Sites. Then to Kobe, a mountain-ringed city on the Seto Inland Sea, and over to Takamatsu on the rugged island of Shikoku. Finally to two historic castle cities, Okayama and Himeji. Enjoy scenes reminiscent of the award-winning "Shogun" series! Find out what happens to retirees from Chelsea who travel without a tour, can't speak the language, and have no working knowledge of bidets!

**Edie Wiarda** has lived in Lyndon Township since 1987. She has a doctorate in economics, is now retired, and enjoyed doing research and market studies on Michigan's manufacturing sector. She and her husband were delighted to visit their son while he was working for a year in Kobe, Japan.

## **JAPANESE INCARCERATION DURING WWII: AN INSIDE LOOK**

**Kathy Sano Bernard**

1 Friday, May 9

1:00 to 3:00 pm - *Chelsea Senior Center, 512 W. Washington St., Chelsea, Room 100*

### **IN-PERSON**

Come and learn about an often-veiled piece of American history. Personal stories of the varied reactions to the incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans during WWII will be shared. Hear about their experience during the war and the impact Executive Order 9066 continues to have today.

**Kathy Sano Bernard** is a sansei or third-generation Japanese American. Her grandparents and parents were incarcerated in relocation camps in the United States and Canada during WWII. The Japanese internment was rarely spoken of within her family. It has become increasingly important to her to learn about and share the story of her family and other Japanese American and Canadian experiences because the after-effects continue to have a profound personal and communal impact today.

## NATIVE PLANTS

Barbara Gregerson

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A FREE CLASS AND IS PRESENTED IN COOPERATION WITH CHELSEA DISTRICT LIBRARY AND THE ADULT LEARNERS. YOU MUST REGISTER BY CALLING THE CHELSEA DISTRICT LIBRARY AT 734-475-8732 x 219.**

1 Tuesday, April 29

6:00 to 7:30 pm - *Chelsea District Library, 221 S. Main St., Chelsea, McKune Room*

### IN-PERSON

Learn about native plants for our area. What to plant, where to plant, and how to find native plants for your garden.

**Barbara Gregerson** is a Michigan State University Extension Consumer Horticulture Educator. Barbara serves the following counties: Livingston, Washtenaw, Jackson, Lenawee, Monroe and Hillsdale. She received her BA in Biology from Augustana College and her Master of Agriculture in Horticulture from the University of Minnesota. Previously, Barbara managed a 150-acre landscape in California, taught adults with special needs how to garden, and coordinated a children's gardening program. Barbara's interests are perennials, native plants, and children's gardens.

## PERSONAL POETRY READING: LIFE'S LONG AND WINDING ROAD

**Rev. Dr. Daniel C. Price, PhD, retd.**

1 Thursday, March 27

2:00 to 4:00 pm - *Chelsea Retirement Community, 805 W. Middle St., Chelsea, Dancey Bldg.*

### IN-PERSON

Dr. Price will read a variety of the poems he has written that hopefully will touch your heart, "tickle your funny bone", and lift you up. Some of the poetry will tell us about Michelangelo's masterpiece The David (and the story of David and Goliath); the magnificent mission of Natures Conservancy or learning how a young lady lost herself in her phobias and found herself through Priceless Reflections; among others. It is poetry that matters in how we see the world and what we do with what we see. I invite you to join me!

**Dr. Daniel Price** retired as a Psychologist after 42 years in practice. He is a spiritual minister in Jackson, Michigan. In addition he was a high school wrestling coach for 8 years. Although he has lived in Michigan most recently, he has also lived in Iowa, Virginia and London, England.

## SIGNIFICANT UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT OPINIONS

Peter Jon Van Hoek

1 Thursday, April 3

1:00 - 3:00 pm - *Cedars of Dexter, 411 Cedars Lane, Dexter*

### IN-PERSON & ZOOM

This course will discuss several significant United States Supreme Court opinions - both civil and criminal - that have greatly influenced both the law and American society.

**Peter Jon Van Hoek, J.D.** received his BA from the University of Michigan in 1973 and his J.D. from Wayne State Law School in 1976. Law clerk in Michigan Court of Appeals 1976-1978; Staff Attorney at Michigan State Appellate Defender Office 1978-1990, 1992-2018; Adjunct Clinical Professor of Law at University of Michigan Law School; Adjunct Professor of Law at Wayne State Law School and Cooley Law School. Peter argued Michigan v Bryant, 562 US 344 (2011) in The United States Supreme Court.

## STUCK IN TIBET! NOW WHAT?

John Diekis

1 Wednesday, February 19

1:00 to 3:00 pm - *Chelsea Senior Center, 512 W. Washington St., Chelsea, Room 114*

### IN-PERSON & ZOOM

Tibet seems pretty exotic. Crossing into Chinese-held territory, visiting the Mt. Everest base camp, seeing Lhasa and the Dalai Lama's Potala Palace, eating yak stew. Perhaps romantic, until a monsoon washes out Nepalese roads and the Chinese close the border— with John on the "wrong" side. But he did escape and continued into the Upper Mustang region of Nepal's Himalayas, all on an Indian-built Royal Enfield motorcycle. Hear the tales and see some photos of this unexpected adventure.

**John Deikis** caught the travel bug working on an ocean-going ship in the 1960's. He later spent a year wandering to the southern tip of South America, Prudhoe Bay in Alaska, the North Cape of arctic Europe, and the Cape of Good Hope in Africa. Interrupted by an unexpected adulthood, he returned to traveling when he retired from a career as a clinical psychologist 10 years ago. His preferred mode of travel is now by motorcycle.

## ST. LOUIS WORLD'S FAIR OF 1904

John Hauger

1 Thursday, May 15

1:00 to 3:00 pm - *Manchester District Library, 912 City Rd., Manchester*

### IN-PERSON

To celebrate the Louisiana Purchase of 1803 from France by President Thomas Jefferson, St. Louis was chosen for a grand World's Fair held in 1904. This Fair would surpass even the Great Columbian Exposition of 1893 held in Chicago. Twelve hundred acres in the Forest Park area (twice the size of the Columbian Exposition) were set aside for this enormous milestone in United States history. "Meet Me in St. Louis" became a popular song in many homes throughout the land. Ragtime music, advances in Science, Transportation, Medicine, Foreign Relations, and ethnic groups of people were featured. Advances in Electricity and Agriculture were high on the agenda. Join us and see why

this Fair attracted 19.7 million people from more than 60 countries and 43 of the then 45 American states. **John Hauger** is retired from Consumers Energy where he worked in Information Technology (IT). Starting in Data Processing and early computers in 1957, John has witnessed the enormous growth of IT in our society. He enjoys history and music. He and his wife, Dr. Garnet Smith Hauger, a retired mathematics professor at Spring Arbor University, have ten grand children and eight great grand children.

## **WINTER COOKING**

**Tamara Elkhatib**

(Presented in cooperation with Washtenaw Community College)

2 Tuesdays, February 25 & March 4

1:00 to 4:00 pm - *Chelsea Retirement Community, 805 W. Middle St., Chelsea, Crippen Bldg.*

### **IN-PERSON**

**\*\*Supply fee of \$7.50 is included in class fee\*\***

Warm yourself up with a variety of delicious and hearty soups & stews for the season. Plan to end the first session of this class by enjoying a bowl or taking a bowl home to enjoy later. The second session of this class will focus on leftovers. Do you have leftover mashed potatoes or peas? Don't want to toss those leftovers? You don't have to! Let's make new meals out of our leftovers! Join this class and learn how to repurpose prepared food into new dishes.

**Tamara Elkhatib** attended Sienna Heights University and obtained her Montessori teaching certification.

She taught pre-k -12 for 13+years, owned and operated Exotic Bakeries in Ann Arbor for 30+years until they closed in 2023. Tamara currently teaches cooking classes at Washtenaw Community College.

## **WOMEN ARTISTS OF THE 20th CENTURY**

**Edwin Hoffman**

(Presented in cooperation with Washtenaw Community College)

3 Fridays, May 16, 30 & June 6

**PLEASE NOTE: No class May 23rd.**

1:00 to 3:00 pm - *Cedars of Dexter, 411 Cedars Lane, Dexter*

### **IN-PERSON & ZOOM**

As a continuation of "Their Most Feminine Wives: Groundbreaking Women Artists, 1600-1900", the course spotlights the work of female artists who propelled the arts from academic traditions to 20th century modernism. Painting, sculpture, architecture, stage and film set design, couture, the novel and adventure literature linked to rising technologies, will be illuminated.

**Edwin Hoffman** began his career on Capitol Hill where he raised funds for museums, schools, and historic sites. Later he entered the museum world, coordinating volunteer docents at the National Gallery of Art during a particularly dynamic period in its history - the gear-up for exhibitions celebrating the Museum's 50th anniversary and of Columbus' voyages of discovery. Experience as an auction house specialist convinced him that traditional paths of teaching art history were largely inadequate in conveying the importance of creativity and cultural involvement on the part of students. To that end, Edwin founded a radio program, "Speaking of Art", in 2006, which can be heard on Ann Arbor's WAAM Talk 1600 Radio throughout southeastern Michigan and by webstream.

## **Connect with us!**

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