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Fall 2025 ALI MICHIGAN CATALOG AND REGISTRATION FORM

NEW FOR FALL 2025

Two Ways to Register - **ON-LINE:** Class information, registration and payment can be made by going to the ALI Website "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.

ALI Michigan Fall Classes, 2025

Many great courses are scheduled from September through November, 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, 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.

Many ALI courses are conducted in cooperation with Washtenaw Community College.

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 the venue's capacity limits.
Registrations will be accepted as long as there is availability.

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.

ONE FREE class is being offered with our partner, the Chelsea District Library. Consult the catalog for the class description, 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 **OR**, will be available at the Chelsea Senior Center, 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, Chelsea Retirement Community, and Chelsea State Bank for their partnership in ALI's Fall 2025 semester. We also thank previous supporters Our Savior Lutheran Church, Silver Maples, First United Methodist, St. Paul, North Lake United Methodist, and St. Mary churches.

THE ART OF STORYTELLING

Beverly Black & Laura Lee Hayes

4 Thursdays, October 9, 16, 23 & 30

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

IN-PERSON

Telling and listening to stories is a way for people to enjoy and cherish one another's company. Storytelling is also an effective way to teach, to inspire, to heal and to delight. Whether you want to hone your storytelling skills to use in front of an audience or around a bonfire with friends, this class is for you. Have fun while learning to relax in front of other people and let your creativity blossom. This interactive course will help you shape ideas, and gain in the effectiveness of body and voice techniques. Beginners are welcome as well as those with more experience.

Beverly Black is an experienced storyteller who specializes in telling personal stories from her adventurous life. She has had years of experience in facilitating teaching workshops for University of Michigan faculty and brings this experience into her storytelling classes and workshops. Her philosophy in teaching a storytelling class is to create ways that participants can learn from each other through active engagement and discussion. **Laura Lee Hayes** is a creative experienced storyteller. She especially enjoys supporting the community of storytellers through the Ann Arbor storytellers' Guild, working together with others to create story swaps and house concerts as well as our local "Tellabration". She has worked in collaboration with Beverly Black to develop a storytelling workshop for high school students, and also does coaching work with local storytellers, writers and others working on presentation or story for performance.

ATTRACT AMAZING HUMMINGBIRDS

Carol Brodbeck

(Presented in cooperation with Washtenaw Community College)

1 Monday, October 6

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

IN-PERSON & ZOOM

Learn why certain colors and shapes of flowers not only attract, but keep Michigan's only bird pollinator, the hummingbird, returning year after year. We will also explore migration, mating, nest-building, chick-raising, and feeders. And yes, they can be attracted to flowering containers, too.

Carol Brodbeck is a Degreed biologist; Certified Advanced Master Gardener; National Garden Clubs, Inc. Five-star (Master Gardening, Landscape Design, Environmental Study Consultant and Master Flower Show Judge); and part-time faculty Washtenaw Community college. I have been presenting on a variety of gardening and nature-related topics to diverse audiences (ages, backgrounds, cultures, venues, etc.) for over 20 years in-person and recently by Zoom and writing articles on same for my church's monthly newsletter.

THE BEATLES – STORIES BEHIND THE SONGS

Bill O'Reilly

1 Saturday, November 1

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

12:30 to 2:00 pm – *Chelsea District Library, 221 S. Main St., Chelsea, McKune Room*

IN-PERSON

The legendary partnership of Lennon & McCartney wrote 180 songs and, as a Beatle, George Harrison contributed another 22 songs. These songs are ranked as some of the most important songs ever written and performed. Bill O'Reilly will take you behind the scenes of dozens of these songs - what inspired them, meanings behind many of the lyrics, how they evolved from conception to final version and the recording process.

Bill O'Reilly leads 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 stories and photos into a visual and musical presentation. 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. 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.

THE BOB HOPE STORY

John Hauger

1 Monday, October 20

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

IN-PERSON

Bob Hope's career spanned nearly seventy years, and we often remember his gift for quick one liners. But his Vaudeville and Broadway successes are often overlooked. Network radio and, later, television and films really made him a household personality. And there is more. Much more. Join us and find out.

John Hauger is retired from Consumers Energy where he worked in Information Technology (IT). His career began in 1957 with punched cards and first generation computers. He is astounded at the evolution of computers and the Internet. John is married to Dr. Garnet Hauger, a retired professor of mathematics at Spring Arbor University.

CHELSEA AREA GHOST STORIES, LEGENDS AND HISTORICAL EVENTS

Jasen A. King

3 Thursdays, November 6, 13 & 20

3:00 to 5:00 pm – *Chelsea Retirement Community, 805 W. Middle St., Chelsea, Dancey Bldg.*

IN-PERSON

Explore three ghost stories from our local area. Murder Mountain, ghost soldier and the legend of the Pink Palace. Can these stories be traced to actual events from the past? Jasen will escort you through the legends; you be the judge! Discussion of other local ghost stories is encouraged.

Jasen A. King is a paranormal enthusiast. He enjoys American and local history and he is a founding partner of the Chelsea Touring Company. He has previously hosted a mobile bus tour of spooky sites in the Chelsea area that occurred near Halloween.

DESIGN YOUR OWN RAIN GARDEN – STEP BY STEP

Susan Bryan

2 Mondays, November 3 & 10

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

IN-PERSON

Anyone can plant a rain garden! You don't need any special equipment – just a yard, a spade, compost, and a few plants. We'll learn about the benefits of Rain Gardens and how to build and plant one – step-by-step. We'll go on a photo tour of rain gardens. How are the prettiest rain gardens built? What pesky problems did they solve? Bring your questions about your own yard. Plan to plant one yourself, or "Tom Sawyer" your local teenager to dig it for you. Rain Gardens are a beautiful addition to any landscape - and they keep our rivers, lakes and streams clean!

Susan Bryan created and teaches the Master Rain Gardener class at the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner's Office. The program has spread to the rest of Michigan and the Great Lakes including – Canada! And – gasp! – Ohio! Over 2,000 rain gardens have been built by homeowners on her advice – by industrious and spectacular Master Rain Gardeners. Susan actually used her master's degree in landscape architecture from the University of Michigan by designing rain gardens, including the Miller Avenue roadside rain gardens in Ann Arbor. But in real life, she enjoys teaching others about how to get rain to soak into the ground through gardening, and in so doing, solving some of life's pesky problems.

EXPLORING THE DIVERSITY OF BRAZIL'S FIVE REGIONS

Rosangela Lawrence

(Presented in cooperation with Washtenaw Community College)

2 Fridays, September 26 & October 3

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

IN-PERSON & ZOOM

Slightly smaller than the US, Brazil is divided into 5 distinct regions, based on geography, climate and culture. Come explore the different characteristics of each region, from the rainforest in the North to the picturesque cities of the South. Compare life in the urban centers of São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro to the wild, unique and unknown central area of the country. Fly all the way to the sunny beaches using your imagination and maybe you will want to check it out in person!

Rosangela Lawrence is a native of Brazil, with language degrees in both Portuguese and English. She taught both languages in Brazil. Here in the U.S., she has been working with the Portuguese language and Brazilian culture since 1995, teaching and writing her own courses at WCC, and working with translation and tutoring. She loves the contact with people who are interested in her native country.

FINANCIAL FRAUD PREVENTION

Nancy Zander, Chelsea State Bank

1 Thursday, September 25

1:00 to 3:00 pm - *Chelsea State Bank (Downtown Office), 305 S. Main St., Chelsea*

IN-PERSON

Understanding Fraud Techniques: Learn the various fraudulent techniques used to target financial organizations. Modern Counter-Fraud Tools: Discover and understand modern tools and methods to combat fraud. Effective Identification, Investigation, and Prevention: Gain the skills to effectively identify, investigate, and prevent fraud. Handling Fraud Cases: Learn the steps to take when fraud occurs and how to apply the acquired knowledge to handle such situations. Best Practices: Be equipped with internationally accepted best practices for fraud prevention.

Nancy Zander - Risk Mitigation Officer at Chelsea State Bank.

FOOTBALL FOR DUMMIES: KEEPING IT SIMPLE

Paul Schudel

1 Monday, September 29

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

IN-PERSON & ZOOM

Go back to the basics. How is the game is played? We will learn the responsibilities of each player on the field. We'll discuss officials and what kinds of penalties they call. Questions will be welcome.

Paul Schudel was a football coach for 46 years, 13 years as a Head Coach. Paul coached at all levels in the US and two years in Europe, securing nine conference championships.

HISTORY OF SALINE AND MANCHESTER

Grace Shackman

(Presented in cooperation with Washtenaw Community College)

2 Wednesdays, November 5 & 12

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

IN-PERSON

A study of two nearby towns and how they differ.

Grace Shackman has been studying and writing about local history after moving into a 1920s house in Ann Arbor's Old West Side. She has since studied and written about other neighborhoods in Ann Arbor and the towns in the rest of the county.

HISTORY OF THEATRICAL PROJECTION DESIGN

Rick Frendt

1 Friday, September 19

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

IN-PERSON

Journey through the fascinating evolution of theatrical projection in this engaging two-hour class. Discover the early days of hand-painted slides and flickering magic lanterns, tracing the technological advancements that led to today's dynamic video mapping and immersive digital scenery. Explore key innovations, influential figures, and the artistic impact of projection on stage design and storytelling.

Rick Frendt has been a theatrical director, set designer, and projection designer for the past 40 years, primarily for theatres in the Chicagoland area. Rick has also worked as licensed engineer for major consulting firms for over 30 years. Since retiring from his engineering career 7 years ago, he has managed his own theatrical design business which has supplied custom projection art to over 2,000 theatres in all 50 states, and 35 countries. Rick brings his engineering background to bear in developing his theatrical designs, and enjoys sharing this technical knowledge with others in this field.

HOW DOES MY BRAIN WORK?

Charlie Taylor, PhD

3 Tuesdays, October 14, 21 & 28

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

IN-PERSON & ZOOM

The 3 1/2 pounds of tofu inside your skull makes up the most complex and fantastic mechanism in the universe. It is far more complex and subtle than the world-wide web or anything else we can easily imagine. But it seems to work with only atoms, chemistry and biology (no magic). This class will be a whirlwind tour of the cells, anatomical parts, workings of neurons and synapses that make it all buzz, night and day for our entire lifetime. Questions and discussion are strongly encouraged! If you've forgotten your high school biology, don't worry...we'll review.

Charlie Taylor received a PhD in neuroscience from U.C. Berkeley in 1980 and worked as a drug discovery biologist for Parke-Davis and Pfizer for 25 years. He has previously taught intro neuroscience during two terms at the U Michigan campus in Ann Arbor. He has taught several other ALI classes, mostly on science topics. Charlie has lived in Chelsea for 42 years and has 3 grown children with his wife Jill.

MEDITERRANEAN SAVORY PIES!

Tamara El-Khatib

2 Fridays, November 7 & 14

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

IN-PERSON

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

Learn to make spinach pies, cheese pies and meat pies from home! There is nothing better than a fresh baked pie!

Tamara El-Khatib is the Owner of Syrian Soul Catering LLC and previous manager of Exotic Bakeries in Ann Arbor. She was also an elementary Ed Montessori teacher for over 13 years.

MICHIGAN'S GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT

Jim Craft

1 Tuesday, October 7

10:00 am to 12:00 noon – *Chelsea State Bank (Downtown Office), 305 S. Main St., Chelsea*

IN-PERSON

In 1890 the United States had perhaps the worst road system of any developed country. Impassable three or four months a year due to mud, and the balance of the year dusty, rutted and disjointed, serving only local functions. By the mid-1920s we had developed a well-funded system that integrated local, state and federal governments to create the massive road network we take for granted

today. We will address these key questions: Why were American roads so bad? What was the catalyst for change? What were the key steps to creating a modern roads system?

Jim Craft has a B.A. in History from Oakland University and an M.A. in history from Wayne State University. His background as a historian is diverse: teacher, author, researcher, lecturer, curriculum designer, curator, and historical commissioner. While his interests in history are broad, his principal expertise is 19th century America. He is currently writing a series of short books on important but underappreciated aspects of American history from a local perspective.

NEW FROM KENYA AND ZAMBIA!

Rhoda Perkins-Boyer

1 Tuesday, September 30

1:00 to 3:00 pm – *Chelsea State Bank (Downtown Office), 305 S. Main St., Chelsea*

IN-PERSON & ZOOM

After our third trip to Kenya and second trip to Zambia we have a new combined travelogue to share. We will see a social gathering showing the culture and beautiful costumes of our long time Kenyan friends. We will share unusual animal behaviors new to us in Zambia.

Rhoda Perkins-Boyer and husband Joe Boyer have visited over 40 nations. Rhoda is a retired educator. Both have a love of foreign travel emphasizing wildlife.

SERGEI DIAGHILEV AND THE BALLETS RUSSES

Henry Aldridge

1 Monday, October 27

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

IN-PERSON

Entrepreneur, genius, and scoundrel, Sergei Diaghilev founded the Ballets Russes in 1909. For the next twenty years, he brought together composers, artists, and dancers to create some of the most exciting and controversial ballets of the 20th century including the three groundbreaking Stravinsky scores: The Firebird, Petrushka, and the Rite of Spring. In this class we will survey the people and productions of the Ballets Russes and show complete performances of The Firebird and Debussy's Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faune with the original choreography by Vaslav Nijinsky.

Dr. Henry Aldridge is a Professor Emeritus of Film Studies at Eastern Michigan University. He is an amateur musician and regularly plays the Barton theatre pipe organ at the Michigan Theatre. He has undergraduate and MA degrees from the University of North Carolina and a Ph.D from the University of Michigan.

STEPHEN SONDHEIM

Hank Muir

3 Wednesdays, September 17, 24 & October 1

10:00 am to 12:00 noon – *Chelsea State Bank (Downtown Office), 305 S. Main St., Chelsea*

IN-PERSON

He won eight Tony awards, eight Grammy Awards, an Oscar, and a Pulitzer, although he wrote only one hit song. This class is for people who adore Stephen Sondheim and also for people who would like to learn about why he is so revered. We'll take an in-depth look at his career and watch performances from all of his works.

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

TRAVELOGUE THROUGH NEW ZEALAND

Peter Van Hoek

1 Tuesday, November 11

1:00 to 3:00 pm - *Chelsea State Bank (Downtown Office), 305 S. Main St., Chelsea*

IN-PERSON & ZOOM

This class will detail a recent month-long trip throughout New Zealand. We will concentrate on the history of the country, the Māori indigenous people, the current culture, the Kiwis' obsession with birds, and the incredible scenery of one of the most beautiful countries in the world. Numerous photos and videos from the trip will be shown.

Peter Van Hoek is a retired criminal defense appellate attorney and adjunct law professor at the University of Michigan, Wayne State, and Cooley law schools. He has taught several classes for ALI on legal topics. He and his wife love to travel, and now have the time to take longer trips. Their trip to New Zealand in February, 2025, was one of the best and most interesting vacations they have experienced. Peter is on the Board of Directors of ALI, and currently serves as the treasurer.

**Get involved with ALI
Join one our Committees!**

Curriculum:

Do you love lifelong learning and have great ideas for class topics? We're looking for at least three enthusiastic volunteers to help shape our upcoming semesters! As a committee member, you'll play a key role in contacting potential instructors and organizing engaging class offerings. Most of the work happens in just a few hours during October and May, making it a perfect fit for busy schedules. Be part of the creative team that brings exciting, enriching courses to life!

Audio-Visual:

Are you someone who enjoys working with tech and making things run smoothly behind the scenes? Our audio-visual assistants are the unsung heroes of each class session—ensuring everything from microphones and projectors to Zoom and PA systems are set up and functioning perfectly. Whether it's a lively hybrid lecture or an in-person class, you'll play a key role in creating a seamless learning experience. If you have a passion for technology and a knack for troubleshooting, we'd love to have you on board. Come volunteer with our AV team and be the tech-savvy powerhouse every class relies on!

Registration Committee:

Class assistants: Volunteer to assist the class instructor by taking attendance and evaluations, passing out handouts, and being a liaison between the instructor and AV team. Typically class assistants volunteer for this role for a class that they are already attending, and then they receive a \$20 gift certificate for a future class.

Registration Volunteers: Help bring our classes to life! We're seeking enthusiastic volunteers to assist behind the scenes—prepping materials, planning events, and connecting with local senior centers, libraries, and community partners. If you enjoy organizing, meeting new people, and supporting lifelong learning, this is the perfect role for you.

If you are interested in any of these volunteer roles, please email us at info@alimichigan.org, or call 734-292-5540

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