



ALP-HORN

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NEWSLETTER OF THE ADULT LEARNING PROGRAM

SPRING PREVIEW MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2009
9:30 AM—NOON
HERITAGE HALL, SEABURY
BLOOMFIELD, CT



DeEarlon

“Author Inspired by Researching Doomsday Prophecies”

Have you ever wondered about the Mayan prophecy foretelling of the end of the world in 2012? Probably not, but did you know that there have been similar prophecies from other ancient societies who were unaware of the Mayan prophecy? A coincidence? Or were they on to something?

Our keynote speaker has spent 18 years researching and discovering these and many other prophecies. He is DeEarlon, a Bloomfield resident and author. To make the information more interesting to the general reader, he has written a novel which incorporates historical and scientific facts. This novel, *Heaven's Wave*, tells an epic story that spans 1,000 years, from the Mayans themselves to a team of modern scientists today. Mr. DeEarlon will talk about the prophecies he researched and the book he wrote to include them.

Mr. DeEarlon's education was at St. Thomas Seminary, the University of Hartford (with a political science major and history minor) and the American Institute of Banking. Since retiring from a 30-year banking career, most of his time is now divided between writing and political interests.

Please join us to hear what will surely be an intriguing presentation. You will also hear seminar presenters briefly describe each of our spring programs, and have a chance to greet old friends and make new ones.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-CHAIRS:

As your co-chairs for the 2008-2009 Adult Learning Program year, we wish to welcome our large group of new members, thirty-two in all. Many of you have already participated in the wide range of interesting seminars and single sessions during the Fall term. This issue of the ALP-Horn brings notice of the upcoming Spring term offerings, along with registration information and an invitation to participate in ALP as an active committee member.

We emphasize that we are a volunteer organization, with only a part-time staff member. Thus not only the bulk of our presentations are made by members, but the planning, organization and operation also depends on them. Please step up and offer to present a seminar series or a single session, or help with committee work. Of course, this request goes out to our many returning members, as well.

And by all means, sign up for and enjoy the Spring term classes, and plan to attend our annual luncheon meeting at Seabury on June 2, 2008, where we will have a short business meeting, and Richard Sugarman of the Connecticut Forum will be our guest speaker.

- Ivan Backer (525-3943) and Walter Mayo (563-2470)



Welcome, New Members!

Let's greet these new members with a very warm "Hello!"

Heather Ahrens	Bloomfield	Anthony Maluccio	West Hartford
Lawrence Ahrens	Bloomfield	Janice Maluccio	West Hartford
Betts Bradley	Bloomfield	Allen Melville	Bloomfield
Beatrice Breen	Windsor	Linda Morris	Bristol
Roberta Buland	West Hartford	Joseph Panitch	West Hartford
Clarence Coleridge	Bloomfield	Myrna Panitch	West Hartford
Audrey Cooper	Canton	Rose Pollock	Bloomfield
Betty Cornish	Bloomfield	Walter Pollock	Bloomfield
Jean Ensling	East Hartford	David Schneider	Tolland
Bertha Feist	Bloomfield	Amy Silverman	West Hartford
Marye Gail Harrison	Bloomfield	Margaret Sojo	Wethersfield
Martha Hoyt	Wethersfield	Joseph Sojo	Wethersfield
Diana Hughes	Bloomfield	Merrill Stein	West Hartford
Margaret Iglehart	Bloomfield	Gretchen Swibold	North Canton
Bob Mackeown	Bloomfield	Helene Voto	Broad Brook
Fran Maddaluno	Windsor	Muriel Zeldes	West Hartford

Snow Policy

We always hope winter snow storms will take place on days other than those on which our seminars are held! However, if in spite of our hopes, there is a serious storm, check the school closing announcements on television. If Hartford Schools are closed, our courses will be cancelled on that day. If Hartford Schools have a delayed opening, we meet at our usual time. You may have to be late but do the best you can.



GENEROUS FRIENDS



We extend enormous gratitude and appreciation to the following individuals for their generous donations to ALP:

Ivan Backer	June Johnson
Eleanor Caplan	Marion Kelliher
Zelda Chester	Anne and Walter Mayo
Clarence Coleridge	Elizabeth and Jack Rich
John Condron	Mary Ann Salazar
Asho Craine	Joan Sereda
Alice and Peter Cruikshank	Frank Shoring
Mabel Donnelly	Marilyn Stockton
Paula Fisher	Bernita and Ralph Sundquist
Fannie Gabriel	Mary Ann Watson

SPRING 2009 SEMINARS

SS-1 SHORT STORIES

Carol Matzke, Coordinator. Mondays, Feb. 9, Mar. 9, April 13, May 11. 1-3 pm.

Discussion of short stories, both old and new, selected by volunteer members of the group. A \$7 contribution will cover the cost of photocopying.

SS-2 CURRENT EVENTS DISCUSSION

Ivan Backer, Facilitator. Wednesdays, Feb. 18; Mar. 4, 18; Apr. 1, 10-12 am, *at Duncaster*.

Participants will choose topics for discussion, and volunteers will present background material.

SS-3 FABULOUS FIFTHS

Bruce Bellingham, Presenter. Wednesdays, Feb. 18, Mar. 4, 18, 1-3 pm.

The presenter will play portions of the Fifth Symphonies of Beethoven, Mahler, and Shostakovich, and discuss them with participants.



SS-4 THE WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY, AND HOW OF POETRY

Bonnie Enes, Presenter. Thursdays, Feb 26, Mar. 12, 19, 26. 10 am-noon. Participants will use writing prompts to learn how to let go of a poem and let it write itself, learn how to tighten poems, and discuss some of the poetry of contemporary poets. Everyone will come away from the seminar with at least one poem. Limit 8.

SS-5 OPERA

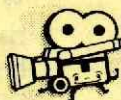
David Buddington, Coordinator. Fridays, Feb. 27, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, Apr. 3. 9:30-noon.



Members of the class will select and present by videotape or DVD operas from the known and lesser-known repertoire. Maximum class size, 25.

SS-6 MOVIE BUFFS

Jim Hanley, Presenter. Thursdays, Mar. 5, Apr. 2, May 7. 10:30 am-noon.



For titles of films to be discussed call the ALP office and listen to the message. Most films are shown at Cinestudio at Trinity College where people can see them at a time of their choosing, and are then discussed in class with Cinestudio's knowledgeable director. Other films can also be brought up for discussion.

SS-7 ALTRUISM: WHY PEOPLE DO GOOD

The Rev. Roger W. Floyd, Presenter. Tuesdays, Mar. 10, 17, 24. 10 am-noon.

The presenter will cover three areas: Personal experiences of altruism; Is altruism in our genes (Nature) or taught (Nurture); How can we increase our (and others') propensity for doing good?

SS-8 CREATIVE WRITING

Glyn Dowden and Ivan Backer, Facilitators. Wednesdays, Mar. 11, 25; April 8, 22. 1-3pm.

A continuation of previous creative writing meetings, the group will meet to be a sounding board and to support each other as members share poems, memoirs or short fiction. New members are welcome. Maximum class size, 12.

SS-9 KING ARTHUR – MYTH/SYMBOL/HISTORICAL REALITY; INTERPRETATIONS

Walter Mayo, Presenter. Mondays, Mar. 16, 23, 30, Apr. 6. 10 am-noon.

The Presenter will discuss the early Arthurian stories, their development in literature through the ages, and modern interpretations in music and film.

SS-10 WRITING YOUR MEMOIRS

Leta Marks, Presenter. Tuesdays, Mar. 24, 31; April 7, 14. 1-3 pm.

This seminar will feature brief lectures and some writing drills, followed by students' writing memoirs and reading them before the group. The group offers comments as well as the leader.

SS-11 THE PLAY'S THE THING

Nancy Kramer, Presenter. Thursdays, April 2, 16, May 7, 21. 1-3 pm, *at Duncaster*.

Participants will read plays aloud, discuss them, and view an occasional video. The leader will present material on the authors and lead the discussion. Maximum class size, 15.

SS-12 CONNECTICUT FORUM

Bill Olds, Coordinator. Wednesdays, Apr. 8, 15, 22, 29. 9:30 am-noon.

The Coordinator will show tapes of past sessions of the Connecticut Forum, and lead discussions on them.

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SS-13 THE FEDERAL COURT SYSTEM

Judge Jon Newman, Judge Alfred Covello, and Prof. Adrienne Fulco, Presenters. Tuesdays, April 14, 21, 28. 10 am-noon.

Judge Newman will tell us about U.S. appeal courts; Judge Covello, U.S. District Courts; and Prof. Fulco, the U.S Supreme Court.

SS-14 SPRING HIKES

Dick and Betty Carlson, Leaders. Fridays, Apr. 24, May 1, 15, 29.

Explorations of interesting sites in Connecticut.

SS-15 A GARDEN POT POURRI

Helen Lansberg, Presenter. Mondays, May 4, 11, 18. 10 am-noon.

The presenter will talk about a variety of garden-related subjects, including Saint Fiacre (the patron saint of gardening), the history of an English garden from Elizabethan times to the present, and more.

SS-16 SUNKEN GARDEN POETS 2009

Ralph and Bernita Sundquist, Presenters. Wednesdays, May 13, 20, 27. 1-3 pm.

The presenters will provide an introduction to the poets chosen for the 2009 Sunken Garden Poetry Festival at the Hill-Stead Museum in Farmington. Their biographies will be presented and selections from their poetry will be provided for private and public reading and discussion. There will be a small fee for duplicated materials.

THE PLAY'S THE THING CURRENT EVENTS DISCUSSION AT DUNCASTER

Two of our spring seminars will be held at Duncaster: *The Play's the Thing*, presented by Nancy Kramer (Thursdays, April 2, April 16, May 7, and May 14, from 1 to 3 pm) and *Current Events Discussion* (Wednesdays, Feb. 18, Mar. 4, Mar. 18, and Apr. 1, 10 am to noon). Duncaster is located at 40 Loeffler Road in Bloomfield and is not far from Seabury.

Directions from Seabury: From the driveway turn right onto Wintonbury Road. At the intersection with Route 189 turn left and then almost immediately turn right onto Route 178. Continue straight on Rt. 178 for 1.5 miles. Turn right into Duncaster and follow the signs to the Aquatics and Fitness Center where you may park and enter the building. The receptionist will direct you to the room where the seminar will take place.

SPRING SINGLE SESSIONS

SSS1. THE BUDGET PROCESS IN CONNECTICUT

Judge Robert Satter, Presenter. Monday, February 16. 10 am- noon.

The presenter will discuss the development and adoption of the state budget.

SSS2. SLAVERY AND THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES

Frank Shoring, Presenter. Wednesday, Feb. 25. 1-3 pm.

The presenter will discuss slavery and how it affected the war between the states.

SSS3. TRAVELOGUE – A TRIP TO PORTUGAL

Ivan Backer, Presenter. Mon. Mar. 23. 1-3 pm.

The Presenter will show slides and offer commentary on his recent trip to Portugal

SSS4. "SCIENTIFIC" CREATIONISM AND INTELLIGENT DESIGN: WHY THEY ARE NOT SCIENCE

Michael Park, Presenter. Mon., Apr. 20. 1-3 pm.

The presenter will examine these two ideas, detailing their basic concepts and showing why they are not in the least scientific models. He will include video clips of his debate with a major creationist in 1982.

SSS5. CAPITOL PUNISHMENT IN CONNECTICUT, 1636-2005.

Lawrence Goodheart, Presenter. Thurs., Apr. 23. 10 am-noon.

The Presenter will talk about the death penalty in Connecticut as it has changed over the years,

SSS6. THE HARTFORD-WINDSOR CONNECTION

Julia Baldini, Presenter. Wednesday, April 29. 1-3 pm.

The Presenter, who is head educator at the Windsor Historical Society, will talk about the early history of the two towns and the relationship between them.

SSS7. TRIP, THE WINDSOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Thursday, April 30. This is a trip related to the presentation on Apr. 29. We will arrive at the Windsor Historical Society at 10 am; take the river walk, tour the historical society, and tour two historic houses.

SSS8. REBUILDING A MODEL A

Dan Webb and Bill Wurts, Presenters.

Wednesday, May 13. 10 am noon.

The presenters will tell us the history of the Model A and other early Ford vehicles, and show photos and a video of their restoration of a Model A. They may show the finished product at Seabury and give rides.

THE WINTER ACADEMY



Wednesday, January 28

9:00 AM—3:00 PM

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY PROBLEMS: WHAT WE CAN DO

We will start the Spring Semester with a very special program, the Winter Academy, on January 28. There will be *three* presentations, starting at 9 am.

Leading off, from 9:00 to 10:30 am, will be Michael Friedmann, environmental specialist, consultant on environment to industry, and former chief meteorologist at a national TV network, who will talk about climatology, climate change and its effect, and related topics. He will be followed, from 11 am to 12:30 pm, by Tim Brennan, from the West Hartford town council (and an attorney with The Hartford), who will talk about conservation at the town level.

We will have from 12:30 to 1:30 pm for lunch, which you are encouraged to eat at the Seabury cafeteria.

From 1:30 to 3:00 pm we will hear from Lorenzo Marshall, from Connecticut Light and Power and Yankee Gas, who will talk to us about what we as individuals can do make our homes more energy efficient and contribute to the greening of the planet.

It promises to be a very stimulating day. Do try to come!



GUEST POLICY

A question has arisen about bringing non-ALP guests to classes. A member may bring a guest to one session of one seminar without charge. Our policy about this is meant to encourage the guest to become a member in order to attend future classes.

PARKING POLICY

Seabury has asked us to remind you about parking policy. We, their guests, are allowed to park only in the rear portion of the Health Center parking lot (first driveway to the right, up the hill, and a right turn to the rear). We should not park in the front circle.

SEMINARS AND MEETINGS BY DAY OF THE WEEK

—MONDAY—

SHORT STORIES Feb. 9; Mar. 9; April 13; May 11. 1-3 pm.

CT BUDGET PROCESS Feb. 16. 10 am-noon.

KING ARTHUR Mar. 16, 23, 30; Apr. 6. 10 am-noon.

TRAVELOGUE – A TRIP TO PORTUGAL Mar. 23. 1-3 pm.

“SCIENTIFIC” CREATIONISM / INTELLIGENT DESIGN

Apr. 20. 1-3 pm.

A GARDEN POT POURRI May 4, 11, 18. 10 am-noon.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE Jan. 5; Feb. 2; Mar. 2; Apr. 6;

May 4. 1-3 pm.

—TUESDAY—

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1-3 pm.

THE FEDERAL COURT SYSTEM Apr. 14, 21, 28.

10 am-noon.

—WEDNESDAY—

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SLAVERY/ THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES Feb. 25. 1-3 pm.

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CONNECTICUT FORUM Apr. 8, 15, 22, 29. 9:30 am-noon.

THE HARTFORD-WINDSOR CONNECTION, Apr. 29. 1-3 pm.

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SUNKEN GARDEN POETS 2009 May 13, 20, 27. 1-3 pm.

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MOVIE BUFFS Mar. 5; Apr. 2; May 7. 10:30 am-noon.

THE PLAY'S THE THING Apr 2, 16; May 7, 21. 1-3 pm, *at Duncaster.*

CAPITOL PUNISHMENT Apr 23. 10 am-noon.

WINDSOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRIP April 30.

ADVISORY BOARD Jan. 22; Mar. 26; Apr. 23;

June 25. 1-3 pm

—FRIDAY—

OPERA Feb. 27; Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27; Apr. 3. 9:30-noon.

SPRING HIKES Apr. 24; May 1, 15, 29.



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What Is ALP?

ALP is a participatory organization, directed by its volunteer members, open to older adults interested in academic learning. Members design and lead programs on a variety of subjects.

ALP is one of more than 500 Lifelong Learning Institutes in Retirement affiliated with the Elderhostel Institute Network.

Visit us at www.uconnalp.org

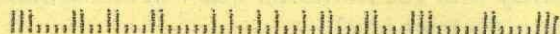
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FEATURING

PREVIEW OF THE SPRING SEMINARS

A Presentation by DeEarlon

Author, *Heaven's Wave*

