

# Mary Washington Elder Study

## Spring Schedule: January – June 2019

(as of 4 March 2019)

Changes are marked in red.

### January

<b>Tuesday</b> January 8 10am–noon CLL	<b>The Iron Industry in Stafford and the US Government's Expansion of the Marine Base at Quantico</b> Jerrilyn Eby MacGregor	<b>Iron Industry:</b> Stafford was home to two of the largest iron manufacturing facilities in colonial America, Accokeek Iron Furnace (1725-1752) and Hunter's Iron Works (1759-1810). Iron making and related industrial efforts were the backbone of Stafford's economy for nearly a century. This program covers the impact of the iron industry and the processes of mining, smelting, charcoaling and usage, shipping and processing of iron. <b>Quantico:</b> In 1942, the US Government condemned 50,000 acres for the expansion of the Quantico Marine Corps base. 30,000 acres were in Stafford County. Residents were given three weeks to pack up their livestock and belongings and find new habitation. During the exodus, one of the twentieth century's worst rain storms and floods made the painful move nearly impossible. (Sponsored by Charlie Fennemore)
<b>Wednesday</b> January 9 10am–noon CLL	<b>The Art of Handbell Ringing</b> Stafford Regional Handbell Society	Neesa Hart and Phillip Lanier, from the Stafford Regional Handbell Society, will introduce you to the wonderful music of handbells. In this hands-on class, you will learn the proper ringing technique of handbells, how to read basic music and you will get to perform a song as part of a group. No experience necessary. Come join the fun of making music. (Sponsored by Carolyn Sulima)
<b>Thursday</b> January 10 10–12:30pm CLL	<b>The Films and Life of Charlie Chaplin</b> Gary Olsen	Acknowledged as cinema's most talented comedian, this English-born writer, director and performer greatly shaped the humor we see in today's movies. Although noted for his slapstick farces during his silent-film years, Chaplin introduced pathos into his works to give an extra layer of sophistication to his pictures. His screen persona was mostly <i>The Tramp</i> , but Chaplin's life was much more complex than a poor, homeless vagabond. <b>NOTE UNUSUAL END TIME.</b> (Sponsored by Alan Zirkle)
<b>Thursday</b> January 10 1pm–3pm UMW Stafford Campus Library	<b>Book Group – <i>When Breath Becomes Air</i> by Paul Kalannithi</b> Keith Morgenheim	A brilliant neurosurgeon, diagnosed with terminal lung cancer at age 36, chose to write this memoir as he struggled with his own mortality. The author used his gifts to treat patients even when facing his own death. A profoundly moving, critically acclaimed book (completed by his wife) that is hard to put down. (Sponsored by Dot Meyers)
<b>Tuesday</b> January 15 10am–noon CLL	<b>2017-2018 Supreme Court Overview</b> Steve Bacon	UMW professor of political science and international affairs and attorney Steve Bacon will join us again to discuss the work of the Supreme Court during its 2017-2018 Term (the Supreme Court year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018). The presentation will include an overview and description of the 76 opinions issued by the Court during the term and a detailed discussion of several that were highly publicized, including <i>Trump v Hawaii</i> . (Sponsored by Carolyn Sulima)

<b>Wednesday</b> January 16 10am-noon CLL	<b>The Native Peoples of the Rappahannock Fall Zone</b> Mike Carmody	The co-founder and co-owner of Dovetail Cultural Resource Group, Mike Carmody, will present a review of the prehistoric occupation of the Fredericksburg region. (Sponsored by Randy Fennemore)
<b>Thursday</b> January 17 10am-noon CLL	<b>A Look into Local Government Stafford County</b> Meg Bohmke	Meg Bohmke is the Chairperson of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors. Meg will share with us her experiences in local elected positions and discuss her role on the Board of Supervisors. She will talk about issues that are relevant to our area and how the Board conducts its business. (Sponsored by Donna Lewis)
<b>Thursday</b> January 17 1pm-3pm CLL	<b>Curriculum Committee Meeting I</b>	The Curriculum Committee is responsible for planning the 40 plus programs that are scheduled each semester. We are always looking for programs that are scheduled each semester. We are always looking for that next new topic on our journey to lifelong learning. Come join us and help develop programs that are interesting and stimulating. (Sponsored by Joe Alfred)
<b>Tuesday</b> January 22 10am-noon CLL	<b>Long Range Planning - Open Member Meeting</b> Chris Pavek	<b>Attention All ElderStudy Members!</b> This is one of two Open Member Meetings this 2019 winter for you to weigh in on your experiences with ElderStudy. Every member has been asked to attend at least one of the three meetings - the first was held in December 2018. You can assist the Ad Hoc Long-Range Planning Committee as it prepares a report to the Board with recommendations for the next three to five years. The agenda is the same at each meeting, so choose the one that works best for you! (Sponsored by Bryn Pavek)
<b>Thursday</b> January 24 10am-noon CLL	<b>Fossil Fuel vs. Green Energy</b> Eric Bonds	Eric Bonds, UMW Associate Professor of sociology and anthropology, will discuss fossil fuel vs. green energy. (Sponsored by Bev Johnson)
<b>Tuesday</b> January 29 10am-noon CLL	<b>What's New - 2018 Tax Preparation</b> Linda Hill  <b>PROGRAM ADDED</b>	ElderStudy member Linda Hill is an IRS VITA Tax Preparer with an Advanced IRS certification. Linda will discuss the 2017 tax changes, the most sweeping tax legislation since the Tax Reform Act of 1986. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (TCJA) was promoted as a tax cut. However, it is complex, not good news for all taxpayers. Linda's presentation will provide a Tax Preparation Overview of 2018 tax changes for individuals, including business pass-through changes. (Sponsored by Joe Alfred)

## February

<b>Monday</b> February 4 1pm-3pm CLL	<b>Long Range Planning – Open Member Meeting</b> Chris Pavek	Attention All ElderStudy Members! This is one of two Open Member Meetings this 2019 winter for you to weigh in on your experiences with ElderStudy. Every member has been asked to attend at least one of the three meetings - the first was held in December 2018. You can assist the Ad Hoc Long-Range Planning Committee as it prepares a report to the Board with recommendations for the next three to five years. The agenda is the same at each meeting, so choose the one that works best for you! (Sponsored by Bryn Pavek)
<b>Tuesday</b> February 5 10am-noon CLL	<b>China – Recreating the Silk Road</b> Joe Alfred	ElderStudy member Joe Alfred will discuss China's focus on One Belt, One Road, a policy first announced in 2015. At last count, China has developed this trading relationship with 68 countries. Joe will discuss the views of several scholars that China is recreating their once impressive ancient trade route - the Silk Road. (Sponsored by Joe Alfred)
<b>Wednesday</b> February 13 10am-noon Klein Theatre	<b>Play Discussion – <i>God of Carnage</i> by Yasmina Reza</b> Gregg Stull	Two children from upper middle-class Brooklyn families get into a schoolyard tussle and their parents meet one evening to discuss the incident. While the evening begins with polite pleasantries and careful chit chat, it veers suddenly off course in a rum-fueled fishtail of epic proportions as the adults, themselves, devolve into bickering children. Yasmina Reza hilariously and savagely strips her characters down to their cores, giving them the green light to drop the niceties and take off the proverbial gloves. <i>God of Carnage</i> is a comic masterpiece born of red-hot tempers, the best of intentions, and humanity at its most primal. Tickets will be available during and after class. Box Office 540-654-1124. Shows: Thursday – Saturday at 7:30, Sunday at 2:00. With an additional performance on 23 February at 2:00. For the hearing impaired, listening devices are available for checkout at the Box Office prior to each performance. The parking lot across from Klein should be reserved for ElderStudy. ElderStudy members may bring non-member guests to this session. (Sponsored by Bob & Carole Hanus)
<b>Wednesday</b> February 13 1:30-3:00pm Ridderhof Gallery <b>TOUR</b>	<b>Spring UMW Gallery Tour I</b> Rosemary Jesionowski	The two tours will begin at the Ridderhof Martin Gallery and proceed to duPont Hall. ES receives a personal tour of each current exhibits by the director or curator of the UMW Galleries. You may choose to dine in the Maple Room on the fourth floor of the University Center (site of the former Chandler Hall) at a reduced rate before the tour. <b>NOTE UNUSUAL START TIME.</b> (Sponsored by Mary Ann Stana)
<b>Thursday</b> February 14 1-3pm UMW Stafford Library	<b>Book Group – <i>Sisters in Law</i> by Linda Hirshman</b> Dot Meyers	Sandra Day O'Connor's and Ruth Bader Ginsburg's stories of how these two women went to the Supreme Court and changed the world. Strengthened by each other's presence, these groundbreaking judges have transformed the Constitution and America itself, making it a more equal place for all women. (Sponsored by Dot Meyers)
<b>Tuesday</b> February 19 1-3pm CLL	<b>World War II Internment and Relocation</b> John Schmitz	John Schmitz's college dissertation, <i>Enemies Among Us</i> is a comparative analysis of the relocation, internment, and repatriation of German, Italian, and Japanese Americans during the Second World War. The German and Italian American wartime experience remains largely overlooked by historians and generally unknown to Americans. John's talk will investigate the causes, conditions, and consequences of America's selective relocation and internment of its own citizens and enemy aliens and examine the experiences of these three major groups. (Sponsored by Joe Alfred)

<p><b>Thursday</b> February 21 10-noon CLL</p>	<p><b>The Battles of Rich Mountain and Cheat Mountain</b> Bob Stone</p>	<p>Bob Stone has a BS in education from West Virginia University. For the past 13 years he has taught the Civil War curriculum at Encore Learning of Arlington County, VA, an affiliate organization of George Mason University, Arlington Campus. Bob will discuss the July 1861 Union Campaign that ended in defeat at Bull Run. There was another, smaller campaign in western Virginia that had major impacts on the first two years of the Civil War. This campaign was initiated by US Major General George B. McClellan in May 1861 to drive all Confederate troops out of western Virginia and to secure the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad plus the major roads cutting through this part of Virginia. (Sponsored by Joe Alfred)</p>
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<p><b>Thursday</b> February 21 1-3pm CLL</p>	<p><b>Curriculum Committee Meeting II</b></p>	<p>The Curriculum Committee is responsible for planning the 40 plus programs that are scheduled each semester. We are always looking for that next new topic on our journey to life-long learning. Come join us and help develop programs that are interesting and stimulating. (Sponsored by Joe Alfred)</p>
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<p><b>Tuesday</b> February 26 10-12:30pm CLL</p>	<p><b>The Films and Life of John Ford</b> Gary Olsen</p>	<p>Known mostly for his westerns with actor John Wayne, Ford and his work was noted for the diverse subject-matters that earned him the most Oscars for Best Director in Academy Award history. In a career spanning over fifty years, Ford directed over 140 films. He is considered one of the most important and influential filmmakers of all time. This lecture looks at his vast body of films and examines his complicated relationships with his actors and actresses. (Sponsored by Alan Zirkle)</p>
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<p><b>Wednesday</b> February 27 1-3pm CLL</p>	<p><b>Administrative Committee Meeting I</b></p>	<p>The Administrative Committee develops policies and plans for operating the organization. It reviews governing documents, updates the Policies and Procedures, monitors finances and projects future needs, proposes the annual budget and member fees. Members are always welcome to attend our meetings. (Sponsored by John Thompson)</p>
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<p><b>Thursday</b> February 28 10-noon CLL</p>	<p><b>Membership Committee Meeting I</b></p>	<p>The Membership Committee handles publicity, the newsletter, maintaining the website and planning social events. Members are always welcome to attend our meetings. (Sponsored by Donna Lewis)</p>
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**March**

<p><b>Tuesday</b> March 5 10am-noon CLL</p> <p><b>TO BE RESCHEDULED</b></p>	<p><b>United States Ambassador</b> Pamela Bridgewater</p>	<p>On 9 September 2005, Fredericksburg native Pamela Bridgewater was sworn in as United States Ambassador to Ghana. U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice officiated at the ceremony Wednesday at the Department of State in Washington. This is not Bridgewater's first diplomatic posting to Africa. A former U.S. ambassador to Benin and a Foreign Service officer in South Africa, Bridgewater worked closely with Nelson Mandela and the African National Congress before and during the end of apartheid. (Sponsored by Peggy Johnson)</p>
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<p><b>Wednesday</b> March 6 10am-noon CLL</p>	<p><b>Board of Directors Meeting</b></p>	<p>Board meetings are open to all ElderStudy members. Come and witness firsthand the decision-making process that ensures that ElderStudy is meeting its objectives. This is a chance for all members to suggest new ideas for the organization directly to the Board and to committee chairpersons. (Sponsored by President Chuck Block)</p>
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<p><b>Thursday</b> March 14 10am-noon CLL</p>	<p><b>Lunacy and Genius</b> Bulent Atalay</p>	<p>Bulent Atalay, UMW professor of physics, will discuss five transformative geniuses: Leonardo, Shakespeare, Newton, Beethoven and Einstein. (Sponsored by Phil Hall)</p>
<p><b>Thursday</b> March 14 1pm-3pm CLL</p>	<p><b>Book Group - <i>The Water Will Come: Rising Seas, Sinking Cities, and the Remaking of the Civilized World</i> by Jeff Goodell</b> Phil Hall</p>	<p>Think a foot or two of sea level rise cannot be much of a big deal? Visit Miami, Venice, Norfolk, Va., New York and New Jersey, Alaska and Greenland with Jeff Goodell and he will set you straight. A fast-paced well-written book. (Sponsored by Dot Meyers)</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> March 19 10am-noon CLL</p>	<p><b>The Seizure of the CSS Florida</b> Ben Garrett</p>	<p>Ben Garrett, a retired FBI scientist, will discuss how the American Civil War arrives in Brazil. The Confederate States Steamship Florida was seized by the United States Navy on October 7, 1864, in Bahia, Brazil. The seizure was controversial, as it violated the neutrality of Brazil. The governments of Brazil, France and Great Britain demanded her return, under threat of recognizing the Confederate States of America as a sovereign state. (Sponsored by Kay McKinney)</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> March 20 9:30-11am CLL</p>	<p><b>A Tale of Two Tours, Part II</b> Jim Mooney</p>	<p><b>9:30am:</b> Light refreshments and 25th Anniversary Slideshow. <b>10:00am:</b> Jim Mooney's second tour in Vietnam at 10:00 am. Jim is a former Army Rotary (Helicopter) and Fixed Wing Instructor and Pilot, who served two tours of duty in Viet Nam. Last year, Jim shared his experiences during his first tour in Viet Nam with ElderStudy members. Back by popular demand, Jim's presentation will take us through the final years of the war and the different aspects of the war as it was winding down. It is not necessary to have attended the first talk to benefit from this second session. <b>NOTE UNUSUAL START TIME</b> (Sponsored by Donna Lewis)</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> March 20 11am--noon CLL</p>	<p><b>General Membership Meeting</b></p>	<p>This is the open forum designed to communicate directly with your fellow members, to better learn how ElderStudy works, to better understand the issues that are facing the organization, and to vote on those critical issues facing us. In addition, new members can meet and develop friendships with like-minded persons, and long-term members can renew old friendships. A delicious table of drinks and goodies makes the meeting even more enjoyable. (Sponsored by President Chuck Block)</p>
<p><b>Thursday</b> March 21 10am-noon CLL</p>	<p><b>Rescue at Los Baños</b> Liz Wilbur</p>	<p>Liz Wilbur, an MWC graduate, will recount the story of her family's experiences as prisoners of the Japanese in the Philippine Islands during the entire extent of World War II and of the daring raid that saved their lives. General Colin Powell said, "I doubt that any airborne unit in the world will ever be able to rival the Los Baños prison raid." (Sponsored by Ellen Brown)</p>
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**Tuesday**  
March 26  
10am-noon  
CLL

**The Films and Life of Orson Welles**  
Gary Olsen

A virtual pioneer in cinema, Welles is responsible for the aesthetics of films we see today. Named as the greatest film ever made by numerous polls, his 1941 "Citizen Kane" would guarantee his place as one of the greatest film directors of cinema. But Welles' later works are known for their innovations that continue to inspire directors today. A breakdown on why "Citizen Kane" was so revolutionary for the screen will be offered as well as Welles' fascinating life in theater, film and television. (Sponsored by Alan Zirkle)

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**Thursday**  
March 28  
10am-noon  
CLL

**The Ballad of the Green Berets and Desperate Engagement**  
Marc Leepson

Journalist, historian and author Marc Leepson returns to ElderStudy to speak about the turbulent life of Army Staff Sergeant Barry Sadler, who had the number one song in the nation in 1966, The Ballad of the Green Berets. The second talk will be on the little known but crucial Civil War Battle of Monocacy, which took place on 9 July 1864, outside Frederick, Maryland and after which Confederate General Jubal Early attacked Washington, DC. (Sponsored by Charlie Fennemore)

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## April

**Tuesday**  
April 2  
10am-noon  
CLL

**As Slow as Molasses in January - The Great 1919 Boston Molasses Flood**  
Dennis Van Derlaske

ElderStudy member Dennis Van Derlaske will discuss how on a mild mid-afternoon on January 15, 1919, after a number of frigid days in the North End of Boston, a sound like a clap of thunder was heard followed by an extended rumble and finally a roar as a tsunami of molasses spread across this neighborhood causing widespread destruction of property and eventually killing 21 people. We will take a look at molasses, the history of the molasses trade, the role it played in the World War I war effort, the physics of viscosity and why you don't want to be in the path of a wall of molasses headed your way, especially in a Boston January. (Sponsored by Dennis Van Derlaske)

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**Wednesday**  
April 3  
10am-noon  
CLL

**Current Events in Iran**  
Mehdi Aminrazavi

Mehdi Aminrazavi, UMW Professor of Philosophy and Religion and Co-Director of the Leidecker Center for Asian Studies will discuss current events in Iran including the effects of the Trump Administration embargo. A native of Iran, Dr. Aminrazavi has been published in both Persian and English and translated from Persian and Arabic into English. (Sponsored by Phil Hall)

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**Thursday**  
April 4  
10am-noon  
Aikido of  
Fredericksburg  
**TOUR-RSVP**

**TOUR: Japanese Martial Art of Aikido**  
Sensei Aviv

Join us for an informative and interactive session on the traditional, non-violent Japanese martial art of Aikido. Suitable for any age, come in exercise clothing prepared to participate or just watch as we learn about self-defense, peaceful resolutions to conflict, stress reduction methods and developing a general sense of well-being. We will meet at the dojo located at 6155 Hickory Ridge Road in Spotsylvania. This experience is open to the first 50 people who register. **RSVP by email [dvlewis22@gmail.com](mailto:dvlewis22@gmail.com)** (preferred) or call Donna Lewis at 571-259-6097. You will receive a confirmation email. (Sponsored by Donna Lewis)

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<p><b>Wednesday</b> April 10 10am-noon Klein Theatre</p>	<p><b>Play Discussion – <i>The Country Wife</i> by William Wycherly</b> Helen Housley</p>	<p>Infamous schemer and lascivious playboy, Harry Horner, seems no longer a threat to the marriages of London as word of his impotence spreads throughout society. Having instigated the rumor himself, however, Horner mischievously embarks on a plan to seduce the wives and daughters of the city’s most influential businessmen knowing full well that nary a man in London would suspect his ribald intentions. When the sweet, innocent, and honest Margery Pinchwife becomes smitten with him, Horner’s charades take an unforeseen tumble. <i>The Country Wife</i> is the quintessential restoration comedy laced with extraordinary wit, saucy innuendo, and bawdy intrigue. Tickets will be available during and after class. Box Office 540-654-1124. Shows: Thursday – Saturday at 7:30, Sunday at 2:00. There is no performance on 21 April – Easter Sunday. For the hearing impaired, listening devices are available for checkout at the Box Office prior to each performance. The parking lot across from Klein should be reserved for ElderStudy. ElderStudy members may bring non-member guests to this session. (Sponsored by Bob &amp; Carole Hanus)</p>
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<p><b>Thursday</b> April 11 1–3pm UMW Stafford Library</p>	<p><b>Book Group - <i>Red Sparrow</i> by Jason Matthews</b> Carrie Allahut</p>	<p>In contemporary Russia, state intelligence officer Dominka Egoroova has been drafted to become a “Sparrow”- a spy trained in the art of seduction to elicit information from their marks. (Sponsored by Dot Meyers)</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> April 16 10am–noon CLL</p>	<p><b>Ghost Fleet of Mallows Bay</b> Donald Shomette</p>	<p>Donald Shomette, author, historian and marine archeologist, will discuss how Mallows Bay came to be the final resting place for the largest collection of scuttled ships in the Western Hemisphere. This maritime historic treasure is located one hour's drive from Fredericksburg on the western side of Charles County Maryland. (Sponsored by Bev Johnson)</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> April 17 10am–noon CLL</p>	<p><b>Four Seasons Concert - a Preview</b></p>	<p>Maestro Kevin Bartram will preview for us the Philharmonic’s upcoming concert performance of Vivaldi’s Four Seasons with Nadja Solerno Sonnenberg. (Sponsored by Phil Johnson)</p>
<p><b>Thursday</b> April 18 10am–noon CLL</p>	<p><b>Route One: How Cars Changed Fredericksburg</b> Barbara Anderson</p>	<p>This presentation traces the history of the automobile in Fredericksburg from the first car in town to the present. As we look at vintage cars along the way, we study the evolution of roads, traffic laws and car dealerships. We will also examine the impact of cars on our cultural fabric, focusing on the proliferation of car-oriented businesses as gas stations, fast food and drive throughs. Many before and after photographs will be included. (Sponsored by Mary Ann Stana)</p>

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<b>Tuesday</b> April 23 10am-noon CLL	<b>My forgetter is the best thing about me</b> Chuck Block, MD	ElderStudy member Dr. Chuck Block will discuss the magnitude of Alzheimers and Dementia - the condition, the causes, the diagnosis, the prevention and the treatment. (Sponsored by Chuck Block)
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<b>Wednesday</b> April 24 10am - noon CLL	<b>The Life and Times of John Wesley and the History of Methodism around Fredericksburg</b> Brad Phillips	ElderStudy member Brad Phillips will discuss the history of Methodism in 18th century England through the life and times of its founder, John Wesley. Brad will also discuss how Methodism came to America and Methodist history around the Fredericksburg area. (Sponsored by Carolyn Sulima)
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<b>Tuesday</b> April 30 10am-noon CLL	<b>Ferry Farm Preview</b> Laura Galke	The Washington home once again overlooks the churning waters of the Rappahannock River and town of Fredericksburg beyond. Archaeological remains revealed the structure's historic location. During their three decades here, the Washingtons experienced monumental changes to its membership just as Colonial Virginia underwent fundamental transformations about the nature of the household and the nuclear family. Recovered artifacts proclaim Washington's' participation in the proud traditions that secured the family's position in a fickle colonial society. (Sponsored by Randy Fennemore)
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**May**

<b>Wednesday</b> May 1 10:15am-noon Ferry Farm <b>TOUR RSVP</b>	<b>TOUR 1: Ferry Farm: George Washington's Boyhood Home</b> Vickie Hayes	This tour will allow our members to see our first president's boyhood home - open to the public just 6 months ago. <b>RSVP Michelle M. Esbshade, esbt@hotmail.com, 703-203-4113.</b> Tour is limited to 40 members. Cost is \$4.50. Please pay day of tour. <b>NOTE UNUSUAL START TIME</b> (Sponsored by Michelle Esbshade)
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<b>Wednesday</b> May 1 1:50-3pm Ferry Farm <b>TOUR RSVP</b>	<b>TOUR 2: Ferry Farm: George Washington's Boyhood Home</b>	This tour will allow our members to see our first president's boyhood home - open to the public just 6 months ago. <b>RSVP Michelle M. Esbshade, esbt@hotmail.com, 703-203-4113.</b> Tour is limited to 40 members. Cost is \$4.50. Please pay day of tour. <b>NOTE UNUSUAL START TIME</b> (Sponsored by Michelle Esbshade)
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<b>Thursday</b> May 2 10am-noon CLL	<b>The Oklahoma Land Run and Land Lottery</b> Susan Trunzo	ElderStudy member Susan Trunzo, who is a member of the Choctaw Tribe, will discuss her Choctaw ancestors and how they were moved to Indian Territory in what is now the state of Oklahoma. Susan will explain how many tribes were sent to Indian Territory in the 1800s, which tribes are there now and where they are located. She will focus on how the tribes interacted with cattle ranchers and with the US Government, who ultimately opened these lands to white settlers. In addition to the land runs, she will explain the land lottery. Ultimately, the Oklahoma Territory and Indian Territory became the state of Oklahoma in 1907. (Sponsored by Susan Trunzo)
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<b>Tuesday</b> May 7 10am-noon CLL	<b>Reconstruction, Regulation and the Fourteenth Amendment</b> Joe Alfred	ElderStudy member Joe Alfred will discuss New Orleans following the Civil War and how independent butchers suing against a monopoly slaughterhouse would result in a seminal 1873 United States Supreme Court case that for the first time addressed the meaning of the 14th amendment. (Sponsored by Joe Alfred)
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<b>Tuesday</b> May 7 1-3pm CLL	<b>Wine Industry in Virginia</b> Chris Pearmund	Learn the inside of the agriculture of the wine industry by one of the most widely recognized and well-respected wine growers and wine makers in Virginia. (Sponsored by Michelle Esbenshade)
<b>Wednesday</b> May 8 10am-noon Effingham Manor <b>TOUR - RSVP</b>	<b>TOUR – Effingham Manor Winery</b> Chris Pearmund	Tour will include tasting and tour of vineyard, a look at barrel aging, and barrel tasting of Merlot present and older managed Merlot. An additional tour of the 1700s manor house. is included. Tour is \$15 per person. Tour location is Effingham Manor Winery 35 minutes from UMW Stafford campus. Limited to 40 members. <b>RSVP Michelle M. Esbenshade - email esbt@hotmail.com (preferred)</b> or 703-203-4113. Bring a picnic basket and enjoy a glass of wine with your lunch. Driving instructions will be provided to those attending. (Sponsored by Michelle Esbenshade)
<b>Thursday</b> May 9 10am-noon CLL	<b>Hearing Loss and Balance: Diagnosis, Treatment and Interventions</b> Kollene Cordero, MD	Dr. Kollene Cordero will explain how hearing loss and balance disorders can have a major impact on a person’s quality of life, both physically and emotionally. She will discuss how these disorders are diagnosed and provide more information about interventions, technology and therapy options presently in practice for treatment. We will learn about the good news in early diagnosis and intervention in order to improve physical and mental health. (Sponsored by Donna Lewis)
<b>Thursday</b> May 9 1-3pm UMW Stafford Library	<b>Book Group - Reading the Rocks: How Victorian Geologists Discovered the Secret of Life by Brenda Maddox</b> Rose Reif	Award winning biographer Maddox details scientific exploration of geology into the stories of the vibrant pioneers who pushed to increase our understanding of the world’s long history and humanity’s place in it. (Sponsored by Dot Meyers)
<b>Tuesday</b> May 14 10am-noon CLL	<b>Visit to Barcelona</b> Phil Hall	ElderStudy member Phil Hall will present a program on Catalonia’s greatest architectural treasures by Antoni Gaudi, featuring his Sagrada Familia basilica. (Sponsored by Phil Hall)
<b>Thursday</b> May 16 11:30am-2pm Spotswood Baptist Church	<b>End of Year Potluck Luncheon</b> <b>RESCHEDULED TO 23 MAY</b>	Join your colleagues for our annual end of year potluck luncheon at the Spotswood Baptist, 4009 Lafayette Boulevard, FVA 22408. Further details will be provided. <b>NOTE UNUSUAL START TIME</b> (Sponsored by Eugenia Jones)
<b>Tuesday</b> May 21 10am-noon Chatham <b>TOUR - RSVP</b>	<b>TOUR – The Layers of Chatham</b> Scott Walker	Tour the grounds and house at Chatham Manor, the expansive Georgian mansion fronting the Rappahannock River on the heights opposite Fredericksburg. Walk with Scott Walker, the "Tourmaster" as he presents the concept of Layers of History in describing many of the events that happened there and its impressive list of visitors "from Fitzhugh to Faberge." Meet beside the parking lot at 120 Chatham Lane. <b>RSVP required Mary Ann Stana at mastana10@hotmail.com (preferred)</b> or 540-604-5634. Limited to 35 members. (Sponsored by Mary Ann Stana)
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**Wednesday**      **Administrative Committee Meeting II**      The Administrative Committee develops policies and plans for operating the organization. It reviews governing documents, updates the Policies and Procedures, monitors finances and projects future needs, proposes an annual budget and annual fees. Members are always welcome to attend Committee meetings.  
May 29  
1-3pm  
CLL  
(Sponsored by John Thompson)

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## June

**Wednesday**      **Board of Directors Meeting**      Board meetings are open to all ElderStudy members. Come and witness firsthand the decision-making process that ensures ElderStudy is meeting its objectives. This is a chance for all members to suggest new ideas for the organization directly to the Board and to committee chairpersons. (Sponsored by President Chuck Block)  
June 5  
10am-noon  
CLL

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**Wednesday**      **Secure the CLL**      Secure the classroom (microphone, etc.) (Sponsored by Alan Zirkle)  
June 5  
12-12:30pm  
CLL

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