

Fall Schedule - August to December 2016

as of 8 December 2016

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Thu	18 Aug 16	13:00-15:00	Curriculum Committee Meeting I Sponsor: Chuck Johnson	Open to all interested members; help us plan the curriculum for the next semester.
Tue	23 Aug 16	10:00-12:00	TOUR: Bricks and Boards in the 'Burg Presenter: Scott Walker Sponsor: Mary Ann Stana	Join the Tourmaster for an hour and a half, 8-1/2 block walk through Fredericksburg's Downtown Historic District. See and hear about history and architecture from four different centuries in places you know something about but will be surprised to learn--and enjoy--more. Meet in the Historic Market Square, located behind the old Town Hall building at 907 Princess Anne Street. RSVP REQUIRED to Mary Ann Stana, mastana10@hotmail.com or 604-5634. Limited to 35 persons.
Tue	23 Aug 16	13:00-15:00	(Afternoon of tour)	
Wed	24 Aug 16	10:00-12:00	Flying POTUS on Marine Helicopter Squadron One Presenter: Ron Berube Sponsor: Carolyn Sulima	Marine Helicopter Squadron One (HMX1) was established December 1, 1947 at Marine Base Quantico, Virginia as an experimental unit tasked with testing and evaluating military helicopters when rotary wing flight was still in its infancy. In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower was away on vacation and was urgently needed back at the White House. What would have been a two hour motorcade trip was reduced to a seven minute helicopter ride. On that day, HMX-1 earned its most prestigious of missions, and has since then, become synonymous with helicopter transport of the President of the United States. Ron Berube will provide an overview of Marine Helicopter Squadron One - The Presidential Helicopter Squadron - through a slide presentation and videos that will give audience a unique personnel view of the Mission and Marines that provide worldwide helicopter support to the President Of The United States.
Thu	25 Aug 16	10:00-12:00	RAIN DATE for TOUR: Bricks in the 'Burg'	(Rain date)
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Mon	29 Aug 16	10:00-12:00	UMW Classes Begin	
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Thu	1 Sep 16	10:30-15:30	Cold War Museum Presenter: Jason Hall Sponsor: Michelle Esbenshade	The Cold War Museum is a non-profit organization, founded by Francis Gary Powers, Jr., and is dedicated to the education, preservation, and research on the various aspects of the conflict between East and West from the end of WWII to the dissolution of the USSR. Included at the museum are some of the finest collection of material relating to the U-2 incident in May 1960. The tour will be led by a special docent and there will be a \$10.00 fee per person, collected at the time of the tour. Attendees can bring a lunch or be provided a lunch (sandwich, chips and drink) by the Cover Café at a cost of \$11.00. The tour is limited to 40 persons and the deadline to sign up is August 22, 2016. If you would like to attend, contact Michelle Esbenshade via email (esbt@hotmail.com) or telephone (703 203-4113). Those who wish to carpool can meet at the Stafford campus and depart at 10:30 am. The museum address is 7172 Lineweaver Road, Vint Hill, VA 20187. Driving time is approximately 45 minutes. Directions: Route 17N to Route 29N. Continue on Route 15N/Route 29N. Turn right onto Vint Hill Road (VA 215). Then right onto Vint Hill Parkway, left onto Watson Court which becomes Lineweaver Road. Turn beside Covert Café, and the museum is located behind the café.
Mon	5 Sep 16	10:00-12:00	Labor Day	
Tue	6 Sep 16	10:00-12:00	The Art of Public Speaking Presenter: Joe Alfred Sponsor: Joe Alfred	Even though Congress may not make a law abridging freedom of speech, many Americans have an anxiety about speaking in public that effectively abridges their right. This is an unnecessary burden to carry through life. The techniques of Toastmasters and several other programs provide ways to overcome speaking anxiety and learn in time to enjoy public speaking. This will be a hands-on session where the audience will be encouraged to participate in giving an ice-breaker talk.
Thu	8 Sep 16	10:00-12:00	History of Virginia Theatre Presenter Bruce Miller Sponsor: Barbara Kinkaid	Come and hear about the proud history of theater in Virginia and the current theater scene in Richmond. Bruce is the current artistic director at Virginia Repertory Theatre.

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Thu	8 Sep 16	13:00-15:00	Book Group ► A Wolf Called Romeo by Nick Jans and Three Among the Wolves by Helen Thayer Discussion: Margaretta Williamson Sponsor: Dottie Meyers	1. A wild black wolf adopts a community on the edge of Juneau, Alaska and returns every fall for seven years. 2. A couple in their late 50's decide to spend a year studying a wolf den in Yukon Territory along with their part-wolf dog. The wolves allow it.
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Wed	14 Sep 16	10:00-12:00	Galapagos Islands Presenter: Andrew Dolby Sponsor: Phil Hall	For nearly two centuries, the Galapagos Islands have inspired leading biologists, including Charles Darwin, and yielded scientific data that have profoundly influenced the development of modern evolutionary and ecological theory. They have also been appreciated for their unique flora and fauna. Since the Galapagos Islands were discovered in the sixteenth century, however, their ecology has been disrupted by human visitors and subsequent development of permanent communities. Today, they are strained by population growth, tourism, and over-exploitation of their marine resources. This illustrated presentation will showcase the spectacular wildlife and landscapes of the Galapagos Islands and highlight their current conservation challenges.
Thu	15 Sep 16	10:00-12:00	The First and the Last: American Zouaves and the Civil War Presenter: Mike Westermeier Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	Soldiers study and take inspiration from examples of fierce fighters of the past. Many nineteenth-century American soldiers emulated the Algerian "Zouaves," wearing brightly-colored baggy-trousered uniforms into the heat of battle during the Civil War. The speaker will cover the zouave phenomenon as a military-cultural fad in ante-bellum American militias; famous, infamous, and not-so-famous American zouave regiments; and the impact of mid-19th-century tactical fads on the conduct of battle in the Civil War. Essentially: what on earth was a Zouave, and why on earth would anyone voluntarily dress like that!?
Thu	15 Sep 16	13:00-15:00	Curriculum Committee Meeting II Sponsor: Chuck Johnson	Open to all interested members; help us plan the curriculum for the next semester.
Tue	20 Sep 16	10:00-12:00	Victorian Architecture in Fredericksburg Presenter: Michael Spencer Sponsor: Margaretta Williamson	Even though Fredericksburg was still economically recovering from the Civil War, the Victorian era saw some of the town's most recognizable buildings constructed. Professor Spencer will examine the architecture and the contractors behind the designs.

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Tue	20 Sep 16	13:00-15:00	Sexuality in Southern Literature Presenter: Gary Richards Sponsor: Peggy Gratz	Drawing upon his scholarship and teaching, Professor Gary Richards will lead an overview of how sexuality has saturated southern literature and invite discussion to consider multiple topics, including: heterosexuality, procreation, and the absence of procreation; interracial sexuality; intergenerational sexuality; homosociality, homosexuality, and bisexuality; incest; bestiality; and sexuality and transgender. The main focus will be on how key literary texts by figures such as Frederick Douglass, Harriet Jacobs, William Faulkner, Eudora Welty, Tennessee Williams, and Dorothy Allison, as well as representations in popular culture texts, such as film, television, and music, have explored these sexualities in a range of ways.
Wed	21 Sep 16	10:00-12:00	The Arab-Israeli Conflict Presenter: Nabil al Tikriti Sponsor: Dave Hill	Professor Al-Tikriti will summarize his course entitled "The Arab-Israeli Conflict." In the course of this discussion, he will survey political maps over the decades, major political treaties and trends and the International Relations dimensions of the conflict.
Thu	22 Sep 16	10:00-12:00	How to Add Pizzazz to your Wardrobe with Accessories CANCELLED	Back by popular demand, presenter Linda Barker (former presenter of How to look Fabulous at Any Age) will take on a new topic for the women of ElderStudy. Do you have plenty of clothes but often feel like something is missing when you get dressed? Maybe that "something" is accessories: a scarf tied a certain way, a classy pair of earrings perfect for you, a belt the right size and style. These "finishing touches" can make the difference between looking "nice" and looking "fabulous." In this workshop you will learn several EASY ways to tie a scarf, how to select jewelry for your personality and outfit, and receive many other tips for pulling an outfit together.
Wed	28 Sep 16	10:00-12:00	Play Discussion ► Assistance by Leslye Headland Presentation: Gregg Stull Sponsor: Bob & Carole Hanus	Get a front row seat to the HOT MESS that is this group of twenty-somethings struggling to keep up with the nearly impossible demands of their ultra-high-profile boss. Constantly asking themselves if all the torture is really worth it, they can't seem to reach an answer because the phone never stops ringing. The only glimmers of hope are that they are all in it together and their boss is rarely in the office. With Leslye Headland's incredibly insightful script, Assistance is sure to have you laughing at some of the most revealing moments of these young people's lives. Tickets will be available during/after class. Box Office 654-1124. Show dates: September 29 – October 1 and October 6 – 8 at 8:00 p.m., October 2 and 9 at 2:00 p.m. 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.
Wed	28 Sep 16	13:30-15:00	Fall UMW Galleries Tour I Presenter: Rosemary Jesionowski Sponsor: Mary Ann Stana	Meet at the Ridderhof Martin Gallery for The French Horse from Romanticism to Surrealism: Works from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. We will then tour Confluence, a sculpture exhibit by Jon McMillan at the DuPont Gallery. Note unusual start time.

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Thu	29 Sep 16	10:00-12:00	German Sabotage During World War I Presenter: Bert Dunkerle Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	Though we often think the First World War was fought "over there," in fact the Germans conducted quite a bit of sabotage on American soil. We will explore the little-known espionage and sabotage by German agents in the United States that took place 100 years ago.
Tue	4 Oct 16	10:00-12:00	ISIS CANCELLED	Dr. Singh will discuss the rise of the Islamic State and its historic and ideological origins.
Wed	5 Oct 16	10:00-12:30	The Academy Awards Best Pictures and the Nominees -- 1970-1974 -- The New Hollywood Presentation: Gary Olsen Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	A new generation was displacing the older "Studio Directors" who had crafted for generations what movie audiences were used to. These young directors, with film school diplomas and a youthful, vibrant perspective on life, were using new technologies that were transforming Hollywood cinema as much as society at large was changing. "New Hollywood" directors such as Robert Altman (Nashville), Mike Nichols (Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolfe), and Arthur Penn (Bonnie And Clyde) were giving the screen a fresh, albeit controversial, look that is still evident in today's movies.
Thu	6 Oct 16	14:00-16:00	Astronomy and the Space Program RESCHEDULED FROM 10am Presenter: David Abbou Sponsor: Randy Fennemore	This presentation will discuss astronomy in general along with amazing facts and current NASA space program missions, some of which you probably have not heard about. This presentation is intended give the audience and appreciation of astronomy and what our nation's space program is doing to explore our universe.
Mon	10 Oct 16	10:00-12:00	Native American Day	
Wed	12 Oct 16	7:30-16:00	TOUR: Goddard NASA Space Flight Center Presenter: Catherine Maynard Sponsor: Donna Lewis	Travel with us to NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, for a captivating educational experience. The center demonstrates Goddard's innovative work in Earth science, astrophysics, heliophysics, planetary science, engineering, communication and technology development. 45 members are invited to travel to Goddard by bus on Wednesday, October 12, departing from the (route 17) Target parking lot promptly at 7:45 am and returning no later than 4 pm. Participants are asked to pack their own lunch. Bottled water will be provided. The cost for the tour will be \$ 26 per person. Contact Donna Lewis at 571-259-6097 or dvlewis22@gmail.com to confirm your reservation. Check (payable to Mary Washington Elder Study) may be mailed to Donna Lewis by no later than September 5, at 1409 Washington Drive, Stafford, VA 22554.
Thu	13 Oct 16	10:00-12:00	Our Star-Studded Library Presenter: Martha Hutzal Sponsor: Joan Bitely	Martha will describe the CRRL organization, (Central Rappahannock Regional Library), funding, programs, activities and needs. She will also highlight the many accolades that our library has received and highlight ideas that may be in the hopper.

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Thu	13 Oct 16	13:00-15:00	Book Group ► Elephant Company: The Inspiring Story of an Unlikely Hero and the Animals Who Helped Him Save Lives in World War II by Vicki Crote. Discussion: Donna Lewis Sponsor: Dottie Meyers	The remarkable story of James Howard Williams, whose uncanny rapport with the world's largest land animals transformed him into a war hero.
Sat	15 Oct 16	10:00-12:00	UMW Fall Break Begins	
Tue	18 Oct 16	10:00-12:00	Horses, Ships, Rails and Roads: Transportation in the Fredericksburg Region Presenter: Charles G. McDaniel Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	The History of Hilldrup Moving and Storage providing transportation services to the Fredericksburg region. The company was founded in 1903, and has provided a range of transportation services to the area. In researching Hilldrup's history, the speaker learned of a lot about activity at the river port of Fredericksburg, and the unusual use of rail to provide transportation solutions in the early 1900's. The talk will discuss activity on the river and the role of Fredericksburg as a center of distribution. A great deal of information will be provided about the William Street corridor where Hilldrup was founded.
Tue	18 Oct 16	10:00-12:00	UMW Fall Break Ends	
Wed	19 Oct 16	10:00-12:00	General Membership Meeting Sponsor: President Mel Wright	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.
Thu	20 Oct 16	10:00-12:00	The Lisbon Earthquake 1755 Presenter: Joe Alfred Sponsor: Joe Alfred	At 9:40 on the morning of 1 November 1755, All Saints Day in the Catholic calendar, an earthquake occurred 120 miles off the coast of Lisbon, Portugal. This earthquake and the fire and tsunami that followed destroyed much of the city. Because the Portuguese were considered the holiest people in Christendom, many Europeans and Americans changed the way they viewed their faith. This event preceded the rise of Deism and the American and French revolutions.
Thu	20 Oct 16	13:00-15:00	Curriculum Committee III Sponsor: Chuck Johnson	Open to all interested members; help us plan the curriculum for the next semester.

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Tue	25 Oct 16	10:00-12:00	Native Americans: Many Things You Need To Know But Had No One To Ask Presenter: Greg Gagnon Sponsor: Phil Hall	The Pamunkey Tribe within Virginia just became federally recognized. ElderStudy member Greg Gagnon will answer many of the questions about Native Americans in the United States to provide a context for their current status. What does federal understanding the recognition mean? What powers does tribal sovereignty mean? Have Native Americans lost their culture? What should we call Native Americans? What is United States Native American policy? Why do Native American governments operate casinos? What happens to casino money? Do Native Americans pay taxes? Audience members will be able to ask questions? Greg Gagnon is a citizen of Bad River Reservation and a retired Indian Studies professor.
Wed	26 Oct 16	10:00-12:00	Getting Your Point Across with Data Presenter: Debra Hydorn Sponsor: Randy Fennemore	It can be difficult to effectively organize and present important information to a target audience when there is so much data available. Dr. Hydorn will discuss principles for effectively designing information graphics using principles from cognitive psychology, communication and art. Examples from various sources including first-year students will be shared.
Thu	27 Oct 16	10:00-12:00	Those Nettleesome Aliens: A Look at Orson Welles' 1938 "War of the Worlds" Broadcast Presenter: Dennis Van Derlaske Sponsor: Dennis Van Derlaske	A discussion of Orson Welles' famous 1938 broadcast. Bring your lunch. The actual broadcast will be replayed at 12:30.
Thu	27 Oct 16	12:30-13:30	Broadcast: "War of the Worlds"	Replay of the radio broadcast of War of the Worlds
Tue	1 Nov 16	10:00-12:00	Weapons for Liberty: Propaganda Techniques of Four Belligerent Countries during World War I Presenter: Marcel Rotter Sponsor: Lotar Kirsten	We compare World War I war bond posters from two Central Powers, Germany and Austria-Hungary, with examples from two Allied Powers, Great Britain and the United States. Despite the apparently uniform medium of war bond posters, the differences in the political cultures of these societies resulted in very different representations of war loans. The Allies tried to reach out to the public not only to acquire money to finance the war, but to forge a "fighting community" linking the military and home fronts. The Central Powers seemed to be neither capable nor interested in engaging the public in the war effort on an emotional level. In a sense, the posters foreshadowed already the outcome of the war.

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Wed	2 Nov 16	10:00-12:00	<p>Play Discussion ► The Mystery of Edwin Drood, based on the novel by Charles Dickens; book, music, and lyrics by Rupert Holmes</p> <p>Presenter: Gregg Stull Sponsors: Bob & Carol Hanus</p>	<p>Charles Dickens was still writing his final novel when he died in 1870. Rupert Holmes' Tony Award-winning musical aims to finish it with the help of the audience—resulting in a different ending every night! The Mystery of Edwin Drood is the ultimate whodunit musical where YOU get to solve the mystery! The egocentric and lecherous John Jasper is in love with his music student (the beautiful Rosa Bud) who, in turn, is engaged to his nephew, Edwin Drood, who very mysteriously turns up missing one snowy Christmas Eve. Toss in a few other colorful characters, and you've got the makings of the ultimate musical murder mystery! Tickets will be available during/after class. Box Office 654-1124. Show dates: November 3 – 5, 10 – 12 and 17 – 19 at 8:00 p.m. November 6, 13 and 20 at 2:00 p.m. 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.</p>
Wed	2 Nov 16	13:30-15:00	<p>Fall UMW Galleries Tour II</p> <p>Presenter: Rosemary Jesionowski Sponsor: Mary Ann Stana</p>	<p>We will begin at the Ridderhof Martin Gallery for Association for Creative Zoology and continue to DuPont for an exhibit TBA. Note unusual start time.</p>
Thu	3 Nov 16	10:00-12:30	<p>The Academy Awards Best Pictures and the Nominees -- 1965-1969 -- The American New Wave</p> <p>Presenter: Gary Olsen Sponsor: Alan Zirkle</p>	<p>Many film historians label this period as the highpoint in American artistic filmmaking, and the roster of Academy recognition proves that point. As an extension of the "New Hollywood," Tinseltown relied on an incredible group of talented youthful directors to give new interpretations on historical events (Patton, M.A.S.H. and Chinatown), musicals (Cabaret, Fiddler On The Roof), thrillers (The Exorcist, The Towering Inferno) among other categories. Directors such as George Lucas, Francis Ford Coppola, William Friedkin and Robert Altman all created films that have emerged as monumental milestones in Hollywood history. Seldom has The Academy achieved such a high caliber of films offered in its five-year span as this period.</p>

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Tue	8 Nov 16	10:00-12:00	Holiday Woodturning of Gifts, Tableware, and Keepsakes Presenter: Steve Schwartz Sponsor: Charlie Fennemore	Learn about the art of woodturning Christmas ornaments. Attendance is limited to 40. RSVP to Charlie Fennemore at cfennemore@aol.com or 540-371-3629. Directions: (1) From Route 1 and Route 17 (Falmouth Light) go north on Route 1 for 1.8 miles to the traffic light and turn right onto Layhill Road. (2) From Route 1 and Route 630 Courthouse Road go south on Route 1 for 5.5 miles to traffic light and turn left onto Layhill Road. (3) From Route 95 either direction take Exit 136 / Stafford Airport. As soon as you exit follow signs to Route 1 then turn left (South) onto Route 1. Go to second traffic light and turn left onto Layhill Road. After turning onto Layhill Road, follow it for about 1 mile to the left turn lane, and then turn left onto Morton Road. The GRAPHICS STUDIO is 1/2 mile up Morton on the right hand side. The only sign is the black plastic mail box which reads "Graphics Studio Inc. 172 Morton Road". There is a long asphalt driveway and a green house in the woods. The GRAPHICS STUDIO is on the right hand side. Please CAR POOL - ONLY ROOM FOR 10 - 15 cars
Wed	9 Nov 16	10:00-12:00	Images of America: Fort Lesley J. McNair Presenter: John Michael Kupik Sponsor: Charlie Fennemore	Learn about the history of Fort Lesley J. McNair from when it began as "Reservation #05" in 1791 when L'Enfant laid out the new Capital City, until the current day where it provides advanced education to our military.
Wed	9 Nov 16	13:00-15:00	The Nag Hammadi Codices Presenter: Jim Goehring Sponsor: Rose Reif	Dr. Goehring, UMW Professor of Religion, will introduce these codices or books which were discovered by an Egyptian farmer in 1945. These 56 texts of which 40 were totally new, were often radically at odds with the New Testament gospels and letters. Dr. Goehring will explore how these documents, which he helped to translate, changed our views of Jesus, the apostles and early Christianity.
Thu	10 Nov 16	10:00-12:00	Two Talks: Stafford's Freestone Industry; Gone and Nearly Forgotten Presenter: Jerrilyn Eby MacGregor Sponsor: Charlie Fennemore	Learn about the freestone industry (1600's to 1930) that was a vital part of Stafford's economy and was the material of choice for prominent Washington buildings and utilized throughout the eastern seaboard. Also, hear about a range of Stafford historical structures and sites that have been lost to modern development (with pictures of then and now).
Thu	10 Nov 16	13:00-15:00	Book Group ► Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania by Erik Larson Presenter: Chuck Watkins Sponsor: Dottie Meyers	Riveting account of the voyage and the sinking that took over 1000 to their deaths and sent America to war. Told from the perspective of both survivors and submarine crew, chronicles factors that led to the sinking.
Fri	11 Nov 16	10:00-12:00	Veterans Day	
Tue	15 Nov 16	10:00-12:00	Architecture at the Scottish Border Presenter: Phil Hall Sponsor: Phil Hall	Images and commentary from a tour my wife and I enjoyed this past May. We visited castles, manor houses, gardens, abbey ruins, historic sites, and enjoyed the incomparable Scottish Countryside.

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Tue	15 Nov 16	13:00-15:00	Campaign Postmortem Presenter: Stephen Farnsworth Sponsor: Phil Hall	The 2016 Presidential Campaign has already had its surprises: the rise of outsiders like Donald Trump, Ben Carson, and Bernie Sanders, the decision of Joe Biden not to run. This discussion will provide Dr. Farnsworth's insight into what happened and why election night 2016.
Wed	16 Nov 16	10:00-12:00	The Ethics of Assisted Suicide RESCHEDULED TO SEPTEMBER 22 10am Presenter: Janet Wisner Sponsor: Mel Wright	Is it right to assist someone with suicide? When is it wrong? Come join the discussion to decide.
Wed	16 Nov 16	13:00-15:00	Tony Bennett - Pre-Concert Lecture SESSION ADDED Presenter: Kevin Bartram Sponsor: Phil Hall	Tony Bennett. A pre-concert lecture on the life and career of the legendary singer who will perform a rare Christmas show with the UMW Philharmonic on December 9.
Thu	17 Nov 16	10:00-12:00	Research Gems of Fredericksburg Presenter: Beth Daly Sponsor: Randy Fennemore	The Fredericksburg area is full of history, much of it in the form of buildings, parks and artifacts, all easily seen. There is so much more, but not nearly so obvious. There are numerous places to do local research, including genealogy. Among these are the courthouses, libraries, archives of some of the local museums and the Central Rappahannock Heritage Center. Beth Daly is a volunteer and researcher at the Central Rappahannock Heritage Center, the largest private archive in the region. She will introduce you to and expand your knowledge of these repositories and resources.
Tue	22 Nov 16	10:00-12:30	The Academy Awards Best Pictures and the Nominees -- 1975-1979 Presenter: Gary Olsen Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	The so-called "Renaissance of Hollywood" began during these years. Steven Spielberg's "Jaws" introduced to the paying public the "event films," summer big-budgeted films geared towards action and youth-oriented special effects. George Lucas followed the shark film with "Star Wars," insuring that blockbusters were here to stay. We'll trace the Academy Awards Best Picture category during this time period, from which both films were nominated, as well as describe the new technologies introduced. Those included the steadicam, memorably used in "Rocky," and the VHS videotape machine, which distributed Best Picture nominees such as "Apocalypse Now," "Midnight Express," and "All That Jazz."
Thu	24 Nov 16	10:00-15:00	Thanksgiving Day	
Sun	27 Nov 16	10:00-12:00	UMW Thanksgiving Break Ends	
Tue	29 Nov 16	10:00-12:00	To Oz: An Australian Adventure Presenters: Jack Allison & Mary Ann Stana Sponsor: Rose Reif	Join us for a photographic journey covering the eastern half of Australia. From the barren lands of the Red Center to the lush rainforests of the Karandu region enjoy exotic flora and fauna and the colorful aboriginal inhabitants as seen through our lenses.

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Thu	1 Dec 16	11:30-15:00	Winter Luncheon Sponsor: Eugenia Jones	The ElderStudy Winter Luncheon will be held at Lake of the Woods Clubhouse. Further details will be provided.
Tue	6 Dec 16	10:00-12:00	Smartphone Wars II Presenter: Joe Alfred Sponsor: Joe Alfred	Back by popular demand, this session will provide updates from the emerging world of 5th generation wireless as well as the continuing clash of mobile giants including: Apple & Samsung, iOS & Android, Microsoft & Motorola and AT&T & Verizon. This session will explore the winners and losers and the public policy questions still in debate set in the context of the birth of cell phones, the growth of mobile phones and the internet and the decline of wired phones and the circuit switched world.
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Thu	8 Dec 16	13:00-15:00	Book Group ► The Wright Brothers by David McCullough Discussion: Phil Hall Sponsor: Dottie Meyers	McCullough always offers a great read and his account of the amazing achievements of these two American geniuses does not disappoint.
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