

## Spring Schedule - January to June 2010

as of 10 June 2010

Day	Date	Time	Title	Description
Mon	11 Jan 10	10:00-12:00	UMW Classes Begin After Christmas Break	
Tue	12 Jan 10	10:00-12:00	Dealing with Cancer Presenter: Regina Kenner Sponsor: Dave Hill	Cancer management involves a spectrum of care that can be daunting to navigate. The Patient Navigator service is a comprehensive resource for patients and support for physicians who care for them.
Tue	12 Jan 10	13:00-15:00	The Search for the Washington House at Ferry Farm Presenter: Dave Muraca Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	The seven-year search for the Washington House at Ferry Farm will be detailed, and then we will examine some of the interesting Washington family artifacts including those belonging to George, Betty, Mary Ball and their slaves.
Wed	13 Jan 10	10:00-12:00	Opportunities in Exploritas, Formerly Named Elderhostel Presenter: Rose Wesson Sponsor: Janet Wishner	The history and evolution of Elderhostel and speculations on the significance of the name change. Many seniors are interested in travel, but don't want to go alone. Or they want to have not just interesting tours but would enjoy hearing lectures about the history and culture of places visited.
Thu	14 Jan 10	13:00-15:00	Book Group ► Outliers: The Story of Success by Malcolm Gladwell Presenter: Anne McGrath Sponsor: Roger Bourdon	Why do some people succeed, living remarkably productive and impactful lives, while so many more never reach their potential? The author challenges our cherished belief of the "self-made man." Examining the lives of outliers from Mozart to Bill Gates, he builds a convincing case for how successful people rise on a tide of advantages, "some deserved, some not, some earned, some just plain lucky."
Tue	19 Jan 10	10:00-12:00	Stand Strong for Life: A Fall Prevention Workshop Presenter: Wanda Haney Sponsor: Peg Johnson	Learn the facts about falls and injuries related to falls. Refreshments will be provided. Attendance is limited: please register by calling Health Link (741-1404) between 9 and 5. Session will be held in Mary Washington Hospital Auditorium 2, which is downstairs near the dining area.

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Wed	20 Jan 10	10:00-12:00	Thinking About Memoir as a Reader and a Writer  Presenter: Colin Rafferty Sponsor: Margaret Rose	Professor Colin Rafferty of the Creative Writing Department of UMW will lead us as we consider the evolution of the memoir as a form and look at how it has developed from something one traditionally wrote at the end of one's life to a genre practiced by all age groups. We'll consider the reasons people read memoir and why it's such a popular form. We'll talk about the pitfalls and advantages of memoir. Finally, we'll look at how we might begin to write our own memoirs, and attempt an exercise designed to produce raw material.
Thu	21 Jan 10	10:00-12:00	The Battle of Spotsylvania Court House: Determining the Intent of the Enemy  Presenter: Greg Mertz Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	The Battle of Spotsylvania Court House was fought on May 8-21, 1864. Though Union forces had been in the area for more than two years, they had never penetrated so far into Spotsylvania County, so were in unfamiliar territory and did not have accurate maps. Learning about new territory, as well as keeping track of enemy movements and positions fell primarily to the cavalry. But Grant had sent virtually all of his cavalry away on the second day of the battle. Lee had little choice but to dispatch a significant part of his own cavalry to counter the Union horsemen. This left both armies without their "eyes and ears." One way of looking at this battle is through the distorted lenses of the army commanders and how they sought to determine just what the other army was up to. We will see both commanders make some very logical conclusions regarding the enemy intent, only to find that though reasonable, they were wrong. Join us as we examine this battle by comparing what the generals thought was happening, with the actual situation.
Thu	21 Jan 10	13:00-15:00	Curriculum Committee Meeting  Sponsor: Janet Wishner	Open to all interested members; help us plan the curriculum for the next semester.
Tue	26 Jan 10	13:30-15:00	Gallery Tour► Mid-Atlantic New Painting 2010  Presenter: Megan Parry Sponsor: Peg Johnson	The exhibition is a juried competition highlighting new developments in painting throughout the mid-Atlantic region. All work accepted in the show has been completed in the last two years. The juror, William Dunlap, is an artist, critic, and educator and has been involved in the art world for over three decades.
Wed	27 Jan 10	10:00-12:00	The Anatomy of Eros in Ancient Greece and Rome  Presenter: Joe Romero Sponsor: Janet Wishner	An eclectic overview of the governing assumptions about human sexuality in the Greco-Roman world. This talk will include theories of reproduction, pederasty, and prostitution, as well as basic definitions of what counted as "normal" or "deviant." This talk is not for the timid.
Wed	3 Feb 10	13:00-15:00	Buddhist Ethics  Presenter: David Ambuel Sponsor: Janet Wishner	A look at how the Buddhist philosophical tradition has understood the make-up and workings of the human mind. We will examine the Buddhist analysis of the person, and then consider what that entails for ethics, a conception of well-being, and happiness.

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Thu	4 Feb 10	10:00-12:00	Using Your Computer for Genealogy Presenter: Bill Toomey Sponsor: Bill Toomey	An overview of programs and concepts for genealogy records keeping on the computer. Information and "tips" for doing genealogy research on and off the internet will be described.
Tue	9 Feb 10	10:00-12:00	Architectural Pattern Books and the Language of Classicism in American Architecture Presenter: Carter Hudgins Sponsor: Margareta Williamson	Early American architects, builders and craftsmen looked to pattern books for house plans, classical details, etc. Thomas Jefferson assembled the largest collection of these books. This lecture will explore their use up to 1840.
Wed	10 Feb 10	10:00-12:00	The Scenic Design Process: Taking the Script to the Stage Presenter: David Hunt Sponsor: Carole Hanus	Beginning with the script, exploring the process that a Scenic Design follows to put a setting on the stage. The lecture will include a presentation of how a design is created in Photoshop.
Thu	11 Feb 10	10:00-12:00	Depression and Prosperity on the Family Farm Presenter: Dr. Carrie Meyer Sponsor: Dennis Van Derlaske	From the diary of a midwestern farm wife, May Lynford Davis, during the Great Depression. "98° at noon, no sign of rain & oh! So dry and dusty." "Banks are not open as predicted." She recorded in her diaries and farm ledgers the pain of the Great Depression and the prosperity that preceded it. This talk will explore the economics of a midwestern family farm in the early 20th century. Dr. Carrie A. Meyer was raised on an Illinois farm and is now an associate professor of economics at George Mason University.
Thu	11 Feb 10	13:00-15:00	Book Group► The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society by Mary Ann Schaffer and Anne Barrows Presenter: Larry Turner Sponsor: Roger Bourdon	How the people on this English Channel Island were kept prisoners by the Nazis during World War II.
Tue	16 Feb 10	13:00-15:00	Membership Committee Meeting Sponsor: Carole Hanus	This committee handles publicity, the newsletter, maintaining the web site and planning social events. Members are always welcome to attend Committee meetings to help with what we do and bring ideas for new things to try.
Wed	17 Feb 10	10:00-12:00	Unhealthy Religion Presenter: Larry Austin Sponsor: Janet Wishner	Mary Washington Hospital's chaplain recalls cases and discusses strategies for addressing issues that come from various religious and ethical convictions.
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Tue	23 Feb 10	10:00-12:00	"Not for Fame Or Reward:" VMI's Civil War Soldiers and Sailors  Presenter: Al Conner Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	History is best understood when discovered "one-person-at-a-time." The product of over a decade's research on 2,104 Civil War-era lives, this talk discusses the lives of these men (mostly Confederates and Virginians) and their families before, during and after America's most brutal epoch. Several of the most interesting lives are highlighted, with an emphasis on those from this region.
Wed	24 Feb 10	13:00-15:00	American Humorists: From Yankee Doodle to David Sedaris  Presenter: Gary Richards Sponsor: Margaret Rose	Be prepared to laugh as Dr. Richards, Assistant Professor of English at UMW, leads us in a discussion of what makes a joke funny or not funny. He will provide examples of humor from some well-known and not so well known American humorists spanning the history of our nation. Come prepared to share a few personal favorite jokes of your own!
Thu	25 Feb 10	10:00-12:00	The Palestine–Israel Conflict  Presenter: Nabil Al-Tikriti Sponsor: Bill Wemmerus	Professor Al-Tikriti returns to present this timely talk which will begin with a discussion of early Zionism, then proceeds to "Ideal to Statehood," The "1967 legacy," "The Oslo process," "The Wall," and "Toward Resolution".
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Wed	3 Mar 10	10:00-12:00	Administrative Committee Meeting  Sponsor: Bob Hanus	This committee develops policies and plans for operating the organization. It reviews governing documents, updates the Procedures Manual, monitors finances and projects future needs, proposes an annual budget and annual fees. Members are always welcome to attend Committee meetings.
Thu	4 Mar 10	10:00-12:00	Orphan Trains  Presenter: Lawrence Le Doux Sponsor: Dennis Van Derlaske	Orphan trains are a little known yet fascinating piece of U.S. history. Between 1854 and 1929 thousands of children were "placed out", a widespread practice before child protection laws came into being. The Children's Aid Society of New York received children from the streets, orphanages, hospitals and shelters, and organized the orphan trains, which transferred them to welcoming families, primarily in the Midwest. The presentation will include a question and answer session with a guest whose grandmother was placed out on an orphan train. Mr. LeDoux is a native of Albany, New York and is an avid student of history and genealogy.
Fri	5 Mar 10	10:00-12:00	Board of Directors Meeting  Sponsor: President Carole Hanus	Board meetings are open to all ElderStudy members. Come and witness firsthand the exciting 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.
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Tue	9 Mar 10	10:00-12:00	Cardiovascular Disease Prevention  Presenter: Dr. Christopher Lillis Sponsor: Chuck Johnson	Dr. Lillis will discuss the prevention of cardiovascular disease with a focus on available tests, medications, lifestyle issues, and new technologies.
Wed	10 Mar 10	10:00-12:00	Oriental Rugs  Presenter: Ed Watson Sponsor: Janet Wishner	A presentation of rugs from private collections, allowing members up-close views of the weaving techniques, colors and patterns that collectors value. At least one other collector will be invited to participate.
Thu	11 Mar 10	13:00-15:00	Book Group► The Shack by William P. Young  Presenter: Donna Turner Sponsor: Roger Bourdon	Mack's daughter is kidnapped and murdered. Several years later, Mack receives an invitation from God to meet Him at the Shack. Mack goes and works through the meaning of suffering and spends the weekend with the Trinity.
Tue	16 Mar 10	10:00-12:00	The Life and Times of John Singleton Mosby  Presenter: David Goetz Sponsor: Dennis Van Derlaske	Mosby's Raiders are legendary in the annals of Civil War History and are of particular interest in the Northern Virginia area because of their past local activities. The life of John Singleton Mosby is presented from his early days to the postbellum period with emphasis on his military activities. We learn of the man, the background and the personality of one of the most colorful Civil War figures.
Tue	16 Mar 10	13:00-15:00	America on Track: A Short History of the Railroads in the Life of America  Presenter: Larry Duffee Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	A brief overview of how the railroads transformed America from a nation of quiet hamlets into the world's greatest economic power by forever altering our concepts of time and distance. After the introduction of the railroads, nothing would be the same and in time the railroads would become the nation's largest industry touching on every aspect of American life. We will examine why and how the railroads were introduced, how they functioned and changed over time, and how the railroads changed the country. We will discuss how the railroads operated in peace and in wartime, some of the personalities involved including the "Gilded Era" and the role of the "Robber Barons," and the change from steam locomotives to diesel and electric. We will also discuss why the railroads continue to carry a large percentage of the nation's freight and where the railroads hope to be in the future.
Thu	18 Mar 10	10:00-12:00	The History of Photography from Daguerre to Eastman Kodak  Presenter: Jordan Patkin Sponsor: Dave Hill	A description of early photography, its invention and images, including daguerreotypes, ambrotypes and tintypes. We will identify early images, their preservation, and value. We will also talk about Levi Hill, who is now being accepted as the inventor of color photography in the 1850's.
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Fri	19 Mar 10	10:00-12:00	General Membership Meeting Sponsor: President Carole Hanus	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 likeminded persons and long-term members can renew old friendships. There is always a delicious table of drinks and goodies that makes the meeting even more enjoyable.
Tue	23 Mar 10	13:30-15:00	Gallery Tour► Ladies First: Women in the Permanent Collection Presenter: Megan Parry Sponsor: Peg Johnson	In conjunction with Women's history month, the Gallery will exhibit works from the permanent collection that were made by women or feature women as the subject matter. The exhibit will examine the roles women played in society by looking at how they are depicted, what they are wearing and how they were accepted into the art world as artists themselves
Thu	25 Mar 10	10:00-12:00	Construction of Eagle Village Presenter: Jeff Roundtree Sponsor: Peg Johnson	A presentation on the University of Mary Washington's Eagle Village project which is scheduled for completion by August 2010. The session will take place in the Rappahannock Grand Ballroom of the Jepson Alumni Center, 1119 Hanover St.
Tue	30 Mar 10	11:00-13:00	Church and State Presenter: Emile Lester Sponsor: Dave Hill	Professor Lester will discuss the concepts in his book "The Center May Help," which analyzes the effects of religion on American Politics. Please note the unusual starting time.
Wed	31 Mar 10	10:00-12:00	Play Discussion► Romeo and Juliet Presenter: Greg Stull Sponsor: Bob & Carole Hanus	Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet captures the boundless joy and youthful innocence of first love, and the tragedy of fate's unwitting intervention. UMW christens its newly renovated Klein Theatre with this classic tale of Romeo's forbidden love for Juliet, and the violent hatred that dooms them. Tickets go on sale March 24 and will be available at this class. For the hearing impaired, the theater is equipped with an infrared listening system; equipment is available for checkout prior to each performance. Box Office: (540) 654-1111. Extended show dates: April 1-17, Thursday-Saturday at 8 pm, Sunday at 2 pm. No performance on April 4. ElderStudy members may bring one or two non-member guests to this session.
Wed	7 Apr 10	13:00-15:00	Observing the Election in Afghanistan Presenter: Ranjit Singh Sponsor: Margareta Williamson	Since 1994, Prof. Singh has served as an accredited foreign election observer in a number of conflict areas, including South Africa, Liberia, Namibia, Bangladesh, the Palestinian Territories, and, most recently, Afghanistan. In his talk, he will describe what foreign observers actually do, they challenges they face, and some of his personal experiences and impressions.
Thu	8 Apr 10	13:00-15:00	Book Group► The Woman in Red by Eileen Goudge Presenter: Miriam Philips Sponsor: Roger Bourdon	Alice Kessler spent nine years in prison for the attempted murder of the drunk driver who killed her eldest son. Now she has returned home to Gray's Island to reconnect with the son she left behind.

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Tue	13 Apr 10	10:00-12:00	The Nineteenth Century Art of Mourning  Presenter: Georgia Meadows Sponsor: Dennis Van Derlaske	This lecture will provide the 21st century American with a glimpse into how our ancestors mourned the loss of a loved one. It will delve into the proper way one was required to dress and conduct oneself in time of grief, how to dress a home when a death occurred and why postmortem photos were so revered by families. Learn about odd and bizarre superstitions and explore strange and funny epitaphs. A wide variety of mourning clothing, period artifacts and other regalia will be displayed.
Wed	14 Apr 10	10:00-12:00	Two Pianos—Four Pianists  Presenter: Ann Doumas Sponsor: Peg Johnson	These musicians will play selections from Beethoven, Mozart, Weber, and several other composers. This session will take place at the home of Ann Doumas, 912 Marye St.
Tue	20 Apr 10	10:00-12:00	Sinners, Saints, and Soldiers in Civil War Stafford  Presenter: Jane Conner Sponsor: Margareta Williamson	Author Jane Conner will discuss her latest book consisting of minibiographies of six people who visited our area during the Civil War, including Dr. Mary Walker and Walt Whitman.
Thu	22 Apr 10	10:00-12:00	Lionesses  Presenter: Marine Nurse Sponsor: Chuck Johnson	Because of Muslim tradition, American male military personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan were reluctant to search or interrogate female Muslim women who were suspected of smuggling contraband and/or acting as suicide bombers. The Marine Corps developed the "Lioness" Program which integrated female Marines into front-line units. These female Marines received special training, were deployed with combat units and undertook searches and interrogations as required. Our speaker will be an active duty female marine who was involved in the program.
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Wed	28 Apr 10	13:00-15:00	Membership Committee Meeting  Sponsor: Carole Hanus	This committee handles publicity, the newsletter, maintaining the web site and planning social events. Members are always welcome to attend Committee meetings to help with what we do and bring ideas for new things to try.
Thu	29 Apr 10	10:00-12:00	Ellwood and Salubria: Life in the Wilderness  Presenters: Friends of Wilderness Battlefield and the Germanna Foundation Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	Two notable eighteenth-century houses, very different from each other, are toured. Ellwood is a farmhouse, restored to its appearance in 1864. Salubria, a Georgian manor house, has never been restored, and looks like it has just been abandoned in the 1700's. Meet at Ellwood, on Route 20 just .6 miles from the Route 3 intersection, or carpool at 9:30 from the Burlington Coat Factory parking lot on Route 3 in Fredericksburg just east of I-95. Wear comfortable shoes. Rain date: May 20.
Fri	30 Apr 10	10:00-12:00	UMW Exams End	

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Tue	4 May 10	10:00-12:00	Spring Migration of Birds at Ferry Farm: Morning Session  Presenter: Paul Nasca Sponsor: Peg Johnson	This birding walk will take place at Ferry Farm. Bring binoculars, a field guide on birds if you have one, and wear comfortable shoes. Maximum attendance is 20 for each session. Call Peg Johnson at (540) 373-9102 or e-mail pegraj888@webtv.net to reserve a spot. Specify MORNING or AFTERNOON. Rain date: May 6.
Tue	4 May 10	13:00-15:00	Spring Migration of Birds at Ferry Farm: Afternoon Session	This session is identical to the morning session; see its description above for details. Rain date: May 6.
Wed	5 May 10	10:00-15:00	Tour of Hayfield Manor  Presenter: Gary Stanton Sponsor: Margareta Williamson	Professor Stanton will lead a tour of Hayfield Manor (c.1700) which lies between the Rappahannock and Route 2 in Caroline County. This may be the last chance to see the house as owners are shutting it down. Limited to 25 attendees; call Margareta Williamson at 659-4421 to reserve your place. Meet at 9:30 in Bloom Parking lot on Routes 2/17 about 1 mile south of the Fairgrounds.
Thu	6 May 10	10:00-12:00	Birding at Ferry Farm (rain date)  Presenter: Paul Nasca Sponsor: Peg Johnson	This is a rain date for the morning Birding walk on May 4. Check the web site or the recorded announcement to see if the tour was postponed to this date.
Thu	6 May 10	13:00-15:00	Birding at Ferry Farm (rain date)  Presenter: Paul Nasca Sponsor: Peg Johnson	This is a rain date for the afternoon Birding walk on May 4. Check the web site or the recorded announcement to see if the tour was postponed to this date.
Tue	11 May 10	10:00-12:00	Introduction to Geocaching: Morning Session  Presenter: Ranger Sammy Zambon Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	Geocaching is an outdoor activity in which the participants use a hand-held Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver to find containers (called "caches") which someone has hidden. There are hundreds of caches in the Fredericksburg area. Join us at Caledon Natural Area on Route 218 in King George County (23 miles east of Fredericksburg) for a basic class on geocaching. GPS receivers will be provided. Each session consists of an indoor class followed by an outdoor search for several caches in the vicinity of the Caledon visitor center. You do not need to pay the park entrance fee. Sign up with Alan Zirkle, 373-6448 or az@azirkle.com (use subject GEOCACHING). A maximum of 20 may attend each class. Specify MORNING or AFTERNOON, and if you want to carpool. If you sign up but can't come, let Alan know. Rain date: June 8.
Tue	11 May 10	13:00-15:00	Introduction to Geocaching: Afternoon Session	This session is identical to the morning session; see its description above for details. Rain date: June 8.
Wed	12 May 10	10:00-11:30	Tour: Bricks and Boards in the 'Burg  Presenter G. Scott Walker Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	An 8 to 10 block, 75-minute walking tour highlighting the historic and architectural history of Fredericksburg's Downtown Historic District, given by Scott Walker, the Tourmaster of Hallowed Ground Tours. Meet in Market Square behind the Fredericksburg Museum (Old Town Hall). Note that most nearby street parking has a two-hour limit. Rain date: May 26.

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Thu	13 May 10	13:00-15:00	Book Group ► Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortensen  Discussion; Carrie Allahut Sponsor: Roger Bourdon	The author, while ill, stumbles into a village. The villagers nurse him back to health. He promises to return and build schools in Afghanistan.
Tue	18 May 10	10:00-12:00	Is This "Great Art?"  Presenter: Allen Reamer Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	Did you ever wonder why a painting is considered a masterpiece? How can both the Mona Lisa and Jackson Pollock's paintings be Great Art? We will look at a variety of artwork using six aesthetic viewpoints.
Wed	19 May 10		End of Year Luncheon  Sponsor: Carole Hanus	ElderStudy is completing 16 years of Lifelong Learning. Let's close out the 16th year and get ready for the 17th together. Join your colleagues for our annual end of year potluck luncheon. Same place as last year: the First Christian Church, 1501 Washington Street in Fredericksburg.
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Wed	26 May 10	10:00-11:30	Tour: Bricks and Boards in the 'Burg (rain date)  Presenter G. Scott Walker Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	This is a rain date for the walking tour on May 12. Check the web site or the recorded announcement to see if the tour was postponed to this date.
Mon	31 May 10	10:00-12:00	Memorial Day	
Wed	2 Jun 10	10:00-12:00	Administrative Committee Meeting  Sponsor: Bob Hanus	This committee develops policies and plans for operating the organization. It reviews governing documents, updates the Procedures Manual, monitors finances and projects future needs, proposes an annual budget and annual fees. Members are always welcome to attend Committee meetings.
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