

Spring Schedule - January to June 2014

as of 8 June 2014

Day	Date	Time	Title	Description
Tue	7 Jan 14	13:00-15:00	Genealogy Group CANCELLED Sponsor: Bill Toomey	An informative discussion on organizing, researching, and compiling your ancestors' family history with an emphasis on using a home computer and Internet resources. More information on specific subjects may follow.
Thu	9 Jan 14	13:00-15:00	Book Group ► The Bells, by Richard Harvell Discussion: Margaret Rose Sponsor: Dot Meyers	Set in 18th century Europe, a tale of a child born of a deaf-mute mother but possessing a unique gift that will eventually take him to the capitals of Europe and to the major opera halls where he will be renowned for his voice, like that of an angel. This story is an excellent period piece, a look at the workings of the church, a story of magic and love and a gripping suspense tale.
Mon	13 Jan 14	10:00-12:00	UMW Classes Begin After Christmas Break	
Tue	14 Jan 14	10:00-12:00	Area Services for Challenged Individuals Presenter: Jim Gillespie Sponsor: Charles Fennemore	You may have heard of the Rappahannock Area Community Services Board (RACSB) and Rappahannock Adult Activities Inc. (RAAI). These related programs provide support for local residents with mental health, intellectual disability, and substance abuse problems. We'll hear the history of the programs, the services they provide, and future plans.
Wed	15 Jan 14	13:00-15:00	Genetic Genealogy: What Will My DNA Tell Me About My Family? Presenter: Shannon Combs-Bennett Sponsor: Randy Fennemore	People have researched their families for generations. From nobility on down, many have had a need to know where they were from and have strived to figure it out. However, how do you know if those family stories are true? Through the wonders of modern science we can start to peek into our past by looking at our DNA.
Thu	16 Jan 14	10:00-12:00	George Washington as a Military Commander Presenter: Peter Maugle Sponsor: alan Zirkle	How did George Washington evolve from a colonel of Virginia militia during the French and Indian War to the Commander-in-Chief of the American forces in the Revolutionary War? We will examine Washington's leadership techniques, his ability to learn from his mistakes, and the effectiveness of his staff, among other aspects that led to his success.
Thu	16 Jan 14	13:00-15:00	Curriculum Committee Meeting I Sponsor: Bill Wemmerus	Open to all interested members; help us plan the curriculum for the next semester.

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Fri	17 Jan 14	14:00-17:00	<p>Game Afternoon at the Parkinsons</p> <p>Sponsor: Pat Parkinson</p>	Come and play board or card games. Limited to 15 participants; contact Pat Parkinson to register, at (540) 903-3526 or [parkinson.pm6@gmail.com]. Bring a game to share and have fun. 6306 Forest Grove Drive, Fredericksburg 22407. (The entrance has seven steps up.)
Tue	28 Jan 14	13:30-15:00	<p>Spring UMW Gallery Tour I</p> <p>Presenter: Rosemary Jesionowski Sponsor: Peg Johnson</p>	Begin at the Ridderhof Martin Gallery with "Mid-Atlantic New Paintings", and continue with "New Works by Clint Bagwell" at the duPont Gallery. Note unusual start time.
Thu	30 Jan 14	13:00-15:00	<p>The Mathematics of Pattern and Design: Examples from Different Countries and Cultures ADDED AFTER SCHEDULE MAILING</p> <p>Presenter: Debra Hydorn Sponsor: Randy Fennemore</p>	Patterns and designs used for ornamentation from around the world often show a great deal of similarity, and some of this is due to the mathematics of pattern and design. From the four basic operations for creating a pattern there are only seven different linear patterns and seventeen different planar patterns. Each of these patterns will be described with examples from a variety of different countries, including some from travels in the U. S. and Europe.
Tue	4 Feb 14	10:00-12:00	AARP (First Tue in Feb)	
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Wed	5 Feb 14	10:00-12:00	<p>Play Discussion► Always ... Patsy Cline, by Ted Swindley</p> <p>Presenter: Gregg Stull Sponsor: Bob & Carole Hanus</p>	Features Patsy Cline's music. Divorced, gainfully employed and ready to take on the world, Louise Seger dons her best yellow cowboy boots and cowgirl skirt to meet her idol, country and western singer Patsy Cline, at the Esquire Ballroom in Houston, Texas. Show dates Feb 6-8, 13-15 and 20-22 at 8pm. Feb 9, 16 and 23 at 2pm. Members are encouraged to bring non-member guests to this session.
Tue	11 Feb 14	10:00-12:00	<p>Spanish Colonization of Patagonia</p> <p>Presenter: Allyson Poska Sponsor: Mel Wright</p>	Can you connect the dots between Spanish colonists, pirates, scurvy, and kidnapping Indians? Allyson can. Come and hear how.
Wed	12 Feb 14	10:00-12:00	<p>The Culture of Japan from WWII to the Present: Documentary Film and Lecture RESCHEDULED FROM JANUARY 21</p> <p>Presenter: Steve Rabson Sponsor: Margareta Williamson</p>	This presentation will describe the tumultuous changes in Japan from widespread devastation and foreign occupation at the end of World War II to affluence, technological leadership, and one of the world's highest longevity rates today.

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Thu	13 Feb 14	13:00-15:00	Book Group ► Citizens of London, by Lynne Olson CANCELLED Presenter: Carrie Allahut Sponsor: Dot Meyers	The story of how the U. S. forged its alliance with Britain in World War II, told from the perspective of U.S. ambassador John Winant, Lend-Lease's Averell Harriman, and CBS News reporter Ed Murrow. Each formed close ties with Winston Churchill and his staff and became romantically involved with members of his family. Winant replaced Joseph Kennedy as ambassador (thankfully).
Tue	18 Feb 14	10:00-12:00	Leningrad, aka St. Petersburg Presenter: Janet Wishner Sponsor: Janet Wishner	During WWII, the Germans attacked this city and attempted to eliminate its population by cutting off all food supplies. We will talk about the resistance of the citizens of the city. If time permits, we will also talk about the city known as St. Petersburg both before and after the war.
Tue	18 Feb 14	13:00-15:00	Being Chief of Staff for a U. S. Senate Committee RESCHEDULED FROM JANUARY 8 RESCHEDULED FROM JANUARY 22 Presenter: Steve Robertson Sponsor: Dave Hill	Mr. Robertson, chief of staff for the Veterans Affairs Committee of the U. S. Senate, will tell us just what his job entails. Due to the unpredictable schedule of Congress, he may have to cancel at the last minute. Be sure to check your email, the ElderStudy website or the ElderStudy phone message at 654-1769 before departing.
Thu	20 Feb 14	10:00-12:00	Latin Music Presenter: Becky & Slam Stewart Randy Fennemore	Becky and Slam Stewart, local musicians and music teachers, present a program on the history of Latin music, performing the different styles of this music which will both educate and lift your musical spirits. Becky (piano-flute-vocals) is an engineer-turned-musician, while Slam (percussion) toured the world with such renowned artists as Martha Reeves, the R & B Sensation Group, the Delfonics, and blues artist Deborah Coleman.
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Tue	25 Feb 14	10:00-12:00	Moral Dilemmas Presenter: Don Lundry Sponsor: Stew Engel	Aristotle believes the purpose of politics is to promote and cultivate the virtue of its citizens. And those who contribute most to the purpose of the community are the ones who should be most rewarded. But how do we know the purpose of a community or a practice? How does Aristotle address the issue of individual rights and the freedom to choose? If our place in society is determined by where we best fit, doesn't that eliminate personal choice?
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Wed	26 Feb 14	10:00-12:00	The Growing Military Presence of China RESCHEDULED FROM FEBRUARY 6 Presenter: Elizabeth Lanus Sponsor: Mel Wright	A look at how China is asserting itself militarily in the western Pacific. Professor Larus has spoken with us several times on different aspects of China and its relationship with the rest of the world.
Wed	26 Feb 14	13:30-15:00	Membership Committee Meeting II Sponsor: Suzanne Willis	This committee handles publicity, the newsletter, maintaining the web site and planning social events. Members are always welcome to attend our meetings. Meet at the Headquarters Library downtown. Note unusual start time.
Thu	27 Feb 14	10:00-12:00	The Fast-Changing World of 21st Century Media: Will Traditional Values and Credibility Be Sacrificed Along the Way? RESCHEDULED FROM FEBRUARY 19 Presenter: Ed Jones Sponsor: Phil Hall	Ed Jones served as the editor of The Free Lance-Star for a number of years, but recently resigned to take a new position as chief of staff with the Episcopal Church Diocese of Virginia. His thoughts on the subject of "traditional values and credibility" are formed by both his "old" profession and his "new" one.
Tue	4 Mar 14	10:00-12:00	AARP (First Tue in Mar)	
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Thu	6 Mar 14	10:00-12:00	The Pledge of Allegiance: Do We Mean It? Do We Live It? CANCELLED (Presenter) Presenter: Edd Houck Sponsor: Janet Wishner	A former teacher and former representative to the Virginia legislature will reflect on citizenship and responsibilities.
Mon	10 Mar 14	10:00-12:00	UMW Spring Break Ends	
Tue	11 Mar 14	10:00-12:00	Board of Directors Meeting RESCHEDULED FROM MARCH 5 Sponsor: Bill Toomey	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.
Tue	11 Mar 14	13:00-15:00	Patrick Henry Presenter: Ann Reed Sponsor: Margareta Williamson	We will explore Patrick Henry, the voice of the American Revolution. We will cover his life in Hanover County, his home Scotchtown, and what was happening in the world around him and the part he played in these events.

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Wed	12 Mar 14	10:00-12:00	Schemer: The Life and Times of Charles Ponzi RESCHEDULED FROM APRIL 2 Presenter: Dennis Van Derlaske Sponsor: Dennis Van Derlaske	P. T. Barnum's adage of "...a sucker born every minute, and two to take him" is ingrained in our culture. One person, Charles Ponzi, devised a scheme notorious enough to have his name associated with it, even today. We will learn about the man, the scheme and the times, and inquire as to whether endeavors labeled as "Ponzi Schemes" actually qualify as such. Society's reaction to him will be explored in the context of the question: Was he really a bad man?
Thu	13 Mar 14	13:00-15:00	Book Group ► The Idea Factory: Bell Labs and the Great Age of American Innovation, by Jon Gertner Discussion: Chuck Watkins Sponsor: Dot Meyers	Bell Labs was the R&D wing of AT&T, and was America's greatest incubator of technological innovation, in countless areas from lasers to cellular telephony from the 1920s to the 1980s. This riveting narrative traces the intersections between science, business, and society that allowed a cadre of eccentric geniuses to create the information age, offering lessons in management and innovation that are still vital today.
Tue	18 Mar 14	10:00-12:00	Moral Dilemmas Presenter: Stew Engel Sponsor: Stew Engel	Communitarians argue that, in addition to voluntary and universal duties, we also have obligations of membership, solidarity, and loyalty. But what happens if our obligations to our family or community come into conflict with our universal obligations to humanity? Is patriotism a virtue, or a prejudice for one's own kind? If our identities are defined by the communities we inhabit, what becomes of universal human rights?
Tue	18 Mar 14	13:00-15:00	Problems of Juvenile Detention RESCHEDULED FROM MARCH 5 Presenter: Steve Watkins Sponsor: Margareta Williamson	Last year more than 640,000 girls and teens spent time in juvenile corrections facilities nationwide. Author Steve Watkins tells the fictional story about one of them in his new novel Juvie, and he'll be talking about writing his book, about his research, and about his time in juvie volunteering with young offenders in the Fredericksburg area.
Wed	19 Mar 14	10:00-12:00	General Membership Meeting Sponsor: President Bill Toomey	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.
Wed	19 Mar 14	13:00-15:00	Olmsted in the South: A Landscape Journey Broken by War RESCHEDULED FROM JANUARY 23 Presenter: Lucy Lawliss Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	Frederick Law Olmsted, before becoming the country's first "landscape architect," traveled through the South on the eve of the Civil War. He wrote reports of the landscape conditions and was keen to return after the war to establish himself and his firm in a place struggling to recover. The work of Olmsted and the firm is an important planning and design record of the late and early 20th century South and their work continues to reverberate today.

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Thu	20 Mar 14	10:00-12:00	Elder Fraud RESCHEDULED FROM JANUARY 29 Presenters: Bill Neely & Thomas Shia Sponsor: Dave Hill	Mr. Neely is the Commonwealth's Attorney for Spotsylvania County. He and his deputy will discuss the new Virginia statute dealing with Elder fraud and other related topics and problems.
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Tue	25 Mar 14	10:00-12:00	What does it mean to be an "Ethical Warrior?" Presenter: Lt. Col. Joe Shusko Sponsor: Chuck Johnson	Joe Shusko, Retired Lt Col, USMC is currently the Deputy Director of the Marine Corps Martial Arts Center of Excellence at Quantico. He is responsible for the training of all Marines in the Corps Martial Arts program, focusing on three disciplines: physical, mental and character development. He will discuss values, morals, and ethics, key concepts in the development of "an ethical Marine" and "an ethical person."
Wed	26 Mar 14	13:00-15:00	Accountability and High Stakes Testing: Who Wins? Who Loses? Presenter: Dr. James Alouf Sponsor: Mary Ann Stana	Teachers and students in Virginia's public schools are driven to pass high-stakes tests. Does high stakes testing create more problems than it's worth? Who benefits from this emphasis on testing? Who loses? What alternatives do we have? Come and join what will be a lively discussion about the future of education in Virginia.
Thu	27 Mar 14	10:00-12:00	Itzhak Perlman Presenter: Kevin Bartram Sponsor: Phil Hall	The conductor of the UMW Philharmonic will describe the life and career of violinist Itzhak Perlman, one of classical music's all-time greats. Perlman will perform the legendary Beethoven Violin Concerto with the UMW orchestra on Saturday, March 29. Beloved for his charm and humanity as well as his talent, he is treasured by audiences throughout the world who respond to his remarkable artistry, and to his irrepressible joy of making music.
Tue	1 Apr 14	10:00-12:00	Navigating the Modern Medical Maze Presenter: James Brooks Sponsor: Rose Wesson	Many people are living longer now, but with chronic illnesses and disabilities. However, many ill people, their caregivers and even professionals still find navigating the modern medical maze very challenging. We will learn strategies to advocate effectively for ourselves or others, exploring patient advocacy styles, communication strategies, system navigation tips and ways to spark meaningful change.
Tue	1 Apr 14	10:00-12:00	AARP (First Tue in Apr)	
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Wed	2 Apr 14	10:00-12:00	"Her Struggles Were Almost Superhuman While Hanging in the Air": African-American Women in the Post-Civil War South RESCHEDULED FROM MARCH 12 Presenter: Tamika Richeson Sponsor: Dennis Van Derlaske	The plight of incarcerated 19th century African-American women, including those sentenced to die, will be explored. This was a time in which there was hostility to black males in many parts of the country, but what about black women? What types of "crimes" did these women commit, and how did society and the press react to and treat these women? We will share the speaker's research on this topic, sharing the stories of incarcerated black women of the time.
Thu	3 Apr 14	10:00-12:00	Medical Marijuana - Israel Leads the World in research on medical marijuana NEW SESSION ADDED Presenter: Mimi Peleg Sponsor: Dave Hill	Mimi Peleg instructs patients in the use of medical cannabis. She is the director of large-scale training and has dispensed to thousands of hospital patients. She has lectured across the world on cannabis medical research in Israel. This program will probably conclude about 11:30, leaving plenty of travel time for those who are attending the gallery tour at 1:30.
Thu	3 Apr 14	13:30-15:00	Spring UMW Gallery Tour II Presenter: Rosemary Jesionowski Sponsor: Peg Johnson	Begin at the Ridderhof Martin Gallery with "Solo Photography Show by Jeff Nilan: An Iowa Retrospective" and continue with "Annual Student Art Exhibition" at the duPont Gallery. Note unusual start time.
Tue	8 Apr 14	10:00-12:00	A Visit to the Port Royal Museum of American History Presenter: Cleo Coleman Sponsor: Peg Johnson	Tour of the museum, in an old bank building at 506 Main Street in Port Royal and the one-room schoolhouse next door. Collections include White House china. Do-it-yourself carpool meeting at the Food Lion at 10871 Tidewater Trail (River Club Shopping Center, Rt. 2) at 9:15. The tour has a limit of 40 people; you must register by April 1 with Peg Johnson at peggyj888@gmail.com or 373-9102.
Wed	9 Apr 14	10:00-12:00	Play Discussion► Aristophanes' Lysistrata Presenter: Helen Housley Sponsors: Bob & Carole Hanus	Translated by Dudley Fitts. Fed up with the never-ending conflict between Athens and Sparta, an Athenian housewife brings the warriors to their senses and to their knees when she convinces the women of both sides to stage a sex strike to force an end to the Peloponnesian War. Lysistrata is a sophisticated work with strong language and sexual imagery. Show dates Apr 10-12 and 17-19 at 8pm, Apr 13 and 20 at 2pm. Members are encouraged to bring non-member guests to this session.
Thu	10 Apr 14	10:00-12:00	Deliciousness: The Science of Food with the White House Pastry Chef Presenter: Jack Allison Sponsor: Jack Allison	Cooking is science and often involves the phase behavior of ingredients. Join us for lecture 3 of the Harvard Food and Science series with Michael Brenner and Bill Yosses, the White House pastry chef.

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Thu	10 Apr 14	13:00-15:00	<p>Book Group ► <i>A Lesson Before Dying</i>, by Ernest Gaines</p> <p>Discussion: Dot Meyers Sponsor: Dot Meyers</p>	Set in a small Cajun community in the late 1940s. A young black man, an unwitting party to a shootout in which three men are killed, is convicted of murder and sentenced to death. Another young black man, university educated, visits the condemned man in his cell and imparts his learning and his pride to him. In the end, the two men forge a bond as they both come to understand the simple heroism of resisting—and defying—the expected.
Tue	15 Apr 14	10:00-12:00	<p>Confederate Soldiers in Love and War</p> <p>Presenter: Mac Wyckoff Sponsor: Alan Zirkle</p>	Most people like a good love story, especially when it includes elements of true love, irony, and sometimes tragedy. Retired National Park Service historian Mac Wyckoff will talk about several soldiers in the Civil War whose war-time letters reveal those elements. Too many times we simply see soldiers as chess pieces or as angels or devils depending on your point of view. This program will humanize these men so we can see that they are not that different from us.
Thu	17 Apr 14	10:00-12:00	<p>Rappahannock Voices: The New Anthology of Riverside Writers</p> <p>Presenter: Riverside Writers Sponsor: Larry Turner</p>	Members of Riverside Writers will read their poetry, fiction and nonfiction from their new anthology for ElderStudy, as they have from the past five anthologies. Riverside Writers is a chapter of the Virginia Writers Club, and serves writers in the Fredericksburg area.
Thu	17 Apr 14	13:00-15:00	<p>Neurology: Sounds and the Brain</p> <p>Presenter: Dr. Maha Alattar Sponsor: Janet Wishner</p>	This neurologist, writer, and accomplished pianist will be familiar to readers of her columns in the Free Lance-Star. She will speak about the brain's response to silence, sounds, and music.
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Tue	22 Apr 14	10:00-12:00	<p>The Knox Family's Civil War Neighborhood CHANGED FROM TOUR TO CLASSROOM PRESENTATION</p> <p>Presenter: Beth Daly Sponsor: Randy Fennemore</p>	Knox letters presentation. Beth will talk about the letters and the buildings in Fredericksburg that are mentioned,
Wed	23 Apr 14	10:00-12:00	<p>The Expulsion of Jews from Spain in 1492</p> <p>Presenter: Lemuel Pierre Sponsor: Dave Hill</p>	In 1492 Columbus discovered the New World, and the re-conquest of Granada occurred, reunifying Christian lands in Spain. And Spain expelled its Jews after a millennium and a half in Iberia. This lecture explains the facts and myths of that horrific event.

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Wed	23 Apr 14	13:00-15:00	The Relevance of Marx After the End of Marxism CANCELLED Presenter: Craig Vasey Sponsor: Janet Wishner	Karl Marx provided a philosophical analysis of modern society. Though the political system named for him is eclipsed, the concepts he introduced for understanding how capitalism works are still illuminating. We will also discuss the radical newness of Marx's idea of international political action.
Thu	24 Apr 14	10:00-12:00	The Knox Family's Civil War Neighborhood (Rain Date) NOT RELEVANT (See April 22) Presenter: Beth Daly Sponsor: Randy Fennemeore	This is the rain date for the April 22 tour.
Fri	25 Apr 14	10:00-12:00	UMW Classes End	
Tue	29 Apr 14	10:00-12:00	The Process of Writing Books Presenter: Jackie Richards Sponsor: Rose Reif	Our speaker has written three award-winning books: "Charley Dog Two" for children, "A Most Uncommon Journey," the memoir of her amazing adventures at age 12, and "The Pinnacle Seven" which is a political mystery novel. She will reveal how she came to be a writer at age 60 and discuss the different processes for putting together each book for publication.
Tue	29 Apr 14	13:00-15:00	Knowing the Warning Signs for Alzheimer's Disease SESSION ADDED, THEN CANCELLED Presenter: Lori Myers Sponsor: Pat Parkinson	Alzheimer's disease is becoming a critical public health issue. Alzheimer's Regional Director for the Fredericksburg Chapter, Mrs Lori Myers will explain "Knowing the 10 Warning Signs: Early Detection Matters", the resources about getting a diagnosis, the legal steps involved, and awareness of the Fredericksburg Chapter services.
Wed	30 Apr 14	10:00-12:00	Gertrude Bell and the Creation of Iraq: An upcoming book by Nabil Al-Tikriti Presenter: Nabil Al-Tikriti Sponsor: Dave Hill	Gertrude Bell was an English writer, traveler, political officer, archeologist, and spy who explored Iraq and played a major role in establishing the modern Iraqi state, using her unique perspective from her travels through the Middle East. She was esteemed by British officials and had an immense amount of power for a woman at the time. She was "one of the few representatives of His Majesty's Government remembered by the Arabs with anything resembling affection."
Thu	1 May 14	10:00-12:00	George's Mother, Mary Washington: New Insights from the Archaeology of her Stafford County Home. Presenter: Laura Galke Sponsor: Randy Fennemore	Accounts in biographies of George Washington about his mother's role have rarely been neutral, reflecting popular ideologies of motherhood, women, masculinity, and the nature of success. Artifacts from Washington's boyhood home complicate these stories. The items, coupled with historical documents and new scholarship about the nature of eighteenth-century life, reveal more details about the Washington family and the role of Mother Washington.
Fri	2 May 14	10:00-12:00	UMW Exams End	

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Tue	6 May 14	10:00-12:00	The Future of UMW RESCHEDULED FROM APRIL 16 Presenter: Jonathan Levin Sponsor: Phil Hall	Dr. Jonathan Levin joined the University of Mary Washington last summer as its new provost (chief academic officer) and is now well into his first year on the job. What does he envision as a path forward for this institution founded as a "normal school" (teachers college) which subsequently became the Women's College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Virginia?
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Wed	7 May 14	10:00-12:00	Fréjus, France: Our Sister City Presenter: Bill Beck Sponsor: Rose Reif	When Bill Beck was mayor of Fredericksburg he visited Fréjus, a city on the French Riviera similar in size to Fredericksburg and subsequently there have been many exchanges between leaders and citizens of the two cities. Bill will discuss Fréjus' history from being a major Roman fort in 49 AD up to the Allied landing in World War II.
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Thu	8 May 14	10:00-12:00	Global Warming: Two Opposite Viewpoints Presenter: Kermit Woodcock Sponsor: Kermit Woodcock	Two extensive reports have recently become available on global warming/climate change. One by the United Nations Intergovernment Panel on Climate Change and the other by the independent Nongovernmental International Panel on Climate Change. Each has been "peer reviewed" and present significantly different views on the climate change issue. These reports will be discussed, compared and contrasted.
Thu	8 May 14	13:00-15:00	Book Group► The Right-Hand Shore, by Christopher Tilghman Discussion: Pat & John Parkinson Sponsor: Dot Meyers	This novel confronts the dilemma of race, family and forbidden love after the Civil War. It takes place in 1920 on a plantation on the north side of the Eastern Shore. Access to Baltimore is still by steamboat. The author is a creative writing professor at the University of Virginia.
Tue	13 May 14	10:00-12:00	College Avenue Walking Tour Presenter: Michael Spencer Sponsor: Mary Ann Stana	One-hour walking tour highlighting the rich history of College Avenue from before the Civil War and long before UMW. Fredericksburg's early water supply and its poor house (now a residence, after being moved twice!) are among the locations described. Meet in the small parking lot between Combs Hall and William Street (first lot on College Avenue after turning from William Street). Tour will end at the General Store Restaurant. Rain date May 14.
Wed	14 May 14	10:00-12:00	College Avenue Walking Tour (Rain Date)	This is the rain date for the May 13 tour.
Wed	14 May 14	13:00-15:00	(Preparation for Potluck Luncheon) Sponsor: Eugenia Jones	Volunteers are needed to prepare the dining space for our potluck luncheon. Please contact Eugenia Jones at eugenia13812@yahoo.com or 786-8987 if you can help.

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Thu	15 May 14	11:30-14:00	End of Year Potluck Luncheon Sponsor: Eugenia Jones	Join your colleagues for our annual end of year potluck luncheon at the First Christian Church, 1501 Washington Avenue in Fredericksburg. Further details will be provided.
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Tue	27 May 14	13:00-15:00	Administrative Committee Meeting II Sponsor: John Thompson	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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Wed	4 Jun 14	10:00-12:00	Board of Directors Meeting Sponsor: President Bill Toomey	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.
Fri	20 Jun 14	14:00-17:00	Game Afternoon at the Parkinsons CANCELLED Sponsor: Pat Parkinson	Come and play board or card games. Limited to 15 participants; contact Pat Parkinson to register, at (540) 903-3526 or parkinson.pm6@gmail.com . Bring a game to share and have fun. 6306 Forest Grove Drive, Fredericksburg 22407. (The entrance has seven steps up.)
Tue	1 Jul 14	13:00-15:00	Genealogy Group CANCELLED Sponsor: Bill Toomey	An informative discussion on organizing, researching, and compiling your ancestors' family history with an emphasis on using a home computer and Internet resources. More information on specific subjects may follow.
Fri	18 Jul 14	14:00-17:00	Game Afternoon at the Parkinsons CANCELLED Sponsor: Pat Parkinson	Come and play board or card games. Limited to 15 participants; contact Pat Parkinson to register, at (540) 903-3526 or parkinson.pm6@gmail.com . Bring a game to share and have fun. 6306 Forest Grove Drive, Fredericksburg 22407. (The entrance has seven steps up.)

Day	Date	Time	Title	Description
Tue	5 Aug 14	13:00-15:00	Genealogy Group CANCELLED Sponsor: Bill Toomey	An informative discussion on organizing, researching, and compiling your ancestors' family history with an emphasis on using a home computer and Internet resources. More information on specific subjects may follow.
Fri	15 Aug 14	14:00-17:00	Game Afternoon at the Parkinsons CANCELLED Sponsor: Pat Parkinson	Come and play board or card games. Limited to 15 participants; contact Pat Parkinson to register, at (540) 903-3526 or [parkinson.pm6@gmail.com]. Bring a game to share and have fun. 6306 Forest Grove Drive, Fredericksburg 22407. (The entrance has seven steps up.)