

Spring Schedule - January to June 2016

as of 8 June 2016

Day	Date	Time	Title	Description
Tue	5 Jan 16	10:00-12:30	The Academy Awards Best Pictures: Hollywood's War Against Television, 1950-1954 Presenter: Gary Olsen, Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	Note that this presentation is two and a half hours long. Americans were buying televisions in droves, driving movie box office numbers down. Hollywood sought to draw customers off their couches and into theaters by introducing large screen formats such as Cinemascope and producing more color films and spectacular epics. The Academy Awards acknowledged these strategies and nominated such films as The Robe, Singin' In The Rain and The Greatest Show On Earth to the Best Picture category. Lower budgeted films such as Sunset Boulevard and High Noon were also worthy of Best Picture nominations.
Tue	5 Jan 16	13:00-15:00	Genealogy Group Presenter: Bill Toomey 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	7 Jan 16	13:00-15:00	Around the World in 72 Days Presenter: Ward & Judy LeHardy Sponsor: Shirley Eye	Ward and Judy LeHardy set out to go around the world for a second time in early February 2015. Their first trip around the world was in their own 39' sailboat, Cormorant, between September 1991 and August 1996. On this second trip they had several purposes in mind: (1) Demonstrating that even at age 80 and 77 (respectively) if you are in good health and physically fit, age shouldn't be a limiting factor in what you do in life. (2) To explain to all they came in contact the Sanctify of Life ... from conception to death in God's timing. (3) To do the trip in less than 80 days and at the least possible costs.
Mon	11 Jan 16	10:00-12:00	UMW Classes Begin After Christmas Break	

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Tue	12 Jan 16	10:00-12:00	The Art of Woodturning: Speed Turning; Woodworking Shop Tour Presenter: Steve Schwarz Sponsor: Charlie Fennemore	Learn about the art of woodturning and the basics of making a bowl. Watch and get an understanding of topics such as the turning of fresh-cut wood versus dry wood and using a bowl gouge for cutting versus Easy Wood Turning tools/scrapers. 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
Tue	12 Jan 16	13:00-15:00	(afternoon of tour)	
Wed	13 Jan 16	10:00-12:00	Images of America: Fort Myer Presenter: John Michael Kupik Sponsor: Charlie Fennemore	Learn about the history of Fort Myer from the Civil War through the present day: the Whipple - Lincoln connection, a Wright brother's test flight, and much more. Fort Myer is the previous name used for a U. S. Army post next to Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington County, Virginia, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. Founded during the American Civil War as Fort Whipple, the post merged in 2005 with the neighboring Marine Corps installation, Henderson Hall, and is today named Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall.
Thu	14 Jan 16	10:00-12:00	Surrenders of the Confederacy Presenter: Bert Dunkerle Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	Appomattox was just the beginning of the end, not the end. Most of us know about Robert E. Lee's surrender, but the Civil War lingered on far longer in other states. The speaker will discuss lesser known Confederate surrenders and negotiations in Alabama, Texas, Arkansas, and in the Indian Territory. Some surrenders went smoothly, others were fraught with drama and tension. All had amazing twists and turns. The closing of the war was far more dramatic, complicated, and confusing than is generally thought today. After the talk, Mr. Dunkerle will be selling books he has written.
Thu	14 Jan 16	13:00-15:00	Book Group► Don't Let's Go To The Dogs Tonight by Alexandra Fuller Discussion: Peggy Gratz Sponsor: Dot Meyers	Growing up in Rhodesia in the 1970's, the author had scorpions in the swimming pool and snakes in the kitchen. Malaria was a fact of life as were threats of land mines and guerrilla ambush. This is a beautifully written memoir of an extraordinary childhood, with a hard drinking crazy mother who lost 3 children but who lived fearlessly.

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Wed	20 Jan 16	10:00-12:00	Tour: The Anatomy of a Violin Family Presenter: Elaine Smith Mason Sponsor: Michelle Esbenshade	A private tour of the local violin shop in Fredericksburg. An opportunity to get a "backroom" perspective of one the most unique businesses located in our community. Meet at the Wm Mason Violin Shop, 509-1 Jackson Street in Fredericksburg. This tour is limited to 25 members. RSVP to Michelle M. Esbenshade, esbt@hotmail.com or 703-203-4113.
Wed	20 Jan 16	13:00-15:00	(afternoon of tour)	
Thu	21 Jan 16	10:00-12:00	Transformative Genius Presenter: Bulent Atalay Sponsor: Dave Hill	The Presenter is working on a book which will discuss how they worked, their similarities, their differences, their traits for a handful of individuals: Leonardo (1452-1519), Shakespeare (1562-1727), Beethoven (1770-1827) and Einstein (1879-1955) -- who define their respective fields. Ordinary geniuses need not apply!
Thu	21 Jan 16	13:00-15:00	Curriculum Committee Meeting I	Open to all interested members; help us plan the curriculum for the next semester.
Tue	26 Jan 16	10:00-12:00	Alfred Of England RESCHEDULED TO 9 FEBRUARY	
Thu	28 Jan 16	10:00-12:00	The Current Political Situation in China Presenter: Elizabeth Larus Sponsor: Mel Wright	Dr. Larus will discuss the changes in political philosophy under President Xi and the differences that the West deals with.
Tue	2 Feb 16	10:00-12:00	Carrying the Banner of Bohemia: The Life and Work of Tennessee Williams Presenter: Gary Richsrd Sponsor: Peggy Gratz	The presentation will give an overview of both Williams' life (1911-1983) and his literary production, pushing beyond the famous plays, such as The Glass Menagerie, A Streetcar Named Desire, and Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, to focus also on apprenticeship plays; lesser known mid-career plays, such as Camino Real; and often overlooked late plays, as well as his fiction, memoir, and journals.
Tue	2 Feb 16	13:00-15:00	Genealogy Group CANCELLED	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.
Wed	3 Feb 16	13:30-15:00	Spring UMW Gallery Tour I Presenter: Rosemary Jesionowski Sponsor: Mary Ann Stana	Ridderhof-Martin: Mid-Atlantic New Painting; this biennial exhibition will feature paintings by artists throughout the Mid-Atlantic. duPont: Awe and Wonder: Call and Response; this interactive exhibition will feature works from the UMW Galleries' Permanent Collection. Viewers will be invited to respond to the works in the gallery and add to the exhibition.
Thu	4 Feb 16	10:00-12:00	Fredericksburg Medical Transportation and Rescue Squads: How they Helped Katrina Victims Presenter: Kevin Dillard Sponsor: Charlie Fennemore	Fredericksburg has an active medical transportation and rescue squad community. Learn about the significant contribution it made helping the Katrina victims in Louisiana, and how it continues to serve today.

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Tue	9 Feb 16	10:00-12:00	Alfred of England RESCHEDULED FROM JANUARY 26 Presenter: Joe Alfred Sponsor: Joe Alfred	In the late 9th century, the Vikings had conquered all the Saxon kingdoms save one. Wessex in the south, under the leadership of Alfred and his sons and grandsons, re-conquered the island and named it England, built a river defense and a navy, founded colleges, restored religion and set London on a path to become the capital.
Wed	10 Feb 16	10:00-12:00	Play Discussion► Frozen, by Bryony Lavery Presenter: Cate Brewer Sponsor: Bob & Carole Hanus	When 10-year-old Rhona turns up missing in a small town in England, her mother, Nancy, retreats into herself and to a state of paralyzing longing for her daughter's safe return. Over the next 20 years, Nancy speaks with Ralph, her daughter's killer, to make sense of the madness. Aegnetha, a psychiatrist from New York, also seeks out Ralph for her research into the mind of a serial killer. Their lives intersect and all three begin to melt as they explore ideas of forgiveness, remorse, and change. This dark play about horrific circumstances asks "Is it possible to forgive someone for an unthinkable act if the ability to move on with your life depends on it?" Frozen contains sophisticated themes and strong language; it is not suitable for children. For the hearing impaired, listening devices are available. ElderStudy members may bring non-member guests to this session.
Thu	11 Feb 16	10:00-12:00	Great Lives at Mary Washington Presenter: Bill Crawley Sponsor: Peggy Gratz	The history of Mary Washington has been largely shaped over the years by significant individuals--faculty, administrators, students--who in various ways have left their imprints on the character of the institution. Drawing upon extensive research for his centennial history, as well as upon his personal observations during 45 years on campus, Professor Emeritus Bill Crawley will discuss a number of these extraordinary (and often colorful) people--some heroic, some tragic--whose cumulative impact has made UMW what it is today.
Thu	11 Feb 16	13:00-15:00	Book Group► All The Light We Cannot See, by Anthony Doerr Discussion: Fred Wright Sponsor: Dot Meyers	A blind French girl's and a German boy's paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II. Marie-Laure lives with her father in Paris. Simultaneously, in Germany, an orphan boy, Werner, grows up to become a master at building and fixing radios, a talent that wins him a place at an elite and brutal military academy and, ultimately makes him a highly specialized tracker of the Resistance. Werner travels through the heart of Hitler Youth to the far-flung outskirts of Russia, and finally to France where his path converges with Marie-Laure.
Wed	17 Feb 16	11:00-12:00	Membership Committee I Sponsor: Pat Parkinson	This committee handles publicity, the newsletter, maintaining the website and planning social events. Members are always welcome to attend our meetings. Note unusual start time.
Thu	18 Feb 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.

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Tue	23 Feb 16	10:00-12:00	The Science and Beauty of the Sea and Sky TITLE AND DESCRIPTION CHANGED Presenter: Jon Malay Sponsor: Randy Fennemore	Using stunning scientific pictures and videos, many from Earth and Sun-viewing space systems, he'll talk about our planet's oceans, atmosphere, solid earth, and polar ice, and also about our Sun that provides energy to the entire system.
Wed	24 Feb 16	10:30-12:00	Administrative Committee Meeting I Sponsor: John Thompson	This 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.
Wed	24 Feb 16	13:00-15:00	Religion and Sex in America Presenter: Mary Beth Matthews Sponsor: Janet Wishner	While popular culture tends to think religion and sex don't mix, American religious history is filled with examples to the contrary. Professor Mathews will lead us on a journey through various movements that will challenge your understanding of what religious preachers have said about their congregations' private and not-so-private lives.
Sat	27 Feb 16	10:00-12:00	UMW Spring Break Begins	
Tue	1 Mar 16	13:00-15:00	Genealogy Group CANCELLED	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.
Wed	2 Mar 16	10:00-12:00	Board of Directors Meeting Sponsor: President Chuck Watkins	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.
Mon	7 Mar 16	10:00-12:00	UMW Spring Break Ends	
Tue	8 Mar 16	10:00-12:00	The Rise of the Freelance Musician: Mozart's Flute Concertos Presenter: Doug Gately Sponsor: Dave Hill	Although the Church and the Royal Courts were the major financial supporters of composers and performers in 18th century Europe, at the same time there is evidence of an emerging group of independent musicians that gave birth to the tradition of creative entrepreneurs, which are referred to today as freelance musicians. It is little known that Mozart became part of this new breed that helped change the artistic landscape of the times. We will explore Mozart's contribution in response to the demands of a changing cultural, social, economic, and political atmosphere. Specifically, we discuss Mozart's Flute Concertos as representing a primary step in the rise of this independently successful composer. We'll also touch on other elements that contributed to his overall success financially and artistically.

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Wed	9 Mar 16	10:00-12:00	Starting Over ... Again Presenter: Paul Metzger Sponsor: Dave Hill	For many people today, particularly in developed countries, retirement has become a later in life stage new to human history. For thousands of years previously humans worked until they died. Now hundreds of millions must learn to cope with this change. Advances in medical science have extended what was once only a few years to several decades. Making that time meaningful is a personal and societal challenge, and an opportunity, that earlier generations never had to deal with. Retirement has given me the time to write novels, something I always wanted to do, but never found the time for when raising a family and pursuing a career. This later phase of life can become as significant as earlier stages if we open ourselves to new possibilities.
Wed	9 Mar 16	13:00-15:00	College Sexual Assault: Origins, Consequences, and Remedies Presenter: Chris Kilmartin Sponsor: Janet Wishner	An estimated one in five women and one in twelve men suffer sexual assault during their college years. In this presentation, Dr. Kilmartin analyzes the causes of this violence and describes evidence-based strategies for responding to and preventing it, including initiatives at the University of Mary Washington.
Thu	10 Mar 16	13:00-15:00	Book Group ► A Singular Woman: The Untold Story of Barack Obama's Mother, by Janny Scott Discussion: Jane Singley Sponsor: Dot Meyers	The key to understanding the impassive and disciplined 44th President is his mother. Very detailed and well researched and the sections about her life in Indonesia are especially new and valuable to the accumulating view of Obama's extended global family.
Tue	15 Mar 16	10:00-12:00	Math for Fun and Profit Presenter: Joe Alfred Sponsor: Joe Alfred	Starting from the premise that people who do not know math work too hard, this session will include: (1) where numbers come from; (2) five key numbers; (3) the magic of math; and (4) ways to profit by understanding math.
Tue	15 Mar 16	13:00-15:00	Joshua Bell Presenter: Kevin Bartram Sponsor: Phil Hall	A special lecture in anticipation of his upcoming concert with the UMW Philharmonic Orchestra on March 26th.
Wed	16 Mar 16	10:30-12:00	General Membership Meeting Sponsor: President Chuck Watkins	Note unusual start time. 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. A major feature of this meeting will be the election of 3 directors to serve 3-year terms beginning September 1, 2016. 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	17 Mar 16	13:00-15:00	Curriculum Committee Meeting III Sponsor: Chuck Johnson	Open to all interested members; help us plan the curriculum for the next semester.

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Tue	22 Mar 16	10:00-12:00	Go West Young Woman: How the Harvey Girls Tamed the West Presenter: Dennis Van Derlaske Sponsor: Dennis Van Derlaske	The story of an entrepreneur and epicure from England who encouraged young single women to leave home and serve as hostesses in his rail stop restaurants in the late 1800's along the developing Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway route. Their presence helped to civilize some of the "rough and tumble" towns along this storied railroad line.
Wed	23 Mar 16	13:00-15:00	The 2016 Presidential Campaign Presenter: Stephen Farnsworth Sponsor: Peggy Gratz	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, and who knows what might emerge between now and March 23! We'll talk about the early results of 2016 and the outlook for the general election, paying particular attention to the role played by the Tea Party movement in national politics.
Thu	24 Mar 16	10:00-12:30	The Academy Awards Best Pictures: The Era of the Blockbuster Spectacles, 1955-1959 RESCHEDULED FROM MARCH 23 Presenter: Gary Olsen Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	Note that this presentation is two and a half hours long. In its continuing battle against television, Hollywood expanded on its production of high-budgeted films to herd audiences into the movie theaters. The Academy showcased such spectacles by nominating such films as Ben-Hur, The Ten Commandments, and Around The World In 80 Days for the Best Picture category. But a synergy was crossing over from TV to the big screen when fresh, new writers and directors were making an impact on Hollywood's premier movies of the era with nominees such as Marty, The Defiant Ones, and The Diary of Anne Frank peppering the top division of the Oscars.
Tue	29 Mar 16	13:00-15:00	Pickleball RESCHEDULED FROM FEBRUARY 16 Presenters: John & Shirley Cavanaugh Sponsor: Bill Wemmerus	Pickle ball is the new racquet game especially suited for seniors, regardless of skill level. Come to the Smith Station Road YMCA and learn about and get a chance to play this new game; you will be hooked. For further details on the sport of pickle ball, please review the Curriculum Committee Report in the October 2015 newsletter. Directions to the YMCA are contained in the December 2015 newsletter. The program can accommodate 24 participants. RSVP to Bill Wemmerus at 972-9673 or borswemmerus@verizon.net or Chuck Johnson at 891-1219 or cjeagle@verizon.net to reserve your slot.
Wed	30 Mar 16	13:00-15:00	Sacred Spaces: Exploring Religion and Geography Presenter: Caitie Finlayson Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	This presentation explores the study of the geography of religion and investigates historical and modern sacred sites. It also discusses issues related to the creation and development of these sites, including contestation, sacralization - the process of making space sacred, and exclusion. It finally turns to an exploration of the unofficially sacred, sites that are not religious but inspire feelings of reverence and awe.

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Tue	5 Apr 16	10:00-12:00	Hemophilia and Other Bleeding Disorders Presenter: Gina Raymond Sponsor: Chuck Johnson	Ms. Raymond will discuss genetic bleeding disorders including hemophilia ("the royal disease") and von Willebrand's disease. von Willebrand's disease is a more prevalent but far less recognized disorder that affects more than 320,000 people in the United States alone. We will learn what causes bleeding disorders; what symptoms are typical; and the strides that have been made in treating patients. Ms. Raymond will discuss the impact of the HIV epidemic of the 1980s on the hemophilia community (80% of those with hemophilia contracted the HIV virus). She will also discuss the extraordinary cost of treatment (up to \$1 million annually) and what the future holds for those with these genetic disorders.
Tue	5 Apr 16	13:00-15:00	Genealogy Group CANCELLED	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.
Wed	6 Apr 16	10:00-12:00	Play Discussion ► Tartuffe, by Moliere Presenter: Helen Housley Sponsors: Bob & Carole Hanus	First performed at the court of King Louis XIV in 1664, Tartuffe has stood the test of centuries. As slippery as its title character, the play focuses on a con man hell-bent on swindling the patriarch of a well-to-do family out of everything he holds dear. Despite Tartuffe's best efforts, the rest of the family does not fall for his cunning, joining forces to expose him for the hypocrite they believe him to be. The work is at once an unrelenting examination of religious hypocrisy, 17th Century French upper class society and a laugh out loud comedy of unequalled stature. Suitable for all audiences. ElderStudy members may bring non-member guests to this session.
Thu	7 Apr 16	13:00-15:00	Lunch at Scotchtown Presenter: Ann Reid Sponsor: Margareta Williamson	Foxtown - \$15 includes tour of Patrick Henry's House. Limit of 10. RSVP to Margareta Williamson 540-659-4421.
Wed	13 Apr 16	11:00-12:00	Membership Committee Meeting II Sponsor: Pat Parkinson	This committee handles publicity, the newsletter, maintaining the website and planning social events. Members are always welcome to attend our meetings. Note unusual start time.
Wed	13 Apr 16	13:30-15:00	Spring UMW Gallery Tour II Presenter: Rosemary Jesionowski Sponsor: Mary Ann Stana	Ridderhof-Martin: Shedding the Utopian Moment; video works by feminist artists of the 1980s. duPont: Annual Student Art Exhibits
Thu	14 Apr 16	10:00-12:00	Off the Beaten Path - Two Travelogues Presenter: Joan Bitely Sponsor: Joan Bitely	First take a trip down the Amazon River with film producer Katie Cleary. Share the river's many magical moments -- spotting the pink dolphin, trekking through a true rain forest, fishing for piranha or seeing the giant water lily Victoria amazonica. Also, visit Ushuaia, the "City at the End of the World" in Argentina, cruise the Drake Passage, experience a Zodiac craft navigating icy waters, explore penguin rookeries on the Antarctic Peninsula and finally end up at Iguassu Falls in Brazil.

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Thu	14 Apr 16	13:00-15:00	Book Group ► Devil In The Groove: Thurgood Marshall, The Groveland Boys and The Dawn of a New America, by Gilbert King Discussion: Dot Meyers Sponsor: Dot Meyers	A thorough study of one of the most important civil rights cases argued by Thurgood Marshall in dismantling the Jim Crow strictures. It recreates an important but overlooked moment in American history with a chilling, atmospheric narrative.
Tue	19 Apr 16	10:00-12:00	Maranatha Alpaca Farm (Morning Tour) Presenter: Lisa darley Sponsor: Shirley Eye	Come learn everything you wanted to know about alpacas at Maranatha Alpaca Farm in Fredericksburg. You will have the chance to feed the alpacas, take as many photos as you want and visit the gift shop filled with lovely alpaca clothes, socks, stuffed animals and more. Tour size limited to 30. RSVP to Shirley Eye 540-361-71959, dabney1996@aol.com
Tue	19 Apr 16	13:00-15:00	Maranatha Alpaca Farm (Afternoon Tour)	See description of Maranatha Alpaca Farm Morning Tour above.
Wed	20 Apr 16	09:00-11:00	Tour: Spring Bird Walk Presenter: Andrew Dolby Sponsor: Charlie Fennemore	Come for a walk along the Canal Path, and down the lane toward the old dam site, and learn about Fredericksburg's year round and seasonal bird populations. Meet at the Canal Path's Fall Hill Avenue parking area (at the canal bridge). Rain date Wednesday, April 27.
Wed	20 Apr 16	13:00-15:00	(afternoon of tour)	
Thu	21 Apr 16	10:00-12:00	Early Naturalists of Virginia Presenter: Bruce Bytner Sponsor: Margareta Williamson	The beginning of the Conservation Movement in the United States (including the Audubon Society) from Colonial Virginia days. How data was collected on flora and fauna.
Thu	21 Apr 16	13:00-15:00	History of Tibet and Buddhism Presenter: Dan Hirshberg Sponsor: Rose Reif	An overview of the major developments in Tibetan religious and political history from the 8th century through the Chinese invasion in 1959. Also addressed will be the present situation in Tibet, specifically with regard to the roll of his holiness the 14th Dalai Lama and, given that he is now 80 years old, what may occur after his death.
Fri	22 Apr 16	10:00-12:00	UMW Classes End	
Tue	26 Apr 16	10:00-12:00	American History through Folk Music: Part 1 RESCHEDULED TO MAY 5 Presenter: Bill Wemmerus Sponsor: Bill Wemmerus	We will look at American History through the eyes of folks who wrote and sang about what they were experiencing. We will explore in song some of the lesser-known episodes of our history, and at times look at events in a new light. This first session will focus on the 19th century, including such topics as the Civil War, the Westward movement, the Alaska gold Rush, and the Spanish American War. (The second part will be on May 5.)

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Wed	27 Apr 16	09:00-11:00	RAIN DATE: Spring Bird Walk NOTE CLL IS IN USE BY UMW UNTIL 12 Presenter: Andrew Dolby Sponsor: Charlie Fennemore	This is the rain date for the April 20 tour.
Wed	27 Apr 16	13:00-15:00	(afternoon of tour)	
Thu	28 Apr 16	13:00-15:00	Grub in the 'Burg Presenter: Barbra Anderson Sponsor: Randy Fennemore	A look at restaurants in Fredericksburg, past and present. Dozens of now-and-then photos trace the history of eateries, focusing on the twentieth century.
Fri	29 Apr 16	10:00-12:00	UMW Exams End	
Tue	3 May 16	10:00-12:30	The Academy Awards Best Pictures: The End of the Hollywood Studio System and the British Invasion, 1960-1964 Presenter: Gary Olsen Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	Note that this presentation is two and a half hours long. Hollywood was jolted with the break-up of the monopoly at the beginning of the 1960's that the major film studios had enjoyed for decades. Simultaneously, aging directors and stars were giving way to a vibrant corps of new talent as film adopted 1960's contemporary themes. The Academy was ahead of the curve by recognizing this transformation by nominating for Best Pictures such cutting edge films as The Apartment, Lilies of the Field, and Dr. Strangelove. And this emerging trend on the big screen was influenced overseas by the British cinema--well before the 1964 arrival of The Beatles. Best Picture nominees such as Becket, Tom Jones, and Sons And Lovers reflected American audiences love for the Brits and their history.
Tue	3 May 16	13:00-15:00	Genealogy Group CANCELLED	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.
Wed	4 May 16	10:00-12:00	The "Layers" of Chatham Manor Presenter: Scott Walker Sponsor: Mary Ann Stana	RSVP REQUIRED to Mary Ann Stana, mastana10@hotmail.com or 604-5634. Limited to 35 people. 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 located at 120 Chatham Lane.
Wed	4 May 16	13:00-15:00	(afternoon of tour)	

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Mon	9 May 16	10:00-12:00	UMW Summer Classes Begin	
Tue	10 May 16	10:00-12:00	RAIN DATE - Alpaca Farm Morning Tour Presenter: Lisa Darley Sponsor: Shirley Eye	This is the rain date for the April 19 morning tour.
Tue	10 May 16	13:00-15:00	RAIN DATE - Alpaca Farm Afternoon Tour	This is the rain date for the April 19 afternoon tour.
Wed	11 May 16	10:00-12:00	American History through Folk Music: Part 2 RESCHEDULED FROM MAY 5	We will look at American History through the eyes of folks who wrote and sang about what they were experiencing. We will explore in song some of the lesser-known episodes of our history, and at times look at events in a new light. This second session will focus on the 20th century, covering such things as the Great Depression and World War II.
Wed	11 May 16	10:00-12:00	Wemmerus	This is the rain date for the May 4 tour.
Thu	12 May 16	13:00-15:00	Book Group ► The Nightingale, by Kristen Hannah Discussion: Margareta Williamson Sponsor: Dot Meyers	The story of two sisters, Dianne and Isabelle, who led dangerous and very different lives in German-occupied France during WWII. Their stories, set against a background that has been praised for its historical accuracy, result in a page turner about a little known aspect of that war.
Tue	17 May 16	13:00-15:00	(Preparation for Potluck Luncheon) Sponsor: Eugenia Jones	Volunteers are needed to prepare the dining space for the potluck luncheon. Contact Eugenia Jones at eugenia13812@yahoo.com or 786-8987 if you can help.
Wed	18 May 16	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.
Thu	19 May 16	10:00-12:00	Campus Tour: Trees of UMW Presenter: Joni Wilson Sponsor: Phil Hall	Tour of the campus of Mary Washington, an extensive arboretum. Meet on the Campus Walk in front of George Washington Hall.
Tue	24 May 16	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 Policies and Procedures, 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	25 May 16	10:00-12:00	Tour of Meadowview Biological Research Station Pitcher Plant Preserve and Nursery Presenters: Phil Sheridan & Richard Curzon Sponsor: Randy Fennemore	Tour Meadowview Biological Research Station in Caroline County, learning about their work to preserve our natural bog heritage by returning the endangered native carnivorous pitcher plants, and other rare plants, to their historic ranges in Virginia and Maryland. Plants will be available for sale! LIMITED PARKING! Limit 10 cars. Limit 30 persons. Carpooling is required. Dress for a short walk and wear proper shoes. RSVP by April 30 to Randy Fennemore, cfennemore@aol.com or 540-371-3629. (They are located on Rt. 2 midway between New Post and Bowling Green.)
Wed	25 May 16	13:00-15:00	(afternoon of tour)	
Thu	26 May 16	10:00-12:00	RAIN DATE: Tour of Meadowview Biological Research	This is the rain date for the May 25 tour.
Thu	26 May 16	13:00-15:00	(afternoon of tour)	
Mon	30 May 16	10:00-15:00	Memorial Day	
Wed	1 Jun 16	10:00-12:00	Board of Directors Meeting Sponsor: President Chuck Watkins	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.