

MCCOAA Update

Manchester Community College Organization of Active Adults

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OAA ON THE GO

SCHEDULED TRIPS

**Institute of Puppetry
Storrs, CT
Lake View Family Restaurant
Wednesday, February 28, 2018**



The *Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry* is one of America's hidden treasures—a superb collection of over 2,500 puppets from all over the world; an archive of books, manuscripts, posters, drawings, audio-visual materials and photographs all covering the history of puppetry. You will have a tour, participate in the **Toy Theatre Workshop**, followed by dinner at **Lake View Family Restaurant**. For additional information, contact **Ruth Herbele**, 860-643-5391

**Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
Boston, MA
Wednesday, March 21, 2018**



The **Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum** is a world renowned institution, evocative of a 15th century Venetian Palace. It includes not just art, but also flowers and plants, textiles, furniture, and architecture. Lunch will be included at the **Venezia Restaurant** on Boston's waterfront, followed by a visit to the Boston Winery.

For additional information, contact **Jeannette Lesperance**, 860-643-8130.

**Shades of Ireland
April 16 - 28, 2018
13 Days, 17 Meals: 11 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners**



Highlights: Dublin, Kilkenny, Waterford Crystal Factory, Blarney Castle, Killarney, Cliffs of Moher, Galway, Ireland's 'City of Tribes', Donegal Town, Inishowen Peninsula and Marlin Head, Giant's Causeway, Belfast, and Kingscourt

For additional information, contact **Mary Violette**, 860-648-0223

**Victorian Cape May, NJ
Sunday, May 20, 2018 - Wednesday, May 23, 2018
4 Days 6 Meals**



Highlights: Grand Hotel of Cape May on Cape May's boardwalk and overlooking the ocean, Victorian Home Tour-Trolley Tour, Emien Physick Estate, Cape May Point Tour and Atlantic City, and Smithville Village.

For additional information, contact **Ann Lucente**, 860-916-6047.

**South Dakota
September 7 - 13, 2018
7 Days 9 Meals: 6 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners**



Highlights: Mount Rushmore, Deadwood, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Black Hills Gold, Badlands National Park, Wall Drug, Needles Highway, Custer State Park, Crazy Horse Memorial. For more information, contact **Jeannette Lesperance**, 860-643-8130.

ATTENTION

Please report any special needs, physical, medical or dietary, at the time your reservation is made, to the trip coordinator for your trip. Persons requiring assistance need to be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. MCCOAA cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs.

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by Jim Reuter

COMING ATTRACTIONS

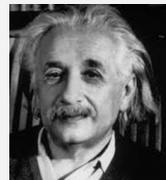
**Friday, February 16, 2018
SBM Charitable Auditorium
1:30 PM**

Just over 100 years ago, the **General Theory of Relativity** was presented to the Prussian Academy of Sciences in Berlin by 35-year-old Albert Einstein. **George Capaccio's** one-person performance entitled,

Albert Einstein: Relatively Speaking

is an opportunity for us to learn about this extraordinary individual and the ideas that have revolutionized physics and forever changed how we understand space, time and gravity. The program emphasizes Einstein's early life, his formative influences, and the groundbreaking discoveries that made him a global celebrity.

George Capaccio is a professional storyteller who has performed in many Boston theaters, including the American Repertory Theater and the Science Theater at the Museum of Science. He also worked with children's theater companies as an actor, writer, workshop leader, and artist educator. Based on this experience, George went on to co-host *The Children's Room*, a nationally broadcast, award-winning children's TV show.



Albert Einstein



George Capaccio
as Albert Einstein

**EARLY NOTICE ABOUT THE MARCH PROGRAM:
It will be on the 4th Friday (March 23), not the usual 3rd.**

Manchester Community College Foundation Tenth Annual Hall of Fame Brunch

MCC is a community of many passionate, caring, and generous people. That's why each year the MCC Foundation hosts an annual Hall of Fame, celebrating both the philanthropic spirit that supports student dreams and the selfless offering of time and energy of people dedicated to making those dreams come true.

This year, the Foundation will hold its tenth annual **Hall of Fame** at **12:00 p.m.** on **February 11, 2018** at A Villa Louisa. We invite you to join us for a delicious buffet brunch as this year's awardees are recognized for their positive impact.

United Bank Foundation Connecticut will be honored as Investor of the Year, with special recognition given to **Adam Jeamel** for his enthusiastic partnership as Honorary Chair of the 2016 and 2017 Evening of Fine Wines. Additionally, two volunteers of the year will be honored: **Kathryn Kleis**, Assistant Professor and Criminal Justice Department Chair at MCC, and **Terrence Hoyer**, a dedicated tutor in MCC's writing center.

Tickets are \$25 and sponsorships are available. Contact **Diana Reid** at 860-512-2909 or dreid@manchestercc.edu to make your reservation or become a sponsor.

Non-luncheon programs are open to the public free of charge. Most programs begin at 1:30 in the SBM Charitable Foundation Auditorium (AST Bldg.) and are followed by refreshments. We encourage members to invite friends to become OAA members for additional benefits. Please use the West Parking Lot (formerly Lot C), which includes handicapped parking.

Upcoming Continuing Education Courses in 2018!

HOW TO REGISTER FOR COURSES: There are many easy ways to register for MCC courses. Call **860-512-3232** to register by phone. Be sure to have your credit card ready. Or, if you have access to the Internet, you can download a registration form at www.manchestercc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017-Winter-Credit-Free-catalog.pdf and send in your completed form with a check or money order. You can also find a registration form in any printed MCC Credit-Free catalog. The easiest way is to register in person the next time you are on campus for a monthly OAA meeting! The Registrar's Office is in the main lobby of the Lowe Building and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Pre-registration allows the instructor and course schedulers to prepare materials for the course and to contact students in the event of a scheduling change or cancellation.

Symmetry in Physics, Nature & in Everyday Life... It's All Around Us!

Come join an exciting lecture that will open your eyes to seeing the world from a different viewpoint! Symmetry is all around us and is an important tool in physics as we try to understand the laws of our universes. Nature and everyday life seems full of symmetric objects. We will discuss some examples of symmetry in physics and in everyday life - both natural and man-made symmetries in art, architecture, flowers, etc. CRN 11241 | Fee: \$6 | 1 Friday | 2/2 | noon-1:30 PM | AST Room E202

Instructor: **Negussie Tirfessa, Ph.D.**

500 Nations: Episode #4 "Invasion of the Coast"

Persons interested in history, the story, of our nation will be most interested in the story of the "First Peoples," the indigenous nations, the Native Americans as told by the descendants of the people who have lived on this land we call the United States of America for the past 10,000 years. The highly acclaimed documentary series 500 Nations will be used as "the text" which will stimulate thought and discussion. On February 9th, George Gill Ducharme (Abenaki) will share Episode #4 "Invasion of the Coast". Tensions rise as more foreigners arrive in North America, and affect the lives of the native peoples. Through film, a discussion will be had on what lessons we are learning and what we may begin to do in our everyday life to carry on the historical legacy of the "Invasion of the Coast."

CRN 11221 | Fee: \$6 | 1 Friday | 2/9 | noon-1:30 PM | AST Room E202

Instructor: **George Ducharme, Ph.D.**

Wines for Valentine's Day

Looking to impress that special someone on Valentine's Day? Come enjoy a special night of wine tasting from Sparkling to Port and everything in between. Let us help you chart your course for a romantic evening as we discuss classic food and wine pairings. Participants should bring finger foods or munchies. Please note: You must be at least 21 years of age to enroll in the class; IDs will be checked in class. Please register early, as enrollment is limited. Materials fee: \$20, payable to the instructor at the beginning of class.

CRN 11411 | Fee: \$30 | 1 Friday | 2/9 | 6-9 PM | SSC Room L294 (Culinary Arts Center)

Instructor: **Leanne Wheeler, B.S.**

Chocolate Made with Love

For Valentine's Day, learn how to make three different types of chocolates. The easiest is a simple chocolate bark, after which we'll make the ganache for shaped truffles. While the ganache is chilling, you'll learn the art of making molded chocolates, and enjoy munching on the bark. During the preparation of these three types of chocolate, you'll have a choice as to which "add-in's" or "roll-in's" you want. You will take home a variety of truffles, molded chocolates, and chocolate bark to share with your loved ones. You will also learn tips and tricks of the trade to making and packaging chocolates. Materials fee: \$15, payable to instructor at the beginning of class.

CRN 11214 | Fee: \$70 | 1 Saturday | 2/10 | 10 AM-2 PM | GPA Room GP213

Instructor: **Anita Ferron, B.S.**

The Spanish Civil War: Eighty Years Later

Just before World War II, Spain was the site of bloody civil strife. German Fascists sought to test their new military might and impose a dictator on the Spanish Republic. They were opposed by a passionate but troubled alliance of communists, anarchists, and idealistic liberals who offered valiant but unsuccessful resistance. How did the conflict unfold? What was its impact on the Spanish people and the morale of Europe as it readied itself for the bigger conflict that was to follow? Finally, what are we to make of Pablo Picasso's famous controversial painting, Guernica, which vividly memorialized the suffering and horror of Nazi aerial bombardment of a small Basque village?

CRN 11222 | Fee: \$6 | 1 Friday | 2/23 | noon-1:30 PM | AST Room E202

Instructor: **Michael DiRaimo, M.A.**



MCC COUGAR PANTRY

Please bring non-perishable items and toiletries to OAA events. Your donations benefit students, staff and the entire MCC community. A collection box will be in the lobby for your convenience.

For more information, call **Gordon Plouffe** at 860-512-2285.



AUDITOR NEEDED

A volunteer is needed to audit the OAA financial records. Contact Geoff Naab 860-573-4124

REMINDER

All OAA members are welcome at all OAA Board meetings. Meeting dates and times are listed on page 2 of the UPDATE.

If you're not sure of a room location, find campus maps at <https://www.manchestercc.edu/about/maps-directions>

Check the 2017 Winter credit-free catalog for many interesting courses. Register with a friend!
Remember, as OAA members, you could each qualify for a 20% rebate (up to \$50 per membership year) on credit-free courses costing over \$10. There should be a form for each class. Please do not put multiple classes on one rebate form.

The **UPDATE** is published each month except July and August, for and by OAA, and is edited with the assistance of MCC's Credit-Free Programs Office. Information on OAA activities and other items of interest to OAA members will be considered for publication.

Please submit articles and suggestions to the editors via email to oaam@manchestercc.edu.

Board Meetings 10 a.m. — **Room A108** (by Library in LRC Building): Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 1, Jan 12, Feb 9, Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11

Program Events 1:30 or 2:00 p.m. — **SBM Auditorium (AST Building)**: Oct 20, Nov 17, Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 23, (no program in April), May 18

Luncheons 11:30 a.m. — Sept 15, Dec 8

PLEASE USE WEST PARKING LOT (formerly Lot C) for all campus events.

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*Hospitality: Margaret Mirante
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The Bottom Line

Total Members	578
Members Paid Rebates	24
Number of Rebates Paid	36
Rebates Paid to Members	\$598
Credit-Free Course Fees Paid to College	\$3,684

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