

SCHILLER SHORELINE INSTITUTE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING



Fall 2023

Program Catalog

Guilford/Madison, *Connecticut*

Our Mission

The Schiller Shoreline Institute for Lifelong Learning's (SSILL) mission is to develop and provide meaningful, intellectual programs to area adults who share a love of learning and a desire to be part of a caring community.

Program Locations

LOCATION KEY

MSC - Madison Senior Center

GFL - Guilford Free Library

GCC - Guilford Community Center

SGCH - St. George Church Hall

SGC - St. George Church Parking Lot

Be Connected

Your email is a valuable tool to stay connected to important updates, program changes and cancellations. Update your email address today! Click on link below.

ShorelineInstitute@gmail.com

Refund Policy

Fees for \$1 and \$2 programs are not refundable. Refunds for trips will be made only if cancellations are received one week prior to the program date.

ON-LINE AND IN-PERSON REGISTRATION BEGINS 8:30 A.M. TUESDAY, AUGUST 29th

Guilford Community Center
32 Church St, Guilford
(203) 453 - 8086



Madison Senior Center
29 Bradley Rd, Madison
(203) 245 - 5627



Guilford Free Library
67 Park St, Guilford
(203) 453 - 8282



St. George Church Hall
and Parking Lot
33 Whitfield St Guilford





We dedicate the 2023-2024 SSILL season to one of our founders and a driving force behind everything we've accomplished these past 15 years.

Connie Fusco

Connie was a mentor to all of us at SSILL. She was our beloved president for 10 years and remained an active Board and Committee member until her passing on July 10, 2023.



Visit ssill.org for expanded program descriptions and our program evaluation form.

Fall Program Selections

Programs #/Location ✓

Sept. 6 Wednesday 10:00 am	OPENING DAY RECEPTION AND CONCERT Presenter: Central City Stompers Back again to welcome us, this popular group will perform classical jazz standards from the first half of the 20th century and recent works from great Revivalist bands.	48241 GCC	Free	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sept. 12 Tuesday 10:00 am	CRIMES OF OPPORTUNITY Presenter: Sergeant Martina Jakober From thefts at the gas pump to phishing text messages, the speaker will talk about crimes affecting local residents.	48242 GCC	\$1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sept. 13 Wednesday 10:00 am	TRIP: HUME (YALE) FURNITURE GALLERY Presenter: Gallery Docent See more than 1300 examples of American furniture and clocks from the 17th century to the present. <i>Requires walking and standing for one hour.</i>	48243 SGC	\$10	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sept. 19 Tuesday 10:00 am	MARINE MAMMALS AND SEA TURTLES OF LONG ISLAND SOUND Presenter: MaryEllen Mateleska, Educator, Mystic Aquarium Discover the diversity of seal, whale, and sea turtle species that visit Long Island Sound.	48244 GCC	\$1	<input type="checkbox"/>



Gift Certificates are
available for purchase. Please call
the GCC for more information.

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Sept.20 Wednesday 10:00 am	OVERCOMING POVERTY IN RURAL HONDURAS Presenter: Mark Hopkins, professional photographer A photographic tour and talk about the effects of extreme poverty on farmers in the mountains of Honduras.	48245 Zoom	\$1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sept. 26 Tuesday 10:00 am	TOO MUCH TRASH: NO MORE ROOM Presenters: Janice A. Plaziak, P.E. and CT DEEP Discussion of CT's waste disposal crisis and the food scrap pilot program in Guilford and Madison.	48246 GCC	\$1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sept. 29 Friday 11:00 am	THE MAGIC OF MOZART: THE MUSICAL GENIUS WHO CHANGED THE WORLD Presenter: Alan Mann, Opera Theater of Connecticut The moving story of the most prolific and influential composer of the classical period. Despite his short life, Mozart created more than 800 works from virtually every musical genre.	48247 GFL	\$1	<input type="checkbox"/>



Financial assistance may be available. Contact the GCC for more information.

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October 3 CANNABIS LAW IN CONNECTICUT: A COMPLETE UPDATE

Tuesday
10:00 am

Presenters: Benjamin Pomerantz, Vincent Farisello, and Paul Travaglino
A discussion of the evolution of hemp and cannabis laws in CT and the practicalities of growing and selling hemp and cannabis products.

48248
GCC

\$1

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October 5, October 12, October 19 and October 26

Thursday
10:00 am

GREAT DECISIONS

Facilitator: Shirley Benjamin

Great Decisions is a current events program produced by the Foreign Policy Association. Topics this semester are: China, American Economic Warfare and U.S. Policy, Political Trends in Latin America and Famine in the 21st century.

48249
GCC (for the series)

\$2

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October 10 ANATOMY OF A MURDER

Tuesday
10:00 am

Presenter: Judge Thomas O'Keefe

The State of CT v Lishan Wang: Behind the Scenes of a Murder; What You Don't See on CSI.

48250
GCC

\$1

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Reach out to us if you are
interested in teaching a class or
volunteering on one of our committees.

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October 11 Wednesday 10:00 am	THE BRITISH ARE COMING: FRANCIS BACON, BARBARA HEPWORTH, DAVID HOCKNEY AND HENRY MOORE Presenter: Bob Potter, Art Educator and Historian Art lecture on how these British artists changed modern art through their paintings and sculptures.	48251 Zoom	Free	<input type="checkbox"/>
October 12 Thursday 10:00 am	GREAT DECISIONS Facilitator: Shirley Benjamin Please refer to October 5 for program details.	48249 GCC	\$0	<input type="checkbox"/>
October 17 Tuesday 10:00 am	UNLOCKING THE SECRETS TO TALKING WITH YOUR DOCTOR Presenter: Gabby Ceccolini, Quinnipiac University School of Medicine Doctors are trained in how to talk with patients. Now it's your turn to be trained in how to talk with your doctor to receive the best care at every future medical visit.	48252 GCC	\$1	<input type="checkbox"/>
October 18 Wednesday 9:00 am	TRIP: THE BRUCE MUSEUM Presenter: Gabrielle Perez, Education Coordinator A docent led tour of the newly renovated Bruce Museum in Greenwich followed by a catered lunch.	48253 SGC	\$45	<input type="checkbox"/>



Be considerate! If you are
unable to attend a class, please
call the GCC as soon as possible.

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October 19 GREAT DECISIONS

Thursday Facilitator: Shirley Benjamin
10:00 am Please refer to October 5 for program details.

48249 \$0 ☐
GCC

October 24 MUNDO MAYA: PEOPLE OF THE YUCATAN

Tuesday Presenter: Steve Hamm., Documentary Filmmaker
10:00 am Steve Hamm returns to introduce his newest documentary film about the contemporary Maya people of Mexico's Yucatan.

48254 \$1 ☐
GCC

October 25 CONCERT: PROJECT MUSIC HEALS US

Wednesday Presenters: Project Music Heals Us Musicians
10:00 am This group of professional musicians returns to present another live classical music concert. PMHU's mission is bringing high quality live music to marginalized communities.

48255 \$1 ☐
SGCH

October 26 GREAT DECISIONS

Thursday Facilitator: Shirley Benjamin
10:00 am Please refer to October 5 for program details.

48249 \$0 ☐
GCC

October 31 WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT ALZHEIMER'S PREVENTION

Tuesday Presenter: Donna Fedus, Gerontologist and Educator
10:00 am We don't know how to prevent Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia, but we do know what puts you at risk and protects you from cognitive impairment.

48256 \$1 ☐
GCC



Programs fill up quickly.
We will make every effort to
accommodate waitlisted persons.

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November 1 Wednesday 1:30 pm	CARING FOR GENDER-DIVERSE YOUTH: SEPARATING FACT FROM FICTION Presenter: Stuart Weinzimer, M.D. A discussion of the prevalence and aspects of gender diversity in youth, the mental health correlates, and models of treatment.	48257 GCC	\$1	<input type="checkbox"/>
November 2 Thursday 10:00 am	BOOK DISCUSSION: THE CANDY HOUSE BY JENNIFER EGAN Facilitator: Hedda Kopf Witness the lives of multiple characters whose paths intersect over several decades.	48258 GCC	\$1	<input type="checkbox"/>
November 7 Tuesday 10:00 am	CONCERT: U.S. COAST GUARD Presenters: Members of the U.S. Coast Guard Ensemble The Coast Guard returns to perform a harp and soprano concert..	48259 GCC	Free	<input type="checkbox"/>
November 14 Tuesday 10:00 am	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: PROMISES AND PITFALLS Presenter: Ray Lombra, Professor Emeritus of Economics, Penn State University What exactly is A.I. and how is it evolving? What are its long-range effects?	48260 GCC	\$1	<input type="checkbox"/>
November 15 Wednesday 10:00 am	TED TALKS Videos of selected TED Talks about Artificial Intelligence followed by a discussion.	48261 MSC	\$1	<input type="checkbox"/>

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November 16 BOOK DISCUSSION: *SMALL ISLAND* BY ANDREA LEVY

48262
GCC

\$1

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Thursday
10:00 am

Facilitator: Pam Asmus
This book chronicles the lives of both the British and the Jamaicans in England during and after World War II.

November 21 MAXIMIZING HEALTHY LONGEVITY: THE SCIENCE

48263
GCC

\$1

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Tuesday
10:00 am

Presenter: Michael Saxe, M.D.
What does the science tell us about what really works?

November 28 TOKAIDO: THE MODERN ROAD TO JAPAN'S FEUDAL PAST

48264
GCC

\$1

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Tuesday
10:00 am

Presenter: Richard Friswell, Wesleyan University
Journey along this seaside route to discover unexpected links to Japan's history and traditions.

December 5 BETTER LIVING THROUGH A BETTER LIFESTYLE

48265
GCC

\$1

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Tuesday
10:00 am

Presenter: Anne S. Bingham, M.D.
Understand the power of lifestyle to produce better health.

December 7 BOOK DISCUSSION: *TRUST* BY HERNAN DIAZ

48266
GCC

\$2

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Thursday
10:00 am

Facilitator: Hernan Diaz
This literary puzzle asks the reader to think about who gets to tell a story, how a story is told, and how much we can "trust" a narrative-novel, memoir, or diary.

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Online Registration Instructions

You may register online through the Guilford Parks and Rec website at GuilfordParkRec.com or through the SSILL website by clicking on Register here. You must have a membership (household) number and password assigned by the Guilford Community Center before you register. Call the Guilford Community Center at (203) 453-8068 and they will assign you a number and password.

We look forward to seeing you this Fall!



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