

SCHILLER SHORELINE INSTITUTE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING



Spring 2024

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

GCC - Guilford Community Center
MSC - Madison Senior Center
GFL - Guilford Free Library
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! Send us a notice to ssill.ct@gmail.com if your email address has changed

For expanded Program Descriptions, step-by-step registration instructions and more information, please go to our website at SSILL-CT.ORG.

OUR LOCATIONS

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



**ON-LINE AND IN-PERSON REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st
AND CONTINUES THROUGHOUT THE SEMESTER. IN-PERSON REGISTRATION
IS ONLY AT THE GUILFORD COMMUNITY CENTER.**

Spring Program Selections

		<i>Programs#/Location</i>	<i>✓</i>
March 5 Tuesday 10:00 am	OPENING DAY RECEPTION AND CONCERT Presenter: Shoreline Jazz Quintet The SJQ includes saxophone, drums, bass, guitar, and vibraphone. Its repertoire includes jazz standards, popular tunes, and arrangements of compositions by Thelonious Monk, Bill Evans, Pat Metheny and others.	18139 GCC	Free <input type="checkbox"/>
March 7 Thursday 10:00 am	BITING BACK: CONFRONTING MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASE Presenter: Yale Science in the News Speakers: Sandra Sandria, Mara Kushelman, Cristina Arnes Sanz These Yale scientists will dive into the world of mosquito-borne illness, highlighting the impact of climate change on mosquito spread, and how we can use science and technology to "bite back".	18140 MSC	\$3 <input type="checkbox"/>
March 12 Tuesday 10:00 am	STORIES OF HOPE AND TRIUMPH Presenter: Jennifer Wenderoth-Holster, MPA, Exec. Director, Women and Family Life Center There are moments in our lives that truly challenge us. Women and Family Life Center assists families that would otherwise have no place to turn for help. Services are provided for people experiencing life transitions such as unemployment and family violence.	18141 GCC	\$3 <input type="checkbox"/>
March 14 Thursday 10:00 am	WEEDING OUT INFORMATION ON CANNABIS Presenter: Deepak Cyril D'Souza, M.D., Professor of Psychiatry, Yale University Dr. D'Souza, with over 25 years of studying cannabis, will provide an overview of the science of cannabis, addressing what may be most relevant to older adults.	18142 MSC	\$3 <input type="checkbox"/>



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March 19 Tuesday 10:00 am	PREVIEW OF PEABODY MUSEUM RENOVATION Presenter: Justin Hedde, Principal, Centerbrook Architects Our speaker, the lead architect of the renovation and expansion of Yale's Peabody Museum, will give SSILL members a preview of what the public will experience when it reopens later this year.	18143 GCC	<input type="checkbox"/>
March 20 Wednesday 10:00 am	A NATION DIVIDED AND RESTORED: THE ART OF WINSLOW HOMER, EASTMAN JOHSON AND THOMAS EAKINS Presenter: Robert Potter, Art Historian After the Civil War these artists reflect on the War's legacy as they paint an America now looking to the future.	18144 Zoom	<input type="checkbox"/>
March 26 Tuesday 10:00 am	SAVING OUR AFRICAN PENGUINS Presenter: MaryEllen Mateleska, Educator, Mystic Aquarium African Penguins are experiencing an alarming and continuing decline and could be functionally extinct by 2035. Come and learn about the global conservation efforts to protect this species. Please note that an African Penguin will not be traveling with this program.	18145 GCC	<input type="checkbox"/>
March 28 Thursday 10:00 am	BOOK DISCUSSION: DEMON COPPERHEAD BY BARBARA KINGSOLVER (PART 1) Facilitator: Hedda Kopf, Associate Professor Emerita We will discuss this novel over two sessions. Part 1 will cover chapters 1-30. The author's version of David Copperfield situates her compelling narrator in contemporary Appalachia where he endures challenges all too familiar to many Americans. Fee: \$5.00 for both sessions (see April 11)	18146 GCC	<input type="checkbox"/> For Two Sessions



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April 2 Tuesday 10:00 am	SCAMS AND CRIMES AND HOW TO PREVENT THEM Presenters: Sergeant Martina Jacober, Guilford Police Department and Sergeant Bill Roy, Madison Police Department Our local police officers will talk about new scams and recent crime trends in our area. Learn how to protect yourself from being a victim.	18169 GCC	\$3	<input type="checkbox"/>
April 8 Monday 11:00 am	MAKING CONNECTIONS: HOW THE RISE OF GILBERT & SULLIVAN AFFECTED "NOUVELLE CUISINE" Presenter: Alan Mann, Artistic Director of Opera Theater of Connecticut. Alan Mann will discuss the unknown legacy of Gilbert and Sullivan and how their financial success led to the development of an amazing hotel chain, the re-design of the professional kitchen, and the creation of some of the delectables we still enjoy today.	18240 GFL	\$3	<input type="checkbox"/>
April 9 Tuesday 10:00 am	RE-IMAGINING REGIONAL THEATER Presenter: Jacob Padron, Artistic Director of Long Wharf Theater Learn how Long Wharf is successfully bringing theater directly into our communities with performances in libraries, community centers, high school auditoriums, and most recently, a boat house.	18241 GCC	\$3	<input type="checkbox"/>



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at the Guilford Community Center.

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April 10 Wednesday 1:30-3:30 pm	TRIP: TEA IS BRAIN FOOD, SAVVY TEA, MADISON CT - DRIVE YOURSELF Judy and Phil Parda, certified tea sommeliers and tea masters, will conduct a two-hour class on the health benefits of specific teas, where they are from, how they are processed, and how to steep each tea. Tastings include six to seven teas that are paired with this topic. Limit: 20 people	18242	\$23	<input type="checkbox"/>
April 11 Thursday 10:00 am	BOOK DISCUSSION: DEMON COPPERHEAD BY BARBARA KINGSOLVER (PART 2) CHAPTERS 31 TO CONCLUSION. Time and location same as March 28, Part One.	18146	Fee See March 28	<input type="checkbox"/>
April 15 Monday 10:00 am	WALKING THE THORNVELD IN SOUTH AFRICA Presenter: Mark Hopkins Join Earthwatch volunteer photographer Mark Hopkins for a photographic visit to the Savannahs of South Africa where the continent's best known large mammals depend on careful management to ensure their future.	18244	Free	<input type="checkbox"/>
April 16 Tuesday 10:00 am	STRESS-FREE DOWNSIZING Presenter: Kristin Vander Wiede, Professional Organizer How do I downsize when I love everything in my house? Learn tips and strategies to gain control of the objects creating physical and mental clutter in your life.	18245	\$3	<input type="checkbox"/>



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

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April 17 Wednesday 12:45 pm	TRIP: ATHLETIC BREWING COMPANY, MILFORD, CT Tour the state-of-the-art non-alcoholic brewery with brewmaster and co-founder, John Walker. To learn more about how this unique brewery started, watch the entertaining YouTube video (link on our site) with founders Bill Shufelt and John Walker. Limit: 20	18246 SGC	\$10	<input type="checkbox"/>
April 18 Thursday 10:00 am	GREAT DECISIONS Facilitator: Shirley Benjamin Great Decisions is a four-part program produced by the Foreign Policy Association. Topics this semester are Mideast Realignment (April 18), Climate Technology (April 25), Science Across Borders (May 2), U.S.- China Trade Rivalry (May 9). Required 2024 Briefing Book Purchase: \$35.00. This book covers eight topics for Spring and Fall semesters Class Fee: \$5.00 for all four sessions. Total Fee: \$40.00	18247 GCC	\$40	<input type="checkbox"/>
April 25 Thursday 10:00 am	GREAT DECISIONS Same details, time and location as above, see April 18th.	18247 GCC		<input type="checkbox"/>
April 26 Friday 10:00 am	CONCERT: U.S. COAST GUARD Presenters: Members of the USCG Clarinet Quartet The quartet is comprised of members of the clarinet section of the U.S. Coast Guard Band. They have performed recitals and master classes for audiences across the nation. Their musical style includes light classical and jazz.	18248 SGC	Free	<input type="checkbox"/>



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

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April 30 Tuesday 10:00 am	EARLY GUILFORD RE-IMAGINED Presenter: Michael B. Bracken, M.D. What did Guilford look like in 1639? Who were Guilford's indigenous people and what happened to them? Using Guilford's original founding documents, early life in Guilford will be revealed.	18249 GCC	\$3	<input type="checkbox"/>
May 2 Thursday 10:00 am	GREAT DECISIONS Same details, time and location as above, see April 18th.	18247 GCC		<input type="checkbox"/>
May 7 Tuesday 10:00 am	PLAN YOUR GRAND FINALE: A LIGHTER LOOK AT ONE OF LIFE'S CERTAINTIES Presenter: Susan Daniels, MSN RN CHPN This presentation offers practical advice on how to leave a personal legacy, how to develop a plan for getting personal affairs in order, and how to talk to loved ones about what really matters to them at the end of life.	18250 GCC	\$3	<input type="checkbox"/>
May 9 Thursday 10:00 am	GREAT DECISIONS Same details, time and location as above, see April 18th.	18247 GCC		<input type="checkbox"/>
May 13 Monday 10:00 am	TRIP: KIWI ROOTS FARM, WESTBROOK - DRIVE YOURSELF Presenter: Dan Frame, Organic Farmer A walk and tour around Kiwi Roots Farm in Westbrook, a micro farm organically growing and selling seasonal vegetables.	18251	\$3	<input type="checkbox"/>



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

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May 14 Tuesday 10:00 am	WHAT IS INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY? Presenter: Ethan Horwitz, Attorney Learn about the laws that apply to patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets. Learn what can be protected by law, the way protection is obtained, and how it is enforced.	18252 GCC	\$3	<input type="checkbox"/>
May 15 Wednesday 9:30 am to 3:30pm	TRIP: MYSTIC SEAPORT MUSEUM HAND- BLOWN GLASS EXHIBIT With an introduction by a Mystic Museum curator, we will see a major exhibition of hand-blown glass models of marine invertebrates modeled in Germany nearly 150 years ago. Bring your own lunch. Limit 20.	18253 SGC	\$34	<input type="checkbox"/>
May 21 Tuesday 10:00 am	VIEW FROM THE TOP: CONNECTICUT'S FISCAL WATCHDOG Presenter: Sean Scanlon, CT State Comptroller Comptroller Scanlon will give an overview of the Office of the State Comptroller and discuss his responsibilities as fiscal watchdog, current legislative priorities, Connecticut's economic outlook, and the State's drug discount program, ArrayRx.	18254 GCC	\$3	<input type="checkbox"/>
May 28 Tuesday 10:00 am	EN-LIGHT-ENMENT: TRACING LIGHT FROM COMPUTERS TO THE COSMOS Presenter: Yale Science in the News Speakers: Jordan Schmerge, Kaustav Mitra, Sumit Chaturvedi Light is everywhere around us, but did you know that we can use light too? Learn how we can use light in focusing lenses, mapping the Universe, and computer-generated imagery.	18255 GCC	\$3	<input type="checkbox"/>



Fees for \$3 and \$5 programs
are not refundable. Go to SSILL-CT.org
for more information.

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May 29 Wednesday 10:00 am	IMMIGRATION: MYTHS AND REALITIES Presenter: Ray Lombra, Professor Emeritus of Economics, Penn State University Immigration has been a topic of national debate for more than 100 years. The surge of migrants at the Southern border in recent years has placed this topic squarely in the center of current political debate. Learn about what drove prior debates and surges around 1900 and what has changed.	18256 GCC	\$3	<input type="checkbox"/>
June 4 Tuesday 10:00 am	HOW TO BUILD POLLINATOR GARDENS AND MEADOWS Presenter: Crystal Gaudio, Landscape Architect Homeowners have a unique opportunity to support pollinators and bird habitats in their own yards. The presenter will describe how lawn areas can be transformed into pollinator gardens, meadows, or even woodlands.	18257 GCC	\$3	<input type="checkbox"/>
June 6 Thursday 10:00 am	BOOK DISCUSSION: A PLACE FOR US BY FATIMA FARHEEN MIRZA Facilitator: Pam Asmus, Ph.D. This novel focuses on the varied experiences of an Indian-Muslim family living in northern California, striving to find a balance between tradition and modernity.	18258 GCC	\$3	<input type="checkbox"/>
June 11 Tuesday 10:00 am	WHAT DOES IT MATTER? PUBLIC ART AND COMMUNITY Presenter: Laura Clarke, Executive Director, Site Projects New Haven What is public art and how does it enhance a community's cultural heritage? Learn how installations, murals and performances enliven the public sphere and engage broad audiences.	18259 GCC	\$3	<input type="checkbox"/>
June 12 Wednesday 11:00 am	SANCTUARY KITCHEN FEAST Presenters: Sanctuary Kitchen Staff and Chefs End our semester with a sumptuous lunch! Partake in an authentic tasting menu prepared by chefs from Sanctuary Kitchen and hear about their immigrant and refugee experiences.	18260 GCC	\$30	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Online Registration Instructions

Beginning at 8:30 a.m., on February 21st, you may register online through the SSILL website or the GuilfordParkRec.com website. You must have a membership (household) number and password assigned by the Guilford Community Center before you register. Call GCC at (203) 453-8086 to be given a number and password.

Fees for \$3.00 and \$5.00 programs are not refundable. Refunds for trips will be made only if cancellations are received one week prior to the program date.

We look forward to seeing you this Spring!



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