

LIFE@ WESTERN CAROLINA

LIFE@ Program to begin third year, this September, 2016!

LIFE@Western Carolina, a lifelong education lecture series, begins their third program year this September. This program is designed to provide learning opportunities to adults ages fifty and up. Classes meet on Tuesdays in Cullowhee and Thursdays in Asheville at the WCU at

Biltmore Park campus. Membership includes twenty-four sessions total, twelve in the fall and twelve in the spring, ranging from a variety of topics. Speakers include University faculty and staff, community members, and other educators from the region, all sharing their expertise in their field.

The fall semester kicks off with WCU Provost, Dr. Alison Morrison-Shetlar speaking about the LIFE@ program itself, including a look into its future and numerous WCU resources for the LIFE@ community. Other speakers lined up for the Fall semester include WCU Professor Chris Cooper, to talk about the contrast of the nominees for the US Presidency and Sheriff of Buncombe county, Van Duncan, to speak on Law Enforcement trends. For a complete list of the fall semester schedule and other program information, visit life.wcu.edu.

The program successfully completed its second year, this past April. Some speakers that joined us for the 2015-2016 membership year include Dan Pierce on Hazel Creek in the Smokies, Larry & Elaine Conger, on the Appalachian Dulcimer, and Jim Costa, on Alfred Russell Wallace. Membership continues to grow in hopes to provide, in addition to various learning opportunities, a sense of fellowship and community for all. LIFE@Western Carolina hosted lectures for over fifty members in Cullowhee and close to thirty members at Biltmore Park in the last membership year.

Membership for the 2016-2017 membership year is now open. Classes begin Tuesday, September 13th in Cullowhee and Thursday, September 15th in Asheville.



Message from Fran Johnson, 2016-2017 LIFE@Western Carolina President

It is a very exciting time for LIFE@ Western Carolina as we enter our third year. We are committed to the goal of LIFE@WCU in supporting our community of learners where ongoing learning takes place among supportive friends. Thanks to our curriculum committee's significant and committed efforts, we again have engaging topics and inspiring presenters scheduled for the 2016-17 semesters. I would also like to thank the Education Outreach Division for their support and our volunteers (committee and board members) who have invested their personal time to strengthen and grow this program. We are fortunate to have such a talented group of people with a rich history of experience participating in our Cullowhee and Asheville communities. Thank you for actively engaging with LIFE@Western Carolina. I look forward to working with the 2016-17 Board as we work with your feedback to bring the best of LIFE@Western Carolina to our communities.