

# Meet the Facilitators:

## FALL 2024

*\*Alphabetical by the last name of facilitators. Some facilitators teach multiple courses.*

### **Alley, Deborah**

#### *Papercrafting: Greeting Cards*

Most of her life, Ms. Alley has enjoyed creating things with her hands. About 25 years ago she started papercrafting and found that she enjoyed it. As she matured in the craft, she held workshops in her home to teach techniques to others, and she continues to do so. Deborah has also sold her cards, made wedding and baby shower invitations and has even made a few themed shadow boxes. Papercrafting has become her therapy, and she looks forward to sharing the craft with you!

### **Belchee, Bill & Kim Fulmer**

#### *Making Fused Glass Jewelry*

Mr. Belchee is a retired public accountant, part-time college instructor and Air Force officer. He has been fusing glass for 12 years. Kim is a mother and shopkeeper and has been fusing glass for 5 years. This duo greatly enjoys sharing their passion with interested learners.

### **Broucek, Dr. Dave**

#### *Communicating Across Cultures*

Dr. Broucek's journey into cross-cultural understanding began with a friendship he formed with a student from Mexico City, where they quickly bonded despite discovering contrasting concepts of time. Such lessons continued as he and his family spent 15 years in the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago where they served with a faith-based mission organization. Dave later pursued graduate studies in Intercultural Communication and went on to teach at Wheaton College's Institute for Cross-Cultural Training in Illinois. He is a lifelong learner when it comes to intercultural communication. Dave also serves on the LL@RH Advisory Committee.

### **Brown, Lisa**

#### *Local Economic Development Trends*

Ms. Brown is the Director of Economic and Urban Development at the City of Rock Hill. Responsible for the City's robust economic development efforts, Lisa also serves as the Executive Director of the Rock Hill Economic Development Corporation (RHEDC). Lisa's role at the City has evolved over time but continues to also include oversight of the City's award-winning strategic planning efforts, performance management program and the public information office.

### **Carter, Dr. Robert**

#### *Adventures of William Bartram 1775*

Dr. Carter is a Rock Hill native and serves as the Wildlife Habitat Program Manager for the Catawba Indian Nation. He has a PhD in forestry, previously had a career as a college professor and has an enthusiasm for anything outdoors. Dr. Carter is a repeat instructor for LL@RH.

### **Chalmers, Kent**

#### *Guide to Estate Planning*

Visit Mr. Chalmers' webpage to read his [bio](#).

### **Cole, Dave**

#### *Beginning Ukulele & Next Level Ukulele*

Mr. Cole holds an undergraduate degree in Elementary Music Education and taught elementary school in the Rock Hill School District for 33 years. One of his responsibilities was teaching ukulele. He was impressed by how affordable the instrument is, how portable the instrument is, and how easily it can be learned. It is a legitimate musical instrument played by millions around the world. Dave would love to open the door for you to join that family of ukulele players and to assist you in taking your skills to the next level!

### **Ervine, Robert**

#### *Common Mass Market Scams*

Mr. Ervine has been in the fraud and anti-money laundering sector of banking since 2013. He studied for both the Certified Fraud Examiner and Certified Anti Money Laundering Specialist certifications. He has 7 years of continued education training with the FBI, Homeland Security, Postmaster General and members of the Office of Comp Controller.

### **Gause, Tim**

#### *Aviation for Beginners*

Mr. Gause grew up in Columbia, SC and learned to fly at Owen's Field in the late 70's. He was a military pilot and flew the B-52 Bomber, KC-10 Tanker and the T-34 trainer. Tim retired from the United States Air Force after 30+ years of service as a Lieutenant Colonel. Tim's career also included being a commercial airline pilot for 23 years before retiring from Delta Airlines in 2020. Moreover, Tim is an accomplished skydiver with over 500 skydives.

### **Gentry, Michael**

#### *Winthrop Art Gallery Tours*

Mr. Gentry earned his B.F.A. in Sculpture from Winthrop University in 2008. Prior to his role as Director of Winthrop University Galleries, he was employed at the Arts Council of York County as Gallery and Facilities Manager overseeing hundreds of exhibits. Mike is also the founding

director of Don't Sweat It Inc., a local nonprofit dedicated to fostering local music and providing free and low-cost events for the community.

### **Gettys, John**

#### *Morning with the Mayor*

Mayor Gettys is a 1991 graduate of Erskine College and earned his master's degree in public administration and juris doctorate from the University of South Carolina in 1995. Following graduation from law school, Mayor Gettys began his private practice with the law firm of Harrelson, Hayes & Guyton from 1996 to 2001, becoming a partner with the firm in 2000. In 2001, he became a founding partner of the Morton & Gettys Law Firm. Mr. Gettys took office as mayor of Rock Hill in January 2018. Mayor Gettys shares with the LL@RH community each semester, and his programs are always a hit!

### **Gilmore, Oriana**

#### *Exploring Rock Hill with My Ride*

Ms. Gilmore is a communications and marketing coordinator with the City of Rock Hill. She grew up in Rock Hill and graduated from Winthrop University in 2020. Oriana manages social media for My Ride Rock Hill and the Old Town Market, co-hosts the official City podcast and anchors the Rock Hill Update. She is also the dedicated staff who produces the LL@RH catalog.

### **Grant, Pat**

#### *Rock Hill History; Downtown Walking History Tour*

Ms. Grant is a native Rock Hillian. Her family and church are her purposes in life, and her passion is history. She speaks on local history to various groups and leads walks to historic sites in the area. She has written ten books on both family and local history. Pat recently published *Hamilton Carhartt, Founder of Carhartt Clothing, His Years in Rock Hill*. She was awarded the 2022 Historic Preservation Award by Historic Rock Hill. Pat retired after 40 years with Celanese Corporation in Charlotte. She taught business courses at York Tech for nine years. Pat's contributions to Lifelong Learning @ Rock Hill have benefited hundreds of learners as she passionately shares the history of Rock Hill each semester.

### **Harland-White, Todd**

#### *Play Readings for Fun*

Mr. Harland-White voices, directs and edits audiobook readings for a volunteer organization called Librivox.org. He and other volunteers record out-of-copyright texts or scripts and release the results to be listened to for free by anyone worldwide. Todd has been in 800 audiobook releases over the last 12 years.

### **Hutchison, Chip**

*Rock Hill History; Downtown History Walking Tour*

Mr. Hutchison is a strong believer in the importance of preserving history, sharing history and building history into the fabric of our present community. Chip serves as a board member for Historic Rock Hill and is a regular face and contributor to the history programs for LL@RH.

### **Ilse, Fred**

*Tatanka Bison Ranch Tour*

Mr. Ilse is the CEO and founder of Tatanka Bison Ranch. He grew up farming in South Africa, and when he retired from the corporate world in 2014, the road eventually led to the Tatanka Ranch. He shares his story and the story of the beautiful ranch during the tour.

### **Isberg, Kurt**

*How Do Things Really Work?-The Internet*

Mr. Isberg is a retired systems administrator and information architect of internal communications systems for a global financial technologies company. He has over 30 years of experience designing, developing and working with Internet related projects.

### **Johnson, Margaret & Chloe Walker**

*iPhone & Android Phone Basics; Smart Phones: Beyond the Basics; Navigating Medical Portals*

Ms. Johnson is a Seniors Real Estate Specialist® who believes in education, as it protects us from being cheated and scammed, but it also enables us to live richer lives with confidence. Chloe Walker has been educating others for years and joins Margaret in leading these helpful seminars for seniors. Together they have created these workshops to offer practical advice for utilizing technology more easily.

### **Johnston, Jane**

*Basic Spanish for Beginners*

Ms. Johnston is from Ohio and has a background in education. She taught students with special needs and adult body management for many years. Fifty years ago, Jane served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Costa Rica where she lived with a family for two years, was a teacher trainer and grew in Spanish fluency.

### **Jones, Dr. Marshall**

*An Introduction to Artificial Intelligence*

Dr. Jones is a noted expert in the use of technology to advance learning. He has been an invited speaker in the United States and at international meetings in places such as Ireland, the Philippines, Ukraine, Bangladesh and Vietnam. As Winthrop University's current Singleton Professor of Education, Dr. Jones is engaged in a four-year study of using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to support teaching and learning. Dr. Jones has provided professional development on

practical uses of AI for teachers, university faculty and staff, international audiences and for broader general audiences, as well. He is a professor and graduate program director for the master's in Learning Design and Technology in Winthrop's College of Education, Sport and Human Sciences.

### **Lee, Edward**

#### *Grading the Presidents*

Dr. Edward Lee is professor of history at Winthrop University. He frequently comments on a wide range of historical topics. He has appeared on Fox News, CNN, NBC News and National Public Radio. He also recently lectured at Harvard University about "Leadership Lessons from America's Presidents."

### **Macdonald, Dr. Martha**

#### *A Survey of Emily Dickinson's Poetry*

Dr. Macdonald found herself engaging with Emily Dickinson in an American Literature class at Erskine College. Working on her Ph.D. in the creative arts, Martha was drawn again to Dickinson's poems, citing them in her dissertation. She looks forward to discovering more about Dickinson alongside the learners in this class.

### **Motz, Buddy**

#### *Vietnam and Back: The Military Story of Buddy Motz*

Mr. Motz is a third generation Rock Hillian. He graduated from Rock Hill High School in 1964 and then enlisted in the US Navy at age 17. He later earned an undergraduate degree in Secondary Education from The Citadel, and a Master of Business Administration, Master of Liberal Arts, and Master of Arts in history from Winthrop University. Buddy is a US Navy Vietnam Combat Veteran. He served 12 years on York County Council while also spending over 30 years as an independent insurance agent. Following his retirement, he earned a graduate degree in history and has been teaching Western Civilization and American history at York Technical College and Belmont Abbey College for the past 12 years. Buddy truly embodies being a lifelong learner! Having served in Vietnam, he became interested in trying to better understand America's involvement during that period and has based this presentation on his two deployments.

### **Moyon, Katarina**

#### *LL@RH Salon*

Ms. Moyon is a researcher for Ballotpedia, the Encyclopedia of American Politics and has a part-time role in the John C. West Forum on Politics & Policy at Winthrop University. Katarina also serves on the Community Advisory Board for WFAE Public Radio in Charlotte.

**Needham, Nancy***Learn to Play Pickleball*

Ms. Needham is a retired physical education teacher and has been playing pickleball for many years. She is returning for another semester of pickleball with LL@RH.

**Nooe, Dr. Evan***The Coalescence of the Old South*

Dr. Nooe is an Assistant Professor of History and Historian for the Native American Studies Center at the University of South Carolina Lancaster. He holds a Ph.D. in History from the University of Mississippi, an MA in History from Clemson University, and BAs in Psychology and History from the University of Florida. His teaching and research center on the history of the American South, Native American history, violence, memory and tourism. His work has appeared in multiple academic journals, and he has presented research to international scholarly organizations.

**O'Connell, Barbara***Bridge for Beginners*

Ms. O'Connell is a graduate of Michigan State University and, as a young mother married to a corporate up-and-comer, they moved 8 times in 10 years before landing in Rock Hill 40 years ago. Bridge was her saving grace, as it helped her break into social circles in each new community during corporate moves, as every new neighborhood needed a 4th for bridge. Barbara does not claim to be an 'expert', nor does she own any Master points, but she loves the game and loves to teach others to play for the sheer fun of it!

**Panetti, Patti***Painting with Alcohol Ink; Introduction to Watercolor*

Ms. Panetti works in the Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department as the Center Supervisor at Fewell Park. While her responsibilities within the department are vast, she greatly enjoys the opportunity to share her artistic talents with learners who come to Fewell Park or through other programs within the city, such as with Lifelong Learning @ Rock Hill. Anyone who has taken an art class from Patti knows how great a teacher she is!

**Phelps, Carole***Discover the Joy of Jewelry Creation*

It started with a birthday present of a precious metal clay and a dichroic glass jewelry class in 2005. Ms. Phelps' love for glass and silver grew from there. She found herself taking every class she could, including studying under a master jeweler. Carole has studied and taught stained glass, fused glass, flameworking and jewelry making. If it's glass or silver, she is passionate about it, and this passion has grown into a business called Royale Designs.

**Plumb, Terry**

*LL@RH Salon*

Mr. Plumb is the retired editor of *The Rock Hill Herald* and has been involved in numerous civic or cultural activities, including Friends of York County Library, Freedom Walkway and Lifelong Learning, for which he has led a variety of classes and participated in several more.

**Price, Pam**

*Introduction to Decoupage*

Ms. Price has had a love for crafts since she was a child, and her family often makes a variety of crafts together. She came across a website of Derwin Rice, decoupage artist, some years ago and learned the basic steps. Since that time, she has enjoyed experimenting with different papers and objects, and has learned what does or doesn't work well. Decoupage is an easy craft that allows you to transform ordinary objects into personalized works of art!

**Quinn, Katie**

*Exploring Rock Hill with My Ride*

Ms. Quinn currently serves as the Communications & Marketing Manager for the City of Rock Hill. Katie has been involved with My Ride, the City's fare-free, all electric bus service since its inception. She helped lead the branding efforts to establish the system name, logo, graphics and online presence.

**Robinson, Rusty**

*Beginning & Intermediate Woodcarving*

Mr. Robinson's lifelong love of woodworking started as a child watching his grandfather turn wood into the objects required to make a farm function. These youthful experiences, combined with his love of history, have led him to study extensively about the evolution of woodworking. Rusty has been fortunate to have had some wonderful opportunities to put his knowledge into practice, from building log cabins at Historic Brattonsville to restoring castle doors in England. Rusty encourages you to bring your stories and ideas and be prepared to have fun!

**Rogers, Dr. Bill**

*Your Basic Bird*

Dr. Rogers has been fascinated by biology since a very early age. As a result, he has done research with, and taught classes on, birds and other animal groups for over 50 years. Originally from California, he did his undergrad and PhD work (on fish behavior) at UC, Berkeley. After 31 years in Rock Hill, he retired from the Winthrop University Biology Department where, in addition to ornithology, he also taught animal behavior, evolution, biological statistics and many other courses. He still takes every opportunity he can to get out in the field, especially to look

for birds and watch their behavior. Dr. Rogers shares his knowledge every semester with LL@RH, and he serves as the chairperson of the LL@RH Advisory Committee.

### **Russell, Halle**

*Beginner Botany & Fall Vegetable Gardening; Fall Planting, Pruning & Maintenance; Butterflies, Flowers & You; Rockin' Art: Painting Rocks for Fun; Scandinavian Stars*

Ms. Russell enjoys helping people see the beauty that surrounds us and helping them to maintain or to create it. Halle has taught gardening as part of 4H programs in Rock Hill and York School districts. At Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, she taught children and adults various horticulture, floral, painting and craft classes. Halle has a BA in Art and Art History, cum laude from Winthrop University. She also earned her status as a Master Gardener from Clemson University and her recognition as a Certified Floral Designer from York Technical College. Halle is also the owner of Halle's Designs. Halle loves crafts, plants and design and desires to share her love with those willing to learn, which she generously does in multiple ways for each LL@RH semester.

### **Schorsten, Susan**

*Spirituality & Aging: Wisdom and Vitality*

Ms. Schorsten is 80 years young and enjoys sharing what she has learned as she has aged, and she enjoys learning from others, as well. Susan has tried through the years to integrate her spirituality with her growth and development, no matter her age. Coming to know what she needs to let go of, let be and let come - all are part of the aging process.

### **Schwartz, Dr. Charles**

*Adventures Down Under*

Dr. Schwartz grew up on Long Island and obtained a BA from Colgate University in Hamilton, NY. He obtained an MS in Biochemistry from Oklahoma State University (Stillwater) and a PhD in Biochemistry from Vanderbilt University. He moved to Greenwood, SC to establish molecular genetics at the Greenwood Genetic Center in 1985. Charles and his wife moved to Rock Hill in 2020. He has facilitated previous courses on genetics for LL@RH, and this semester will offer a less academic presentation with Jody Steele on his recent travel adventures.

### **Scollins, Ian**

*Introduction to Balance Therapy*

Mr. Scollins graduated with a BS in Athletic Training from Quinnipiac University and earned his Doctorate in Physical Therapy from the University of Hartford. For over 10 years, Ian has achieved great success in the treatment of orthopedic and sports medicine injuries as well as concussions and vestibular rehabilitation. He strives to provide an intensive, total body approach to fitness and therapy by utilizing his various skills such as dry needling, blood flow restriction training and balance training.



### **Scott, Ileana & Joneka Moore**

#### *Stroke Awareness & Prevention*

Ms. Scott is a Certified Stroke Rehabilitation Physical Therapist at Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital. While in Physical Therapy school, Ileana's great-grandmother had a stroke. Ileana learned and researched as much information as she could about strokes, which ultimately led to her passion for working with stroke survivors. She finds immense joy in helping stroke survivors regain functional skills, and she recognizes that while strokes can be life-changing, education and awareness can help prevent them.

Ms. Moore has been working at Encompass Health for eleven years as a supervisor, nurse manager and, currently, as a hospital educator. When Joneka was young, her grandfather had a stroke and passed away. This loss impacted her greatly and contributed to her passion for teaching and educating people on how to prevent strokes.

### **Simrill, Gary**

#### *Winthrop Walking Tour*

Mr. Simrill is an alumnus of Winthrop University and a former member of the South Carolina House of Representatives. He currently serves as the Special Assistant to the President for Community Relations at Winthrop University. Gary returns to offer another walking tour of the campus he loves.

### **Sims, Jerry**

#### *Surviving Survivor*

Mr. Sims worked for Duke Energy Company for 43 years. He served in the South Carolina Army National Guard for 27 years and spent one year in Afghanistan. Jerry was on season 18 of *Survivor*, an experience he will recount in his presentation.

### **Steele, Jody**

#### *Exploring Rock Hill Trails & Greenways; Adventures Down Under*

Ms. Steele is a retired middle school science teacher with Rock Hill Schools. She taught geocaching at Winthrop University following retirement and has conducted geocaching classes for Lifelong Learning. An avid walker and hiker, Jody is a participant on the Rock Hill PRT Advisory Committee for Outdoors/Trails and Greenways. Jody has also served on the LL@RH Advisory Committee since its inception.

### **Stowell, Doug**

#### *Pundits, Polls & Politics! The '24 Election*

Mr. Stowell is a consumer and political polling veteran in both U.S. and EU Markets. His career includes Market Research Director for the Xerox Corp., U.S. Clients Director for the U.K. polling firm NOP, Ltd in London and Senior Polling Executive for Wirthlin Worldwide in Washington,

D.C. He launched Market Resource Associates in 2008 and conducts opinion polls on U.S. and global issues. Doug is a member of the Furman University OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) in Greenville and conducts ZOOM programs for more than 80 groups nationally. This is his fourth quadrennial election program.

### **Terry, Vernon & Ann**

#### *Let's Put in Some Statues*

Mr. Terry, president of VWT, Inc., was hired by the City of Rock Hill to install the Civitas statues at the Gateway on Dave Lyle Boulevard. Ms. Terry was a City of Rock Hill employee involved with the "Empowering the Vision" movement that coincided with the installation of the statues.

### **Thomas, Taylor**

#### *Discovering Hospice & Community Care*

Mr. Thomas is the new Marketing & Development Manager at Hospice & Community Care. He is driven by a deep passion for serving people and the community. What fuels his dedication is knowing that many in the community are unaware of the support offered. Taylor is committed to bridging this gap by helping families understand the Hospice services and how they can benefit from them. Let's ensure no one misses out on the support they deserve! Join Taylor in embracing their mission and engaging with the organization to provide hope, comfort and compassion to the community!

### **VanZile, Susan**

#### *Introduction to Water Aerobics*

Ms. Van Zile is a retired computer systems analyst and certified water aerobics instructor. She has been teaching deep water aerobics for several years. She started taking aerobics classes in 2019 after retirement and was hooked. Susan has studied and trained her way to instructor level and really enjoys both taking and teaching the classes. Susan is excited to introduce you to this wonderful sport and to get you "hooked," too.

### **Walker, Bridget**

#### *Guidance for Dementia Patients*

Ms. Walker is a beacon of guidance and trust in the world of estate planning and elder law. Her journey in law began long before her graduation from Mitchell Hamline School of Law in 2019. With a rich background spanning eighteen years as a Legal Administrator and Paralegal in a Massachusetts' law firm dedicated to estate planning and elder law, Bridget brings a wealth of experience and a deep-seated passion for helping families navigate the complexities of protecting their futures.

### **Wertheim, Maureen**

#### *Holocaust Hidden Child: One Survivor's Story*

Ms. Wertheim has a commitment to share her mother's story. She believes that educating people about the Holocaust will encourage dialogue and help prevent hatred and discrimination. She is the daughter of two Holocaust survivors. Some of her family survived and shared stories and information from firsthand experiences. Maureen grew up in NYC in a neighborhood where many survivors lived. As a second-generation survivor she wants to educate others with the hope of sharing information and actual artifacts making these stories real. It is her intention to tie the events leading up to the war and discuss similarities in today's world, while also providing some ideas of what individuals can do to impact current events.

### **Williams, Gary**

#### *Rock Hill History; Downtown History Walking Tour*

As a local business owner and community influencer, Mr. Williams is very passionate about the growth and development of Rock Hill. He is also very dedicated to preserving the past and sharing the story of Rock Hill. Gary has become a familiar face and presenter at the history courses for LL@RH, especially when discussing how Rock Hill's past is significantly contributing to the community's future.

### **Williams, Linda**

#### *Vernon Grant, "Snap! Crackle! Pop!" & More*

When Ms. Williams was the Come-See-Me chairperson in 1986, she became fascinated with the life and art of the creator of Glen the Frog, Vernon Grant. That interest led to years of research and conversations with Grant's family and friends. After a trip to the Kellogg Company in Battle Creek, Michigan in 1998, she decided to put her findings into story form. In 2014 that story, *"Beyond Snap! Crackle! Pop!" The Story of American Illustrator Vernon Grant* was published. Today she shares tales, personal experiences, memorabilia and pictures about Vernon Grant's art, his educational and work experiences across the country and his contributions to his fellowman.

### **Windell, Tami**

#### *Chair Yoga & Beginning Yoga*

Ms. Windell began her own yoga practice in 2009, became a certified instructor in 2017 and added an advanced certification in 2021. She has over 1200 hours of teaching experience in Rock Hill with a focus in Vinyasa, Yin, Restorative and Chair Yoga. Tami is not that yogi who can turn herself into a pretzel. She is a real person with a real body that sometimes has aches and pains, just like you. Tami wants to help you to not be trapped in your body!

**Wineland, Larry***Putting Your Best Voice Forward*

Mr. Wineland, originally from Pennsylvania, is a retired high school teacher of French, English, Theatre and Communications. He also was an adjunct instructor at Messiah University and Dickinson College. For many years he served as Pennsylvania State Director of the International Thespian Society, the scholastic fraternity for theatre. One of his last acting roles was that of Cardinal Richelieu in *The Three Musketeers*. This is Larry's second time offering this course.