

Meet the Facilitators for Lifelong Learning @ Rock Hill, Fall 2022

**Alphabetical by the first word of the program title*

All You Didn't Know About Immigration—Judy Mobley

Judy is retired from Rock Hill Schools after 34 years of teaching English and Spanish and serving as an administrator at Rock Hill High School and the district office and has always felt a special closeness to our non-native students. Now Judy leads a local non-profit, Carolina Immigrant Alliance, where she is accredited by the Department of Justice to file affirmative immigration applications for immigrants for work permits, green cards, citizenship, DACA, family petitions, and other benefits. Judy is offering this session because she hopes to explain the complex processes involved in immigrating to the U.S. and to dispel some of the misinformation about immigrants and the immigration process.

Beginner Woodcarving—Rusty Robinson

Rusty'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 Brattonsville to restoring castle doors in England. Rusty encourages you to bring your stories and ideas and be prepared to have fun!

CAAA Services for Seniors—Tammara Sweeney

Tammara Sweeney is the administrative assistant for Catawba Area Agency on Aging. She is a graduate of Winthrop University and has a Bachelor of Science degree in exercise science. Directly after college Tammara worked as the Social Director for an assisted living agency in the area. She enjoys working with seniors and connecting them to resources that they deserve.

Clinton ConNEXTion Action Plan: How Community Changes Everything — Tadean Page & Elaine Wilmore

Tadean Page and Elaine Wilmore work as Community Development Coordinators within the Department of Economic and Urban Development (EUD) for the City of Rock Hill. In this position, Tadean works to cultivate and manage projects in the public sector that are aligned with creating opportunities to improve inclusivity and foster a health environment for all to live, learn, work and play. Prior to working for the City of Rock Hill, Tadean worked at Winthrop University as the Public Outreach and Community Coordinator. His educational background includes a bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership with an emphasis on Social Justice and Community Based Learning, and a Master of Education degree with a concentration in Learning and Instruction.

Elaine has been a member of the City of Rock Hill staff since 2013 where she began as a member of the Neighborhood Empowerment team for the Housing and Neighborhood Services Department. Elaine has been a key member of the Clinton ConNEXTion Action Plan Committee since the work began in 2018. Her primary role in EUD is working with key stakeholders in the community, business leaders and government officials to implement the vision for Clinton ConNEXTion. Her goal is to create transformational change for equity and inclusion and support moving the City of Rock Hill toward a "City for All."

She has an undergraduate degree from the University of South Carolina School of Business and holds an MBA from Simmons College School of Management in Boston, Massachusetts.

Elaine's professional career includes years of business management and marketing experience in the telecommunications and technology services industry. She has been instrumental in helping companies introduce emerging technologies and enjoys working to develop messaging that makes complicated subject matters easier to understand. She loves working with people and problem solving.

Computers 101—Donna Andrews & Troy Beckham

Donna and Troy are both York County Library staff. Donna serves as the Reference Services Manager, and Troy is the Information Technology Manager.

Donna and Troy are not new faces to LL@RH; they have shared their talents in previous semesters, always leaving their students with a wealth of knowledge related to technology and the library's many offerings.

Edibles with Erin—Erin Lozier

Erin Lozier is the owner of Erin's Granola which began when this food writer and recipe developer decided she wanted to make a granola that was not so sweet and sugary for her kids. She created her signature Salted Maple Pecan variety with healthful ingredients. The result was a hit with her kids. It quickly became a mainstay in kitchens around the greater Charlotte area and beyond. Erin's Granola, LLC continues to operate with the well-being—and happiness—of those who eat it in mind.

Erin is a former food editor for *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine and a Summa Cum Laude graduate of Johnson and Wales University's College of Culinary Arts. She has also developed recipes and written for *Forbes Travel Guide*, *The Charleston Post and Courier*, James Beard Award-winning cookbook author Nathalie Dupree, and *Washington City Paper*.

Fall Planting, Pruning & Maintenance; Transforming Nature into Art; Glencairn Garden Tour—Halle Russell

Halle 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 plants and design and desires to share her love with those willing to learn.

Raised Bed Vegetable Gardening; How to Select and Plant Trees—

Paul Thompson

Paul is a Distinguished Urban Horticulture Agent in York, Chester and Lancaster Counties. He also is a Certified Nursery Professional with the SC Nursery and Landscape Association. Paul coordinates the Master Gardener Program and conducts educational programs for consumers and horticulture professionals. He writes a quarterly column for SC Farmer's magazine, is a regular guest on SCETV's Making it Grow and contributes monthly gardening blogs to the Clemson HGIC website.

*Source: [Employee Profiles | College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences | Clemson University, South Carolina](#)

Get to Know Edgar Allen Poe—Dr. Martha Macdonald

Dr. Macdonald grew up listening to her father tell stories, either on the front porch or at the dining room table. She loves to tell stories and to hear people share theirs. She believes everyone has a story to tell. Dr. Macdonald is a published writer and has conducted many workshops in storytelling. She cannot imagine not encouraging others to share their stories. It is a life-long journey.

In the Pentagon on 9/11/01—Lieutenant Colonel Clayton Neal

Lieutenant Colonel Clayton Neal served in the United States Army for 20 years. His official title upon retirement was “Defense Resource Manager, Program and Budget Analysis Division, Force Structure, Resources and Assessment Directorate, the Joint Staff.” Following military retirement, LTC Neal taught JROTC at Olympic High School in Charlotte, NC for 18 years. He is recently fully retired and enjoys traveling and being a grandfather.

Introduction to Intercultural Communication—Dr. David Broucek

David’s first cross-cultural shock came when he formed a friendship with a student from Mexico City. They enjoyed getting to know each other but soon discovered that they had very different concepts of time. Cross-cultural immersion came when David and his family moved to the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago where they served with a faith-based nonprofit. Graduate studies led to

teaching at the Institute for Cross-Cultural Training at Wheaton College, Illinois. David is still a learner when it comes to intercultural communication. He enjoys learning in the company of others. That's what this course is about. Everyone will learn from each other.

[Introduction to Mahjong—Lou McChesney](#)

Lou has been playing and teaching Mahjong since 2010. She has an ongoing group that meets once a week at Fewell Park. She always welcomes new players and looks forward to this opportunity to introduce the game!

[Learn to Garden in Clay; There's Beauty in the Shade—Barbara Allbritton-Grant](#)

An active Master Gardener since 1989, Barbara has an avocational love of the natural world, especially plants. After retirement, she joined the educational staff of Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens. There is something in bloom in her two-acre yard 365 days per year. She gardens in both containers and the ground. Trying new plants and starting seeds are joyous undertakings, as is discovering something unexpected other than weeds.

[Learn to Play Disc Golf—Sara Nicholson](#)

Sara Nicholson has been playing competitive disc golf since 2008. Sara co-founded the nonprofit Throw Pink (2013) to get more women and girls playing disc golf while raising funds for women's health initiatives. When she's not working on her nonprofit or full-time job with Innova Disc Golf as their East Coast event sponsorship coordinator, she enjoys spending time in the outdoors hiking, kayaking and of course, playing disc golf.

[Learn to Play the Mountain Dulcimer—Larry Dimick](#)

Larry has been playing the dulcimer for 40 years and enjoys traditional folk music from a variety of cultures. Currently he leads the Contemporary Worship Band at St. John's United Methodist Church in Rock Hill.

Lessons from the Mayor—Mayor John Gettys

Mayor John 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, John 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.

Live Your Best Life, Week 1—Rebecca Gilreath

Rebecca is a native Carolina Girl who has lived all over the United States before finally coming home to the Carolinas for good in 2016. She chose the home care field to help others navigate the often-confusing landscape of aging in place. After her own experiences in caring for her mom during her battle with breast cancer, her dad's journey to the end through Alzheimer's and her husband's fight with prostate and pancreatic cancer, she is uniquely qualified to help clients make the best decisions for their situation with experience only gained from life experience. Continuing training and education give Rebecca answers to help guide families through the tough decisions of aging. She is a firm believer that it takes a village to age a person. Her insight is invaluable. She understands first-hand that often you don't know what you don't know, and she finds peace and comfort in helping others.

Live Your Best Life, Week 2—Cindy Alvear

Cindy is a Certified Elder Law Attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation, practicing at Monk Law Firm, PLLC in Fort Mill. She focuses on estate and asset preservation planning, special needs planning, charitable giving, Guardianships, Medicaid and Veterans' Benefits planning, and trust and estate administration. Cindy has published many articles, made countless presentations, and served on a variety of committees in relation to Elder Law. To learn more about Cindy, please visit: [Cindy S. Alvear, Attorney at Law Charlotte \(monklegal.com\)](http://monklegal.com).

Live Your Best Life, Week 3—Chip Hutchison & Meredith Strosser

Chip Hutchison and Meredith Strosser are financial professionals with CORE Advisory Group in Rock Hill. Chip has been in the financial services industry for over 30 years. Meredith holds a bachelor's degree in Accounting and a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Finance. She has over 15 years in financial services.

Live Your Best Life, Week 4—Deb Scholl

Deb considers her ultimate "calling" helping seniors and their families navigate the oftentimes challenging process of finding the best possible senior living scenarios. She carefully evaluates all of her client's needs, concerns and preferences before recommending appropriate levels of care.

Deb is happily married to a supportive Army & Air Force veteran and has twin adult sons. When Deb is not assisting families, she enjoys spending time at home with her family and friends. She also enjoys the outdoors, swimming, gardening and fishing, while staying connected with family in Ohio.

Prior to CarePatrol, Deb had a career as an Executive Director of a community with Assisted Living & Memory Care for over 4 years. She also served as a Nursing Home Administrator for several years.

Lowenstein Building Tour—Jim Faris, Walter Hardin & Linda Williams

Jim Faris is a Rock Hill native and a Clemson University graduate. His hobbies include making models, fishing, amateur astronomy and woodcarving. Jim's work on the 1953 replica was inspired by his great-grandson.

Walter Hardin was born and raised in Rock Hill and graduated from Wofford College in 1977. He married the love of his life, Jane, and went to work for the family business Rock Hill Body Company where he worked for ten years. Following that, Walter went to work for Winthrop University and ran the facilities for almost 32 years before retirement. Since retirement, Walter stays busy in his shop.

Walter is one of the many great-grandsons of John Gary Anderson, maker of the Rock Hill buggy and the Anderson Automobile. His grandfather, James C. Hardin Sr., built school bus bodies, and his father James C. Hardin, Jr. built drink truck bodies. Walter's wealth of knowledge will make for a very informative presentation while on this tour!

Natural History of the Carolina Piedmont—Dr. Robert Carter

Dr. Robert Carter is a Rock Hill native with degrees in forest management from Clemson University and Auburn University. His graduate research focused on forest ecology of the southern Appalachians and longleaf pines. While serving as a faculty member at Mississippi State University and Jacksonville State University, his research topics included the ecology of plants, birds, mammals, fire, and tick diseases. Dr. Carter is currently a faculty member at Clinton College.

Oh, the Places You Can Go!—San Diego: Dick & Jan McCoy (Week 1)

Nearly twenty years ago, Dick and Jan McCoy attended a time-share meeting in San Diego, CA expecting to simply enter and exit without any commitment. To their surprise and delight, they found themselves purchasing a time-share in San Diego, thus beginning annual trips to the southwestern corner of the United States. With countless visits to their home away from home, they have plenty to share about the beautiful destination of San Diego!

Oh, the Places You Can Go!—the Galapagos Islands: Laurabree Monday, Roy Weinberger & Jody Steele (Week 2)

Laurabree Monday has been the News Director/Anchor for CN2 News since 2008. The EMMY Award winning journalist has lived in several states over the years including NY, NJ, IN, TX and WV, but she and her family are grateful to have found their forever home here in the Carolinas. Laurabree lives in Fort Mill with her husband, WSOC-TV Meteorologist, Keith Monday and their 2 children. Thanks to her parents, she's always had a love of travel.

Roy Weinberger, Laurabree's father, is originally from the northeast but for the past 10 years has lived just down the street from Laurabree and her family. His work in the financial investment field gave him the fortunate opportunity to see many parts of the world during his career. But besides his business travel, he and his wife of over 50 years together visited some 27 countries and five continents before she passed away in 2020.

Laurabree and Roy (plus Laurabree's brother, Blake Weinberger) took a once-in-a-lifetime trip to the Galapagos Islands in March of 2022. They traveled on board the La Pinta Yacht for 7 nights, visiting a selection of the islands and then spent 2 nights in a Safari Tent Camp set above the tree canopy in the Highlands of Santa Cruz, one of only three inhabited islands in the archipelago. This trip to the Galapagos was one Roy and his wife never got to take together, and he loved being able to visit these unique islands with his children. Laurabree and Roy look forward to sharing with you some of the amazing sights and unique stories they were able to experience!

Jody Steele is an active participant in Lifelong Learning @ Rock Hill programs and chairperson of the LL@RH Advisory Committee. Exploring the Galapagos Islands was her "dream" vacation during the many years that she taught middle school science. That dream became a reality in 2004. Truly, these islands are enchanted! Jody is excited to share her experiences with you, as well!

[Oh, the Places You Can Go!—Israel: Ray & Susan Dockery \(Week 3\)](#)

Susan and Ray Dockery traveled to Israel in the spring of 2018. The Bible speaks of the promised land as being the "land of milk and honey". What they saw was a land of heat and sand with little vegetation that had been turned into a people who built this land into a thriving, successful and safe country in the middle of nations who aren't exactly friendly with the Hebrew people.

The Dockery's slides will attempt to show you much about the history of the Hebrew people as they attempted to survive and establish their nation.

Susan and Ray have been educators for the past 40 years, with over 30 years in the Rock Hill community.

[Oh, the Places You Can Go!—Jules Lewis \(Week 4\)](#)

Jules is a travel agent with Derivé Vacations. To learn more about Jules and her business, please click here: [Jules Lewis - \(derivevacations.com\)](http://www.derivevacations.com).

[Our Bodies in Motion—Dr. Sybil Huskey](#)

As a Professor Emeritus in Dance from UNC Charlotte, Sybil's life has focused on the theoretical and experiential aspects of the moving body. Both professionally in New York City and at several universities, Sybil performed, choreographed and taught courses in ballet and modern dance. She has held Fulbright Senior Awards in Finland and New Zealand, as well as a directorship at Kingston University in London to assist in the development of K-12 through university level dance programs and materials. Sybil was honored by the National Dance Education Organization with its Lifetime Achievement Award. In addition to dance movement, she has been engaged in resistance training and yoga practice for many years.

[Photography & Spirituality—Susan Schorsten](#)

Susan is in her late 70's and has been a lifelong learner. Many years ago, she found that she has a 'good eye' for recording pictures and enjoyed doing photography. Susan has learned many lessons from both 'taking' pictures and from the pictures themselves. She has learned to see differently, to look at various situations from a different perspective, to listen to what is 'speaking' to her and to deepen her love for nature and creation.

[Rock Hill in 1895—Stephen Turner](#)

Stephen Turner is happily retired after 30+ years as the City's Director of Economic Development. He led Rock Hill's sometimes difficult transition from a declining textile manufacturing center to become one of the region's fastest growing cities. His resume includes the development and marketing of five business parks that have attracted thousands of new jobs to Rock Hill. More recently, he focused the community's attention on the needs and opportunities of the city's historic core. The results include the creation of Knowledge Park, a jobs-focused redevelopment

strategy, adaptive reuse of several historic textile mills, and a resurgent Main Street fueled by dining, entertainment, and arts. Stephen retired from the City of Rock Hill in August 2020.

Stephen is a founding member of Historic Rock Hill and currently serves as a member of its Board of Directors. Through Historic Rock Hill, he has been a leader in the restoration of The White Home, one of Rock Hill's earliest structures. Stephen is the visionary behind Rock Hill's Freedom Walkway and has led the effort to incorporate community-based public art into public and private development projects. A native of Rock Hill, Stephen earned a B.A. in Urban Studies from Furman University and a M.A. in Economics from UNC-Chapel Hill.

[Through the Lens of Time—Terry Plumb & Andy Burriss](#)

Terry was the chief news executive of The Herald for 20 years (1987-2007), capping a 40-year career in community journalism. He supervised dozens of news photographers but none better than Andy Burriss.

Andy started at The Herald in 1972 as a photographer. He retired 43 years later in 2015 as Photo Editor. He still enjoys making pictures, but it's mostly of his grandchildren now.

[Tri-County History—Pat Grant](#)

Pat is a native Rock Hillian. Her family and church are her purposes in life. 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. She 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. Her involvement with St. John's Methodist Church has been in Adult Ministry. She is a past president of the regional Sierra Club, two dance clubs and a founder and a past president of the Carolina Skygazers Astronomy Club.

Vernon Grant—His Life, Art and Contributions to Rock Hill; Lowenstein Building Tour—Linda Williams

When Linda Williams was Come-See-Me chairman in 1986, she became fascinated with Vernon Grant's life and art. That interest led to years of research and, eventually, the publication of the book, *Beyond Snap! Crackle! Pop!™ The Story of American Illustrator Vernon Grant*, in 2014. She will share 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.

Voices of Perseverance: Carlo L'Chelle Dawson

Carlo is a dynamic, multi-talented woman. To read about her education, passions and involvements, please visit: carlolchelledawson.

Wine Bottles to Cheese Trays—Donna Smarr

Donna is a highly talented member of the City of Rock Hill Parks, Recreation & Tourism department. She is the Center Supervisor at Emmett Scott Recreation Center. Donna greatly enjoys creating art, and she returns to LL@RH to share her talents once again.

Your Basic Bird—Dr. Bill Rogers

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.