



THE MILE VIEW



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OK, Show of hands...
Who's tired of snow?

No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn.

~Hal Borland

SPRING

OPEN HOUSE / ORIENTATION

~~Friday, February 25~~ Reset-Tuesday, 3/1
12:45 PM Refreshments
Chapman Hall
Middlesex Community College

The Curriculum Committee has organized an amazing array of programs guaranteed to tempt you from home.

MARCH programs will include: Computer courses, "A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Whitehouse," American Literature, a Dominican Republic Medical Mission, Fidelco, Rochambeau's Route, Perennials, and Self Help. A Musical Tour of Ireland will be presented, as well as a real life Tour and Lecture at Trinity College

A Book Discussion program will focus on: The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein

APRIL programs will feature: Personal Safety Techniques, The Search for Major Plagge, a Knitting Lesson, the History of Buddhism, the State Troubadour, Room Makeovers, Dating Jesus, Eyewitness Identification, Mindfulness in Everyday Life, and a Travelogue on Switzerland

There will also be a Coast Guard Tour, and a Tour of the new Britain Museum of American Art.

The Great Decisions group will continue to meet both months.

MILE Charter Trip 2011
Road Scholar Program
Toronto: A Signature City
Monday, June 6, to Saturday, June 11

Passports Anyone?

If you are intrigued by the upcoming trip to Toronto with MILE and have yet to obtain a passport, this experience may encourage you to take the leap. Like others who have heard of the difficulties some have experienced when attempting to get the necessary passport in order to leave the country, hesitation was most prominent in my mind. Having been on the last four trips with MILE however, I was determined to persist. These learning vacations have been the best experience I could have wanted.

My first trip was to the post office in my hometown to get information. There I got an application and complete directions for filling out the form. The materials were also very clear about what documents you needed. (An original birth certificate with the state seal on it, a check for the government, the way the check should be made out, the fee for the local post office). After finding the birthplaces of my parents and filling out the rest of the information, I returned to the post office, had my picture taken right there and reluctantly gave them my original birth certificate along with the completed application. I was assured that the birth certificate would be returned to me with my passport in 4 to 6 weeks.

Imagine my surprise when in little more than 2 weeks my shiny new passport came to me in the mail along with my original birth certificate! Possibly the speed of return had something to do with the off season for travel, but whatever the reason, I was happy to have had such a timely and efficient experience with our government and the USPS. Hopefully this will encourage those of you who are on the fence to visit your post office soon and be prepared for an excellent adventure in Toronto.

Esther Beierle

Email

MILE is using email more and more for communication. We are too large now for just telephone contact. If you have registered your email address with us, we ask that you check it daily - particularly while MILE programs are in session.

This winter we have had more than ten cancellations and the fastest way for us to get word to you is email. It is also easier to notify you when you are registered for limited classes.

The newsletter is on line and you are notified to access it via email.

And the latest - with a class of over 125 registered - we have emailed you the handout for you to print in advance. The college no longer provides us with bulk copying service. Just think of the copy and postage costs we are saving!

Rosemary for 'Mile On-Line'

Limited Registration Programs

MILE's procedure when a presenter limits registration in his program (or number of computers limits attendance) is currently as follows:

1. Checking the registration form does not mean you are registered. It does mean you request to attend and are in the lottery.
2. After the Orientation meeting, a lottery is held. Names of registrants are printed.
3. Someone from the Board draws names up to the limit specified. People are notified that they are registered for the class by email/phone call.
4. Note that the brochure reads that only those registered will be notified. ***If you don't hear from MILE, you are not registered.***

MxCC Connection - Fast Facts:

MxCC serves more than 4,400 credit students and 1,600 non-credit students a year.

The Division of Continuing Education serves over 1,600 non-credit students each year.

MxCC has 44 full-time and 129 part-time faculty.

Since 1966, 7,078 degrees, and 533 certificates have been awarded.

MxCC graduates are guaranteed admission to Connecticut State Universities

MxCC graduates have successfully transferred to more than 100 public and private universities.

Annual budget: \$19 million.

Tuition and fees: \$1,703 per semester for full time, in-state students.

Middlesex Community College now offers over 500 highly interactive, credit-free courses that you can take entirely online. All courses are taught by expert instructors, many of whom are nationally-known authors or professionals. Online courses are very affordable, fast-paced, convenient, and geared just for you.

For more information, visit our website:
<http://www.ed2go.com/mxcc/>

Articles for publication, comments about programs, questions, or suggestions for the Creative Corner should be sent to: bbatt0143@gmail.com

Wesleyan Institute for Lifelong Learning – Spring Courses :

Our objective is to use the talents of retired faculty members and current members of the Wesleyan faculty, plus others in our community who are similarly qualified, to present a set of short, intellectually stimulating and lively courses to area residents. These courses are offered at minimal cost, are not part of a degree-granting program, and are designed to offer topics of particular interest to members of our community. Special one-day courses on particular topics will be offered once each semester.

Enrolled students will have access to the academic resources of Wesleyan University, including Olin Library. Classes are conveniently scheduled in the afternoons and early evenings. Parking is available and classrooms are accessible. Classes will be quite small, with a few exceptions, allowing close interactions between instructors and students.

Memoir Writing, Life's Great Transitions, Finance, Positive Psychology, Life is But a Dream, Germs Are Us, and Brownstone Quarries: Quarries and Dinosaurs

First class begins on March 10.

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First a howling blizzard woke us, Then the rain came down to soak us, And now before the eye can focus - Crocus. ~Lilja Rogers