

## LIFELONG LEARNING COURSES ARE GOING VIRTUAL

Dr. Walt Pilcher will be *presenting online ZOOM training sessions for you* as a group and also offering individual assistance. Date(s) and times will be provided to you when you **CONTACT Marianne Reese of your interest to take a course(s).**

**I HOPE YOU FIND ONE OR MORE OF OUR COURSES OF INTEREST!**

**REMEMBER: TO SIGN UP FOR A COURSE(S) YOU MUST  
EMAIL MARIANNE at [mr11@txstate.edu](mailto:mr11@txstate.edu) or  
call her @ 512.216.6427  
BY MAY 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**DON'T WORRY, BE ENLIGHTENED!**

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### **COURSE 1: Communicating Effectively with Policymakers**

**WHEN** (3) Mondays May 11, 18, and 25  
**TIME** 10:00 to 11:00 AM  
**WHERE** Your Home via Zoom  
**FEE** \$10.00

#### **Course Description**

Most policymakers deeply appreciate thoughtful, constructive communication with their constituents. Such correspondence is quite rare and can break through the noise of special interest groups.



In order to effectively communicate your ideas to policymakers it is critical to understand the political and policymaking environment in which they work... in other words, you must know your audience. It is also helpful to know what information is helpful and how best to present it in order to influence these decisionmakers.

While the sessions will focus on Texas legislators as a targeted audience, the strategies are applicable to policymakers at any level of government.

- Session 1 will provide strategic insights into politics and the policymaking process to help frame your approach to presenting your ideas.
- Session 2 will provide a specific framework for crafting letters to policymakers; you will use this framework to craft a letter on a topic of interest to you.
- Session 3 will allow you to share your letter and receive feedback from participants and the presenter.

**Presented by Stephanie A. Korcheck**



**Presented by Jo Snider**

Jo is a retired TX State Department of History faculty member. She has crocheted since she was five. In those many years, she has crocheted her way through faculty meetings, church conferences, road trips, many movies at home, even a class or two. She has also written her way out of many things that threatened her serenity or just plain pissed her off.

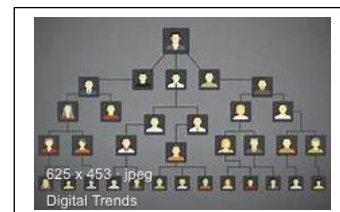
### **COURSE 3. Matching Family Treasures to Your Genealogy**

**WHEN** (3) Thursdays May 7, 14 and 21

**TIME** 10:30 to 11:15 AM

**WHERE** Your Home via Zoom

**FEE** \$10.00



#### **Course Description**

Ever thought about using your genealogy and matching family artifacts together? Why not learn more about the treasures you been given or inherited.

This research is about tracking and matching an ancestor to the treasures you now possess. It can additionally open up another path for further genealogy research. Genealogy is all about finding answers and detecting connections; learning the back story to your treasures. It can also provide an incentive to contact relatives who may know the story about the treasure and for you, it becomes more valuable than before.

**Materials** A handout will be provided for each session.

**Presented by Cindy Forman**

Cindy Foreman has been teaching and doing presentations on genealogy for more than 20 years here in the central Texas area. She has a degree in History Education, been past President of the Austin Genealogy Society and past VP with the Wimberley Valley Genealogy Society. In 2014 she was one of a number of speakers at the National Genealogy Conference in San Antonio called FGS. She continues to do genealogy presentations and workshops upon request and teaches classes with the LifeLong Learning Program in San Marcos. Most recently she has begun to participate in Storytelling events using family genealogy. (genepath02@gmail.com)

### **Course 4. Beer Appreciation with the Beer Missionary!**

**When** (4) Thursdays: May 7, 14, 21, 28

**Time** 4:15-5 PM

**Where:** Your Home via Zoom

**Fee:** **FREE**



### **Course Description**

Think Beer is all about Coors, Bud, and Miller? Think again! Beer is the oldest alcoholic beverage in the world with hundreds of beer styles and a new emphasis on craft (small) and local beer. Join the Beer Missionary as he takes you on a Beeradventure as you learn about the history of beer, how it's brewed, and the many styles that exist!

Each class will feature an introductory session about beer followed by a beer tasting.

Class # 1: Introduction and Enjoying Beer      Beer Tasting – Beers from Around the World

Class #2: History of Beer                              Beer Tasting – European Beers

Class #3: Brewing Process and Beer Styles      Beer Tasting – USA Craftbeers

Class # 4: The Beer Revolution in the USA      Local Craftbeers

### **Presented by Trey Duval (The Beer Missionary)-- Cicerone Level 1 – Certified Beer Server**

Currently residing in Boston, Massachusetts but originally from Austin, Trey has 15 years in the Craftbeer Industry. He has had a variety of beer experiences including establishing the Beer Missionary which focused on Craftbeer education and special events, serving as the Beer and Wine buyer for a group of 7 Craftbeer and BBQ restaurants, and construction, opening, and operation of a Craftbeer and Wine bar from 2007 – 2018. His mission has always been to convert people from the “mega-brewery” beers to ones that are artisanal, higher quality, and support local businesses.

### **COURSE 5.      Fictional Analysis and Writing to Stave off Boredom**

**When**                      **(4) Fridays    May 8, 15, 22, and 29**

**Time:**                    **2:00 to 3:00PM**

**Where**                    **Your Home via Zoom**

**Fee**                        **\$10.00**



### **Course Description**

Isn't it great that right now we all have more time to focus on things we love to do?

Take some time during the quarantine and come with me on a writing adventure. Let's read passages from new authors, analyze their work, and share our thoughts and reactions with one another. The best part is, we get to stretch our own writing and creativity by taking those quiet moments to create something wonderful and share it with the group.

Well, it doesn't have to be wonderful – sometimes it can just be fun to use a part of our brain that doesn't often get unlocked. Come with me through this world of fiction and writing - take a

