

WEDNESDAYS - FALL 2026

W25 Alfred Hitchcock and the Art of Filmmaking

Dr. Doug McLeod, Jr., PhD

Wed., Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct 7; 4 - 5:30 pm

SUNY Warner Hall - Rm TBD

Alfred Hitchcock is widely known as one of the greatest filmmakers of all time, even if he was somewhat of a complicated man when not directing, writing, acting, and/or producing. This course is going to delve into his personal life, his cinematic career, and how both contributed to him becoming what film critic Richard Corliss called an auteur. The films we will focus on are *The Lodger: The Story of the London Fog*; *Blackmail*; *The Thirty-Nine Steps*; *Shadow of a Doubt*; *Strangers on a Train*; *Rear Window*; *Vertigo*; *North by Northwest*; *Psycho*; *The Birds*; and *Family Plot*. Included will be discussions about his other films as well, but the films above should be watched for the course to get the full scope of his talents.

Participants should bring: Good critical thinking skills, pen, paper, or any variety of notetaking device.

Bio: Dr. Douglas C. MacLeod, Jr. is Professor of Composition and Communication at SUNY Cobleskill Ag. & Tech. He is an educator and a published writer of book and film reviews, peer-reviewed journal articles, and academic encyclopedia entries. He has also spoken around the country about a variety of subject matters; his degree, a DA in Humanistic Studies, is interdisciplinary by design.

Directions: SUNY Cobleskill's Warner Hall is accessible via Albany Ave on the campus. Parking is usually available on Albany Ave. adjacent to Warner.

W26 Canning/Preservation Demonstration with Seasonal Produce

Theresa Kaya

Wed., Sept. 9; 1- 2:30 pm

Cobleskill CCE

Master Food Preserver Theresa Kaya will demonstrate the proper and safe way to do boiling water bath canning. The choice of recipe will be contingent on available produce, but may include pickles or jams. Review of safe canning procedures as well as available safe tested recipes will be included. Just because it's Grandma's recipe and we are still here to talk about it doesn't mean it's safe!

Bio: Master Gardener Certification in Preserving

Directions: Cobleskill CCE, 173 S. Grand St. Cobleskill NY

W27 ART TALKS

Theresa Rivas

Wed., Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4; 10 - 11 am
ZOOM

Art Talks is a three- part series that will provide an in-depth look into some of the world's most iconic artists. Each session will focus on one artist and explore the personal, historical and cultural stories behind their art. No background in art is needed for the hour-long talks, just a curiosity and love of learning.

Whether these are works of art you have admired for years or you are just seeing them for the first time, you'll come away with a deeper appreciation that will leave you saying, "I never knew that!"

Bio: Teresa is a retired art teacher and art history professor.

W67 Smartphone Savvy - Tips & Tricks for a Better Experience

Mary Carrier

Wed., Oct. 28; 3 - 4:30 pm

Min 2/ Max 12

Sharon Springs Library

Get to know your smartphone and improve the way you use it. This is a hands-on class for beginners to help you find the settings and customization you need. Bring your questions and get ready to learn new tips and tricks! Android and iPhones welcome - sorry no flip phones allowed.

Directions: 129 Main St, Sharon Springs, NY 13459

W28 VV- Southwest Adventures

Roland Vinyard

Wed., Oct. 28; 12:30 - 2 pm

Cobleskill CCE

For nearly 60 years, Roland has taken regular adventure trips to the American Southwest. These companion multi-media shows will showcase the beauty of the landscape there, and the adventures that so often are needed in order to experience it. It is not, by any means, just National Parks.

Bio: Former Adjunct Professor of Speleology at the Univ. of Connecticut, Executive Secretary IOCAIum (Inter-collegiate Outing Club Alumni organization), lifelong adventure traveler and photographer.

Directions: Cobleskill Cornell Cooperative Extension, 173 S. Grand St. Cobleskill NY

W29 The Old Stone Fort Guided Tour

Clay Edmunds- Museum Experience Mgr.

Wed., Nov. 4; 1 - 3:30 pm

RSVP by 10/21/26

Min 5/ Max 25

Schoharie, NY

The Old Stone Fort was a church that was converted into a fort during the Revolutionary War. After the war it went back to being a church and then became an armory right before the Civil War. It eventually became a museum in 1889. This tour goes in depth on the history of the Old Stone Fort and the Schoharie Valley itself. This tour involves a lot of walking as we visit the fort, our Warner House, Law Office, School House and Hartmann's Dorf House. No prior knowledge of history is required for this course.

Bio: Clay obtained a Masters Degree in Public History from SUNY Albany in 2023. He has been Museum Experience Manager at The Old Stone Fort since 2025.

Fee: \$3 per person; Payable to SCHOOL. Sign up and pay by 10/21/26. No refunds after that date.

Directions: 145 Fort Road, Schoharie, NY 12157

W30 Titanic Ship of Dreams

Darlene Patterson

Wed., Nov. 18; 2 - 3:30 pm

Schoharie Library

What is it about the Titanic that still attracts interest over 100 years later? Perhaps the shocking maiden voyage of the British luxury ocean liner was thought to be "unsinkable". With many books and movies about the Titanic, its fascinating history and interesting facts remains current. This presentation will give a glimpse into the tragedy and the class designations of the Edwardian era. There will also be a display of a lady's travel trunk representing the era.

Bio: My husband and I have restored over 700 trunks for resale and for the owners of a family heirloom. Whether they sailed across the ocean or traveled on a covered wagon, so many trunks are still around today because they were well made. Each could tell a tale of their journey.

Directions: Schoharie Library (Mary Beatrice Cushing Library), 103 Knowler Ave., Schoharie, NY

W31 Just Learn to Speak the Language!

Sue deBruijn, ELS Instructor

Wed., Nov. 18; 12:30 - 1:30 pm

Schoharie Library

Aren't we all a bit frustrated when we converse with an individual from another country and we can't understand them, or they can't understand us? They might misuse a word or mispronounce it so badly that it is unintelligible. If that has frustrated you, think how they must have felt when they were unable to communicate. As an English as a Second Language (ESL) instructor, I have become more aware of how difficult English is to understand, and especially to speak. Join me in a discussion and some practical exercises on the challenges faced by non-English speakers in our country, and ways to possibly help them.

Bio: Virtual English as a Second Language (ESL) instructor

Directions: Schoharie Library (Mary Beatrice Cushing Library), 103 Knowler Ave., Schoharie, NY

W32 VV - Experience White Water Rafting Down the Colorado River

Jean Bonhotal & Ann Kelchlin

Wed., Dec. 9; 10 - 11:30 am

Min 4

Cobleskill CCE

Have you ever had the thrill of rafting the Colorado River, navigating the rapids, camping among the wildlife for 24 days? Come join us in this adventure to learn how you can be one with nature. In February 2021 we had the opportunity to embark on a 24 day white water raft adventure down the Colorado River from Lee's Ferry down 250 miles of class 1-10 white water. Learn how the National Parks Service maintains the Colorado River to be the most pristine place in the world maintaining an eco-balance. Learn what a groover is, how to have potable water and maintain nature as it was when you entered the park and the National Park lottery system. Travel through history of Native American tribal lands, Shists, Doll House, white water rapids ,the famed Lava rapid, Phantom Ranch, and other sites and unique rock formations dated back to B.C.

Bio: Jean Bonhotal and Ann Kelchlin are adventurers in multiple facets of the environment . We enjoy canoeing, kayaking, rafting, biking , hiking and camping in the great outdoors. We would like to share this rafting adventure that we took with 14 other adventurers with the same experiences and curiosity. This was the greatest experience of our lifetime.

Directions: Cobleskill Cornell Cooperative Extension, 173 S. Grand St. Cobleskill NY

W33 Silver Screenings 4: A New Beginning

Don LaPlant, PhD

Wed.; Sept. 16,23,30, Oct 7, 14, 21; 1 - 3:30 pm

Min 5 / Max 35

The Community Library, Cobleskill

This popular film series returns for Fall with a new thematic focus. This time we'll be screening book-related films including movies about book clubs, authors, libraries, bookstores, and more. We'll eat some popcorn, watch a film, and have a moderated discussion afterwards.

Bio: BA/MA/PhD in Theatre. MS in Information Sciences. 35 years of teaching experience.

Directions: The Community Library, 110 Union St., Cobleskill, NY 12043

W34 The Korean Conflict: 1950 to the Present

Dr. Salvador Rivera, PhD

Wed., Oct. 14; 6 - 8 pm

SUNY Warner Hall - Rm TBD

This course will be an introduction to the Korean War and the ongoing tensions between the United States and North Korea. It will examine the difficulties of fighting the war, as well as the armed hostilities that continued after the war between the U.S. and North Korea. The course will also address the role of South Korea. The course will terminate with a view of the contemporary geopolitical/strategic situation on the peninsula.

Bio: Professor Dr. Salvador Rivera, Ph.D is Full Professor of History and Sociology at the State University of New York, College of Agriculture. Dr. Rivera has 34 years of college level teaching experience. He has taught for 32 years at SUNY Cobleskill. Professor Rivera earned his Ph.D at SUNY Albany in 2003 in International History. He is a resident of Cobleskill, NY.

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W35 Explore Indian Market and Lunch

Fr. Joseph Arockiasamy

Wed., Nov. 11; 10 am - 2:30 pm

RSVP by Oct. 28

Albany & Latham, NY

As requested at Fr. Joe's class on "South Indian herbs and spices for relief of joint pain", Fr. Joe will lead us in finding these herbs and spices at an Indian Market in Albany. We will then have a buffet lunch at the Karavalli Indian restaurant in Latham.

Fee: \$22 per person for buffet lunch; Payable to SCHOOL (Note: the fee for lunch includes food and tip. Please also pay separately for drinks other than water.). Sign up and pay by 10/28/26. No refunds after that date.

Directions: 10 am: Farmers India Market 1814 Central Ave., Albany, then 12:30 pm: Karavalli Indian Restaurant, 9 Johnson Rd., Latham, NY

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY - FALL 2026

MW24 Functional Integrated Training

Travis Hyer

*Mon. & Wed., **Sept. 28 and 30; Oct. 5 and 7; 10 - 11 am***

Max 5

Power Up Gym, Richmondville, NY

Group fitness training for seniors. This class works all parts of the body and is accessible to all. Following your four free sessions, you have the option of becoming a member (if you are not already) OR joining the Functional Integrated Training class 8 week program, or both. (This class is limited to those who have never been in the class before).

Students must be there no later than 9:45. Class starts at 10 am.

Please note: You must contact travishyer@yahoo.com to obtain a pre-activity form to be filled out before the first class. You may email it back to him or bring it 30 minutes before the first class. (If there are any "yes" answers, they will have to be reviewed by a Power-Up Coach).

Directions: Power Up Gym, 1469 NY 7, Richmondville, NY 12149