

# SCHOOL BELLS

## QUEST:

The act or instance of seeking or pursuing something: a search. A journey toward a specific mission or a goal.

## PILGRIMAGE:

- 1) A journey to a sacred place or shrine
- 2) Any long journey or search, especially one of exalted purpose or moral significance.

## ODYSSEY:

An extended adventurous wandering

## ADVENTURE:

1. An unusual experience or course of events marked by excitement and suspense
2. An undertaking of a hazardous nature; a risky enterprise

## EXPLORE:

1. Investigate systematically; examine; to study
2. To search into or range over (a country) for the purpose of discovery
3. *Medicine:* to examine for diagnostic purposes

Definitions courtesy of Am.Heritage  
Dictionary of the English Language



## ON THE ROAD AGAIN!

On the front of the SCHOOL catalogs and website there appears a small statement that says that SCHOOL is '*affiliated with the Road Scholar Institute Network*'. This piqued my interest, so I decided to investigate further, since this was done before I even knew what SCHOOL was, and maybe not all of our current members are even aware either. Here is what I found out:

The **Road Scholar LLI Resource Network** is a voluntary and dues-free association of more than 400 Lifelong Learning Institutes (LLIs) across the USA that is headquartered in Boston, Mass. The Network strives to connect LLIs with one another as a means of expanding community and learning opportunities, especially centered on older learners.

There are various member benefits, including being part of a national directory, so that new members can find a nearby LLI wherever they are by performing a search by state on the Road Scholar website. This also allows SCHOOL to connect to other LLI's in New York, such as the ones in Saratoga and Oneonta. There also is a monthly newsletter and information about the latest trends and ideas for LLI curriculum, volunteer recruitment and retention, successful fundraising, and distance learning.

**Background:** Road Scholar was originated by two gentlemen in New England as Elderhostel. What began as a collection of college-level courses for older adults who lodged in campus dorms evolved to immersive, experiential and cultural learning adventures housed in a variety of accommodations, from a rustic retreat center in the Santa Cruz foothills to a 12th-century castle on a forested hillside in Dingwall, Scotland.

The Road Scholar of today is very different from the Elderhostel of 1975, yet the central focus remains the same: their commitment to learning.

Like many educators across the country and around the world, they have been reimagining what learning can look like. The Road Scholar campus has always been a campus without borders — a university of the world with classrooms from the Louvre Museum to the African savanna.

Their programs take eager learners on trips all across North America and around the world, and they also offer immersive, virtual, educational experiences available from the comfort of your own home! Everything they do honors the mission of learning, all while keeping great value in mind!

Yes, these adventures do involve course fees, which vary depending on the type of experience.

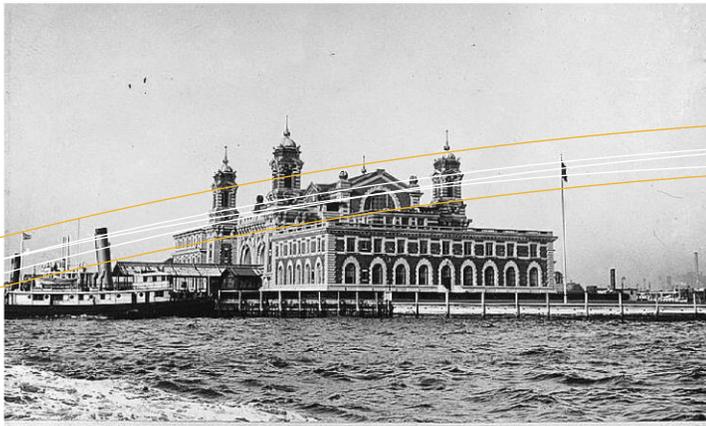
**One-Hour Virtual Lectures:** Don't have a whole week to spare? Try a one-hour Road Scholar Virtual Lecture, and study a fascinating topic with a Road Scholar expert.

**Multi-Day Adventures Online:** Online lectures, virtual field trips, interactive discussions and more with a Road Scholar instructor — without leaving home!

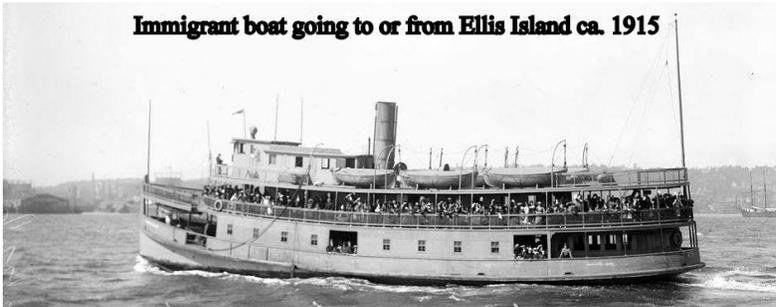
**Traditional On-Site Programs:** Give yourself a learning adventure to look forward to by enrolling in a classic on-site Road Scholar program. These experiences are very immersive and involve many aspects of working with a world-class travel agency as well as highly experienced on-site instructors.

# Overview of Italian Immigrants to Upstate NY 1875-1925

class by Karen Cuccinello  
April 21, 2022 from 1-2 pm



Immigrant boat going to or from Ellis Island ca. 1915



**Immigration** is the international movement of people to a destination country of which they are not natives or where they do not possess citizenship in order to settle as permanent or naturalized citizens.

When the darker skinned, dark hair and eyes, shorter in stature Italians, with weird names, came to America in the “Third Wave” they did not blend in easily with previous immigrants. They came to America hoping to be farmers, make lots of money and go back to Italy to buy land but they usually ended up in factories or on road crews. Some did go back, possibly 50%. After 1870 most came on steamships and the 4,000+ mile trip took about seven to 14 days and sometimes longer depending on time spent loading the ship and weather. Those arriving after 1886 were greeted by the Statue of Liberty that was standing on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor. From 1900 to 1915 three million Italians arrived in the USA, the largest group of any nationality.

The program will touch on arrival at Castle Garden, Ellis Island and the quarantine hospital, Italian-American newspapers, The Black Hand Society, muck farmers, children of Buffalo, Italian Bake Oven, WWI soldiers and bios from around the state.

Some of the Schoharie and bordering county families she wrote about:

-Marco/Mark Benedetto of Albany County - The article that caught her eye about this family was published in the December 23, 1916 Times Union- Their home razed by fire, leaving them without food or shelter, was today brought to the attention of The Times-Union, with the making of an appeal by Benedetto's friends to the "Empty Stocking Club," requesting that the stricken family be assisted.

-Nick/ Nicholas Launt of Delaware County - The article that caught her eye about Nick pertained to him having trouble with the new liquor law, but he was overall a good guy.

-Ugo “Luke” Tiribilli of Delaware County – Ugo, a mason, came to the USA, at about the age of 21, from Italy in 1886 and lived in NYC for about 10 years before coming to Stamford, NY.

-Catskill Marathoners of Greene County - She first found Giovanni/John Organtini (1886-1952) and then Alesandro/Alexander DiMaio (1887-1964). Neither one stayed in the Catskill area long but they participated in the ten-mile marathon craze while they were there about 1909.

-Giuseppe/Joseph Brandi of Montgomery County - Joseph was a native of Genoa, Italy born in March 1836/37. He came to America in 1873 or 1876 with his wife and children

## VICARIOUS VOYAGES

Featured in Spring Semester:  
Sweden to the Rockies; Italy to  
US Western National Parks and  
In-between! (See course listings)

### FLORA AND FAUNA

ENHANCE YOUR GARDENING AND  
LANDSCAPING SKILLS AND COMMUNE  
WITH THE GREAT OUTDOORS: BIRDS,  
FLOWERS, SEEDS, PLANTS, INSECTS,  
WOODS & FORESTS- (SEE COURSE  
LISTINGS)



HEALTH AND WELLNESS- Learn directly from practicing physicians, a drug developer, fitness and nutritional experts, and about growing enough food to support the world's population needs or just how to nourish yourself better. (Plus- Maple Syrup!)

HIKES and OUTINGS- Wildflower Walk, Old Ft. Johnson, Olana, Christman's Sanctuary, Eagle Trail, Anchor Diamond Park

### More Memorable Trips-



### Arts & Crafts, Theater and Entertainment

Let an expert guide you  
to :

- Better understand Shakespeare
- Analyze and critique film, TV, and theater
- Participate onstage with Improvisation and You.

See the professionals  
perform at PROCTOR'S:

- Come from Away
- My Fair Lady;
- Cats  
And  
GLIMMERGLASS: The  
Sound of Music.

Create Your Own  
Masterpieces: Canvas,  
Pottery, Jewelry, Clay,  
Fused Glass, etc.

See Course Listings for  
details:

[www.cobyschool.com](http://www.cobyschool.com)

## CAN YOU HELP OUR COMMITTEES?

As a volunteer, member-run organization, we are always in need of additional help with ideas, administrative duties, computer help, teachers, etc. You do not have to be a board member to serve or help with a committee-

-Admin and Finance

-Ambassadors

-Curriculum

-Publicity

-Trips and Performances

-Database

-Hospitality

-Member/Registration

-Nominating

### EXPLORE AND ANALYZE HISTORICAL EVENTS AND PERSPECTIVES- FROM LOCAL TO NATIONAL TO GLOBAL-

- Ancient Egypt
- The Caribbean
- Mohawk Valley
- Schoharie Valley
- Hudston Valley
- Upstate NY
- Route 20
- American History
- Immigration
- Democracy
- JFK
- Statue of Liberty
- Flags
- Glass & Bottles
- Cemeteries

## S.C.H.O.O.L. 2022 Spring Semester Classes-Go to [cobyschool.com](http://cobyschool.com) or local libraries for more details

The course title listing and timing for the Spring 2022 Semester includes the following (some are multi-session(+), but only start date is listed here):

- Wonderful World of Birds 4/18
- American Imperialism in the Caribbean 3/28+
- Getting FDA Approval for a Drug 4/18
- Ancient Egyptian Literature 3/14+
- A Walk in the Woods with a Professional Forester 4/25
- The Hazards of Ticks 3/21
- Wildflower Walk 5/16
- Living with Renewable Energy 5/2
- Glimmerglass Musical- Sound of Music 7/11 \*extra fee
- The Crazy World of Real Estate 4/4
- Fit for Life 4/4+
- Clarissa Putman of Tribes Hill & Old Ft Johnson Museum Tour 5/16+ \*extrafee
- Dragonflies and Damselflies 6/21
- Everyone has Stories to Tell (self-publishing)3/8+
- GMO's and Feeding the Future 4/19
- Landscape design 3/15
- Making Maple Syrup and Pancake Brunch 4/5 \*extra fee
- Pruning Garden Plants 4/26
- Charlotteville Cemetery Tour 5/10
- Writing 1/11+
- Intermediate Beginner Quilting & More 2/1+
- Olana + Skywalk (option) + F.Cole House(option) 5/17 \*extra fee
- Lavender: How to Successfully Grow in Zone 5 5/25
- Nutrition and Health - A Doctor's Perspective 4/13
- Improvisation and You 3/16+
- Canvas, Pottery, Jewelry - Oh My! 3/9+ \*extra fee
- Springtime Favorites 4/6+ \*extra fee
- Fire and Ice 5/4+ \*extra fee
- Tai Chi 4/27+
- Brush up your Shakespeare 5/4+
- Everyone's a Critic 4/6+
- Christman's Sanctuary Hike and Birthday Event 6/1
- Intro to Lilacs in Cherry Valley 5/26
- Follow the Eagle Trail 5/5
- Italian Immigrants to Upstate NY 4/21
- 234 years later - the state of our democracy 3/31+
- Anchor Diamond Park Hike 6/2
- National Bottle Museum Tour 6/2
- Vicarious Voyage - 3 weeks in Italy 2021 4/1
- VV - Trip Out West with Beth & Kathy 2021 4/8
- Cooking for 1 or 2 4/15
- Statue of Liberty 4/1
- Assassination of JFK 3/25
- VV - Roseboro Hotel 4/15
- VV - Historic Route 204/22
- Harvesting Maple and Producing Maple Products 3/11+
- Seed Saving 101 4/22
- Birding How-To 4/29+
- Covid Update 2022 4/8
- Who is Libby? 3/4
- Finding Infomation Online 5/13
- VV - Switzerland 3/25
- Unraveling the Mysteries of Flag Making 5/13
- Proctors'- My Fair Lady 5/21 \*extra fee
- Proctors'- Come from Away 1/30 \*extra fee
- Village of Middleburg Walking Tour 5/14 \*extra fee
- Proctors'- Cats 5/8 \*extra fee

To find out more and to sign up, go to the website or library for the forms

>>>Send us your Ideas and Requests for Fall 2022 Courses!<<<<

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