



# Oasis Classes

March - April 2023

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## **175 Washington in a Time of Divided Government (ZOOM)**

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## **185 Off the Beaten Path: Brussels**

*Barbara Paulson, Travel Specialist*

Come for the chocolate, Belgian fries, and mussels steamed in beer. Stay for a visit to the EU parliament (hint: arranged NOT by nationality), the museum/home of Art Nouveau pioneer Victor Horta, the Musical Instruments Museum with a wireless audio guide that plays music of the instruments as you pass by; 120 years of automotive history (horse-drawn vehicles to Ferraris), and the Waterloo Battlefield where Napoleon met defeat. Virtually explore Brussels' hidden gems with European Travel Specialist Barbara Paulson. (See related classes #146, 236)

### **Online Class**

Wednesday, Mar 8, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Fee: \$18

## **186 The Informed Eye: How to Look at Sculpture (ZOOM)**

*Judy Scott Feldman, Ph.D., Art Historian/National Mall Coalition*

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## **190 Musical Monday with Coffee and Treats: Academy Award-Winning Songs (AT OASIS ONLY)**

*Michael Suser, Band Leader and Lecturer, and Charlene Cochran, Vocalist*

Start your week at Oasis with coffee and treats, followed by live music and the story behind it. Oasis Musical Mondays are underwritten by the Robin Fields Memorial Fund.

The Best Original Song Academy Award has been given since the 7th Academy Awards in 1935. Many incredible songs have been awarded over the 88 years it has existed, but we're going to concentrate on the period from 1935 to 1975. This was a Golden Age for Hollywood, and for songwriters in general. In our presentation, we'll look at the history of each tune we've chosen, and then perform it for you.

(More Musical Mondays: see class #110, 150, and 240)

### **Oasis**

Monday, Mar 13, 10:30 AM - 12:15 PM

Fee: \$15

## **191 Mindful Nutrition for Youthful Aging**

*Evangelina DiSpirito, RDN, LDN*

The importance of eating well does not lessen as we age. Continuing with a healthy lifestyle and balanced diet enables us to live longer and stronger, keep a sharp mind, and feel better in our bodies.

Explore mindful nutrition and lifestyle strategies to achieve improved blood pressure, blood sugar and sleep.

Suggested items to bring to Webinar for a more interactive experience. 1) bring an item (strawberry, carrot); 2) 70% dark chocolate. (2) Green or Chamomile tea. Note: Please take appropriate precautions if you have allergies.

### **Online Class**

Monday, Mar 13, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Free

## **192 Building a Gothic Masterpiece: Washington National Cathedral (ZOOM)**

*Andy Bittner, Author and Tour Guide, DC by Foot*

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## **193 The White Man's President? Debating Lincoln's Racial Politics in the Civil War**

*Richard Bell, Professor of History, University of Maryland*

In the 1619 Project, Nikole Hannah-Jones argued that Lincoln "opposed slavery as a cruel system at odds with American ideals, but he also opposed Black equality." Ultimately, she said, Lincoln wanted Black Americans to leave the United States. This program interrogates those incendiary claims, first by exploring Lincoln's long-standing support for the government-promoted settlement of free Black Americans beyond the borders of the United States and then by examining his impressive re-imagining of the Constitution to refashion that proslavery document into a blueprint to attack racial bondage.

### **Online Class**

Tuesday, Mar 14, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Fee: \$18

## **194 Book Discussion: "A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy"**

*Jonina Duker, Certified Book Discussion Leader*

Have you heard of Virginia Hall Goillot? As the CIA states: "Her life reads like a spy novel." After the Second World War, the United States awarded her the Distinguished Service Cross, France the Croix de Guerre (Cross of War), and England the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. Based on extensive research, the book won 10 Best Book of the Year awards, including NPR and the New York Public Library, as well as the Plutarch Award for Best Biography. Please read the book so you can participate in our structured, facilitated, Zoom discussion. (Note: Please join the meeting at 3:00pm if you would like some assistance using the features of Zoom. Otherwise, join us at 3:15pm for the start of our discussion.) Author: Sonia Purnell, 2019.

(For other book discussions, see classes #124, 162, 234)

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## **195 Loretta Lynn: The Making Of A Legend (AT OASIS)**

*Daryl Davis, Musician*

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## **706 Tutor Development (VIRTUAL ONLY): Language, Society & Self with Planet Word**

*Caitlin Miller*

Presented by Planet Word, The Museum where Words come to Life, in this session participants consider how words are themselves cultural artifacts. Participants also participate in quick linguistic puzzles and analyze a spoken-word piece by Professor Jamila Lysicott, presented in the Words Matter gallery at Planet Word. The session will provide opportunities for participants to find direct connections between the concepts of dialect, personal expression, and linguistic bias and their own lives, teaching practices, and communities. Project Zero Thinking Routines will be used to map learning, explore complexity, and practice empathy throughout the program.

**\*\*This course is only offered virtually and is for new, active or on-break Oasis Tutors.**

### **Online Class**

Mar 20, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Free

## **200 Cracking the Legendary Enigma Code (AT OASIS)**

*Dan Sherman, PhD*

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Fee: \$18

## **201 Piano Man: Billy Joel**

*Jane Ellen, Performer, Composer, and Recording Artist*

Billy Joel (1949- ) has amassed a lifetime of pop rock hits spanning nearly six decades, and continues to perform live shows featuring hits from throughout his career. With few exceptions, he stopped writing popular music in 1993; when he does write, he continues his flirtation with classical music. His work has been choreographed by Twyla Tharp, he has toured extensively with Elton John, and in 2021 he celebrated the 50th anniversary of his solo recording career.

### **Online Class**

Monday, Mar 20, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Fee: \$18

## **202 Spruce Up for Spring!**

*Carrie Noel-Nosbaum*

If you've been wanting to de-clutter and freshen up your space, this presentation is for you! Carrie Noel-Nosbaum, of "Carrie It Away," will take you through the logistics of Spring Cleaning. We'll walk through how to make a plan, execute it, and celebrate your success. Along the way, Carrie will share local resources and tips.

### **Online Class**

Tuesday, Mar 21, 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Fee: \$12



## **204 Over the Rainbow: The Hollywood Career of Judy Garland**

*Brian Rose, Professor (ret.), Department of Communication and Media Studies, Fordham University*

Next to Fred Astaire, Judy Garland may be the most talented person to ever set foot in Hollywood. There wasn't anything she couldn't do, from breaking an audience's heart with a song, to effortlessly dancing up a storm, to delivering comic and dramatic performances that still enthrall today. While she was among the greatest live entertainers in show biz history, and one of the top recording artists of her time, it's her appearances in front of the camera that remain her lasting legacy. This talk will examine her remarkable Hollywood career, which began in her young teens at MGM and continued with such timeless classics as *The Wizard of Oz*, *Meet Me in St. Louis*, *Easter Parade*, and her stirring comeback in 1954's *A Star is Born*.

### **Online Class**

Wednesday, Mar 22, 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM  
Fee: \$15

## **205 Sound As Medicine - Lecture and Demo (ONLY AT OASIS)**

*Sarah Schain, Certified Yoga Therapist*

What is a sound bath and how is sound used as medicine? Learn how sound can make you smarter, healthier, happier and even improve the quality of your sleep. Over the course of one hour you will learn the affects of sound on the body, brain and spirit and then experience this special sound bath for yourself.

\*A Sound Bath is an acoustic meditation. No experience necessary. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a blanket or sweater as you might get cold during the meditation

### **Oasis**

Wednesday, Mar 22, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM  
Free

## **206 A World of Ideas: Red Vienna**

*Steven Gimbel, Professor of Philosophy, Gettysburg College*

Between the World Wars as the Austro-Hungarian empire declined, the intellectual life of Vienna blossomed. Figures like Sigmund Freud, Ludwig Wittgenstein, Ernst Mach, Arnold Schoenberg, and Karl Krauss thought about a new world order. at a time when the old ways seemed doomed to destruction, it was an open question what was to come next.

(For more "World of Ideas" classes: see class #117, 156, 246)

### **Online Class**

Thursday, Mar 23, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM  
Fee: \$18

## **210 AARP Smart Driver Course**

*Ken Ow, AARP Volunteer*

Drivers who complete this course may receive a multi-year discount on their auto insurance, depending on state regulations. Exciting new content includes information on brain health, railroad and animal crossings, plus expanded information on car technology and updates on the many new laws in Maryland. A number of tips will be offered to help reduce your chances of having an accident and getting injured. The fee is due at the start of class (\$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members). You can pay by cash or check (made out to AARP). Bring your driver's license, AARP card, cash or check, and a pen. There will be a break for lunch. Limit: 18

### **Oasis**

Monday, Mar 27, 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
Free

## **211 A Brain Healthy Lifestyle for Healthy Aging**

*Ashley Scott, MHA, CDP*

The brain is one of the most important and complex organs in the human body. Learn how certain lifestyle interventions and behavioral approaches can enhance brain health, and develop an understanding of the influence you have on your brain's fitness and performance.

### **Online Class**

Monday, Mar 27, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Free

## **212 Broadway Lyricist Dorothy Fields: The Only Woman in the Room (AT OASIS)**

*Julie Kurzava, Music Faculty, Loyola University*

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## **213 The Dollar Princesses**

*Bonita Billman, Art History Lecturer*

Like the fictional Cora Levinson Crawley, Lady Grantham on "Downton Abbey," there were many American heiresses in the Edwardian era who married land-rich but cash-poor British aristocrats. Women like Consuelo Vanderbilt and sisters Mary and Daisy Leiter swapped money for titles. The newspapers called them Dollar Princesses. We will look at some of these heiresses, their lives, their spouses and the British country houses that their money rescued.

### **Online Class**

Tuesday, Mar 28, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Fee: \$18

## **214 Baseball 2023 Preview (ZOOM)**

*Stephen Klatsky, Retired Attorney and Baseball Aficionado*

The Yankees in 1999-2000 were the last team to win consecutive World Series. The Houston Astros will try. Can they? How will our local teams -the Nationals and Orioles fare? How about your favorite team? It is time to play ball!!

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## **215 Understanding the Metaverse**

*Sheldon Hochberg, Attorney*

Is the Metaverse the next major technological development like the Internet and Artificial Intelligence? Mark Zuckerberg thinks so, which is why he changed his company's name from Facebook to Meta. But what is the Metaverse? What is it envisioned to be by people like Zuckerberg? How will it affect the lives of your children and grandchildren? These are some of the questions that will be explored in Sheldon Hochberg's presentation, aided by informative and entertaining slides and video clips.

### **Online Class**

Wednesday, Mar 29, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
Fee: \$24

## **217 Elton John's Eclectic Piano Rock**

*Jane Ellen, Performer, Composer, and Recording Artist*

One of the most successful artists of all time, Elton John (1947- ) has sold over 300 million records. Ranked by Rolling Stone Magazine as one of the 100 greatest artists of all time, his career has taken him from session musician, to recording innovative music written with Bernie Taupin, to film soundtracks, and finally to the Broadway stage. A tireless AIDS activist, he has received a Brits Icon Award for his "lasting impact on British culture".

### **Online Class**

Thursday, Mar 30, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM  
Fee: \$18

## **220 What, You Still Have a Landline? How You Can Benefit From the Latest Technology**

*Victor Rezmovic and Gary Cahn, Technology Instructors*

We use technology in our daily lives. Once a technology meets our needs, we tend to stay with it. Technology, however, is always changing. You may benefit from examining what's new and incorporating these new technologies. Adding or upgrading to new options will enable you to do more, be more productive and often save money. In this class we will help you sort through the latest changes in areas like computer hardware, software, the Internet/Cloud and online safety.

### **Online Class**

Monday, Apr 3, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM  
Fee: \$18

## **222 The Two Koreas: How Things Stand Today**

*Grigore Scarlatoiu, Executive Director, Committee for Human Rights in North Korea*

Join Greg Scarlatoiu as he discusses the modern and contemporary political and economic history of South and North Korea. He'll address the "Han River Miracle," the astounding economic development of South Korea, as well as its negative side effects. He'll also analyze the nature of the Kim family regime in North Korea, including its policy of human rights denial, and he'll examine the importance of the U.S.-ROK alliance and the prospects for Korean reunification.

### **Online Class**

Tuesday, Apr 4, 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM  
Fee: \$15

## **223 Trailblazing Artist Henry Ossawa Tanner**

*Bonita Billman, Art History Lecturer*

Black American painter Henry Ossawa Tanner (1859-1937) was a trailblazing artist of religious subjects at the turn of the last century. After training at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts under the tutelage of Thomas Eakins, Tanner traveled to France in 1891 and, finding French society more race blind than the United States, he stayed. His chosen subject: the New Testament, came easily to him--his father was a bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and his childhood had been steeped in the Christian faith. Tanner lived long enough to be an inspiration to painters in the Harlem Renaissance movement. Today, his paintings are prized by American art museums.

### **Online Class**

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## **231 The Impacts of Hearing Loss on the Aging Process**

*Roni E. Dinkes, Au.D., M.S.*

Have you ever experienced misunderstanding or having difficulty hearing clearly what people are saying, feeling that you can hear, but do not understand, asking people to repeat themselves, finding it hard to keep up with conversation or ringing in your ears?

Join Dr. Dinkes, to learn how chronic disease such as hypertension, arthritis, kidney disease, falls, diabetes, depression, high cholesterol, heart failure and Alzheimer's disease affects hearing abilities. What an audiologist is and the work they do, hearing aid candidates, styles and options available today.

### **Online Class**

Monday, Apr 10, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Free

## **232 AARP SmartDriver TEK: Car Safety and Technology**

*Ken Ow, AARP Volunteer*

Please register for this class through AARP using the link provided.

In this workshop, you'll learn how to utilize the latest high-tech safety features in your current car, what technology to look for when shopping for a new car, the safety benefits of blind-spot warning systems, forward collision warnings, lane departure warnings, smart headlights, and more! Limit: 18

### **Oasis**

Tuesday, Apr 11, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Free

## **234 Book Discussion: "The Boys from Biloxi"**

*Jonina Duker, Certified Book Discussion*

*Leader*

Sometimes childhood friendships mean that those children-grown-to-adults judge each other differently; this family saga plays with that notion. The setting is the Mississippi coast city's contrasting above and underground worlds. Little-League-baseball-lover and lawyer-turned-author includes plenty of both in his most recent bestseller. Please read the book so you can participate in our structured, facilitated, Zoom discussion. (Note: Please join the meeting at 3:00pm if you would like some assistance using the features of Zoom.

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### **236 Off the Beaten Path: Montreal**

*Barbara Paulson, Travel Specialist*

Paris without the jet lag? Consider the re-purposed '76 Olympic velodrome that is now home to four enclosed biospheres including a circular aquarium and Antarctic environment (complete with penguins), a center for architecture founded by the Seagram's heiress, a shop of maple-flavored treats with a maple museum in the basement, and the gastronomic treat (or gut bomb, depending on your take) of poutine – French fries, cheese curds, and gravy. Virtually explore Montreal's hidden gems with Travel Specialist Barbara Paulson. (See related classes #146, 185)

#### **Online Class**

Wednesday, Apr 12, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Fee: \$18

### **237 What Did the Maryland Legislature Do This Term Regarding Criminal Law? (ZOOM)**

*John McCarthy, Montgomery County State's Attorney*

Each year, the Maryland legislature deals with thousands of pieces of proposed legislation. This class will focus on the most important new laws adopted during the 2023 legislative session that affect criminal justice in Maryland.

#### **Online Class**

Thursday, Apr 13, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

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#### **Oasis**

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Fee: \$18

### **238 Clouds: Stories in the Sky**

*Dee Kann, National Weather Service (Retired)*

When you look up at the sky on a summer day, do you see a duck, a bunny or a fair weather cumulus cloud? This presentation is all about clouds – how they develop, what they are made of, the distinguishing characteristics of different types of clouds and what they may tell us about the weather. We will learn the 10 basic cloud groups and how they can combine to create stunning skies. The sky is the limit when it comes to unique and truly remarkable cloud forms.

#### **Online Class**

Thursday, Apr 13, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Fee: \$18

### **240 Musical Monday with Coffee and Treats: How NYC's Brill Building Became the New**

*Michael Suser, Band Leader and Lecturer, and Charlene Cochran, Vocalist*

Start your week at Oasis with coffee and treats, followed by live music and the story behind it. Oasis Musical Mondays are underwritten by the Robin Fields Memorial Fund.

From 1958 to 1964, New York's Brill Building became the new hub of professionally written pop music. Numerous teams of talented young songwriters created an astounding number of hit tunes for performers such as the Shirelles and the Drifters. We'll take a close look at the background of some of the songwriters such as Carole King and Gerry Goffin to see what made them so successful. Then, we'll perform some of their best songs for you.

(More Musical Mondays: see class #110, 150, and 190)

#### **Oasis**

Monday, Apr 17, 10:30 AM - 12:15 PM

Fee: \$15

## **241 Oasis Volunteer Event at A Wider Circle**

*Wider Circle Volunteer Coordinator*

Please join us for Oasis Volunteer Day at A Wider Circle.

A Wider Circle's Essential Support program provides basic items for the home to our neighbors seeking to rise out of poverty. Volunteers help sort donations and stock the showrooms where clients select their items. With the help of volunteer groups like ours, A Wider Circle is able to furnish 10-20 homes free of charge each day for our neighbors in need.

Volunteers will meet at A Wider Circle and receive a tour and orientation at the start of the visit.

Participants provide their own transportation. There is no onsite parking for volunteers except those with mobility concerns. Directions for parking nearby in the neighborhood and a volunteer waiver will be emailed to you before the event.

Please wear closed-toed shoes (sneakers are best) and family-friendly comfortable clothes (no political messages). The Center is not fully temperature-controlled, so please dress for the weather.

Limit: 20

### **Trip**

Monday, Apr 17, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Free

## **242 Charles Lindbergh: A Controversial Icon (AT OASIS)**

*Dan Sherman, PhD*

The son of a Minnesota Congressman, 25-year-old Charles Lindbergh achieved global fame when he piloted the Spirit of St. Louis across the Atlantic on a non-stop, solo flight. His subsequent life was one of drama and also controversy, as the kidnapping of his son filled newspapers in the early thirties, as did his objection to the United States entering the Second World War prior to Pearl Harbor. Although blocked from active military service, Lindbergh was able to aid the Allied war effort in many ways as an advisor, a role he would continue after the war. The class will discuss many aspects of Lindbergh's career, including his reflections on the role of technology and the environment, along with his complex personal life.

### **Oasis**

Tuesday, Apr 18, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

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### **Online Class**

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Fee: \$18

## **243 Rachel Carson House and Gardens Lecture and Tour**

*Dr. Diana Post, President, Rachel Carson Landmark Alliance*

This class includes a lecture and tour of the house and gardens where Rachel Carson, renowned writer and environmentalist, lived while writing "Silent Spring." It will provide information on the sources of this remarkable woman's inspirations, along with archival video footage and references from Carson's writings. With Carson's own books in the partially restored study indoors, and a welcoming habitat for wildlife outdoors, the house and its grounds are suffused with Carson's character. Your tour guide, Dr. Diana Post, has been directing the Rachel Carson Landmark Alliance, an environmental educational organization, since 2014.

Participants provide their own transportation. Rachel Carson House is located at 11701 Berwick Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

Rain date: April 25

(See related classes # 111, 153, 157)

### **Trip**

Tuesday, Apr 18, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Fee: \$24

## **244 The Lives and Music of Jerry Lee Lewis (AT OASIS)**

*Daryl Davis, Musician*

From an impoverished farm life in rural Louisiana along the Mississippi River to being one of the most well-known and influential Rock'n'Roll pianists in the world, this class will cover the lives and times, not to mention the music of the great Jerry Lee Lewis. Grab and hold on to whatever you can as this will be a wild ride with no seatbelts!!!

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### **Online Class**

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Fee: \$18

## **246 A World of Ideas: The Solvay Conferences**

*Steven Gimbel, Professor of Philosophy, Gettysburg College*

The start of the 20th century saw the fundamental concepts by which we understood the universe challenged. Einstein's theory of relativity and the emergence of quantum mechanics threatened to undermine everything we thought we knew about nature. A group of the greatest scientists in history gathered yearly to discuss the foundations of reality.

(For more "World of Ideas" classes: see class #117, 156, 206)

### **Online Class**

Thursday, Apr 20, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Fee: \$18

## **247 Endless Summer: The Beach Boys**

*Jane Ellen, Performer, Composer, and Recording Artist*

The Beach Boys seemed to be the golden boys of endless summers as they sang songs about the southern California youth culture of surfing, cars, and teenage romances. Often touted as “America’s Band”, the Beach Boys produced the sort of monster hits that dreams are made of including “Fun, Fun, Fun”, “California Girls” and “Good Vibrations”. Yet despite their many successes, band members often struggled to keep the group from imploding due to personal problems.

### **Online Class**

Thursday, Apr 20, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Fee: \$18

## **252 The Aging Lung**

*Panagis Galiastatos, MD, MHS*

Our lungs are amazing organs that work really hard. As we age, so do our lungs. Join Dr. Galiastatos to learn how our lungs change over time, what's natural, and what can be a warning that you should see a doctor.

### **Online Class**

Monday, Apr 24, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Fee: \$12