



## JULY 2020 MEMO FOR MEMBERS

**Bright People ~ Bright Ideas**

“Here men from the planet Earth first set foot upon the Moon. July 1969 AD. We came in peace for all mankind.” Neil Armstrong

July 2020 will be a busy month for Penobscot Valley Senior College members. We shall be responding to the annual membership drive and participating in a variety of Zoom offerings as we prepare for our fall session of classes on Zoom. **Please review the information on the next pages** and join us as we explore topics of interest with our volunteer instructors.

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From the PVSC Board President, Ann Torrey:

I want to thank all the volunteers at Penobscot Valley Senior College for their hard work in keeping the organization running during these unprecedented times. Their willingness to adapt and offer creative instruction to our membership has been outstanding.

We are all eager to provide in person classes, but the ‘unknowns’ at this time are too great. We hope that you will take part and enjoy our on-line offerings this summer and this fall.

July 1<sup>st</sup> marks the beginning of our new membership term, which goes until June 30, 2021. I

hope that you will continue to show your support for PVSC by renewing your membership,

either on <http://www.penobscotvalleyseniorcollege.org>, or

<https://pvsc.myrec.com/info/default.aspx> or mailing in your dues (\$25/single, \$40/two person, same household.)

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**JOIN US! (Free of charge!)**

**THE PVSC VARIETY SHOW:** Wednesdays, 4:00 pm July 8 - August 19, and Wed/Thurs Aug.26/27, 2020. Register on our website, email or call. (Register once for one or all dates.)

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE FOOD INNOVATION PROGRAM – VIRTUAL TOUR VIA ZOOM:** Friday July 10, 2020 1:00 – 2:30 pm. Register on our website, email or call.

**STORIES FOR OUR TIME: A ZOOM DISCUSSION GROUP:** Thursdays, 4:00 pm July 16 – Aug. 20, 2020. Register on our website, email or call. Class size limited to 18.

## **THE PVSC VARIETY SHOW 2020 - Wednesdays at 4:00**

July 8 - Sol Goldman, "Ramos vs. Louisiana: A Peek Behind the Curtain." Sol Goldman is a retired lawyer and adjunct professor of Political Science at the University of Maine. In April, the Supreme Court decided that the constitution requires a unanimous verdict to convict a defendant of a serious criminal offense. The decision saw an unusual mashup of liberals and conservatives on the Court. Behind their decisions were battles about precedent, race, abortion and more.

July 15 - Bob Tredwell, "Waves and Beaches." Bob Tredwell teaches PVSC course on any and all practical topics. This is about waves: their size and shape, how they mold beaches, how the wind raises the waves, and about the very long, low, wave that is the tide. In passing, a quick look at river waves and tidal bores. Think of it as a guidebook for a walk on the shore—any shore.

July 22 - Liam Riordan, "Brainstorming the Bicentennial: Past and Present Perspectives on Maine at 200." Liam Riordan is a Professor of History at the University of Maine. This illustrated presentation and discussion explores the long statehood process in Maine that culminated in 1820 with formal separation from Massachusetts. That struggle engaged a range of challenging public issues that are still recognizable today.

July 29 - Rabbi Darah Lerner, "The Bible Doesn't Say That." Darah Lerner is rabbi of Congregation Beth El in Bangor. We will look at a few misunderstandings and mistranslations to help us better embrace this most meaning filled and challenging book.

August 5 - Steve Norton, "The Iceman Cometh: Maine Lakes." Steve Norton is professor emeritus of Earth and Climate Sciences at the University of Maine. What is so special about the freezing point of water: 32° F or 0° C? We will explore water, ice, weather, and climate to explain some of Maine lake behavior.

August 12 - Bari Newport, "Going National: How America's Regional Theatre Movement Changed the Game." Bari Newport is the Producing Artistic Director of Penobscot Theatre Company. The American theatre as we know it didn't just evolve organically, inevitably; it was conjured by visionaries who dreamt of a national theatre outside New York, then built it.

August 19 - Nancy Diamond and David Payne, "The African-American Presence in Maine." David Payne is a family genealogist. Nancy Diamond is a Bangor resident. An overview of the surprising history of Black migration to Maine from the Maritimes and Bangor's African-American community.

August 26 and August 27 – Erica Nadelhaft, "German POW Camps in Maine during World War II." A special two-part program, Wednesday and Thursday at 4:00. Erica Nadelhaft is an educator at the Holocaust and Human Rights Center and a history professor at UMFK. The story of German prisoner of war camps from 1944 to 1946 that were located in Houlton, Spencer Lake, Seboomook, and Indian township. The presentation also covers the politics that led to the creation of the camps.

## **UMaine Food Innovation Program – Free Virtual Tour via Zoom**

Friday July 10, 2020 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Rob Dumas, head of the University of Maine's Food Innovation Program will present a virtual tour via Zoom, of the Processing Equipment and Analytical Suite. Also part of the presentation are details on Combi oven technology, Lyophilisers (freeze-driers), Smokehouse, Cheese Vat and Press, DeSinewer, and Pasta Extruders.

The program will be interactive for approximately an hour, and then allow for questions. Rob will show some examples of products from the equipment via photos from previous operations. This will be an excellent way to see first-hand how technological innovations can reduce the limitations of our global food system. Register online, or by email or phone.

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## **Stories for our Time: A Zoom Discussion Group**

Anita Kurth, Pat Burnes, and Kristin Langellier, facilitators

Thursdays for 6 weeks, July 16 - August 20, at 4:00 PM (Class limit: 18)

Short stories are “Songs and cries that reveal the range and ways of human character,” says writer Lorrie Moore. If ever there were a time that produced cries and needed songs, we’re in it. So we’ve come up with a series of stories to read and talk about. They range from the shocking to the everyday to the wry, from Ursula Le Guin to Jhumpa Lahiri. All address, in some way, the issues we talk about every day.

We’ve limited the “class size” so that there will be space for everyone to speak, because we want this to be a genuine discussion. While we all have long experience with literature, none of us is an expert on these stories. We’ll do what book clubs do: learn together.

After your registration is confirmed, you will be emailed access to PDF copies of the stories. Two days before the first class, you’ll be emailed your link to access the discussion on Zoom. Come join us!

Short Stories for Our Time - Reading schedule - Thursdays at 4:00 on Zoom, July 16 - August 20

7/16 - Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, “The Headstrong Historian,” and “The Danger of a Single Story.”

7/23 - George Saunders, “Love Letter” and “The Semplica-Girls Diary.”

7/30 - Kate Walbert, “Do Something” and Caitlin Horrocks, “The Sleep.”

8/6 - Karen Russell, “St. Lucy’s Home for Girls Raised by Wolves” and Jhumpa Lahiri, “Mrs. Sen’s.”

8/13 - Toni Morrison, “Recitatif” and Ursula Le Guin, “The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas.”

8/20 - Alice Munro, “The Bear Came Over the Mountain.”

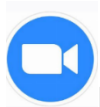
### How to register:

**Online:** <http://www.penobscotvalleyseniorcollege.org>, or if you have trouble, try <https://pvsc.myrec.com/info/default.aspx>

**Email:** [smksenior2020@gmail.com](mailto:smksenior2020@gmail.com) (Please leave your full name, email and phone number.)

**Phone:** 207-659-1359 (Please leave your full name, email and phone number.)

Since there is no charge for these offerings, it's the best time to practice registering on the website! You will get an emailed confirmation receipt right away.



For those of you who would like Zoom training prior to our listing of free Zoom classes in July and August, please email Sheila at **smksenior2020@gmail.com** or call **(207) 659-1359** and leave a voice message to indicate your interest and she'll send you a link to the Zoom training. **Basic Zoom Review will be offered on Tuesday, July 7 at 9:00-10:00 am.** If you feel you need instructions sooner, please email or call Sheila to set up a time.

If you wish to get familiar with using the PVSC website, and registering online for our courses, **"A Walk Through the PVSC Website"**, will be offered on Zoom on **Tuesday, June 30 at 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.** Again, please call or email to register.