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**AUGUST MEMO FOR MEMBERS:**

**Have you been keeping Penobscot Valley Senior College a secret? It's time to share with others!**

Invite a different friend or family member each week to join you at your home on Zoom to experience one of the remaining 5 PVSC SUMMER EXTRAVAGANZA 2021 events so they can see what it's all about! Grab a comfortable chair, a glass of wine or beverage of your choice, and enjoy the presentation. Afterward, you can discuss all you've learned, and share all that PBSC (and our shared collaboration with Maine Senior College Network colleges) have to offer.

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Set up a date to meet with a friend who isn't a PVSC member, at one of the many great locally owned coffee places. Share the fun you've had with all you've experienced with lifelong learning via PVSC. *"Good conversation is as stimulating as black coffee, and just as hard to sleep after."* --Anne Morrow Lindbergh

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So many of us are busy trying to purge our spaces of stuff we no longer need, and our kids have told us they don't want. Consider purchasing a PVSC gift certificate for someone—Single membership-only \$25.00, or for two people at the same address-still only \$40.00. For someone already a member of PVSC--a gift certificate for one course-\$30.00.

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**SAVE THE DATE: MORE INFO COMING ON OUR ANNUAL MEETING ON ZOOM MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021. REGISTRATION WILL BE REQUIRED—AND---YOU COULD BE A WINNER IN THE DRAWING FOR ONE FREE PVSC FALL COURSE!**

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The PVSC Curriculum Committee is finalizing the fall list of courses which will begin the week of September 27<sup>th</sup>. Information will be emailed as well as posted on the website later in August. Some classes will be in-person and others will be Zoom courses (but not hybrid at this time.) We have been told by our venues that they will welcome us as long as we follow whatever Covid protocols are attached to those facilities.

## **SPOTLIGHT ON PVSC MEMBER MIKE TIMPSON:**

### **Studying Soil and Trekking the World**

One might think the old saying “Bloom where you’re planted” would hold particular meaning for a soil scientist. Not so for PVSC member Mike Timpson, who has lived and worked from Rhode Island to Pompeii. With degrees from URI and North Dakota State, he completed his PhD at the University of Tennessee. He worked all over Tennessee, and then had an opportunity to work on the Isle of Crete in Greece. Working with a group of archeologists, he examined soils and landforms on archaeological sites for clues as to past land use.



He also took part in research at Mount Vesuvius and Pompeii that involved the examination and interpretation of land forms and soils that predated the 79 AD eruption. Other soil examination work for archeological projects included one on mainland Greece and two in Albania.

Back in the U.S., Mike conducted post-doctoral research at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, investigation alternative approaches for cleaning up uranium contaminated soils from the cold war era.

Then came a large, multi-component archaeology project at a national wildlife refuge in western North Dakota. That project was partly based at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, where he held adjunct faculty positions in Quaternary Studies and Forestry for three years. With a minor in Environmental Engineering, Mike then began a career consulting with a company based in Minneapolis, later opening a regional office for them in Portland, Oregon.

While in Flagstaff, Mike became seriously interested in bicycling, which is still one of his favorite activities. As you may expect, he grows lovely perennial gardens, despite some of the poorest soil in Bangor (his yard is all fill) .

In 2003, Mike made his first trip times to trek and climb, including This fall he plans to hike a 200- in Washington, and next spring across Nepal, which covers 1200 months.



to Nepal and has been back several a trip to celebrate his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. mile section of the Pacific Crest Trail plans to hike the Great Himalaya Trail to 1300 miles and will take at least 3

Mike Timpson is a man of many talents, experiences and interests. You’ll want to get to know this fascinating PVSC member.

# PVSC NEEDS YOU!

**The PVSC classes you love would not exist if members didn't volunteer. Whether finding instructors, organizing events, or doing behind-the-scenes tasks, volunteers make it all happen! It's not that hard. You already have the skill sets we need. You can give as much or as little time as you have available and choose any task you're comfortable with. Much of our committee work is done by email, and occasional meetings.**

***And the benefits? New friends...Positive effects on your mental health... Even a lot of fun!***

**Join us now from our rich variety of opportunities:**

**Curriculum** - seeks and accepts course proposals, organizes the schedule, finds locations, and ensures a smoothly-running semester. **Chair: Cathy Anderson**

**Finances and Governance** - responsible for our budget, bylaws, and other organizational aspects. **Chair: Daryl Briggs**

**Marketing and Public Relations** - does publicity and community outreach; maintains our Facebook and blog presence; updates information to the Maine Senior College Network. **Chair: Anita Kurth**

**Member Services** - provides support for current members, including mailings, newsletter, and our wonderful fall Annual Meeting and Luncheon. **Chair: Linda Lindblad**

**One-Day and Special Events** - organizes and publicizes our popular half- and full-day events on special topics. **Chair: Joan Ellis**

**Let us know how you can help. Call 207-659-1359 or email [smksenior2020@gmail.com](mailto:smksenior2020@gmail.com)**



## PVSC MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM

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<http://penobscotvalleyseniorcollege.org> or <https://pvsc.myrec.com/info/default.asp>

PVSC is a volunteer organization, one of 17 in Maine! Open to individuals ages 50 and older, our membership year runs from **July 1st through June 30th** of the following year. Typically, we've had two course sessions, fall and spring, with additional free One-Day events. However, with Zoom technology, we are able to offer additional courses and events, depending on instructor / presenter availability. We plan to have some in-person courses in the fall but will continue offering some on Zoom.

New members are encouraged to join the Maine Senior College closest to where they live. Once you pay your yearly membership fee to your local senior college, you are able to take classes by registering and paying the course fee, either for a course at your college, or any of the other senior colleges in Maine. <https://www.maineseniorcollege.org/>

Check PVSC's website for upcoming courses or One-Day Events. With Zoom providing distance learning, PVSC is also offering membership to family and friends who live in other states. They just need to fill out a membership form, paying either online, or by mailing the form to our Private Mail Box (PMB) with a check.

For any questions, please email or call Sheila Krautkremer, PVSC Administrative Assistant.

(If you are a new member, when you register online, first you create a "Household" and become a "Member" in that household. Then register for a "Membership." )

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 2021-2022 PVSC Membership - \$25 individual

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 2021-2022 PVSC Membership - \$40 two people at the same address

Checks to PVSC – Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ (required for website)

Phone number (s): \_\_\_\_\_ (required for website)  Home or  Cell

(PVSC course will remain at \$30, for each household member registering for the class. Each Maine Senior College charges their own course fees. PVSC One-Day events are free with PVSC membership.)