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2023 SUMMER QUARTER

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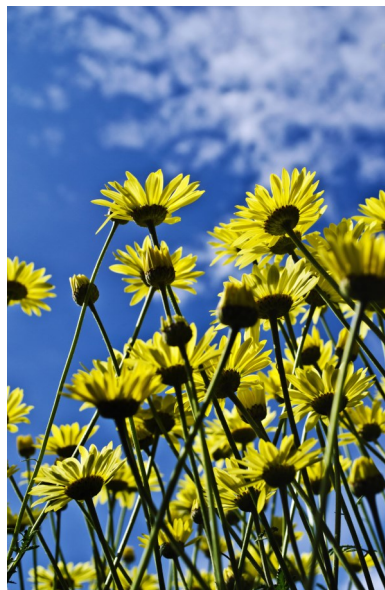
Let TELOS be your summer sunshine

A quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson suggests that we all “Live in the sunshine, swim the sea, drink the wild air.” An easy way to reach for that type of life comes with the opportunities that the TELOS program at Bellevue College provides.

The classes that are proposed for the Summer Quarter of this inventive program of lifelong learning offer students stimulating lecture series, hands-on training and a collaborative learning atmosphere that encourages the life of new experiences that Emerson suggests.

Some of the topics that will be covered in the summer TELOS classes include the following.

- **Views of the News** (three different moderated sessions!)
- **U.S. / China Relations**
- **Master Your Mac**
- **Create on Your iPad**



PLEASE NOTE: Keep an eye out for more potential class topics coming for summer quarter. We will send an email update in early May if other classes are added to this list.

In addition, if you take a class, as a TSO (TELOS Student Organization) member, you also have an opportunity to join any (or all!) of the **student clubs** that have been organized by TELOSians interested in the various topics. Or, you could even start a new club and ask others to join you!

The clubs that are currently available are listed below.

- * **Book Club**
- * **Constitution Club**
- * **Politics Club**
- * **American History Club**

(Please see the TELOS website for the most recent details on classes at www.bellevuecollege.edu/ce/retiree-programs/)

To register for TELOS classes ...



- Online Registration at Bellevue College Continuing Education website (for detailed class information)
- Phone-In Registration by calling 425-564-2263. Please have your Visa or MasterCard number and expiration date, and course item number to register.

For further information on registering, see a step by step description at <https://studentweb.bellevuecollege.edu/tepos-tso/how-to-register>

TSO Seminar on Ice Age Floods

By Sandi Medendorp

About 18,000 years ago, Noah's ark would not have helped. A lake, 500 square miles of water, burying Spokane under a couple hundred feet of water, was held in place by a 2-mile-wide ice dam. The dam broke, the lake emptied in 3 days and the water took 3 weeks to reach the ocean. This event created the amazing topography of the state of Washington.

How do we know this happened? Bruce Bjornstad provided the details in a TSO seminar. The story on how the story came to light is as interesting as the story itself. In 1923, J. Harlon Bretz proposed the ice age flood theory. This theory of cataclysmic floods was immediately attacked because it smacked too much of the Bible and was contrary to accepted theory that geological changes come only from slow processes. Bretz held to his belief and continued for 30 years to establish proof. The tipping point came with aerial photographs (not generally available until the 1950's) showing giant ripples along the flood routes. Plus other unique features such as scablands, erratics and coulees.

If you don't know what these features are or if you missed this incredible seminar and your curiosity is piqued, go to

<https://www.scenicwa.com/story/ice-age-floods-in-washington-state>

Look there at the videos shot by Bjornstad with his drone. Then next you will be drawn to see more in Bjornstad's books:

- *On the Trail of Ice Age Floods: A geological field guide to the Mid-Columbia Basin*
- *On the Trail of Ice Age Floods: The Northern Reaches*

Both are available at King County Library. With these guides you can plan your own expedition to the ice age evidence all over Washington and it might make your next trip to Eastern Washington just a little more interesting.



Bruce Bjornstad on an erratic.

Dr. David May Selected as New President of Bellevue College

By Jerry Bunce



Dr. May brings over 30 years of exceptional leadership in higher education, a deep commitment to the values of Bellevue College, and a passion for creating pathways to success for students.

Dr. David May is in his third decade as an educator and leader in higher education in the state of Washington. A Pacific Northwest native, he has focused his career on student success and regional partnerships. Dr. May is an expert in the area of Supreme Court politics. He centers equity and incorporates critical race theory in his curriculum. He is passionate about the role of higher education in producing responsible and engaged citizens and as an engine of social mobility.

Dr. May holds a Ph.D. in Political Science and MA in Political Science from Washington State University, and a BA in Political Science from Whitman College.

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The President's Report

As I approach June and the passing of the torch of the President of the TSO, I reflect on what we can look forward to for the Bellevue College TELOS program after a difficult past 3 years. I end my term with a lot of hope for the future.

COVID is finally on the wane although our "retiree" cohort is still the most vulnerable to the virus. We are starting to hold in-person classes at the Main Campus after closure of the N. Bellevue campus. We are continuing online classes as an option. The College has a new President who, as reported here by Jerry Bunce, brings enthusiasm and experience to the College, and a desire to further the "community" focus of the TELSO lifelong learning.

The College staff has experienced considerable turnover in the TELOS area, but now we have staff that seems very supportive of the goals of retiree learning and social needs. TSO supports the staff of the College community education "retiree" program and so can only help sustain the program if it has the ear of staff who can benefit from the input of the TELOS students themselves through their TSO representatives. They are very receptive to that input. Hooray!

Finally, I am confident about the future for the TSO because of the wonderful officers and committee chairs that will be carrying on. Donna O., Sandi M., Sue B., Steve D., Jerry H., Chris S. have all been TSO committee leaders that have done yeoman's work to support the TELOS program. It is too early to say who will make up the new Council, but those already expressing interest are a great group. We in TSO hope that more of you will also volunteer to become an active part of its support program.

Without a voice, the TELOS retiree learning and social programs would risk cancellation due to budget issues or lack of participation. We can't let that happen. We are that saving voice.

It has been my pleasure to have served.

Ted Watts, President, TSO

Summer is the Time for Travel

By Linda Wilson

Summer is here!!! It is time to go adventuring! We live in such a beautiful area which has multiple opportunities. Shall we head west to the ocean beaches or shall we go east for geological history and wine terroir? We could take the North Cascades Highway and see just how far we want to go. That would satisfy both north and east if you cross the pass. Mount Baker is just stunning and there are many hikes for all levels along the way. South allows us to wander along the Columbia and, maybe, decide to cross over to Oregon. Open a map, close your eyes and have someone turn the map many times and then point to your destination.



My daughter and I love the day trip to Whidbey Island. We head toward Anacortes, but turn just before and head to Deception Pass. Unfortunately, the driver doesn't get the outstanding view of swirling water and steep cliffs because of the narrow bridge and traffic, both automobile and pedestrian. We drive by rolling green fields with soaring eagles and, if we are lucky, a Navy jet. The Front Street Grill in Coupeville has those superb Penn Cove mussels. There is usually a wait to be seated, but several shops along the street can keep you busy. Continuing south to Greenbank Farms, we stop there both to stroll through the wine, cheese, and art shops and for dessert, the delicious Whidbey Pies, either by the slice or take home a whole pie. Depending on your available time there is even more to explore. To burn off that slice of pie, take a walk at your pick of Fort Ebey State Park, Fort Casey State Park, or Admiralty Head Lighthouse. Enjoy your summer travels!

“Need to See” Movie Review



By Linda Wilson

I suggest, in the few (ha) rainy days that we have here in the summer, a South Korean movie, **Broker**. You may read the description and decide not to watch. I challenge you to stick with it and I back that up with a 94% Rotten Tomatoes rating. If you liked Parasite, another South Korean award winning movie, you may recognize the lead actor. This is another story about those that are marginalized in life. Life is tough and hard. But I believe you will end thinking that this is a great story about compassion.

TSO Reminder: In order to receive early notification on all things TSO (including seminar announcements), make sure your email address is in the TSO database by sending your name and email address to info.telosso@gmail.com. AND THEN, make sure the announcements from TSO do not end up in your SPAM.

For further information or to submit comments, send emails to info.telosso@gmail.com

TSO Photo Gallery

By Chris Steele

Bess Billington lovingly created the TSO photo albums for many years. All existing albums are available to TSO members on main campus in the storage locker in building A in the same hallway as Chris Stoynov's office.



“Gordon Hartwick and Fran Templeton keep things running smoothly for TELOS, an extraordinary educational program for seniors.” (2003 TSO album)

Gardening for Climate Change Today/ Into the Future

By Sue Black

On March 21, 2023, TELOS students who attended TSO's online seminar were able to gather valuable gardening information from Master Gardeners Molly van der Burch and Jim Littles. Not only did they discuss the general causes of climate change and how it affects our gardens, but they provided access to an incredible collection of resources for gardening in the Pacific Northwest.

For example, information presented at climatefriendlygardening.org covers a wide variety of topics including more than 50 links to detailed information on successful gardening in the Pacific Northwest, Great Plant Picks (an interactive list of 268 drought tolerant plants), and articles detailing subjects such as "Drought Tolerant Landscaping for Washington State," "Home vegetable gardening," "Pollinators," "Pests and Diseases."



For those who wish to also have a positive impact on the climate into the future, there are organizations that offer information and opportunities supporting programs that will do just that. One example, the Arbor Day Foundation offers insights on participating in events and how your own efforts can honor the climate at celebratearborday.com

The Foundation also offers other programs where you can support the planting of trees in reforestation efforts around the globe as well as the Tree City USA® program designed to enhance urban forests in cities around the US. To create a continuous impact on improving the

climate beyond your lifetime, you can even design a legacy through the trees. To find out how The Arbor Day Foundation can help design this type of legacy in your name, visit arborday.org/giftplanning

Update on new TELOS class location

By Jerry Bunce

Week #1: Wednesday, April 5th was the first day of the first TELOS class on BC main campus. It was the *Views of the News with Jerry* class. There were a few issues. Four students were not able to attend the first class. One student missed class and one student went to north campus before making it to main campus.

Most of the students found parking lot 12 and paid for parking. One of the parking kiosks stopped printing receipts. One student looked for room A252 on the first level of the A building before making their way up to the 2nd level. One student found the café in the Student Union building for coffee and a snack. Everyone found the restrooms.

The room was arranged in a rectangle with tables and chairs to facilitate discussion. The temperature was comfortable. The AV system worked with no help required for setup.

There is no lack of current news stories and a lively discussion ensued. I am looking forward to seeing all those smiling faces next week.

Week #2: All the students in our *Views of the News* class parked in Lot 12. Two of them were offered parking vouchers by young students who were leaving. It's a thing to offer your parking voucher apparently. Cool.

Everyone was familiar with the classroom. Two students were missing but I knew that before class. We are back to a normal in-person class. Main campus is working for those of us who want to be back in the classroom again.

How to pay less property tax

By Linda Wilson

The King County Senior Citizen and People with Disabilities Exemption Program is a State of Washington property tax relief program for eligible taxpayers. The current annual income to qualify cannot exceed \$58,423, including Social Security and most other income sources. Governor Inslee has on his desk House Bill 1355 for signature. House Bill 1355 increases the income level to \$72,000. Per the King County Assessor, John Wilson, the soonest a homeowner could qualify for the new limits would be for 2024 taxes based on 2023 income. While applying you must pay all your property taxes on time. The current wait time for an answer after submitting your application is eight months per recent phone call to the Assessor's office. All information can be found on line. You can apply on line or by paper application.

Online: <http://TaxRelief.kingcounty.gov>

Paper applications: <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/assessor/Forms.aspx>

Web site for information: <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/assessor/TaxRelief.aspx>

The instructions are lengthy. Read all before acting and I suggest you complete the application form income area to make sure you qualify, as well as reading through the application.

Important TELOS / TSO Dates* in June

Fri June 2 9:30 AM TSO Political Book Club

Tues June 6 10:00 AM "Popping with the Classics" with Amanda Wilde (online)

Thurs June 8 10:00 AM "Hummingbirds: Masters of the Air" with Connie Sidles

Fri June 9 9:30 AM TSO Constitutional Club

Mon June 12 10:00 AM "Taste of TELOS" with Summer Qtr 2023 Instructors (online)

Tues June 13 10:00 AM "Taste of TELOS" with Summer Qtr 2023 Instructors (online)

Wed June 14 10:00 AM "Iran Past & Present; From Ancient Civilization to Security State" with Prof. David Fenner (online)

Thurs June 15 3:30 PM TSO Curriculum Committee

Fri June 16 9:30 AM TSO Constitutional Club

Fri June 16 1:00 PM TSO Book Club

Mon June 19 10:00 AM Washington Senator Henry Jackson and China Relations with Prof Chris Foss (online)

Thurs June 22 10:00 AM "Unfolding the Universe" with Ron Hobbs (online)

Fri June 23 9:30 AM TSO Constitutional Club

Tues June 27 10:00 AM Photography (Topic TBD) with Bill Jones (online)

Wed June 28 10:00 AM "The Surrealists" with Michael King (online)



Wed June 28 3:30 PM TSO Council Meeting

Fri June 30 9:30 AM TSO Constitutional Club

Fri June 30 2:00 PM TSO American History Book Club

*Club details available at <https://studentweb.bellevuecollege.edu/telos-tso/social-activities/> Email info.telosso@gmail.com for zoom invite to any of these meetings on line.