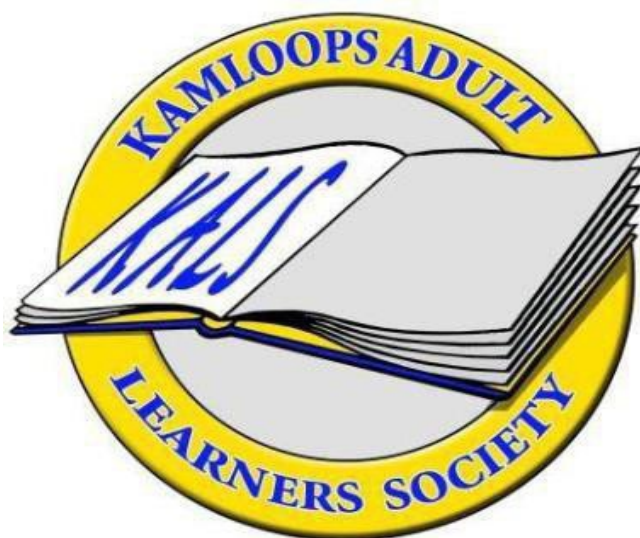


KAMLOOPS ADULT LEARNERS' SOCIETY

KALS



2024

FALL COURSE CALENDAR

KALS courses are held in different venues throughout the city.
Be sure to check the location of your course when you register.

See the last page of Course Calendar for the venue addresses.

KAMLOOPS ADULT LEARNERS' SOCIETY

PHONE: 250-376-1525 WEBSITE: www.kals.ca

OFFICE LOCATION: 1550 Island Parkway (McArthur Island Old Golf Course Building)

MAILING ADDRESS: Unit # 101 1550 Island Parkway, Kamloops BC, V2B 0H7

OFFICE Hours: 9 am – 4 pm, Monday – Friday (closed from 12 pm – 1 pm)

Thank you for your interest in KALS. We hope you find courses that interest you!

All classes have size limits. Classes may be cancelled if minimums are not met 10 days before start date.

The wearing of masks in public indoor settings is no longer required by the Provincial Health Officer. The wearing of a mask is a personal choice. KALS will continue to follow all PHO rules and protocols and will adjust rules to comply when there are changes.

All classes have a minimum and maximum number of registrants. Classes with low enrollment are in danger of being cancelled. Popular classes might have a wait list. Register early to avoid disappointment.

Parking at NSCC is at the back of the building in stalls on the north side that are marked
"Community Centre & Moose Lodge Patron Parking Only."

Do not park at the front in the roundabout and not in the fire lane in the roundabout as this area is designated for Cottonwood guests, care aids and the Moose bar staff.

At the back please do not park in any stalls on the north side parking lot facing the Christian school that are designated for numbered Cottonwood residences or stalls marked "staff parking only".

There is also parking on Cottonwood Ave.

See the last page of Course Calendar for the venue addresses and carpooling directions.

A \$15 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE (July 1st–June 30th)

is required for **ALL** courses and is non-refundable.

Membership entitles you to vote at our AGM, register in free classes and be invited to special events.

2024 FALL REGISTRATION BEGINS AUGUST 19TH @ 9AM

REGISTRATION OPTIONS

- On-line at www.kals.ca with your credit card
- By phone at 250-376-1525
- In person at McArthur Island Old Golf Course Building 1550 Island Parkway Dr. throughout the semester during office hours with cash or cheque or credit card
- Mail the downloaded, printed and completed registration form from the KALS website at www.kals.ca with your cheque, to the KALS office at: #101 1550 Island Parkway, Kamloops BC V2B 0H7. **DO NOT MAIL CASH**

REFUNDS: There are no refunds for single session courses. Refunds for multi-session courses must be received in writing 10 days before the class start date. There are no partial refunds. If a refund is approved, a \$10.00 admin fee will be charged. See the full policy on the KALS website. If KALS must cancel a class a full refund will be sent.

A NOTE ON COURSE COSTS: KALS courses are inexpensive because KALS volunteers and presenters donate their services. We want all seniors to benefit from KALS but recognize cost may be a barrier.

A financial waiver is available by phoning KALS at 250-376-1525. Discussions are confidential.

| Sessions | Class Name | Start Date | Price |
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| 4 Weeks | Understanding & Supporting Children with a Communication Disability | 6-Sep-24 | 30.00 |
| 2 Hour | Turtles, Birds and other Critters in Pineview | 8-Sep-24 | 10.00 |
| 9 Weeks | The Odyssey | 10-Sep-24 | 50.00 |
| 3 Hour | Ashcroft Museum & Historic Walking Tour Take 2 | 10-Sep-24 | 10.00 |
| 4 Weeks | Ripeness is All: The Spiritual Journey(s) of King Lear | 11-Sep-24 | 25.00 |
| 12 Weeks | News and Views | 13-Sep-24 | 50.00 |
| 4 Weeks | Qigong | 16-Sep-24 | 20.00 |
| 2 Hour | Food Sovereignty Walking Tour | 19-Sep-24 | 0.00 |
| 1 Hour | Blackwell Dairy Farm Tour | 25-Sep-24 | 15.00 |
| 2 Hour | Come to the Concert: | 26-Sep-24 | 10.00 |
| 4 Weeks | A Taste of Humour In Canadian Fiction | 1-Oct-24 | 30.00 |
| 2 Hour | "I Didn't Do It": The Psychology of Interrogations | 3-Oct-24 | 10.00 |
| 2 Hour | Artemisia Gentileschi: Her Art and Trials | 3-Oct-24 | 10.00 |
| 2 Hour | Invitation to Shabbat - The Jewish Sabbath | 4-Oct-24 | 0.00 |
| 2 Hour | Orienteering, The Treasure Hunt Continues | 7-Oct-24 | 20.00 |
| 2 Hour | Eco Friendly Death Care | 10-Oct-24 | 10.00 |
| 2 Hour | Come to the Concert: Sycamore String Quartet Plays Bach | 10-Oct-24 | 10.00 |
| 2 Hour | Upper Nicola Burrowing Owl Reintroduction Program | 16-Oct-24 | 10.00 |
| 3 Hour | Establishing and Maintaining Political, Social and Economic Power | 17-Oct-24 | 15.00 |
| 2 Hour | Art and Conversation: Stories that Animate US | 22-Oct-24 | 10.00 |
| 2 Hour | Financial Planning | 24-Oct-24 | 10.00 |
| 2 Hour | Kelson Hall Introduction and Tour | 24-Oct-24 | 10.00 |
| 2 Hour | Drawing Botany Home | 28-Oct-24 | 10.00 |
| 2 Hour | Toronto's Mayors: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly | 30-Oct-24 | 10.00 |
| 2 Hour | Is Housing a Commodity or a Human Right? | 30-Oct-24 | 10.00 |
| 2 Hour | Why Creative Problem Solving Makes Innovation and Entrepreneurship More Ethical | 1-Nov-24 | 10.00 |
| 2 Hour | Search, Recovery & Detection K9s of BC Demonstration | 4-Nov-24 | 10.00 |
| 2 Hour | Great Scientists, Great Science, and what they did. | 5-Nov-24 | 10.00 |
| 2 Hour | Update on the Wars in Ukraine and Gaza | 6-Nov-24 | 10.00 |
| 6 Weeks | The Philosophy of Rock Music | 8-Nov-24 | 50.00 |
| 2 Hour | Georgia, Azerbaijan and Armenia | 12-Nov-24 | 10.00 |
| 2 Hour | A Conversation about Science Misinformation | 14-Nov-24 | 20.00 |
| 2 Hour | Come to the Concert: Palestrina Mozart & Beyond | 15-Nov-24 | 10.00 |
| 1.5 Hour | Kamloops Residential School Tour | 15-Nov-24 | 15.00 |
| 2 Hour | Walking the Camino de Santiago along the Camino Portuguese and Camino Frances | 18-Nov-24 | 10.00 |
| 2 Hour | Art and Conversation: Pieces | 19-Nov-24 | 10.00 |
| 2 Weeks | Musical Theatre: Stephen Sondheim | 20-Nov-24 | 15.00 |
| 2 Hour | European Family Vacation | 3-Dec-25 | 10.00 |
| 2 Hour | Come to the Concert: Christmas with the KSO | 11-Dec-24 | 10.00 |

FALL 2024 Single Session Course Descriptions

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| Turtles, Birds and other Critters in Pineview | \$10.00 |
| Pineview Valley nature experience: Join naturalists who reside in the neighbourhood to learn about the rich variety of life in | |
| Instructor: Bill Gilroy and Patricia Spencer | Min. 8 Max. 15 |
| Dates: Sunday 2024-09-08 10:00AM-12:00PM | |
| Location: Pineview Nature Park - Intersection of Hugh Allen Dr. & Copperhead | |
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| Ashcroft Museum & Historic Walking Tour Take 2 | \$10.00 |
| Back due to popular demand!! Come and visit Historic Ashcroft. We will begin by visiting the Ashcroft Museum located in the | |
| Instructor: Peter Konikow & Kathy Palos | Min. 8 Max. 25 |
| Dates: Tuesday 2024-09-10 10:00 AM-1:00PM | |
| Location: Ashcroft Museum - 404 Brink St., Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0 | |
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| Food Sovereignty Walking Tour | \$0.00 |
| Participants will learn about food business innovations and distribution in Kamloops as they tour The Stir and about the | |
| Instructor: Jess Payette, Kent Fawcett, Eden McKay & Elliot Andrew | Min. 8 Max. 20 |
| Dates: Thursday 2024-09-19 10:00AM-12:00PM | |
| Location: The Stir - 185 Royal Avenue | |
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| Blackwell Dairy Farm Tour | \$15.00 |
| Blackwell Dairy has been Kamloops' own dairy farm since 1913 and is one of only a few dairies located in the interior that has | |
| Instructor: Blackwell Dairy Farm Employees | Min. 8 Max. 25 |
| Dates: Wednesday 2024-09-25 11:00AM-12:00PM | |
| Location: Blackwell Dairy Farm, 7000 Blackwell Rd, Kamloops, BC V2C 6V7 | |
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Come to the Concert: **\$10.00**

Come to the Concert is a series of courses based on the current (2024-25) Kamloops Symphony Orchestra season. The aim of

Instructor: Rod Michell **Min. 8 Max. 30**

Dates: Thursday 2024-09-26 10:00AM-12:00PM

Location: Parkview Activity Centre - 500 McDonald Avenue

"I Didn't Do It": The Psychology of Interrogations **\$10.00**

Police interrogations are a unique social interaction that can assist in solving crimes. There are effective and ineffective

Instructor: Sandra Vermeulen **Min. 8 Max. 40**

Dates: Thursday 2024-10-03 1:30PM-3:30PM

Location: Kamloops Sports Council - 1550 Island Parkway Dr.

Artemisia Gentileschi: Her Art and Trials **\$10.00**

Artemisia Gentileschi (1593 -1654) was a superb Italian Baroque painter whose work as a female artist has only recently been

Instructor: Sharon Harris **Min. 8 Max. 40**

Dates: Thursday 2024-10-03 10:00AM-12:00PM

Location: Kamloops Sports Council - 1550 Island Parkway Dr.

Invitation to Shabbat - The Jewish Sabbath **\$0.00**

You are invited to join the Jewish Community for their Shabbat celebration on Friday, October 4th at 6:30 pm at Kamloops

Instructor: Rabbi Marcy Gofsky & Rev. Andrew Macpherson **Min. 8 Max. 20**

Dates: Friday 2024-10-04 6:30PM-8:30PM

Location: Kamloops United Church - 421 St. Paul Street

Orienteering, The Treasure Hunt Continues **\$20.00**

Join Big Little Science Centre to enjoy a walk or run in a local park as you follow a detailed map to discover the waypoints

Instructor: Susan Hammond **Min. 8 Max. 20**

Dates: Monday 2024-10-07 1:30PM-3:30PM

Location: Location to be confirmed in September

Eco Friendly Death Care **\$10.00**

Death Care BC was created to bridge the education gap between end-of-life and after-death care. This session will help you

Instructor: Emily Bootle **Min. 8 Max. 30**

Dates: Thursday 2024-10-10 1:30PM-3:30PM

Location: Kamloops Sports Council - 1550 Island Parkway Dr.

Come to the Concert: Sycamore String Quartet Plays Bach **\$10.00**

This class in the Come to the Concert series examines one major composer and one composition. The KSO's Sycamore String

Instructor: Rod Michell **Min. 8 Max. 35**

Dates: Thursday 2024-10-10 10:00AM-12:00PM

Location: Parkview Activity Centre - 500 McDonald Avenue

Upper Nicola Burrowing Owl Reintroduction Program **\$10.00**

Burrowing owls were once a common sight in southern BC, but almost disappeared due to the loss of habitat for nesting and

Instructor: Dawn Brodie & Loretta Holmes **Min. 8 Max. 25**

Dates: Wednesday 2024-10-16 1:30PM-3:30PM

Location: Kamloops Sports Council - 1550 Island Parkway Dr.

Establishing and Maintaining Political, Social and Economic Power **\$15.00**

In my previous class, KALS participants discussed both the political spectrum and economic spectrum. Both of these classes

Instructor: Paul Clark **Min. 8 Max. 45**

Dates: Thursday 2024-10-17 1:30PM-4:30PM

Location: Kamloops Sports Council - 1550 Island Parkway Dr.

Art and Conversation: Stories that Animate US **\$10.00**

Highlighting a rich selection of works on paper and animations, Stories that animate us draws from a wide range of collectively

Instructor: Emily Hope **Min. 8 Max. 15**

Dates: Tuesday 2024-10-22 10:00AM-12:00PM

Location: Kamloops Art Gallery - 465 Victoria St.

Financial Planning **\$10.00**

Don't let CRA be the un-intended beneficiary of your Estate. Many Canadians are not adequately prepared to transition their

Instructor: Kelsey Boudreau **Min. 8 Max. 30**

Dates: Thursday 2024-10-24 10:00AM-12:00PM

Location: Kamloops Sports Council - 1550 Island Parkway Dr.

Kelson Hall Introduction and Tour **\$10.00**

Opened less than 2 years ago, 20,000-square-foot Kelson Hall is a state-of-the-art civic building that includes classroom,

Instructor: Terri Runnalls **Min. 8 Max. 20**

Dates: Thursday 2024-10-24 10:00AM-12:00PM

Location: Kelson Hall - 330 St Paul Street

Drawing Botany Home **\$10.00**

Lyn will read from the Prologue of her autobiographical, award winning book, Drawing Botany Home. Participants will then

Instructor: Lyn Baldwin **Min. 8 Max. 20**

Dates: Monday 2024-10-28 10:00AM-12:00PM

Location: Kamloops Sports Council - 1550 Island Parkway Dr.

Toronto's Mayors: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly **\$10.00**

This talk will tell the history of Canada's largest city, from its incorporation in 1834 to today, through the lives and careers of

Instructor: Frank Nicholson **Min. 8 Max. 40**

Dates: Wednesday 2024-10-30 1:30PM-3:30PM

Location: Zoom and Kamloops Sports Council - 1550 Island Parkway Dr

Is Housing a Commodity or a Human Right? \$10.00

Kamloops is experiencing a housing affordability crisis that has significant impacts on our whole community, but what are the

Instructor: Lindsay Harris and Miles Pruden Min. 8 Max. 30

Dates: Wednesday 2024-10-30 1:30PM-3:30PM

Location: North Shore Community Centre - 730 Cottonwood Ave.

Why Creative Problem Solving Makes Innovation and Entrepreneurship More \$10.00

In this interactive talk we will explore creative problem solving as a method of innovation that can improve ethicality,

Instructor: Bruce Martin Min. 8 Max. 30

Dates: Friday 2024-11-01 10:00AM-12:00PM

Location: Kamloops Sports Council - 1550 Island Parkway Dr.

Search, Recovery & Detection K9s of BC Demonstration \$10.00

Search, Rescue & Detection K9s (SRD K9s) is a volunteer organization whose core function is the ongoing search for missing

Instructor: Mike Ritcey Min. 8 Max. 20

Dates: Monday 2024-11-04 10:00AM-12:00PM

Location: Inks Lake Park, Inks Lake Rd, Kamloops, BC V0K 1W0

Great Scientists, Great Science, and what they did. \$10.00

This talk will deal with the contributions of a selected group of about thirty individuals , whose work and innovations advanced

Instructor: Dave Mckinnon Min. 8 Max. 30

Dates: Tuesday 2024-11-05 10:00AM-12:00PM

Location: Kamloops Sports Council - 1550 Island Parkway Dr.

Update on the Wars in Ukraine and Gaza **\$10.00**

A presentation on recent events vis-a-vis the wars in Ukraine and Gaza with a view to discussing the situation on the ground,

Instructor: Major-General Denis Thompson **Min. 8 Max. 40**

Dates: Wednesday 2024-11-06 1:30PM-3:30PM

Location: Zoom and Kamloops Sports Council - 1550 Island Parkway Dr

Georgia, Azerbaijan and Armenia **\$10.00**

Travel to the rarely visited countries of Georgia, Azerbaijan and Armenia. Marvel at Baku's architecture, Georgia's food and

Instructor: Helen Parkyn **Min. 8 Max. 40**

Dates: Tuesday 2024-11-12 9:30AM-11:30AM

Location: Kamloops Sports Council - 1550 Island Parkway Dr.

A Conversation about Science Misinformation **\$20.00**

Have you felt that people's explanations about science have been confusing and contradictory? Let's have a chat about what

Instructor: Susan Hammond **Min. 8 Max. 30**

Dates: Thursday 2024-11-14 1:30PM-3:30PM

Location: Big Little Science Center - 458 Seymour St.

Come to the Concert: Palestrina Mozart & Beyond **\$10.00**

The third in the Come to the Concert series, explores classical choral music in the a capella tradition, that is voices without

Instructor: Rod Michell **Min. 8 Max. 35**

Dates: Thursday 2024-11-15 10:00AM-12:00PM

Location: Parkview Activity Centre - 500 McDonald Avenue

Kamloops Residential School Tour **\$15.00**

The Kamloops Residential School that we see across the South Thompson River today was in operation from 1923 to 1977. The

Instructor: Ryan Watson **Min. 10 Max. 30**

Dates: Friday 2024-11-15 10:00AM-11:30AM

Location: Kamloops Residential School, 330 Chief Alex Thomas Way, Kamloops,

Walking the Camino de Santiago along the Camino Portuguese and Camino **\$10.00**

Are you curious about the Camino routes across Europe to Santiago de Compostella? Cynthia will share her experiences and

Instructor: Cynthia Hunter **Min. 8 Max. 40**

Dates: Monday 2024-11-18 10:00AM-12:00PM

Location: Kamloops Sports Council - 1550 Island Parkway Dr.

Art and Conversation: Pieces **\$10.00**

Through visual strategies that embrace humour and play, Adrian Romeo explores the human condition and reflects on her own

Instructor: Emily Hope **Min. 8 Max. 15**

Dates: Tuesday 2024-11-19 10:00AM-12:00PM

Location: Kamloops Art Gallery - 465 Victoria St.

European Family Vacation **\$10.00**

A Month-long trip in pictures through London, The Netherlands, and Germany.

Instructor: Gary Unser **Min. 8 Max. 40**

Dates: Monday 2025-12-03 1:30PM-3:30PM

Location: Kamloops Sports Council - 1550 Island Parkway Dr.

Come to the Concert: Christmas with the KSO

\$10.00

The fourth Come to the Concert class helps you with your musical preparations for Christmastime. The Kamloops Symphony

Instructor: Rod Michell

Min. 8 Max. 35

Dates: Friday 2024-12-11 10:00AM-12:00PM

Location: Parkview Activity Centre - 500 McDonald Avenue

FALL 2024 Multi Session Course Descriptions

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| Understanding & Supporting Children with a Communication Disability | \$30.00 |
| Children with a communication disabilities need support inside and outside their homes to develop their abilities to send | |
| Instructor: Nadine Fort | Min. 8 Max. 25 |
| Dates: Friday 2024-09-06 10:00AM-12:00PM | |
| Location: Parkview Activity Centre - 500 McDonald Avenue | |
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| The Odyssey | \$50.00 |
| The Odyssey—the story of Odysseus’ journey home—we all know it but not so many of us have read it. Western culture is | |
| Instructor: Rod Michell | Min. 8 Max. 25 |
| Dates: Tuesday 2024-09-10 1:30PM-3:30PM | |
| Location: Kamloops Sports Council - 1550 Island Parkway Dr. | |
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| Ripeness is All: The Spiritual Journey(s) of King Lear | \$25.00 |
| Ripeness is All-The Spiritual Journey(s) of KING LEAR, will be a deep exploration of this masterpiece, examining the | |
| Instructor: Christopher Weddell | Min. 8 Max. 25 |
| Dates: Wednesday 2024-09-11 1:30PM-3:30PM | |
| Location: Kamloops Sports Council - 1550 Island Parkway Dr. | |
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News and Views**\$50.00**

Do you like to talk about the news stories of the week? If you do we invite you to join moderator Ray Pillar and the students of

Instructor: Ray Pillar**Min. 10 Max. 15****Dates: Friday 2024-09-13 1:30PM-3:30PM****Location: Kamloops Sports Council - 1550 Island Parkway Dr.**

Qigong**\$20.00**

Qigong was developed in China thousands of years ago as part of traditional Chinese medicine. It involves using exercises to

Instructor: Chelsea Gimby**Min. 8 Max. 30****Dates: Monday 2024-09-16 10:00AM-11:00AM****Location: Parkview Activity Centre - 500 McDonald Avenue**

A Taste of Humour In Canadian Fiction**\$30.00**

Canadian fiction has long been informed by humour and satire, particularly in the past half-century, a time of monumental

Instructor: Ginny Ratsoy**Min. 8 Max. 20****Dates: Tuesday 2024-10-01 10:00AM-12:00PM****Location: Kamloops Sports Council - 1550 Island Parkway Dr.**

The Philosophy of Rock Music**\$50.00**

Rock music was a vital part of the societal transformations of the 1950s and 60s. This course will look at the history of rock

Instructor: Bruce Baugh**Min. 8 Max. 35****Dates: Friday 2024-11-08 10:00AM-12:00PM****Location: Kamloops Sports Council - 1550 Island Parkway Dr.**

Musical Theatre: Stephen Sondheim**\$15.00**

Stephen Sondheim is generally regarded in the theatre community as one of the most influential composers who ever lived.

Instructor: Julie Simmons**Min. 8 Max. 40****Dates: Wednesday 2024-11-20 1:30PM-3:30PM****Location: Kamloops Sports Council - 1550 Island Parkway Dr.**

Kamloops Adult Learners Society

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| Bill Gilroy | Bill Gilroy is a teacher in the public school system. He has worked with Ducks Unlimited, as a BC Parks interpreter, field wildlife research technician (squirrels, woodpeckers, rattlesnakes, amphibians, aquatic invertebrates), and was Education Director at the BC Wildlife Park from 1991-98 . He. He is currently a member of a team working to help protect Python Lake in Pineview. |
| Blackwell Dairy Farm Employees | Blackwell Dairy farm employees will be conducting this tour. |
| Bruce Baugh | Bruce Baugh taught philosophy at Thompson Rivers University for 28 years. He has authored two books and one translation, as well as numerous articles in scholarly journals. His main interests are rock music, blues, walking, and Continental philosophy. |
| Bruce Martin | Bruce Martin is a Professor of Human Enterprise and Innovation at TRU where his teaching and research focuses on entrepreneurship and innovation for social good. In 2018, Bruce and his colleagues created the Innovation for Social Good cluster, a collaboration that studies how to create, scale and sustain social enterprises especially in interior B.C. His latest research examines how social enterprises succeed, and fail, when attempting to scale up globally. He has experience creating, managing and leading non profit government and academic organizations. Bruce spent 17 years living and working in Asia and Europe. |
| Chelsea Gimby | Chelsea is a registered Acupuncturist with 18 years of experience. She studied Quigong as part of professional development both in Canada and China. Qigong can be practiced by anybody |
| Christopher Weddell | Christopher Weddell is a founding member and past Artistic Associate of Bard On The Beach. He has written several plays, including the book and lyrics for the upcoming musical version of W. O. Mitchell's Who Has Seen The Wind. Most recently, Christopher has directed Love and Information, and his own adaptation of Gary Geddes poem cycle Falsework (The Canadian College Of Performing Arts). Other directing credits include the Jessie nominated Richard II (Bard On The Beach), and Waiting For Godot at Kaspar Theater, Prague. Last spring he directed George Johnson's Boomerangst (Chimera Theatre) & Sea Wall (Mad Fox), A veteran acting mentor, Christopher has taught acting and Shakespeare workshops in Prague, Lennox, Massachusetts and all across Canada. He is a past recipient of the Edmund Kean Sword Award from Bard On The Beach. Last year, he was presented with an honorary Doctor Of Letters from Thompson Rivers University. He has played "Little Lear" (Gloucester) three times. |
| Cynthia Hunter | Cynthia, a retired Physiotherapist, discovered the joys (and woes) of slow travel while exploring routes of the World Heritage Camino de Santiago. In addition to walking and hiking, Cynthia enjoys biking, paddling and cross country skiing. |

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| Dave Mckinnon | Dr. Mckinnon holds B.Sc. (Hons.) (1960) and Ph.D. (1963) degrees in Chemistry from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. From 1965-2001, he was a faculty member in the Chemistry Department at the University of Manitoba. He maintained an active research program and authored or coauthored 74 refereed papers, two reviews and three book chapters, and presented papers at international conferences. He has taught courses, mainly Organic Chemistry, at all university levels and received the Stanton Teaching Award from the University of Manitoba in 1995. He has a continuing interest in scientific education and a wide range of hobbies, including travel, playing the clarinet, woodworking and genealogy. |
| Dawn Brodie | Dawn is a Registered Veterinary Technologist who worked for many years in the BC cattle industry. She has more than 30 years of experience working to conserve Burrowing Owl populations and since 2014 has coordinated the reintroduction activities at the Upper Nicola Band's Burrowing Owl sites. |
| Eden McKay | Eden is the Food Sovereignty Coordinator at the Kamloops Food Policy Council, where she is responsible for leading the groundwork to foster interconnectivity between the KFPC's diverse food sovereignty programs. Eden is a horticulturist whose work focuses on food security and urban ecological health. She facilitates the Community Seed Library. |
| Elliot Andrew | Elliot is the Farm Coordinator for our Butler Urban Farm. He takes care of plants and farm maintenance and introduces visitors and volunteers to the space. He in his final year of Natural Resource Science at TRU and is passionate about gardening, community building, cooperatives, foraging, and native plants and ecosystems. Elliot is excited to provide free produce for our community through BUF. He is also attempting to document all of the different insect/arthropod species observed at the farm. |
| Emily Bootle | Emily Bootle is a licensed mortician, a death educator and advocate and a folksy funeral director. She is a passionate advocate for green burial and alternative sustainable death care options. In 2020 she founded Death Care BC to support the needs of health care providers and the bereaved. |
| Emily Hope | Emily Hope is Education and Public Programs Coordinator for the Kamloops Art Gallery. Originally from Ontario, Emily completed a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at TRU in 2012 and began working at KAG that same year. Either Emily or her colleague leads KALS' participants in a conversational exploration of the art in each exhibition. |
| Frank Nicholson | Frank Nickolson lives in Toronto, where he earned a PhD in British history from the University of Toronto. Since retiring, he's been very active in Canada's later life-learning movement, leading twenty peer-learning study groups at two organizations, one in Toronto, the other (by Zoom) in Montreal. Frank was an early advocate of using internet videoconferencing to collaborate across provincial and international boundaries. For the past 5 years, he's mounted a monthly transatlantic public affairs discussion forum with participants from Canada, the UK, the US, and Ireland. Frank has led several Zoom courses for KALS in the past. |
| Gary Usner | Gary Usner is a married father of 2 beautiful children who bravely took them for a month-long trip through Europe. |

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| Ginny Ratsoy | Ginny Ratsoy, TRU Professor Emerita, has been teaching KALS classes on Canadian literature since 2007. The enthusiasm, wit, and wisdom of KALS members helps keep her brain active. She also enjoys writing for the British Columbia Review (and other venues) and working as newsletter editor, a coordinator and a board member for KALS. |
| Helen Parkyn | Born in England and trained as a nurse and midwife, Helen Parkyn spent 3 years working her way around the world and could find nowhere better to live than BC. After various postings, two years of University work, and a posting with the BC Health Service, she retired from work but not from travelling. Helen is one of the few people who has visited over 100 countries and still loves to travel. |
| Jess Payette | Jess is the Stirfront Coordinator, helping plan and co-create community development around food. She is excited to help bring the Stirfront to life and connect community through events, workshops and other food initiatives |
| Julie Simmons | Julie Simmons has a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Education Degree from Memorial University in Newfoundland. Her passions in life (besides her husband, Rodney) include musical history, Disney, and Christmas. Since 2017, she has been the host of the CFBX radio show, "On the Marquee", which is now syndicated across Canada. In December 2023, Julie published her first novel, "That's How You Know". |
| Kathy Palos | Kathy Palos was the previous curator of the Ashcroft Museum for 21 years. Along with her duties as the curator, Kathy enjoyed and continues to enjoy sharing the history of Ashcroft through her walking tours. |
| Kelsey Boudreau | With a desire to guide people to enhance their financial outcomes, Kelsey joined IG Private Wealth Management in 2016. She achieved the prestigious Pillar Award ¹ each year for her first four years at IG. Kelsey's core value is to help clients realize their dreams and achieve their goals through sound financial planning. Whether working with professionals, business owners or families, Kelsey's primary focus is building long-term relationships through personalized service and proven advice that people can count on. She believes strongly in giving back, supporting, and helping people in the community. |
| Kent Fawcett | Kent is a highly skilled food entrepreneur and founder of Local Pulse. He has a background in Biochemistry and stemcell technologies. Kent is passionate about food and excited by the opportunity to work with prospective food entrepreneurs to turn their dream products into a 'made in Kamloops' reality. |
| Lindsay Harris | Lindsay Harris is a community developer and researcher. She has a PhD from UBCO and a background in agriculture and food systems, affordable housing, community economic development, rural and small city resilience and grassroots community decision making. She is a co-owner of Tapestry Collective Co-op and the food policy implementation lead for the Kamloops Food Policy Council. Lindsay is the co-founder and president of the Propolis Cooperative Housing Society, which aims to build affordable, sustainable housing in the Kamloops region. |
| Loretta Holmes | Loretta is a member of the Upper Nicola Band where she is the Senior Cultural Heritage Technician. She has a background in environmental monitoring, wildlife management, and forestry that includes bird and mammal inventory surveys on Upper Nicola Band reserves. She has been involved in the Burrowing Owl reintroduction program since 2014. |

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| Lyn Baldwin | Lyn is an award winning teacher and plant conservation biologist, who teaches Botany at TRU. She works to cultivate care between the people and plants of place by sharing the stories she finds with her illustrated field journals in art galleries, journals and science museums. |
| Major-General Denis Thompson | Major-General (Retired) Denis Thompson served 39 years in the Canadian Army deploying at home and abroad in Cyprus, Germany, Bosnia, Afghanistan, and Egypt including command of NATO's Task Force Kandahar (2008/2009), Canada's Special Operations Forces (2011-2014) and the Multinational Force & Observers in the Sinai (2014 to 2017). Since retirement he has lectured at various Canadian universities as well as serving as a Senior Mentor and Instructor at the Canadian Forces College, Toronto. He remains engaged in veterans' issues through Aman Lara and the Concussion Legacy Foundation Canada. He returned to service in an honorary capacity in 2021 as the Colonel of the Regiment for The Royal Canadian Regiment. |
| Mike Ritcey | Mike Ritcey has volunteered with Search, Rescue & Detection K9s (SRD K9s) of BC for many years. His dog, Ranger, has been involved in a large number of searches and is still going strong. They are both kept busy assisting with up to 80 searches per year! Ranger is validated by the RCMP for Wilderness Search and is also validated for Narcotics for the private security industry. |
| Miles Pruden | Miles Pruden is a construction project manager with a talent for designing and building high performance buildings at cost at or below conventional construction costs. Miles is the owner of Nextbuild Construction. Miles recently completed construction of a net-zero 4-plex on Schubert Drive, which is Kamloops' best performing multi-family building for energy usage. He also built a childcare facility, which achieves net-zero energy and significantly outperformed the average construction cost per childcare space in BC (\$27,000 compared to \$40,000) |
| Nadine Fort | Nadine Fort is a speech/language therapist who spent forty years providing therapy and support for people (primarily children and teens) with communication disabilities. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master's of Arts degree in Communication Disorders from the University of Minnesota, Duluth. After many years of working in Manitoba, Nadine moved to Kamloops in 2017 and joined Meridian Rehabilitation Consulting Inc. where she remained until her retirement in the fall of 2023. Now with such a surge in the numbers of children with communication disabilities, Nadine would like to share her knowledge and support strategies with the broader community. |
| Patricia Spencer | Patricia Spencer is a retired teacher and environmental educator, who has done volunteer work in the areas of water stewardship, sustainability and environmental advocacy. Patricia is a member of the recently- formed Pineview Trails and Environment Committee. |
| Paul Clark | At Thompson Rivers University, Paul Clark has been a faculty member in the School of Business and Economics since 2007, delivering courses in marketing, international business, and organizational strategy. His domestic work experience has been in the non-profit and entrepreneurial sectors. Abroad he has worked in both large multi-national companies and smaller entrepreneurial start-up ventures. In addition to travelling, he enjoys playing golf, and is developing a new hobby -- lawn bowling. |
| Peter Konikow | Peter Konikov is the curator of the Ashcroft Museum. Originally from Vancouver where he worked for many years in an art gallery, Peter has made his home in the historic Venables Valley for the past 4 years. |

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| Rabbi Marcy Gofsky | Rabbi Dr. Marcia Gofsky holds a Doctorate in Social Sciences, Royal Roads University, Victoria BC, Rabbinic Ordination from Jewish Spiritual Leaders Institute and an MA in Public and Pastoral Leadership with a specialty in Spiritual Care from the Vancouver School of Theology. Locally, Rabbi Marcy offers services in the community, is an educator and leader, and faith prayer leader at community events. She loves to bring people together for dialogue and discussion, with a focus on Peace and Justice. She enjoys her role as multifaith and interfaith Chaplain serving as a hospital Chaplain. |
| Ray Pillar | Ray Pillar is a retired Thompson Rivers University administrator and Political Science instructor and former teaching assistant at the University of Victoria and York University. He continues to be a political commentator and is a keen follower of Canadian and International politics. In addition to teaching KALS classes in various political science topics including China and public policy, Ray has led the KALS weekly News & Views class for 13 years and in 2020 received KALS Volunteer Award for dedicated service. |
| Rev. Andrew Macpherson | Rev. Andrew Macpherson is grateful to be serving in Kamloops United Church. He graduated from Emanuel College, University of Toronto in the M Div, MPS in Muslim studies program and in the Buddhist Studies Mindful Meditation program. The two aspects of ministry Andrew enjoys most are pastoral relations and preaching. Andrew describes his pastoral identity as preaching the gospel of Jesus in a multi-religious and secular world. Andrew adds a sense of humour to his ministry and loves inter-faith collaboration. |
| Rod Michell | Rod holds a Master's degree in English literature from Oxford University, Now retired, he taught for 38 years at TRU, and before that several years at Selkirk College. Rod has been teaching for KALS for 18 years and has taught at least one and often two courses in every semester over those 18 years. |
| Ryan Watson | Ryan is the Museum Interpreter at the Secwépemc Museum & Heritage Park. The tour maybe led by another guide from the Secwépemc Museum & Heritage Park. |
| Sandra Vermeulen | Dr. Sandra Vermeulen completed her PhD in Psychology at Simon Fraser University where her sub-discipline was psychology and the law (experimental forensic psychology). She is a retired Thompson Rivers University faculty member and taught courses in social psychology, psychology and the law, research methods, and statistics. Her research focused on the application of social cognitive processes to criminal thinking, juror decision-making, and other legal processes. |
| Sharon Harris | Sharon Harris is a past president and former Curriculum Committee chair at the Academy for Lifelong Learning Toronto. Her personal interests revolve around all the arts, and Sharon pursued a combined career as an educator and a fine art photographer |

Kamloops Adult Learners Society

FALL 2024 VENUES

Kamloops Sports Council Meeting Room - 1550 Island Parkway, McArthur Island.

Enter the door on the south side of the building, closest to the mini golf course with the ramp.

Thistle Farm- 710 Dairy Rd, Kamloops, BC V2B 8N5

Kamloops Art Gallery – 465 Victoria Street, Kamloops

Kamloops Centre for Water Quality- 1315 River St, Kamloops, BC V2C 1Y7

Metallurgy- 2957 Bowers Place, Kamloops BC V1S 1Z2

Kamloops Therapeutic Riding Association- 4155 Shuswap Road, Kamloops BC, V2H 1S8

Big Little Science Centre - 458 Seymour Street, Kamloops

Paid parking only close to BLSC or 2-hour free parking on streets further away.

Farmstrong Cidery- 4300 Maw Rd, Armstrong, BC V0E 1B4

Kalamalka Forestry Centre- 3401 Reservoir Rd, Vernon, BC V1B 2C7

Northshore Library- 693 Tranquille Rd, Kamloops, BC V2B 3H7

Wells Gray Park- 416 Eden Rd, Clearwater, BC V0E 1N1

Rose Hill Course- Rose Hill Road, Kamloops, BC V2E 2E3

Turtle Valley Donkey Refuge- 7877 Skimikin Rd, Chase, BC V0E 1M1

Parkview Activity Centre - 500 McDonald Ave, Kamloops, BC, V2B 3S9

Ashcroft Museum - 404 Brink St., Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0

Pineview Nature Park - 1925 Hugh Allan Dr

Kelson Hall - 330 St. Paul Street

Blackwell Dairy Farm - 7000 Blackwell Rd, Kamloops, BC V2C 6V7

Kamloops United Church - 421 St. Paul Street