

Greetings to our TSC members!

Fall courses are well underway with many of them completed or nearing completion. We appreciate feedback so don't hesitate to get in touch with us at: tsccordinator@gmail.com or 506-364-2780.

Regional committees are now preparing a list of courses to be offered during the winter term and most courses will start during the last week of January. We are very happy to report that a new committee has been formed for the greater Moncton/Dieppe/Riverview area and classes will resume in the winter term!

Registrations for the winter term are:

Sackville Region	Monday, January 14
Amherst Region	Tuesday, January 15
Codiac Region	Wednesday, January 16
Shediac Region	Thursday, January 17

The name Codiac region replaces the name we formally used for the Moncton area. As many of you know the classes for this fall term were cancelled because of a shortage of volunteers needed to maintain the college's presence in the area. However, under the leadership of Karen Mills, a strong supporter of the Seniors' College, a committee of eight volunteers are putting together a list of courses, searching out venues and will be prepared to offer courses in January.

We are sending out this message to you as we need some feedback on **three** items.

First - a Sackville course, entitled *Pets*, was offered at September's registrations. It elicited only one registration, resulting in its cancellation. We are wondering if that was due to a poor choice of title or if, in fact, there is no interest in learning about pets at this stage of life. The topics for the course were: choosing a pet, care requirements, training methods, grooming, and travelling with pets. Presenters included a veterinarian, a trainer, and a groomer. If you think we should try to offer this course at another time, would you please send a message to our coordinator: tsccordinator@gmail.com or 506-364-2780

Second – there is a course that is proposed for the winter session entitled *Let's Do a Play!* This course is quite different in that it requires a greater time commitment and is participatory in nature. Registration is required by December 7th and the number of registrants will be limited. Based on the replies we receive by December 7th, a decision will be made on whether the course will be offered this winter. To register, contact: tsccordinator@gmail.com or 506-364-2780

Let's Do A Play!

The goal of the course is to take participants through a series of fun and rewarding acting & theatre workshops culminating in a performance of a one act comedic play involving 3 performances in front of a paying audience. Those who participate in the course will end up with either an acting role or a backstage role. Thus there is still a place in the course for those who specifically do not want to act in the final show but prefer to work behind the scenes!

The course will be led by Stephen Puddle who has worked in community and professional theatre for over 30 years in New Zealand, Australia, Europe and Canada. He is also the Artistic and Founding Director of Sackville's Community Theatre "The Performers' Company". Stephen has worked with all ages during his years in theatre and aims to provide a safe and welcoming environment for all who attend.

The course will include:

Understanding the place of theatre in our world

The different types of theatre

How to create a character

Voice and movement

Improvisation (i.e.: acting without a script)

How to approach a script so you understand the storyline and the place your character has in it

Theatre etiquette and how to learn lines

Elements of staging a play (i.e.: set, costumes, makeup, etc)

The course will take place during the winter months with the following schedule:-

Every Tuesday, starting January 15th

Hours: 10.00am to 12.30pm

Length: 9 weeks

Final Tuesday: March 12th.

There will be up to 15 additional hours of rehearsal, dress rehearsal and then the performance!

Considerations to keep in mind for those wishing to take this course:

Please come with ...

An open mind and willingness to “give things a go”.

A commitment to have fun while you learn!

As much as possible, a commitment to attend the whole course, especially the last 4 weeks when rehearsals for the actual production will take place in earnest and thus absences by participants will make things difficult.

An additional course fee of \$30-\$40 per person to assist with scripts, costume and set costs, theatre hire, publicity and materials.

An understanding that you will need to learn lines if you would like to take an acting role in the final show.

Third - a winter course to be offered in Sackville:

A Course based on the book

The Hare with Amber Eyes: A Hidden Inheritance

by

Edmund de Waal

Picador Press

Penny Mott has offered to facilitate this course which will be made up of discussion sessions based on this family memoir with members of the class each taking turns leading the talk. The first class will discuss this fascinating book as a whole - the author, Edmund de Waal, a renowned potter, the Ephrussi family, and the Japanese netsuke. At the following classes, one or more class participants will present on a section of the book for further discussion. If class participants desire an information session at the Mount Allison library on current research protocols, that will be set up. Times have changed at libraries! This book will undoubtedly provide a most interesting and informative course as we explore European life of the very wealthy from the 1870's to post-war Japan.

Those who would be interested in this course should acquire this book and read it *before* the winter session courses begin in mid-January. No need to pre-register.

We hope to hear from you!

Have a wonderful holiday season and see you at registration!