Spring Course Request Starts November 28

- CWA Spring 2018 catalogs will be mailed the week of November 17.
- The course request period runs from November 28 until December 3.
- Seats will be assigned and you’ll receive an email notifying you of your spring schedule on December 4.
- Registration for the spring continues through March 2018 if you miss the first week, but be aware more courses will be full the later you register.
- You can look up your complete registration anytime. Just log in to the online registration site to see your account.

No Classes Thanksgiving Week

There will be no classes during Thanksgiving week (November 23-27). Also, please note the office will be closed for the holiday starting at noon on Wednesday, November 25 and will reopen on Monday, November 30.

Don’t Forget!

- The Instructor Appreciation Reception for fall will be held on Monday, December 11 at 1:30 pm at Legacy Hall, 4301 New Town Avenue, Williamsburg, VA.

- Fall Back -- Daylight Savings Time ends on November 5. Remember to
set your clocks back.

The Aging Brain: Why Getting Older Just Might be Awesome!

The Powerpoint slides for this popular Town & Gown lecture are posted on the CWA website here. Tina Thomas, Director, Programs & Services, Greater Richmond Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association, was the guest speaker.

A Reminder About Town & Gown

For over twenty years our members have enjoyed the Town and Gown Noon Lecture Series. It’s a wonderful way for us to learn more about what is going on both in the College and in the Williamsburg communities, and a time to socialize with our friends over a brown bag lunch.

All speakers lend their expertise and give interesting presentations. Sometimes, however, our members are especially drawn to a certain topic or speaker. Such was the case last month when President and CEO Mitchell Reiss gave a talk entitled “Colonial Williamsburg: The Times They Are A-Changing.”

Unfortunately some of our members had not remembered that Town & Gown is an activity and, like all CWA courses and activities, they must be registered for it in order to attend. Anticipating a large crowd, we cross-checked our lists to make sure that those who had registered would get a seat.

We appreciate our members’ understanding of our CWA policies, and remind you that if you wish to attend Town & Gown lectures next semester, please be sure to register for it.

Public Parking Rates Increased Near Little Theatre

The public lot where you park to attend classes at Little Theatre (Campus Center) has raised its rates to $2 per hour. Our
apologies, but CWA cannot control Colonial Williamsburg’s parking prices.

The Prince George parking garage at 230 N. Henry Street is still $1 per hour.

Volunteer Opportunities at Scholastic Bowl

The Scholastic Bowl State Championship Tournament is sponsored by the Virginia High School League and hosted by The College of William and Mary. It will take place on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at Sadler Center and James Blair Hall. The one-day event brings to campus teams from 24 high schools across the Commonwealth. At the end of the day there will be a state champion and runner-up team in each of the 6 size-of-school categories, plus an All-State team. The teams include many of the brightest high school students in Virginia. The College hosts about 150 student contestants, many parents, siblings, friends and 24 coaches.

For more than 10 years the Scholastic Bowl Steering Committee of the Christopher Wren Association has handled local arrangements on behalf of W&M. Jean Scott is the present Chair. Local arrangements include: reserving the rooms in which to hold the competition, arranging for set-up and AV, identifying parking for visitors, planning a continental breakfast and recruiting about 60 volunteers to register the teams as they arrive and to run the 12 matches. Much of that work already is underway. Recruiting tends to begin in January.

Are you interested? Would you like to help? If so, contact Don Darnton at 564-7116 or dcdarnton@aol.com.

Take a Trip to Virginia’s Northern Neck

There are just a few spots left for our special event day trip to Virginia’s Northern Neck on November 17. We will spend the day visiting Stratford Hall, George Washington Birthplace Monument, and Ingleside Vineyards. Cost is $85 per person and includes transportation, lunch, and
tours. Log in to the registration site to register and pay. Deadline is November 3.

We Celebrate the Service of all U.S. Military Veterans on November 11.

CHEERS! CWA members enjoyed an evening of fine dining and wine pairings at A Chef’s Kitchen last month.
Inclement Weather Policy

CWA cancels any classes, lectures, activities (including Town & Gown), and training if the Williamsburg/James City County (WJCC) schools close. (If there is only a delay, CWA continues as scheduled.) A weather cancellation message will be on the CWA office line (757-221-1506) and on the WJCC web site (https://wjccschools.org). Please note, you will not be personally contacted.

13 Years and 108 Books Later

Bob Carboni Ends a Chapter

Among the greatest gifts a parent can give a child is a love of books which leads to a lifelong enjoyment of reading. Such was the case with CWA instructor Bob Carboni, who has spent over a decade leading the Christopher Wren Association Book Lovers Discussion Group.

When Bob was a young boy growing up in Ridgefield, Connecticut, the statue commemorating the Revolutionary War skirmish in his hometown intrigued him. His mother appreciated his interest in history and gave him a book entitled Boys of ’76. From then on, Bob was hooked on books.

After graduating from Ohio University with a degree in journalism, Bob had a long and successful career in business communications. When he and his wife, MJ, began thinking about leaving their Wisconsin home upon retirement, one of the things most important to them was to live in a university town with a college friendly to seniors. “William and Mary certainly filled the bill!” remembers Bob.

The first year they were in Williamsburg, Bob started taking CWA courses,
including the book discussion group. When the instructor moved away Bob
was asked to be the new coordinator. Now 13 years and 108 books later, Bob
has decided he would like to step away from the role of group leader and
return to his student chair.

Bob has several criteria to select titles for the Book Lovers Discussion Group.
The book should have a moral issue or issues; it must be well-written with
identifiable characters; the story should take place in an interesting setting;
and it should not exceed 350 pages. From the dozens of books read, which
ones seemed to be group favorites? Loving Frank by Nancy Horan, The
Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot, Caleb’s Crossing by
Geraldine Brooks, and Destiny of the Republic by Candice Millard. And
although Bob chose the books, most semesters he enlisted other group
members to lead three out of every four discussions.

Bob has enjoyed his time with this lively group in part, he says, because
“People who read a lot like to know what other people think.” One thing that
his dedicated and grateful students think is that Bob has been an outstanding
Book Lovers coordinator! Thanks, Bob!

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