

The background features a stylized American flag motif. At the top, there are thick, wavy stripes of red, white, and blue. Below these, the background is a light blue field filled with numerous small stars in white, light blue, and red. The word "EXPLORATIONS" is prominently displayed in the center.

EXPLORATIONS

**Craven Community College Foundation
The Lifetime Learning Center
Programs 2025-26**

**Featuring news and information for Craven Community College's
Community Enrichment Program - New classes begin this Fall!**

ABOUT THE LIFETIME LEARNING CENTER

We hope you'll join us for adventures near and far.

This brochure is your invitation to join Craven Community College Foundation's **Lifetime Learning Center (LLC)** for a wide variety of programs and activities.

Whether it's a film that intrigues, a performance that inspires, a Broadway production that excites, or a regional tour that delights, we hope you will find the LLC to be a resource that enhances your quality of life and satisfies your quest for adventures both near and far.

The LLC is a concept-based program that embraces accomplished adults who are seeking multiple and diverse opportunities in learning for the pure pleasure of it. We are keenly aware that our community is brimming with individuals, both natives and newcomers, who have completed their formal education but are still active and hungry for interesting and diverse learning experiences. We hope you'll join us for all we have to offer.

On pages 16 and 17 of this publication, you will also find information about the College's Community Engagement Program (CEP). The wide variety of classes offered by the CEP allows students of all ages and interests to experience the joy of taking up a new hobby or special interest just for the fun of it.

This year, the Lifetime Learning Center celebrates America's 250th birthday with a variety of programming that celebrates our nation's history, heritage, and diverse culture. We also welcome three corporate sponsors: **Brice Pointe, Independent Living Home Care Agency, and Signature Wealth Strategies.** Their generous support of LLC programming allows us to offer many of our community outreach programs free of charge, including the International Film Series. Our concert and performance events are, in turn, offered at a reduced ticket price. Many thanks to our 2025-26 Corporate Sponsors!



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Join the Lifetime Learning Center on this tour through Austria, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, and Bavaria, Germany. Journey through spectacular mountain scenery and picturesque cities as you experience three Alpine countries. Spend four nights

each in the UNESCO World Heritage city of Bern, the charming Alpine city of Innsbruck, and three nights in the opulent city of Vienna. The hills are alive on this enchanting journey across Switzerland, Austria, and Bavaria.

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Mountain village of Habkern
Lucerne, the "Swiss paradise on the lake"
Austrian Alps
Liechtenstein's capital city, Vaduz
Innsbruck
Salzburg - Mirabel Gardens
Tyrolean Folklore Show
Linderhof Palace
Ettal Abbey and Basilica
Bavarian brewery
Train to Vienna
Vienna city tour
Schönbrunn Palace (optional tour)



We have an initial block booking of 44 reserved seats, with availability on a first-come, first-served basis. Registrations will be secured from the date deposits are received by AAA. **The registration deadline is 12/11/2025** to secure your place.

For a complete brochure, including tour pricing, day-by-day itinerary, and registration forms visit our website at www.CravencC.edu/LLC.

Join us for a FREE information and registration session.

Wednesday, October 1, 2025 - 3:00 p.m.
Bosch - AMC - Room #102
Ward Hall - New Bern Campus

EXPLORATIONS: THE INTERNATIONAL FILM SERIES



2025

Friday, September 5

LAAPATAA LADIES

2024 - India - Hindi
Comedy/Drama - TV-14

Deepak, a farmer, travels back from the big city to his small village in India with Phool, his new bride. They travel aboard a crowded passenger train filled to the brim with many other newlywed couples.

When they arrive at their destination, Deepak mistakenly gets off the train with the wrong bride, leaving his new wife behind with another groom.

The family welcomes the wrong bride. Meanwhile, Phool discovers the mix-up and, refusing to return home and bring shame to her family, she decides to stay at the station, hoping her groom will rescue her.

The ensuing events are humorous and poignant, leading the characters on an unexpected journey. (122 minutes)



Friday, October 3

NOWHERE SPECIAL

2020 - UK/ Ireland - English
Drama - NR

When John (James Norton), a thirty-four-year-old window cleaner, learns he has only a few months to live, he tries desperately to find the perfect family for his three-year-old son, Michael.

During a series of auditions, various potential parental pairs come forward, but most turn out to be unsuitable. One exception is a woman who, after giving up a child for adoption as a teenager, learned she couldn't have biological children.

With sympathetic acquaintances and eager social workers urging him to choose, John feels immense pressure, as this decision is crucial for Michael's future. (118 minutes)



Friday, November 7

THE BELIER FAMILY

2014 - France - French/Sign Language/Spanish/English
Comedy/Drama/Music - NR

For the Bélier family, sixteen-year-old Paula is the essential interpreter for her deaf parents and brother. Despite her family's inability to hear, Paula has a notable talent for singing and is rehearsing iconic French songs with her choir. Her teacher encourages her to audition for a prestigious music college in Paris, which could pave the way for a promising future.

Paula tries to balance her family responsibilities, all while dealing with her demanding music teacher and a crush on Gabriel, the other star of the school choir. Will Paula leave her family for a future in music? (106 minutes)



2026

Friday, January 9

THE GOOD BOSS

2022 - Spain - Spanish/Arabic
Comedy/Drama - NR

The Good Boss takes place at the Blancos Básculas factory, where maintaining balance is essential, as they manufacture scales of all shapes and sizes. The seemingly benevolent boss (Javier Bardem) is preparing his workforce for an upcoming inspection by a group visiting local businesses who will select one for a prestigious award.

Tensions escalate when José, a recently fired employee, appears with his two children and demands to be reinstated. As the story unfolds, it's discovered that questionable practices have occurred. How good of a boss is he really? Dive into the complexities of a workplace where management claims to "treat employees like family." (116 minutes)



Friday, February 6 **MR. MALCOLM'S LIST**

2022 – UK/England – English
Costume Drama/Romance – PG

Clergyman's daughter Selina Dolton and aristocrat Julia Thistlewaite have been best friends since their time at boarding school. When ambitious Julia begs Selina for help dispensing revenge after being rejected by the elusive Jeremy Malcolm, Selina eagerly agrees to assist her.

The wealthy Mr. Malcolm has compiled a list of attributes and qualities that any potential bride must possess. Julia and her cousin Lord Cassidy enlist Selina's help, hoping that Mr. Malcolm might be captivated by her charm and beauty. However, things take an unexpected turn when Selina confesses her genuine feelings for Mr. Malcolm. (117 minutes)

Friday, March 6 **THE LAST RIFLEMAN**

2023 – UK/Ireland – English
Drama – PG-13

Artie Crawford (Pierce Brosnan) is a World War II veteran living in a care home in Northern Ireland who has just lost his wife. He is also experiencing unsettling flashbacks from the war. On the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy, Artie decides to escape the care home to embark on a challenging journey to France. His goal is to pay his final respects to his best friend and find the courage to confront the ghosts of his past.

Throughout his journey, Artie relies on the kindness of strangers and encounters unique challenges, all while grappling with memories from his past. (116 minutes)

Friday, April 10 **THE ROAD DANCE**

2021 – UK/Scotland – English
Drama - NR

Kirsty is a young woman living in Garenin with her widowed mother and sister. She dreams of moving to America with her boyfriend, Murdo, but their plans are abruptly interrupted when he and other young men are called to serve in The Great War.

The town holds a cèilidh to honor them before they leave the following day. Later that night, Kirsty is attacked by an unknown assailant. An examination by the village doctor reveals that she has been raped. The police are brought in to investigate, leading to numerous challenges for Kirsty as she navigates her emotions, faces difficult decisions, and learns to cope with the trauma she endures. (116 minutes)

Orringer Auditorium
New Bern Campus
Two screenings:
Fridays at 2:30 & 7:30 PM
Admission is FREE
Your donations support the series

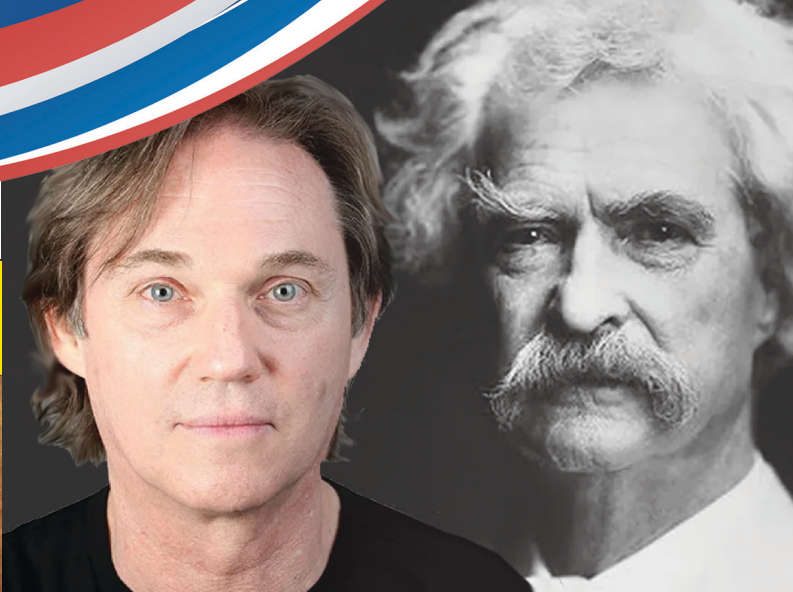
Each year, members of the International Film Selection Committee watch more than 25 movies. They take notes, share their impressions, and rate each of the films. They bring great ideas to the process and create one of the most diverse film series in the region. We wish to recognize and thank our very hard-working film selection committee:

Lydia Ash
Cindy Burrows
Norman Durocher
Mary Jo Fox
Jim Gruenebaum
Terri Jones
Deirdre Kiernan
Judi Lloyd
George Orsega
Betty Orsega
Lee Purcell
Mary Purcell

THANK YOU!

Due to the variety of languages and accents represented, as well as accommodation for the hearing impaired, all films are shown with English subtitles.

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Saturday, September 27, 2025

RICHARD THOMAS IN MARK TWAIN TONIGHT!

Emmy-Award® winning Actor Richard Thomas brings to life “the nation’s one true comic genius” (*The New York Times*) in **MARK TWAIN TONIGHT!**, written and originally performed by Hal Holbrook. Join the millions who have cheered for the legendary one-man show, bursting with Twain’s “uproariously funny” and “pungently wise” (*Time Magazine*) humor.

Most recently seen on Broadway in *Our Town*, on tour as Atticus Finch in *To Kill a Mockingbird*, on Netflix’s *Ozark*, and beloved to generations as John-Boy Walton, Richard Thomas is the first and only actor authorized to perform the play since the original.

2026 marks the 60th anniversary of the Broadway premiere for the show that played over 2,300 performances, to an audience of more than 2 million people nationwide. Plan to join the Lifetime Learning Center as we celebrate the return of **MARK TWAIN TONIGHT!**

Fee - \$239
(Wilson Center)

BEST OF BROADWAY DAY TRIPS

With each registration for a Lifetime Learning Center *Best of Broadway* day trip, participants will receive a continental breakfast or snack at check-in, comfortable motor coach transportation, a three-course gourmet meal at a fabulous restaurant, and PREMIER seating. In addition to performances at The Durham Performing Arts Center (DPAC), we will also see two shows at The Wilson Center at Cape Fear Community College, Wilmington. This venue is now eastern North Carolina’s most technologically advanced performing arts center and we are pleased to be adding this venue to our lineup.

We invite you to leave the driving and planning to us and we’ll pick you up and drop you off at the front door. Snacks are served on the return trip! We meet on the New Bern Campus, in the Orringer Auditorium Lobby, to gather for each departure. All participants will receive a letter and/or email message with complete instructions two weeks prior to departure. To register, visit the website at CravenCC.edu/LLC or call (252) 633-2618.

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Saturday, October 11, 2025

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Climb Every Mountain

The final collaboration between Richard Rodgers & Oscar Hammerstein II, **THE SOUND OF MUSIC** has become a play beloved around the world.

Based on the true story of the Von Trapp Family Singers, this play captures a personal tale of growth and hope amidst the horrors of World War II.

The musical tells the tale of young postulant Maria, whose free spirit has trouble fitting into the rules and regulations of Nonnberg Abbey. Commissioned by the Mother Abbess to serve as the governess for seven motherless children, Maria transforms the Von Trapp family home from a place of dour rules and regulations to one filled with joy, laughter, and music. In the process, Maria wins the hearts of all seven children and their widower father, Captain Von Trapp.

Fee - \$239
(DPAC)



Wednesday, February 18, 2026

CHICAGO

And all that JAZZ

Broadway's longest-running American musical, **CHICAGO** is a dazzling and satirical look at fame, justice, and the media machine.

Set in 1920s Chicago and based on real-life murders and trials, **CHICAGO** follows Roxie Hart, a wannabe vaudevillian star who murders her lover and is arrested, despite her attempts to convince her pushover husband, Amos, to lie for her.

In the Cook County Jail, Roxie meets her hero, the famed double-murderess and nightclub performer Velma Kelly. When both acquire the same lawyer, the greedy and lustful superstar, Billy Flynn, tensions come to a head as they vie for the spotlight - though instead of an onstage rivalry, they're mugging for the flashbulbs and attention of the newspaper reporters. With catchy, sexy music and timeless lyrics paired with choreography by Bob Fosse, **CHICAGO** is a musical spectacular that is as addictive as gossip rags and as unforgettable as any trial of the century.

Fee - \$239
(Wilson Center)



Saturday, May 23, 2026

HAMILTON

History Has Its Eyes on You

In 2016, Lin-Manuel Miranda's Pulitzer prize-winning transformation of Ron Chernow's biography, *Hamilton*, into a hip-hop musical took the world by storm.

At the center of this groundbreaking musical is the story of founding father Alexander Hamilton, whose ambition drove him from the position of Caribbean outsider and bastard child to American war hero and George Washington's right-hand man. In the process, Hamilton powerfully shaped America -- and gave us all a template for what it means to pull ourselves up by our bootstraps and realize the American Dream.

David Brooks of the *New York Times* declared seeing **HAMILTON** to be "one of the most exhilarating experiences I've had in the theatre." With heart, humor, and respect, Lin-Manuel Miranda's musical breathes vibrant, colorful life into this story of America's founding fathers.

Fee - \$279
(DPAC)



MARINE ONE: FLYING THE PRESIDENT

Speaker Colonel Steve Taylor, USMC (Retired)

Saturday, November 8, 2025

Orringer Auditorium - 2:00 p.m.

A FREE lecture event presented in partnership with The English-Speaking Union, Colonial NC Branch in celebration of Veterans Day.

Steve Taylor is a retired United States Marine Corps Colonel, serving from 1975 until 2003. He was a helicopter pilot and spent two tours in Marine Helicopter Squadron One – also known as HMX-1 – which is the Marine squadron tasked with flying the President, Vice President, and other dignitaries. From 1983 to 1988, he served as a pilot during the Reagan administration. He returned to HMX-1 in 2000 and was the commanding officer and presidential helicopter pilot for George W. Bush from 2001 until 2003. Steve will speak about his experiences flying the President and particularly about his experience surrounding the events of 9/11/2001.

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NORTH CAROLINA OPERA MADAMA BUTTERFLY

Sunday, February 1, 2026 - Day Trip

Martin Marietta Center, Memorial Auditorium, Raleigh

A love story of passion, sacrifice, and heartbreak, Puccini's *Madama Butterfly* delivers some of the most exquisite music ever written. Young geisha Cio-Cio-San gives up everything for love, only to face a devastating betrayal in a story that unfolds with haunting beauty and emotional depth. With achingly beautiful lyricism and gut-wrenching tragedy, one of opera's most powerful productions will stay with you long after the final note. This opera is performed in Italian with English translations projected above the stage.

North Carolina Opera Day-trip participants will enjoy a continental breakfast at check-in, comfortable motorcoach transportation, premier seating, an amazing three-course meal at a Raleigh area restaurant, and a snack served on the return trip.

Fee - \$229

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NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF ART ART IN BLOOM

Thursday, March 19, 2026 - Day Trip

Art in Bloom is an annual five-day festival at the North Carolina Museum of Art (NCMA) that features floral interpretations of artwork from the museum's collection. Floral designers from across the state and the nation create unique arrangements inspired by pieces in the NCMA's People's Collection.

Before the main attraction, we will visit the J.C. Raulston Arboretum at NC State University. This Arboretum is a nationally acclaimed teaching and research garden dedicated to promoting a greater diversity of landscape plants. It's named in honor of its late director and founder, Dr. J. C. Raulston, renowned plantsman and professor of horticultural science at NC State. The visit will include a guided tour of the arboretum, with time to explore additional sections of the 10.5 acres of gardens to discover plants collected from around the world.

Day-trip participants will enjoy a continental breakfast at check-in, comfortable motorcoach transportation, admission to exhibition and arboretum, a fabulous three-course luncheon, and a snack served on the return trip.

Fee - \$189



EXHIBITION ON SCREEN EASTER IN ART

The Greatest Story Ever Painted - A Documentary Film
Orringer Auditorium - 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 27, 2026

DA VINCI | REMBRANDT | CARAVAGGIO | MICHELANGELO | RUBENS | TITIAN | DALI

The story of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection has dominated western culture for the past 2000 years. It is perhaps the most significant historical event of all time, as recounted by the gospels but equally as depicted by the greatest artists in history. From the triumphant to the savage, the ethereal to the tactile, some of western civilization's greatest artworks focus on this pivotal moment. This beautifully crafted film directed by Phil Grabsky explores the Easter story as depicted in art, from the time of the early Christians to the present day. Shot on location in Jerusalem, the United States and throughout Europe, the film explores the different ways artists have depicted the Easter story through the ages. (90 minutes)

FREE - Suggested donation \$5

Detail of The Entombment of Christ, by Caravaggio, 1603-1604, Oil on Canvas, 120 x 80 inches, in the collection of the Pinacoteca Vaticana, Vatican City



THE DEL MCCOURY BAND

THE ALL AMERICAN MUSIC SERIES

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Grover C. Fields Performing Arts Center

2000 Dr. M. L. King, Jr. Blvd, New Bern

Doors open 3:00 p.m. - Concert 4:00 p.m.

Tickets: VIP \$70*/ Adults \$45/Students \$30

Among the pantheon of music's finest artists, Bluegrass artist Del McCoury stands alone. From the nascent sound of bluegrass that charmed hardscrabble hillbilly honky-tonks, rural schoolhouse stages, and the crowning glory of the Grand Ole Opry to the present-day culture-buzz of viral videos and digital streams, Del is the living link. On prime time and late-night television talk shows, there is Del. From headlining sold-out concerts to music festivals of all genres, including one carrying his namesake, there is Del. Where audiences number in the tens of thousands, and admirers as diverse as country-rock icon Steve Earle and jamband royalty Phish count as a few among hundreds, there is Del.

Now helming the Del McCoury Band, with sons Ronnie and Rob, the ensemble continues to represent in a larger, growing musical community, a peerless torchbearer for the entire sweep and scope of bluegrass history. Those many years, not to mention a good-natured willingness to stay alert to the latest sounds and opportunities around him, earned McCoury a whole new generation of fans, including some in unlikely places.

And like any genuine treasure, the gifts keep coming. On their latest release, *Songs of Love and Life*, a glorious 15-song collection, features Del touching down on a diverse set of tracks--vintage and contemporary.

***Reserved VIP** seating will be available in the first six rows at the Performing Arts Center with a \$70 ticket purchase. The remainder of the seating will be designated as general admission.





HUBBY JENKINS

Saturday, November 15, 2025

Orringer Auditorium

Musicians Workshop - 2:00 p.m. - Registration: \$20

Concert - 7:30 p.m. - Tickets: Adult \$25/Students \$15

Hubby Jenkins is an American multi-instrumentalist who studies and performs old-time American music. He is a former member of the Carolina Chocolate Drops and the Rhiannon Giddens band, and has been nominated for Grammy and Americana awards.

Hubby Jenkins endeavors to share his love and knowledge of old-time American music. Born and raised in Brooklyn, he delved into his southern roots, following the thread of African American history that wove itself through America's traditional music forms. Hubby has performed at festivals and venues around the world, earning himself both Grammy and Americana award nominations. Today he spreads his knowledge and love of old-time American music through his dynamic solo performances and engaging workshops.

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MOLASSES CREEK

Friday, March 13, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

Orringer Auditorium - Tickets: Adults \$30/Students \$20

For over 30 years, Molasses Creek's high-energy performances and heartfelt songwriting have brought the love of their coastal home of Ocracoke Island to the stage. The band's elegant harmonies and arrangements, stellar songwriting, blazing instrumentals, and quirky sense of humor have won loyal followers throughout the US, around the world, and most especially in Eastern NC.

Molasses Creek has recorded 15 albums, reaching the #4 and #5 spots on the National Folk Radio DJ Charts. Their latest releases, *Catch the Wind*, *Waterbound*, and *People Get Ready*, have received acclaim from audiences across the country.

As to defining their style, nobody puts Molasses Creek in a box. No matter how it's described, their style has manifested in a 30 year run of unpredictable and delightful musical choices. Each member contributes ideas and original music. Performances move between whimsical and sincere in a way that makes you believe that balancing both might be the key to life. The four members of Molasses Creek are: Gary Mitchell - Guitar/Vocals, Fiddler Dave Tweedie - Fiddle/Vocals, Kim France - Bass/Guitar/Vocals, Gerald Hampton - Mandolin/Bass/Guitar.

Ticket Order Form on page 13

EXPLORATIONS IN THE ARTS

TICKET ORDER FORM

ALL AMERICAN MUSIC AND DANCE SERIES

DEL MCCOURY BAND - Sunday, October 5 - 4:00 p.m.

_____ VIP Reserved @ \$70 = _____ (first 6 rows)

_____ Adult @ \$45 = _____

_____ Student @ \$30 = _____

HUBBY JENKINS - Saturday, November 15 - 7:30 p.m.

_____ Adult @ \$25 = _____

_____ Student @ \$15 = _____

PATRIOT - BLACK BOX DANCE - Saturday, February 28 - 7:30 p.m.

_____ Adult @ \$30 = _____

_____ Student @ \$20 = _____

MOLASSES CREEK - Friday, March 13 - 7:30 p.m.

_____ Adult @ \$30 = _____

_____ Student @ \$20 = _____

Total amount of purchase \$ _____

All ticket prices include 6.75% NC Sales Tax and Handling Fees

Name(s): _____

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☐ Check enclosed. Make your check payable to: Craven CC Foundation

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BLACK BOX DANCE THEATRE PATRIOT'S PATH

Photo Credit: Matt Kesterson

Saturday, February 28, 2026

Documentary Film and Discussion - 4:00 p.m. - Free

Performance - 7:30 p.m. - Tickets: Adults \$30/Students \$20

Join us for an unforgettable evening with Black Box Dance Theatre (BBDT) a Raleigh-based professional modern dance company known for its powerful storytelling, emotionally compelling performances, and commitment to making dance relevant, accessible, and transformative. Founded in 2014, BBDT uses movement as a catalyst for connection—building bridges across communities, disciplines, and lived experiences.

BBDT has been nationally recognized for their groundbreaking work with veterans and the military community. Since 2019, the company has partnered with the NC Arts Council, the USO, and veteran organizations to develop PATRIOT—an ongoing multimedia performance project honoring the service, sacrifice, and stories of veterans, active duty personnel, and their families.

To start we invite you to a free screening of the documentary film ***I Feel Myself To Be Part Of Something***, directed by Lou Pepe. Part of a new national anthology curated by Mara Isaacs (Hades Town), the film follows three veterans as they journey through a week of collaborative dance-making with BBDT artists. It offers an intimate view into the transformative power of art, community, and shared storytelling. A discussion will follow the 4:00 p.m. screening.

Then at 7:30 p.m., join us for the main attraction, an evening performance that will feature excerpts from **PATRIOT'S PATH**, a compelling new chapter of the PATRIOT series, blending original choreography with first hand narratives of resilience, healing and hope.

A NORTH CAROLINA HOLIDAY FOUR-DAY TOUR

December 14-17, 2025

On this four-day adventure participants will travel to central and western North Carolina to celebrate the holidays. The tour features sites, sounds, and tastes along the way and includes tours of historic homes, fine dining, a special exhibition, and more!

We depart on December 14, with a first stop in Raleigh to experience fine dining at Rey's Restaurant. With appetites satisfied, we head to the Chinese Lantern Festival to enjoy the light displays. The evening will end with a one-night stay in Cary.

Following breakfast, Monday's schedule begins with a visit to Murray's Mill Historic Site in Catawba County, where we'll explore the Mill, general store, and historic home. We travel on to Linville Caverns, where we explore the splendor and wonders that nature created inside a mountain. Our final destination is the Morganton Historic District for a one-night stay.

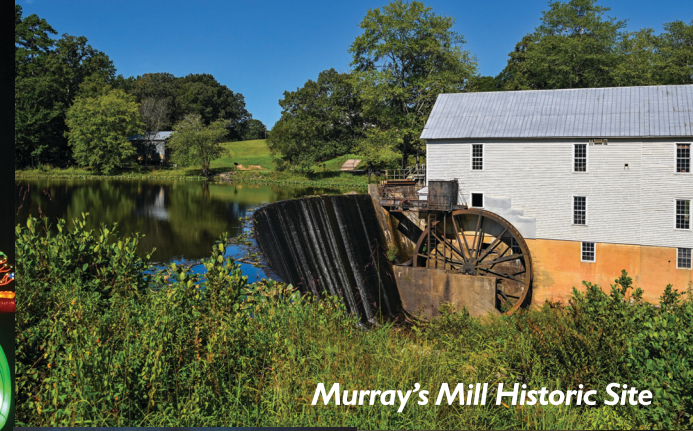
On day three, we arrive at the Biltmore Estate where our day will include entry to a special exhibit, *Tutankhamun: His Tomb and His Treasures*, followed by dinner at the Stable Café and a candlelight tour of Biltmore House. We stay at the Biltmore Inn.

Enjoy your morning with breakfast at the Inn, followed by time to explore on your own. We then make our way home with a stop to see Körner's Folly, an architectural wonder in Kernersville, NC.

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Chinese Lantern Festival



Murray's Mill Historic Site

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Fine dining at **Rey's Restaurant**, Raleigh
Chinese Lantern Festival, Cary
Murray's Mill Historic Site, Catawba County
Explore **Linville Caverns**
Tutankhamun: His Tomb and His Treasures
Dinner at the **Stable Café**
Candlelight Tour of Biltmore House
Explore Biltmore Estate
Guided Tour of **Körner's Folly**
7 Meals - Breakfast (3), Lunch (2), Dinner (2)
3 Nights Accommodations

Registration (per person, double) \$1,249

Registration (per person, single) \$1,699

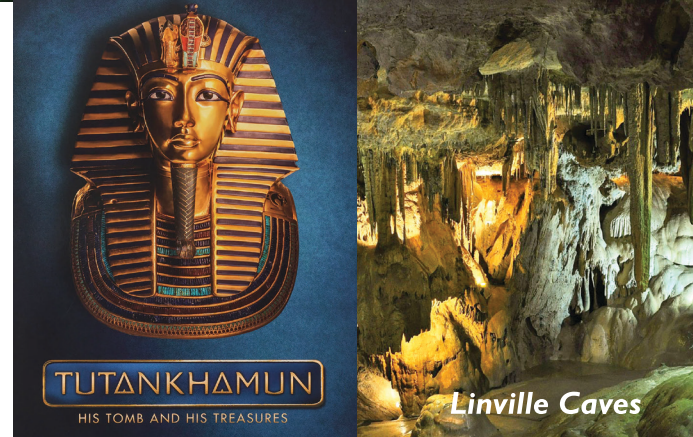
Registration Deadline - November 14, 2025

Space is limited to 40 participants.

To learn about the complete itinerary, pricing, and inclusions, please join us for an information session.

Thursday, October 2, 2025 - 3:00 p.m.
Naumann Community Room #115
Ward Hall - New Bern Campus

To RSVP for this session
message by phone: (252) 633-2618
or by email: baerj@cravencc.edu



TUTANKHAMUN
HIS TOMB AND HIS TREASURES

Linville Caves



Biltmore House



Körner's Folly

USA ADVENTURE

CALIFORNIA COAST & YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

July 11 to 19, 2026 - 9 days

For summer 2026, we have planned a USA adventure to explore the California Coast and Yosemite National Park. Participants will view the stunning vistas and natural wonders of Coastal California. Our exploration begins on July 11 with a flight to **Los Angeles**, where we'll be met by a professional tour director to lead us on a fabulous journey and provide insight into the rich landscapes and history of the region.

The tour will include scenic views and attractions in Santa Barbara (including Hearst Castle), the Big Sur Coast, and a ride along Highway 1.

The highlight of the tour will be a two-night stay at Yosemite View Lodge while we visit **Yosemite National Park**. A Yosemite Tram Tour will include the Yosemite Valley and views of El Capitan, Half Dome, and the breathtaking Yosemite Falls.

We will travel through the Sierra Mountains into Gold County, visit Old Sacramento, and spend quality wine-tasting time in Napa Valley.

The tour ends with a two-night stay in San Francisco that will include a city tour and time on your own to enjoy and explore the city.

Registration (per person, double occupancy) \$4,669

Registration (per person, single room) \$6,069

HIGHLIGHTS

Reagan Library & Air Force One
Santa Barbara
Hearst Castle
Big Sur Coast
Highway 1 Scenic Drive
San Francisco City Tour
Carmel & the 17-Mile Drive
Yosemite National Park
Old Sacramento
Napa Valley - Winery Tour
National Steinbeck Center
2 Nights - Monterey
2 Nights - Yosemite
2 Nights - San Francisco

INCLUSIONS

New Bern to RDU transfer
Roundtrip Airfare - RDU
11 Meals: 8 Breakfasts & 3 Dinners
Sightseeing per Itinerary
Admissions per Itinerary
Hotel Transfers
Professional Tour Director
Motorcoach Transportation
Baggage Handling at Hotels

PREMIER
WORLD DISCOVERY



To learn about the complete itinerary, pricing and inclusions, please join us for this FREE information session.

Thursday, November 20, 2025 - 3:00 p.m.
Naumann Community Room #115
Ward Hall - New Bern Campus

To RSVP for this session send a message by email: baerj@cravencc.edu

NORTH CAROLINA HISTORY SERIES

A Lecture and Discussion Series

Cullman Performance Hall, North Carolina History Center
Tryon Palace - Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

3-Event Series Pass: \$25. Or individual lecture tickets: Adults \$10/Students

The North Carolina History lecture series continues this winter with the goal to engage the broader community and expand the understanding of, and engagement in, the fascinating history of New Bern, Craven County and state. This year, as our nation celebrates its 250th birthday, we are focused on the history surrounding our nation's founding, and topics related to our colonial and revolutionary history. We are pleased to welcome three historians who will present each week, for three consecutive weeks.

The series is presented by the Lifetime Learning Center and Tryon Palace, in partnership with the Richard Dobbs Spaight Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the New Bern Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

2026 Schedule of Events

Sunday, February 15 - *Brave Women: Their Revolutionary Stories*

Learn about five North Carolina women who stood up during the Revolution.

Speaker: **Amanda Brantley** - Ms. Brantley is the former Site Manager at the House in the Horseshoe State Historic Site, and currently serves as the site manager for Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site. She plays an active role in bringing history to life through living history interpretation.

Sunday, February 22, 2026 - *How North Carolina Counties Got Their Names*

Alamance to Iredell, Transylvania to Yancy - All one hundred counties were named for someone.

Speaker: **Andrew Duppsadt** - Mr. Duppsadt is the Assistant Curator of Education for the North Carolina Division of State Historic Sites. He also serves as an Adjunct Instructor of History at Coastal Carolina Community College and Craven Community College.

Sunday, March 1, 2026

The Emergence of Military Uniforms as a Symbol of National Identity

How did the simple term Redcoat or Bluecoat become a universal description of a nation's army in the age of black powder? Speaker: **Ken Osen** - For over 30 years Ken Osen has been a researcher, designer, and sculptor for museums and the collectibles industry, primarily focusing on military uniforms of the 18th to the 20th century. This journey has taken him to personal and private military collections throughout the US and Europe to inspect real uniforms and equipment. His research provides historical context to the miniatures he creates.



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ABOUT CEP

Have you ever wanted to learn a new skill or participate in new and exciting experiences? The Community Enrichment Program (CEP) at Craven Community College may have exactly what you are looking for!

Our affordable, short-term, non-degree classes are taught by community members who are experts in their fields: Arts & Crafts, Recreation & Wellness, Kitchen & Cuisine, and Language. Classes offered are for beginners to advanced, and range from one 3-hour session to a course of several weeks. Join us for a class held at one of our three campuses (New Bern, Havelock, the Volt Center) and at various community locations.

The schedule printed here represents classes scheduled through December 2026. Visit the CEP website to see additional offerings as classes are added to the schedule throughout the year.

Community members are encouraged to suggest new class topics and are welcome to speak to us about offering their own class in an area in which they excel.

Please note that CEP classes may not be used for credit toward degree programs.

REGISTER TODAY!

Arts and Crafts (sessions are weekly unless noted)

Painting with Acrylics	3/3/2026	to	4 /7/2026
Painting with Acrylics	10/6/2026	to	11/10/2026
Make A Holiday Wreath	9/22/2025	(one session)	
How to Use Watercolors	9/26/2025	to	10/31/2025
Mah Jongg: A Game of Skills	10/1/2025	to	10/22/2025
Printed Paper Collage	10/2/2025	to	10/30/2025
Intro to Pencil Art	2/3/2026	to	2/24/2026
Intro to Pencil Art	5/5/2026	to	5/26/2026
Intro to Pencil Art	8/4/2026	to	8/25/2026
Resin Art - Pour, Shine, Create	11/4/2025	(one session)	
Resin Art - Pour, Shine, Create	5/7/2026	(one session)	
Resin Art - Pour, Shine, Create	11/5/2026	(one session)	

Kitchen and Cuisine (one session)

Timeless Classic Cakes	2/9/2026
Shrimp Valentino	3/12/2026
French Cookies	3/16/2026
Shrimp Fra Diavolo	4/9/2026
Light & Easy Fruit Mousse	5/4/2026
Baked Stuffed Flounder & Crab	5/14/2026
Traditional French Pastries	6/15/2026
How to Use Cream Puff Pastries	7/13/2026
Delicious Custards & Cake	8/17/2026
Perfect Brandy Lobster Sauce	9/10/2026
Tiramisu Masterclass	9/14/2026
Soup & Stuffed Bread	10/8/2026
Classic French Breads	10/19/2026

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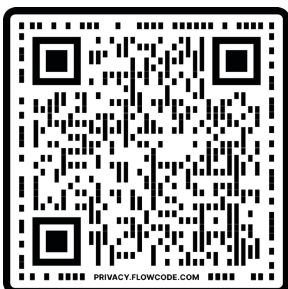
Language (sessions are weekly)

Conversational Spanish	2/2/2026	to	3/11/2026
Conversational Spanish	6/1/2026	to	7/15/2026
Conversational Spanish	9/14/2026	to	10/21/2026
Conversational French	2/4/2026	to	4/8/2026
Conversational French	9/2/2026	to	11/4/2026
French Made Easy	6/3/2026	to	8/5/2026
Intro to American Sign Language	9/23/2025	to	10/28/2025
Intro to American Sign Language	2/24/2026	to	3/31/2026
Intro to American Sign Language	6/23/2026	to	7/28/2026
Intro to American Sign Language	9/22/2026	to	10/27/2026

Recreation and Wellness (sessions are weekly)

Beginning Tennis	9/20/2025	to	10/11/2025
Intermediate Tennis	9/20/2025	to	10/11/2025
Move Your Body: Dance Fusion	9/22/2025	to	10/13/2025
Basic Self Defense	10/6/2025	to	10/29/2025
Meditation	11/5/2025	to	11/26/2025
Meditation	2/16/2026	to	3/9/2026
Meditation	9/14/2026	to	10/5/2026
America's Boating Course	3/28/2026	to	4/4/2026

★QUESTIONS ABOUT CLASSES?



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Dear Friends of the College,

As you browse the events scheduled by the Lifetime Learning Center this year, I thought you may find it interesting to know that any proceeds from the department are transferred to the College Campus Fund. This funding helps the Foundation to meet our goals in support of students and other College initiatives.

While you're enjoying Switzerland, you're also helping a student that is having trouble covering the cost for classes. While you're taking a day trip to the Durham Performing Arts Center to enjoy Hamilton, you're also helping a student purchase a book for a class. A little bit here and a little bit there, all adds up and makes a tremendous impact on the educational success of our students.

Ignite Potential, Invest in Dreams is our theme for this year's annual campaign. When you make a direct monetary contribution, you truly are making a difference. On behalf of those students that will benefit from your gift, I say thank you in advance.

Whether it is screening an international film or taking an adventurous trip, I hope that you have a wonderful time. But remember you are also opening new doors for a student here at Craven Community College.

For your convenience, we have included a gift return envelope in this publication, or you can use the QR code below to give securely online.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Charles Wethington

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Executive Director of Institutional Advancement
Craven Community College Foundation



PROGRAM PARTICIPATION & REGISTRATION EVENTS

Day and Regional Trip Registration

Enrollment space for LLC day trips and regional travel programs is limited to the capacity of our motor coach, the availability of tickets, and other booking factors associated with group admissions. To reserve a place on any of these trips, ALL fees must be paid at the time of registration. Early registration is highly recommended as the trips tend to sell out very quickly.

To register and pay fees online, visit our website at www.CravenCC.edu/LLC. From the left column select "Registration and Tickets," then scroll down the page until you find the event that interests you. Follow the instructions to enter your payment information.

If you have questions about the online process or would prefer to register by telephone or send a payment by check, please call us at (252) 638-7351 for assistance. Our office hours are Monday to Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. to Noon.

USA Adventures and International Travel

Registration deposits, fees, and final payments for out-of-state or out-of-country travel, where the LLC contracts with a tour company, will follow a payment schedule specific to each trip. Payments for these trips are paid directly to one of our group travel partners. Rules for refunds, travel insurance requirements, and the specific details for each trip will be printed in separate tour brochures.

Please note that Craven Community College requires that each person participating in an extended trip must sign a liability waiver and purchase cancellation and post-departure emergency insurance. We offer a reasonably priced option with each trip that we sponsor. Participants who have other travel insurance coverage may decline our offer, but they are required to provide Craven Community College with proof of insurance that specifically documents insurance coverage equivalent to our minimum standards.

Refund Policy

Tickets purchased for Explorations in the Arts events or our Performance Day Trips are NOT refundable. However, tickets and registrations are transferable. If you are unable to attend an event that you have registered and paid for, you are welcome to share your ticket(s) or transfer the registration to another person.

There are no refunds offered after an event has occurred. A **refund of fees to a registered participant will only occur** when a cancellation is made in advance of the event **AND** a replacement from the waiting list registers for the open spot. We understand that "life happens," so **please contact us as soon as possible if last-minute circumstances arise.** We often have an extensive waiting list for each trip and we will attempt to fill a spot if we are notified.

One-to four-day trip registration fees are NOT refundable. These are the exceptions: 1) the predetermined minimum enrollment is not met and the trip is cancelled due to low enrollment; or 2) the college or the performance/exhibit venue determines that due to threatening weather or unsafe conditions we must cancel. **No refunds will be offered if a new date is selected and the program is completed as advertised.**

Online registration, tickets and additional information are available through our website:

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Questions about the Lifetime Learning Center?

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2025 - 2026

SEPTEMBER

- 5 - **Friday** - International Film Series - **Laapataa Ladies** (2024) - India/Hindi Comedy/Drama - Orringer Auditorium - 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. (Free)
- 13-19 - **Saturday to Friday** - USA Adventure - 7-day tour - **Canadian Rockies and Glacier National Park** (registration closed)
- 27 - **Saturday** - Best of Broadway Day Trip - **Mark Twain Tonight**, starring Richard Thomas - Wilson Center (\$239)

OCTOBER

- 1 - **Wednesday** - Travel information and itinerary - AAA Members Choice Tours **Discover Switzerland, Austria, & Bavaria** - Bosch - AMC Room #102 - 3:00 p.m. (Free)
- 2 - **Thursday** - Information and Registration - **North Carolina Holiday** Ward Hall - Naumann Community Room #115 - 3:00 p.m. (Free)
- 3 - **Friday** - International Film Series - **Nowhere Special** (2020) - UK/Ireland English - Drama - NR - Orringer Auditorium - 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. (Free)
- 5 - **Sunday** - All American Music Series- **The Del McCoury Band** - Bluegrass Grover C. Fields Performing Arts Center - 4:00 p.m. (\$70/\$45/\$30)
- 11 - **Saturday** - Best of Broadway Day Trip - **The Sound of Music** - Durham Performing Arts Center (\$239)

NOVEMBER

- 7 - **Friday** - International Film Series - **The Belier Family** (2014) France/French Comedy/Drama/Music - Orringer Auditorium - 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. (Free)
- 8 - **Saturday** - **Marine One: Flying the President** - Speaker: **Colonel Steve Taylor, USMC (Retired)** - in partnership with the English-Speaking Union, Colonial NC Branch - Orringer Auditorium - 2:00 p.m. (Free)
- 15 - **Saturday** - Music Workshop with **Hubby Jenkins** - Orringer Auditorium Old Time Music workshop and jam session - 2:00 p.m. (\$20)
- 15 - **Saturday** - All American Music Series - **Hubby Jenkins** - Old Time Music Orringer Auditorium - 7:30 p.m. (\$25/\$15)
- 20 - **Thursday** - Travel information meeting - Premier World Discovery **California Coast & Yosemite National Park** - Ward Hall - Naumann Community Room #115 - 3:00 p.m. (Free)

DECEMBER

- 3 - 7 - **Wednesday - Sunday** - 5-Day Tour - **Santa Fe Holiday** - USA Adventure (Call for availability - 252-633-2618)
- 14 - 17 - **Sunday to Wednesday** - Regional Tour **A North Carolina Holiday** featuring Biltmore House, Tutankhamum exhibit, Chinese Lantern Festival and Körner's Folly (Fee - \$1,249 double, \$1,699 single)

JANUARY

- 9 - **Friday** - International Film Series - **The Good Boss** (2022) - Spain/Spanish Comedy/Drama - Orringer Auditorium - 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. (Free)
- 29 - **Thursday** - Travel information meeting - Premier World Discovery **New England Rails & Trails** - Ward Hall - Naumann Community Room #115 - 3:00 p.m. (Free)

FEBRUARY

- 1 - **Sunday** - North Carolina Opera Day Trip - **Puccini's Madama Butterfly** Raleigh Memorial Auditorium (\$229)
- 6 - **Friday** - International Film Series - **Mr. Malcolm's List** (2022) - UK/England English - Drama/Romance - Orringer Auditorium - 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. (Free)
- 15 - **Sunday** - **North Carolina History Series** in partnership with Tryon Palace **Brave Women: Their Revolutionary Stories** Speaker: **Amanda Brantley** NC History Center, Cullman Auditorium - 2:00 p.m. (\$25 Series pass/\$10/\$5)
- 18 - **Wednesday** - Best of Broadway Day Trip - **Chicago** - Wilson Center (\$239)
- 22 - **Sunday** - **North Carolina History Series** in partnership with Tryon Palace **How NC Counties Got Their Names** - Speaker: **Andrew Duppsstadt** NC History Center, Cullman Auditorium - 2:00 p.m. (\$10/\$5)
- 28 - **Saturday** - Explorations in the Arts - **Patriot's Path - Black Box Dance Theatre** - Orringer Auditorium - 7:30 p.m. (\$30/\$20)

MARCH

- 1 - **Sunday** - **North Carolina History Series** in partnership with Tryon Palace **The Emergence of Military Uniforms as a Symbol of National Identity** Speaker: **Ken Osen** NC History Center, Cullman Auditorium 2:00 p.m. (\$10)
- 6 - **Friday** - International Film Series - **The Last Rifleman** (2023) UK/Ireland English - Drama - Orringer Auditorium - 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. (Free)
- 13 - **Friday** - All American Music Series - **Molasses Creek** - Americana/Folk Orringer Auditorium - 7:30 p.m. (\$30/\$20)
- 19 - **Thursday** - NC Museum of Art and Garden Day Trip - **Art in Bloom** and **Raulston Arboretum** at NC State, Raleigh (\$189)
- 27 - **Friday** - Exhibition on Screen - **Easter in Art: The Greatest Story Ever Painted** - an art documentary - Orringer Auditorium 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. (Free - suggested donation \$5)

APRIL

- 10 - **Friday** - International Film Series - **The Road Dance (2021)** - UK/Scotland English - Drama - Orringer Auditorium - 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. (Free)

MAY

- 23 - **Saturday** - Best of Broadway Day Trip - **Hamilton** - Durham Performing Arts Center (\$279)

JUNE

- 10 - 22 - **Wednesday to Monday** - International Travel and Learn - 13-day tour **Discover Switzerland, Austria & Bavaria** (Information - see page 3) 19



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