

UPCOMING CLASSES

**BRIDGE: PLAY OF THE HAND II
Class #202 and #202B**

PLAY OF THE HAND II

In the game of bridge, bidding concludes when the two partnerships have exchanged information and one partnership has landed in what they believe is the best contract. Then it is time for the declarer to play the hand by taking the right number of tricks. The declarer often has to depend on lady luck to make the contract, but the more you learn about how to play the hand, the more often luck will be on your side when you are declarer.

This four-session virtual class introduces the following techniques for becoming more successful as declarer: managing entries, opponents, and the trump suit. Each session includes a PowerPoint presentation by the instructor via Zoom, group discussion, and pre-dealt practice hands played online at Bridge Base. The class is designed for advanced beginners as well as intermediate players seeking opportunities for review and practice. Participation in Play of the Hand I (offered in March) is not a prerequisite.

Limited to four participants. With sufficient interest, a second class may be added on the same day.

INSTRUCTOR: Laura Burke

CLASS DATES: Tuesdays, May 4, 11, 18, 25

CLASS #202B and TIMES: 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. – **CLASS ADDED**

CLASS #202 and TIMES: 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. – **CLASS FILLED**

FEE: \$60 Member, \$80 Nonmember

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**ART AND MUSIC: THE WORLD THROUGH THE EYES OF A TRAVELING ARTIST
Class #600**

In a power point talk of her watercolor paintings of flowers, animals, children, and kaleidoscopes, Julie tells stories from her extensive travels in over 101 countries. She will discuss her coffee table book, "Seeing the World through the Heart of its Bells" and you will be surprised by the uses and locations of bells in every country and culture around the globe. She will discuss her six children's books, whimsical stories of encouragement, containing the Sillybillies. Her art keeps exploding in new directions which she will describe – creating designs for fabrics, wallpapers, and clothing and inventing new computer/watercolor creatures called mables. She will also show 4 rooms in her home with all her own designs. Julie describes her work as an artist, author, designer, photographer and speaker fun with the goal of bringing joy, beauty and a bit of humor through her creations. This is a virtual, Zoom class.

INSTRUCTOR: Julie Dawson
CLASS DATE: Wednesday, May 5, 2021
CLASS TIMES: 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
FEE: \$10 Member, \$15 Nonmember

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THE READERS: Black Bottom Saints
Class #103

Black Bottom Saints: A Novel (2020), by Alice Randall. From the Great Depression through the post-World War II years, Joseph "Ziggy" Johnson has been the pulse of Detroit's famous Black Bottom. A celebrated gossip columnist for the *Michigan Chronicle*, he is also the emcee of one of the hottest night clubs, as well as the founder and dean of the Ziggy Johnson School of Theatre. As he lays dying, Ziggy reflects on his life, the community that was the center of his world, and the remarkable people who helped shape it. Inspired by the Catholic Saints Day Books, Ziggy curates his own list of Black Bottom's venerable "52 Saints," including Dinah Washington, Joe Louis and Bricktop. A literary tour de force that pays tribute to Detroit's legendary neighborhood, a mecca for jazz, sports and politics, this book is a blend of fact and fiction reminiscent of EL Doctorow's *Ragtime*. (<http://amazon.com>)

INSTRUCTOR: Cathleen Russ
DATE: Tuesday, May 11, 2021
TIME: 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
FEE: \$10 Member, \$20 Nonmember

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NATURE: SPRING BIRD HIKE
CLASS #500

Spring bird migration peaks in May and provides a great opportunity to see a variety of amazing birds. Some birds return to our area and remain as summer residents; others pass through on their trip farther north. Join Christina Funk, naturalist at the Stage Nature Center, for a trail hike on the 100-acre preserve to look for our migrating feathered friends. Bring binoculars or borrow them from the center.

The Stage Nature Center is managed by the Troy Nature Society, a nonprofit organization focused on science education and environmental awareness, and a multiyear recipient of grants from The Village Club Foundation. TNS provides public programs at the nature center for groups and individuals of all ages and conducts school outreach programs for students from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 that support Michigan Science Standards.

Note: The hike is leisurely and suitable for those without limited mobility. Trails are mostly flat with gentle inclines. Trails are wood-chipped, not paved, so the ground is somewhat uneven. Comfortable, closed-toe shoes and long pants are recommended. This class is appropriate for adults and children 8 and up, and for all experience levels.

INSTRUCTOR: Christina Funk
CLASS DATE: Thursday, May 13, 2021
CLASS TIMES: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Stage Nature Center, 6685 Coolidge Hwy, Troy, MI. 48098
FEE: \$10 Member, \$20 Nonmember