

SPRING 2025 REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE CHECK IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING

11:00 a.m. Art Series \_\_\_\_\_

Last name \_\_\_\_\_

First name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Fee enclosed: BT residents \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Non-residents \$75.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Tax-deductible donation: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL REGISTRANTS MUST INCLUDE A  
SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE**  
(to mail your required name tags)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
**THE FRIENDS OF THE BERNARDS TOWNSHIP LIBRARY**  
AND RETURN FORM AND A SASE IN THE  
ENCLOSED ENVELOPE TO:

**LEISURE LEARNING**  
**Bernards Township Library**  
**32 S. Maple Avenue**  
**Basking Ridge, NJ 07920**

**NO FOOD OR DRINK IS ALLOWED**  
**in the Presbyterian Church Narthex,**  
**Sanctuary, Chapel**  
**or Library program rooms.**

- You **MUST** enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your registration. This SASE will be used to mail your required name tag.
- We require the wearing of name tags for program participation and request cell phones be silenced at all sessions.
- Your cancelled check is your receipt.
- Presbyterian Church Day Care Center and NJ State childcare laws prohibit Leisure Learning participants from entering the lower-level facilities at BRPC.

**PARKING RECOMMENDATIONS**

Please read and observe to avoid being ticketed.

- Library Lots with the exception of spaces marked "Speaker parking" and "No LL parking"
- St. Mark's Episcopal Church Lot (enter from Lewis Street)
- Municipal Lot (on S. Maple Avenue)
- Rankin Avenue (runs parallel to Finley)
- Park on only one side of Homeland Avenue
- **DO NOT PARK** in lots adjacent to the Library or the Presbyterian Church as those areas are reserved for daily patrons and Tree House employees, respectively.
- Be considerate of our local merchants and **DO NOT PARK** on South Finley Avenue.
- **DO NOT PARK** on Allen Street.

**In the event of inclement weather,**  
**Leisure Learning may be cancelled.**  
**Call the Library, 908-204-3031, or go to the**  
**Library's website at [BernardsLibrary.org](http://BernardsLibrary.org)**  
**for closing information, posted by 7:30 a.m.**



**LEISURE  
LEARNING**

*CONTINUING EDUCATION  
FOR ADULTS*

*...contributing to the intellectual,  
cultural, and social life of the community...*

**SPRING TERM 2025**  
**SIX MONDAYS: Mar. 31 - May 5**

Classes are held in program rooms at  
the Library and in venues generously provided by the  
**Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church**  
located at One East Oak Street in Basking Ridge.

**\$25 for residents of Bernards Township  
and \$75 for non-residents**

*Bernards Township residents  
are given priority.*

*Out-of-town registrations are processed  
in the order received.*

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**Please register as soon as possible,  
no later than March 24, 2025.**

**Registration allows you to attend  
any sessions you wish except for the Art Series,  
where seating is limited.**  
**To be considered for the Art Series,**  
**you must check 11:00 a.m. Art Series**  
**on the registration form.**

**LIBRARY PROGRAM ROOM**  
**9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**  
**Music History Series**

**Maestro Robert W. Butts,**  
*acclaimed conductor,  
composer and educator*

- Mar. 31 Baroque Music – Vivaldi, Handel, Rossi, and Purcell
- Apr. 7 Haydn – Symphony #85 *La Reine*
- Apr. 14 Mozart – Concerto for Flute and Harp
- Apr. 21 Beethoven – Violin Concerto
- Apr. 28 Overtures – Mozart, Rossini, Verdi
- May 5 Brahms – Symphony #2

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**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHAPEL**  
**9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**  
**Literature Series**

- Mar. 31 Anne Bronte’s *Agnes Grey*  
**Vandana Walia**, Local Literature Lecturer
- Apr. 7 Charlotte Bronte’s *Shirley*  
**Vandana Walia**, Local Literature Lecturer
- Apr. 14 Thomas Hardy's *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*  
**Jessica Brent**, RVCC
- Apr. 21 Poetry and Personal Identity:  
Whitman, Hughes, and McKay  
**Laura Driver**, CCM
- Apr. 28 Poems that Plead:  
Dickinson, Heaney, Frost and others  
**Laura Driver**, CCM
- May 5 What Is Science Fiction?  
**Ronald Tyson**, RVCC

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SANCTUARY**  
**9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**  
**Keynote Speaker Series**

**presented by**  
**Dr. Gary H. Darden,**  
Fairleigh Dickinson University

**Bending or Breaking the Guardrails  
of American Democracy**

For 249 years the American republic has faced many challenges as to what its democracy means and to whom its Constitutional privileges apply. Given highly publicized challenges that American democracy faces today, this lecture series looks at several thematic chapters with case studies to understand their historic precursors. Some of these chapters bent the guardrails, while others broke them – at least for a time period and for specific groups of people. Their legacies and lessons may help understand their current manifestations and enhance public debate and resolution:

- 1. Peaceful Transfer of Power:  
1800 / 1824 / 1876 / 2000 / 2020**
- 2. Relocation & Internment:  
from Indian Removal to Japanese Internment**
- 3. Immigration Restrictions & Deportations:  
from Gilded Age Exclusion to WWI-era  
Deportation and Postwar Exclusions**
- 4. From Citizens to Subjects: African Americans  
from Emancipation to Jim Crow Segregation**
- 5. Robber Barons & Oligarchs:  
from the Gilded Age to the Information Age**
- 6. Protecting the Guardrails of American  
Democracy: Where can Reforms Take Us Today?**

*Presenter: Gary H. Darden, Associate Professor of History;  
Chair, Dept. of Social Sciences & History; Faculty Senate;  
Fairleigh Dickinson University.  
Strong education professional with a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)  
focused in United States History from Rutgers,  
The State University of New Jersey-New Brunswick.*

**LIBRARY PROGRAM ROOM**  
**11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**  
**Art History Lectures**  
*Art class seating is limited*

- Mar. 31 Suzanne Valadon and  
the Parisian Demi-Monde  
**Janet Mandel**, Local Art Historian
- Apr. 7 Antoni Gaudí and Catalan Modernisme  
**Brian Sahotsky** CCM
- Apr. 14 Florine Stettheimer:  
Icon of Jazz Age New York  
**Janet Mandel**, Local Art Historian
- Apr. 21 The Surrealist World(s) of Salvador Dalí  
**Brian Sahotsky** CCM
- Apr. 28 Happiness in Art in the 18th Century  
**William Barcham**, FIT, Professor  
Emeritus
- May 5 Augusta Savage: Renaissance Woman  
**Janet Mandel**, Local Art Historian

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**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SANCTUARY**  
**11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**  
**Professor’s Choice Series**

- Mar. 31 The New Cold War - US vs China  
**Ian Drake**, Montclair State
- Apr. 7 The French and Indian Experience in the  
Great Lakes Region  
**Angie Kirby-Calder**, Drew University
- Apr. 14 Alexander the Great  
**Alexander Clemente**, CCM
- Apr. 21 The New Administration and Congress  
**Phil Mundo**, Drew University Emeritus
- Apr. 28 Can he do that? The Limits and History of  
Presidential Authority  
**Dan Cassino**, FDU
- May 5 Crime Policy in the New Administration -  
Same Old or Ready for Reform?  
**Meghan Sacks**, FDU