

## SPRING 2024 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.

- Lower Level Library Lot (enter from Lindbergh Lane)
- 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 2024**  
**SIX MONDAYS: Apr. 8 - May 13**

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 April 1, 2024.**

**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, discusses old and new favorites*

- Apr. 8 George Frideric Handel - Zadok the Priest and Water Music
- Apr. 15 Arcangelo Corelli - Concerto Grosso Opus 6 No. 8
- Apr. 22 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart - Bastien und Bastienne
- Apr. 29 Music of the Enlightenment: Frederick the Great and Jean-Jacques Rousseau
- May 6 Ludwig van Beethoven - Symphony No. 6
- May 13 George Gershwin - Rhapsody in Blue (100th Anniversary)

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

**Literature Series**

- Apr. 8 Tension Between Life and Art: Carson McCullers' *Wunderkind* and others  
**Laura Driver, CCM**
- Apr. 15 Louise Erdrich's *The Beet Queen*  
**Kevin Moore, CCM**
- Apr. 22 Poetry and Memory  
**Laura Driver, CCM**
- Apr. 29 Jane Austen's *Persuasion*  
**Vandana Walia, Local Literature Lecturer**
- May 6 Barbara Kingsolver's *Demon Copperhead*  
**Vandana Walia, Local Literature Lecturer**
- May 13 Nineteenth-Century African American 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

**Demagogues & Deviants:  
Challengers to American Democracy**

*A look at six major figures in modern America whose public actions challenged the guard rails of American democracy, specifically testing the principal of democracy and the promise that the Constitution applies to all citizens. The lessons and fate of these 20th century figures offers lessons for the 21st century and for those who would trade popular democracy for the will of a strong man authoritarianism.*

- Apr. 8 Huey Long and "Every Man a King"
- Apr. 15 Father Coughlin and flirting with Fascism
- Apr. 22 Charles Lindbergh and Isolationism in the *first* 'America First'
- Apr. 29 Joseph McCarthy and the Red Scare
- May 6 George Wallace and White Nationalism after Jim Crow
- May 13 Donald Trump and the revival of 'America First'

*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*

- Apr. 8 Public Life and Festivals in Eighteenth-Century Venice  
**William Barcham, FIT, Professor Emeritus**
- Apr. 15 British Romanticism/Thomas Gainsborough  
**Kimberly Rhodes, Drew University**
- Apr. 22 British Romanticism/William Blake  
**Kimberly Rhodes, Drew University**
- Apr. 29 British Romanticism/J.M.W. Turner  
**Kimberly Rhodes, Drew University**
- May 6 British Romanticism/John Constable  
**Kimberly Rhodes, Drew University**
- May 13 Kathe Kollwitz - German artist  
**Janet Mandel, Local Art Historian**

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**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SANCTUARY**  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

**Professor's Choice Series**

- Apr. 8 What we can (and can't) learn from pre-election polls  
**Dan Cassino, FDU**
- Apr. 15 The Reforms - Slow March to Progress  
**Meghan Sacks, FDU**
- Apr. 22 The French Revolution: Causes and Beginnings  
**Alexander Clemente, CCM**
- Apr. 29 The French Revolution: from the Radical to the New  
**Alexander Clemente, CCM**
- May 6 The War of 1812  
**Angie Kirby-Calder, Drew University**
- May 13 The 2024 Elections and their (Potential) Consequences  
**Phil Mundo, Drew University**