

ENCORE Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes Jan 14, 2026

Minutes and Attendance

Maureen Balaam, Vicki Reece, John Ciminello, Tess Chedsey

The minutes of December 10 were approved by all.

Old Business

Maureen reiterated the need for class coordinators especially for the first class of each term, but ongoing throughout the term would be ideal. We need more committee members to come forth to volunteer for this.

New Business

In discussing these two interesting Spring classes, it was decided to give them wide publicity.

- PAWS, Ed Stuart, Monday March 16, at 2pm (Ed Stuart operates a sanctuary for retired circus animals)
- Bar Pilot Christian Julian Friday March 27 at 2pm

The committee wants to make sure these events get good press and will consult with Jan about that.

Maureen brought up the idea of a specific person either from this committee or elsewhere to be the point person to communicate with Jan on publicity options for special events such as these. All members present thought this was a fine idea.

FYI: Encore and ASC have found that there is better attendance and/or response from email rather than posters or other methods of advertising. Something to ponder.

Current Term Classes: Winter Term January 5 to March 20

Communications across Differences, Monday 2 pm 4 weeks

Architectural History, Mondays 11 am, 3 weeks

Buddhist Philosophy in China, Fridays 10 am, 11 weeks

Thom's Class Fridays 2 pm, 5 weeks

Eightfold Path Mondays 11 am, 6 weeks

Perception and the Brain Mondays 2 pm, 6 weeks

Next Term Classes: Spring Term Classes March 30 to June 12

Native History – Mondays 11am, 11 weeks

Snapshots – Mondays 12:00, 10 weeks or less

Tsunami and Earthquake Prep Mondays 2 pm, 7 weeks

Chinese Philosophy Fridays 10 am, 11 weeks

Financial Decisions Fridays 2 pm, 5 weeks

Writing, Jim Dott Mondays June 1, 2 pm, 3 weeks

ZOOM Writing Class w Eric Anderson 10 am Tuesdays

One time classes for Spring 2026

Garden Series

Successful Veggies May 8, 2pm

Native Bees May 15, 2pm

Native and Hardy Flowers May 2, 2pm

Local Gulls May 29, 2pm

Butterflies with Bob Pyle June 5, 2 pm

Meeting adjourned at 2:20pm.

Next meeting will be February 11 at one o'clock in the Columbia Bank Conference room,

Tess Chedsey,

Secretary