

ENCORE Curriculum Committee Minutes and Attendance - March 11, 2026

Maureen Balaam, Vicki Reece, Dave Zunkel, Tess Chedsey

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. We also need to encourage members outside of the committee to volunteer, such as people who are attending the class.

New Business

- Event committee announcements: Tongue Point 3/17, Flavel House Tours, Columbia Bar Pilot presentation
- Better coordination of announcements for classes/presentations – webmaster
- From recent experience, the Curriculum Committee members will no longer offer various arrangement for room set up to presenters, as it is time consuming and probably not necessary. We will offer clipboards to write on if it is a writing class or if people want to take notes.

Current Term Classes: Winter Term January 5 to March 20 (* = completed)

Communications across Differences, Monday 2 pm 4 weeks *

Architectural History, Mondays 11 am, 3 weeks*

Buddhist Philosophy in China, Fridays 10 am, 11 weeks continuing until March 27

Thom's Class Fridays 2 pm, 5 weeks *

Eightfold Path Mondays 11 am, 6 weeks *

Perception and the Brain Mondays 2 pm, 6 weeks *

Two Winter one-time classes: PAWS, Ed Stewart Monday March 16 2pm

Bar Pilot, Christian Julian Friday March 27 2pm

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

Native History – Mondays 11am, 11 weeks - Erhard Gross

Snapshots – Mondays 12:00, 10 weeks or less - Members

Tsunami and Earthquake Prep Mondays 2 pm, 7 weeks - Karen Elder

Chinese Philosophy Fridays 10 am, 11 weeks - Seth Tichenor

Writing: Making More Sense, Mondays June 1, 2 pm, 3 weeks – Jim Dott

ZOOM Writing Class, 10 am Tuesdays – Eric Anderson

Recent DevelopmentTech Series

April 10th and 17th, Artificial Intelligence for Everyone – Temesa Szalai

April 24th Tech Class by Viri and assistant to help with cell phones and technology

One time classes for Spring 2026

The Spectacular Garden Series

Successful Veggies May 8, 2pm

Native Bees May 15, 2pm

Native and Hardy Flowers May 22, 2pm

Local Gulls May 29, 2pm

Butterflies with Bob Pyle June 5, 2 pm

Fall 2026 September 21 to December 10

Geology Monday 11 am 4 weeks (Volcanoes, coastal and land geography) – Ed Joyce

Financial Decisions 11am 6 weeks – Thom Allison

Writers Series Monday 2pm number of weeks to be determined – John Ciminello

Astronomy Fridays 10am 8 weeks – Dave Ambrose

Friday 2pm class TBD

Wills 4 weeks TBD

Winter 2027 Term January 4 to March 14

Continuation of History and Culture series

Committee is working on a term that will address issues of integration and segregation, including successful integrated communities. We will also have classes that address various issues around Black History Month and Women's History Month, including music, contributions to society and other things that might fit in – under construction.

Suggestions?

Next meeting will be April 8 at one o'clock in the Columbia Bank Conference room,

Tess Chedsey,
Secretary