

**Downeast Senior College** offers courses and activities to persons at least 50 years of age living in Hancock and Southwest Washington counties. There are no exams, grades, or degrees required for participation. DSC's curriculum is derived from the land and the people. "Downeast Maine" is our primary text - its land and sea, its fauna and flora, its people. Our courses include both traditional reading-related courses and non-traditional "hands-on" courses.

**Annual membership** (7/1/09 – 6/30/10) is \$25. Membership entitles you to participate in senior colleges in the statewide senior college network as well as in DSC itself. Outings may include a transportation cost or entrance fee.

**Courses and activities:** Tuition is \$25 per course, unless otherwise listed. When a member cancels a class/activity 7 days or less before the start of the event, no money will be refunded.

**Contacting DSC:** We do not have set office hours, but we ordinarily come to the DSC office twice a week to answer phone calls and email. If you need a faster answer about a course, call the DSC contact person for that course. If you need a fast answer to another question, please call the chair, Peggy Emigh, 422-9006, and she will return the call as quickly as she can. (Leave a message at the DSC office also, in case the chair is out of town.)

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# DOWNEAST SENIOR COLLEGE



*Terrific Natural and Cultural Resources and  
People Curious to Explore Them*

**Fall 2009**  
**Course Offerings**  
**Outings**  
**August 28 – November 20**

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## Fall 2009 Session Course Information

### MONDAYS

<b>Oriental Rugs (and beyond) Part II</b>	(Limit: 20)	Sept 21 & 28, Oct 5 & 19	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
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This course is a sequel to the extremely popular 2006 course on Oriental rugs. After a brief review of material in Part I (context, techniques, Persian, Turkish, and Caucasian rugs), this course will survey rugs of Central Asia, Tibet, and China. This will be followed by a look at notable textile traditions in other formats: Suzanis, Sofrehs, also Bhutanese and Banjara weavings. Finally, a rapid overview of American hooked rugs, Canadian Grenfell mats and Navajo rugs. Lectures, slides, examples. Participants are invited to bring examples for examination and discussion.

**Instructor:** *Lawrence DeMilner* is a textile collector.

**DSC Contact:** Peggy Emigh

**Phone:** 422-9006

**SITE:** Hancock County Higher Education Center

### TUESDAYS

<b>Play Reading</b>	(Limit: 10)	Sept 15, 22, 29, & Oct 6	2:00 – 4:00 PM
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The following three plays by Tennessee Williams will be read:

Sweet Bird of Youth – A drifter returns to his hometown accompanied by a faded movie star.

The Rose Tattoo – An Italian-American widow, who has withdrawn from the world after her husband's death, expects her daughter to do the same.

The Night of the Iquana – Set in Mexico, the story of the bond between Shannon, and ex-minister accused of statutory rape, and Hannah, a strangely virginal spinster and artist. The price of all text materials is included.

**Instructor:** *Ginia Davis-Wexler* studied drama at Carnegie-Mellon, after which she embarked on a long singing career, singing in styles from opera to folk songs and performing in concerts from Europe and America to an around-the-world tour arranged primarily by the State department. She now lives in Sullivan, where she runs the Farmstead Barn Summer Theater for young people and keeps an active interest in the Grand Theater in Ellsworth.

**DSC Contact:** Fran Trefts

**Phone:** 422-2259

**SITE:** Hancock County Higher Education Center

<b>From David to Son of David</b>	(Limit: 20)	Oct 20 & 27, Nov 3 & 10	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
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We will look at the figure of David in the Hebrew Scriptures, as well as some of the other ways in which a Messiah is anticipated, and then discuss how the writers of the Christian Scriptures adapted these ideas to reflect the different reality presented by the understanding that Jesus was the Messiah. We will also think about Messianic expectations and figures in our own culture. Reading assignments will be from the Bible, and lively discussion is expected.

**Course Leader:** *Vesta Kowalski* received a BA from San Diego University, a M. Div. from the General Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D, from the Jewish Theological Seminary. A retired Episcopal priest, she has taught courses on the Old Testament.

**DSC Contact:** Donna Gazis

**Phone:** 422-3697

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### WEDNESDAYS

<b>Frenchman's Bay Conservancy Walks</b>	(Limit: 15)	Oct 7, 14, 21, & 28	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
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This course consists of one lecture on different types of "nature conservancies" and three guided hikes through Frenchman's Bay Conservancy (website: [www.frenchmanbay.org](http://www.frenchmanbay.org)) properties.

*October 7:* Tidal Falls, lecture on conservancies and other means of preserving nature by Tom Sidar, Executive Director of the Frenchman's Bay Conservancy. Tom has a broad experience in natural resource management, having been senior vice president of the National Wildlife Federation, on the Board of Directors of the Appalachian Mountain Club, on the Acadia National Park Advisory Commission, and the non-game advisory board of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. *October 14:* Prentiss & Carlisle property, This recently acquired 300-acre tract on Tunk Road has a small pond, vernal pools, glacial erratics, ravines, and ridges. Led by Clint & Eleanor Ritchie, enthusiastic outdoor people who live nearby. *October 21:* Corea Heath, is a 600-acre property abutting the 400-acre wildlife refuge in Corea. This undeveloped property has habitat for waterfowl, including wading birds, and is the home for a number of rare and endangered species. Walk to be led by Jay Horschak, long-time nature lover and DSC member. *October 28:* Ewing property, Sorrento. This 180-acre property, owned by the Ewing family for more than 100 years and donated to conservancy in 2008, has fields, mixed forest, ponds, wetlands, and 2,845 feet of shorefront. Led by Tom Sidar.

**DSC Contact:** TJ Miller

**Phone:** 565-2416

**SITE:** First meeting will be at Tidal Falls

<b>Cole Transportation Museum</b>	(No Limit)	September 23	9:00 AM
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The Cole Transportation Museum collects, preserves, and displays a cross-section of land transportation in Maine. These include trains, buses, snow removal equipment, snowmobiles, cars, and fire engines. It also has a collection of military memorabilia. Website: [www.colemuseum.org](http://www.colemuseum.org)

**DSC contact:** Peggy Emigh    **Phone:** 422-9006    **SITE:** Meet at Hancock County Higher Education Center

#### THURSDAYS

<b>A Shameless Production</b>	(Limit: 10)	Sept 17 & 24, Oct 1 & 8	3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
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If you always knew that you had latent talent or even if you didn't, this is a rare opportunity to learn the principles of acting, create and perform humorous skits, and to show your talents either with a live audience or in a videotaped performance (or both). Are you ready for YouTube? Each performer will receive a copy of the video!

**Instructor:** *Will Stephenson* has 10 years of acting in more than 25 productions at the Grand Theater, the Meeting House Theater Lab, and the Bangor Community Theater. He was also stage manager for two musicals at the Grand Theater and directed the Ellsworth Middle School Drama Club play in 2008-2009.

**DSC Contacts:** Diana Gazis (422-3697) & TJ Miller (565-2416)    **SITE:** Ellsworth City Hall – Top Floor

<b>In Passing – Litley</b>	(Limit: 20)	Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29	10:00 AM - 12:00 NOON
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Expectations to the contrary, we will not live forever. This is a cursory peek into the institutions which serve both the living and departed immediately following a passing. *October 1:* Ellsworth funeral home visit – Laurie Fernald, speaker. *October 8:* “The Art of the Obituary” – Nan Lincoln, obituary writer for the Bar Harbor Times, speaker. *October 15:* Tour of Ellsworth company that has made gravestones for 127 years – Darlene Springer, owner & tour guide. *October 22:* Walking tour of very beautiful and historic Somesville cemetery. A horse drawn hearse will be brought out of its shed for our inspection. Founding MDI settlers, as well as Madame Marguerite Yourcenar and a Roosevelt, are buried here – Robert Fernald, deacon & tour guide. *October 29:* Bangor crematorium tour by Jim Fernald and visit to Mt. Hope cemetery – America's second garden burial ground – Steve Burrill, cemetery person in charge, will speak.

**DSC Contact:** Sturgis Haskins    **Phone:** 422-6233    **SITE:** Jordan Fernald Funeral Home  
113 Franklin St., Ellsworth

#### FRIDAYS

<b>Ruth Moore</b>	(Limit: 30)	Sept 18 & 25, Oct 2 & 9	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
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This course will examine the novels, letters, and poetry of Ruth Moore (1903-1989). Ruth Moore was born and grew up on Gott's Island off Mt. Desert and became one of Maine's most famous and important writers. If you want to know the truth about life on the Maine coast from the Civil War days up to 1970 or so, you have to read Moore. She got it right in the most wonderful way. Texts will be covered by the cost of tuition, including Moore's novel, The Weir, and High Clouds Soaring, Storm Driving Low: The Letters of Ruth Moore, edited by Sanford Phippen, as well as some of her poetry and short writings.

**Instructor:** *Sandy Phippen*, a Hancock native, graduated from Sumner High School, University of Maine with a BA in English, Syracuse University with a MA in English. He has been a successful writer for 35 years. He has published 12 books and won many awards for his writing, teaching, and television production. Sandy is currently editor of the Puckerbrush Review and teaches for the University of Maine System.

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<b>Crafts with Polymer Clay (Sculpey)</b>	(Limit: 12)	Oct 16, 23, 30 & Nov 6	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
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Make jewelry, ornaments, flowers, etc. using a colorful polymer modeling compound you bake hard in the oven to form permanent objects. (There may be an additional charge for materials.)

**Instructor:** *Grace Schimpf*

**DSC contact:** Mary Jordan    **Phone:** 422-6877    **SITE:** Hancock County Higher Education Center

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# Lighthouse Challenge

*Joint course with Augusta Senior College*

Aug 28-29, Sept 11-12 & Sept 18-19

(Limit: 10)

We will visit several of the downeast lighthouses and learn the primary purpose of these longstanding signals of Maine's past. Learn about the amazing characteristics of these lights, the giant lenses that helped guide ships into harbors, and the dedicated men and women who fought against the perils of weather and loneliness to tend the lights.

The course will consist of three two-day field trips. We will start early



on Friday and Saturday to view at least 25 of Maine's lighthouses and museums. Four of the six field trips will be boat rides to some offshore lighthouses. The boat trips and visits to islands must be paid in advance (\$150 payable to Duane Prugh) to guarantee boat prices. USA passport or Green Card will be needed for the Canada trip. No textbook will be provided. All trips will leave from Ellsworth.

*August 28:* Boat trip –Lighthouses in Eagle Island, Pumpkin Island, Blue Hill Bay, Burnt Cove Harbor, Little Mark Island (Deer Isle Thorofare).

*August 29:* Field trip – Prospect Harbor, Winter Harbor (*distant view*), Lunch at restaurant, Dice Head Light, W. Penobscot for distant view of Fort Point.

*September 11:* Boat trip – Milbridge, Nash Island, Petit Manan and Narraguagus Lights.

*September 12:* Boat/Field trip – East Quoddy, Lubec Channel, Mulholland from USA, restaurant lunch, West Quoddy, Little River.

*September 18:* Boat trip – Robinson Point (Isle au Haut), Saddleback Ledge, Heron Neck, Brown's Head, Goose Rocks, Little Mark Island (Deer Isle Thorofare)

*September 19:* Boat/Field trip – Bass Harbor Light, Lunch in Southwest Harbor, Cadillac Mountain, Bear Island Light from Northeast Harbor, Egg Rock Light from Schooner Head.

**Leader:** *Duane Prugh (215-3093)*, is a semi-retired professional electrical engineer and computer consultant by trade. He loves the outdoors and has for many years been interested in the technical aspects of lighthouses, their history, how they were built, what materials were used, and how these pillars of the past have stood for 100 years or more. He has taught this course a number of times, both the more southerly lighthouses and the Downeast ones.



**DSC Contact:** Evelyn Carpenter

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