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Discovering a Sense of Place



This combined discussion and field study is offered as a part of the *Blue Ridge Naturalist*, an intergenerational program sponsored by the North Carolina Center for Creative Retirement and held in the Reuter Center on the UNC Asheville Campus. The *Blue Ridge Naturalist* is funded in part by a grant from the Western North Carolina Community Foundation.

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Do you...

- Yearn for a sense of connection to where you live?
- Long to spend more time in the natural world?
- Desire to deepen your knowledge of this area?
- Enjoy meeting creative people?



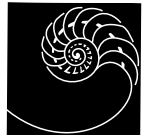
“Discovering a Sense of Place” is a year-long, in-depth exploration of the Blue Ridge region drawing on the talents of some of the area’s most gifted naturalists and teachers. This program is designed to help you discover the natural wonders and beauty of the mountains while deepening a sense of connection to this place we call home. We will journey through time and territory to learn about the unique ecology of the Blue Ridge and expand our awareness of the communities—flora, fauna and people—that live here.

Moving from old growth forests to urban communities, we will visit a variety of sites that provide us with the knowledge and experience to better understand this region and how it has evolved over time. Each month we will focus on a different topic and learn from local experts, from the natural world, and from each other.

Sessions will be held on the **2nd Tuesday and the 2nd Saturday of each month** from September 2005 through August 2006. Tuesday evening sessions will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 206 in the Reuter Center on the campus of UNC Asheville. During the evening sessions local experts will provide us with the classroom portion of that month’s topic. On Saturdays, we will meet at the Reuter Center lower parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and carpool to our field study site. Participants will bring their own lunches for Saturday trips. Experiencing different weather conditions is part of discovering the uniqueness of where we live so we will not cancel our outings except for extreme weather events.

For more information on “Discovering a Sense of Place” or the “Ecology of the Blue Ridge” class that will be offered in Winter 2006, please contact Jeanie Martin at 828/251-6198 or jmartin@unca.edu.

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Schedule of Classes for 2005-2006

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| Date | Topic |
|-------------------|---|
| September 6 | Orientation |
| September 13 & 17 | The Way it Was—The Old Growth Forest |
| October 11 & 15 | The Cherokee—First People of the Blue Ridge |
| November 8 & 12 | From the Ground Up—Our Rocks, Soils and Watershed |
| December 13 & 17 | Stargazing—Our Place Under the Sky |
| January 10 & 14 | European Settlers—A Day in the Life of the Pioneers |
| February 14 & 18 | Animals of the Blue Ridge—Who Was Here, Who Survived? |
| March 14 & 18 | Asheville—The Paris of the South |
| April 11 & 15 | Appalachian Spring |
| May 9 & 13 | Farming and Wildcrafting in the Mountains of Western N.C. |
| June 13 & 17 | Flora of the Highlands—Glaciation and Balds |
| July 11 & 15 | The French Broad River |
| August 8 & 12 | Climate of the Blue Ridge—What Might the Future Hold? |



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Application

Name _____

Address _____
street city ZIP

Phone _____ / _____ E-mail _____

This course will involve many hours out of doors in a variety of settings and weather conditions. It is necessary that participants be in good health and be able and willing to meet the physical requirements necessary for participation. Field study will require that participants be able to hike on uneven surfaces with moderate gain in elevation and descent and be able to spend up to 6 hours outside in a variety of weather conditions. A waiver of liability is required for acceptance.

Cost for the program includes related educational materials. Participants should budget approximately \$75 for lab fees which will include such things as a river rafting trip, museum fees, a pioneer meal and other incidentals. All participants are required to be members of the N.C. Center for Creative Retirement (\$30 annual membership fee). There is no age requirement for membership. Your NCCCR membership covers a parking permit for the UNC Asheville campus, use of the Reuter Center for our classes, and

borrowing privileges at the UNC Asheville library. Program costs are listed below.

- \$320 Tuition fee "Discovering a Sense of Place"
- \$30 NCCCR one-year membership fee that begins September 2005
- \$350 Total amount due**

Please make checks payable to UNCA and in the memo portion write "Sense of Place". \$25 of the fee is non-refundable. No refunds will be given after August 22, 2005.

Acceptance will be granted on a first come, first served basis to qualified applicants. Application and payment should be mailed to: Jeanie Martin, NCCCR, CPO 5000, UNC Asheville, Asheville, N.C. 28804-8511.

Questions regarding this and other offerings with the *Blue Ridge Naturalist* may be directed to Jeanie Martin, 828-251-6198 or jmartin@unca.edu

