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ALL News

Giving Tuesday 2024

We would like to thank everyone who made our Giving Tuesday so successful, by donating to our Giving Tuesday Fund.

Our campaign raised \$3,450!

The Sight and Sound project is already in motion and our valued ALL members will soon feel the benefit of these donated funds. We appreciate the efforts of those who helped with the campaign. We wish everyone a very Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you at a 2025 Program very soon.

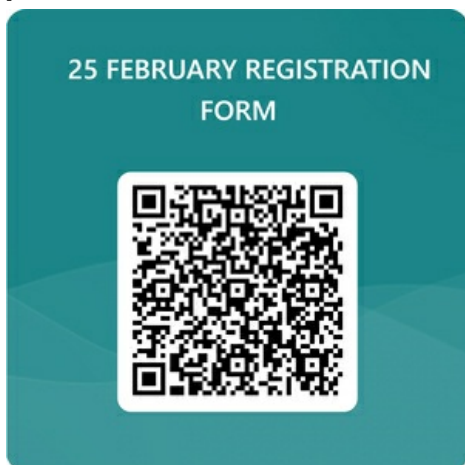
ALL Electronic Registration System Update

The Association of Lifelong Learners has implemented a system for registering for ALL programs online starting with the Association's July programs. You will still be able to register with the form included with your Program guide. However, you may find it easier to register electronically.

You can use the following link to use the new system.

<https://forms.office.com/r/L4hk8GVizx>

Or the QR code:



The ALL office prefers that you register for a program but if things change in your schedule, give the ALL office a call @ (989) 358-7207 or call the coordinator to let them know you are coming.

Do you have a presentation... or hobby to share? Do you know someone who has a presentation or hobby to share?

Do you have a topic you would like to learn more about?

Contact the ALL Office at 989-358-7207 or email all@alpenacc.edu to share your ideas - ALL is always looking for new programs to offer.

Photographers Corner



Start up activities at ACC during the faculty welcome back at the beginning of the month, hosted by ALL.



Here are ALL members learning about using their electronics from the Alpena Tech students.



We had a great Moveable Feast on Thursday, January 20,

2025. Olde Mill Coffee on Campbell Street in Alpena.

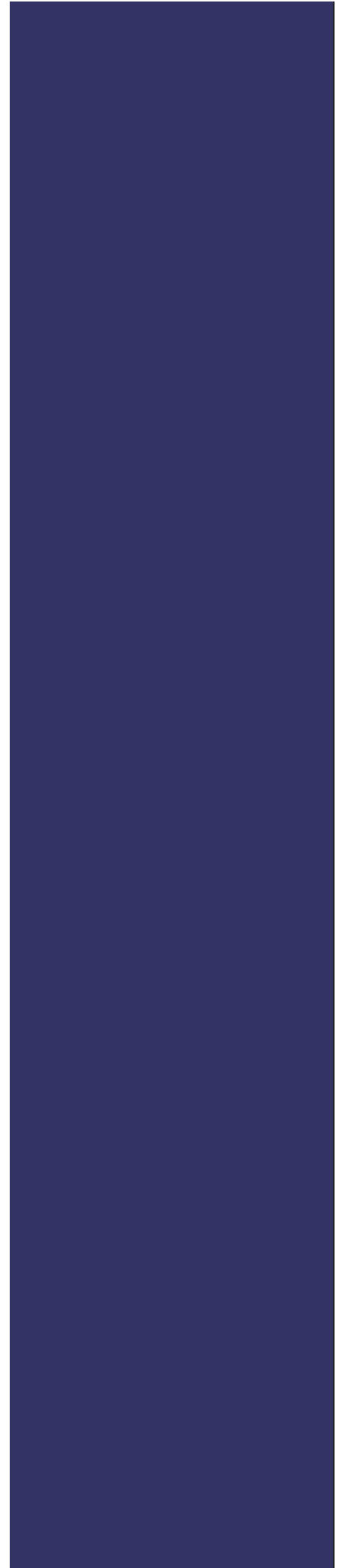


The whole event went up three notches. The 22 ALL members were treated to old time ambiance, games and good conversation. All in all a delightful Moveable Feast.





Amy Nowakowski presented a nice program about Huron Pines.



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February PROGRAMS

Sound Bath

Monday, February 3, 2025

4:00 pm

Upstairs at The Olde Mill Cofee, 633 Campbell Street, Alpena

Cost: Free will offering

Number of attendees: Minimum: 5 Maximum: 40

Coordinator: Sue Jackowiak

989-379-3313

DESCRIPTION: Sound Bath is an ancient practice that uses sound vibrations to promote healing. The body mentally and physically participates in relaxing while being enveloped in soothing soundscape created by different instruments. Instruments that may be used are singing bowls, gongs, chimes, and bells. The sound created results in great stress reduction that promotes healing.

Traci Boyle is a yoga instructor and Sound Bath practitioner. She is the studio owner. Her mission is to help people feel better through yoga and sound bath.

Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

1:00 - 3:00 pm ACC

Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Sue Jackowiak

989-379-3313

Meg Schwartz and Savannah Obert-Pfeifer will give an overview of their work cleaning up the shores of our Great Lakes.

Meg Schwartz graduated from Alma College with a degree in Biology. She earned her master's in environmental science from Indiana State. She enjoys outdoor sports. She founded a marine debris prevention nonprofit: Great Lakes Great Responsibility.

Savannah Obert-Pfeifer is a Stewardship Education Specialist. She earned her degree in Sustainability Science and Society. Her hobbies are painting landscapes, hiking, and baking new recipes.

Writing Workshop

Wednesday, February 5, 2025 **11:00 am – 12:30 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs 143
Number of attendees: Minimum 3 Maximum 12 Coordinator:
MaryAnn Krajnik Crawford **989-916-5540**

We will share short pieces of writing (your own or others') and discuss issues and techniques for writing, revising, and editing in a non-critical atmosphere.

MaryAnn Krajnik Crawford enjoys writing and teaching writing, including creative nonfiction and memoir writing.

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Renewable Energy and Its Impact

Wednesday February 5, 2025 **1:30 - 2:30 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Tom Hilberg **989-464-5569**
Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83797605442>

Discussion on the transition to the renewable generation at the Regional, State, and Local levels and potential impacts to businesses and residents. Will look at decarbonization goals and the impacts of recent legislation in Michigan that requires significant investment in renewable and clean generation sources. Open discussion with opportunities for feedback and questions.

Kenneth Dragiewicz received a Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Electrical Engineering from Michigan State University in 1998 and a Master of Business Administration Degree from Saginaw Valley State University in 2003.

Coins and Antiques

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 **1:30 - 2:30 pm**
Madeline Briggs University Center #140
Coordinator: Pat Garant **231-640-9320**
Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89212717939>

During his presentation Ken will discuss buying and selling coins and antiques. Topics include : the process of selling gold jewelry, what is "Spot", what does "Premium" mean, buying and selling diferent forms of gold, silver both coins and jewelry, how the market can change on metals and on antiques. If you wish to bring an item, he will be happy to appraise your item.

Kenneth Roy has been a resident of Alcona County for 30 years until recently when he moved to the Ossineke area. Ken has worked full time for over 35 years in the antique business and 10+ years as a coin dealer buying and selling gold, silver, coins and jewelry. Until recently he operated Kenneth Roy Coins and Antiques Store in Harrisville for 26 years. In the spring of 2025, he will be opening a coin and antique store in Ossineke, next to the U.S. Post Office.



Behind the Scenes - Chocolatier at Work: Dipping Strawberries

Thursday , February 13 , 2025 10:30 am -12:00 pm

North Country Candy and Gifts, 1045 N. Bagley, Alpena

Coordinator: Linda Ferguson 402-679-7669

Number of attendees: Minimum 5 Maximum 15

Get a jump on Valentine's Day with a stroll through the many sweets available at North Country Candy and Gifts. Chocolatier Jessica will take you behind the scenes and share with you the secrets of dipping strawberries in chocolate. Attendance is limited to 15, be sure to reserve your place early.

Jessica Brown has been the owner of North Country Candy and gifts since January 2025. She has been associated with North Country for four years. Moving to the Alpena area during Covid to care for a relative, North Country was one of the few places hiring. She learned to make fudge, chocolate, and the private recipe caramel corn popular with so many. She became part owner a year ago and is very happy that she and her husband became sole owners this year.

The New Discover Northeast Michigan History Gallery

Besser Museum 491 Johnson St, Alpena

Friday February 14, 2025 7:00 pm

Besser Museum Planetarium and Walking Tour

Cost: \$3.00 senior, \$5.00 Adult

Museum Members Free Number of attendees: 50 Maximum

Coordinator: Bev Bodem 989-354-4856



Tim Kent, the guest curator at the museum, will discuss how he assembled his extensive prehistoric and historic period collections, over the span of 53 years. He will also describe how he combined them with the Haltiner prehistoric collection of the museum to create many of the new exhibits in the gallery. After Tim's presentation, attendees may take a self-guided tour of the newly opened gallery.

Tim Kent twice received the State History Award from the Historical

Society of Michigan. He has authored numerous books about various aspects of the fur trade era, and each of them are considered the encyclopedia on the given subject.

With his wife Doree and their sons Kevin and Ben, the Kent family recreated the lives of French trader of the 1600s and his Native family, during ten summers in wilderness settings. In addition, with their dog Toby, they paddled from end to end the 3,000-mile mainline fur trade canoe route across the U.S. and Canada, from Montreal to Ft. Chipewyan in northern Alberta, over the course of fifteen voyages.

Card Making

Monday February 17, 2025 **1:00 - 3:00 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143
Cost: \$5 for materials
Number of attendees: Minimum 5 Maximum 10
Coordinator: Nancy Pohl **989-464-8859**

If you have never made a card but want to try it, this class is for you. And if you attended in May this is ongoing. Cost is \$5. Nancy will provide paper and glue. You are to bring scissors, a ruler, and a pencil.

Nancy Pohl has been making cards and other artistic endeavors for years. She would like to share her talents with the participants.

The APlex

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 **1:30 -2:30 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Linda Ferguson **402-679-7669**

Alpena's APlex complex hosts a multitude of events from Pickleball, weddings, expos and big name performers. We know that what we don't know, is what is involved in making all these events successful. What kind of catastrophes come close to derailing events? What are some of the more interesting events that have been staged? What events were impossible to happen. Beckie Thomson will take us behind the scenes at The APlex and put us "in the know" with the rest of the stories.

Beckie Thomson is a retired English teacher of 36 years. She has been employed by the APlex since August of 2021. She enjoys working with people and sports, so the APlex is a natural fit for work and fun.

Journal Writing, Sharing Stories

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 **11 am – 12:30 pm**

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143

Number of attendees: Minimum 4 Maximum 15

Coordinator: MaryAnn Krajnik Crawford 989-916-5540

Come explore personal and memoir writing in a no-pressure atmosphere; prompts provided.

MaryAnn Krajnik Crawford, retired from Central Michigan University, continues to write for the fun of it.

The Markets Today

Thursday, February 20, 2025

1:30 – 2:30 pm

ACC Center Room 106 (across from Granum Theater)

Coordinator: Mike Mandrick

989-255-2699

Marc will discuss performance across the markets, market updates related to current events, Edward Jones' key views, and portfolio opportunities. Your questions and concerns will also be addressed.

Marc Ferguson graduated in 1986 from Lake Superior State University and 1994 from Central Michigan University. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration and an MBA in finance and international business. Before coming to Edward Jones Marc was a manager at The Dow Chemical Company.

Moveable Feast - Austin Brothers

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Austin Brothers Beer Co.

Cost : Participants are responsible for the cost of their meal/beverage Number of attendees: Minimum 5 Maximum 40

Coordinator: Jane Roose

989-255-5673

Participants will enjoy a wonderful lunch from the Austin Bros menu and get an inside peek at a working brewery. Wear comfortable shoes – floors in the brewery could be wet as they will be working while we

are there.

Invite a friend. This is a great way to introduce a friend to ALL. Reservations are a must. Call the ALL office @ 989-358-7207 or email all@alpenacc.edu or register online for a reservation so the restaurant can plan accordingly.

The Austin Family had tired of the California lifestyle and was looking for a different way of life. The family spent two summers touring 47 states in a motor home and landed in Alpena, Michigan to check out a Great Lake. They ended up staying a couple of days and fell in love with the area. decided to open a microbrewery. and move their families

here. Since then, Austin Bros has become a consistently safe bet for quality beer and tasty pub food. Pride is taken in the words “fresh” and “local.” If they did not make it in-house, someone close by did!

AHS Tech Workshop

Thursday, February 27, 2025 **3:00-5:00 p.m.**

ACC Madeline Briggs 140

Number of Attendees: Max 15

Coordinator: Linda Ferguson **402-679-7667**

Bring any and all of your technology devices that are giving you headaches to this workshop. Bring in all your questions about those devices to this workshop. The AHS students of DECA** club are here to help. These students know it all, if one can't help another can. Club advisor Amanda Pilarski also shares her knowledge and skills. This is one-on-one help that focuses on *your* situation and concerns.

The students participate in various statewide competitions in the spring. If you find their skills helpful and valuable, any donation to help offset the expense of these competitions would be appreciated.

** Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) is a high school and college program for students interested in business. The organization prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management.

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FEBRUARY RECURRING SESSIONS

Pickleball

Monday, Wednesday, Friday **9:00 - 11:00 am**

APlex

Coordinator: Pamela Borchert **989-464-6044**

Pickleball continues. Call the APlex for additional info @ 989-354-6164. APlex fees apply.

Duplicate Bridge

Mondays **12:15 – 4:00 pm**

Call Marcy at 989-354-2306, or Bev at 989-595-5119 for more information and location.

This is a form of Bridge where partners play a fixed set of hands in competition with several other partners to see who does the best. This form of Bridge is for experienced Bridge partners interested in some

friendly competition. It is also appropriate for individual experienced Bridge players interested in subbing from time to time.

Mexican Train Dominoes

Tuesdays 9:15 - 11:30 am
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143
Coordinator: Eileen Wikaryasz 989-340-0608

Ready for a fun, addictive and fast-moving game that has lots of surprising twists and turns? Join us for Mexican Train Dominoes! You may join our class any time during the year.

Pinochle

Wednesdays 12:30 - 3:00 pm
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Mary Ann Kenne 989-255-4414

Julie Byrnes is inviting you to join her and others in single deck Pinochle on Wednesdays.

Spitzer

Thursdays 10:00 - 11:30 am
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Marilyn Klingshirn 989-354-0884

Spitzer is a challenging card game that requires lots of concentration. It is played extensively in our area, mainly around Rogers City, Alpena, Posen, and regular tournaments are held. Spitzer-challenged people are welcome to come learn the game. Experienced players are welcome to come enjoy playing and guiding the newbies. Name tags encouraged.

Contract Bridge

Fridays 12:30 - 3:00 pm
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Julie Byrnes 734-761-2123

This is an ongoing group of varied players who welcome all players at any time. We are a teaching class but welcome experienced players also.

Square Dancing

Fridays 4:00 - 6:00 pm
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Glenn Taylor 803-292-9613

Looking for something to do with **your** significant other or with other people? Singles welcome - **no** partner needed. We are Mainstream dancers with Plus lessons mixed in. We meet in Alpena on Fridays from 4 - 6 PM at the Madeline Briggs Center of Alpena Community College.

Call Glenn at 803-292-9613 to get details.

Let's dance!

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Check out the *new* offerings on **YouTube**.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYc9USUpJ2nsQDsJSLO01Nw>

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