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The Lost Art of Hand Shaping Surf Boards

Wednesday July 9, 2025

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Wendy Payne

703-472-5862

Get ready to dive into the mesmerizing world of surfboard craftsmanship! This dynamic presentation will take you behind the scenes of a fading tradition—the meticulous, hands-on process of building custom surfboards from scratch. Whether you're a surf junkie, a design enthusiast, or simply love the spirit of the ocean or the Great Lakes, you'll be inspired by the skill, patience, and passion poured into every handcrafted board.

Joshua Weisfeld was born in 80's on Maui. Joshua's passion for boards began at just five years old when he learned to surf on the waves at Kihei's cove park. In 2005, he began crafting skateboards. His hunger for speed led him to downhill skateboarding, competing in over 20 World Cup races, including four World Championships. After college, he returned to Maui and handcrafted his first surfboard in 2013. He opened his own custom softboard shop. Tragically, both his business and home were destroyed. He and his family relocated to Alpena in 2023 where he discovered the Great Lakes' thriving freshwater surf scene. Today, Joshua continues to handcraft high-quality surfboards, blending his oceanic expertise with freshwater needs, all while keeping the spirit of traditional surfboard craftsmanship alive—*salt-free stoke* in every board.

Greenland—Why would anyone want it?

Thursday, July 10, 2025

1:30-2:30 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Cindy Kelly

517-242-0096

Zoom: Meeting ID: 835 5681 8706

Passcode: 113466

Greenland, from the time of the Vikings to the present...why would anyone want it? Historically, the Vikings and many other groups and nations—most recently the United States—have shown interest in Greenland due to its strategic location, natural resources, and potential for military advantages. The island's position in the Arctic, along with its abundant minerals and proximity to Europe and Asia, has made it a desirable target for various reasons throughout history. This presentation will trace the history of Greenland and its emergence as a strategic entity in modern geo-politics.

Rocky Roland is a retired Air Force Colonel, who has lived and traveled extensively around the world. He and his wife Ginny have visited more than 120 countries and Rocky has given travel presentations about most of them. Rocky is an inveterate reader and researcher,

Walking Visit to Island Park

Friday, July 11, 2025

9:30 -11:00 am

Duck and Island Park—US 23 and Long Rapids Road

Coordinator: Wendy Payne

703-472-5862

An opportunity for people to learn a bit of the history of Duck and Island Park. The walk will include some history of the Island, some information on the flora and fauna, and the revised plans for the Thunder Bay River Center.

Judy Kalmanek served as a board member of Huron Pines, Thunder Bay Audubon, the Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary and is currently the chair of Thunder Bay River Center. She has been a “rabid” environmentalist for 50 years.

An Introduction to Enchanting Ireland

Monday , July 14, 2025

10:00 – 11:00 am

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143

Coordinator: Linda Ferguson

989-727-8028

Zoom Meeting ID: 868 1647 3992

Passcode: 981576

A discussion and introduction to the landscape, music, cultural/historic sites, food, drink, and people which makes Ireland one of the most fascinating countries in the world. Calling all Hibernophiles to this session to learn more about this beautiful country.

Lori Voight is a retired school counselor who has been fascinated by all things Ireland since the early 80’s. She and her husband Michael fulfilled their dream to visit Ireland in 2022 and returned in 2024.

Emergency Preparedness for Seniors

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

1:30 –3:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Sue O’Neil

586-216-1177

Zoom: Meeting ID; 891 3441 6812

Passcode: 901286

With this year’s ice storm fresh in everyone’s mind, what steps should seniors take to prepare for the next emergency situation? Join Andy Marceau for this timely presentation on emergency preparedness

Andy Marceau Deputy Chief/ Community Risk Reduction with the City of Alpena Fire Department. Andy has been with the city for 27 years and has been in his new role just over a year. Andy loves being out in the community and talking to groups and hopefully making our community safer thru fire and fall prevention.



ALL Photography Club

Tuesday, July 15, 2025 (3rd Tuesday-monthly)

7:00 – 9:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143

Coordinator: Dick Bremer

989-727-8028

Zoom Meeting ID: 847 0459 7928

Passcode: 635146

Join in the discussions about photographic techniques and equipment. Or just stop in and check out some of the photos from Club members and visitors. All skill levels are welcome. Join us in-person or on Zoom.

Overview of Hospice of Michigan's Special Programs

Wednesday , July 16, 2025

10:00 am –12:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Wendy Payne

703-472-5862

As a not-for-profit organization, Hospice of Michigan is committed to providing more than just end-of-life care—we offer an extension of care that supports the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of our patients and their families.

Thanks to generous community support and our non-profit mission, we are proud to offer a variety of special programs at no additional cost to those we serve. Presentation will highlight our veteran, integrated therapies, gestures of grace and pediatrics hospice care programs.

Melissa McDonald-Reed is the Director of Philanthropy at Hospice of Michigan overseeing the organizations fundraising efforts in northern Michigan. Melissa ensures that Hospice of Michigan supporters experience genuine, high-quality interactions with the organization and works with prospective donors to expand their awareness and solicit financial support for Hospice of Michigan.

Condominium Living

Thursday, July 17, 2025

1:30-2:30 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Mike Mandrick

989-255-2699

Zoom: Meeting ID: 860 3852 1773

Passcode: 470069

This presentation will provide an overview of the difference between a condominium, homeowners & a cooperative. How a condo association functions and what to look for when considering purchasing a condo.

Jere Doyle is a 3-time home owner of a condominium and presently President of his association. A representative of Alpena Insurance Agency will be joining in this presentation to provide an understanding of condominium insurance and answer questions.

July Moveable Feast—Pompeyos**Thursday, July 24, 2025****11:30 am—1:30 pm****Pompeyos Mexican Grill—1120 Sate Street, Alpena, MI****Coordinator: Jane Roose****989-255-5673****Cost: Participants are responsible for the cost of their meal and drinks.**

You won't need a passport or even an enhanced driver's license to treat your tastebuds to a delightful, traditional Mexican lunch at Pompeyos where every dish tells a story. Come and join us for lunch on the partially-enclosed patio – what a perfect way to spend a July afternoon with the sun shining and Lake Huron glistening in the background. Join your friends, and invite someone who hasn't experienced our fun Moveable Feasts. Reservations are appreciated - please call the ALL office at 989-358-7207 or e-mail all@alpenacc.edu or register online so the restaurant and coordinator can plan accordingly.

Carmen Ayal, the owner of Pompeyos, started immersing herself in the rich flavors and strong work ethic defined at her family's eateries in La Piedad, Michoaca'n, Mexico. Carmen began selling tacos dorados on the street at age 12. She was working 12-hour days, balancing school in the mornings and afternoons and weekends helping her family's restaurant thrive. In 2018, she brought her dream to Alpena and opened Pompeyos. Today, Carmen's children – Krystal, Francisco, and Rafael are following in her footsteps.

CPR Review**Monday, July 28, 2025****10:00 —11:00 am****ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140****Coordinator: Jan Kane****989-464-7107**

A member of the ALL family recently experienced cardiac arrest and is here to tell his story because there were people nearby who knew CPR and started it promptly. Would you have known what to do if you had been nearby? Join us for a review of CPR and also the use of the AED which is in the ALL building.

Katie Torok has been a paramedic for many years, both in the Flint area and locally. Her current role involves teaching CPR and other life-saving skills to employees and the general public. She and her husband, who is also a paramedic, have 6 children.

Have a presentation or hobby to share? Know someone who has presentation or hobby to share? Have a topic you would like to learn more about. Contact the ALL Office to at 989-358-7207 or email all@alpenacc.edu to share your ideas . ALL is always looking for new material .

“Walking Through Lebanon: Ancient Excavations and Modern Dynamics”

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

2:00 -3:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Jan Kane

989-464-7107

This presentation will be a short review of the 17 day trip that the Hoffmans took to Lebanon as a part of a Sabbatical experience that included The UK, Lebanon and Western Canada. Focus will be on their experience and travels in and around Beirut to the World Heritage Sites of Anjar and Baalbek, two of the most wonderfully preserved excavations of Arab and Roman ancient architecture in the world.

The Hoffman’s have been married for 28 years and discovered their match as soulmates while they were both in graduate school in Louisville, KY.

Laura has worked as a High School teacher and administrator, a hospice chaplain and is currently the Spiritual Care Manager for MyMichigan Hospital system. She holds Bachelors and Masters degrees in Education, a Master of Divinity in Pastoral Care and has completed extensive training as a Clinical Pastoral Supervisor. **Warren** is retired from 45 years in pastoral ministry to local churches and holds a Bachelors degree, Master of Divinity and Master of Theology degrees as well as a Ph.D. He loves the field of communication studies and is a musician who has traveled extensively as a professional vocalist. He serves as Pastor Emeritus at Huron Shores Fellowship. Warren currently gives his volunteer time to MyMichigan Hospital and tutors homeschool students in the communication arts as well as serving as a vocal coach. They love Alpena and make their home on the big lake along with their 13 year old twin Yellow Labs, Augie and Deiter.

ALL prefers that you register for our programs, but if things change in your schedule, give the ALL office a call @ (989) 358-7207 or call the program coordinator to let us know you are coming or not.

JULY 4TH IN HISTORY



The 4th of July, or Independence Day, commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. This document formally declared the 13 American colonies to be free from [Great Britain](#). The holiday celebrates the birth of American independence and the founding of the United States.

Here's a more detailed look at the history:

When the initial battles in the Revolutionary War broke out in April 1775, few colonists desired complete independence from Great Britain, and those who did were considered radical. By the middle of the following year, however, many more colonists had come to favor independence, thanks to growing hostility against Britain and the spread of revolutionary sentiments such as those expressed in the bestselling pamphlet “Common Sense,” published by Thomas Paine in early 1776. On June 7, when the Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, the Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion calling for the colonies’ independence. Amid heated debate, Congress postponed the vote on Lee’s resolution, but appointed a five-man committee—including Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Robert R. Livingston of New York—to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain. On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of Lee’s resolution for independence in a near-unanimous vote (the New York delegation abstained, but later voted affirmatively). On that day, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail that July 2 “will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival” and that the celebration should include “Pomp and Parade...Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other.” On July 4th, the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, which had been written largely by Jefferson. Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2nd, from then on the 4th became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence.

***THE BOARD, VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF WISH
YOU A SAFE AND WONDERFUL
4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY!***



JULY 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

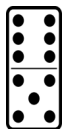
Mondays

12:15 – 4:00 pm

**Call for Location in Alpena. Call Marcy at
or Bev at 989-595-5119 for more information**

989-354-2306

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.

ALL is supported by membership fees. Guests are always welcome. A modest donation from guests for the value of your experience is always appreciated.

RECURRING SESSIONS



Spitzer

Thursdays

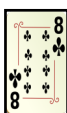
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Coordinator: Marilyn Klingshirn

10:00 - 11:30 am

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

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Julie Byrnes

12:30 - 3:00 pm

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

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Glenn Taylor

4:00 - 6:00 pm

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!

Recurring Programs are held the same day of the week in any given month. To find detailed dates of these programs, please refer to the Calendar on Page 11.

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