

FREE MONTHLY EVENTS

For Fall 2017 Members:



**THE ACADEMY
FOR LIFELONG LEARNING**

The Athletic Club for Your Mind

Feathered Dinosaurs, Larry Matten

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 11:30 am-1 pm

In 1860, a long-tailed, sharp-toothed dinosaur with feathers and claws was described from Middle Jurassic beds in Germany. This single species, *Archaeopteryx lithographica*, stood as the only transitional form between reptiles and birds for 132 years. In 1992, a large number of specimens of dinosaurs with feathers, birds with feathers, and transitional forms with feathers were discovered in China, Madagascar and Burma. The characteristics of these recent discoveries solidified the scientific determination that birds are modern dinosaurs.

This is a preview of Larry's Spring 2018 Academy class, "Renaissance of Dinosaur Discovery."

Larry Matten wears many hats: teacher, paleobotanist, administrator, lawyer and researcher. Above all, Larry loves teaching about his favorite subject – paleontology and evolution. He has spent over 55 years studying and researching the fossil record. Some of his previous subjects taught include: Darwin, human evolution, amazing fossils and the Stories They Tell, and most recently, mass extinctions.

Modern Death & What Matters in the End, George Ho Jr., MD.

Thursday, Oct. 26, 11:30 am-1 pm

Explore the reality of modern death during this lecture. Our concept of death has changed from acceptance of the inevitable to death becoming optional because of the marvelous miracles of modern medicine. Recently, death has become more fearful and frightening with scientific advancements compounded by a healthcare system that regards medicine as a business. How, when and where we die have changed in the last century. We will examine why and explore how hospice and palliative care can improve the end of life. "Dying well" and a "good" death are both possible.

For 40-plus years, George worked in Rheumatology and had a special interest in Hospice and Palliative Medicine. Now retired, he welcomes the opportunity to apply that professional knowledge, experience and talent to helping members of the Academy navigate the healthcare system through information and self-exploration. Since 2011, he has facilitated the Academy course entitled "Making and Sharing Sound End-of-Life Choices" and the demand for this information has continued.

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Music of Latin America: From Mambo to Tango, Lorenz Rychner

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 11:30 am-1 pm

This lively presentation will take us on a journey through the fabulous diversity of melodies and rhythms, from Cuba and Puerto Rico via Mexico and Bolivia to Brazil and Argentina. We'll compare styles and influences, watch historic footage, and try to keep our tapping toes in check. We'll need to be careful not to crank the music too loud so the neighbors don't complain.

Lorenz Rychner took up piano and clarinet lessons as a child in his native Switzerland. He combined a career in publishing with a busy performing schedule. After emigrating to Australia he spent 15 years as a full-time musician. In 1985, while in Los Angeles studying orchestration and conducting, he accepted an invitation to head up the music synthesis and electronic orchestration programs at the Grove School of Music. Many published books and articles later, he moved to Colorado in 1996 and was the at Recording magazine. Lorenz teaches classes regularly at The Academy with a concentration and undeniable love for Jazz.

SO, WHAT ARE THE REST OF MY MEMBER BENEFITS?

- ☀ Bring one friend for FREE to each of these great FREE presentations. No RSVP required for these.
- ☀ Tech Tips class on Oct. 25 (9:30 – 11:00) is FREE.
- ☀ Registration required at **AcademyLL.org** or at our **Welcome Desk**.
- ☀ Courtesy coffee in between classes
- ☀ In-class tech trouble-shooting
- ☀ Expert-led classes with dedicated students
- ☀ Smarts, Charm & Wit of your classmates and Academy staff



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