

SILVER STREAK



CONNECTING AND INFORMING TCU'S SILVER FROGS

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Back to the Patio

Silver Frogs returned to the lovely patio at [Joe T Garcia's Mexican Restaurant](#) for their first in-person end-of-semester celebration since December 2019, on the very warm evening of May 10. After lots of eating and drinking, **Julie Lovett** and **Siân Borne** made some semester-closing announcements. Door prizes were awarded to cap off the party; **David Grebel** won a membership for fall, **Ann Shelton** picked up a travel bag filled with goodies, and **Judith Tarvin** took home a TCU swag bag!



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THANK YOU to our absolutely fabulous volunteer photography team of Sarah Cowen and Polly Hooper, who captured all of these terrific pictures from the End-of-Semester Celebration! Believe it or not, there are even MORE pictures from that night and you can [see—and download—them here](#). Thanks also to Randy Smith for providing the Dropbox link.



We're Set for Fall! by Randy Smith

The Curriculum Committee is looking forward to a fantastic fall, with 48 four-week courses and 65 one-time lectures approved for the catalog; 11 of those classes (about 10%) will be offered via Zoom. Thank you in advance to all of these future instructors!

We'll have a good mix of popular returning classes AND a large number—40% of the total—of brand-new, never-before-offered classes as well. Most will happen in the Secrest-Wible classroom but we were also able to secure a room in the Dee J. Kelly Center for some of our larger classes.

You'll be able to view the catalog soon in order to start planning which ones you want to request when the time comes (that's not until August; watch your emails this summer for the dates and procedural information). And GREAT NEWS—this fall you will be able to request and prioritize up to eight classes (instead of six)! Your Silver Frogs Advisory Board approved this increase in their May meeting.

Luncheon Lectures will be back this fall too, in the BLUU, right across the street from the Kelly Center. That committee is hard at work planning those larger events which we are all delighted to resume.

Be sure to renew your membership June 1-3 to be part of all the exciting opportunities coming this fall!



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Remember to Register for Membership

Don't miss out on joining the TCU Silver Frogs for the Fall 2022 semester! Open to individuals 50 years and up, this membership organization promotes lifelong learning and community through daytime courses, lectures, special interest groups and events. Our 600 members prove that community and learning go hand-in-hand. Limited spots are available! Fall 2022 Membership fee is \$125.00 and the registration process is listed below. Over 100 daytime four-week courses and one-time lectures will be offered. The lecture and course request process opens in mid-August; programs begin in September. Silver Frogs follow TCU guidance and safety protocols.

Current (Spring 2022) Silver Frogs: Wednesday, June 1 at 9am through Friday, June 3 at 5pm
Public Registration (this is for your friends who are not yet Silver Frogs): Monday, June 6 beginning at 9am
[Click Here](#) to sign in or create an account and then click the Silver Frog Membership tile.

More information on the TCU Silver Frogs can be found at www.lifelong.tcu.edu. Questions? Contact TCU Extended Education, lifelong@tcu.edu or 817-257-7132.

We Have the Best Instructors

Thank you to these instructors who shared their experience and talents during this semester!

Joe Algermissen
 Lee Ancona
 Anne Bailey
 Shari Barnes
 Crystal Barth
 Linda Bertram (Zeman)
 Siân Borne
 Kathy Bowser
 Abigail Branch
 Donna Burnette
 Joseph Cecere
 Jaime Cobb
 Barbara Crotty
 Jack Crowder
 Virginia Dias
 Mary Dulle
 Mary Eads
 Michael Erwine
 Robert Frey
 Judy Furche
 Zelda Gilbert

James Godfrey
 David Hares
 Sharon Harrelson
 Polly Hooper
 Jonathan House
 Boglarka Huddleston
 Donald Jackson
 Elizabeth Jones
 Karen Kaigler-Walker
 Larry Klos
 Kent Knudson
 Linda Lanctot
 Stephanie Large
 Wayne Ludwig
 Jeremy Main
 Lynn Main
 Buddy McIntyre
 Ralph Mecklenburger
 Kerri Menchaca
 Darren Middleton
 Roger Norman

Jim Parr
 Jane Pawgan
 Richard Ranc
 Jack Raskopf
 JonAnna Reidinger
 Ken Seeling
 Richard Selcer
 Ann Sheets
 Randy Smith
 Elaine Stoltz
 Angela Tacco
 Joseph Tarride
 Susan Turner
 Laurel Vartabedian
 Diane Weaver
 Tim Wendt
 Jeffrey Williamson
 Lewis Woodard
 Yan Zhang



Jack Raskopf, our "most silver" instructor to date, shared his WWII experiences in a lecture on April 20 (pictured here with curriculum chair Randy Smith).



Oh! The Things You'll Learn!

The truly wonderful thing about lifelong learning is that YOU get to pick what you want to learn -- and the Silver Frogs catalog offers so many choices, with new surprises every semester. Whether you're looking to improve your skills, broaden your world view, or just have fun (or all of the above!), you'll find just the thing to keep your mind engaged while you enjoy the company of really delightful instructors and students.

When choosing courses and lectures to request for next fall, ask yourself, "why not?" Opt for that quirky-sounding lecture. Learn about faraway places. Pick up a new skill. Get your history fix or sing along. Think outside of your usual "box" and have fun. Silver Frogs provides a unique environment and community that is like no other!



Members of Virginia Dias' **Classic Canasta** class enjoyed learning and playing the game each week.



Spinach-onion tart and coconut cream pie in a chocolate crust were just two of many treats baked for Mary Dulle's **Oh My, It's Pie** (part 2) class.



Cheers!

We asked members to share what they loved best about their Spring 2022 Silver Frogs experience, and here's how they responded.

The staff is the VERY BEST! So patient & helpful!
Thanks!

—JonAnna Reidinger

So delighted to be back at Joe T's for our end-of-year celebration! Thank you...**Extended Ed Staff and Silver Frogs Executive Committee**; y'all are the best!

—Betsy McDaniel

Kudos to **Trisha Obregon** in the Extended Ed office. Trisha is always willing to help whether it be last-minute handouts needing printing or a computer glitch before or during a class. Greeting everyone with a smile, Trisha is a wonderful asset to the Silver Frogs program.

—Richard Ranc

Heaps of thanks to **Darcy Sety and Diane Griffin** for encouraging me to join Silver Frogs. I have loved it.

—Ann Bracey, TCU '66

My wife, Eileen Henderson, and I thoroughly enjoyed the Silver Frogs' trip to the Bush Presidential Library. The bus was comfortable and so much easier than driving to SMU and trying to find parking. The visit was interesting and informative and just long enough. The box lunches from Central Market were delicious. You did a great job! Many thanks, **Susan**. Just another benefit of being part of the Mighty Silver Frogs!

—Jonathan House

Loved the **tour of Fort Worth and the great trip to Bush Library!!** Perfect and fun in every way!!

—Dianne Fisher

My Best Moments from the Spring 2022 Semester were in the **Plug It In, Cricut, SoulCentric and Women's Wardrobe** classes. Each had excellent instructors and I enjoyed the hands-on activities, tips and recommendations, etc.

—Monitia Turner

I would like to commend **Linda Lanctot and Angela Tacco** for their outstanding teaching efforts. I'm looking forward to seeing the offerings for this coming fall.

—Laurin Baum

Randy Smith's Astronomy 101 class. He got us all pumped up for the eclipse, even sent a reminder email, but failed to prevent the clouds from obscuring everything. Remember this when computing his bonus.

—Jeff Murray

I love all of **Rick Selcer and Colin Plante's** rock and roll classes. I highly recommend any of their offerings.

—Lisa Winter

Sending tremendous thanks to **Larry and Elaine Klos!** Larry taught a most interesting class this semester. His talent for research and encouraging respectful discussion results in the combination reward of fresh information and the pleasure of polite discourse. The wonderful duo that is Elaine and Larry embody Silver Frogs. Having led a SIG for years, they have perfected the Arts of Leadership, Welcome and Friendship that TCU Silver Frogs has come to mean to me.

—Happily, Elizabeth Calvin

Kudos to **students in my Zoom classes** who have done a great job of muting while I teach, actively joining in discussion "on screen" and offering their experiences and expertise. I appreciate your attention to attendance and letting me know when you can't join; it helps me be better prepared!

—Sharon Harrelson

Meeting some amazing **new members!**

—Ann Shelton

Absolutely **everything!!!**

—Susan Turner

"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young." — Henry Ford

Advisory Board News by Sharon Harrelson

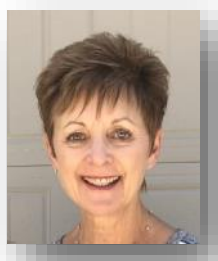
Your Silver Frogs Advisory Board voted in new members at their April meeting, adding three to replace outgoing members. Our newest members are **Gary Harrell, Elaine Klos, and Kay Phillips**. Welcome! They are filling the seats of **Siân Borne** (who remains on the board in a non-voting capacity as past president), **Judy Furche** and **JoAnn Haedge**.

Officers for the 2022-23 school year are: **Jim Godfrey**, President; **Kay Phillips**, President-Elect / Vice President; and **Carol Stanford**, Secretary. Returning voting members are **Dick Fahy, Tony Krause, Darcy Sety** and **Susan Turner**, and they are joined by the committee chairs (below) who do not vote. This committed group of volunteers looks forward to working together next year to continue improving the Silver Frogs Experience.

Thank you to all board members who have served this year! If you're interested in participating on the Advisory Board, nominations are accepted each spring for the two-year terms.



Wrapping Up by Siân Borne



I hope that those of you who were able to join us at our end-of-semester gathering enjoyed getting back together in person (although it was a *little* hot). What a year this has been! We knew we would not be back to normal in

the fall but had high hopes that we would be able to resume normal activities in the spring and it finally happened!!!!

I want to extend my thanks to the Advisory Board for 2021-2022 for their work and support—your dedication is much appreciated. Welcome to our new board President Jim Godfrey, and to the new board members. I have greatly enjoyed being your President over the past year and look forward to continuing in a non-voting capacity as Past President and SIG Chair. We have an exciting fall semester to look forward to and will be able to enjoy even more of the activities that we have all been able to participate in previously.

Have a safe and wonderful summer, and I look forward to seeing you in September.

—Siân

Committees bring together interested members to perform important tasks which are needed to help Silver Frogs run smoothly. Contact the chairperson if you'd like to be more involved for the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 semesters.

CURRICULUM

Chair: [Randy Smith](#)

Solicit class proposals, determine what will be offered and when, create schedule, and review feedback for future improvement.

LUNCHEON LECTURES

Co-Chairs: [Judy Gryzch](#) and [Ann Shelton](#)

Identify TCU and community speakers for high-profile presentations; assist with planning and implementation.

NEWSLETTER

Chair: [Sharon Harrelson](#)

Write, edit and plan future issues for both the *Silver Streak* newsletter and magazine.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Chair: [Susan Turner](#)

Plan activities for entire membership each semester as well as extra special events.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)

Chair: [Siân Borne](#)

Promote and support Special Interest Group creation and modification.

Presidential Library Trip Delights Silver Frogs

On Saturday, April 23, 32 delightful TCU Silver Frogs departed TCU's Secrest-Wible building for the [George W. Bush Presidential Center](#) in Dallas. At the library we were greeted by very knowledgeable and welcoming docents who briefed us on the current exhibits and were available to us throughout our morning full of grand adventure.

We thoroughly enjoyed the [Laughter & Liberty](#) special exhibit along with a temporary exhibit of some of President Bush's latest paintings. And, as always, the permanent exhibits were a wonderful reminder of President Bush's eight years in office during which time he dealt with the aftermath of 9/11, Hurricane Katrina and many other domestic and world events that permanently shaped the future of our country.

The exhibits were full of audio, video, tactile and print memorabilia which not only educated us but were also, in many instances, highly entertaining. We wholeheartedly recommend a trip to the library during the time the [Laughter & Liberty](#) special exhibit is on display. Our presidents knew how to laugh as well as how to govern our great country during their years in office. What an absolutely incredible country we have! Our trip to the Bush Library was a reminder of how blessed we are to live in a democracy where freedom is still worth defending. God bless our leaders, and God bless the United States of America!

— Susan Turner



Amon G Carter Stadium Tour

On a beautiful April 26, about 30 Silver Frogs met at TCU's [Amon G Carter football stadium](#) for a tour of the suites. We toured the Founders' suites, which are the lowest level of suites in all of college football, and had access to the Chancellor's suite and Dee J. Kelly's suite. We then went to the higher level on the west side of the stadium, and the highlight there was seeing "the booth" where the TCU coaches call plays. From there, we headed to the south



suites and went into LaDanian Tomlinson's suite! Lastly, we went to the east side



of the stadium to see the "newest" suites. They would have opened in 2020; but due to the pandemic, that was postponed. Some of these suites have access to "outside" by raising the windows with the push of a button. Some other suites have assigned outdoor seating. Our guide said that they hosted around 60 large groups in the common areas last

school year. Some suite owners use their suites for business meetings too. The best part of the tour was catching up with Silver Frog friends whom we hadn't seen in a long time!

—Lisa Winter

SIGs Nurture Lifelong Learning

No Shortage of Art to Love!

On May 12, the artful frogs returned to the [Kimbell's permanent collection](#) and enjoyed a three-peat of docent Deborah Reed's tour focusing on what was innovative at the time different works were created.

We learned how certain artists, such as Michelangelo, Caravaggio, and Monet became museum-worthy by using cutting edge technology or breaking with accepted style for their times.



After the tour, Lee Wimp and Sarraine Krause joined others for a break in the fabulous [Kimbell Café](#).

What a treasure we have here in Fort Worth to have these artists so available to all of us. The Art of Fort Worth SIG will meet again at the end of May and will continue through the summer as well. With so many amazing opportunities to appreciate art, we just can't stop!



—Penny McAdoo

SIGs Keep the Fun Coming

Women & Wine Groups Celebrate Spring in Texas

Members of the Women & Wine SIGs met at the home of Diane Weaver on May 24 for some Texas wines and a lovely happy hour!

Diane told us about her favorite Hill Country wine tour—the [Wine & Wildflower Journey](#)—as we sipped several different varieties. Her back deck was the perfect place to relax on a pleasant evening.

—*Sian Borne*



Bakers Rise to the Occasion



Ten ladies of the Bake Anything Better SIG let someone else do the baking for their May meeting and met at [rise n°3](#) in Clearfork for lunch on May 9. The menu includes many fascinating options (Marshmallow Soup, anyone?) but the main attraction is the selection of baked-to-order souffles. Savory? Sweet? Or both? We had some of just about everything at our table!

—*Sharon Harrelson*

Current Special Interest Groups

CULTURE

Art of Fort Worth — contact [Penny McAdoo](#)

German Conversation — contact [Helga Gerlinger](#)

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

Bake Anything Better — contact [Sharon Harrelson](#)
Meeting virtually with Zoom.

Ladies Lunch Out — contact [Virginia Dias](#)

Men's Breakfast Group — contact [Gary Harrell](#), [Jim Box](#)

Positive Aging — contact [Anne Carlson](#)

Women & Wine — contact [Sian Borne](#)

SPORTS AND GAMES

Classic Canasta — contact [Virginia Dias](#)

Liverpool Rummy — contact [Polly Hooper](#)

WORKING TOGETHER, DEVELOPING SKILLS

Give Me A Break — contact [Roger Norman](#)

Photography — contact [Randy Smith](#)

For details about a group, or to inquire about joining—yes, you can join in the summer and be in from the start of the fall semester!—click on a name above to contact the organizer. [Click here](#) to see the full descriptions on the Silver Frogs website.

Silver Streak Staff



Siân Borne, a Silver Frog since Spring '17, came to Fort Worth in 1973 after moving to the US from England. She has two daughters and five grandchildren. She loves to read and travel, serves as Advisory Board President, is the SIG Chair, and is active in several Silver Frogs committees.



Mary Dulle joined Silver Frogs in 2020 when the pandemic abruptly halted her travels and classes went virtual. She retired after a 25-year career in public relations and now enjoys gardening, reading, cooking, baking and playing with her cat, Sparky.



Diane Griffin has enjoyed Silver Frogs since Spring 2016 and is an enthusiastic advocate for lifelong learning. She is a retired business owner who loves reading, writing, listening, travel, theater, volunteering, and frequent interaction with family and friends.



Sharon Harrelson (Editor) is a Fort Worth native who's been editing various publications for work and fun since middle school. She's delighted to be a Silver Frogs instructor as well as a student; she also enjoys cooking/baking, gardening, games and being a band mom to twin high-school seniors.



Richard Ranc came to Silver Frogs following an affiliation with Senior University in Georgetown. He's a retired VP of Investments at Wachovia Securities. He is a Silver Frogs instructor who serves on the Curriculum Committee in addition to writing for Silver Streak.



Ann Shelton is a charter member of Silver Frogs. She retired after many years as an Administrative / Executive Assistant, and now enjoys being a grandmother, playing tennis and volunteering.



Carolyn Stephens came to Silver Frogs four years ago following a career in journalism, public relations and crisis communications. She loves the concept of lifelong learning and enjoys reading, cooking, gardening and new adventures.

THANK YOU!

Every word and picture counts, and we thank everyone who gave us some of those for the newsletter this semester!

Enjoy your summer break; and if you feel inspired to join the hardworking and fun group that puts your Silver Streaks together, [email Sharon Harrelson to join](#) – we would love to have you help us with ideas, interviews, and/or editing! Our next issue will be the annual back-to-school issue in August, with fall issues following each of the three class sessions.

You can also join this (or another committee—they're all important) at the Meet & Greet event in September.

Dates to Remember

June 1, 9am through June 3, 5pm
Renew Your Membership!

June 6, 9am until full
**Remind Your Non-Member Friends
to Join Silver Frogs for Fall**

August (dates TBD)
Course and Lecture Requests

September 7
Meet & Greet (in person)

September 12
Fall Semester Classes Begin

Sept 16, Oct 7, Nov 18
Luncheon Lectures!

What do you enjoy about *Silver Streak*?

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