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## Scene and Heard



**The Art of Pariscraft**, a demonstration presented by LLI member Dennis Simunek, was well attended on March 29. Over a dozen participants who tried out this interesting craft were able to complete birds, fish, and abstract sculpture pieces. Members can look forward to learning about **The Art of Mask Making** at a demonstration Simunek is scheduled to give on June 28.

**What Is a Just War?** was the question addressed during the April 7 **Socrates Café** discussion. Valerie Pellegrini moderated the lively debate, ensuring each participant followed the rule of expressing a personal viewpoint during a four-minute time period. The Socrates Café group meets regularly to pick issues to discuss. To contribute your view, be sure to attend the May 5 meeting.

**Many thanks to Judith Etzion**, who provided a beautiful music lesson on April 20 due to the cancellation of the Vizcaya Gardens field trip. Etzion explained the influence of **Wagner on Debussy** and played selections from each composer's work for members to appreciate.

**Members Preference Survey:** Be sure to fill out a survey sheet in May to help create the LLI schedule for the 2011-12 academic year. Choose the instructor presentations you prefer. The deadline to return the survey is **May 26**.

## LLI Coming Attractions

**May 2, 9 & 16 • 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.**  
**Why Do They Kill, Steal, and Deal? Explaining Crime in the United States** – Don't miss this special three-part series on crime presented by sociologist Laura Finley, Ph.D.

**May 3 • 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
**Star Wars: Mythic Evasions Lecture** – Vincent Toscano continues his series on "America and the Movies" by discussing the connection between the science fiction and fantasy genres emerging as the 1970s ended and our culture's need to escape.

**May 11 • 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.**  
**Philosophy of House, M.D.** – David Yuen presents part three of his analysis of the popular drama series *House*. Although the main character practices medicine, this lecture reveals how the hero has all the features of a detective.

**May 12 • 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.**  
**Inaugural LLI Faculty Roast** – All members are welcome to attend to roast and honor the wonderful LLI faculty. Light refreshments will be served after the event.

**May 24 • 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.**  
**An Update: Modern Trends in the Legal System that Heal: Therapeutic Jurisprudence** – Melody Smith returns to the LLI with more information on the American legal system.

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# Profiles

## Dan Smith, LLI Member

In January 2011, Dan Smith joined the LLI. He grew up in a bi-cultural family and environment, the third of six siblings. “I find that the LLI is giving me a second chance to experience many cultural and political issues,” he said. Smith came from Brazil to the “States” at the age of 14 and completed over two years of college in North Carolina, where he earned NSCAA All-American Honors in soccer. In 1970, Smith earned a B.S. degree from Florida Atlantic University. He also taught ESOL (English as a Second Language) both in the United States and in Brazil. However, he spent most of his career in the hospitality field. He retired in 2011 and now lives in Oakland Park with his sister, who is also retired. In addition to enjoying new activities at the LLI, Smith is also learning about American Sign Language (ASL) with his sister, improving his skills as a cook, and getting to know and care for a pet cockatiel.

## Barbara Norgren-Snellen, Fitness Instructor

After a short break, Norgren-Snellen returned to teaching fitness at the LLI in February of this year. She became a fitness instructor after a 35-year career as a professional in the airline industry. Realizing she was no longer satisfied in her job, Barbara decided to retire early and become certified for a new career in wellness. She truly enjoys teaching fitness to LLI members. “I simply love the ladies and gentlemen that take my class,” she explained. “I respect each one for their spirit, laughter, and determination.” Teaching fitness is not the only passion that changed her life. Norgren-Snellen got married at the age of 58 and says her husband is “the love of my life.” She is a sports fan who loves football and is also enthusiastic about road biking, cooking, and sampling wine.

## Stuart Farber, M.D., MAC Chairman

Dr. Farber came to the LLI in 2009 after a satisfying career in vascular surgery. He is the third of four generations of surgeons, following in his father and grandfather’s footsteps.

Dr. Farber attended George Washington University School of Medicine, did his surgical training at the Presbyterian Hospital of Columbia University in New York, and his vascular surgical training at the New England Medical Center in Boston. While in the active practice of vascular surgery in Hollywood, Florida, he developed his interest in teaching by participating on the teaching faculty of the University of Miami School of Medicine and Mount Sinai Hospital and was the vascular surgery residency coordinator at Memorial Regional Hospital. He also was the first chief of vascular surgery and the first chief of vascular services at Memorial.

Dr. Farber has published numerous papers and received numerous awards, but he is most proud of his Best Surgical Teacher Award voted on by the senior surgical residents. He also founded and was president of the South Florida Society for Vascular Surgery, the Florida Vascular Society, and the Horizon Institute for Clinical Research.

Dr. Farber’s wife, Lynda, who has a master’s degree in counseling and ran his vascular lab, is also an LLI member who attends occasional lectures and audits several classes at NSU. They have two children of whom they are very proud. Son Scott is the fourth generation of Farber surgeons and practices plastic surgery in Boca Raton; daughter Kim is pursuing her Ph.D. in psychology in Los Angeles, California. Dr. Farber and his wife have two grandchildren: Mia, 3, and Max, 1, who are the light of their lives.

Upon retiring, Dr. Farber was gratified that the intellectual void created upon cessation of his practice was filled by the LLI. He enjoys the variety of lecture offerings, the camaraderie of the membership, and the association with NSU. He feels honored to have been elected as chairman of the Members Advisory Committee (MAC) and enjoys the challenges of representing the membership in efforts to improve the LLI experience.

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