

Blue Ridge Community College

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Registration for minimester (8-week) curriculum courses will be held tomorrow with several new college credit classes starting on Tuesday. New or current students can enroll in classes such as Introduction to Computers and Art Appreciation which are offered totally online. Keyboarding, taught on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, is also available.

For new students interested in taking summer classes at Blue Ridge, Early Registration begins tomorrow, March 8. Registering early is a must for those interested in online courses. Prospective students should contact the Registrar's Office at (828) 694-1809 or their faculty advisor in order to take advantage of this early registration.

Tuesday, March 23, 2010, Blue Ridge students are invited to attend the College Transfer Fair. This event is from 9 a.m. to 1p.m. in the Patton Building, Room 150. Colleges to be represented include Appalachian State University, Gardner Webb University, Western Carolina, and many more. For more information, contact Pride Carson at 694-1801 or e-mail her at pridec@blueridge.edu.

The Arts and Humanities Series will present 'Mountain Women in Fiction' on Wednesday, March 17 at 7:30 pm in the Patton Auditorium. Gwen Ashburn, Chair of University of North Carolina at Asheville's Literature and Language Department, will be the presenter for this free program offered in Women's History Month. She will explore mountain women portrayed in novels by Wilma Dykeman, John Ehle, Robert Morgan, Lee Smith, Fred Chappell, Denise Giardina, and Silas House, as well as Thomas Wolfe. This presentation is sponsored by the Community and Continuing Education Department and is made possible by the North Carolina Humanities Council. For more information about this free event, contact Martha Howell at 694-1743 or e-mail her at marthah@blueridge.edu.

The final event of the Blue Ridge Concert Series featuring pianist Ned Kirk will be held on Monday, March 22 at 7:30 P.M. in Thomas Auditorium. The program will feature several works by Beethoven, including the famous "Appassionata" sonata; selections from "Iberia," by Albeniz; various etudes by Debussy; and "Mephisto Waltz No. 1," by Liszt. A native of Redding, California, Ned Kirk has performed extensively as a soloist and chamber musician. Admission to the concert is \$10, payable at the door; admission for all students is only \$3. All concerts feature open seating. For more information, contact Dr. Kevin Ayesh at 828-694-1860 or kevina@blueridge.edu.

Finally, if you are 50 years of age or older, you can become a member of The Blue Ridge Center for Lifelong Learning (BRCLL) and meet people from diverse backgrounds who share a common interest in learning based on sharing and fellowship. Lifetime memberships are available for a one-time \$40 fee. Check out their Web site (www.brcll.com) which details information about their upcoming classes, memberships, and the popular Wild Acres retreat.