

# Enrollment Continues to Rise at ACE

The area's largest lifelong learning center continues to grow

After a small hiccup caused by Irma, fall enrollment has rebounded to edge out last year – keeping our registration increases on the upswing since 2010. ACE (Sarasota Adult & Community Enrichment) has processed 4300 registrations thus far this year, continuing its reign as one of the largest adult enrichment programs in Florida – right here in Sarasota. Students understand that lifelong learning really is the key to a happier life. Personal growth with like-minded people in a comfortable environment designed specifically for adult enrichment is the key. Here are a few of the many programs being offered this winter.

Students gain an appreciation of what goes into creating the quality of life we enjoy. Since 1974, Classroom On Wheels students have visited or learned about more than 1300 places and people. These popular classes have gained a huge following of loyal students who love to learn about the area via field trips and lectures. Classes are held in the fall, winter and spring. Come enjoy our newer school bus now with A/C.

The only bus pick up location is at Suncoast Technical College, 4748 Beneva Road, Sarasota. Park your car and meet the Classroom on Wheels bus on the Suncoast Technical College campus, 4748 Beneva Road. Enter the campus from Proctor Road. Go to the northwest corner adjacent to Building 5 (north of Building 3-ACE Office). Park near the fence adjacent to the ball field.

## ■ The Lunch Bunch

A sure hit this winter: our **European Bucket List** luncheon/lectures, where you'll learn about elegant European destinations such as Zurich and Salamanca. Or, feast on lunch while feasting your eyes on breathtaking works of art with Kevin Costello in courses such as **Come Hither: The Romance of the Fan**. Baila Miller's dynamite lectures on art history are also combined with a delicious luncheon. Her fascinating topics include **Picasso vs. Matisse**. It's a win-win for body and soul.



## ■ Classroom on Wheels - 45th Year!

Sarasota has all sorts of hidden gems just waiting to be discovered, and Brenda Lee Hickman is our expert "Finder"! Destinations/topics include Ca d'Zan; Berthe Palmer; the new Basch Visual Arts Center; the Florida Highwaymen; the Gamble Plantation, and more.



## ■ Day Trippin', Yeah!

Charter bus now available – complete with restroom – for day-long adventures to The Dali Museum, the Sunken Gardens, the Florida Holocaust Museum, and much more. While you ride in comfort, Brenda Lee Hickman will give your brain muscles a gentle workout with a little history and culture. So sit back, relax, and enjoy the journey!

## ■ Furniture Makeovers

Trash to treasure – you've heard that phrase before. Time to take up the brush and do it yourself! Make a curbside castoff into an adorable accessory in a jiffy. Try courses such as **Six Coastal Furniture Finishes: Coastal Commander in Chic** and **Refurbish With Chalk Paint**.

## ■ Bring on the Bling!



Jewelry is still magical even when you can make it yourself for half the price! ACE classes teach you skills that last a lifetime, so you can give a unique gift they can't get anywhere else. Try **Let's Make Earrings!** or **Create a Memory Pendant**.



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## ■ Cousin Who?

Our parents did lots of legwork to find out about their ancestors, visiting court-houses and even cemeteries, but now we can do it from our laptops! Learn to chart your family tree with accuracy. Start with **Absolute Beginners Genealogy**.

## ■ Cuisines to Tempt Any Palate



Winter's mild temps mean lots of **Al Fresco Dining** in Florida, and ACE courses feature menus such as **Fish, Fish, Fish** or **Mexican Fiesta!** Let's dig in!

## ■ Going With the Flow

ACE classes help you through the day, from **Vinyasa Yoga** when you wake up, to **Peaceful Yoga**, for a relaxing routine at the end of the day. Or, for an all-over fitness routine, choose **Barrelates**, a combination of ballet barre and mat Pilates for toning and strengthening.

## ■ The Life of the Party

If you were the class clown or the one who did the best impressions at family dinners, perhaps you were meant to be an actor or comedian. ACE has just the courses for you, taught by veterans in the field. Try **Improv Comedy for Everyone** or **Beginning Acting**. You'll never know until you try!

## ■ Help - It's iEverything!

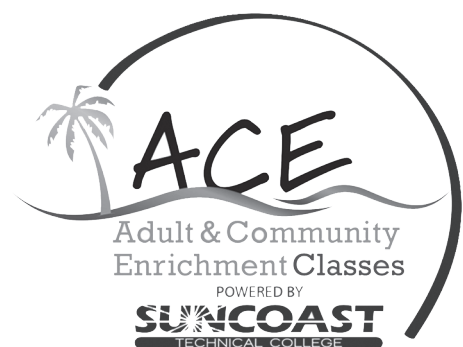


First there was the iPhone, then the iPad, then the **iWatch**. You may need to grow a couple of additional arms to hold all your iDevices! ACE can help you get up to speed on your latest technology, as well as social media, with classes such as **Facebook for Beginners** and **Tweet Tweet Twitter**.

## ■ The Breakable Lightness of Being



The clay and glass studios are always humming with activity. If you've always wanted to get your hands in some clay, try **Beginning Wheel Throwing** and make a set of bowls, or learn to hand-build a pot – it's therapeutic for the soul, and the finished product will give you a deep sense of satisfaction. Stained glass and mosaic classes make use of beautiful glass that shimmers with every color imaginable. Learn to cut and shape it in **Beginning Stained Glass** and make a gorgeous panel, or create a fine art mosaic in **Mosaic Basics**.



## ★ About ACE

You can register by calling 941-361-6590 or come in to register during office hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Or, register online at [www.sarasotacountyschools.net/schools/ace](http://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/schools/ace). ACE is located at 748 Beneva Road in Sarasota.

ACE offers the most extensive and exciting schedule of adult enrichment classes in Sarasota. With over 100 instructors and more than 2,000 classes offered annually, we are the "GO TO" for learning something new and having FUN doing it.

Not sure what to take? Well, what about learning a new language? Or perhaps you are ready to heed that secret desire for learning how to paint? Or maybe you want to stay in touch with friends and family, but are a little timid around that scary looking computer.

And there's more. Ever thought about Golf? Cooking? Creative Writing? Dancing? Meditation? Photography? Scuba? The possibilities are endless...