



The Renaissance Academy

Charlotte County Program

at

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Single Lectures &
Short Courses

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Lectures & Courses – August 2009

Globalization-A Look at China SS0006 \$20

August 4, 2009 Tuesday, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

This lecture explores globalization with a China focus as it relates to the world market and the U.S. economy. Topics include government structure, China/U.S. trade review, and economic insights.

Instructor: Mr. Lyle Bultman

History of Tuberculosis SS0007 \$20

August 6, 2009, Thursday, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

In 4000 BC, Tuberculosis (TB) was a fairly common disease. Six thousand years later, TB continues to be an individual and public health challenge. We will put TB in a historical and modern-day context highlighting the causal agent, methods of detection, and treatment. Rarely seen footage of a “movie trailer” for public education circa 1920 will be shown in conjunction with a never completed documentary film depicting life in a TB sanatorium. Data showing the extent of TB in the state of Florida and local counties will be contrasted with national and world-wide information.

Instructor: Dr. John. Grabau

Charlotte County History SS0008 \$20

August 11, 2009 Tuesday, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Join us for a fascinating journey into the past of Punta Gorda and the Charlotte Harbor Area, with Vernon Peeples, the author of “History of Punta Gorda and the Charlotte Harbor Area. As a fifth generation Floridian and with the state’s largest collection of Florida literature – both fiction and non-fiction, Vernon Peeples has become a noted historian of the Punta Gorda area.

Instructor: Vernon Peeples

History of Pirates in Southwest Florida SS0009 \$20

August 18, 2009, Tuesday, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Come aboard for an hour of entertaining pirate stories and music. Local pirate historians and authors will take you on a “cruise” through the history of pirates. Listen to the music of pirates, and hear the true history of pirates in Southwest Florida from the 1700s to the present. Even today, the estimates of pirates’ annual global plunder runs into the billions of dollars.

Instructors: Mr. James Kaserman & Mrs. Sarah Kaserman

Sea Turtles SS0010 \$20

August 25, 2009, Tuesday, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Workshop will cover on overview of the marine turtles frequenting Gulf Coast Waters, species that nest on our beaches, and the obstacles they face. Biogeographical impacts, as well as, local impacts will be reviewed.

Instructor: Missy Christie

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