

Instructor Biographical Information

Katie Barney is the author of six cookbooks - two on the Chesapeake Bay, two on New England, *God's Bounty* and *The Enchanting World of Food* - and has taught in the IAL program for many years.

Nancy Brandenburger is a home cook who loves to experiment but not work too hard.

Susan Buckingham and **Kay Alston** are both former English teachers and addicted Mah Jongg players.

Nancy Ceccorulli recently retired from the State of Maryland, Department of Labor where she served as director of a career center for professionals who were seeking new employment. In that role, she facilitated countless sessions on career development and has been a featured speaker at numerous national conferences.

Adele Clagett is a volunteer at Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center who manages the care and feeding of the captive birds of prey, works with American kestrels and takes part in birds of prey educational programs. Adele monitors and documents nests of bald eagles, great horned owls, wood ducks, and American kestrels. As a member of the Maryland Ornithological Society she attends and leads bird walks. She is a state director for the Maryland Ornithological Society and attends and leads bird walks for Anne Arundel Bird Club. She maintains an active website (Birding.Pictures) which includes a catalog of the birds she has photographed, nest monitoring information and commentary, raptor identification information and more.

Susan Claggett has been teaching yoga for more than ten years, including at IAL and at Queen Anne's County and Talbot County senior centers. She has taught Pickleball for more than five years and is certified through the Professional Pickleball Registry. She loves to exercise and enjoys all aspects of the game from teaching a spin serve to volleying with confidence.

Claire Cole is a retired RN who was board-certified in gerontology. She has an M.A. in counseling psychology and taught eight credit courses for Anne Arundel Community College, including child, parenting and aging psychology. She also taught grandparenting for The Parenting Center.

Roger Cole was an American Orchid Society Judge for more than 40 years. His orchid clones have received more than 200 AOS awards, and he hybridized more than 500 new grexes, selling and exhibiting as Arbec orchids. He was also responsible for judges training for the Washington Judging Center for approximately ten years.

Pat Fox is a retired manager for transportation and design and commercial development projects and has had a lifelong interest in unidentified flying objects based upon a sighting at age 10.

Jenny Gallo, a resident at Symphony Village, has been making pasta for over 25 years as a hobby. She has most recently taught this class at Symphony Village.

Joselle Gatrell has a B.S. in psychology with a minor in math and science and an M.S. in technology of management. In the federal government her focus was on national information systems. During the last ten years in the government she served as Director, Division of Regulatory Information Systems, FDA, leading the requirements analysis and development of computer systems that supported field offices. She subsequently worked as associate professor for the Anne Arundel Community College teaching digital concepts as well as ethics and information technology. While at the college she completed the requirements for certification by the International Coach Federation and other training programs as a life coach.

Teddy Griffin has a B.S. in computer science from the University of Maryland and spent over 30 years in application and system programming. Since retirement, she has enjoyed making jewelry and other beaded projects and is eager to share that passion with others.

Ryan Helfenbein is an owner, certified preplanning counselor, and undertaker at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newman Funeral Homes. He was “born and raised in the death care profession” and makes presentations and writes a column called “Ask the Undertaker” for several local publications.

Bob Huntington is an accomplished choral/instrumental musician and teacher with an entrepreneurial spirit. He has a creative mindset with an ability to effectively interact with all age groups and skill levels.

Cindy King worked in wholesale nursery for eight years and has run The Mill of Kingstown Garden Center for more than 20 years; she is a graduate of Longwood Gardens Horticultural Series 1 and a certified professional horticulturalist. She is a member of the North American Butterfly Association, is a Cornell Feeder Watcher and has Certified Wildlife Gardens.

Kathy Leary has received training in aerobic dance, ballroom dancing and line dancing and has taught at Chesapeake College, the Talbot County Senior Center, the Kent Island Senior Center and the Queenstown Moose. She has also led the Showtime Dancers in performances at local nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

Candace Liccione is the owner of Wye River Designs, a creativity and wellness studio in Grasonville. Wye River Designs features classes in mosaics, collage, mixed media and jewelry making. Before she moved to the Eastern Shore, she had an herb business in PA. Wye River Designs combines her love of arts and crafts and wellness. Wye River Designs also offers over 200 kinds of medicinal herbs, teas, aromatherapy and wellness classes.

Anthony Loscalzo worked as an aerospace simulation engineer. He is the author of a computer program which creates 12-hour weather predictions. He was a participant in the International Geophysical Year research project. He worked for various computer companies including Sun Microsystems which contributed to the creation of the internet. He is a current pilot involved with search and rescue via the Civil Air Patrol, now a subsidiary of the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary.

Dave Menzie has a B.A., an M.S. and a Ph.D. in geology, an M.A. in applied statistics, and has taken graduate courses in business administration, college courses in viticulture, winemaking and basic soil characteristics.

Kristina Motley is a senior environmental specialist with the Maryland Environmental Service where she has worked on the Paul S. Sarbanes Ecosystem Restoration Project at Poplar Island for almost five years. She received a B.S. in geography with a concentration in environmental studies from Slippery Rock University and a certificate in geographic information systems from Pennsylvania State University.

Charles Mylander has a B.A. in mathematics from Bowdoin College; an M.S. in industrial management from MIT and a Ph.D. in operations research from Stanford University. He was an OR analyst at the Research Analysis Corporation, a policy analyst at the Federal Energy Agency, and policy analyst, studies director at the Energy Information Administration. He is retired from the US Naval Academy where he was a professor of operations analysis and mathematics. As a volunteer he has worked on breast cancer studies at the Anne Arundel Medical Center.

Michelle O'Brien has been a fitness instructor since 2010, most recently teaching at the YMCA in Centerville. She has taught a variety of formats including seated fitness at assisted living facilities, cardio, weights and aqua aerobics.

Terri O'Connell is a retired middle school social studies teacher who has embraced technology and offered several smart phone seminars in her active adult (55+) community.

Julianna Pax retired from Montgomery County Schools in 1999 where she developed and taught the nutrition science curriculum in addition to her chemistry classes. She has a B.S. in chemistry from the University of Dayton, an M.S. from University of Michigan and a Ph.D. in nutrition science from the University of Maryland and is the author of several cookbooks. Her fifth cookbook is *Cooking for One (or More)*. She also manages the "Soup and Walk" program at Adkins Arboretum in Ridgely and teaches line dancing at the YMCA in Cambridge.

Dona Roderick loves outdoor activities, including hiking, kayaking, bird watching and walking, and since retiring she has had more time to enjoy them. She encourages those who are lucky enough to live in this area to enjoy these opportunities.

Juanda Rogers is the owner, designer and crafter for The Real Stuff Jewelry, LLC. She has been making unique jewelry for over ten years using various gems, stones, sea glass and sterling silver.

Ben Schlesinger is a senior fellow at the University of Maryland's Public Policy Center for Global Sustainability. Over five decades he has advised more than 600 clients in 28 countries on the direction of the energy and natural gas industries, gas pricing, valuation and trading mechanisms, and regulatory and litigation strategies. He has testified as an expert in legal and regulatory proceedings in federal and state bodies in 16 states and Ontario. He received his A.B. and B.E. degrees from Dartmouth College and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Stanford University in industrial engineering. As an adjunct at the University of Maryland, Dr. Schlesinger has taught a graduate level course in energy economics.

Galt Siegrist received his B.S. in geology from Lehigh and an M.S. and Ph.D. from Penn State in geochemistry and mineralogy. He taught undergraduate and graduate geology courses for 25 years at University of Maryland, College Park and 12 more years in Guam. He conducted sponsored water resources research and consulting in Guam and on many other Pacific islands. He has also taught several courses for IAL.

Beverly Hall Smith was a professor of art history for forty years. Since retiring to Chestertown in 2014, she has taught art history classes at IAL and WC-ALL. Since April 2020, she has been writing weekly articles for the Chestertown and Talbot Spy titled "Looking at the Masters." She is also an artist whose work is sometimes in exhibitions at Chestertown River Arts and she paints sets for the Garfield Center for the Arts in Chestertown.

Sherl Streeter has a master's degree in nonprofit management from Eastern University. She is a volunteer for AARP MD which is one of the largest membership-based organizations in the State, with almost 900,000 members.

Raymond Vergne is a retired cardiologist with a graduate degree in education and interests in literature, history, music and art. He has taught an array of classes for IAL.

Mary Jo Volpicelli spent her career working in nursing and health care administration. She has taken several literature classes through IAL and has been a member of various book clubs over many years.

Clayton Washington has spent the past 15 years as president of the Kennard Alumni Association. He led the restoration of the only African American high school in Queen Anne's County to create the Kennard African American Cultural Heritage Center and African American History Museum. He has done extensive research on local African American history.

Paula Wolflin is a self-taught cook and loves sharing what she knows.

Ken Wood is a co-founder and CEO of Lifetime Wells International, an organization that improves the quality of life for communities in Ghana and Tanzania by providing access to safe drinking water. He first traveled to Ghana in 2006 to teach the locals how to use a drilling rig and now visits the two countries an average of four times a year. The organization has produced 100 functional wells for rural communities in Africa.