

Clubs at Renaissance Institute

We wanted to create another way for Renaissance members to pursue common interests, have stimulating conversations and form connections with other RI members outside of classes. To join a club, contact the Organizer who will create the list of members and send the invitations to the meetings.

Contact the Organizer for more information.

Please see the club descriptions below.

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Music Fellowship	John Meredith Denis Smith	johnmeredith1439@gmail.com deniss@md.net	410-746-9687 443-691-2430

Bridge Club

Enjoy playing bridge with RI members. We will meet weekly for 2 hours. We will talk for a bit, see who is there each week and divide up into groups of four who will do into a breakout room with a coordinator who will invite everyone into the game. There is no limit to group members; if there is an odd number, the extras will go in a Kibitzers and the coordinator will decide when to swap people around. We will use Zoom and BridgeBase when we meet. These rules may be changed.

Genealogy Club

Exploring Who I Am & How Did I Get Here? Join us to share your family genealogy and stories; how you are uncovering the past; and what it means to you. We'll share research tips group members have found helpful. Size: 10 - 20 members.

Mahjong

Mahjong is a tile-based game developed during the Qing dynasty in China. Join current and new members to explore playing on-line.

Get to Know You

You may be surprised to learn that the purpose of our club is to facilitate members "Getting to know each other". We meet in someone's home or on Zoom. We take great pride in our sophisticated agenda. Our meeting officially begins when anyone arrives and the protocol is strictly followed by starting "Hi. How are you doing?" From there we discuss anything anyone thinks of. Sometimes we discuss a movie, something seen on TV, or a book. Names related to topics are often forgotten, but that in no way impedes the conversation.

Mystery Book Club

The Mystery Book Club is a gathering of mystery enthusiasts, who wish to share their insights into the solving of the current book's mystery. We discuss craft, plot, characters and of course clues. Books to read are chosen by the participants. We meet one a month, for approximately 1 hour. During our meeting, as with most clubs, we chat among ourselves first. Next, we discuss the book in a very informal context. Each member is respected and heard. Fortunately, we don't always agree about the selected book. Different perspectives are welcome. At the end of our discussion, we nominate books for our next selection, and agree as a group, on the next title or titles.

Art Collaborative

This *new* adventure welcomes all Renaissance members ~ regardless of the level of artistic abilities, and includes those at the threshold of wanting to seek a hidden talent or new hobby. We will meet monthly to show our completed or ongoing work to members, for the purpose of seeking encouragement, insight, and simple friendly camaraderie.

Music Fellowship

Members will be encouraged (but not required) to perform a vocal or instrumental song of their choice. An additional option would be to find an interesting recorded song to present. We will also be encouraged to discuss the background of the song and our own personal music background. We'll take turns with probably 2-3 members presenting per meeting. We hope this club will help, in some small way, to fill this void of singing, playing and attending live concerts together. Meetings will be 1+ hours, everyone is welcome. "Tomato Junction" is now the name of the Renaissance Institute house band featuring the hammered dulcimer, fiddle, guitar and piano.