



# CWA News



Your monthly update from the Christopher Wren Association for Lifelong Learning

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## Upcoming Events

**September 9**  
Members Reception

**September 10**  
Open Enrollment

**September 14**  
Classes Begin

**September 17**  
Town and Gown Begins

**September 27**  
Wrenaissance Picnic

**October 10, 12, 13**  
Computer Classes

**October 17**  
D.C. War Memorials  
Trip

**November 1**  
Barksdale Trip

### Welcome to the CWA E-Newsletter

The CWA e-newsletter is a key part of our continuing effort to get information to members in a timely manner. The e-newsletter is sent to registered members during the first week of each month while classes are in session, and a print version is available in limited quantities at the CWA office and in classrooms. Remember, though, the e-mail newsletter can reach you only if we have your current e-mail address – so make sure to keep us up-to-date.

### Message from CWA President Jim Coomer

Thank you for being a part of the Christopher Wren Association. All of you— instructors, class hosts, audio-visual aides, committee workers, members (associate and honorary) — constitute the exceptional blend of CWA participants who make our program so special. All of you share an enthusiasm for learning and expanding your horizons, for sharing your excitement for ideas and values that matter. Even though you pay a nominal tuition to be a CWA member, many of you are volunteers. Whether you give by teaching or learning, assisting in class or working in the background to keep the program growing and improving, you know the pleasure of seeing the world through an ever-widening window, and the delight of sharing new views with fellow members. What a joy it is to share this adventure with so many fine people. Thank you for all that you, each one of you, do to make the Christopher Wren Association the very best lifelong learning opportunity anywhere.

### Fall Membership Stays Strong; Volunteers Continue to be Needed

As of September 1st, fall membership in CWA has approached our all-time record of 1,645. That total, and our number of classes (81), continue our tradition as one of the largest lifelong learning institutes in the country. CWA remains one of the few lifelong learning institutes run almost entirely by volunteers, so your help continues to be vital. Thank you to all who have volunteered to assist this semester. If you would like to volunteer, from teaching to hosting, please check the volunteer box on the back of your registration form or call 221-1506.

### Remember the Fall Members Reception

The members reception will be held Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 2 p.m. in the Wightman Cup Room. Do not miss this great opportunity to get to know new members, instructors and board members.

### Sign up for the Wrenaissance Picnic

The Picnic is an annual CWA gathering of old and new members for informal fellowship. This year's event will be held Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Kingsmill Plantation Picnic Pavilion. The social hour begins at 4 p.m., with dinner at 5. The cost is only \$25 per person, and reservations must be made by Thursday, Sept. 17. For more information and a reservation form you can print out, go to [web.wm.edu/cwa/PICNICFall2009.pdf](http://web.wm.edu/cwa/PICNICFall2009.pdf).

### Two Fall Trips Planned

Special programs this fall include a Saturday, Oct. 17, trip to the war memorials in Washington, D.C., and a Sunday, Nov. 1, trip to the Barksdale Theater at Hanover Tavern. The war memorials trip includes stops at Arlington National Cemetery, the Iwo Jima Marine Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and the World War II Memorial, followed by a narrated tour to see government landmark buildings between the Washington Monument and the Capitol. The Barksdale Theater trip includes brunch at Michelle's Restaurant and a matinee performance of the comedy *Souvenir*. More information on the Barksdale trip will be sent directly to members very soon.

**December 14**  
**Instructors Appreciation**  
**Reception**

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**Town and Gown Resumes Sept. 17**

The popular Town and Gown/Brown Bag lunch program is back every Thursday at noon in the Chesapeake Room of the Sadler Center. The bus pickup from the William and Mary Hall parking lot runs from 11:30 to noon and returns at 1:30. Wear your current semester name badge for entry. Our first lunch on Sept 17 features Joe Jones, director of the William and Mary Center for Archaeological Research, discussing "Colonial Archaeology: Unique Finds and Local Treasures." An updated Town and Gown schedule is available, go to [web.wm.edu/cwa/TownGown.pdf](http://web.wm.edu/cwa/TownGown.pdf).

**Spring Catalog to be Out in October**

The CWA course catalog for Spring, 2010 will be mailed Oct. 19. Catalogs are bulk-mailed to all members on the same day, and the U.S. Postal Service determines delivery. The catalog and registration information will be available via the CWA website ([web.wm.edu/CWA](http://web.wm.edu/CWA)) on the same day the catalogs are mailed; remember, you must register by mail.

**Reminders for New and Old Members Alike**

***Name Badges:*** Remember to wear your name badge for admission to classes and all other CWA events. Not only is this your "admission" to CWA events, it helps people remember your name. Blue dots on name badges indicate first-semester members, so introduce yourself and bid them welcome. Members with a green CWA logo on their badges are either instructors (indicated on the badges) or members of the CWA board (their badges include their committee responsibilities).

***Yellow Parking Permit: Please Note This Change:*** Permit must be displayed in the front window – driver's side of your car. This allows you to park in the William & Mary Hall parking lot. However, members with a handicapped parking permit and the yellow parking permit may park in any faculty/staff parking place.