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EAST REGION

Dear Member

Calendar of Zoom courses available until mid December

Since my last Newsletter, we have been able to finalise the program of zoom courses until mid December, when our semester ends. You will find this on our (East Region) part of the Sydney U3A website, but I am also copying it to you as an attachment to this newsletter.

There have been a few changes, most notably the listing of Max Deutscher's six 'Truth in Poetry' talks in November-December. Also, please note that Stuart Read's presentation on a tour of 18th Century gardens in SW England is now on Friday 25 September, only a couple of weeks away. Patrick Hutchinson's second talk on George Orwell is on zoom tomorrow (Friday 11 September) and the third on 18 September, all at 10.30 am.

Meanwhile, we have been offered a series of four face-to-face sessions by Patricia Loughlan on 'The Sonnet'. This course consists of a close reading of 16 sonnets, four in each meeting of the group. The sonnets are drawn from four great ages of sonnet writing: the English Renaissance, the Romantic period, the Victorian age and the Early Modern. Although it is a discussion group and not a lecture series, Patricia leads the discussion and all provide some basic instruction in both the nature and history of the sonnet form and modern poetic theory. The course could be held soon at U3A head office in the city (31 Market St., level 10.02 on a Tuesday afternoon, or alternate Monday and Friday afternoons. The room can hold 11 attendees. If you would like to attend, please email Patricia directly on patricia.loughlan@ymail.com as she has an impressive 6 page handout on the structure and content of her course. Dates and times would need to be confirmed, depending on numbers.

Our usual venues are still not available, though most of our speakers scheduled for semester 1 have agreed to make their presentations by zoom for the next few months. Some are quite practised in this medium, others are trying it for the first time, so there could be a few 'teething' problems, So, we ask your indulgence and possible help, perhaps via the chat facility. Members from any region are welcome.

How to attend

If you would like to 'attend' one or any of these presentations, please send an email to maryhealynorth1@bigpond.com five or six days beforehand with your full email address and also membership number. She will email an invitation to you a couple of days before your nominated presentation, providing the *https* (URL) link for you to access zoom. Assuming you will already have downloaded the zoom app, all you need to do is to click on that link about 15 - 10 minutes before starting time and you should gain access to the presentation. The zoom message may also contain an ID and password in case the *https* link does not work for you. There may be a short delay before the 'gate' to the meeting is opened and you are admitted, so don't worry if you don't go straight into the meeting.

We do hope you will be able to 'attend' some sessions, and that possible teething problems can be overcome quickly.

Yours sincerely

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(President, East Region)