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Chair of Course Planning
North Shore ElderCollege Society



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The Past

- We've been offering classes since January 2016 as an independent society
- We became a registered society in 2018



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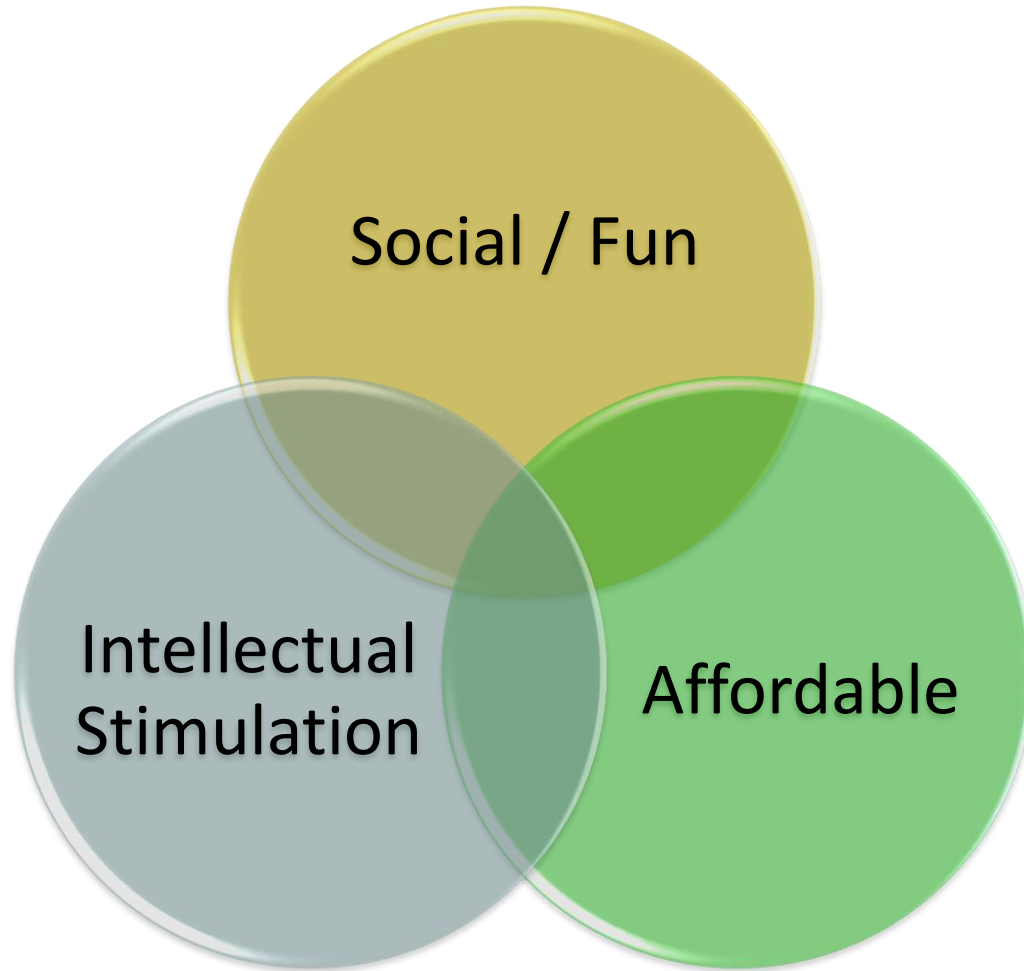
Our Structure

- Volunteer-driven
- Board
- Course Planning group
- \$10 annual membership fee



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Core Values





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Social / Fun

- Annual Christmas party
 - 2020 – Trivia Social on Zoom
- Volunteer appreciation lunch
- Always include time to socialize in our classes
- Mix of class types
- Many regular members
- Inclusive – anyone can attend; not age restricted; ethnically diverse membership



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Intellectual Stimulation



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We are volunteers
who create the
courses we believe
have something to
offer to everyone.

We learn from
each other.

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Affordability



ElderCollege classes cost \$10 to \$84

The Present

- Average 400 members annually
- 1400+ eNewsletter subscribers
- 75% average enrolment rate
- Self-managed website, Facebook page
- Many individual donations
- New volunteers
- Bursary to Gerontology Department, SFU
- Self-sustaining



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Covid Times



Fall 2020

- One of the few ElderColleges in the province to have a full program in Fall 2020
 - Closed: Chilliwack, Delta, Kelowna, Cariboo
 - Reduced: Sunshine Coast, Kamloops, Comox, SFU
- Adapted our in person lectures to Zoom format
- Reduced capacity outdoor
- Attracted new members from much further afield
- Started using Activity Messenger for Zoom reminders



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Missing Members

- Zoom only works for participants with access to technology and confidence/knowledge
- We don't have capacity to support this group with higher level needs
- Have included as much community resource information for them as possible (eg. YWCA Tech Connect, Telus refurbished phones, etc.)
- Keeping in touch by eNewsletter
- Will actively contact in hardcopy when restrictions lifted



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Spring 2021

- Opens for registration on January 11
- 18 courses
- Zoom online only until April
- Outdoor sessions hopefully for April/May

Spring

- What's News x 3
- History of the North Shore Unplugged
- Champions for the Environment
- Communications
- Ancient Rome
- Pure Fiction
- 1 Topic TBD
- Books Unlimited
- Canada in WW1
- Cinema Salon
- The Future of Travel
- Apparel Apocalypse!
- Bird Walks at Maplewood
- Forest Quest 1 & 2
- Lynn Creek Walk with Pacific Streamkeepers

Full details on our website

How to Register

- Via our website
 - Online, secure, Canadian company, servers in Canada
- By phone starting 9 am on January 11
- Zoom resources page

- Again, anyone is welcome to attend

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Questions?

