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## March 2025 Newsletter



Instructor Luncheon

## Greetings from FLI!

We are so excited about the spring semester beginning today! We had a wonderful luncheon with our instructors on Thursday, February 27 to prepare for this exciting semester. They look forward to seeing you soon!

Warm regards,

George, Toni, and the Board at Forever Learning Institute

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## Forever Announcements

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### **AN EVENING WITH MARIA KELSON**

#### **CULTURALLY SPEAKING AUTHOR SERIES**

Join us for an evening with Maria Kelson, poet and author of *Not the Killing Kind*, a contemporary thriller about a Latina education reformer whose son is wrongfully jailed for murder.

Register here: <https://sjcpl.libnet.info/event/12135715>

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## Forever Events

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### **FLI Trivia 2025**

Thank you to Paul Stevenson for preparing the creative trivia questions and MCing a night of fun for all! Thanks to our sponsors, donors, participants, volunteers, and everyone else who participated in another successful trivia night!



# How Native Plants Bring LIFE to our Landscapes

Jan McGowan, Interpretive Naturalist, MLS on behalf of Wild Ones South Bend

Native plants are finally getting the recognition they deserve as beautiful, at-home, can-do solutions to supporting our natural environment. Learn what native plants are; how they are a win-win for gardeners and land managers; why they are essential for supporting biodiversity, soil health and our climate; how beautiful they are; and lastly, a brief bit on how people can find them and learn more.

Monday, April 7 at 1-2:30 PM @ FLI  
Call [574-282-1901](tel:574-282-1901) to reserve your spot!



## Forever Travel

**South Bend**

### South Bend, One History Two Worlds Tuesday, August 26 at 10am

Join the Forever Learning Institute for an enlightening experience as we explore South Bend's history through a fresh lens. We'll visit The History Museum and the Civil Rights Heritage Center, offering a rare chance to discover local treasures that highlight the city's history from diverse viewpoints. Don't miss this opportunity to gain new insights into our community's past!

This excursion will include lunch at The History Museum and alternating presentations. Transportation provided by Cardinal Buses, picking up at FLI.

This will be an experience you won't want to miss!

The cost is \$80.

[Register Here](#)

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## Owners Suite Experience with the South Bend Cubs

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 11am

Enjoy a great American pastime with a day at the ballpark cheering on the South Bend Cubs. Forever Travel is offering an owners-suite experience complete with prime indoor seating, a full buffet lunch, refreshments, and lots of goodies and memorabilia. Trip includes optional bus transportation from Forever Learning and back. Skip the long walk to the stadium and the hassle and cost of parking.

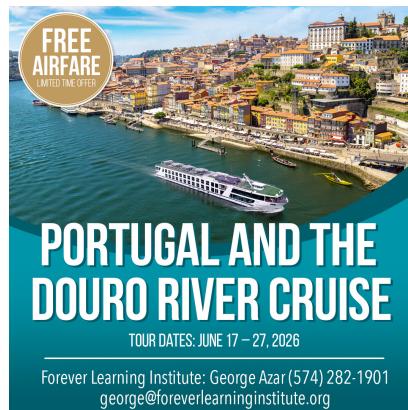


Tickets are:

- \$130 per person including the game, memorabilia, buffet lunch, and transit from FLI
- \$100 per person without transportation

[Register Here!](#)

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## Portugal and the Douro River Cruise Join Forever Learning Institute in 2026!

A symbol of Portugal's birth and growth as a nation, the Douro has long been the country's lifeline. Spend two nights in the cosmopolitan capital of Lisbon, Portugal with a tour showcasing the famous sights of this remarkable city. Enroute to Porto, visit the pilgrimage site of Fátima and the university town of Coimbra. Navigate a path through Portugal's enchanting countryside while cruising along the dramatic Douro River. Terraced vineyards rise from the river

banks, historic landmarks pepper the distant horizons and charming towns lay hidden in the rural hillsides. From Spain's walled city of Salamanca to the charming baroque village of Lamego, enjoy a new perspective of Europe as you sail the along the Douro.

[Flyer](#)  
[Registration Form](#)

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## Forever Learning Pilgrimage to France

Join Verso Ministries and the Forever Learning Institute on a pilgrimage to France from October 20-29, 2025!

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



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## Forever Learning

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### Spring Session 2025

### Classes Begin Today!

*\*\*\*Late Class Addition:*

[Spring Walking Club](#) begins Monday, March 17, still room for registrations!

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## Teach Your Passion!

We are always looking for instructors. Please have them reach out to George at [george@foreverlearninginstitute.org](mailto:george@foreverlearninginstitute.org).

We are specifically looking for instructors to teach at Hamilton Grove in New Carlisle, Southfield Village, and the public library.

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# Forever Upcoming Dates

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- Monday, March 3 – Classes Begin
- Thursday, March 20 – Forever Travel Beautiful the Musical Day Trip to Drury Lane Theater. SOLD OUT
- Monday, April 7 – 11 – FLI Spring Break (No Classes)
- Monday, April 7th – How Native Plants Bring LIFE to our Landscapes with Jan McGowan
- Friday, April 18th — Good Friday (FLI Closed & No Classes)
- Friday, May 16 – Last Day of Classes
- Tuesday, May 20 – Spring Festival, Forever Learning gymnasium. Enjoy performances, classroom displays, and a potluck luncheon celebrating the end of the semester.
- Wednesday, May 21 – Forever Travel South Bend Cubs Game Owner's Suite Experience. [Register Here.](#)
- Saturday, June 14 – 24 – Forever Travel Danube Delights River Cruise
- Tuesday, August 26 — Forever Travel South Bend, One History Two Worlds. [Register Here](#)
- Monday, October 20 – 29 – Forever Travel Pilgrimage to France - [Register Here.](#)

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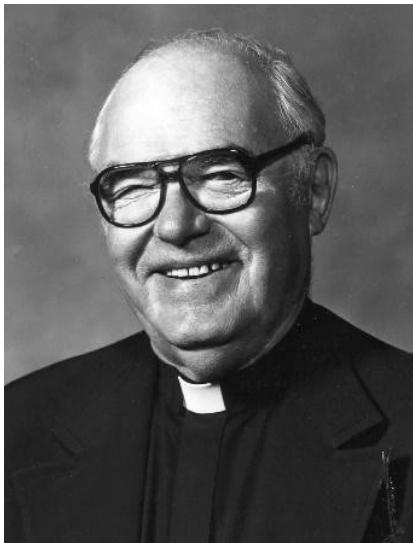
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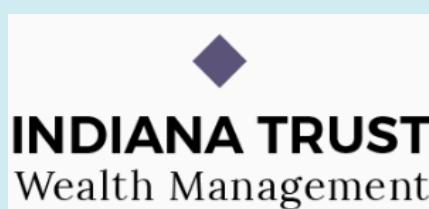


## Our Founder, Fr. Louis J. Putz, C.S.C.

Fr. Putz viewed life as a chain with three distinct links: the age of learning, the age of earning, and the age of returning. As he approached retirement in the early '70s, he envisioned a school for the "third-agers," where students returned to share their collective experience, knowledge, and talent in service to others. As Fr. Putz often said, "*Service adds years to your life and life to your years.*" He envisioned a school for seniors who would come together for the pure joy of learning and social interaction, as well as personal and spiritual growth. On September 27, 1974, that vision became a reality.

***Improving the quality and dignity of senior adult life through continuing intellectual challenge, spiritual reflection, and social interaction for 50 years.***

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