

Memoirs

Carol Gelderman and Bob Carr
Poydras Home (corner of Jefferson Avenue and Magazine Street)
March 5, 12, 19, 26 & April 2, 9
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Description

This class will cover two aspects of memoirs—appreciating memoirs and writing them.

March 5, 12 and 19

Dr. Carol Gelderman discusses great memoirs. This is for students who are interested in memoirs—whether writing or reading them. Dr. Gelderman will ask the students to read and discuss two memoirs: *Mary McCarthy, Memories of a Catholic Girlhood* and *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* (1845). These classes will lead to an increased appreciation for the art and craft of writing memoirs.

March 26, April 2 and 9

Bob Carr will instruct students on writing their own memoir. Bob will share his personal experiences and lessons learned about writing a memoir. He offers tips on what to do and not to do and offers suggestions for getting the memoir published, whether for the public or for the family. His class is sure to entertain, will definitely inform, and will most assuredly inspire students to write their own memoirs.

At the end of six weeks, the students of this class will have met two of New Orleans' notable authors. They will have also acquired insight into the making of great memoirs and will have been provided the tools to put their own lives into well-written words worth reading.

Presenters

Dr. Carol Gelderman is a retired Distinguished Professor of English at the University of New Orleans. She has authored ten books, including three biographies: *Henry Ford, The Wayward Capitalist*; *Mary McCarthy, A Life*; and *Louis Auchincloss, A Writer's Life*.

Bob Carr recently published his memoir, *Raising Our Kids on Bourbon: A French Quarter Love Affair*. It is the story of how he and his wife escaped the mundane life of mid-America and moved to the heart of the infamous French Quarter to raise their children among the “Quarter eccentrics” while accomplishing spectacular careers in radio and television. The story depicts the bright side of the city’s indomitable spirit as it forges ahead and continues to dazzle visitors.

Chautauqua New Orleans, a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) educational organization, was founded by Dr. David O’Donaghue, a retired professor of psychology and philosophy who was inspired by the Chautauqua and Lyceum movements of the 19th century to start his own independent school in New Orleans.

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More information about Chautauqua New Orleans and the classes offered for the Spring 2012 program is available at www.chautauquaneworleans.com.

We hope you will join this community of adult learners. Yearly Membership is \$50. Poydras Residents, families and extended families receive a 50% discount of \$25. The six-week class is \$30. PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: "CHAUTAUQUA" and MAIL TO: Dr. David O'Donaghue, 1412 Euterpe St., New Orleans, LA 70130.