

The Salon: A Forum for Conversation

Purpose

The Salon provides an opportunity for informed and courteous conversation about issues that affect us as members of society. The monthly gatherings encourage stimulating conversation among men and women. Benefits of participation include an opportunity to talk with one another about what matters to us, listen to what matters to others, and expand our own viewpoints in a respectful environment. We envision conversations that are fun, informative and thought provoking!

Format

Discussions are informal and conversational with two facilitators. Nancy Pearson, Judy Tingley, Mike Killion, and Carl Morgan all serve as facilitators on a rotating basis. The Salon is intended to be dynamic—open to participants' ideas about facilitation, topics, articles and format.

Setting

The Salon meets on the 4th Friday of the month from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM in the large conference room of the Bainbridge Public Library. Join the conversation!

Topics

Topics will focus on local and national issues or general interest subjects that impact the public. We'll endeavor to select discussion subjects that are multi-faceted and lend themselves to expertise across several disciplines. A short article or essay to frame the current month's topic and stimulate ideas will be posted on the library's web site at:

www.bainbridgepubliclibrary.org

From the Bainbridge Island Library's homepage, you'll find the current month's topic and reading under the tab heading "What's Happening" and then under "The Salon" in the pull down menu. Topics and readings will be posted approximately two weeks prior to the discussions. Participants are encouraged to think about the topic broadly and then zero in on a particular aspect they find interesting. Be prepared to share your findings with others.

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Previous Discussion Topics

Are There Electric Cars in our Future? - March 2011

Cultural Shift: Self-Effacing to Self-Expanding? - April 2011

The U.S. Health Care System – A Performance Evaluation - May 2011

Balancing Beliefs about Food, Health, and the Environment - June 2011

Personal Integrity – Encouraged or Undermined by American Society and Government? - July 2011

The Federal Debt, Budget, and Deficit–Sorting it Out - August 2011

Schools Are Back in Session –What Are We Teaching and What Are They Learning? - September 2011

Bainbridge Island Government: Representative of “Government of the People, by the People, for the People?” – October 2011

The Art and Science of Conversation: What Does the Future Hold? – June 2012

What Is It You Are Still Looking For From The Presidential Campaign (In Order To Make A Decision)? – July 2012

Climate Change: Science or Myth and the Role of Individual Citizens – August 2012

Happiness: What is it? – September 2012

Leadership: What do we Expect/Want from our Next President? – October 2012

America’s Core Values: Consensus View–Converging or Diverging? – April 2013

Information Overload – May 2013

Privacy – June 2013

What is the Significance of the Arts–to Individuals and Society? – July 2013

Democratic Government: Surviving, Thriving, or Expiring? – August 2013

Discussion Topics (con't)

High School: Does it Prepare Students Adequately for Life in the 21st Century?

– September 2013

Growing Older and Staying Relevant – October 2013

Legal Marijuana: Now What? – May 2014

Income Inequality: Who Cares? – June 2014

What Makes for a Successful Retirement? – July 2014

Stress in America: Why Are Americans Experiencing Stress? – August 2014

Virtues: What's the Role of Virtue in Society Today? – September 2014

Midterm Elections: Déjà vu or a New Direction? – October 2014