



# Learning Opportunities

## Schedule Classes and Activities to Improve Your Video Skills!

**OUR CLASSES:** We offer classes in video shooting, editing, and other video-related skills. Classes are open to club members. Non-members are invited to join the club at the first class meeting or in advance by either visiting the Video Lab (between CH 2 and Pool 2, open Tuesday-Friday, 1-4 pm,) or downloading a membership form from our website, [videocluboflagunawoods.com/membership](http://videocluboflagunawoods.com/membership), and mailing it with your payment.

Classes are \$5 per session payable at the first class meeting. If, after attending the first session, you feel a class is not a good fit for you, you may obtain a refund.

Video Club membership fees for Laguna Woods Village residents are \$15 a year for one person, \$20 for two at the same address. For non-residents, the fees are \$20 for one person, \$30 for two at the same address.

**FOR MORE INFO ON CLASSES:** Contact Dr. Tom Nash, Vice President and Director of Learning Opportunities, [tomnash36@gmail.com](mailto:tomnash36@gmail.com).

**MORE WAYS TO LEARN:** This schedule lists formal classes as well as several free learning opportunities offered by the Video Club. These include **Forums** (special interest groups), contests and events, monthly **General Meetings**, and quarterly **Short Film Showcase** presentations.

**LEARN HOW TO PRESERVE YOUR MEMORIES:** Lab Supervisors are available in the Video Lab (Tue.-Fri., 1-4 pm) to show Laguna Woods Village residents **how to transfer old media** (35mm slides, VHS tapes, LP records, audio cassettes, etc.) to modern digital formats at no charge. Once your memories are converted, use Google Photos, YouTube, email, USB drives, CDs, and more to share them with your family and friends!



### Video One Productions

In this free Special Interest Forum, Video Club members build video skills while working together on team projects. Meets via Zoom on 4th Fridays at 1 pm, as listed below. For more information or a link to attend a meeting, contact VidOne Facilitator, Ward Cushman, [ward.cushman@gmail.com](mailto:ward.cushman@gmail.com).

**PRE-REGISTRATION** is required for all classes. Email the instructor in advance with class title, your name, email, and phone number.

**Mondays, January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5**

**NEW CLASS: "Four Easy Steps to Make A 4-Minute Video Story About Your Life," 5 sessions.** Instructors: Sheryl Martin, Jonathan Williams. In days gone by, people sat around the fire telling stories. Now they watch videos – so learn how to tell your story in video! It's easy and fun. In this hands-on class, students will produce a 4-minute "video story of your life" (or of someone else's), using still photos (and video clips when available). Some work will be done in class under supervision; some homework will be included. The final class session will be devoted to viewing and discussing student projects.

This class will NOT teach video editing, but students new to editing will be introduced to Canva, a very simple, free, online video-editing program. Topics covered will include digitizing and organizing photos; eliciting memories for story development; transferring photos to a computer from cell phones and cameras; an overview of video editing programs; how to add narration, music, and more to your video; and working with online (and other) video resources.

**Pre-registration is required.** Send your name, email & phone# to [videolegacy4u@gmail.com](mailto:videolegacy4u@gmail.com), \$25 for members, \$40 for non-members (includes club membership). Pay at first class session. 10 am-noon, Video Lab.

**Saturdays, January 13, 20, 27**

**CLASS: "Video Editing Using Corel VideoStudio" (Windows), 3 sessions.** Instructor: Dr. Tom Nash. So, you've shot some video (or plan to). Then what? Raw (unedited) video is boring! What if you took just the highlights of your hour(s) of video and edited them down to a fast-moving 4 minutes? You could put it on YouTube and send links to all your friends – and they would rave!

It's very do-able with VideoStudio, the powerful and relatively easy-to-use video editing software taught by the Video Club. Spend three Saturday mornings and learn video editing! In this class, we'll cover the basics to get you started.

**Pre-registration is required.** Send your name, email & phone# to [tomnash36@gmail.com](mailto:tomnash36@gmail.com). \$15 for members, \$30 for non-members (includes club membership). Pay at first class session. 10 am-noon, Video Lab.

**Wednesday, January 10**

**GENERAL MEETING: "Visions for the Year Ahead."** Meet your new Club President Jonathan Williams and Club Secretary Lili Green along with other members of the leadership team and learn how YOU can join in the plans for 2024. Free to all Village residents and their guests. 6:30 pm, refreshments; 7 pm, program, Video Lab.

**Friday, January 26**

**VIDEO ONE PRODUCTIONS:** (See other side, lower left.) For info or a link to attend, contact VidOne Facilitator Ward Cushman, [ward.cushman@gmail.com](mailto:ward.cushman@gmail.com). 1 pm via Zoom.

**Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20**

**NEW CLASS: "Continuity,"** 3 sessions. Instructor: Dr. Tom Nash. Learn how to shoot and edit video so that the various parts of the video come together into a harmonious whole. Includes techniques for avoiding continuity errors. Everyone who shoots and/or edits video needs this course.

**Pre-registration is required.** Send your name, email & phone# to [tomnash36@gmail.com](mailto:tomnash36@gmail.com). \$15 for members, \$30 for non-members (includes club membership). Pay at first class session. 10-11:30 am, Video Studio.

**Friday, February 9 (4 pm)**

**2024 SHORT VIDEO CONTEST DEADLINE:** Full information is available on club website, [videocluboflagunawoods.com/latest-news](http://videocluboflagunawoods.com/latest-news), where you may also download an entry form. Open to Video Club members. Bring your entry (maximum length: 4 minutes) on a flash drive with completed entry form to the Video Lab during open hours, Tuesday-Friday, 1-4 pm, and place it in the Video Contest Entry Box. Club members present will vote to select winners from the top 10 video submissions to be shown during our Annual Goldie Awards Banquet on Thursday, February 29.

**Wednesdays, February 14, 21, 28**

**NEW CLASS: "Smile for the Camera,"** 3 sessions. Instructor: Cherri Farah. An experienced on-air talent, Cherri Farah will share tips about how to do interviews and how to conquer nervousness when addressing the camera. You'll learn where you should look and how to present yourself to best advantage. As you practice interviewing and on-camera presentations, you will build confidence and technique. Some of your work will be recorded and reviewed in class.

**Pre-registration is required.** Send your name, email & phone# to Cherri Farah at [nowradio1@aol.com](mailto:nowradio1@aol.com). \$15 for members, \$30 for non-members (includes club membership). Pay at first class session. 2-3:30 pm, Video Studio.

**The "Smile for the Camera" class has been postponed until spring, 2024.**

**Friday, February 23**

**VIDEO ONE PRODUCTIONS:** (See other side, lower left.) For info or a link to attend, contact VidOne Facilitator Ward Cushman, [ward.cushman@gmail.com](mailto:ward.cushman@gmail.com). 1 pm via Zoom.

**Thursday, February 29**

**13th ANNUAL GOLDIE AWARDS BANQUET.** Special dress-up event featuring a delicious meal and the showing of the top 10 member-produced videos entered in the 2024 Short Video Contest – followed by voting by members present and the Goldie Awards Ceremony, presenting trophies to the top three winners. Full information on the club website, [videocluboflagunawoods.com/latest-news](http://videocluboflagunawoods.com/latest-news). \$30 for members, \$35 for guests. Reservation deadline: Wednesday, February 21..5 pm, 19 Restaurant..

**Monday, March 4**

**SHORT FILM SHOWCASE #28:** A selection of dramas, comedies, documentaries, and animations chosen to entertain, inspire, and motivate your own video projects. Group discussion will follow each video. Free (with popcorn) to Village residents and their guests. 1-2:30 pm, Video Lab.

**Friday, March 22**

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