STUDY GROUPS
2014-2015

There are 23 FABULOUS STUDY GROUPS and LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES this season! Only BNC members may attend study groups, and the study group card allows you to go to all STUDY GROUPS* (one star).

STUDY GROUPS ** (two stars) have an additional charge for materials or the cost of tour or event and need to be paid in advance.

Join us to discuss interesting topics with interesting people!

Cost of study group card for Annual Members is $35
Cost for Couples (must buy 2 cards) - $60
Cost of study group card for Life Members is $40

Pay for card at Showcase, or mail check made out to BNC. (You must provide email address and/or phone so that we can let you know your card #) to:

Marvin Kofender 14507 Secret Harbor Place
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202

Guests may attend ONLY ONE session of a Study Group, then must purchase a card.

NEW PROCEDURE FOR STUDY GROUP SIGN UP!
Please email or call the registrar of the groups you plan to attend. For your convenience...at Showcase you may pay (on one check) for any Study Groups** with a fee.
Oct 15  **Dorfman in Love** - After over 7 days of cat sitting, Deb Dorfman embarks on a journey of self-discovery that leads her to find true love.

Nov 19  **A Touch of Spice** - When his beloved grandfather falls ill, Farris returns from Athens to Istanbul, his childhood home where he rediscovers “life like food is best enjoyed with a little zest.”

Dec 17  **Nina’s Tragedies** - Sensitive Nadav is smitten with his beautiful aunt Nina which sets the stage for this contemplative film about adult emotions.

Jan 21  **Time of Favor** - A psychological thriller/drama and a love story about a young woman and her two best friends that raises questions about faith, duty and love for oneself.

Feb 18  **Yossi** - Sequel to **Yossi and Jagger** which finds Dr. Yossi Guttman reminiscing about his love ten years after Jagger's death, when Tom, a young soldier reignites his romantic feelings.

Mar 18  **Zaytoun** - Friendship knows no borders in this political drama of a Palestinian boy and an Israeli fighter pilot.

*We welcome back Jordan Shifrin for his 8th year of facilitating Jewish Films. Jordan is an Instructor at the Lifelong Learning Academy, has served on the Boards of the Sarasota Jewish Film Festival, and the Venice Jewish Film Festival. He is a screener for the Sarasota Film Festival. He was a practicing attorney for 35 years and has a Master’s Degree in History specializing in Modern European History.*
**MODERN NOVELS**

Registrar: Helen Diton, Natalie Kaufman, Gladys Shapiro
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Location: Roskamp  1226 N. Tamiami Trail
Day: MONDAY  Time: 9:45-11:30

Oct 13  *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline  (Caryl Magnus)
A story of two different women who built a friendship: Vivian, a 91 year old woman with a hidden past as an orphan-train rider and Molly, a teen foster child. The closer Molly gets to Vivian, the more she discovers a parallel to her own life.

Nov 10  *Rainwater* by Sandra Brown  (Natalie Kaufman/Gladys Shapiro). The novel focuses on Ella Baron, a strong, young, single woman who owns a boarding house in the Depression-era Texas. Mr. Rainwater, her terminally ill boarder, develops a touching relationship between Ella and her autistic son.

Dec 8  *Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd  (Marilyn Wolfson)
A work of historical fiction about two sisters, Nina and Sarah Grimke, who were at the forefront of the abolitionist and women’s rights movement. They befriend a young slave and together they strive for freedom.

Jan 12  *The Red Thread* by Ann Hood  (Ellen Klein)
An exploration of the adoption process, specifically the adoption of Chinese girls by five couples in Rhode Island. Maya Lange, head of this agency, reveals her life and intersperses the stories of these diverse American couples with the sad stories of five Chinese babies and their families.

Feb 9  *Left Neglected* by Lisa Genova  (Lois Altman)
A novel of resilience in the face of a devastating diagnosis, a vibrant mother in her thirties learns what matters most in life when a car crash leaves her with a traumatic brain disorder called “left neglected”.

(Cont’d)
Mar 9  Songs of Willow Frost by Jamie Ford (Elaine Stern) Jamie Ford is also the author of Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet. This novel tells the story of an impoverished Chinese-American mother and son in Depression-era Seattle in 1934, then goes back to 1921. The youngster, William Eng is 12 years old, lives at the Sacred Heart Orphanage, and is seeking his mother.

Apr 13  Claude and Camille by Stephanie Cowell (Pauline Leopold) In mid-nineteenth century, Claude Monet decided to paint landscapes rather than takeover his father’s nautical supplies business. He lived in poverty but his lifelong love, Camille, stayed with him and was the mother of his two children. She was a Parisian girl who threw away her privileged life to be at his side.

May 11  Mr. Roseblum Dreams in English by Natasha Solomon Cohen (Debbie Cohen) This is the author’s debut where she tells a love story about a family making a new life and their wildest dreams come true. Jack Rosenblum, his wife and their baby escape Berlin bound for London. He truly becomes “English”. When he wants membership in a golf club and is refused, he sets out to build his own.

NEW MEMBERS STUDY GROUP *
Registrar: Elaine Nutlay ern918@gmail.com 941-907-8457
Location: 7720 US Open Loop, LWR
Date: WEDNESDAY Dec 3 Time: 10:00-11:30

Are you new to BNC-Sarasota? Did you purchase a Card and now are not sure what to attend? Do you want to find out more before you make your choices? THEN THIS SESSION IS FOR YOU!

Meet some of our members so you will see familiar faces when you attend one of the Study Groups and check out the various opportunities for learning and enrichment. ... you will be glad you did!
Can you imagine being incarcerated for years, accused of a crime you did not commit?

We will examine actual cases of wrongful conviction. Since 1992, over 300 people have been exonerated through DNA alone. Using documentary films such as "After Innocence" and firsthand accounts such as Picking Cotton, we will explore the inside story of these cases. We will learn how The Innocence Project of Florida determines if a person is really innocent by studying a few of their client's experiences with the criminal justice system.

Before coming to our first class, please view the Hollywood film, "Conviction" with Hillary Swank so that we can discuss this compelling movie at the first session. You can rent the film on Amazon for $2.99 (put in the name of film and click on rent and you can play it on your computer), you can rent it if you have Netflix and view it on your TV. The Public Library also has copies.

Harriet Hendel was a Learning Disabilities teacher for over 30 years. After retiring, she taught workshops for teachers. Knowing that there is a high rate of illiteracy and dyslexia in men behind bars, she volunteered to teach writing in a maximum security prison near her home. Harriet is very involved in volunteer work in Sarasota. She has been a mentor for 6 years with Take Stock In Children and volunteers with "Project 180" a nonprofit group which works with men just being released from prison. She teaches for Lifelong Learning at USF. Harriet visits 7 men and women who are in prison and corresponds with 16 inmates all over the U.S. She is a member of the Board of Directors of The Innocence Project of Florida, an organization based in Tallahassee.
Why is it necessary to think about your choices now? Do your loved ones know what your wishes are for your final resting place? These and other thought provoking questions will be discussed. Information will be provided on the financial and emotional benefits of pre-arranging funerals. Included will be information on whether cremation is an option, veteran cemetery benefits and veteran funeral benefits, what is needed to insure eligibility. What are the hazards your loved ones will face when you have not prepared in advance?

As the Pre-Arrangement Manager for Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory, Linda McCollum brings with her over 18 years as a liturgical planner for funerals. Linda assists families in planning the funerals for their loved ones and follows up with those who are left behind. She was appointed and currently serves as the trainer for liturgical planners for funeral masses at Epiphany Cathedral.

Rabbi Aiello is currently the host of The Radio Rabbi Program, in its tenth year, which airs at 8:30 am Sundays on WLSS AM 930, Sarasota and is live streamed and podcast worldwide. She is founding director of the Italian Jewish Cultural Center of Calabria (Italy) and rabbi of Sinagoga Ner Tamid del Sud, the first active synagogue in Calabria in the 500 years since Inquisition times. She is the first and only woman rabbi and non-orthodox rabbi in Italy. She is Rabbinic Advisor to Ner Tamid in Bradenton and will return to Sarasota to serve the Kobernick House as resident rabbi again this year.
Ira Stewart Wiesner is a nationally recognized elder law attorney. He is a former President of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and was elected as a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. A principal commitment and focus of his practice is resolving the legal needs of the elderly and their families. He was invited to the 1995 White House Conference on Aging and to testify before Congress on preventing impoverishment of spouses of nursing home residents.

Visitors will enjoy a guided walking tour of the beautiful 35-acre campus. Learn about what it takes to create a guide dog team. The secret? Fine breeding, respect, repetition...and plenty of love. At Southeastern Guide Dogs, we've matched over 2,700 guide dogs with students whose lives are changed forever after they leave our school. And it all starts with our puppies. We breed intelligent and friendly Labrador retrievers, golden retrievers and goldadores (that delightful blend of Labrador and golden) in our clean, well-ventilated kennels. Our puppies romp on our playground, frolic with volunteers, and enjoy fresh air and exercise.
A TOURIST IN YOUR OWN TOWN 2  **
MANATEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
Registrar: Elaine Nutlay  ern918@gmail.com  941-907-8457
Location:  6305 State Road 70, Bradenton
Date: WEDNESDAY Jan 28       Time:  11:00-1:00
Cost: $5.00 to Irene Cuny,  7628 Andora Dr, Sarasota 34238

Guided tour of this amazing new facility. Manatee Technical Institute is a post-secondary adult, career and technical education center. With Industry input, MTI provides training for adults in high-wage, high demand careers of today and the future. Students are trained for occupations relevant to the infrastructure and future growth of Manatee and Sarasota counties. After tour, there is a lunch (at an additional charge) in the Whetstone Bistro which is run by the Culinary Arts students.

A TOURIST IN YOUR OWN TOWN 3  **
MIXON FRUIT FARMS **
Registrar:  Elaine Nutlay  ern918@gmail.com  941-907-8457
Location:  2525 27th Street East, Bradenton
Date: WEDNESDAY Feb 4       Time: Tour 11:00 & Lunch 12:00
Cost: $22.00 (includes buffet)
Send check to:  Irene Cuny, 7628 Andora Dr, Sarasota 34238

If you part the branches of the Mixon Fruit Farm’s citrus trees, you might spy an unusual sight: Burmese pythons, an alligator, a crocodile or African land tortoises basking in the sunlight surrounded by cages of roosting falcons. The farm that began in 1939 as a 20-acre roadside fruit stand has stayed true to citrus farmer Willy Mixon’s vision of showcasing the region’s natural splendor. The farm has expanded its focus to include a wildlife refuge where rescue volunteers nurse injured animals back to health. The farm also hosts an on-site tropical garden along with dazzling koi ponds and a magical butterfly maze.

YOU WILL RECEIVE “STUDY GROUPS AT A GLANCE” (BY EMAIL) AS A REMINDER OF THE GROUPS OFFERED EACH MONTH. CALL OR EMAIL THE REGISTRAR WHEN YOU SEE WHAT LEARNING OPPORTUNITES WORK FOR YOUR SCHEDULE!
Art Center Sarasota will have a juried show titled “Parallel Universes,” from the Florida Suncoast Watercolor Society and an exhibit of the Art Center’s instructors. Emma Thurgood, the Exhibitions Curator will be docent for the tour.

LeAhn’s Vietnamese Restaurant for lunch (on your own).

Enjoy a whimsical experience at the Museum of Whimsy as you view a variety of paintings, sculpture and mixed media artwork. Many of the artists are American, in addition to Korean, Peruvian, Haitian and Canadian. The exhibit represents a diverse collection of quality art from classic to light-hearted and fun.

Been there before? Probably not with our own Docent and not when the Museum has the special PICASSO EXHIBIT! Experience the awe-inspiring permanent collection in this state-of-the-art gallery with all 96 of Salvador Dali’s paintings plus many drawings, sculptures, photographs and videos.

Tour is followed by lunch (on your own) at the famous Acropolis Restaurant in St. Pete. OOPAA!
STUDIO TOUR and Lunch  *
Registrar: Barbara Brown richards442@gmail.com 941-373-3898
Location: The Gift Box  400 Beach Drive NE, St. Petersburg
Date:  FRIDAY Nov 21           Time:  10:00-1:00
Carpools will be arranged - Meet @ 9:00.

Artist Leslie Belcher designs and makes jewelry and her store will be decorated for the holidays. Tour and browse jewelry with juice and mimosas. Visit Spice Shop next door and then on to Sweet Divas for gourmet chocolates. Lunch (on your own) at 400 Beach Drive.

SPECIAL BOOK EVENT - from a Brandeis Syllabus  *
Facilitator/Registrar:  Jill Simons simons3615@aol.com  
941-538-9921
Location:  Roskamp
Date:  TUESDAY Feb 17           Time:  1:30-3:00

*Housekeeping by Marilynne Robinson* was published in 1980 and nominated for the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and awarded the PEN/Hemingway Award for best first novel. In 2003, *Housekeeping* was named one of the 100 greatest novels of all time! Ruthie narrates the story of how she and her younger sister Lucille, are raised by a succession of relatives in a fictional town of Fingerbone, Idaho. The novel treats the subject of housekeeping, not only in the domestic sense but in the larger sense of keeping a spiritual home for one’s self and family in the face of loss.

*Jill Simons is a consultant for a publishing company that distributes children’s and adult literature. She has worked with educators to select books to match classroom curriculum for more than 30 years. Jill has led numerous informative Book Club talks with interactive participation.*
Return to the thrilling days of yesteryear, when men were men, and their best friend was a horse, and all women were M'am. Our resident Cineaste and TV Junkie, Jordan Shifrin, will lead a two session study group through the history of the TV Western from Hopalong Cassidy to Lonesome Dove. Remember, RinTinTin, Hoss Cartwright, Wild Bill Hickock and his sidekick Jingles, Gabby Hayes, and many more. Session one is about the early TV Westerns when the plots and characters were directed more to the kids. Session two will cover the adult Western until its demise. So, saddle up pilgrims, put on your ten-gallon hat, and pop some popcorn because this will be a ripsnortin', rootin' tootin' showdown.

Jordan Shifrin is a retired attorney and has spent the last eight years reliving his childhood through study groups covering movies, TV and general historical topics of interest. Besides being a practicing attorney for thirty-five years, Jordan has produced two feature films, is a teacher at the Lifelong learning Academy and a screener for the Sarasota Film Festival.

Registrar will email two weeks before study group session with name of film to be discussed. Participants are responsible for seeing each film independently prior to the discussion. NOTE: DECEMBER SESSION ON A MONDAY
MOVIE CLUB ** An Evening Group
Facilitator: Mike Beltzman
Registrar: Judy Beltzman jsb430@gmail.com 248-909-3577
Location: Home of Esther Rose 4893 Carrington Circle, Sarasota
Date: THURSDAY Feb 5 and Mar 5  Time: 7:00-8:30 pm
Cost: $5.00/person for Dessert-Coffee  Limit 25 participants
Send check to: 1330 Torresina Terr, LWR 34211

Registrar will email two weeks before meeting with name of film to be discussed. Participants are responsible for seeing each film independently prior to the discussion.

Mike Beltzman loves good films and leads film discussion classes in Michigan and at Lifelong Learning in Sarasota. In addition, he has worked on the Jewish Film Festivals in both Sarasota and Detroit.

UNCONVENTIONAL EATS 1 - EDIBLE CHOCOLATE ART **
Presenter: Annette Wolf
Registrar: Mike Beltzman mikebeltzman@gmail.com 248-909-3577
Location: 6128 Abaco Drive, Sarasota
Date: TUESDAY, Dec 9  Time: 1:00-3:00
Cost: $15.00 materials fee  Limit 20 participants
Send check to: 1330 Torresina Terr, LWR 34211

Welcome to Annette Wolfe’s world of chocolate. She will introduce you to the fun and joy of making delicious chocolate treats. Bring your sweet tooth as tastings will be part of the class. This will be a demonstration with some participation and each person will take home a chocolate creation. Only the finest European chocolate is used.

View Annette’s creations at www.ediblechocolateart.com. Some of her clients are The Supreme Court, The Women’s Vietnam Memorial, Redskins football great Sonny Jurgensen, the television show The West Wing, etc. Annette’s clients attest that the chocolate creations are not only a vision for the eye, but a delight for the palate. Wear clothing that you will not mind coming in contact with chocolate or bring an apron.
UNCONVENTIONAL EATS 2  **
DINNER AT ROSA FIORELLI WINERY
Registrar: Jill Simons simons3615@aol.com 941-538-9921
Location: 4250 County Road 675 East, Bradenton
Date: SATURDAY, Dec 6 Time: Sunset
Cost: $50/person.
Check to: 6996 74th St Cir E, Bradenton 34203

Wine & Dine in the Vines at Rosa Fiorelli Winery & Vineyard! Dinner will feature a catered, 4 course Italian dinner with live music and open (unlimited) selection of locally grown handcrafted wines. Come enjoy an evening in a beautiful vineyard with friends. Manatee County's own complete vineyard and winery, Rosa Fiorelli Winery has been producing artisan, handcrafted wines since 1998. A truly unique dining experience not to be missed!

HIDDEN GEMS  **
Registrar: Janet Gross janetagross@gmail.com 941- 400-5739
Location: You will be notified of the location two weeks prior.
Dates: FRIDAY Jan 9 (Lunch Time: 12:00) MONDAY Feb 23 (Dinner Time: 6:00 pm)

If you always wanted to try those "hidden gem" restaurants, this is your chance. As a group, we have one lunch and one dinner scheduled. Reviews on the restaurants (if available) and website info with menus may be provided. There will be no set meals ordered so you can order whatever are to your preferences.

CARPOOLS ARE CREATED FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF ALL. PLEASE REMEMBER TO BE COURTEOUS TO THE DRIVER AND OFFER MONEY TOWARD GAS AND PARKING IF APPLICABLE.
Dec 17  **Water Engine** by David Mamet. A dark drama, nominated for the Drama Desk Award as Best New Play of 1977, about an inventor who finds himself the victim of persecution by mysterious figures from the oil industry. Will be performed in November by the Asolo Conservatory. Facilitator: Carole Kleinberg.

Jan 14  **Good People**, David Lindsay-Abaire’s recent Tony Nominated Broadway hit about social class and character, will be produced by the Asolo Rep Theatre in January and February. It takes a look at the haves and have-nots as it questions the American Dream and how to achieve it – hard work, skill or luck? Facilitator: Linda Baker

Feb 11  **The Cripple of Inishmaan** by Martin McDonagh. A black comedy “layered’ with malice and kindness, truth and conjecture, and all the mixed motives that make human beings such endlessly intriguing subjects of speculation.” Tony-nominated as the best revival of a play, 2014. Facilitators: Toni & Lou Rowitz.


Apr 15  **Disgraced**, the 2013 Pulitzer Prize winner for Drama by Ayad Akhtar. “In dialogue that bristles with wit and intelligence, Akhtar puts contemporary attitudes toward religion under a microscope.... Everyone has been told that politics and religion are two subjects that should be off-limits at social gatherings.” "Add a liberal flow of alcohol and a couple of major secrets suddenly revealed, and you’ve got yourself one dangerous dinner party."
Facilitator: Marvin Kofender.
Read any good books lately? We recommend *Transatlantic* by Colum McCann. Newfoundland, 1919 - two aviators, Jack Alcock and Arthur Brown, set course for Iceland as they attempt the first nonstop flight across the Atlantic Ocean, placing their trust in a modified bomber to heal the wounds of the Great War. Dublin, 1845 - on an international lecture tour, Frederick Douglass finds the Irish people sympathetic to the abolitionist cause despite the fact that famine causes hardships worse than that of the American slave. New York, 1998 - Senator George Mitchell departs for Belfast to shepherd Northern Ireland’s notoriously bitter peace talks.

These three iconic crossings are connected by a series of remarkable women whose personal stories are caught up in the swells of history. From the laughs of Ireland to the flatlands of Missouri and the coast of Newfoundland, their journeys mirror the progress and shape of history. *Transatlantic* is a profound meditation on identity and history.

*Lenore Weintraub is a long time Sarasota resident and BNC member. She is a former high school English and Speech educator as well a political advocate. As a film and theater devotee, she has entertained and educated us with numerous film and book reviews.*

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**IF YOU REGISTER FOR A GROUP THAT HAS "LIMITED PARTICIPATION" AND YOUR SCHEDULE CHANGES. PLEASE BE SURE TO CANCEL SO THAT SOMEONE ON THE WAITING LIST MAY ATTEND.**
JEWISH SHORT STORIES – From a Brandeis Syllabus *

Leader: (see below)
Registrar: Barbara Brown  
richards442@gmail.com  
941-373-3898

Location: Roskamp  
1226 N. Tamiami Trail

Dates: TUESDAY

Time: 10:00-11:30

NOTE: Jan 20th Meeting will be in upstairs Conference Room.

This season, we will be reading from the same collection of short stories that we used last year: Promised Lands: New Jewish Fiction on Longing and Belonging, edited by Derek Rubin, (Brandeis University Press, 2010).

Dec 16  The Liars by Jonathan Wilson and  
Come on Zion Put Your Hands Together by Rachel Kadish

Jan 20  The Lunatic by Binnie Kirschenbaum  
Homewrecker by Lauren Grodstein.

Feb 17  One Good Reason Why Not by Elisa Albert  
Midhusband by Edward Schwartzschild.

Mar 17  The Porchies by Adam Wilson  
The End of Anti-Semitism by Aaron Hamburger.

Apr 21  Things That Are Not Yours by Lara Vapnyar  
A Bissel This and A Bissel That by Janice Eidus

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME  ** Baltimore Orioles Game

Registrar: Marvin Kofender  
kofender.md@sbcglobal.net  
941-893-5067

Location: Ed Smith Stadium  
2700 12th Street - Sarasota

Date: March (TBA)  Schedule available Nov 1st

Cost: $24  Send check: 14507 Secret Harbor, LWR 34202

With its modern amenities mixed with historical Florida architecture, Ed Smith Stadium has truly become "Birdland South." Join us for a game and enjoy the excitement!

The Orioles' presence in Sarasota County goes well beyond baseball and Spring Training. Year-round philanthropic Orioles REACH initiatives embrace youth activities, charitable causes and civic priorities. We manage and maintain two top-flight, multi-use sports facilities for shared hometown use.
MY STUDY GROUP REGISTRATIONS
By Month

OCTOBER (beginning date)
☐ * Reel Discussion TUES 10/7, 11/4, 12/1, 1/6, 2/3, 4/14
☐ * Novels MON 10/13 and every 2ND Mon.
☐ * Jewish Films WED 10/15 and every 3rd Wed.

NOVEMBER (beginning date)
☐ ** Contemporary Issues 1 (Funerals) THURS 11/13 $5
☐ * Studio Tour (St Pete) FRI 11/21

DECEMBER (beginning date)
☐ * New Members Study Group WED 12/3
☐ * Contemporary Issues 2 (Elder Issues) THURS 12/4
☐ ** Unconventional Eats 2 (Winery) SAT 12/6 $50
☐ ** Unconventional Eats 1 (Chocolate) TUES 12/9 $15
☐ * Short Stories TUES 12/16 and every 3rd Tues.
☐ * Modern Plays WED 12/17, 1/14, 2/11, 3/11, 4/15
☐ ** Museum 1 (ArtCenter/Whimsy) THURS 12/18 $15

JANUARY (beginning date)
☐ ** Hidden Gems FRI 1/9 and MON 2/23 $TBA
☐ ** Locked UP- Justice Denied $5
☐ ** FRI 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27
☐ ** Tourist 1 (Southeastern Guide Dog) MON 1/19 $10
☐ ** Read Anything? TUES 1/20 $5
☐ * TV Westerns THURS 1/22, 1/29
☐ ** Tourist 2 (Manatee Tech) WED 1/28 $5

FEBRUARY (beginning date)
☐ ** Tourist 3 (Mixon Farms) WED 2/4 $22
☐ ** Movie Club THURS 2/5 and 3/5 $5
☐ ** Museum 2 (Dali) MON 2/16 $26.75
☐ * Special Book Event TUES 2/17

MARCH
☐ ** Ball Game March TBA $24
FUNNY YOU SHOULD ASK. . . .
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO WRITE ONE CHECK FOR MULTIPLE STUDY GROUPS**, SEND A LIST OF THE GROUPS AND YOUR CHECK TO:
Jill Simons   6996 74th Street Cir E, Bradenton 34203.

REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN UP TO ONE WEEK PRIOR TO EVENT. AFTER THAT TIME FOR GROUPS WITH LIMITED PARTICIPANTS, REFUNDS ONLY IF THERE IS A SUBSTITUTE FROM WAIT LIST.

Your Study Group Committee works hard each year to provide you with the most interesting Study Groups and awesome opportunities for learning. All of our facilitators, leaders and registrars are volunteers. They donate their time, energy and expertise for the enrichment of all our members. Feel free to register for as many groups as you like, but we want you to let the registrar know if you are not able to attend. This is essential for groups with limited participation.

Please let us know if you have any suggestions for how a Study Group might be improved or you have ideas for Study Groups you would like to see in the future.