



Great Explorers of the World

Presented by: **Gerry Corrigan**
 Wednesdays, February 12, 19, 26, 2014

1:30-4:30pm
 Maravilla Club Room
 5486 Calle Real, Goleta

VISTAS first course on Great Explorers of the World will focus on some of the men and women who played key roles in exploring the Americas in the 16th. century. We will look at their accomplishments, their successes and failures, personality and style, relations with family and crews and with monarchs. We will also try to understand what motivated these uncommon people to risk life and fortune, to travel for months and years at a time to places unknown to them and their countrymen. Was it just money? Perhaps, but not all of them lived to enjoy their newfound wealth. Was it power? Perhaps, but a number of them died "on the job" while others were later stripped of office. Curiosity set sail with these men and they helped moved the world into the modern era. The Age of Discovery produced some extraordinary people-we will meet some of them in this course.

Did you know CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS returned to Spain in chains after a near mutiny on one of his voyages and ended his life titleless in near poverty? Ted Anagnoson will tell us all about it and correct some of the myths and lore we learned in school.

Ever wonder how America got its name. Well, Dick Cousineau will introduce us to AMERIGO VESPUCCI and tell us about his several voyages to the New World and the letters/journals he wrote about his experiences and his accomplishments, real and imagined.

Frank Newton will introduce us to HERNAN CORTEZ, the Spanish conquistador who overthrew the Aztec Empire and won Mexico for King Charles 1. He served as Governor of New Spain for about three years but was removed from power and returned to Spain.

Who first sailed around the world? FERDINAND MAGELLAN of course, or does the fact he died in the Philippines on the way home negate that title. Ray Stone will tell us all about the incredible journey from Europe around the Cape across the Pacific, returning to Spain in 1522 after three years at sea.

FRANCISCO PIZARRO was another conquistador given a commission by Emperor Charles V to establish a new Spanish province and overthrow the Inca leader and conquer Peru. Charlie Schneider will tell us all about Pizarro's many accomplishments as well as his murder by former associates.

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Ed Vernon will introduce us to CABEZA de VACA, one of only four survivors (out of a party of 600 men) of the 1527 Narvaez expedition. Marooned on the Texas coast he wandered for 8 years in a land no European had ever seen, becoming a slave, a trader and shaman to various tribes.

This course will end with a presentation by Gerry Corrigan on two Englishmen, SIR FRANCIS DRAKE and SIR WALTER RALEIGH, both of whom are listed in the 100 Greatest Britons in history. We will learn why Drake considered himself the best sailor in the world and end with Raleigh and the lost Colony of Roanoke and the search for the legendary City of Gold.

Suggested Reading: Appleby, Joyce. *SHORES OF KNOWLEDGE: New World Discoveries and the Scientific Imagination.* New York: W.W..Norton & Co. (2013)

BIOGRAPHY: For the past 17 years **Gerry Corrigan** has served as a Public Arbitrator for FINRA (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority) assisting in resolving disputes between investors and their brokers. His primary business experience consisted of over 25 years as a consultant in the executive search profession, initially with several large international search firms and for 12 years managing his own firm in Los Angeles. Immediately prior to entering the search profession he was associated with the UCLA Graduate School of Management where he was Assistant Dean. Gerry, has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and a MBA degree from UCLA.



VISTAS Calendar			
Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
Documentary Club	3rd Tues & 3rd Thurs	2:00pm	Maravilla Theater
VISTAS Presenters Course	January 21	1:30 pm	Maravilla Valencia
Winter Social	January 26	2:00 pm	Music Academy
Medical Ethics	January 29	1:30 pm	Maravilla Club Room
Longevity Seminar	February 6, 13, 20, 27	1:30 pm	TBA
Great Explorers	February 12, 19, 26	1:30 pm	Maravilla Club Room
Darwin	February 14	9:30 am	Goleta Library
Short Stories	March 5, 12, 19, 26	TBA	TBA
Viet Nam	March 11, 18, 25	1:30 pm	Goleta Library



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