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## **Meet Our Spring 2026 Instructors and Lecturers**

### **Tom Atkinson**

For more than twenty years, amateur “Chef Tom” has stirred life’s pot in Louisiana, savoring every note of its jazz, every ounce of its charm, and every bite of its irresistible food. While working at Louisiana State University, he fell head over heels for New Orleans’ vibrant food scene, sparked by legendary Cajun chef John Folse, whose bold flavors and soulful storytelling encouraged Tom to roll up his sleeves and start experimenting in his own kitchen. Mix in his passion for performing jazz and a sweet tooth shaped by the iconic confectioners of Southern Louisiana, and you get the spirit of the Big Easy in every dish!

### **Rob Chady**

A 30-year law enforcement veteran, Rob retired as the head of the Tactical Training Program for the FBI at Quantico. As a police officer and K9 handler assigned to the Special Operations Branch, Rob spent 7 years with the Fairfax County (VA) Police Department before joining the FBI. Prior to 9/11, Rob was assigned to a Drug Trafficking and Violent Crimes Squad in Miami. Rob served on the protection details for 6 United States Attorneys General, including as Agent In Charge for Attorney General William P. Barr. He also served as an FBI SWAT Sniper Team Leader and Tactical Medic. Rob now serves as the Principal Training Advisor to the USCCA.

### **Theresa Duwe**

With a degree in Telecommunications/Advertising from Indiana University, Theresa Duwe is a person who grew up loving to cook and bake. But the thought of culinary school and cooking as a profession never crossed her mind until starting as a personal chef cooking meals for a few families. That led to 16 years running her own catering company. Upon moving to Florida, the wine world revealed itself to her. Beginning her wine studies in April 2015, she passed the Guild of Sommeliers Introduction course and exam in August 2015. She also holds certifications in sherry wine and beer. Theresa has gained increased wine knowledge through Master classes, seminars, courses and industry tastings. She loves to travel the wine world gaining first-hand knowledge, taste wine and teach others about her true passions, wine and food. Her favorite wine is champagne, a good sparkling, a nice Italian white, a German Riesling, a lovely pinot noir, or anything in her glass.

**Jon Kretzu**

Jon has enjoyed an over 40-year career as a Theatre Director, Artistic Director, Dramaturge, Screenwriter, Professor and Fine Arts Critic. He has directed over 100 productions in Regional Theatres across the U S and Canada. In addition, Jon has taught classes in Dramatic Literature, Acting and Film Studies for Universities and schools in many locations as well as written about the Performing Arts for a number of publications. He taught his first class - The Art of Fear: A History of Horror Films - for the Celebration Learning Institute last October and looks forward to being back this April with two new classes.

**Floyd McCollum**

Floyd McCollum has a BS and BArch from The Pennsylvania State University. He is a Registered Architect, former general contractor, founding member and past chair of the former Celebration New Urbanism Committee, former Celebration Community Development District Supervisor, an Emeritus Member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), and holds a LEED AP green building certification. Floyd and his family purchased a lot in March 1997, designed and built a house, and have made Celebration their home ever since.

**Barbara & Kevin McKenna**

Barbara has been a crafter her entire life. She has had quilts exhibited in national and local shows and has a few blue ribbons logged. Barbara has enjoyed attending Lifelong Learning classes and was happy to be able to have a craft to share. Barbara and her husband Kevin both do watercolors. They are experienced birders and are devoted to tai chi and travel.

**Linda Quinn**

An iPhone is a phone, computer, camera, and internet device all in one—and Linda has been using one since 2010. Before retiring from teaching in New York, she worked as a high school computer art teacher, Computer Coordinator, and Director of a High School Academy of Information Technology. Linda enjoys designing and managing websites, photography, and creating handmade books. She holds degrees from Hofstra University, Columbia University, and Brooklyn College.

**Meryl Rachlin**

An artist all her life, Meryl Rachlin, a Bostonian transplant to Celebration in 2005 with her husband Bill. Meryl studied Graphic Design, went on to work in computer graphics in the corporate world for many years before backpacking for 9 months through the South Pacific where she painted a mural in a backpacker accommodation. After returning home she studied decorative painting techniques, wall-finishes and started her business, Meryl's Murals. Meryl had many successful years painting on people's walls both in the Boston and greater Orlando areas. She also ran the Celebration Art & Wine Strolls on Market Street for many years. Meryl has taught for Lifelong Learning since its conception and has learned many new art mediums in which to continue teaching new classes. She also has resided on the steering committee since the 2nd year of the program. Meryl also draws animal and human portraits on commission as well as her creating her 3D dog portraits. Other passions include gardening, music/dance, cooking and writing 10-minute plays.

**Don and Dolores Salvo**

**Don Salvo** became a member of Actor's Equity at age 18. As a trained actor/dancer, he eventually performed professionally in over 60 Broadway musicals with the Kenley Players. Don earned B.S., M.Ed., and M.S.Ed. degrees and became a Fellow in the School of Speech and Drama at Northwestern University. He is a co-founder of the Playwrights' Lab at the Pittsburgh Public Theatre. Don's play, *Unraveled*, a finalist for the Heideman Award for Drama, was produced off-Broadway. A produced and published playwright, Don is the author of 35 plays.

**Dolores Salvo** was the Supervisor of Mathematics at a suburban school district near Pittsburgh where she taught high school math and English. She conducted workshops and seminars in math pedagogy and educational software at the national, state, and regional levels. After moving to Celebration, she taught math for several happy years at Celebration K-12. Dolores enjoys teaming with her husband Don to deliver Celebration Lifelong courses and lectures and facilitate the Lifelong Book Club.

**Arlene Sanchez-Busse**

Arlene has a BA in Anthropology from the University of Puerto Rico and a JD from the University of Puerto Rico, School of Law. Arlene spent twenty-five years as a practicing attorney in the Courts of Puerto Rico, specializing in family law and children's rights. She spent ten years teaching English. She studied painting with Andres Bueso, one of the Caribbean's foremost painters. Arlene has studied the Impressionist Movement for many years and has traveled to museums all over the world to view the masterpieces of Cassatt, Monet, Renoir, Morisot, Degas, Pissarro and Manet. She has also visited many of the sites and towns in France and Europe that inspired their paintings.

**Nick White**

Nick White is a retired music educator and conductor who has worked with high school, college and adult ensembles, most recently serving as Assistant Conductor of the Lakeside Pride Symphonic Band in Chicago. He has received state and national recognition for his work in music education and in technology. As a resident of Celebration, he is a member of the Celebration Community Chorus.

**Dan Zagata**

Dan Zagata is the Managing Director of Evershore Financial Group, an independent comprehensive financial services firm. Dan brings 21 years of experience working with professionals, businesses, and non-profits to help them realize their financial potential and goals. Dan earned a BA in Economics and an MBA in Finance from Bentley University, Boston, and earned his DBA in Finance from the International School of Management, Paris, France. He also holds a graduate certificate in Financial Planning from the University of Miami. In addition, he has earned the Certified Financial Planner (CFP) and Chartered Financial Consultant designations from the American College and is a Chartered Life Underwriter.