

is a Classicist by training and taught classical languages, philosophy, and the history of ideas for many years. In retirement she's been doing adult education and programming has been a docent at the Cumier Museum of Art for over ten years, and is a determined advocate for free public libraries by serving as the Chair of her

She is an active outdoors person and lover of nature, especially birds and national parks, as she is concerned about the well-being of our environment.

Marina is the author of the award-winning book, Flight of Remembrance, about her family during WWII in Latvia, occupied Poland, and Germany. She has provided more than 110 presentations about this wartime story in twelve states, including several past presentations for RISE. Marina is a New Hampshire Humanities presenter who regularly presents at NH nonprofits and corporations, but she also schedules live or virtual events independently in NH and other states. A resident of Kensington, NH, Marina is also a graphic designer, book designer and editor, and a Distinguished Toastmaster and officer of the Exeter NH Speak Ups Toastmasters club.

, a former instructor and education manager at IBM, has taught at the University of Texas, Dallas, and at RISE since 1999.

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was the Director of Athletics at River University and has been a longtime instructor for the RISE Exercise Class. Let's get moving again!

Gretchen has been teaching group exercise classes and personal training clients for over 30 years. She is certified through the National Exercise and Trainers Association (NETA) and holds a certification in Silver Sneakers. Gretchen is the Fitness Coordinator at Covenant Living, a retirement community in Keene, NH

MEd, our current RISE President, is a frequent RISE facilitator. She is a member of the RISE Curriculum Committee and the author of Learning Later; Living Greater: The Secret for Making the Most of Your After 50 Years. Prior to retirement she was the Director of the Road Scholar Institute Network

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has been an active participant in the RSE program for 11 years and enjoys using her creativity to promote paper crafting. Each class is a fun and exciting time.