

# Master the Possibilities Update

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Communities

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### What Students Say

**OCALA, FLA.** – More than 3,500 adult students are enrolled in the 600 classes, lectures, presentations and film series offered this year in the Master the Possibilities educational program at On Top of the World Communities.

These life-long learners account for an impressive 17,000 enrollments in 2009. Here's what some of them have to say about Master the Possibilities:

#### ***Mel and Linda Koenig***

Mel and Linda have sampled a bit of everything at Master the Possibilities, and generally attend classes, lectures and movies together.

"I'm convinced," Mel observes, "that you don't stop learning as you grow old, you grow old when you stop learning."

In fact, the Koenigs feel so strongly about the importance of keeping their minds sharp, they say Master the Possibilities' comprehensive curriculum was a major factor in their decision to build a home at On Top of the World. And in the two years since they

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moved in, the couple has taken full advantage of courses ranging from Florida snakes and bugs to computer science to culinary classes.

### ***Paul Brunner***

When Paul moved to central Florida from St. Louis, he wanted to learn more about his new home state. At Master the Possibilities, he unearthed a way to do that with Willet Boyer's archaeology courses that focus on the surrounding area. And it's exactly why Master the Possibilities was created: to open new doors and provide life-long learning to its residents.

"You can't beat the flexibility and accessibility of the program," he says, adding with a smile, "and the price is right. Some classes cost the princely sum of \$10!" And many more are free.

Paul, who is newly retired, also found a class on Medicare particularly helpful as he was faced with making the right choices for his healthcare.

"Even better," he says, "this course was free."

### ***Robert Littlejohn***

Master the Possibilities' pottery classes give Bob the chance to return to a craft he's missed since junior high school.

"It's something I've wanted to get back to for 40 years," he explains. With praise for the instructor, Lee Ann Oliver, and high marks for the well-equipped studio, Bob is proud of the vases, napkin rings and chess board he's created so far.

A resident of On Top of the World for seven months, Bob says he "saw the possibilities" offered by the educational program, and the allure of the pottery classes factored in his decision to live in this active-adult community.

### ***Patricia Russell***

Patricia Russell had considered taking classes at the local community college, but

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was more impressed with the diverse curriculum in the Master the Possibilities program.

For the past four years, Patricia has attended a wide range of offerings ranging from medical programs to current-events classes to book discussion groups.

“If you want to learn, give Dan an idea and he’ll make it possible,” she laughs, crediting education director Daniel F. Dowd for the ever-changing selection of classes.

Another reason she chose Master the Possibilities instead of the community college was the commute. There is none.

“This way,” she says, “I’m exercising my mind *and* my body by walking to class.”