

## EXPLORING CROSSWORDS

Would you like to better understand crosswords, have greater success in completing them, increase your enjoyment of the process, and impress your friends as a cruciverbalist? Besides being fun, crosswords have been shown to improve cognitive reserve and mental flexibility. We will introduce other benefits of solving puzzles and explore the highlights of crossword history and culture. We will learn about different types of crosswords, discuss solving strategies and techniques, explore online sources and applications, and introduce the process of constructing crosswords. During each session, we will also solve and discuss crosswords as a group to improve our skills.



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### YOUR INSTRUCTOR: Steve Weyer



Steve Weyer has been a cruciverbalist (crossword aficionado) since the 1990s. In 2002, he developed CrozzWord, a mobile app for crossword solving. Since 2010, he has been teaching crossword and other courses at the OLLI at Southern Oregon University. He also constructs crosswords for Jackson County Libraries and other organizations and publications. His first *New York Times* crossword debuted in November 2023. Weyer's crosswords appear weekly in Ashland.news and on his web site.

**THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 17 THROUGH NOVEMBER 21**

**1pm AK | 2pm PT | 3pm MT | 4pm CT | 5pm ET**

Each session is 90 minutes

- Live Lecture 1, Thursday, October 17
- Live Lecture 2, Thursday, October 24
- Live Lecture 3, Thursday, October 31
- Live Lecture 4, Thursday, November 7
- Live Lecture 5, Thursday, November 14
- Live Lecture 6, Thursday, November 21

To register, please contact your local Osher Institute.