

## LLL Offers January Film Study Class

### WHAT IS THE GREATEST MOTION PICTURE EPIC OF ALL TIME?

‘Gone With the Wind’? ‘Lawrence of Arabia’? ‘Ben Hur’?

**By Mary Gangl**

**None of These!** According to Roger Ebert, it is the Russian production of ‘WAR AND PEACE’, released in 1967. It was made over a 5 year period, during the cold war and when the Cuban missile crisis was of recent memory. Russia wanted to prove that they could make better weapons, win the race to the moon, and even make better movies. It was produced by the Soviet government at a cost of \$100 million (\$700 million in today’s dollars.) For the monumental battle scenes, they did not employ extras; they had the Red Army at their disposal. The scenes depicting the opulent lifestyle of the aristocracy are among the most lavish you’ll ever see. The movie is in Russian with English subtitles and was awarded the Oscar in 1969 as the Best Foreign Film.

LifeLong Learning of PC offers this film study class in the TF Renaissance Theater, Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19, 26, 1-3 pm. The total fee is \$15 and only those registered for the class will be able to attend. The film runs 8+ hours and will be shown over the course of the four sessions. There will be make up classes each week at the instructor’s home to accommodate anyone registered for the class and unable to attend a specific session.

Discussions will review the movie and also examine the Napoleonic Wars. If you are interested in taking the class, be sure to visit [www.IMBD.com](http://www.IMBD.com) and read Roger Ebert’s review.

Elliott Bross, a retired, successful trial lawyer, is now using his time to pursue interests that he never had the time for. He is catching up on great literature and most importantly, has devoted much of his time to the study of cinema. He initiated and hosted the Foreign Film series for Pebble Creek three years ago.