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STUDY GROUPS – February 27 – April 5, 2012

Descriptions of the study groups are listed below. Study Groups will be held at Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, MN. **Select one to four** study groups for the \$100.00 fee. **Register by February 6, 2012. Note carefully the starting date, time and location for each study group.** Classes are limited in number; priority is given to early registrations. Please list your study group choices on the Senior College Registration Form. You will receive your final list of study groups at the Kick Off.

Study Groups are planned for six weeks unless otherwise stated. If cancellations are necessary, the study group will meet the week after April 5, 2012. Therefore, if possible, keep your schedule open for that possibility. Cancellations: If SMSU cancels classes, Senior College will also be canceled.

Attend the Kick-Off on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 where you will:

1. Receive final details for your study groups.
2. Be introduced to your study group leaders.
3. Receive your parking permits.
4. Find the location of your study groups.

Monday

Everyday Chemistry **Modified repeat course** **10:00-11:50** **SS 235**

This course is directed to the general public and will attempt to demystify some of the chemicals and chemical processes that we come in contact with in our daily lives. Topics will include elementary chemistry concepts (atoms, molecules, reactions) detergents, hard water, petrochemicals and other stuff you have wondered about. Also included will be personal adventures involving Russia, breweries and Northern Minnesota history.

Dr. Edward Carberry, SMSU Professor Emeritus

Britannia to Britain, the Beginning of the Modern State **12:20-2:15** **SS 235**

What was Britain like before the Vikings? Who lived there during the "Dark Ages"? Who built Stonehenge? When did Christianity come to Britain? We will explore these and much more to learn about what the Romans called Britannia.

Marie Henriksen, Retired Mn Extension Educator

Painting with Acrylics: Beginning or Experienced **2:30-4:30** **FA 223**

The theme of this painting class will be preserving memories. Each participant will paint a landscape or portrait using subjects with special meaning to the participant artist. The course will discuss expressing color in landscapes or portraits; including techniques of limited focus, 2 color and 4 color, and color strategy. Supply list distributed at Kick-Off approximately \$40-50 cost.

John Sterner, SMSU Art

Digital Image Editing--Basics and Beyond **2:30-4:20** **CH 126**

This class will go beyond the "point and shoot" of basic photography learning more advanced camera controls. Photo editing, enhancement and manipulation at the basic through intermediate levels using Photoshop Elements will be covered in the classroom. Other image editing options will be discussed. BASIC DIGITAL CAMERA KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED.

Randy Schultz, Photographer

Tuesday

Writing for Reflection, Expression, and Legacy **8:45-10:35** **SS 235**

This course will take the participant through the whole writing process, from brainstorming writing ideas to exploring publishing opportunities. These techniques can then be applied to the writing project of each student's choosing, whether memoir or fiction.

Lacy Louwagie, Instructor

Russia: Prehistory to Putin **10:50-12:45** **SS 235**

In this class students will overview Russian history from the Kievan period to the present day. We will discuss the origins of the Russian Orthodox Church, the impact of the Mongols, the rise of Czars, the Revolution, and contemporary Russia.

Mike Hofstetter, SMSU History Professor

Tuesday cont'd

Modified Flexibility and Resistance Training

1:30-3:20

RA 128

Students will be introduced to stretching and weight lifting exercises designed to increase joint range of motion and improve mobility. The primary objective of the course is to enhance independent living.

Brent Jeffers, SMSU Associate Professor of Exercise Science

Wednesday

Continuing Computer Basic Knowledge

9:30-11:20

BA229

This course will begin with a short review of saving & retrieving documents; changing text colors, sizes and styles in documents already created, cutting, and pasting. It will continue with organizing documents and photos in your computer, finding documents that you have saved, renaming and moving files. Importing pictures, and using clip art will be included. BASIC COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED.

Sandy Redding, Instructor

One -Act-Play-On Stage or Backstage

9:30-11:20

SS 235

Our class will audition, rehearse, and prepare technical aspects for a one-act comedy play. This play will be presented at the closing celebration of Senior College. You may choose to be an actor and/or technician for this class and will be required to work outside of class to memorize your lines and complete technical assignments.

Bob Schwoch, President of Marshall Area Stage Company

President and Difficult Decisions

Repeat course

12:00-2:00

SS 235

We will look at the difficult decisions some of our US presidents have made and how they reached that decision. In most cases we will use some portions of a film or a documentary to get the feel for the situation along with various articles written about the event.

Dr. Lloyd Petersen, SMSU Emeritus Professor

Insurance and Estate Planning

Modified repeat

2:15-4:15

SS 235

This course will provide insight on the upcoming changes in the Estate and Tax planning landscape for 2012, including changes to Life Estates and Estate Taxes on the Family Farm. We will discuss Life insurance and its uses in Estate Planning, Long Term Care insurance, Retirement Planning before and after you have retired. Guest speakers will share their expertise on Wills and Trusts, Tax Planning ideas, and Property and Casualty insurance.

Jim Kontz CLTC, LUTCF, Instructor

Thursday

Gardening

9:00-10:50

SS 235

Southwest Minnesota presents several challenges for gardeners. In class, we will cover perennials that perform well, trees that grow well in MN, and what the latest research indicates related to saving local trees from various diseases such as the ash borer. One class will be devoted to peonies.

Fr. Jack Nordick, Pastor of St. Mary's Cottonwood & St. Clotilde Green Valley

The Rat Pack: Kings of Cool

11:20-1:15

FA 132

The Rat Pack, who, from the late '50s until the early '60s, ruled the entertainment industry, are best remembered for their appearances at the Sands Hotel in Las Vegas, where night after night Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Sammy Davis Jr. belted their favorite tunes and cracked off-color jokes to a crowd. The Rat Pack: Kings of Cool showcases in great gossip style the successes, failures, playful antics, and music of this legendary ensemble.

Jim Tabaka, SMSU Music

World Religious Traditions

1:30-3:30

SS 235

During this session, we will look at some of the great religions of the world. Take this opportunity to explore the spirituality of Buddhism and Hinduism, Judaism, Islam, and varieties of Christianity. We will focus on human experience with the Divine from ancient China, India, and the Middle East to Europe and America.

Don Swanjord, Instructor

For more information: Contact Betty Roers at 507-537-7363 or e-mail: betty.roers@smsu.edu or check out the Senior College website at: <http://www.smsu.edu/Academics/SeniorCollege/Index.cfm>.

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