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STUDY GROUPS – September 21- October 29

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 August 31, 2010. 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 October 29, 2010. 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 Thursday, September 9, 2010 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 - No classes

Tuesday

1890s to 1918

9:30-11:30 SS 235

From the wealthy with 40 bathrooms to outdoor toilets, from horse and buggy to the horseless carriage, from the Spanish American War to World War I, all of these happened within this thirty year span. Join me as we search together the world of our grandparents and great grandparents in this NEW class.

Lloyd Petersen, SMSU Emeritus, Professor of Education

Insurance & Estate Planning

12:00-2:00 SS 235

This course will provide insight on the potential upcoming changes in the Estate and Tax planning landscape for 2010 and beyond. We will also discuss Life insurance and its use in estate Planning, Long Term Care insurance and options, and Retirement planning before and after retirement. We will have guest speakers discuss Wills and Trusts, Tax Planning rules and changes, and Property and Casualty insurance.

Jim Kontz CLTC, LUTCF, Instructor

Rosemaling: Rational Norwegian Decorative Art (For new and experienced artists) 2:15-4:15 SS 235

This class can also be a stepping stone to other types of painting: traditional folk art of other countries or classical art. We'll complete at least one project (Hallingdal) while we practice stroke work, learn how to mix color and recognize the different styles of Rosemaling. Wood piece, brushes, practice sheets, paint etc. will be supplied at the cost of \$25.00. Some household products needed, see list at the Kick-Off.

Linda Dandar, Instructor

Introduction to Computer

2:15-4:15 CH 102

Learn how to enjoy your computer by learning these basics: turning on the computer, finding and using your computer programs, creating a simple document, printing, saving, changing margins and fonts, and making corrections. Minimum time will be taken for questions on email and internet. For more information on the course contact Sandy at 507-532-2959.

Sandy Redding, Instructor

Wednesday

History of China

9:30-11:30 SS 235

Join in the study of the oldest and most intact civilization in the world. Review the great dynasties that contributed fantastic works of architecture, complex philosophies of regulating society, and an economy that affects the world even today. Explore how China continues to live in the past as it struggles to emerge as one of the World's super powers and how it influences the Western World.

Gary Grabau, Instructor

Our Global Community: Born There-Living Here

12:15-2:15 SS 235

Local business and professional people from around the world have decided to work or start a business in the Marshall community. Why did they choose our area and what was their path? Learn about their journey and countries. International students, studying at SMSU, will also talk about their countries and customs.

Coordinators: Sandra Nelson, SMSU International Student Services, Ann John, Senior College

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Election 2010

2:30-4:30 SS 235

2010 is squaring off as one of the more contentious and controversial elections in recent memory. To fully appreciate the 2010 election participants will learn historical election information, examine important, biting congressional and senate races, and form mini-campaign teams to advise for at-risk incumbents. This is an exciting time to study elections, as the outcome will shape the direction and future of the nation.

Doug Simon, SMSU Political Science Professor

Thursday

Indoor Gardening

9:30-11:30 SS 235

The course will show how to grow plants indoors so you can throw away your dusty plastic flakes and have real, vibrant, air cleaning plants in your home or office. Handouts and reference books will supplement the classroom talks and discussions. Instructor draws on his experience with the variety of plants in his large green house.

Fr. Jack Nordick, Parochial Administrator

Memoir Writing

9:30-11:30 CH 225/226

In this class, you will be given topics appropriate for writing and sharing your life story. Although some experience with memoir writing is helpful, it is not a pre-requisite for taking this class. A brief review of past classes and topics covered will be given for those who are just beginning their memoirs, and new ideas and writing tips will be given to those who have taken previous classes.

Carol Purrington, Instructor

At The Movies

12:00-2:30 BA 102

We will watch a movie every week and have a class discussion following. First movie will be "Across the Universe", a movie set in the sixties which revolves around music from the Beatles. Next movie is "the Graduate". The other four movies will be voted on by the class.

Jess Nelson, Instructor

Benjamin Franklin (Repeat Course)

2:45-4:45 SS 235

This course will explore the life of Ben Franklin, his wisdom, his inventions, his work in creating a free America, and his relationships with other major figures of his time.

Herb Pagel, Instructor

Friday

Mind, Body and Spirit

9:30-11:20 RA Facility

Senior College students will explore the wellness connections of mind, body and spirit. Participants will engage in fitness activities including stretching, walking, strength training, dance, exercise bands and others.

Marilyn Strate, SMSU Professor of Wellness & Human Performance

Human Geography and Maps

12:00-2:00 SS 235

The physical earth is the home of humans which is the background of this class. We will work with several kinds of maps, and explore human interactions with the physical environment. Our concern will be how people perceive the landscapes and regions they occupy, and how they are influenced by cultural, political and economic interests of human societies.

Don Swanjord, Instructor

The Judiciary in Rural Minnesota

2:15-4:15 SS 235

Do you have questions on courts, judges, juries and more? This course will broadly address aspects of the Courts in Minnesota. Topics will include Court organization, judicial selection, election and retention. The course will also address the procedural aspects of criminal cases, drug courts, together with the role of the various participants.

Lee Bush, Judge of District Court

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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