

GOLD College Study Groups

March 25th - May 2nd

MONDAY

Overview of British Poetry (1790s to 1920s) 9:00-11:00

Each week will focus on the major British poets from these significant eras: The Romantic Period 1790s to 1830s: Wordsworth, Coleridge, Keats, and Shelley. The Victorian Age 1840s to 1900: Robert and Elizabeth Browning, Tennyson, Arnold, C. Rosetti. Europe in Crisis: British Voices from World War I: Sassoon, Owen, others. European Disillusionment: 1920s and 1930: W. B. Yeats, T. S. Eliot. Dr. Jim Zarzana

Line Dancing

****10:00-11:00****

Exercise your body and mind by dancing to lively, upbeat music. Line dancing is a fun way to dance without a dance partner at our own pace. No previous dance experience necessary. Only requirement in line dancing is to have fun! Eunice Herrick

A Walk through Alice Hamilton's Century 11:30-1:30

Alice Hamilton was an American physician and social reformer who lived for 101 years, from 1869-1971. This course will look at the many aspects of her extraordinary life: her early life as a physician and scientist in the exciting days of the new medicine at the turn of the 20th century; the development of her career as one of the founders of Occupational Medicine in the brutal industrial world of her time; her lifelong commitment to social reform and her involvement with Jane Addams and the Hull-House network of social activists; her work as a peace advocate; her lifelong commitment to civil liberties; and her work as the first woman professor at Harvard. Hamilton travelled extensively and wrote constantly about her life experiences. Dr. Joan Gittens

Reviewing & Extending Computer Basics 11:30-1:30

This computer class will work with Word and Xcel. Items we'll cover in ***both Word and Xcel*** are creating, saving and sharing documents; Text basics; Find and Replace, Indents and Tabs; Layout and Printing; and Working with Objects. If time allows will go into SmartArt Graphics, Applying and Modifying Styles and Mail Merge. Beth Westra

Books and Boards

2:00-4:00

This will be a fun-filled session of sharing books and playing games. We will start with 'BS' (book share) about books we have individually read or are currently reading. NOTE: we will not all be reading the same book! Then we will set-up different board games (checkers, cribbage, Pictionary, Scrabble, Sequence, Upwards, and many others) and play until the custodians shoo us out of the room! Deb Ahmann

English Language 101

2:00-4:00

How well do you know the English Language? This course explores the different parts of speech, punctuation and mechanics, and foundational sentence construction. You will learn about different word spellings, phrases, clauses, idiomatic expressions, common grammar mistakes, and common English cultural slang through practical, fun hands-on exercises. We will also look at the history of the English language and the cultural evolution of words. (4 Classes) Mary Toland

TUESDAY

A Look Back at the 1950's

9:00-11:00

Ahhh, the good old days when we ducked under our desks, covered our eyes, and were told not to look at the bright light as the bomb exploded. It was a time when we read or heard about Communist spies. On the other hand, there was Rock 'n Roll, dice dangling from our rear view mirrors and even hula girls bouncing around in the back window of the car. Want to hear more about that era, join us for a trip back in time. Expect to laugh, share, and have fun. Dr. Lloyd C. Petersen

Educate, Prepare and Prosper

9:00-11:00

Hear a plethora of information for the unique financial opportunities and challenges that you may face every day. Improve your savviness in financial matters such as the current Economy conditions, financial planning, strong buy stocks, Investment allocation, Estate planning, Social Security updates, Identity theft concerns, online banking and many other topics. Mark Buss and Paul Goode

Land Acts

11:30-1:30

Acts of creation are ordinarily reserved for gods and poets, but humbler folk may circumvent this restriction if they know how. To plant a pine, for example, one need be neither god nor poet; one need only own a good shovel," writes Aldo Leopold in *A Sand County Almanac*, his best-known work. Over a long career in forestry and wildlife management, Leopold developed what he came to call a land ethic, a broad approach to understanding and guiding humans' relationship with the natural world. This course will use writing by Leopold and other authors, along with class discussions with people who work in conservation and ecology, to explore what having a land ethic and being a citizen scientist mean in Southwest Minnesota in 2019.

Dr. Will Thomas

'Cut the Clutter' - Organizing made Fun 11:30-1:30

Decluttering and organizing isn't merely the act of cleaning out ones things. Learn how to make your home spaces work best for you and how to let go of the 'stuff' you really don't need. Tackling your organizing dilemmas will help simplify your life and reduce stress. Let's conquer clutter together. Angela Fahl

Discover and Enjoy the Stars 2:00-4:00

This course will take you on an educational journey through time and space where we seek to understand what lies beyond the Earth. We will answer several questions: What are stars? How are they organized in space? Does the universe go on forever? Join us as we seek new ways of understanding the beauty of our night sky. Dr. Ken Murphy

Painting 2:00-4:00

If you have never painted before, have painted a picture or two or are a master painter, this class is for you. We will paint a sea/beachscape using a 12 x 16 wrapped canvas or canvas board using liquid acrylic paints. You can customize the painting by adding a boat or boats, beach chairs or whatever your vision is for your private retreat by the water. Bring your paints, brushes and other painting tools if you have them. Dale Hiland

WEDNESDAY

'My Favorite Lecture' 9:00-11:00

If you want 'something different', this Study Group for you! Each week a different SMSU professor will share one of their 'favorite lectures'. This SMSU sampler will include topics from Theatre, History, Philosophy and more. There is something for everyone!

Wood Carving 9:00-11:00

This class will feature stylized woodcarving. Two projects will be "A Loving Couple" and "A Sleeping Hound Dog." The couple makes a delightful wedding or anniversary gift. The dog is a very relaxing figure to carve. The only carving tools that are necessary are a sharp carving knife, safety glove and lots of sandpaper \$5.00 for each cut out wood blank. This class is for all skill levels. Don Fischer

Ceramics-Get your Hands Dirty!!! 11:30-1:30

Students work at their own pace to create and glaze hand built pottery out of clay. This is a great class for all skill levels. (BA101) Pat Hand

Generational Theory 2:00-4:00

Have you ever heard popular culture and the news talk about generations and wondered if any of it is true or just some slick marketing campaign? We will learn about Generational Theory, how historical generations go back centuries, and how it is used, and perhaps shouldn't be, today by the media, by companies, and by you! From the GI Generation to Baby Boomers, from Generation X, to Millennials and iGen come explore these fascinating trends and learn about your friends, neighbors, and relatives. Michael Kurowski

THURSDAY

The Dakota War of 1862 9:00-11:00

It has been over 150 years since the U.S. Dakota Indian uprising of 1862, which was a disastrous time in Minnesota history. The class will explore the causes, events and aftermath of the fighting that broke out between Minnesota's white European settlers and the native people of the state. The war had a major impact in shaping Minnesota as we know it today. The conflict would also be the beginning of the Plains Indian Wars of the late nineteenth century that ended in the Massacre of Wounded Knee. Finally, the class will attempt to explore the Indian conflict from the view of both sides. Gary Grabau

Living Well with Diabetes 9:00-11:00

This class is designed for people with Type 2 diabetes and the people who live with or care for someone with diabetes. The workshop provides action-planning skills to take small steps toward better health. It helps participants manage diabetes with topics covered such as: menu planning, blood monitoring, prevenient complications, communication skills and active living. Prairie Home Hospice

German History 11:30-1:30

This course presents a history of Germany from early periods to the twentieth century, with a focus on modern times. Major topics will include Medieval Germany, the Reformation, Unification under Bismarck, the First World War, the rise of Nazism, and contemporary Germany. We will also take some side trips into German life and culture. Dr. Mike Hofstetter

Look ~ Draw ~ Print 2:00-4:00

Learn a broad variety of artistic techniques in this class. You will acquire the basics skills for three very different visual art forms. Two weeks will be spent on each method: Perspective Drawing, Charcoal Drawing and Printmaking. All supplies will be provided for a small charge. Limit 20