

GOLD College Study Groups

September 23-October 31, 2019

MONDAY

Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?

9:00-11:00

What happens to your 'non-titled' personal belongings when you die? Who decides, who gets what? Because of the sentimental value, the transfer of non-titled personal property often creates more challenges for your family than the transfer of titled property. Learn about distribution options and consequences, and how to accomplish what you feel is fair. Books available in class - \$10.00 *Shirley Anderson-Porisch*

A Diplomat, a Politician, an Evangelist and a Warrior -The Greatest Lakota Leaders

11:30-1:30

Four men led the Lakota Sioux through the thirty five year transition from unconquered rulers of the high plains to a people totally subjugated by white America. In this class, the differences and similarities in personality and leadership style between Spotted Tail, Red Cloud, Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse are examined and the relevance to historical events will be discussed. *Steve Linstrom*

Art Nouveau through Art Deco

11:30-1:30

We will look at the opulent late 19th century Art Nouveau era through the Art Deco period of the 'Roaring Twenties' and 1930s. Do you have Art Nouveau or Art Deco things at home? *Pat Hand*

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. *Mary Toland*

Connecting with Vitamin "N" (Nature)

2:00-4:00

This course is designed to reconnect individuals with the natural world through sensory observation and to explore the role nature plays in the human story. The course will cover the

topics of phenology, weather, nature explorations, moon cycles, citizen science investigations and much more. Journals will be provided for each participant for logging observations. A comfortable pair of walking shoes is recommended along with a healthy spirit of curiosity and adventure! *Kandy Noles Stevens*

TUESDAY

World War II

9:00-11:00

There are 'tidewater' events in history and World War II is one of them. Join us as we search for answers about the war that had such a huge influence on us, our parents and our grandparents. *Dr. Lloyd Petersen, SMSU Emeritus, Prof of Ed*

Step-by-Step Card Making

11:30-1:30

Nothing is more meaningful and personal than a handmade card. Each week you will learn a different technique to make creative and unique cards. You will take home 2 cards each week, which are perfect for many different occasions. Supply cost - \$25.00 *Treasured Times*

The US War in Vietnam

2:00-4:00

We will tap our personal experiences, oral and written history, and multi-media learning to explore the impacts of the War in Vietnam. We will explore the events that led to US involvement in Vietnam and the key events, decisions, and persons involved in the US role in the Vietnam War. Then we will seek a better understanding of the experiences of the US soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines who served in Vietnam. *Bill Palmer*

Painting

2:00-4:00

Learn a new hobby and enjoy the company of other painters. We will paint on a 12"x16" wrapped canvas or canvas using liquid acrylic paints. During this session we will practice shading, highlighting and learn how to keep colors from getting muddy. Information on brushes and painting equipment will be shared. There will be paint available for your use if you want to explore painting with no investment in tools. The paint fee is \$ 5.00 and is due the first class day and will be for all painting activities. *Dale Hiland*

WEDNESDAY

Wood Carving

9:00-11:00

Discover the world of wood carving. This class will challenge the experienced carvers, yet perfect for beginners. You will master basic wood carving cuts. The only carving tools that are necessary are a sharp carving knife, safety glove and lots of sandpaper.

Don Fischer

Staying healthy takes work...

9:00-10:00

...but you should have fun doing it! A low-impact, dance inspired workout set to energetic music. Great for any age, fitness or experience level.

Chad Conway

Contemporary Law Enforcement

11:30-1:30

Feel a personal connection to some of the most knowledgeable public safety and private sector speakers from our area. You'll learn about the changing methodologies used to keep us safe, how current security problems are being addressed, and the ever expanding role of law enforcement in our region.

Brian West

Our Distant Neighbor-Mexico

11:30-1:30

Understanding and appreciating our neighbor to the south, Mexico. This course will look at Mexico's unique history and also its close, but troubled relationship with the United States.

Dr. Michael Kopp

Fascism, Communism, and Democracy

2:00-4:00

Around the world, the crisis of the Great Depression led people to question the effectiveness of both capitalism and liberal democracy to provide a dignified livelihood. Many considered that perhaps communism or fascism would bring order and employment—after all, everyone had a job in Stalin's Soviet Union, while there was no disorder in Mussolini's Fascist Italy. Meanwhile, U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "New Deal" tried to sustain democracy and capitalism in the midst of an overwhelming economic crisis. This course will examine how the struggle over fascism, communism and democracy played out in Germany, Spain, and the rest of Europe, in the United States, in Japan, and in other parts of the world in the 1930s.

Dr. Tom Williford

World Food & You

2:00-4:00

Study the historical origin, emergence and development of our food systems. See the transition from hunting and gathering, to the domestication concepts surrounding today's human interaction with crop plants. We will also look at the challenges and improvements in today's nutrition and sustainability.

Dereck Deutz – Columbia Imports

THURSDAY

Bob Dylan

9:00-11:00

In 2016, Bob Dylan was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature for his song-poems. With an eye toward his Minnesota roots, we'll track Dylan's achievements through various stages of his career (folk, rock, country, postmodern, born-again Christian, retro-gazing) looking at song lyrics, listening to songs, watching documentary films, examining a little bit of the voluminous but interesting criticism on the singer many have called "the soul of the sixties generation." Maybe we'll even listen to some vinyl, read some of his autobiography *Chronicles*, check out some of his art and sculpture.

Dr. David Pichaske

Pottery - Get your Hands Dirty!!!

11:30-1:30

Students work at their own pace to create and glaze hand built pottery out of clay. Each participant gets to try out a potter's wheel, get his or her hands dirty and actually create a pot that will certainly be one of a kind. This is a great class for all skill levels. (BA101)

Pat Hand

Books and Board

11:30-1:30

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

Tai Chi

2:00-4:00

Tai chi is an ancient Chinese tradition that, today, is practiced as a graceful form of exercise. It involves a series of movements performed in a slow, focused manner and accompanied by deep breathing. It is a noncompetitive, low impact, self-paced gentle physical exercise and stretching that may be done standing or sitting. The practice of Tai chi improves your balance, coordination, range of motion and muscle strength. It is one of the most effective exercises for health of mind and body. This class is for the beginner and the practiced. We will study both the history and philosophy, and the physical practice of 8-24 movements.

Sue Morton

