

Statement on Controversial Issues and Speakers

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ALL TIMES ARE CENTRAL TIME**SD Annual Membership - \$180****SD Fall Semester Membership - \$100****Registration opens August 16, 9 a.m.****BROOKINGS CLASSES****Creative Arts****Stained Glass Introduction – Feather IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Rich Brubakken**

Saturday, September 9, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. | Ugly Duckling This is an introduction to the copper foiling technique used in making stained glass. Members will fully complete a project which includes glass cutting, grinding, copper foiling and soldering. All class members will be successful in completing the designs offered. Beginners are welcomed and encouraged to explore. *This class has a \$50 fee payable one the first day of class to the Ugly Duckling. Limit: 7*

Journal Making IN PERSON - 2 session(s) with Lisbeth Solum

Friday, September 22 to 29, 1 to 2:30 p.m. | First Lutheran Church, Brookings - Meeting Room Learn to make your own personal journal for travel, art or poetry. The possibilities are endless. We'll create your journal using easily accessible materials: scrapbook paper, card stock and your mementos. *This class has a \$10 non-refundable activity fee. Limit: 12*

Fair Isle Knitting - Making a Mug Rug IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Elizabeth Fox

Wednesday, October 4, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. | SD Agricultural Heritage Museum Students will learn fair isle knitting techniques and practice the techniques while knitting a mug mat. **Limit: 12**

Intarsia Knitting - Making a Mug Rug IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Elizabeth Fox

Wednesday, October 18, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. | SD Agricultural Heritage Museum Students will learn intarsia knitting techniques and practice the techniques while knitting a mug mat. **Limit: 12**

Macrame: It's Back! IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Lisbeth Solum

Monday, November 20, 1 to 3 p.m. | First Lutheran Church, Brookings Meeting Room Remember the belts, wall hangings and pot holders? Revive your macramé skills with a simple bracelet using seed

beads and tying string. *You buy your own seed beads - they must be 11/0 size.* The instructor supplies the rest including additional patterns to try! *This class has a \$5 non-refundable activity fee.* **Limit: 20**

Expanding Your Mind

Beginning Spanish IN PERSON - 4 session(s) with Jean Jostad

Tuesday, September 5 to 26, 10 to 11 a.m. | First Lutheran Church, Brookings Meeting Room Come to experience the joy of learning about the world of Spanish, its people, and its culture. We'll learn the basics of the Spanish language. **Limit: 15**

Flower Arranging at McCrory Gardens IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Sidonia (Sidney) Trio

Wednesday, September 6, 4 to 6 p.m. | McCrory Gardens Tour the beautiful botanic gardens where during this class you can cut and create your own floral masterpiece out of the Gardens' finest. All tools are supplied, but please *bring a jar or vase* for your arrangement. Class held rain or shine - please come dressed for the weather. *\$15 will be payable to McCrory Gardens at class time.* **Limit: 15**

Understanding the Basics of Football (for Women) IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Benda Berseth

Wednesday, September 6, 9:30 to 11 a.m. | First Lutheran Church, Brookings- Meeting Room I hope to help women enjoy football by understanding the basics of the game. **Limit: 25**

Collecting and Evaluating Old US Coins A IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Les Olive

Monday, September 11, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | Dacotah Bank of Brookings Do you have old coins that you have collected or inherited? What makes a coin valuable to collectors? What types of US coins were minted since the late 1700s. Come and learn about coin collecting and see examples of historic coinage of the United States. Bring examples of your collection for "show and tell." **Limit: 15**

Three Comedies by Neil Simon IN PERSON - 4 session(s) with Bette Gerberding

Tuesdays, September 12 to October 3, 1:45 to 3:15 p.m. | Brookings Activity Center This class will discuss the art of comedy in theatre in general, and will go into the specific comedies of Neil Simon including *The Odd Couple*, *Barefoot in the Park* and *Plaza Suite*. **Limit: 15**

Let Your Hammer Ring IN PERSON - 2 session(s) with Corliss Johnson

Tuesday, Thursday, September 19 to 21, 1:30 to 3 p.m. | First Lutheran Church, Brookings, Meeting Room Songs accompanied human endeavor from the beginning. They lifted bales, hoisted sails, mined coal, turned the plow, drove the spikes and felled the trees. Join us for this examination of work songs. **Limit: 40**

Collecting and Evaluating Old US Coins B IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Les Olive

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Swoop Card Game IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with De Gilkerson, Nancy Fixen

Thursday, September 28, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. | First Lutheran Church, Brookings - Meeting Room Swoop is a card game for 3 to 10 people to play. Easy to learn and fun to play. **Limit: 18**

Brookings Community Food Forest IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Robin Buterbaugh

Monday, October 2, 2:30 to 4 p.m. | Dacotah Bank of Brookings This presentation will be about how permaculture design is used to create food forests, and will also highlight the Brookings Community Food Forest that is underway at the Dakota Nature Park. **Limit: 30**

Geocaching 101 IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Mary Enright

Monday, October 2, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon | Dacotah Bank of Brookings Geocaching is a real-world treasure hunt happening right now, all around you. There are millions of geocaches worldwide. Geocaches are found in parks, urban areas, forests, deserts, on top of mountains, underwater - pretty much anywhere you can imagine. There are probably a few near you right now...We'll learn how to use the free Geocaching app on your smartphone (required), then we'll go outside and walk to and find the caches hidden at a secret location. **Limit: 15**

Beginning Mah Jongg IN PERSON - 3 session(s) with Benda Berse, Paula Tursam

Tuesdays, October 3 to 17, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. | Ascension Lutheran Learn to play the ancient Chinese game of Mah-Jongg. The object is to collect winning sets of tiles, as in card games such as gin rummy. **Limit: 6**

Embodying the Rhythms of Tap Dance IN PERSON - 4 session(s) with Melissa Hauschild-Mork Fridays, October 6 to 27, 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. | Oscar Larson Performing Arts Center

This course is designed to introduce adult learners to tap dance. All are welcome. No prior experience in Tap Dance is required. Bring a pair of tap shoes if you own them. If you don't have a dusty pair of tap shoes in your closet, a pair of non-rubber soled shoes will do! OR - if owning a pair of tap dance shoes has always been a dream, purchase a pair and bring them to class. The course will build knowledge and skill over four class periods. We will aim to perform an entire dance to music by the end of our last session! **Limit: 25**

Needs of Mourning IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Pastor Steve Palo

Wednesday, October 11, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | Ascension Lutheran When a loved one dies, we journey through the wilderness of grief and mourning. We ask ourselves many questions. We will look at the needs of mourning in this class. **Limit: 15**

Robotic Program at BHS IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Terri Stauffacher

Tuesday, October 24, 2 to 3 p.m. | Brookings Hospital Mako robotic-arm assisted surgery aids orthopedic surgeons in total hip, total knee and partial knee procedures. It is a new approach to joint replacements that offers patient-specific implant alignment and positioning. CT imaging allows surgeons to create a patient-specific 3D plan for the joint replacement. Brookings Health System offers the most sophisticated surgical technology close to home, da Vinci robotic-assisted surgery. Experienced, highly trained surgeons and staff provide personalized, patient-centered care. The minimally invasive surgical approach provides several patient benefits, including less pain, a shorter

hospital stay, and a quick return to normal daily activities. Our new da Vinci Xi robotic-assisted surgery system gives surgeons improved access to internal anatomy for gall bladder removal, hernia repair, colon surgery, gastrointestinal surgery, endometriosis surgery, hysterectomy and myomectomy. **Limit: 20**

Do You Really Understand the Opposite Sex? IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Becky Schmieding

Wednesday, November 8, 1 to 3 p.m. | First Lutheran Church, Brookings Meeting Room

Do you really know what makes women and men different from each other? Are the differences due to nature or nurture? This presentation will empower you to be more productive in dealing with the opposite sex. This talk has been presented at Intel, IBM, UTC Aerospace Systems and SWE. **Limit: 30**

History and Current Events

Frost Arena Renovations into First Bank and Trust Arena IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Jeff Holm

Tuesday, September 26, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. | Dacotah Bank of Brookings Discussion regarding the renovation of Frost Arena into First Bank and Trust Arena **Limit: 30**

Fraud and Scams in our Community - Are You the Target? IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Michael J Drake

Friday, September 29, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | Dacotah Bank of Brookings Meet with the Brookings Police Chief, Michael Drake, to discuss safety, fraud and other topics that may concern our community. He will talk about ways the police can partner with community members to make Brookings safe. **Limit: 40**

NIL Portal (Name, Image, Likeness) - Foul or Fair Play? IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Slade Larscheild, Holly Van Vlyman

Thursday, November 16, 2 to 3:30 p.m. | SDSU Animal Science Complex - Wahlstrom 111

Topics for discussion: Name Image and Likeness, NCAA Transfer Portal and NCAA Transformation. **Limit: 50**

Some Things You May Not Know About China IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Clayton Olson

Thursday, October 5, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | First Lutheran Church, Brookings - Meeting Room

A little history of China (why it is what it is), the party, education system, family life and values, the religions in China, relationship with North Korea and whatever you may ask about. **Limit: 30**

Hidden Figures: The Little-known Contributions of Women in WWII IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Lisbeth Solum

Friday, October 13, 10 to 12 Noon | Grace Point Wesleyan Church During WWII the public knew about Rosie the Riveter, nurses on the frontlines and movie stars selling war bonds, but few were aware of the hidden women working as spies and resistance members. Learn about these brave figures who were willing to risk it all to defeat the Nazis. A reading list about these women will be included. **Limit: 25**

CBL, PBIS, PBL, ESL, etc...What's Happening in Education Today? IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Debra DeBates, Michele Vandeweerd

Thursday, November 2, 10 to 11 a.m. | First Lutheran Church, Brookings - Meeting Room

Are you struggling with understanding what your children or grandchildren are sharing about their school experiences? This class will help you to identify the acronyms being used in education today as well as gain an understanding of what these terms mean for learners, teachers and the future of education. The instructors will involve you actively in learning about some of these concepts. **Limit: 20**

The SDSU Poll IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with David Wiltse

Thursday, November 9, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | First Lutheran Church, Brookings - Meeting Room

This class is on political polling with the director of The SDSU Poll. A brief overview of our mission and methods of our polling center will be given, followed by a wide-ranging question and answer period.

Limit: 30

Detention Center Expansion/Operation/Programming/Tour IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Marty Stanwick

Thursday, November 16, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon | Brookings County Detention Center Classroom

The conception, operation and programming of the Detention Center expansion. Discussion on inmate mental health and substance abuse. Explain Re-Entry classes, such as writing resumes, job interviews, and working on their G.E.D. **Limit: 20**

Brookings Scavenger Hunt IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Elaine Gullickson

Wednesday, September 13, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | First Lutheran Church, Brookings Discover Brookings by going on a scavenger hunt! Clues will be provided to a group of four in a car. We'll meet at The Mission Coffeehouse and leave from there with the clues and directions. **Limit: 40**

Health and Wellness

Kayaking IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Stacy Claussen

Wednesday, September 13, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | Dakota Nature Park, Nature Center

This class is designed for those with no or very limited experience in kayaking. There will be a classroom segment providing a safety orientation to kayak use and the basic skills needed to operate a kayak on a sheltered body of water. Following that, participants will move to the pond and take kayaks out on the water for individual practice in paddling. Participants need the physical ability to enter into and paddle a kayak with the assistance and supervision of the course leader. Rain date is Sept. 20.

Limit: 10

What's in This? A Look at Chemical Additives in Consumer Products IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Doug Raynie

Thursday, September 14, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | Dacotah Bank of Brookings We see in the news that our consumer products contain "forever chemicals." What does this mean? What is the harm to our health? We will take a look at what are these chemicals, why are they there, what harm do they cause and what can we do about them. **Limit: 25**

Exploring the Benefits of Medical Marijuana with Cannabis Connection IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Justin Jungemann

Monday, September 18, 1:30 to 3 p.m. | Dacotah Bank of Brookings Discover the therapeutic potential of medical marijuana in this informative presentation, brought to you in collaboration with Cannabis Connection, Brookings's first medical cannabis dispensary. Explore its benefits, various applications, and legal considerations while gaining insights into the products available at Cannabis Connection. Join us for a comprehensive understanding of this rapidly evolving field. There will be time for Q and A during the class. **Limit: 40**

Chair Yoga IN PERSON - 4 session(s) with Megan Nelson

Mondays, November 6 to 27, 10 to 10:45 a.m. | Prairie Soul Join teacher and owner, Megan Nelson, for four sessions of chair yoga. Chair yoga provides the opportunity for stretch, strength, and movement exploration with the support of the chair. A great introduction to movement or a chance to add it to your current fitness routine. *There is a \$20 non-refundable activity fee with this class.* **Limit: 16**

Introduction to Silver Sneakers Classic IN PERSON - 2 session(s) with Chontel Burger

Tuesday, November 7 to 14, 11 to 12 Noon | SDSU Wellness Center This is an introduction to the Silver Sneakers Classic program. For two weeks participants will learn the Silver Sneakers Classic exercises and decide if they want to continue with a local program on their own. This class is for those who wish to improve their muscular endurance and flexibility. Classic is designed to increase strength and range of motion as well as to provide improvement in functional skill-related fitness components like agility, balance, coordination, power and speed. Improving these skills will help minimize the risk and fear of falling and will ultimately help class members maintain an independent lifestyle. **Limit: 20**

Literature and Writing

Banned Books and Brew IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Nancy Swenson, Nita Gill

Tuesday, September 5, 2 to 3 p.m. | Eponymous Brewery This class will cover the background and history of book censorship in the United States, and then discuss current examples of challenged books. **Limit: 30**

Book Discussion: The Measure by Nikki Erlick IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Janet Brubakken

Thursday, September 28, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | First Lutheran Church, Brookings – Parlor Join your OLLI friends to discuss *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick. Would you like to know how long you will live? What number will be in your box? Discover how this book can inspire and encourage you. Expect surprises and lively discussions! **Limit: 12**

Book Discussion: The Secret Life of Sunflowers by Marta Molnar IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Janet Brubakken

Thursday, October 26, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | First Lutheran Church, Brookings – Parlor This the story of Vincent van Gogh's sister-in-law, Johanna Bonger, who inherited his paintings. They were worthless, but they were all she had. As a 28-year-old widow with a baby in Paris in the 1800s, she introduces Van Gogh's legacy to the world. Can her experiences help a young woman in modern times? **Limit: 12**

Science and Technology

The Future World of Artificial Intelligence IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Dr. George Hamer

Tuesday, October 3, 1 to 2:30 p.m. | Grace Point Wesleyan Church Artificial Intelligence is not new, however the impact on our lives is changing rapidly. What was once science fiction is now science fact. We will examine the changing use of tools such as ChatGPT and Bard and how it will impact our lives today and into the future. **Limit: 30**

Barriers and Opportunities to Ag Tech Innovation IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Matthew Elliott

Thursday, October 19, 2 to 3 p.m. | SDSU Animal Science Complex - Wahlstrom 111 There are many opportunities for technological innovation in Agriculture. However, there are also many barriers to new technology. In this class, participants will learn and discuss the current opportunities and obstacles to future technological innovation in agriculture. **Limit: 25**

Tours and Travel**Good Roots Farm Dinner IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Dianne Hawks**

Tuesday, September 12, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. | Good Roots Farm and Garden Bill and Julie Ross welcome you to Good Roots Farm and Gardens, LLC just north of Brookings. Their 95-year-old barn has hosted many weddings and events. Enjoy a savory/sweet wood-roasted pizza buffet with salads, beverages and desserts. Plus tour the grounds, orchards, gardens and more. *Arrive by 5:30 and dinner at 6 p.m. \$25 per person non-refundable fee to include woodfired pizza, salad, dessert and beverage.* Rain or shine **Limit: 15**

Guided Craft Beer-Pairing Dinner with Pheasant Restaurant and Lounge and Wooden Legs Brewing Co. IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Michael Johnson

Monday, September 18, 6 to 8 p.m. | Pheasant Restaurant Chef Michael and his culinary staff will partner with Wooden Legs' brewers to guide guests through the how-to of pairing craft beer and food. Four courses will be presented. WLBC will add insights into the process and Pheasant staff will explore the food-beer relationship. *\$40 non-refundable for this experience.* **Limit: 30**

Tour of Historic Campus Green - South Dakota State University IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Les Olive

Wednesday, September 20, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | SDSU Admin Building – Morrill Hall Meet in front of the Administration Building. Walking tour of the historic campus green of South Dakota State University. Presentation noting dates of construction, uses and major renovations of all buildings bordering the campus green. The tour will include a building tour of the recently renovated Lincoln Hall. **Limit: 15**

Education Abroad Experiences in South Africa and Turkey IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Michael Gonda

Thursday, October 5, 1 to 3 p.m. | Grace Point Wesleyan Church Lessons learned from leading a college class in an education abroad experience to South Africa and Turkey. Michael will also discuss the itinerary of each of the trips and similarities and differences in culture, history, food and agriculture. **Limit: 25**

La Dolce Vita: Italy's Landscapes and Architecture IN PERSON - 4 session(s) with Don Burger

Thursdays, October 12 to November 2, 3 to 4:30 p.m. | SDSU Animal Science Complex Wahlstrom 111 La Dolce Vita (the good life) is seen as the quintessence of Mediterranean life and culture. In this course, participants will learn about the background, design and modern relevance of historic Italian

places that embody this lifestyle. Each week will focus on a different region: Rome, Tuscany, Lombardy and Veneto. **Limit: 50**

Living Like an Italian IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Prudence DeBates

Wednesday, October 25, 10 to 11 a.m. | Dacotah Bank of Brookings Travel is a great way to experience a culture, but living there takes it to a new level. I will share some of my experiences and insights from living in Florence, Italy for 2 1/2 years. I'll also share some of the peculiarities and accomplishments of the Italians. **Limit: 40**

Planning a Tour of Iceland by Small RV or Car IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Kathy Reid, Rich Reid

Tuesday, November 14, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. | Ascension Lutheran Iceland is the least-populated country in Europe with vast areas of untouched wilderness and abundant natural beauty. This class will cover the planning of an 11-day visit to the island, including an 8-day tour by RV. From spectacular waterfalls to an active volcano, we'll show highlights of our trip for those considering a visit. **Limit: 30**

Tour and Tasting at Wooden Legs Brewing Co. IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Matt Rustman

Wednesday, November 15, 3:30 to 5 p.m. | Wooden Legs Brewery This is a Tour of Wooden Legs Brewing Company that will explain the craft brewing process followed by beer tasting of four WLBC house beers. *This class has a \$10 non-refundable activity fee.* **Limit: 30**

SIOUX FALLS CLASSES

Creative Arts

Beginning Needlepoint IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Jane Bohy

Wednesday, September 20, 6 to 8 p.m. | Barbara's Needlepoint Learn to needlepoint using basic basketweave on a critter kit you will select at Barbara's Needlepoint in the Park Ridge Mall. All materials are included in the kits, but you must bring scissors and readers if you need them. *This class has a \$145 non-refundable fee payable at OLLI registration.* **Limit: 6**

Knitting 101 IN PERSON - 2 session(s) with Jared Hanson

Wednesday, September 6 and 13, 6 to 8 p.m. | Prairie Road Yarn Always wanted to learn to knit? This class is for you. Jared Hanson will teach you the basics of knitting in this two-session class. You will learn to cast on, knit, purl, and cast off your first project, a dishcloth. Materials will be provided. *This class has a \$55 non-refundable fee payable at OLLI registration.* **Limit: 6**

Tie-Dye a Pillowcase IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Molly Quarve, Melanie Hite

Tuesday, September 26, 5 to 7 p.m. | Color Splash Studio Color Splash Studio is a one-of-a-kind, do-it-yourself Tie Dye Studio! You will get a pillowcase and choose your dye colors, decide on a design, and roll up your sleeves (aprons are provided.) Take home a pillowcase you can sleep on that night! *The cost is \$27 plus tax, payable after completing your project at the studio.* **Limit: 10**

Expanding Your Mind

Beginning Backyard BBQ IN PERSON - 2 session(s) with Brian Wiswall

Thursdays, September 7 to 14, 9:30 to 11 a.m. | USD - Sioux Falls - Room #108 We'll start your barbecue journey with the basics of equipment, supplies, techniques and a selection of foods to consider preparing. We will also discuss where you can pursue additional barbecue information: books, websites, instructional videos and YouTube presenters. We'll follow up the two classroom sessions with an offsite luncheon utilizing several different cooking methods and equipment. Hopefully with this information you will be confident and inspired to take your barbecue game to the next level, becoming the go-to barbecue person among your family and friends! **Limit: 20**

World History of Knives and Swords (From a Hobbyist's Point-of-View) IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Douglas McFarland

Wednesday, September 13, 1:30 to 3 p.m. | Village Coop This program will cover the development and usage of knives and swords beginning from prehistoric times and includes construction techniques. Special-purpose knives and swords, tools, defensive small weaponry and ceremonial items will be addressed. There will be examples of many of these unique blades on display. **Limit: 40**

OLLI Lunch Group - Art and Eats IN PERSON - 6 session(s) with Mary Enright, Suzanne Fuller

Wednesdays, September 13 to October 18th, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Various Locations-See Class Descriptions This popular group enjoys eating at locally-owned restaurants throughout Sioux Falls. Our theme for the Fall 2023 session is Art and Eats. This year celebrates the 20th anniversary of the Sculpture Walk. During that time, the city purchased many of the People's Choice Award winners and installed them in public areas throughout the city. We'll have lunch (each person will pay for their own meal) near some of the installations and the instructors will provide information about the sculptures in those areas. Restaurants are: Falls Overlook Cafe, Swamp Daddy, MacKenzie River Pizza Grill and Pub, Casa del Rey, Bread and Circus and Papa Woody's. The group leaders will reach out to you with a schedule. **Limit: 40**

All About Competitive Puzzling IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Rochelle Holloway, Thomas Holloway

Tuesday, September 19, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. | USD - Sioux Falls - Atrium Classroom Building Join hosts and puzzle champions Rochelle and Thomas Holloway as they speak about their experiences in speed puzzling competitions. Learn about speed puzzling and how it is done, and get some tips and tricks to get faster. You will even get to try your hand at a puzzle sprint yourself! "Puzzling has been shown to exercise both the left and right hemispheres of your brain at the same time, meaning that you're improving your creative skills and logical skills simultaneously. It's also been proven to positively affect short-term memory and visual-spatial reasoning. While most of us tend to enjoy puzzles in a casual way, there's also an entire community of people that take it much, much more seriously," said Rochelle Holloway, MSW, CSW-PIP, HEC-C **Limit: 24**

Geocaching 101 IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Mary Enright

Thursday, September 21, 9 to 11 a.m. | USD - Sioux Falls - Room #108 Geocaching is a real-world treasure hunt happening right now, all around you. There are millions of geocaches worldwide. Geocaches are found in parks, urban areas, forests, deserts, on top of mountains, underwater - pretty much anywhere you can imagine. There are probably a few near you right now...We'll learn how to use

the free Geocaching app on your smartphone (required), then we'll go outside and walk to and find the caches hidden at a secret location. **Limit: 15**

Understanding Human Behavior Through Television IN PERSON - 3 session(s) with John Solberg

Mondays, October 2 to 23, 1 to 2:30 p.m. No Class Oct 9th | USD - Sioux Falls Room #108

This course will utilize the television shows "Everybody Loves Raymond," "MASH" and "Seinfeld" to explore and understand human behavior. We will also use a variety of hands-on activities and self-surveys to understand our own behavior and apply psychological concepts to our own lives. **Limit: 40**

Burglary Gone Bad IN PERSON - 4 session(s) with Jon Carda

Wednesday, October 4 to 25, 10 to 11:00 a.m. | USD - Sioux Falls Room #108

Burglary gone bad is the analysis from start to finish of a large murder case. This case involves, teens, drugs, sex and murder. We will go over the entire case, how the case happened, the evidence that helped us solve the crime, interviews with suspects and how different departments worked together to solve a crime. **Limit: 40**

Influential Women in Music IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Rob Joyce

Wednesday, October 11, 1 to 4 p.m. | USD - Sioux Falls Avera Hall

It hasn't always been an easy path to become a successful woman in popular music. Most certainly while under the scrutiny of the "public eye" or as the moral compass of America spins in various directions. This lecture will investigate the music and lives of some of the women who paved the way for generations of talented performers to come; taking on the comments from critics and detractors, breaking through the glass ceilings, and pushing creative boundaries for all artists in the most of innovative ways. The careers of some of the most talented women and groundbreaking musicians of the last 75 years will be examined with audio and video examples. **Limit: 120**

Beginning Genealogy IN PERSON - 3 session(s) with Linda Halliburton

Thursday, October 12 to 26, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon | USD - Sioux Falls - Room #108

If you've never done any family history work, it can be daunting to know where to begin. With all of the resources available online, it should be easy, right? In this course, we will take a true beginner's approach to researching your family history and laying the foundation for generations to come. To get started, bring what you know about your parents' and grandparents' births, marriages, and deaths. We'll start with paper and progress to online research. **Limit: 25**

Edible, Medicinal and Poisonous Plants IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Phil Kappen

Tuesday, October 24, 9 to 10:30 a.m. | USD - Sioux Falls - Room #108

Did you ever wonder if you could eat the plant that grows in your yard or field? We'll learn brief descriptions and uses of select edible, medicinal and poisonous plants in South Dakota. **Limit: 40**

Dogs That Don't Shed and Other Stories IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Jill Morstad

Thursday, October 26, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | USD - Sioux Falls

Dogs play many roles in the human family, including friend and companion but also consumer commodity and public health nuisance. However, competing perspectives about dogs can sometimes be confusing: Do dogs really need room to run? Is there such a thing as a breed that doesn't shed, or is reliably good with children? What sort of reality

do these dog stories construct and what difference does it make for us as owners, consumers and community members? Let's do a little myth-busting. **Limit: 25**

Spiritual Tapestry of South Dakota IN PERSON - 3 session(s) with Jennifer Dreiske

Friday, November 3 to December 1, 1 to 3 p.m. | Village Coop Bring your curiosity as we explore the rich and vibrant spiritual traditions of our community (Oceti Sakowin, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Paganism, New Age Spirituality). **Limit: 20**

Current Travel: What is travel like in 2023 and how has it changed? IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Meredith Jenkins

Thursday, November 9, 10 to 11 a.m. | USD - Sioux Falls - Room #108 Travel has changed drastically in the last three years. Now, the trends and how-tos of travel are completely different and new! So, what is it like to travel today? This course will discuss traveling both domestically and abroad, covering protocols, passport information, popular and safe places to travel and more. **Limit: 40**

History and Current Events

TED Talks (Wednesdays) IN PERSON - 4 session(s) with Bob Stevens

Wednesdays, September 6 to 27, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. | USD - Sioux Falls - Room #108 TED talks are riveting lectures by remarkable people, free to the world at www.ted.com. Each 10-20 minute talk involves innovative, articulate persons conducting cutting-edge research, engaging in amazing community projects, or thinking through old problems in creative new ways. Most of the 2,000+ talks available are well-prepared and humorous, succinct yet profound, and clearly articulated with superb visuals to aid the presentation. Each week we will watch three talks. Our goal is an open, creative, and interesting discussion following each talk. **Limit: 40**

Profiles in Courage IN PERSON - 3 session(s) with John Hollingsworth

Fridays, September 8 to 22, 1 to 2:30 p.m. | USD - Sioux Falls - Room #108 We will view three Profiles in Courage episodes from the original television series from 1964. Reading lists for each of the topics will be shared in class. **Limit: 40**

The Quest for Equality in the United States IN PERSON - 3 session(s) with Bob Burns

Monday, September 11 to 25, 1 to 3 p.m. | USD - Sioux Falls - Avera Hall While much is made of the Declaration of Independence phrase "all men are created equal," human equality was not a feature of the original text of the US Constitution. Instead the notion of equality as an essential element of liberal democracy under our Constitution is one that has evolved over time. Full equality continues to be a goal encountering resistance in our current political environment. **Limit: 100**

Tribal Sovereignty and Supreme Court Jurisprudence: Two Roads Diverged in the Woods IN PERSON - 2 session(s) with Frank Pommersheim

Tuesdays, September 19 and 26, 1:30 to 3 p.m. | USD - Sioux Falls - Room #108 This session will explore selected Supreme Court cases for their perspective on tribal sovereignty as non-existent or a viable precursor embedded in the U.S. Constitution or something in between with little depth or clarity. Cases discussed will include Johnson v. McIntosh (1823), Ex Parte Crow Dog (1883), Lone Wolf

v. Hitchcock (1903), *US v. Sioux Nation of Indians* (1980), *Santa Clara Pueblo v. Martinez* (1978), and the more recent cases of *McGirt v. Oklahoma*, *Castro-Huerta v. Oklahoma*, and the pending ICWA case of *Brakeen v. Haaland*. The goal will be to develop an understanding of the wild swings of the Supreme Court, the role of politics, land acquisition, and racial animus, and whether there are some areas of hope in the future. There will also be a discussion of the mechanics of how and why Indian law cases reach the Supreme Court and how this is perceived at the local level in Indian country. The reading of several poems will be interspersed throughout the sessions. **Limit: 40**

Amistad - A Stephen Spielberg Film IN PERSON - 2 session(s) with John Hollingsworth

Wednesdays, September 27 to October 4, 1 to 3 p.m. | USD - Sioux Falls - Room #108 We will view and discuss the Stephen Spielberg film about the slave ship that generated a Supreme Court case in 1839 - 1840. **Limit: 30**

Some Things You May Not Know about China IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Clayton Olson

Tuesday, October 3, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | USD - Sioux Falls - Room #108 A little history of China (why it is what it is), the party, education system, family life and values, the religions in China, relationship with North Korea and whatever you may ask about. **Limit: 30**

Searching for the Magdalenes: An Introduction to Ireland's Magdalene Laundries IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Marcella Remund

Thursday, October 5, 9 to 11 a.m. | Trail Ridge Senior Living Community Have you heard of the Magdalene Laundries but don't know what they are? Do you have Irish roots and want to know more about this part of Ireland's past? Come to this presentation that's part travelogue, part pilgrimage and a little bit of history. The presentation will include a tour of Ireland in photographs, stories and background from the presenter's time in Ireland researching the laundries for a book of poems. **Limit: 40**

The Adams Chronicles IN PERSON - 3 session(s) with John Hollingsworth

Fridays, October 6 to 27 (Skip 13), 10 to 11:30 a.m. | USD - Sioux Falls - Room #108 A continuation of the Adams Chronicles - we will cover the following 3 chapters:

Chapter 11 - The Union is Not Destroyed [1848-1868]

Chapter 12 - Catching the Step [1868-1886]

Chapter 13 My Course is Well Enough Marked Out [1886-1918] **Limit: 40**

US History Through Rum, Whiskey and Beer IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Jay Perry

Tuesday, November 7, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. | JJ's Wine Spirits and Cigars You can learn a lot about the historical forces that shaped our country by studying rum, whiskey and beer. Come learn how rum influenced colonial America and the American Revolution, how whiskey fueled westward expansion and how beer sparked national conversations about what it meant to be an American. **Limit: 25**

The State of Water in Eastern South Dakota: Past, Present, and Future IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Emily Oyos

Wednesday, November 8, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | USD - Sioux Falls - Room #108 The Big Sioux River flows through the veins of Eastern South Dakota. Join Friends of the Big Sioux River for a

discussion centered around the past, present and future of our watershed, particularly as it relates to water quality, water quantity and the actions we can take as a community to improve our beloved river for generations to come. **Limit: 35**

Norway 1940 IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Bill Hoskins Wednesday, November 8, 1:30 to 3 p.m. | Irene Hall Museum Resource Center A brief review of the German Invasion of Norway in 1940, from April 9 to the evacuation of the King and Government in June. Will discuss some of the firsts in WWII history and the impacts of the campaign. **Limit: 50**

Veterans Community Project-Tiny Homes IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Eric Gage Thursday, November 16, 10 to 11 a.m. | Village Coop Learn more about the Veterans Community Project (Tiny Homes for homeless veterans), why it came to Sioux Falls and what the plans are for constructing this facility for the community. Learn how you can become involved. **Limit: 65**

United States vs Aaron Burr IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with John Hollingsworth Wednesday, November 22, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon | USD - Sioux Falls Room #108 We will view and discuss a film from the 1977 Judicial Conference of the United States showing the struggle between President Thomas Jefferson and Chief Justice John Marshall during the Aaron Burr treason trial. **Limit: 30**

A Brief History of South Dakota's System of Public Higher Education IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Janelle Toman Thursday, September 14, 1 to 2 p.m. | USD - Sioux Falls - Room #108 South Dakota's system of public higher education, under the constitutional authority of the Board of Regents, is one of the longest continuing higher education governance structures in the country. Learn about the early beginnings (and see historical photos) of the state's public universities from territorial days to the present. **Limit: 40**

Becoming Americans: Colonial America in the 18th Century IN PERSON - 4 session(s) with Michael Mullin Tuesdays, October 3 to 24, 1 to 2:30 p.m. | USD - Sioux Falls Room #108 Colonial British America underwent a series of transformations during the 18th century. Changes occurred in the areas of religion, politics, economics and western landholding. This course looks at how a variety of factors transformed colonists from British citizens to Americans. **Limit: 40**

Health and Wellness

Where Do You Want to Live When You Can No Longer Live in Your Home? IN PERSON - 3 session(s) with Harriet Scott Thursday, September 7 to 21, 1 to 3 p.m. | See Below Where do you want to live when you can no longer live in your home? Affordable, accessible and well-located housing is central to the quality of life for people of all ages, but especially for older adults. Join the class touring three independent and assisted living sites in Sioux Falls. These sites have served elders for many years and have each expanded as Sioux Falls has grown. Parking instructions will be provided for registrants. Go to the Main Entrance at each location:

Date #1: Touchmark at All Saints, 111 W 17th Street, Stacie Wolf

Date #2: Sunnycrest Retirement Village, 3900 S Terry Avenue, Brooke Pesicka

Date #3: Dow Rummel Village, 1321 W Dow Rummel Street, Kjersten Joachim **Limit: 30**

Gentle Yoga IN PERSON - 3 session(s) with Maria Travers

Wednesday, September 13 to 27, 1 to 2 p.m. | Trail Ridge Senior Living Community Gentle Yoga is an accessible yoga class that blends slow, mindful movements with breath awareness and deep relaxation. Stretch and strengthen as you move and breathe with care and attention. Beginners are always welcome. **Limit: 10**

Current Perspectives on Behavioral and Mental Health and Tour IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Dzenan Berberovic

Friday, September 29, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | Avera Behavioral Health Hospital Difficult life experiences, trauma, grief and loss, accidents, abuse, chemical imbalances or harmful environments can create mental conditions that left unaddressed create larger issues. The number of people affected by these health issues has soared in recent years. Luckily, some of the stigma surrounding mental health has decreased and resources have increased. Learn about current perspectives on causes and solutions and tour one of the best care centers in the country - the new Helmsley Behavioral Health Center in Sioux Falls. **Limit: 20**

Braaains! A Halloween-Themed Look at Health and Disease in the Brain IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Benjamin Benson

Tuesday, October 31, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon | Sanford Research Center Batten disease is a rare neurodegenerative disease that Dr. Jill Weimer's lab has been working on for more than 10 years. Join us to review the brain's structures and learn about her team's new findings in a lightly Halloween-themed activity. **Limit: 24**

Finding the Help You Need IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Janet Kittams

Monday, November 13, 2 to 3 p.m. | USD - Sioux Falls - Room #108 The Helpline Center connects thousands of people across South Dakota with critical resources every day. This course will walk attendees through the amazing resources that are available 24/7 through the Helpline Center, which answers both the 211 and 988 phone numbers. **Limit: 35**

Stroke Awareness in the Community IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Ellen Krogh

Monday, November 20, 9 to 11 a.m. | USD - Sioux Falls - Room #108 In this class, we will talk about risk factors for stroke, lifestyle modifications to reduce risk factors, signs and symptoms of a stroke, what actions to take, treatments, and resources for stroke recovery. **Limit: 40**

Literature and Writing**Book Discussion: Red Earth/White Lies, by Vine Deloria, Jr. IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Sharon Olbertson**

Tuesday, September 5, 1 to 3 p.m. | Trail Ridge Senior Living Community This leading Native American, SD author, with wry humor and insights, "shoots down a whole herd of sacred cows" about traditional American history. He "offers an alternative view" of the continent's history as experienced through the eyes and memories of Native Americans. In case you missed anything before 1492, this user-friendly document supplements and enhances what you might have learned about life before Columbus, (or was it "life before the Vikings?") **Limit: 25**

Banned Books and Brews - September IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Paige Carda

Monday, September 11, 4 to 5:30 p.m. | Remedy Brewing Join REACH Literacy and OLLI as we host banned book talks. We will discuss a different book each month. Let's meet at Remedy Brewing and talk books. **Limit: 40**

One Book SD - The Seed Keeper by Diane Wilson IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Sharon Olbertson
Tuesday, September 12, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. | Trail Ridge Senior Living Community The author follows "one woman's search for belonging and community" within her Native American family. The seeds remind the reader of the universal covenant to protect their environment and each other for future generations. It invokes the strength that women, land, and plants have shared...through the generations. Loaner copies, (courtesy of the SD Humanities Council) for this discussion class. **Limit: 25**

Book Discussion - The Virtues of Aging by Jimmy Carter IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Sharon DeVaney
Monday, September 18, 2023 1PM to 2:00 PM | Our Savior's Lutheran Church The "Virtues of Aging" by Former President Jimmy Carter describes his transition from president to private citizen at age fifty-six. Sadly, his farm supply business was more than a million dollars in debt. However, a major agricultural firm decided to include peanuts and they bought Carter's Warehouse. Next he and Rosalyn published their memoirs and became active in community, national and international activities. *Book Suggestion: The Virtues of Aging by Jimmy Carter* **Limit: 20**

Banned Books and Brews - October IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Paige Carda
Monday, October 2, 4 to 5:30 p.m. | Remedy Brewing Join REACH Literacy and OLLI as we host banned book talks. We will discuss a different book each month. Let's meet at Remedy Brewing and talk books. **Limit: 40**

Memoir and Life History Writing IN PERSON - 6 session(s) with Makenzie Huber Molnar
Tuesdays, Thursday, October 3 to 19, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. | USD - Sioux Falls - Room #108
You don't need to be a historian to record a loved one's history, and you don't need to be a writer or designer to produce and print your own memoir. This class will guide you step-by-step as you learn the necessary skills, develop an action plan and begin recording your own life histories to pass down as heirlooms for future generations. We'll focus on the differences between oral histories, life histories and memoirs; how to find a focus and ask the right questions of your subject; and how to turn raw interviews or memories into a readable story. Class sessions will also include small working groups to begin writing and getting feedback on your memoir or life histories. **Limit: 12**

Beginning Poetry Writing IN PERSON - 3 session(s) with Marcella Remund
Thursday, October 5 to 19, 1 to 2:30 p.m. | Trail Ridge Senior Living Community If you've ever wanted to try writing poems, this class is for you! We'll cover the basics of writing poetry, and you'll get hands-on writing experience in a workshop-style setting. No experience needed. **Limit: 10**

Book Discussion: Frontier Follies by Ree Drummond the Pioneer Woman IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Sharon DeVaney
Monday, October 16, 3 to 4 p.m. | USD - Sioux Falls - Room #108 Ree Drummond, the Pioneer Woman, is the author of "Frontier Follies: Adventures in Marriage and Motherhood in the Middle of Nowhere." She is also the author of six bestselling cookbooks and has a top-rated cooking show on the Food

Network. This book is a collection of fun-filled stories about her husband, children and the ranch in Oklahoma. This is a book discussion. Ms. Drummond will not be present. **Limit: 20**

Book Discussion: The Poisonwood Bible - Some Things Never Change IN PERSON - 2 session(s) with Sharon Olbertson

Wednesday, October 18 to 25, 1 to 3 p.m. | Trail Ridge Senior Living Community The Poisonwood Bible, by Barbara Kingsolver, is a political allegory of how outsiders bring about the undoing of a nation's culture. This best-selling novel features a missionary family who moves to the Congo. The situation of one culture seeking to "reform" another has been played out in numerous countries over the years, with the common result of seriously affecting both parties. **Limit: 25**

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Science and Technology

Citizen Science: Discover the Power of Community Science IN PERSON - 2 session(s) with Cassie Soeffing

Wednesdays, September 13 to 20, 1 to 2:30 p.m. | USD - Sioux Falls - Room #108 Are you curious about the natural world and interested in participating in scientific research? Look no further than Citizen Science! This course will explore the exciting world of community-based research and how you can contribute to scientific discovery. Whether you are interested in clouds, trees or public health, Citizen Science offers opportunities for all to get involved and make a difference. Through interactive lectures, demonstrations and hands-on outdoor activities, you will learn how to navigate the world of Citizen Science, find projects that match your interests, and contribute meaningful data to scientific research. Join us and discover the power of community science! **Limit: 15**

Citizen Scientist with NASA GLOBE Observer: Your Passport to Adventure and Discovery! IN PERSON - 4 session(s) with Cassie Soeffing

Wednesdays, October 18 to November 8, 1 to 2:30 p.m. | USD - Sioux Falls Room #108 This course will introduce participants to the GLOBE Observer, one of NASA's Earth Science apps, and citizen science tools that allow individuals to contribute to global scientific research. Sessions will involve using the GLOBE Observer app to collect data outdoors on clouds, mosquito habitats, land cover and trees. Engage with NASA scientists, learn how to collect and submit data, explore the importance of a worldwide community of citizen scientists, and learn how to contribute meaningfully to scientific research. **Limit: 15**

Travel and Tours

History of the Quarry Industry and Quarry Tour A IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Kevin Gansz

Tuesday, September 12, 9 to 11:30 a.m. | Irene Hall Museum Resource Center The quarry industry is what helped build Sioux Falls both structurally and economically. Why the methods of quarrying have

changed over time, its impact on our community is significant. Participants will learn about the historic aspects of the quarry industry during the classroom session and then board a bus for a guided tour of the Knife River Quarry to view modern quarry practices. **Limit: 20**

What's New at the Zoo? IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Leigh Spencer

Monday, September 18, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon | Great Plains Zoo Discover what's new at your local zoo. From new animals to new exhibits, and even some future plans, we'll take a peek behind the ongoing and upcoming changes at the Great Plains Zoo. The program will include an optional walk to visit some exhibits in the zoo. **Limit: 40**

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Beasts with Backbones - Terrestrial Vertebrates IN PERSON - 4 session(s) with Leigh Spencer

Mondays, October 16 to November 6, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon | Great Plains Zoo From mammals and birds to reptiles and amphibians, discover the unique traits we use to sort animals into groups. Each week we'll explore one major group, including some specific creatures that call the Great Plains Zoo home, and we'll venture out into the zoo to see some of them in person. (Walking tour distance will vary and will be held at the end of each session.) **Limit: 25**

Good Earth State Park History/Nature Hike IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Jen Stahl

Saturday, September 16, 2 to 3 p.m. | Good Earth State Park Grab your walking shoes for a guided hike at Good Earth State Park. With a rich history and amazing natural features, South Dakota's newest state park is a wonderful place to connect with the outdoors. This one-mile hike goes along a tallgrass prairie and an old oak forest. Be sure to dress for the weather. *Current park permit or daily permit required.* **Limit: 30**

Tour of EROS IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Ann Tripp

Tuesday, October 17, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | EROS

Join us for this informative tour of EROS Science Center and learn about the Landsat Satellite Program. Explore the interesting work that happens at EROS. This will include staff speaking to their role and you will have an opportunity to ask questions. **Limit: 20**

Behind the Scenes Tour of Woodlawn Cemetery IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Bill Hoskins

Wednesday, October 18, 3 to 4:30 p.m. | Woodlawn Cemetery The walking tour will begin with a unique and interesting history of the cemetery. The Staff will discuss the legal documents and process for burial and maintenance of the grounds. **Limit: 30**

Living Like an Italian IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Prudence DeBates

Wednesday, November 1, 10 to 11 a.m. | USD - Sioux Falls - Room #108 Travel is a great way to experience a culture, but living there takes it to a new level. I will share some of my experiences and insights from living in Florence, Italy for 2 1/2 years. I'll also share some of the peculiarities and accomplishments of the Italians. **Limit: 40**

Israel and Jordan: Destinations Where Dreams Come True IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Karen Pratt
Thursday, November 2, 1 to 3 p.m. | USD - Sioux Falls - Room #108 Come relive the trip of a lifetime as Karen takes you from modern Tel Aviv to the Old City of Jerusalem, from the Sea of Galilee to mysterious Petra, one of the Seven Wonders of the World with more stops along the way. **Limit: 40**

VERMILLION CLASSES

Creative Arts

Ceramics IN PERSON - 6 session(s) with Janet Beeman
Thursdays, September 7 to October 12, 1 to 3 p.m. | Beeman Studio Participants will learn the four clay building techniques. Pinch, coil, slab and potters wheel. Beginners and experienced students are welcome. *Non-refundable payment of \$18 upon registration payable to OLLI.* **Limit: 10**

Acrylic Painting IN PERSON - 5 session(s) with Janet Beeman
Thursdays, October 19 to November 16, 1 to 2:30 p.m. | Vermillion Public Library Kozak Room Relax and enjoy the medium of acrylic painting. Beginners welcome. *This class has a \$7 non-refundable activity fee.* **Limit: 12**

Expanding Your Mind

Everything You Know About Poverty is Wrong IN PERSON - 3 session(s) with Kelsey Collier-Wise
Wednesdays, October 11 to 25, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. | Vermillion Public Library - Kozak Room Through discussions and activities, we will delve into the causes and consequences of poverty in America. We will address the systemic factors that contribute to poverty, including inequality and social policies. By studying structural barriers and societal dynamics, students will develop a nuanced perspective on poverty and its far-reaching effects. **Limit: 30**

Wines of France: Taste and Terroir IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Betty Smith
Thursday, October 19, 4 to 5:30 p.m. | Coyote Twin Gallery The French believe that terroir (a particular region's soil, climate and culture of growing) gives each wine its characteristic taste. The class will sample wine from four regions in France, learn about the terroir of each, and discuss the qualities of the wines as we taste. *This class has a \$10 non-refundable fee.* **Limit: 20**

Winter Tinctures IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Grace Freeman
Monday, October 23, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. | Vermillion Public Library - Kozak Room Learn about making winter medicine from plant roots such as echinacea, dandelion, red root and others. Learn about tinctures. What are they? How do you use them? How do they work? **Limit: 10**

LGBTQ+ and Two-Spirit Basics - Making Relatives IN PERSON - 2 session(s) with Mark C Daniels

Tuesdays, October 31 to November 7, 1 to 2:30 p.m. | Vermillion Public Library - Kozak Room

1. Define Two- Spirit Individuals
2. Unscramble LGBTQ+
3. Differentiate between Sex, Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation
4. Create a Two Spirit and LGBTQ+ affirming and supportive environment **Limit: 30**

Who Are the Mennonites? IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Tim L Waltner

Thursday, November 9, 1:30 to 3 p.m. | Vermillion Public Library - Kozak Room This class will look at the history, theology and practice of Mennonites, and how they compare to Amish and Hutterites.

Limit: 40

History and Current Events**Prentis Park History and Memories IN PERSON - 2 session(s) with Evelyn Schlenker**

Wednesdays, September 13 to 20, 4 to 5:30 p.m. | Vermillion Public Library This course will discuss the history of the development of Prentis Park which is 100 years old this year, as well as memories people have of utilizing the park. The audience will be asked, if applicable, what memories they have of the park. This information may be transcribed, with permission, and placed on the Clay County Historic Preservation Commission website as an addendum for the book. **Limit: 35**

The True [Expanded] Origin Story of Gettysburg - South Dakota's Veteran Colony IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Kurt Hackemer

Thursday, September 14, 3 to 4 p.m. | Vermillion Public Library Many South Dakotans know that Gettysburg was settled by Civil War soldiers, but the true story of the town's founding fits into a much larger national story about veterans moving to the Northern Great Plains to rebuild their lives, often after significant exposure to combat trauma. Come learn the true origin story of this and nine other soldier colonies in Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas. **Limit: 40**

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Court, the role of politics, land acquisition, and racial animus and whether there are some areas of hope in the future. There will also be a discussion of the mechanics of how and why Indian law cases reach the Supreme Court and how this is perceived at the local level in Indian country. The reading of several poems will also be interspersed throughout the sessions. **Limit: 40**

The History and Archaeology of Bloomingdale, Clay County IN PERSON - 2 session(s) with William Ranney

Thursdays, September 21 to 28, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. | W.H. Over Museum A presentation of the history and archaeology of the early townsite of Bloomingdale in Clay County. The small community boasted one of the first flour mills in Dakota Territory. Optional field trip to the abandoned town site. **Limit: 30**

Where Are We on the Clay County Building Projects? IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Richard Hammond

Monday, October 16, 1:30 to 3 p.m. | Vermillion Public Library Commissioner Dick Hammond will give an update on the renovations to the courthouse and new public safety center. **Limit: 30**

Ask your Clay County Commissioner IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Richard Hammond

Monday, November 13, 12 Noon to 1:30 p.m. | Vermillion Public Library - Kozak Room Clay county residents, bring your questions, ideas, and suggestions regarding our county government. **Limit: 35**

Simons Farms:142 Years of History IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Betsy Simons,Kal Simons

Monday, September 25, 2 to 3:30 p.m. | Simons Farm Class will be held on the Simons Farm, which is 142 years old, at 1421 N. University Road (east of the house). A short history of the farm will be discussed. Participants will view century-old machinery as well as current equipment and discuss differences in farming over the years due to technology. Also being discussed will be farm yields, farm sizes, farming costs and farm practices. There will be a short walking tour so bring proper shoes. **Limit: 20**

Health and Wellness

Balance and Dizziness - What Do You Need and How to Improve IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Gerard Robertson

Tuesday, September 12, 1 to 3 p.m. | Vermillion Public Library - Kozak Room What causes balance issues, i.e. strength, mobility and dizziness issues. We will test balance for those that want and show some easy exercises to start with to help with balance issues. **Limit: 30**

Making Herbal Vinegar IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Grace Freeman

Monday, October 16, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. | Vermillion Public Library Come learn to make an herbal vinegar! We will discuss vinegar and its uses, then you will choose to create a blend to use in salad dressings, as a marinade, or as winter medicine. Herbs and vinegar. *Please bring your own glass jar or container to bring home a sample!* **Limit: 12**

Literature and Writing

I Hate Poetry IN PERSON - 6 session(s) with Betsy Simons

Wednesday, September 6 to October 11, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | Main Street Center So many people have been known to utter "I hate poetry!" Well, this class is designed to change your mind. We will examine classic as well as modern verse from many famous authors and learn what constitutes poetic verse. Poems of all types have been selected to encourage class members to enjoy poetry as it should be enjoyed. I guarantee it! **Limit: 16**

Lunch and Learn - One Book South Dakota Book Discussion IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Brad Tennant

Friday, September 8, 12 Noon to 1 p.m. | Vermillion Public Library Book discussion for the One Book South Dakota Book, *The Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson, led by Brad Tennant, who will be here in person at the library. Book Synopsis: A haunting novel spanning several generations, Wilson's *The Seed Keeper* follows a Dakota family's struggle to preserve their way of life. Its main character, Rosalie Iron Wing, draws strength from the knowledge that she is descended from women with souls of iron, women who have protected their families, their traditions and a precious cache of seeds through generations of hardship and loss. **Limit: 50**

Lunch and Learn - Banned Books IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Kendra Brewer

Friday, October 6, 12 Noon to 1 p.m. | Vermillion Public Library - Kozak Room Come learn about Banned Books during the American Library Associations National Banned Books Week October 1st - 7th from the best place to get your uncensored information - the library! **Limit: 30**

Haiku: Not as Simple as You Think! IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Marcella Remund

Tuesday, October 10, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon | Vermillion Public Library - Kozak Room Haiku is EASY, right? Not necessarily! In this workshop-style class, we'll explore a little bit about the origins of the haiku poetry form, read some haiku by the "masters" of the form, and we'll try our hand at writing our own haiku. **Limit: 30**

Travel and Tours

POP UP Spirit Mound Hike IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Holly Straub

Friday, August 25, 9 to 11 a.m. | Spirit Mound State Historic Prairie Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery set out from their camp along the Missouri River to explore Spirit Mound on August 25, 1804. Please join us for a short hike to the summit at Spirit Mound State Historic Prairie at 9:30 a.m. on Friday August 25, 2023. The .75 mile distance from the parking lot to the summit is rated as moderate and somewhat hilly, with an even terrain surface of gravel and limestone. Some brief comments and trivia about their journey and the history of the site will be shared, and lemonade will be enjoyed after returning from the summit. Spirit Mound State Historic Prairie is located at 31148 South Dakota Highway 19 (about 7 miles north of Vermillion). **Limit: 30**

A Fossil Encrusted Field Trip - Ashfall Fossil Beds IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Richard Hammond

Thursday, September 7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. | Rideshare \$20 fee for entry, gas money for rideshare. 12 million years ago, death and destruction reigned across our entire region. Ashfall state park displays hundreds of fossils (rhinos, 5 species of horses, camels, birds, wild dogs and more) victims of a massive volcanic eruption. A barn has been constructed over a prime "dig" so is accessible to those with

reduced mobility and during less than geologist-friendly weather. Preview information at ashfall.unl.edu **Limit: 10**

Glacial Geology of Eastern SD IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Richard Hammond

Monday, October 30, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | Vermillion Public Library - Kozak Room Before 12,000 years ago, only one South Dakota river flowed to the Gulf of Mexico, as most do today. Giant flowing sheets of ice, huge dust storms and torrents of water flowing off those active glaciers formed all of the landscapes we now know as “east river”...that one river flowing south was not what we now know as the Missouri! **Limit: 30**

Monitoring South Dakota's Groundwater Quality IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Tom Marshall

Monday, November 13, 9 to 10:30 a.m. | Vermillion Public Library - Kozak Room The Survey maintains 145 monitoring wells in 25 of the state's shallow vulnerable aquifers. We will show changes in several water quality measures over the last 30 years. We will also show how you can access data as a citizen of the state from the online resources available from DANR databases. **Limit: 30**

Galapagos Update IN PERSON - 1 session(s) with Holly Straub

Wednesday, October 18, 9:30 to 11 a.m. | Vermillion Public Library - Small Conf Rm The Galapagos Islands were the source of inspiration for Charles Darwin. Galapagos – the origin of the Origin of Species. The archipelago is a bucket list destination for people who are eager to see species such as giant tortoises, blue-footed boobies, finches, and marine iguanas. Holly Straub spent two months in the Galapagos Islands earlier this year. Come hear about recent research, conservation and sustainability efforts in the Galapagos archipelago. **Limit: 20**

Reflections on Biblically-based Trip in Turkiye (Turkey) IN PERSON - 3 session(s) with Ari Albright

Tuesdays, October 24 to November 7, 6 to 7:30 p.m. | Vermillion Public Library Ariadne (air-ee-odd-knee) shares photos and stories of cultural and archeological history from her fall 2021 trip to Turkiye. This visual artist also unpacks the stories and symbols from her 2022 painting exhibition at the Dahl, informed by her travels. **Limit: 15**

ZOOM CLASSES

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Beginning Genealogy ZOOM - 3 session(s) with Linda Halliburton

Thursday, October 12 to 26, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon | Zoom If you've never done any family history work, it can be daunting to know where to begin. With all of the resources available online, it should be easy, right? In this course, we will take a true beginner's approach to researching your family history and laying the foundation for generations to come. To get started, bring what you know about your parents' and grandparents' births, marriages and deaths. We'll start with paper and progress to online research. **Limit: 25**

Edible, Medicinal and Poisonous Plants ZOOM - 1 session(s) with Phil Kappen

Tuesday, October 24, 9 to 10:30 a.m. | Zoom

Did you ever wonder if you could eat the plant that grows in your yard or field? We'll learn brief descriptions and uses of select edible, medicinal and poisonous plants in South Dakota. **Limit: 300**

LGBTQ+ and Two-Spirit Basics - Making Relatives ZOOM - 2 session(s) with Mark C Daniels

Tuesday, October 31 and November 7, 1 to 2:30 p.m. | Zoom

1. Define Two- Spirit Individuals
2. Unscramble LGBTQ+
3. Differentiate between Sex, Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation
4. Create a Two Spirit and LGBTQ+ affirming and supportive environment

Limit: 300

***Behind the Scenes for On Call with the Prairie Doc ZOOM** - 1 session(s) with Ashley Ragsdale

Monday, November 6, 1 to 2 p.m. | Zoom Join Prairie Doc Executive Director, Ashley Ragsdale, as she talks with class participants about *On Call with the Prairie Doc*. Go behind the scenes of this popular show on SDPB, learn about its history and what it takes each week to produce the show. **Limit: 300**

Current Travel: What is Travel Like in 2023 and How Has it Changed? ZOOM - 1 session(s) with Meredith Jenkins

Thursday, November 9, 10 to 11 a.m. | Zoom

Travel has changed drastically in the last three years. Now, the trends and how-tos of travel are completely different and new! So, what is it like to travel today? This course will discuss traveling both domestically and abroad, covering protocols, passport information, popular and safe places to travel, and more. **Limit: 300**

Who Are the Mennonites? ZOOM - 1 session(s) with Tim L Waltner

Thursday, November 9, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. | Zoom This class will look at the history, theology and practice of Mennonites, and how they compare to Amish and Hutterites. **Limit: 300**

NIL Portal (Name, Image, Likeness) - Foul or Fair Play? ZOOM - 1 session(s) with Slade Larscheid, Holly Van Vlyman

Thursday, November 16, 2 to 3:30 p.m. | Zoom

Topics for discussion: Name Image and Likeness, NCAA Transfer Portal and NCAA Transformation. **Limit: 300**

Finding the Help You Need ZOOM - 1 session(s) with Janet Kittams Monday, November 13, 2 to 3 p.m.

| Zoom The Helpline Center connects thousands of people across South Dakota with critical resources every day. This course will walk attendees through the amazing resources that are available 24/7 through the Helpline Center, which answers both the 211 and 988 phone numbers. **Limit: 300**

Profiles in Courage ZOOM - 3 session(s) with John Hollingsworth

Friday, September 8 to 22, 1 to 2:30 p.m. | Zoom We will view three Profiles in Courage episodes from the original television series from 1964. Reading lists for each of the topics will be shared in class.

Limit: 300

The Quest for Equality in the United States ZOOM - 3 session(s) with Bob Burns

Monday, September 11 to 25, 1 to 3 p.m. | Zoom While much is made of the Declaration of Independence phrase "all men are created equal," human equality was not a feature of the original text of the US Constitution. Instead the notion of equality as an essential element of liberal democracy under our Constitution is one that has evolved over time. Full equality continues to be a goal encountering resistance in our current political environment. **Limit: 300**

A Brief History of South Dakota's System of Public Higher Education ZOOM - 1 session(s) with Janelle Toman

Thursday, September 14, 1 to 2 p.m. | Zoom

South Dakota's system of public higher education, under the constitutional authority of the Board of Regents, is one of the longest continuing higher education governance structures in the country. Learn about the early beginnings (and see historical photos) of the state's public universities from territorial days to the present. **Limit: 300**

***Where in the World is the U.S.? A Top 10 Summary! ZOOM - 1 session(s) with Douglas Stowell**

Tuesday, September 26, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon | Zoom We live in a global society with instant communications, rapid travel access and increasing awareness of multinational issues. How well is the U.S. performing in meeting the challenges that exist in 2023? We will cover some 30 topics including: taxes, economy, environment, education, healthcare, climate change, immigration, safety, prosperity, personal happiness, et al... The "Top 10" format provides a quick snap-shot of how well the U.S. compares to other nations. The source of this information is from well-vetted international surveys by highly credible and impartial worldwide organizations. Links to each source are provided for those seeking more details. This is the 4th Annual Edition of the program and is very focused, including three discussion breaks. A complete pdf copy will be supplied. Post-session follow-up is always welcome! **Limit: 300**

Amistad - A Stephen Spielberg Film ZOOM - 2 session(s) with John Hollingsworth

Wednesdays, September 27 to October 4, 1 to 3 p.m. | Zoom We will view and discuss the Stephen Spielberg film about the slave ship that generated a Supreme Court case in 1839 - 1840. **Limit: 300**

***QR Codes: What are those funny little squares anyway? ZOOM - 1 session(s) with Kevin Smith**

Thursday, September 28, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. | Zoom Have you seen those funny-looking black and white squares in magazine ads or on posters? Those squares are called QR Codes. You may have already known that. But, do you know how they work and why people use them? In this session, you'll learn how QR codes work, why we see them in all sorts of places, and you'll get a chance to use them and even create them. **Limit: 300**

Becoming Americans: Colonial America in the 18th Century ZOOM - 4 session(s) with Michael Mullin

Tuesdays, October 3 to 24, 1 to 2:30 p.m. | Zoom Colonial British America underwent a series of transformations during the 18th century. Changes occurred in the areas of religion, politics, economics and western landholding. This course looks at how a variety of factors transformed colonists from British citizens to Americans. **Limit: 300**

The Adams Chronicles ZOOM - 3 session(s) with John Hollingsworth

Fridays, October 6 to 27 (Skip 13), 10 to 11:30 a.m. | Zoom A continuation of the Adams Chronicles - we will cover the following 3 chapters:

Chapter 11 - The Union is not Destroyed [1848-1868]

Chapter 12 - Catching the Step [1868-1886]

Chapter 13 My Course is Well Enough Marked Out [1886-1918] **Limit: 300**

La Dolce Vita: Italy's Landscapes and Architecture ZOOM - 4 session(s) with Don Burger

Thursdays, October 12 to November 2, 3 to 4:30 p.m. | Zoom La Dolce Vita (the good life) is seen as the quintessence of Mediterranean life and culture. In this course, participants will learn about the background, design and modern relevance of historic Italian places that embody this lifestyle. Each week will focus on a different region: Rome, Tuscany, Lombardy and Veneto. **Limit: 300**

Living Like an Italian ZOOM - 1 session(s) with Prudence DeBates

Wednesday, November 1, 10 to 11 a.m. | Zoom

Travel is a great way to experience a culture, but living there takes it to a new level. I will share some of my experiences and insights from living in Florence, Italy, for 2 1/2 years. I'll also share some of the peculiarities and accomplishments of the Italians. **Limit: 40**

The State of Water in Eastern South Dakota: Past, Present, and Future ZOOM - 1 session(s) with Emily Oyos

Wednesday, November 8, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | Zoom The Big Sioux River flows through the veins of Eastern South Dakota. Join Friends of the Big Sioux River for a discussion centered around the past, present and future of our watershed, particularly as it relates to water quality, water quantity and the actions we can take as a community to improve our beloved river for generations to come. **Limit: 300**

***The Top 25 Film Scores of All Time ZOOM - 3 session(s) with Emanuel Abromovits**

Tuesdays, November 14 to 28, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | Zoom The American Film Institute released a list of the best film scores that includes many well-known classics and some surprises. Some of these scores even outlive the film they soundtracked. The composers of those scores had fascinating lives and solid careers. Let's enjoy the ride through the process of creating those historical pieces that convey what the movie is trying to say without words and evoke an emotional response even the most brilliant bit of dialogue cannot. And even more exciting, let's build our own Top 25 list! **Limit: 300**

United States vs Aaron Burr ZOOM - 1 session(s) with John Hollingsworth

Wednesday, November 22, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon | Zoom We will view and discuss a film from the 1977 Judicial Conference of the United States showing the struggle between President Thomas Jefferson and Chief Justice John Marshall during the Aaron Burr treason trial. **Limit: 300**

Stroke Awareness in the Community ZOOM - 1 session(s) with Ellen Krogh

Monday, November 20, 9 to 11 a.m. | Zoom

In this class, we will talk about risk factors for stroke, lifestyle modifications to reduce risk factors, signs and symptoms of a stroke, what actions to take, treatments and resources for stroke recovery. **Limit: 300**

***Science Fiction Yesterday and Today ZOOM - 4 session(s) with Susan Santo**

Monday, October 2 to 30, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | Zoom *SKIP Oct. 9. Suggested Titles: The Stars My Destination by Alfred Bester; Doors of Sleep by Tim Pratt* What is science fiction? This course will cover definitions as well as the themes and history of science fiction. Students will have the chance to read two novels and hear excerpts of other novels read by the instructor. **Limit: 20**

Lunch and Learn - Banned Books ZOOM - 1 session(s) with Kendra Brewer

Friday, October 6, 12 Noon to 1 p.m. | Zoom

Come learn about Banned Books during the American Library Association's National Banned Books Week October 1st - 7th from the best place to get your uncensored information - the library! **Limit: 300**

The Future World of Artificial Intelligence ZOOM - 1 session(s) with Dr. George Hamer

Tuesday, October 3, 1 to 2:30 p.m. | Zoom

Artificial Intelligence is not new. However, its impact on our lives is changing rapidly. What was once science fiction is now science fact. We will examine the changing use of tools such as ChatGPT and Bard and how it will impact our lives today and into the future. **Limit: 30**

Barriers and Opportunities to Ag Tech Innovation ZOOM - 1 session(s) with Matthew Elliott

Thursday, October 19, 2 to 3 p.m. | Zoom

There are many opportunities for technological innovation in Agriculture. However, there are also many barriers to new technology. In this class, participants will learn and discuss the current opportunities and obstacles to future technological innovation in agriculture. **Limit: 300**

***Black Holes ZOOM - 1 session(s) with Arjun Ayyangar**

Friday, October 20, 1 to 2 p.m. | Zoom We will discuss the formation of black holes, their variable size range, and the evidence of their existence. We will also describe how understanding black holes will give more insights on understanding the universe. **Limit: 300**

***Future Perfect! Technology Trends by 2030! ZOOM - 1 session(s) with Douglas Stowell**

Wednesday, November 15, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon | Zoom Remember the book "1984" and THAT was the future or the new Millennium, and THAT was the future! So, what's the next "future"? One thing we know, the pace of technological change has accelerated! Let's look ahead, not too far to 2030. We'll take a quick look back, just to set the "stage." Remember how you did "things" prior to the Smart Phone? Now, what's likely to happen in six years, driven by technology? We'll look ahead at autos, airplanes, highways, healthcare, education, climate and environment, energy generation, etc.. Are you ready for driverless cars, pilotless airliners and the "AI" world? How about some "live" chat-bot interactions powered by AI! We will have discussion time! Will this be the "Future Perfect"? A .pdf copy of the entire program will be available in advance. Do join us! **Limit: 300**

***Art and Monuments: Honoring Memory and Service ZOOM - 1 session(s) with Sue Linden and Benjamin Brands**

Friday, September 15, 10 to 11:30 a.m. | Zoom

During this interactive program, representatives of the American Battle Monuments Commission and the Smithsonian American Art Museum contextualize the history of memorials, monuments and art in their collections. Explore how the design of sculpture, architecture, war memorials and 2-D artworks convey the themes of honor, service and sacrifice through symbolism and allegory. **Limit: 35**

Israel and Jordan: Destinations Where Dreams Come True ZOOM - 1 session(s) with Karen Pratt

Thursday, November 2, 1 to 3 p.m. | Zoom

Come relive the trip of a lifetime as Karen takes you from modern Tel Aviv to the old City of Jerusalem, from the Sea of Galilee to mysterious Petra, one of the Seven Wonders of the World with more stops along the way. **Limit: 300**

***Travel - Athens and the Aegean with a Side Trip to Istanbul ZOOM - 1 session(s) with Keith Anderson, Kathy Anderson**

Wednesday, November 15, 1:30 to 3 p.m. | Zoom Join us as we share our photographic journey to the ancient city of Athens, Greece and our visits to many beautiful Aegean islands, followed by a short extension visit to Istanbul, Turkey. **Limit: 300**

Fall 2023 Instructor Bios

Emanuel Abromovits has been a concert promoter since 2000 and is involved in many events by international artists in South America.

Ariadne Albright is a visual artist and traveler. Director of Creative Care, LLC in Vermillion, SD, she consults for Sanford Health, teaches Arts in Health at the USD, and is an active roster artist with the SD Arts Council. She spent her adolescence in Turkey with her family. For more information, see creativecarellc.com.

Keith and Kathy Anderson are retired healthcare workers and love to travel. Keith is an avid photographer.

Arjun Ayyangar is a volunteer NASA Solar System Ambassador since 2018 and has received his master's degree in Computational Sciences and Robotics. He is currently working as a Systems Engineer at Lockheed Martin, Mount Laurel, New Jersey.

Janet Beeman has a BFA in Art and a master's in Education from USD. She taught art in the Vermillion School District for 15 years and OLLI for nine years. She taught painting and drawing, ceramics, graphic design, photography, sculpture, and Intro to Art.

Benda Berseth is a retired teacher, who likes to be active and learn new things.

Benjamin Brands is a historian with the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC). A former U.S. Army Infantry Officer, he is also a Ph.D. candidate at George Mason University.

Janet Brubakken is a retired educator and book lover.

Rich Brubakken is a retired school administrator who loves art and the creative process that stained glass offers.

Chontel Burger has been a Group Fitness Instructor at the SDSU wellness center since 2017 and a Silver Sneakers certified Instructor since 2018.

Don Burger, associate professor of landscape architecture, at South Dakota State University, is an Italian landscape architecture and design expert.

Bob Burns, SDSU Distinguished Professor of Political Science Emeritus, taught political science courses at SDSU for 38 years. He has taught OLLI courses since his retirement in 2008.

Robin Buterbaugh is a graduate student at SDSU working with the Native Plant Initiative and is also passionate about local food and community and residential ecological landscape design.

Jon Carda is a 30-year law enforcement veteran, trained and experienced in investigations related to homicide and sexual assault.

Paige Carda is the Executive Director of REACH Literacy. She has an Executive Master's in Public Administration.

Stacy Claussen is the Recreation Manager for the City of Brookings.

Kelsey Collier-Wise has served as Executive Director of the United Way of Vermillion since 2012, while also spending eight years on the Vermillion City Council and serving as Mayor of the City of Vermillion from 2020-2022. She is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and the University of South Dakota School of Law, where she taught legal writing as an adjunct professor for three years.

Mark Daniels is the father of a Two Spirit, Trans son, a clinical psychologist, on the board of directors of the TRANSformation Project, former associate professor of psychology and Native American Studies at USD, and past president of the Society of Indian Psychologists.

Deb Debates is a former high school teacher and teacher education professor. In retirement, Deb is spending time in activities working with youth and in other service projects in her community. She loves working with youth and enjoys crafts of all kinds.

Prudence DeBates has taught several OLLI courses about travel and food. She is an avid traveler and has lived overseas.

Dr. Sharon DeVaney is a Professor Emeritus from Purdue University. A Jackrabbit, a Buckeye, and a Boilermaker, she also served as the editor of a consumer research journal for 12 years.

Michael Drake is the police chief of Brookings, SD. He's from the Hudson Valley area of New York State and has almost 30 years of experience on the police force. He has also been a volunteer fireman, an emergency medical technician and a NY State Trooper.

Jennifer Dreiske has been studying and exploring spiritual traditions from around the world. She is The Deputy Director of South Dakota Voices for Peace.

Matthew S. Elliott is an associate professor in the Ness School of Management and Economics at South Dakota State University. Matthew teaches an advanced agribusiness course and is co-founder of an ag-tech start-up company focused on risk management. Matthew researches farm and agribusiness management, cooperatives, contracts, ag land assessment policy, data analytics and risk assessment.

Mary Enright spent her career in the financial services industry and has served on the OLLI Leadership Council. She is a member of P.E.O. and Better Investing. She geocaches, knits, posts shoveling reports on Facebook and loves to travel. She is currently out of hot stock tips.

Nancy Fixen is a fun-loving, wild and crazy retired teacher.

Elizabeth Fox is a librarian who loves all things fiber. She knits, crochets, spins, tats and makes other crafts.

Grace Freeman is an herbalist and nurse who runs an organic farm in Clay Co, SD. She runs a farm called Prairie Moon Herbs.

Suzanne Fuller is a former journalist, OLLI class presenter, OLLI Leadership Council Chair and great-granddaughter of Dakota Territory pioneers.

Kevin Gansz, Curator of Education with the Siouxland Heritage Museums, has over twenty years of experience in researching and presenting the history of the Sioux Falls area.

Bette Gerberding, Ph.D., has a bachelor's in English and a master's in Theatre. A teacher, she has also attended seminars throughout the country on Shakespeare.

De Gilkerson is a fun-loving, wild, and crazy retired teacher.

Nita Gill is a librarian at the Brookings Public Library and serves on the South Dakota Library Association Intellectual Freedom Committee.

Michael Gonda is a Professor of Animal Science at South Dakota State University.

Elaine Gullickson has been providing scavenger hunts for friends and family for several years.

Kurt Hackemer is a Professor of History and Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of South Dakota.

Linda Halliburton was bitten by the genealogy bug in a junior high class where everyone had to research their family history. She is her extended family's historian and delights in breaking through brick walls.

Dr. George Hamer is currently the Acting Head of the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department at South Dakota State University and has been teaching in the computer science field for over 35 years.

Richard Hammond is the Clay County elected governing board member, a retired geologist and a groundwater specialist

Melissa Hauschild-Mork is a choreographer for the Harvey Dunn Collaborative Project, The Themes of Harvey Dunn's Feminine Images Paintings.

John Hollingsworth is a retired DSU Math Professor and an all-around swell fella.

Jeff Holm is the Sr. Associate Director of Athletics for Facilities and Operations at SDSU.

Bill Hoskins is the director of the Siouxland Heritage Museums. BA History Augustana, MA History USD.

Makenzie Huber is an award-winning journalist at South Dakota Searchlight. She also owns a life history business where she helps families record and preserve the most important memories and stories of their loved ones.

Meredith Jenkins is the European Specialist at Sioux Empire Travel.

Corliss Johnson earned a BME and MS in Music from Emporia State University and a Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Colorado. He taught in Blues, Jazz, Rock, Jazz ensembles, and jazz improvisation; SDSU Music Faculty for 35 years and is an active jazz musician. He also performed annual jazz recitals and serves as musical director for the South Dakota Jazz Orchestra. He performs in two small groups as well: Four Jazz and the Johnson/McKinney Quartet.

Michael Johnson is the General Manager of the Pheasant Restaurant in Brookings.

Jean Jostad is a retired world language teacher of 25 years, an organizer of the Brookings ESL program and a volunteer for 27 years.

Rob Joyce, MA, taught music at Augustana and is the former Executive Director of the SF Jazz and Blues Society.

Justin Jungemann grew up in Wolsey, South Dakota. In November 2022, he opened Cannabis

Connection, Brooking's first medical cannabis dispensary.

Phil Kappen has a B.S. and M.S. from SDSU and considers himself a lifelong plant nerd.

Janet Kittams is currently the Chief Executive Officer of the Helpline Center and has been with the agency for over 25 years. She received her bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of South Dakota and her master's degree in counseling from the University of North Dakota and is a licensed professional counselor.

Ellen Krogh has been a nurse by background and has been working with neurology patients since she graduated from nursing school in 2011. She has been a Stroke Coordinator, both at Avera and at Nebraska Medicine, since 2018.

Sue Linden is a volunteer video presenter at the Smithsonian American Art Museum (SAAM). She loves combining her interests in art and history for visits with audiences of all ages.

Dr. Tom Marshall, a geologist at SD Geological Survey, oversees important research on groundwater quality in South Dakota.

Douglas McFarland is a native of Connecticut and a Distinguished Professor Emeritus of South Dakota State University, serving on the faculty for 27 years. He was a researcher, teacher and department head and is the author of 109 refereed journal articles in scientific publications. Doug has been collecting knives and swords from many countries since childhood and his collection currently exceeds 150 items. He is eager to share some of his collection with the public.

Jill Morstad is a college professor a trainer, and an obedience competitor, a teacher of dog and people.

Michael Mullin holds a Ph.D. in American colonial history from the University of California, Santa Barbara. His publications cover topics in American Indian, American colonial, and Midwestern history. He is currently a professor of history at Augustana University.

Megan Nelson is the owner of Prairie Soul Studio.

Sharon Olbertson is passionate about literature and enjoys sharing her knowledge and love of books with like-minded OLLI members. She has a master's in English and taught high school and college classes.

Les Olive has been a coin collector for about 50 years and is the retired campus architect and planner for SDSU. He covered a 30-year career with involvement in all capital improvement projects in that time span.

Clayton Olson has a BS in Education and taught English in China for 17 years in four different cities.

Emily Oyos is the Outreach and Donor Coordinator at Friends of the Big Sioux River, a water advocacy nonprofit.

Pastor Palo is the Senior Pastor at Ascension Lutheran in Brookings. He has been trained by Dr. Alan Wolfelt, one of America's leading death and grief counselors.

Jay Perry holds a Ph.D. in history and serves as the Vice President for the University of South Dakota – Sioux Falls.

Frank Pommersheim is a well-known teacher, scholar, tribal justice, and poet who has worked in the field of Indian law and policy for the past 45 years.

Karen Pratt's career included being a travel agent, actor and teacher; but she was and always will be a traveler.

Molly Quarve is the owner of Color Splash Studio.

Ashley Ragsdale took over in July of 2022 as Executive Director for Prairie Doc programming. She has worked as an attorney and in the non-profit field for years.

William Ranney is a retired archaeologist (BS, University of South Dakota; MA, University of Kansas). Currently Assistant Director at W.H. Over Museum.

Doug Raynie is a retired chemistry professor at SDSU and an expert in green chemistry.

Kathy and Rich Reid reside in Brookings and have planned numerous international trips in Europe, Southeast Asia, Australia and New Zealand.

Marcella Remund taught English and creative writing for 25-plus years and has published two books of poetry.

Gerad Robertson, DPT, is a Physical Therapist for 20 years and enjoys working with people of all ages to improve function and balance issues.

Derek Schmidt has been the brewer for WLBC for 7 years.

Susan Santo is an Emeritus Professor in Adult and Higher Education at the University of South Dakota. She taught science fiction to honors students at USD and published several science fiction stories.

Evelyn Schlenker is an emerita faculty of the Sanford Medical School. Her area of interest is in the history and places in Clay County, SD. The Prentis Park book that was just published presents the history of the park, events that occurred in the park and memories of some folks who used the park as their "backyard." She presented a variety of OLLI courses in the past six and a half years.

Becky Schmieding has an undergraduate degree from SDSU and a master's degree from UMD and

UWP. Prior to retirement, she worked for IBM and Mayo Clinic.

Harriet Scott, Ph.D., ACSW, CSW-PIP is a licensed social worker, currently practicing as a geriatric case manager in Sioux Falls.

Betsy Simons taught English in various high schools for 35 years and OLLI for 10 years; Her passion is literature, and she would love to extend the joy of literature to adults.

Kal Simons was born and raised in Vermillion He has always been a part of the family farm. After attending college and teaching industrial arts, Kal came back and took over the farm 37 years ago.

Betty Smith is a retired political science professor who has visited France's most famous wine regions and many smaller areas as well.

Kevin Smith is an Associate Professor at Dakota State University. He teaches students to become teachers.

Cassie Soeffing is a certified citizen science facilitator and works with many NASA citizen science programs.

John Solberg has a master's degree and thirty-seven years of experience teaching psychology at Mitchell Senior High School; Mitchell, SD.

Lisbeth Solum has been an artist and teacher for 40 years. She is also a graduate of SDSU.

Leigh Spencer is the Education and Engagement Manager at the Great Plains Zoo. She worked in zoos for nearly 20 years and taught many classes for OLLI.

Jen Stahl is the naturalist for Good Earth State Park. She has been a naturalist for South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks for over 15 years. A love of the outdoors and all living things drives her to share her passion with all visitors.

Sheriff Marty Stanwick was first elected in 1998 and a member of the Brookings Police Dept for 20 years.

Terri Stauffacher has been at Brookings Health System for 27 years. She worked for one year on the surgical floor, eight years in the Emergency Department, 18 years in the operating room and three of those years as the Director of Surgical Services.

Bob Stevens is a retired educator and current debate coach at O'Gorman. He routinely takes students to National Debate Competitions. Bob formerly served on the OLLI Leadership Council.

Doug Stowell is a consumer and political polling veteran in both U.S. and EU markets, his career

includes Market Research Director for Xerox Corp., U.S. Clients Director for the U.K. firm NOP, Ltd. in London, and Sr. Polling Executive - Wirthlin Worldwide in Washington, D.C. He launched Market Resource Associates, in 2008 and conducts opinion research on global issues today. He is a member of the Furman University Osher Life-Long-Learning Group in Greenville, SC, and conducts ZOOM programs for more than 80 organizations worldwide.

Holly Straub is Professor Emerita of Psychology, University of South Dakota.

Nancy Swenson is a librarian at the Brookings Public Library and serves on the South Dakota Library Association Intellectual Freedom Committee.

Dr. Brad Tennant is a South Dakota Humanities Scholar and History Professor at Presentation College.

Janelle Toman served as director of communications for the South Dakota Board of Regents for 20 years. She retired from service to the state of South Dakota in 2022.

Maria Travers is a certified Yoga Instructor and has been teaching gentle, beginner-friendly yoga classes in Sioux Falls since 2010.

Sidney Trio is the Educational Coordinator for McCrory Gardens and loves showing off all the beautiful plants, flowers, and trees.

Paula Tursam is a retired special education teacher who enjoys playing and learning about Mah Jongg!

Michele Vandeweerd is the Curriculum Director for the Brookings School District.

Holly Van Vlyman - Senior Associate AD and has student-athlete experience.

Tim Waltner is a retired community journalist now on staff at Freeman Museum; grew up in a Mennonite community and church.

David Wiltse is an associate professor of political science at South Dakota State University.

Brian Wiswall is a retired dentist that enjoys pursuing the art and science of barbecue.

Brookings Class Locations

- Ascension Lutheran Church - 2030 3rd Street
- Brookings Activity Center - 320 5th Avenue
- Brookings County Detention Center - 315 7th Avenue
- Brookings Hospital - 300 22nd Avenue
- Brookings Public Library – 515 3rd Street
- Dacotah Bank of Brookings - 1441 6th Street
- Dakota Nature Park - 1705 32nd Street South

- Eponymous Brewing - 126 Main Avenue South
- First Lutheran Church - 337 8th Street
- Flavor Indian and Asian Fare – 501 Main Avenue
- Good Roots Farm - 3712 Medary Avenue
- Grace Point Wesleyan Church - 1420 Orchard Dr.
- McCrory Gardens - 631 22nd Avenue
- Oscar Larson Performing Arts Center – 1601 University Blvd.
- Peace Lutheran - 1104 22nd Avenue S.
- Pheasant Restaurant - 726 Main Avenue
- Prairie Soul - University Mall, 986 22nd Avenue South, Suite B
- SD Ag Heritage Museum - 977 11th Street
- SDSU Administration Building/Morrill Hall - 1015 Campanile Avenue
- SDSU Animal Science Complex, Wahlstrom 111 - 1097 North Campus Drive
- SDSU Wellness Center - 1401 N Campus Drive
- Ugly Duckling - 312 Main Avenue
- Wooden Legs Brewery - 309 5th Street #100

Sioux Falls Class Locations

- Avera Behavioral Health Hospital – 4400 W. 69th Street
- Barbara’s Needlepoint - 1708 S. Western Ste. 1
- Color Splash Studio - 2400 S. Marion Road, Ste. 120
- EROS - 47914 252nd Street, Garretson
- Good Earth State Park - 26924 480th Avenue
- Great Plains Zoo - 805 S Kiwanis Avenue
- Irene Hall Museum Resource Center - 4300 N Westport Avenue
- JJ’s Wine Spirits and Cigars - 3000 W. 57th Street
- Our Savior’s Lutheran Church - 909 W 33rd Street
- Prairie Road Yarn - 3101 W. 41st St. Suite 115
- Remedy Brewing - 401 E. 8th Street, Ste. 120
- Sanford Research Center – 2301 E. 60th St. North
- Trail Ridge Senior Living Community - 3408 W Ralph Rogers Rd
- University of South Dakota – Sioux Falls – Room 108, Atrium of Classroom Building, Avera Hall – 4701 to 4801 N. Career Avenue
- Village Coop - 1600 E 77th St.
- Woodlawn Cemetery - Main Gate off 26th Street and Cliff

Vermillion Class Locations:

- Beeman Studio – 30917 466th Ave.
- Coyote Twin Gallery - 10 E. Main Street
- Main Street Center - 320 W Main Street
- National Music Museum – Corner of Clark and Yale Streets
- Simons Farm - 1421 N University Road
- Spirit Mound State Historic Prairie - 31148 SD Highway 19 (7 mi. N of Vermillion)
- USD Wellness Center – 1031 N. University Street
- Vermillion Fire/EMS – 820 N. Dakota St.
- Vermillion Public Library - 18 Church Street
- W.H. Over Museum - 1110 N University Street

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