



# OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE

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OLLI at TTU  
Fall 2025

A Vibrant Learning Community for Adults Aged 50+

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## Fall 2025 Director's Message

Welcome to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Texas Tech University!

Dear OLLI Friends,

My name is Penne Richards, and I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Texas Tech University. It is also my honor to spotlight our remarkable OLLI team. Susan Tarrant, our new assistant director, comes to OLLI from the School of Art, bringing with her a wealth of business acumen. Join me also in celebrating our regional site coordinators—Alice Boyd in Fredericksburg, Bill Minter in Abilene and Sarah Ramos in Highland Lakes. Their expertise and collaboration are crucial to our continued growth. Equally essential to our success is the tireless efforts of our volunteer Advisory Councils, located at all four Texas Tech campuses. Their counsel has been invaluable to me.

When I stepped into this role, it truly felt like coming home. I have always believed that learning is best when shared. From my first days at OLLI at Texas Tech, I've been moved by your warmth and curiosity. Whether you are returning for another semester or experiencing OLLI for the first time, our goal is to ensure every member feels welcomed, valued and inspired.

Our 2025 Fall Semester is filled with fresh ideas, intriguing courses, and endless opportunities to connect and grow together. The curriculum teams at our four campuses have put their hearts into creating a lineup that includes everything from history and science to art, wellness and technology. Our instructors are scholars, professionals and enthusiasts drawn from within and beyond our communities. They bring not only knowledge, but a strong commitment to fostering lively discussion and accessible learning experiences. I encourage you to explore course offerings at all four campuses, attend lectures, join local tours and try something entirely new. You may discover a fresh interest, rekindle a former passion or simply enjoy the company of fellow learners. Whether you've been with OLLI for years or are a new student, it is wonderful to have you as part of this vibrant community of lifelong learners. We are stronger together.

As we kick off this term, I look forward to the endless possibilities ahead. OLLI at Texas Tech—Abilene, Fredericksburg, Highland Lakes and Lubbock—is much more than a place for classes—it is an energetic community built on curiosity, kindness, and the shared joy of learning. I cannot wait to get to know each of you and hear your unique stories. Together, let us make this fall semester unforgettable; full of open minds, open hearts, and plenty of new friends and discoveries.

Thank you for your generous commitment to lifelong learning.



All my best,

**Penne Richards, M.F.A.**  
Director, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute  
Office of the Provost for Outreach & Engagement



## THE BERNARD OSHER FOUNDATION

The Bernard Osher Foundation, headquartered in San Francisco, was founded in 1977 by respected businessman, philanthropist, and community leader Bernard Osher. The Foundation seeks to improve quality of life through innovative funding in higher education and the arts.

The Foundation supports a national lifelong learning network of programs designed for adults aged 50 and better; Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes operate on 120+ college and university campuses in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, serving more than 300 towns and cities across the nation. Each independent Institute is affiliated with a college or university, offering intellectually stimulating, non-credit courses tailored to meet the diverse interests and needs of their local communities. Courses, study groups, social events and educational travel opportunities foster a culture of joyful learning and personal fulfillment without tests or grades.

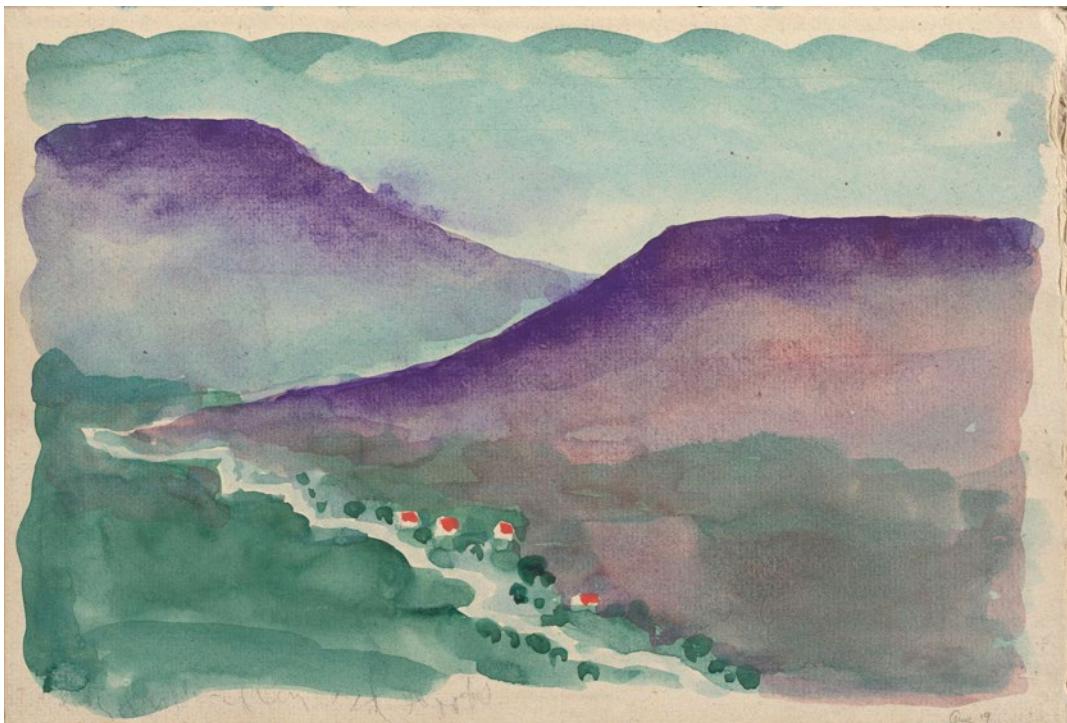
At OLLI at Texas Tech University, we are extremely fortunate and honored to be counted among the universities affiliated with the Bernard Osher Foundation.

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On the cover, image of *Untitled (Landscape)*, Adrienne Brugger Sketchbook, 1917.

Image from Georgia O'Keeffe Museum Collections Online

On September 5 in Lubbock, join Jack Becker's class titled: "Georgia O'Keeffe and the Canyon Suite Water Colors."





## at Texas Tech University

### GIVING TO OLLI

OLLI is dedicated to providing enriching educational and social experiences for its members. While membership fees and endowment interest help fund operations, they don't cover all costs. That's why the program needs your help.



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*Thank you for your generosity and commitment to lifelong learning.*

### WHAT IS OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE (OLLI)?

OLLI began as a continuing education program at Texas Tech University in 2002-2003 as Texas Tech Lifelong Learning. In 2008, endowment support was received from the Bernard Osher Foundation. In recognition of its affiliation with the Osher Foundation and as one of 125 such institutes nationwide, Texas Tech Lifelong Learning was re-named Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Texas Tech University.

We are self-sustaining, supported through membership dues, class fees, an endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation, donations and in-kind support from Texas Tech University. *No tests, no grades, no research papers—just intellectual stimulation.*

### How to register?

Visit [olli.ttu.edu/register](http://olli.ttu.edu/register) or contact your site coordinator.



### What does membership cost?

Membership is \$35 per person, valid for a year from date of purchase, and does not include cost of individual courses.

### Who teaches OLLI classes?

Most of our classes are taught by distinguished professors, both active and retired. Other instructors are experts in their fields, university doctoral students or OLLI members. There is one common denominator: they teach because they enjoy education and OLLI students.

### What happens for weather or other emergency cancellations?

OLLI follows the same policy as Texas Tech University for cancellations because of weather or other acts of nature or emergencies. If TTU classes are canceled, OLLI classes are also canceled. Postings can be found at [emergency.ttu.edu](http://emergency.ttu.edu) as well as on local television or radio stations. OLLI reserves the right to substitute instructors, rearrange class schedules or cancel classes because of low enrollment or illness. In case of class cancellation or a schedule change, you will be notified and may receive a credit for another class in the same semester or a refund.

### What if I have to cancel my registration?

Because space in classes is limited, please let the office know as soon as possible if you need to cancel a class registration. It is important that you are aware that canceling any class requiring bus transportation, food or supplies will result in loss of the registration fee unless the member is able to find a replacement to attend in their place. For all other classes, we ask that members let us know of their cancellation at least four days in advance to be eligible to receive a credit transfer to be applied to another class or a refund. Members may also choose to donate their refund if they wish to support OLLI operations.

We do provide full refunds on a case-by-case basis for illness, medical emergencies, etc. Membership fees cannot be credited or refunded.

# ONLINE CLASSES

Osher Online courses offer a unique blend of convenience, affordability and diverse learning experiences. By joining these online classes, participants can connect with fellow OLLI members from across the country, all from the comfort of their homes. Each course is a 6-week series class, occurring on the same day/time for \$60.



- The Life and Times of Nikola Tesla
- The Magic of Motown
- The African American Military Experience: From Revolution to Civil Rights
- Creative Conservation
- Impressionism: Color Light and Leisure
- Legendary Shipwrecks of the Great Lakes: Tales from the Inland Seas
- American History in Six Songs
- Alexander Graham Bell and the Telephone, 150 Years Later
- In Darwin's Footsteps: A Journey to the Galapagos
- Languages of the World
- The Power of One in Steven Spielberg Films
- Graceful Exits: Exploring the Economics, Ethics & Ethos of Death With Dignity



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# Abilene

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**IP** In-Person

**H** Hybrid

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1650 Pine Street, Ste 2200  
Abilene, TX 79601  
Monday - Thursday: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm  
Friday: Closed

## Abilene OLLI Fall Kickoff

**IP**

Come learn what the fall semester of OLLI at Texas Tech University Abilene has in store for you and your friends! The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute will be introducing its Fall 2025 course offerings in this early evening gathering. More than 15 experts from various fields have agreed to serve as course instructors, and many of them will be in attendance to give previews. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served. Join us for a fun opportunity to meet other lifelong learners and register for courses.

Thursday, September 11 | 5:30-7 p.m. | Free In-Person

Grain Theory Brewing, The Blakeley Room

202 Pine Street | Abilene, TX

## Where on Earth is the U.S.? **O** Are we in the Top 10?

How does the U.S.A. compare in this new era? We will examine topics including GDP, wages, taxes, trade policy, NATO funding, environment, energy, education, healthcare, climate change, immigration, prosperity, “happiness” and more. The top 10 format provides a snapshot of where we rank relative to other nations. This is part of a biannual study by the instructor and will include 3 discussion breaks.

*Doug Stowell is a consumer and political polling veteran. His career includes Market Research Director for Xerox, polls and consumer sentiment studies in the U.K. and U.S. as well as founding his own opinion research firm. He joins us from Furman Univ., where he is an OLLI member, conducting ZOOM programs for more than 80 organizations worldwide.*

Wednesday, September 17 | 10:30 a.m.-Noon | \$10 Online

## Radio Broadcasting History **H** in the Abilene Market

Hear it from someone who's been there all along: Bruce Campbell has spent a career in radio and television, much of it in the Abilene market where he was reared. You'll hear stories about the key personalities involved in ownership, management and programming of our market's stations from the mid-1930s to the present. Anybody who's been a participant or listener of broadcast news, music, sports, talk and entertainment in our market will appreciate learning more about how these intriguing media developed.

*Bruce Campbell is owner of The Campbell CRAFT Company, broadcast consultant. With experience spanning 60 years, he has worked in the Abilene radio market as an owner, manager, sales manager, engineer, account executive and voice talent.*

Tuesday, September 23 | 10:30 a.m.-Noon

\$15 In-Person | \$10 Online

TTUHSC Public Health Building | 1650 Pine Street | Abilene, TX



## The Most Beautiful House **H** in the World

Go on an architect's journey designing and building a house for his family in their hometown, Abilene. The title is inspired by a book of the same name by Canadian architect, professor and writer Witold Rybczynski in which he designs and builds his house, ultimately answering the question hidden in the title, “What IS the most beautiful house?”

*Brandon Young, AIA, is partner at Parkhill, an architectural services firm with offices in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma. He is a graduate of Abilene Christian University and received his degree in architecture from The University of Texas. After teaching in the pre-architecture program at ACU for several years, he brought his talents to Parkhill, where he serves as director of design.*

Thursday, September 25 | 3:30-5 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online

TTUHSC Public Health Building | 1650 Pine Street | Abilene, TX



## History and Significance of the Smithsonian

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The importance of the Smithsonian to the biological exploration of the U.S. and world is unsurpassed. Playing a key role in global biological exploration since 1846 and housing millions of specimens, it supports vital research in taxonomy, biodiversity, and conservation. The National Museum of Natural History and the Tropical Research Institute lead global studies in ecology and species discovery. Through various initiatives, it promotes long-term ecological research and open scientific access, making it a cornerstone of biological science.

*Thomas Lee, Jr. has taught biology at Abilene Christian University since 1994. He received his Ph.D. from Texas A&M, his master's from Angelo State and his bachelor's from Texas A&M.*

**Tuesday, September 30 | 4-5:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online**  
**TTUHSC Public Health Building | 1650 Pine Street | Abilene, TX**



## Lewis & Clark Among the Indians

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The Lewis & Clark Expedition encountered over 50 Indian tribes during their 3-year trip. For many tribes, the Expedition members were the first Europeans they met. The Expedition served as diplomats to unknown tribes. They traded goods and services for food and knowledge. They also studied the tribes to gather ethnographic information for President Jefferson. Interactions opened the west to future explorers.

*Instructor Steve Kniffen, MA, MAS, has spent 35 years researching, writing and teaching Lewis & Clark. He twice retraced the Expedition route instructing traveling Elderhostels from St. Louis to Portland. He authored 190 news articles retracing the Expedition during the bicentennial, 2004-2006.*

**Wednesday, October 15 | 10:30 a.m.-Noon**

**\$15 In-Person | \$10 Online**

**TTUHSC Public Health Building | 1650 Pine Street | Abilene, TX**



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## The Growth of Abilene and Downtown

A testament to Abilene's rich fraternal and architectural heritage, this building has had several lives, and will now be the home of Belt Buckle Distillery. Known after 1940 as Carpenter's Hall, the building incorporates elements of Classical Revival and Beaux-Arts design. We will tour what is open at the time of the course, with instructor Larry Sanders providing commentary on the history and plans for the future. Closed-toe shoes are recommended, not compliant with ADA while under construction.

*Larry Sanders started Belt Buckle Distillery with his son Keith in 2017. Both Sanders are graduates of Abilene Christian University. Keith serves as Director of Production.*

**Tuesday, October 14 | 1:30-3 p.m. | \$15 In-Person**  
**1921 Odd Fellows Building | 1082 South 2nd Street | Abilene, TX**

Join us for a discussion of the work Planning Services has been doing for the City of Abilene, overall. The class will focus on the process and progress of the Cypress Street Improvement Project, the goals of downtown development, and how the City of Abilene is addressing the challenges of developing more affordable housing with its Rebuild ABI Infill Development Program.

*Kate Alvarez is downtown coordinator for the City of Abilene. An enthusiastic marketer and advocate for Abilene, Kate is looking forward to presenting the Cypress Street project as it approaches completion.*

**Tuesday, October 28 | 10:30 a.m.-Noon**

**Single Registration for Multiple Days | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online**  
**TTUHSC Public Health Building | 1650 Pine Street | Abilene, TX**

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## Lyndon B. **H** Johnson's Presidency at the LBJ Ranch

David D. Schafer will provide course participants with insights into Lyndon B. Johnson's historic presidency during the 1960s when he was governing the nation from the LBJ Ranch near

Stonewall, Texas. Through stories, descriptions, and media such as photographs and audio-visual recordings, Schafer will share this compelling history with attendees.

*Schafer, a native of Kansas, worked for the National Park Service for 32 years at historic sites in Kansas, Hawaii, Missouri, Puerto Rico, Oklahoma and Texas. In 2019, he retired as a supervisory park ranger at Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park. In addition to researching and writing, he leads trolley tours of historic Fredericksburg.*

**Wednesday, October 29 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online**  
**TTUHSC Public Health Building | 1650 Pine Street | Abilene, TX**



## Introduction to the World of Drones

**IP**

In this course, students will gain a foundational understanding of drone technology and federal

aviation regulations, gaining the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and confidently operate drones. This hands-on learning experience aims to equip OLLI learners with a comprehensive overview of drone mechanics, legal guidelines and practical flight techniques, fostering both technical proficiency and responsible drone operation.

*Andy Hope is a technology teacher at ATEMS. He is a FAA certified drone pilot with seven years experience teaching and operating drone technology. As a teacher of 15 years with experience across various age groups, he is adept at creating a clear and supportive learning environment for all aspiring drone pilots.*

**Wednesday, November 5 | 1:30-3 p.m. | \$15 In-Person**  
**LIFT Center, ATEMS High School | 2034 Quantum Loop | Abilene, TX**



## John Ford and John Wayne

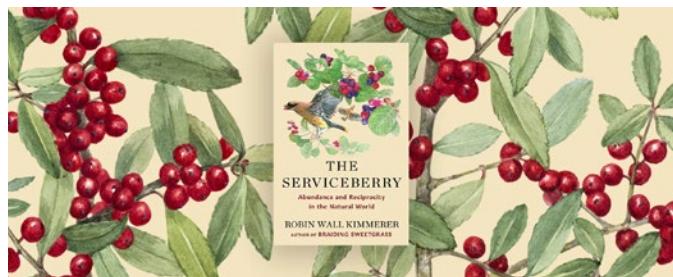
**IP**

With 14 films together, John Ford and John Wayne may be the most famous director-actor duo in American film history, from 1939's "Stagecoach" to 1963's "Donovan's Reef." Other films discussed are "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon," "The Quiet Man," "The Searchers," and "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance."

Although each made over 100 films, it's arguably these that defined their respective careers. Besides their working relationship, we'll review their politics, military history and how they helped shape American culture at large.

*Zachary Ingle, Ph.D., will take us through the work of the famous duo. Ingle is a visiting assistant professor in communications at Hardin-Simmons University. He has written extensively about film, popular culture, religion and sports.*

**Tuesday, November 11 | 4:30-6 p.m. | \$15 In-Person**  
**TTUHSC Public Health Building | 1650 Pine Street | Abilene, TX**



## Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World

**IP**

"The Serviceberry": From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of "Braiding Sweetgrass", a bold and inspiring vision for how to orient our lives around gratitude, reciprocity and community, based on the lessons of the natural world. This book club will gather at Seven and One Books, and the course fee includes a copy of the book for each registrant.

*Arlene Kasselman is owner of Seven and One Books, an independent bookstore in downtown Abilene and is a very popular book club leader.*

**Wednesday, November 12 | 10:30 a.m.-noon | \$35 Includes Book**  
**Seven and One Books | 1138 North 2nd Street | Abilene, TX**



## The Universe is Made of Stories, Not of Atoms.\*

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A story is, by nature, transformative. It has a beginning, it moves through an event or process, and it ends up in a different place than it began. Something has changed. Whether they are fact or fantasy, stories are a connective tissue between people and past and present. We will learn some hints of how to tell a good story. Whether it's around a campfire, writing a memoir, talking to our children or reminiscing with old friends, when we tell a story, we say something about ourselves and creating connections with others.

\* Title: A quote from Muriel Rukeyser

**John and Judy Powell** moved back to Abilene 18 years ago from Urbana, Illinois, where John was a psychologist at the University of Illinois Counseling Center.

**Thursday, November 13 | 5:30-7 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online**  
**TTUHSC Public Health Building | 1650 Pine Street | Abilene, TX**

## 250 Years: The Legacy and Future of the U.S. Navy

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In October, the United States Navy marks its 250th anniversary—an extraordinary milestone in American history. The course will explore the Navy's origins in the American Revolution, its evolving mission through two and a half centuries of conflict and innovation, and its role in shaping national security and global affairs today. We'll examine the conflicts, notable leaders, advancements and enduring traditions that make it what it is. Join us for an engaging look at how the U.S. Navy has protected the nation's interests across the seas.

**Hugh H. Hurt III, Ph.D. (Harry)** is the former program manager at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory and held positions with the Office of Naval Research and Naval Air Systems Command.

**Tuesday, November 18 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person**  
**TTUHSC Public Health Building | 1650 Pine Street | Abilene, TX**



## A Journey

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### into Giant Amphibian Ecology

This course will cover the important roles amphibians play in our lives. It will highlight North America's Giant Salamander, the Eastern Hellbender, and conservation approaches currently underway to save this endangered salamander. The course will also focus on how amphibians can be used to teach about nature and conservation. The class will end with an interactive session focused on water quality and hellbender conservation.

**Rod Williams, Ph.D.**, vice provost of Outreach and Engagement, and **Shandus White-Helms**, program director for Community Partnerships, both at Texas Tech, are the presenters.

**Thursday, November 20 | 1:30-3 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online**  
**TTUHSC Public Health Building | 1650 Pine Street | Abilene, TX**



## Through the Lens of Big Country Journal

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Ron Erdrich recently celebrated his 25th year at the *Abilene Reporter-News*, every year driving thousands of miles around West Texas.

He's had plenty of time to develop some thoughts about the people of this region he covers, as well as the professions of journalism and photography and what's next for them. The class will give students a view of what a news photographer who's also a feature writer goes through balancing the technical demands of digital deadlines, news cycles and (in particular) wild weather. In this interactive forum, Ron will talk about this part of the world he's adopted as viewed through his lens.

**Ron Erdrich** is an award-winning photographer and writer at the *Abilene Reporter-News*. He is known in many surrounding towns as "Abilene."

**Thursday, December 4 | 1:30-3 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online**  
**TTUHSC Public Health Building | 1650 Pine Street | Abilene, TX**

# Fredericksburg

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Monday - Thursday: 12 pm - 5 pm  
Friday: Closed

## Fredericksburg OLLI Fall Kickoff **IP**

Enjoy wine and snacks while learning about the interesting and educational programs available through the OLLI program in Fredericksburg.

Sunday, September 7 | 5:30-7 p.m. | \$35 In-Person

Golden Hub Community Center

1009 N. Lincoln Street | Fredericksburg, TX



## You Are Living in a Poem **IP**

A participatory, generative poetry writing workshop open to those who have been writing for a long time as well as those who rarely write. Poems are close to us every day. How do we invite them on to the page? How do they help us see and think about our lives?

Please bring a notebook and writing utensil.

*Naomi Shihab Nye is a professor at Texas State University and has been a visiting poet in many venues all her adult life. She participated in the first Fredericksburg Book Festival and her most recent collection of poems is called "Grace Notes - Poems About Families."*

Tuesday, September 16 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person

Fredericksburg United Methodist Church

1800 Llano Street | Fredericksburg, TX

## All The World's A Stage **IP**

Shakespeare wrote in "As You Like It" that all of the world is a stage, and we're all merely playing a role that is our life. Is that true? Is real life anything like putting on a theater production? What goes on behind the scenes? How does it all come together? Why do they call it "the magic of the theater?" What happens when it all falls apart? This promises to be an entertaining session about theater's ability to make the world (our stage) better with its ability to make us laugh, cry, think again, and be uplifted.

*Jeryl Hoover, a 45-year veteran of the amateur stage will share unique anecdotes, humorous reflections, and lifelong learnings from his career directing and performing with amateurs.*

Thursday, September 18 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person

Fredericksburg United Methodist Church

1800 Llano Street | Fredericksburg, TX



## The Preserve: Animal Expedition **IP**

Your Animal Expedition at The Preserve will take you on a journey to meet animals from two of the world's most biodiverse continents—Australia and Africa. Meet kangaroos, wallabies and Australian birds as you walk through our immersive Australian Walkabout. Learn about each species as you meet them in an up-close-and-personal way. Next we will venture to Africa to meet giant African tortoises and African crested porcupines. Your experience will conclude with a trip to see the tallest animal in Africa—the giraffe. Feed and take pictures with our long-necked friends as you learn all about this unique animal.

Monday, September 22 | 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Friday, September 26 | 2 p.m. | \$45, Limited to 30 Students

The Preserve | 650 Doublehorn Road | Fredericksburg, TX



## Claude Monet: Gardens as Life and Art

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Monet created a memorable life at Giverny. The masterpieces he produced, his famous flower garden and his lesser-known kitchen garden that met his gourmet tastes for over 40 years, melded into his unique life and art. Here, we can dream of lunching in his yellow dining room surrounded by his beloved Japanese woodcuts before touring the serene flower garden.

*Carole Buchanan, Ph.D., is an award-winning teacher with a doctorate in African history, and she trains world and European history advanced placement teachers.*

Thursday, September 25 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person

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## FISCHER&WIESER<sup>®</sup> *farmstead* COOKING SCHOOL

### Greek Street Food Favorites Demonstration Dinner

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Join us for a demonstration dinner with Chef Stella Karp. Learn and savor a delicious dinner paired with exquisite wines and immerse yourself in the perfect harmony of Greek flavors. Take home a recipe booklet with step-by-step instructions and cooking tips so you can recreate the magic of Mediterranean Cuisine in your own home.

Wine Included with Meal

Wednesday, October 1 | 5:30-7 p.m. | \$80 In-Person

Das Peach Haus | 1406 S US Highway 87 | Fredericksburg, TX

## Transforming Lives Through Literacy

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Celebrating its 36th year, the Gillespie Literacy Council is transforming lives through literacy by offering free classes to adults in Basic Literacy, English as a Secondary Language, U.S. Citizenship Preparation and GED Preparation. The all-volunteer community-based organization has students from a variety of countries who study at their own pace. The non-profit has tutors from all different professions, and many are bilingual. All the members of the Gillespie Literacy Council believe that education is the key to success.

*JoAnna Vernetti Troppy, volunteer executive director of the Gillespie Literacy Council, is a Texas lawyer practicing as JoAnna Vernetti, attorney at law.*

Thursday, October 2 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person

Fredericksburg United Methodist Church  
1800 Llano Street | Fredericksburg, TX



[sindecusemuseum.org](http://sindecusemuseum.org)

## Leonie Meusebach von Zesch, a Woman Ahead of her Time

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Focusing on the granddaughter of Fredericksburg's founder, John O. Meusebach, discover how Leonie's degree as one of the first female dentists in America in 1902 led her to the Army, the Navy, the wilds of Alaska and more. Taken from her own words found in her journal, you will learn how her life of service through dentistry showcased her adventures as well as her connection to dog sledding and the Civil Conservation Corps. Leonie's accomplishments are a story that has remained in the background but should be known by all.

*Karen Vanek is a retired educator and a history lover. She taught creative writing in Houston ISD. She is an associate member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.*

Tuesday, October 7 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person

Fredericksburg United Methodist Church  
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## An Overview of Enchanted Rock IP

This course will provide a brief overview of the geologic, human and natural history of Fredericksburg's famous exfoliation dome and explore topics related to recent land acquisition and historic land use in Central Texas.

*Hannah Rae Pickens is an interpretive ranger and natural resource specialist at Enchanted Rock State Natural Area.*

Thursday, October 9 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person  
Fredericksburg United Methodist Church  
1800 Llano Street | Fredericksburg, TX



## Swinging Doors: Saloons and Dancehalls IP

Saloons and dancehalls, once a big part of Hill Country life, are almost gone. Hear them come alive again with music and laughter in this celebration of legendary taverns, dancing spots and watering holes.

*Michael Barr writes a local history column, called Hindsights, for the Fredericksburg Standard. The author of five books and numerous short stories, he is a regular contributor to Rock and Vine Magazine.*

Tuesday, October 14 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person  
Fredericksburg United Methodist Church  
1800 Llano Street | Fredericksburg, TX



Photos by James D. Lindley

## Visit the Cave Creek and Rheingold Schools IP

At the Cave Creek School, we will meet and hear the story of the Country Schools of Gillespie. At the Rheingold School, we will hear the story of the Friends of Gillespie County Country Schools' (FGCCS) efforts to preserve 12 of the 44 schools. The efforts of the community changed the Texas Constitution in order to preserve these schools for future generations, a community effort fulfilling the mission "Preserving the Past to Enrich the Future"

*James D. Lindley, MD, retired nephrologist and past president of the FGCCS and Gillespie County Historical Society will relate the story of the schools along with help from community club members.*

Thursday, October 16 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person  
Cave Creek School, 470 Cave Creek Road | Fredericksburg, TX  
Rheingold School, 334 Rheingold School Road | Fredericksburg, TX



## Linked by Fate and Friendship: HST and LBJ IP

David D. Schafer will describe the relationship between Harry S. Truman and Lyndon B. Johnson and the many links that connected their historic presidencies. Schafer's presentation will feature audio recordings of telephone conversations between the two men during Johnson's presidency in the 1960s.

*During his 32-year career in the National Park Service, Schafer served at Harry S. Truman National Historic Site in Missouri and Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park in Texas. Now retired, he researches, writes and leads trolley tours of historic Fredericksburg, Texas.*

Monday, October 20 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person  
Fredericksburg United Methodist Church  
1800 Llano Street | Fredericksburg, TX



## Luckenbach IP Texas: The Center of the Universe

In her third Texanna collectible memoir, Becky Crouch Patterson, artist and author, explores the “outlaw attitude” of 1850s

German Texans and the lyrical freedom of 1970s outlaw music, sharing stories that reflect a transformative Texan identity. She witnessed her father, Hondo Crouch, reinventing Luckenbach and the rise of Texas Outlaw Music.

*With 50 years as a designer of western wear and liturgical art, Becky Crouch Patterson was the first woman to have a solo show at The Museum of Western Art in Kerrville and is archived in the Cowgirl Hall of Fame Museum in Fort Worth as an artist and author.*

Thursday, October 23 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person

Fredericksburg United Methodist Church  
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## Zion in the Texas Hills IP

The average Texan would be surprised to know that Mormons played an important part in the settlement of the Texas Hill Country. Followers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints would be equally surprised that the first temple west of the Mississippi was at Zodiac, near Fredericksburg, not in St. George, Utah. This presentation will focus on the reasons for their presence in early Texas, describe known Mormon memorabilia and discuss a Texas Supreme Court decision in which a Mormon farm in Gillespie County played a decisive part.

*Katherine Peake is a retired Fredericksburg municipal judge and has been combing courthouse records and other primary sources as well as published materials.*

Wednesday, November 5 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person

Fredericksburg United Methodist Church  
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## In Memento Mori IP

“In memento mori” translates to “in the spirit of remembering death.” This presentation includes mourning jewelry, needlepoints, poems and a framed piece written in German with braided hair, which the instructor wishes the Gillespie County Museum would accept.

*Rita LeNoir graduated from the University of Texas. She attended Harvard for “fun” and Oxford for the “Oxford experience” at Christ Church.*

Monday, November 10 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person

Fredericksburg United Methodist Church  
1800 Llano Street | Fredericksburg, TX



## A Journey into Giant Amphibian Ecology IP

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Wednesday, November 19 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person

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# Fredericksburg

## Intelligence Support in National Security

Learn about the U.S. Intelligence Community (IC) - how the IC is organized and why it is organized the way it is, the various disciplines in the IC, the difference between covert and clandestine, the various types of "intelligence failures," how the IC is funded, who oversees it and the IC's interactions with national security leaders at all levels across the government.

*Eric Hammersen spent more than 25 years in the Intelligence Community, both in the U.S. and abroad. He taught intelligence-related courses at the National Defense University, the National Intelligence University and Texas Tech.*

Wednesday, December 3 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person

Fredericksburg United Methodist Church  
1800 Llano Street | Fredericksburg, TX

IP

## Identity Thieves & Scammers

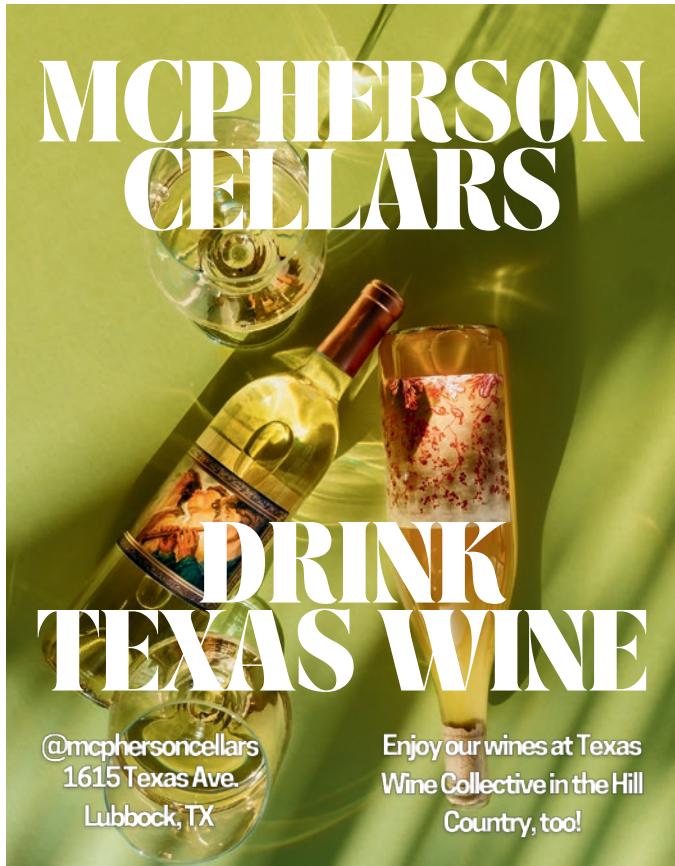
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Identity theft and scams are still on the rise, and it's not just high-tech thieves. Everyone must be diligent and aware of how these people steal money and identities. This course will explain the different types of identity theft and scams, how to avoid them and what to do if you become an unfortunate victim.

*Jody Donovan is a local financial advisor with Joseph Financial Partners. Jody has been researching and presenting this topic to his clients and organizations for over a decade. He loves helping people with their finances as well as how to preserve them by not falling victim to thieves.*

Tuesday, December 9 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person

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806 Steve Hawkins Pkwy  
Marble Falls, TX 78654  
Monday & Friday: Closed  
Tuesday-Thursday: 9 am - 4 pm

## Highland Lakes OLLI Fall Kickoff **IP**

Join OLLI at Texas Tech Highland Lakes as we celebrate this new semester filled with fun, food and fellowship. Enjoy wine and appetizers while presenters share information about OLLI classes. Then, take time to explore and register for all of the exciting new catalog offerings.

RSVP by September 5 to reserve your space.

Monday, September 8 | 5:30-7 p.m. | Free In-Person  
Hidden Falls Bistro and Bar  
220 Meadowlakes Drive | Meadowlakes, TX



## The Railroad Comes to Town **IP**

The Austin to Marble Falls Railroad began six years before the town of Marble Falls was established. The Railroad, constructed in several stages, created a direct link to Austin. It was instrumental in the growth of the town and the construction of the Texas State Capitol as its tracks were crucial for transporting the infamous pink granite.

*Bob Kent received a Masters in History from Boise State University. He has published several professional and historical articles. He is on the board of directors for the Falls on the Colorado Museum.*

Wednesday, September 17 | 1:30-3 p.m. | \$15 In-Person  
TTU Higher Education Teaching Site at Highland Lakes  
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## From the State House to the White House **H**

Join Morris Wilkes as he takes participants on an apolitical journey with his personal stories, observations and decades-long experiences in broadcasting, and from the State Capitol to the White House. This discussion includes U.S. and Texas history, how leadership and communication skills are important, personal experiences with political officials, where our civil society has been and where it is going. This presentation will differ from his first one.

*Morris is the founder of The Wilkes Company, a strategic communications and public affairs consulting firm. He is a certified public speaker, trainer and executive coach on communication and leadership.*

Tuesday, September 23 | 1:30-3 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online  
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## Private Art Museums in our Midst **IP**

Did you know that fewer than 300 museums showcasing a singular artist exist worldwide? Texas is second only to New York in its number of single artists museums in America. Private Art Museums are opening worldwide to showcase significant collections to accompany the survey museums we have loved for centuries. How do these differ? What is their mission? Some of the most dramatic examples will be shared with motivation for the rapid growth of these unique cultural experiences and educational projects.

*Lorraine Benini has a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and English from the University of South Florida. She also received a Masters from the University of Florida. She has been working in Fine Arts for 40 years.*

Thursday, September 25 | 10-11:30 a.m. | \$15 In-Person  
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## The Purpose and History of the Texas Property Tax

**H**

Originating in 1993, the current property tax system in Texas aims to provide equitable funding for school students. The complexity of the appraisal system stems from variations in property values and from the multiplicity of taxing authorities. Sequencing the story brings clarity and understanding. Attendees are encouraged to bring a copy of their own Notice of Appraised Value and their Tax Statement to review during the class.

*Charles Miller has a BBA and MBA from the University of Texas, Austin. He was a commercial banker for 22 years and has been a board member of the Llano County Appraisal District for 8 years.*

Tuesday, September 30 | 10-11:30 a.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online  
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## Lyndon B. Johnson's Presidency at the LBJ Ranch

**IP**

David D. Schafer will provide course participants with insights into Lyndon B. Johnson's historic presidency during the 1960s when he was governing the nation from the LBJ Ranch

near Stonewall, Texas. Through stories, descriptions and a variety of media—such as photographs and audio-visual recordings—Schafer will share this compelling history with attendees.

*Schafer worked for the National Park Service for 32 years at historic sites in Kansas, Hawaii, Missouri, Puerto Rico, Oklahoma and Texas. In 2019, he retired as a supervisory park ranger at Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park.*

Wednesday, October 1 | 1:30-3 p.m. | \$15 In-Person  
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## Native American Life on the San Saba River

**H**

The Baker Archaeological Site is a Late Prehistoric/early historic Native American camping area located along a fossil channel on the San Saba River. Most of these sites appeared to be small, usually covering less than an acre, but the site found here extends over at least 26 acres. The Llano Uplift Archaeological Society spent nearly five years investigating here. Come learn about our discoveries and what they tell us about those that were here long before we were, some as early as the 1300s.

*Charles Hixson received his MA in Anthropology from the University of Texas, Austin. He conducts archaeological excavations and surveys with the Llano Uplift Archaeological Society.*

Wednesday, October 8 | 10-11:30 a.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online  
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## The Battles at Adobe Walls

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The Battles of Adobe Walls refer to two separate conflicts that occurred near the ruins of William Bent's abandoned trading post in Hutchinson County. The First Battle involved Kit Carson and U.S. Army troops against a force of Kiowa, Comanche and Plains Apache warriors. The second battle were the Comanche Kiowa and Plains Apache Indians led by Quanah Parker against 28 men and one woman. These battles marked a small turning point in the relationships between the settlers and the Native Americans in the American West.

*Rick Smith is a Texas history buff who has three masters degrees and retired from IBM and Austin Community College.*

Thursday, October 9 | 1:30-3 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online  
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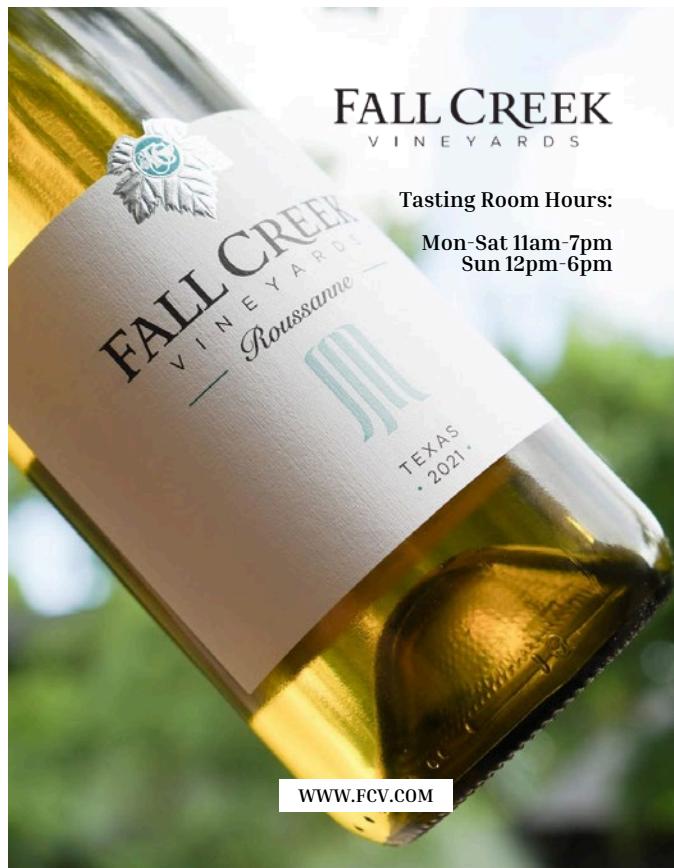
## The Spider Web: Her Conduit to the World

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What exactly are spider webs? How are they made? What can they do? These questions have a lot more complex answers than you might think. Come join us for an interesting and informative presentation about nature's greatest tapestry artisans. Who knows; you might even grow to like them, too.

*Samantha Weaver has been an Inks Lake State Park Ranger for six years and fell in love with spiders through her job.*

Wednesday, October 15 | 1:30-3 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online  
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## 21st-Century Russia: How It Came to Be IP

A major theme of Russian history since Peter the Great has been to catch up with and overtake the West. The late 19th century tsars strove to industrialize, but losses in World War I led to revolution. Stalin's Five-Year Plans of forced modernization continued the policy, emphasizing heavy industry and technology. Putin militarized the plan and sought to restore Russia to empire and great power status. Territorial expansion has been on-going throughout the 21st century. This session will track recent history.

*Carole Buchanan, Ph.D., is an award-winning teacher who taught World & European History and trained Advanced Placement teachers to use art to teach about the past.*

Tuesday, October 21 | 1:30-3 p.m. | \$15 In-Person  
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## History Around the Highland Lakes - A Sampler IP

This presentation covers the history of several early ranches south of the Colorado River that were eventually developed into the community of Horseshoe Bay. As pertinent, some genealogy of the ranch families will be discussed. Maps and photos of the ranches are included. As an introduction, a brief history of the Lower Colorado River Authority will be given, with a focus on Lake LBJ.

*James Jorden is a 27-year resident of Horseshoe Bay and has previously written three history books about the local community.*

Tuesday, October 28 | 1:30-3 p.m. | \$15 In-Person  
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## Disease, Aging, but Most Importantly - Happiness! H

All is not lost! This topic covers the recent science of preventive medicine for reducing the risk for some of the leading causes of premature death: cancer, cardiovascular disease and diabetes. Our best science also provides insights into how older people with chronic disease can still live with a strong sense of well-being. Just as we can work now to reduce our risk of dying prematurely from these diseases, we can also work now so that we have the resilience to maintain "the good life" even when disease does not spare us.

*Vaughn Hamilton taught English and history and now emergency medicine for paramedics. Today, he enjoys working with the Marble Falls Area EMS.*

Thursday, November 6 | 1:30-3 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online  
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## It's Never Too Late! Just Go For It! H

As you look back over your life, wouldn't you hate to say, "I wish I had." Regret often doesn't come from the risks we took, but from the chances we never dared to take and the passions left unexplored. Life doesn't come with guarantees, but it does offer us countless moments to choose courage over comfort. It's never too late to take those chances. This is one man's perspective on stepping into life with intention, courage and heart.

*David Miller graduated from Texas Tech University. He founded Spirit Ranch, a leadership and team development retreat. He was the mayor of Lubbock and on the board of University Medical Center, United Way, Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock National Bank and the Texas Tech Alumni Association.*

Wednesday, November 12 | 10-11:30 a.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online  
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## 2025 Texas Legislature Recap H

The Texas Legislature meets every other year in odd numbered years to pass a two-year budget and to consider new laws. A new Republican Speaker of the House and a veteran Republican Lt. Governor presiding over the Senate have engaged in battles over the budget, tax relief and a myriad of other legal issues. This class will recap those major issues and cover the colorful personalities of the Texas Legislature.

*Frank Reilly is a lawyer who has been involved with the Texas Legislature since 1979. He teaches political science for Texas Tech and serves as the judge of the Municipal Court of Record in Granite Shoals and as Justice of the Peace for Precinct 4 of Burnet County.*

Wednesday, November 13 | 1:30-3 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online  
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## A Journey IP

### into Giant Amphibian Ecology IP

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Wednesday, November 18 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person  
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## Of Earls and Heirs H

Historical and genealogical treasure, along with various oddities, can be found in the collection of files of the Texas General Land Office. A sneak peek of one interesting and uncommon document we will cover is that of the last will of Joseph Heneage Finch, the 7th Earl of Aylesford, who descended from a long line of English nobility. Due to scandal and controversy, the Earl fled his country in self-imposed exile. In 1883, the Earl of Aylesford arrived in Big Spring, Texas, to become a cowboy and odd celebrity.

*Kevin Klaus is the team leader of the Archives and Records Program Area Research Room at the Texas General Land Office in Austin. He has a background in anthropology, archaeology and public history from the University of New Mexico.*

Thursday, November 20 | 1:30-3 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online  
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Friday: 9 am - Noon



## **Lubbock OLLI Fall Kickoff: In Conversation with retired Major General Walter B. Huffman**

**IP**

OLLI invites you to the Fall kickoff with a special conversation featuring Major General Walter B. Huffman, former Judge Advocate General of the U.S. Army and Dean Emeritus of Texas Tech School of Law. From the battlefields of Vietnam to the halls of legal diplomacy, Huffman's story is one of extraordinary service and leadership. Enjoy dinner, wine, prize entries, and an opportunity to learn about and register for OLLI's fall classes.

**Register by August 6, 2025.**

*Major General Walter B. Huffman, U.S. Army, Retired, Dean Emeritus, TTU School of Law*

Thursday, August 14 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | \$40 In-Person  
McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center, West Ballroom  
2521 17th Street | Lubbock, TX



## **Propagating Succulents: Practical Horticulture in a Terra Cotta Pot**

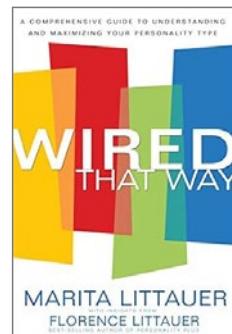
**IP**

Join us for a hands-on workshop on the science and art of succulent propagation, held in Little Red Nursery's new 8,000sf greenhouse. Learn key techniques—leaf and stem cuttings, division—and the biology behind succulent resilience. This session blends practical skills with insight into soil, moisture, and light's role in root development, plus tips on using terracotta containers. Perfect for all experience levels, the class covers propagation timing, care strategies, and succulent biology. Each participant will create and take home a personalized terra cotta arrangement using propagated cuttings. Come ready to dig in and leave with knowledge and a living creation.

*Anna Johnson, owner and operator of Little Red Nursery's two locations.*

Wednesday, August 27 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$50 In-Person  
Little Red Nursery, 4415 Woodrow Rd. | Lubbock, TX





## Understanding and Getting Along with the People in Your Life IP

This class on The Personalities is structured to help you understand different personality types, including your own and those individuals with whom you interact. It offers valuable information for students, professionals, parents/grandparents or anyone interested in personal development. Providing insights that can be applied immediately in daily life, participants will have the chance to complete the “Wired That Way” Personality Profile.

*Marita Littauer Tedder is an accomplished author, speaker, and trainer known for her expertise in interpersonal communication and personality profiling. Many of her books focus on the application of personality profiling in relationships, workplaces, and personal growth. “Wired That Way” is her best-seller.*

Thursday, August 28 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person  
Texas Tech Plaza, 218 | 1901 University Avenue | Lubbock, TX



Georgia O'Keeffe Museum Collections Online

## Georgia O'Keeffe and the Canyon Suite Water Colors H

In the early 1980s an Amarillo housewife found a package of watercolors while cleaning out her father-in-law's garage. The water colors were unsigned, yet they had a familiar look about them. The events that followed led to a \$5 million art “misunderstanding.” Come and find out the details of this interesting story.

*Jack Becker, librarian emeritus for the Texas Tech Libraries, and local historian, will present the story.*

Friday, September 5 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online  
Texas Tech Plaza, 218 | 1901 University Avenue | Lubbock, TX



## 200 Years of Texas Ranger History H

This will be an interactive presentation on the past 200 years of the Texas Rangers, taking you down the journey of the agency since 1823. There will be a video and in-depth discussion on how the Texas Rangers have evolved and their current duties, followed by a

question and answer portion.

*Scott Stevenson, Lieutenant Texas Ranger, received his bachelor's from McMurry University in Abilene. He is married with three children. He has served 29 years with the Texas Department of Public Safety and 15 years with the Texas Ranger Division. He has provided security for Texas Tech head football coaches since 2013, from Kliff Kingsbury to current HC Joey McGuire.*

Thursday, September 4 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online  
Texas Tech Plaza, 218 | 1901 University Avenue | Lubbock, TX



**Act as if what YOU do makes a difference... It does! IP**

AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP is a program for individuals aged 55+ to engage in volunteer service that meets

critical community needs. It connects thousands of seniors with local organizations, allowing them to choose how, where and when to serve, with commitments ranging from a few hours to 40 per week. Lubbock RSVP serves Lubbock and surrounding areas, reaching beyond county boundaries.

*Joan Blackmon, MBA, TTUHSC, is a former Lubbock RSVP director and program coordinator. She has coordinated the Garrison Institute on Healthy Aging Lecture Series and Healthy Lubbock Initiatives and volunteers with Lubbock Meals on Wheels, South Plains Food Bank, Toys for Tots, Comfort Corps and Texas Silver-Haired Legislature (TSHL).*

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# Lubbock



Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

## Dinner With David Cho: a Musical Journey to the New World IP

Tchaikovsky's star-crossed love, Mozart's innovation, Rachmaninoff's triumphal sojourn in the United States; with a tie-in of Maestro David Cho's personal journey as a pianist, conductor, and musical ambassador. Join us for dinner at the Lubbock Women's Club to share David's musical passion and journey from Seoul, Korea to Lubbock, Texas. David will also dazzle us with his piano talent!

*Instructor David Cho is the seventh music director of the Lubbock Symphony. He has conducted the Vienna Philharmonic, the National Symphony, Atlanta, Houston and Seattle Symphonies. He resides in Lubbock, TX and is actively involved in community outreach.*

**Wednesday, September 17 | 5:30-7 p.m. | \$40 In-Person**  
Lubbock Women's Club | 2020 Broadway St | Lubbock, Texas

## Upcoming LSO Concerts

**LUBBOCK SYMPHONY 25-26 SEASON**

**MASTERWORKS**

**Tchaikovsky & Rachmaninoff**  
THURS. NOV. 6, 2025 + THE BUDDY HOLLY HALL  
Fei-Fei, piano David Cho, conductor

**Symphonie Espagnole Featuring Chee-Yun**  
SAT. JAN. 24, 2026 + THE BUDDY HOLLY HALL  
Chee-Yun, violin David Cho, conductor

**Brahms: A German Requiem**  
SAT. FEB. 28, 2026 + THE BUDDY HOLLY HALL  
The Lubbock Chorale David Cho, conductor

**Echos of the New World**  
SAT. APR. 4, 2026 + THE BUDDY HOLLY HALL  
Lubbock Youth Orchestra, side-by-side Gary Lewis, conductor

**Celebrate America: 1812 Overture and More**  
SAT. MAY. 23, 2026 + THE BUDDY HOLLY HALL  
David Cho, conductor

**SPECIAL EVENT**

**Jurassic Park in Concert** FRI. OCT. 31, 2025 + THE BUDDY HOLLY HALL  
Film with LIVE Orchestra David Cho, conductor

**CHAMBER**

**Ladder to the Moon: A Celestial Journey**  
FRI. SEPT. 19, 2025  
THE BUDDY HOLLY HALL CRICKETS THEATER  
Annie Chalex Boyle, violin  
Eric Allen, conductor

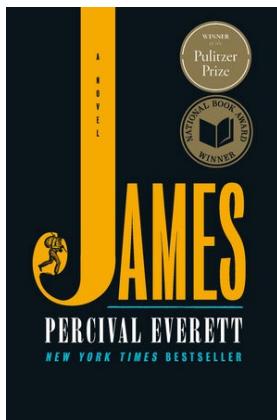
**Appalachian Spring**  
SAT. MAR. 14, 2026  
THE BUDDY HOLLY HALL CRICKETS THEATER  
Gary Hudson, trumpet  
Joseph Vandiver, trumpet  
Eric Allen, conductor

**HOLIDAY**

**HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS**  
THURS. DEC. 4, 2025  
THE LUBBOCK MEMORIAL CIVIC CENTER  
Corbin DeSpain, vocalist  
Kathleen Feltly, vocalist

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## OLLI Book Club IP

This class is a book-club-style discussion of a contemporary text, in this case, Percival Everett's Pulitzer-Prize-winning novel, *James*, which reimagines the story of Mark Twain's Adventures of Huckleberry Finn from Jim's perspective.

*Instructor Katie Cortese, author of "Make Way for Her and Other Stories" and "Girl Power and Other Short-Short Stories," has work in journals such as Indiana Review, Blackbird, and Gulf Coast. She holds a Ph.D. from Florida State University and an MFA from Arizona State University. She teaches in the creative writing program at Texas Tech, where she also serves as faculty director of Texas Tech University Press and series editor of the Iron Horse Book Prize.*

**Friday, September 19 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person**  
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## Back By Popular Demand: Introduction to Chess IP

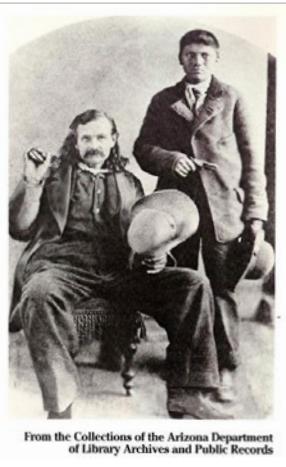
With over 800 million players worldwide, chess has captivated inquisitive minds since its origin in India around 600 C.E. Today, the game remains so intricate that fewer than 1,500 grandmasters actively compete. This course offers a comprehensive introduction to chess, covering its rich history, the board and the pieces, along with essential game principles. By the end, you'll gain an appreciation for chess's depth, along with skills to play competitive games with family and friends. You may even feel inspired to join tournaments or pursue lessons to advance further as a player. Registration is for all six sessions.

*Jeff Day ranks in the top 15% of all chess players in the United States. He teaches Introduction to Chess at Texas Tech.*

**Mondays- Sept 22, Sept 29, Oct 6, Oct 13, Oct 20, Oct 27**

**2-3:30 p.m. | \$40 In-Person**

**Texas Tech Plaza, 223 | 1901 University Avenue | Lubbock, TX**



From the Collections of the Arizona Department of Library Archives and Public Records

## Chuck Wagon Dinner & SW History: Jack Swilling, Arizona Pioneer

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This class explores the life and legacy of Jack Swilling, Arizona pioneer and founder of Phoenix, paired with a chuck wagon meal for historical context. A prospector, mine/mill owner and saloon/dance hall owner, he was a

colorful figure of the American West. Swilling embodied both pioneering spirit and lawlessness. Examine the Arizona Territory's history, Swilling's life and his genealogy. Wrongly imprisoned, he died before clearing his name; his wife later helped restore his legacy, honored by the DAR in 1931.

*Instructor Monica Hightower, western history enthusiast and Swilling's third great-grandniece, presents this story. She owns the HX Chuck Wagon of Lubbock, Texas, a family heirloom wagon used for ranch cooking, competitions and catering.*

**Wednesday, September 24 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

**\$40 In-Person Includes Dinner**

**National Ranching Heritage Center | 3121 4th Street | Lubbock, TX**



## Texas Tech's National 1st: Tour the Oil Rig at the Oilfield Technology Center

IP

Join us on a tour of the nation's first full-scale operational oil rig on a university campus at Texas Tech's Oilfield Technology Center. Students gain hands-on experience in the oil field with real-world drilling equipment. After the tour, head into the onsite classroom for a presentation on petroleum engineering and how Texas Tech's Roughneck Bootcamp and Watson's work trained actors for Paramount + "Landman" series.

*Marshall Watson holds a bachelor's from Cornell and both a master's and a doctoral degree in petroleum engineering from Texas Tech. The chair of TTU Petroleum Engineering Department, Watson is an award-winning professor, a professional engineer, a patented inventor, and an author.*

**Wednesday, October 1 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$20 In-Person**

**Texas Tech's Oilfield Technology Center (OTC)**

**1051 TX-289 Loop | Lubbock, TX**



## Unlock Your Creativity

IP

All of us encounter projects requiring creativity—party themes, home décor ideas, story plots—a bright idea is within reach. This two-part workshop offers tools

to unlock creativity on command. In session one, we'll share what's worked before, practice individual brainstorming and learn fun, easy perspective-expanding tools. In session two, we'll conduct a group brainstorm to demonstrate a powerful tool for team projects. Whether or not you have a current project, you'll gain lasting tools for idea creation.

*After 35 years in advertising and PR, Patti Douglass earned her doctorate at age 62 and now teaches in the College of Media & Communication at Texas Tech. She believes everyone is creative and just needs the right tools to unlock it.*

**Thursdays, September 25 and October 2**

**2-3:30 p.m. | \$20 In-Person**

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## Lunch & Learn: Public Health Leadership in the Age of Misinformation

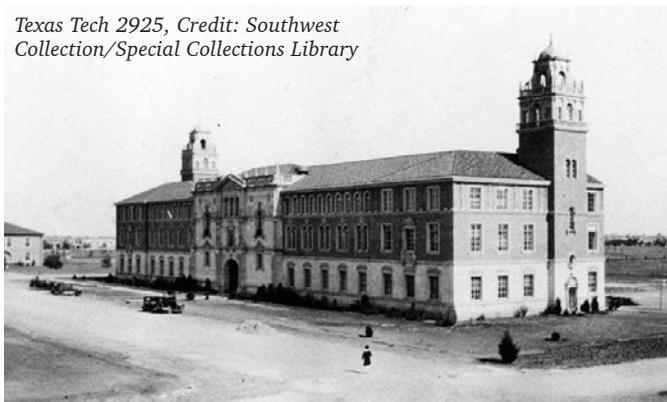
Enjoy lunch from Skyviews while this lecture explores the intersection of public health, misinformation and anti-science movements through the lens of the 2025 measles outbreak in West Texas. Led by Dr. Katherine Wells, Director of Lubbock Public Health, it offers a frontline view of the response and role of misinformation and eroded trust. It explores how local governance, leadership and cross-agency coordination were critical in navigating the outbreak and protecting community health.

*Dr. Wells expanded Lubbock Public Health into a regional leader, served with the Texas Department of State Health Services, and is a past president of the Texas Association of City and County Health Officials. She holds a DrPH from the University of North Carolina and an MPH from Texas A&M.*

Tuesday, October 7 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. | \$30 In-Person

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*Texas Tech 2925, Credit: Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library*



## Some Firsts at the New College: A Look at Fall 1925 at Texas Technological College

We have celebrated the centennial of the establishment of Texas Technological College, but fall 2025 will mark the centennial of the first quarter of classes. One hundred years ago was a time of many firsts for Texas Tech: the first building(s), the first sports team, the first president. This list could go on and on, but an obvious one, especially at an institution of higher learning, are the “firsts” in academics. Classes started on Oct. 1, 1925. This presentation will take a look at the first fall at Texas Tech.

*Jennifer Spurrier, associate archivist at the Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library will lead the discussion.*

Tuesday, October 14 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online

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## Build Beautiful Charcuterie: A Hands-On Experience with Wine Pairings

Join us for a fun, hands-on class where you'll learn the art of building a beautiful and balanced charcuterie board. Whether entertaining guests or treating yourself, a thoughtfully curated board can elevate any occasion. We'll cover selecting meats, cheeses, fruits and accompaniments that look stunning and taste amazing together. As we build, we'll also taste a selection of wines and explore how to create the “perfect bite” by pairing flavors and textures. You'll leave with tips, tricks and inspiration to craft your own pairings at home.

*Tameisha Bolen, owner of Bolen Vineyards, found her creative outlet in crafting charcuterie boards—an art form that reflects her love for “grazing,” sharing and bringing people together around the table.*

Thursday, October 9 | 5:30-7 p.m. | \$35 In-Person

Bolen Vineyards | 312 N FM168 | Smyer, TX





## A Heritage in Every Glass: The Historical Rise of Texas Wine

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Did you know Texas's wine story predates California's? Everything's bigger and older in Texas. Explore the rich history of Texas winemaking, from early Spanish missionaries to today's thriving industry. Learn about key milestones, challenges, climate, grape varieties and cultural influences that define Texas wine. Also get recommendations on notable Texas wine varieties, food pairings and ways to deepen your appreciation. Light snacks provided.

*Instructor Natalia Velikova, Ph.D., professor of Wine Marketing at Texas Tech and associate director of the Texas Wine Marketing Research Institute, has worked with the industry for over 25 years. Her research supports its growth, and she's passionate about sharing her knowledge to unlock the full potential of Texas wines.*

**Thursday, October 16 | 5:30-7 p.m. | \$20 In-Person**  
**Texas Tech Plaza, 218 | 1901 University Avenue | Lubbock, TX**



## The Aging Gut: What Time, Stress and Tacos Do to Your Digestive Health

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As we age, so does our digestive system—but how do you tell the difference between a quirky stomach and something serious? In this engaging talk, Dr. Costilla will cover GI concerns in adults over 50: acid reflux, constipation, bloating, colon cancer screening. She'll explain why symptoms appear more with age, which tests help, which don't, and how lifestyle, stress and diet impact gut health. The goal is to empower attendees, debunk myths and encourage open Q&A.

*Dr. Vanessa Costilla is a gastroenterologist in Lubbock, Texas; medical director of Endoscopy at University Medical Center, division chief at UMC Gastroenterology Clinic, and associate program director at TTUHSC. Fluent in English and Spanish, she is passionate about colon cancer screening and IBD care.*

**Tuesday, October 21 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online**  
**Texas Tech Plaza, 218 | 1901 University Avenue | Lubbock, TX**



## Hand-Built History: The Goodman Gin

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Step back into Texas cotton history with the story of the Goodman Gin. Built around 1875 near Tyler, this rare mule-powered gin operated without steam or electricity and processed up to six bales a day. Its unique construction and press design offer insight into early cotton production. Moved to Lubbock in the 1970s, it now stands at the FiberMax Center for Discovery, preserving regional agricultural heritage and ingenuity.

*Lacee Hoelting, director of the FiberMax Center, holds agriculture degrees from Texas Tech and Texas A&M. Passionate about history and agriculture, she champions a new literacy wing for young learners. Laura Johnson, education manager for the wing, holds degrees from Texas Tech and University of Oklahoma and brings a background in teaching and museum studies.*

**Wednesday, October 22 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online**  
**Texas Tech Plaza, 218 | 1901 University Avenue | Lubbock, TX**



## Leprino Foods: The New Lubbock Facility

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Leprino Foods is the largest mozzarella cheese producer in the world, and its Lubbock plant will process 8 million lbs of milk each day and bring over 600 jobs to Lubbock. Come learn more about the economic impact the facility brings to the Lubbock community and surrounding area as well as the cheese and whey making process!

*Presented by Leprino Foods Production Supervisor.*

**Thursday, October 23 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online**  
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## **The Great Pivot: Marshmallow Cowboy and Cogdell's at the Ranch** IP

Learn to take catastrophe and pivot to the unexpected that can change your life trajectory. Matt and Katy Rush share their journey from tragedy to a new direction. In 2022, Matt created The Marshmallow Cowboy, a children's book inspired by his value-based leadership training. Katy manages Cogdell's at the National Ranching Heritage Center. She'll share how she revamped the store from buying to designing custom products.

*Matt Rush, aka the Gooder Guy, says "You can do more, be more and have more than you ever thought possible. You have to be willing to get over yourself to get there." He's a children's author, speaker, trainer and bronze artist. Katy Rush, with a background in fashion and events, helps others find joy through life's complexities.*

Wednesday, October 29 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$20 In-Person  
National Ranching Heritage Center | 3121 4th Street | Lubbock, TX

## **Lyndon B. Johnson's Presidency at the LBJ Ranch** IP



David D. Schafer will provide course participants with insights into Lyndon B. Johnson's historic presidency during the 1960s when he was governing the nation from the LBJ Ranch near Stonewall, Texas. Through stories, descriptions, and media such as photographs and audio-visual recordings, Schafer will share this compelling history with attendees.

*Schafer, a native of Kansas, worked for the National Park Service for 32 years at historic sites in Kansas, Hawaii, Missouri, Puerto Rico, Oklahoma and Texas. In 2019, he retired as a supervisory park ranger at Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park. In addition to researching and writing, he leads trolley tours of historic Fredericksburg.*

Thursday, October 30 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person  
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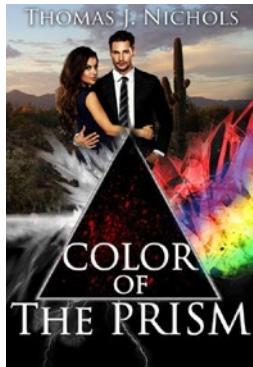
## **Decorating the White House for Christmas** H



This course takes participants through the steps and procedures of decorating the White House for Christmas. An insider's view of themes, planning, preparation and working in cooperative teams to implement a selected design is provided along with information on the application process.

*Susan Talkmitt was a team captain for two years in decorating the White House for Christmas. She is a graduate of Texas Tech with a bachelor's in horticulture and a master's in biology. Susan is retired from Texas Tech and owns a retail shop which specializes in Christmas and home decor.*

Monday, November 3 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online  
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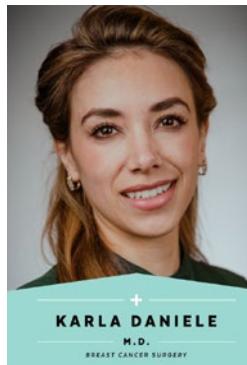
## Book-to-Film Project: How MGM found "Color of the Prism" H

This class focuses on how Tom Nichols, a local Lubbock author, broke into Hollywood, how he took his work experience, transcribed it into a fact-based novel and met with interested film makers. Soon we will be able to see his novel, "Color of the Prism,"

on the big screen. Tom's police career spanned the era of the growth of the Mexican drug cartels and the accompanying war on drugs. He brings us the inside view of that war, the violence, deception and greed.

*Instructor and author Thomas J. Nichols earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona and graduated from top FBI and Harvard programs. A former Marine, he served 50 years in criminal justice from patrol to executive protection for presidents and prime ministers, as well as 29 years as chief in Arizona and Texas.*

**Thursday, November 6 | 10-11:30 a.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online**  
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## The Other Half of Healing: Integrative Oncology in Action H

This class offers an overview of integrative medicine focused on evidence-based oncology applications: How complementary therapies used with standard cancer treatments improve outcomes, quality of life and well-being.

Topics include nutrition, acupuncture, behavioral health and touch therapies. Dr. Daniele defines integrative medicine, explains its role in cancer care and discusses how weight management affects cancer risk, including the link between obesity and early-onset breast cancer. She reviews evidence for key therapies and addresses challenges and emerging research.

*Dr. Karla Daniele, director of UMC Breast Center and Integrative Medicine, specializes in combining standard and integrative care to support recovery and long-term wellness.*

**Friday, November 7 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online**  
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## OLLI Book Club: Daughter of a Song IP

This class is a book-club-style discussion of Sarah Curtis's memoir about growing up as the daughter of musician Sonny Curtis of the Crickets. The first hour will be an open discussion led by the instructor, followed by a half-hour Q&A with the author in person.

*Instructor Katie Cortese, author of "Make Way for Her and Other Stories" and "Girl Power and Other Short-Short Stories," has work in journals such as Indiana Review, Blackbird, and Gulf Coast. She holds a Ph.D. from Florida State University and an MFA from Arizona State University. She teaches in the creative writing program at Texas Tech, where she also serves as faculty director of Texas Tech University Press and series editor of the Iron Horse Book Prize.*

**Tuesday, November 11 | 1-2:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person**  
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## Dinner and Movie: Come meet "Father's Little Dividend"

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"Father's Little Dividend" (1951) stars Spencer Tracy, Joan Bennett and Elizabeth Taylor in

a hilarious story about impending parenthood. Taylor's character is expecting a baby, and Tracy's character, facing grandfatherhood, has mixed feelings but ultimately supports his daughter, wondering what life will be like after the "little dividend" arrives. Directed by Vincente Minnelli, it was the winner of the Director's Guild of America Award for Outstanding Directorial Achievement. The film won two Photoplay awards and was nominated for the Gold Medal for Favorite Picture of the Year. You'll be moved to joy by meeting "Father's Little Dividend."

*Instructor Rob Weiner, M.S., M.A., is a Texas Tech librarian and longtime OLLI film instructor.*

**Tuesday, November 11 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | \$40 In-Person**  
**Lubbock Women's Club | 2020 Broadway Street | Lubbock, TX**



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## Lubbock: Economic Conditions & Trends

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This course provides a data-driven look at Lubbock's economic landscape. Gain insights into job growth, industry trends, population shifts, real estate developments and key business investments shaping the city's future. This is your chance to stay informed about the factors driving Lubbock's economy and what's ahead for our community. Bring your questions.

*Instructor John Osborne, president and CEO of the Lubbock Economic Development Alliance for over 15 years. He chaired the Texas Economic Development Council, Texas Travel Alliance and Ports to Plains, and serves on the Workforce Solutions South Plains board. A Dallas native, he holds degrees from West Texas A&M and multiple certifications.*

**Wednesday, November 12 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online**  
**Texas Tech Plaza, 218 | 1901 University Avenue | Lubbock, TX**



## Lessons Learned – The Architecture of Ludwig Mies Van der Rohe

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Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, one of the most influential 20th-century architects, profoundly impacted modern architecture in Europe, the U.S. and worldwide. This class critically examines Mies's lasting legacy and explores why some of his ideas endured while others did not. In addition, it will give a greater understanding of modern architecture and living/housing culture of the 20th century.

*Urs Peter "Upe" Flueckiger, M. Arch, Dipl. Arch. SIA, is a full professor and Dean of the Huckabee College of Architecture at Texas Tech, where he also maintains his architectural practice. His design and research interests are economical ecological housing, minimalism in architecture, design build, and modernism in the 20th century to the present.*

**Tuesday, November 18 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online**  
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## Art of Seeing IP

Did you know an average person spends just 5–17 seconds looking at a work of art? Join curator Tracee Robertson to slow down and learn the art of seeing. She will guide you through a six-step process of looking carefully at a work of art on display at the Museum of Texas Tech University (MoTTU). The process begins with simply deciding to look. Because seeing takes time, it provides stress relief. The activity is adapted from the Toledo Museum of Art's visual literacy program, "The Art of Seeing Art."™ Together we'll explore a work as a communication between artist and viewer about our shared human experience. Build your visual literacy and confidence in finding personal value in art.

*Instructor Tracee W. Robertson is the Helen DeVitt Jones Curator of Art at MoTTU.*

Wednesday, November 19 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$20 In-Person  
Museum of Texas Tech University | 3301 4th St | Lubbock, TX

## Painting Vibrantly with Gouache for IP Beginners

Discover the joy of painting with gouache—a vibrant medium that blends the transparency of watercolor with the opacity of acrylic, making it a versatile choice for beginners. We'll explore techniques like wet-on-wet washes, blending, layering rich colors and dry brushing. You'll leave with a framed painting, practical skills and a resource list to keep creating at home. All supplies are included. Just bring your curiosity—and a willingness to try something new.

*Susan Tarrant earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of North Texas. Her artistic inspiration is deeply influenced by the rich shapes, patterns and colors of her childhood in the Piney Woods of East Texas and further enriched by her travels to Hawaii.*

Tuesday, December 2 | 2-4 p.m. | \$40 In-Person  
Museum of Texas Tech University, Kline Room  
3301 4th Street | Lubbock, TX



## 60 Years of the Charlie Brown Christmas Special IP

The Charlie Brown Christmas Special first aired 60 years ago. It is a great example of a classic that few thought should

be produced. Join Larry Hess to uncover the origin story behind this traditional holiday favorite, and (of course) the timeless score by Vince Guaraldi that is a treasure by itself. We will welcome in the holiday season and have a great time together.

*In 1964, Larry Hess was captivated by The Beatles' "She Loves You" on a transistor radio, sparking a lifelong passion for music. With degrees in Music Education and Performance, he built a diverse career as an educator and performer in orchestras, theatre, jazz, and rock. In retirement, he shares music history as a cruise enrichment speaker, inspiring audiences worldwide.*

Wednesday, December 3 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$20 In-Person  
Museum of Texas Tech University, Helen DeVitt Jones Auditorium  
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## A Journey into Giant Amphibian Ecology

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This course will cover the important roles amphibians play in our lives. It will highlight North America's Giant Salamander, the Eastern Hellbender, and conservation approaches currently underway to save this endangered salamander. The course will also focus on how amphibians can be used to teach about nature and conservation. The class will end with an interactive session focused on water quality and hellbender conservation.

*Rod Williams, Ph.D., vice provost of Outreach and Engagement, and Shandus White-Helms, program director for Community Partnerships, both at Texas Tech, are the presenters.*

Thursday, December 4 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person

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## The Wild West Worldwide: History, Legend and Global Imagination

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Saddle up for an engaging exploration of the American West, as it was and has been imagined, mythologized and marketed worldwide. This course explores the cultural forces behind popular perceptions of the "Wild West," from dime novels and Wild West shows to classic films and modern media. We'll examine how icons like Buffalo Bill and the cowboy were crafted, commodified, and exported far beyond the frontier. From saloons to silver screens, The Wild West Worldwide explores how legend, media and memory collide.

*Leland Turner is a retired history professor with expertise in the American West, ranching, country music and popular culture. He brings history to life through stories and symbols that have shaped regional and national identity.*

Tuesday, December 9 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online  
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## Three Women Who Helped Build the Texas Panhandle

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June Steele will present her research on three women who made important cultural contributions during the early period of white settlement on the Panhandle Plains of West Texas. Mollie Abernathy, Mae Simmons and Phebe Warner came from very different backgrounds, but set their minds and hearts to improving their West Texas communities and became boosters of this unique part of North America.

*June Steele earned her master's degree in history at Texas Tech University under the direction of Paul H. Carlson. For the past 25 years she has taught World History, World Geography, U.S. History and AP Human Geography at Monterey High School in Lubbock, Texas.*

Wednesday, December 10 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online  
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## McPherson Cellars Wine Tasting IP

During the McPherson Cellars Wine Tasting, the host will guide guests through six different wines with detailed notes and background on the grape varieties. Guests will also learn about the history of McPherson Cellars and the family's contributions to the Texas wine industry. A guided tour of the building follows the tasting. Fee includes the tasting; additional glasses or bottles not included.

*Madison White, hospitality director and sommelier, brings warmth, expertise and a deep love for Texas wine. A Lubbock native and certified sommelier, Madi began in the tasting room and later returned as Wine Club & Service manager. She continues to grow her skills and wine knowledge with enthusiasm. She's the heart of the front-of-house hospitality.*

**Thursday, December 11 | 5-7 p.m. | \$45 In-Person**  
**McPherson Cellars Winery | 1615 Texas Avenue | Lubbock, TX**

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