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OLLI at TTU
Spring 2026

A Vibrant Learning Community for Adults Aged 50+

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Spring 2026 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 have completed my first year as the new director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Texas Tech University. It is also my privilege to work alongside our remarkable OLLI team. Susan Tarrant, our assistant director, brings a love and knowledge of art, as well as business acumen. She too celebrates one year with OLLI. We are fortunate to have the immense talents of our regional site coordinators—Sarah Ramos in Highland Lakes, Alice Boyd in Fredericksburg and Bill Minter in Abilene. Their expertise and collaboration are crucial to our continued growth. Equally essential to our success is the tireless efforts of our volunteer OLLI Advisory Councils, located at all four Texas Tech campuses. Their counsel continues to be invaluable to us. It does indeed take a village.

When I stepped into this role one year ago, it instantly felt like home. I have always believed that learning is best when shared. 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 curriculum committees at our four campuses designed an impressive spring semester filled with fresh ideas, intriguing courses and endless opportunities to make meaningful connections and grow together. From history and science to art, wellness, and technology, each course is curated with you in mind. Our instructors are scholars, professionals, and enthusiasts drawn from within and beyond our communities. Not only do they bring a wealth of knowledge, their commitment to fostering lively discussions and accessible learning experiences is unmatched. I encourage you to explore course offerings at all four campuses, because as an OLLI member at Texas Tech you have access to all courses at all locations, in person or online. You may discover a new interest, rekindle a former passion or simply enjoy the company of fellow learners. Whether you've been a member for years or are a brand-new student, it is wonderful to have you as part of this vibrant community of lifelong learners.

As we spring into 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 built for bold new chapters where curiosity, connection and inspiration meet. We look forward to spending time with you and hearing your unique stories. Together, let us make this spring semester unforgettable, full of open minds, open hearts and new 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.

Partnership

At OLLI at Texas Tech, we are committed to offering programming that is engaging, educational, and enjoyable. Our partnership with the Museum at Texas Tech has not only provided an ideal space for our specialized programs, but it also opened doors to the unique learning experiences available only within the museum.

In 2026, Lubbock OLLI is taking this partnership to the next level by officially moving into the Museum at Texas Tech, located at 3301 4th Street in Lubbock, Texas. This exciting transition allows us to develop and expand our courses in an environment where we can continue to grow and thrive.

DRESSING
THE *Abbey*
January 31 - April 25, 2026

The Abbey Revealed:
Dinner and Conversation with
Laura Carmichael and Allen Leech
Thursday, February 26, 2026

Museum at Texas Tech
Lubbock, Texas
More information & tickets.

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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 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 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 choose to donate their credit. 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.

<input type="checkbox"/> A Beautiful Brain	<input type="checkbox"/> Great Science Stories
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<input type="checkbox"/> California Uncovered: A Journey Through Time, Place, and Identity	<input type="checkbox"/> Music: Controversies and Curiosities
<input type="checkbox"/> Comic Book Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Place, Memory, and Environmental Psychology
<input type="checkbox"/> Frank Lloyd Wright and Modern Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Siberia: Russia's Frozen Wasteland or Economic Heartland?
<input type="checkbox"/> From Leo XIII to Leo XIV: History of 20th and 21st Century Popes	<input type="checkbox"/> The Lost Generation
<input type="checkbox"/> Ghosts in the White House: The People Behind Presidential Speeches	<input type="checkbox"/> The Scopes Monkey Trial: Then and Now
<input type="checkbox"/> A History of Street Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Violinists: Performers and Composers
	<input type="checkbox"/> Writing the Personal Essay: Finding Your Story



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Friday: Closed



Institute will be introducing its Spring 2026 course offerings in this informal drop-by gathering. Experts from various fields have agreed to serve as course instructors, and you can meet some of them. Snacks and beverages will be served. Join us for a fun opportunity to meet other lifelong learners and register for courses.

Thursday, February 5 | 4:30-6:30 p.m. | Free In-Person
Community Foundation of Abilene, Board of Directors Room
850 North First Street | Abilene, TX

Avoid Social Media “Quicksand” **H** as a Volunteer

Social media can be a powerful tool for volunteer-driven organizations—but it can also be quicksand. This class explores how to use major platforms effectively while avoiding the controversies, conflicts and misunderstandings that can trap well-intentioned volunteers. Learn practical strategies for posting responsibly, managing comments, setting boundaries and maintaining a positive, mission-focused online presence.

Emerald Cassidy is the director of marketing at the Community Foundation of Abilene, and Sidney Levesque is director of marketing at the Abilene Cultural Affairs Council.

Tuesday, February 10 | 10:30 a.m.-Noon



\$15 In-Person | \$10 Online

Community Foundation of Abilene,
Community Room

850 North First Street | Abilene, TX

Is It Time to Give Up on **IP** Your Computer?

In this easy-to-understand class, we'll look at the signs that your Windows or Mac computer may be slowing down, becoming unsafe, or no longer able to run current software. Learn simple ways to check your device's health, how long computers typically last, what upgrades are worthwhile, and when replacing the machine is the smarter choice. This course helps you make confident, budget-friendly decisions.

Andy Hope and Roger Hall are Technology Instructors at the Academy for Technology, Engineering, Math and Science.

Tuesday, February 17 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
LIFT Center, Room 221 | 2034 Quantum Lane | Abilene, TX



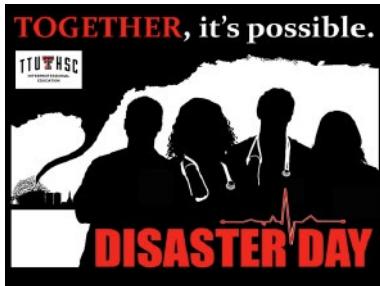
thepaintedrocks.org

Introduction to the Paint Rock Pictographs **H**

Discover the remarkable Native American pictographs along the Concho River near Paint Rock, Texas—one of the largest and most significant rock art sites in the United States. This class introduces the history, symbolism, and cultural meaning behind these ancient images, offering insight into the peoples who created them. Learn what makes the site unique and why it remains an important window into early life on the Southern Plains.

Jeremy Elliott, Ph.D., studies and teaches environmental literature at Abilene Christian University. He lives with his family on the Callahan Divide, where they raise sheep.

Thursday, February 19 | 3-4:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online
TTUHSC Public Health Building | 1650 Pine Street | Abilene, TX



Saving Lives with Theatre: Rehearsing for Disaster IP

Theatre is more than entertainment; it is a tool for training and preparedness.

This course explores how theatrical techniques support healthcare simulation, disaster response, emergency preparedness, and community education. Participants learn how storytelling, character embodiment, environmental design and applied performance help professionals rehearse high-stakes scenarios safely, improving realism, empathy, communication, and decision-making. No prior theatre experience is required.

Mallory Maria Prucha is an Assoc Professor of Costume Design & Technology at Texas Tech University. Her research integrates theatre with simulation, leading large-scale disaster preparedness and healthcare training projects that support public safety, education, and community resilience.

Monday, February 23 | 2-3:30 pm | \$15 In-Person
TTUHSC Public Health Building | 1650 Pine Street | Abilene, TX



The Depth and Beauty of 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. You may even feel inspired to join tournaments or pursue lessons to advance further as a player.

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

Thursday, February 26 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
TTUHSC Public Health Building | 1650 Pine Street | Abilene, TX

Medical Challenges of the Lewis & Clark Expedition H



With no doctor on the roster, how do you plan for the health needs of an expedition lasting over two years and traveling 8,000 miles through unknown territory ... in 1804, long before modern medicine? Explore the training of the Corps of Discovery, illnesses and injuries they faced, supplies they carried or foraged, the treatments they used, all while far, far from the nearest frontier aid.

Stephen Kniffen is a Clyde, Texas native who, after an Air Force career, was an educator in Aeronautical Science and key board member of the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Association. He was written extensively about the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Wednesday, February 25 | 10:30 a.m.-Noon
\$15 In-Person | \$10 Online
TTUHSC Public Health Building | 1650 Pine Street | Abilene, TX



Parkinson's Disease 101: Information is Power H

This class offers a practical introduction to understanding Parkinson's disorder. Learn the early signs to watch for, how symptoms may progress, and what resources can support those living with the condition. We'll discuss approaches to daily living, movement, communication, and emotional well-being, ways caregivers and friends can help and the benefits of time spent creating things. The goal is to provide knowledge, confidence, and community for anyone touched by Parkinson's.

Lorraine Wilson, president of the Parkinson's Community of Abilene, was a longtime educator (Abilene ISD, ACU). She was recognized in 2025 as one of 125 Remarkable Women, a nation-wide undertaking by Nexstar Media to honor the contributions women are making in their community. Lorraine is an Ambassador for the Davis Phinney Foundation for Parkinson's.

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

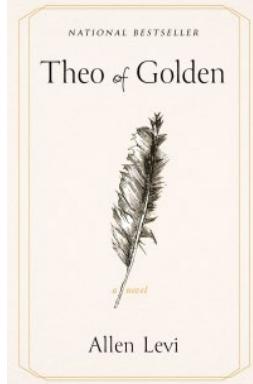
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"Theo of Golden" IP

Join us for an engaging OLLI Book Club discussion of "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi, a novel that explores faith, memory and the meaning of community. Through the story of Theo, a small-town lawyer reflecting on the people and experiences that shaped his life, we'll examine themes of belonging, purpose and the power of ordinary lives to leave lasting impact.

The course fee of \$45 includes the book. If you already have the book the course fee is \$15.

Arlene Kasselman is a native of South Africa who has worked in West Texas for many years as an educator before starting her independent bookstore, Seven and One Books.

Wednesday, March 11 | 10:30 a.m.-Noon | \$45 or \$15 In-Person
Seven and One Books | 1138 North 2nd Street | Abilene, TX



In the Kitchen at Cordell's: Secrets of Pasta IP

Enjoy the kitchen experience of working with Chef Jason Beard in the kitchen and learn all about making the very best handmade pasta and sauces. While you're in the store, replenish your stock of the very finest olive oils, balsamic vinegars and gourmet items that are loved throughout West Texas and beyond. *Class enrollment limited to 10 seats.*

Joy and Jason Beard set out to provide customers with the highest quality building blocks for creating wonderful cuisine. They are passionate about healthy cooking and sharing their knowledge so everyone can share their passion.

Thursday, March 12 | 5:30-7 p.m. | \$55 In-Person
Cordell's | 6410 Buffalo Gap Road | 1650 Pine Street | Abilene, TX



Masters of Mixology at Cypress Street IP

Join us at Cypress Street Station and learn from Amanda's Masters of Mixology. It will be a fun exploration of the art and science of great

cocktails and mocktails. Learn the history behind classic drinks, discover techniques used by professional bartenders, and see how ingredients, balance, and creativity come together in every glass. Demonstrations, snacks and tasting opportunities, with practical tips you can use anytime. *Class enrollment limited to 20 seats.*

Amanda and Terry O'Connor have been synonymous with the renaissance of downtown Abilene since they became owners of Cypress Street. Krystalle Pinson will assist as bar manager. The restaurant is known for its extensive wine list, hospitality and consistently fine dining.

Thursday, March 19 | 6-7:30 p.m. | \$55 In-Person
Cypress Street Station | 158 Cypress Street | Abilene, TX



Newly Published Research - Advancing Healthcare H

Explore how emerging discoveries in immunotherapy and biotechnology may transform treatment and improve lives around the world, and possibly benefit someone you know. This class offers an accessible look at promising advances and what they could mean for the future of health care. Faculty from the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy here in Abilene will share highlights from newly published research and discuss the potential impact of their work.

TTUHSC distinguished researchers Laurence Wood, Ph.D., Maciej Markiewski, M.D., Ph.D. and Md Rakibul Islam, Ph.D. are all based at the Abilene campus of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy.

Wednesday, March 25 | 3:30-5 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online
TTUHSC Public Health Building | 1650 Pine Street | Abilene, TX



250 Years of the U.S. Navy

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In October, the United States Navy marked its 250th year—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 retired program manager at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory and has held positions with the Office of Naval Research and Naval Air Systems Command.

Tuesday, March 31 | 1:30-3 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online
TTUHSC Public Health Building | 1650 Pine Street | Abilene, TX

Meet the Sculptor of Childhood Wonderment

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Join Abilene sculptor Steve Neves to explore his art and craft of creating lasting sculptures that delight generations of children and adults. Known for his storybook-themed works in Abilene, the Storybook Capital of the World, Steve will share his creative process, from concept to finished piece, and challenges in turning a flat illustration into a full 3D object. Discover how he approaches varied styles and scales, and learn what it takes to bring imaginative characters to life for this sculptor, one of Texas' most prolific artists.

Steve Neves teaches sculpture drawing, printmaking and design at Hardin-Simmons University. He has been a very active contributor to Abilene's Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit.

Tuesday, April 7 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online
TTUHSC Public Health Building | 1650 Pine Street | Abilene, TX



Tour the Brand-New SPARK Science Center

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Join us for a pre-opening tour of the SPARK Science Center. As part of the development of Abilene Heritage Square, which has been in the planning and construction stages for over 15 years, the Girls' Gym at the former Lincoln Middle School has become a Science, Technology and Engineering discovery center for children. This exclusive visit for OLLI members will be hosted by the directors of the center, which is part of the Grace Museum.

Kathryn Mitchell is Director of Education at the Grace Museum. Marsha Hammack is Director of the SPARK Science Center.

Wednesday, April 22 | 10:30-Noon | \$20 In-Person
Abilene Heritage Square, SPARK Science Center
1699 South First Street | Abilene, TX



Abilene



History of West Texas Utilities Co. H

The West Texas Utilities Co. served communities as electric service provider from the Red River to the Rio Grande border, from Mason to Marfa and

into the Panhandle. Eventually a publicly-owned company headquartered in Abilene, WTU began as Abilene Light and Water. WTU was integral to Abilene's success. A landmark ice and power plant along Cedar Creek has been named to the National Register of Historic Properties. Through documents, photos and first-hand accounts, we will learn about the role WTU played in the economic development of this large swath of West Texas.

Dixie Hoover is a retired site manager for the Texas Historical Commission. She is working with her father on an oral history of West Texas Utilities.

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

\$15 In-Person | \$10 Online

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



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OLLI Tour of Baker Abi-Mar Foods IP

Take a behind-the-scenes tour of Abi-Mar Foods, one of Abilene's top manufacturing employers and producers of familiar baked goods under its own brands and retailers across the country. Learn how the company maintains quality, consistency and food safety while operating at large production scales. From sourcing ingredients to final packaging, participants will see modern baking in action and gain insight into the processes that bring everyday favorites to store shelves. *Tour group will be limited to 15 people.*

Steven Brown is Manufacturing general manager of Abi-Mar Foods, Inc.

Thursday, April 30 | 1:30-3 p.m. | \$15 In-Person

Abi-Mar Foods | 5425 N 1st St | Abilene, TX



Recording Oral Histories H

Ever thought about recording your family's histories? Oral history is a great way to save stories that might not be preserved any other way. This class will guide you through getting started. We'll cover easy ways to record, questions to ask, and how to preserve interviews. The Southwest Collection at Texas Tech has over 14,000 interviews with everyday Texans dating back decades. You'll also learn about the archive's holdings and how you can locate items within our collections.

Elissa Stroman, Ph.D., is the Oral History Archivist of the Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library at Texas Tech. Originally from Sweetwater, she researches fine arts and women's histories and is the editor of the West Texas Historical Review.

Tuesday, May 5 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online

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



Discovering ChatGPT and AI H

In this friendly, hands on workshop, you will learn how to use ChatGPT to ask clear questions, have natural conversations and get practical help with everyday tasks.

Together we will explore the main tools and settings that shape how ChatGPT responds to you, including ways to adjust its style, what it remembers and how your chats stay organized.

You will also learn simple prompting techniques, talk about safety and accuracy, and leave with fresh ideas for how ChatGPT can support your learning, projects and hobbies.

Rachael L. Garnett is an AI-certified strategist and speaker, helping nonprofits work smarter.

Thursday, May 7 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online

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Fredericksburg

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Alice Boyd, Coordinator
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Monday - Thursday: 12 pm - 5 pm
Friday: Closed



Fredericksburg Spring Semester Kickoff **IP**

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

Wednesday, February 4 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | \$35 In-Person
Golden Hub Community Center
1009 N. Lincoln Street | Fredericksburg, TX



The Early Cattle Drives on the Texas Hill Country Frontier **IP**

This course examines the early cattle drives through Texas Hill Country after the Civil War. With cattle abundant and money scarce, determined men drove wild herds north to buyers in Kansas and beyond. They faced unknown terrain, bandits, hostile encounters, accidents, and illness, making the drives a dangerous and demanding adventure.

Marvin F. Schroeder brings Texas Parks and Wildlife historical experience and firsthand cowboy roots. Jeff Nichols is a self-taught historian with 15+ years studying cowboy frontier life and its material culture.

Wednesday, February 11 | 2-4 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
Fredericksburg United Methodist Church
1800 Llano Street | Fredericksburg, TX

Altstadt Brewery Tour **IP**

Altstadt is German for “old town”, and the Altstadt Brewery is a perfect addition to the culture and future of Fredericksburg. Germany’s beer purity law, or Reinheitsgebot, was passed in 1516 and allowed only simple ingredients in German beer: barley, hops, water and, later, yeast. Altstadt follows this tried and true German brewing tradition. Come tour the Altstadt Brewery, learn about brewing German style beers and taste German brewing at its best.

Craig Rowan began brewing in 2008 at Abita Brewing, trained at the World Brewing Academy and brewed for the Southeast's largest brewery. In 2017, he joined Altstadt to develop cellaring and recipes, now serving as head brewer overseeing all production.

Thursday, February 19 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
Altstadt Brewery | 6120 U S Hwy. 290 East | Fredericksburg, TX



The Museum of Western Art in Kerrville - Field Trip **IP**

The Museum of Western Art in Kerrville, Texas, is an art museum dedicated to the paintings and sculptures of contemporary artists of the American West who follow in the tradition of Frederic Remington and Charles M. Russell.

Darrell Beauchamp, Ph.D., is executive director of the Museum of Western Art (Kerrville, TX). A veteran museum leader, former professor, and Eagle Scout, he has led major Western art museums nationwide.

Tuesday, February 24 | 1-4 p.m. | \$20 In-Person
The Museum of Western Art in Kerrville
1550 Bandera Hwy | Kerrville, TX

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Differences in Cultural Values = Differences in our Preferred Problem Solutions

Cultural Values underlie the ways we solve the problems of life, and we can measure how much they vary, from one country to another. This class explores the six major value systems that operate in all cultures. We will then take a look at how those differences shape our behaviors. An example is the contrast between Americans who are taught “we can be anyone we want to be,” versus Hispanic & Asian cultures where who you are is defined by the groups you are born into. Lastly, cultural values can alert us to points of potential conflict when interacting with persons from other cultures.

Instructor Marye Tharp, Ph.D., has over 35 years of experience teaching in advertising and marketing. She's authored papers and books on consumer behavior.

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



How to Sing Your Way Out of a Paper Bag... and Better!

IP

Calling all singers, non-singers, and folks interested in vocal health and well being. This class will provide the basics of vocal health including alignment and posture, breathing techniques, and how to use the voice in a healthy way. If you are curious about singing, this class is for you. Participants will leave the class with a tune in their hearts, feeling they want to sing more!

Ivy Walz, D.M.A., has over 25 years of experience and serves as the associate dean for Faculty, Research, Creativity and Outreach at the J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of Visual and Performing Arts and is a tenured member of the voice faculty in the School of Music at Texas Tech.

Wednesday, March 4 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
Fredericksburg United Methodist Church
1800 Llano Street | Fredericksburg, TX



German Favorites Demonstration Dinner

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Join Chef Stella Karp for a German-themed demonstration dinner paired with exquisite wines and immerse yourself in the perfect harmony of German flavors. Enjoy a curated menu with wine, including Currywurst, Käsespätzle, Jägerschnitzel, Rotkohl and cranberry almond streusel cake. You will take home a beautifully printed recipe booklet with step-by-step instructions so you can recreate the magic at home.

Chef Stella Karp and Das Peach Haus staff.

Thursday, March 5 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | \$80 In-Person
Das Peach Haus | 1406 US-87 | Fredericksburg, TX



Bloodshed and Fear in the Texas Hill Country; 1861-1865 IP

Katherine Peake examines violent local conflict in the Texas Hill Country during the Civil War. Ethnic tensions, resistance to Confederate conscription and political divides led militias like the Hägerbünde to target suspected Unionists, causing widespread civilian suffering and lasting cultural trauma.

Katherine Peake is an “accidental” historian, former Fredericksburg judge, attorney and anthropology graduate who researched Lower South Grape Creek history, including a Mormon farm, Captain Jack Hays lawsuit and Hägerbünde murders.

Wednesday, March 11 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
Fredericksburg United Methodist Church
1800 Llano Street | Fredericksburg, TX



Confident Travel: Packing & Flying Made Simple IP

Travel with confidence whether you’re flying within the U.S. or abroad. This class covers smart packing strategies, carry-on and luggage essentials and what to expect at the airport. Learn key differences between domestic and international travel, including required documents, security rules, customs, and travel tips to help your trip go smoothly. Ideal for new travelers or anyone looking to pack and travel smarter.

Martha Durst, a Fredericksburg native, has been with First United Bank for 20 years. She has coordinated the bank’s Travel Club since 2008, bringing years of experience and insight to travelers.

Wednesday, March 18 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
Fredericksburg United Methodist Church
1800 Llano Street | Fredericksburg, TX



Building a Better Board IP

You will learn the art of building a charcuterie board in the class; the chef will instruct you in cutting cheeses, creating flowers from foods, layering and arranging meats, cheeses, vegetables and herbs on a board. Your finished board will be a work of art that is appealing to the eye and to the appetite.

Mary Jo Green is a private chef who can do food and dinners for most any occasion. She has worked at a cooking school here in Fredericksburg, teaching hands-on experience to guests. She also had a catering business for seven years, previous to moving here six years ago.

Thursday, March 12 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$60 In-Person
Fredericksburg United Methodist Church
1800 Llano Street | Fredericksburg, TX

Brush Management Effects on Birds in the Rolling Plains and the Establishment of a Brush Management & Research Institute Network at Texas Tech IP

Many grassland-obligate species are listed as Species of Greatest Conservation Need due to habitat loss and range-land fragmentation. Supported by Texas Tech University, the TTU System Ranches, and private ranch partners, the Department of Natural Resources Management is expanding brush management research. Drs. Caitlyn Cooper-Norris and Warren Conway, with graduate students, will discuss the importance of brush management, key Rolling Plains bird species, and how Texas Tech is advancing research to support working ranches and preserve Texas ranching heritage.

Caitlyn Cooper-Norris, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor and Warren Conway, Ph.D., is a Professor in the Natural Resources Management Department at Texas Tech University

Monday, March 23 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
Fredericksburg United Methodist Church
1800 Llano Street | Fredericksburg, TX

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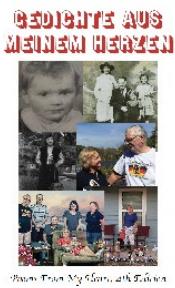
How I Met the Candy Bomber (Twice) and Other Stories

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This course shares Wilma Hill's story, born in Berlin in 1941 and brought to America in 1962 with four children. Her life and poems are featured in *Gedichte aus Meinem Herzen*

Herzen, with videos by her son Peter Ray, live readings, Q&A and a signed book for each participant.

Peter Ray, Retired IT professional now living in Fredericksburg, Texas, owns Peter and Debbie Studios and is an electronic musician with 15 albums since 2022. The course will include a slide presentation, videos and Wilma Hill reading excerpts from her book.



Wednesday, March 25 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
Fredericksburg United Methodist Church
1800 Llano Street | Fredericksburg, TX

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Disease, Aging, but Most Importantly - Happiness!

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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.

Monday, April 6 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
Fredericksburg United Methodist Church
1800 Llano Street | Fredericksburg, TX



From Grapes to Wine: The Subtle or Not So Subtle Impact of Yeast Selection for Fermentation

IP

Wine is produced through complex microbiological processes involving yeast and bacteria. When we think of sugar to alcohol fermentation it may seem quite simple. Sugar is converted to alcohol, carbon dioxide, and heat by the yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. There are thousands of different strains of this yeast, and each produces unique secondary metabolites that impact the aroma, flavor, and mouthfeel of a wine. In this class we will learn about how the yeast strain selected for fermentation may impact the sensory profile of a wine through tasting four samples of the same wine made with different strains of yeast. *Class is limited to 20 people.*

Maureen Qualia is a senior lecturer of Enology for Texas Tech in Fredericksburg. She earned her MS in Enology from California State University at Fresno. In addition to teaching she has made commercial wines for 20+ years in both California and Texas..

Monday, March 30 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
Texas Tech Enology Lab
146 Jenschke | Fredericksburg, TX

Identifying Risks of AI and Maximizing Its Benefits for Our Lives

IP

Learn the benefits and risks of Generative and Agentic AI. Explore how AI creates content, how agents like Copilot act with autonomy, and how to assess trust, accuracy and risk—especially in daily life, healthcare, finance and security.

Ed Coughlin, retired Cray system architect, developed AI tools for exascale supercomputers like El Capitan. A Lockheed Martin AI engineer since 1994 and U.S. patent holder, he now teaches safe agentic AI development.

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



Quanah Parker, Last Comanche Chief

IP

This class explores the life and times of Quanah Parker, the half-Comanche, half-white warrior and tribal leader who led his people from the High Plains of Texas to their reservation in Oklahoma and guided their successful transition from nomadic to settled life in the early 20th century.

Daniel J. Gelo is dean and professor of anthropology emeritus at the University of Texas at San Antonio. He has conducted fieldwork with the Comanche people since 1982 and published extensively on tribal culture and history.

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

Fredericksburg United Methodist Church | 1800 Llano Street | Fredericksburg, TX



Febb and Harry Burn: The Unsung Heroes of the 19th Amendment

IP

It was 1920 and the amendment giving women the right to vote was going through the process of ratification. That August the amendment

came before the Tennessee Legislature. The issue was hotly contested. Harry Burn was the youngest representative in the state house. Which way did he vote, and what role did his mother Febb Burn play? You will explore the details of this historic event in our history with instructor Charlotte Freeborn.

Charlotte Freeborn, member of the Fredericksburg OLLI Advisory Council, is a graduate of the University of North Texas and earned her master's at Southern Methodist University.

Tuesday, April 21 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person

Fredericksburg United Methodist Church

1800 Llano Street | Fredericksburg, TX



How to Understand (and even appreciate) Opera in 5 Easy Steps

IP

Opera can seem confusing with complex plots, foreign languages and intense singing. This class teaches a five-step process to make opera more understandable and enjoyable. While no performance is included, live Met Opera shows are available nearby for \$25 with great seats.

James Klein is a retired university professor, music professor and professional conductor with over 40 years of experience in orchestra and opera performances.

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

Fredericksburg United Methodist Church

1800 Llano Street | Fredericksburg, TX



Civil War Music: Battle Hymns, Brass Bands, and Ballads

IP

The Civil War ripped our nation apart but led to a new birth of freedom. For Americans—northern and southern alike—music was an integral part of their war experience, just as music enriches our lives today. The war's upheaval inspired a soundtrack of patriotic songs, sentimental ballads and—despite widespread suffering—comic ditties. This class features histories of the war's most enduring songs, banjo music and brass band recordings based on original sheet music.

David D. Schafer worked for the National Park Service for 32 years at historic sites in Kansas, Hawaii, Missouri, Puerto Rico, Oklahoma and Texas. Now retired, he researches, writes and leads trolley tours of historic Fredericksburg, Texas.

Monday, April 27 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person

Fredericksburg United Methodist Church

1800 Llano Street | Fredericksburg, TX



Better Days Ahead: How FDR's New Deal Transformed Fredericksburg and Gillespie County

IP

In 1930, Gillespie County had few roads or bridges, Fredericksburg lacked water and sewer, and the countryside had no electricity. The WPA and New Deal programs built infrastructure, powerlines, and jobs, transforming this isolated Texas Hill Country region into a modern community.

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.

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

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Tuesday-Thursday: 9 am - 4 pm

Your Mouth and Your Overall Health

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Your mouth includes your oral microbiome that influences not only your oral health but also your systemic health. The microbes in the mouth and substances they produce

can travel to other parts of the body influencing how healthy other parts of the body are... or not. We will discuss signs of how healthy your mouth is systemically. The way your mouth appears when you look in the mirror, and even at the dental office, might not be telling the whole story.

William Davies, DDS, FAGD, has been a practicing general dentist since 1985 and looks at your mouth from an oral systemic perspective.

Wednesday, February 18 | 1:30-3 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online
TTU Higher Education Teaching Site at Highland Lakes
806 Steve Hawkins Pkwy | Marble Falls, TX

Highland Lakes Spring Semester Kickoff **IP**

Join OLLI at TTU Highland Lakes as we celebrate this new semester filled with fun, food and fellowship while presenters share information about OLLI classes. Then, take some time to explore and register for all the exciting new catalog offerings. *RSVP by January 29 to reserve your space.*

Tuesday, February 3 | 4-6 p.m. | Free In-Person

First Baptist Church | The Pavilion
901 La Ventana | Marble Falls, TX



Marble Falls Wastewater Reuse **IP**

Accounting of the progression of growth and water use of Marble Falls, the decision was made to use Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) as a viable solution to safeguard water resources. The One Water Reclamation Facility will double the city's water-processing capacity. It will process wastewater for irrigation use with the goal to potentially purify it enough for drinking water.

Former Marble Falls Mayor Dave Rhodes was instrumental in the city's wastewater reuse project. He will share more details about DPR and the multi-phase project directly affecting the community.

Wednesday, February 11 | 1:30-3 p.m. | \$15 In-Person

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Art of the Meal: Cooking for Longevity

Join us for a hands-on, interactive class that explores how food choices can support energy, balance and vitality at any age. Through guided tastings, simple cooking demonstrations, and thoughtful discussion, we'll look at the link between nutrition, inflammation, and gut health—and how to bring more nourishment and flavor to everyday meals.

Ginger Sprouse is the owner and chef instructor at Art of the Meal. She has been teaching recreational cooking classes for 11 years and delights in hands-on classes that utilize local seasonal ingredients.

Wednesday, February 25 | 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. | \$85 In-Person

Art of the Meal | 617 Broadway | Marble Falls, TX



How to Sing Your Way Out of a Paper Bag...and Better! IP

Calling all singers, non-singers, and folks interested in vocal health and well being. This class will provide the basics of vocal health including alignment and posture, breathing techniques, and how to use the

voice in a healthy way. If you are curious about singing, this class is for you. Participants will leave the class with a tune in their hearts, feeling they want to sing more!

Ivy Walz, D.M.A., has over 25 years of experience and serves as the associate dean for Faculty, Research, Creativity and Outreach at the J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of Visual and Performing Arts and is a tenured member of the voice faculty in the School of Music at Texas Tech.

Wednesday, March 4 | 10-11:30 a.m. | \$15 In-Person
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Economic Development in the Highland Lakes and Beyond IP

Learn about data and trends driving economic development in the Highland Lakes area and the approach taken by local leadership to create economic opportunities, enhance quality of place and preserve small-town charm all at the same time.

Christian Fletcher, CEcD, is a certified economic developer who has been the executive director of the Marble Falls Economic Development Corporation since 2011. He was the executive director of the Marble Falls/Lake LBJ Chamber of Commerce and the academic advisor at Texas Tech-Highland Lakes. He has a master's from Yale.

Tuesday, March 10 | 1:30-3 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
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The First Amendment H

With the advent of new media and a changing polarized political landscape, issues related to the First Amendment have come to the forefront of legal and political discussions. This class will cover the history of the First Amendment from its proposal in 1789 through current events. Key cases from the United States Supreme Court that have shaped the First Amendment will be discussed.

Frank Reilly is a lawyer, municipal judge and political science professor at Texas Tech University with over 40 years of experience in the Texas legislative process as a former staffer, lobbyist and citizen activist.

Thursday, March 5 | 1:30-3 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online
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Native Plants: The Royals in Your Garden

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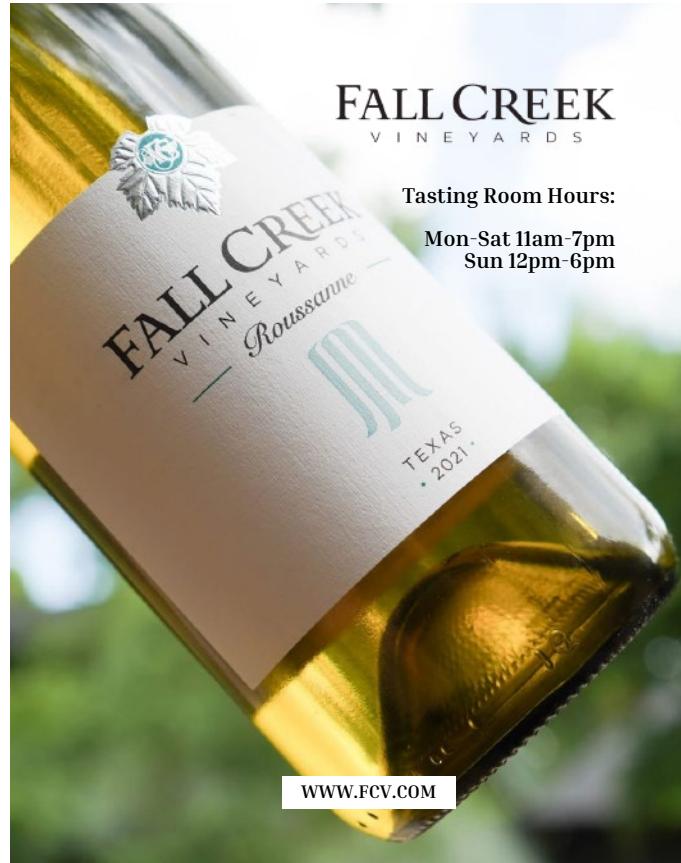
How would you like to stop wasting your hard-earned money on trees and plants that are not native to the Highland Lakes? Take a journey with me and my personal 'Royals' that are extremely reliable and beautiful. I will highlight four seasons of trees, shrubs, flowers, ground covers and grasses on my one-acre property and the Pollinator Gardens at the Church at Horseshoe Bay, stressing design elements along the way.

Louise D. Suhey has a bachelor's in photography and art from Penn State University. She was the co-director of the Schultz House Cottage Gardens in San Antonio, Texas, for eight years and has been a Master Gardener for 31 years.

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Sun 12pm-6pm



Gardens of Significant Meaning in Human History

IP

There is something special about gardens, because that setting has been the focal point of some of the most dramatic and most significant events in history. For example, tradition has indicated that the Garden of Eden was the creation place of human beings and tending the garden was the main purpose of being a human. And the significance continues even with the Sun King and others.

Ray Buchanan, Ph.D., taught history for about 35 years, specializing in the inclusion of art and architecture as a primary source of study for the major periods of European history.

Tuesday, March 17 | 1:30-3 p.m. | \$15 In-Person

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Don't be Bamboozled by Fraud H

Knowledge is your best defense against financial scams. We will highlight the most common fraud schemes targeting seniors—from phone and email scams to identity theft. Participants will learn how to recognize warning signs, take practical steps to secure their personal and financial information and confidently navigate the digital world. Empower yourself or a loved one to stay informed, stay safe, and outsmart scammers.

Christina Escobar has been with First United Bank for 14 years and is the senior financial well-being specialist serving Central Texas. She proudly utilizes her knowledge and skills in financial literacy concepts to empower communities to “Spend Life Wisely.”

Tuesday, March 24 | 1:30-3 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online
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Paul Cezanne: His Life and Impact IP

Cezanne was a Post-Impressionist who influenced Picasso and Matisse and changed art in the 20th century. He lived “on the margins” in Aix-en-Provence. His works of still-lifes, portraits, Mont St. Victoire, and bathers seemed strange, unbalanced and unfinished to his contemporaries leading admirers to always have difficulty explaining his greatness. Examining his life and works will give us a chance to see him in some depth.

Carole Buchanan, Ph.D., is an award-winning teacher. She trains world and European history advanced placement teachers.

Tuesday, April 7 | 1:30-3 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
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The Power of Water: Flooding in the Hill Country H

This discussion will describe flooding events in the Texas Hill Country over the last decade. What causes these events? We will cover how our hydrology, watersheds and rainfall dictate how much water moves through the watersheds and related intensity. The devastating power of water will be illustrated and discussed in relation to people, animals, environment and emotion.

David Harkins, Ph.D., P.E., has degrees in civil and petroleum engineering and is a registered engineer in Texas, Mississippi and Oklahoma.

Wednesday, April 1 | 1:30-3 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online
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MAKING TECHNOLOGY
WORK FOR YOU

Everyday AI: Making Technology Work for You H

Discover how Artificial Intelligence can simplify and enrich your daily life. In this hands-on session, you'll learn how to use AI tools like ChatGPT to research topics, plan trips, manage projects, cook smarter, compare products and solve everyday problems. We'll explore real examples and demonstrate how AI can serve as your personal assistant, teacher, and creative helper. No technical experience required—just curiosity!

Whit Holcomb has a degree in business and works professionally in communications. A lifelong tech hobbyist, Whit enjoys exploring new tools and sharing practical ways people can use artificial intelligence to make life easier, more organized and a little more fun.

Wednesday, April 8 | 1:30-3 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online
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The Lifeblood of the Hill Country: Groundwater

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Groundwater is the lifeblood of the Texas Hill Country, supporting our communities, springs and rivers. We will explore how our region's aquifers function, why they are uniquely vulnerable, and how Texas manages groundwater through locally governed groundwater conservation districts (GCDs). With growing population and development adding pressure to limited groundwater resources, this session is well-suited to anyone committed to understanding and navigating the region's water challenges, and to being thoughtful stewards of the Hill Country's most precious resource.

Mitchell Sodek is the general manager of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District and also a member of Region K and Groundwater Management Area 8 water planning groups.

Wednesday, April 15 | 10-11:30 a.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online

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Qatar: From Pearl Divers to Global Mediators

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Over recent history, the small nation of Qatar has experienced immense changes, transforming from a desert land of pearl divers and traders to one of the richest and most politically influential nations on the globe. This session will review the events, people and choices that precipitated these changes and introduce you to a world of beauty and promise.

Nancy Allen, Ph.D., is a previous professor of education at the only national university in Qatar. In this position, she developed the country's first M.Ed. program and led the College of Education's in achieving international accreditation.

Thursday, April 16 | 1:30-3 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online

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Design Your Own Hanging Basket

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You will be designing and planting your own hanging basket. We will have the following plant choices available: coleus, impatiens, begonia, potato vine, Swedish ivy and other trailers, etc. Planters and soil will also be included but you can bring your own planter if you would like. Then, take home your creation to display and show off.

Mena Rueffer has background in landscape design and horticulture from the University of Texas. She has been a Highland Lakes Master Gardener since 2018.

Thursday, April 30 | 1:30-3 p.m. | \$20 In-Person
TTU Higher Education Teaching Site at Highland Lakes
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Adaptations to Successful Aging

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To age successfully, we must examine and adapt to new challenges that arise. To deny and ignore these issues can result in injuries, inability to socialize effectively and even earlier onset of dementia. This class will examine adaptations that can allow us to function better as we age by making minor adjustments that help us communicate better, exercise without injury, continue to drive longer and feel comfortable at social occasions.

Kay J. Giesecke, M.S., is a nationally certified speech-language pathologist with degrees specializing in communication disorders.

Wednesday, April 22 | 1:30-3 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online
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Friday: 9 am - Noon



The Wild West Worldwide: History, Legend, and Global Imagination **H**

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.

Thursday, February 19 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online
Texas Tech Plaza, 218 | 1901 University Avenue | Lubbock, TX

Lubbock Spring Semester Open House

Join us for OLLI's Spring Open House. Enjoy hearing from a few instructors as they give a brief intro about their upcoming course. Explore something new-to-you, register for classes, become a member (or renew membership), and meet others.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Thursday, January 29 | 2-4 p.m. | Free to Attend
Museum at Texas Tech University, Kline Room
3301 4th Street | Lubbock, TX



Lunch & Learn: Lubbock's Mid-20th Century Live Theater Histories **IP**

Enjoy lunch at Skyviews Restaurant while exploring Lubbock's theatre companies in the decades following World War II. This presentation reviews local theatre companies, spaces and key individuals who shaped the dramatic arts on the South Plains. Topics include the advocacy of the Theatre Guild and the region's dinner theaters, which hosted notable Hollywood performers. Discover behind-the-scenes stories from venues such as the Hayloft Dinner Theater and Lubbock Theatre Centre.

Elissa Stroman, Ph.D., is the oral history archivist of the Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library at Texas Tech. Originally from Sweetwater, she primarily researches fine arts and women's histories and is the editor of the West Texas Historical Review.

Wednesday, February 18 | 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | \$30 In-Person
Texas Tech Plaza, Skyviews Restaurant, Room 602
1904 University Avenue | Lubbock, TX

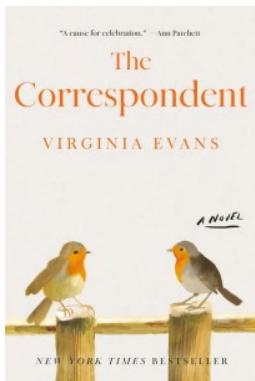
Ballistic Fingerprints **H**

This course covers impression evidence in relation to firearms. Students will be introduced to gunshot residue (GSR) and a term in investigations called stippling. The course will cover different types of firearms, different powders and round nose compared to hollow-point projectiles. All of these components of a firearm are used in determining distances in a shooting incident.



John Barnes is an assistant professor of practice in the Forensic Science Graduate Program at Texas Tech University. He is a retired New Mexico State Police criminal agent with over 30 years of experience investigating white collar crimes, death investigations and forensic analysis. Barnes holds a bachelor's in criminal justice administration, a master's in criminal justice, and is currently pursuing a doctorate in forensic science researching bloodstain pattern analysis, firearms and tools marks, and crime scene reconstruction.

Wednesday, February 25 | 5:30-7 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online
Texas Tech Plaza, 218 | 1901 University Avenue | Lubbock, TX



Book Club featuring "The Correspondent", A Novel, by Virginia Evans IP

This class is a book-club-style discussion of the New York Times bestselling novel, *The Correspondent*, by Virginia Evans, in which a woman--Sybil Van Antwerp--experiences a kind of "rebirth" at 73, in her "winter season," as she examines her life through the letters she writes, sends, and declines to send. Hailed as "this year's breakout novel no one saw coming" by *The Wall Street Journal*, this word-of-mouth hit is sure to spark some memorable conversation.

*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 M.F.A. 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, February 27 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
Texas Tech Plaza, 218 | 1901 University Avenue | Lubbock, TX



How to Listen to Beethoven Symphonies IP

Join us for a presentation designed for curious minds eager to explore the world of Beethoven's symphonies. This beginner session will demystify classical music listening by offering tips on how to tune into the style of Beethoven. We'll break down Beethoven's most iconic symphonies—like the Fifth and the Ninth—into approachable moments, showing how to follow musical motifs, recognize dramatic shifts and enjoy the journey without needing formal training. Whether you're new to classical music or just want to deepen your appreciation, this talk will make Beethoven feel more accessible, more human and more thrilling than ever.

Martin Camacho, D.M.A., MBA, is a professor of music and dean of the Talkington College of Visual and Performing Arts at Texas Tech.

Wednesday, March 4 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$20 In-Person
Museum at Texas Tech University, HDJ Auditorium
3301 4th Street | Lubbock, TX



Paint Shimmering Ocean Creatures with Gouache IP

Gouache is a vibrant medium that blends the luminosity of watercolor with the bold opacity of acrylic, making it an ideal choice for beginners. In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn essential techniques—such as wet-on-wet washes, blending and rich layered color—to create your own beautifully framed 3-dimensional artwork to take home. All supplies are provided; just bring your curiosity and adventurous spirit! You'll also leave with a helpful resource list so you can continue exploring gouache at home.



Susan Tarrant, assistant director of OLLI at TTU, holds a BFA from the University of North Texas. Her artistic style is inspired by the vivid shapes, patterns and colors of her East Texas Piney Woods upbringing and her travels to Hawaii.

Thursday, March 5 | 2-4:30 p.m. | \$40 In-Person
Museum at Texas Tech University, Kline Room
3301 4th Street | Lubbock, TX

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History vs Hollywood Screening at the Historic Wallace Theater: Invasion of the Body Snatchers

This special screening and lecture at the newly reopened Wallace Theater explores the 1956 sci-fi classic Invasion of the Body Snatchers. While often remembered as a tale of alien invasion, the film serves as a powerful reflection of Cold War-era anxieties in 1950s America. Before the film, participants will attend a brief lecture on how fears of communism, conformity, loss of individuality, McCarthyism, and nuclear uncertainty shaped filmmakers and audiences during the early Cold War period.

Assistant Professor Cathrine J. McMahan teaches U.S. History at South Plains College. She holds a B.S. in Human Development and Family Studies from Texas Tech and an M.A. in History from Sam Houston State, focusing on war, violence, and their socio-cultural impacts.

Tuesday, March 10 | 3:30–5:30 p.m. | \$40 In-Person
The Wallace Theater | 823 Houston Street | Levelland, TX

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Tour of Texas Tech's National First, the Oil Rig at the Oilfield Technology Center

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, professional engineer, patented inventor and author.

Wednesday, March 11 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$20 In-Person
Texas Tech's Oilfield Technology Center (OTC)
1051 TX-289 Loop | Lubbock, TX



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Dinner & Movie: Come Visit the Timeless Beauty of "Our Town" (1940)

Take a journey into the everyday world of Grover's Corners, New Hampshire, through Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning play "Our Town". This is a moving portrayal of love, loss, community, and the simple joys of life that shape American families. Starring William Holden, Martha Scott, and Frank Craven, with a score by Aaron Copland, the film was nominated for Best Picture in 1941 and recognized by the National Board of Review. "Our Town" provides a unique journey into the soul of a town and the hearts of the people who live there and is truly an American melodrama for the ages.

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

Tuesday, March 17 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | \$45 In-Person
Lubbock Women's Club | 2020 Broadway Street | Lubbock, TX



Fundamentals of Vehicle Automation

This class provides a foundational overview of vehicle automation through the introduction of key concepts, terminology, levels of automation and Advanced Driver Assistance System (ADAS). By the end of the class, participants will learn about common vehicle automation services such as adaptive cruise control, lane keeping, automated parking, collision avoidance, and how they contribute to safer, smarter vehicles. Emphasis will be placed on how human drivers interact with these systems, their benefits and limitations.

No transportation provided.

Tanushree Roy, Ph.D. and Nade Liang, PhD. are assistant professors in the Departments of Mechanical Engineering and Industrial Engineering, respectively, at Texas Tech. Their common research focus is on human-machine interfaces and automotive safety.

Thursday, March 19 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$20 In-Person

Mechanical Engineering South Room MES 00205

805 Boston Avenue | Lubbock, TX

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A Journey 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 us about nature, conversation, and water quality. The class will end with an interactive session focused on water quality and hellbender conservation.

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

Tuesday, March 24 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online

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Time, Gravity, and the Mirror: Why Faces Age and What Helps

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We all notice time and gravity in the mirror, but why do faces age the way they do? This talk breaks down the science of facial aging in an easy-to-understand way and reviews what research shows can help, from

daily skin care to modern medical technologies. Participants will leave with a clearer understanding of what works, what doesn't, and why.

Edward Daniele, M.D., FACS is West Texas' only double board-certified Plastic and Facial Plastic & Reconstructive surgeon. He completed his plastic surgery training at University of Illinois at Chicago, the oldest Craniofacial center in the country. Dr. Daniele's areas of interest are facial aesthetics, skin cancer reconstruction, breast reconstruction for cancer patients, cosmetic breast surgery and specialized body contouring. At Lubbock Plastic Surgery Institute, Dr. Edward Daniele offices in Lubbock and Midland.

Wednesday, March 25 | 5:30-7 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online
Texas Tech Plaza, 218 | 1901 University Avenue | Lubbock, TX



The Women Men Elected

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In the years before the 19th Amendment of the United States Constitution gave women the right to vote in 1920, the male voters Lubbock County elected two women to public office. Their stories are a fascinating tale of early Lubbock and of frontier life on the Plains. Come and meet

Elizabeth Boyd and Mary Hinton – the Women Men Elected.

Deborah Bigness serves on the Lubbock County Historical Commission and the City of Lubbock Urban Design and Historic Preservation Commission. She retired from Texas Tech University after 21 years as the manager of Site Operations at the Lubbock Lake Landmark.

Thursday, March 26 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online
Museum at Texas Tech University, Kline Room
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Three Men's Creative Reinvention in Retirement

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What do a former management professional, a gastroenterologist, and a police officer have in common? After retiring, each discovered a new creative calling as an artist. Together, these three men will share their journeys into creative life after retirement and the meaningful role art plays in connecting people locally. Whether you are an established art lover or a budding future artist, this class offers an engaging opportunity to explore how creativity can flourish at any stage of life.

Mike Maines, Ted Phipps, and Andy Wilkinson are bringing their artwork—and their inspiring stories—to share with OLLI. Mike, now creates expressive ceramic works. Ted, crafts small objects out of repurposed wood. Andy, creates beautiful pieces using gouache, pencil, and pastels.

Tuesday, March 31 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$20 In-Person

Museum at Texas Tech University, Kline Room

3301 4th Street | Lubbock, TX

Back for Round 3: Introduction to Chess

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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.

Wednesdays- April 1, April 8, April 15, April 22, April 29, May 13

2-3:30 p.m. | \$45 In-Person

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



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Easter Floral Design

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Celebrate spring in this hands-on Easter Floral Design class. Participants will explore seasonal blooms, color harmony and basic arranging techniques while creating a festive Easter centerpiece. Guided step by step by an experienced instructor, students will learn to design with fresh flowers and spring accents. Perfect for beginners and flower lovers alike, this relaxed, creative class includes all supplies and fresh materials—just bring your enthusiasm for springtime design.

Cassie Sanders is a project and partnership specialist with the Texas State Florists Association. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees from West Texas A&M and is an American Institute of Floral Design and Texas Master Florist.

Thursday, April 2 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$50 In-Person

Museum at Texas Tech University, Kline Room

3301 4th Street | Lubbock, TX



Millard Sheets' Lubbock Mosaics and Murals: Hidden Art Treasures

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This tour highlights artist Millard Sheets and his often-overlooked work in Lubbock. Born in Pomona, CA, in 1907, he was a leading watercolorist whose career also spanned architecture, murals, mosaics and tapestries. From 1959 to the 1980s, Sheets produced mosaics and murals in Lubbock, including works for the Lubbock National Bank Building (now Lubbock County offices), the Civic Center, and Methodist Hospital. He created more than 100 major works nationwide, including projects for the National Shrine in Washington, DC, the University of Notre Dame and Los Angeles City Hall.

Jordan Nabers directs Corporate & Foundation Relations at TTUHSC, with experience in arts preservation, State Dept. and Lubbock Heritage Society. She holds an MA in Arts Management from George Mason University and a BA in Anthropology from University of Texas at Arlington.

Tuesday, April 7 | 5:30-7 p.m. | \$20 In-Person

County Annex | 916 Main Street | Lubbock, TX



The Tribe Has Spoken

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Fans of reality TV won't want to miss this lively and informative lecture with two-time "Survivor" contestant and Texas Tech professor, Kass McQuillen. She'll share her journey and experiences from casting through playing twice and answer questions about reality TV. A perfect course

for fans of reality television and "Survivor".

Kassandra McQuillen, J.D.

Tuesday, April 14 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person
Museum at Texas Tech University, Kline Room
3301 4th Street | Lubbock, TX



Tour: Exploring the Texas Tech School of Art

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The Texas Tech School of Art invites you to an inspiring afternoon of arts exploration! Tour our historic 1968 SoA building and Annex, featuring 2D and 3D studios, and see the world-class spaces and resources that make Texas Tech a leading art program. Your visit concludes with a faculty-led gallery talk, offering insight into the creative work and vision that define our six-decade legacy in shaping the South Plains arts community.

Tonja Hagy-Valdine will be your host and tour guide for the afternoon. Tonja holds a BFA with an emphasis in photography from Texas Tech University School of Art and serves as the school's recruiter.

Friday, April 17 | 2-4 p.m. | \$20 In-Person
TTU School of Art, Landmark Arts Gallery
3010 18th Street | Lubbock, TX



Dinner with David Cho: The LSO celebrates the 250th Birthday of the USA

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This class explores how the Lubbock Symphony planned its 2025-26 season to celebrate the nation's 250th birthday. Participants will examine the history of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture and how it became a staple of Fourth of July concert programs across the United States. The class also highlights influential American composers of the 20th and 21st centuries, examining their contributions to the development of a distinctly American symphonic tradition.

Born in Seoul, Korea, David Cho earned degrees from Oberlin and Peabody and a master's in conducting from Rice. He served as associate conductor with the San Antonio and Utah Symphonies and the Vienna Philharmonic. He is the seventh music director of the Lubbock Symphony and is deeply engaged in community outreach.

Tuesday, April 21 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | \$45 In-Person
Lubbock Women's Club | 2020 Broadway Street | Lubbock, TX

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Game of Thrones, The Lord of the Rings, and the Many Joys of Screen Tourism

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In this overview of screen tourism, Robert Peaslee will discuss his field work in Northern Ireland and New Zealand related to film and television shooting locations that became popular tourism

destinations, with particular reference to the HBO series Game of Thrones and the Lord of the Rings and Hobbit film trilogies. In addition, he will cover implications of this activity related to the regional development, national identity and emerging global production centers.

Robert Moses Peaslee, associate dean of the Honors College and associate professor in Journalism & Creative Media Industries at Texas Tech. He holds a Ph.D. in Mass Communication from the University of Colorado Boulder, with earlier degrees in English and Communication.

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

Museum at Texas Tech University, Kline Room

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Cooking Class: An Evening of Indian Culinary Elegance

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Join Chef Pooja Hegde from Saffron & Spice for an intimate dinner featuring a curated selection of Indian dishes. Part demo and part hands-on, guests will learn as she shares the techniques, spice balance and subtle nuances that define elevated Indian cooking, while enjoying a beautifully prepared meal. Each dish reflects the depth, warmth, and sophistication of Indian cuisine—richly layered yet approachable. Designed to inspire confident home cooks and devoted food lovers, this immersive evening blends education with indulgence.

Chef Pooja Hegde and her husband, Vijay, are celebrating five years as co-founders of Saffron & Spice. They host authentic Indian dining experiences and catering here in the heart of West Texas. Chef Pooja appeared on Emeril Lagasse's show, bringing her craft to a national audience.

Thursday, April 30 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | \$85 In-Person

Culinary Co-Op | 5044 Frankford Ave #900 | Lubbock, TX

Paint a Vibrant Flower with Gouache

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Gouache is a vibrant medium that blends the luminosity of watercolor with the bold opacity of acrylic, making it an ideal choice for beginners. In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn essential techniques—such as wet-on-wet washes, blending and rich layered color—to create your own beautifully framed 3-dimensional artwork to take home. All supplies are provided; just bring your curiosity and adventurous spirit! You'll also leave with a helpful resource list so you can continue exploring gouache at home.

Susan Tarrant, assistant director of OLLI at TTU, holds a BFA from the University of North Texas. Her artistic style is inspired by the vivid shapes, patterns and colors of her East Texas Piney Woods upbringing and her travels to Hawaii.

Tuesday, May 5 | 2-4:30 p.m. | \$40 In-Person
Museum at Texas Tech University, Kline Room
3301 4th Street | Lubbock, TX



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

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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, May 7 | 5:30-7 p.m. | \$45 In-Person
Bolen Vineyards | 312 N FM168 | Smyer, TX



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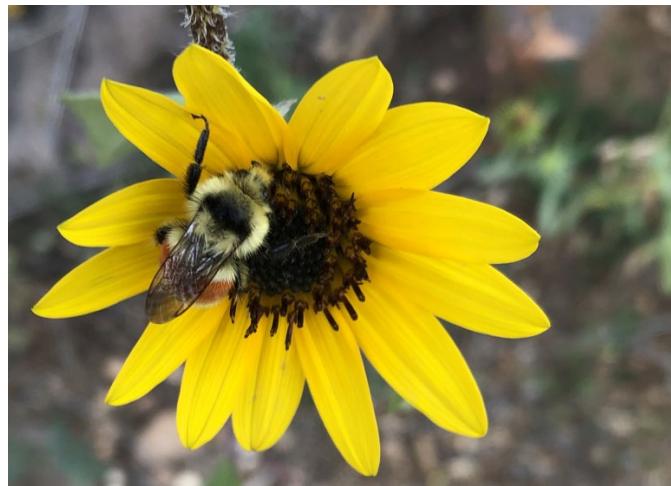
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The Faces of Margraten: Forever Young

Thousands of American servicemen never made it home after WWII. Some 10,000 soldiers lie buried in The Netherlands American Cemetery at Margraten, and local Dutch families have adopted and tended their graves since 1944. An effort began in 2009 to locate pictures of these fallen young men to give them a face. To date, more than half now have a photo displayed at their headstone on special remembrance days. Come hear their stories and see their faces.

Walter Wilhoit is a retired school administrator with the Department of Defense Education Activity which educates military-connected children on U.S. Military installations around the world. He currently volunteers for several organizations in the Lubbock community.

Tuesday, May 12 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person | \$10 Online
Museum at Texas Tech University, Kline Room
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Native Bees of the United States

Discover the fascinating world of America's native bees. Learn about their incredible diversity (and some hints on identifying them), life histories, ecological importance, behavior, and, in some cases, the thievery and betrayal that belies the calming sound of buzzing among the flowers.

Aaron D. Pan, Ph.D., is the executive director of the Museum at Texas Tech.

Tuesday, May 19 | 10:30 a.m. - Noon | \$20 In-Person
Museum at Texas Tech University, Kline Room
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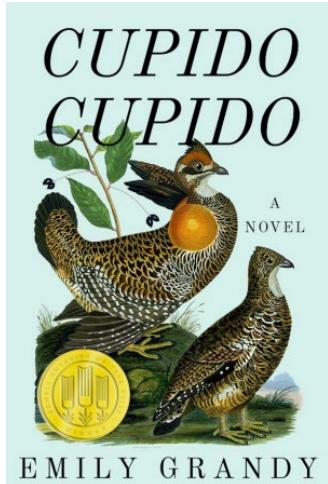
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Tasting and Tour: English Newsom Cellars' Wine 101

In this class, guests will enjoy a guided tasting accompanied by an overview of the English Newsom brand and an introduction to the Texas wine industry as a whole. Following the main tasting, attendees will be divided into smaller groups for a 20-minute guided cellar tour led by their Winemaker. During the tour, guests will learn about the winemaking process from grape to bottle and have the opportunity to ask questions throughout and after the experience. This class includes the guided tasting, cellar tour, and individual charcuterie cups.

English Newsom's experienced Winemaker, Chris Hull, and knowledgeable staff will take turns leading the tasting and tour.

Thursday, May 28 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | \$45 In-Person
English Newsom Cellars | 408 E Woodrow Road | Lubbock, TX



Book Club Discussion featuring "Cupido Cupido", A Novel by Emily Grandy IP

This class is a book-club-style discussion of Emily Grandy's "Cupido Cupido", a novel, which recently won the Sowell Emerging Writers Prize, a partnership between Texas Tech University Press, the Sowell Family Collection in Literature, Community and the Natural World, and Terrain.org, a literary journal focused on nature writing. The novel follows Ignatius "Egg" Girard as he unwillingly helps his grandfather prepare the family farm in Hale Creek, Kentucky, for sale, and explores the mysteries that keep cropping up, like the letters Egg discovers in a language he can't read--letters his grandfather immediately throws away on sight--as well as a surprising encounter with a ground-dwelling bird thought to have gone extinct.

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 M.F.A. 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, June 5 | 2-3:30 p.m. | \$15 In-Person

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Abilene	Abilene Spring Semester Kickoff	6	Thur 2/5	4:30 - 6:30 pm	Free
Abilene	Avoid Social Media "Quicksand" as a Volunteer	6	Thur 2/10	10:30 am - 12 pm	\$15 In-Person \$10 Online
Abilene	Is It Time to Give Up on Your Computer?	6	Tues 2/17	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Abilene	Introduction to the Paint Rock Pictographs	6	Thur 2/19	3 - 4:30 pm	\$15 In-Person \$10 Online
Abilene	Saving Lives with Theatre: Rehearsing for Disaster	7	Mon 2/23	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Abilene	Medical Challenges of the Lewis & Clark Expedition	7	Wed 2/25	10:30 am - 12 pm	\$15 In-Person \$10 Online
Abilene	The Depth and Beauty of Chess	7	Thur 2/26	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Abilene	Parkinson's Disease 101: Information is Power	7	Tues 3/3	1:30 - 3 pm	\$15 In-Person \$10 Online
Abilene	"Theo of Golden"	8	Wed 3/11	10:30 am - 12 pm	\$45 or \$15
Abilene	In the Kitchen at Cordell's: Secrets of Pasta	8	Thur 3/12	5:30 - 7 pm	\$55
Abilene	Masters of Mixology at Cypress Street	8	Thur 3/19	6 - 7:30 pm	\$55
Abilene	Newly Published Research - Advancing Healthcare	8	Wed 3/25	3:30 - 5 pm	\$15 In-Person \$10 Online
Abilene	250 Years of the U.S. Navy	9	Tues 3/31	1:30 - 3 pm	\$15 In-Person \$10 Online
Abilene	Meet the Sculptor of Childhood Wonderment	9	Tues 4/7	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15 In-Person \$10 Online
Abilene	Tour the Brand-New SPARK Science Center	9	Wed 4/22	10:30 am - 12 pm	\$20
Abilene	History of West Texas Utilities Co.	10	Tues 4/28	10:30 am - 12 pm	\$15 In-Person \$10 Online
Abilene	OLLI Tour of Baker Abi-Mar Foods	10	Thur 4/30	1:30 - 3 pm	\$15
Abilene	Recording Oral Histories	10	Tues 5/5	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15 In-Person \$10 Online
Abilene	Discovering ChatGPT and AI	10	Thur 5/7	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15 In-Person \$10 Online
Fredericksburg	Fredericksburg Spring Semester Kickoff	11	Wed 2/4	5:30 - 7:30 pm	\$35
Fredericksburg	The Early Cattle Drives of the Texas Hill Country	11	Wed 2/11	2 - 4 pm	\$15
Fredericksburg	Alstadt Brewery Tour	11	Thur 2/19	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Fredericksburg	The Museum of Western Art in Kerrville - Field trip	11	Tues 2/24	1 - 4 pm	\$20
Fredericksburg	Differences in Cultural Values = Differences in our Preferred Problem Solutions	12	Mon 3/2	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Fredericksburg	How to Sing Your Way Out of a Paper Bag... and Better!	12	Wed 3/4	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Fredericksburg	German Favorites Demonstration Dinner	12	Thur 3/5	5:30 - 7:30 pm	\$80
Fredericksburg	Bloodshed and Fear in the Texas Hill Country; 1861-1865	13	Wed 3/11	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Fredericksburg	Building a Better Board	13	Thur 3/12	2 - 3:30 pm	\$60
Fredericksburg	Confident Travel: Packing & Flying Made Simple	13	Wed 3/18	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Fredericksburg	Brush Management Effects on Birds in the Rolling Plains	13	Mon 3/23	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Fredericksburg	How I Met the Candy Bomber (Twice) and Other Stories	14	Wed 3/25	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Fredericksburg	From Grapes to Wine: The Subtle or Not So Subtle Impact of Yeast Selection for Fermentation	14	Mon 3/30	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Fredericksburg	Disease, Aging, but Most Importantly - Happiness!	14	Mon 4/6	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Fredericksburg	Identifying Risks of AI and Maximizing Its Benefits for Our Lives	14	Thur 4/9	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Fredericksburg	Quanah Parker, Last Comanche Chief	15	Tues 4/14	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Fredericksburg	Febb and Harry Burn: The Unsung Heros of the 19th Amendment	15	Tues 4/21	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Fredericksburg	How to Understand (and Even Appreciate) Opera in 5 Easy Steps	15	Thur 4/23	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Fredericksburg	Civil War Music: Battle Hymns, Brass Bands and Ballads	15	Mon 4/27	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Fredericksburg	Better Days Ahead: How FDR's New Deal Transformed Fredericksburg and Gillespie County	15	Thur 4/30	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Highland Lakes	Highland Lakes Spring Semester Kickoff	16	Tues 2/3	4 - 6 pm	Free In-Person
Highland Lakes	Marble Falls Wastewater Reuse	16	Wed 2/11	1:30 - 3 pm	\$15
Highland Lakes	Your Mouth and Your Overall Health	16	Wed 2/18	1:30 - 3 pm	\$15 In-Person \$10 Online
Highland Lakes	Art of the Meal: Cooking for Longevity	16	Wed 2/25	11:30 am - 1:30 pm	\$85

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Highland Lakes	Economic Development in the Highland Lakes and Beyond	17	Tues 3/10	1:30 - 3 pm	\$15
Highland Lakes	Native Plants: The Royals in Your Garden	18	Wed 3/11	10 - 11:30 am	\$15
Highland Lakes	Gardens of Significant Meaning in Human History	18	Tues 3/17	1:30 - 3 pm	\$15
Highland Lakes	Don't be Bamboozled by Fraud	19	Tues 3/24	1:30 - 3 pm	\$15 In-Person \$10 Online
Highland Lakes	The Power of Water: Flooding in the Hill Country	19	Wed 4/1	1:30 - 3 pm	\$15 In-Person \$10 Online
Highland Lakes	Paul Cezanne: His Life and Impact	19	Tues 4/7	1:30 - 3 pm	\$15
Highland Lakes	Everyday AI: Making Technology Work for You	19	Wed 4/8	1:30 - 3 pm	\$15 In-Person \$10 Online
Highland Lakes	The Lifeblood of the Hill Country: Groundwater	20	Wed 4/15	10 - 11:30 am	\$15
Highland Lakes	Qatar: From Pearl Divers to Global Mediators	20	Thur 4/16	1:30 - 3 pm	\$15 In-Person \$10 Online
Highland Lakes	Adaptations to Successful Aging	21	Wed 4/22	1:30 - 3 pm	\$15 In-Person \$10 Online
Highland Lakes	Design Your Own Hanging Basket	21	Thur 4/30	1:30 - 3 pm	\$20
Lubbock	Lubbock Spring Semester Open House	22	Thur 1/29	2 - 4 pm	Free
Lubbock	Lunch & Learn: Lubbock's Mid-20th Century Live Theater Histories	22	Wed 2/18	11 am - 12:30 pm	\$30
Lubbock	The Wild West Worldwide: History, Legend, and Global Imagination	22	Thur 2/19	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15 In-Person \$10 Online
Lubbock	Ballistic Fingerprints	22	Wed 2/25	5:30 - 7 pm	\$15 In-Person \$10 Online
Lubbock	Book Club featuring The Correspondent: A Novel, by Virginia Evans	23	Fri 2/27	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15
Lubbock	How to Listen to Beethoven Symphonies	23	Wed 3/4	2 - 3:30 pm	\$20
Lubbock	Paint Shimmering Ocean Creatures with Gouache	23	Thur 3/5	2 - 4:30 pm	\$40
Lubbock	History vs Hollywood Screening at the Historic Wallace Theater: Invasion of the Body Snatchers	24	Tues 3/10	3:30 - 5:30 pm	\$40
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Lubbock	Dinner & Movie: Come Visit the Timeless Beauty of Our Town (1940)	24	Tues 3/17	5:30 - 7:30 pm	\$45
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Lubbock	Native Bees of the United States	32	Tues 5/19	10:30 am - 12 pm	\$20
Lubbock	Tasting and Tour: English Newsom Cellars' Wine 101	32	Thur 5/28	5:30 - 7:30 pm	\$45
Lubbock	Book Club Discussion featuring "Cupido Cupido" A Novel by Emily Grandy	33	Fri 6/5	2 - 3:30 pm	\$15

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