



FALL/WINTER 2026-27 PREVIEW

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We are working to finalize all details for our upcoming Fall/Winter brochure. In the meantime, please enjoy this *brief sampling* of our upcoming offerings and save the dates as desired!

TRAVEL

History Along the Maumee

9:45 AM – 2:00 PM, Friday, October 23

Registration deadline: Sep. 20th

Travel through nearly 300 years of Northwest Ohio history on this fascinating tour following the winding course of the Maumee River from downtown Toledo to Grand Rapids.

Unholy Toledo Narrated Bus Tour

9:45 AM – 2:00 PM, Friday, November 6

Registration deadline: Oct. 4th

Back by popular demand! Step into the shadowy world of 1930s Toledo, a time of G-Men, speakeasies, and infamous gangsters like Pretty Boy Floyd & Baby Face Nelson on this fun tour.

FREE LECTURES

Caregiving Around the Clock

Arcelia Armstrong, LSW

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Friday, September 25

Islamic Holidays

Najwa Badawi

10:00 – 11:00 AM, Friday, October 16

How Things Work at the Ohio Statehouse

Rachel Coyle

10:00 – 11:30* AM, Friday, November 20

** Note the additional 30-minute runtime!*

The Histories of Forest & Calvary Cemeteries

Robyn Hage

10:00 – 11:00 AM, Friday, February 19

SPECIAL EVENTS

Eugene V. Debs, Still Speaking To & For Working People: A Special Performance by Keith Rasey

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Friday, September 11

Registration deadline: Sep. 3rd

Join us for a special performance as 50-year veteran of stage and screen, Keith Rasey,

brings Eugene V. Debs to life. Eugene V. Debs remains a symbol of courage, solidarity, and the fight for economic justice. His ideas continue to influence labor movements, civil liberties debates, and progressive politics today.

Lunch & Learn: Hollywood in Ohio

Conrade C. Hinds

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, Friday, September 25

Registration deadline: Sep. 1st

Join us for a brown-bag style lunch and learn a little something while you're at it! Too few know of the screen legends from Ohio and the outsized impact the state had in establishing Hollywood as the filmmaking capital of the world. Hear all about it from author Conrade C. Hinds!

OUTINGS AROUND TOWN

Port of Progress: Toledo's Maritime Legacy

Tedd Long

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Friday, September 18

Meets at: Docks downtown Toledo

Registration deadline: Sep. 7th

All aboard for a fascinating boat tour through the history of the Port of Toledo, one of the most important inland ports in North America. Cruise the Maumee River and Maumee Bay while discovering how a swampy frontier settlement became a global transportation hub connecting the Midwest to the world.

Heritage Sylvania Tour: The Historical Village

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM, Friday, October 2

Meets at: Heritage Sylvania

Registration deadline: Sep. 24th

Join one of Sylvania Heritage's knowledgeable staff members on this 90-minute tour of the Heritage Sylvania campus. Learn the history of their original and replica buildings in the Historical Village - when they were built, their purpose in the community, and when and how they came to the village.

CLASSES

Genesis I

Paul Mueller

1:00 - 3:30 PM, Wednesdays

September 9 – 30 (4 weeks)

Registration deadline: Sep. 1st

This course will begin examining the Old Testament, starting naturally with the Book of Genesis. This section of the course will cover the book as the foundation of the Old Testament, followed by looking at the beginning of the book up to Chapter 20, or the birth of Isaac.

Interpreting Nature Through Woodcut Printmaking

Kurtis Lutz

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Tuesdays

September 15 – October 6 (4 weeks)

Registration deadline: Aug. 26th

Explore the natural world through the reductive woodcut print process! Students will create hand printed editions of their own original artworks or follow one of the precomposed image guides supplied by the instructor, if desired. Either way, you will learn to see the world in shapes & colors and translate them into a print.

Constitutional Law of the Early 1970s: The ABCs (Affirmative Action, Busing, Courthouse Cussing...) and Beyond

Dr. Shari O'Brien, JD, Ph.D.

1:00 - 4:10 PM, Tuesdays

September 15 – October 6 (4 weeks)

Registration deadline: Sep. 7th

The first half of the 1970s were a maelstrom as Vietnam, Watergate, and pushback

on gender and racial equality convulsed society. From the Pentagon Papers to privacy rights to the death penalty to ethnic profiling at the border, the Court ruled on issues that both reflected and shaped the times. Join Dr. Shari O'Brien on a journey through it all in this examination of constitutional law!

Get Lost in Nature Photography

Joan Pearce

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Wednesday, September 16

Registration deadline: Sep. 8th

Award-winning fine artist and photographer, Joan Pearce, will share a PowerPoint of her nature photographs featuring inspirational and thought-provoking quotes, educational tidbits and more. Following the nature presentation, there will be an optional, short creative writing experience.

Connected Lives Series

The Hidden Epidemic: When the Waters Stopped Flowing

Thasia Awad, MSW, LSW

10:00 - 11:00 AM, Thursday, September 17

Registration deadline: Sep. 9th

Connected Lives is a series of lectures exploring how loneliness and isolation has emerged as one of the most significant public health challenges of our time. This opening lecture introduces the epidemic of loneliness and isolation as a defining challenge of modern life.

Beginning Cyanotype Workshop: Making Artistic Prints with Light and Nature

Margaret Lockwood-Lass

12 - 3:00 PM, Thursday, September 17

Registration deadline: Sep. 2nd

Before cameras were invented, artists discovered how to make cyanotype prints combining light and nature to make beautiful blue paper prints of plants. Today, those prints are in museums and still as blue as when they were first made. Learn about this vintage process and alternative colors and substrates. Have fun making your own beautiful paper prints with plants and sunlight.

Ideologies, the "isms": Capitalism, Communism, Socialism, Democratic Socialism

Dale Lanigan, PhD

2:00 - 3:15 PM, Thursdays

September 17 - October 8 (4 weeks)

Registration deadline: Sep. 9th

Spurred by political rhetoric and lack of quality education, there is significant public confusion about the meaning and operation of political and economic ideologies such as Capitalism, Communism, Socialism, Democratic Socialism and Libertarianism. This discussion-based class will examine each's characteristics, benefits, advantages, criticisms & disadvantages.

Seeing History Through Renaissance Art

Carol Schwartz, PhD

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM, Tuesdays

September 22 - 29 (2 weeks)

Registration deadline: Sep. 14th

It is almost impossible to consider the European Renaissance without examining the art that defines this period—but it's more than the exceptional beauty that exemplifies this time in history. This class explores what the art reveals about the period beyond its stunning imagery.

You Be the Judge

Justice Judith Ann Lanzinger

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Wednesday, September 23

Registration deadline: Sep. 15th

Ever wondered what the hardest part of a judge's job is? Come find out from retired Justice Judith Ann Lanzinger and get a taste of what judging can be like.

A Social Creed: How Should Religious Institutions Respond to Public Problems?

Hugh Grefe

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Thursdays

September 24 - October 8 (3 weeks)

Registration deadline: Sep. 16th

This discussion-based class will use an issue guide produced by the National Issues Forums Institute to explore how religious institutions weigh social issues. Facilitator Hugh

Grefe has served in a variety of executive, civic, and board roles in the greater Toledo community.

Advanced Cyanotype Workshop: Making Artistic Prints with Light and Nature

Margaret Lockwood-Lass

12 - 3:00 PM, Thursday, September 24

Registration deadline: Sep. 16th

This is an advanced class that builds on the techniques learned in the beginning course above, while expanding them to working with cloth, toning the shades of blue, and other cyanotype techniques.

Maintain Your Brain

Carol Budzenski, Ph.D.

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Mondays

September 28 – October 12 (3 weeks)

Registration deadline: Sep. 20th

Learn about one of the most complex organs of the body and how it is always developing and changing from a board-certified neuropsychologist! If you desire, use this information to develop a plan to optimize your own functioning to live as full a life as possible.

Emotional Intelligence: How To Work With Difficult People

Dawn Gramling

1:00 – 2:00 PM, Monday, September 28

Registration deadline: Sep. 20th

Licensed Independent Social Worker, Dawn Gramling, explores how our brains handle emotions and the basics of emotional intelligence. Participants will walk away with simple, practical ways to build emotional intelligence into everyday habits and gain helpful approaches for connecting with challenging people.

Nature Interpretation on the Sisters of St. Francis Campus

Kim High

6:00 - 7:30 PM, Wednesday, September 30

Registration deadline: Sep. 22nd

The plants and animals of floodplain, upland woods, meadow and prairie communities will be featured in this **outdoor class** as we

explore the Sisters of St. Francis campus and its relationship to the Oak Openings Region and our role in this vital, healthy community. Material covered will include identification, stewardship and ways of effectively sharing your knowledge and passion of this place we call home! Expect a leisurely walk of less than 2 miles.

Soulsnorkeling: Contemplative Photography

Sheila Otto

9:00 - 11:00 AM, Wednesdays

October 7 – 14 (2 weeks)

Registration deadline: Sep. 29th

“Soulsnorkeling” Contemplative Photography is about looking more deeply into your experience. Students will learn to see more attentively through photography. We will combine classroom instruction with time to view and discuss the photos we have made. Your phone camera is perfect for this!

Chicago: A Guide to Past and Present

Dr. Andy Jorgensen & Dr. Guy Szuberla

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM, Wednesdays

October 7 – 21 (3 weeks)

Registration deadline: Sep. 29th

Two native sons of Chicago, University of Toledo Professors emeriti Andy Jorgensen and Guy Szuberla, serve as guides to their city, its myths, rich history, and its present life & time.

Right Meds at the Right Time: End of Life Care

Dawn Gramling, LISW & Kelly Chany, RN, MPH

1:00 – 2:00 PM, Thursday, October 8

Registration deadline: Sep. 30th

Medications play an important role in promoting comfort and quality of life during serious illness and at the end of life. We will explore how these medications work and their effects on the mind, body, and spirit.

Italy's Indigenous Reds: Alps to Sicily

Nicholas Kubiak

6:30 – 8:30 PM, Thursday, October 8

Registration deadline: Sep. 9th

Taste 6 native red grapes that have shaped Italy's identity for centuries.