LOOKING AHEAD

Upcoming events that are on the horizon include the following. Check our website for updates: www.uwlax.edu/LIR

Trip to Mason City Iowa to view the work of Frank Lloyd Wright
Monday, June 26, 2017

The Dover Quartet at the Minnesota Beethoven Festival
Tuesday, July 18, 2017

Birding Bonanza
Scott Puchalski, President, Coulee Region Audubon Society

Do You Want to Write a Story?
Fran Ribarek

Nature Journaling
Jan Wellick, Associate Lecturer, UW-La Crosse

GoodGreens Aquaponics
Learn how vegetables and fish are raised together right here in La Crosse by a division of ORC Industries.

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LEARNING in Retirement
NEWSLETTER

PLANNED SPRING CLASSES

Join us as we explore, learn, and engage with subject matter experts on a diverse array of topics such as:

- Agriculture
- Ecology
- The Arts
- Brain function
- Travel

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Women Film Directors
Presented by Sandra Sechrest
A statistic: Women comprise 7% of the directors of the top grossing 250 movies. We’ll be discussing the causes of this while we’re discovering many wonderful women film directors. We’ll be discussing directors from silent movies days to the present, from Dorothy Arzner to Ava DuVernay. We’ll be focusing mostly on American directors but we’ll discuss some notable directors from other countries. We’ll have four three hour classes. We’ll see a full length movie and some film clips at each session.
Tuesday, April 4, 11, 18, 25 (a series) | 1-4 p.m.
Student Union, UW-La Crosse
$30, LIR Members | $40, Non-members

Beekeeper Buzz
Presenter: Ken Balts, Secretary of the La Crosse Area Beekeepers
Ken was born three quarters of a century ago and raised on a farm. He received a hive of honeybees when he was 8 years and has been interested in them ever since.
Ken earned a B.S. from UW-Eau Claire, and an M.S. from Oklahoma State University. He was employed at Western Technical College from 1973-2003 and has been retired ever since. He has been a member of the La Crosse Area Beekeepers since 1982. Ken will present on the “Wonders of the Honeybee” which will include information about the life cycle of the honeybee; facts and trivia; uses of beeswax; colors of pollen.
Friday, April 7 | 10 a.m.-noon
Myrick Park Center
2000 La Crosse St., La Crosse, WI
$15, LIR Members | $25, Non-members

The Spirit of the Music in Winona
After a delicious dinner at the Jefferson Pub, enjoy the music of the Dover Quartet performing at the Page Theatre on the Saint Mary’s University Campus in Winona. The Dover Quartet catapulted to international stardom following a stunning sweep of the 2013 Banff International String Quartet Competition, becoming one of the most in-demand ensembles in the world. The New Yorker recently dubbed them “the young American string quartet of the moment,” and The Strad raved that the Quartet is “already pulling away from their peers with their exceptional interpretive maturity, tonal refinement and taut ensemble.”
Tuesday, July 18, 2017
7:30 p.m. concert time
Page Theatre, Saint Mary’s University
$80, LIR members | $110, Non-LIR members
Trip will be mid-afternoon through approx.10:30 p.m.
Limited to 16 people with registration due 5/6/2017

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Arbor Day Walk About:
Getting to Know Your Local Trees
Presenter: Randy Mell, University of Wisconsin Extension Natural Resources Educator

Ever wonder if a tree in your yard is a hard maple or a white oak? Does it matter? Yes, it matters to your local wildlife who use it for food or shelter. Join a forester as you get to know what trees are growing in your yard. This outdoor program will help you learn how to identify the major native trees you will likely find growing on your property.

Friday, April 28 | 10 a.m.-noon
Myrick Park Center
2000 La Crosse St., La Crosse, WI
$15, LIR Members | $25, Non-members

Dancer and Her Unwitting Followers
Presented by Barrett Klein, Dept. of Biology, UW-La Crosse

Communication is vital for humans and honeybees alike. Foragers of western honeybees (Apis mellifera) famously exhibit waggle dances capable of advertising the destination (direction and distance) of a food source to nest mates. When restricted of sleep by a custom-made insomniator, honeybee foragers still perform waggle dances the day following sleep-restriction, but the direction component of their dances is less precise. Signaling is only one half of communication, so what about the receivers of the signals—dance followers confronted with the relatively imprecise dance signals?

Friday, May 12 | 10 a.m.-noon
Myrick Park Center, 2000 La Crosse St., La Crosse, WI
$15, LIR Members | $25, Non-members

The Making of a Play
Presented by Greg Parmeter

This class will focus on how a play is crafted including plot, imagery, character, and pacing. We will study different play structures and how they can affect how a story is told and the audiences’ perceptions of the play. We will examine how a musical is structured different from a play, a drama from a comedy, and forms that subvert traditional structure such as absurdism. Plays discussed will include A Raisin in the Sun, The Glass Menagerie, Hamilton, and several other classic and modern works.

Thursday, May 18, 25, June 8, 15 (a series) | 10 a.m.-noon
Center for The Arts, UW-La Crosse
$20, LIR members | $30 Non-members

Your Brain Has a Mind of Its Own
Presented by Neale Koenig

This will be an interactive class with a presentation of conscious and subliminal operation of the brain. It covers things that are genetic and things that are born with you. Neale recommends that you read “Your Brain Has a Mind of Its Own: Insights from a Practicing Neurologist.” April 13, 1993, by Richard Restak, M.D.

Tuesday, May 9 | 10 a.m.-noon
3130 Student Union, UW-La Crosse
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Monday, June 5 | 10 a.m.-noon
355 Morris Hall, UW-La Crosse
$15, LIR Members | $25, Non-members

This is Your Brain On Music
Presented by Neale Koenig

This will be an interactive class with a presentation on how the various components of music are processed by the different sections of the brain. He recommends the book “This Is Your Brain on Music” by Daniel J. Levitan.

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Honeybee Communication: The Tale of a Sleep-deprived Dancer and Her Unwitting Followers
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Travel Talk: Canada
Presented by Sandra Sachrest
Sandra will share highlights of her trip to Western Canada. You will see British Columbia and Alberta. She traveled to Victoria, Calgary, Vancouver and Banff. You will see highlights from her train trip through the Canadian Rockies.

Friday, May 19 | 10 a.m.-noon
3110 Student Union, UW-La Crosse
$0, LIR Members
$5, Non-members

The Human Brain vs. Computer

Presented by Neale Koenig

This will be an interactive class with a presentation of how a computer works as compared to how the brain functions. Neale has an M.S. in Automation & Control Systems and has taught computer systems at four different colleges. He has studied brain functions. Neale has an M.S. in Automation & Control Systems and has taught computer systems at four different colleges. He has studied brain functions.