

# OLLI

AT AQUINAS COLLEGE

October 26 – December 11

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

It has been 40 years since the first student walked into a lifelong learning classroom at Aquinas College. At the time, only a few courses were offered, and most were financial in nature for the retired "students." Today almost 200 classes are offered a year in all subject areas taught by professors from all colleges and universities in West Michigan. And, special interest groups - like hiking, movie and discussion groups - make it even more vibrant. OLLI has come a long way with many changes - but what hasn't changed is the social and mental stimulation that OLLI provides, and the joy that learning with others generates. Thank you all for the energy and enthusiasm you bring to OLLI. Your support to and from this program has changed lives.

*Shirley*

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# OLLI'S ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

It is the time of year when we ask you to support our Annual Campaign for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Aquinas College. We hope that you will help us in continuing to provide outstanding educational opportunities for those over 50 in the greater Grand Rapids community.

While earnings from our Osher Endowment finance about 20% of our program, more than 80% comes from our Annual Fund drive, tuition, memberships and fund-raising events. Therefore, your help continues to be very important.

Your contributions will help keep our programs strong and vibrant, enable us to continue to offer a wide variety of classes and experiences, provide you great value for the money you spend, and continue to attract the best instructors. When you give to OLLI, we will place your name (with permission) on our "tree" inside the Browne Center. As always, we appreciate all you do to support us. Because of your generosity, we will be able to provide another year of outstanding programs and professors!

A gift of **ANY SIZE** is a gift of knowledge and makes a big difference in the program and the educational opportunities for members.

  
Sheila Pantlind  
Director

  
Carol Gunsch  
Program Coordinator

  
Corey McAleenan Boehm  
Program Administrator



# OLLI Membership Structure

(September 2015 - June 2016)

For the 2015-2016 OLLI academic year, we are again offering a tiered membership designed to provide you with options and monetary savings. The tuition costs are less if you join as an OLLI member, and the savings are greater with each membership level.

## MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE

The three different membership levels from which to choose are:

### NON-MEMBER:

No Membership fee

1 wk class- \$21  
2 wk class- \$42  
3 wk class- \$62  
4 wk class- \$76

### BRONZE MEMBERSHIP:

\$25 Membership fee

Bronze members receive greater discounts compared to non-members.

1 wk class- \$16  
2 wk class- \$35  
3 wk class- \$52  
4 wk class- \$63

### SILVER MEMBERSHIP:

\$60 Membership fee

Silver members receive greater discounts compared to Bronze members

1 wk class- \$12  
2 wk class- \$30  
3 wk class- \$42  
4 wk class- \$50

### GOLD MEMBERSHIP:

\$385 Membership fee

Gold members can attend unlimited number of classes all year. Fees may be added for special events, trips, or class materials.

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### MONDAY

#### Finding Our Way on the Camino De Santiago

Monday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
October 26, November 2 & 9



*Ann Zoellner, MA, is a retired educator/administrator... and a lifelong world traveler. Recently, she and four friends walked the ancient pilgrim path known as the Camino*

*Francés, or the Way of St. James.*

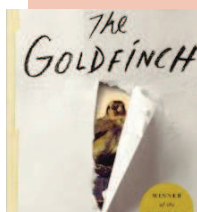
Ann will share the story of her spiritual walk in Spain, by first showing the film, *The Way*, written, produced and directed by Emilio Estevez, starring Martin Sheen. Next, she will hit the road, discussing this historical pilgrimage and the accomplishment of completing

this 500 mile walk from the French Pyrenees to Santiago, Spain. Finally, she will explore "lessons learned," including what to carry, what to bring, and where to stay. Best of all, Ann will share the joy of an extraordinary experience.

M: Bronze \$52 Silver \$42 NM: \$62  
Location: Browne Center

#### Book Discussion: *The Goldfinch*

Monday, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
October 26, November 2 & 9



*Anne Horvitz, J.D., received her Masters from Harvard and her J.D. from Cooley Law School.*

This Pulitzer Prize winning novel by

Donna Tartt is a story of hope, love, inspiration, human fortitude, fate and most of all, human resilience. It is a stay-up-all-night triumph. Join

Anne as she leads a discussion and examination of the story, characters and writing style of this novel that stayed on the *New York Times* best seller list for over 30 weeks.

M: Bronze \$52 Silver \$42 NM: \$62  
Location: Browne Center

#### Grand Rapids' Historic Sites and Buildings: Lost and Found

Monday, 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
November 11



*Gordon Olson is the city of Grand Rapids Historian Emeritus. He is the author of numerous books about Grand Rapids.*

The rapids of the Grand River, Fr.

Baraga's mission, Rev. McCoy's Baptist Mission, Campau's trading post, and early settler Joel Guild's cabin are all gone. The same is true

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of later structures and locations like Prospect Hill and City Hall built in the late 19th century. Occasionally, contemporary construction turns up artifacts of earlier times, and a drive around town reveals old structures that have survived. Gordon will lead class members on a tour of these historic sites and buildings, using maps, drawings and photographs to highlight what has been lost as well as what can still be found.

M: Bronze \$16 Silver \$12 NM: \$21  
Location: Browne Center

### The Rise and Near Fall of St. Petersburg

Monday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
November 16 & 23



**Gary D. Stark, Ph.D.**, is professor of Modern European History at GVSU. A specialist on Germany, he has studied and lived there (including in the former East Germany

before 1989) and is the author of several books and articles on modern German and European history and culture.

St. Petersburg has a fascinating history dating back to the 1600's. The greatest of the Russian czars, Peter the Great, inherited this very backward, medieval nation and transformed it into a modern great power. It remained a great city until WWII when the Germans blockaded and bombarded it. It was one of the longest (900 days) and most destructive sieges in history and by far the most costly in terms of casualties – 1,500,000, mostly women and children. Professor Stark will tell the history of St. Petersburg (Leningrad) and also relate what strategies the Russians used to survive one of the most terrible events in human history.

M: Bronze \$35 Silver \$30 NM: \$42  
Location: Browne Center

### 100 Years of Popular American Music – 1940s to Present

Monday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
November 30 & December 7



**Jon Vanderploeg**, an attorney at Smith, Haughey, Rice & Roegge in Grand Rapids since 1986, is an avid record collector, listener and music historian.

This continues the course from last year, but with some backtracking. Jon will pick up with post-war music - exploring small group jazz, Motown, Rock & Roll, and the British invasion. He will also look at the best American songwriters of the last 50 years. Using the music, images of performers and vintage videos, Jon will explore how music, performers, and producers were shaped by, and were forceful shapers of American society.

M: Bronze \$35 Silver \$30 NM: \$42  
Location: Browne Center

### Simply Beautiful: Michigan Wildflowers and Weeds

Monday, 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
November 30 & December 7



**Daniel Bauer, MD**, is a retired physician who received his BS in botany and zoology and his medical degree from U of M. He has owned a cabin in western Mackinac

County in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and has spent time photographing wildflowers and anything else that attracts his photographer's "eye."

As a photographer with a naturalist's curiosity, Dan poses an interesting question. Do people simply like nature and color in their lives or do they need them to live happily? Using the words and images of Georgie O'Keefe, photographer Eliot Porter and others, along with many of his own photographs of

wildflowers and landscapes, this class will hopefully answer this question. Beautiful photographs of wildflowers taken here and in the UP will be shown with information of when they bloom, along with how herbalists use them for healing. This class will make you realize how much we are all influenced emotionally and psychologically by nature and its colors.

M: Bronze \$35 Silver \$30 NM: \$42  
Location: Browne Center

## TUESDAY

### Chinese Music: The Beautiful Window of Chinese Culture

Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
October 27, November 3, 10 & 17



**Rui Niu-Cooper, Ph.D.**, is an assistant professor of education and the bilingual programs coordinator at Aquinas College, as well as a published author. She has drawn

upon her experience as a professor in both China and the U.S. to offer multiple presentations on China-related topics.

This four-session course will introduce the basic Chinese traditional classical music and the embedded Chinese traditional philosophy, social value and norms. During these sessions, the class will be given the opportunity to enjoy Chinese music, listen to the stories behind the music, and appreciate the art pieces related to certain musical pieces.

M: Bronze \$63 Silver \$50 NM: \$76  
Location: Browne Center

### Reflections on this Thing Called Life

Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
October 27, November 3 & 10

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**Dave Kampfschulte** is director of Amazing Circles Workshops, speaker and author. Using his energy, humor, empathy and over 30 years as an educator, Dave

facilitates interactive workshops and classes.

Dave offers an extended version of his spring class, *Teaching Outside the Pages of a Book*. Through stimulating, interactive activities and discussion, participants will be able to recognize and understand the common themes and challenges we all share in this up and down journey through life.

M: Bronze \$52 Silver \$42 NM: \$62  
Location: Browne Center

### Why We Laugh: A Brief History of Comedy in American Film

Tuesday, 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
October 27



**Maggie Annerino** is an award winning video producer and media educator. She has taught media studies at Kendall College of Art and Design and GVSU.

Maggie is an advocate of media literacy and her goal is to educate everyone to become critical thinkers about what we see and hear.

In the first half of the 20th century, film captured the collective imagination of the American people more than any other cultural form. Films tell compelling stories that make us laugh and cry. The genre of American film comedy often deals with issues of racial, ethnic, and class differences more openly than any other genre. Maggie will explore cultural and historical ideas, beginning with the industrial age, and into the digital age to determine what continues to make us laugh.

M: Bronze \$16 Silver \$12 NM: \$21  
Location: Browne Center

### Tuesdays with Professors

Tuesday, Noon- 1 p.m.



Join us for "Tuesdays with Professors" at the Browne Center. Professors select a passage or scene from a favorite novel, drama or short story to read aloud, and

then offer their keen insights and thoughts. This hour will be relaxing, inspirational, and fun.

**November 3 – Shelli Rottshafer**, Ph.D., associate professor of Spanish at Aquinas College, will read from Carlos Eire, nonfiction writer's works. His books chronicle his journey as a refugee from Castro's Cuba to a new life in America. His first memoir, *Waiting for Snow in Havana: Confessions of a Cuban Boy* won the National Book Award for nonfiction in 2003. Eire will visit Aquinas College on November 10 as part of the Contemporary Writers Series.

M: Bronze \$8 Silver \$6 NM: \$12  
Location: Browne Center

### Film, Food, and Fiction: *Chocolat*

Tuesday, 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
November 3, 10 & 17



**Penny Porcelli-Nerli** is a retired English teacher who taught at GRCC and Maui Community College. Penny did graduate work in Women's Studies at the

University of East Anglia, Norwich, U.K.

The 1999 novel *Chocolat* by Jane Harris will be the next delicious offering for the popular "Film, Food, and Fiction Series" at OLLI. Students will view the film, discuss the book and indulge in chocolate (bring a copy of the novel please).

M: Bronze \$52 Silver \$42 NM: \$62  
Location: Browne Center

### Liberty and Order

Tuesday, 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
November 10 & 17



**Dr. John Pinheiro**, Ph.D., is an associate professor of history and chair of the philosophy department at Aquinas College.

Author Joel Sibley

calls Dr. Pinheiro's recent 2014 book, *Missionaries of a Republicanism: A Religious History of the Mexican-American War*, "a groundbreaking achievement."

This class will explore the background and content of the American Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. The emphasis will be on how each tried to find the best balance between liberty and the need for order.

M: Bronze \$35 Silver \$30 NM: \$42  
Location: Browne Center

### Romeo, Where Art Thou?

Tuesday, 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
November 24 & December 1



**Bette VanDinther** has taught literature and writing at Calvin College and has led many workshops studying Shakespeare's plays.

Written at the beginning of a young Shakespeare's career as a playwright, the tragedy of *Romeo and Juliet* is now considered to be the greatest love story of all time. What is so compelling about this story that it has withstood its popularity throughout time? "Love" really isn't even a suitable subject for a tragedy or is it? Come prepared to discuss this timeless love story about two love struck teenagers who defy their families and risk **everything** for love! Please bring a copy of *Romeo and Juliet* to class.

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### **Vintage Views along Scenic M-22**

Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
December 1



**Christine Byron and Tom Wilson** share a love of Michigan and a fascination with its history. Their collection of antique postcards and tourist and travel ephemera

was the inspiration for a series of books about Michigan. Three of their books have won Michigan Notable Book awards, and their book on the *West Michigan Pike* won a 2012 State History Award.

Chris and Tom will lead you on a trail of vacationers and travelers along one of Michigan's most scenic roads. M-22 winds through northern Manistee County, along the western side of Benzie County and loops around the Leelanau Peninsula. Vintage postcards, photographs, maps and advertisements illustrate a time when M-22 first beckoned motorists to come north to the land of beautiful beaches and sand dunes; lakes and rivers; forests and woodlands; and farms and orchards. Featured also along the iconic M-22 road will be old hotels and state parks. .

M: Bronze \$16 Silver \$12 NM: \$21  
Location: Browne Center

### **Nature Oddities: Oh, I Didn't Know That!**

Tuesday, 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
December 8



**Mary Jane Dockeray, Ph.D.**, was Curator Naturalist of the Blandford Nature Center from 1968-1990. She was recently named one of Michigan's Women of

*the Year and inducted into Michigan's Hall of Fame.*

There are thousands of "wow" facts about things under our feet and over our heads. After Mary Jane brings a few of these to your attention with slides and specimens, you can become a nature sleuth.

M: Bronze \$16 Silver \$12 NM: \$21  
Location: Browne Center

## WEDNESDAY

### **Backwards in High Heels: Ginger Rogers' Career**

Wednesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
October 28, November 4 & 11



**Albert Bell, Ph. D.**, is professor of History at Hope College. His research interests focus on ancient Rome in the first century A.D. In addition to articles

and stories, Dr. Bell has published historical mysteries for adults, children and other books of interest.

Someone once joked that Ginger Rogers did everything Fred Astaire did, but backwards in high heels. She is best known for her partnership with Astaire in a series of 1930s romantic musicals which revolutionized the genre. Those 9 films, however, were only a fraction of the 73 in which she appeared. She won an Academy Award in 1940 as the star of *Kitty Foyle*. The American Film Institute ranks her as #14 on its list of 100 screen legends. This three-week course will survey Rogers' 60-year career and the ups and downs of her personal life.

M: Bronze \$52 Silver \$42 NM: \$62  
Location: Browne Center

### **The Bible**

Wednesday, 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
October 28, November 4, 11 & 18



**Rev. Maurice A. Fetty** received degrees from Union Theological Seminary, NYC, and a MA from Butler University and a Master of Divinity from Christian

Theological Seminary. Rev. Fetty, now retired, spent the majority of his career as minister of Mayflower Congregational Church in Grand Rapids. He has now published 15 books and numerous articles.

Rev. Fetty will present a comprehensive overview of the entire Bible as a drama in three acts, with prologue and epilogue. This is a way to get an understandable and memorable summary of the events and complexities of the Bible in their historical time frame.

M: Bronze \$63 Silver \$50 NM: \$76  
Location: Browne Center

### **Exploring The Devil in the White City**

Wednesday, 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
October 28



**Tom Buettner**, historian, is known in West Michigan for presenting programs addressing a multitude of topics – each one well researched and presented in a most interesting way.

Tom has been frequently asked whether the events depicted in Eric Larson's bestselling book, *The Devil in the White City*, actually happened? In his nonfiction novel, Larson weaves a truth that is stranger than fiction about Daniel Burnham, the brilliant architect who masterminded the construction of the great Chicago World's Fair of 1893, and Henry H. Holmes, the prolific serial killer who used the fair to lure his victims. In this

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presentation, Tom uses research and historic visuals to present what really happened

M: Bronze \$16 Silver \$12 NM: \$21  
Location: Browne Center

### World War II: Force Marching into Oblivion

Wednesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
November 11, 18\*, December 2 & 9



**Fred Johnson, Ph.D.**, is associate professor of history at Hope College. His primary field of study is 19th Century U.S. History, specifically, the Civil War. He has

authored many books, and currently is completing the book *America's Blind Spot: U.S. Foreign Policy in Africa 1945-Present*. Dr. Johnson has received many awards including the Hope Favorite and Most Outstanding Professor Awards.

The unfinished business and toxic consequences of World War I unleashed the catastrophe of World War II. This course delves into the causes, conduct, and enduring impact of the Second World War when the blood of millions paved the way to victory over tyrants who drove humankind to the threshold of self-annihilation.

M: Bronze \$63 Silver \$50 NM: \$76  
Location: Browne Center  
**Note: \*Skip date Nov. 25**

### Cultivating Compassion and Forgiveness

Wednesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
December 2 & 9



**Ric Underhile, Ph.D.**, is Director of Foundation Communications and Grants Management at Aquinas College. Dr. Underhile holds

degrees in music, counselor education, and health education. He has spoken and consulted at over 200 colleges and

universities throughout the U.S. and Canada, and has authored a number of articles on health and learning.

Philosophers and religious leaders have written about compassion for centuries. But, how do we intentionally cultivate compassion in our daily lives? Ric will discuss ten strategies for cultivating compassion, as well as the challenges and benefits of living a compassionate life. Because human beings are clumsy, make mistakes and get stubborn and judgmental, Ric will also discuss how to be more skilled in forgiving and forgetting. The social significance of being more compassionate and forgiving can be life changing for us all.

M: Bronze \$35 Silver \$30 NM: \$42  
Location: Browne Center

## THURSDAY

### The Great Constitutional Debates

Thursday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
October 29 & November 5



**Professor Devin Schindler** is an award-winning professor of Constitutional Law at Thomas M. Cooley Law School and was recognized by the *Detroit News* as a "Super Lawyer." **Eric Richards** is a well-known local attorney and former president of the West Michigan Federalist Society.



Should the Constitution contain a bill of rights? Should the Due Process clause be interpreted as requiring states to recognize same-sex marriages? Should Affirmative Action be allowed under the Equal Protections Clause? This

interactive class will pit two of Michigan's leading Constitutional law scholars against one another in a lively, interactive debate. Eric will represent the views of the Originalist "conservative" Justices, like Scalia and Thomas. Devin will take a non-originalist "liberal" perspective, currently embodied by Ginsburg and Sotomayer.

M: Bronze \$35 Silver \$30 NM: \$42  
Location: Browne Center

### Martin Van Buren: Dutch-American President and Master Politician

Thursday, 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
October 29

**Jason Duncan, Ph.D.**, earned his Doctorate from the University of Iowa. He has won numerous awards at Aquinas College for his teaching and service since joining the history department in 2002. Before entering academics, he worked in politics as a legislative assistant to a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. His first book is titled *Citizens or Papists? The Politics of Anti-Catholicism in New York 1685-1821*. His current book is called *John Kennedy: The Spirit of Cold War Liberalism*.



Although Martin Van Buren has largely been forgotten by the American public, he was one of the most important political figures in the U.S. from 1812-1850. Born into modest circumstances in a Dutch speaking community in New York, he is the only president of the U.S. whose first language was not English. Van Buren was a brilliant political strategist and a key figure in the making of what became the Democratic Party. His one term as president (1837-1841) was marred by a severe economic crisis. Even so, he is representative of what one of his biographers has described as the "Romantic Age of American Politics."

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### **Catholicism, the Rule of Law and Gay Marriage**

Thursday, 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
November 5



**Bruce Courtade**, an attorney with Rhoades McKee, practices civil and commercial litigation, construction law, business disputes and general business counseling. Bruce

received both his bachelor's degree and juris doctor from the University of Michigan. In 2010, he received the Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Service Award. In 2012-2013, Bruce served as the president of the Michigan State Bar. **Father James Chelich** is the parish priest for St. Thomas the Apostle in Grand Rapids.

A parish priest and a local attorney examine the United States Supreme Court's decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges* from their respective vantage points. Fr. James Chelich, parish priest for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish and Bruce Courtade, a St. Thomas parishioner and former President of the State Bar of Michigan, will examine the case's decision from the perspective of the Catholic Church, its doctrine and teachings, and through the eyes of a Catholic attorney focusing on the historical and procedural background of the case and its impact under the Rule of Law.

M: Bronze \$16 Silver \$12 NM: \$21  
Location: Browne Center

### **It Don't Mean a Thing if it Ain't Got that Swing**

Thursday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
November 12 & 19



**Benita Wolters-Fredlund Ph.D.**, is associate professor of music at Calvin College, where she teaches American music, popular

*music and world music. Her research explores the connection between music and politics.*

The huge popularity of swing music during the '30s and '40s is credited with saving the recording industry during the Great Depression and WWII years. Explore the musical, historical and cultural roots of this much-loved musical genre in this course offering, where Benita will revisit big band heroes like Duke Ellington, Bennie Goodman, Count Basie and others, and witness the ways in which this infectious style spread across the globe and into other popular music genres such as country, pop, and R&B.

M: Bronze \$35 Silver \$30 NM: \$42  
Location: Browne Center

### **An Astronomer Looks at the Star of Bethlehem**

Thursday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
November 12,



**David L. DeBruyn** served as chief curator of the Roger B. Chaffee Planetarium for four decades before retiring in 2003. As Curator Emeritus, he works on

*special projects for the Planetarium, and has taught astronomy classes for GRCC, authored astronomy articles, and presented lectures around the country.*

The Star of Bethlehem is mentioned only four times in the Bible and referred to in the second chapter of Matthew as merely a "star." Was it the spectacular object depicted in our art and music, or rather a phenomenon of significance only to the mystical travelers called Magi? The time travel capabilities of the new technology in the planetarium will take us back to Biblical times, when a number of sky events (which might have been responsible for the "Star of Bethlehem" story) will be re-created.

M: Bronze \$19 Silver \$15  
Gold \$10 NM: \$24

Location: 272 Pearl St NW – 2nd Floor Grand Rapids Public Museum  
**Note: Tuition includes parking and entrance fees. Use the Museum's ramp on Front Street, south of the main entrance. Please arrive in the Chaffee Planetarium no later than 9:15 a.m.**

### **The Political Foundations of the United States**

Thursday, 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
November 12 & 19



**Scott Stabler, Ph.D.**, is associate professor of history at GVSU. His specialty is American History, and he has taught many classes at OLLI including those on the Civil War and the Founding Fathers.

This course will focus on America's Founding Fathers and their post-Revolutionary role in shaping and then maintaining a country and a constitution George Washington thought would only last a decade. All the figures discussed are well-known, from Washington to Alexander Hamilton to Thomas Jefferson to John Adams. The class will be based around historian Joseph Ellis' book, *Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation*, that focuses on six well-known events involving the Founders, including the Burr-Hamilton Duel, Washington's Farewell Address, and Benjamin Franklin's petition to end slavery in 1790. We will also discuss many misnomers Americans have about the men who formed the world's first true democracy and include their relevance to contemporary times.

M: Bronze \$35 Silver \$30 NM: \$42  
Location: Browne Center

### **Mindful Holidays: Say Goodbye to Mayhem and Hello to Joy**

Thursday, 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
November 19

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**Janice Lynne Lundy** is a former educator of world religions. Today, she is a spiritual director with a spiritual focus in private practice, a retreat leader, and

the author of four spiritual growth books. She serves as adjunct staff at the Grand Rapids Dominican Center, leading contemplative programming and mentoring spiritual directors in training.

We love the holidays and all they represent: peace, love, and connection. The problem is that most of us get so caught up in the busyness of preparing for them that we miss their true joy. Rushing, resentment, and stress take the place of gratitude and wonder. In this enlightening and practical program, Janice will help to transform your holidays from stressed to serene using mindfulness, including how to: let go of holiday perfectionism, stay balanced and focused when the pace picks up, remain calm and open-hearted at family gatherings, find time for self-care, and more. Together, we'll begin the journey of creating new and meaningful holidays that affirm YOU, your values, and your well-being.

M: Bronze \$16 Silver \$12 NM: \$21  
Location: Browne Center

### **Cancer Times Five: Facts, Faith, and Feelings**

Thursday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
December 3



**Sister Sue Tracy OP** has been a Dominican sister for over fifty years. She is the chaplain at Spectrum Hospital, where she ministers to cancer patients and their

families. She is an author and speaks on a variety of topics.

Although the diagnosis of cancer can be life-threatening, it is not an

automatic death sentence. One can live, love, laugh and learn through this experience and discover there is a lot that one can do and learn through the "mell of a hess" while coping with cancer. This is possible even after hearing the "c" word five times as Sister Sue has these past 29 years.

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### **"Say it Ain't So Atticus" Go Set A Watchman**

Thursday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
December 6



In Harper Lee's new recently published novel, *Go Set a Watchman*, Atticus Finch is accused of being a racist by his now grown daughter Scout. In Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*, arguably the best known American novel of the 20th century, Atticus defends a black man who is accused of

raping a white woman. What's the truth about Atticus? **Jon March**, actor and lawyer, and **Becky Knack**, English teacher and southerner, will lead a two hour discussion about Atticus Finch including March's role playing the trial lawyer on the stage, and about Lee's accuracy in her portrayal of the south in the 1930s and 1950s, and about today's hotly discussed question of the quality of *Watchman* as a novel.

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## FRIDAY

### **An Introduction to Thomas Merton**

Friday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
October 30, November 6 & 13



**Rev. Paul A. Milanowski** is a retired priest of the Diocese of Grand Rapids, celebrating 50 years of ministry and

service. In his seminary years, he was attracted to, and deeply influenced by, the writings of Thomas Merton, Dorothy Day, and Daniel Berrigan.

Thomas Merton, Father Louis, a Trappist Monk, was a prolific author, poet, artist and diarist. He wrote and published books and articles on a wide variety of subjects: sacred, secular, political and social. Merton also carried on a voluminous correspondence with many of the most influential people of his day. Since his tragic and untimely death in 1968, his writings have inspired thousands of books, articles, retreats, conferences and seminars all over the world. Merton also played a significant part in the 2nd Vatican Council reformation of the Church; including monastic and religious reform, ecumenical and inter-religious dialogue, the role of the laity, and many of the most vital issues of the Church in the modern world, especially racism, poverty, war and nuclear weapons.

M: Bronze \$52 Silver \$42 NM: \$62  
Location: Browne Center

### **Steamboats, Launches, Liveries, & Livelihoods: Reeds Lake History 1850-1950**

Friday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
November 6

**Mary Dersch** loves sharing the unique history about the city of East Grand Rapids. She has been the curator of the EGR History Room

since 1993. Mary has been involved in many fund raising and preservation projects around the city – Poisson's Landing boat launch (honoring the steamboat family) and the statue of President Ford outside of the community center, are just a few of her projects.



## COURSES CONT.

For more than 150 years Reeds Lake has been a center of activity. Thousands of folks escaped the city for a day of leisure while others on the lake labored. This presentation will include lecture, anecdotes, memories and photographs - so travel back in time and enjoy the ride.

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Location: Browne Center

### Facing Art

Friday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
December 4 & 11



*Henry Luttikhuizen, Ph.D., received his doctorate from the University of Virginia and is professor of art history at Calvin College. He has authored numerous*

*books and articles on medieval and northern renaissance art, and he also has been a curator of many exhibitions in museums and galleries.*

Join Professor Luttikhuizen as he looks at the history of art through

portraiture. Examples from a variety of media from antiquity to the present will be shown in hopes of fostering a deeper understanding of the ways in which these images work. First, Henry will focus your attention on the function of portraiture prior to the Italian Renaissance. He will then examine use of portraits in the fifteenth-century through today. Although some non-western portraits may be addressed, the majority of course content will be devoted to the interpretation of European and North American examples.

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Location: Browne Center

### The United States and Iran: Friends into Foes

Friday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
December 4 & 11



*Jim Goode is professor of history at GVSU. He teaches the history of U.S. foreign relations and of the Middle East. He has published books on*

*the U.S. and Iran and on archaeology and nationalism in the region.*

This course will survey the long U.S.-Iran relationship, which started in the early 19th century. Missionaries and, later, private experts pursued a variety of often philanthropic activities, earning for Americans a generally positive reputation among Iranians. Then, with development of the cold war after 1950, the U.S. government became more directly involved in its policies—unseating Prime Minister Muhammad Musaddiq, supporting Shah Muhammad Reza Pahlavi—leading to a rising level of antagonism. The relationship reached a critical point during the early stages of the Iranian revolution, with the taking of American hostages. Relations since that time have shown little improvement.

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Location: Browne Center

## FREE MEMBER CLASSES

### Grand Rapids the Great Turnaround City

Monday, 1:30-3 p.m.  
November 2

**Greg Sundstrom** has been Grand Rapids' city manager since 2009. He will discuss the many changes our city has gone through during his tenure. Learn more about the array of programs and forward thinking initiatives – the Arena South Visioning Plan, My GR City Points, Adopt a Basin and the Grand River Restoration Committee to the growth the city is experiencing – all from the man-behind-the-scene, our city manager.

### GRAM 2016 Preview

Friday, 9:30-11 a.m.  
November 20

Ron Platt, chief curator for the Grand Rapids Art Museum will share images from the primary summer 2016 exhibition, which is thematically organized around select works in the permanent collection. He will address the exhibition's thematic content, as well as the strategies and methods that go into organizing a major exhibition.

### We Wish You a Merry Christmas

Tuesday, 9:30-11 a.m.  
December 8

Robin Connell and Rick Reuther, each regionally renowned for their vocal stylings of the Great American Songbook, come together again for a rare duo performance focusing on the seasonal favorites loved by many. Anecdotal musings will pepper their performance and a spontaneous sing-along may just happen. Enjoy Christmas goodies and punch - bring some of your own special cookies to share, along with the recipes!

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