



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monthly Updates for WILL Members

September 2009

Artist Lecture Series

The Mimbres Region Arts Council, the WNMU Expressive Arts Department and WILL have collaborated this year to offer a series of five artist lectures. There will be one free program per month, at the WNMU Parotti Hall that is open to the public.

The first artist program will be Thursday, September 17, at 6:30 pm featuring Judith Meyer.



Judith will be showing her painting, drawing, jewelry, graphic design and mixed media work, and talking about her vision of being an artist. She has created work for Amnesty International, the Ohio Arts Council, BP America and many other groups. She currently teaches in the Expressive Arts Department at WNMU.

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The popular Lunch & Learn program returns

WILL's longest running program, Lunch & Learn, begins September 23rd and continues for a total of six free consecutive Wednesday sessions that are free and open to the public. As in the past, the programs begin at noon at the Silver City Woman's Club on Silver Heights Blvd. Bring a lunch and enjoy. Here are September's offerings:

Wednesday, September 23: Shape Shifters, Witches and Monster Slayers: The Wonderful and Wacky World of Beowulf, by Mary Hotvedt

Beowulf, written a thousand years ago, is one of the oldest pieces of English literature. It is the enduring story that has inspired many generations and several recent movies. This lunchtime refresher will put Beowulf's gripping story in the context of the great sagas of late antiquity, medieval Christianity, and the roots of the Viking era. Seamus Heaney's new translation will be discussed. There will also be singing and dancing!

Mary E. Hotvedt is an anthropologist and a family therapist. She has taught at the University of Arizona, LaGuardia Community College in New York City, and University of Illinois-Springfield as well as given many workshops here and abroad. She and her husband have spent time in Zambia as volunteers. Mary is currently writing a novel on a ninth century Viking woman.

Wednesday, September 30: Communicating Clearly by C. Mike Jousan

Mike will share communication tips and skills, which you can use with your family and friends and in organizations. Come listen to this insightful and humorous view of communication and learn how we all can improve our skills.

Mike Jousan is an internationally recognized speaker and expert on communication. He attended university in his native Texas, earning a graduate degree in advanced communications. He founded Clear Communication Company, a consulting firm specializing in all forms of person-to-person

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Economic summit

Plan to attend the WNMU/WILL Economic Summit. We have jointly developed this program with WNMU faculty to examine the most critical issue of these times. Listed below is information on the first and second sessions of this five part program.

Gone with the Wind: The 2008-2009 Meltdown of Global Wealth will examine the events that led to the collapse of the US housing market in 2007 through 2009, and triggered a severe, worldwide recession. The program will be built around the video "House of Cards," a television documentary produced and aired by CNBC in early 2009 on the financial collapse on Wall Street precipitated by the housing collapse. The two-hour video will be shown in two parts, on two separate days. Each showing will be followed by a panel discussion featuring WNMU School of Business and Economics faculty members John Little, George Muncrief, Kooros Maskooki. Following comments by the panel members, questions from the audience will be answered by the panel. The focus of the first session will be: What went wrong? The focus of the second session will be: How can this be prevented from happening again? **This program is Wednesdays, September 23 and 30, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm on at the WNMU Global Resource Center Auditorium in Silver City.**

Aldo Leopold spent summer weekends with his wife and children at "the shack", his property on the Wisconsin River, near Baraboo, Wisconsin. During this period he wrote his classic and influential work on conservation, "A Sand County Almanac". WILL members, Avery & Deena Gentle visited the Leopold property this summer.



Fall Social & Sign-Up

The social sign-up is Thursday, September 10, beginning with our meeting at 5 00 pm at the WNMU Global Resource Center. Then at 5:30pm, members will be able to sign up for courses and hikes that still have openings.

GILA RIVER FESTIVAL

Aldo Leopold featured at festival

Pick up a Gila River Festival brochure, note WILL's participation in developing the program this year, and plan to attend the wonderful variety of presentations and activities. Especially noteworthy is WILL member, Stephen Fox's lecture:

"Aldo Leopold's Place in the Pantheon of 20th Century Conservationists," Sunday, September 20, 2:00-3:15 pm, at the Silco Theater. \$5.00 donation.