

Saint Peter -- Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

The Gustavus Continuing Education Series, *Saint Peter – Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*, is a yearlong series of programs and tours that focus on the Saint Peter community. We will focus on the land and history in the fall (see schedule below) and in the spring the focus will be who we are today and in the future (demography – new immigrants, development – new business, etc.). This series is a celebration of place, community and diversity as well as a cooperative effort among Saint Peter organizations. Come learn more about this place we call home, Saint Peter.

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Morgan Creek Vineyards & Winery: Come for the Tour, Stay for the Music

Saturday, September 6 2008, 3-9pm

Vans from Linnaeus Arboretum (Gustavus Adolphus College) to New Ulm, \$18.00

Enjoy the lovely view of the valley. Tour Minnesota's only underground winery and learn about wine making and its aging process. Taste some Minnesota-produced wine. At the end of the tour, relax to music provided by Jim McGuire Jazz Trio. Hors'doeuvres and wine are available for purchase at the winery during the music. (*Gather at the arboretum parking lot.*) (*Cancelled*)

The Land - Jim Welsh, Robert Moline, Cindy Johnson-Groh, Gustavus Adolphus College

Tuesday, September 9 2008, 7-8pm

Melva Lind Interpretive Center, Linnaeus Arboretum, Gustavus Adolphus College, \$9*

This session will develop an appreciation of the present day cultural landscape in south central Minnesota, the landscapes shaped by the people who live here. Why does the place look as it does? What processes created the present scene? One way to begin this inquiry is to look first at some aspects of the physical environment, the setting of the settlement -- the geological history (with geologist Jim Welsh) and the vegetative changes that have occurred (with botanist Cindy Johnson-Groh). Finally we'll outline the changes of land use here; what did people do with the land resources they encountered? Why did they make these choices? Please join us for these three brief virtual field trips into the physical and cultural history of the St. Peter region.

The New Minnesotans - Gregg Aamot

Tuesday, 23 September 2008, 7-8pm

Melva Lind Interpretive Center, Linnaeus Arboretum, Gustavus Adolphus College, \$9*

Gregg Aamot has written about immigrants and refugees for The Associated Press and Minnesota newspapers for 15 years. He will discuss the core theme of his book, *The New Minnesotans*. This theme includes the efforts of these newcomers -- Hmong, Somalis, Hispanics and others -- to adapt to a different culture. He will also reflect on Minnesota's immigrant past, comparing and contrasting that long-ago era with today's wave of newcomers.

Schell Brewing Company Tour – Minnesota's Oldest Brewery, New Ulm

Saturday, 11 October 2008, 9:30am-12:30pm

Vans from Linnaeus Arboretum (Gustavus Adolphus College) to New Ulm, \$18.00

Schell's Brewing Company is the largest brewery (gallons of beer) in Minnesota and remains the oldest (140 years old) in Minnesota. Learn about Schell family history and the detail of the brewing process and of the brewery itself. The private tour ends with a tasting in the Tap Room. (*Gather at the arboretum parking lot.*)

Lefler Lecture: Abraham Lincoln: Commander in Chief

James M. McPherson (1989 Pulitzer Prize winner), Princeton University

Monday, 13 October 2008, 7:30-9pm

Alumni Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College. Free (registration is not required)

Archeology of Minnesota Valley - Doug George, Minnesota DNR

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, 7-8pm

Treaty Site History Center (note different location) \$9

Minnesota DNR Parks Archaeologist Doug George will discuss archaeological work at state parks throughout the Minnesota River Valley. Over the past two years Doug has coordinated excavations at Fort Ridgely State Park. They have unearthed thousands of artifacts, the oldest of which, date back 4,000 years.

Museum of the St Peter Regional Treatment Center - Betty McGraw

Saturday, November 8 2008, 10-11:30am

Vans from Linnaeus Arboretum (Gustavus Adolphus College) to museum, \$18.00

The St Peter Regional Treatment Center's museum is housed in the oldest building on campus. Photos, books and artifacts are witness to turn-of-the century life and treatment in the state's earliest psychiatric treatment facility. Home at one point to 2,700 residents, the Regional Treatment Center's traditional positive focus is reflected in the museum's exhibits and vignettes from daily living. The tour begins with a 20-minute video that describes the history of the Center and incorporates photos and film of the hospital's early years. (*Gather at the arboretum parking lot.*)

Traverse des Sioux Treaty of 1851 and its Consequences

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, 7-8pm

Treaty Site History Center (note different location), \$9

Nicollet County Historical Society staff and guests will lead participants through the recently renovated exhibit galleries and discuss both the origins and consequences of the Treaty of Traverse des Sioux for Dakota and Euro-American people.

In This New Land -- Scandinavian Yuletide Breakfast - Speakers to be announced

Tuesday, December 9 2008, 8-9am

Campus Center Banquet Room, Gustavus Adolphus College

This talk will focus on Scandinavian/Swedish emigration/immigration and how it affected Minnesota, specifically southern Minnesota. This is part of the Continuing Education series, *Saint Peter Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow* and it is also the Annual Scandinavian Yuletide Breakfast. Registration includes a Swedish Christmas breakfast and presentation. Registration is through Edi Thorstensson (bubbles@gustavus.edu, 507-933-7554).

TREES

Cindy Johnson-Groh, Linnaeus Arboretum and Professor, Biology

Wish you could identify the trees in your backyard, or the kind of wood in your grandmother's rocker? Or maybe you have a love of trees and just want to learn more about them. The following classes are for you! You can sign up for all three at a discount or individually (*\$9 / class or \$25 for three classes).

What's the Name of That Tree?

Thursday, September 18 2008, 6-8pm, \$9*

Melva Lind Center, Linnaeus Arboretum, Gustavus Adolphus College

Can you tell a mountain ash from a green ash or a balsam fir from a white spruce? This class will help you learn to identify the common trees in southern Minnesota. No prior experience with plant identification is necessary. We will learn some of the tricks of identifying trees. Dress for outdoors.

Which Wood Would be Best?

Thursday, October 16 2008, 7-8pm, \$9*

Melva Lind Center, Linnaeus Arboretum, Gustavus Adolphus College

Trees are amazing architects of form and function. In this class you will learn how a tree grows and produces wood and bark. We will investigate the different types of wood and their uses. Was that oak cabinet you bought at an auction really oak? Learn how to identify commonly used woods. What is bird's eye maple anyway?

The Staff of Life: Trees in folklore

Thursday, November 20 2008, 7-8pm, \$9*

Melva Lind Center, Linnaeus Arboretum, Gustavus Adolphus College

Trees, as givers of life (staff of life) show up in many different cultures and traditions. In this class we will explore some of the mythology and literature of trees. Why do we knock on wood when we want to keep our luck going? Why is it bad to walk under a ladder? Come learn the answers to these and more.

Beginning Spanish - Ana Adams and Spanish Students

Mondays: 15 Sept, 6 Oct, 3 Nov, 1 Dec 2008, 7-8 pm (\$9/session or \$30 for all 4 sessions)

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This is a basic Spanish course with the goal of reading and understanding simple passages in Spanish. You will be able to write and speak about yourself, your family, daily activities, likes and dislikes among other informal topics. This course will be helpful if you know little or no Spanish and you are planning to travel to a Spanish-speaking country or you wish to speak with recent immigrants (neighbors, clients, patients, etc.). You will learn basic vocabulary and how to ask basic questions. This class will be taught by advance Gustavus Spanish students and is coordinated by Assistant Professor of Spanish, Ana Adams.

Preview Nobel Conference 44: "Who Were the First Humans?" - Tim Robinson

Monday, September 29 2008, 7-8pm

Melva Lind Center, Linnaeus Arboretum, Gustavus Adolphus College \$9

Human beings have always contemplated our origins. Where did we come from? What were our ancestors like? How did they live? The panel at this conference will include a paleogeneticist, a population geneticist, a paleoanthropologist, an archeologist, and evolutionary psychologist. A theologian will lead the discussion about human uniqueness. This conference will provide a layman's introduction to these lines of inquiry and a discussion of some of these important questions.

All programs are open to the public; **registration and payment of fees are handled by: Saint Peter Community and Family Education, Suite 207, 600 South Fifth Street, Saint Peter, MN 56082.** (Open 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.). If you have questions, call 934-3048, push zero to get an operator, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, 1:00-4:00 p.m. (Mon-Thurs). Or register online at <http://www.stpetercommunityedonline.com>

Mail registration form and payment to:

**St. Peter Community and Family Education Office
600 South 5th Street, Suite 207
St. Peter, MN 56082**

Checks should be made payable to:

Saint Peter Community and Family Education

Please take note:

Venue: Unless noted on the individual event, all events are held in the Interpretive Center (Linnaeus Arboretum) on the south end of the campus, off Jefferson Street.

Fee: Register early, regular lectures are \$9.00/person including coffee and cookies. Special events are priced accordingly. Sorry, no senior discounts apply.

Parking: Parking is available at all lots after 5 p.m

Cancellation: To check on the status of an event due to inclement weather call (507) 933-6181 or check at <http://arboretum.blog.gustavus.edu>

For more information on programs and registration, contact Shirley Mellema at 507-933-6181 or shirley@gustavus.edu.