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Community And Seniors Together Learning Environment

## Spring Term 2020

### LEARNING FOR THE JOY OF LEARNING

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ALL COURSES & EVENTS ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

### Stars of the Silver Screen: Walter Matthau

**April 6, 13, 20, 1:30 to 4pm** at Room 112, Community Center, 600 N German Street, New Ulm. Explore the career and view three films of legendary comedian and movie star, Walter Matthau (1920-2000). Led by film and theatre aficionado Paul Warshauer. Matthau was best known for The Odd Couple and Grumpy Old Men series, this class will focus on three other films that feature the actor's best attributes as a great actor. The three classes include brief remarks before and after the film screenings.

### Coffee with Artist Dee Thomas

at the **Classical Glass Studio in Henderson, MN, April 3, 1:30 pm** – Dee Thomas' workshop where she designs and assembles custom-made pieces. She works in stained glass and colored glasswork. Stained glass is clear glass painted with colored glazes and fired; while colored glass is colored throughout. Thomas became acquainted with Mike Mason who owns Sleepy Eye Stained Glass. "Mike let me paint a ton of stuff for him and really taught me the finer points of glass work." Carpool from the Community Center parking lot at 12:30 pm.

### Madams, Matrons & Madwomen Concert with Elisa Korenne

**April 23 at 1:30 p.m., at the New Ulm Public Library** and partnering with the Library, come to an afternoon performance and an evening workshop with musician Elisa Korenne. Korenne writes intimately introspective songs and prose about the pathways of fringe figures in history. What binds these disparate life journeys is a profound and poetic sensitivity for the human condition. The concert features extraordinary women including Victoria Woodhull, the 19th century proponent of free love and the first woman to run for president; the Hormel Girls musical group; and many others. The performance highlights Minnesotans Maria Blaisdell (the infamous Minnesota Blizzard); Sister Lumberjack (nun, character, and one of the first people to sell health insurance); and Rachel Caloff (mail order bride who settled in Minnesota). At 6:30 p.m., Korenne's workshop, titled "Making Local History Come Alive through Character Writing" will teach attendees how to create engaging and lifelike characters in their family or local history writing.

### Art History with Richard Meyer, Round Two

at the **Community Center Room 112 on April 24, May 1 & 8 at 1:30 p.m.** Session 1) Norman Rockwell's America: A survey of the popular American illustrator and painter, including criticism of his work and his place in the art world. Session 2) Calamities on Canvas: Famous historical paintings. A survey of several famous paintings that depict historical events and disasters, focusing on how artists have interpreted and reacted to major catastrophes such as shipwrecks and war. Session 3) Poetry for all Seasons: A presentation of selected poems from Richard's book 'Orbital Paths', including some poems not in the book or poems written since its publication. The poems will focus on nature themes, including seasons of the year and seasons of life.

### Conversations on Autism - a developmental disorder that is prevalent world-wide. April 27 and

**May 4 at 1:30 pm at Washington Learning Center.** On April 27 join Vicki Pieser - parent, Yvonne Weber - retired teacher and Sue Kimmel - retired teacher in a conversation about autism. Our presenters will provide an overview of Autism Spectrum Disorder, including definition, prevalence, interventions, and tips. Autism Spectrum Disorder is a lifelong disability that requires a lifetime plan. Then on May 4, Melissa Hudson from MRCL will give us fascinating information about the work that MRCL does with and for adults with disabilities in our area. Both sessions will be at Washington Learning Center, 910 14th Street North, lower level room 104. You will want to 'check in' at the parking lot entrance office before heading downstairs to room 104. Both sessions will begin at 1:30 p.m.

▶ **WALTER MATTHAU**  
APRIL 6, 13, 20 1:30- 4PM COMM CENTER ROOM 112

▶ **COFFEE W DEE THOMAS**  
APRIL 3, CARPOOL 12:30 FROM COMM CENTER

▶ **MADAMS, MATRONS & MADWOMEN**  
APRIL 23, 1:30 PM AT NU LIBRARY, 17 N BROADWAY

▶ **ART HISTORY W RICHARD MEYER**  
APRIL 24, MAY 1 & 8, 1:30, ROOM 112, COMM CENTER

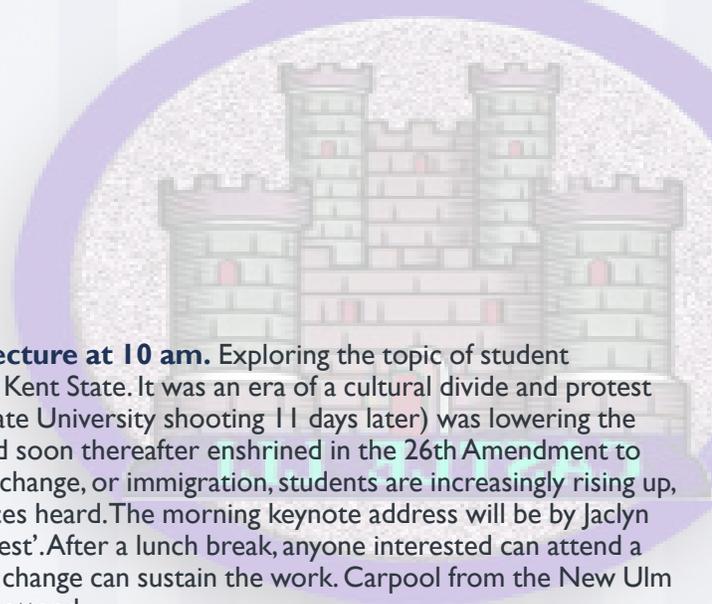
▶ **CONVERSATIONS ON AUTISM**  
APRIL 27 & MAY 4, 1:30, WASH LEARNING CENTER, N14TH

▶ **GUSTAVUS MAYDAY CONFERENCE**  
APRIL 29, CARPOOL 8:30 AM NU COMM CENTER

▶ **RUNESTONE! A ROCK MUSICAL**  
MAY 14, CARPOOL 9:00 NU COMM CENTER

▶ **VIVA LAS VEGAS!**  
MAY 19, 1:30, SOZIAL, 209 N MINNESOTA STREET

▶ **WRAP UP APPETIZER PARTY**  
MAY 21, 3:30 PM MORGAN CREEK VINEYARD,  
SE OF NEW ULM OFF OF HWY 68.



## **Gustavus MayDay Conference**

**April 29 at Gustavus Adolphus Christ Chapel in St. Peter, lecture at 10 am.** Exploring the topic of student activism. 2020 marks the 50th anniversary of the May 4 shooting at Kent State. It was an era of a cultural divide and protest movements. One of the consequences of May 4 (and the Jackson State University shooting 11 days later) was lowering the voting age to 18 - first in an amendment to the Voting Rights Act, and soon thereafter enshrined in the 26th Amendment to the Constitution. Whether it is in response to gun violence, climate change, or immigration, students are increasingly rising up, organizing and mobilizing, going on school strikes to make their voices heard. The morning keynote address will be by Jaelyn Corin titled 'Engage in the Change: Mobilizing a Generation to Protest'. After a lunch break, anyone interested can attend a panel and audience discussion about how people working for social change can sustain the work. Carpool from the New Ulm Community Center at 8:30 a.m. No ticket needed and no charge to attend.

## **Runestone! A Rock Musical - St. Paul History Theater**

**May 14 at 1:00 p.m. at the St. Paul History Theater. RSVP necessary by May 10, limited \$25 tickets available.** When Swedish immigrant Olof Ohman digs up a rock near Kensington, MN on his property in 1898, he finds a story written in carved runes that indicate that the Vikings were the first Europeans to set foot in Minnesota. But controversy erupts that turn Olof's life upside-down. This is one of Minnesota's 'craziest stories' and now it's a musical for us to enjoy. Rock on! Carpool from the NU Community Center parking lot at 9 am. Your cost will be chipping in for gas expenses and lunch prior to the musical.

## **Viva Las Vegas with Gary Sassenberg** **May 19 at 1:30 p.m. at Sozial Restaurant, 209 N Minnesota Street, New Ulm.**

Come for great insights into the history, the culture and the tourism of Las Vegas. Gary will give particular focus to the original sights to explore in & close to Vegas when visiting the City of Lights. Besides teaching English for many years in Las Vegas, Gary has performed, choreographed and directed shows around the country. Recently, he has shared his talents with the Sleepy Eye Community Theater, The Merely Players of Mankato and the State Street Theater of New Ulm!! Come, bring a friend and feel free to order beverages and appetizers off the menu at Sozial.

**WrapUp Party** **May 21 at 3:30 pm,** at the Morgan Creek Winery, south east of New Ulm off of Hwy 68 at 3:30 p.m. Let's celebrate another wonderful year of learning for the joy of learning! Gourmet wood-fired appetizers and wine and other beverages will be available to purchase.

*If poor weather conditions are forecast, check the website, look for an email from us and/or phone the office at 507-354-3212 for a recorded message of cancellations.*

**Potential new CASTLE Lifelong Learning Members are welcome any time. Anyone interested in supporting lifelong learning in the New Ulm area, by becoming a member, can phone CASTLE at 507-354-3212, email Director Kathy Austinson at [castleLLI@newulmtel.net](mailto:castleLLI@newulmtel.net) or connect on the web at <http://newulmseniors.org/castle.html>. CASTLE Lifelong Learning is a program of Community And Seniors Together, a non-profit supported by the United Way of Brown County. CASTLE is in its eighth year as a membership program that offers the opportunity for an adult to join a community of people who learn for the joy of learning without grades, tests, papers, or long-term classes. There are courses during fall, winter, and spring terms with special events that focus on fun, friendship, and learning.**

**Many thanks to our supporters: The New Ulm Library, ISD 88 Community Education, Turner Hall, State Street Theater, Brown County Historical Society, Martin Luther College, the City of New Ulm for classroom space, Department of Natural Resources and the United Way of the Brown County Area.**

If you Skype or Facetime on a computer or tablet and would like to participate in a class from home, let us know  
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