Friday, October 4, 2019  1pm-3pm (Cedar Point Center)

Kickoff:  Teddy Roosevelt “Pie for the President”
History Comes Alive through Acting by Ted Dudra.  We know about this President with the Rough Riders.  What is this? PIE?!! Find out the details of this story and more at the 2019-2020 KICKOFF!

Monday, October 7, 2019  1pm-3pm

Henry David Thoreau: American Naturalist, Transcendentalist, Author
Larry Smith – Become acquainted with the life-work of Henry David Thoreau (1817-1861), one of America’s most famous authors, transcendentalist, and thinkers. Sample his words and vision through his journal writing and book, Walden.

Friday, October 11, 2019  1pm-3pm

From the Moon to Mars: NASA’s Big Plans for the Next Generation of Explorers
Jennifer Ayala – The Orion spacecraft and new SLS rocket will help take humans farther into space than they have ever gone before. From a proposed Lunar Outpost, to the surface of Mars, NASA has big plans for its next generation of explorers. The next steps towards launching these missions and the difficulties ahead: getting the first humans on the surface of the red planet will be discussed.

Thursday, October 17, 2019  10am-12pm

Ohio Medical Marijuana: State and Federal Law
Kevin Baxter – In many states, there is a growing move to legalize the use of marijuana. The general public is confused and uniformed about its legality, whether for medical or recreational purposes. Ohio law, its implementation, regulation, and permitted uses for marijuana will be explained. New updates at the Federal and State levels will also be covered.

Friday, October 18, 2019  10am-12pm  OR   1pm-3pm

A Tour at Back to the Wild  4504 Bardshar Road, Castalia, OH 44824
Heather Tuttle – Back to the Wild’s wildlife and conservation program includes information about our local, and some not-so-local, wildlife and conservation efforts. Attendees will get the chance to meet many amazing wildlife ambassadors up close while learning about their incredible life histories and the work being done to protect their habitats for the future. SIGN UP FOR ONE TOUR ONLY. $5 DONATION COLLECTED AT SITE.

Tuesday, October 22, 2019  1pm-3pm

World War I Trench Art
Fred Schwan – Those engaged in the ground action made souvenirs from the materials of the conflict. These handicrafts are called trench art. This presentation is timed to honor the end of WW1 that occurred with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles on June 28, 1919.
Thursday, October 24, 2019 10am-12pm (Firelands Library, 2nd Floor)
Popeye, Strong to the Finish: Celebrating 90 Years of the Sailor Man
Chuck Coletta – When Popeye was introduced as a supporting character in the comic strip, *Thimble Theatre* on January 17, 1929, few readers could have suspected that this always scowling, grammatically challenged sailor with a squinty eye, bulbous forearms, and an ever-present corncob pipe would soon emerge as one of the most recognizable heroic icons of the twentieth century.

Friday, October 25, 2019 10am-12pm
Can We Trust the Experts? What is Truth?
Ted Bach – With continuing punditry in the media, let’s explore the philosophy behind truth in reporting. What part does The Fairness Doctrine, Federal Communications Commission, Fake News, and fact checking play in the media?

Monday, October 28, 2019 1pm-3pm
NASA at Plumbrook Station: Historical & Present Contributions to Space Explorations
John Blakeman – The interesting, unique history of NASA at Plum Brook Station will be detailed, using historic photographs and accounts of former employees, who significantly contributed to American space science at the Erie County facility. Explore how all of the activities combine to contribute to the continued American space successes.

Thursday, October 31, 2019 10am-12pm
Folklore: Local Legends, Tall Tales, and Superstitions
Joel Rudinger – A definition of “folklore” can best be understood through examples of tales, customs, superstitions, and local legends. For Dr. Rudinger’s book, *Folklore of Erie County, Ohio*, accounts were gathered from hundreds of Firelands area residents from 1969-71. Learn about many of those stories, which are told to this day.

Tuesday, November 5, 2019 10am-12pm
The Ohio 8 or 7 or 6: U.S. Presidents Ohio Claims, Part 1
Judi Horchler – Ohio claims eight Presidents. Several are claimed by other states, as well. Who were they? What impact did each have on Ohio, the federal government, and the Presidency? The foundation of political impact, beginning with William Henry Harrison, developed into what historians today call Ohio republicanism.

Thursday, November 7, 2019 10am-12pm
The Ohio 8 or 7 or 6: U.S. Presidents Ohio Claims, Part 2
Judi Horchler – We will discuss the Presidents from Benjamin Harrison to Warren G. Harding. The concepts of Manifest Destiny, nationalism, Americanism, and the formation of the Republican Party. Things looked at in the earlier class will be interwoven into this exploration, as well.

Friday, November 8, 2019 10am-12pm (Firelands Library, 2nd Floor)
My Phone, Tablet, & Laptop - Computer Questions You Want Answered
Logan Segaard and fellow students – Logan and his friends will answer every question and work with you as you learn to do it. So, bring your phone, tablet, laptop, and questions, and be amazed that you too can make use of apps, functions, and more.
Monday, November 11, 2019  10am-12pm
Your Next Car: Buy or Lease? New or Used?
Chip Bahn – For many of us, shopping for a car is stressful because of the many decisions that need to be made. With access to an abundance of information online and from other sources, buying or leasing cars can be enjoyable. We’ll delve into a number of consideration to demystify car buying.

Thursday, November 14, 2019  10am-12pm
Solar Energy: Can We Really Use It, and Will It Save Us Money?
Eric Romich – This program will review solar energy in agriculture and housing and the financial considerations to guide informed decision-making. In providing an overview of the Solar Electric Investment Analysis System Design, we will look at evaluation project costs, forecasting the value of electricity, understanding incentives, and building a simulation model to evaluate financial payback of a solar installation.

Friday, November 15, 2019  10am-12pm
“ALL IN” BGSU Project! Students work together on Main Campus to Solve Problems!
Jerry Schnepp – A cool concept for solving problems in the 21st century. Designed at Stanford University, and implemented in the BGSU Main Campus Library. Learn how the CAMPUS shares ideas and ways to solve problems using art and technology,

*These classes are subject to change without notice.
*Class Size is limited. Registration Open August 26, 2019