



Adult Learners Institute
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KICK-OFF EVENT
Tuesday, August 13th
10:00 am to 12:00 noon
LOCATION - IN-PERSON
Chelsea District Library-McKune Room
221 South Main St., Chelsea
**Come Meet the Instructors and Hear
About the Fall Classes!**



**FALL 2024 ADULT LEARNERS CATALOG AND
REGISTRATION FORM**



NEW FOR FALL 2024

Two Ways to Register - ON-LINE: Class information, registration and payment can be made by going to the ALI Website “alimichigan.org.” The registration form and payment instructions are provided. A receipt will be mailed to you with class information. **MAIL IN:** You can also continue to register by filling out the registration form located in the catalog and mail with your check to ALI, PO Box 134, Chelsea, MI 48118 Confirmation will be mailed to registered students.

FEE SCHEDULE - The **class fees** will range from \$20 to \$35 based on the total number of times the class meets. There may be additional fees for course materials or supplies. Registrations will be accepted during the semester as long as class spaces are available. **WE ARE PROVIDING MORE CLASSES WITH ZOOM.** CLOSED classes will be posted on the ALI website at www.alimichigan.org.



Adult Learners Institute Fall Classes, 2024

Many great courses are scheduled from September through November, 2024.

The Adult Learners Institute (ALI) located at 5 HEALTHY TOWNS OFFICES in the Chelsea Wellness Center, provides a diverse selection of quality community-based learning experiences and camaraderie for adults. ALI is a nonprofit (501c3) Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) affiliated with Road Scholar Institute Network, a group of similar organizations.

ALI is always looking for additional volunteers to help fulfill its mission. Examples include: audio-visual, class assistants, curriculum planning, catalog editing, and one-day events. **Volunteers for audio-visual** will not be charged for the class they are assisting. **Class Assistant volunteers:** Class Assistants will receive one \$20 certificate to be used on future classes. Please note, class assistants will be selected and notified by ALI.

The ALI Board is also looking for new Board members. Board members attend a once-a-month Board meeting.

For more information: call 734-292-5540 to leave a message. Our website is www.alimichigan.org.

Many Adult Learners Institute courses are conducted in cooperation with Washtenaw Community College.

PLEASE NOTE: ALI classes (except "ZOOM ONLY") are cancelled when Chelsea District Schools are closed due to inclement weather [Call 734.433.2275 for information].

IN-PERSON classes will be limited by location space and will follow all COVID-19 safety measures, along with following the class venue COVID protocol, **therefore, these classes are subject to cancellation or possibly changed to Zoom.**

ZOOM classes can be connected by using your smart phone or computer. Information will be provided by email to **registered students only** prior to the beginning of the class. Registrations will be accepted as long as there is availability.

THREE FREE classes are being offered with our partners, the Chelsea District Library and the Chelsea Senior Center. Consult the catalog for the class descriptions, dates, locations, and times. Registration for the Chelsea Senior Center must be made by calling the CSC directly (734-475-9242). Registration for the Chelsea District Library class must be made by calling the CDL directly (734-475-8732 ext 219).

Additional catalogs and registration forms can be printed from the ALI website at www.alimichigan.org **OR**, will be available at the Chelsea Senior Center and Chelsea and Dexter Libraries, along with other public locations in Chelsea, Dexter, Manchester, Grass Lake and Stockbridge.

The Adult Learners Institute is grateful for the continued support of the 5 Healthy Towns Foundation, the Chelsea Senior Center, and the Chelsea & Manchester District Libraries, the Cedars of Dexter, and Chelsea Retirement Community for their partnership in ALI's Fall 2024 semester. We also thank previous supporters Silver Maples, First United Methodist, St. Paul, Our Savior Lutheran, North Lake United Methodist, and St. Mary churches.

ADVENTURES IN NOVA SCOTIA

Mike & Cathy Muha

1 Monday, November 18

1:00 to 3:00 pm - *Cedars of Dexter, 411 Cedars Lane, Dexter*

IN-PERSON

Join Mike and Cathy Muha on their driving trip from Chelsea to Nova Scotia and back, including a stop in Maine and a visit to Campobello, the only International Park in the world. Learn about the Great Explosion of 1917 in Halifax, the largest man-made detonation until the nuclear bomb. Take the Cabot Trail tour of Cape Breton Island, where you can see where Nova Scotia got its name (means "New Scotland"). There will be more on the history and beauty of this land, as well as art and food. Then join us on the drive home, visiting Quebec's Old Town and vibrant Montreal.

Mike Muha recently retired after many years as a Software Consultant. **Cathy Muha** has been retired for several years, and is now getting back to her painting. They always find the time to travel. Their trips abroad have included: England, Scotland, Japan, Thailand, Hungary, Romania, Italy, Switzerland, Peru, Ecuador, Mexico, United Arab Emirates, Japan, Australia, Czech Republic, Jamaica and Bermuda (and of course Canada).

AMERICAN ARMY IN NORMANDY: FROM DETROIT TO THE FALAISE GAP

Jim Craft

1 Wednesday November 13

1:00 to 3:00 pm - *Chelsea Senior Center, 512 W. Washington St, Chelsea*

IN-PERSON

June 6, 1944, is certainly one of the most important single days in western history. Had the Allies failed on that day, it is likely the course of history would have taken a dramatic turn. While this is not to over emphasize the significance of D-Day or even World War II, it is simply an observation about the significance of that 24-hour period. The background to that success, the key events of June 6 and the dramatic campaign in northern France that concluded with the closing of the Falaise Gap on August 21 and the near total destruction of the German army in Normandy will be the subject of Jim Craft's talk.

Jim Craft has a B.A. in History from Oakland University (Rochester, MI) and an M.A. in History from Wayne State University (Detroit, MI). His background as a historian is diverse: teacher, author, researcher, lecturer, curriculum designer, curator and historical commissioner. Jim has traveled extensively in the United States, Europe and Central America. While his interests in history are quite broad, Jim's principal area of expertise is 19th Century America. He is currently writing a series of short history books. These primarily focus on important, although underappreciated, aspects of American History but doing so from a local perspective.

In addition to his background in history, Jim also had a career in corporate America in finance, recruiting and career and retirement consulting.

THE AMERICAN SONGBOOK, PART SIX

Hank Muir

2 Mondays, September 30 & October 7

1:00 to 3:00 pm - *Chelsea Senior Center, 512 W. Washington St, Chelsea*

IN-PERSON

We will continue our exploration of the Great American Songbook and also venture into the Pretty Darn Good American Songbook with video performances by our favorite singers. We'll learn about some of the composers who wrote songs we love, including Johnny Mandel, Marvin Hamlisch, Bert Bachrach, Wally Gold, Michel Legrand, Fred Karlin, Neil Sedaka, Mike Stoller and Shel Silverstein. And, we'll meet the composer whose daughters both married television game-show hosts.

Hank Muir is a retired teacher and medical practice administrator and a collector of books, records and movies. He has lived in Chelsea since 2003.

CHICAGO COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION OF 1893

John Hauger

1 Wednesday, October 9

2:00 to 4:00 pm - *Manchester District Library, 912 City Rd., Manchester*

IN-PERSON

The Chicago World's Columbian Exposition of 1893, marking the 400th anniversary of Columbus landing in the New World, was a landmark event in United States history. Never before had this nation undertaken so ambitious a task as a world's fair on this scale. The numbers give us some perspective: The Exposition covered more than 600 acres; a work force of 40,000 worked a year and a half for 10 cents a day. Almost 200 new buildings were planned. One building, the Manufacturers and Liberal Arts Building was the largest building in the world covering 44 acres. Buildings from 44 states and 46 countries, with their products and their cultures were on display. Dubbed "The White City", the fair drew more than 27,000,000 people from all over the world. Electricity, especially the new electric light were among chief technologies at the fair. George Westinghouse and Thomas Edison vied for preeminence. Please join us and learn more about a momentous event in Chicago's history.

John Hauger is retired from Consumers Energy where he worked in Information Technology. He entered data processing and the computer field in 1957 and has witnessed the amazing evolution of IT over the past decades. He loves history and music. Noting how music reflects on history and affects our culture, he has presented a number of programs that bring these together. John and his wife, Dr. Garnet Hauger, a retired mathematics professor, live in Spring Arbor, Michigan. They have been married 46 years and have 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Chelsea Amateur Radio Club

The Members of the Chelsea Amateur Club

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Link for on line registration: <https://chelseadistrictlibrary.libnet.info/event/11035413>

1 Tuesday, September 24

6:30 to 7:30 pm - *Chelsea District Library, 221 S. Main St., Chelsea*

IN-PERSON

Learn how to operate a ham radio with the Chelsea Amateur Radio Club! Club members will show off the equipment they use, and talk to you about how you too can get started with this cool hobby.

The Chelsea Amateur Radio Club consists of both licensed amateur radio operators and those interested in amateur radio are encouraged to join the club. Membership opens the door for learning, advancement in knowledge, and most certainly, fun. The Chelsea Amateur Radio Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. Meetings for now are by video.

DNA, GENES AND ANCESTRY

Charlie Taylor

3 Fridays, October 25, November 1 & 8

1:00 to 3:00 pm - *Chelsea Retirement Center, 805 W. Middle St., Chelsea, Dancy Bldg*

IN-PERSON & ZOOM

Many of us wonder about our ancestors and relatives, our lands of origin and our race or ethnic background. Recently some of this information has become more accessible using DNA kits, from Ancestry.com, 23andMe DNA or MyHeritage DNA. What is DNA and where is it in your body, anyway? How do these kits work? What do they tell reliably and what is not so reliable? This class will start with some in-depth background about DNA, evolution, genes, genetics and chromosomes. We also will discuss the way these services (and law enforcement) analyze DNA samples and discuss privacy and DNA databases.

Charlie Taylor received a PhD in Neuroscience and has written many scientific articles and presented at scientific meetings. He was a biologist in drug discovery for Parke-Davis from 1982 to 2001 and then with Pfizer until 2007. He has lived in Chelsea since 1983. Charlie has taught classes on science topics for ALI each year since 2009, and he taught undergraduate neuroscience at University of Michigan in 2011-2013.

EYEWITNESS IDENTIFICATION IN CRIMINAL CASES

Peter Van Hoek

1 Tuesday, September 10

2:00 to 4:00 pm - *Cedars of Dexter, 411 Cedars Lane, Dexter*

IN-PERSON & ZOOM

This class will discuss the methods by which the police

seek to gain identifications of suspects from witnesses to alleged criminal incidents, the admissibility of such identifications at trial, and the science concerning the reliability of such identifications.

Peter VanHoek, J.D. received his BA from the University of Michigan, in 1973. In 1976 he received his J.D. from Wayne State Law School; Law clerk in Michigan Court of Appeals 1976-1978; Staff Attorney at Michigan State Appellate Defender Office 1978-1990, 1992-2018; Adjunct Clinical Professor of Law at University of Michigan Law School; Adjunct Professor of Law at Wayne State Law School and Cooley Law School. Peter argued Michigan v Bryant, 562 US 344 (2011) in The United States Supreme Court.

THEIR MOST FEMININE WILES: GROUNDBREAKING WOMEN ARTISTS AND THEIR VISION, 1600 - NOW

Edwin Hoffman

3 Fridays, September 20, 27 & October 4

1:00 to 3:00 pm - *Cedars of Dexter, 411 Cedars Lane, Dexter*

IN-PERSON

Join Ed Hoffman on a journey to the studios, salons, palaces, gallery shows, museums and public spaces where great women artists forged their reputations. We'll see how female artists, at first nurtured by their artist fathers, broke free to establish their own styles and clienteles, a shift that would lead, beginning in the 1780s, to creative independence. Indeed, every period of modern art history in paint, bronze or marble - Baroque, Rococo, Neoclassic, Romantic, Realist, Cubist, Dadaist, Surrealist, Abstract-Expressionist - all were propelled further by women artists.

Edwin Hoffman has a background in museum administration, art auctions, and fundraising for museums, schools, and historic sites in Washington, DC, the Northeast, and Michigan. A central aim is to re-fashion our view of the art world - with us as participants. This can be achieved by developing a sense of cultural stewardship, whether as collectors or by becoming involved with museums, theaters, orchestras, and other local or regional arts organizations. Ed is the Creator and Host of "Speaking of Art" on WAAM 1600 AM/92.7 FM Radio.

HISTORY OF IMMIGRATION

Susan Nenadic

2 Mondays, November 4 & 11

1:00 to 3:00 pm - *Cedars of Dexter, 411 Cedars Lane, Dexter*

IN-PERSON

We will examine the difference between migration, emigration and immigration particularly but not exclusively concerning the United States. This is a timely issue not only for Americans but for the entire Western world. What causes people to leave all that is familiar and seek a better life elsewhere? And why

are so many people hostile to the idea of newcomers? What part do governments play vis a vis human movement across the globe? We will discuss all of these questions and more. For the second session, we will watch and discuss the 2007 film, "The Visitor." The film begins when a man goes to New York to check on an apartment he owns only to find a man and a woman who are not legal immigrants living there.

Susan Nenandic is a retired high school teacher of history and English which she taught as an integrated subject. She has been teaching adults for many years. She also provides programs for a wide variety of groups. She has published several articles and books. Her latest book concerns a Michigan woman who went to Montana in 1883 and became fabulously wealthy from a gold mine that only she seems to be able to make profitable. Susan is President of Amoru, a non-profit financing a secondary school in Uganda.

HOLIDAY COOKING: SWEET TREATS AND CHARCUTERIE BOARDS

Tamara Briggs

1 Wednesday, November 20

1:00 to 4:00pm - *Chelsea Retirement Center, 805 W.Middle St., Chelsea, Crippen Bldg.*

IN-PERSON

****Supply fee of \$7.50 is included in class fee****

In this three hour class, watch and learn how to make a variety of sweets as well as cookies in a fun and informative class then take a goodie bag home to share and enjoy! In addition, become the best host by learning to prepare small bites/appetizers and charcuterie boards! After instruction you will be able to indulge in a mini box to take home or enjoy in class!

Tamara Briggs attended Sienna Heights University and obtained her Montessori teaching certification. She taught pre-k -12 for 13+years, owned and operated Exotic Bakeries in Ann Arbor for 30+years until they closed in 2023. Tamara currently teaches cooking classes at Washtenaw Community College.

HOW TO WATCH AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Paul Schudel

1 Friday, September 13

1:00 to 3:00 pm - *Chelsea Senior Center, 512 W. Washington St., Chelsea*

IN-PERSON & ZOOM

Using his vast coaching experiences, including being a U of M Assistant Football Coach, Paul will explain how to watch American football.

1. Behind the scenes operation that enables coaches to watch games and practices.
2. How viewing the game has changed from 8mm/16mm film to digital.
3. Key points for both offensive and defensive positions and personnel.
4. Referees' positions and responsibilities.

Paul Schudel is a graduate of Miami University. He has coached for more than 46 years as an assistant and head football coach. He has spent time as an assistant at the University of New Hampshire, Syracuse University, University of Virginia, and the University of Michigan. Paul spent 13 years as a head coach at Ball State University and Central

Connecticut State University. He has coached at all levels of college football and American football in France and Germany.

MANCHESTER HISTORY

Grace Shackman

1 Thursday, September 26

(OPTIONAL field trip, Thursday, October 3)

1:00 to 3:00 pm - *Manchester District Library, 912 City Rd., Manchester*

IN-PERSON

This class will consist of two sessions. The first will be a meeting at the Manchester District Library to see a power point and learn the basic facts of Manchester history. The second class will be a walk around downtown Manchester (**optional** as this may not be accessible).

Grace Shackman has been writing and teaching local history for over forty years. She first became interested in the history of Western Washtenaw County when she worked at the Chelsea Standard/Dexter Leader.

MUSIC TO RELAX & RESTORE

Catherine Ellis, Alma Muxlow, & Bob Elkins

1 Thursday, September 5

1:00 to 3:00 pm - *Chelsea Senior Center, 512 W. Washington St., Chelsea*

IN-PERSON & ZOOM

This class will offer live acoustic music designed to produce a relaxation response in participants. Gentle breath and relaxation techniques will be interspersed with the music. These techniques are derived from current research to reduce stress, decrease anxiety, promote sleep and restore a sense of calm to body and mind. Catherine Ellis, Alma Muxlow and Bob Elkins have been making music together for the past seven years in the group Ellis & M.E. During the pandemic, the trio recorded *Holding Up The Moon*. The CD consists of both originals and covers that create a soothing space for respite. Selections have been performed for Michigan State University for their "Rest with Music" concert series.

Catherine Ellis is a retired psychotherapist. She is a singer, songwriter and guitarist who has multiple recordings. **Alma Muxlow** is a retired licensed counselor who plays several instruments and is featured on several recordings. **Bob Elkins** is a retired special education consultant. He is a fingerstyle guitarist and his original compositions have appeared on several TV programs.

TALES & TASTINGS OF FRANCE

Bill & Shawn Personke

1 Wednesday, September 25

3:00 to 5:00 pm - *Chelsea Retirement Center, 805 W. Middle St., Chelsea, Dancy Bldg.*

IN-PERSON

Join Shawn & Bill Personke - "slow" travelers, foodies, and Francophiles - as they share stories and highlights from their visits to more than 40 cities and villages throughout France. Additionally, you'll taste a red and a white from two renowned wine regions, two types of French cheese and two classic desserts - the sable' cookie and la tarte au citron (lemon tart!)

Shawn & Bill Personke were fortunate to become early retirees in 2017 to enjoy "the good life." Shawn retired as the Director of Wellness & PR at Silver Maples of Chelsea. Bill retired after nearly 30 years with Ecolab, a Fortune 500 company and leader in the hospitality industry. In addition to travel, Bill and Shawn are busy with family, entertaining, baking and volunteering.

TRAUMA - PROBLEMS OF DAILY LIVING

Dr. Daniel C. Price, Ph. D.

1 Friday, September 6

1:00 to 3:00 pm - *Chelsea Senior Center, 512 W. Washington St., Chelsea*

IN-PERSON

We will take a light approach to a serious subject that affects all of us. We want to define trauma and understand how the brain reacts to traumatic events. We will explore the fascinating role of perception, learn how to reset the system, and learn a technique to remediate trauma. Finally, we all go through trauma....learning to grow-through trauma is a skill that we will focus on by turning negatives into positives.

Dr. Daniel Price recently retired after 42 years as a Psychologist (out-patient therapist specializing in Problems of Daily Living); Ordained United Metaphysical Churches 1998, Senior Minister, Jackson Spiritual Center (2011 - 2023); Undergraduate University of Iowa, Masters George Washington University, Doctorate Michigan State University; Fellow and Diplomate American Board of Medical Psychotherapists (1996); Member of ACEP (Association for Energy Psychology, 2020); TM Meditator (1974); Reiki Master and Teacher (1995); High School Wrestling Coach, Oakton, VA (1967-69), International School London, England (1970-74).

VAMPIRES IN FOLKLORE AND CULTURE

Steve Daut

2 Fridays, October 11 & 18

1:00 to 3:00 pm - *Chelsea Senior Center, 512 W. Washington St., Chelsea*

IN-PERSON

This program explores vampires from a wide perspective. The first session explores some of the 600-plus species of vampires and vampiric creatures in folklore, beginning in ancient Greece, and

including familiar figures such as Lilith, Vlad Tepes, and Elizabeth Bathory. In the second session, we'll look at vampires in popular culture, such as books, film, commercials, and a few (really terrible) vampire jokes. But BE WARNED: This program is not for the faint of heart. Be prepared to walk through graveyards at night, view images and movies of blood and bodies, rats and bats.

Steve Daut, In addition to day jobs as a geologist and non-profit executive, Steve Daut has been no stranger to creative pursuits. He has written and published two books and dozens of short stories. A number of his plays have been produced.

Steve has also taken the stage as a lecturer, emcee, magician, sketch and stand-up comedian. He is a Second City graduate.

Ten years ago, Steve began to focus his creative efforts on storytelling, and has told stories professionally at schools, libraries, museums, and festivals around the country, including at the International Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tennessee. To prepare for new projects, he often conducts extensive research in order to provide accurate details and surprising insights into the subjects he explores.

WHAT IS AFFLICTING CONIFERS IN MICHIGAN?

Brent Crain

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Link for on line registration: <https://chelseadistrictlibrary.libnet.info/event/10893223>

1 Wednesday, October 23

6:00 to 7:30 pm - *Chelsea District Library, 221 S. Main St., Chelsea*

IN-PERSON & ZOOM

What is afflicting conifers in Michigan? What causes our majestic blue spruce trees to drop their needles, our well established junipers to brown, and the general decline of our eastern white pines? Michigan's conifers are well adapted to yesterday's climate and face distinct threats to their health and survival as our climate warms and precipitation patterns change. Trees stressed by changes in their environment often fall prey to opportunistic pests and diseases, resulting in declining health and early mortality. We'll examine some common problems, and discuss ways we can help conifers thrive in our landscapes, despite the challenges they face.

Dr. Brent Crain is a Consumer Horticulture Educator with MSU Extension who formerly served in executive leadership as CTO of an Ag-Tech company. He holds a PhD in Horticulture from MSU and brings broad horticultural expertise, having worked professionally in research and production systems in small fruits, tree fruits, field crops, and urban and landscape trees. During his 13 years in the non-profit space, he developed local and regional training seminars, workshops, and service learning opportunities in partnership with local and national organizations in the U.S. and overseas. Brent enjoys working with community partners and home gardeners, and making knowledge produced through innovative research accessible to everyone!

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE DEMENTIA FRIENDLY?

Katie Garvey, OTRL, CAPS & James I. Mangi PhD
PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A FREE CLASS. YOU MUST REGISTER BY CALLING THE CHELSEA SENIOR CENTER AT 734-475-9242. THIS CLASS IS FOR THE ENTIRE WESTERN WASHTENAW COMMUNITY

1 Monday, September 16

1:00 to 3:00 pm - *Chelsea Senior Center, 512 W. Washington St., Chelsea*

IN-PERSON

Overwhelmingly, people wish to age in place. The longer one lives, the risk of developing dementia increases. Though there is no known cure for the disease, there are many ways to create environments which enable all to live well. How does having dementia change one's ability to participate? What can be done to help make things easier for those with dementia and those who care for them? Dementia Friendly is an internationally recognized movement, educating community members and empowering changes promoting inclusivity, destigmatization, and helping others navigate daily tasks of living with support. Dementia Friendly Saline has done just that and continues to help other locations join in. The National Council of Dementia Minds (www.dementiaminds.org) Mythbuster Group will offer their lived experience perspective to qualify what some of those changes might be and why they are important to them. Come and learn how to be a part of positive change.

Katie is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University Occupational Therapy program and Graduate Certificate in Gerontology- Dementia Care. Katie has a professional focus on those living with dementia. She is a Certified Aging in Place Specialist, Independent Certified Positive Approach to Care™ (PAC) Trainer and Coach, a TimeSlips Facilitator and volunteer with the National Council of Dementia Minds. As the Respite Care Coordinator at Ease the Day Respite Support Program, she has helped to design and implement a community- based day program for loved ones with chronic health conditions utilizing family care partners

Jim Mangi, retired business owner has been a caregiver for his wife for 16 years and counting. She is living with Younger Onset Alzheimer's Disease. He is a dementia awareness activist. He is an Alzheimer's Association Community Educator and founding director of, Dementia Friendly Saline. In 2019, Jim and colleagues secured national recognition for Saline as a Dementia Friendly Community, the second in Michigan and the most active. Their mission is to help persons living with dementia live in the community with less difficulty and more dignity.

WINGS OF CHANGE: THE WOMEN AIRFORCE SERVICE PILOTS

Wendy Zielen

1 Friday, November 15

1:00 to 3:00 pm - *Chelsea Retirement Center, 805 W. Middle St., Chelsea, Dancy Bldg.*

IN-PERSON

In the 1970s, the United States Air Force announced it would start accepting women for pilot training for the first time ever. A campaign ensured immediately to rightfully recognize the Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War Two as the first women who ferried aircraft for the U.S. military, learned to fly "the army way," and proved that women were every bit as capable of being pilots as men! A fascinating look into the history of W.A.S.P.s, their contribution to the war effort, their impact on future generations of women who dared to soar to new heights, and their special connections to Michigan! This presentation will leave you in awe of the women who insisted that a woman's place is in the cockpit, not in the kitchen!

Wendy Zielen holds a BA from the University of Michigan and is currently Development and Communications Director at St. Louis Center. When not working or promoting one of her favorite historical preservation, sustainability, or youth advocacy causes, Wendy can be found searching for new experiences while traveling, reading, or running trails around Michigan's beautiful inland lakes. The chance encounter with mysterious war medals found in an old desk set her off eight years ago on a new mission to track down her grandfather's footsteps, leading two families to find new parts of themselves more than a century later.

ZEITGEIST. FROM THE MIDDLE AGES THROUGH THE 19TH CENTURY

Elisabeth Thoburn

4 Tuesdays, October 15, 22 & 29 and November 5

1:00 to 3:00 pm - *Chelsea Senior Center, 512 W. Washington St., Chelsea*

IN-PERSON

Each period in human history is shaped by a variety of societal factors, such as religion, science, political changes, and more. The visual arts and music, as the expression of the human experience, reflect these events in artistic forms. In this 4-part course, we will investigate the relationship between music and the arts in 1) the Middle Ages, 2) the Renaissance, 3) the Baroque, and 4) the 19th Century. Richly illustrated PowerPoint lectures and lots of musical examples will make this lecture series a sensory delight.

Elisabeth Thoburn taught Humanities, Comparative Religion, World Mythology and Art History. She is emeritus faculty at WCC after teaching there for over 30 years and chairing the Humanities, Languages and Art (HLA) department. She has traveled to over 40 countries and visited many of the museums and sites that are the backdrop of the various arts and places discussed in this course.