



## SPRING QUARTER 2019 PRESENTATIONS

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**Quarterly Presentations:** \$5 per presentation - \$30 maximum (6 or more presentations) | Non-members \$10

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**Annual Membership:** \$25 – Single | \$45 – Couple | \$130 – Single + 4 Qtrs. Presentations | \$250 – Couple + 4 Qtrs. Presentations

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**WHEN MANKATO AREA SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED BECAUSE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, OUR PROGRAMS ARE ALSO CANCELLED**

### #1: Friday, April 5, 2-4 p.m. — Meet and Greet International Students

Join us to meet international students from Guatemala, Thailand, Pakistan and Russia. They will tell us about their countries and talk about adjusting to college and life in the United States.

*Presenter:* **Daniel A. Schwartz, Int'l Student & Exchange Advising**

Sponsor: Sue Howard

*Location:* Children's Museum, 224 Lamm Street

**#2:** This interactive presentation will help unlock the inner powers you possess. Participants will engage in peer group and individual activities, discussion, and sharing that will foster insights into changes we can make to truly embrace the adventure of aging! **Limit 20** participants eager to be integral and active members of this group experience.

*Presenter:* **Kate Simonson, MA, Career and Life Coach, Retired Instructor Adler Graduate School of Psychology**

Sponsor: Kate Simonson

*Location:* St. John's Episcopal Church, 302 Warren Street

### #3. Tuesday, April 16, 2-4 p.m. — Understanding Minnesota's Changing Climatology

Which climatic changes are and are not currently affecting Minnesota? What changes do we expect in the years and decades ahead? Where do we have gaps in our knowledge that preclude definitive statements? This presentation will answer these questions by focusing on the foundational data and research available to climate scientists.

*Presenter:* **Dr. Kenny Blomenfeld, Chief Climatologist Department of Natural Resources**

Sponsor: Sue Howard

*Location:* Children's Museum, 224 Lamm Street

### #4. Mondays, 2-4 p.m. — Great Trials of World History

The course begins with the trial of Socrates in Ancient Greece and ends with O.J. Simpson. It includes The Dakota Conflict of 1862.

**4a: April 29:** The Trials of Socrates, Thomas More, and Giordano Bruno

**4b: May 6:** Salem Witchcraft Trials; Boston Massacre Trials; Aaron Burr Conspiracy Trial

**4c: May 13:** Amistad Trials; Dakota Conflict Trials; Lincoln Assassination Conspiracy Trial

**4d: May 20:** Three Trials of Oscar Wilde; Three Medieval Trials; Discussion of justice and the courts

Note: More trials to be continued summer quarter.

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*DVD instructor:* **Professor Douglas O. Linder, University of Missouri, Kansas City School of Law**

Sponsor: Ron Yezzi

*Location:* Oak Terrace West, 1570 Tower Blvd., North Mankato

### #5. Thursday, May 2, 6-8 p.m. — History Does Matter: Considering the Renaming of Sibley Park

Local historian and educator Bryce Stenzel will offer historical perspective on the subject of the effort to rename Sibley Park, as well as bring an in depth historical analysis of historiography versus political correctness. Locally, does the park's current name honor a man largely responsible for numerous crimes against the Dakota people, or does the renaming of the park ignore the suffering experienced by both the Dakota people and the European settlers? Although changing the park's name would not erase the past tragedy on both sides, would it deter us from considering a painful chapter in the community's history and perhaps prevent true understanding?

*Presenter:* **Bryce O. Stenzel, Historian, educator, BA & MA in history**

Sponsor: Carlienne Frisch

*Location:* Children's Museum, 224 Lamm Street

### **Promoting Vitality in Later Life**

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**#6: Thursdays and Saturdays, 8-10 a.m.—Spring Bird Walks**

**6a: May 2:** Rasmussen Park Nature Center, Rasmussen Woods Rd. (off Stoltzman Rd) in Mankato. Meet at the nature center.

**6b: May 9:** Bray Park (Blue Earth County Park). US Hwy 14 E past Eagle Lake, left on Hwy. 60. Take first road on right (sign for Bray Park), North on Hwy. 48 to sign for Bray Park. Meet at log cabin in camping area.

**6c: May 11:** Seven-Mile Creek, 7 miles north of Mankato on U.S. Hwy 169. Turn left into park to the first picnic shelter.

**6d: May 16:** Indian Lake Conservation Area, State Hwy 66 through Skyline and continue toward Mt. Kato. Take gravel road left before you get to Mt. Kato. Go south, and just before you get to to Cty Hwy 90, turn left in the parking lot.

**6e: May 23:** Sakatah State Trail, Take County Hwy 3 (road between Menards and Fleet Farm) east until you come to a 'T'. Turn left onto County Hwy 186. Go north ½ mile and turn left into a parking lot.

**6f: May 25:** William's Nature Center, NW of the Williams Pipeline Co. on Hwy 68. Meet in the parking lot.

*Guide:* **Dr. Merrill Frydendall—Ornithologist, Retired Prof. Emeritus, MSU**

Sponsor: Merrill Frydendall

**#7: Thursday, May 9, 2-4 p.m. — Local Author Terry Davis Discusses His Writing**

The author of three young adult novels, Terry Davis has taught creative writing at East Carolina University, MSU, and in high schools. He has a Master of Fine Arts degree from U. of Iowa and studied at Stanford University as an honored Wallace Stegner Literary Fellow. Davis' works include the semi-autobiographical Vision Quest (1981 American Book Award nominee), Mysterious Ways, and If Rock and Roll Were a Machine, as well as short stories, a biography and a graphic novel. He is working on his fourth novel.

*Presenter:* **Terry Davis, Author and Professor Emeritus**

Sponsor: Carlienne Frisch

*Location:* Oak Terrace West, 1570 Tower Blvd., North Mankato

**#8: Tuesday, May 14, 2-4 p.m. — That Derogatory Rock: The History, Mystery, and Public Meaning of the old Mankato Hanging Monument**

This presentation will discuss the history of the Hanging Monument erected in 1912, the mystery of its disappearance, and what evolving public meanings have been attached to the monument and the hanging site.

*Presenter:* **Melodie Andrews, MSU Emerita History Professor**

Sponsor: Ron Yezzi

*Location:* Children's Museum, 224 Lamm Street

**#9: Mondays, 2-4 p.m. — Experiencing Hubble: Understanding the Greatest Images of the Universe**

The Hubble Space Telescope has revolutionized our understanding of the universe both near and far. Its stunning images of stars, nebulae and galaxies have captivated public attention and inspired students of all ages, including us.

**9a: June 3:** The Rationale for a Space Telescope; Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 and Jupiter; The Sagittarius Star Cloud.

**9b: June 10:** The Star Factory inside the Eagle Nebula; The Cat's Eye Nebula—A Stellar Demise; The Crab Nebula A Supernova Aftermath.

**9c: June 17:** The Sombrero Galaxy—An Island Universe; Hubble's View of Galaxies Near and Far; The Antennae Galaxies—A Cosmic Collision.

**9d: June 24:** Abell 2218—A Massive Gravitational Lens; The Hubble Ultra Deep Field; Hubble's (Legacy and Beyond)

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*DVD Instructor:* **Dr. David M. Meyer, Prof. of Physics and Astron., NW Univ., Evanston, IL**

Sponsor: Al Berner

*Location:* Oak Terrace West, 1570 Tower Blvd., North Mankato

**#10: Wednesday, June 5, 2-4 p.m. — Intimate Partner Violence: Social Science Debate on Causes and Prevention**

Every few weeks, our Mankato community is shocked by another incident of domestic violence. Someone shoots a family member. A parent is charged with child abuse. A person disappears and police suspect foul play. The presenter will briefly review Minnesota and national data, outline the two competing perspectives on causes and recommendations, and review proposed recommendations and prevention strategies.

*Presenter:* **Professor Emerita Barbara Keating, retired from MSU Sociology Program**

Sponsor: Sue Howard

*Location:* Children's Museum, 224 Lamm Street

**#11: Thursday, June 13, 2-4 p.m. — My Journey From Flat to Round**

Join a local artist for an informative and relaxing session in the beautiful outdoors. Hear about her lifetime experience of seeing the world flat and then, eventually, round. You will see a presentation of plein air style of painting and a demonstration of oil in this style.

*Presenter:* **Gerry Tostenson, Mankato artist**

Sponsor: Tricia Nienow

*Location:* Sibley Park Shelter, Mankato

**#12: Tuesday, June 18, 2-4 p.m. — Why We Turn to Poetry in Emotional Times**

The presenter will address the importance of poetry, especially in emotional times in our lives.

*Presenter:* **Susan Chambers, local poet**

Sponsor: Tricia Nienow

*Location:* Children's Museum, 224 Lamm Street

