

***“Adventures in Learning!”* Spring Session**

Classes for Friday, April 24, 2020

Current Events—Get Involved

9:00—9:50 a.m.

News & Views

Kevin McFarland stays abreast of the news and asks for YOUR views. Discussions cover everything from City Council issues to national politics; an exchange of ideas & viewpoints. Comments welcomed.

9:00—9:50 a.m.

Back by Popular Demand

Presidential Gardens by Carol Bragdon

This presentation explores the history and development the White House gardens, presidential gardens and contributions of some of our First Ladies to these national treasures.

9:00—9:50 a.m.

Health

Warning Signs When Seniors Need Assistance—Jill Carter, Interim

How do you know when a senior needs assistance? The signs could be from spoiled food that doesn't get thrown away or important missed appointments. Jill Carter with Interim Healthcare will discuss the warning signs that you need to watch for.

9:00—9:50 a.m.

Religion

Writing the Tree of Life

Drawing on her novel, *Miriam's Well*, Mirriam-Goldberg will present a talk and reading focused on the role of mythology and midrash -- the Hebrew tradition of making art and meaning from sacred texts -- to enable us see our lives with new eyes.

9:50—10:40 a.m.

Refreshments

Community Partner Showcase



Join Cindee Williams and Anna Gemmer for light refreshments and social time. Hear what's new at McCrite Plaza Topeka.

10:40—11:30 a.m.

People/Places

Gettysburg National Battle Field - Jim Hanni

Disagreement now permeates American public life. So what does that have to do with a place like Gettysburg? Our speaker, James Hanni, Secretary of the Board of the Gettysburg Foundation, will be here to share what's special about Gettysburg and its connections to Kansas.

10:40—11:30 a.m.

Community

Homelessness in our Schools

Carrie Higgins will discuss Impact Avenues a group of over 35 partner agencies working together to reduce student homelessness in Topeka. They utilize collective impact, single point of service, intensive case management, and sustainable housing to eliminate barriers and help families.

10:40—11:30 a.m.

Arts

“Garden Gate: Writings and Art from Gardens Around the World”

Thomas Fox Averill will discuss his experiences visiting botanical gardens around the world. Tom will also share his photos, poetry and short stories based on his visits.

10:40—11:30 a.m.

Potpourri

PANT—Pet Assist Program for the Homeless

Dr. Joe Cook will discuss how PANT raises funds to pay for the costs to board pets and provide any necessary pet care during times when owners are homeless and trying to get back on their feet.