How to Register for Classes and Events:

1. Phone: call 507/457-2331
2. Email: retiree@winona.edu
3. By Mail: The Learning Club, c/o WSU Retiree Center, PO Box 5838, Winona, MN 55987
4. In Person: WSU Retiree Center located on the 1st floor of the WSU Alumni House, 227 West 7 Street (Corner of Winona & Wabasha Streets). Parking is available in the back.

All classes/events that have a fee are required to be paid in advance of the deadline indicated (by mail or in person as indicated above). Reservation for the class/event is not secured until payment is received.
HELP WANTED

We need someone to do publicity for The Learning Club. This is an exciting opportunity to spread the word about what The Learning Club is, provide examples of courses offered and information on special programs and events, and encourage folks in the community to join us. We need someone immediately. If you can help us out, please contact Jim Erickson (452-1957) or the Retiree Center (contact information is on the front of this newsletter).

Thank You,

Jim Erickson, Learning Club Chair

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PRAIRIE MOON NURSERY

What to expect: Prairie Moon Nursery specializes exclusively in native plants and seeds for wetland, prairie, savanna and woodland. Established in 1982, the nursery has more than 500 species available and does business worldwide.

- We will start our tour at the new state-of-the-art cleaning facility on the ridge- and then drive down into the valley for a walking tour of the gardens and field plantings.
- Participants will be given a handout listing the species they can expect to see blooming on tour day - and if interested, will be able to positively identify those species with numbered tags placed by each plant on the list.
- Bring your lunch, and enjoy a casual picnic in the pavilion by the spring fed pond after the tour (and if it’s a warm day, feel free to take a dip). Catalogs available, no sales on tour day.

Date: Thursday, June 25th
Time: 9:30 am  Meet / Leave - Wal-Mart parking lot (where we have met before)
         9:45 am    arrive in Witoka
Location: Jerry Schroeck will meet us in Witoka to guide us to the Prairie Moon Nursery new location.
         32115 Prairie Lane (approximately 13 miles south of Winona following County #17)

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The Great Little Trains of Wales

Originally narrow gauge slate and silver carrying lines, these nine colorful little railroads are now major tourist attractions. One of the lines inspired the famous Thomas the Tank Engine tales and is the prototype for that beloved character. The Thomas' author's office is preserved in the museum at that road.

About the Presenter
Bob Sloan was elected to the Narrow Gauge Hall of Fame in 2001 for his contributions to the history of narrow gauge railroads and as author of many books and articles about them. He will be giving this presentation at the National Narrow Gauge Convention in Colorado in September.

Date: Monday, July 13, 2009
Time: 10 am
Location: Historical Society Classroom
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This well-illustrated Learning Club program features the work of WSU students and employees and community volunteers in renovating Garvin Heights Park – the land above the city with approximately 55,000 annual visitors, student researchers on the restored prairie and savannas, and fitness and hiking enthusiasts who use the new trail.

Learn the acquisition history - In 1918 Herbert Garvin gave Winona Teachers College his namesake "Lookout" for the education and recreation of the school's students and teachers.

Learn the development history - volunteers cleared buckthorn and other invasive shrubs from prairie and savanna, began an intensive program of controlled burns, prairie plantings and erosion control, trail reconstruction, trash removal, and placement of interpretive signs at the overlook

About the Presenter:
Dr. Carol Jefferson retired in 2006 after 30 years as a faculty member of the Biology Department. She serves on the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Commissioner's Advisory Committee for Ecological Resources. Her research has concerned coastal ecosystems of the Pacific, Atlantic and Great Lakes, Mississippi River islands and sedimentation, invasive and rare species in southeastern Minnesota.

Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2009
Time: 1pm
Location: Historical Society Classroom

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**Massage Therapy**

Learn about the holistic approaches to health and how massage can specifically help senior citizens with their own particular sets of aches and pains

About the Presenter:
Debi Niebuhr has been a massage therapist since 1986 located in the Kensington and teaching in the massage program at Minnesota State College SE Technical for four years. Debi has been interested in holistic health most of her adult life.

Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2009
Time: 10 AM
Location: Winona County Historical Society

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Jazz 101 - with Rich MacDonald, percussion; Larry Price, piano and bassist Eric Graham. The program will present a variety of jazz and the artists will discuss the roles of each instrument and give participatory lessons in form, melody, harmony and rhythm.

This group will also be playing in the evening at the same place so you will have an opportunity to listen to more jazz and apply what you learned in the afternoon.

Date: Thursday, July 23, 2009
Where: The Riverside Center at Jefferson Pub.
Time: 1:00 PM

Special arrangements: As an optional preliminary to the music, Learning Club members are encouraged to join up at Jefferson’s for lunch at noon before the program at 1:00 PM.

Program fee: No program fee but lunch and/or beverage up to individual
Beverages will be available for purchase during the presentation.

The Learning Club
Invites You to the
Fall Open House
Wednesday, August 12, 2009
9:30 am
Baldwin Lounge, Kryzsko Commons
on the campus of Winona State University

Guest Speaker - Fran Edstrom, Editor, Winona Post
“The Newspaper of 2020”

Reservations required - call 507/457-2331 or email retiree@winona.edu
Annual Dues will be collected
Offender Upbringing and Court Sentencing
Judge Duane Peterson will discuss how the upbringing of offenders influenced their concept of right and wrong, responsibility, and their need for instant gratification. He will also discuss whether these influences should be or are taken into account in their sentencing and lead discussion on how and where these concepts can be modified.

About the Presenter:
Judge Peterson served in the U. S. Marine Corps as a lawyer and is a retired District Judge. Judge Duane Peterson presided over the Third District Court in Caledonia for ten years. He graduated first in his class from St. Paul College of Law and began practicing law in Winona in 1959. He practiced law here for thirty years until he accepted Governor Rudy Perpich’s appointment as a Judge in the Third Judicial District.
He was selected "Trial Judge of the Year" in 1998 by the American Board of Advocates and in 1999 by the Certified Trial Advocates

Registration due: Wednesday August 12.

Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2009
Time: 10:00 am
Where: Historical Society Classroom

History and Advances in Body Art

Chad Gregorson is enthusiastic about his profession and eager to share his knowledge and experiences. He will educate and entertain with photos and stories.
Chad states we will be amazed at the number of clients over the age of 65.
What does the future of Body Art hold for our Grandchildren?
Come and ask!

About the Presenter:
Chad Gregorson, artist, and owner of Tatu Royale, Winona, Chad has 24 years of experience across the nation and abroad.
Chad is also active in the pursuit of regulation for the profession.

Registration due August 17, 2009

Date: Monday August 24, 2009
Time: 10:00 am
Where: Historical Society Classroom
**CLUB SCHEDULES**

**Mystery Readers Book Club**
The Mystery Readers Book Club meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month, except December at Callista Court. Members read any work by the author chosen for the month. To begin discussion one member gives a biographic summary of the author and information about his/her work.

**Dates:** 4th Tuesday  
June 23, 2009 – Val McDermid  
July 28, 2009 – M.D. Lake  
August 25, 2009 – Martha Grimes  
**Time:** 10:30 am  
**Location:** Callista Court - 1455 West Broadway

**Storytelling Group - Spinning a Yarn**

**Dates:** Storytelling is not meeting June, July and August. Storytelling will resume in September  
**Location:** WSU Retiree Center,  
1st floor of the WSU Alumni House,  
corner of Wabasha & Winona Streets

**Biking with The Learning Club**

Biking with The Learning Club is the 3rd Monday of every month*. Sign up via email retiree@winona.edu or call The Learning Club, 457-2331.

Specific directions are emailed the week before or telephone contact can be made also. We bike in a loose group about 15-20 miles. It is usually out and back, and then we go out for lunch.

All riding is done on a trail – paved or packed limestone. All levels of bikers are welcome. The trails can be hiked, so walkers are welcome, too. We make reservations for lunch, so we need to know how many are participating.

**Dates:**  
July 20, 2009  
August 17, 2009  
September 21, 2009  
**Times and Locations:** to be determined  
information will be forwarded to members a week before date of event.
# Learning Club Calendar of Events - July - August, 2009

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