# The Learning Club

**Spring Open House**

*Monday, February 14, 2011.*

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## 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.

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The mission of Winona360 is to develop a community of journalists, academics, students and citizens to create a new news and information platform. To help shape a media future that fosters and engaged communities, Winona State University faculty and students created the nonprofit Winona360 Civic Media Project to be an interdisciplinary innovation laboratory for students, faculty and information technology staff to learn and create in emerging media technology. Winona360 is a model for university and community partnership. Winona360 is creating a unique public engagement with arts and cultural organizations, educational institutions, local nonprofits and community government.

Kate Carlson is the Content Development Editor for Winona360. Kate will share her expertise and make traveling this website easy. This event includes a tour of the newly remodeled Broadcast Communication facility in WSU Phelps Hall. Experience the making of a newscast in the Winona State University campus television station and watch KQAL radio D.J.’s in action.

**Date:** Wednesday, January 5, 2011  
**Time:** 1pm  
**Location:** Phelps Hall, Winona State University. No parking in Gold Lots.

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### UNDER THE NOSE OF THE SHOGUN

The largely unknown story of over 250 years of an illegal religion being practiced clandestinely during the Tokugawa era in Japan is presented by Timothy Forester, Pastor of the First Congregational Church of Winona, United Church of Christ.

This program is an examination of the historical, social, economic and religious issues contributing to the clash of Japanese and European societies in 16th century. A slide show depicting art and artifacts disguised to fool inquisition authorities will be shown along with actual authentic items.

**Date:** Wednesday, January 12  
**Time:** 1pm  
**Location:** Fireside Room, First Congregational Church  
161 West Broadway, Winona, MN
IMAGES OF INDIA & NEPAL

During a trip to India and Nepal, my intent was, as always, to take photographic and mental images of how people live. How, and in what ways, are these places different from Winona, Minnesota? How are their buildings, houses, places of worship different from ours? How do people get around in large cities? What about Hinduism? How does it affect peoples’ everyday lives? How does extreme poverty play itself out in large cities and small towns? One finds that many examples of poverty are easy to photograph, some are not easy and a few should be recorded in memory only.

On the fun side, why are there cows wandering around in the streets? What are these colorful statues of smiling elephants? How else are things different?

Nepal is one of the world’s most remote and mountainous countries, being the location of Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world. Here, some unique signs of religion and the absence of technology are visible everywhere.

Presenter: Roger Carlson, Professor Emeritus, Winona State University
Date: Thursday, January 27, 2011
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Winona County History Center
CRUISING THE RED SEA: EGYPT, JORDAN, AND THE SINAI

In March, 2010, Harry and Ormsin Gardiner began their journey in Luxor, Egypt with visits to the temples of Luxor and Karnak, the Valley of the Kings, a look at Egyptian life at a local farm, and a hot air balloon ride over the Nile River. After a short stay in Cairo, they traveled by train to Alexandria, the country’s second largest city, on the Mediterranean.

Following a bus ride back to Cairo, they viewed the Great Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx, joined a local Cairo family in their home for dinner, and visited the Cairo Museum and the treasures from the tomb of Tutankhamen.

After a short flight to the Red Sea port of Hurghada, they boarded a small ship for a 7-night cruise on the Red Sea, through the Suez Canal, with stops at Sharm el-Sheikh, Mt. Sinai, and Aqaba, the town made famous by Lawrence of Arabia. From here they crossed the desert to the “Lost City” of Petra, one of the modern Seven Wonders of the World, in Jordan. After a farewell dinner in Cairo, they returned home.

Harry and Ormsin Gardiner, Professors Emeriti from Winona State and the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, are incurable travelers who have made several previous Learning Club presentations.

Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2011
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Winona County History Center

TAX TOPICS FOR SENIORS

It’s time to organize your papers in preparation for filing taxes. Richard Schneider will discuss current tax issues especially those pertinent to seniors.

Presenter: Richard Schneider, Professor Emeritus, WSU, is also an inactive CPA and currently works with the local AARP Tax Aide program.

Date: Thursday, February 10, 2011
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Winona County History Center
The Learning Club – February Open House

The Life and Music of George Gershwin

Our spring open house will feature Dr. Donald Lovejoy, the conductor of the Winona Symphony Orchestra. His topic will be one of America's most fascinating musicians: George Gershwin.

Gershwin is probably best known for his popular songs like "I've Got Rhythm" and "Embraceable You." He also wrote major works for symphony orchestra such as "Rhapsody in Blue" and "An American in Paris" and even an opera, "Porgy and Bess". Dr. Lovejoy will explore this rich and diverse musical gift that Gershwin left to the world.

Open House - Its Valentine’s Day

Date: Monday, February 14, 2011
Time: 1:00-Social Time
     1:30-2:30 Dr. Lovejoy on Gershwin
     2:30-Brief Business Meeting
Location: Winona Veterans Center
         302 East Sarnia

WINONA TOURISM

Most Winonans are aware that tourism has grown in Winona in recent years. But many of us don't understand what is being done behind the scenes to promote Winona tourism. Learn how much tourism has affected the culture and economy of Winona and how those effects may grow in the future.

Pat Mutter, Executive Director of Visit Winona, will help us understand these issues more fully.

Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2011
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Winona County History Center
The Learning Club
...within the CLUB schedules

Mystery Readers Book Club

The Mystery Readers Book Club meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month 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.

Date:  Tuesday, January 25, 2011 - Author: Nancy Pickard
      Tuesday, February 22, 2011 – Author: C. J. Box
Time:   10:30 am
Location: Callista Court - 1455 West Broadway

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Storytelling Group

September to May - Meeting Date: 3rd Wednesday of the Month
Dates: Wednesday, February 16, 2011
Time: 1 pm
Location: WSU Retiree Center, WSU Alumni House, 227 West Wabasha.

Parking is available in the driveway behind the Alumni House and the front door is handicap assessable. New members are welcome to come and listen or participate by telling a short story.
# Learning Club Calendar of Events – November and December, 2010

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