



Joe Edelman

Understanding Creativity to Improve Your Photography

Thursday, October 19, 2023 | 6PM | Ezell Recreation

Join professional photographer and author Joe Edelman in a fascinating presentation on how we all have the potential to be creative. We will begin by looking at the science behind and understanding creativity. Where does it come from? Are humans born with it, or do they learn it? Can you make yourself more creative? The answers from cognitive psychologists' research will surprise, frustrate, and excite you! Armed with a better understanding of how creativity works, I will help you lay the foundation to develop more creative skills and become a better, more creative photographer. Learn my top tips for improving your creativity, and the benefits of using Divergent and Convergent thinking to find cool ideas and develop them into amazing photographs, and much more!



Gary McKechnie

A Brief History of Mount Dora

Thursday, November 9, 2023 | 2PM | Rohan Recreation

How did nearby Mount Dora transform itself from a frontier outpost into a picturesque New England village in the heart of Central Florida? Discover the secrets behind its success as author and historian Gary McKechnie shares tales from "A Brief History of Mount Dora", co-authored with his wife, Nancy Howell. In this entertaining and informative presentation, you'll learn why town father J.P. Donnelly beat up an alligator, the role cows played in establishing Mount Dora as a haven of calm and tranquility, why citizens built the nation's largest private nuclear fallout shelter and meet the legendary Dora Ann Drawdy, who lent her name to the fledgling community. Or did she?

What in the World? How Walt Created Disney World

Thursday, November 9, 2023 | 4PM | Rohan Recreation

When Walt Disney realized cheap tourist traps were enveloping Disneyland, he began a nationwide search for enough land to hold every dream he could imagine. What happened next would require a heightened degree of CIA-level secrecy for Disney's undercover team, who launched a misinformation campaign. Audiences will be amazed to learn of subterfuge, monumental innovations and engineering feats required to create a whole new world.



Bob Wallace

Spies: Unrecognized American Hero's

Thursday, November 30, 2023 | 3PM | Rohan Recreation

Patience Wright, a widow originally from Philadelphia, had become a successful wax sculptress in London by 1776. Her subjects were talkative British nobility, including the king himself, whose life-like wax figures were treasured by loyalists in the colonies. While quietly sculpting, Wright made notes from the overheard gossip and secreted those in the sculptures to be retrieved by Patriots before the work was delivered to the buyer. Throughout America's history, citizens like Wright have been critical, yet rarely acknowledged, contributors to US intelligence. This presentation highlights the personal stories of fashion designers, laborers, housewives, actors, scholars, writers, athletes and even criminals whose patriotism led them into the world of espionage.

"Langley": The Museum You Can't Visit

Thursday, November 30, 2023 | 6PM | Rohan Recreation

A virtual tour of the Central Intelligence Agency's non-public campus in Northern Virginia and its museum which is accessible only to official visitors is presented. Outdoor and indoor artifacts, artwork, sculptures, clandestine devices, photographs, and interpretive displays that are not available anywhere else tell the 75-year history of CIA's analytical, scientific, and operational work. Also included is an Office of Strategic Services exhibit featuring memorabilia such as the desk OSS Director General William Donovan used between 1941-1945 and a letter written on Hitler's letterhead stationery by future CIA director Richard Helms to his son in 1945.



Dianne Jacoby

Caty Green and the Patriots

Thursday, December 21, 2023 | 6PM | Colony Cottage Recreation

As the Revolutionary War began, 18-year-old Caty married the famous Patriot, Nathaneal Greene. Caty was not content to remain at home as a traditional Colonial wife. Her defiant spirit inspired her to make perilous journeys to join General Greene at his army camps. There she found herself at the heart of the War of Independence where her beauty and quick wit made her beloved by the most famous and fascinating men of her time. Following the death of her husband, a widow with five children, she returned to her plantation in Savannah, where she found success in her legendary plantation entertainment.



Victoria, Lynn and Elaine

Fashion and The Automobile: Through the Decades

Thursday, January 11, 2024 | 6PM | Rohan Recreation

Victoria Mobley, Lynn Anderson, and Elaine Vermeersch are collectively known as Fashion and The Automobile. Join them for an entertaining journey down memory lane by decade, starting with the dawn of the automobile, showcasing the relationship between fashion and automotive design. Learn how function, environment, lifestyle, and world events influenced design in this live-modeled, visual presentation of the 1900s-1970s women's and men's fashion representing, "What's Old Becomes New Again".



Liz Kitchens

Be Brave. Lose the Beige!

Friday, January 12, 2024 | 3PM | Rohan Recreation

Join author, Liz Kitchens in this fun, interactive presentation on her award-winning book, Be Brave. Lose the Beige! Finding Your Sass After Sixty. Perfect for "Lady Boomers" and others cresting toward retirement, Liz chronicles how creative thinking helped her cope with empty nest syndrome, transition from being "outtasight" to literally being out of sight, and so much more. The stories and creative techniques outlined are guaranteed to introduce color, sass, and a lightness of spirit into your later years. Are you ready to defy those beige expectations and start coloring outside the lines?



Jack Davis

Photographic Miracles on your Mobile Phone!

Thursday, January 18, 2024 | 6PM | Rohan Recreation

Photography and the tools we use to capture and enhance our beloved images have changed. In this fast and fun evening demonstration led by best-selling author, an award-winning photographer, and master teacher Jack Davis, we will explore what the magical A.I. software and supercomputer hardware of the latest and greatest mobile phones are really capable of - and how we can push them to match, even exceed the quality of our trusty, but now often lonely, "Big Boy Cameras". From shooting studio-quality portraits of the grandkids to gorgeous landscape panoramas and freezing fast-moving family action, Jack will share tips and techniques on capturing breathtaking photos with what you already have with you 24/7!



David Kroese

Hidden Gems of America's National Park System Continued Tuesday, January 30, 2024 | 6PM | Everglades Recreation

Join returning speaker and author David Kroese as we travel through more of our national park system's stunning hidden gems, places unfamiliar to the public, and all but serious park enthusiasts and rangers. We will explore sites across the continent and into the Pacific and Caribbean, exploring lesser-known but spectacular natural and historical parks that remain some of our National Park Service's best-kept secrets, featured in the book, Hidden Gems of America's National Park System.



JoAnn Peterson

The Daring Nellie Bly: America's First Female Star Reporter Wednesday, January 31, 2024 | 6PM | Rohan Recreation

Join JoAnn F. Peterson as she presents the fascinating story of Nellie Bly, a groundbreaking reporter and one of the most colorful figures of the late 1800s and early 1900s. She traveled around the world faster than any person of her time, meeting Jules Verne and reporting about her adventures along the way. Nellie was the first female war correspondent on the Eastern Front during WWI, rode on the suffragist float during Woodrow Wilson's inauguration, advocated for worker's rights, and much more. Written and performed by Peterson, this entertaining and educational performance captures the personality and experiences of a remarkable woman in history.



Bill and Sue Wills

Presidents and Their First Ladies: Ronald and Nancy Reagan Thursday, February 8, 2024 | 6PM | Rohan Recreation

William and Sue Wills, returning speakers, present historical characters, capturing the personality and experiences of presidents and their first ladies. The Wills have brought life to the stories of 35 different Presidential couples over the last 30 years. Join us for a dramatically speaking performance on the personal side of 40th President and First Lady, Ronald and Nancy Reagan.



Heather Elwell

Brain Health: A Message of Hope

Friday, February 23, 2024 | 3PM | Rohan Recreation

Join Heather A. Elwell, founder, and creator of Brain Health Mentors to learn about what you can do to reduce your risk of dementia and improve your brain health trajectory. Brain changes that lead to dementia can occur 20-30 years prior to a diagnosis. Learn about what the modifiable risk factors are and what healthy lifestyle choices you can make to improve your brain health.



Seth Hopkins

Andy Warhol and The West

Thursday, February 29, 2024 | 6PM | Rohan Recreation

Who knew Andy Warhol did Western art? Join Seth Hopkins, co-author and curator of "Warhol's West" in a fascinating presentation about Andy Warhol. Andy, like many, grew up watching Western movies and TV shows. He may have even played "Cowboys & Indians", the title of his last major project, the "Cowboys & Indians" suite. From Elvis to John Wayne, learn the ways Warhol's Western art merges his portrayal of celebrities with his interest in the West. Take a closer look at how one of the most important artists of the 20th century interpreted the myths and the legends of the West.



Joe Brady

The Power of Composition in Photography

Thursday, March 14, 2024 | 6PM | Rohan Recreation

Join professional photographer and author Joe Brady to learn about the importance of composition in photography and how it affects the experience of the viewer. We will explore the choices we make to create images that draw you in and cause you to linger in the photo and why. Topics will include what to look for when out in the field, how to see what to include or eliminate in the scene, and how small movements have a big impact on the success of an image. We will take a look at some image editing explorations in both Lightroom and Photoshop to see what enhancements can be made to make a better photograph. This is a talk suitable for all, even those whose sole camera is their phone. It is about what elements make for better photos in general, and how anyone can create images that will make them smile!



H. Keith Melton

From China with Love: Chinese Spies Impact on America

Saturday, March 23, 2024 | 1PM | Eisenhower Recreation

Internationally renowned author and intelligence expert H. Keith Melton will provide a critical exploration of the little-known strategies and techniques used by Chinese Intelligence Services, deemed the #1 foreign counterintelligence threat to the US by the FBI. The presentation illuminates their unique "actuarial recruiting" approach, contrasting it with tactics of traditional adversaries like the SVR (Russian foreign intelligence). The presentation will explore notable recent cases as "lessons learned" and will unravel the intricacies of how Chinese spies spot, access, and recruit agents in America. This introduction to Chinese spying is required learning for FBI Special Agents and the first time that it has been offered to a non-US Government audience.

Traitor at Heart: Castro's Most Dangerous Spy

Saturday, March 23, 2024 | 4PM | Eisenhower Recreation

H. Keith Melton's presentation on Anna Belen Montes, Castro's top spy in the US, is a riveting journey into the shadows of espionage that leaves you spellbound from start to finish. As an internationally renowned author and espionage expert, Melton's depth of knowledge shines through as he unravels the enigmatic story of Montes, a name you've likely never heard of but one that will forever be etched in your memory. Melton's presentation is enhanced by the inclusion of formerly classified images and facts that are known only to counterintelligence professionals. After serving a 20-year prison sentence, Montes was released on parole in early 2023 and currently resides in Puerto Rico. H. Keith Melton's expertise and the previously undisclosed visuals make this an unmissable experience for anyone fascinated by the captivating world of espionage.



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