March Speaker: **Jon Musgrave**

“*Egyptian Tales of the Heartland: Stories of the Unexpected*”

“*Egyptian Tales of the Heartland*” is the latest project by Southern Illinois historian and author Jon Musgrave, who uncovers the stories of the unexpected, long tucked away in the corners of the region’s heritage. From frontier kidnappings to early 20th Century mishaps, the “Tales” will provide a window into the more colorful areas of our past.

Musgrave is a journalist and writer with a special flair for the history of Southern Illinois. He was active in the effort to preserve the Old Slave House in Gallatin County. When not researching and writing about Southern Illinois history, he sells real estate in the Marion area and has been appointed to Illinois’ Amistad Commission to study how the history of slavery is taught in the state’s public schools. He is also the owner and publisher of illinoishistory.com. Some of his publications include *Slaves, Sex, Salt & Mr. Crenshaw: The Bloody Vendetta of Southern Illinois*; and *Secrets of the Herrin Gangs*.

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**Follow Up from January’s Speaker:**

Below are links from January’s speaker, Mike Jackson. These are the websites and topic he referenced during his presentation, “Great Places in Illinois: A Historic Preservation Story.” Please enjoy!

**Illinois Historic Preservation Agency:**

www.illinois-history.gov

**American Institute of Architectes (AIA) 150 Great Places in Illinois:**

www.illinoisgreatplaces.com

**The Building Technology Heritage Library**

http://archive.org/details/buildingtechnologyheritagelibrary

**Landmarks Illinois**

www.landmarks.org

**A Place to Get Great Pie! Diamond Mineral Springs; Grant Fork, IL**

foothipies.com
Spring Session II Courses: March 16, 2015 - April 16, 2015

MONDAY

Our World of High Technology — Ken Johnson, Gary Hartlieb, and John Pohlmann
March 16, 2015—April 13, 2015, 1:30 pm—3:30 pm
Location: Carbondale Township Office - 217 East Main St

Join us as we delve into the “hows and whys” of all the hi-tech gadgets that are changing our lives: smartphones, tablets, digital cameras, e-readers, hi-definition TVs, GPS systems, and DVRs (Digital Video Recorders).

We’ll then use this information, along with the help of Consumer Reports (one of man’s best friends), to turn you into an absolutely first-rate consumer in today’s hi-tech marketplace.

Last, but not least, we’ll also acquaint you with the all-important environment that surrounds these gadgets. Have you heard of Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, the cloud, fiber optics, and bytes (even gigabytes and terabytes)? We’ll see how the union of these gadgets with their environment is making for very exciting times.

Registration Fee: $10.00

TUESDAY

The Meanings of the American Civil War — Michael Batinski
March 17, 2015—April 14, 2015, 9:30 am—11:30 am
Location: Carbondale Township Office - 217 East Main St

This is the second segment of a course on the Civil War. The first covered the years before the war; the second will cover the war itself. The focus will be on various and conflicting understandings of the war: black Americans both free and slave, anti-slavery northerners who were pacifist and who took up arms, northerners who opposed the war, southerners who promoted the long-cherished dream of a separate slaveholding republic, their neighbors who resisted that dream. Since the focus will be on the different meanings, the course will probe the psychological as well as ideological meanings of this war. Time will be spent looking into the experience of soldiers. The story seems, in short, to be more complex than a conflict between Yankee and Rebel. In that complexity, we see the enduring meanings of the war in our lives today.

Registration Fee: $10.00

The Cathedral — Helen Nall
March 17, 2015—April 14, 2015, 1:30 pm—3:30 pm
Location: Epiphany Lutheran Church - 1501 W Chautauqua

We are awed by the immensity and the artistic, spiritual, and historic grandeur of the great cathedrals of Europe. This DVD course used 3-D modeling and imagery to bring you closer to cathedrals like Notre Dame in Paris and Canterbury in England. We will not only learn about the architecture, sculpture, and stained glass, but also the role these buildings played in the lives of people of medieval Europe. The course will be supplemented by extensive hand-outs.

Registration Fee: $10.00

WEDNESDAY

Memoirs II — Roberta Piper
March 18, 2015 - April 15, 2015, 1:30 pm-3:30 pm
Epiphany Lutheran Church—1501 W Chautauqua, Carbondale

If you’ve not been able to join this group in a previous session, you’re invited to come and start putting your memories to paper. This is not a critical class focused on grammar. It’s a warm and caring group that encourages each person to open up the past for your own or your family’s pleasure. Write from one’s experience, reading in class what one has written.

Materials: Paper, writing utensils, word processor helpful but typing or hand writing is acceptable.

Registration Fee: $10.00

THURSDAY

The Evolution of the American Song — Bob Harper
March 19, 2015—April 16, 2015, 9:30 am—11:30 am

**Class will be held at the home of Bob Harper—address will be included in your registration receipt/confirmation.**

Hear the music of Black and White America—the minstrel show, operetta, vaudeville, New Orleans street bands and jazz, Broadway shows, blues, dance bands, and more—as they merge into the popular song.

Registration Fee: $10.00

Advanced iPhone and iPad — Gary Hartlieb
March 19, 2015—April 16, 2015, 1:30 pm—3:30 pm
Location: Carbondale Township Office - 217 East Main St

Building upon the content of the first class, participants will learn how to use the native apps (those pre-installed on the device). Using the camera app and learning to manage and edit photographs will be covered, as well as “the Cloud.” Interesting apps will be explored at the last sessions of the class.

Materials: Bring your own iPhone and/or iPad.

Registration Fee: $10.00

Course Cancellation/Refund Policy

There are no refunds issued for Learning in Retirement courses; however, if you will be unable to attend a course you’ve registered for, please call Continuing Education and Outreach at 536-7751 so they may cancel your registration. There may be people on the waitlist that would love to fill the spot. Thank you for your consideration of others!
St. Louis Symphony

St. Louis Day Trip

Friday, May 1, 2015

Depart from SIU Arena (parking lot #56) at 6:15 a.m.
Making our way to Powell Hall, we will start the day with a pre-concert lecture by David Robertson, conductor of the St. Louis Symphony. We will then enjoy coffee and doughnuts before the concert. The program for the day’s concert, Bolero, features beloved dance compositions recognized for their brilliant and rousing arrangements. The program will include selections from Bizet’s Carmen, Debussy’s Sacred and Profane Dances, Vaughn Williams’ Tuba Concerto, and Ravel’s Bolero.

Following the concert, we will head to the “Hill” in St. Louis, we will begin with a fantastic Italian lunch at Favazza’s. Lunch will include Chicken Parmesan, a house salad, a delicious side of pasta, a drink, and spumoni ice cream for dessert. We will then stop by Missouri Baking Company before heading back home.

Registration Fee: $82

Refund Policy: No refunds are provided unless the trip is officially cancelled. If individuals are unable to attend, they are urged to find someone to “buy” their place.

Eureka Springs, Arkansas:
The Wonder of Art
& the Beauty of the Gardens

Wednesday, May 27 - Saturday, May 30, 2015

Depart from SIU Arena (parking lot #56) on May 27.
Our first attraction on the road to Eureka Springs, Arkansas is Hemmingway's in Springfield, Missouri for a buffet lunch and then an opportunity to visit the original Bass Pro Shop. Then continue on to Eureka Springs for dinner at Myrtie Mae's. Day two will include a visit to Bentonville, Arkansas for the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art and the Walmart Visitor's Center. Crystal Bridges will be hosting the Van Gogh to Rothko exhibit, featuring works by 73 artists, including Picasso, O'Keefe, Kahlo, and Warhol. Dinner on day two will be at the Crescent Hotel, followed by an evening of storytelling by Keith Scales. Day three offers a visit to the Thorne Crown Chapel, a guided tram tour of Eureka Springs, and dinner and a tour at the Castle Rogues Manor. Before heading back to Carbondale on Saturday, enjoy a stop at the Mildred Cooper Chapel. Then sit back and relax for the trip home!
More details available at continuinged.siu.edu/personal/

Registration Fee: Single Occupancy: $685.00/per person
Double Occupancy: $550.00/per person
Triple Occupancy: $519.00/per person

Fee includes: Roundtrip deluxe motor coach transportation (WiFi), 3 nights hotel, 8 meals, all admissions per itinerary, all tax & gratuity for included items, & luggage handling.

Trip Information: Don Boehne - (618) 549-1319
Trip Registration: Continuing Education and Outreach - (618) 536-7751

Trips are non-refundable.
Learning in Retirement Interest Groups

Learning in Retirement Book Club

The Book Club meets the third Monday of the month at 9:30 at Epiphany Lutheran Church on West Chautauqua. The selection for March is *The Color of Water: A Black Man’s Tribute to His White Mother* by James McBride. This book tells the remarkable story of Ruth McBride Jordan, the two good men she married, and the twelve good children she raised.

MUSICAL OF THE MONTH

The musicals interest group will meet on Wednesday, March 25. (No additional registrations are being taken at this time.)

LUNCH TALK

The lunch discussion group will meet on Thursday, March 26, at The Flame at 11:45 a.m.

Continuing Education and Outreach Opportunities

Aside from providing administrative support for Southern Illinois Learning in Retirement, SIU’s Continuing Education and Outreach produces a number of interesting workshops and events throughout the year. An upcoming workshop that may be of interest is the *Publish Your Manuscript Workshop* on March 28. This workshop is being led by SIU alumnus and Southern Illinois author Edmond DeRousse. You can register for this one-day, $50 workshop by calling 618-536-7751.

Continuing Education and Outreach also produces a number of summer camps for children every year. Check out continuinged.siu.edu and click on “Camps and Youth Programs” to see what we have available. There may be a great opportunity for a grandchild or other young person in your life!

We look forward to continuing to serve you!

Visit the SI Learning in Retirement web page at: continuinged.siu.edu/person/learning-in-retirement.html
**REGISTRATION FORM**  
*Please fill out and send entire form with payment.*

**SILIR REGISTRATION FORM (PLEASE FILL IN YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.)**

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Mail form to: Continuing Education and Outreach, 1255 Lincoln Drive, Mail Code 6705, Carbondale, IL 62901 or call CEO Registration at 618-536-7751 to register with your credit card information.

**LEARNING IN RETIREMENT PROGRAM WAIVER**

DISCLAIMER: I do not hold Southern Illinois Learning in Retirement or Southern Illinois University, or their representatives, responsible for any injury that may occur during an SILIR program in which I participate during 2013-2014.

My signature confirms that I have read and understand the activity level of any trip sponsored by Learning in Retirement and accept the risks and conditions of the trip. I am aware that some trips may encounter rough terrain and closed-toe shoes will aid in maintaining my safety.

*Please submit a check payable to “SIU Carbondale” or provide your credit card information below.*

Credit Card Number _________________________________ Exp. __________

Name on Card ______________________________________________________

Email (for receipt): ________________________________________________

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**Annual Membership (Valid through June 30, 2015)**….$25 x ______ = ______

***NOTE: If you are currently receiving this newsletter in the mail, your membership is current—no payment is due at this time.***

If paying for more than one person’s membership fee, write their name here:

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(15E0901902) **Book Study Group** (July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015)…….$10 x ________ = ________

(15E0901903) **Lunch Talk Discussion Group** (July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015)…….…….$10 x ________ = ________

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SESSION II COURSES

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(15E0901930) **Our World of High Technology**…….$10 x ** COURSE IS FULL**

(15E0901931) **The American Civil War**…….$10 x ______ = ______

(15E0901923) **The Cathedral**…….$10 x ______ = ______

(15E0901934) **Memoirs II**…….$10 x ______ = ______

(15E0901932) **Evolution of the American Song**…….$10 x ______ = ______

(15E0901928) **Advanced iPhone & iPad**…….$10 x ** COURSE IS FULL**

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(15E0901936) **St. Louis Symphony Day Trip**…….$82 x ______ = ______

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(15E0901935) **Eureka Springs: The Wonder of Art & The Beauty of the Gardens Trip**

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WHAT WILL YOU LEARN TODAY?

♦ New Trips now open for registration!

♦ II courses - classes start March 16!

♦ Last chance to register for Spring Session!

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