November Speaker: Professor David Gibson

"Forensic Botany"

Forensic botany is the use of botanical evidence in legal cases and other areas of forensics. Dr. Gibson will review the types of plant materials used in forensic botany with reference to classic cases including the famous baby Lindbergh case and recent DNA-based developments. David Gibson is a Distinguished Professor of Plant Biology at SIUC. His interest in forensic botany arose from his love of plants and from spending too much time watching crime shows on the TV.

Venue Change for Monthly Meetings Beginning in January

Starting on January 17, 2018 we will hold our monthly meetings at Grace United Methodist Church located at 220 N. Tower Road, Carbondale, Illinois. The meeting times will be the same as always - the third Wednesday of the month at 10:30 AM (no meetings in December or July). We will continue to have a coffee social before the meeting starting at 9:30 AM. SIU's budget problems necessitated closing the Dunn-Richmond Center to community groups. Grace Methodist is handicap-accessible, very comfortable and spacious. There is ample parking. Please join us for our January meeting and see our new venue.
SILIR Monthly Interest Groups

Musical of the Month Interest Group
This group meets the 4th Wednesday each month to watch and discuss a musical or movie musical. Nov. movie will be

Fiddler on the Roof

The next meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 15 at Epiphany Lutheran Church. Coffee and snacks at 9 am and movie at 9:30 am.

Monthly Book Club
The Book Club meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 9:30am at Epiphany Lutheran Church on West Chautauqua.

November 20th
November’s book selection is
Citizens of a Wider Commonwealth: Ulysses S. Grant’s Postpresidential Diplomacy
by Edwina S. Campbell

Monthly Lunch Discussion Group
Members are invited to join this group to meet monthly to share lunch and open conversation.

The group moves around to different regional restaurants throughout the year, meeting at 11:45am on Nov. 16

Location:

Sunny Street Café

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Due to low enrollment, we had to cancel the Down Home Country Christmas trip. Conference and Scheduling Services will be issuing full refunds. If you paid with a credit card, someone from their office will be contacting you about your credit card information so they can process a refund.

What will you learn today?
Ireland and Scotland

12 Days - Sept 17, 2018
www.teachbytravel.com/boehne2018

Days 1/2: Flight - Ireland
Arrive Shannon - greet TBT tour manager and enjoy the Irish scenery with an included drive to view the stunning Cliffs of Moher en route to your hotel in Lisdoonvarna. The balance of the day is yours to acclimate at your leisure. Dinner in your hotel.

Day 3: Knock - Donegal
Travel to Knock for your guided tour of the Shrine, which in the 20th century became one of Europe’s major Catholic Marian shrines, alongside Lourdes and Fatima. Over one and a half million pilgrims visit the Shrine of Knock annually. Travel to Belleek Pottery. Established in 1857, Belleek Pottery holds a very special place in the cultural and commercial heritage of Northern Ireland, and is one of its oldest and most fascinating attractions. Your tour of the Visitor’s Centre features original and unique pieces, made using traditional methods passed down from generation to generation. Arrive in Donegal for dinner at a local restaurant and overnight.

Day 4: Killybegs - Slieve League
Travel to Killybegs, to view the boats, ports and town. Continue to the mountain of Slieve League, which boasts some of the highest cliffs in Ireland. Return to Donegal for dinner at your hotel and overnight.

Day 5: Ballygally
Transfer to Ballygally. En route, embark on your included Giant’s Causeway (World Heritage Site) tour. Explore the many different sized and shaped rock formations shrouded in mythology, lovely beaches, and chances to cross rope bridges that you thought were only in movies! Continue to Bushmills for your included visit to the Old Bushmills distillery, where the professionals will ‘distil’ their knowledge. Arrive in Ballygally for dinner at your hotel - Ballygally Castle Hotel - and overnight.

Day 6: Scottish Highlands
It is a day to enjoy the fine scenery as you travel by coach and ferry to North Ballachulish, Scotland. Stop for an included visit to the clifftop Culzean Castle before dinner in Oban and overnight in North Ballachulish.

Day 7: Isle of Mull
Morning ferry to the Isle of Mull, including a tour of the Isle with a visit to Duart Castle. Continue to Iona to see the Benedictine Abbey, Oran’s Chapel, and the famous burial grounds. Return to North Ballachulish for dinner at your hotel and overnight.

Day 8: Isle of Skye
Travel to Mallaig to take the ferry to the Isle of Skye for your included tour. See Portree and Dunvegan Castle. Continue to Kyle of Lochalsh for dinner at your hotel and overnight.

Day 9: Inverness - Loch Ness - Nairn
Coach to Inverness with an included visit to Castle Urquhart and the Loch Ness Visitor Centre. Arrive in Aviemore for dinner at your hotel and overnight.

Day 10: Edinburgh
Travel to Edinburgh via the ancient city of Stirling for a tour of Stirling Castle. The Medieval ‘Stirling Castle’ sits on a rocky outcrop, looking down upon some of the most famous battlefields in Scotland’s history. The castle’s strategic location ensured that those who held the castle (including William Wallace, who defeated the English in 1297 during the War of Independence, and Robert the Bruce, triumphant over King Edward II’s troops in 1314) were able to control movement through the middle of the kingdom. Included viewing of St. Andrew’s Golf Course, the golfer’s paradise and mecca of all golf courses. Arrive in Edinburgh for dinner at a local restaurant and overnight.

Day 11: Edinburgh
Guided city tour of Edinburgh including the marvellous Edinburgh Castle! Farewell Dinner with Scottish Entertainment tonight.

Day 12: Return flight

Highlights:
Round-trip Airfare, Full Time Tour Manager, All Breakfasts and Dinners, Cliffs of Moher, Shrine of Knock, Belleek Pottery Factory Tour, Killybegs, Slieve League, Giant’s Causeway, Old Bushmills Distillery Tour, Culzean Castle, Isle of Mull, Duart Castle, Benedictine Abbey, Oran’s Chapel, Isle of Skye Tour, Portree, Dunvegan Castle, Castle Urquhart, Loch Ness Visitor Centre, Stirling Castle, St. Andrew's Golf Course, Guided City Tour of Edinburgh, Farewell Dinner with Scottish Entertainment.

Overnights:
Lisdoonvarna 1, Donegal 2, Ballygally Castle Hotel (Northern) 1, North Ballachulish 2, Kyle of Lochalsh 1, Aviemore 1, Edinburgh 2

Group Organizer:
Don Boehne
(618) 549-1319

Departure City:
St. Louis

Departure Date:
September 17, 2018

Based on 4-Star Hotels (subject to availability)

Prices*:
$4,169 based on 35+
$4,299 based on 30-34
$4,469 based on 25-29

Two-to-a-Room Accommodations
Add $599 for Single Room

*Prices based on total number of travelers. A deposit of $495 is due with application. Final payment is due by June 1, 2018 (Unless on TBT Budget Plan). All prices are subject to TBT 2017/18 Terms and Conditions. A valid passport is required to travel.
What's Included

- Roundtrip Airfare from USA - UK
- Overseas Airport/Hotel Transfers
  - 10 Nights in 4-Star Class Centrally Located Hotels (subject to availability)
- Two-to-a-Room Accommodations
- Included Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- First Class Motor Coach Transportation To and From All Historical Sites
- Indigenous 24/7 Tour Manager
  - Shrine of Knock
  - Belleek Pottery Tour
  - Cliffs of Moher
  - Killybegs
  - Slieve League
- Giant's Causeway
- Old Bushmills Distillery Tour
  - Culzean Castle
  - Isle of Mull
  - Duart Castle
  - Benedictine Abbey
  - Oran's Chapel
  - Isle of Skye
  - Portree
  - Dunvegan Castle
  - Castle Urquhart
  - Loch Ness Visitor Centre
  - Stirling Castle
  - Guided City Tour of Edinburgh
  - Edinburgh Castle
  - Scottish Entertainment Dinner

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NO Adult Fees
NO Membership Fees
NO Undetermined Fees
NO Surprises

TBT Offers:
- Online Account Access/Registration/Payments
  - Round-the-clock Customer Service
  - Budget Plans to extend published final payment date
  - Luggage Tags
  - Optional Pre-Trip Cancellation and On-Trip Insurance premium policy

Prices do not include:
- Meals not noted on the itinerary
- Breakfast on Arrival Day
- Beverages during included meals
- Tips and gratuities for service providers
  - Personal effects
- Optional Travel Insurance
  * Ages 60 - 69 = $319
  * Ages 70 - 74 = $379
  * Ages 75 - 79 = $449
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Name: ____________________________ (18W0901901)  
Annual Membership Dues ............$25 x ____ = ____

Name: ____________________________ (18W0901902)  
Musicals Interest Group .............$10 x ____ = ____

Name: ____________________________ (18W0901904)  
Book Study Group ......................$10 x ____ = ____

Name: ____________________________ (18W0901905)  
Lunch Discussion Group .............$10 x ____ = ____

Amount Enclosed $______________

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

Credit Card Number ____________________________ Exp. _______
Name on Card ____________________________ CVC _______
Email (for receipt): ____________________________

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