January 15 Meeting

Location:
Grace United Methodist Church
220 N. Tower Road,
Carbondale
• 9:30 Coffee Social Hour
• 10:30 Meeting and Program

January Greeters:
• Rose Bender
• Jan Weiss
• Jim Lambert
• Sandy Lambert (hostess)

Chair: John Pohlmann

AT A GLANCE

Monthly Meetings:
February 19, 2020
March 18, 2020
April 15, 2020

QUESTIONS?
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618/536-7751

January Speaker:
Bob Swenson
Architect (retired)/Heritage Preservation Consultant/Emeritus Associate Professor, School of Architecture, SIUC

19th Century Steamboats Built at Communities Along the Lower Ohio River

Bob will present research obtained from over 50 libraries, museums, and research centers throughout the inland river system, and personal memories growing up in Metropolis, riding on the Delta Queen and listening to the late night sounds of the deep mellow steam whistles on the river. He will also share his findings about over 270 steamers known to be built at Smithland, Paducah, Metropolis, Mound City and Cairo.

Bob holds a BA in Design and Community Development from SIUC (1965) and a professional Master of Architecture degree from Yale University (1969). His private practice from 1983 to 2011 focused on historic preservation/restoration projects from Springfield, IL to Cairo and Paducah, KY. He received a 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Illinois State Historical Society.

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SILIR Monthly Interest Groups

**Musical of the Month Interest Group**
This group meets the 1st Wednesday each month to watch and discuss a musical or movie musical.

*No movie in January*

The next meeting will be

**Wednesday, February 5**
at Epiphany Lutheran Church.
Coffee and snacks at 9:00 am and movie at 9:15 am.

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

**January 20**
January’s book selection is

*A Crack in Creation*
by Jennifer Doudna and Samuel Sternberg

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**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

**January 23**
Location:

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SILIR Session I Classes — February 3-March 6, 2020

**Tuesday**

### *Le Pays des Illinois: Illinois Before the Civil War*

**Instructor:** Kay J. Carr
February 4-March 3 9:30 - 11:30 am
Epiphany Lutheran

This course will look at the history of Illinois before the defining events of the Civil War. We will start by looking at the setting; that is, the geology, climate, and natural flora and fauna of the region. Next, we’ll examine human migration and impact to the area, including the cultures of native peoples, Europeans and Africans, and east coast Americans. The course will explore the history and effects of European powers and their uses of the area, the geo-political results of the French and Indian and Revolutionary wars, early slavery and its effects, the Second Great Awakening religious revivals, land alienation and distribution, abolitionism and pre-Civil War politics, and the growth of cities and towns. Throughout the course, we will be looking at primary sources that may be useful for individual and family history research.

### *Ancient Civilizations of North America*

**Instructor:** Fran Oros
February 4-March 3 1:30 - 3:30 pm
Epiphany Lutheran

This course will be based primarily on DVDs narrated by Professor Edwin Barnhart, however, I will provide additional material and comments. We will start by looking at the first human migrations to the Americas. New technology for ancient DNA analysis provides new insight into migration pathways. Next, the course moves toward Paleo-Indian times and how cultures called Clovis and Folsom roamed early North America. Much of this course will be about the Mississippians and American Southwest peoples. It will also include the peoples of the northeastern and eastern North America as well as the bison-hunters of the Great Plains, and the complex hunter-gathers of the Pacific Coast.
Wednesday

The World’s Fair Movement

Instructor: Walter Metz
February 5-March 4
1:30 - 3:30 pm
Epiphany Lutheran

Registration Fee: $10.00

This course offers an historical overview of the world’s fair movement, beginning with the inaugural event, the “Crystal Palace” Exhibition in London in 1851, and the 1889 Paris “Exposition Universelle,” for which the Eiffel Tower was built. The course will explore the rapid industrialization of the United States as celebrated in a series of expositions: 1876 Philadelphia, 1901 Buffalo, and 1904 St. Louis. There will be two intensive case studies: the two Chicago fairs (the 1893 World’s Columbian Exposition and the 1933 Century of Progress fair) and the two fairs in New York City (the 1939 “World of Tomorrow” fair and the 1964 New York World’s Fair). We will study post-World War II world’s fairs during the atomic age, particularly Expo 58, the Brussels World’s Fair, for which the Atomium sculpture was built. The course will explore the withdrawal of the United States from the world’s fair movement in the wake of the 1982 Knoxville International Energy Exposition and the failed 1984 Louisiana World Exposition in New Orleans. Finally, we will conclude with the success of recent international world’s fairs in Asia and the Middle East, including Expo 2010 in Shanghai, whose record attendance topped 73 million people.

Thursday

Current Issues in the U.S. Supreme Court

Instructor: Jill Adams
February 6-March 5
9:30 - 11:30 am
Epiphany Lutheran

Registration Fee: $10.00

We will begin with an overview of the U.S. Supreme Court and then will look at several significant cases argued or pending before the court during the 2019-20 term. We will review how each case got to the court, the issues in the cases and the arguments on each side.

Memoirs Workshop

Instructors: Arlene and David Pellow
February 6-March 5
1:30 - 3:30 pm
Epiphany Lutheran

Registration Fee: $10.00

Want to write your memoirs? Come join a workshop open to all, from beginners to experienced writers. We will share our writing efforts, giving feedback and mutual support. We will discuss topics relevant to writing any memoir as we proceed.

Instructional Technology Workshop

Learn how to operate LIR’s inventory of instructional technology tools. This information is helpful to anyone who gives or coordinates presentations. LIR teachers and students are encouraged to sign up for this workshop. Teachers will be able to independently use LIR’s instructional equipment. Students can also help set up equipment for their classes. LIR has a laptop computer, two video projectors, two DVD players, speakers and all the necessary connectors. This workshop will offer hands-on demonstrations of presentations, photo slide shows and DVD videos. John Pohlmann and Suzanne Schmitz will present this workshop on Friday, February 21st, 1:30 – 3:30 PM at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Carbondale. There is no cost to attend this workshop. Please email John Pohlmann at johnp@siu.edu if you are interested or have questions.
SIU LEARNING IN RETIREMENT
WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO JOIN US
FOR A JOURNEY TO THE OLD SOUTH
PIGEON FORGE, SAVANNAH & CHARLESTON
MONDAY, APRIL 20 - SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020

DAY ONE, MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020 (D)
It’s an early morning departure from the South End of the SIU Arena Parking Lot as we begin our journey to the Old South. We will make rest stops along the way then arrive in Pigeon Forge and check into our hotel, the Clarion Inn and Suites. Get acquainted with the hotel and refresh before we depart for our dinner at the Applewood Farmhouse Grill. Enjoy a delicious dinner and choose from entrée options that include various dishes from Southern Fried Chicken to Pork Loin, tasty sides complete our meal and of course a delicious dessert is included. From the restaurant we will travel over to the Smoky Mountain Opry Show. From the moment the lights dim and the music begins, you will be mesmerized in a world of showmanship and dazzling costumes with state-of-the-art technology, as a talented cast reminds you of just how good it feels to be immersed in the music and dance. For a family friendly, curtain-to-curtain, “don’t miss variety show”, the Smoky Mountain Opry™ is your ticket tonight.

DAY TWO, TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020 (B,D)
Enjoy a Hot Breakfast at the hotel then we set out for Savannah, Georgia. Rest and a lunch Stop will be made along our way to Savannah. Established in 1733 when General James Oglethorpe and 120 fellow passengers on the ship Anne landed on a bluff along the Savannah River, Oglethorpe named the 13th and final American colony Georgia after England’s King George II. Savannah became the first city of this new land. Upon our arrival we will check into the Embassy Suites here in Savannah’s Historic District. We’ll spend two nights here. Just one block from River Street, City Market and the historic Broughton Street, enjoy your stay. Once we have had a chance to refresh we will make our way to the Pirates House Restaurant—one of Savannah’s favorites. Your buffet meal includes meats, fish, vegetables along with some famous freshly baked biscuits and the dessert of the day. Enjoy this Southern delight.

DAY THREE, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2020 (B,L)
Enjoy a made to order Hot Breakfast at the hotel before we depart for our day of touring in Savannah. Savannah is one of the world’s premier tourist destinations, home to the largest National Historic Landmark district in the country. Highlights of your two-hour “windshield:” tour of the 2.2 square miles of the Historic District’s rich history include a view of its restored 18th and 19th century buildings and the picturesque waterfront where cotton warehouses once stood.
DAY THREE (Continued)

Today those cotton warehouses are restaurants, hotels and shops. See the sights familiar to you from the movie, Forrest Gump and the tale of Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil. Next we will travel on to Tybee Island where you will view outlying areas that showcase river inlets, marshes and the tidal creeks. **Lunch is included today** at the one and only Crab Shack here on the Island. The food here is so well known and some of the best in the area. A waterfront, casual dining atmosphere that is sure to please your palate. Then it’s an overview of the Island’s unique Coastal living style, and a drive-by of Georgia’s oldest and tallest lighthouse—guiding mariners from the Atlantic into the Savannah River for more than 270 years. Our all-day tour ends and as we arrive back at the hotel. Spend a little time relaxing and then help yourself to the complimentary Evening Reception here at the hotel. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available and savor on the light appetizers all being served here. Then you’re on your own for dinner. Within walking distance are some of Savannah’s best restaurants or there is a Restaurant right here in the hotel.

DAY FOUR, THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2020 (B,L,D)

Rise and shine to your cooked-to-order breakfast at the hotel then we’ll check out and depart for Charleston, SC and the Magnolia Plantation. This is Charleston’s most visited Plantation! Welcome to this magnificent Garden and Plantation. Magnolia has been selected as one of “America’s Most Beautiful Gardens” by Travel and Leisure Magazine, and is the only garden honored with this distinction in the State of South Carolina! Founded in 1676 by the Drayton family, Magnolia Plantation has survived the centuries and witnessed the history of our nation unfold before it from the American Revolution through the Civil War and beyond. It is the oldest public tourist site in the Lowcountry, and the oldest public gardens in America, opening its doors to visitors in 1870 to view the thousands of beautiful flowers and plants in its famous gardens. Enjoy a box lunch while you are here at the Plantation today.

Next we are off to the Palmetto Carriage Works - Experience 25-30 blocks of Charleston's historic downtown district. See houses, gardens, mansions, churches, and parks. Learn about buildings, history, architecture, flora, and the people that make up the “Holy City.” Learn everything that Charleston has to offer on the Carriage Tour! Enjoy a bit of time for shopping before your Carriage tour at the Charleston Market.

Hotel check in follows at the Hampton Inn located at the base of the Cooper River Bridge and just 10 minutes from downtown Charleston. A brief time is planned at the hotel to refresh, then let’s board our coach and make our way to the beautiful Charleston Harbor for boarding on the Spirit of Carolina. The hospitality will be memorable as you enjoy this dinner cruise featuring Live & Local entertainment and a gourmet menu with a focus on fresh local ingredients. A one-of-a-kind event which will be such a wonderful part of your tour of the Old South - enjoy your cruise and your meal tonight. Entrée choices feature items such as Shrimp & Grits or Fresh Catch of the Day, Rib-eye Steak or Chicken Saltimbocca, or a Porterhouse cut Pork Chop. Your menu items are plentiful and assorted desserts are a part of this wonderful dinner filled with local cuisine.
DAY FOUR (Continued)

We will return to the hotel for a good night's sleep with fond memories filling our minds from the day and evening we enjoyed here in Charleston, SC.

DAY FIVE, FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2020 (B, L — Kickback meal)

Wake up this morning to a hot breakfast here at the hotel and then we will prepare to depart for our return north and home tomorrow. As we begin our travels we will make a stop for a Guided Tour of Hatcher Gardens in Spartanburg, SC. Hatcher Gardens and Woodland Preserve exist to provide a place where the public can come for inspiration, enjoyment and education through the study of nature. The garden includes 12 acres of woodland preserve, 10,000+ trees and shrubs 80+ species of conifers, 75+ species of noble trees, 250+ species of hostas and 30+ species of woodland wildflowers. Your guide will provide you with a 45-minute tour of the garden. Learn about the history and future of Hatcher and see the horticulturist's top plant picks for the season. Enjoy a boxed lunch at the Gardens while you are here. We will get your order as you sign on for the tour.

We will continue our travels now onto Knoxville, TN where our final night on the road will include a stay at the brand-new Drury Inn & Suites. Tonight you’ll enjoy the 5:30pm Kickback Meal here at the hotel or if you prefer you could Uber or taxi ride to another venue. Famous Dave's BBQ is adjacent to the hotel or several other restaurants from Sushi to Mexican can be found just a half mile away.

Enjoy a good night's sleep and be ready to head home tomorrow.

DAY SIX, SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020 (B, L)

We will begin our day with a hot breakfast here at the hotel, then it’s bags out and we will board the coach for our last leg home on this beautiful spring adventure to the historic South. We will have an early start of it as we head towards Clarksville, TN with a rest stop on the way. Once in Clarksville we will stop for our included lunch and entertainment—Barbecue, Booze and Bluegrass at the Old Glory Distillery. This small batch, hand-crafted distillery use grains grown by local farmers with Tennessee pride. Today you will enjoy a delicious BBQ Lunch and learn about the spirits distilled at Old Glory. Then enjoy bluegrass band, Passenger Creek as they delight you with authentic bluegrass music. The band includes a 3-time state fiddle champion and the grandson of Uncle Dave Macon.

After lunch we will board the coach and begin our final leg back to Carbondale. We should arrive back at SIU Arena at approximately 6:00pm.
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