

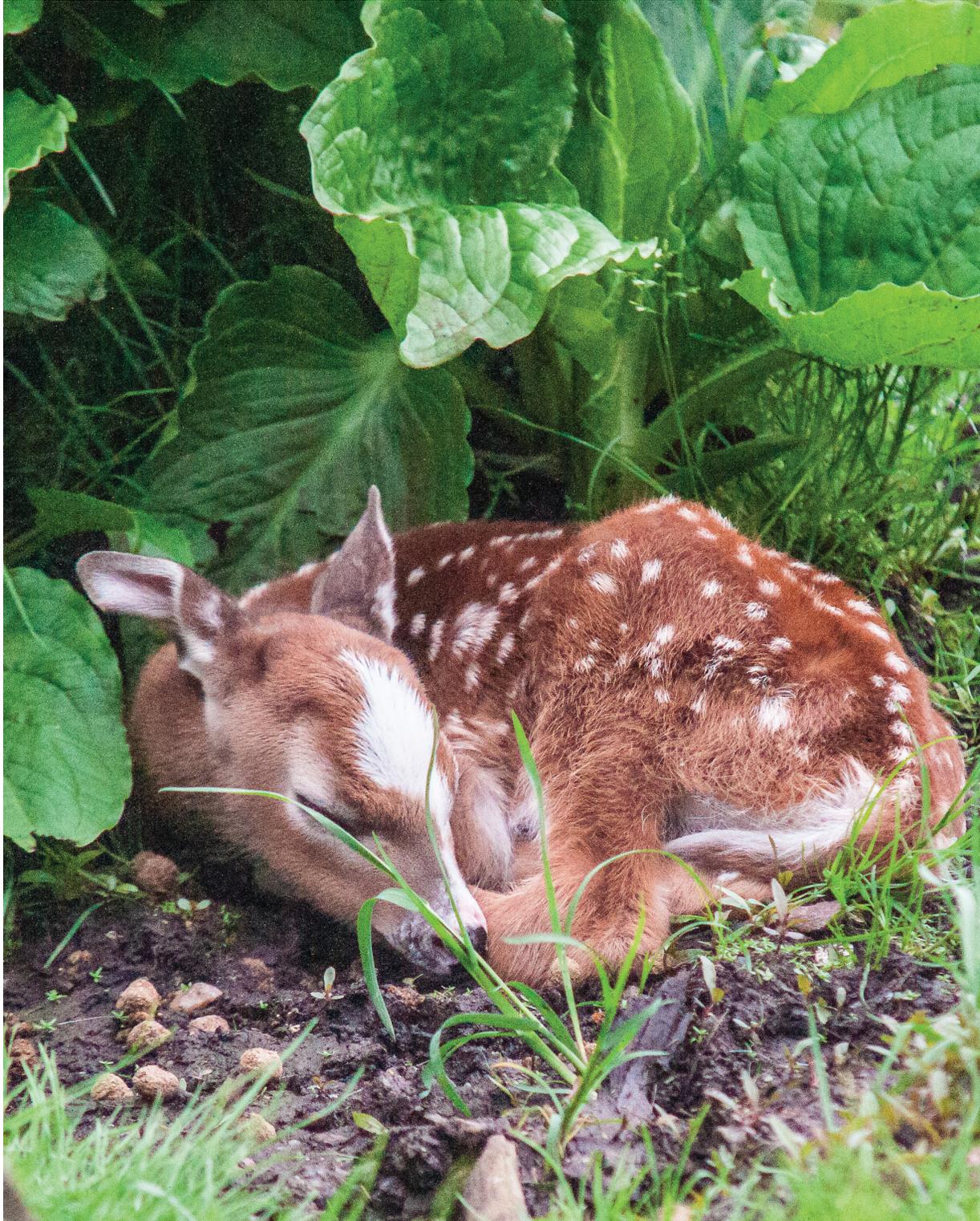


NICOLET COLLEGE

learning in retirement

**LIR CLASS SCHEDULE**

**SPRING 2025**



January 6 – Classes Begin

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Drag 'N Fly, aka Laurence Winnen*

# NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear LIR Members,

I hope this letter finds you all well and enjoying the anticipation of the winter season. As we reflect on our fall semester, it brings me great joy to share that it was a wonderful experience filled with engaging classes, insightful discussions, and an incredible sense of community. Thank you for being a part of our LIR family and for your enthusiasm and participation.

I am excited for the upcoming spring semester classes, which promise to be just as fantastic, if not more so, than those we enjoyed in the fall. Our Curriculum Committee has worked tirelessly to curate a selection of courses that cater to a variety of interests and passions, ensuring there is something for everyone. Whether you are looking to expand your knowledge, explore new hobbies, or simply connect with fellow learners, we have an array of options for you.

I would like to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to the members of our curriculum committee. Their dedication and hard work have made this spring semester possible, and we are truly fortunate to have such a talented group of individuals guiding our educational offerings.

As we embark on this new semester, I encourage each of you to take advantage of the opportunities that await. Let's continue to foster a love of learning and support one another.

Thank you once again for your commitment to Learning In Retirement. During your time on campus, we hope you have noticed what a gift Nicolet College is to us and our community. It is through their support that LIR can succeed and flourish. It brings me great joy to see the students and our members share this beautiful campus. The Nicolet College staff has been amazing! The IT and Maintenance departments, instructors, and support staff have gone above and beyond to accommodate our needs. We thank them for their generosity.

So please enjoy this next semester of learning new things, making new friends, and enjoying retirement life. I look forward to seeing you in our classes and sharing in the joy of learning together.

Warm regards,

*Mary Dean, LIR President*  
*[lir.president.committee@gmail.com](mailto:lir.president.committee@gmail.com)*

# FROM OUR CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

Hello all you terrific LIR members!

What more is there to say after Mary's gracious welcoming letter? We join her in thanking each of you for your support. We also join Mary in thanking Nicolet College staff, especially Heather Schallock for her unflagging support and Melissa Haselton for her clever and intelligent organizing and her technical and communication skills that make registration and weekly updates fun and helpful. Melissa also makes all the necessary arrangements for our meetings on campus and compiles and formats this catalog!

Yes, the Curriculum Committee members have again outdone themselves in planning for Spring 2025 classes. You will be sure to find many classes that interest you in the broad spectrum of topics. If you're arty, how about "The Great Art Museums of Europe"? If you're active, c'mon out and learn how to curl! If you love the creatures and plants of the Northwoods, join us in the Ced Vig Series. If you're curious about the library renovation or the Hodag Solar Park, you can have your questions answered. If you're hungry, how about the Top of the Hill buffet luncheon? And if you like fast-paced action there's a class on Dillinger or a showing of *Top Gun Maverick*.

Special thanks go to those who agreed to join us on the committee in 2025. New brains = new ideas = an even better schedule for Fall of 2025.

See you in class!

*Carol Ritter, Curriculum Co-Chair*  
*Joel Furda, Curriculum Co-Chair*  
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# LIR MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT

Thank you for your interest in Learning in Retirement at Nicolet College! The 2024-2025 membership fee is \$50.00 per person and is good through June 30, 2025. Your membership offers you the opportunity to attend over 25 classes this spring. New members are always welcome, and you can join anytime.

Classes are free with your annual membership, except for a few classes that require an additional nominal fee at the door. Most classes will be in person on the Nicolet College campus, with a few classes being held at the Minocqua Library and other locations. See the individual class descriptions for the exact location and time of the classes. The "Locations" page at the end of this catalog is available if you need to remind yourself how to find that location.

For any questions or for more information:

Email [LIR@nicoletcollege.edu](mailto:LIR@nicoletcollege.edu)

Phone 715.365.4544

## LIR 2025 Enrollment, Renewal, and Class Registration

Visit [nicoletcollege.edu/lir](http://nicoletcollege.edu/lir), click the 'Member Enrollment' button to activate or renew your membership and pay securely by credit card. No card numbers are saved in this process. To pay by check, please fill out the registration form and include this form with your payment. Enclose a check for \$50.00 per person payable to Nicolet College. Please write LIR on the memo line. Send both the form and check to Nicolet College, Learning in Retirement, PO Box 518, Rhinelander, WI 54501. Class registration is available through weekly emails which will contain class date/time/location and any other pertinent information.

Nicolet College is committed to creating inclusive and accessible environments and events. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact [LIR@nicoletcollege.edu](mailto:LIR@nicoletcollege.edu) or 715.365.4544.

## Class Cancellations

If Nicolet College cancels classes due to weather conditions, all LIR functions will be cancelled. A notice of the college closings will be announced on all local radio and TV stations. If an LIR class is cancelled for other reasons, an email will be sent as soon as we are aware of the cancellation.

## Our Mission

Learning in Retirement values a lifelong learning process that provides education and social opportunities that are stimulating, exciting, challenging, and fun.

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# Technology Assistance

## *Computers and Technology*

Instructor: Ray Blackburn

Phone: 630.460.5791

Need help using your computer, tablet, smartphone, e-reader, or other device? Ray Blackburn can provide free technology assistance to LIR members on a variety of topics, including:

- Basic computer/internet skills
- Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, etc.)
- Social media (Facebook, X, etc.)
- Accessing e-books and library databases
- Using a new computer or mobile device and more!

Schedule a thirty-minute one-on-one session to address your technology problems or questions. To set up a session, call Ray at 630-460-5791. Sessions to be held on the Nicolet College Campus unless otherwise arranged.

Who is Ray? An educator first, with a thirst for knowledge and a clear understanding that teaching material is always second to educating and nurturing students. An experienced software engineer and people manager with a broad experience base in education, technology and people management. Teaching experience includes being on the faculty at an inner-city school as well as adjunct faculty experience instructing students in two-year, four year and graduate level curriculums. Technical background includes software design, development, integration, testing, deployment, and support. Managed teams of highly skilled engineers and project managers in a variety of assignments. Education: MS, Computer Science, With Distinction, DePaul University, Chicago, IL 1990. Ray is a valued member of LIR.

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## Learn to Curl

### *Health, Wellness, and Medicine*

Mondays, January 6, 13, 20

3 Sessions | 9 am

Rhineland Ice Arena, 2021 E Timber Dr, Rhineland

Instructor: Terri Gleason

Cost: \$30, Paid at the door.

Maximum: 16

Curling is for all ages and is a sport which you will never age out. Learning to curl, the strategies, and the etiquette of the game from some of the most experienced curlers in Wisconsin. All ages are welcomed and stick curling is available for those with knee or back issues. Just bring along a pair of clean tennis or court shoes. If you prefer, you may wear a bike helmet.



Photo credit: Steve O'Keefe President of the Curling Association

Terri Gleason has curled since 1992 in state and national events. Terri has served on the USA Curling Board of directors, President of Wisconsin State Curling Association from 2022- 2024, and is currently US Women's Curling Association President 2024-2025.

## Lunch Bunch SIG (Shared Interest Group)

### *Tours and Activities (including SIGs)*

Thursdays, January 16, February 20, March 20, April 17, May 15

5 Sessions | 11:30 am

Various Restaurants in the Nicolet College Area

Instructors: Cookie Lough and Brenda Peltier

Maximum: 15

In “Babette’s Feast” a 1987 Danish drama film, Babette, the cook for a small congregation of nuns, wins a lottery. She uses her winnings to prepare a luxurious French dinner for them to show her appreciation – their own food must be as plain as possible. Much like Lunch Bunch, we appreciate the restaurants we have in our area. Join us as we further our journey of satisfying our palettes with food – worthy of Babette’s Feast!

To join Lunch Bunch, email Cookie Lough: [gmacookie43@gmail.com](mailto:gmacookie43@gmail.com).

NOTE: This SIG is not part of the regular weekly registration, you will need to contact Cookie at the email above. Once the maximum of 15 is reached the SIG will be closed. However, it will be posted in the weekly email to remind the 15 members who are on the list, So, register when the LIR Catalog comes out for spring semester 2025.

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## Railroad Crashes and Derailments in the Northwoods

### *History*

Wednesday, February 12

10 am

Nicolet College, Northwoods Center 207-209

Instructor: Kerry Bloedorn

Although railroads were operated with relative safety, in the past, there were notable crashes and derailments in the Northwoods. Northwoods historian Kerry Bloedorn, breaks down some of the most notable events with descriptions and historic photos.



Photo credit: Kerry Bloedorn, Pioneer Park Historical complex

Kerry Bloedorn is the director at Rhinelander’s Pioneer Park Historical complex, host of WJFW’s, *Connecting the Dots* and WXPR’s, *Northwoods Moment in History*. He also writes for *New North Magazine*.

## Wild Ones Winter Native Seed Sowing Workshop

### *Nature*

Tuesday, February 18

Snow date: Tuesday, February 25

1 pm

Nicolet College, Lakeside Center Commons

Instructors: Team from Wild Ones, Northwoods Gateway Chapter, Antigo, WI

Maximum: 40

Wild Ones is a national nonprofit that shares strategies for a healthy planet starting with native plants. Per the Wild Ones website, dwindling biodiversity is a threat to the foundation of life on Earth. In the last century alone, millions of acres of diverse ecosystems have been lost to urbanization. Native plants help protect and restore biodiversity, improve air and water quality and provide wildlife with quality food and shelter.

We can help by growing native plants in our yards and communities. Come to this “dirty workshop” to learn how to germinate and sow native plant seeds that you can take home for spring planting in your own garden! Become a pollinator preserver!

Members of the Northwoods Gateway Chapter of Wild Ones based in Antigo will bring the seeds and whatever else is necessary to do winter sowing.

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## Book Your Tour of the Rhinelander District Library

### *Community and Government*

Wednesday, February 19

1 pm

Rhinelander District Library, 106 N Stevens St

Instructor: Virginia Roberts, Director

Maximum: 30

Whether you're a frequent library user, or someone who hasn't been inside the Rhinelander District Library for years or never; this tour will be an opportunity to get first-hand information on the exciting next chapter about to be written for the familiar Stevens Street location. Big changes are on the horizon. The presenter will explain details about the expansion plans and give you a behind-the-scenes glimpse of how a library continues to evolve well beyond providing only books.

Virginia Roberts moved to the Northwoods 10 years ago when she accepted the position as Director of the Rhinelander District Library. She says she has always had her hand in libraries and information. She started working in a bookstore in her early teens. Her educational background includes undergraduate degrees in English and art history, as well as master's degrees in art history and information and library science.

## Automotive Skills at Nicolet College

### *Tours and Activities (including SIGs)*

Monday, February 24

10 am

Nicolet College, White Pine Center

Instructors: Ken Duesing and Chris Kolasa

Maximum: 15

Come join us for a very interesting and exciting tour of the Nicolet College Automotive Program.

The class will start with an overview explaining areas covered by the automotive program. Next, you will have a shop tour and learn about tool boxes, tire equipment, special tool cabinets, training aids, and an alignment machine to name a few. Then, you will witness a demonstration of an engine and transmission cutaway, a tire machine and balancer, an alignment, a scan tool demo, live data, and bi-directional control of actuators. To wrap up the day Ken and Chris will have time for questions and answers.



Photo credit: Nicolet College

**Ken Duesing:** Before teaching, Ken was a dealership technician for 24 years. He was a Mazda, Mitsubishi, and Chevrolet technician in the early 90s. He then switched to all General Motors in 1996. He worked at a Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, Buick, Cadillac dealership until 2012. While there, he achieved the level of GM 'World Class Technician'. He switched in July 2012 to begin teaching at Nicolet College and has been at Nicolet ever since.

**Chris Kolasa:** Chris has approximately 15 years of experience working as an automotive technician. In 2003, he began working as an automotive instructor at Western Technical College in La Crosse, WI. In 2012, the opportunity presented itself to move closer to home, so Chris has been an automotive instructor at Nicolet since then.

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## Hands on a Legacy – Honoring My Ojibwe Ancestors

### *Language, Culture, and Diversity*

Thursday, February 27

1 pm

Northwoods Center 207-209

Instructor: Brenda Peltier

In this class Brenda will share the pictorial journey of her uncle from the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Reservation in North Dakota. He compiled a book by researching, studying, and creating the tools and other traditional artifacts that are part of his ancestral past. Many of these artifacts are still a meaningful part of life today. After more than 30 years of labor-intensive work, he believes that this book is a gift for the future.

Brenda has been an active member of LIR for many years. We first met her in her position as Plus-50 coordinator for Nicolet College, when she did much of the organizing and computer work for our LIR group. Now that she is officially "retired", she is our president-elect. The insights into diversity that she brings truly enrich our group and community.

## Cruising through the Netherlands Buffet (Top of the Hill)

### *Tours and Activities (including SIGs)*

Thursday, March 6

11 am

Nicolet College, Top of the Hill,  
Northwoods Center

Instructors: Vicki Mendham and  
Culinary Arts Students

Cost: \$15 per person, includes coffee or hot/iced tea

Maximum: 30

*Soft drinks can be purchased at the time of the meal.*



*Photo credit: Nicolet College*

Come experience the Netherlands through its cuisine. Nicolet College Culinary students will pique your interest with a variety of all-you-can-eat foods from this country in northwestern Europe. The Netherlands is known also for its canals, tulip fields, windmills, and cycling routes.

The student-run Top of the Hill restaurant offers a range of cuisine styles from around the world. As part of their learning curriculum, students of the Culinary program offer unique and delicious food for students, staff, and community members during the spring term of each year.

Watch your Friday emails to register for this opportunity. **Once you register, there will be no refunds.**

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## Two Bits, a Hair-Raising Tale (Cosmetology at Nicolet College)

### *Health, Wellness, and Medicine*

Monday, March 17

10 am

Nicolet College, Tamarack Center 110

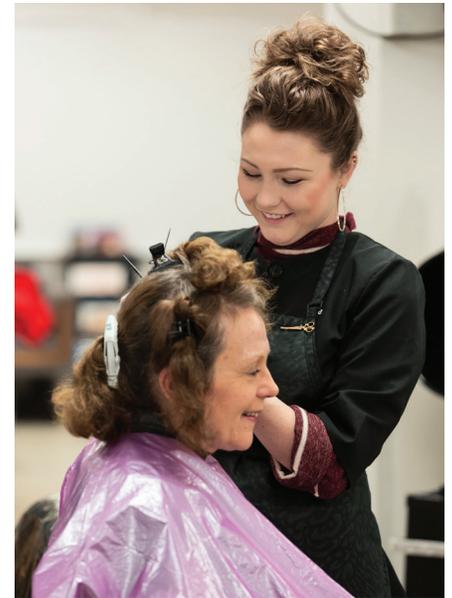
Instructors: Marie Stott and Autumn Pond

Maximum: 25

Cosmetologists, Marie Stott and Autumn Pond, will give a history of hair styles and will offer their insight into how to keep an updated style. They will discuss the trials of blading, thinning hair, and effects that cancer treatments can have on hair, skin, and nails. They will give us a brief tour of the cosmetology classroom and describe this highly successful program they offer their students.

Marie Stott is a licensed Cosmetologist with 41 years of experience in many areas of industry from stylist, salon owner, to instructor.

Autumn Pond is a 2024 graduate of the Nicolet Cosmetology program. While in the Cosmetology program, Autumn started as a work-study student, she is now the permanent Lab Assistant for the program and is taking classes to earn her instructor license.



*Photo credit: Nicolet College*

## Homesteading: Then and Now

### *Nature*

Tuesday, March 18 | 10 am

Nicolet College, Tamarack Center 110

Instructor: Mike Haasl

Mike Haasl will present a new style of “homesteading” that he helped to develop. It allows aspiring homesteaders and hobby farmers to learn and prove their homesteading skills so they can make connections with older homesteaders in need of an heir for their property. He promotes permaculture homesteading and wants more young people to have access to their own land.

Mike Haasl teaches, writes, and experiments with ways to homestead with a lighter footprint. He lives in Northern Wisconsin and tends a big garden, greenhouse, and a flock of chickens. He teaches Outdoor Adventure classes at Nicolet College and runs Northwoods Homesteading Club. He was instrumental in creating the Northwoods Community Garden and today serves on the garden board and as the garden manager.

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## Celebrate Aviation! Private Matinee Screening of Top Gun Maverick

### *Tours and Activities (including SIGs)*

Thursday, March 27 | Snow date: Thursday, April 3

1 pm

The Three Lakes Center for the Arts, 1760 Superior St, Three Lakes

Instructor: Curt Drumm, MBA, CFI, ATP

Cost: \$10 Admission

*Beverages, candy, and fresh popped popcorn will be available for purchase.*

Come and hear how Nicolet College, with the help of Curt Drumm, is leading a 2-year Career Pathways Grant to develop an aviation education program at Nicolet College. The grant will include ground schools, flight simulators, drones, high school programs, and special events, as well as working with other colleges and universities who offer aviation college degree programs.

Curt will give a short introduction to the film discussing technical aviation aspects of the production of the film and then the private matinee screening of *Top Gun Maverick*, the 2022 sequel to the original 1986 movie featuring Tom Cruise will begin. The movie was nominated for six Academy Awards and won the Best Sound category. The Three Lakes Center features a 22-foot wide 4K high-definition screen, along with Dolby 5.1 digital surround sound with 13 speakers and 4000 watts of audio power. When the jets take off, you can feel your seats rumble. It's a real experience!

Curt Drumm has been a professional pilot, flight instructor, and aviation business owner for over 20 years, and ran a successful seaplane training operation in Eagle River. He learned to fly in Los Angeles, and holds Airline Transport Pilot, Commercial Pilot, and Certified Flight Instructor ratings, among others. Curt has logged nearly 5,500 hours in a variety of aircraft including single and multi-engine airplanes, seaplanes, air charter aircraft. Prior to his involvement with aviation at Nicolet, Curt taught Business and Entrepreneurship classes, helping a number of students start their own businesses in the Northwoods communities served by Nicolet College.

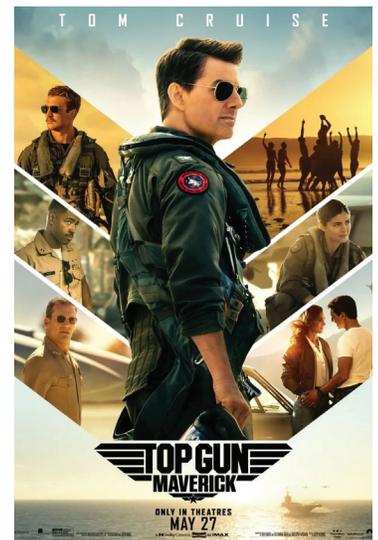


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# Ordinary Americans in the Revolution

## History

Fridays, March 28, April 4 and 18, May 2 and 16  
5 Sessions | 1 pm  
Nicolet College, Northwoods Center 207-209  
Instructor: Michael Shores

\*This is a showing and discussion of one of *The Great Courses* on DVD.

When we think of the American Revolution, we tend to pay attention to the iconic names who articulated the vision of the new nation and became its standard bearers and leading lights. But it's easy to forget that the American Revolution was an insurgent movement requiring mass communication, mass mobilization, and a single-mindedness of purpose on the part of a huge number of colonists acting together, joined by a common cause.

Who were these people? How did they think and act to bring about a new form of society and government? Perhaps most significantly, how did they view themselves, and the stake they had in this most daring of social and political experiments? You'll meet the soldiers, midwives, artisans, shopkeepers, farmers, enslaved people, and all the other men and women — European American, Native American, and African American — with whom the success or failure of the American Revolution depended.

## CED VIG NATURE SERIES

### *Ced Vig 1 – Nature Series* Spring Wildflowers in the Northwoods

#### Nature

Wednesday, April 2  
10 am  
Nicolet College, Northwoods Center 207-209  
Instructor: Quita Sheehan  
Hybrid: In-person and Zoom

Are you hungry for some greenery and color after the white winter and gray melt seasons? Do you love it when there's a faint wafting of floral bouquets in the woods? Then join Quita Sheehan, a self-professed plant geek, to see the color and beauty of spring wildflowers. Learn how and where to find different species, how to ID them, and perhaps get a glimpse of their individual contributions to our Northwoods ecology.

Quita Sheehan is the Conservation Specialist for the Vilas County Land and Water Department. She provides educational outreach for shorelands, wetlands, and uplands as well as technical planning and landowner assistance for cost-share and Healthy Lakes projects. Quita also assists landowners with native planting and pollinator initiatives, and terrestrial invasive species identification and management.



Photo credit: *Spring Beauties on Rib Mountain, Carol Ritter*

## *Ced Vig 2 – Nature Series* **Early Spring Birding with the Northwoods Land Trust**

### **Nature**

Wednesday, April 16

10 am

Nicolet College, Northwoods Center 207-209

Instructor: Frank Schroyer



*Photo credit: Tree Swallow, Frank Schroyer*

Join expert birder, Frank Schroyer, from the Northwoods Land Trust as he teaches us about some of the earliest arriving migratory bird species here in the Northwoods. We'll take a closer look at how to identify these species using more than just the color of their feathers, and also explore some of the wonders of spring migration.

Frank Schroyer is an expert bird and outdoor enthusiast based out of Eagle River, Wisconsin. Although Frank's work with the Northwoods Land Trust isn't always all about birds, he makes sure to find ways to get out in his spare time to do as much bird watching as he can. Frank became hooked on birding in 2017; while working in Milwaukee, he spotted a Northern Shrike. Ever since then, he's enjoyed his opportunities to bird wherever he can!

## *Ced Vig 3 – Nature Series* **Phytoremediation: Plants to the Rescue of the Environment!**

### **Nature**

Wednesday, April 30

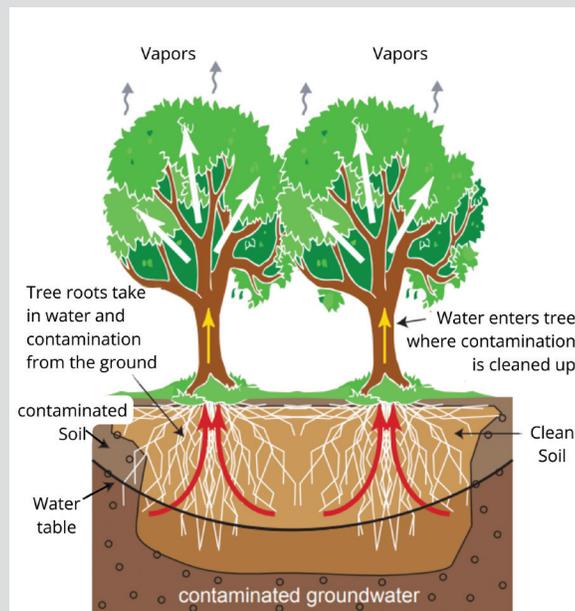
10 am

Nicolet College, Northwoods Center 207-209

Instructor: Ronald Zalesny, PhD

Not every toxic waste dump can be an EPA "superfund site". Yet there are many chemically or biologically contaminated sites in Wisconsin, creating watershed pollution, influencing public health and affecting wild rice production. What if there were a natural way to remove pollutants such as mercury and sulfur, and help purify the soil and water in waste sites? How could plants, including trees, do this? What mechanisms do plants have to uptake, store, process, or chemically alter contaminants? Where is this being tested or used in Wisconsin and throughout the world? Join us for a look at "the cutting edge" of natural systems!

Ronald Zalesny, PhD, supervisory research plant geneticist at the US Forest Service Northern Research Station in Rhinelander, is active in this research. He will answer these questions, and doubtless many others, during this class.



*Photo credit: EPA's Citizen's Guide to Phytoremediation [www.cluin.org/remediation](http://www.cluin.org/remediation)*

## ***Ced Vig 4 – Nature Series*** **Bog Ecology 2.0**

### ***Nature***

Wednesday, May 14

10 am

Nicolet College, Northwoods Center 207-209

Instructor: Alex Graeff

Maximum: 15 LIR members for walk at  
Almon County Park



*Photo credit: Sundew at Beaver Creek Hemlocks,  
Carol Ritter*

Back by popular demand is a second look at the ecology of bogs and the plants that call them home, including sphagnum mosses. We'll learn how to identify common bog plants and understand their adaptations and roles in bog ecosystems and processes. After the classroom presentation and weather permitting, Alex will guide an optional walk at Almon County Park to check out a real bog and dive a bit more into observing and identifying the plants. No bog boots necessary; we'll be on a boardwalk.

Bog walk limited to 15 attendees, especially those who could not fit into the large group in spring 2024... You know who you are!

Alex Graeff is a botanist with the US Forest Service, based at the Rhinelander Field Office. He describes himself as "most well-versed in vascular flora but am generally interested in observing and identifying life: I particularly enjoy lichens, mosses, liverworts, and fungi."

## **Understanding the Second Amendment**

### ***Community and Government***

Mondays, April 7 & 14

2 Sessions | 1 pm

Minocqua Public Library

Instructor: Sam Filippo, JD

A compendium of the history, constitutional, judicial, and legislative development of our right to bear arms. This class will explore the origins, development, and meanings (plural) of the Second Amendment, from the gunfight at the OK Corral to the textual, originalist, and structural methodologies of the United States Supreme Court.

Sam Filippo, JD, holds a BA in English from St. Norbert College and a JD degree from the Northern Illinois University College of Law. He has practiced law for forty years, specializing in criminal law as a prosecutor and defense attorney. He is also a retired colonel in the United States Army.



Photo credit: <https://www.wisconsinpublicservice.com/environment/images/hodag-solar-park.jpg>

## Hodag Solar Park

### *Community and Government*

Tuesday, April 8

10 am

Nicolet College, Northwoods Center 207-209

Instructor: Jeremy Baker

A mile or two south of Rhinelander on Hwy 17 is a strange-looking field. What are those things, and who owns them? Those things are 21,000 solar panels, and they're owned by WPS. Since January 2022, the panels have been producing solar energy for WPS customers. Jeremy Baker, WPS senior service manager, will explain how these unique panels work, how they are a reliable source of solar energy even with Northern Wisconsin's many overcast days, and why they are important in WPS's commitment to providing clean, sustainable energy now and into the future.

Jeremy Baker grew up in Rhinelander, graduating from Rhinelander High School in 1996. He first became interested in the utility industry when Wisconsin Public Service linemen spoke to his 8th grade science class, doing a safety demonstration about power lines. After high school, Jeremy worked at WPS as a Summer Student, getting hands-on experience in the gas and electric departments. After earning a degree from UW-Platteville, he worked for 28 years in utilities – 16 years on the nuclear industry side and 12 years in distribution. At WPS, he works with larger business customers and local governments on new services, upgrading services, and overall support of their existing services. Jeremy lives in Rhinelander with his wife and two young teenagers.

## Readings from a Rural Writer

*The Arts (literature, art, music)*

Wednesday, April 9

10 am

Nicolet College, Northwoods Center 207-209

Instructor: Pamela JA Fullerton

In her book "Red Road Redemption", prize winning author Pamela Fullerton presents stories set in the heart of rural Wisconsin, where red gravel roads both connect and divide neighbors, where they can lead to unexpected adventures for man and beast and where for some – they may indicate a path toward individual redemption. Pamela will read and discuss excerpts from the book. She writes about those things that allow us as human beings the great privilege of laughter... or tears.

Pamela JA Fullerton was born and raised in Wisconsin. She was one of 15 P.K.s (Preacher's Kids). She began college at the University of Wisconsin-Madison at age fifteen and eventually secured her B.S. over a decade later while working full-time and raising her sons. Another decade passed before she obtained her law degree, also from UW-Madison. She pursued careers in Human Resources, Educational Administration, and Administrative Law. She raises performance Anglo and Arabian horses and incredible dog companions.

(Description and Bio from PJ's website <https://www.pjfullerton.com/> )

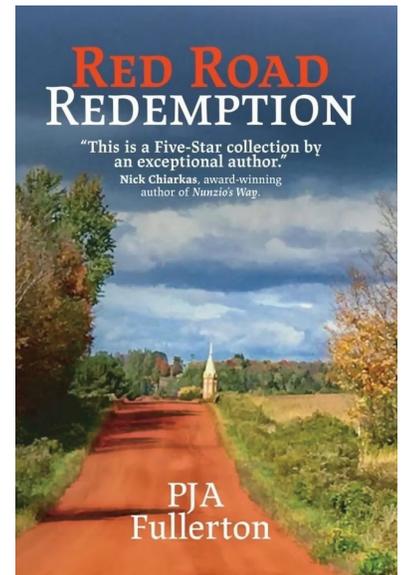


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## From Dubuque to Selma and Beyond In Partnership with Nicolet College

*Language, Culture, and Diversity*

Thursday, April 24

10 am

Nicolet College, Lakeside Center Theater

Instructor: Dave Markward

Dave will share a personal reminiscence of his journey to understand racism in America. He writes of his transformation from a child growing up in a white community in middle America to an adult whose life is enriched by diversity. Throughout the book, he challenges his readers, as he will this audience, to assess their beliefs and be open to racial understanding.

Dave will relate some personal interviews and historical notes that are the basis of the book. His sincerity and personal enlightenment will be evident, and may just encourage — no, excite! — us to learn, understand, and make a difference.

Dave Markward is a lifelong educator and continues to remain interested in all aspects of education. He finished his career as the superintendent of schools in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

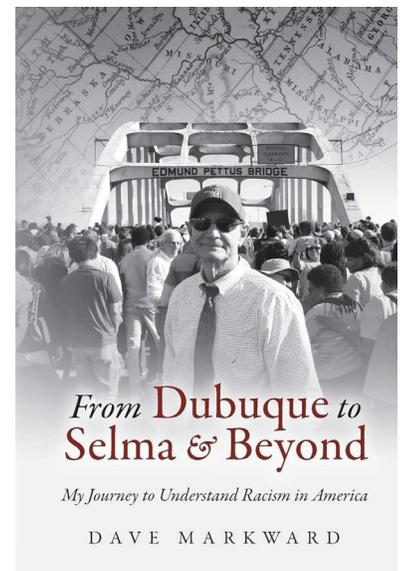


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## Great Art Museums of Europe

### *The Arts (literature, art, music)*

Mondays April 28, May 5, 12, and 19

4 Sessions | 1 pm

Minocqua Public Library

Instructor: David Barnhill

Maximum: 12

The course will be given in four sessions, each two hours long. The presentations are slide lectures. The course will begin with a very short summary of European art history starting with the Renaissance. Session 1 will begin in London with a tour of the National Gallery, Tate Britain, The British Museum, the Coarticulation Gallery, the Wallace Collection and Tate Modern. Session 2 moves on to slides from museums in the Netherlands; Session 3 will explore Paris, touring the Louvre and several other museums and Session 4 will be a selection from St. Petersburg, Copenhagen, Munich, Florence, and other cities as time permits.

David lives in the Northern Highlands region of Wisconsin home to giant pines and hemlocks, eagles, wolves, and loons – and his artist wife and golden retriever. He began his artistic journey studying East Asian literature, art and religions at Stanford, becoming a professor at Guilford College, a Quaker College in North Carolina. There he taught courses on Chinese religion and aesthetics, Japanese religion and literature, and American nature writing. In 2003 he moved to Wisconsin where he became Director of Environmental studies at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. While building the program he taught environmental ethics, nature writing, climate change, and field studies.

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## U.S. History 1928 - 1948

### *History*

Tuesday, April 29, May 6, 13, 20

1 pm

Nicolet College, Northwoods Center 207-209

Instructor: Ted Russell

The period in history from 1928 to 1948 is probably one of the most important 20 years in US history. From the election of 1928 to the Great Depression, to World War II and the rise of fascism, to the Cold War and the Atomic Age, Ted Russell will take us through it all. So, fasten your seat belts, you'll be in for quite a ride!

Ted Russell is a valued LIR member and has given many presentations throughout the years. Ted earned his bachelor's degree from Marquette University, his master's degree from the University of Chicago, and his Law degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology. Ted's passion for history is undeniable!

## Tour Dr. Kate Museum

### *Tours and Activities (including SIGs)*

Wednesday, May 7

2 Sessions | 10 am and 1 pm

Dr. Kate Museum; 923 2nd Ave, Woodruff, WI 54568

Instructor: Marsha Doud

Maximum: 15 each session

The museum honors a woman who, among other accomplishments, led the drive to build a hospital for her small community and is remembered as The Angel on Snowshoes for her dedication in reaching patients when the winter roads were impassable. The museum is just around the corner from the "World's Largest Penny."

Marsha has been a Museum Curator from 1989 to present and has authored the Woodruff Album book.



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## Dillinger! A Weekend to Remember

### *History*

Friday, May 9

10 am

Nicolet College, Northwoods Center 207-209

Instructor: Kay Krans

Kay Krans will take us through Dillinger's youth experiences that led to a short and fast criminal life up to the time spent in Spider Lake Wisconsin (Manitowish Waters). The Easter weekend spent in Northern Wisconsin resulted in the birth of the modern FBI, impacted the lives of law men, residents, members of Camp Mercer CCC Camp and determined that law enforcement would be shared by the states and the Federal Government. Come and hear this amazing story!



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Kay Krans is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point and Mississippi State University. She spent her career as an adjunct lecturer on the Methods of Teaching Social Studies in the College of Education at Mississippi State University and as a high school history teacher. In retirement, Kay is a board member of the Manitowish Waters Historical Society. She divides her time between research, writing, giving presentations, and leading historical tours about the Manitowish Waters Region.

## Fur Trade in Wisconsin from mid-1600s until 1830

### *History*

Tuesday, May 20

10 am

Nicolet College, Northwoods Center 207-209

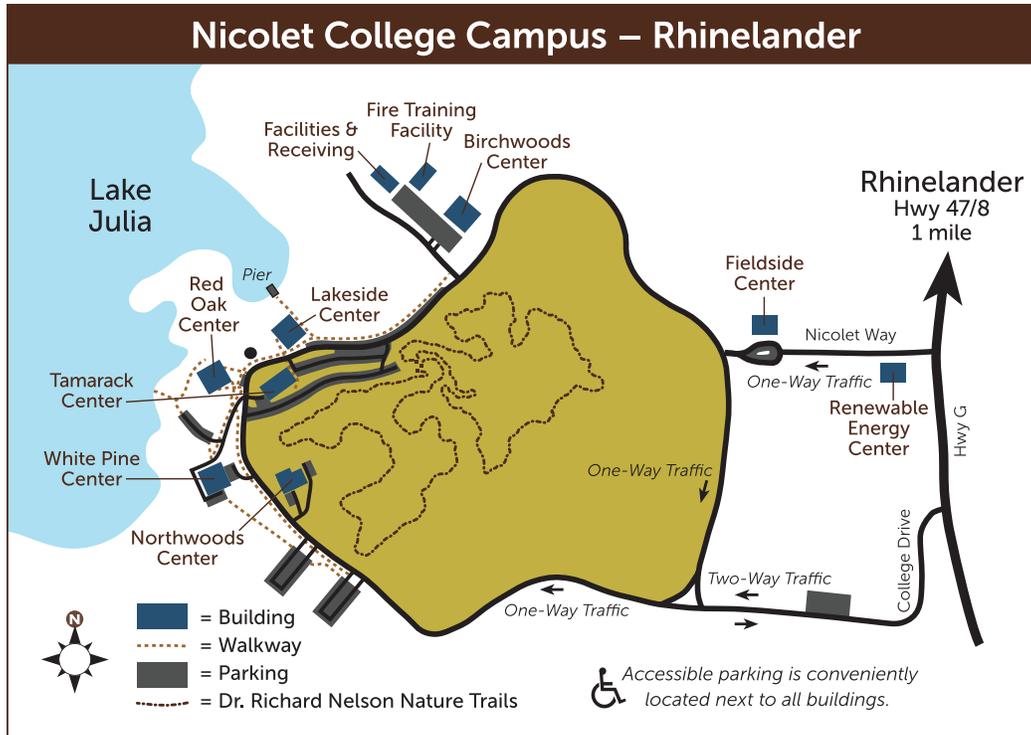
Instructor: Bob Paine

Fur trading was the major economic enterprise in Wisconsin from the mid-1600s until around 1830 when lumbering became a second major enterprise. This presentation covers the fur trade in Wisconsin during the period from around 1650 until around 1840 when trade had declined significantly in this area. The aspects covered include the major trade routes, major trading posts, and the major trading companies and traders. It also covers the amount and values of the furs and trade goods at various times during the fur trade period.

Bob has been a living history interpreter focusing on the fur trade for over 25 years and has read widely on that topic. He has given presentations on various aspects of the fur trade at a number of different venues, including at the Annual Gatherings of the North American Voyageur Council (NAVC). The NAVC is a non-profit educational organization for individuals interested in various aspects of the fur trade era. Its membership includes researchers, reenactors, living historians, and history buffs, all with the common love of the fur trade.

# LOCATION OF CLASSES

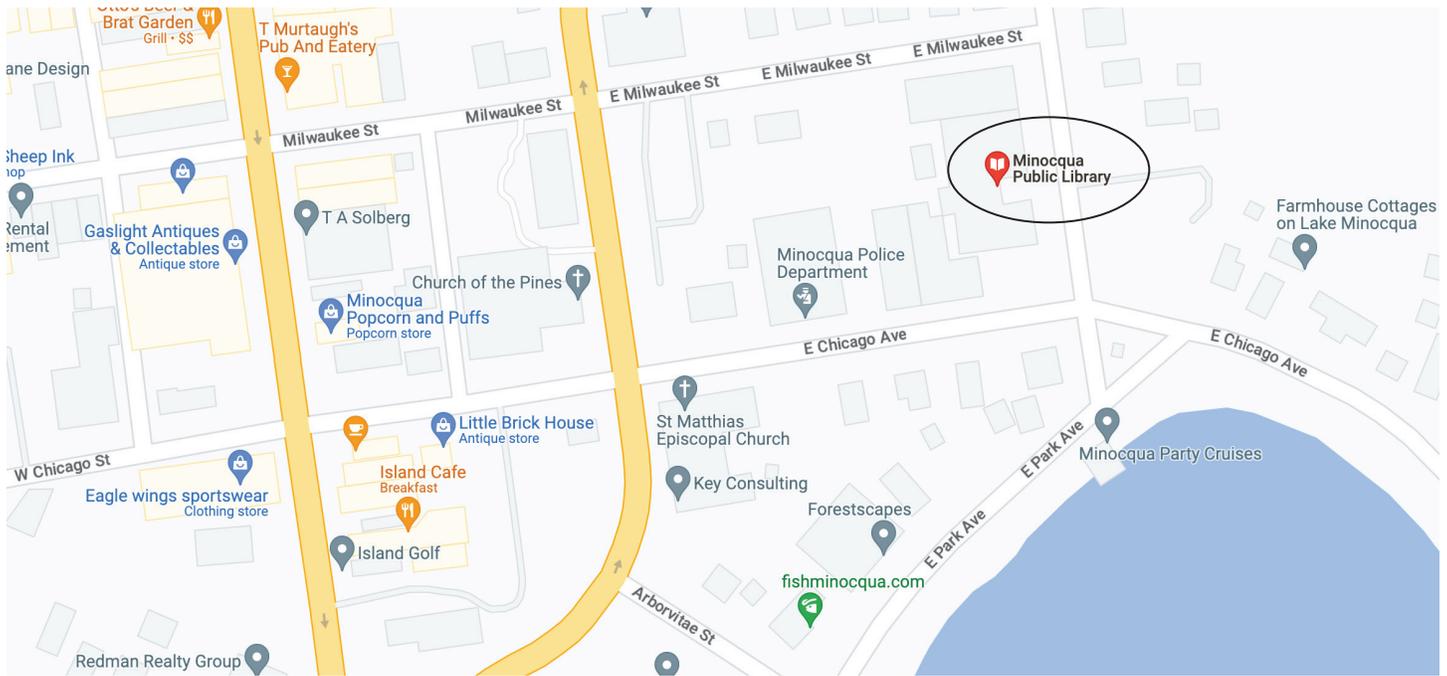
If you have a GPS system, you can enter the entire address into your device to get directions from your home to the location of the class. Or download your own maps at <https://www.google.com/maps/>



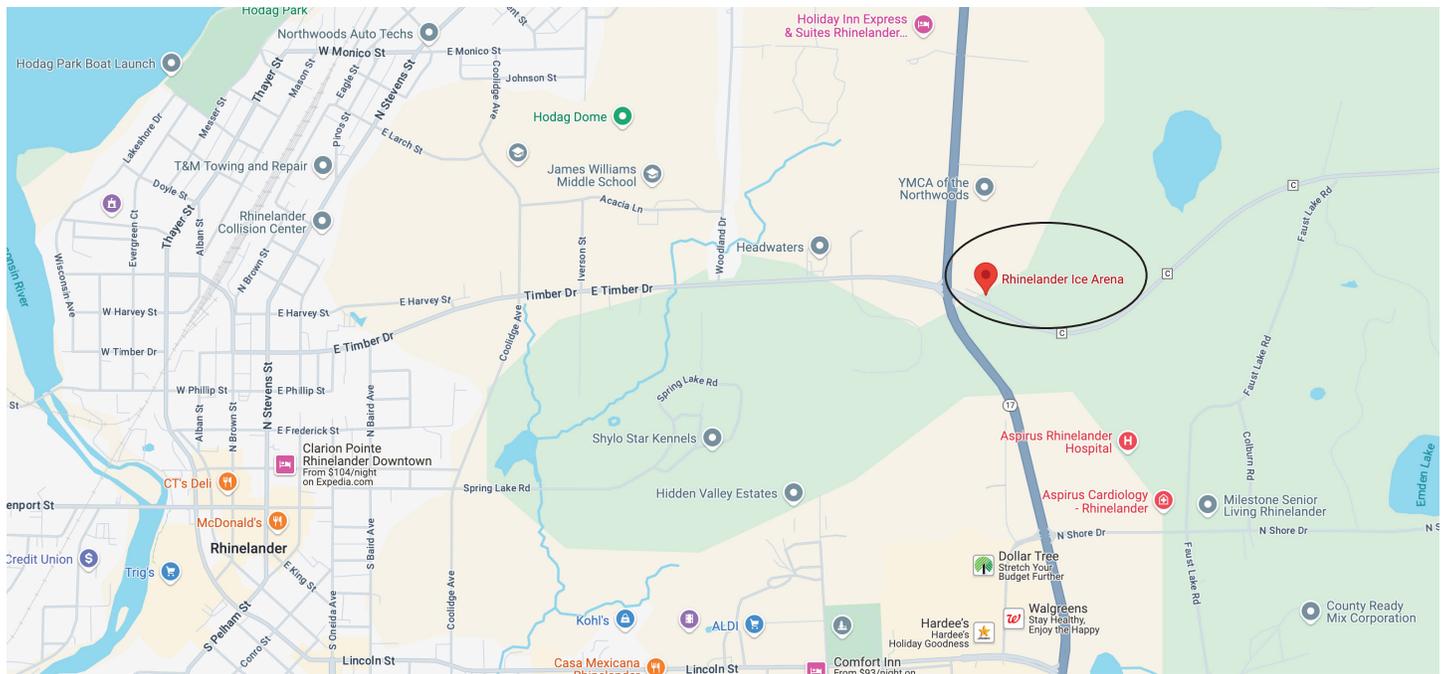
**Nicolet College, Rhinelander, WI**  
5364 College Dr, Rhinelander, WI 54501

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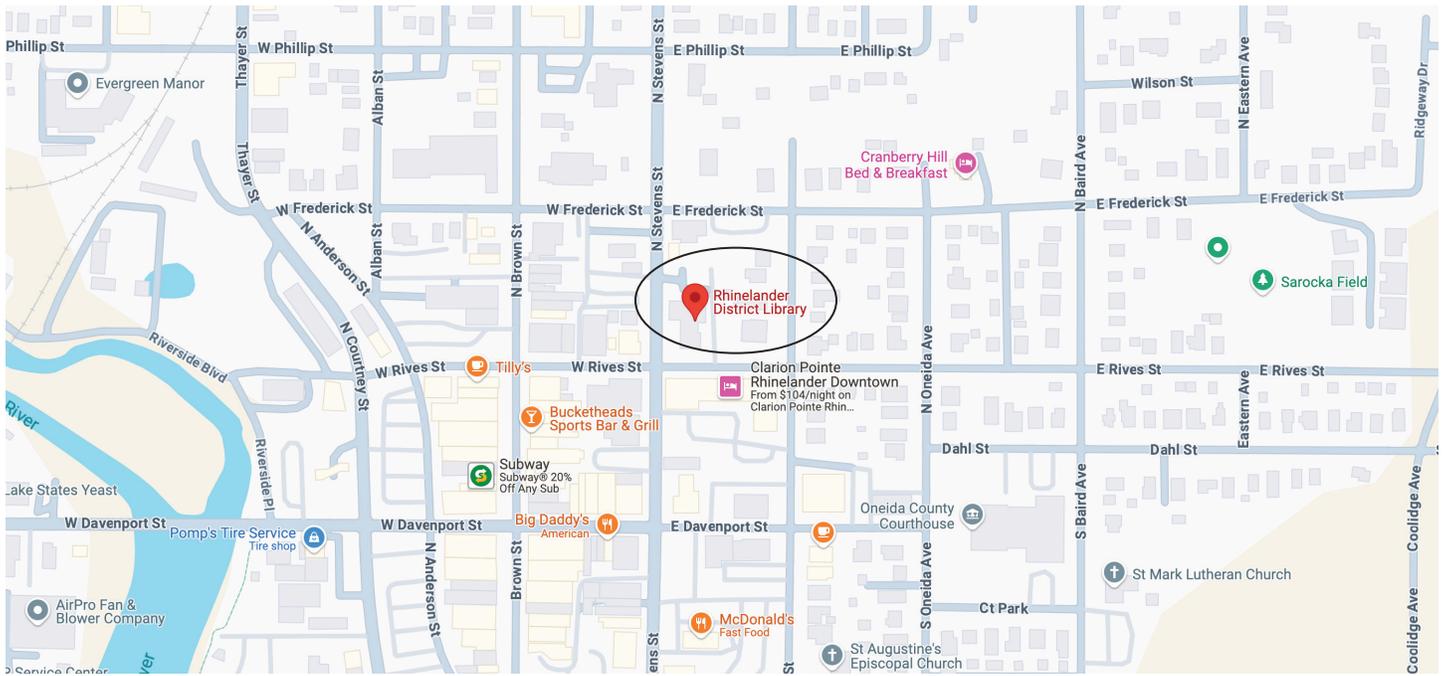
- Northwoods Center 111, Lower Level
- Northwoods Center 207-209, Entry Level
- Tamarack Center 110, Lower Level
- Lakeside Center, Theatre or Commons Area, or Both



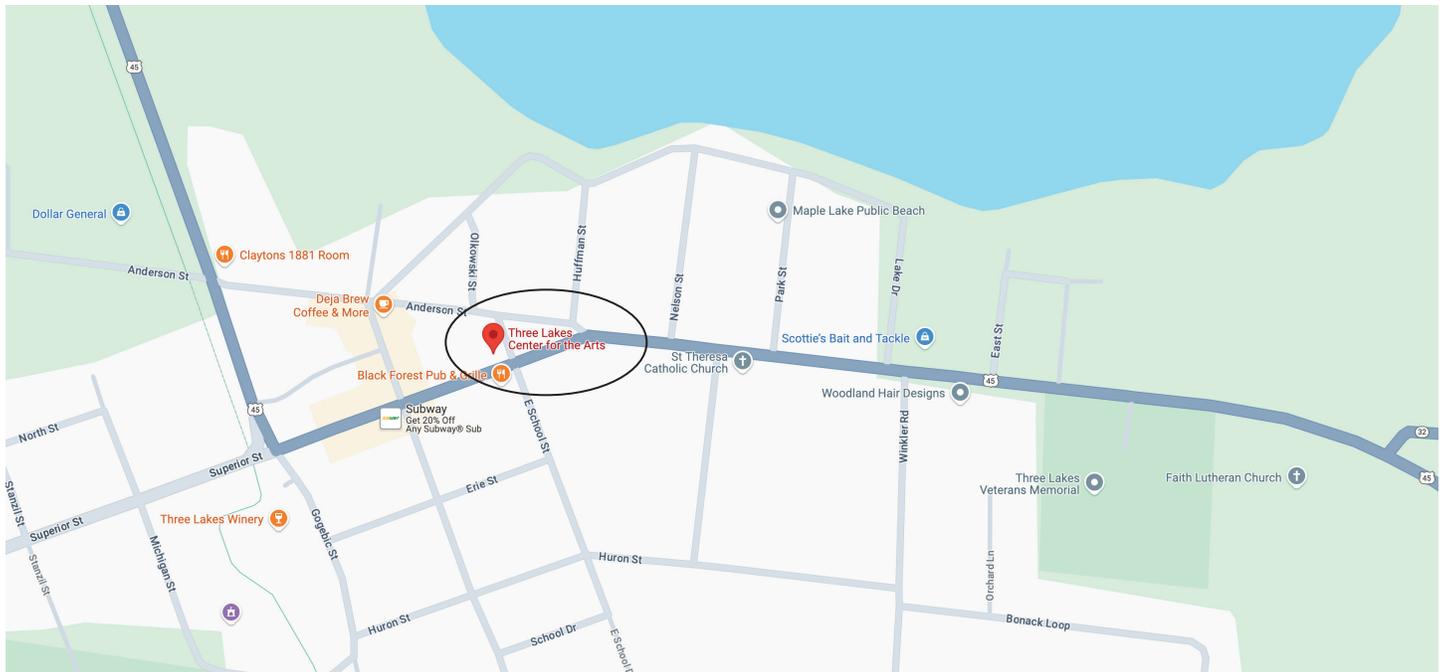
**Minocqua Public Library**  
415 Menominee St, Minocqua, WI 54548



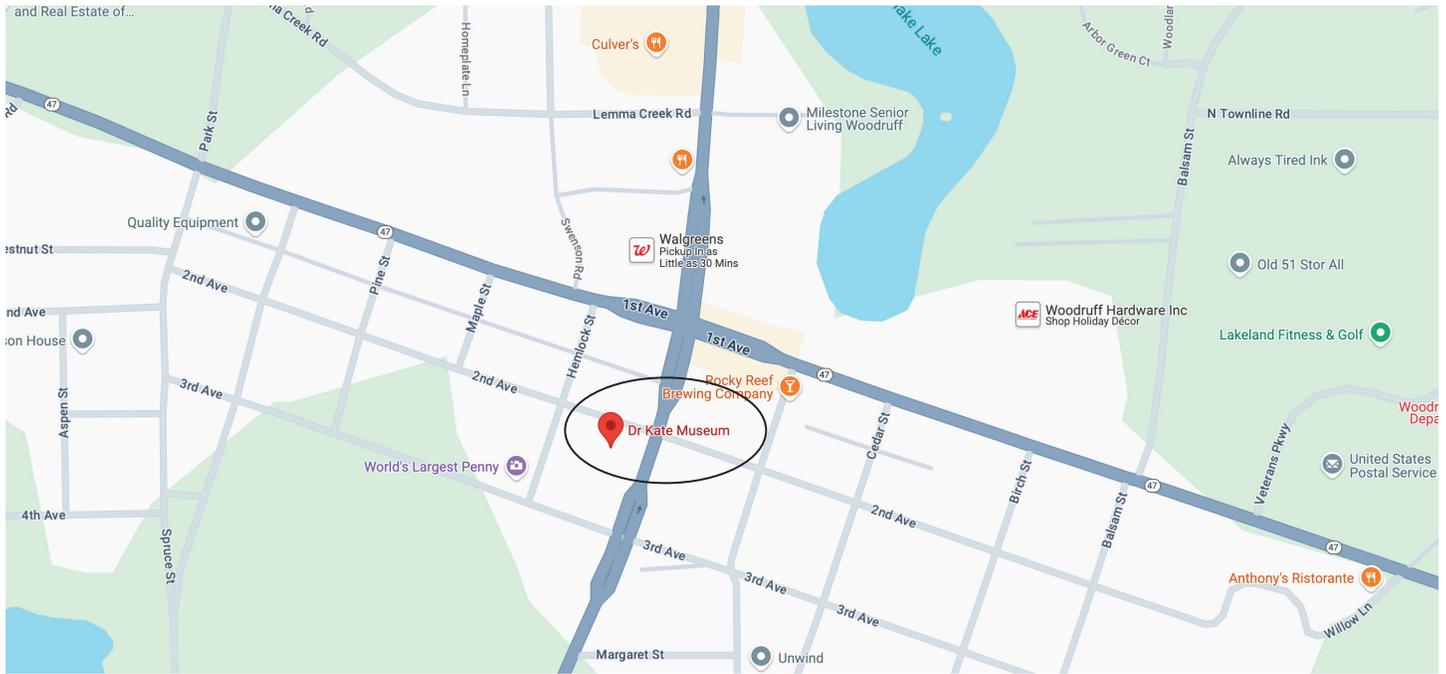
**Rhinelander Ice Arena**  
2021 E Timber Dr, Rhinelander, WI 54501



**Rhinelander District Library**  
 106 N Stevens St, Rhinelander, WI 54501



**Three Lakes Center for the Arts**  
 1790 Lake Dr, Three Lakes, WI 54562



**Dr Kate Museum**  
923 2nd Ave, Woodruff, WI 54568

# SPRING 2025 CLASS LISTINGS

DATE	TIME	JANUARY
1/6		Technology Assistance Begins
1/6	9:00 AM	Learn to Curl
1/13	9:00 AM	Learn to Curl
1/16	11:30 AM	Lunch Bunch (SIG)
1/20	9:00 AM	Learn to Curl

DATE	TIME	FEBRUARY
2/12	10:00 AM	Railroad Crashes and Derailments in the Northwoods
2/18	1:00 PM	Wild Ones Winter Native Seed Sowing Workshop
2/19	1:00 PM	Rhineland Public Library Tour
2/20	11:30 AM	Lunch Bunch (SIG)
2/24	10:00 AM	Automotive Skills at Nicolet College
2/27	1:00 PM	Hands on a Legacy: Honoring My Ojibwe Ancestors

DATE	TIME	MARCH
3/6	11:00 AM	Cruising through the Netherlands Buffet
3/17	10:00 AM	Two Bits: A Hair-Raising Experience, Cosmetology Program at Nicolet College
3/18	10:00 AM	Homesteading: Then and Now
3/20	11:30 AM	Lunch Bunch (SIG)
3/27	1:00 PM	Celebrate Aviation! Private Showing of Top Gun Maverick Movie
3/28	1:00 PM	Ordinary Americans in the Revolutions – Great Courses

DATE	TIME	APRIL
4/2	10:00 AM	Ced Vig 1: Spring Wildflowers in the Northwoods
4/4	1:00 PM	Ordinary Americans in the Revolutions – Great Courses
4/7	1:00 PM	Understanding the Second Amendment
4/8	10:00 AM	Hodag Solar Park - Solar Power
4/9	10:00 AM	Readings from a Rural Writer
4/14	1:00 PM	Understanding the Second Amendment
4/16	10:00 AM	Ced Vig 2: Early Spring Birding with the Northwoods Land Trust
4/17	11:30 AM	Lunch Bunch (SIG)
4/18	1:00 PM	Ordinary Americans in the Revolutions – Great Courses
4/24	10:00 AM	From Dubuque to Selma and Beyond
4/28	1:00 PM	The Great Art Museums of Europe
4/29	1:00 PM	U.S. History 1928-1948
4/30	10:00 AM	Ced Vig 3: Phytoremediation: Plants to the Rescue of the Environment

DATE	TIME	MAY
5/2	1:00 PM	Ordinary Americans in the Revolutions – Great Courses
5/5	1:00 PM	The Great Art Museums of Europe
5/6	1:00 PM	U.S. History 1928-1948
5/7	10:00 AM 1:00 PM	Tour Dr. Kate Museum
5/9	10:00 AM	Dillinger
5/12	1:00 PM	The Great Art Museums of Europe
5/13	1:00 PM	U.S. History 1928-1948
5/14	10:00 AM	Ced Vig 4: Ecology 2.0
5/15	11:30 AM	Lunch Bunch (SIG)
5/16	1:00 PM	Ordinary Americans in the Revolutions – Great Courses
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5/20	10:00 AM	Fur Trade in Wisconsin
5/20	1:00 PM	U.S. History 1928-1948

# SPRING 2025 CLASS CALENDAR



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JANUARY 2025						
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Learn to Curl 9:00 am @ Rhinelander Ice Arena  Technology Assistance Begins	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Learn to Curl 9:00 am @ Rhinelander Ice Arena	14	15	16 Lunch Bunch 11:30 am @ Various Locations	17	18
19	20 Learn to Curl 9:00 am @ Rhinelander Ice Arena	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



# FEBRUARY 2025

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
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9	10	11	12 Railroad Crashes and Derailments 10:00 am @ NC 207-209	13	14	15
16	17 Wild Ones Winter Seed Sowing Workshop 1:00 pm @ Lakeside Center Commons	18	19 Rhineland District Library Tour 1:00 pm @ Rhineland District Library	20 Lunch Bunch 11:30 am @ Various Locations	21	22
23 Automotive Skills at Nicolet College 10:00 am @ WC 105	24	25	26	27 Hands on a Legacy – Ojibwe Ancestors 1:00 pm @ NC 207-209	28	



# MARCH 2025

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6 Cruising through the Netherlands Buffet 11:00 AM @ NC-Top of the Hill	7	8
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16 Two Bits: A Hair-Raising Experience (Cosmetology Program) 10:00 am @TC 110	17	18 Homesteading: Then and Now 10:00 am @ TC 110	19	20 Lunch Bunch 11:30 am @ Various Locations	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Celebrate Aviation! 1:00 pm @ Three Lakes Center for the Arts	28 Ordinary Americans in the Revolution 1:00 pm @ NC 207-209	29
30	31					



**APRIL 2025**

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
		1	2 Ced Vig 1: Spring Wildflowers in the Northwoods 10:00 am @ NC 207-209	3	4 Ordinary Americans in the Revolution 1:00 pm @ NC 207-209	5
6	7 Understanding the Second Amendment 1:00 pm @ Minocqua Library	8 Hodag Solar Park: Solar Power 10:00 am @ NC 207-209	9 Readings from a Rural Writer 10:00 am @ NC 207-209	10	11	12
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20	21	22	23	24 From Dubuque to Selma and Beyond 10:00 am @ LC Theatre	25	26
27	28 The Great Art Museums of Europe 1:00 pm @ Minocqua Public Library	29 U.S. History 1:00 pm @ NC 207-209	30 Ced Vig 3: Phytoremediation 10:00 am @ NC 207-209			



MAY 2025

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
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					Ordinary Americans in the Revolution 1:00 pm @ NC 207-209	
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	The Great Art Museums of Europe 1:00 pm @ Minocqua Public Library	U.S. History 1:00 pm @ Minocqua Public Library	Dr Kate Museum 10:00 am 1:00 pm @ Dr Kate Museum, Woodruff, WI		Dillinger 10:00 am @ NC 207-209	
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