

Woodstock Fine Arts Association's 60th Annual

Creative Living Series

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PO Box 225, Woodstock, Illinois 60098

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***Celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Creative Living with us!
News about these exciting speakers inside.***

Woodstock Fine Arts Association, an independent, all-volunteer, non-profit organization, debuted the Creative Living Series in 1964.

Recent WFAA projects: In 2022, the association was pleased to donate \$20,000 toward the installation of a tin-type acoustic ceiling in the Woodstock Opera House Community Room. In fall 2022, grade school students from public, private, and home schools throughout McHenry County were invited to attend "Being Bilingual Rocks," a daytime Children's Program at the Woodstock Opera House. In spring 2023, \$10,500 in scholarships were awarded to high school seniors accomplished in the arts from Cary-Grove, Crystal Lake Central, Huntley, Jacobs and Prairie Ridge High Schools.

BOX OFFICE INFORMATION

- Phone: (815) 338-5300
- Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Closed Monday
- Visa, MasterCard and Discover accepted
- www.woodstockoperahouse.com

New subscriptions available July 18

IMPORTANT:
Order by July 16 to retain your 2022-2023 series seats.

Please visit us: www.woodstockfinearts.org

Please send _____ series tickets @ \$85* each: \$ _____

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Total Due: \$ _____

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Single tickets may be available and can be purchased through the Box Office for \$27* after August 14.

*\$5 Opera House fees included

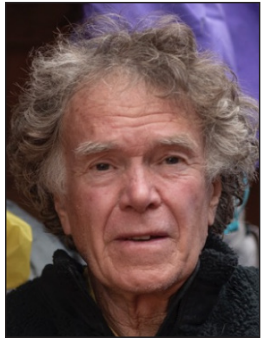
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Creative Living Series

All programs begin at 10 a.m. ➤ Coffee and conversation offered at 9 a.m.

The Creative Living Series starts a month earlier this Fall and adds a December speaker. Why? Renovations to the Woodstock Opera House are projected to begin in early 2024 and the auditorium will be unavailable for the usual schedule. The expanded Fall schedule offers as many speakers as possible for this milestone season. Get ready to celebrate Creative Living's 60th anniversary with an exceptional season of exciting, compelling, and inspiring speakers.

Join us for an Anniversary Cupcake as we kick off the 60th season of Creative Living this September



Will Steger

Adventurer, Arctic Explorer, Advocate

September 21, 2023

Will Steger is best known for his legendary explorations spanning 50 years, including some of the most significant polar expeditions in history. Hiking and dog sledding across continents of ice, exploring the unknown footstep by footstep, he is an eyewitness to the changes overtaking the polar regions of our planet. He has become a formidable voice calling for understanding and preserving the Arctic and the Earth. He built his Wilderness Center by hand deep in the Minnesota woods to inspire in the next generation a passion for discovery and innovative thinking. Steger shares stunning photographs and videos from his expeditions, explaining the implications of compelling data and satellite imagery. While the issue is critical and the presentation dramatic, his message is one of hope and empowerment. Steger is a recipient of National Geographic's rarely bestowed John Oliver La Gorce Medal and the National Geographic Adventure Lifetime Achievement Award. **Bonus: Steger embarks on a two-month Arctic expedition in late April this year. Before you meet Will in person at Creative Living, follow his journey at facebook.com/WillSteger.**

Homer Hickam

Aim High: Stories and Inspiration from a Real-Life Rocket Boy

October 19, 2023

How does a boy from Coalwood, West Virginia, grow up to become not only a NASA astronaut trainer but also a best-selling author? Homer Hickam describes the journey in his coming-of-age memoir *Rocket Boys*, a *New York Times* #1 best-seller that inspired the film *October Sky*, starring Jake Gyllenhaal. Hickam wrote other memoirs in what became the "Coalwood" series after retiring as an aerospace engineer at NASA where he worked on projects including the Hubble Space Telescope and the International Space Station. His other best-selling novels include the World War II-era "Josh Thurlow" series, the young adult sci-fi series *Helium-3*, the adult thriller *The Dinosaur Hunter*, the romance *Red Helmet*, and his latest international bestseller *Carrying Albert Home*. Homer has spoken all over the world, inspiring millions to "aim high!"

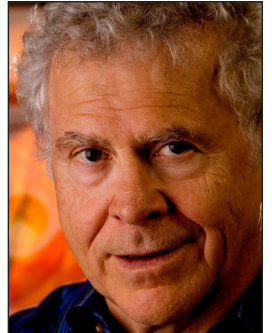


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Frances Palmer

Lessons on Inspiration and Creativity

November 16, 2023

What makes a creative life? Ask Frances Palmer. She's a potter, gardener and beekeeper, a lover of art, cooking, drawing, and photography. Her book *Life in the Studio: Inspiration and Lessons on Creativity* offers a peek into her creative process and insights into how to nurture your own talents and knit all one's passions into the whole of life. Palmer's handmade, functional ceramics have been exhibited and sold internationally and are represented in leading private craft and contemporary art collections around the world. She has been featured in *House & Garden*, *British House & Garden*, *Elle Decor*, *T—The New York Times Magazine*, *Vogue*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The World of Interiors*.

Laura Dowling

Holiday Cheer: Festive Décor in the White House Style

December 14, 2023

In her position as Chief Floral Designer at the White House from 2009 to 2015, Laura Dowling managed floral designs for thousands of official and private events including state dinners and large-scale installations such as the White House Christmas. As she shares her experiences in Washington, DC, she will demonstrate her innovative approach to floral design, creating arrangements and wreaths on stage and offering tips on how to master the free interplay between flowers, floral boughs and branches, berried twigs and leafy vines. Just in time for the holidays, you'll go home with ideas on how to create your own beautifully sophisticated, seasonal designs that are at once modern and classically refined.



Past Speakers: Miguel Cervantes, Judy Collins, Rebecca Eaton, Dr. Temple Grandin, Maya Angelou, Billy Collins, Carol Marin, Charlie Trotter, Phil Ponce, John Bredar, Dr. Michael Roizen, Beverly Sills, Martha Stewart, Dr. Joyce Brothers, Rick Kogan, Wally Phillips, Joan Benny, Rick Steves, Studs Terkel, Joseph Epstein, Amy Dickinson, Ann Patchett, Geoffrey Baer, Rick Bayless, John Callaway, Scott Simon, Robert Wittman, Bill Kurtis, Sarah Paretsky, Gene Siskel, Eddie Ross, Leslie Hindman, and Jeffrey Lyons