



Senior Learning Network

Through a webcam and internet connection, Buckham West offers an educational and entertaining series of virtual classes through the Senior Learning Network (SLN). Thanks to our new conference room and its state-of-the-art technology, we are perfectly set up for this type of learning where we will meet a live presenter in the setting of their expertise.

February 2022 Schedule

Tues., Feb.1: Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site

As the nation celebrates Grant's 200th birthday in 2022, interest in the Civil War general and two-term president is at an all-time high. However, stereotypes about Grant's personal characteristics and life experiences remain within memory. Was Grant an uncaring general who had no regard for his troops? Was he an alcoholic who engaged in destructive behavior? In this presentation, Park Ranger Nick Sacco looks to address various claims about Grant and uncover the characteristics of a deeply complex person who faced serious challenges during his lifetime.

Tues., February 8th : National Portrait Gallery- It's Presidents' Month! Presidential Portraits

The nation's only complete collection of presidential portraits outside the White House, this exhibition lies at the heart of the Portrait Gallery's mission. Having designed a fresh exhibition layout for "America's Presidents," the Portrait Gallery has grouped the portraits into six historical chapters. Each of the first five sections is organized around a historical era and leads off with a presidential figure: Washington, Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt and Franklin Delano Roosevelt, while a sixth section examines the more recent history of the presidency.

Tues., Feb. 15: Andrew Johnson National Historic Site

Nestled in a valley of eastern Tennessee sits a quaint town, Greeneville. This town was named after Nathanael Greene a Revolutionary War hero. Years later another famous soldier was born into these same hills, Davy Crockett was his name. Andrew Johnson our 17th president, born in North Carolina, moved to Greeneville when he was only a teenager and made this his home. Join us as we learn about this little known politician, who assumed the presidency upon the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.

Tues., Feb. 22: Agate Fossil Beds National Monument (Nebraska)

No Dinosaurs Here, Only Mammals! Join an education ranger as they introduce attendees to several species of mammals that once roamed the Nebraska plains during the Miocene epoch. Learn about how climate change, geology and other environmental factors contributed to the evolution and extinction of these species.

The program schedule is set in advance and you may pick and choose which ones you want to attend. All classes are held on Tuesdays and begin at 1:00pm. Pre-registration is required by stopping in or by calling us at 332-7357. The programs are open to the community. Cost to attend is \$3/Buckham West members or \$6/non-members which is payable at the door.