

# Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative

A not-for-profit organization and land trust

Working across state boundaries to enhance the Wolf Lake watershed

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Diverse topics slated  
For Calumet Revisited forums

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Participants in the upcoming Calumet Revisited forums will be introduced to the history of the region from the Indiana Dunes to the Pullman National Park, and locations in between.

The forums will be held the first Tuesday evening of every month from September through May, 2015-2016, at Calumet College of St. Joseph (CCAJ), 2400 New York Avenue, Whiting. They are sponsored jointly by CCSJ and the Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative (AWLI).

Following is a list of speakers scheduled and their topics of discussion.

## **Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**

Michael Boos, executive director of AWLI, will review memories by local residents about their connections to the Wolf Lake watershed.

## **Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

Paul Petraitis, writer and lecturer on Chicago history and past executive director of Chicago's Ridge Historical Society, will talk about the Pullman National Park within the Historic Pullman District, where he resides.

## **Tuesday, November 3**

Dr. Suzanne Malec-McKenna, executive director of Chicago Wilderness, will discuss how the Calumet Region fits within the scope of her organization and will add some of her personal experiences with the region. Previously she served as commissioner of Chicago's Department of Environment.

## **Tuesday, December 1**

Dr. Mark Bouman, Chicago Region Program Director at the Field Museum, will discuss efforts being made to establish the Calumet National Heritage Area across state lines. Previously he was professor of geology at Chicago State University.

## **Tuesday, January 5**

Cherie Fisher, social scientist at the National Forest Service Research and Development Station, Evanston, IL, will discuss urban waterways in the Calumet Region and her personal interactions with the region..

## **Tuesday, February 2**

Dr. Larry McClellan, of South of Chicago, Inc., will talk about his research of the Underground Railroad in the region. In 1970 he helped established Governor State University (GSU) and spent 17 years as University Professor of Sociology and Community Studies. From 1996 through 2001, he served as executive director of the South Metropolitan Regional Leadership Center at GSU.

**Tuesday, March 1**, Dr. Phil Willink, senior research biologist at the Shedd Aquarium, will trace changes in the fish population at Wolf Lake during the past century.

## **Tuesday, April 5**

Dr. James Lane, co-editor of the Calumet Regional Archives, Indiana University Northwest (IUN), will talk about steel makers in the cities of Gary and East Chicago. He has authored several books, including *Gary: A Pictorial History*, and *City of the Century: A History of Gary, Indiana*.

## **Tuesday, May 3**

Victor Cassidy, author, will discuss his book, *Henry Chandler Cowles, Pioneer Ecologist*.

Calumet Revisited forums seek to shed light on the Calumet Region's rich human history and environmental

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treasures. They will be held at 5 p.m. in Room 265 at CCSJ.

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