

Winter/Spring 2026 Planning Document (revised 12/2/25)

CLASS	INSTRUCTOR	COORDINATOR	TITLE	DAY	DATE	TIME	Initial Email Confirmation
1	Charles McClellan	Arline Sachs	Gunboats in the Caribbean	Tue	1/13/2026	10-11:30	
2	Michel Stewart	Patti Volz	Return to Alcatraz - A Day In The Life of a Convict (2 sessions)	Wed	1/14/26 & 1/21/26	10-11:30	
3	Ann Valentino	Patricia Brennan	From Story to Stage: Contemporary American Theatre, The Playwright's Perspective	Fri	1/16/2026	10-11:30	
4	Alex Sebby	Andy Butler	Write Your U.S. Military Story	Mon	1/19/2026	10-11:30	
5	William Young	Patti Volz	The Effects of Climate Breakdown on Birds	Tue	1/20/2026	10-11:30	10/12/2025
6	Bonnie Becker	Andy Butler	The First Declaration of Independence!	Thur	1/22/2026	1:30-3:00	
7	Gillian Backus	Debbie Cohen	Act Out! Biology in Motion	Mon	1/26/2026	10-11:30	10/16/2025
8	Dennis VanDerlaske	Steve Cohen	Those Little Green Stamps - How America Got Stuck on Trading Stamps	Tue	1/27/2026	1:30-3:00	
9	Haley Parker	Patti Volz	The Integrative Power of the Body	Wed	1/28/2026	10-11:30	11/20/2025
10	Paul Hertz	Richard Sigman	Search for Life in the Universe	Tue	2/3/2026	1:30-3:00	
11	Michael Anderson	Patti Volz	American Colonial Governors (2 sessions)	Thur	2/5-12/26	10-11:30	
12	Jennifer Flitten Adams	Richard Sigman	Incorporating Native Plants in Your Garden	Fri	2/6/2026	1:30-3:00	
13	Penny Gross	Mary Alexander	"What's Next" with Former Supervisor Penny Gross	Mon	2/9/2026	1:30-3:00	10/21/2025
14	Barbara Stiffler & Dawn Li	Phyllis Liner	The Art of Seeing - West & East (2 sessions)	Wed	2/11-18/26	10-11:30	
15	John Rybicki	Arline Sachs	The Messianic Expectation in Judaism and Christianity (3 sessions)	Tue	2/17-24/26, 3/3/26	10-11:30	
16	Amy Bolton	Patti Volz	Inviting Nature In: Creating Outdoor Spaces That Support Wildlife	Mon	2/23/2026	1:30-3:00	10/2/2025
17	Michael Stewart	Patti Volz	Daylight Savings Time	Wed	3/4/2026	10-11:30	
18	Barbara Osgood	Ellen Wallace	How Did I Get to be Old?	Thur	3/5/2026	1:30-3:00	
19	Kasha Helget	Mary Alexander	Mosquito & Tick Season: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly	Mon	3/9/2026	1:30-3:00	
20	Charles McClellan	Arline Sachs	Christopher Columbus	Tue	3/10/2026	10-11:30	
21	John Schmitz	Debbie Cohen	Enemies Among Us: WWII Internment of German, Italian and Japanese Americans	Wed	3/11/2026	1:30-3:00	
22	William S. Connery	Phyllis Liner	Civil War Northern Virginia 1861	Thur	3/12/2026	10-11:30	10/12/2025
23	John Rhodes	Mary Alexander	Honey Bees & Pollinators	Tue	3/17/2026	10-11:30	10/12/2025
24	Dr. Penny Firth	Mary Alexander	What's that mushroom? Secrets of fungi & forests	Wed	3/18/2026	10-11:30	
25	Sara Shoob	Debbie Cohen	Agriculture Meets Art		*3/26/2026 (TBD)	1:30-3:00	
26	Joanne Royalty	Ellen Wallace	Droughts and Downpours - What's a Gardener to Do? Sustainable Gardening Tips to Navigate Climate Impact	Fri	3/27/2026	1:30-3:00	

27	Tiffany Blackmon	Patricia Brennan	Everything You Wanted To Know About Cults	Thur	4/2/2026	1:30-3:00	
28	Natasha White	Patti Volz	Women and Incarceration: The Hidden Impact and Pathways to Justice	Mon	4/6/2026	10-11:30	
29	Dina Shaar & Sarah Parks	Ellen Wallace	Introduction to Estate Planning (4 sessions)	Mon	4/13/26 4/20/26 4/27/26 5/4/26	10-11:30	9/30/2025
30	H H Leonards	Ellen Wallace	The Story of H H Leonards, Founder of the O St. Mansion & Museum	Tue	4/14/2026	10-11:30	
31	Jo Doumbia (submitted by Meg Oakley)	Mary Alexander	What's All the Buzz About Native Plants?	Wed	4/15/2025	10-11:30	9/29/2025
32	Lawrence Sherman	Patricia Brennan	Communicating with Confidence: Presenting, Connecting & Thinking on Your Feet	Wed	4/15/2026	1:30-3:00	
33	Carol Quade	Debbie Cohen	Understanding Without Words: The Hidden Language of Culture	Fri	4/17/2026	10-11:30	
34	Larry Cartwright	Richard Sigman	Avian Tool Use and Construction	Wed	4/22/2026	10-11:30	
35	Joe Bean	Debbie Cohen	Hear Today, Gone Tomorrow? Understanding Your ears and Auditory Health	Fri	4/24/2026	1:30-3:00	10/19/2025
36	Sara Shoob	Debbie Cohen	State Fairs and Art (field trip to Renwick Gallery)		*4/28/2026 (TBD)	1:00-2:30 (NOTE TIME)	10/13/2025
37	Brandi McKenzie	Patty Brennan	Jane Austen's novel Emma	Tue	4/28/2026	9:30-11:00 (NOTE TIME)	
33	Joanne Cohen, Maureen Estevez Stabio & Katie Caron	Debbie Cohen	The Art of Neuro-Anatomy: The marriage of art, science & the brain	Fri	5/1/2026	1:30-3:00	
39	William (Bill) Parmentier	Steve Cohen	How Mozart, Haydn, and Beethoven were Influenced by Turkish Military Music	Wed	5/6/2026	1:30-3:00	10/18/2025
40	Brandon Bastian & Carolyn Lamm	Anna Dixon	Itineraries to Interactions: Making Meaningful Connections on the Road	Tue	5/12/2026	10-11:30	
41	Brandon Bastian & Carolyn Lamm	Anna Dixon	Hyperlocal Peacebuilding	Mon	5/18/2026	10-11:30	
42	Scott Hill, National Park Service	Debi Hunsberger	National Park Grab Bag (possibly Arlington House, Robert E. Lee or USMC War Memorial (Iwo Jima))	Wed	5/20/2026	1:30-3:00	

NOTES

Greenspring
Zoom
Zoom (He will be sending vouchers to hand out for his book to be printed & mailed.)
Zoom
Zoom
needs classroom with movable desks
Zoom
Zoom
Zoom
Zoom
Greenspring
Zoom per Mary Alexander's email 10/6/26
Greenspring
IN-PERSON!
Zoom (Changed from in person) Waiting until February for Sara to schedule both virtual and in-person visit with Smithsonian.

Needs doc camera (in NOVA classrooms)
Reserve Room CN 117
Zoom (by email 11/7/25, changed date from 4/3 to 4/27)
Zoom
Field trip Waiting until February for Sara to schedule both virtual and in-person visit with
CHANGE TIME TO 9:30-11 DUE TO HER CLASS SCHEDULE
Zoom
Mason District Government Center