

# 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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Forum on Calumet history  
Begins 5<sup>th</sup> year Sept. 4

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## *Immediate Release*

This year's Calumet Revisited, a series on the cultural and environmental history of the Calumet Region, will begin Tuesday, Sept. 4 with a presentation on the history of the Shirley Heinze Land Trust. Kris Krouse, the trust's executive director, will lead the discussion at 5 p.m. in Room 265 at Calumet College of St. Joseph (CCSJ), 2400 New York Ave., Whiting, Indiana.

Jointly sponsored by the Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative (AWLI) and CCSJ, the forum's fifth year begins with the September session. Participants in the upcoming sessions will learn about local bird habitat restoration efforts, the history of the environmental organization Save the Dunes, resources for exploring the region's history and the effort to make finding these resources easier.

The forum seeks to shed light on the Calumet Region's rich human history and environmental treasures. It will be held the first Tuesday evening of every month from September through May 2019. Exceptions are the October and January forums.

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

Tuesday, Sept. 4, Kris Krouse, executive director of Shirley Heinze Land Trust, on the history of the organization

Tuesday, Oct. 9, Walter Skiba, CCSJ associate professor of arts and humanities, on the history of the college

Tuesday, Nov. 6, Nat Miller, director of conservation for Audubon Great Lakes, on the organization's efforts in this Region

Tuesday, Dec. 4, regional heritage custodians Pat Wisniewski, Kevin Murphy, Dr. Michael Longan & Dr. Larry McClellan, leading a panel on a proposed Calumet Regional Heritage Museum

Tuesday, Jan. 8, Natalie Johnson, executive director of Save the Dunes, on the organization's history and current work

Tuesday, Feb. 5, Dr. Larry McClellan & Jeannie Regan Dinius on Filling the Underground Gap, the effort to document Underground Railroad activities between Chicago and Michigan City

Tuesday, March 5, Cedar Lake Historical Association to present the history of Cedar Lake

Tuesday, April 2, Steve McShane, archivist and curator at Calumet Regional Archives, on the archives

Tuesday, May 7, Paul Labovitz, superintendent of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, on efforts to obtain National Park Status for the National Lakeshore

AWLI, established in 1999, is a bi-state, not-for-profit organization and land trust with a mission of protecting and enhancing the Wolf Lake watershed.

Calumet College of St. Joseph has been a part of Northwest Indiana since 1951 and lies within the Wolf Lake watershed.

Calumet Revisited began in 2014.

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