

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 4th year Sept. 5

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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. 5 with a discussion of the cleanup and restoration of the Calumet Region after its history of steelmaking and oil-refining.

Dr. Ken Schoon will lead the discussion at 5 p.m. in Room 264 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 September session begins the forum's fourth year. Participants in the upcoming sessions will be treated to the history of the region from Illinois' role in the Underground Railroad to local spotlights on Gary, Hegewisch and southeastern Chicago, as well as environmental topics.

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 2018.

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

Tuesday, Sept. 5, Dr. Ken Schoon, professor emeritus of science education at Indiana University Northwest, on his book, "Shifting Sands: The Restoration of the Calumet Area"

Tuesday, Oct. 3, Michael Boos, executive director of the Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative, on the upcoming Wolf Lake Watershed Advisory Committee meeting on Nov. 3

Tuesday, Nov. 7, Rod Sellers, executive director of the Southeast Chicago Historical Society, on the society's mission

Tuesday, Dec. 5, Walter Skiba, associate professor of arts and humanities, on CCSJ's struggles in the 1970s and beyond

Tuesday, Jan. 2, Dan Plath, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore chief of resource management and president of Northwest Indiana Paddlers Association, on blueways in the Calumet Region

Tuesday, Feb. 6, Dr. Larry McClellan, retired professor and dean from Governors State University, on the Underground Railroad in Illinois

Tuesday, March 6, Cynthia Ogorek, local author, on her upcoming book about the community of Hegewisch

Tuesday, April 3, speaker to be determined

Tuesday, May 1, Les Marszalek, president of Gold Earth Science Club and Museum, on Native American archeology

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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