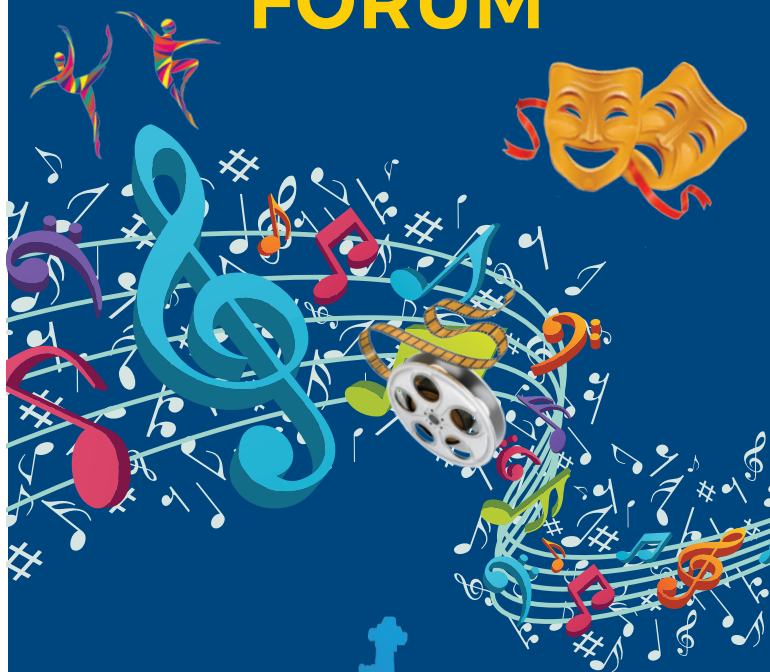




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## 2021 – 2022 CULTURAL ARTS FORUM



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### Cultural Arts Forum 2021-2022 Seminar Series

Founded by Dr. Margaret Mary Kearney, a former broadcast personality and friend of Neumann University, The Cultural Arts Forum hosts a lecture series, an annual High Tea, workshops, author lectures, as well as fundraising activities to foster cultural programming and to enrich the educational experiences of the University and the larger community. Proceeds from these events benefit the Dr. Margaret Mary Kearney student scholarship which assists non-traditional students.

Unless noted, all seminars and lectures are held at 1:30 p.m. in the state-of-the-art Fred P. Meagher Theatre, located in the Thomas A. Bruder, Jr. Life Center at Neumann University. The Bruder Life Center and Theatre are handicapped accessible. Admission for seminars is \$10, and FREE to Cultural Arts Forum members. Immediately following the seminar, attendees will enjoy an afternoon treat in the Bruder Life Center (COVID-19 protocols permitting.)

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### LECTURES SERIES *Eight very special programs designed just for you!*

Admission is \$10 per seminar or become a member for the year for \$45 by completing the form on the other side.  
Membership includes all eight programs.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

#### Father Bill Atkinson: A Cause for Sainthood in the Catholic Church

Lecture by Stephen McWilliams

In the 2000-plus year history of the Catholic Church, Bill Atkinson was the first quadriplegic to be ordained as a priest. After a tragic accident and many challenges, he was ordained and went on to teach for many years at Monsignor Bonner High School. Needing a great amount of daily care, he was blessed with the friendship of Stephen McWilliams, who for many years visited and helped Father Bill with his personal needs. After Father's death, Mr. McWilliams captured Atkinson's wisdom, humility and great faith in his book "Green Bananas." Along with the Augustinian Consecrated Community, family and friends, Mr. McWilliams now works for the cause of sainthood for Father Bill. Come and hear this amazing story and be a part of this sainthood journey.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021

#### The Life and Music of Mario Lanza



Presented by Steve Pollack  
One Track Entertainment

Born in South Philly, Mario Lanza became one of the first operatic matinee idols of stage and screen in the 20th century. His real name was Alfredo Arnold Cocozza, and his wonderful natural voice and good looks brought him quick success. He sang with some of the greatest operatic stars of the times, performed for patrons around the world, royalty and international presidents while selling millions of recordings. He was able to make blockbuster movies with MGM and Warner Brothers and capped off his image by playing "The Great Caruso." Mr. Lanza's career came to a tragic end at the young age of 38. Steve Pollack, a polished performer, director, actor and lecturer will create a presentation of Lanza's life using a multi-media program, a live performance and a lecture narrative. Come hear this moving story of his life and legacy.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021

#### Behind the Scenes: Vintage Hollywood



Presented by Missy Hall  
Mo Better Entertainment

Come see Missy Hall as she highlights many favorite classic movies, the stars, and behind-the-scenes stories in a walk down memory lane of vintage Hollywood. Missy Hall is a lecturer, comedian and motivational speaker

with a sharp-witted, relatable style that resonates with audiences.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2021

#### In the Spirit of Christmas

Musical Performance by Neumann University  
staff and students

Presented by Dr. Richard Sayers & Dr. Yuki Ishida

The Neumann University Music Department is proud to present this special participatory program. Enjoy an afternoon of traditional Christmas music and a good old-fashioned sing-along. The staff and students will put you in the holiday spirit by performing vocal and instrumental musical selections, including classical, spiritual and secular holiday favorites.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022

#### The Life of Phillis Wheatley: Literary Genius

Presented by Dr. Daisy Century

Phillis Wheatley, a young slave girl, lived in the Boston area during the Revolutionary War. Brought to America from Cambia, Africa, she was purchased by the wealthy Wheatley family as a playmate for their children. Eager to learn, she successfully mastered English, Latin and Greek. She studied the works of Pope, Vergil, Homer and Ovid and began to write poetry with themes of happenings around her — weddings, death, love, birth, freedom and independence. General George Washington met and admired her work. She is known as the first African American woman to publish a book of poetry in America.

LECTURES CONTINUED

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022

Preserving the Legacy of the White House

Presented by Stewart D. McLaurin  
President of the White House Historical Association

Through the efforts of First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy, the White House Historical Association was founded in 1961. This private, non-profit organization’s mission is to enhance the public’s understanding and appreciation of the Executive Mansion and assist the White House in collecting and exhibiting the very best artifacts of American history and culture. The Association’s efforts of acquisition, preservation, research and education continue through generous private donations and the sale of books, products, and the official White House Ornament. It also sponsors lectures, exhibits, and other outreach programs. Mr. McLaurin, president since 2014, works tirelessly to expand mission reach and impact, fundraising and educational programming.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022

The Art of Balance and Its Benefits



Lecture and Interactive Experience  
Presented by the Faculty and  
Students of the Neumann  
University Doctor of Physical  
Therapy Program

Coordinated by Scott Biely, PT,  
DPT, PhD

Balance problems can make standing and walking much more difficult and increase the chance of falls. Falls are the most common cause of injury in individuals age 65 and older. In fact, every year, 3 million people experience a fall that requires a visit to the emergency department. Fear of falling can make an individual hesitant to leave home and to pursue other interests. However, balance exercises can decrease this risk of falling. Faculty and students from the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at Neumann University will explain what happens that makes us more at risk for falls, will provide tests that can determine one’s fall risk, and will teach exercises that improve balance and decrease that fall risk. Participants will be welcome to participate in balance testing and balance exercises or may simply listen to the presentation.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2021 • 7:00 P.M.

Designer Bag Bingo

The Mirenda Center  
Community Hall, Neumann University  
Cost: Pre-ticket sales \$40 • Tickets at the door \$45

Come join your friends as they play bingo for designer purses and bags! Be ready to try your luck on a variety of theme baskets and a cash raffle. Tables of eight purchased at one time (\$280) will be reserved. All proceeds benefit the Dr. Margaret Mary Kearney Scholarship. For tickets and information call 610-558-5626.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022 • 2:00 P.M.

High Tea

The Ballrooms of Boothwyn  
By Lia’s Catering  
1405 Meetinghouse Road, Upper Chichester, PA  
Cost: \$45

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon with family and friends while eating delicious scones, tea sandwiches, and special desserts. A musical presentation will be included to complete this fun-filled experience. Don’t be afraid to wear your favorite hat! Reservations are necessary.

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022

Culinary Gardening —  
Designing for Beauty & Flavor

Presented by Heather Gallagher  
Linvilla Orchards

Perfect for the spring, learn how to design a garden that can be as delicious as it is beautiful. No matter how large or small your garden, you will enjoy a bounty of nutritious vegetables and herbs well into the fall. This lecture is for the novice as well as the serious gardener.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Author’s Corner

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2021

Pleasures of Poetry —  
Creation & Appreciation

Presented by David P. Kozinski  
Cost: Free will donation

Whether reading poetry, hearing it spoken or writing it, David Kozinski believes taking pleasure in the joys of language, from the grandest effects to its minutest details, is essential. Where pleasure is derived, he deems, understanding will follow. For too many, poetry is a chore to be endured in high school and left alone thereafter. Lack of exposure, indifferent teaching and the many activities that vie for our leisure time all contribute to the neglect of this ancient and very lively art. Using examples from his own writing and great works of the past, David P. Kozinski, award-winning poet and mentor, will discuss what makes a great poem, what to look and listen for, and how to recognize these elements so that we can deepen the experience of poetry and make our writing more expressive and enjoyable for others.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022

Spymaster’s Prism: The Fight  
Against Russian Aggression

Jack Devine, author  
Cost: Free will donation

Mr. Devine details the unending struggle with Russia and its intelligence agencies as it works against our national security. Devine tells this story through the unique perspective of a seasoned CIA professional who served more than three decades, at some of the highest levels of the agency. He uses his gimlet-eyed view to walk us through the Cold War past and up to and including its interference in the Trump era and beyond. Jack Devine, a 32-year veteran of the CIA, is a founding partner and president of The Arkin Group LLC, which specializes in international crisis management, strategic intelligence, investigative research and business problem-solving.

WORKSHOPS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2021 • 7:00 P.M.

Create a Thanksgiving Centerpiece

Leona M. Swiacki, floral designer  
Thomas A. Bruder, Jr. Life Center • Cost: \$40

Create your very own Thanksgiving centerpiece just in time for the holiday! Using fresh flowers, berries, pods, and other natural accents, Leona will demonstrate how to construct your fresh-flower creation followed by “hands-on” time to design an arrangement. Light refreshments will be served. Floral materials and container will be provided. Please bring your own floral shears or scissors. Reservations are necessary. Call 610-558-5626.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022 • 7:00 P.M.

Card Making with Dianne

Dianne Keough  
Thomas A. Bruder, Jr. Life Center • Cost: \$35

Enjoy a relaxing evening with friends and family while creating beautiful paper greeting cards. Ms. Keough will teach you how to create cards using stamping techniques and more. A former educator and Independent *Stampin’ Up!* Demonstrator in lower Delaware, she regularly holds classes teaching the creation of cards, home décor and gift items. Limited seating available. Reservations are necessary. Call 610-558-5626.

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022 • 7:00 P.M.

Create a Garden Basket  
for Mother’s Day

Leona M. Swiacki, floral designer  
Thomas A. Bruder, Jr. Life Center • Cost: \$45

Create a very special garden basket for that special mom, friend or maybe for yourself! Gift your special person with a basket decorated with herbs and flowering plants that can be planted outdoors. Floral materials and container will be provided. Please bring your own floral shears or scissors. Reservations are necessary. Call 610-558-5626.

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Membership Application

Admission for Cultural Arts Forum events is \$10 per person/per seminar. Become a member this year for \$45 which entitles free admission to all eight seminars!

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- ☐ Please add me to your mailing list to receive additional information about other performing arts events at Neumann University.
- ☐ I would like to donate to the Dr. Margaret Mary Kearney Scholarship. Enclosed please find my check for \_\_\_\_\_.

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