

PebbleCreek Education Club

Monday Morning Lecture Series Presentations 2009 -2010

All presentations are held in the Tuscany Theater at 10AM – Admission is \$3 at the door except Premier Lecture which is \$5



March 8, 2010
Squadron Commander
Predator
Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

The Predator is an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) which the United States Air Force describes as a MALE (medium-altitude, long-endurance) UAV. It can serve in a reconnaissance role and fly tactical missions. The aircraft has been in use since 1995 and has seen combat over Afghanistan, Pakistan, Bosnia, Serbia, Iraq, and Yemen. A commander of a Predator unit will discuss unclassified capabilities of the Predator including his ability to fly the he UAV from Arizona to anywhere in the world.



March 29, 2010
ROBERT MASHALL UTLEY
Former Chief Historian of the
National Parks Service
Texas Rangers - Then and Now

Robert Marshall Utley is an author and historian who has written sixteen books on the history of the American West including *Lone Star Lawmen: The Second Century of the Texas Rangers*. Fellow historians commend Utley as the finest historian of the American frontier in the 19th century. The Western Historical Association annually gives out the Robert M. Utley Book Award for the best book published on the military history of the frontier and western North America. Utley attended Purdue University where he earned a Bachelor of Sciences in history and Indiana University where he earned a Master of Arts in history.



March 15, 2010
BRIAN CALLAHAN
Irish Mythology

Brian Callahan will take you on a fun filled frolic through Irish Mythology which is a major part of Irish life. Thrown into his presentation for good measure will be a little blarney no doubt! Mr. Callahan has a Master of Arts in Medieval History and has been fascinated with Irish history and culture all of his life. He has taught courses in Irish history and coproduced a local cable documentary on the History of Ireland which received favorable reviews from the Lord Mayor of Belfast.



March 22, 2010
Dr. GUY MCPHERSON
The End of the World

Guy believes: "When (our) American Empire completes its fall, political parties will be unable to carry out desperate, ugly, and dangerous attacks on American voters. Instead, we'll focus on helping our neighbors and building our communities. Guy is professor emeritus of natural resources and the environment at the University of Arizona. His scholarly work has for many years focused on conservation of biological diversity. He lives in an off-grid, straw-bale house where he puts into practice his lifelong interest in sustainable living via organic gardening, raising small animals for eggs and milk, and working with members of his rural community.

PREMIER LECTURE

Back by popular demand. – Professor Don Sharpes

Islam and the West

"The Education of Allah's Warriors"

March 26, 2010
Tuscany Theater
7PM



This lecture will expand on and explore in more detail current events in Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan that were first introduced by Dr. Sharpes in his November lecture. The session will tie the history and psychology of militancy in Islam from the time of Mohammad through the dynasties of Islamic rule until the Ottoman Empire to the events of today. Militancy in defense of the Muslim faith has always been integral to Islam and contemporary radicals and suicide bombers continue to espouse this tradition of violence and teach it to their young people with distorted propaganda. This lecture will be based on the instructor's book *-The Education of Allah's Warriors*.