

# The Classics Courier

Spring 2025

As we write this, Biljana Jovanovic, Classics Advisor, is in Japan with her fellow Classics travellers, enjoying the unforgettable sights of one of the most beautiful places in the world. While she is out of the country, we thought we would take this opportunity to let you know about some of the upcoming events that we have planned at our local branches this year. One of the wonderful aspects of the Classics is that we try to offer something for everyone - whether you love traveling the world, taking in a show, playing games, learning or brushing up on skills, or just getting out of the house for an afternoon or evening out, there's always a Classics event to enjoy!

April brings a delightful planting workshop at the Kaneville Branch, offering a chance to get creative with herbs and flowers. Kate Wiltse from Wiltse's Farm will offer us tips for both the beginning planters and seasoned veterans. Attendees will even have the opportunity to win a beautifully handcrafted herb planter in a special raffle.

May kicks off with a mix of friendly competition and relaxation, starting with a spirited Jeopardy game at the Shabbona Branch, where participants can put their knowledge to the test. Then, Ladies Night Out at HearthStone promises an evening of shopping, socializing, and discovering exciting vendors, making it the perfect way to unwind and treat yourself.

As summer arrives, the fun continues with Trivia Night at the Genoa Branch in June. Teams will go head-to-head in a battle of wits, working together to answer questions and claim victory. Finally, August brings a unique opportunity to uncover hidden treasures at the Leland Branch, where Steve Almburg from Almburg Auctioneering will evaluate antiques and share fascinating insights into their history and value.

With a wide variety of local activities to choose from, these events offer the perfect chance to connect with friends, try something new, and make lasting memories. More information about each one of these events can be found inside. Give us a call, mark your calendar, and join in the fun!

Courtney Weber and Nicole Patterson  
The Classics Team

## Entertaining Events in the Community Rooms

(\*HearthStone Center is located at 625 Bethany Road, DeKalb, IL 60115)

**Come see what Classics has to offer in 2025 and enter to WIN a \$1,000 Classics Coupon!**

**Sunday, April 6th, HearthStone\***

**Activity Level 1** - The cat's out of the bag - we have an incredible lineup of trips, socials, and events coming up! We're inviting all Classics Members—and encouraging you to bring a guest or two—to this special Sunday event! It's the perfect opportunity to introduce friends and family to all the wonderful experiences the Classics Club offers. You'll get an insider's look at upcoming plans, exciting new events, and what makes being part of the Classics so special. Enjoy delicious appetizers, refreshments, and the chance to win some fantastic door prizes—including a **\$1,000 Classics travel coupon!** Don't miss this fun and informative event—we can't wait to see you and your guests there! The event will be from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Please RSVP ASAP. FREE!**

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## **Herbs, Plants, and Lunch!**

**Tuesday, April 29th, Kaneville Branch**

**Activity Level 1** - Join us at the Kaneville Branch (Gymnasium location) for a delightful hands-on planting experience. Kate Wiltse, from Wiltse's Farm, will guide you through the art of crafting the perfect planter for your porch or kitchen window. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just getting started, Kate is the perfect expert to answer all your planting questions. As a bonus, you'll have the chance to win a beautiful handcrafted herb planter and a selection of herb pots in our exciting raffle! Attendees will also be treated to delicious lunch boxes prepared by The Lincoln Inn. Don't miss this fun and educational event! Doors open at 11:30 a.m., and the event begins at noon. Payment is due upon registration. **RSVP by April 25th. Members: \$20 • Guests: \$22**

## **Let's Play Jeopardy!**

**Tuesday, May 6th, Shabbona Branch**

**Activity Level 1** - Grab a friend and join us for an exciting afternoon of Jeopardy at our Shabbona Branch! Test your knowledge, enjoy some friendly competition, and have a great time with fellow participants. A delicious lunch will be served, so come hungry and ready for fun. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., giving you time to settle in before the game kicks off at noon. **RSVP by May 1st. Members and Guests: \$14**

## **Ladies Night Out!**

**Saturday, May 17th, HearthStone\***

**Activity Level 1** - Ladies, it's time to treat yourself! Our most popular event is back, and we've planned an unforgettable evening of pampering, relaxation, and fun just for you. Explore a mix of your favorite vendors and exciting new ones, with plenty of opportunities to shop to your heart's content. Sip on delicious drinks, savor tasty appetizers, enjoy a delightful fashion show, and receive the chance to win fabulous door prizes throughout the evening. Gather your friends and join us for a night filled with laughter, indulgence, and a little something special for everyone! Doors open at 4:30 p.m., and the event starts at 5:00 p.m. Payment is due upon registration. **RSVP by May 10th. Members and Guests: \$25**

## **Trivia Night!**

**Tuesday, June 17th, Genoa Branch**

**Activity Level 1** - Gather your friends and put your knowledge to the test in a fun and competitive trivia showdown! Your team will go head-to-head with others to see who reigns supreme in all things trivial. Each team will have its own table to collaborate and answer questions together—so don't be shy, jump in and enjoy the challenge! Enjoy delicious desserts, refreshments, and door prizes while you play. Payment is due upon registration. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., with a 7:00 p.m. start. **RSVP by June 10th. Members and Guests: \$12**

## **Antiques Road Show with Steve Almburg**

**Tuesday, August 12th, Leland Branch**

**Activity Level 1** - Do you have a family heirloom or antique that you've always wondered about? Is it a hidden gem or just a sentimental keepsake? Join us for a special evening with Steve Almburg from Almburg Auctioneering in Malta as he shares insights into the history and value of your treasured items. Bring an antique you'd like Steve to evaluate and discover its story! The event begins at 6:00 p.m., and more details will be shared in our next magazine.

## Day Trips

### **Wrigley Field Private Tour!**

**Wednesday, April 30th**

**Activity Level 3** - Get a behind-the-scenes look at the legendary home of the Chicago Cubs with Wrigley Field Tours! In just 90 minutes, you'll experience the beauty, charm, and historic features that fans have come to know and love, all while learning about the iconic ballpark that has captivated baseball fans for over 100 years. Lunch will be at Murphy's Bleachers, a popular restaurant near the park. Price includes transportation to the park, admission to the private tour, a lunch ticket, and a driver tip. Payment is due at time of signing in. **RSVP by March 28th. Members: \$114.00 • Guests: \$125.00**

### **The Church Basement Ladies in *The Last (Potluck) Supper!***

**Sunday, June 8th, The Fireside**

**Activity Level 2** - Step back in time with this heartwarming and hilarious play that takes you on a nostalgic journey through 100 years of history. It's 1979, and the day of the church's Centennial Celebration has brought past parishioners together to share hotdish, bars, and cherished memories. As the ladies work in the kitchen, their stories come alive in a series of vivid flashbacks. Meet Vivian's grandmother in 1897, watch Karin navigate her early days as a newlywed in the kitchen, and see the unforgettable moment Mavis made her boisterous entrance in 1944. While the Centennial Celebration is full of laughter and reflection, it's also a bittersweet moment for this small farm community as they face tough decisions about the future. Join us for an afternoon filled with humor, nostalgia, and delicious food—this is one gathering you won't want to miss! Price includes: Tickets, Sunday brunch, transportation, and driver tip. Full payment is due upon registration. **RSVP by May 12. Members: \$132 • Guests: \$145 - NEW LOWER PRICE!**

### **Cubs vs. Brewers at Miller Park!**

**Wednesday, July 30th, Milwaukee, WI**

**Activity Level 3** - Join us for a Milwaukee Brewers vs. Chicago Cubs afternoon game at Miller Park in Milwaukee, WI! Price includes: transportation to and from the park, admission to the game, lunch ticket for the park and driver tip. Space is limited! Payment is due at the time of registration. Tickets are non-refundable. Payment is due upon registration. **RSVP by June 10th. Members: \$99.00 • Guests: \$110.00**

### **Tristan Crist Magic Theatre**

**Friday, August 8th, Lake Geneva, WI**

**Activity Level 2** - "Master Illusionist of the Year" Tristan Crist presents Las Vegas-style magic up close and personal like you've never seen before! The Tristan Crist Magic Theatre features award-winning magic, comedy, and illusion performances. Witness grand illusions in an intimate setting—every seat is close to the action! Experience the impossible! Dinner this evening will be at Fitzgerald's Genoa Junction, known for its all-you-can-eat fish and BBQ chicken. Price includes: tickets, dinner, transportation, and driver tip. **RSVP by June 25th. Members: \$117 • Guests: \$128**

## Extended Trips, continued

### **West Virginia National Parks**

**May 4th - 8th, 2025**

**Activity Level 6** - Get your National Parks passport ready and join us for a scenic tour of some of the most beautiful National Parks in the United States! Our adventure begins with a visit to Indiana Dunes National Park. After an overnight stay in Columbus, OH, we will continue our journey to New River Gorge National Park in West Virginia. New River Gorge National Park, established as a National River in 1978 and redesignated as a National Park in 2021, spans over 70,000 acres along the New River. Next, we welcome you to the luxurious Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia, where we will stay for two nights. This magnificent resort offers a plethora of activities, including a tour of the Greenbrier Bunker. There are many more activities planned for this trip, so join us for this unforgettable journey through history and natural beauty! The price includes transportation, admission to all attractions, 4-night hotel stay, 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners, and all gratuities. **RSVP by April 7th. Members: \$1,670.00 • Guests: \$1,795.00**

### **The History of East Germany**

**May 25th - June 6th, 2025**

**Activity Level 6** - Embark on an extraordinary 11-night journey through the history and culture of East Germany! Join one Classics' favorite guides, Christoph, as he takes you on a special journey to his motherland of East Germany. Having traveled with Christoph and Universal Travel many times before, this trip is set to be particularly memorable as he shares the rich history and culture of his homeland with us. Explore the historic cities of Berlin, Dresden, Leipzig and Potsdam. Immerse yourself in the local traditions - savor authentic meats, cheeses, and local beers, and even learn how to properly dance the Waltz! Experience history first hand with visits to the famous Meissen porcelain factory, a cruise on the Elbe River, a tour of the Berlin Wall, and much more! **Please call Classics for the brochure and price.**

### **Apostle Islands, Madeline Island, WI**

**June 19th - 21st, 2025**

Look for an email with more details about this adventurous trip, or call for pricing and information!

### **Shipshewana, Middlebury, IN**

**July 15th - 17th, 2025**

Join us on this three-day trip to some of the most beautiful places in Indiana. There will be a flower garden tour like you have never seen before! Shopping, horse and buggy tours, and special evening dinner shows await you! **Call for pricing and details!**

### **Yosemite and Lake Tahoe**

**September 8th - 15th, 2025**

**Activity Level 6** - Experience the untouched beauty of the American West - Yosemite National Park, a natural paradise since time began, is a true treasure of the American West. On this unforgettable journey, discover the charm of Monterey and take in the breathtaking views along 17-Mile Drive. Marvel at the unspoiled beauty of Yosemite, then travel over the majestic Sierra Nevada Mountains to the pristine waters of Lake Tahoe. Indulge in local wines in Napa Valley and savor a farm-to-table lunch, all while embracing the laid-back lifestyle of the Golden State! Plus, enjoy the option of extending your adventure with two days in San Francisco. **Please call Classics for the brochure and pricing details.**

### **Rome and the Italian Amalfi Coast**

**October 2nd - 11th, 2025**

**Activity Level 6** - Take in the sights of the "Eternal City" of Rome! All of the unforgettable destinations of the city, such as the Spanish Steps, the Colosseum, and the Piazza Navona will be yours to savor. Then head to the Amalfi Coast, recognized by UNESCO as an outstanding example of a Mediterranean landscape. Here, mountains dramatically plunge into the sea, creating a breathtaking scene of steep cliffs, cliffside homes, and lush woodlands. This stunning coastline is a favorite getaway for Italians, with each town exuding the quintessential Amalfi charm. As you travel along the picturesque coastal drive, you'll journey through lemon groves and hillside orchards, immersing yourself in the beauty of this remarkable region. **Please contact Classics for the brochure and pricing details.**

## A Country Christmas in Vermont

December 6-11, 2025

**Activity Level 6** - Celebrate the magic of the holiday season with a festive journey to Vermont! This unforgettable Christmas trip will take you to charming Woodstock Village, the historic Billings Farm for a scenic sleigh ride, and a delightful visit to a Vermont Christmas tree farm. Experience hands-on fun at the Village Peddler Chocolate Maker, explore the Vermont Teddy Bear Factory, and soak in the beauty of the famous Trapp Family Lodge. And that's just the beginning! For a brochure and pricing details, contact Classics today!

## Classics Calendar

**Apr. 6 : Classics Preview Event, HearthStone**

**Apr. 29 : Herbs, Plants, and Lunch, Kaneville**

**Apr. 30 : Wrigley Field Private Tour**

**May 4-8 : West Virginia National Parks**

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**Oct. 2-11 : Rome, Italy, and the Amalfi Coast**

**Dec. 6-11 : Christmas in Vermont**

Prices may be subject to change due to fuel increases.

If you have any ideas/suggestions for  
future events or trips, please email us at  
[Classics@ResourceBank.com](mailto:Classics@ResourceBank.com)!

## Activity Levels

**Activity Level 1:** No stairs.

**Activity Level 2:** A little walking, possible stairs.

**Activity Level 3:** Walking, getting on & off the coach, and possible stairs.

**Activity Level 4:** Walking, getting on & off the coach several times and stairs.

**Activity Level 5:** Walking distances which might be on non-flat surfaces, getting on & off the coach multiple times, and stairs.

**Activity Level 6:** All of the above, including multiple flights of stairs and activities requiring a higher level of stamina.

## Cancellation Policy

Cancellation policy on an extended trip is outlined by the tour company as stated in their trip brochure.

If you cancel a day trip or event after the date of the final payment and if we/you can find a person to take your place we will provide you with a full refund. In the event we don't have a wait list or you can't find a replacement, you will not receive any refund.

If the trip is scheduled with another tour company, then the trip cancellation policy is outlined by the tour company as stated in their trip brochure. If the trip is scheduled by the Classics Club then the cancellation policy will be listed on the Classics Club brochure/registration form for the specific trips.

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