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PILLAR is a dynamic hub for curious minds seeking intellectual growth and meaningful community connections. Through an array of engaging programs, thought-provoking lectures, and enriching activities, PILLAR fosters a culture of continuous learning for adults of all ages. Our mission is to inspire lifelong learners by providing opportunities to explore diverse topics, cultivate critical thinking, and connect with others who share a passion for discovery.

At PILLAR, learning is not just a pursuit—it's a way of life!

This summer we are celebrating the Commemoration of America's 250th ~ Colorado's 150th anniversaries in the July classes.

#1999 Grand Reopening Party - Chapel Hills Mall



Friday, May 1, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Yes, we are moving back to our old space at the Chapel Hills Mall. After several years in coworking spaces, it is time for us to have our own space again, because membership and class participation are growing.

Come and get a print catalog. Register for classes. Enjoy refreshments and revisit PILLAR's new/old classroom. Invite your friends. Pick up summer catalogs to take to the library, doctor offices, friends, etc.

Location: Chapel Hills Mall (enter the north mall entrance off Jamboree Dr. between Dillard's and Peak Pickleball).



Wednesday Mah Jongg

Every Wednesday morning, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, PILLAR plays American Mah Jongg. \$2.00 per session

#1998 **RP:** Hubble and Webb Telescope Findings

Thursday, April 30, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Learn what the space-based Hubble and Webb Telescopes have seen and what they've taught us.

Location: Revel Province, 2960 Tutt Blvd.

Jamie Foster: BA in Geology from Carleton College. Jamie has been a primary and secondary school teacher.

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Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2000 **Taste of PILLAR—Three mini PILLAR classes**

Tuesday, May 5, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Social Customs in Japan ~ Dick Fairley

Learn about Japanese social customs in the 80's and 90's.

Can We Talk? ~ Daryl Kuiper

Communication is the bedrock of understanding, trust, and learning. How can we be better at it?

Honey Bees ~Sandy Halby

It is honey bee time! Let's learn about bees.

FREE to all (tell your friends)

#2001 *Chaos in the Green Zone: My Time as an Iraq War Strategist*

Wednesday, May 6, 10:00am - 12:00pm

When Tom Mowle left a stable life as a noncombat officer and professor at the US Air Force Academy to serve in Iraq, he encountered an unforgiving cycle of fifteen-hour days, constant crisis, and decision making under extreme pressure.

Tom Mowle: PhD in Political Science with a focus on political psychology, Ohio State University. USAFA grad.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2002 **IGP:** The Art and Lives of Russell and Remington

Thursday, May 7, 10:00am - 11:30pm

Charlie Russell and Frederick Remington are considered to be the two definitive artists of the American West.

Location: Inn at Garden Plaza, 2520 International Circle.

Sandy Halby: BS in Mathematics, University of Alaska.

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Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

**#2005 Walk: Discover Native Plants of the Pikes Peak Region
Tuesday, May 12, 9:00am - 12:00pm**

We will do an easy walk/hike along the trails in the Garden of the Gods to look at early blooming native plants and to discuss our colonial history and impact of non-native plants.. **Max: 20.**

Location: Meet at the parking lot at Rock Ledge Ranch. Maggie has a red van parked in the southwest corner of the parking lot. Bring water, hat, and sunscreen. (2-4 mile walk)

Maggie Gaddis: PhD in Education from University of Arizona. Dr. Gaddis is the Executive Director of the Colorado Native Plant Society.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

**#2006 The Art of Haiku: Writing Beauty in Just a Few Words
Wednesday, May 13, 10:00am - 12:00pm**

This class will focus on a few haikus, and we will write our own through imitation.

Dave Reynolds: MA in English, University of Washington.

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Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

SAVE THE DATE 

SENIOR SUMMIT
Expo of Elder Services

Great Wolf Lodge **May 14th & 15th, 2026**
9494 Federal Dr. 8am - 2pm
Colorado Springs, CO

The banner features a stylized illustration of a mountain range with evergreen trees in the foreground.

**#2010 Poetry Made Simple: Read It, Write It, Love It
Wednesday, May 20, 10:00am - 12:00pm**

This class will focus on a few modern poems, and we will write our own through imitation.

Dave Reynolds: MA in English, University of Washington.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

**#2011 How Shakespeare became Shakespeare
Wednesday, May 20, 12:30pm - 2:30pm**

Let's explore Shakespeare's life, his marriage, and his rise from lowly apprentice to journeyman to poet and master playwright.

Dick Fairley: PhD in Computer Science and Systems Engineering from UCLA.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2012 When Politics Meets Homeland Security: Inside America's Shifting Strategy

Thursday, May 21, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Steve will cover current issues of the domestic political environment, homeland security, and use of uniformed military inside the United States.

Steve Recca: MA in National Security from the Naval Post-graduate School. Steve has worked for the DOD and CIA.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2015 Tariffs on Trial: What a Landmark Supreme Court Decision Means for the U.S.

Tuesday, May 26, 10:00am - 12:00pm

On February 20, 2026, the United States Supreme Court struck down President Trump's tariffs. The decision in the case titled *Learning Resources v. Trump* was made by a vote of 6-3.

Eric Hall: JD from Notre Dame. He represents organizations in all legal matters with an emphasis on First Amendment Litigation.

Richard Hall: JD from the University of California at Berkeley. He was a judge for forty-six years

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Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2016 Practical knowledge about Law Enforcement

Tuesday, May 26, 12:30pm - 2:00pm

How should you interact with law enforcement when you are at home or in your car? What are your rights? What can law enforcement legitimately ask of you? When can you be arrested?

Daryl Kuiper: MA in Mathematics from University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2017 Your Organized Digital Life

Wednesday, May 27, 10:00am - 12:00pm

These days our lives are reliant on technology. Have you given any thought to what happens to all your digital-related "stuff" when you pass away or become incapacitated?

Kate Hufnagel: MS in Aerospace Engineering from Penn State. Kate is the founder of The Digital Wrangler, a company that helps people organize their digital lives.

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Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2018 Staying Safe Outdoors

Thursday, May 28, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Did you know that Colorado is in the top ten states with the most lightning fatalities in the US? Or that hypothermia (often mislabeled “freezing to death”) can happen even in the summer months and disproportionately affects older people?

Dr. Deborah Johnson: MD from CU School of Medicine, Denver. Deb was employed for twenty-seven years as a forensic pathologist/Medical Examiner.

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Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2019 Friday Foodies at Bird Dog

Friday, May 29, 1:00pm

Must pre-register with PILLAR. No walk-ins. We will be going Dutch. Max: 12.

Location: 4153 Centennial Blvd.

#2020 PILLAR’s 30th Anniversary Party

Saturday, May 30, 10:00pm - 2:00pm



Join us as we celebrate 30 Years of lifelong learning in the Pikes Peak region. Est. May 28, 1996.

PILLAR was established as the University Called Life, Inc. in 1996. Over the years, it became a thriving nonprofit and renamed PILLAR, Inc. PILLAR has gone by many names, but it is always been about lifelong learning!

Join us for refreshments and more.

#2023 Beginning Mah Jongg Lessons: 2 Extended Lessons

Mondays, June 1 and 8, 12:00pm - 3:00pm

Learn Mah Jongg using the National Mah Jongg League rules. The 2026 card will be available to purchase for \$14.

Sandy Halby: BS in Mathematics from the University of Alaska. She is president of a local Mensa group and plays in Mah Jongg tournaments around the country.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$100.00

#2022 NG: It's in the Air: Nutrition for Seasonal Immune Support

Tuesday, June 2, 10:00am - 11:00am

Problems with pollen? These seasonal symptoms are often caused by our immune system reacting to airborne substances.

Location: Natural Grocers, 7298 N. Academy Blvd.

Dawn Franz: BS in Nutritional Science from the University of Arizona. She has been a Nutritional Health Coach for Natural Grocers since 2005.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2023 Tea: Join us for tea. We will be going Dutch. Max: 10 Tuesday, June 2, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Location: FestiviTEA, 336 Vickers Drive, Suite 130

#2024 Charleston: A City Shaped by Revolution and Conflict Wednesday, June 3, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Charleston had a significant role in the establishment of slavery and a large role in both the Revolutionary and the Civil Wars.

William (Bill) Wright: MSA in Management Engineering from George Washington University.

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Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2025 ICE 5: A Group Word Game of Logic and Reasoning Wednesday, June 3, 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Join fellow word lovers in a challenging and fun session of a new game written by PILLAR member Thom Rogers. This should appeal to Wordle players, Scrabble players, readers, etc.

Anybody who likes words and figuring things out will enjoy this game. **Max: 8 - New players preferred.**

Thom Rogers: AS in Telecommunications Technology from Napa Valley College, California.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2026 Inside the Atom

Tuesday, June 9, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Everything is made of atoms, but what are atoms made of? Have you ever heard of quarks, neutrinos, or gluons? In this class, we will learn the secrets inside the atom.

Dr. Henry Gertzman: PhD in Nuclear Physics from the University of Rochester and a BS in Physics from MIT.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2027 Building Brain-Healthy Habits

Tuesday, June 9, 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Research shows there are everyday habits you can build today to help protect your memory and thinking as you get older – even reducing your risk of cognitive decline and possibly dementia.

Peter Knepell: PhD in Applied Mathematics at Cornell University. Pete is certified as a volunteer presenter by the Alzheimer's Association.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2028 Savannah Through Time: America's Oldest Port City
Wednesday, June 10, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Savannah is the oldest city in the Georgia. It was a strategic port in the American Revolution and during the American Civil War.

Dr. Dick Fairley: PhD in Computer Science and Systems Engineering from UCLA.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2029 Walk: Sacred Trees and Hidden Stories: A Guided Walk

Thursday, June 11, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Fox Run Park has many Native American tribes modified trees. They include trail markers, water markers, burials, ceremonies, healing, and more. The walk is mild/moderate. **Max: 15**

Location: Rollercoaster Trailhead, Fox Run Park, 15926-15980 Rollercoaster Road, (Just south of Baptist/Rollercoaster Intersection).

Heidi Wigand-Nicely: BA in Elementary Education from Western State College of Colorado. Heidi is a volunteer for Native American Sacred Trees and Places by Lending Tree Tours.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

\$2030 Powering the World: The Evolution of the Internal Combustion Engine

Wednesday, June 17, 10:00am - 12:00pm

We will review the history and evolution of a variety of internal combustion engines from rockets, jet engines, reciprocating piston engines, rotary engines, and some new engine designs.

Carl Reese: MS in Computer Science from CTU.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

**#2031 Tour: Inside the United States Air Force Academy
Friday, June 19, 9:00am - 12:00pm**

Join us on a tour of the cadet area, the dorms, library, and dining hall of the Academy. This tour will involve a lot of walking, stairs, and a security pass. It is a three quarter of a mile of walk.

Register by June 1, More details to come.

Location: Meet in the South Gate parking lot to get a pass.

Tour Leader: Ed Herlik: MA in National Security Studies from California State University and Academy grad.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2035 The Vikings Who Reached North America before Columbus

Tuesday, June 23, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Around 1000 AD, 500 years before Columbus arrived in the New World, the Vikings (Norse) set foot in North America. Their remarkable voyages, starting in Scandinavia and crossing uncharted North Atlantic seas in small open boats, are a testament to both their skills and endurance.

Dr. Bruce Lutz: PhD in Anthropology/Archaeology from University of Pennsylvania.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2036 The Story of Your Hands

Tuesday, June 23, 12:30pm - 2:00pm

The physical map of your own hands is a powerful reminiscence that reflects and celebrates a life well lived. Validating life experiences helps with increasing a sense of purpose and joy.

Temiya Bryant: MSW from the University of Louisville.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2037 The Future of NATO Unchained

Wednesday, June 24, 10:00am - 12:00pm

NATO's attention returned to Europe after Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. The United States focus also shifted, but toward the rise of China and shoring up international security in the Western Hemisphere. The class will examine how diverging geopolitical concerns and opportunities stress test institutional bonds at NATO.

Dr. Damon Coletta: PhD in Political Science and International Relations from Duke University.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2038 Friday Foodies at Wines of Colorado

Friday, June 26, 1:00pm

Must pre-register with PILLAR. No walk-ins. We will be going Dutch. Max: 12.

Location: 8045 US-24, Cascade (left at the Cascade light).

#2040 AI Demystified: From Alan Turing to ChatGPT

Tuesday, June 30, 10:00am - 11:30pm

Curious about AI and tools like ChatGPT? Let's explore the basics from its early ideas with pioneers like Alan Turing and the 1956 Dartmouth Conference through key breakthroughs that led to today's helpful chatbots and image generators.

Jerome (Jerry) R. Nowosatko: MBA in International Business/Finance from UCCS and MS in Software Engineering from Colorado Technical University.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2041 Planning Ahead: A Panel Featuring Sages Elder Care, Pikes Peak Hospice and Palliative Care, and Rocky Mountain PACE.

Tuesday, June 30, 12:30pm - 2:30pm

This will be a panel presentation on homecare, hospice and palliative care, and PACE's all inclusive care for seniors.

Khan McClellan: Master of Divinity from Emory University and a Graduate Certificate in Gerontology Founder and owner of Sages Elder Care. Monty Mora: BA in Sociology from CSU. Monty is from Pikes Peak Hospice and Palliative Care. Robin Patterson: She has spent 20 years in homecare, hospice, behavioral health, funeral services, and Rocky Mountain PACE.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

Commemoration of America's 250th ~ Colorado's 150th

#2042 Incredible Colorado: Stories You've Never Heard

Wednesday July 1, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Let's learn lots of interesting yet little known facts and stories about Colorado's past and present.

Ken Valles has participated in Mountain Man Rendezvous, visiting museums and sites around the world. He began a Karate Plus, which now includes KP Chronicles.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

**#2043 Walk: North Weber St. - Wahsatch Ave. National Register Historic District - Mid South Walking Tour
Thursday, July 2, 10:00am - 11:30am**

The Weber - Wahsatch historic district is significant as the best intact middle-class historic neighborhood in Colorado Springs. Only 2 blocks wide, it is generally Late Victorian in character, it charts the changes of popular housing tastes, as well as the accommodation of autos. The walk is mostly flat, with some uneven sidewalks, and covers about 8/10ths of a mile. **Max: 15**

Location: Park at the northwest corner of the intersection of East Monument and Wahsatch.

Tour Leader: Tim Scanlon: Master of Regional and City Planning from University of Oklahoma and BA in History from University of Tulsa.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

**#2045 Tour: The Historic Day Nursery: A Living Legacy Dedicated to the Care of Children
Tuesday, July 7, 10:00am - 12:00pm**

Explore an architectural gem located in the heart of downtown, intentionally and thoughtfully built by Alice Bemis Taylor for the holistic care and education of children. Take a deep dive into the history of Early Connections Learning Centers, the oldest childcare organization in Colorado founded by 14 women in 1897 that remains in active service. **! Max: 20.**

Location: 104 E. Rio Grande Street. Street parking only.

Tour Leader: Nicole Anthony Schiff: BA in Anthropology from UC Berkeley

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00



**#2046 America at 250 - The Declaration of Independence, Then and Now
Wednesday, July 8, 10:00am - 1:00pm**

Let's study the Declaration of Independence together and understand some of the issues facing our country.

Daryl Kuiper: MA in Mathematics from University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2047 IGP: A Colorado Springs Love Story: The Legacy of Venetucci Farm

Thursday, July 9, 10:00am - 11:30am

After a long courtship, Nick Venetucci and Bambi Marcantonio married when Nick was 70 and Bambi was 55. They went on to operate the Venetucci corn and pumpkin farm for the next 25 years, where over 50,000 area school children visited every year to pick a free pumpkin. This is a story of their remarkable lives and love.

Location: Inn at Garden Plaza, 2520 International Cir.

Steven Antonuccio: MLS from Emporia State.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2048 Tour: All Aboard: Pikes Peak Trolley Museum Tour

Friday, July 10, 10:00am - 12:00pm

In an 1888 Roundhouse, take a guided tour and discover the story of Colorado Springs streetcars through photos, maps, and original Colorado Springs streetcars, and trolleys. **Max: 15.**

Location: 2333 Steel Dr. Meet outside the main entrance by 10:00am. As a reminder, admission fees are non refundable.

PILLAR Members: \$7.00 (admission)

Not-Yet-Member: \$32 (\$25+\$7 admission)

#2050 Songs of America

Tuesday, July 14, 10:00am - 12:00pm

This presentation will be on the history and songs about America.

Dick Fairley: PhD in Computer Science and Systems

Engineering from UCLA. He worked as an engineer, university professor, consultant, and as a jazz disk jockey at KRCC.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2051 America at 250 - The U.S. Constitution, Understanding It Today

Wednesday, July 15, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Let's study the Constitution together and understand some of the issues facing our country. Understanding our government is deepened by studying its history.

Daryl Kuiper: MA in Mathematics from University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2053 *A to Z Colorado's Nearly Forgotten History 1776-1876*

Thursday, July 16, 10:00am - 12:00pm

This presentation is based on John's book, *A to Z Colorado's Nearly Forgotten History 1776-1876*, which tells 26 short stories, one for each letter of the alphabet. The common thread is that the people, places, and events that happened within a 100-year period in what is today the state of Colorado.

John Wesley Anderson: MBA from Regis University. John is a published author, storyteller, and TEDx speaker. He has published eight books and is the recipient of the 2022 Golden Quill Award from the Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2054 **Tour: Xeriscape Gardens**

Friday, July 17, 9:00am - 10:30am

Take a tour of CSU's water-wise gardens for ideas and inspiration and information to build a beautiful landscape that will thrive in our region. **Max: 20**

Location: 2855 Mesa Rd

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2055 **The History of Musical Anthems and Protest Songs: 1860 – 1996**

Tuesday, July 21, 10:00am - 12:00pm

This presentation will cover some ways music has been used in the United States to advance and deter political agendas during war and peace. Examples include the inspirational and protest songs of the U.S. Civil War, World Wars I & II, the Great Depression of the 1930s, the Civil Right Movement of the 1960s, and the anthems and protest songs of the Vietnam war and beyond.

Dick Fairley: PhD in Computer Science and Systems Engineering from UCLA. He worked as an engineer, university professor, consultant, and as a jazz disk jockey at KRCC.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2056 **Tea: Join us for tea. We will be going Dutch.**

Tuesday, July 21, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Location: FestiviTEA, 336 Vickers Drive, Suite 130

**#2057 Colorado's Labor Wars: Conflict, Power, and Protest
Wednesday, July 22, 10:00am - 12:00pm**

In 1903, the Cripple Creek District was known as the world's greatest gold camp. After the powerful Western Federation of Miners (WFM) called a sympathy strike, Colorado's anti-union governor activated the National Guard and state militia, declared martial law, and, with the help of Pinkerton spy James McParland, destroyed both the strike and the WFM.

Mary Ellen Johnson: *Mary Ellen is the author of three **Travels Across Time** books. The latest is **The Golden Promise of Cripple Creek**, which is about the Colorado Labor Wars. She is currently working on a six-book series about 1893-94 Cripple Creek - Victor.*

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

**#2058 Forts, Trading Posts, and Mountain Men of Colorado
Wednesday, July 22, 12:30pm - 2:30pm**



In this presentation, we will explore the people, forts, system of trade, and certain events of the settling of the West. You will learn about the explorers, such as Zeb Pike, trappers and traders, such as St. Vrain and Beckworth, and the Bent Brothers from Bent's Fort. We will also talk about Forts Garland and Lupton and the entertainments of the mountain men's spring rendezvous.

Julia Hargrove: *MA in American History from the University of Texas at Austin and BA with a double major in History and English from WSC (now WSCU) in Gunnison, Colorado.*

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2059 **Tour: The Power of Music from the Inside: What Really Happens Inside a Youth Symphony
Thursday, July 23, 10:00am - 11:30am**

How does The Youth Symphony in Colorado Springs work? What do students gain besides musical skill? How does music connect with younger generations? Hear about working with young, creative, and talented musicians. **Max: 20**

Location: 3113 Primrose Dr.

Tour Leader: Deborah Liles, Executive Director of the Youth Symphony.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2060 Food Swap - Exchanging Homemade Love

Tuesday, July 28, 10:00am - 11:30am

Join us for a food swap. Come bring homemade items. At least 4-5 items for trading – sweets, pastas, teas, breads, ethnic dishes, or unusual dishes (no soups please that will be for the fall). Label each item with your name and ingredients. A recipe would be nice. Samples for others to taste are great. A great reference book is Food Swap available at the library. **Max: 15**

Guiliana Brunner: Masters in Education from Regis University.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2061 From China to Colorado: A Personal Journey Across Cultures

Wednesday, July 29, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Boni Jiang was born and raised in Guizhou, China, landed in Massachusetts in 2001 for his master's degree, married his American wife, lived with their children in Guiyang, China for ten years, and returned to Colorado in 2020. The presentation is about China, touching on its culture, history, language, religion, business, and education.

Boni Jiang: MBA from the University of the People (USA), MA in International Development from the University of Massachusetts and a BS in Biology from Lanzhou University in China. Boni was an educator and business consultant in China from 2007-2020. Boni currently volunteers at the Colorado Springs Chinese Cultural Institute.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2062 **Zoom: Things Left Behind: An Intimate Look at the Penrose Legacy**

Thursday, July 30, 10:00am - 12:00pm

This presentation will provide an intimate look into the lives and personalities of Spencer Penrose and his wife Julie through artifacts and historic photographs from Steven Veatch's grandfather, who was the private secretary for Spencer Penrose and then Julie Penrose. **You will receive the Zoom link in your confirmation email.**

Steven Wade Veatch: MS in Earth Science from Emporia State University in Kansas.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

**#2063 Tour: Step Inside History: McAllister House Museum
Friday, July 31, 10:30am - 12:20pm**

Discover the history and beauty of the McAllister's home as well as the impact of the McAllister family on

Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak Region. **Max: 15.**

Location: 423 N. Cascade Ave. Free parking is available on St. Vrain St. and the alleyway behind the house. Meet outside the main entrance by 10:30am. As a reminder, admission fees are non refundable.

PILLAR Member-\$8.00 admission

Not-Yet-Member-\$33.00 (\$25.00+\$8.00 admission)

#2064 Friday Foodies at Paninos

Friday, July 31, 1:00pm

Must pre-register with PILLAR. No walk-ins. We will be going Dutch. Max: 12.

Location: 604 N Tejon St.

#2065 Oaxaca Uncovered: Culture, Cuisine, and Everyday Life

Tuesday, August 4, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Oaxaca, Mexico brought a world of surprises (sorpresas): language, textiles, alebrijes, pottery, mezcal, Día de los Muertos, grasshoppers, storytelling, and more. Please join us for conversation, discoveries, and photos.

Norm Renaud: MS in Administration with a major in Elementary Education from UCCS.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2066 Legends of the Game: Jim, Jesse, Joe, and Roberto

Tuesday, August 4, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Some sports fans might already recognize these names: Jim, a Native American, excelled in several professional sports; Jesse, an African American, confounded Hitler by winning Olympic gold medals; Joe, an African American, won boxing's heavyweight title, and Roberto, an Hispanic, was a standout in baseball. All four men were champions and one of them is considered the greatest athlete in U.S. history.

Julia Hargrove: MA in American History from the University of Texas at Austin and BA with a double major in History and English from WSC (now WSCU) in Gunnison, Colorado.

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Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2067 Cybersecurity for Everyone

Wednesday, August 5, 10:00am - 12:00pm

In this presentation, you will learn about cybersecurity in our everyday lives and how to deal with it.

Mark Heinrich: MS in Computer Science from California Polytechnical University at San Luis Obispo. Mark is a Cyber Instructor, US Space Force / Cyber Operations Engineer / Cybersecurity Engineer.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2070 U.S. Global Strategy Shift: What It Means for Asia and Beyond: Trump Administration's 2025 National Security Strategy

Tuesday, August 11, 10:00am - 12:00pm

The National Security Strategy and the National Defense Strategy detail the Trump administration's strategic orientations. Both of these documents reflect a shift of emphasis from a concentration on Europe and East Asia to the Western hemisphere. This class will examine specifically how this shift in orientation likely will influence the security relationships and commitments the United States has with South Korea and Taiwan.

Dr. William (Bill) Berry: PhD in International Relations with a focus on East Asian Politics from Cornell University.

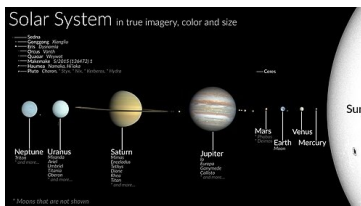
PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#2071 Our Solar System - "Sector 001 of the Alpha Quadrant"

Tuesday, August 11, 12:30pm - 2:30pm

"Sector 001 of the Alpha Quadrant" is how Star Trek describes our home solar system.



In this class, we'll look at our exceptional home solar system, centered on Sol, surrounded by eight unique planets plus other diverse objects. We'll talk about orbits and characteristics of our neighborhood, which extends out millions of miles.

Sandy Halby: BS in Mathematics from the University of Alaska.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

**#2072 Nikola Tesla: The Genius Who Electrified the World
Wednesday, August 12, 10:00am - 12:00pm**

Step into the world of Nikola Tesla, the brilliant inventor whose ideas shaped modern electricity, radio, and more. This class brings Tesla to life, exploring his remarkable inventions, eccentric personality, and visionary thinking.

Patric Ryan: Patric has a degree in theatre from the University of Georgia. He is working on an MA in Creative Writing: Publishing from Western Colorado University. Patric has been a docent at the Western Museum of Mining and Industry, at the McAllister House Museum, and at Castle Glen Eyrie.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

**#2073 The Urban Blues and Rhythm and Blues
Wednesday, August 12, 1:00pm - 3:00pm**

The Urban Blues arose when Mamie Smith recorded “Crazy Blues” in 1920. It was a big hit and attracted other black woman singers including Ma Rainey, Bessie Smith (no relation) and others. Early Rhythm and Blues (R&B) musicians blended jazz, blues, and boogie-woogie with an up-tempo. Early musicians included Louis Jordan, Fats Domino, and T-Bone Walker. We’ll hear songs by the pioneers of both genres plus some of the musicians who followed them.

Dick Fairley: PhD in Computer Science and Systems Engineering from UCLA. He worked as an engineer, university professor, consultant, and as a jazz disk jockey at KRCC.

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**#2074 Mah Jongg Strategies
Thursday, August 13, 10:00am - 12:00pm**



Do you need better Mah Jongg game play? Come to this class and learn new strategies to play and to win.

Sandy Halby: BS in Mathematics from the University of Alaska. Sandy plays at Mah Jongg tournaments around the country.

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**#2075 Oil and Power: How Energy Shapes Global Politics
Wednesday, August 19, 10:00am - 12:00pm**

If you want to understand the geopolitics of oil, you must first understand the oil and gas industry. Did you know that the world consumes 97,000,000 barrels of oil per day?. How much oil do China, Russia, Europe, and the United States import? Do you think this affects how they conduct their foreign policy?

**Jim Poole: PhD in Applied Statistics from the University of Northern Colorado, MS in Economics, and MS in Geology.
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**#2076 Pearl Harbor & The Doolittle Raid
Thursday, August 20, 10:00am - 12:00pm**

We will explore Pearl Harbor and the purpose of the Doolittle Raid.

Ken Valles has participated in Mountain Man Rendezvous, visiting museums and sites around the world. He began a nonprofit called Karate Plus, which now includes KP Chronicles.

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#2080 **Tour: National Museum of World War II Aviation
Friday, August 28, 10:00am - 12:00pm**

The aircraft collection at the National Museum of World War II Aviation features 28 fully restored flying aircraft and several on-going restoration projects. It houses an extensive collection that includes more than 4,000 artifacts and historical documents from one of the most crucial periods in America's history. **Max: 15.**

Location: 775 Aviation Way. Meet outside the museum by 10:00am. As a reminder, admission fees are non refundable.

Tour Leader: Ed Herlik: MA in National Security Studies from California State University and BS in Engineering and Political Science from the US Air Force Academy.

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**#2081 Friday Foodies at The Airplane Restaurant
Friday, August 28, 1:00pm**

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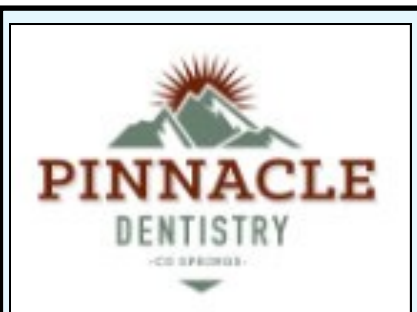
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