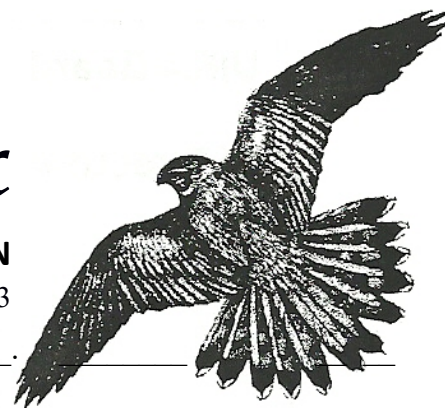


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November-December UIRA Programming

CANCELED: Iowa Ceramics Center and David Van Allen Photography Studio

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to cancel the November 10 outing to the Cherry Building in Cedar Rapids to view David Van Allen's art studio and the Iowa Ceramics Center. We hope to reschedule in spring 2024. We apologize for any inconvenience. For your viewing pleasure, we are including a link to David's portraiture, which was recently highlighted at FilmScene's Refocus Festival:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/12b-rEnSpSUU-0ovErkg5DJdqj4GOTfc/view>.



A Conversation with UI President Barbara Wilson

Monday, December 4, 11:30 a.m. in person in 2520-D University Capitol Center (UCC) and via Zoom

For those attending via Zoom, expect the link on December 2. If you lose the link, contact Ed Dove, edwin-dove@uiowa.edu.

Dr. Barbara J. Wilson is the 22nd president of the University of Iowa. She earned her bachelor's degree in journalism and master's and PhD degrees in communication arts from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She came to Iowa having served as the executive vice president/vice president for academic affairs of the University of Illinois System. Prior to that, she served in several administrative positions, including interim chancellor, at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, where she was a member of the communication faculty for 21 years.



Barbara Wilson

From UIRA President Deb Cobb

Off to a Great Start

This past weekend, I enjoyed a renewing getaway with my two roommates from dental school. We reflected on the enduring friendship we've had over the past 45 years and the gratitude we feel for the richness it has brought to our lives. Similarly, the success of UIRA depends on building enduring relationships, both among our members and with the university. These relationships not only enrich our lives now but sustain the future vitality of the organization.

UIRA has started the year off with several initiatives that reflect this commitment to our members and the university. One event, the Fall Barn Party, brought over 50 members together on a chilly, beautiful fall day for a fun social gathering and an interesting talk by Jason Taylor, director of Bur Oak Land Trust. We renewed friendships, met new members, and enjoyed the atmosphere of an Iowa homestead that is under the stewardship of current owners and the Bur Oak Land Trust (O'Meara Homestead). In a thank-you note, one attendee wrote: "The program and outcome of last night's UIRA gathering was substantial and delightful. How inspired to choose the setting which set the tone for the Bur Oak's stewardship and preservation theme (for a perfectly targeted and receptive audience)."

In addition, SHIIP counselors and university representatives answered questions in two October presentations regarding Medicare supplemental and Advantage health insurance options.

This season of Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the many blessings in our lives and hope for a more peaceful world.



President Deb Cobb and Past-President Ed Dove welcome the attendees to the barn party.



Colleen Reardon, Todd Stewart, Jan Stewart, and Bob Lorenz fill up on food and information presented by Jason Taylor of Bur Oak Land Trust.



Lois Lembke enjoys some of the sandwiches, salads, and desserts available to attendees.

Explorers Special Interest Group Initial Walk

The Explorers met at Kent Park on Oct. 11 to enjoy the group's first outdoor walk, successfully doing so before the rain began. Additional walks are being planned and will be published in *The Gray Hawk* and sent out by email to the UIRA membership. If you have questions or ideas of places the group should consider, contact Alice Atkinson, amatkinson@mchsi.com or Lesanne Fliehler, lesanne-fliehler@uiowa.edu.



Explorers participants at the Kent Park walk were Sam Cochran, Char Hartzler, Sue Otto, Nancy Langguth, Carolyn Wanat, Lesanne Fliehler, and Marianne Mason, plus photographer Deb Cobb.

Upcoming Outing

Wednesday, November 1, 10:00 a.m.
Tom Harkin Trailhead/Clear Creek
Greenbelt, 718 Camp Cardinal Blvd.

Please RSVP to either Alice Atkinson or Lesanne Fliehler (see email addresses above). For location and additional details: <https://www.coralville.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/31>

Upcoming Presentation

The Explorers special interest group wants to walk together year round, and we talked about how to do that since Iowa's winters may keep us from doing so. We have scheduled this event to learn how to walk outdoors safely and in the right gear. Please join us! No need to RSVP. There may be times when our group decides to walk together, but *The Gray Hawk* doesn't publish in time to alert you. By letting Alice Atkinson or Lesanne Fliehler know you're interested (see email above), we can alert you by email.

Dressing for Success in the Winter Wilderness: Practical Tips for Enjoying Iowa's Polar Season

Thursday, November 30, 10:30 a.m.,
Meeting Room A, Coralville Public Library
Chuck Huss is a retired emergency room doctor who was born, raised, and educated in Iowa but developed wanderlust early on. Remote places, especially cold ones, became a passion. He has worked and played at both Poles, ascended high mountains on all seven continents, climbed the highest peaks in 36 countries, continues to work part-time as an expedition doctor for a polar adventure travel company and still enjoys ice climbing, cross country skiing, mountaineering, and aerobic outdoor exercise.



Chuck Huss in the Falklands

Emeritus Faculty Council Lecture

Cancer Immunotherapy Comes of Age

George Weiner, M.D., C.E. Block Chair of Cancer Research
Professor, Department of Internal Medicine
Director Emeritus, Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center
Thursday, November 16, 4:00 p.m.
Kollros Auditorium (101 Biology Building East)



George Weiner

The immune system normally detects and destroys bacteria and cells infected with viruses. However, cancer cells are able to avoid destruction by the immune system. Basic research exploring how cancer cells and the immune system interact has led to the development of new drugs and treatment modalities that use the power of the immune system to treat cancer. Dr. Weiner will review the successes, challenges, and opportunities related to using the immune system to treat cancer.

Recent Recordings

Two recent program recordings are posted on the web at:

<https://uira.org.uiowa.edu/news-and-events/events-and-programs/past-events-and-programs>

- ▣ “Update on What’s Happening in Iowa City,” Bruce Teague
- ▣ “TRAIL of Johnson County: Helping Older Adults Age in Place,” Bob Untiedt
- ▣ “Making the Right Health Insurance Decisions,” Gary Schwartz and Kevin Ward



Are You Volunteering at the University?

The UIRA Board of Directors is tracking volunteer hours to let the university know how our members give back. If you are volunteering in some capacity, please let us know. You may submit your volunteer hours to Deb Cobb, deborah-cobb@uiowa.edu.

Food Pantry Donations

At several events this past year, the UIRA asked attendees to contribute to the UI Food Pantry. We’re happy to announce that we recently gave \$263 to the pantry. If you’re unable to attend events in person, you may also donate to the Food Pantry and through an Amazon wish list. To learn more about donating to the Food Pantry, visit <https://imu.uiowa.edu/imu-services/food-pantry-iowa/donate-pantry>.



What's Happening on the UI Campus?

These events were pulled from the UI events calendar at <https://events.uiowa.edu>. Before attending, check for additional information and/or possible cancellations.

James Galvin Poetry Reading

Friday, October 27, 8:00 p.m., Dey House, Frank Conroy Reading Room

Writers' Workshop Professor of Poetry James Galvin has published eight books of poems, most recently *Everything We Always Knew Was True*:

<https://events.uiowa.edu/82431>

Owl-o-Ween Family Night at Iowa Raptor Project

Saturday, October 28, 8:00-10:00 p.m.

Marvel at a barn owl and a sleek and stealthy eastern screech owl. We will also be trapping, banding, and releasing saw-whet owls. Map to the Falcon Center:

<https://events.uiowa.edu/82390>



Veteran Flag Display

All day, November 5-12, west lawn of the Pentacrest

The UI Veterans Association and Reserve Officer's Training Corps place more than 6,000 tiny American flats in the shape of a block "I" to honor Iowa veterans.

<https://events.uiowa.edu/82044>

A Conversation with Rob Sand

Friday, November 3, 12:30 p.m., Boyd Law Building

Iowa State Auditor Rob Sand will share his perspectives public service and the key role his office plays in state government: <https://events.uiowa.edu/79875>

Art & Write Night

Friday, November 3, 6:00-8:00 p.m., third floor, Macbride Hall

Make the museum your muse. Guests are invited into the gallery spaces after hours to work on sketching or writing projects with other campus and community artists. (Offered the first Friday of each month): <https://events.uiowa.edu/74513>

Pentacrest Architectural Tours

Friday, November 10, 11:00 a.m. or noon, west portico, outside Old Capitol

Join University Architect Rod Lehnertz and Pentacrest Museums Director Liz Crooks. Register in advance: <https://events.uiowa.edu/81438>

Dance Gala 2023

Friday, November 10, 7:30 p.m., Hancher Auditorium

A rich program of both new and restaged works by faculty members and creative collaborators as well as a work by distinguished guest choreographer Aaron Samuel Davis, an African American choreographer, performer, and teaching artist:

<https://events.uiowa.edu/79138>.

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The UI Retirees Association maintains a continuous connection to the University of Iowa and supports the interests and welfare of retired University of Iowa faculty and staff members.

Meetings of the Board of Directors are held at 1:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. Meetings are hybrid (in person at USB and via Zoom).

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