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**DECEMBER 2022**

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Greetings, We still have plenty of classes taking place between now and the end of year. Take a look below and find one that interests you. 2023 is going to be a great year! I can feel it!

Speaking of 2023 - our 2023 winter/spring program guide is now ready for you to view. (see link below). You will be able to get a paper copy of the program guide around the first of the year. It is currently at the printer and will not be available to us until then. We will be mailing them as well as making them available at all of our local libraries in Lee and Collier County.

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## DECEMBER LECTURES

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### **Spies and Espionage – Fact vs Fiction**

@ **Kleist Center (FGCU Main Campus)** - December 14 | 10 - 11:30 a.m.

This lecture offers a fascinating and insightful discussion on the motivation of spies and the techniques used to catch them. You will learn how reality compares to fiction in this unique peek into the realm of espionage and counterintelligence. We will take a revealing insider's look into contemporary U.S. spies. This lecture includes unclassified but little-known information.

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### **FBI: Politicization and Integrity**

@ **Bentley Village** - December 15 | 10 - 11:30 a.m.

In the past decade there have been serious allegations of politicization in our judicial system. Several cases have called the independence and integrity of the DOJ and FBI into question. Join a retired federal law enforcement executive in a candid

discussion. Topics include: Has the FBI and DOJ been politicized; have investigations and prosecutions been influenced improperly; has FBI's stellar reputation suffered; if so, why?

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### Catherine the Great

@ **Moorings Park Grande Lake** - December 16 | 1:30 - 3 p.m.  
@ **The Arlington** - December 23 | 2:30 - 4 p.m.

Bright, ambitious and imbued with ideas of the Enlightenment, Catherine rose from a German princess to Empress of Russia through her wits and wiles, not to mention intrigue and the convenient elimination of her husband. Her correspondence with the greatest minds of the day is legendary. She had grand plans for Russia, and encouraged by her lover Potemkin, set about the expansion, modernization and education of the country. Although her reign also saw the violently dangerous Pugachev rebellion, Catherine's accomplishments and devotion to Russia have earned her a place among history's most Enlightened Despots.

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## DECEMBER TECHNOLOGY LECTURES

Instructor: John Guerra



### Introduction to Windows 11

@ **Naples Center / Online via Zoom** December 9 | 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Learn the fundamentals of Microsoft Windows 11 in this lecture-style presentation. This lecture is designed for those who have used Windows before and are interested in upgrading or learning about the new Windows 11 operating system. If you have just bought a new computer with Windows 11, have upgraded, or are going to upgrade, this

presentation is for you. Join us as we make Windows 11 easy to use and understand.

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### **The Best of the Best Smartphone and Tablet Apps**

@ **The Arlington** December 9 | 2:30 - 4 p.m.

This lecture-style presentation explores some of the best apps that Apple and Android users should know about and install on their devices. Apps are the life-blood of your smart devices. Without them, your 21st century tools are greatly limited in what they can do. We will identify and demo the best apps available in categories like productivity, email, travel, video calling, texting, car services, travel, stocks and so much more. This lecture is appropriate for all Android and Apple users, although Apple devices will be used to demonstrate various apps.

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### **Apple Watch Tips, Tricks & Secrets of the New Watch OS 9**

@ **Moorings Park Grande Lake** December 15 | 2 - 3 p.m.

Join this lecture-style presentation as we explore the many features of the Apple Watch. It's not just about telling time, it's about phone calls, email messages, maps, music, photos, health tracking, Apple Pay, fall Detection and so much more.

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## **LOOKING AHEAD - *More Fantastic December Lectures***

- **Paul Gauguin: An Artist's Quest for the Exotic**
- **Female Artists of the Dutch Golden Age**
- **On the Front Line: What is at Stake in Afghanistan**
- **Holiday in Paradise Concert**
- **Mary Queen of Scots**
- **The Pre-Raphaelites: Defiant Art...Dangerous Lives**
- **U.S. National Security Council: Pivotal Role in Coordinating U.S. Foreign Defense Policy**
- **Traveling Germany's Romantic Road**

**2023 Travel**

## Travel The World With FGCU Academy

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### **INSIDER'S JAPAN** - [View Full Itinerary/Travel Brochure](#)

**May 20 - June 1, 2023 | 13 days**

It's a land of delicate art and bustling commerce, of rich traditions and dizzying modernity; a jumble of sights, sounds, and tastes that for visitors are truly foreign – and truly fascinating. This well-crafted tour features the highlights of Tokyo and Kyoto, engages us in local life, and takes us off the beaten path to the lovely historic cities of Takayama and Kanazawa.



### **UNTAMED ALASKA** - [View Full Itinerary/Travel Brochure](#)

**August 20 - 30, 2023 | 11 days**

Awe-inspiring natural beauty and outdoor adventure await as we explore Alaska's varied landscapes and noteworthy cities. From Denali, Wrangell-St. Elias, and Kenai Fjords national parks to the energy of Anchorage and scenic Seward, our small group encounters the breadth and beauty of America's Last Frontier.



**LEGENDARY TURKEY** - [View Full Itinerary/Travel Brochure](#)  
**September 1 – 15, 2023 | 15 days**

Exotic sights, scents, and sounds reign in this fascinating land where Europe and Asia meet. From Istanbul, magnificent “Empress of the World,” to ancient ruins, stunning landscapes, and the dramatic – and legendary – Turquoise Coast, Turkey engages and beguiles, offering us an unparalleled small group

experience.

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**ACROSS SPAIN & PORTUGAL** - [View Full Itinerary/Travel Brochure](#)

**September 10 – 26, 2023 | 17 days**

Fortified cities and tiny fishing villages, rugged Atlantic coastline and commanding Pyrenees peaks, iconic shrines to both religion and fine art, and intimate lodgings in historic paradores and pousadas – it all awaits on this singular small group journey from Lisbon across the north of Spain, ending in vibrant

Barcelona.

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**PEARLS OF DALMATIA** - [View Full Itinerary/Travel Brochure](#)

**September 14 – 28, 2023 | 15 days**

Independent, democratic Croatia welcomes visitors eager to absorb its remarkable history and culture – and its beautiful and unspoiled Dalmatian coastline. As our small group travels from historic Zagreb and beautiful Lake Bled to the Habsburg resort of Opatija, the island of Hvar, and beloved Dubrovnik, we see

why this cherished region lays such a claim on the hearts of all who visit.

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**SICILY IN DEPTH** - [View Full Itinerary/Travel Brochure](#)

**September 28 – October 9, 2023 | 12 days**

Crossroads of the Mediterranean ... the “toe” in Italy’s boot ... “God’s Kitchen” ... Sicily is all this, and much more, as we see on our stellar small group journey around this Italian island. It’s lively cities and ancient ruins, temples of man – and of nature, hospitable

people and delectable cuisine ... a feast for all the senses.

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**ISRAEL: TIMELESS WONDERS** - [View Full Itinerary/Travel Brochure](#)

**October 14 – 25, 2023 | 12 days**

Encounter a land of extraordinary beauty and belief, of spirit and story, history and hospitality. From modern Tel Aviv to scenic Upper Galilee, ancient Tiberias and storied Nazareth to Jerusalem, “City of Gold,” we engage all our senses in a small group encounter with this extraordinary and holy land, with a five-night stay

in Jerusalem at the legendary King David hotel.

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