



# February 2026

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I hope you all survived the recent polar experience safely. We have a number of events coming in February and March. Our colleague Val Stella will be giving a two-part Arts & Sciences talk on February 19th and 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Lied Center will be hosting us for the Van Cliburn International Competition Gold Medalist, Aristo Sham in concert. Please let me know if you would like tickets for the performance on Thursday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. I will need to submit a final list of attendees by mid-February to the Lied Center. Stay warm and stay safe!  
--Lindy

### ***Endacott Society Food Drive for the KU Campus Cupboard-***

The Endacott Society will participate in its fourth February food drive in support of the Campus Cupboard. The mission of the Cupboard is to reduce food insecurity among the campus community, including students, staff, faculty and university affiliates. Our members will bring food items to our four Wednesday Coffee meetings in February where they will be collected and marked with labels identifying the Endacott Society as the donor of the items. We will take these over to the

Campus Cupboard Office in the KU Memorial Union after our Coffee Hour. The Cupboard accepts any donations of non-perishable food. They recommend items such as pasta, soups, beans, shelf-stable milk, cereals, rice, peanut butter, canned vegetables, fruits, tuna, chicken and gluten-free items and spices. Grab and go items such as nutrition bars and fresh fruits like apples are popular right now.

If you do not donate food, please consider a financial contribution to KU Endowment with ***Campus Cupboard*** indicated as the recipient from a member of the ***Endacott Society***.  
--Cal & Jo Cink

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Endacott Society out-of-town travel group is sponsoring a tour of the Kansas History Museum in northwest Topeka on March 13. The state historical museum recently reopened after a comprehensive 5-year renovation. The tour will be led by museum staff.  
--Dave & Judy Marden

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
Potluck dinner—Thursday, March 26th

## **February Activities & Events**

### **Armchair Travel**

Ron Schorr [rwwschorr@gmail.com](mailto:rwwschorr@gmail.com)

No travel adventures scheduled in February.

### **Arts & Sciences Lecture Program**

Kevin Boatright [kboatright@ku.edu](mailto:kboatright@ku.edu)

**Thursdays-February 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm**—Adams Alumni Center  
(This will be a 2-part presentation)

Val Stella, a Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, is a world-renowned authority on drug discovery, development and delivery. He holds 59 U.S. patents and is the inventor or co-inventor of seven drugs that are currently on the market. Much of his work focuses on how to make a drug work more effectively. In these two consecutive sessions, he will help participants understand how their medications work and how they are administered and dosed. He will respond to such questions as “Why do I have to take some of my medications with food?” and “How might my medication dose need to be adjusted as I age?”

### **Cinema Studies**

J. Tom Adams [papawmik2004@yahoo.com](mailto:papawmik2004@yahoo.com)

Nora Clark [nora.clark@washburn.edu](mailto:nora.clark@washburn.edu)

**DOCUMENTARY MOVIE** (January rescheduled movie)

**Tuesday, February 10, 1:30 to 4:00pm**  
**Lawrence Public Library, Room "C"**

*Shackleton* (Adventure, History, Documentary) 2002, 1hr 30min is a gripping historical drama about Sir Ernest Shackleton's legendary Antarctic expedition and one of the greatest survival stories ever recorded. Starring Kenneth Branagh in an acclaimed, Golden Globe-winning performance, the film recounts the doomed 1914 Endurance expedition, when Shackleton and his crew became trapped in pack ice and were forced to abandon their ship. What follows is a harrowing ordeal of endurance, leadership, and sheer will as Shackleton struggles to keep all his men alive against impossible odds. Rather than focusing on conquest, Shackleton emphasizes moral courage and responsibility, portraying its subject as a leader defined not by reaching the South Pole, but by his refusal to sacrifice a single life. Shot in stark, icy landscapes, the film balances historical detail with emotional intensity, making it both an adventure epic and a study of leadership under extreme pressure.

### **FOREIGN MOVIE**

**Friday, February 20th, 1:30 to 4:00pm**  
**Lawrence Public Library, Room "C"**  
(To be determined)

### **DOMESTIC MOVIE**

**Tuesday, February 24th, 1:30 to 4:00pm**  
**Lawrence Public Library, Room "B"**  
(To be determined)

## **Drama Studies**

Michael Shaw [michaelhearneshaw@gmail.com](mailto:michaelhearneshaw@gmail.com)

**Tuesdays, February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17th at 1:30pm**

**ART ROOM in Pioneer Ridge Independent Living.**

Norwegian playwright Henrik Ibsen (1828-1906) is often regarded as “the father of modern drama.” He is the most frequently performed dramatist in the world, after Shakespeare, and was a pioneer of theatrical realism. His plays addressed difficult subjects in ways that were scandalous to Victorian Era audiences. In February we will read *Hedda Gabler* (1891), whose manipulative lead role is considered one of the greatest for women actors. A newlywed trapped in a loveless marriage to a university professor (!), she struggles with an unexciting existence. The play features alcoholism, adultery and suicide as plot elements – an incendiary mix with tragic results.

## **Games Theory**

Steven Lee [swlee@ku.edu](mailto:swlee@ku.edu)

**Thursday, February 19th at 1:30pm-3:00pm**

**Senior Resource Center Garden room**

This month we will be playing Ransom Notes. It is a fun game for making hilariously terrible sentences. Using word magnets, couples will try to create awesomely horrendous phrases that attract the interest of the judge. Please join us.

## **Garden Seminar**

Cal & Jo Cink [ccinkbird76@gmail.com](mailto:ccinkbird76@gmail.com)

**Wednesday, February 11th at 9:00 am**, Adams Alumni Center— A Visit with Sharon Ashworth, Douglas County Horticultural Extension Agent

**Wednesday, February 25th at 9:00 am**, Adams Alumni Center- *Smart, Grow for me; Episode 2*

## **Great Books (Zoom)**

Jim Woelfel [woelfel@ku.edu](mailto:woelfel@ku.edu)

**Wednesday, February 11th at 1:30 pm.**

Our author will be Alice Walker and our readings will be eight of her short stories from her first collection, *In Love & Trouble* (Harper One, 1973). Walker was both a writer and a civil rights activist from the South during and following Martin Luther King's years of leadership, and I thought these stories might be illuminating as fictional portraits of Southern Black women's lives from that era.

Alice Walker (1944) is a distinguished contemporary American author of seventeen novels and short story collections, seven volumes of poetry, five books of nonfiction essays, and three children's stories. For her best-known novel *The Color Purple* (1982), she was awarded both a Pulitzer Prize and a National Book Award. The 1985 film adaptation was directed by Steven Spielberg. A prominent feminist activist, Walker was an editor of *Ms.* magazine. She played an important role in the revival of interest in Zora Neale Hurston, and it was Walker (together with writer Charlotte Hunt) who in 1973 designated an unmarked grave in the Fort Pierce, Florida cemetery as Hurston's. (Walker had a permanent gravestone made for it and wrote the inscription.) One of our stories, "The Revenge of Hannah Kemhuff," was written "in grateful memory of Zora Neale Hurston."

## **Lunch Bunch**

Ron Schorr [rwwschorr@gmail.com](mailto:rwwschorr@gmail.com)

**Wednesdays, 11:45 am.**

During the colder months an email will be sent regarding the restaurant to be selected each week.

## **Movement Workshop**

Haskell [springer@ku.edu](mailto:springer@ku.edu)

**Fridays-February 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> at 9am**  
**Senior Resource Center**

Tai Chi will be in session every Friday in February.

## **Old-Time Radio (Zoom)**

John Nicholson [wryterjccc@gmail.com](mailto:wryterjccc@gmail.com)

**Monday, February 23rd at 1:30pm-3:45pm**

This month, we will listen to The Lone Ranger, My Friend Irma, and an episode of Theatre Five. The waiting room opens at 1:15 with the program beginning at 1:30. If this is your first time attending, please consider joining us. No reservations are necessary.

## **Out-of-Town Travel**

Judy Niebaum [jniebaum@sunflower.com](mailto:jniebaum@sunflower.com)

The next adventure will be in March's newsletter.

## **Potluck Dinner & Lecture**

Linda Mullens [lmullens@ku.edu](mailto:lmullens@ku.edu)

No potluck is scheduled for February.

## **Technology Studies**

Dave Mannering [dmannering@yahoo.com](mailto:dmannering@yahoo.com)

**Wednesday, February 4, 9:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center**  
*Robot Update* - More from CES 2026 plus robot athletes

**Wednesday, February 18, 9:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center**  
*Vending Machines* – A little history plus some surprising things vended.

## **Wednesday Coffee**

Lindy Eakin [wlineak@gmail.com](mailto:wlineak@gmail.com)

Wednesday, February 4, 10:00 a.m. - Adams Alumni Center  
Wednesday, February 11, 10:00 a.m. - Adams Alumni Center  
Wednesday, February 18, 10:00 a.m. - Adams Alumni Center - **Birthday cake**  
Wednesday, February 25, 10:00 a.m. - Adams Alumni Center