



May 2026

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What a busy month we have scheduled for May-- Armchair travel to Easter Island, touring Steamboat Arabia, a Potluck dinner, a visit to the KU Innovation Park and all of our regularly scheduled activities. We'd love to see lots of participants.

The speaker for our Potluck dinner will be Elspeth Healey, Curator of Special Collections at the Spencer Research Library. Her talk will be on "The History of the Book."

Our annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 24 at our usual coffee hour. See below about the slate of officers for election. There will also be a proposed set of changes to the bylaws to reflect the change in the requirement for Alumni Association membership for Endacott membership. We Watch for an email with the revisions coming in May. Looking forward to seeing many of you at our activities!

--Lindy

**2026-27 Endacott Officer Candidates**

The Endacott Society Nominating Committee is pleased to report the following slate of candidates for election at the annual meeting in June:

**President-Elect:** Pam Houston  
**Treasurer:** Linda Mullens (incumbent)  
**Secretary:** Betty Bunce (incumbent)

Pam retired in 2005 as director of Undergraduate Services for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, with 24 years of service at KU. She was Endacott treasurer from 2020-25.

Per the Endacott Bylaws, "The President-elect..." [Gary Minden] shall succeed to the forthcoming '26-'27... "Presidency this year without election." All officers take office on July 1.

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Steve Nowak, Watkins Museum Director giving a presentation at the March 26<sup>th</sup> potluck.

## **May Activities & Events**

### **Armchair Travel**

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

**Thursday, May 7, 1:30 PM.**--Adams Alumni Center.

Subject, "Rapa Nui "(Easter Island). Rex Buchanan, who worked for the Kansas Geological Survey, hopes to be joined by his travelling companion, Joe Gatti.

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

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

**Thursday, May 14th at 1:30pm--** **KU Innovation Park, 2033 Becker Drive (West Campus), Phase III Building Conference Room**

Please note the location for this special presentation, co-hosted by Val Stella, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Pharmaceutical Chemistry.

**Adam Courtney: The KU Innovation Park: What It Is, What It Does, and Why It Matters to KU and the Community."**

Adam Courtney is CEO and Board president of the KU Innovation Park. It is a unique coalition of partners – the City, County, Chamber, and KU - whose mission is "to create, recruit, grow and retain technology and bioscience businesses in northeast Kansas with the ultimate vision to build a more modern, resilient and diverse regional economy." It has grown considerably in recent years and has a bold vision for further expansion, yet many of us don't know its full story or the impact it is having. Courtney will share that vision, discuss the latest developments, and show those who wish to see it one of the many emerging small companies housed on West Campus. Free parking is available in the lot adjacent to the building.

### **Cinema Studies**

*Nora Clark* [nora.clark@washburn.edu](mailto:nora.clark@washburn.edu)  
*J. Tom Adams* [papawmik2004@yahoo.com](mailto:papawmik2004@yahoo.com)

#### **DOMESTIC MOVIE**

**Tuesday, May 12th, 1:30 to 4:00pm**  
**Lawrence Public Library, Room "C"**

***WHISKY TANGO FOXTROT--(Kanopy) 2016 (Biography, Drama, War) 1hr 52min***

"Whisky Tango Foxtrot" is a movie about a reporter (Tina Fey), stuck in a rut, who decides to shake things up by taking a dangerous assignment in Afghanistan. Far from home and out of her comfort zone she discovers her true strength as she risks it all to find the next big story. Directed by Glenn Focarra and John Requa the film was nominated for one award. Duvall's performance earned him the Academy Award for Best Actor, and the film won an Oscar for Best Original Screenplay.

DOCUMENTARY MOVIE (*Note the different time and location*)

**Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am-12:00pm—Adams Alumni Center, Paul Adam room**

***STRANGERS IN TOWN-- 2018 (Documentary) 33 min***

"Strangers In Town" is a film about how global migration unexpectedly transformed and enriched Garden City, Kansas. It brought great challenges to the community, including demands for housing, social services, education and infrastructure.

Film by Reuben Aaronson and Steve Lerner.

FOREIGN MOVIE

**Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 to 4:00pm**

**Lawrence Public Library, Room "C"**

***WILAYA-- (Kanopy) 2011 (Spanish, Drama) 1h 37m***

"Wilaya" follows Fatimetu, a young Sahrawi woman who grew up in Spain but returns to a refugee camp in Algeria after her mother's death. She's unexpectedly tasked with caring for her disabled sister and inheriting the family's tent, forcing her to confront a life she barely remembers.

Wilaya, (also known as Tears of Sand) is a quiet, character-driven drama, written and directed by Pedro Pérez Rosado, that explores identity, exile, and responsibility within the Sahrawi refugee experience. The movie won one award and was nominated for another.

**Drama Studies**

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

**Tuesdays May 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm**

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

The Play reading group will be reading Inge's *Come Back, Little Sheba*, *Come Back, Little Sheba*. Our leader will, be Kevin Boatwright, and he has this to say about the play:

*Come Back, Little Sheba*, first staged in 1950, was Kansas-born playwright William Inge's first Broadway success. It's the poignant story of a middle-aged woman and her recovering alcoholic husband, both of whom harbor regrets about their marriage while sharing fears about their future together. *Sheba* made a star of Shirley Booth, who won the Tony for best actress. She starred with Burt Lancaster in the 1952 film version and won the Oscar for best actress. You may remember Shirley Booth as the humorous (and Emmy-winning) housemaid on the TV sitcom *Hazel* (1961-66).

During the 1950s, Inge (1913-1973) would go on to write *Picnic*, *Bus Stop* and *Dark at the Top of the Stairs*. *Picnic* received the Pulitzer Prize, and all three plays were made into major films. Inge won an Oscar in 1962 for his screenplay for the film *Splendor in the Grass*. The black box theatre in KU's Murphy Hall is named in his honor, and Independence Community College holds an annual William Inge Theatre Festival in his hometown.

## Games Theory

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

**Tuesday, May 19th at 1:30pm**

Senior Resource Center in the Garden room

Note that this is a permanent change for Games Theory to the **third Tuesday** (instead of Thursdays) of the month at the same time 1:30.

We will be playing Apples to Apples where players match noun cards to an adjective card played by a judge, with the goal of winning a pre-determined number of rounds by creating the most amusing or fitting pairing. The result is hilarious combinations and tons of fun for participants. Please join us.

## Garden Seminar

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

**Wednesday, May 13th at 8:30 am, Directions to location to be provided.**

*--A Guided tour of the K-State Extension Demonstration Garden*

**Wednesday, May 27th at 8:30 am, Directions to location to be provided.**

*-A visit to Susan Rendall's garden.*

## Great Books (Zoom)

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

**Wednesday, May 13th at 1:30 pm. (Zoom)**

The reading will be Martha Gellhorn's *The Face of War*, a collection of over fifty years of selected dispatches from eight wars by one of the great war correspondents of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Gellhorn (1908-1998) was a journalist, novelist, and travel writer who is best known for her compassionate focus on ordinary combatants and civilians who were caught up in and deeply affected by war, and for her gripping eyewitness descriptions of war's devastating effects on humans and their physical environment.

We'll read and discuss the following sections: "The War in Spain," "The Second World War," "Interim," the Introductions to the 1959 and 1986 editions, and "Conclusions." The dispatches reporting on the Spanish Civil War and World War Two and the two post-war dispatches in "Interim" should be read **before** the Introductions and the Conclusion.

## Lunch Bunch

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

**Wednesdays, 11:45 am.**

A weekly announcement will be made as to where the lunch bunch will meet.

## Movement Workshop

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

**Fridays, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> at 9am**

Senior Resource Center

Movement Workshop, Tai Chi will meet every Friday in May **except for May 15th**, at 9:00.

**Old-Time Radio (Zoom)**  
**Monday, May 25th at 1:30pm-3:45pm**

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

In May, we will listen to **Command Performance, Blackstone, the Magic Detective, and Suspense**. The waiting room will open at 1:15. No reservations are necessary, and even if you have never attended our group, we would love to see you. No reservations are necessary.

**Out-of-Town Travel**  
**Friday, May 15th**

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

The Endacott out-of-town travel group will go to the Kansas City River Market area to explore the Arabia Steamboat Museum. The museum is a unique Kansas City attraction: a time capsule of life on the American frontier in the mid-19th century. Visitors have an opportunity to learn the story of the boat's loss during an 1856 explosion and its discovery buried 45 deep in a farm field some distance from the current course of the Missouri River in the 1987. We will observe everyday objects that made life possible for pioneers in the 1850s and were preserved by being buried in the old riverbed for more than a century.

This may be the last opportunity to see this unique collection as the Museum is closing at its current location by November 2026 and has not announced any plans to reopen.

We have several volunteer drivers lined up for the one-hour trip from Lawrence so there is still space in our tour group. The exploration will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will be followed by a group lunch in the River Market area. Museum admission is \$16.80, payable at the door.

For more information call or text Judy Niebaum at (360) 953-2240 or Dave Marden at (785) 550-8307

**Potluck Dinner & Lecture**

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

**Thursday, May 7th**- Adams Alumni Center  
5:30 pm appetizers, 6:00pm dinner, 6:45pm program.

**THE DEADLINE FOR SIGN UP HAS PASSED BUT I CAN PROBABLY ADD SOME LAST MINUTE RESERVATIONS. CONTACT ME NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY MAY, 6.**

Please sign up for this event and indicate what food (appetizer, salad, vegetable, dessert) you will bring. Meat is furnished.

Our speaker will be announced at a later date.

calling or emailing Linda Mullens-- [lmullens@ku.edu](mailto:lmullens@ku.edu) (785/766/3698)

**Technology Studies**

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

**Wednesday, May 6, 9:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center**  
***Earthy Technology - Warning: This presentation could get dirty.***

**No program on May 20.**

**Wednesday Coffee**

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

Wednesday, May 6, 10:00 a.m. - Adams Alumni Center

Wednesday, May 13, 10:00 a.m. - Adams Alumni Center

Wednesday, May 20, 10:00 a.m. - Adams Alumni Center - **Birthdays cake**

Wednesday, May 27, 10:00 a.m. - Adams Alumni Center