

Spoon River College  
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## Resource Fair Sponsors:

MidAmerica National Bank

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& Rehabilitation Center

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Canton Main Street -

Spoon River Partnership for  
Economic Development

ACO Graham Health System

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Western Illinois Home Health Care

Lifelong Learning Conferences at Other Locations:

- Rushville LLC—Friday, April 20th
- Macomb LLC—Friday, November 2nd

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present the 23rd

**Lifelong  
Learning  
Conference**  
(formerly the Retirees Learning Institute)  
SRC Canton Campus

*A fun-filled day FOR Lifelong Learners  
BY Lifelong Learners!*

*Friday,  
April 13, 2018*

\$20 tuition includes:

- Check-in & Refreshments at 8:00 a.m.
- Keynote Address
- Resource Fair
- Lunch
- Three Break-Out Educational Sessions

LOCATION:  
Spoon River College  
Conference Center, Engle Hall-Canton Campus  
23235 N. Co. Hwy 22  
Canton, IL 61520

Spoon River College & MidAmerica National Bank  
present the 23rd Lifelong Learning Conference  
(formerly Retirees Learning Institute) - Spring 2018!

## SESSION TOPICS (please choose one topic from each session)

Check-In: 8:00-8:30 a.m.

Session I: 10:00-10:50 a.m.

Opening Remarks: 8:40 a.m.

History of the Peoria State Hospital  
in Bartonville—Part 2

Keynote: 9:00-9:50 a.m.

Lincoln—Abe's Molly

“Scandalous, bipolar, insane, tempestuous... a wildcat?” Historical descriptions of Mary Todd Lincoln, the wife of our 16th President, have generally not been kind. Who was Mary, really? What was she like as a child and a young woman in Springfield? What contributed to Mary's health issues? Did she play a role in Abraham Lincoln's political life? Join **Rick Klinedinst** to discover more about our nation's most controversial First Lady, then you can decide if all the historical narratives have been fair to Abe's “Molly.”

**Cathy Harris** brings you Part 2 of her popular session from the Fall. You'll learn about the Zeller years in which there were giant steps in the care of the mentally ill from the innovations in this small town in West Central Illinois. These developments took place between the opening of the facility in 1902 until it's closing in 1973.

Don't Get Scammed!

How do you know when a phone call or an e-mail is on the up-and-up? More importantly, how can you tell if it isn't legitimate? Join **Dave Barbknecht** to learn some pointers and ways to handle scam phone calls and e-mails.

State of the City

What's new in the City of Canton? Are you interested in the progress of the Canton Lake project or the movie theater? Canton Mayor **Kent McDowell** will provide insights into the City's current projects and plans for the future, with time for Q&A.

This Writer's Life

Local author and Academy Graduate **Brooks Carver** has created and published nine books! Learn about his inspiration, the publishing process, and some little-known American history facts in this fascinating session!

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GOING GREEN! Feel free to bring a shopping bag



to carry with you during your day at the Lifelong Learning Conference! Some of the vendors may also be distributing bags during the Vendor Fair.

## SESSION TOPICS (continued)

### Session II: 12:30-1:20 p.m.

#### The Royal Stuart Family

In this sequel to last fall's presentation on the history of the Tudors, **Stan Ransom** will cover the history of England during the eventful 17th century when the Stuart family from Scotland succeeded to the throne following Queen Elizabeth I. Between 1603 and 1714, the nation changed: a king was executed, a civil war was fought, London burned, two women ascended the throne, and more!

#### Canton Area Heritage Center: Who we are, What we're about, & Where you can find us

Would you like to see a sneak preview of the new Canton Area Heritage Center's first exhibit—coming this spring? Join **Cheryl Bielema** and **Jim Morgan** to get an overview of the Center, discuss plans for rotating exhibits, progress to date, and plans for the future.

#### Financial Planning in the New Tax, Economic, Investment & Political Environment

Would you like to learn what options to consider when making financial decisions related to income taxes, estate planning, investments, & retirement income planning? Join **Rick Imhoff** from MidAmerica National Bank to learn some pointers!

#### The New Science of Compassion

Some of the latest research in psychological science tells us about a very, very old virtue: compassion. **Nathan Gates** will help us understand how it can be beneficial to ourselves, others, and the world. Learn some introductory practices to help embrace having compassion for our own struggles in life.

### Session III: 1:30-2:20 p.m.

#### Illinois' Lost Civilization

Cahokia is the largest ancient city in North America, but by the time European settlers came to Illinois, no one knew who built it or why. Highway construction and urban development once threatened to destroy the site, but the state has saved a great deal of the area. Even today, questions arise as to the nature of the city as ongoing research continues to find new information about this great Native American complex. Travel back in time with **Larry Eskridge** to learn more!

#### Floral Customs Around the World

Take a journey with **Christine Wright** to other countries to learn about their flower gifting customs. She will present examples of their best-selling arrangements, and learn the process of importing flowers and from where.

#### 26 Fabulous Days in Italy

**Mike & Debi Delligatti** traveled Italy in 26 days and found it one of the most scenic countries they've ever visited. Photo and story highlights in this session include Rome, The Vatican, Florence, Pisa, Cinque Terre, Lake Como, Pompeii, Isle of Capri and Sicily. Mike hopes you'll enjoy this beautiful tour of his home country!

Canton Fall Lifelong Learning Conference

**Friday,  
October 12, 2018**



Lifelong Learning Conference  
Friday, April 13, 2018 from 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
Questions: Call 309-649-6260

## Registration Form (Complete & Return)

Complete this form and return it along with a \$20 tuition fee payable to Spoon River College.

8:00—8:30 a.m. **Registration & Check-in**

8:40 a.m. **Opening Remarks**

9:00-9:50 a.m. **Keynote Address**  
Lincoln—Abe's Molly

Please mark your **1st** and **2nd** choices in each:

10:00-10:50 a.m. **Session I Choices**

- History of State Hospital—Part 2  
 Don't Get Scammed!  
 State of the City  
 This Writer's Life

11:00 a.m. **Resource Fair**

11:45 a.m. **Lunch: Soup & Sandwich Buffet**  
*Vegetarian Request* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Dietary Restrictions* \_\_\_\_\_

12:30-1:20 p.m. **Session II Choices**

- The Royal Stuart Family  
 Canton Area Heritage Museum  
 Financial Planning  
 New Science of Compassion

1:30-2:20 p.m. **Session III Choices**

- Illinois' Lost Civilization  
 Floral Customs Around the World  
 26 Fabulous Days in Italy

Seating is limited so please register **EARLY!**

Registration deadline is **April 6th!**

If you need special accommodations to participate in this program, or wish to register by credit/debit card by phone, please call (309) 649-6260.

Please feel free to copy and share this brochure with friends.

Please submit **one form per participant** and include your \$20 check payable to Spoon River College.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

By providing your e-mail address, you are agreeing to receive updates from SRC regarding upcoming offerings.

**Mail registration and payment to:**

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