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Lyceum Distinguished Speaker Series

Brecksville, Ohio - The National Park Service and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA) are pleased to announce the return of the monthly Lyceum Distinguished Speaker Series. The word “lyceum” has roots in ancient Greek, and became the name of the school where Aristotle taught. At Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP), we use it to describe our lecture series featuring national speakers who stimulate the heart and mind with compelling stories of our natural and cultural world. The full series begins in September.

Admission: \$10 adults, \$8 CVNPA members, and \$5 children ages 3 - 12. Buy a subscription for all three lectures for one low price: \$25 adults and \$20 CVNPA members. General seating. Advance sales are available by calling (330) 657-2909. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Joanne Hanley: Flight 93 National Memorial

Thursday, September 4

The events of September 11, 2001, have had a profound impact on the nation and the world. Flight 93 was the only hijacked plane that failed to hit its intended target. Only 20 minutes from Washington, D.C., the crash of Flight 93 was the direct result of the extraordinary bravery of the passengers and crew who gave their lives to prevent a larger disaster in the nation’s capital. The crash site in Pennsylvania has since been designated as a national memorial administered by the National Park Service. Superintendent Joanne Hanley and a victim’s family member will discuss plans for the memorial. This lecture is the first of several local commemoration events, offered in partnership with Kent State University. Proceeds from this program go to support development of the Flight 93 Memorial.

Kevin Zippel: The Year of the Frog

Thursday, October 2

Amphibians are important components of ecosystems worldwide and are useful to people as indicators of environmental health and contributors to human health. Amphibians survived the rise and fall of the dinosaurs, but today almost half of them are threatened with extinction. Join Amphibian Ark’s Program Director to learn about amphibians, the Year of the Frog campaign, and other efforts to reverse the negative trend. Amphibian Ark is an international partnership between the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums, amphibian specialists, and conservation and breeding experts. Proceeds from this evening’s program will benefit amphibian conservation.

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David Bush: Ohio's Civil War POWs

Thursday, November 6

For 20 years, Heidelberg College Professor David Bush has immersed himself in investigating the Johnson's Island Prisoner of War Depot, a Civil War prison located in Lake Erie at Sandusky Bay. Here the Union Army confined over 10,000 Confederate officers throughout the Civil War. In this presentation, Bush explores how historical and archeological evidence reveals the lives of POWs. Newly confined Confederate officers had to cope with choices concerning survival, escape, and/or assimilation. Surprisingly, they managed to maintain their southern culture while imprisoned so far north.

Happy Days Lodge, located at 500 West Streetsboro Road (State Route 303) in Peninsula, 1 mile west of State Route 8, is a restored Civilian Conservation Corps structure that provides a rustic ambiance for folk and traditional concerts, theater, lectures, and special event rentals. For more information on rentals call CVNPA at (330) 657-2909 ext. 119.

CVNPA is a nonprofit organization created to engage public support for the park and provide services to enhance public use and enjoyment of the park. For more information about CVNPA and its membership program, visit www.cvnpa.org or call (330) 657-2909.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information about the park, visit www.nps.gov/cuva/ or www.dayinthevalley.com/ or call (216) 524-1497 or (800) 445-9667.

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