PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION 1: Behind the Seen: Vogue / The Detroit Institute of Arts. The clothing you wear can say a lot about who you are. This talk explores costuming and adornment throughout history and discovers the many ways that personal, political, and cultural identity is communicated through our clothing, jewelry, and body art. Presented by trained teaching volunteers from the Detroit Institute of Arts, Behind the Seen brings insight and engagement about the DIA's collections from the museum to your community.

PRESENTATION 2: Spirits: An Introduction to and History of Distilling / Ben Senseney. Two James Spirits’ bar director Ben Senseney discusses the highlights of this local landmark and shares the history and processes of distilling spirits, as well as a few fun facts about the first licensed distillery in the city of Detroit since prohibition.

PRESENTATION 3: Pewabic: Detroit’s Pottery / Annie Dennis. Join us for a look into the 120-year history of Detroit’s iconic Pewabic Pottery, one of the nation’s oldest continuously operating pottery businesses. Education Director and Archivist at Pewabic Pottery, Annie Dennis, shares images from the Pewabic archives during this presentation and guides you through over a century of handcrafting pottery and tiles in Detroit.

PRESENTATION 4: Betty Crocker through the Years - Icon, Idea, and Inspiration / Deb Silver. Many home cooks through the generations have come to know and respect a Betty Crocker recipe, but do you know the true story? Deb Silver, a local chef and restaurateur of The Side Dish and Sham Shack, will lead a presentation on how the fictional persona – invented in 1921 – influenced everyday cooking and evolved into a mega brand.

PRESENTATION 5: The Roaring 20s and All That Jazz! / Kevin Phillips. In this lively presentation, musician and educator Kevin Phillips describes why the popularity of jazz music established itself as more than a trend in the 1920s and how its appeal shaped American culture through the 1930s and 1940s. Be transported back to the styles, dances, and fashion that made pre-WWII swing.

PRESENTATION 6: History of Newsmaking in Detroit / Tim Kiska. Renowned news historian and University of Michigan-Dearborn Professor Tim Kiska takes us on a journey through radio and print news reporting in the early 20th century. Revisit the historic music scene in the city from jazz clubs to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the competition within the auto industry and the subsequent crash in the 1930s, and the challenges that came with rapid demographic change throughout Detroit’s history.

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PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- Mail registration form and check payable to “Friends of RHPL” to: Friends of RHPL, Attn: WW&W
- 500 Olde Towne Rd, Rochester, MI 48307.
- Drop off the form and check into the “Wine, Wit & Wisdom” box at the Library Circulation Desk, OR
- Register and pay online at NEW URL NEEDED
Rochester Hills Public Library (RHPL) invites you to an evening of entertaining and informative speakers, beverages and food, as well as a silent auction and 50/50 raffle. Because alcohol will be served, guests must be 21 or older.

Each guest will have the opportunity to:
- Attend two 45-minute presentations by informative speakers.
- Enjoy a buffet dinner and beverages (wine, beer, soft drinks).
- Bid on an array of silent auction items, and enter to win a 50/50 raffle prize.

Registration and payment: $80 per person; $90 per person after April 17, 2024
Registration closes Monday, April 22, 2024.
Tickets: Will be sent to the email address listed on the registration form
50/50 Raffle Tickets: 1 for $10, 3 for $20, cash only, must be present to win.
Suggested attire: Smart Casual. 1920’s attire is encouraged, but not required.

**Evening Program**

6:00  Doors open; enjoy a buffet dinner and beverages
6:00  Silent auction bidding begins; 50/50 raffle tickets sold
7:00  Attend first presentation
7:45  Enjoy beverages; silent auction bidding continues; 50/50 raffle tickets sold
8:15  Attend second presentation
9:00  Coffee and dessert; final silent auction bidding; 50/50 raffle ticket drawn
9:15  Silent auction ends
9:30  Silent auction winners announced

For tax purposes, the fair market value of each registration is $40 per person. Sorry, no refunds.
Please fill out the reverse side to complete registration.