

# Neighborhood Scholars

Neighborhood Scholars takes Encore 55+ Learning into the community with off- and on-campus courses and tours presented in cooperation with community partners and Tri-C. These are one-time or short-series opportunities held throughout Greater Cleveland.

- Held various weekdays, Monday through Thursday.
- All Neighborhood Scholars participants must register at least three days before the class starts.
- Dates and times are subject to change.
- Parking is located at each Neighborhood Scholar session. At times, you may need to pay an additional fee, which is not part of the course fee. You will receive a welcome email with parking details, meeting location and more two to three business days before your class begins.

## Withdrawals

Please contact us at [encore@tri-c.edu](mailto:encore@tri-c.edu) or 216-987-2274 if you are looking to withdraw from any class as a refund might not be allowed depending upon the timeframe.

## Refunds

You will receive a full refund for any canceled courses.

Visit [tri-c.edu/neighborhoodscholars](https://tri-c.edu/neighborhoodscholars) or scan the QR code for more information.



## GREATER CLEVELAND PARTNERS

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*Some months may change due to the availability of venues.*

*For any fees listed as "TBD," please check the Neighborhood Scholars web page or the online catalog on Dec. 11 for updated pricing.*

## FEBRUARY

### Grays Armory

Fee TBD | CRN 31501

**Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2026 | 10:30 a.m. – noon**

1234 Bolivar Road, Cleveland 44115

Grays Armory is a historic, 1893 Romanesque Revival-style armory building in Cleveland, built for the Cleveland Grays, an independent militia formed in 1837 that served in the Civil War. It features a large drill hall and museum with military artifacts and other historical architecture.

### First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland

\$20 | CRN 31499

**Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026 | 10:30 a.m. – noon**

3630 Fairmount Blvd., Shaker Heights 44118

Join us as we learn how the Baptists met on the frozen Lake Erie, cut a hole in the ice, and witnessed four baptisms, followed by the organization of the First Baptist Church. This magnificent Gothic church, rich in Christian symbols and carvings, a bell tower and breathtaking stained glass windows, has added an addition of an education wing. The church is active in the homeless feeding program by partially growing 2,000 pounds of local produce in the gardens on the church property.

## St. Vitus Catholic Church

\$18 | CRN 31511

**Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2026 | 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

6019 Lausche Ave., Cleveland 44103

St. Vitus Catholic Church, founded in 1893, is the first Slovenian-Catholic parish in Cleveland and remains a major cultural touchpoint for the Slovenian community. This church features twin Romanesque bell towers and houses an original Holtkamp Organ, which is still in service.

## The Shrine of St. Stanislaus

\$20 | CRN 31513

**Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2026 | 1 – 2:30 p.m.**

3649 E. 65th St., Cleveland 44105

The Shrine of St. Stanislaus is a historic Roman Catholic parish founded in 1873 to serve the area's Polish immigrant community. The building is designed in a Polish Cathedral-style Gothic architecture, with locally made warm red brick and dressed stone. The twin spires reaching 232 feet high were severely damaged by a tornado in 1909. Within the church are numerous sacred relics, a fragment of the True Cross and relics of saints, including Pope John Paul II and others.

## MARCH

### Liberty Hill Baptist Church

\$20 | CRN 31505

**Wednesday, March 18, 2026 | 10:30 a.m. – noon**

8206 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 44103

Experience the magnificent architecture of the historic Liberty Hill Baptist Church. This sacred landmark was formerly known as the Euclid Avenue Temple and home to Cleveland's oldest Jewish congregation. Delight in this tour as you observe the Moorish Revival and Romanesque Revival style, adorned with multi-colored brick and terracotta accents, including original stained glass windows from Tiffany Studios and a Ludowici tile roof.

### Congregation Shaarey Tikvah

\$20 | CRN 31497

**Tuesday, March 24, 2026 | 10:30 a.m. – noon**

26811 Fairmount Blvd., Beachwood 44122

In 1940, a group of German-Jewish refugees settled in Cleveland and formed a congregation named Shaarey Tikvah — Gates of Hope. After several moves, the congregation settled in a "streetcar barn" at Superior Avenue and East 123rd Street before moving to its current location.

## Severance Hall

\$35 | CRN 31510

**Tuesday, March 31, 2026 | 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

11001 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 44106

Severance Hall, home to the world-renowned Cleveland Orchestra, opened in 1931. Join us as we tour this magnificent historic landmark, experiencing the breathtaking architecture of Georgian and Neoclassical styling, along with Art Deco, Egyptian Revival and classical motifs, such as the Grand Foyer, featuring red Italian marble columns, lotus-blossom motifs and elegant decorative elements.

## APRIL

### Trinity Cathedral Episcopal Church — Brown Bag Concert and Tour

\$30 | CRN 31514

**Wednesday, April 15, 2026 | Noon – 2 p.m.**

2230 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 44115

Bring your brown bag lunch and join us for a concert with classical chamber organ, brass, jazz, big band and vocal music, followed by a tour where we discuss the history and architecture of this historic Episcopal cathedral. The concert will be announced when the schedule is available.

### International Women's Air and Space Museum — Lunch and Learn

Fee TBD | CRN 31502

**Monday, April 20, 2026 | 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

1501 N. Marginal Road, Cleveland 44114

This museum preserves the history of women in aviation and space and documents their continuing contributions today and in the future through artifacts, textiles, artwork, photographs and paper items. While enjoying your lunch (which will be provided), you will hear a presentation on the history of the impactful women in space and in our armed forces during World War II and the present day, followed by a self-guided tour of the museum.

## **Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist**

\$20 | CRN 31489

**Thursday, April 23, 2026 | 10:30 a.m. – noon**

1007 Superior Ave., Cleveland 44114

This magnificent cathedral serves as the principal church of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Founded in the mid-19th century, this Gothic-style historical landmark contains several chapels that hold the tombs of former bishops and the relics of St. Christine of Calixtus, who died for her faith at 14 years of age and whose relics were discovered in the catacombs outside of Rome.

## **Cleveland Public Auditorium**

\$30 | CRN 31491

**Wednesday, April 29, 2026 | 1 – 2:30 p.m.**

500 Lakeside Ave., Cleveland 44114

Discover one of Cleveland's grandest landmarks: the historic Cleveland Public Auditorium, which opened in 1922. The magnificent Beaux-Arts building has hosted presidential conventions, world-renowned concerts and community celebrations. Over the decades, legends such as the Beatles, Elvis Presley and Frank Sinatra have graced its stage. The building's striking architecture, with marble halls, grand staircases and ornate chandeliers, continues to impress visitors.

## **Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland and the Money Museum**

\$18 | CRN 31498

**Wednesday, April 29, 2026 | 11 a.m. – noon**

1455 E. 6th St., Cleveland 44114

Walk through the original vaults and explore the Learning and Money Museum on a guided tour of the Federal Reserve Bank. Stand beneath a 23-foot money tree, try to identify counterfeit bills, and make your own currency while learning about economics, personal finance and the history of money. Note: Each attendee will undergo a security check upon arrival and registration with the Federal Reserve Bank.

## **MAY**

### **Cleveland Police Museum**

\$20 | CRN 31490

**Wednesday, May 6, 2026 | 12:30 – 2 p.m.**

1300 Ontario Ave., Cleveland 44113

The Cleveland Police Museum covers and honors the entire history of the Cleveland Police Department, from its beginning in the mid-1800s to modern day. From Eliot Ness to the gruesome Torso Murders, you will learn the impactful role the CPD played in these historical events.

### **Western Reserve Fire Museum and Education Center**

Fee TBD | CRN 31515

**Wednesday, May 6, 2025 | 10 – 11:30 a.m.**

310 Carnegie Ave., Cleveland 44115

Located in downtown Cleveland, this museum is housed in the historic building that once served as Fire Station #28 and the city's Fire Alarm and Dispatch Center. Now a historical landmark, this time capsule of a building hosts more than 3,000 firehouse journals, a variety of apparatuses that assisted in past firefighting and photographs of the firefighters who once used these historic objects.

### **Playhouse Square**

Fee TBD | CRN 31509

**Wednesday, May 13, 2026 | 10:30 a.m. – noon**

1501 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 44115

On a guided 90-minute tour, you'll wander through the sumptuous lobbies and ornate auditoriums of the five historic theaters built from 1921 to 1922, learning how the district was saved from near demolition and transformed into the largest theater restoration project in the world. You'll hear stories of glamour and decline, architectural artistry and how a local vision turned decaying theaters into a vibrant culture hub.

### **Morgan Conservatory**

Fee TBD | CRN 31506

**Wednesday, May 20, 2026 | 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

1754 E. 47th St., Cleveland 44103

This international destination is a working studio and the largest arts center in the United States dedicated to every facet of papermaking, book arts and letterpress printing. It is the educational hub and purveyor of some of the finest handmade papers in the world. As we learn about the papermaking industry, we will stroll through the unique Kozo garden, installed to grow fiber for the specialized papers.

## **Cleveland Public Library**

\$30 | CRN 31492

**Wednesday, May 27, 2026 | 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

325 Superior Ave., Cleveland 44114

The Cleveland Public Library, founded in 1869, operates 27 branches throughout the city, including a mobile library, the Public Administration Library and the Ohio Library for the Blind & Print Disabled. The library was designed by Walker & Weeks, displaying magnificent architecture. Its cornerstone contains a time capsule with documents relating to the construction of the library and events that occurred in 1923. The Terrestrial Globe light fixture in the lobby is based on a map by Leonardo da Vinci.

## **JUNE**

### **Parkside Church**

Fee TBD | CRN 31508

**Wednesday, June 3, 2026 | 10:30 a.m. – noon**

7100 Pettibone Road, Chagrin Falls 44023

Join us as we tour Solon's Parkside Church and learn of its origin and the history of the nationally known Scottish pastor, Allistair Begg. We'll also tour the newest property, Truth of Life, which follows the preaching of scripture and devotionals of Allistair, who broadcasts both a daily and weekly sermon globally.

### **Lake View Cemetery and Wade Memorial Chapel**

Fee TBD | CRN 31504

**Tuesday, June 9, 2026 | 10 a.m. – noon**

12316 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 44106

Join us for the breathtaking, historical landmark tour of Lake View Cemetery by docent Barb Snow, our own Tri-C Neighborhood Scholars facilitator. Learn about the famous notable figures buried here, including President James Garfield, John D. Rockefeller, Eliot Ness and more. Following the tour of the cemetery, Barb will guide us through the magnificent Wade Chapel, built in 1901. The interior was designed by Louis Comfort Tiffany. Its stained-glass window, titled the "Flight of Souls," and intricate mosaics symbolize eternal life and the passage of time.

## **The Alexander McGaffin Memorial Carillon**

Fee TBD | CRN 31512

**Friday, June 12, 2026 | 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

11205 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 44106

Join us for the majestic bell concert, followed by a tour and history of the bell tower, consisting of 47 cast bronze bells. Each bell produces a perfect Flemish bell tone, consisting of a strike tone, a hum tone a full octave below, a minor third, a fifth and an octave above the strike tone. Besides being perfectly in tune within itself, each bell must be in tune with the other bells of the carillon. Around the top of each bell is a frieze made up of figures of the four gospel writers with their medieval symbols. This tour is held rain or shine, and the bell concert can be heard from relaxing on the lawn, in the church or in your car.

### **Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine**

Fee TBD | CRN 31503

**Wednesday, June 17, 2026 | 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

21281 Chardon Road, Euclid 44117

Founded in 1920 and set amidst 26 rolling acres, this scenic spiritual destination includes the shrine and grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, which are replicas of the original shrine in Lourdes, France, where Mary appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858. Over the years, buildings and facilities have been added to include a chapel, Rosary Hill, Stations of the Cross, the St. Ann Dining Hall, a labyrinth and a gift shop. From its earliest beginnings, Catholics from all over the world have made a pilgrimage to the shrine.

### **Gordon Square District Tour**

\$30 | CRN 31500

**Monday, June 22, 2026 | 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

West 65th Street and Detroit Avenue

Join us for this iconic, historical tour of Gordon Square, known as the "arts-for-all" district, dating back over 100 years, including the construction in 1911 of the Gordon Square Theater (originally a vaudeville theater) and the 1921 construction of the Gordon Square Arcade, which included a silent movie house, the Capitol Theatre. Stroll through the cobblestone walks, enjoying the many restaurants, arcade and shops, learning about the development of this Detroit-Shoreway area that made it so desirable.

### Whitney Stained Glass Studio Inc.

Fee TBD | CRN 31516

**Tuesday, June 30, 2026 | 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

5939 Broadway Ave., Cleveland 44127

Whitney Stained Glass Studio offers outstanding craftsmanship in the design and installation of stained, leaded and faceted glass windows. They specialize in the conservation of existing windows and have restored windows by Mayer, Connick, Burnham and others! You can see the works of restored Tiffany glass in churches such as the Trinity Cathedral and the Good Shepherd window in the Church of the Covenant.



## MUSEUM AND CANALWAY

**Questions:** Tyra Tate at 216-987-2274 or [encore@tri-c.edu](mailto:encore@tri-c.edu)

### CMA Up Close — The Renaissance and Beyond

\$99

**Tuesdays, Jan. 20 – Feb. 24, 2026 | CRN 31495**

**Thursdays, Jan. 22 – Feb. 26, 2026 | CRN 31496**

**10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

11150 East Blvd., Cleveland 44106

This course will examine the lasting impact of the European Renaissance on art and culture, as well as the global exchanges that helped shape this era. The Renaissance was not simply a shift from medieval to modern thinking but was also influenced by exploration and the innovations of many other cultures. European artists incorporated ideas, technology and materials from across the world into their own work — including inspiration from Ancient Greece and Rome, China, Byzantium and the Islamic world — demonstrating the reciprocal influences of world cultures in this period. In turn, the Renaissance also influenced future art movements, including the world of fashion. Session topics will include the historical inspirations that fuel contemporary Italian fashions in the special exhibition Renaissance to Runway: The Enduring Italian Houses, how the Renaissance artist Filippino Lippi found new inspiration in the fragments of ancient paintings, sculpture and architecture in the exhibition Filippino Lippi and Rome, as well as other connections to the Renaissance across the museum's exhibitions and permanent collection.

### CMA Up Close — Artists and Inspiration

\$99

**Tuesdays, April 7 – May 12, 2026 | CRN 31493**

**Thursdays, April 9 – May 14, 2026 | CRN 31494**

**10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

11150 East Blvd., Cleveland 44106

Where do artists find their inspiration? Throughout time, artists have looked to current events, the works of fellow contemporary artists, and historical time periods to find inspiration. Artists bring in references from nature, the industrial world, religious traditions, and everything in between when creating art and responding to the world around them. This course will explore the many ways in which artists spark their creativity and influence those around them.

### Canalway Tours

\$20

**Monday, April 27, 2026 | 10 – 11:30 a.m. | CRN 31520**

**Monday, April 27, 2026 | 1 – 2:30 p.m. | CRN 31521**

**Thursday, April 30, 2026 | 10 – 11:30 a.m. | CRN 31522**

**Thursday, April 30, 2026 | 1 – 2:30 p.m. | CRN 31523**

4524 E. 49th St., Cuyahoga Heights 44125

See the splendor the season brings to the Ohio and Erie Canal Reservation via a fully enclosed cart. Your guide will discuss the natural and cultural history of the park, including the Ohio and Erie Canal, the Cuyahoga River, and flora and fauna along the way. Tours take place rain or shine. The cart holds seven passengers and includes space for one wheelchair.