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March 3, 2011: How to Learn History Through Great Art by Bruce Elliott



Dr. Bruce Elliott The dynamic Professor Bruce Elliott will use masterpieces from great artists such as Michelangelo, Rembrandt and Delacroix to illustrate the three prime functions art has performed over the centuries in relationship to history. The talk will also relate how Dr. Elliott has come increasingly to use art and period costumes to enliven his highly popular University history classes. Bruce Elliott, Ph.D. History (UC Berkeley), teaches unconventional courses in European history through Berkeley, Sonoma State and SRJC's Community Education program.

March 17, 2011: Sonoma County: Budget Challenges Programs & Services by Veronica Ferguson, County Administrator



What are the issues facing Sonoma County in 2011? How is the state's economy affecting the programs and services the county offers? Learn about the "state" of Sonoma County from its chief administrative officer, Veronica Ferguson. She has been on the job for one year, having been hired in January 2010 to become the first woman to hold the county's top administrative position. She came to Sonoma County from Solano County where she served for four years as its assistant county administrator.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to Kerry and Rosa for providing a substitute speaker at our last meeting with only 2 days notice. Great job!!

A couple members have mentioned how much they appreciate the photos with our updated roster inserts. If you have a roster change, such as address, job, email, phone number please email the information to Rosa Turner, brturner@sonic.net.

Do you have an idea for an excursion or an off-site event? Please contact Donna Spilman at donnaspilman@wildblue.net. Donna is always looking for interesting places to visit.

We will be mixing table seating at our March 3rd meeting. This will give everyone an opportunity to sit next to and visit with someone you may not know. We will mix table seating periodically throughout the year.

We have some interesting upcoming speakers. Remember to invite a friend to share the Forum.

Pat Edelstein

