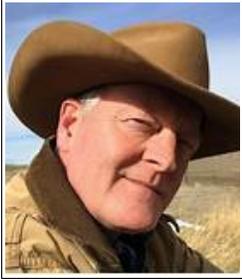


# ESU – Sandhills Branch

## 2021/2022 – Dinner Events

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**January 19, 2022**  
**Craig Johnson**



On January 19, 2022 New York Times bestselling author Craig Johnson will regale the ESU audience with tales of Sheriff Walt Longmire, fictional Sheriff of Absaroka County, Wyoming. Johnson’s most recent book released in September is titled “Daughter of the Morning Star”. To date there are sixteen novels in the series, from which a very successful television program, Longmire, has been created. The sixth season is currently available via Netflix.

Many of the novels, as well as the author, have received awards and recognition from fellow mystery writers and the literary world. Walt Longmire has a strong international following, especially in France.

Craig will speak to the inspiration for creating Walt Longmire, the choice of locale, and the incorporation of local characters (real and imagined) in his novels. Much flows from his life in Ucross, Wyoming, population 25.

Johnson’s success is celebrated in an annual Longmire Days festival in Buffalo, WY. Close to 10,000 people visit this small town, the real live inspiration for Durant.

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**February 16, 2022**  
**Elliott Shore**



Elliott Shore, an author and historian from Philadelphia, will discuss the history of dining out. An appropriate topic for a dinner meeting on February 16, 2022. From his co-authored book titled, “Dining Out: A Global History of Restaurants,” Shore will share stories from across time and place. Starting with a dinner on his back porch Shore collaborated with Katie Rawson, an American Studies scholar of Southern Foodways and together wrote the first book on the history of the restaurant as a global phenomenon.

From banquets in eleventh-century China to the medicinal roots of French restaurants, the origins of restaurants are not singular - nor is the history this book tells.

From restaurant architecture to technology developments, staffing and organizations, tipping and waiting tables *Dining Out’s* delectably illustrated and entertaining history will take the audience on a journey from the first restaurants in Kaifeng, China to the latest high-end dining experiences.

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**March 16, 2022**  
**Dorothy Cochrane**



On March 16, 2022, Air and Space Museum scientist and curator, Dorothy Cochrane, an expert on Amelia Earhart, will discuss the facts and fiction using Amelia Earhart's own words to include her visits to the Southern Pines community. Cochrane will explore why Earhart's accomplishments and shortcomings still pique our interest today.

Dorothy Cochrane curates the collections of general aviation aircraft; flight materiel (specifically personal, business, and utility production aircraft); aerial cameras; and the history of general aviation and women in aviation. She holds a BA in history from Ithaca College and a MEd from Lehigh University.

Cochrane is the co-author of *The Aviation Careers of Igor Sikorsky* and is the responsible curator for the *Barron Hilton Pioneers of Flight Gallery*, and the General Aviation, Business Aviation, Aerobatic Aviation, and Aerial Camera exhibit stations and cases. She is also speaker coordinator for the Museum's General Electric Aviation Lecture Series and Charles A. Lindbergh Memorial Lecture. She earned her private pilot license in 1994. Cochrane is a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and the Experimental Aircraft Association. Cochrane is currently writing a book on Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

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**April 20, 2022**  
**Greg Prickman**



Historian and librarian Greg Prickman is the Eric Weinmann Librarian and Director of Collections at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington DC, [www.folger.edu](http://www.folger.edu). On April 20, 2022, he will discuss the history of the Folger Library and its extensive and rich Shakespeare collection.

Greg Prickman was appointed the Eric Weinmann Librarian and Director of Collections in July 2018. Previously he was head of Special Collections at the University of Iowa Libraries. Prickman came to the University of Iowa Libraries in 2006, working as a special collections librarian and then as the assistant head of Special Collections and University Archives before becoming the head of Special Collections in 2011. He was the instigator of DIY History, a crowdsourcing transcription project for Civil War diaries and other digitized manuscripts, and the creator and lead developer of The Atlas of Early Printing a digital, publicly accessible map depicting the development of printing in Europe in the 15th century that uses GIS mapping.

A 1994 graduate of Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, Prickman majored in History and Studio Art with a printmaking focus. His MLS, with a specialization in Rare Books and Manuscripts, is from Indiana University.

The Folger Shakespeare Library has the world's largest collection of materials relating to Shakespeare and his works, from the 16th century to the present day, as well as a world-renowned collection of books, manuscripts, and prints from Renaissance Europe. During the dinner we will recognize the 2022 Moore County High School Shakespeare Competition winners.

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**May 18, 2022**

**Shaun Jay**



The final program of the spring season features the magician, Shaun Jay, on May 18, 2022. Jay's unique and interactive presentation promises to surprise and entertain the audience.

A magical presentation by a young entrepreneur who is living his dream and has been pursuing his passion since the age of 12. Shaun's successful talk, "Why the World Needs Magic Now" will open your eyes with a fresh perspective on the importance and history of experiencing the impossible. In this interactive presentation, you will learn about the history of mystery and how the art of magic plays a larger part than most people think in our world today. "Magic to me is like the piano is to Ray Charles."

He's been seen on FOX, ABC, NBC, Masters of Illusion on the CW Network and also the TEDx Stage. When not performing or speaking at events, Shaun uses his talents for 3D CAD design and prototyping as a trusted creative consultant for one of the world's premiere and most respected magic brands, Paul Harris Presents. Shaun is part of an exclusive team that helps invent some of the most cutting-edge illusions that are then sold to other magicians across the globe.