



1st Thursday Schedule **Fall 2022**

All programs are free & open to the public

Thursday, September 1 at 10AM

“The Middle East Today”

Samih Baalbaki

Samih Baalbaki was born and raised in Lebanon and he spent seventeen years in the Middle East before retiring in the U.S. in 2012. Based on his observations of daily social, religious, and business practices in the region, he will share insights into the current political and ethical issues affecting the Middle East.

Thursday, October 6 at 10AM

“Riding and Writing the Rivers of South Carolina”

John Lane

With 20 books to his name, John Lane is South Carolina’s most accomplished eco-writer. Drawing from his most recent book, *Still Upright & Headed Downstream: Collected River Writing* (Mercer, 2022), Lane will discuss his many adventures paddling the cascading wilds of our state’s rivers and describe how these waterways continue to inspire his writing.

Thursday, November 3 at 10AM

“Growing a Community Garden”

Giany Guedjo

Giany Guedjo, Executive Director of Carolina Human Reinvestment, will describe challenges and rewards of creating and growing the Pawleys Island Community Garden, which provides food to area food banks and hunger programs. Originally from Benin, Guedjo has spent the past thirteen years in South Carolina.

Thursday, December 1 at 10AM

“Mushrooms, or Why We Ought to Respect the Little Things”

Sara A. Rich, Ph.D.

Few organisms elicit such levels of popular disgust as the slimy, slippery mushroom. But given their medicinal and culinary value, why are mushrooms so commonly detested? Based on her new book on the subject, Dr. Rich’s talk will reveal some surprising elements behind “myco-phobia” and explore the magical if neglected world of fungi.

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