



August 2019

Terrific Tuesdays presentations

10 a.m.: Coffee, cake & conversation

10:30-11:30 a.m.: Presentations

Suggested donation: \$4

East Valley JCC, 908 N. Alma School Road, Chandler 85224, evjcc.org

Terrific Tuesdays Coordinator: Adrian Bendick, adrian@evjcc.org

Aug. 6: Authors @ the EVJCC

How I Wrote and Published my Debut Novel

Presenter: Howard Gershkowitz, author of "The Operator"

Howard Gershkowitz's journey to become a published author started nearly eight years ago, when at age 55 he decided to go back to school to work on his creative writing skills. His presentation covers the period surrounding the writing, editing, submission and release of his debut novel, "The Operator," and includes various insights into the nature of becoming a writer.

Howard Gershkowitz's work has appeared in print and online, in such prestigious publications as Michigan State University's quarterly *The Offbeat* and the Arizona Consortium of the Art's *Blue Guitar*. Most recently, he took first place in the 2018 Tempe creative writing contest judged by Arizona State University's Creative Writing Department. An avid science fiction fan since childhood, he's been inspired by the books of Isaac Asimov, Arthur C. Clark and Ray Bradbury. He's studied at ASU's Piper Creative Writing Center, as well as completing numerous workshops by such renowned authors as Stephen James and Robert Dugoni. In addition to his writing, Howard has served as an investment professional and registered investment adviser for the last 34 years.

Aug. 13: Museum @ the EVJCC

Visions of the Southwest: The Art of Georgia O'Keeffe and Ansel Adams

Presenter: Phoenix Art Museum docent Rebecca Albrecht

Take a trip through the Southwest with two unique and different artists, Georgia O'Keeffe and

Ansel Adams. Through the paintings of O’Keeffe and the photos of Adams, we will visit both well known and seldom seen areas of the Southwest. Along the way, we will learn about how they created their art and how the two artists differ and are similar.

Rebecca Albrecht has been a docent at Phoenix Art Museum since 2011 and is a past-president of the docent program. Before becoming a docent, she was a Judge of the Superior Court here in Arizona. When Rebecca is not teaching others about art, she enjoys photography, travel and various other hobbies. She also maintains an active practice of arbitrations and mediations and serves as her law firm’s general counsel.

Aug. 20: Arts & Culture @ the EVJCC

The New Season @ CCA

Presenter: Terri Rettig, assistant manager of Chandler Center for the Arts

Terri Rettig, assistant manager of Chandler Center for the Arts, will give a presentation about the upcoming season at CCA.

With over a decade of both educational and practical experience in the field of venue management, Terri Rettig has served as the assistant manager for the Chandler Center for the Arts since 2014. Terri oversees the operations for the facility, contracts for national presentations, artist hospitality and rentals. She is the lead coordinator for the Connecting Kids program, which serves over 5,400 young people with free or low-cost arts experiences. Terri is a next-generation industry leader in venue management with a certification from the International Association of Venue Managers (IAVM) Venue Management School. Prior to working in Chandler, Terri was the Campus and Special Projects manager at Mesa Arts Center.

Aug. 27: Arts & Culture @ the EVJCC

Painting with Watercolors

Presenter: Artist Tal Dvir

Tal Dvir started drawing and painting as a child and at age 16 was admitted to the prestigious Witzo School of Art in Tel Aviv. From 1989 to 1994, Tal attended Meimad and Kalisher visual art schools, also located in Tel Aviv. He studied under several accomplished local artists and then moved with his family to the U.S. in 2006. His work has been displayed in Tel Aviv, California and Arizona. See his work at taldvir.com. He will teach a “Painting with Watercolors” class at the EVJCC beginning Sept. 10. Check evjcc.org for details.