



Join us for NEOEA Day on Friday, October 13, 2023!



Having a "Lazarus" Moment
By Melanie Hameed, NEOEA President

NEOEADay is here, and with it the opportunity to breathe new life into your work space. If you have spoken with me for five minutes, you know that I have a ready story about my son, Mark, who teaches in Columbus. Well, this is no exception. I am hoping that you all are familiar with the Bible story concerning Lazarus. Here is the short version: Lazarus had been dead for three days when he was resurrected. Mark suffered a heart attack this summer at the age of 28. After complaining of chest pains, he went to the emergency room where he coded. No pulse. No breath sounds. Down for seven minutes before he was resuscitated. Today, August 3, he walked into his building with colleagues to begin the year.

So, if you find yourself in need of a "Lazarus" moment, I know that you will find resurrecting topics in the workshops that we are offering for NEOEA Day. It is a time for newness and rebirth. Do something to help breathe new life into you. Attend sessions offered on NEOEA Day and, by all means, stop me and ask me about my son. I'll be waiting to talk with you.



NEOEADAY
2023

Using This Catalog

NEOEA Day represents your dues dollars at work: those dollars pay for the preparation, production, and distribution of this catalog, and some programs receive grants paid from your dues dollars. Attending NEOEA Day programs, most of which provide growth opportunities at lower-than-usual prices, is an excellent way to get some of your NEOEA dues dollars back!

Organization. This catalog is divided into two main sections:

- professional development (pages 1-5);
- personal development (pages 5-6).

“Professional development” refers to things that make us more effective on the job. This was one of the original purposes of our organization when it was founded as NEOTA back in 1869, and it still comprises the largest portion of our NEOEA Day offerings. “Personal development” refers to items intended to enrich the lives of members both on and off the job.

Registration. Each program description identifies a chairperson, along with a phone number for contacting that chairperson and an address for sending in registration forms and payment. A few programs are independently funded so that they have no registration fee; however, **all programs require registration.** You register for NEOEA Day programs by using the registration form below. **Do not send registration forms or fees to NEOEA; send them to the address listed in the program description.**

Lunch. Please note luncheon arrangements which will be indicated in the program description. Some programs include lunch; some provide a lunch break during which you can eat a “bag lunch” or purchase lunch onsite; others provide a lunch period in which you eat offsite.

Children. We asked chairpersons to identify “family-friendly” programs that would be appropriate for children 12 and above accompanied by parents or guardians. Most programs are designed for an adult audience, but some programs are thoroughly appropriate for and enjoyable by children. By NEOEA policy, “the presence or absence of children at any NEOEA Day program will be at the discretion of the person or persons planning the program.” **Children are not permitted at NEOEA Day programs unless the program description uses the family-friendly logo or otherwise states that children are permitted to attend;** if you have any questions about bringing children to the program you plan to attend, please contact the chairperson.

Professional Development Credit. Since implementing local professional development committees (LPDCs), Ohio no longer certifies CEU (continuing education unit) providers. Your LPDC determines whether it will recognize a particular activity for professional development credit on your own individual professional development plan (IPDP). To facilitate that process, NEOEA provides presenters with certificates of participation. Presenters distribute those certificates at the end of the program; please don’t ask for them earlier. You will need to work with your own LPDC to determine whether a program is appropriate for your IPDP, and you will need to comply with any deadlines that your LPDC may require.

Virtual Sessions. Sessions marked with a “V” may/will be held virtually. Please contact the chairperson if you have any questions.

Graduate Credit. For NEOEA members who participate in any NEOEA Day workshop, one semester hour graduate credit (\$180) is available through Lake Erie College. Registration information and course assignment is available at neoea.org/files/GraduateCredit.pdf.

NEOEA Day Committee

NEOEA Day is a project of the Board of Directors’ NEOEA Day Subcommittee. Members in 2022-23 included Chairperson Barbara Martini, Champion EA; Sharron Callahan, Cardinal EA; Karen Carney, Campbell EA; Carol Correthers, Lorain EA; Trish Duncan, Bedford EA; Julie Garcia, Lorain EA; Marchell Josie, East

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NEOEA DAY REGISTRATION FORM

You must register by mail, email, or weblink. This reservation form must be used for registration for your NEOEA Day selection. Please note the deadline for each program. Please note if your chosen program requires additional information to be noted on this reservation form.

Name _____

Home address _____

Cell phone _____ School phone _____

Email address _____

Name of local association _____

COST: Cost of each program is listed in the reservation information. All must pay. \$ _____ Your grade level is _____
Additional fee for non-NEOEA members. \$10.00
Make payment for non-member fee on a separate check payable to NEOEA.

Make reservation fee payable to the person indicated in the workshop reservation information. Send both checks (if you are a non-member) to the address indicated in the reservation information in the program of your choice.

Name and code number of the session you will attend _____

**Mail or email this form to the address listed in the reservation information of the workshop you have chosen.
DO NOT MAIL REGISTRATION FORMS TO NEOEA.**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

THE ARTS

Program #1

West

Look Close, Breathe Deep: The Art Museum as an Educational Resource

Place: Allen Memorial Art Museum, Oberlin College, 87 N. Main Street, Oberlin 44074

Time: 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Chairperson: Jill Greenwood, Ph.D.

AGENDA

Art, education, and meditation come together as we explore the museum's renowned collection of artwork. Experience the Allen through a special docent-led tour and presentation, then relax as we blend art and mindfulness in a calming meditation session in one of the galleries. We will also discuss our K-12 outreach opportunities, including bus funding to the museum, which is always free; hands-on activities in the galleries to engage multimodal learners; interactive in-school presentations; and state-standard-driven lesson plans for teachers. Whether you teach art, social studies, language arts, foreign languages, science, or math, we custom design our tours to meet your curricular needs! Come discover how the museum's collection can be integrated into your classes and used as a resource for all ages.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: \$10 (free parking and catered lunch provided). Make check payable to Allen Memorial Art Museum. Send check and registration to AMAM, Attn. Ellis Lane, 87 North Main St., Oberlin, OH 44074. Register online at bit.ly/amam_neoea23. For more information contact Ellis Lane at elane@oberlin.edu or 440.775.8166. **Deadline:** Oct. 3, 2023. (Limited to 15 participants.)

Program #2

Central

Making the Most with Films in the Classroom (Grades 5-12)

Place: Cleveland State University School of Film and Media Arts, Idea Center Building, 1375 Euclid Avenue, 6th Floor, Cleveland 44115

Time: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Chairperson: Gabrielle Burrage

AGENDA

FilmSlam® Streams is a free, media literacy educational program that aims to educate students in grades 5-12 about evaluating and critiquing the messages they

perceive while viewing films. Films provide students with learning opportunities, including fostering thought-provoking discussion, analysis, cultural awareness, critical thinking, and social-emotional growth. Each film included in FilmSlam® Streams has an accompanying study guide that includes curriculum links and goals, vocabulary, discussion questions, and writing, learning, and research project ideas to incorporate as further study.

In this NEOEA Day workshop session, learn how to access and incorporate this free resource into your classroom as we review examples of short films, study guides, discussion topics, and sample activities.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None (refreshments/continental breakfast provided). Send registration form to Gabrielle Burrage at gabrielle@clevelandfilm.org. For further information, contact Gabrielle Burrage at gabrielle@clevelandfilm.org or 216.623.3456. **Deadline:** Oct. 6, 2023. (Limited to 75 participants.)

See also

Create Mirrors, Windows, and Sliding Doors through Children's Literature in Music, Program #13, Page 3.

Special Event at Playhouse Square (Grades 6-12), in Social Studies, Program #15, Page 4.

BUSINESS EDUCATION

See also

Environmental Concerns Brewery Tour in Environmental/Outdoor Education, Program #4, Page 1.

ENVIRONMENTAL/ OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Program #3

Central/East

Celebrate NEOEA Day at Holden Forests & Gardens

Place: Cleveland Botanical Gardens, 11030 East Blvd., Cleveland 44106 OR Holden Arboretum, 9550 Sperry Road, Kirtland 44094

Time: Cleveland Botanical Gardens from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. OR Holden Arboretum from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Chairperson: Sharon Graper



AGENDA

You deserve to relax and recharge in beautiful natural surroundings where you can get inspired and refreshed.

Both Holden Forests & Gardens campuses will offer free admission to teachers on

Friday, October 13, for NEOEA Day. Take a walk, enjoy the fall colors, and find out what educational opportunities we have for you to share with your students of all ages.

At the Holden Arboretum, climb the Emergent Tower and see Lake Erie, peer down 65 feet at the forest floor from the Canopy Walk, collect leaves on the Leaf Trail, or walk through the woods.

You can see butterflies in the Costa Rica Glasshouse at the Cleveland Botanical Garden, learn about the spiny desert in the Madagascar Glasshouse, visit the Hershey Children's Garden, or enjoy the Japanese Garden.

As a bonus on this day, teachers who visit in person will receive a 20% discount when purchasing a membership. Come pick up a teacher information packet, enter to win a free field trip, and see what we have to offer your students.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: Both Holden Forests & Gardens campuses will offer FREE admission to teachers on Friday, October 13, for NEOEA Day. Visit www.holdenfg.org to learn more about our two campuses and get directions to visit. Please note that teachers will need to show a school ID or other proof of eligibility for entry. Non-teachers and family members will need to pay regular admission.

Program #4

Central

Environmental Concerns Brewery Tour

Place: Westside Market and surrounding areas

Time: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Chairperson: Ben Beukeman, NEOEA Environmental Concerns Committee Chairperson

AGENDA

We will tour Bookhouse Brewery and Market Garden Brewing to learn about sustainable environmental practices in local businesses, and we'll finish up at Mitchell's Ice Cream for a delicious way to end our day.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: \$20 (lunches available to buy on your own). Send registration form to Ben Beukeman at bbeukeman@gmail.com. For further information, contact Ben Beukeman at bbeukeman@gmail.com. **Deadline:** Oct. 2, 2023. (Limited to 25 participants.)

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Greening Schools: From the Simple to the Complex

Place: Lee Burneson Middle School, 2260 Dover Center Road, Westlake, 44145 (drive to the front of the schools and then follow the road around to the back of the schools to park in the back parking lot; we will walk to our outdoor classroom and native garden from there)

Time: 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.



Chairperson: Angie Germano, NEOEA Environmental Concerns Committee

AGENDA

Come learn how to make your school more environmentally friendly! Visit a school that has an outdoor classroom that was designed by students as part of their science and math curriculum, and see how you can incorporate environmental concerns with a variety of subjects. Learn how to create a composting system at your school that is run by students. We will be talking about other small actions that the students and staff at your school can do to make your school greener from recycling, reducing your electricity usage, and to even becoming an Ohio Wild School Site. We will also share about how to get funding and donations for items to make your school more environmentally friendly.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None. Send registration form to Angie Germano at germanoa@wlake.org. For further information, contact Angie Germano at germanoa@wlake.org. **Deadline:** Sept. 29, 2023. (Limited to 50 participants.)

FOREIGN AND WORLD LANGUAGE

See also

Making the Most with Films in the Classroom (Grades 5-12) in The Arts, Program #2, page 1.

GENERAL

Downtown Highlights Walking Tour

Place: The tour will begin at the statue of Mayor Tom Johnson on the north side of Public Square (across from the Old Stone Church), 91 Public Square, Cleveland. We will end in Playhouse Square.

Time: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Chairperson: Scott O'Con



AGENDA

We will explore downtown Cleveland by

foot, looking at its amazing history and architecture, from Public Square to Playhouse Square and everything in between. We will cover the Old Stone Church, Terminal Tower, the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, the Cleveland Public Library, the Federal Reserve of Cleveland, the Arcade, the Cleveland Trust Company, and Playhouse Square. The tour will be a mixture of inside and outside stops. The tour is rain or shine. The tour will be approximately two hours long. Bathroom breaks available.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: \$10 for NEOEA members; \$20 for non-members (no lunch break). Credit card payments accepted; contact Tours of Cleveland directly at toursofcleveland@gmail.com to sign up online. Otherwise, make check payable to Tours of Cleveland, LLC. Send check and registration form to Tours of Cleveland, LLC, 3766 W. 132nd St., Cleveland, OH 44111. For further information, contact Scott O'Con at toursofcleveland@gmail.com or 216.318.3865. **Deadline:** Oct. 6, 2023 (if paying by check) or Oct. 12 (if paying by credit card). (Limited to 20 participants.)

How to Motivate Kids and Authentic Learning Styles

Place: ESC of Eastern Ohio, 7320 N. Palmyra Road, Canfield 44406

Time: 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Chairperson: Dawna Rappach

AGENDA

Todd Stanley, aka "The Gifted Guy," is the author of many teacher-education books including *How the Hell Do We Motivate These Kids*, *Promoting Rigor through Higher Level Questioning*, and his latest, *A Teacher's Toolbox for Gifted Education*. Todd has served as a classroom teacher for 18 years and is currently the Gifted Services Coordinator for Pickerington Local School District and an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati teaching gifted education. His session "How to Motivate Kids and Authentic Learning Styles" will provide participants with opportunities to connect data and strategies to motivate gifted learners.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None for member districts, \$100 for non-member districts (pack your lunch). To register online, go to <https://www.esc.easternohio.org/calendar-pages/event-detail/~occur-id/7898>. For further information, contact Dawna Rappach at d.rappach@esceasternohio.org or 330.533.8755. **Deadline:** Oct. 11, 2023. (Limited to 100 participants.)

See also

Celebrate NEOEA Day at Holden Forests & Gardens in Environmental/Outdoor Education, Program #3, Page 1.

SafeZone Plus in Guidance/Psychology/Pupil Services, Program #9, Page 2.

GUIDANCE/ PSYCHOLOGY/ PUPIL SERVICES

NAMI's Ending the Silence for Staff

Place: Will only be held by videoconference

Time: 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Chairperson: Matt Selker, NAMI Lake County



AGENDA

The *Ending the Silence for Staff* is an engaging presentation for school staff, educators, and administrators based on researched evidence. ETS is facilitated by a lead presenter and a young adult presenter, who is currently or has previously experienced a mental health condition. The presentation includes warning signs, facts and statistics regarding mental health conditions and suicide prevention, as well as how to approach students and work with families. Participants will receive a resource guide as well as information on local and national organizations that provide help. Our goal is to reduce the stigma associated with mental health and ensure students, staff, and families are supported and know they are not alone.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None. Send registration form to Matt Selker at Matt@namilake.org. For further information, contact Matt Selker at Matt@namilake.org or 440.639.1200. **Deadline:** Sept. 29, 2023. (Limited to 50 participants.)

SafeZone Plus

Place: Will only be held by videoconference

Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Chairperson: Kristen Pepera, Executive Director/Co-Founder Colors+



AGENDA

Join Kristen Pepera, M.Ed., LPCC-S from Colors+ in learning more about how to create safe spaces for all youth. We will learn about our own identities as well as discuss sexuality, gender, and mental health dispari-

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ties/minority stress. Everyone deserves a safe space.

Learning objectives include, but are not limited to:

1. Participants will be able to apply knowledge learned in training to create a safe space and advocate for LGBTQ+ people within their workplace and community.
2. Participants will be able to identify and explain various parts of the LGBTQ+ community.
3. Participants will be able to prepare and create a plan to prevent discrimination and inequitable situations for those in the LGBTQ+ and other minority populations.
4. Participants will be able to identify their own privileges and help to eliminate barriers for others with less privileges to create a more supportive community for all.

CEU's pending from CSWMFT Board of Ohio.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None. Send registration form to Colors+, 21430 Lorain Road, #400, Fairview Park, OH 44126. For further information, contact Kristen Pepera at info@colorsplus.org or 330.529.5667. **Deadline:** Sept. 29, 2023. **(Limited to 30 participants.)**

HEALTH/PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Program #10

Central

Ice, Ice, Baby: Try the Olympic Sport of Curling

Place: Mayfield Curling Club, 23103 Miles Road, Suite D, Warrensville Heights 44128

Time: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Chairperson: Ryan MacRaild, 24-year coach



AGENDA

This fun NEOEA Day activity is perfect for all teachers hoping to learn more about the sport of curling. A wintertime activity for all ages and abilities, curling is played all over the world and has become a mild addiction to the fans of the sport. Come try it out in this fun, non-stress, physical and challenging, learn-to-curl experience!

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None (no lunch break). Send registration form to Ryan MacRaild at macraildr@bbhcsd.org. For further information, contact Ryan MacRaild at macraildr@bbhcsd.org or 216.369.7004. **Deadline:** Oct. 12, 2023. **(Limited to 30 participants.)**

See also

NAMI's Ending the Silence for Staff in Guidance/Psychology/Pupil Services, Program #8, Page 2.

LANGUAGE ARTS

Program #11

East

Exploring the English Festival! (Grades 7-12)

Place: Youngstown State University, One University Plaza, Youngstown 44555

Time: 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Presenter: Nikki Ericksen, YSU English Instructor and English Festival Co-Coordinator

AGENDA

The YSU English Festival promotes, reads, and discusses diverse books and topics for teens. Our booklists include LGBTQIA, mental health, ability, environmental, civil rights, socioeconomic and racial issues. Students create a variety of graphic essays, and other projects surrounding the festival booklist. The festival provides opportunities for students to see themselves and those who may be different from them as characters worthy of stories and dreams. We would like to extend the festival's influence and give more students the courage, environment, and freedom to imagine audacious dreams, while inspiring others to create their own literature festivals. Come learn about what happens before, during, and after the festival as well as how books and prompts are selected.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None (lunch included; free parking). Register online at <https://bit.ly/NEOEAAatYSU>. For further information, contact Dr. Amanda Fehlbaum at AmandaFehlbaum@me.com or 330.423.6531. **Deadline:** Sept. 15, 2023. **(Limited to 50 participants.)**

LIBRARY/MEDIA

See also

Exploring the English Festival! (Grades 7-12) in Language Arts, Program #11, Page 3.

MATHEMATICS

Program #12

East

Process over Product: Mathematical Exploration to Strengthen Critical Thinking

Place: Youngstown State University, One University Plaza, Youngstown 44555

Time: 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Presenter: Dr. Alicia Prieto Langarica

AGENDA

In mathematics classes, it is common to focus on having students "get the right answer" and to do that, we educators break-down concepts and focus on teaching step-by-step instructions to solving questions. While that achieves the goal of having students get the right answers, it prevents them from exploring, building critical thinking skills, and allows them thinking there is no place for errors in a math class. This workshop seeks to challenge this idea and offers a different way to approach mathematics learning.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None (lunch included; free parking). Register online at <https://bit.ly/NEOEAAatYSU>. For further information, contact Dr. Amanda Fehlbaum at AmandaFehlbaum@me.com or 330.423.6531. **Deadline:** Sept. 15, 2023. **(Limited to 50 participants.)**

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY

See also

Hands-On Humanities: Active Learning Activities for Social Studies Classrooms (Grades 7-12) in Social Studies, Program #14, Page 4.

Look Close, Breathe Deep: The Art Museum as an Educational Resource in The Arts, Program #1, Page 1.

Soap Box Derby and STEM in STEAM, Program #18, Page 5.

MUSIC

Program #13

Central

Create Mirrors, Windows, and Sliding Glass Doors through Children's Literature (Elementary)

Place: Cleveland State University, 2001 Euclid Avenue, G15 or Drinko Hall, Cleveland 44115,

Time: 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Chairperson: Angela Perrine

AGENDA

Learn how to incorporate an inclusive space for literature to teach musical concepts in your classroom. Teachers in this session will be able to encourage social and emotional learning by understanding the differences between creating mirrors, windows, and sliding doors through children's lit.

Our presenter is Charissa Duncanson who has taught general music for grades ranging from K-8th in the Metro-Detroit area since 2014. As a sought-out clinician for music

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education, she has presented locally and internationally. Charissa has served on multiple boards for music education associations include MMEA Michigan local affiliate of Nafme, Detroit Orff Schulwerk Association, and the American Orff Schulwerk Association.

Charissa will bring several book recommendations for the music classroom written and illustrated by Black & Indigenous People/Persons of Color (BIPOC). Be ready to create, play, and add movement to bring new classroom stories to life!

RESERVATIONS

Cost: \$25 (pack your lunch or lunches available to buy on your own). Make check payable to Greater Cleveland Chapter AOSA. Send check and registration form to Elena Hoffmann, 6057 Mint Hill Dr., Medina, OH 44256. For further information, contact Angela Perrine at clevelandorff@gmail.com or 216.255.4434. **Deadline:** Oct. 6, 2023. **(Limited to 50 participants.)**

SCIENCE

See also

Ice, Ice, Baby: Try the Olympic Sport of Curling in Health/Physical Education, Program #10, Page 3.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Program #14

East

Hands-On Humanities: Active Learning Activities for Social Studies Classrooms (Grades 7-12)

Place: Youngstown State University, One University Plaza, Youngstown 44555

Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Presenters: Dr. Amy Laurel Fluker, Associate Professor of History; Dr. Dawna Cerney, Professor of Geography; and Dr. Amanda Fehlbaum, Associate Professor of Sociology

AGENDA

Join faculty from the YSU Department of Humanities and Social Sciences for a series of hands-on workshops designed to provide free curricular resources and model classroom activities for Social Studies educators, grades 7-12. Professors in the fields of Geography, History, and Sociology will share information about open-access educational resources and lead demonstrations built around specific resources that may be applied to classroom instruction. Participants will also be invited to tour the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor and learn about field trips and educational programming opportunities at the museum.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None (lunch included; free parking). Register online at <https://bit.ly/NEOEAAatYSU>. For further information, contact Dr. Amanda Fehlbaum at AmandaFehlbaum@me.com or 330.423.6531. **Deadline:** Sept. 15, 2023. **(Limited to 50 participants.)**

Program #15

Central

Mummies of the World: The Exhibition at The Corner Gallery at Playhouse Square

Place: The Corner Gallery at Playhouse Square, 1305 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 44115

Time: 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Chairperson: Beth Beck, Group Sales Account Executive

AGENDA

Prepare to embark on an awe-inspiring journey through time and civilizations as *Mummies of the World: The Exhibition* makes its Cleveland debut at Playhouse Square's stunning new Corner Gallery space for a limited time.

From the ancient wonders of Egypt to the intriguing practices of South America, this exhibition offers a rare opportunity to explore the diverse cultures and stories behind 40 real humans and animals and 80 rare artifacts from across the globe.

NEOEA Day participants will enjoy a private exhibit experience and complimentary parking, coffee, and treats.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None (no lunch break). Send registration form to Beth Beck at Beth.Beck@playhousesquare.org. For further information, contact Beth Beck at Beth.Beck@playhousesquare.org. **Deadline:** Oct. 6, 2023. **(Limited to 75 participants.)**

See also

Downtown Highlights Walking Tour in General, Program #6, Page 2.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Program #16

East

Becoming Independent — Remote Supports, Assistive Technology, and You (Grades 8-Adult)

Place: Mahoning County Board of DD, 7408 Glenwood Avenue, Boardman 44512

Time: 45 minute tours begin at 9:30, 10:30, and 11:30 a.m.

Chairperson: George Gabriel, SSA Supervisor



AGENDA

Come take a Tech House Tour! Visit a home that the Mahoning County Board of

Developmental Disabilities has configured which showcases the use of remote supports and assistive technology. See how these features support communication, organization, safety and more; where to find technology solutions; and how you can help others increase technology use. From the kitchen to the bathroom, every room is equipped with support. Increased independence is important to those with disabilities, the elderly, veterans and others. Join us to learn how to provide an environment that makes individuals less reliant on you and more confident in themselves—a win-win!

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None. Send registration form to Anne Louise White at awhite@mahoningcountyoh.gov. For further information, contact Anne Louise White at awhite@mahoningcountyoh.gov or 330.799.2646. **Deadline:** Oct. 5, 2023. **(Limited to 30 participants—ten per each tour.)**

STEAM

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics)

Program #17

East

Finding Your SHINE: A Different Approach to STEM Learning

Place: OH WOW! Center for Science & Technology, 15 Central Square, Youngstown 44501

Time: 8:30 a.m. (registration); 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Chairperson: Marvin Logan, Executive Director

AGENDA

Our "Finding Your SHINE: A Different Approach to STEM Learning" workshop introduces three methodologies: Challenge and Project-Based Learning (CBL/PBL), leveraging STEM kits, and Shineology. Participants explore CBL/PBL's benefits, share successful case studies, and engage in hands-on activities. They also discover the importance of STEM kits, experiment with various kits, and learn about Shineology's core principles and techniques for student self-discovery. Attendees gain practical instructional approaches, innovative ways to integrate STEM, and resources to enhance their teaching practices. They transform classrooms into dynamic spaces that promote critical thinking and engagement, empowering students through real-world challenges. This workshop inspires and invigorates teachers, preparing them to create meaningful educational experiences that foster success in the 21st century. Together, we shape brighter futures for our learners.

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RESERVATIONS

Cost: \$20 (lunch included). Make check payable to OH WOW! Children's Center for Science & Technology. Send check and registration form to OH WOW!, P. O. Box 1624, Youngstown, OH 44501. For further information, contact Elaine Huncik at edutainer02@ohwowkids.org or 330.744.5914. **Deadline:** Sept. 15, 2023. **(Limited to 40 participants.)**

Program #18

Central

Soap Box Derby and STEM

Place: Derby Downs, 1000 George Washington Blvd., Akron 44312

Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Presenter: Linda Hubble



AGENDA

Have you ever wanted to drive a Soap Box Derby (SBD) car down the track at the infamous Derby Downs in Akron, Ohio? This is your chance! Are you interested in starting a school Soap Box Derby team and race against schools from across Ohio and

surrounding states? This is your chance! Have you ever heard about the STEM/STEAM Education programs the Soap Box Derby (SBD) can provide for your classroom? This is your chance!

If you want to learn more about these engaging, project-based, STEM learning opportunities—this event is for you! If you think that starting a school Soap Box Derby team or participating in other SBD STEM programs is just too expensive, think again. There are so many grant opportunities out there, and the SBD is willing to help!

Spend just a couple of hours at the track, and we will give you any information you may need for yourself (or a colleague) to get your school involved. There are opportunities to start a team on the intermediate, middle, and high school levels. There are also opportunities to set up field trips and visits as well as participate in SBD Mini Car program and Summer Camp. During this event, everyone will have a chance to drive a SBD car down the track, tour the SBD Museum, and compete against each other in a Mini Car

Race. Come join us and find out what the SBD can do to assist you.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None (no lunch break). Send registration form to Linda Hubble at Linda@SoapBoxDerby.org. For further information, contact Linda Hubble at Linda@SoapBoxDerby.org or 740.817.0345. **Deadline:** Sept. 25, 2023. **(Limited to 50 participants.)**

See also

Process Over Product: Mathematical Exploration to Strengthen Critical Thinking in Mathematics, Program #12, Page 3.

TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS

See also

Becoming Independent — Remote Supports, Assistive Technology, and You in Special Education, Program #16, Page 4.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Program #19

Virtual

All Things Higher Ed: How College Can Help You, Your Family, and Your Students

Place: Will only be held by videoconference

Time: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Chairperson: Madeline Rife, College Now



AGENDA

Join College Now Greater Cleveland to hear about challenges and opportunities in the postsecondary space. We'll provide tips and insight, as well as resources for further information for students and/or your family. We will also discuss the various Resource Centers that are located throughout the region and provide an overview of all the services we provide to Ohio residents. You will also hear more about two of College Now's flagship initiatives, and how they can benefit you personally: Student Loan Rescue and the Mentoring Program. See you there!

Canceled

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None. Send registration form to Madeline Rife at mrife@collegnowgc.org. For further information, contact Madeline Rife at mrife@collegnowgc.org or 216.635.0163. **Deadline:** Sept. 15, 2023. **(Limited to 500 participants.)**

Program #20

Central

Big Hearted Blooms

Place: Big Hearted Blooms, 5122 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland 44103

Time: 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Chairperson: Kecia Sanders-Stewart, NEOEA Social and Human Concerns Chairperson

AGENDA

What could be better than delivering joy through recycled flowers? Spend a few hours with the Social and Human Concerns Committee as we volunteer at Big Hearted Blooms! We will assist this non-profit organization with repurposing donated floral arrangements into beautiful bouquets that will be delivered as gestures of kindness to area care facilities. All materials are provided, but donations of 10-inch vases are appreciated! Waiver of liability required at the event. Join us as we lift the spirits and boost the emotional health of our neighbors in need!

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None. Send registration form to Dawn Magnasco at magnet2574@gmail.com. For further information, contact Dawn Magnasco at magnet2574@gmail.com or 216.401.0831. **Deadline:** Oct. 9, 2023. **(Limited to 15 participants.)**

Program #21

East

How Money Works Essentials

Place: How Money Works, 9328 Chillicothe Road, Kirtland 44094

Time: 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Chairperson: Tim Polak



AGENDA

We teach people How Money Works. It's a life skill not taught in schools. You don't learn it from your friends, family or co-workers. The odds are, they don't know it

Program #22

Virtual

I Wish Someone Would Have Told Me...My Role in Retirement

Place: Will only be held by videoconference

Time: 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon

Chairperson: Dennis Lewis, NEOEA Personal Welfare & Financial Planning Committee Chairperson



AGENDA

Education personnel have pensions that provide a basic income at retirement. But pension benefits only provide 60-70% of active workplace compensation. Advance planning will enable educators to supplement their pensions to maintain or enhance their standard of living in retirement. And education personnel also like to live comfortably during their careers. Just about every financial event in life can be

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accommodated through proper planning. This presentation will address the broad general topic of financial planning, supplemental retirement and investment plans and how they can help education employees – from an educational – not marketing – perspective. The program is appropriate for new as well as established educators as everyone should start thinking about retirement as soon as they set foot in a school facility.

Attend this program and learn:

- Why financial planning is so important
- Basic steps in the financial planning process
- How to use the power of compounding to work to your best advantage
- What benefits you will be expected to provide on your own in retirement

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None (no lunch break). Register online at <https://neoea.condohome.net/> or send registration form to Dennis Lewis, PO Box 360426, Strongsville, OH 44136. For further information, contact Dennis Lewis at utp@condohome.net or 440.572.3472. **Deadline:** Oct. 12, 2023. (Limited to 100 participants.)

Program #23

Central

Professional with a Purpose

Place: NEOEA Conference Center, 6001 Landerhaven Drive, Suite D, Mayfield Heights 44124

Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Chairperson: Jené Wilson, NEOEA-R Organizing Committee

AGENDA

Participants will assemble child-sized furniture and toys (scooter kits, as well as child-sized flexible kits). When completed, everything can be donated to programs or for young children.

It is not necessary to be proficient with tools or sewing in order to participate in this fun project.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None. Send registration form to Jené Wilson at jene@mac.com. For further information, contact Jené Wilson at jene@mac.com or 216.408.5825. **Deadline:** Sept. 15, 2023. (Limited to 20 participants.)

Program #24

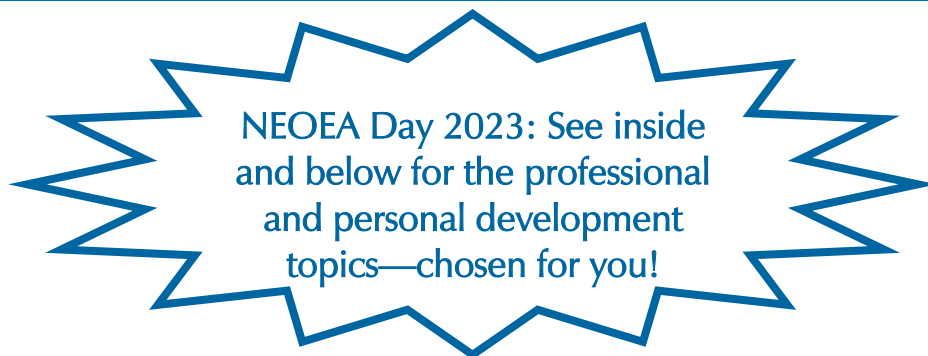
Virtual

STRS Ohio Update: Keeping You Informed

Place: Will only be held by videoconference

Time: 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Chairperson: Christina Elliott, Chief Benefits Officer STRS Ohio



North Eastern Ohio Education Association
6001 Landerhaven Drive, Suite D
Mayfield Heights, OH 44124-4190

AGENDA

During this session attendees will learn about and have an opportunity to ask questions about the overall financial health and operations of the retirement system.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None. Send registration form to Tamla Cole at colet@strsoh.org. For further information, contact Tamla Cole at colet@strsoh.org or 614.227.8661. **Deadline:** Oct. 10, 2023. (Limited to 100 participants.)

Program #25

Virtual

Student Loans and the Path to Forgiveness

Place: Will only be held by videoconference

Time: 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. OR 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Chairperson: Guy Kendall-Freas, Affiliate Relations Specialist

AGENDA

For decades, the path to loan forgiveness has been fraught with misrepresentations, misinformation and just plain fraud. Despite this summer's SCOTUS ruling disallowing the President's One Time Loan Forgiveness Plan, the Administration was working behind the scenes to create other opportunities. As a result, there are now a number of new

options available to borrowers caught in seemingly endless debt. This one-hour session will explain your options. Presented by NEA Member Benefits.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None. Log on at <https://tinyurl.com/ND23-StuLoans>. If prompted, the meeting ID is 862 9836 7704 and the passcode is 972032.

Program #26

Virtual

Your STRS Ohio Benefits: What Should You Know?

Place: Will only be held by videoconference

Time: 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Chairperson: Tamla Cole, Assistant Director—Member Engagement and Outreach

AGENDA

Join us to learn about STRS Ohio benefits as well as key steps to take at every career stage to build a financially sound retirement.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None. Send registration form to Tamla Cole at colet@strsoh.org. For further information, contact Tamla Cole at colet@strsoh.org or 614.227.8661. **Deadline:** Oct. 10, 2023. (Limited to 100 participants.)