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## 2025 NEOEA-R Spring Conference-Cleveland Museum of Art



Join us on a docent-led highlights tour of the Cleveland Museum of Art on **Tuesday, April 15, starting at 10:30 AM**. Immerse yourself in a rich tapestry of artistic history and innovation. Home to an impressive collection of over 61,000 artworks spanning 6,000 years, the Cleveland Museum of Art is a testament to the power of human

creativity. From ancient artifacts to contemporary masterpieces, every visit is a journey through time and diverse cultures.

Explore the galleries, soak in the beauty of renowned pieces, and witness the evolution of artistic expression. The museum’s commitment to accessibility ensures that art lovers of all backgrounds can engage with its treasures. It’s not just a visit; it’s an invitation to connect with the extraordinary. The Cleveland Museum of Art is more than a museum; it’s an experience that transcends boundaries and welcomes everyone to the world of art.

The museum is located at **11150 East Boulevard in University Circle in Cleveland**. We’ll meet at 10:30 a.m. for the tour, and we’ll refund \$10 for parking to you on arrival. Lunch is on your own in the atrium. Our NEOEA-R Organizing Committee will be meeting after lunch, and we hope you will join us to find out more about this committee dedicated for our retired members.

### Cleveland Museum of Art Tour

The tour begins at **10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 2025**

To register, use the link at <https://tinyurl.com/NE-R-ArtTour>

Questions: Please email us at [desk@neoea.org](mailto:desk@neoea.org).

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Monday, April 7, 2025.

## 2025 Election for OEA-R / NEA Representative Delegates



**DEADLINE: Friday, March 21**

OEA-R delegates will be elected through Friday, March 21 by online and mail-in ballot. Locate your election information sent by email and US mail. Please support candidates from NEOEA-R.

OEA-R members should look for an email and/or a postcard “Vote now in the OEA-Retired Elections” from “Ohio Education Association <[help@yeselections.com](mailto:help@yeselections.com)>”

Everyone has received either a postcard, envelope or an email with an explanation and instructions which provide an “Election Code” and a “Voting PIN” along with a link to the voting page. If your ballot is not already in the US mail, please vote online by 5:00 PM Friday, March 21

Candidate biographies and campaign statements are available at <https://www.ohea.org/retired>



**Here are the Steps to Vote Online:**

Go to the voting website: <https://www.ohea.org/retired>



*Click on this image*

Enter your **Election Code** and **Voting Pin** in the fields  
Click on Continue and follow the voting instructions

All ballots must be received by **5:00 PM EDT on March 21**  
Please support the following candidates from NEOEA:

Valenta Ward-Gravely  
Verlene B. DeWitt  
Diallas York

Peg Ham  
Jene' Wilson  
Steven D. Mitchell

**Bowling for the OEA Fund**

**Please Join Us For The Annual  
NEOEA GREATER CLEVELAND  
BOWLING TOURNAMENT**



**Saturday, March 29th**  
• 1:30 PM Doors Open  
• 2:00 PM Bowling Begins

- Featuring:**
- Food & Drink
  - Gift Card Raffle
  - Door Prizes
  - Trophies
  - Union Family

**Roseland Lanes**  
26383 Broadway Ave  
Oakwood Village, OH 44146

Team of 2: \$100.00  
Individual Bowler: \$50.00  
Spectator: \$35.00

**RSVP by QR Code or by website:**  
<https://shorturl.at/HgTO5>



Paid for by the OEA Fund

**RSVP Greater Cleveland Area Tournament**

<https://secure.ngpvan.com/N6xGFi5-xk6bZbsYH4HEBq2>

**OEA-R Medicare Enrollment Webinar**



As you approach age 65, the Medicare Enrollment and STRS Ohio webinar can help you understand and prepare for Medicare.

Join us from a convenient location using computer, phone or tablet. During this webinar we will cover:

- The basics of Medicare
  - STRS Ohio Health Care Program requirements and plan enrollment as a Medicare enrollee
  - Answers to common questions
- [https://ohea.zoom.us/meeting/register/lpwWqbekQZai\\_ra6clmh5Q#/registration](https://ohea.zoom.us/meeting/register/lpwWqbekQZai_ra6clmh5Q#/registration)



**OEA-R Spring Conference April 22, 2025**



Join your retired member colleagues for a viewing of the many historical exhibits in the museum (the museum will be closed that day to outside visitors, so unfortunately you won't be surrounded by 900 or so public-school students and their addled teachers and chaperones; we have the place to ourselves, and it's a big place!), a tasty lunch, and a creative interactive program, facilitated by our own Carol Dixon. Celebrating Poetry Month (April), we will feature the 2022-2024 Ohio Beat Poet Laureate, Sandra Feen.

**April 22, 2025** — 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**The Ohio History Connection**

800 E. 17th Ave.  
Columbus, OH 43211

**TRAFFIC ADVISORY**

**17th Ave. west of the Ohio History Center is closed through mid-April 2025** for underground utility work. Please enter the Ohio History Center from the east via Interstate 71.

**AGENDA**

- Museum exploration!
- Lunch Networking
- Activity

**SCHEDULE:**

- 10:00 — 10:30: Check in, light refreshments.
- 10:30 – 12:00: Museum!
- 12:00 – 1:00: Lunch (see options on flyer), conversation.
- 1:00 – 2:00: Activity

**REGISTRATION FEE**

\$35.00 (non-refundable)

To register, please download and print the flyer, fill out the registration slip and mail with a check for \$35.00 payable to:

<https://www.ohea.org/cms/assets/uploads/2025/02/OEAR-Spring-Conference-2025-flyer.pdf>

**Barry Alcock**

c/o Central OEA/NEA  
2760 Airport Drive Suite 120B  
Columbus, OH 43219

**OEA-R Webinar Schedule**

<https://oer.ohea.us/events-programs/webinars/>

**March 26, 2025**—“So You’re Turning 65”-STRS  
Presentation by Tamla Cole

**April 30, 2025**—Overcoming Barriers Among Immigrants by Empowering Adults with Literacy

**May 28, 2025**—Listening to Building Understanding

**OEA-Retired Racial and Social Justice Book Study**

For exciting discussions, all OEA members are invited to join us on this journey. We aim to inspire engaging conversations in books that relate to everyday experiences on the topics of racial and social justice. This will help us learn from each other and grow in understanding.

Sessions are virtual on Zoom and take place the third Monday of each month from 7pm-8pm (unless otherwise stated).

**Book Reading Schedule:**

- Apr 28 & May 19 – The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander
- Jun 16 & Jul 21 – Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- Aug 18 & Sep 15 – Frederick Douglass by David Blight
- Oct 20 & Nov 17 – Four Hundred Souls by Ibram X. Kendi

<https://oer.ohea.us/events-programs/book-study/>

**Program Flyer**

[Please click here to register](#)

**OEA News Updates**

You may subscribe to OEA emails and newsletters for the latest updates and alerts where you can take action on topics of interest which include:

**Legislative Watch** – OEA offers insight and analysis of the issues and legislation that affect public education.

**OEA Action Alerts** – News for activists committed to advancing education policies focused on building great public schools for all students.

**Events and Promotions** – Emails about special discounts and events offered exclusively to OEA members.

**OEA Updates** – Important information about OEA operations and services.

**OEA-R Newslines** – A quarterly newsletter from the OEA-Retired Advisory Council.

<https://mc71vg027km1wphy7-4k57j82yc4.pub.sfmcontent.com/530oawg5g11/u5hsq41p1xs>

[Subscribe](#)

**NEOEA-R @ MegaConference for Membership!**

NEOEA-R leadership and members serve on NEOEA Committees which present personal, professional and educational development breakout sessions each year. We had our informational table at the event to provide members, both active and retired what we do and how we help members in all areas of work in the United Education Profession. We also offered a pre-retired workshop for active members to enroll in OEA-R and NEA-R lifetime memberships at today’s dues levels, even if leaving a school at retirement is years away.

This session keeps members informed of the retirement benefits that can be expected at retirement and to help them explore other vehicles to be financially secure during retirement. Persons who are not yet life members of OEA-R and NEA-R are also encouraged to join OEA-R/NEA-R life to lock in benefits going forward.

<https://oer.ohea.us/join/how-to-join/>





## NEOEA Discounts at Playhouse Square



NEOEA members have discounts for highly-anticipated shows in the KeyBank Broadway Series.

- ◆ Mar 4 - 23, 2025 | Connor Palace Romeo & Juliet
- ◆ Mar 21 - Apr 6, 2025 | Hanna Twelfth Night
- ◆ Apr 9 - 13, 2025 | Connor Palace Peter Pan
- ◆ Apr 22 - May 11, 2025 | Connor Palace Shucked
- ◆ Apr 25 - May 18, 2025 | Noises Off
- ◆ June 17 - July 6, 2025 | KeyBank State Theatre Hamilton
- ◆ July 15 - Aug 3, 2025 | Connor Palace Kimberly Akimbo

Use promo code listed in the Playhouse Square area of Announcements at [neoea.org](https://neoea.org), accessible after logging in, and save up to 65% off select performances and seating locations with reduced handling fees! GET TICKETS: <https://tickets.playhousesquare.org/g04/Online/default.asp>

## NEA & OEA Discounts



<https://www.ohea.org/member-center/member-benefits/>

- ◆ **NEA Member Benefits:** For questions call 1.800.637.4636 (toll free); <https://www.neamb.com/>
- ◆ **NEA Student Debt Navigator:** <https://www.neamb.com/products/nea-student-debt-navigator>
- ◆ **NEA Travel Dollars**—Enroll in NEA Travel and receive \$500 Travel Dollars to use like cash when you book a vacation. <https://www.neamb.com/products/nea-travel-dollars>
- ◆ **NEA Discount Marketplace:** <https://www.neamb.com/products/nea-discount-marketplace>
- ◆ **OEA ACCESS:** <https://ohea.accessdevelopment.com/>
- ◆ **OEA/NEA Attorney Referral and Discount Information:** <https://neoea.org/files/ARP.pdf>
- ◆ **NEOEA Member Benefits:** <https://neoea.org/Education-Union/Member-Benefits>
- ◆ **Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse:** <https://www.rocketmortgagefieldhouse.com/group/detail/fieldhouseplus> Code: OEA22

## NEOEA Discounts

Visit <https://neoea.org/Education-Union/Member-Benefits>

- ◆ **Bedrooms Today:** <https://neoea.org/MemberData/2019-01-BedroomsToday.pdf>
- ◆ **Best Benefits Club:** <https://bestbenefitsclub.com/>

- ◆ **Bright Now! Dental:** <https://www.brightnow.com/https://neoea.org/files/BrightNowFlyer.pdf>
- ◆ **Ohio Educational Credit Union:** <https://neoea.org/MemberData/ohecu-loan.pdf>
- ◆ **Park Place:** Discount airport parking: <https://neoea.org/MemberData/ParkPlace.pdf>
- ◆ **Great Lakes Science Center:** <https://greatscience.com/educators>

## NEOEA-R Calendar

<http://neoea-r.ohea.us/calendar/>



- Tue, Apr 15** NEOEA-R Spring Conference—Cleveland Museum of Art
- Tue, Apr 15** NEOEA-R Organizing Committee
- Tue, Apr 22** OEA-R Spring Conference
- Wed-Thu, Jul 16-17** NEOEA Summer Leadership

## NEOEA Calendar

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## OEA Information Update



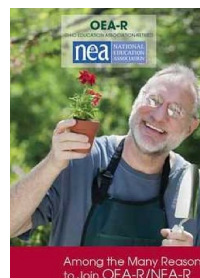
Reminder: should you change your address, phone, or email address, please let the Membership Department at OEA know.

<https://www.ohea.org/member-center/member-update-form/>

Additional membership questions? [membership@ohea.org](mailto:membership@ohea.org) or InfoOEA at 1-844-632-4636.

By doing this, it allows OEA-R Advisory Council District Reps to be able to let you know of upcoming events in your District. It also gives the Advisory Council the ability to send you important details via email. If you know of friends that are active members that are retiring this year, please inform Lisa Marshall-Scott at [lisascott4850@gmail.com](mailto:lisascott4850@gmail.com).

## Join OEA-R / NEA-R



Life Membership information and forms are available at:

<https://oea-r.ohea.us/join/how-to-join/>

**Join Online:** <https://www.mynea360.org/s/join-now>