



# Leelanau Summinars

## 2014 Program Guide

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### Summer Educational Seminars

*at venues in Leland, Michigan*

#### Kickoff Reception

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## June 30, 2014

5:00 pm at the  
Old Art Building



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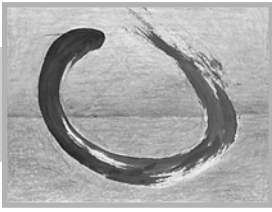
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suggested reading and more:

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## Welcome to 2014 Leelanau Summinars

Welcome to the 2014 Leelanau Summinars! We are again pleased to present a refreshing and, I think, quite interesting array of seminars for your thought-provoking pleasure.

We are growing in popularity and thanks to our new program coordinator, Kristi Thomas, we have dramatically improved our website - [www.leelanausumminars.org](http://www.leelanausumminars.org) - and encourage you to refer to it for in-depth information about this season's seminars and presenters.

As a volunteer organization, we rely heavily upon your support and suggestions for seminar presenters and seminar topics; we encourage you to supply us with your recommendations so we can present what you find interesting and topical.

We appreciate your participation in the seminars and encourage you to gather together with your friends and attend those seminars you find appealing.

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# 2014 Summinars CALENDAR

see program guide or website for complete details

JUNE

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
30 <b>Summer Kickoff Reception</b> at the Old Art Building				

JULY

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
7 10 am <b>China, East Asia &amp; Afghanistan</b> with Jack Segal	8	9	10	11
14 10 am <b>Middle East in Transition</b> with Jack Segal	15 3 pm <b>Odawa People in Leelanau</b> with JoAnne Cook	16 3 pm <b>Odawa People in Leelanau</b> with JoAnne Cook	17	18 10 am <b>Birdhouse Making</b> with Julie Sanco
21 3 pm & 9 pm <b>Storyteller's Guide to the Night Sky</b> with Mary Stewart Adams	22	23 3 pm <b>Meet Walter Williams</b> with Tom Skinner	24	25
28 3 pm <b>Thinking Like a Mountain</b> with Stephanie Mills	29 3 pm <b>Are You a Great Leader?</b> with Dan Penning	30 3 pm <b>Planning for your Digital Assets</b> with Dan Penning		

AUGUST

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
4 10 am <b>Hemingway in Michigan/ Michigan in Hemingway</b> with Ken Marek	5 10 am <b>Hemingway in Michigan/ Michigan in Hemingway</b> with Ken Marek	6	7	8
11 10 am <b>More Than They Promised</b> with Scott Craig	12 3 pm <b>Hiking to North Manitou</b> with Bob Sutherland	13	14	15
18 10 am <b>Breaking the Bank</b> with Scott Craig	19	20	21	22

Monday  
July 7

## China, East Asia and Afghanistan: What Does America's Rebalancing Mean?

with Jack Segal

### About this Summinar

China faces growing problems with pollution, demographic challenges, corruption and a restive population. Meanwhile, China has been flexing its muscles over "islands" atop oil and gas deposits in the south China Sea, much to the concern of US allies - South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Singapore and The Philippines.

In Afghanistan, the results of presidential elections presumably will be final and the question of whether (or how many) US soldiers will remain after 2014 will be decided and our relationship with India and Pakistan will be in transition.

What all this means for the region should make for a lively discussion.

**Suggested reading at [www.leelanausumminars.org](http://www.leelanausumminars.org)**

## Jack Segal

As Chief Political Advisor to NATO's operational commander from 2002-2010, Jack Segal made forty trips to Afghanistan, contributing to the strategic assessments of the Afghanistan operation for NATO and the President.

Jack served as a senior Foreign Service Officer at the White House, NSC Director for Non-proliferation and Export Controls and NSC Director for Russia, Ukraine and Eurasia. He was Chief of Staff to the Under Secretary for International Security and Arms Control and earlier served as Office Director for the western Slavic countries including Ukraine, as arms control action officer on the State Department's Soviet Desk and in the Bureau of Intelligence.

Jack opened the first western Consulate General in central Russia (Yekaterinburg) and orchestrated the opening of the region to US investment and oil and gas exploitation, while promoting democracy among the region's young people. In Moscow he implemented nuclear and chemical weapons arms control agreements between the US and Russia.

In Israel, Jack worked closely with Israeli and Palestinian leaders in the Occupied Territories during the Intifada and the Gulf War. He represented the State Department at nuclear arms control negotiations (START 1) in Geneva and at US-Russian regional talks on Africa.

Jack was commissioned through Infantry OCS, serving two tours in Vietnam with the 4th and 25th Infantry Divisions and with the Army Security Agency in Germany. He holds an M.A. from the University of Southern California and a B.A. from Boston University.

Jack received the Bronze Star, two Meritorious Service Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, four State Department Superior Honor Awards, the NATO Medal for combat service in Afghanistan, the NATO Distinguished Service Medal.

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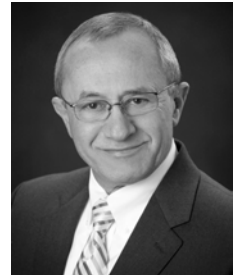
Monday, July 7

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Munnecke Room

\$15 session I

\$25 session I & II



Monday  
July 14

## The Middle East in Transition

with Jack Segal

### About this Summinar

This winter, the Iran/P-5+1 nuclear talks inched closer to an agreement, the Syrian civil war seemed headed for a conclusion (with the human costs yet to be addressed), Egyptians ousted yet another government and Libya reverted to civil war, while the Arab/Israeli talks once again ground to a halt without a solution.

What does all this mean for American interests in the region? A discussion with retired US diplomat Jack Segal, who served in Israel/Palestine during the first Intifada and the Gulf War and on the National Security Council under President Clinton.

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SESSION II

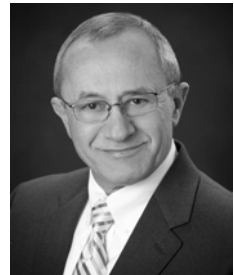
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Tuesday  
July 15

Wednesday  
July 16

## The Odawa People in Leelanau County: History, Culture and Peacemaking with JoAnne Cook

### About this Summinar

JoAnne Cook is a Tribal Councilor of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. She facilitates training on Peacemaking and sustains programs that promote the native culture, life and language Odawa.

#### **SESSION I**

An historic overview of the Odawa people in Leelanau and surrounding counties. Discussion of daily way of life, spiritual beliefs and cultural practices.

#### **SESSION II**

A continuing discussion of current issues of the Odawa people with a focus on government, Peacemaking concepts and community building practices.

#### SESSION I

Tuesday, July 15

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Munnecke Room

#### SESSION II

Wednesday, July 16

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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## JoAnne Cook



JoAnne Cook is from Peshawbestown, Michigan. In 2012 she was elected to the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa/Chippewa Tribal Council.

JoAnne's professional experience has been with Tribal Courts. She was involved in the organization of Peacemaking and Healing to Wellness Court (Drug Court) – alternative courts utilizing tradition and culture to promote healing and restorative balance for those involved.

She believes tradition and culture is vital to the Anishinabe way of life and has continued with her learning of the 3 Fires people.

She presents to various communities on the way of life and culture of the Odawa. In addition, she has taught a course titled Native Law and Culture.

Friday  
July 18

## Birdhouse Making: A Grandparent & Grandchild Activity

with Julie Sanco

### About this Summinar

Julie Sanco is delighted to share this previously sold-out stone class Leelanau Summinars and invites grandparents and grandchildren to share in building their own decorative stone birdhouse.

Bring your own collection of small rocks and trinkets from nature. Julie will guide you through the process of making your birdhouse.

Leave your creation with Julie - she'll finish it up with a protective coating and you pick it up the following afternoon (July 19).

This activity is designed for pairs - 1 adult and 1 child - and encouraged for grandparents and grandchildren. Suggested for children five years and older.

#### WHAT TO BRING:

- 100 DRY STONES - assorted sizes, all no larger than the size of a quarter!
- SOMETHING SPECIAL to add to your birdhouse (ie: petoskey stone, a special rock, small driftwood)
- WEAR OLD CLOTHES - you'll be using cement and will get messy!

### SESSION I

Friday, July 18

10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
at Last Straw Studio

*Last Straw Studio is located on the left side of Chandler Street, two doors south of the old jail.*

\$40

includes registration for two people plus \$10 materials fee to make one birdhouse

## Julie Sanco

Julie Sanco is an artist and educator. She has a BS and M.Ed. and taught art for 34 years in Birmingham, Michigan.

Julie is the owner of Last Straw Studio in Leland, MI and is an exceptional artist in painting, pottery, stonework, and woven straw creations.

Monday  
**July 21**

## The Storytellers Guide to the Night Sky

with Mary Stewart Adams

### About this Summinar

Star lore historian Mary Stewart Adams leads us through the celestial highlights of the coming seasons, with emphasis on the summer constellations and their stories, through mythology, science, poetry and art.

#### **SESSION I**

During this afternoon session, Mary will provide maps of the night sky so participants can familiarize themselves with the wonders of the night sky and learn the tales before heading out into the night.

#### **SESSION II**

We will gather in the great outdoors, rain or shine, to experience the transition from evening to night and translate our afternoon session into a night sky exploration of lore, science, mythology and art.

#### SESSION I

Monday, July 21

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Old Art Building

#### SESSION II

Monday, July 21

9:00 pm - 10:30 pm

Meet at north end of Hwy 669

(S. Bohemian Road)

map & directions at

[www.leelanausumminars.org](http://www.leelanausumminars.org)

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*"Our celestial world is like a mighty, living book that can be read from nearly every angle of human endeavor: Through the telescope of the scientist; the calendar of the agriculturist; the horoscope of the astrologer; the records of the historian; the rhythmic lines of the poet. Approaching the cosmos through the lens of the storyteller awakens the moral and cultural imaginations that are needed in order to inform and infuse the scientific research and discovery of our age with a soul-satisfying quality."*

## Mary Stewart Adams



Mary Stewart Adams is a star lore historian, storyteller and author who has been immersed in the history of star knowledge for 30 years. She writes and speaks extensively on our relationship to the night sky and its cultural consequences. Mary has been honored as the Gary R Williams Dark Sky Advocate of the Year, NMEAC Environmentalist of the Year, and IDA Dark Sky Defender, and she serves on the International Dark Sky Places Committee of the International Dark Sky Association, designating dark sky places around the world. She led the initiative that resulted in designation for Emmet County's Headlands property as an international dark sky park, which further led to the State of Michigan protecting the night sky over an additional 23,000 acres Mary serves as the Headlands' Program Director.

Mary's radio program "The Storyteller's Guide to the Night Sky" airs each Friday on Interlochen Public Radio during NPR Morning Edition. She makes her home under the starry skies of Harbor Springs, MI.



Wednesday  
July 23

**Meet Walter Williams:  
a documentary discussion of *Suffer No Fools***  
with Tom Skinner

**About this Summinar**

Walter Williams is one of the most remarkable Black Americans you will ever meet. Despite his color and life experience, Dr. Williams is opposed to the Civil Rights Act of 1964; he is opposed to affirmative action; to welfare; to the minimum wage and to all the other government ideas invented to "help" black people in America.

We will begin with a special preview of *Walter Williams: Suffer No Fools*, the one hour documentary to be broadcast this fall on the 350 public television stations in America.

We will then discuss the key issues covered in the documentary for which Tom Skinner served as Executive Producer.

**Suggested reading at [www.leelanausumminars.org](http://www.leelanausumminars.org)**

## Tom Skinner

Tom Skinner is an award winning television and film executive with over 40 years of experience in public and commercial television. His programs have appeared on PBS, A&E, Discovery and TBS.

Tom taught speech and broadcasting at the University of Michigan and San Diego State College. His honors include four national Emmy awards, three Peabody awards and an Academy award as director of the documentary feature *Journey into Self*.

Among the programs produced under Tom's supervision as Executive Producer are sixteen seasons of National Geographic Specials, the original Planet Earth, five seasons of The Infinite Voyage and more than one hundred other programs and series.

Tom is Senior Executive Producer at "Free To Choose Media" where he supervises documentary programs for public television and educational distribution.

Tom and his wife Marlis Mann live in Suttons Bay and Leland.

SESSION I

Wednesday, July 23

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Old Art Building

\$15 session I

Monday  
July 28

## Thinking Like a Mountain: Aldo Leopold and the Land Ethic

with Stephanie Mills

### About this Summar

Aldo Leopold was one of the great essayists of the twentieth century. His *Sand County Almanac* is, with *Walden* and *Silent Spring*, a founding document of environmentalism. Moving, illuminating, and highly instructive, *Sand County Almanac* has, since its publication in 1949, inspired and informed generations of citizens, activists, and scholars.

A Midwesterner, Leopold was a pioneering wildlife biologist, wilderness defender, soil conservationist, land restorationist, and ecologist. He was also a devoted family man, and influential professor at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

This seminar will provide a sketch of Aldo Leopold's life and work, then focus on reading and discussion of *A Sand County Almanac*'s two best known essays.

### SESSION I

Monday, July 28

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Munnecke Room

\$15 session I

**this seminar based on the Recommended Reading:**

*A Sand County Almanac*

by Aldo Leopold

## Stephanie Mills



Since 1969, when her career as an ecology activist began, Stephanie Mills has made presentations at innumerable conferences across the US and abroad, lectured widely throughout the US and has taught at colleges here and in England.

She is the author of seven books, including *In Service of the Wild: Restoring and Reinhabiting Damaged Land* (Beacon Press, 1995) and *Epicurean Simplicity* (Island Press, 2002).

Mills was featured in the PBS documentary *Earth Days*, is a Fellow of the Post Carbon Institute, and holds an honorary doctorate from her alma mater Mills College (no relation). Stephanie Mills has lived in Leelanau County since 1984.

Tuesday  
**July 29**

## **Are You a Great Leader?**

with Dan Penning

### **About this Summinar**

How effective are you as a business owner, executive, manager, employee or even a parent in leading those closest to you?

Most of us want to make a positive difference through our work, friendships and family relationships. We want our lives to count for something more than just making a living and paying our bills. We want to have influence and leave a meaningful impression on those we live, work and come in contact with in our lives.

In this presentation we will discuss what a leader is and what makes for an effective leader.

### SESSION I

Tuesday, July 29

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Munnecke Room

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## Dan Penning



Dan A. Penning is the founder of Penning Group Advisors and Attorneys and is the firm's lead advisor. He is a nationally recognized expert in succession planning for family legacy assets such as businesses, farms, cottages and other real property estates.

Uniquely qualified in helping families protect, save and pass on their family assets, Dan provides practical solutions to the complicated problems and complex relationship issues associated with preserving the ownership, management, use and enjoyment of family assets for future generations. The success or failure of a family's attempts to preserve assets often depends on leadership. A leader himself, Dan has worked with well-known global companies, small family businesses and families with significant generational wealth.

In his 27 year career, Dan received numerous accreditations and awards for his work including an "AV" rating from Martindale-Hubbell naming Dan as "preeminent" in his field. In 2012 he relocated his Detroit law firm and his full time residence to Suttons Bay, Michigan. Dan volunteers for nonprofit and civic boards and speaks to groups and professional organizations.

Wednesday  
July 30

## Estate Planning for your Digital Assets

with Dan Penning

### About this Summinar

Have you included your “Digital Assets” in your estate plan? If you die, what happens to your computer, your data, and other information accessible on third party sites like email, Twitter and Facebook?

Most all of us have “digital assets” of one type or another – a computer, smart phone, tablet or other data storage device. User accounts, domain names and even intellectual property rights are among the assets that risk an expensive and time consuming process for anyone trying to recover your data in the event of your death or disability.

This presentation will focus on key issues involved in planning and protecting digital assets as part of your estate plan.

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### SESSION II

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Monday  
Aug 4

Tuesday  
Aug 5

## Hemingway in Michigan and Michigan in Hemingway

with Ken Marek

### About this Summinar

As a boy and young man, author Ernest Hemingway spent twenty of his summers in northern lower Michigan. In the 1920's and early 30's, Hemingway wrote 23 short stories and vignettes (about a character he named Nick Adams) that changed the course of American literature.

In this Summinar, we will explore Hemingway's fifteen Nick Adams stories that take place in northern Michigan to understand how and why they were so important to the literature of Michigan, America and beyond.

#### **SESSION I**

A discussion of Hemingway's early life, with an emphasis on his family life and his twenty summers in northern Michigan. His experience as a young reporter for the Kansas City STAR and his service in WWI will also be discussed briefly. We will begin a discussion of THE NICK ADAMS STORIES.

#### **SESSION II**

Emphasis on THE NICK ADAMS STORIES set in northern Michigan and the way Hemingway's Michigan summers inspired and shaped those stories. If time permits, we may briefly discuss some of the other Nick Adams Stories.

## Ken Marek



Ken Marek is a native of Michigan. He holds BA and MA degrees from Central Michigan University and taught writing and literature at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City for 33 years.

In 1980 he initiated a class titled "Michigan Writers and Literature," which included the study of Ernest Hemingway's NICK ADAMS STORIES. Since many of those stories were set in northwestern lower Michigan, Ken was able to take his students (and other interested groups) to observe the sites that inspired Hemingway.

Marek is a founding member of the Michigan Hemingway Society and gives presentations on Hemingway at the Society's annual fall conference in Petoskey and at other locations in Michigan.

### SESSION I

Monday, August 4

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Munnecke Room

### SESSION II

Tuesday, August 5

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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### **this seminar based on the Recommended Reading:**

The Nick Adams Stories  
by Ernest Hemingway

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Monday  
Aug 11

## More Than They Promised: the collapse of Studebaker

with Scott Craig

### About this Summinar

#### SESSION I

Scott Craig leads a discussion of his Peabody award-winning documentary film *More Than They Promised* - the death of Studebaker and what it foretold about the future of the rest of America's auto industry.

#### SESSION I

Monday, August 11

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Munnecke Room

\$15 session I

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Monday  
Aug 18

## Breaking the Bank: how one bank failure tested the world's banking system

with Scott Craig

### About this Summinar

#### SESSION II

Scott Craig leads a discussion of his 1985 "Frontline" documentary, *Breaking the Bank* - a look at how the bank failure of Continental Illinois in Chicago almost brought down the world's entire banking system.

#### SESSION II

Monday, August 18

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Munnecke Room

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## Scott Craig

Scott Craig is a retired television documentary producer. His programs appeared on CBS, NBC, Turner, Fox and others. He produced two series for the Home and Garden Network, "The Good Life" and "Extreme Homes." His productions for PBS total more than 20 titles.

Craig and his work won more than 100 prestigious awards including a George Foster Peabody Award, a National Emmy, and 32 Emmys from the Chicago Chapter of the Television Academy, more Emmys than any other individual in the history of Chicago television. His programs were honored by the Chicago, New York, San Francisco and Atlanta Film Festivals as well as the Film Festival of Italy.

Scott holds a BA from the College of Wooster and an MA and PhD from the University of Illinois. He is married to Carol Bawden, owner of the Painted Bird in Suttons Bay.

Tuesday  
**Aug 12**

**Hiking to North Manitou:  
a personal account of a winter trek**  
with Bob Sutherland

**About this Summinar**

On March 6, 2014, Bob Sutherland and three companions hiked across the frozen Manitou Passage to North Manitou Island.

Listen to their story!

**Bob Sutherland**



Bob Sutherland is the owner and founder of Cherry Republic.

SESSION I

Tuesday, August 12

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Munnecke Room

\$15 session I



## Leelanau Summinars

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## About Us

Leelanau Summinars provides the extended Leland community with a series of seminars in July and August to serve as a forum for social and intellectual discourse.

In general, it is our mission to continue to attract people who have a vigorous interest in continuing their intellectual growth and are dedicated to the concept of learning with and from their peers. We welcome any suggestions for future seminar themes and presenters.

The Leelanau Summinars model is based upon the Beacon Hill Seminars in Boston -  
[www.beaconhillseminars.org](http://www.beaconhillseminars.org)

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