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Clay Center lecture series highlights publishing, art and West Virginia history

Charleston, W.Va., 4/7/10 – Free educational opportunities are available each month at the Clay Center with a special lecture series featuring a community presenter with an exciting new focus. This spring and summer, local experts will cover a variety of topics including the world of publishing and West Virginia art and history.

Free Lunchtime Lectures take place the second Wednesday of each month in the art gallery. Exhibit admission is not included. Upcoming Lunchtime Lecture topics include:

- **The Rocket Boys: The Importance of Education Then and Now with WV Rocket Boys Billy Rose and Roy Lee Cooke**, Apr. 14, 12:15 p.m. – Join two of West Virginia's famed Rocket Boys as they discuss their lives growing up in Coalwood, W. Va, and the formation of the Rocket Boys. This program will also highlight the importance of teachers and education which helped propel the Rocket Boys to college, career and national recognition.
- **Wildly Wonderful with Rebecca Burch**, May 12, 12:15 p.m. – Join Charleston Catholic High School art instructor Rebecca Burch as she and her students discuss their experience in organizing the current permanent collection exhibit on display at the Clay Center. From start to finish, students were in charge of selecting works, creating labels, organizing gallery layout and titling the show.
- **The Mysterious World of Publishing with Christine Witthohn**, June 9, 12:15 p.m. – Are you an aspiring author? Have you ever wondered how the publishing world works? Please join us as local literary agent Christine Witthohn discusses the trials and tribulations of her profession and unravels the mysteries of publishing.
- **Protohistoric Indians of the Kanawha Valley: AD 1550-1690 with Dr. Bob Maslowski**, July 14, 12:15 p.m. – One of the most frequent questions asked of local archaeologists is "what Indians lived here?" The most frequent answer, the Shawnee, is not supported by historic, anthropological or archaeological records. Join us to learn more about the history and the people of the area in which you live.

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