

Turtle Rock Academy Lecture Series

SPRING 2019 Program Schedule

All Programs take place in the Community Center starting at 2pm and end at 3pm

January 10th

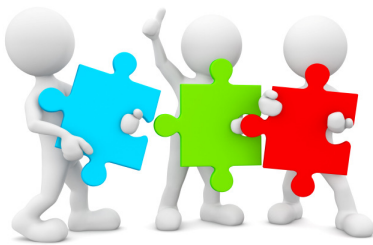


Virtual Reality:

What is it? How is it created? What can it do?

Morgan Woolverton is a professor at the Ringling College of Art and Design. He earned a B.F.A. from Hampshire College and an M.F.A. in Studio Arts from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He is an artist and game developer with over 20 years of experience. Ringling is the first college in the U.S. to offer a bachelor's degree in virtual reality.

February 14th



Improv for Better Relationships:

A Refresher Course with FST Improv

Since it's Valentine's Day, we are going to get a refresher course on how to take better care of the ones we hold dear. This will be a fun, somewhat interactive program with lots of laughs. FST Improv was started in 2001 by Rebecca Hopkins and has been entertaining audiences on the Suncoast of Florida ever since. In 2014, former ImprovBoston Artistic Director **Will Luera** was hired as the FST Director, adding a variety of new shows including long-form favorites *When X meet Y*, *We're Doomed*, and the *More You Know*.

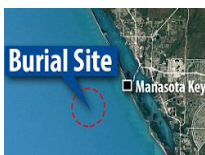
March 14th



Artificial Intelligence: An Introduction to our Future

Dr. Alex Beavers is a 40 year veteran high-technology executive, entrepreneur and author. His professional background includes being the Executive Director in charge of clean tech commercialization at the Stanford Research Institute. His books include *Roadmap to the e-Factory* and *The Digital Horizon: Hopeful or Hopeless*. He is currently teaching a course on A.I. through the Ringling OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute).

April 11th



The Manasota Key Offshore Site

The new discovery of a unique 7000 year old archaeological site located off Manasota Key has excited archaeologists, historians of Indian culture and residents of Southwest Florida in the past year. **John McCarthy**, the Executive Director of the Gulf Coast Heritage Association and Historic Spanish Point in Osprey, will share what has been learned about this important site and let us know how we can help protect it. John worked 33 years with the Sarasota County Government, having served as Environmental Specialist, County Historian, and Director of Parks and Recreation.