

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Unlock a World of Knowledge at the UCR Osher Open House!



**Save the Date:**  
3 to 5 p.m. January 8



**Location:**  
UCR Palm Desert Center,  
75080 Frank Sinatra Dr., Palm Desert



**More Osher events are being scheduled for winter and spring 2024. Sign up for our mailing list to learn more!**



## Events

# Osher Life lecture Series: Murals – Their Story

**Tuesday, January 16**

**1 meeting | 1 - 3 pm | UCR Extension**

Come learn about Riverside's Murals, the importance of bringing arts into the community, and the stories behind these amazing works of art.

Philip is a city commissioner with passion for Riverside, its people, cultures and history. Born and raised in a big Italian family in New Orleans and moving to Riverside following Hurricane Katrina, Philip faced obstacles at a young age that instilled in him a drive to better the lives of the people in his community. As the first millennial to run for City Council in his town of Riverside, Philip is proud to take his unique life experiences, years of local political and non-profit organization expertise to the decision-making table as a voice for the next generation of leaders.



Thank you to our wonderful Life Lecture series volunteers, Martha Miller (standing), Pat Robertson, Nan Neighbors, Beth Kelsey and Barbara Wilson for their efforts in organizing this fantastic program!

# Osher Life Lecture Series: Therapeutic Horticulture

**Tuesday, February 20**

**1 meeting | 1 - 3 pm | UCR Extension**

This lectures focuses on how patients engage with a nurturing environment by interacting with soil plants and the world of nature. Those with disabilities or mental health challenges may find refuge – and perhaps healing – at a new garden near Perris.

Leading the program is CEO Joe Grumbine, who has more than 30 years of experience in therapeutic horticulture, the release states. Grumbine has developed workshops that include information on herbs, flowers, fruits, vegetables and composting.



## Events

# Osher Life Lecture Series: He Kept His Day Job: Fanfare for the Common Musician

**Tuesday, March 16**

**1 meeting | 1 - 3 pm | UCR Extension**

Join Dan Bernstein, beloved columnist as he discusses his memoir, *He Kept His Day Job*, described by one reviewer as a “love letter” disguised as a memoir, takes readers on a musical joy ride through bumpy, challenging and exhilarating terrain: the hate-to-practice years, “frightfully flat” solo contests, high school bands, and orchestras, Stanford’s purported “marching band,” an adult community college jazz band, a perfect-chemistry brass quintet, an assisted-living center in Oregon and a Riverside hospital’s ICU and oncology units where Bernstein played for patients and harried staff.

Dan Bernstein got his first blat out of a trombone when he was in fourth grade. Now in his seventies, the retired newspaper columnist who lives in Riverside, California, is still playing his ax – still for little or no money at all.



# Osher Life Lecture Series: Blue Zones

**Tuesday, April 16**

**1 meeting | 1 - 3 pm | UCR Extension**

Blue Zones are communities that have been identified as having populations that live measurably longer, happier lives with lower rates of chronic diseases and a higher quality of life than the average. The city of Riverside was deemed a strong candidate for a Blue Zone certification process. Our speaker will provide the most updated information on Riverside’s participation.

Speaker forthcoming



# MODERNISM 101 LECTURE SERIES

FREE PROGRAMS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PALM SPRINGS MODERN COMMITTEE



**6 p.m. Nov. 14**

## **From Bauhaus to Our House – Midcentury Modernism in the Coachella Valley**

*Speakers: Joan Gand and Mimi Fisher*

How did the Coachella Valley become a living museum of desert modern architecture? Who are the architects that created the unique collection of desert modernism here in our valley? PS ModCom will present an informative, entertaining look at the principles of design that rocked the world of architecture.



**6 p.m. Dec. 12**

## **Albert Frey and the Birth of Desert Modernism**

*Speaker: Peter Moruzzi*

Swiss-born architect Albert Frey (1903-1998) originally worked for master architect Le Corbusier in France, assisting in the design of the Villa Savoye. In 1930, Frey secured a job with architect A. Lawrence Kocher; one of their commissions was a building in Palm Springs. His subsequent work includes the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway Valley Station, Palm Springs City Hall, and what is now the Palm Springs Visitor's Center, among others.



**6 p.m. Jan. 9**

## **The Alexander Homes Bring High Style to the Coachella Valley**

*Speaker: Chris Menrad*

Learn about the innovative family business that built more than 2,000 Desert Modern homes in the Coachella Valley. Their lead architect, William Krisel, created an iconic modern style that was affordable and easy. Charles DuBois and Donald Wexler continued to innovate with the Alohaus A-frames and the Steel Houses.



**6 p.m. Feb. 13**

## **Mid-Century Modernism in Rancho Mirage, Palm Desert, and Indian Wells**

*Speaker: Karen Prinzmetal*

Learn about the magnificent modernist architecture that abounds throughout Rancho Mirage, Palm Desert, and Indian Wells, like Sunnylands, a modernist tour de force by A. Quincy Jones, Sandpiper condominiums by William Krisel, the Wave House by Walter White, and other standouts that dot the mid-valley.



**6 p.m. March 12**

## **Midcentury Modern Fashion Then and Now**

*Speaker: Trina Turk*

Trina Turk will discuss the impact of Modernism on midcentury fashion, and how this rich history inspires her current collections. The presentation will touch on the practical American approach of Bonnie Cashin, the space-age stylings of Pierre Cardin, the important print houses Marimekko, Vera and Pucci, and more.



**6 p.m. April 9**

## **Arthur Elrod—Desert Interiors Go Modern**

*Speaker: Adele Cygelman*

Arthur Elrod not only introduced the desert to modern furniture and lighting along with cutting-edge technology for the home, he also worked alongside the local architects who were turning Palm Springs into an international resort.



**PALM DESERT**

Each lecture will be held at UCR Palm Desert, 75080 Frank Sinatra Dr., Palm Desert

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