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Notes from the Edge...

Shopping with Christopher Columbus

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Well, October is the month for celebrating Columbus Day... and how are we going to do that? By going shopping of course.

If you think about it, Christopher Columbus left Europe and set sail across the Atlantic Ocean on what amounted to a giant shopping expedition. Ferdinand and Isabella gave him a couple of glorified row boats and said "go find spices". He threw a bunch of stuff in the boats and set off to find very specific things... like India for example. Now this is pretty much of a guy kind of thing to do. He had something he wanted to get, kissed his family goodbye, and set out to get it. My husband does the exact same thing. He says, "I'm going to the hardware store and I am going to buy a rake." Boom.

Off he goes in a direct line to his favorite store, he buys a rake and only a rake, and brings it home like the hunter gatherer he is. Upon returning home he proudly announces, "Look honey...I got a rake." The cave men said the same thing when they returned to the hearth with a dead mastodon.

Now a woman could not possibly operate that way. We are the true explorer shoppers. I have been known to head out to buy sheets and have come home instead with a toaster, a small bicycle, and a pie. Well, really... the sheets were ugly, the toaster was on sale, our grandsons will love the bike, and the pie was homemade from the farmer's market. Ta Da...my shopping expedition brought home the gold.

Now it turns out that Christopher Columbus was not the normal guy shopper. Just like Mr. Serious, he sailed off to find a rake but he ran into a few things that sidetracked him like, oh, North and South America. He was not deterred however, and

he bounced from island to island, announcing that while this wasn't India, it was still a good place to meet the natives and pick up other interesting stuff. Go Christopher.

Now the one place where the laser focus of men shoppers gets derailed is at the grocery store. Have any of you made the mistake of taking a male type person grocery shopping? Bad decision. They believe that every new, exotic, or bulk packaged product must be either good or a good deal, and either way, it goes into the cart. We are still trying to eat up seven pounds of kielbasa and I'm not even entirely sure exactly what that is.

So enjoy your holiday and don't forget to salute Chris as the first guy to view shopping as an adventure in serendipitous acquisition. He set out across an uncharted sea to find oregano but when he didn't find any he said "oh well", shifted gears and opened a Sandals resort instead. I bet he would have loved my toaster.

Events

Hallow's Eve at Patterson Homestead Oct. 23-24

On Friday and Saturday, Oct. 23 and 24, the Patterson Homestead, 1815 Brown St., and Dayton History will present Hallow's Eve, a family-friendly Halloween event that allows participants to experience a 1890s version of this popular celebration. Light refreshments

will be served. It is affordably priced and a great option for Miami Valley families to do something out of the ordinary.

The Patterson Homestead, which some believe to be haunted, appeared in the first volume of "Haunted Ohio" a series of

books by an Ohio woman, Chris Woodyard. Admission is \$5 for Dayton History members and \$6 for non-members.

For more info, please call 293.2841 or visit www.daytonhistory.org. Carillon Historical Park, 1000 Carillon Blvd.

Woodland Cemetary walk planned Oct. 24

The Oakwood Historical Society has planned a cemetery walking tour just right for the season. Please join us Saturday, Oct. 24 from Noon-2 p.m. at the Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum, the fifth largest garden and rural cemetery in the U.S., for a wonderful historical tour and scavenger hunt. We will be meeting

at the Brown Street entrance (the office on the right by the fountain) at 11:45 p.m. The tour is one mile long and does include the hills, so wear comfortable shoes and be ready for some exercise. Stops along the tour will include the gravesites of the Wright Brothers and Erma Bombeck. Maps will be available, so if you are

interested in visiting Ethel and Harry Romspert's resting place, you can add that to your tour. The tour is for the young and not so young alike, so plan on bringing the whole family. For additional information, contact Kjirsten Goeller, Chair Programs/Events, at kjirsten.goeller@sinclair.edu or 298-1268.

Jungian workshop at St. Paul's Oct. 24

Ann Ulanov was interviewed on PBS's FRONTLINE in the wake of 911 and had much to say regarding the relationship between religion and aggression, and the need for healing the psyche as a crucial deterrent to violence in the world. Dr. Ulanov, an author of thirty books, is a professor of Psychiatry and Religion at Union Theological Seminary and a Jungian analyst in New York City. The workshop topic in October will be: WHEN FORGIVENESS

DOESN'T COME. She will discuss the essential role of witnessing not only hurt, but the hate it causes and the conscious and unconscious dynamics of forgiving and not forgiving.

The workshop is being offered by the C. G. Jung Association of Miami Valley, a non profit organization in the Dayton area for 25 years. Dr. Ulanov will present on Saturday, Oct. 24 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 33 West Dixon, Oakwood, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Food and beverages will be provided throughout the day. Three continuing education hours for Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists have been approved. Everyone is welcome. The cost of the workshop is \$45, prepaid to C. G. Jung, 6399 Sweet Briar Lane, Dayton, Ohio, 45459. It is \$55 at the door with registration beginning at 9:10. Contact us at Info@Jungdayton.org, or call Phyllis at 433-1241.

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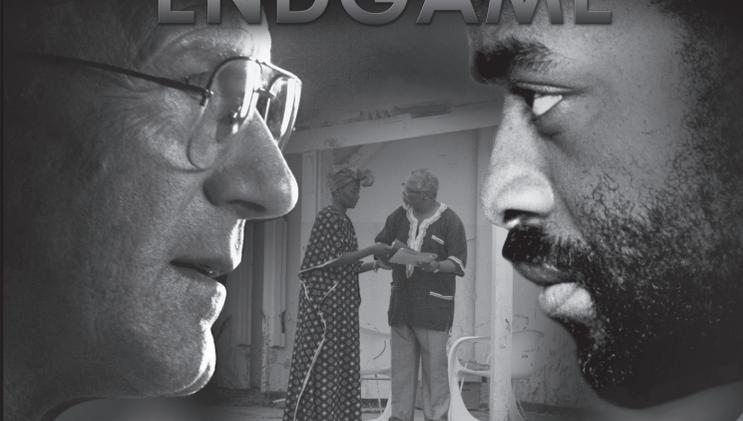


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