

Encore News

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Program Highlights for May 2020

Please be aware that the Encore Program will be closed on Monday, May 25th in honor and remembrance of Memorial Day. Have a wonderful Memorial Day with family and friends!

Wednesday, May 6 at 11:00

Food for Thought – Tangy Tabasco

Do you love a little spin in your food? For many people, their go-to condiment for adding a little kick to their cuisine is Tabasco sauce. This sauce has been used to improve bland food for more than 150 years. Did you know, all Tabasco began on a little island in Louisiana? Join us as we discover how Tabasco is made and why it is so popular, even for Queen Elizabeth.



Friday, May 8 at 2:15

Famous Mother's Trivia

On Sunday, May 10th we will be celebrating Mother's Day. Did you know that Mother's day began as a spring festival to celebrate "Mother Earth," than "Mother Church" and finally a day to celebrate all mothers? The idea of celebrating all mothers began with two women, Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis. It was Anna Jarvis that celebrated Mother's Day on the second Sunday in May, which coincided with the anniversary of her mother's death. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson made the official announcement, proclaiming Mother's Day as a national holiday on the second Sunday in May.



Today we will test your knowledge about some real and fictional famous mothers.

Happy Mother's Day to all the women at Encore and for all the lives you have touched!

Tuesday, May 12 at 11:00

Celebrating Armed Forces Day



Since 1950, the United States has celebrated Armed Forces Day each year on the third Saturday in May, which this year will be observed on May 16th. While Armed Forces Day was created to honor service men and women, it also played an important public relations role by educating

civilians and expanding public knowledge about the importance of the military. Did you know that the U.S. Department of Defense is the largest employer in the world, employing more than 1.4 million active-duty personnel, 1.1 million National Guard and Reserve personnel, and 700,000 civilians? Thank you to all military personal for your service!

Wednesday, May 13 at 2:15

22 Interesting Facts about Irving Berlin

One of America's most prolific songwriters, Irving Berlin, was born on May 11th, 1888. Let's celebrate this amazing man and discover some interesting facts about him. For example, did you know the song "Blue Skies" was written after his first daughter's birth as a song just for her? No wonder it was such a hit.

Thursday, May 14 at 1:30

Photo Finish Cake



Who doesn't like a birthday cake? Join us as we take a variety of scrapbook paper and turn it into some beautiful birthday candles. One thing is for certain, these candles will never blow out! Happy Birthday to all!

Thursday, May 14 & Friday, May 15 at 2:15

Real or Photoshopped?



In this game we will challenge you to carefully examine 12 images and decide if they are real or manipulated. Since the invention of photography, image manipulation has been employed in order to fool the eyes and mind. Today, software, like Photoshop, makes image manipulation very easy to do and therefore makes it difficult to tell when an image has been altered. Do you have an Eagle Eye?

Friday, May 15 at 2:15

Flower Power Photo Album



Let's use some pretty papers and two patterns to put together a blossoming photo album that can be folded up and tied with a ribbon. As you unfold the album it looks like a pretty flower of your own personalized pictures to enjoy.

Monday, May 18 & Wednesday, May 20 at 2:15

Sip & See Picture Frame



Join us as we glue decorative paper straws to an inexpensive wooden frame that will make a one-of-a-kind display of your favorite photographs.

Monday, May 18 at 2:15
The Artwork of Queen Victoria

Victoria Day, which is a federal Canadian holiday that honors the birthday of Queen Victoria, happens to be today, May 18th. Today we observe this May holiday with a feature about the artwork of Queen Victoria. Many people may not know that Queen Victoria was a prolific artist in her own right. Victoria became quite accomplished at painting with watercolors as well as ink and pencil sketching. Her pieces range in subject from portraits of family members to landscapes of both travel and domestic life.



Tuesday, May 19 at 11:00
Remembering WWII Pinups

In this program we take some time to recall a very specific genre in the field of photography – the pinup posters that became wildly popular during World War II. These pinup photos were printed and sent to GI's all over the world to inspire lonely men with images of the ideal woman and to remind deployed soldiers of what was waiting for them at home – and what they were fighting for. These images also struck a chord with women on the home front, taking inspiration from the pinups to connect with their active duty boyfriends and husbands, as well as inspire film and fashion trends.



Tuesday, May 19 at 2:15 & Wednesday, May 20 at 11:00

Glamping in Yellowstone National Park



If you're not familiar with the term glamping, let me explain – it is a blended word for “glamorous camping,” and it lives up to its name.

Glamping is the best of both worlds: all the amenities of an upscale hotel situated in a tent in the great outdoors.

Yellowstone National Park is America's oldest park, established on March 1, 1872 by President Ulysses S. Grant. The U.S. Army oversaw the management of Yellowstone for 30 years. In 1917, the park was transferred to a newly created National Park Service and has been ever since. Yellowstone averages more than three million tourists every year! Let's go and discover more about this amazing natural wonder.

Friday, May 22 at 12:45

Movie – “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood”

Do you remember, “Mister Rogers Neighborhood?” The television show premiered on this day, May 22nd in 1967. In honor of the kind and giving man, let's watch the recent movie about Fred Rogers. “*A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*” is about a timely story of kindness triumphing over cynicism, based on the true story of a real-life friendship between Fred Rogers and journalist Tom Junod. After a jaded magazine writer is assigned a profile of Fred Rogers, he overcomes his skepticism, learning about empathy, kindness and decency from America's most beloved neighbor.

Tuesday, May 26 at 11:00
The History of “Taps”

“Taps” is one of the most recognized songs across the world. Played for American military Lights Out and funerals, the song is composed of only 24 notes. Join us as we learn the history of “Taps.”



Wednesday, May 27 at 11:00
The Architecture of Mosques

Mosques are considered throughout the world to be architectural wonders. Both the interiors and exteriors of these exquisite structures beckon travelers from places far and wide who, regardless of religious affiliation, consider iconic mosques to be essential stops on sightseeing tours. We will discuss the history of these Islamic places of worship and their beautiful architectural features.



Thursday, May 28 at 12:45

Movie – “Every which way but Loose”

Happy Birthday to Clint Eastwood on May 31st, in which he will turn 90 years old! In honor of his birthday, let's watch one of his many movies. “Every which way but Loose” is about Philo Beddoe, played by Clint Eastwood, who is an easy-going trucker and a great fist-fighter. With two friends, Orville who promotes prize-fights for him and Clyde the orangutan he won on a bet, he roams the San Fernando Valley in search of cold beer, country music and the occasional punch-up. But he is floored by dainty little country and western singer, Lynn Halsey-Taylor, who gives him the slip when she realizes he's getting too serious. Phil, Clyde and Orville set off in pursuit of her while being pestered by bikers along the way.



Friday, May 29 at 11:00

King of Swing

The name Benny Goodman brings back fond memories, particularly to those who were teenagers in the 1930s. He represented some of the best of big band and swing music along with the likes of the Dorsey Brothers, Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Glenn Miller. Come join us as we jitterbug down memory lane to the sounds of jazz that took the country by storm.



May Birthdays!

Happy birthday to Alice on May 5th! We will be celebrating Alice's birthday on her actual day by having an Easy Twinkie Strawberry Cake. Happy birthday to John L. on May 18th! We will be celebrating John L's birthday on Tuesday, May 19th with a delicious Angel Food Pineapple Cake. Lastly, **Happy 100th Birthday** to Carl on May 29th! We will be celebrating Carl's birthday on Tuesday, May 26th with a special birthday cake in honor of his momentous 100th birthday. Also, let's not forget our Encore staff member, Linda, who is having a birthday on May 20th! Happy Birthday to you all and may the month of May bring us many blooming flowers!

