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Emeriti Luncheon - April 18, 2024

The Emeriti Association has scheduled an in-person luncheon meeting for April.

Location: Athens Country Club, 7606 Country Club Rd, Athens, OH 45701

Date & Time: Thursday, April 18, 11:30 AM

Luncheon will be Buffet style:

Menu - TBA

Cost: \$23 per person. Please have exact dollar amount at the door or a check made payable to the **OU Emeriti Association**.

Luncheon reservations are required: Reservation deadline is noon on Thursday, April 11. Early reservations are encouraged. RSVP by sending an email to Tom Franz <franz@ohio.edu> confirming your reservation(s).



Emeriti Association Vice President **Marty Tuck** announced that the program for April will be a presentation by **Patty Mitchell**, Executive Director of Passion Works Studios and CEO of Creative Abundance Consulting.

<https://passionworks.org/pages/patty-mitchelle>

From the website:

Mitchell founded Passion Works Studio in Athens (1998), Ohio and designed the studio's signature product "The Passion Flower". The flower is made of recycled printing plates painted and decorated in bright, bold colors by Passion Works Core Artists. To date the studio has sold over 30,000 Passion Flowers, they are "The Official Flower of Athens, Ohio". A product line including; jewelry, clothing, tiles, ornaments, stamps, cards, prints... commissions and sale of fine art have generated over \$2,750,000 in sales.

Mitchell received her BFA and MFA from Ohio University. She has received a Distinguished Alumna Award from Ohio University's College of Fine Art, an Ohioana Citation for Art and Education, an Individual Artist Award from the Ohio Arts Council, a Citizen of the Year Award from Civitan, and the Keystone Award from Ohio University for outstanding community service.

For a preview of what Passion Works is all about, check out this **Youtube** video

<<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y0Wf4lYkld4>>

or the **Facebook** page <<https://www.facebook.com/pwstudio/>>

Notes from the March 21st Emeriti Meeting

Ryan Lippe from the Ohio Attorney General's Office gave a presentation on numerous scams, many of which are focused on seniors. He also distributed three paper brochures, which are also available in PDF form. He noted that a free credit report is now available weekly from each of the three credit reporting agencies and a new website is being developed by the Attorney General's office that will provide updates on scams. Links to the brochures and the websites are shown on the next page.



Why Are Seniors Targeted?

- Trusting and polite
- More assets
- Less likely to report fraud
- Independent/isolated



Don't Get Caught in a Scam!

Watch for these common tactics:

- Requests for wire-transfers, prepaid money cards, or gift cards
- Requests for personal information
- Pressure to act immediately
- Requests to keep the conversation a secret



Reduce Your Risk of Identity Theft

- Shred documents.
- Watch for scams.
- Create a mail schedule.
- Update computer software.
- Don't volunteer information.
- Monitor financial statements.
- Don't carry extra personal information.



Stay Safe in Cyberspace

- Maintain a clean computer.
- Install & update anti-virus/anti-spyware programs.
- Delete suspicious emails.
- Beware of unknown attachments, downloads, and links.
- Watch out for scam websites and pop-ups.



Fake Check Scam

- Overpayment scam
- Work from home scam
- Mystery/secret shopper scam



Imposter Scam

Don't trust your caller ID.
Don't provide personal information.
Call back using a *legitimate* number.

★ OhioProtects.org ★

1-800-282-0515



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Contacting the Ohio Attorney General's Office

Online: www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov

By phone: 800-282-0515

By mail: Hard-copy forms available



Credit Report

Obtain one free weekly credit report from each agency

Visit: www.AnnualCreditReport.com

*Does *not* affect your credit score*



New scam information **website** from the Attorney General's office

<https://www.ohioprotects.org>

Free credit report **website** now available weekly (despite the **annual** name)

<https://www.annualcreditreport.com>

Attorney General's **website** with a list and description of various scams

<https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Individuals-and-Families/Consumers/Consumer-Tips/Consumer-Tips-Scams>

Two page **brochure** - Identity Theft Basics

<https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Files/Publications-Files/Publications-for-Consumers/Consumer-Quick-Tips/Identity-Theft-Basics>

Sixteen page **brochure** with information on a variety of consumer scams

[https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Files/Publications-Files/Publications-for-Consumers/Consumer-Scams-\(PDF\).aspx](https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Files/Publications-Files/Publications-for-Consumers/Consumer-Scams-(PDF).aspx)

Two page **brochure** - Beware of Phone and Text Scams

<https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Files/Publications-Files/Seniors-Publications/Phone-Scams-Checklist.aspx>



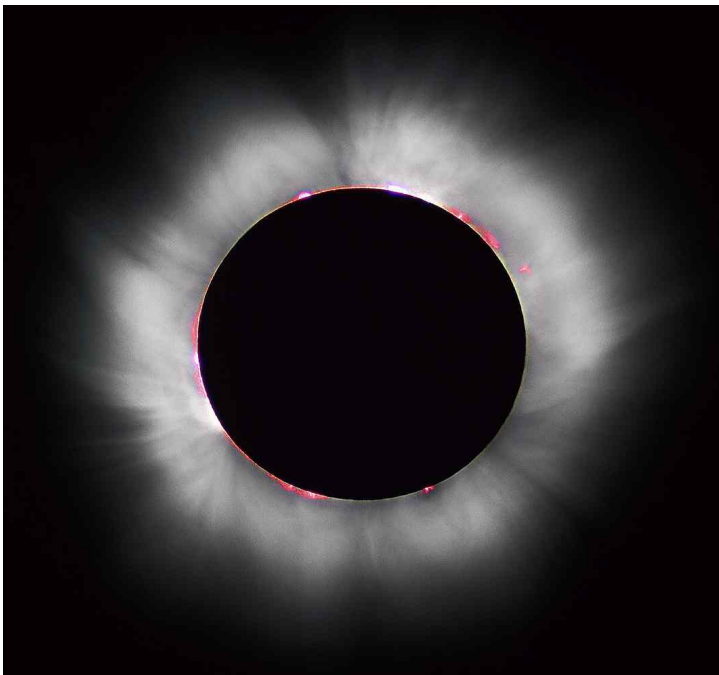
Solar Eclipse - 100 (and 3) years ago - April 8, 1921

Parisian ladies watch the solar eclipse of 8 April 1921 on the Cour du Havre, near gare Saint-Lazare.

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(Be sure to use proper protection for your eyes)

Check out the following link on the 1919 solar eclipse observations that confirmed
Einstein's theory on gravity bending light

<<https://www.britannica.com/story/the-solar-eclipse-that-made-albert-einstein-a-science-celebrity>>



Solar eclipse 1999,
courtesy Luc Viatour
<https://Lucnix.be>