

# Now You're Interesting

## Score a new hobby, bond with bears or search for Eleanor

Running out of small talk at parties? The Smithsonian Resident Associates can jump-start your social battery with interesting classes and seminars on topics from physics to art. Here are a few upcoming events; for info and reservations, see [residentassociates.org](http://residentassociates.org).

### **Beginning Oil Painting, Thursdays July 13-Aug. 17, 6:30 p.m.**

Go van Gogh after you've learned basics like canvas prep, color mixing and choosing a subject. Art experience helpful but not required.

### **The Heart of the Canadian Rockies, July 17, 6:30 p.m.**

Photographer Craig Richards shows off his images of Banff and other wonders of western Canada.

### **Mid-20th-Century Collectibles, July 29, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

Should you sell that Monkees lunchbox or hold on to it in case it's worth millions by 2020? What about those old Mickey Mouse Club ears? Expert Harry Rinker answers these and other collecting queries at a seminar on baby-boomer nostalgia.

### **Grizzly Bears in the Wild, Aug. 3, 6:30 p.m.**

Grrr! Research biologist Gordon

Stenhouse uses films and photos of grizzlies and artifacts to illustrate Canadian bear habits and habitats.

### **In Search of Eleanor Roosevelt, Aug. 12, 9:15 a.m.-5 p.m.**

"I could not at any age be content to take my place in a corner by the fireside and simply look on," said first lady Eleanor Roosevelt. Explore the life of — and D.C. sites associated with — FDR's fascinating wife on a bus tour that includes stops like the Red Cross Headquarters, Woman's National Democratic Club and DAR Constitution Hall. CAROLYN

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