



Book Vault announces: the 2011 Val@The Vault Traveling Book Club Trips!

For information on any of these trips, pick up a complete itinerary and registration form at Book Vault or contact Val Van Kooten at vankootenv@central.edu or call (641) 628-9789, and to have one sent to you by e-mail or snail mail.



Thur., Mar. 3-Sun., Mar. 6: Love Civil War history? Then pick up a copy of *The Widow of the South*, the true story of the battle of Franklin that raged around Carnton Plantation there and the plucky woman—Carrie McGavock-- who re-buried 1,481 soldiers when their shallow resting places were in danger of being disturbed. We'll spend time in Nashville, Franklin, and in Leiper's Fork, one of the few back-mountain towns placed directly on the Natchez Trace. We'll eat in plantation houses, including The Hermitage (Andrew Jackson's home) and Homestead Manor. A special bonus: A tour of Carnton Plantation with *Widow of the South* author, Robert Hicks. Cost: \$595/person, which includes motorcoach transportation, lodging, several meals, and all entrance fees. Single supplement: \$745.



Book for discussion: *Widow of the South* by Robert Hicks.

Available at Book Vault \$14.99 less 15% discount if you're in this group.



Thur., June 9-Mon., June 13: Okay, let's settle it once and for all—Edward or Jacob? You loved the books, so let's head to Forks, WA, and see the places where the action occurs. We'll fly to Seattle and *get on a bus that will take us to all your favorite Twilight sites—Treaty Line, LaPush, Port Angeles, Hoh Rain Forest, and many sites around Forks.* After returning to Seattle by ferry, we'll spend a day there at Pike Place Market, the Seattle Space Needle, and more! Cost: \$1259/person (2 to a room); \$1159/person (3 or more to a room). Anyone under 18 is required to have an adult accompanying. No more than 3 youths per adult. Cost includes: airfare, several meals, all transportation once in Washington, and entrance to all attractions. \$500 deposit required no later than March 15. Minimum of 15 people needed to travel.

(Twilight tour continued)

Book for discussion: *The Twilight Saga: The Official Illustrated Guide*

Available at Book Vault. Release date: April 12, 2010.

Preorder now!! \$24.95 less 15% if you've signed up for this trip.

Also included for discussion will be any/all books of the *Twilight* series.



Thur., July 7-Sun., July 10: You loved these books as a kid—now it's time to share the magic of the Little House books with your children and grandchildren. This four-day trip will sweep through Burr Oak, Iowa (the only LH site still in its original location); Spring Valley, MN (where Laura, Almanzo, and their daughter Rose attended church); Pepin, WI (site of

the **Big Woods** books and Laura's birthplace); Walnut Grove, MN (we'll attend the "Laura" pageant and tour the **Banks of Plum Creek** area); and then on to De Smet, SD (site of the **Little Town** books). Cost: \$450/person (2 to a room); \$425 for children 12 and under); \$400 (3-4 to a room); \$575 (single supplement).

Book for discussion: *Laura Ingalls Wilder: A Writer's Life* by Pamela Swift Hill

Available at Book Vault for \$12.95 less 15% discount if you are in this group.

and/or

Laura's Album: A Remembrance Scrapbook of L. I. Wilder by William Anderson

(primarily for younger readers but all ages will enjoy)

Available at Book Vault for \$21.99 less 15% discount if you are in this group.

Any of the Little House books available at Book Vault.



Fall 2011 (Dates and cost TBD): Haunted Iowa. Iowa is full of ghost stories, and we'll travel the state, checking out a few! We've already had members of the South Central Iowa Paranormal Society contacting us, wanting to go along to do "readings"! Eeeks—sign up for this one if you dare!

Several books for this one; enjoy any or all!

Iowa Road Guide to Haunted Locations by Chad Lewis.

Available at Book Vault for \$14.00 less 15% if part of this tour.

Ghostly Tales of Iowa by Ruth D. Hein.

Available at Book Vault for \$9.95 less 15% if part of this tour.

Haunted Iowa by Kathleen Vym.

Available at Book Vault for \$16.95 less 15% if part of this tour.
All of these trips will include time to meet ahead and discuss the books before we travel.
All books will be available at Book Vault.

***Join us in 2011 for tours that are
educational...historic...quirky...and just plain fun!***

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