Cuneo Lecture Series to Feature 'Citizen Kane,' Tour

The Fall 2012 Lecture Series will be held in September and October at the Cuneo Mansion and Gardens.

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The summer is coming to a close, which means the beginning of another exciting fall season at Loyola’s Cuneo Mansion and Gardens. Starting in September, Cuneo Mansion and Gardens will launch its Fall 2012 Lecture Series, presenting four different lectures in cinema, history, art, and garden, all related to the Cuneo Mansion and Gardens’s legacy.

Below, please see a list of the lectures, along with date, time, and price information. Attendees can register for three lecture sessions at once and get the fourth for free ($35 for all four lectures). For more information, and to register, please contact the Cuneo Mansion and Gardens’ lecturer Amanda Graue at (847) 367.3013.

Who is Citizen Kane? A Lecture and Movie Screening
Sunday, Sept. 23
2–5 p.m.
$15 per adult
•Citizen Kane is widely regarded as one of the greatest movies ever made. Orson Welles created the persona of Charles Foster Kane based on some of the most infamous people of the early 20th century, including William Randolph Hearst and Samuel Insull, founder of Commonwealth Edison and the original owner of the Cuneo Mansion and Gardens. Please join us for a deeper look into the origin of the personality of Charlie Kane, followed by a film screening.

Prairie Landscape at Cuneo Mansion: Jens Jensen Walking/Garden Tour
Sunday, Sept. 30
2–3 p.m.
$10 per adult
•In the early 20th century, Jens Jensen was one of the most sought after landscape architects in the midwest. His use of native plants and water features can be seen throughout Chicago’s city parks. Samuel Insull chose Jensen to design his private Cuneo estate in 1914. Please join us for an hour-long tour of the Cuneo Mansion and Gardens and see his vision come to life.

The House that ComEd Built: Technology Tour of Cuneo Mansion
Sunday, Oct. 21
2–3 p.m.
$10 per adult
•Samuel Insull spared no expense in creating a tremendous home, decades ahead of its time, within the Cuneo Mansion. An elevator, central vacuum system, and retractable ceiling are just a few features in
this house that truly make it a marvel. Join us for a special tour of the Cuneo Mansion and witness its amazing use of technology.

Remember Me as You Pass By: A Lecture on Posthumous Portraiture
Sunday, Oct. 28
4–5 p.m.
$10 per adult
• In the 19th century, middle-class families looked to portraiture as an important way to commemorate their family in the home. However, portraits also served the very important purpose of remembering a loved one after they passed away. Posthumous or “death” portraits had a very distinct place in the culture of 19th century mourning and remembrance. Join us for a special Halloween lecture on posthumous portraiture within the Cuneo Mansion and Gardens.