

ART à la Carte

APR 3-24



Art à la Carte is a series of informative programs focusing on the arts. It is offered free of charge on Wednesdays at 12:15 pm at the Flint Institute of Arts. Visitors are encouraged to bring lunch; coffee, tea and cookies are provided.

April 3

Secrets of the Samurai Sword

56 min

For over a thousand years the Samurai sword has dominated the battlefields of Japan, instilled fear and terror into every enemy it faced, and evoked a spiritual way of life that continues even today.

Japanese, **Tsuba** (oval), c. 1850, Late Edo Period. Collection of the Flint Institute of Arts. The Weist-Garrett Collection of Japanese Swords and Fittings, 1981.204

April 10

Secrets of the Viking Sword

60 min

Feared throughout Europe, the Vikings were the most ferocious warriors of the Middle Ages. Especially fearsome were the select few who wielded a formidable weapon: a light, razor sharp, virtually indestructible sword with its maker's name, Ulfbeht, inlaid along the blade.

April 17

Secrets of the Shining Knight

60 min

A knight in shining armor may sound like a character out of a storybook, but once upon a time, knighthood was serious business, and for countless medieval fighters, their armor was what stood between life and death. This program uncovers centuries-old metalworking secrets as it seeks to unravel the secrets of armor.

April 24

Building Pharaoh's Chariot

60 min

Some historians claim that the chariot launched a technological and strategic revolution and was the secret weapon behind Egypt's greatest era of conquest known as the New Kingdom. But was the Egyptian chariot really a revolutionary design?



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