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LearningQUEST is a non-profit volunteer-led organization for adults of all ages, dedicated to building a learning community through educational and enrichment opportunities. LearningQUEST is partnered with the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library. Its programs are generally held at the downtown public library, but off-site venues are used when needed.

The organization's first public gathering was on May 19, 2009, in the downtown library's auditorium when 72 people attended an introductory meeting to learn about this new organization and its plans. From an original 10 members who met with the library's Executive Director to define the basics of the new organization, the organization has thrived as a 501(c)(3)

lifelong learning organization within our community, continuing to expand and engage its membership and to offer more program opportunities.

Each calendar year features two terms of programs: Spring (January – June) and Fall (July – December). Each term begins with a Rally Day, which has become a major event for membership registration, making new friends, fun and games, and program familiarization and selection. On Rally Day, the LearningQUEST catalog describing the term's programs is available for pickup. Members and many course instructors are present to answer questions. But most of all, it is a fun gathering in a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

LearningQUEST offers a wide variety of programs **in both online format and classroom settings. During the Covid-19 pandemic conditions, all local, state, national and CDC guidelines are in-place at all venue activities to insure staff and membership safety.**

- **Public programs** are offered each term as LearningQUEST's gift to the community—no fees or registration required. All are welcome to attend, and members are encouraged to invite friends.

With LearningQUEST membership dues of \$20 per calendar year, these additional opportunities are available:

- **Special Interest Groups (SIGs)** are organized and facilitated by LearningQUEST members for members who share a similar interest.
- **Member Enrichment Events (MEEs)** are special events scheduled during the year for LearningQUEST members. They are usually announced in the weekly E-News.

With an additional \$30 term fee, LearningQUEST members are eligible to register for courses and trips, as many as desired during that term as long as space is available.

- **Courses** are offered in a wide variety of disciplines. All instructors are volunteers with special knowledge of and interest in the subjects they teach. Courses range in length from a single meeting to several meetings during the term. No homework or tests are required for any course.
- **Trips** are organized by LearningQUEST members and are self-supporting by the participants. Trips range from short visits to local points of interest, to multi-day excursions to foreign countries.

LearningQUEST is managed through a Board of Directors, member committees, and an Operations Manager who coordinates and facilitates the essential day-to-day activities. As a volunteer-led organization, active member participation is essential to the existence of LearningQUEST. Members serve in administrative and leadership roles; as program planners, schedulers, and coordinators; as instructors and presenters; and as committee members handling a multitude of essential roles. Every committee needs additional volunteers, and all members are encouraged to find a way to contribute toward sustaining our learning community.

Life is a continuing journey, with never-ending opportunities to learn, give, and grow.

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Downtown Library: AUD (Auditorium), 2FL (2nd Floor Events Room), A (beside Auditorium), FCR (Foundation Conference Room, 2nd floor)

Program	Venue	Presenter(s)	Dates	Day	Time	#	Coordinator
MEMBER COURSES (WITH TERM FEE)							
1-What is the "Good Life"	Cancelled						
2-The British Royals (Part I)	AUD	Guy Collins	1/18 – 3/1	T	10:30 – 12	7	Susan Livingston
3-Move to the Music	2FL	Jill Chadwick	1/20 – 2/24	Th	10 – 11	6	Wanda Shoultes
4-A History of English Poetry (Part II)	AUD	Jeff Nelson	1/25 – 2/22	T	1:30 – 3	5	Sally Barnett
5-Cybersecurity Awareness	Online only	Alen Witt	1/25,2/22,3/22,4/26,5/24	T	5 – 6	5	Marie Held
6-Fun! Nutritious Cooking Class	See Desc.	Pam Frazier	1/26	W	11 – 1	1	Linda McGuinness
7-Let the Lady Speak: Women's Rhetoric	2FL	Elaine Fredericksen	1/26 – 2/23	W	1:30 – 3	5	Debbie West
8-Shakespeare's Coriolanus	AUD	Jeff Nelson	1/27 – 2/10	Th	1:30 – 3	3	Linda Fletcher
9-Friday Film Festival: Hepburn & Grant	AUD	Jennifer Garlen	2/4,3/4,4/1,5/6	F	2 – 4:30	4	Gina Bain
10-3rd Kingdom: NA Fungi	See Desc.	S. Jones, J. Akozbek	2/7 – 3/7	M	9:30 – 11	5	Jean Lake
11-International Dining Out Club	Various	Jane Wodtke	2/8,3/8,4/12,5/10,6/14	T	5 – 8	5	Paul Hurst
12-Birds in the Bible	AUD	Herb Lewis	2/9	W	10 – 11:30	1	Terry Lewis
13-Red Cross Disaster Preparedness	AUD	Khris Anderson	2/11 – 25	F	10:30 – 12	3	John Ofenloch
14-Armchair Travel	AUD	Various	2/14 – 3/21	M	1:30 – 3	6	Pat Hair
15-Masters of Photography (Part I)	2FL	Tom Bryant	2/16 – 3/23	W	10 – 11:30	6	Kate Leonard
16-Chinese Art (Part II)	AUD	Debbie West	2/17 – 3/24	Th	1:30 – 3	6	Gina Bain
17-Fitness and Balance Class	See Desc.	Debra Wade	3/1 – 4/5	T	12:30 – 1:30	6	Pat Sampson
18-Adult Coloring	2FL	Wanda Shoultes	3/3 – 4/7	Th	10 – 11:30	6	Beth Powell
19-Grow Edible Mushrooms Workshop	A	David Hayes	3/8	T	10 – 11	1	Charlotte Hudson
20-Climate Change	AUD	S. Jones, J. Christy	3/9, 3/23	W	1 – 3	2	John Ofenloch
21-Viet Nam Revisited	2FL	Skip Vaughn	3/17	Th	1 – 2:30	1	Judy Frago
22-Antiques Road Show	AUD	George Marchelos	3/18	F	1 – 2:30	1	Charlotte Hudson
23-The Ground Kisser	AUD	Thanh Boyer	3/22	T	10 – 11:30	1	Charlotte Hudson
24-Beginning Portuguese	2FL	Adelaide de Almeida	3/22 – 5/10	T	10 – 11	8	Elaine Fredericksen
25-Wines from France (Part III)	See Desc.	Kevin Norris	3/25	F	1:30 – 3:30	1	Essie Horton
26-Viet Nam Linebacker I and II Battles	2FL	Zygmund Jastrebski	4/6	W	1 – 2:30	1	Judy Frago
27-The Civil War Trek of R. McAllister	AUD	Jim Harlow	4/13 – 20	W	1 – 3	2	Linda McGuinness
28-One Punch At A Time	See Desc.	Carolyn Rhodes	4/14	Th	9 – 10:30	1	Charlotte Hudson
29-Elder Law	2FL	Doug Martinson	4/14 – 28	Th	3 – 4:30	3	Alan Markell
30-Senior Living Facilities	See Desc.	Ann Beltz	4/21 – 28	Th	10 – 11:30	2	Charlotte Hudson
31-A History of the World's Airlines	2FL	Jamie F. Dodson	5/4 – 6/22	W	10 – 11:30	8	Bill Case
32-An Introduction to Irish Drumming	See Desc.	Andy Kruspe	5/10 – 31	T	1:30 – 2:30	4	Ravina Sujanani
33-Huntsville and Alabama Artifacts	AUD	George Marchelos	5/13	F	1 – 3	1	Charlotte Hudson
34-Tai Chi for Physical Fitness	2FL	Luyao (Louis) Ren	5/24 – 6/21 5/26 – 6/23	T Th	9:30 – 10:30	10	Wanda Shoultes
35-Let's Go To Trial	See Desc.	Tom Borchert	TBD				Tom Borchert
TRIPS & EXCURSIONS (WITH TERM FEE)							
T1-Mystery Day Trip	See Desc.	Kim Davis	4/7	Th	9	1	Kim Davis
T2-Manna House's Field of Greens	See Desc.	Charlotte Hudson	4/8	F	11 – 1:30	1	Charlotte Hudson
T3-Huntsville Museum of Art	See Desc.	Sarah Curtis	4/19	T	1 – 1:45	1	Sarah Curtis
T4-An Evening of Baseball	See Desc.	Darryl Palm	TBD		6 – 10	1	Darryl Palm
T5-A Private Tour of the Lewis Garden	See Desc.	Herb & Terry Lewis	5/10	T	10 – 12	1	Terry Lewis
T6-Marshall Space Flight Center Bus Tour	See Desc.	Darryl Palm	5/26	Th	12:30 – 3	1	Darryl Palm
SPECIAL TRIPS							
ST1-The Ark & Derby Dinner Theater	See Desc.	Kim Davis	5/16 – 17	M/T	10AM Mon – 10PM Tue	1	Kim Davis

**IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT**

The pandemic will probably continue to have an impact on the Spring '22 Term schedule. Please remain vigilant in keeping up with program updates via the weekly E-News, the LQUEST.org web page, and the LearningQUEST Facebook page.

Program	Venue	Presenter(s)	Dates	Day	Time	#	Coordinator
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (NO TERM FEE)							
S1-Knitting	A & Online	Barbara Ward	See Desc.	W	2 – 3		Barbara Ward
S2-Hand and Foot	A	Betsy Prescott	Thursdays starting 1/6	Th	1 – 4		Betsy Prescott
S3-Progressive Christianity Explored	See Desc.	Glenn Nettleton	First Friday	F	9:30 – 11:30		Glenn Nettleton
S4-UkeQUESTors Jam	2FL & Online	Doug Anderson	Sundays starting 1/9	S	2 – 3:30		Doug Anderson
S5-Mah Jongg	A	Janet Tedrow	Mondays starting 1/10	M	1 – 4		Janet Tedrow
S6-Great Conversations	Online	Bob Stagg	Mondays starting 1/10	M	3 – 4:30		Bob Stagg
S7-Front Porch Conversations	2FL	Larry West	Third Wednesday	W	1 – 2:30		Larry West
S8-Computers Cameras and Questing (CCQ)	2FL	Glenn Nettleton	Third Friday	F	9:30 – 12		Glenn Nettleton
S9-Bunco	A	Joy Anderson	Fourth Monday	M	9:30 – 12		Joy Anderson
S10-Poets' Corner	FCR	Liz Hall	Fourth Wednesday	W	1:30 – 3		Liz Hall
S11-Friday Hiking	Various	Jim Kirkwood	Fridays 1/21 – 4/29	F	9		Jim Kirkwood
PROGRAMS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (FREE)							
P1-Who You Gonna Call? Fraud Busters!	AUD	Anna Blair	2/7	M	12 – 1	1	Mary Jane Reumann
P2-The Year the Rockets Came	AUD	David Lilly	3/15	T	10:30 – 12	1	Carl Lomax
P3-Operation Pedestal: 1942	AUD	David Lilly	4/12	T	10:30 – 12	1	Nancy Butler
P4-The Pollinator Garden	AUD	H. Porter, H Cotton	4/27	W	1 – 2:30	1	Susan Bakken

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please contact the Registrar at LQregistrar@gmail.com.**



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Here are some of the essential areas where you can participate:

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

This page offers a list of frequently asked questions. If you can't find the answer you're looking for, contact the LearningQUEST office at 256-529-8695 or learningquest.email@gmail.com.

Who can be a member of LearningQUEST?

LearningQUEST is open to adults of *all* ages 19 and older, interested in lifelong learning.

What are the fees for LearningQUEST?

Membership dues are \$20 for the calendar year, January–December, and are paid annually. The calendar year is divided into two terms: January–June (Spring) and July–December (Fall). New or renewing members can submit dues any time after January first of the current calendar year. New members who register for the first time after October first will receive free membership for the remainder of that calendar year. Any overpayment of dues will be considered a donation to LearningQUEST and will not be refunded.

There is a term fee of \$30 for each term, which allows members to register for unlimited courses and/or trips within that term as long as space is available. Note that supplies for some classes, as well as costs for trips and excursions, may require additional fees.

- Membership dues and term fees are encouraged to be paid with one check, and couples may combine their payments on a single check.
- If you are registering for a trip that involves additional costs:
 - Special Trip – A separate check must be collected at Rally Day or afterwards. Registration is not complete until payment is received.
 - Local Trip – The Trip coordinator will contact registrants with instructions for payment.

How do I join and/or register for courses?

- Attend the Spring Rally Day on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 10 – noon at the First Baptist Church at Entrance #7 on St. Clair Avenue, directly across from the Downtown Library; or
- Attend “Post Rally Days” to the left of the 1st floor Main Desk in the Library on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 10 – noon, or Thursday, Jan. 20, 1 – 4; or
- Go to lquest.org, create an account, and join, register, and pay online using the secure portal; or
- Go to lquest.org, download registration form/s, and mail completed forms and fees to LearningQUEST, P.O. Box 2387, Huntsville, AL 35804; or
- Come by the LearningQUEST office during regular office hours.

Note that registration continues throughout the term as long as space is available.

How do I know if I am successfully enrolled in a course?

All paid registrants will be notified of their course status by email or US Postal mail if they do not have an email address. If course limits have been exceeded, they may be placed on a waitlist and will be notified if an opening occurs. A reminder email will be sent to all registrants at least five days before the course starts.

How do I register for a trip?

Registration information can be found in the Trips and Excursions section of the catalog. Members may sign up for most trips on the same registration form used for class registration. If a trip involves additional costs, see the fees section on this page.

Where is the LearningQUEST office located, and what are the office hours?

The office is located on the second floor of the Downtown branch of the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library in the alcove to the left of the Reference Desk. Office hours are Tuesday mornings, 10 – Noon, and Thursday afternoons, 1 – 4.

What happens when a course or trip reaches its maximum capacity?

The LearningQUEST registrar maintains a waitlist of students in order of their registration, and, working with the instructor, course scheduler, and coordinator, may:

- Review class size limits to see if they can be increased or if larger accommodations are available.
- Schedule additional sessions in the same term or repeat the course or trip in a later term.

When will an instructor or coordinator know how many are enrolled in his/her course?

The registrar may be contacted for an enrollment number; however, registration continues throughout the term as long as space is available, so the number may change. At least five days prior to the first course session, the registrar will email a sign-in attendance sheet of registered students to the course coordinator.

What is the Drop/Add Policy?

Notify the registrar at LQregistrar@gmail.com as soon as possible if you cannot attend a course for which you have registered, or if you wish to add a class. You may also drop/add online at lquest.org through your account. This is especially important in courses that are closed with a waitlist.

Are guests permitted to attend a LearningQUEST course?

As long as the course is not full, and with instructor approval, guests are welcome to attend a single session before paying the appropriate membership dues and course fee.

Why don't I get my LearningQUEST E-News?

If you have received your E-News in the past, you may have been inadvertently unsubscribed. If you share an email account with others, make sure all are aware of the importance of the E-News and do not unsubscribe without each other's knowledge. It is also possible that the E-News has been marked as spam. Check your email spam folder, and move the E-News back to your inbox. Contact LQnewsinput@gmail.com for assistance.

What if I don't want a LearningQUEST photographer to take my picture?

Let the event photographer know you prefer not to have your picture taken. Notify LearningQUEST leadership if you wish to have a picture deleted from the LearningQUEST website or Facebook page.

How can I get a replacement name badge and holder?

Badges may be obtained from the Membership Chair by sending a request to LQmembership@gmail.com. Holders are available in the LearningQUEST office during office hours. There is a \$6 replacement fee for the badge holder.

What is the inclement weather policy?

LearningQUEST follows the weather policy of Huntsville-Madison County Public Library. If the Downtown Library is closed, this information will be posted at hmcpl.org by 6 AM, and LearningQUEST programs will be cancelled for that day. If the event is at a venue other than the Library, the coordinator will relay the adverse weather or road condition statement from the Operations Manager to the event registrant listing.

How do I report my volunteer hours?

If you help with the planning or execution of any LearningQUEST activities, please send your number of volunteer hours to LQvolunteers@gmail.com. Hours are to be reported monthly.

How do I report a change of contact information?

Please keep LearningQUEST informed of any updates to your contact information by sending changes to LQmembership@gmail.com.

How can I stay informed about LearningQUEST activities and updates?

The LearningQUEST website is the most direct source of information and updates. LearningQUEST's website calendar is updated regularly to reflect any changes to the program schedule. LearningQUEST's Facebook page is another good source for current information. The weekly electronic newsletter updates the membership on upcoming trips, public programs, and changes in course schedules as well as special events. The newsletter is sent to all members through email, printed and displayed in LearningQUEST's bulletin board on the left in the hallway going to the auditorium, and is available to view in the office. You can also call the office at 256-529-8695 during office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You can also contact LQoperationsmanager@gmail.com and sign-up to receive program updates via text messages.

Is there a general email address for LearningQUEST?

There are several specific email addresses within these Frequently Asked Questions. They include the topics of registration, volunteering, and membership. There is also a general email address available for correspondence that doesn't match a category. It is learningquest.email@gmail.com.

What health safety measures are being implemented during the pandemic?

Several online courses are now being offered for members to enjoy in the safety of their homes. Current social distancing, face mask and CDC guidelines are enforced at all venue events.

BOARD POLICY: Some programs require additional fees as noted in the course description. The coordinator will provide instructions for payment of fees which will be by check only made out to LearningQUEST. Checks will be held by the coordinator until one week prior to the event and then deposited. Should a program be cancelled, the checks will be returned or destroyed. No refund will be provided after expenses have been incurred in advance of the program start date. **IMPORTANT:** No slots are confirmed nor attendance allowed unless the fee has been paid to the coordinator.

MEMBER COURSES (WITH TERM FEE)

Term Fee of \$30 Required for Unlimited Courses

Downtown Library: AUD (Auditorium), 2FL (2nd Floor Events Room), A (beside Auditorium), FCR (Foundation Conference Room, 2nd floor)

Letter from the Board of Directors President

This new year brings special opportunities as well as unique challenges. Many thanks to Darryl Palm, our Operations Manager, to our course presenters, and to the leaders of LearningQUEST who have helped us over the past couple of years and who continue to serve today. Your creative and diligent work has provided interesting, thought-provoking courses for us under some difficult circumstances. Much has changed, but through your efforts a bright future lies ahead of us:

- LearningQUEST now utilizes several new strategically located venues.
- LearningQUEST initiated virtual learning last year, broadening our outreach to include presenters and members beyond our geographical area.
- LearningQUEST plans some fascinating and enlightening courses for 2022, as you will see in this catalog.

Finally, a special thanks to all our members who encourage us and make LearningQUEST the excellent adult learning experience that it is today and will continue to be in the future!

LearningQUEST Board President
Charles Gattis

1-What is the "Good Life" and How do I get it?

Instructor: Jimmy Duplass
Dates: 6 Tuesdays, Jan. 18 – Feb. 22
Time: 10 – 12
Location: 2FL

The goal of the course is to bring people together in a friendly forum to examine the topic that philosophers, since Socrates, refer to as the "Good Life". This conversational course requires participants' active, thoughtful engagement with other participants and the instructor. The role of the instructor is not to "give" participants the "right" answers but to help the participants ask the right questions and clarify their ideas and feelings about "Things That Matter". Most people think of philosophy as a record of Western intellectual thought, but it is also a tool, a systematic way of thinking to help individuals reconcile their thoughts and feelings by asking appropriate questions about things that matter and reflecting on their personal perspective and those of others. The instructor will introduce ideas from

philosophers when appropriate to the furtherance of the discussion. The first class will serve as a springboard by exploring the idea of the "Good Life": what is it, how to think about it, what some philosophers have said, and how one can possibly achieve it in one's personal life. The remaining classes will be based on what the participants decide the group should focus on, given the unanswered questions. *Max: 10*

2-The British Royals (Part I)

Instructor: Guy Collins
Dates: 7 Tuesdays, Jan. 18 – Mar. 1
Time: 10:30 – 12
Location: AUD

Participants will discover the fascinating stories of the many royals who have ruled in this two-part survey of famous English monarchs. Coverage will include significant events in English history from the Roman era through the Tudors (Part I). Part II (Fall Term) will begin with the Stuarts and end with the Windsors. Famous English kings and queens will be viewed within the context of England's ever-changing political, economic, military, and social history.

3-Move to the Music

Instructor: Jill Chadwick
Dates: 6 Thursdays, Jan. 20 – Feb. 24
Time: 10 – 11
Location: 2FL

Dance is a perfect exercise as it engages our minds, muscles, hearts, and spirits. In this "Move 2 Music" course, participants will warm up for 2-3 songs (oldies are goodies) with marching, stretching, and stepping side to side. Grapevines, V-steps, and some basic dance patterns will follow, and then we will do a 2-3 song slow down/stretch. No previous dance experience is necessary. We will "move to the music" to a combination of classics and maybe even some new songs as well. This class is exercise in disguise! The main objective is fun! This is not Zumba but a modified form that is less strenuous. Wear comfortable, danceable clothing and shoes that will not grip the floor too tightly (slightly worn sneakers are perfect).

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4-A History of English Poetry in 10 Metaphors (Part II)

Instructor: Jeff Nelson
Dates: 5 Tuesdays, Jan. 25 – Feb. 22
Time: 1:30 – 3
Location: AUD

This class offers an examination of key poems and their central metaphors. Authors may include Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Christina Rossetti, Wilfred Owen, Hope Mirreles, and Derek Walcott. We will discuss how metaphors work and try to answer the question “How do you know it’s a metaphor, and then how do you know what it’s a metaphor for?” Along the way, we’ll pay some attention to poetics and the historical context.

5-Cybersecurity Awareness

Instructor: Alen Witt
Dates: 5 Tuesdays, Jan. 25, Feb. 22, Mar. 22, Apr. 26, May 24
Time: 5 – 6
Location: Online only



This course educates and raises awareness about risks surrounding security, hacking, ransomware, and identity theft. The following topics will be covered: Email scams including phishing/smishing, malware and handling removable media, passwords and authentication, physical security, safe internet habits, mobile device security, public Wi-Fi, and social networking and risks.



6-Fun! Nutritious Cooking Class

Instructor: Pam Frazier
Dates: 1 Wednesday, Jan. 26
Time: 11 – 1
Location: Highland Lakes Clubhouse

Coach Pam’s “FUN! Nutritious Cooking Class” teaches how to create a yummy pizza using homemade pizza sauce and toppings. In addition to creating their own pizzas, participants will create a healthy salad and sample some of Coach Pam’s healthy snack alternatives that helped her reverse disease in her body. This cooking class includes heart healthy tips to lower blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol, and other lab concerns. The Highland Lakes Clubhouse is located at 101 Manitoba Blvd, Madison, AL 35758. Fee: \$35. Max: 15

7-Let the Lady Speak: Women’s Rhetoric Through the Ages

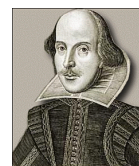
Instructor: Elaine Frederickson
Dates: 5 Wednesdays, Jan. 26 – Feb. 23
Time: 1:30 – 3
Location: 2FL

This class examines women’s role in the history of rhetoric from classical times to the twenty-first century. A series of lectures and readings will demonstrate how women moved from silence to public speech over the years. Some of the subjects include Aspasia, Christine de Pizan, Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, Mary Astell, Phoebe Palmer, Virginia Woolf, and Helen Cixous. If you haven’t heard of them yet, you will be happy to make their acquaintance.

8-Shakespeare’s Coriolanus

Instructor: Jeff Nelson
Dates: 3 Thursdays, Jan. 27 – Feb. 10
Time: 1:30 – 3
Location: AUD

In Shakespeare’s *Coriolanus*, early Rome struggles to establish a functioning government. Yet is this possible when there is an irreconcilable conflict between the narcissistic war-hero Coriolanus, his rigidly traditionalist mother, some self-serving tribunes, and a crowd of angry, starving citizens? Not as well-known as his other plays, Shakespeare’s *Coriolanus* was admired by T.S. Eliot and Frank Kermode, who called it “probably the most fiercely and ingeniously plotted and expressed of all his tragedies.” And the range of interpretations is astounding; numerous directors, for example, have used this play to explore the politics of 1930s Germany, 1980s Eastern Europe, and today’s Great Britain. By viewing some excellent performances on DVD and closely reading the text itself, participants will explore this rich and complex work.



9-Friday Film Festival: Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant

Instructor: Jennifer Garlen
Dates: 4 Fridays, Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Apr. 1, May 6
Time: 2 – 4:30
Location: AUD



Join this class for a series of romantic romps with two of classic Hollywood’s biggest stars: Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant. Participants will enjoy four delightful comedies starring this dynamic duo starting with the lesser-known gem, *Sylvia Scarlett* (1935). Next up we’ll laugh ourselves silly with Howard Hawks’ beloved screwball comedy, *Bringing Up Baby* (1938), followed by *Holiday* (1938). The last film of the series will be *The Philadelphia Story* (1940). George Cukor directs the pair in three of the four films.

10-Welcome to the Third Kingdom: Our Ubiquitous Fungi of North Alabama

Instructor: Steve Jones and Jesse Akozbek
Dates: 5 Mondays, Feb. 7 – Mar. 7
Time: 9:30 – 11
Location: Residences at Wellpoint

The course will cover the third great kingdom of macroscopic life: fungi (beyond plants and animals). The course outline is as follows: Introduction to the fungal kingdom; Narrowing the discussion to north Alabama; Wood decay; Saprophytes and Parasites; Forest Fungal Diseases; Mycorrhiza; Fun with Mushrooms (Visual delights and curiosities, Culinary delight, Medicinal utility). Optional unofficial field trip after the term. This course will be offered at Residences at Wellpoint, 2940 Mill Run Rd SE, Big Cove, AL 35763.

11-International Dining Out Club

Instructor: Jane Wodtke
Dates: 5 Tuesdays, Feb. 8, Mar. 8, Apr. 12, May 10, Jun. 14
Time: 5 – 8
Location: Various



Join this group monthly for an international dining experience. Starting in February, we will eat and critique Italian, Vietnamese, Greek, Indian, and Thai cuisine in and around the Huntsville area. Our rating of these restaurants will be in the LearningQUEST E-News. Mangia Tutti!! Max: 40

12-Birds in the Bible

Instructor: Herb Lewis
Dates: 1 Wednesday, Feb. 9
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

Herb Lewis will present a class on birds in the Bible. An avid birder, Herb is always observant of birds in any context. During the last two years he has been on a quest to read the Bible entirely and has been surprised how often birds were referenced. His presentation will provide visual examples of Biblical contents with birds and other bird related facts from his experiences.

13-Red Cross Disaster Preparedness

Instructor: Khris Anderson
Dates: 3 Fridays, Feb. 11 – 25
Time: 10:30 – 12
Location: AUD

Disaster preparedness can save lives. What supplies do you need? Do you have an exit plan for your home? Do friends and relatives know how to reach you? Do you have a common meeting place if your home is lost? These and many more questions are answered by a certified American Red Cross Executive Director. This course will be divided into three separate sessions:
Feb. 11—Emergencies can strike suddenly and violently at any time and any place. In this presentation, trained

Red Cross subject matter experts present basic preparedness information including how to make or build a preparedness kit, make an emergency plan with your family, and learn what to do before, during, and after disasters.

Feb. 18—Ready Rating members have access to one-of-a-kind tools, resources, and information for evaluating and improving their ability to withstand disaster, maintain operations, and protect lives and property. Whether you are taking your first steps or have a fully-functioning emergency management program, the Ready Rating program can help you achieve a higher level of preparedness.

Feb. 25—Be ready to save a life with hands-only CPR. It's easy to learn and can increase the chance of someone surviving a cardiac emergency.

14-Armchair Travel

Instructor: Various
Dates: 6 Mondays, Feb. 14 – Mar. 21
Time: 1:30 – 3
Location: AUD

Come and share Armchair Travel adventures with LearningQUEST friends who have traveled on wonderful trips and have great pictures and information on the locations they enjoyed.



Feb. 14—Explore the Fall Wonders of Acadia National Park Barbara Staggs invites you to join her on a fall visit to Acadia National Park, Maine, USA. Barbara has delighted us with many wonderful trips in the past. She is a well-traveled photographer who has carried us with her all over the USA and South America. This time we will view dramatic Maine coastlines, beautiful fall color, panoramic views of Acadia's mountains and the surrounding ocean plus the working waterfronts of the fishing villages adjacent to the park.

Feb. 21—Up close in the Grand Tetons Herb and Terry Lewis will take us on adventures in the Grand Teton Mountains of Wyoming. They luckily have a son, daughter-in-law, and grandson living in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, so they have made several trips to visit family and to enjoy their hobbies of birding and photography. Herb is our favorite birding expert, and Terry organizes the trips and helps with the photography. Animals, birds, and sites to see in the Grand Tetons are the subjects of their program.

Feb. 28—Boat Trip around Glacier Bay, Alaska Emily Saile traveled to Glacier Bay, Alaska, on what she described as a "trip of a lifetime." She was on a 65' wooden boat built in 1929. She was able to see and get great photographs of glaciers, icebergs, an amazing amount of wildlife as well as gorgeous scenery. We have enjoyed Emily's wonderful photography in a 2021 Armchair Travel presentation on Iceland—Fire and Ice and the Santa Fe Balloon Fiesta of 2019 with Barbara Staggs.

Mar. 7—Northern Vacation on Lake Superior Charles and Judy Gattis invite LearningQUEST friends to enjoy a summer 2021 adventure in northern climate. They spent

a month on the North Shore of Lake Superior and visited places from Duluth, Minnesota, up to the USA/Canadian border—Two Harbors, Split Rock Lighthouse, Beaver Bay, Silver Bay, Lutsen Mountains, Grand Marais, and Grand Portage. During the month, they also drove across the northern part of Michigan's Upper Peninsula and spent a few days on Mackinac Island and another couple of days visiting the Apostle's Islands area. They have pictures, stories, and general information about those areas to share with Armchair Travel.

Mar. 14—Train Trip Across Canada Ed and Mary Ann Stasiak started on their 2019 train trip in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. They took a day trip to Victoria, B.C. and visited Buchart Gardens. The train proceeded to Jasper, where they traveled by coach around Alberta to Athabasca Falls, Lake Louise, Banff, and Maligne Lake. From Jasper they flew to Montreal, Quebec, and took a train to Toronto, Niagara on the Lake, and finally Niagara Falls. They enjoyed fireworks over the Falls on their final night. The weather was great, so they have some wonderful photos of this trip.

Mar. 21—Soul of Tanzania Please join Barbara and Gary Hitt for a multi-media presentation of the trips they took to Tanzania in 2005 and again in 2021 to share the adventure with their granddaughter for her senior trip. They will discuss some of the differences they found that had occurred during the 17 years between trips and the effects of climate change on East Africa. In addition to seeing exotic wildlife on game drives and taking a hot air balloon ride, they also spent a day with the indigenous Hadzabe tribe, nomadic people who still survive by the traditional means of hunting/gathering. Joining the men on a sunrise hunt through the bush was a highlight of the trip.

15-Masters of Photography, Part I

Instructor: Tom Bryant
Dates: 6 Wednesdays, Feb. 16 – Mar. 23
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: 2FL

This class will be a photograph art appreciation class rather than a technical "how to use a camera" class. It will be like walking through a photograph gallery with excellent photographers and having them explain the photos and provide some tips. We will get the back-story for each photo. It will be valuable for both experienced photographers and those interested in understanding more about the art of photography. It is a DVD series featuring 6 master photographers describing the art in the 12 lectures. Each of the 6 class sessions will consist of two 30-minute talks by the DVD instructor and a half-hour talk by Tom Bryant introducing the photographer on the DVD and discussing any photography-unique items in the DVD lecture and also any current photography news. Then the two 30-minute talks will be played from the DVD, and the class will be



concluded with a suggested photo assignment. Each session stands alone—attending the previous class is not required. Subjects for this term include Adventure Photography, Wildlife Photography, and Landscape and Nature photography. We will continue with a second class in the Fall.

16-Chinese Art, Part II

Instructor: Debbie West
Dates: 6 Thursdays, Feb. 17 – Mar. 24
Time: 1:30 – 3
Location: AUD



This is a continuation of ancient Chinese Art History, but attendance at the previous course is not required. Debbie West will provide a vivid look at one of the world's oldest continuous cultures as expressed through its paintings, pottery, and fabric design. Her emphasis will be on China's artistic influences on western culture.

17-Fitness and Balance Class

Instructor: Debra Wade
Dates: 6 Tuesdays, Mar. 1 – Apr. 5
Time: 12:30 – 1:30
Location: Steady for Life Studio

This is the ideal class for those interested in experiencing Fitness and Balance classes but not ready to dive in at full speed. The 6-week course will include fall prevention techniques plus strengthening and flexibility exercises. The instructor offers a gentle entry to an important experience toward a stronger body. The class will be led by Debra Wade, a certified personal trainer. The studio has all the hand-held equipment necessary for versatile classes. The Steady for Life Studio is located at 7900 Bailey Cove Rd SE # F, Huntsville, AL 35802. Fee: \$15. Max: 30

18-Adult Coloring

Instructor: Wanda Shoultes
Dates: 6 Thursdays, Mar. 3 – Apr. 7
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: 2FL

Adult coloring differs from childhood coloring in the detail of the coloring pages and in the sophistication and expense of the coloring tools. It is a meditative exercise that takes one's mind away from oneself and any mental worries and concerns one may have, focusing instead on the act of coloring and the beautiful colors that form the image on the page. Unplugging from technology promotes creation over consumption. Coloring can be done by anyone, not just artists or creative types. All materials will be provided by the instructor. Participants are welcome to bring crayons, colored pencils, watercolor pencils, brush markers, gel pens, hand pencil

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sharpeners, art erasers, or coloring pictures of your own which may be printed from the internet for free. Please put all personal supplies in a pouch or zipper bag so that you can keep your possessions separate to take back home. *Max:30*

19-Grow Edible Mushrooms Workshop

Instructor: David Hayes
Dates: 1 Tuesday, Mar. 8
Time: 10 – 11
Location: A

Mushroom lovers can grow their own edible oyster mushrooms. Participants will be provided materials and directions to grow oyster mushrooms. During the workshop, participants make their own kit and receive instructions for four weeks of kit care. During that time, the mushrooms will double in size about every day. The mushrooms can be harvested in clusters when each mushroom is about 2 inches in diameter. COOK IN YOUR FAVORITE DISH AND ENJOY! After the first harvest, the process can be started once again. Fee: \$20. *Max: 20*



20-Climate Change Under Scientific Scrutiny

Instructor: Steve Jones and John Christy
Dates: 2 Wednesdays, Mar. 9, 23
Time: 1 – 3
Location: AUD



Perhaps one sure-fire way of ruining Thanksgiving dinner with friends is to introduce the topic of climate change. Human-induced existential threat to our planet...or a natural phenomenon influenced only to some limited extent by human activity? This special two-session offering will devote the first 90-minute presentation and discussion to the case for a human-caused crisis

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A special note of thanks to all the instructors, program coordinators, hospitality team and AV support team who volunteer their time, passion, and skill to support educational and enrichment opportunities for our learning community!

warranting drastic action. John Christy, Distinguished Professor of Atmospheric Science and Director of the Earth System Science Center at The University of Alabama in Huntsville where he began studying global climate issues in 1987, will lead the second week. Since November 2000 he has been Alabama's State Climatologist. John is currently UAH Interim Vice President for Research. This special interest two-week course will provide a window into the science that seldom appears in mainstream media. Participants can draw their own conclusions.

21-Viet Nam Revisited

Instructor: Skip Vaughn
Dates: 1 Thursday, Mar. 17
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: 2FL

Sharing what veterans have told him has become Skip Vaughn's passion. He is a long time writer and editor for the *Redstone Rocket*, the Redstone Arsenal newspaper. Since January of 2015, Skip has written a story a week about a Vietnam vet. Men, women, Marines, Army, Air Force, Navy--he has interviewed more than 235 veterans of the war. Skip has recently published a book, *Vietnam Revisited*, in which many of the stories are presented, and he will share several of them with us. He says, "These men and women did amazing things during a very difficult time." Recommended text: *Vietnam Revisited*.

22-Antiques Road Show

Instructor: George Marchelos
Dates: 1 Friday, Mar. 18
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: AUD

For LQ members who have an inherited or acquired item that may be valuable, this is the opportunity to get an estimate of its value from the local appraiser, Dr. George Marchelos, who has served as an appraiser for the famous PBS *Antiques Roadshow*. Each participant is allowed to bring a maximum of two items to be appraised. After reviewing and analyzing each item/artifact, Dr. Marchelos will provide his opinion of its value.

23-The Ground Kisser

Instructor: Thanh Boyer
Dates: 1 Tuesday, Mar. 22
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

Thanh Boyer will present the spellbinding story of her escape from oppression in Vietnam and the unimaginable physical and emotional misery she endured on her way to America. From a wealthy family, her lifestyle changed after the fall of Saigon and the rise of communism. Her account of life after the fall gives insight into the hardships endured by the people of South Vietnam. She will talk about the immense love of a

family willing to risk everything to give two of their children a chance for a better life and the courage of those children on their harrowing journey to freedom.

24-Beginning Portuguese

Instructor: Adelaide de Almeida
Dates: 8 Tuesdays,
 Mar. 22 – May 10
Time: 10 – 11
Location: 2FL

A unique opportunity to learn Portuguese from a native speaker, this class will introduce the Romance language born in Portugal that emigrated to Brazil and even areas of Africa and Asia. Class participants will learn to maneuver as a tourist in Brazil, Portugal, and other Portuguese speaking environments. No language experience required. No pressure, just pleasure.

25-Wines From the Classic Regions of France, Part III

Instructor: Kevin Norris
Dates: 1 Friday, Mar. 25
Time: 1:30 – 3:30
Location: Liquor Express

Join us as we continue our wine romp through France. This session was cancelled in the Spring of 2020; it has been rescheduled for this Spring semester. In this session we will be



covering the southeastern regions of Rhone, Provence and Languedoc-Roussillon. The Mediterranean Sea greatly influences the wine grapes grown in these regions, and we'll discover the big red blends of the Rhone Valley, the fruity lighter wines of Provence made with Cinsaut, Grenache, Mourvedre, and Ugni Blanc. Then we'll explore some of the Languedoc-Roussillon region where there are many bargains to be found. We'll taste six wines during the session and provide proven food pairings that help us appreciate the wines even more. Under Kevin's direction, participants will explore and talk about how the food affects the flavors (and enjoyment) of the wine and vice versa. Kevin will include some history of the regions and how winemaking styles differ. The course coordinator will provide instructions for payment prior to attendance. Liquor Express is located at 1812 University Drive, Huntsville, AL 35801. Fee: \$40. Max: 40

26-Viet Nam Linebacker I and II Battles

Instructor: Zygmund Jastrebski
Dates: 1 Wednesday, Apr. 6
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: 2FL

This course will present a historical review of the Linebacker I and Linebacker II campaign with a question-and-answer period. It will review the background, chronology, tactics, and results of this air campaign. Presentation will include maps, diagrams, and pictures. These events have major historical significance because this was the last time large strategic bomber formations were used in aerial warfare. This is considered by historians as the first technological war, and it was the last major United States combat operation in the long Vietnam War. The campaigns facilitated the final exit of the United States military from Vietnam and resulted in the return of our POWs.

27-The Civil War Trek of Robert McAllister

Instructor: Jim Harlow
Dates: 2 Wednesdays, Apr. 13 – Apr. 20
Time: 1 – 3
Location: AUD

Jim Harlow will introduce participants to General Robert McAllister, his great-great-grandfather, who was in command of the 11th NJ Regiment of the Army of the Potomac for almost the entire Civil War. Information is based on the book, *The Civil War Letters of General Robert McAllister*. In addition to describing the many battles and battlefields in which he was engaged, the letters are very revealing of the attitudes of soldiers in the field and the top Army command. The letters have been published by Rutgers University Press.

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28-One Punch At A Time

Instructor: Carolyn Rhodes
Dates: 1 Thursday, Apr. 14
Time: 9 – 10:30
Location: Matrix Gym

A sweaty gym may seem an unlikely setting for a miracle —BUT it happens several times a week during an exercise program developed particularly for individuals who have been diagnosed with Parkinson's. Program participants are called "boxers" and each "boxer" has a "helper" during each session. The program—Rock Steady Boxing—focuses on exercises for agility, balance, speed, strength, dexterity, and cognition. The exercises will not reverse Parkinson's disease but definitely can slow its progression and improve a "boxer's" balance, reduce muscle stiffness, and lower the risk of falls. Although boxing is a key element of the program, "boxers" hit bags not people. LearningQUEST registrants will have the opportunity to either observe or participate as a "helper" in a 90-minute exercise session. Those choosing to be a "helper" will experience the exhilaration of assisting a "boxer" for a morning. The program is an invaluable resource for those with family and loved ones diagnosed with Parkinson's. Matrix Gym is located at 3228 Leeman Ferry Rd SW, Huntsville, AL 35801. *Max: 13*

29-Elder Law: Estate Planning, the Probate Process & Planning for Incompetency

Instructor: Doug Martinson
Dates: 3 Thursdays, Apr. 14 – 28
Time: 3 – 4:30
Location: 2FL

With millions of Baby Boomers reaching retirement years, many families will come to rely on trusted advice from an experienced elder law attorney. This course is intended to introduce participants broadly to the world of elder law and answer any questions that may arise. Elder Law is the legal specialty concerned with growing older and the transfer of property from one generation to the next. It encompasses estate planning topics like wills, trusts, and the probate process as well as planning for contingencies through powers of attorney, healthcare directives, guardianships, and conservatorships. The course will also cover Medicaid planning, social security benefits, veterans' benefits, special needs planning, and senior living.

30-Senior Living Facilities - Huntsville and Madison County

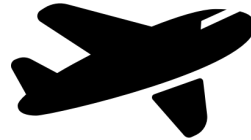
Instructor: Ann Beltz
Dates: 2 Thursdays, Apr. 21 – 28
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: South Library Classroom

The first session will consist of a general overview of Senior Living Options within our local community for Independent Living, Assisted Living, Skilled Care, and Memory Care along with qualifications for each level.

During the second session, in-depth information such as specific services, amenities, and costs will be provided for many of the communities within our area. Each attendee will be provided a handout outlining all information for each community. The session will conclude with a question-and-answer period for anything related to senior living. The South Library Classroom is at 7901-L, Bailey Cove Rd SE, Huntsville, AL 35802.

31-A History of the World's Airlines

Instructor: Jamie F. Dodson
Dates: 8 Wednesdays, May 4 – Jun. 22
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: 2FL



After World War One, aircraft technology had progressed to the point that some adventurous individuals decided to initiate passenger and mail services between major cities. By 1925, most European countries and the Americas had rudimentary airline services. The course will cover those early intrepid companies – some that survive to this day and some that did not. We will explore the people, technologies, and the successes and the failures of those airlines around the globe. Fee: \$2

32-Bodhrán- An Introduction to Irish Drumming

Instructor: Andy Kruspe
Dates: 4 Tuesdays, May 10 – 31
Time: 1:30 – 2:30
Location: Madison Senior Center

Are you interested in Irish traditional music? Have you ever wanted to play an Irish "trad" instrument? Now is your chance! Over the course of four one-hour classes, local percussion instructor Andy Kruspe will teach participants to play an Irish reel on the traditional frame drum known as the bodhrán. This course will cover the proper way to hold the drum and tipper as well as various Irish traditional drum rhythms, types of Irish traditional tunes, aspects of Irish culture, and resources for further study. No prior experience is necessary. Drums and tippers are provided. This course



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will be held at the Madison Senior Center, 1282 Hughes Rd, Madison, AL 35758 (next to Discovery Middle School).

33-Huntsville and Alabama Artifacts

Instructor: George Marchelos
Dates: 1 Friday, May 13
Time: 1 – 3
Location: AUD

Dr. George Marchelos will present intriguing stories behind many Huntsville and Alabama artifacts that he has collected through the years as a local history professor and PBS *Antiques Roadshow* appraiser. The sampling will include land grant records for Bell Factory signed by Andrew Jackson and a book signed by Clement Clay, former governor of Alabama for whom the bridge over the Tennessee River on Highway 231 is named. Participants will hear the fascinating story of Clement Clay, Jr., who was one of two Confederate Secret Service agents to meet with John Wilkes Booth to discuss the failed kidnapping of Abraham Lincoln. The presenter will display and discuss Civil War relics found during his ramblings around the Huntsville area. He will also show an extremely rare letter pertaining to South Alabama which the U.S. Postal Museum has expressed keen interest in. As a college student, Marchelos became an avid collector of space memorabilia after meeting Dr. Werner von Braun; some of that collection will also be presented. This class will enlighten and surprise its audience.

34-Tai Chi for Physical Fitness

Instructor: Luyao (Louis) Ren
Dates: 5 Tuesdays, May 24 – Jun. 21
5 Thursdays, May 26 – Jun. 23
Time: 9:30 – 10:30
Location: 2FL

Tai Chi (TIE-CHEE) is an ancient Chinese tradition that, today, is practiced as a graceful form of exercise and one of the most popular methods of movement for seniors. It involves a series of movements performed in a slow, focused manner and accompanied by deep breathing. Each posture flows into the next without pause, ensuring that the body is in constant motion. Practicing Tai Chi can improve both physical and mental health.



This safe and gentle form of exercise is appropriate for all ages and fitness levels. It is easily adaptable to certain physical limitations and health conditions. Tai Chi for Physical Fitness is a program for beginners with ten one-hour-long sessions.

A REMINDER...

Always keep current by reading the weekly *E-News* and checking the **LQUEST.org** website for updates, course change announcements, and new offerings. A course can change location, timing, or be canceled, so it is important to keep current with announcements.

35-Let's Go To Trial!

Instructor: Tom Borchert
Dates: TBD
Time: TBD
Location: Madison County Courthouse



"Let's go to trial!" This first-of-its-kind program for LearningQUESTers takes you into a courtroom to watch a real trial as it unfolds. Program leader Tom

Borchert will continuously scout the court calendars and find a trial that sounds like it ought to be interesting. Notice will then go out to all who have signed up with the time, date, and location. The number of participants will ultimately be determined by the size of the particular courtroom involved. Participants will sit through the trial and then meet to discuss the case and hopefully have at least one of the attorneys involved join us. (A flexible mind-set is a prerequisite as trials are often continued and we will have to adjust accordingly.)



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In addition to programs in the catalog, other special events are planned by LearningQUEST members.

Previous Member Enrichment Events (MEEs) have included concerts, tours, performances, lectures, sporting events, and readings. These events are announced in the weekly E-News. Make a recommendation and be on the lookout for these special opportunities!

TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS (WITH TERM FEE)

Trips are organized by LearningQUEST members and are self-supporting by the participants. Term fee payment is required. Additional fee requirements are presented in each trip description and may change due to unforeseen changes by the venue or transportation operator.

T1-Mystery Day Trip

Dates: 1 Thursday, Apr. 7
Time: 9AM – 10:30PM
Location: Mystery

This deluxe motorcoach trip will depart from locations in Madison and Huntsville, traveling to a mystery destination within Alabama. A minimum amount of walking will be involved. Directions to the pickup points will be provided by the Coordinator. Fee: \$125 (\$50 deposit due at registration, final amount due March 1, 2022). *Max: 50*

T2-Manna House's Field of Greens

Dates: 1 Friday, Apr. 8
Time: 11 – 1:30
Location: Field of Greens Facility

Be intrigued as you tour the Manna House's Field of Greens, an indoor hydroponic gardening facility which produces lettuce in a safe and effective way in small spaces using less water but with a higher yield. Seed to harvest time is 30 days. Much of the lettuce grown here is donated to provide food for the homeless in our community. After the tour, participants will enjoy a lunch provided by the Field of Greens Staff, during which the staff will be available for a Q&A session. Tour duration: approximately one hour followed by lunch. Directions to the facility, south of the Tennessee River, will be provided by the Coordinator. Car pooling arrangements can be established if desired. Fee: Each participant is encouraged to make a donation to the organization the day of the event to cover the cost of the lunch. *Min/Max: 10/30*

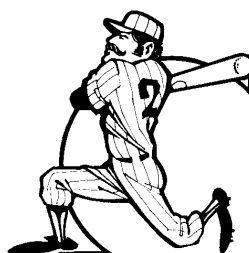
T3-Huntsville Museum of Art

Dates: 1 Tuesday, Apr. 19
Time: 1 – 1:45
Location: Huntsville Museum of Art

An HMA docent leads participants through the spring exhibit: Beauty Passion, and Bliss. From the rich exhibits of the Dahesh Museum of New York City come outstanding paintings and sculptures that embody the nineteenth century European academic tradition. Originating in sixteenth century Italy, this tradition was based on learning to draw the human figure and adhering to the principles of ideal beauty epitomized by Classical and Renaissance art. There is a wide range of themes and styles from historical, mythological, and genre scenes along with landscapes and Orientalism images. Fee: \$8 for non-members. *Max: 50*

T4-An Evening of Baseball with the Rocket City Trash Pandas

Dates: 1 Night, May or June
Time: 6 – 10
Location: Toyota Field



This trip invites participants to enjoy an evening of baseball and fun at "the ole ballpark" for a Rocket City Trash Pandas game. The Trash Pandas are a Minor League Baseball member of the Southern League. The team is the Double-A affiliate of the Los Angeles Angels. They will play their home games at Toyota Field in Madison, AL. Although the schedule will not be released until the spring of 2022, we will purchase tickets for an evening game sometime in May or June. Specific date, time, and cost will be announced when information becomes available. Fee: TBD

T5-A Private Tour of the Lewis Outback Garden

Dates: 1 Tuesday, May 10
Time: 10 – 12
Location: 1706 Red Oak Dr.

In 2015, Herb and Terry Lewis purchased the lot behind their home in Blossomwood and have transformed it into an extension of their backyard, which they call the Outback Garden. This trip offers a private tour of their Outback Garden and Bird Sanctuary. Parking will be at 1706 Red Oak Drive.

T6-Marshall Space Flight Center Bus Tour

Dates: 1 Thursday, May 26
Time: 12:30 – 3
Location: Marshall Space Flight Center

This trip will begin with a bus trip from the U.S. Space & Rocket Center for an exciting tour of the MSFC facilities, including the Propulsion Research & Development Laboratory. Participants will visit the Redstone Test Stand, a National Historic Landmark, where static tests of the Juno 1 and Mercury Redstone Launch Vehicles were performed from 1953 to 1961. The tour departs at 12:30 pm from the blue canopy located in front of the main entrance to the US Space & Rocket Center. The tour lasts approximately 2 – 2.5 hours and returns to the main entrance at the Rocket Center. Fee: \$20. *Max: 27*

SPECIAL TRIPS

ST1-The Ark & Derby Dinner Theater

Dates: Monday & Tuesday May 16 – 17
Time: 10AM Monday – 10PM Tuesday
Location: Ark Encounter and Derby Dinner Playhouse

This deluxe motorcoach trip will depart from locations in Madison and Huntsville visiting the Ark Encounter in Grant County, Kentucky. The centerpiece of the park is a large representation of Noah's Ark based on the Genesis flood narrative. Another highlight of this trip will be a concert & buffet at the Derby Dinner Playhouse in

Clarksville, IN. Dinner will follow with an exciting show featuring Robert Shaw and the Lonely Street Band, along with a gospel quartet performing favorite Elvis Presley hits from his "HOW GREAT THOU ART" track such as "Peace in the Valley" and "Amazing Grace." Participants are sure to find inspiration and lots of great memories on this exciting trip. Meet motorcoach at either Ashbury Methodist Church on Hughes Rd. or Mayfair Church of Christ on Carl T. Jones Dr. Fee per person: \$390 double, \$450 single (\$50 deposit due at registration, final amount due April 1, 2022). Max: 50

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (NO TERM FEE)

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are organized and facilitated by current LearningQUEST members for those who share a similar interest. Participants must be current LearningQUEST members. No registration is required. For more information, email or call as directed in the SIG's description. To explore creating a new SIG, please contact the Program Development Committee (PDC) chair at PDC.chair.lq@gmail.com

S1-Knitting

Leader: Barbara Ward
Dates: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, starting Jan. 5
Time: 2 – 3
Location: A 1st Wednesday, Online 3rd Wednesday

Knitters of all skill levels meet to share their talents, ideas, and projects. We seldom solve world problems, but we always have fun. We will meet in person the first Wednesday of each month when possible and on Zoom the third Wednesday. For further information, contact Barbara Ward at bward@hiwaay.net.

S2-Hand and Foot

Leader: Betsy Prescott and Janet Tedrow
Dates: Thursdays, starting Jan. 6
Time: 1 – 4
Location: A

Everyone, beginner to expert, is welcome to play the Hand and Foot variation of Canasta. Instruction and "cheat sheets" are provided upon request. For further information, contact Betsy Prescott at momprescott@comcast.net.

S3-Progressive Christianity Explored

Leader: Glenn Nettleton
Dates: 1st Friday, starting Jan. 7
Time: 9:30 – 11:30
Location: Valley Methodist Church

You can find a definition of Progressive Christianity at <http://progressivechristianity.org/the-8-points/>. The group discusses Bishop Spong's newsletters and other aspects

of Christianity. Valley Methodist Church is located at 1410 Drake Ave. For directions or additional information, contact Glenn Nettleton at glennnet@knology.net.

S4-UkeQUESTors Jam

Leader: Doug Anderson and Theresa Miller
Dates: Sundays, starting Jan. 9
Time: 2 – 3:30
Location: 2FL and Online



The LearningQUEST UkeQUESTors are a special interest group (SIG) that provides an opportunity for ukulele players of all levels to meet in an open, unintimidating and accepting environment to refine and expand their skills and to "jam" and sing. To wit, JUST HAVE FUN! One goal of the sessions will be for participants to gain confidence in their playing ability so they will be willing to perform in ensemble at events such as the Alabama Uke Fest. For more information, contact Doug Anderson at douganderson1950@yahoo.com or Theresa Miller at art.tree.hsv@gmail.com. LearningQUEST members can also join the SIG by requesting membership to the UkeQUESTor SIG Facebook page. Once a member, the schedule, music resource webpage, and Zoom Links will be available.



Please remember to wear your LearningQUEST name badge to all LearningQUEST events!

S5-Mah Jongg

Leader: Janet Tedrow
Dates: Mondays, starting Jan. 10
Time: 1 – 4
Location: A

Mah Jongg players of all levels meet weekly on Mondays to play. Beginners class is available upon request. For more information, contact Janet Tedrow at wftedrow@aol.com.



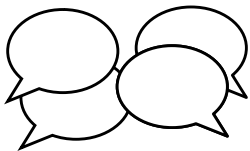
S6-Great Conversations

Leader: Kathleen Redman and Bob Stagg
Dates: Mondays, starting Jan. 10
Time: 3 – 4:30
Location: Online

This literary discussion group reads one selection each week and discusses the author, time period, and relevance in today's world. Since there is a new selection each week, prior attendance is not a requirement. Come when you are available. Newsletter goes out on Wednesday detailing upcoming selection. The anthology used changes each term. Contact Bob Stagg at 256-520-0417 for more information.

S7-Front Porch Conversations

Leader: Larry West
Dates: 3rd Wednesday, starting Jan. 19
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: 2FL



Topics of current social, philosophical, and political issues will be considered, with civility, in a structured environment which allows each member of the class an opportunity to actively participate in the dialogue. The purpose of meaningful conversation is to come to an understanding of the other, not to determine if they are good, bad, right, or wrong. It requires deep reflection and the ability to disagree with others while still respecting their sincerity and decency. Members will custom design the course by choosing the topics and identifying questions to be considered. Contact Larry West at larrykwest@gmail.com to become a member and for more information.

S8-Computers, Cameras, and Questing (CCQ)

Leader: Glenn Nettleton
Dates: 3rd Friday, starting Jan. 21
Time: 9:30 – 12
Location: 2FL

This SIG starts with several videos and images that will stir your imagination. Members receive a monthly newsletter in an email reminder about the meeting. A few of the newsletter technology topics are discussed, followed by an extended group Q & A time. It is a great

way to reflect on the issues of our day. To join this SIG or get additional information, contact Glenn Nettleton at glennet@knology.net.

S9-Bunco

Leader: Joy Anderson
Dates: 4th Monday, starting Jan. 24
Time: 9:30 – 12
Location: A

Come join us for a fun-filled morning of Bunco. As it is played today, Bunco is a social dice game played in teams of four involving 100% luck and very little skill (there are few decisions to be made). The rules are simple and can be learned in five minutes or less. Beginners and seasoned players are welcome. For information, contact Joy Anderson at jma82182@aol.com.

S10-Poets' Corner

Leader: Liz Hall
Dates: 4th Wednesday, starting Jan. 26
Time: 1:30 – 3
Location: FCR



This special interest group is for members who enjoy reading or writing poetry and want to share that enjoyment with others. Whether you

are a neophyte or a published poet, come join our conversations! Poems will be written, shared, and discussed. Our conversations may include poetry by well-known as well as, perhaps, lesser known poets whom we have enjoyed. The group will be loosely structured according to participants' interests. The purpose is to participate in a poetic appreciation of life! For more information, contact Liz Hall at 256-881-4505 or hall14@wowway.com.

S11-Friday Hiking

Leader: Jim Kirkwood
Dates: Fridays, Jan. 21– Apr. 29
Time: 9
Location: Varies among local hiking trails

Explore our easy to moderate hiking trails in Madison County. Enjoy the trees, flowers, and streams in our local forest preserves. Hike with other LearningQUEST members who appreciate the outdoors. Liability waivers are required. Hiking announcements with directions are provided by email. If interested, please send an email message to lqhiking@gmail.com to be added to the hiking distribution list. For our hikes, recommend wearing hiking boots and bring water and a hiking stick.



PROGRAMS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (FREE)

Several public programs are offered by LearningQUEST each term as its gift to the community. No registration or fees. Please help spread the word and be sure to invite your friends and neighbors.

P1-Who You Gonna Call? Fraud Busters!

Instructor: Anna Blair
Dates: 1 Monday, Feb. 7
Time: 12 – 1
Location: AUD

Pain management doctor gets five years in prison. Two doctors face 5 to 20 years behind bars. Former state lawmaker pleads guilty to Medicare fraud. Every year the federal government, specifically the Departments of Justice and Health and Human Services, working together, garner several billions of dollars in fines and penalties against healthcare providers who steal taxpayer dollars by committing Medicare, Medicaid, and Tricare fraud and abuse. In 2019, three local doctors were caught in a five-state sweep by Medicare Fraud Strike Forces. These practitioners face possible monetary fines and penalties, prison terms, and loss of their medical licenses. Medicare maintains information on its Website to help beneficiaries recognize signs of possible fraud and abuse, including instructions on how to report your suspicions of wrongdoing. Become a Medicare Fraud Buster. It's your money these crooks are stealing!

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P2-The Year the Rockets Came: A Snapshot of Huntsville in November 1949

Instructor: David Lilly
Dates: 1 Tuesday, Mar. 15
Time: 10:30 – 12
Location: AUD

The long-awaited news appeared on the front page of the Friday, November 4, 1949 issue of the Huntsville Times. It confirmed what local leaders had been working and hoping for; Huntsville was to be the new home for the von Braun Rocket Team as well as hundreds of civilians, soldiers, and their families who were transferring from Fort Bliss, Texas to Redstone Arsenal. It was an event that would forever change the city. Special Collections Librarian, David Lilly, will present a snapshot look at Huntsville on this momentous day. What was life like in the city in the late 1940s? Where did people go to buy food, cars, and clothing? How did

Huntsvillians entertain themselves? How much did everyday things cost? What was playing at the local theaters? Why were the textile mills, long considered the centerpiece of the area's economy in previous decades, no longer the economic engine for the future of the community? What was life like for Black Huntsvillians? "The Year the Rockets Came" will be a fun but informative look at Huntsville on the edge of a startling transformation from a small town to a rapidly growing city.

P3-Operation Pedestal: The Convoy That Saved Malta, August 1942

Instructor: David Lilly
Dates: 1 Tuesday, Apr. 12
Time: 10:30 – 12
Location: AUD

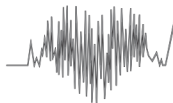
The Pedestal Convoy simply had to get through. If it failed, the British held Mediterranean island of Malta would almost certainly surrender to the Axis and be another defeat for Great Britain in the dark summer of 1942. Special Collections Librarian, David Lilly, will explore the desperate fight to force a convoy filled with food, supplies, and oil through the Mediterranean from Gibraltar to the beleaguered island. The Operation Pedestal force was one of the largest concentrations of British naval power organized during the Second World War and was met by determined German and Italian opposition above, on, and below the sea. It succeeded, by the narrowest of margins.

P4-The Pollinator Garden

Instructor: Hallie Porter and Harvey Cotten
Dates: 1 Wednesday, Apr. 27
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: AUD

Hallie Porter of the Land Trust of North Alabama and Harvey Cotten present "The Pollinator Garden" — using native plantings and landscape habitat creations to attract pollinators. This seminar will touch on the importance of pollinators as well as the threats to their existence. Cotten will go into depth on the native plants and landscape creations that have been selected for use at the Land Trust's pollinator garden at Blevin's Gap in Huntsville and that participants can adapt for use at home.

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LearningQUEST INSTRUCTORS

Number in () indicates Program(s) being presented by Instructor.

Jesse Akozbek, is the founder of Feral Foraging. He specializes in the identification, harvest and preparation of useful wild plants and mushrooms both native and naturalized to the Southeast. (10)

Khris Anderson is Executive Director American Red Cross serving North Alabama. A native from Russellville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama. She lives in Elkmont, Alabama with her husband Dan. (13)

Ann Beltz has a B.A. from Mercer university in Macon, GA, over seventeen years' experience in the senior living industry, and is currently Business Development Director for Brookdale Senior Living for Huntsville/Decatur. She is a certified Optimum Life Speaker and served as the 2020 President of the Huntsville Madison County Council on Aging. Ann will invite other speakers to share their varied expertise in the senior living industry. (30)

Anna Blair, J.D., is a legal specialist in healthcare regulatory compliance and risk management, working to keep hospitals and doctors safe from trial lawyers and federal regulators. Blair is also educated and experienced in dramatic arts as actor and director and spends a good amount of her free time on or near the stage. Her *Alabama Speaks Readers Theatre* events have attracted the attention of AL.com. She has also taught a popular class entitled *Alabama Reads*, which celebrates Alabama authors. (P1)

Tom Borchert, J.D. is a retired trial attorney. He practiced civil litigation in Los Angeles for thirty-five years before retiring and moving to Huntsville in 2014. He has presented several LQ classes in the past: You Be the Judge; Alligators in the East Room & Other White House Tales; and Bogart, Nixon & the Supreme Court. (35)

Thanh Duong Boyer has shared her incredible life story with many people through the years, and each time they encouraged her to write it in a book. She likes to say she would "rather clean a public toilet" [than write a book], yet she realized that her survival against incredible odds gave encouragement and hope to others. She enlisted an author to help with the project, and together they penned *The Ground Kisser*, published April, 2019. She and her husband live in North Alabama where they are actively involved in various ministries. (23)

Tom Bryant is an award-winning and published photographer whose work has appeared on two magazine covers and a book jacket and has also been exhibited locally. He has been fortunate enough to have a photo of Kathryn Tucker Windham published on the cover of *Storytelling Magazine* and also on the jacket of her last book *She*. Tom's education in photography includes both workshops and formal classes and years of self-study. Tom is a member of several photography groups. He has been a hobby photographer for over 50 years and has an extensive portfolio of Southeastern and Western landscapes. (15)

Jill May Chadwick has been in Huntsville since the 1960s when her father came here to work for NASA as an aerospace engineer. After graduating from Huntsville High School, Jill earned a B.A. and an M.A. from the University of Montevallo. Jill was a full-time English Instructor for 28 years until she and her family moved to England, where they lived for several years. Upon returning to Huntsville, Jill became licensed as a Zumba Instructor and has been leading classes at the Huntsville Hospital Wellness Centers for five years. (3)

John Christy, Ph.D., is Distinguished Professor of Atmospheric Science and Director of the Earth System Science Center at The University of Alabama in Huntsville where he began studying global climate issues in 1987. Since November 2000, he has been Alabama's State Climatologist. John is currently UAH Interim Vice President for Research. (20)

Guy Collins is a veteran LearningQUEST instructor. After 34 years of teaching/coaching, he retired from Huntsville City Schools (Grissom High School) where he taught AP U.S. History and AP European History. (2)

Harvey Cotten retired after 22 years with the Huntsville Botanical Garden. He is currently a garden designer, writer, and consultant. He continues to present workshops for garden clubs and associations and to lecture across the Southeast on various garden topics. He is actively working with the Land Trust of North Alabama on their Pollinator Garden Project. (P4)

Adelaide de Almeida, Ph.D., is a retired medical physics professor with an aptitude for languages. Born in Brazil, she is naturally proficient in Portuguese and also speaks English, Spanish, and Italian. She is interested in science, sports, and the arts. She became a U.S. citizen in 2019 and is an active LearningQUEST member. When a survey indicated that at least 15 members were interested in studying Portuguese, she volunteered to teach a basic class. (24)

Jamie Dodson served with Special Operations, Airborne Infantry, Air and Missile Defense, Army Aviation, and assignments with our allies during his 35-year career with Army Intelligence. He has lived on three continents, the Hawaiian Islands, and numerous U.S. locations, and he currently consults for the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command and Missile Defense Agency. Jamie has won awards for his post-retirement career as a writer of historical fiction, military history, and magazine articles. He and his spouse, Dr. Joan Skawski Dodson, a faculty member at UAH, have lived in Huntsville since 2001. (31)

Pam Frazier, author and Integrative Nutrition Health Coach, has served 19 years in the medical profession and 15 years in the fitness/wellness profession. Her passion is to inspire and guide all to their best energy, health, and happiness. (6)

Elaine Fredericksen, Ph.D., earned her advanced degrees in Rhetoric and Writing Studies from the University of Alabama. Dr. Fredericksen's major research interests include the speeches and writings of women and other underrepresented groups. She has published a book and many academic and popular journal articles. She loves teaching and learning from her students. (7)

Jennifer Garlen, Ph.D., is a former member of the English faculty at UAH and a longtime volunteer with LearningQUEST. She holds a Ph.D. from Auburn University and is the author of several books, including *Beyond Casablanca: 100 Classic Movies Worth Watching*. (9)

Charles Gattis retired in 2012 as Senior Pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Huntsville. He earned his Doctor of Ministry Degree from Emory and has taught classes in churches throughout his 43 years of ministry. Additionally, he taught part-time for nine years in the External Degree Program of New College at the University of Alabama. In addition to photography he also enjoys music, genealogy, hiking, travel, and biking. Recently he was an exhibiting artist with the Huntsville Art League and a Master in the Huntsville Photographic Society, where he currently serves as president. (14)

Judy Gattis taught special education for 25 years in various schools across Alabama after earning her Master's Degree in Special Education from the University of Alabama. Before that, she taught elementary education for three years in Georgia and Virginia. A graduate of Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia, she has been involved in educational pursuits for many years. She directed a camp for Special Needs youth for thirty-eight years, and has always been active in mission work in the United Methodist Churches, many served by her husband, Charles. In retirement, they have both enjoyed traveling across the United States and abroad. (14)

Jim Harlow, an electrical engineer, a Fellow member of the IEEE professional society, is now retired and is stepping aside from his vocation to pursue his interests in genealogy and history. This duality supported by travel to sites of civil war engagements involving the 11th New Jersey Volunteers has introduced an avocation every bit as fascinating as the world of electrical power. (27)

David Hayes has over twenty years' experience in the horticulture field. As owner/operator of "The Good Gardener", he and his staff design and maintain beautiful landscapes throughout Huntsville and Madison. Prior to establishing "The Good Gardener", he was the Bonsai Curator for the Huntsville Madison County Botanical Gardens. Because of his artistic leanings, he easily blends art and science with his creations. He enjoys sharing his knowledge of plants and landscapes with others through lectures and workshops. (19)

Barbara Hitt retired from an engineering career in 1994 and has been on the go ever since. Barbara is a Master Photographer with the Huntsville Photographic Society and captures her and her husband Gary's travels to share with others when they return. (14)

Gary Hitt retired in 1994 from his engineering career and has been traveling and exploring ever since with his wife

Barbara. Gary is an avid bird watcher and maintains a Life list of birds and wildlife. (14)

Zygmund (Zig) Jastrebski personally flew F-4E Phantom combat missions during Linebacker I and Linebacker II operations during the war in Viet Nam. (26)

Steve Jones, Ph.D., is a retired university professor and former university president, a forest scientist, and a published author of three books. He is a husband, father, and grandfather. He publishes weekly blog posts on nature-inspired life and living. Dr. Jones has a B.S. in forestry and a doctoral degree in applied ecology. He brings deep passion for nature and informed and responsible earth stewardship. (10, 20)

Andy Kruspe is a percussion instructor and bodhrán player from Huntsville, Alabama. He has performed with several groups throughout the Southeastern United States, including Black Market Haggis, Mithril, David Coe and Friends, SlipJig, Candace Corrigan, the Liminal Duo, and 2nd Breakfast. Andy is also active as a bodhrán teacher and clinician. He has taught at several workshops and clinics in the United States and Ireland, including The O'Flaherty's Irish Music Retreat (Midlothian, Texas) and Craiceann (Inis Oírr, Ireland). In addition, he is the author of several method books for the drum. (32)

Herb Lewis, a retired engineer and avid birder, has focused his personal hobbies of landscaping, birding, and photography into creating a natural wildlife habitat within his own backyard garden, enabling him to see many birds up close and personal. He and his wife Terry helped develop the Lewis Birding Trail in the Garden. The couple enjoy shared interests in travel and photography. (12, 14, T5)

Terry Lewis is on the Board of the Huntsville Botanical Garden and she and her husband, Herb, helped develop the Lewis Birding Trail in the Garden. Terry organizes trips for herself and Herb to visit their son and his family, who live in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. On these trips they enjoy the beauty and adventure of the Grand Teton Mountains of Wyoming. (14, T5)

David Lilly has been a Librarian at the Huntsville Public Library since 1977. He has presented a number of programs on local Huntsville history and 20th Century naval history for LearningQUEST in recent years. (P2, P3)

George Marchelos, Ph.D., is a graduate of Ashford Institute of Antiques, an appraiser on PBS *Antiques Roadshow*, a notable historian, and an educator and genealogist. Dr. Marchelos holds degrees in history, management, and chemistry, and is a lecturer and professor at various universities and colleges. He is currently at UAH. (22, 33)

Doug Martinson, II is a partner with the North Alabama law firm Martinson & Beason, P.C. He has assisted clients with estate planning, the probate process, guardianships and conservatorships and other elder law needs for over 25 years. He received his J.D. from Washington and Lee University School of Law and an LL.M. in Taxation from Boston University School of Law. He is the former President of the Huntsville School Board, past President of Rotary Club of Huntsville, and past President of Huntsville Young Lawyers. (29)

Jeff Nelson, Ph.D., recently retired after having taught English and Shakespeare at UAH for 30 years. His credentials include a B.A. from Illinois Wesleyan and an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. He has been a frequent presenter for LearningQUEST. (4, 8)

Kevin Norris is a professionally trained, certified Wine Judge. He received his certification in 2018 after completing the American Wine Society's three-year training program. In 2021 he completed the Level 2 Award in Wine Certification from the Wine and Spirit Education Trust. He has judged at numerous competitions throughout the U.S. and regularly leads wine club events at Church Street Wine Shoppe and has lead tastings for other local small businesses and events. He served as a wine guru private tour guide for the 2021 Crush Wine Fest in Huntsville. (25)

Hallie Porter began her work with the Land Trust 12 years ago as a volunteer working to re-energize the outdoor environmental education program for children. She came on staff at the Land Trust shortly thereafter and has been working in the fundraising capacity there for 11 years now. Hallie is passionate about the Land Trust's mission of North Alabama land preservation. (P4)

Luyao (Louis) Ren, an expert in Martial Arts, is a visiting scholar of Alabama A&M University. Louis won the International Taijiquan Coach Certificate in 2017 and has taught Martial Arts for eight years. (34)

Carolyn Rhodes has served the past 14 years as Director of Fitness for the Huntsville Madison County Senior Center, focusing the past three years as the Director of Rock Steady Boxing Program for Parkinson's Clients. In addition, she is also self-employed as a Therapeutic Exercise Specialist since 1994. Carolyn is a results-oriented and accomplished fitness management professional with over 26 years of experience in both corporate and non-profit sectors. She is a graduate of Gannon University and holds certifications for numerous fitness programs. (28)

Emily Pinkerton Saile is a native of Huntsville, Alabama. She attended Butler High School and retired from the U.S. Army Missile Command after a 30-year career in logistics. Emily is the proud niece of Sarah Huff Fisk, and she continues publishing and distributing her aunt's artistic works. Emily has delighted LearningQUEST with wonderful photographs made on travels all around the world. Her visit to Lofton, Norway was a special treat in 2021. Emily earned a Master of Photography with the Huntsville Photographic Society. (14)

Wanda Shoultes has been a member of and volunteer for LearningQUEST since 2014. She retired from Huntsville City Schools as an Elementary School Guidance Counselor after 25 years of teaching and counseling in Alabama and Florida, then worked another 12 years, part-time, as an English as a Second Language Teacher for H.C.S., retiring fully in 2014. She enjoys retirement, LearningQUEST, travel (when possible), flower gardening, crafts of many kinds, and Zumba Class, which she attends as often as possible. Her goal is to be so distracted, loving life, that she never notices getting older! (18)

Barbara Staggs is a former Special Education Teacher. Having traveled extensively, she is a popular presenter for LearningQUEST programs. She has taught several

photography classes, specializing in photographic composition. Huntsville Photographic Society awarded her the title of Master of Photography. In 2020, she shared delightful pictures from her explorations in the Canyons and Valleys of the American West. (14)

Mary Ann Stasiak is a retired program manager and engineer from the Missile Defense Agency. She grew up in the Philadelphia suburbs and worked for 25 years in the Washington, D.C. area. She and her husband of 30 years, Ed, moved to Huntsville in 2008 with the Base Realignment and Closure action (BRAC). She has a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Massachusetts, an M.B.A. from Marymount University, and a Master of Science in National Security Strategy from the National War College. As a retiree, she enjoys many activities, including playing keyboard in several swing bands. (14)

Skip Vaughn, a native of Philadelphia, PA., moved to Huntsville in 1968, graduated from Butler High School in 1972, and from Auburn University in 1976 with a journalism degree. He was a news reporter for *The Huntsville Times* before becoming an Army public affairs specialist at Redstone. Ever since, he has been the editor of the *Redstone Rocket*, the Army's weekly newspaper and a member of the Garrison-Redstone Public Affairs Office. Vaughn covers sports part-time for AL.com. He and his wife, Janice, a longtime English teacher at Grissom High School, have two children. (21)

Debra Wade has been a fitness instructor for seven years at both Steady for Life and the YMCA. She is a former Pilates Studio owner and has taught Pilates for 24 years. She is a certified Peak Pilates instructor, Senior Fitness Specialty Instructor through the National Association of Sports Medicine, RedCord Specialist, and a Yamuna Body Rolling Practitioner. (17)

Debbie Dempsey West, graduate of UAH with a bachelor's degree in art and art education, was awarded two Fulbright Scholarships for the study of art in China and Turkey. She traveled extensively to continue her studies in art and art history. She teaches classes regularly for LearningQUEST. (16)

Alen Witt has worked for over 20 years in communications, healthcare, financial services, and government. Since 2019, he has led the security division of a boutique consulting firm, providing consulting services to its customers in creating security transformation strategies, implementing information security programs, and delivering security roadmap projects, with a focus on greenfield initiatives, CMMI maturation projects and hybrid capital solutions. Prior to joining the consulting firm, Mr. Witt supported the U.S. Government to help two federal agencies ramp up their security on large, multi-year programs as part of the NextGen strategy. (5)

Jane Wodtke grew up in a rural area outside of Louisville, Kentucky. She met and married her husband at the University of Kentucky and has a son and daughter. Jane was a Special Education teacher for 30 years. Since she moved to Huntsville after living in New Jersey for 29 years, she is enjoying her retirement with volunteer work and LearningQUEST. (11)

LearningQUEST CALENDAR

Downtown Library: AUD (Auditorium), 2FL (2nd Floor Events Room), A (beside Auditorium), FCR (Foundation Conference Room, 2nd floor)

Venues are designated when programs are held in a standard location. Otherwise, see the program description or, in some cases, the coordinator will contact registrants.

Programs other than courses are differentiated with special formatting:

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January 2022

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9 <i>Uke 2-3:30 2FL & Online</i>	10 <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A GtConv 3-4:30 Online</i>	11 RALLY DAY 10-12	12	13 <i>Hand & Ft 1-4 A</i>	14	15
16 <i>Uke 2-3:30 2FL & Online</i>	17 LIBRARY CLOSED <i>GtConv 3-4:30 Online</i>	18 Brit Roy 10:30-12 AUD	19 <i>Frt Porch 1-2:30 2FL Knitting 2-3 Online</i>	20 Move Music 10-11 2FL <i>Hand & Ft 1-4 A</i>	21 <i>Hiking 9 Various CCQ 9:30-12 2FL</i>	22
23 <i>Uke 2-3:30 2FL & Online</i>	24 <i>Bunco 9:30-12 A Mah Jongg 1-4 A GtConv 3-4:30 Online</i>	25 Brit Roy 10:30-12 AUD Eng Poetry 1:30-3 AUD Cybersec 5-6 Online	26 Fun Cooking 11-1 <i>Poets' Corner 1:30-3 FCR Lady Speak 1:30-3 2FL</i>	27 Move Music 10-11 2FL <i>Hand & Ft 1-4 A Coriolanus 1:30-3 AUD</i>	28 <i>Hiking 9 Various</i>	29
30 <i>Uke 2-3:30 2FL & Online</i>	31 <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A GtConv 3-4:30 Online</i>					

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Brit Roy 10:30-12 AUD Eng Poetry 1:30-3 AUD	2 Lady Speak 1:30-3 2FL <i>Knitting 2-3 A</i>	3 Move Music 10-11 2FL <i>Hand & Ft 1-4 A Coriolanus 1:30-3 AUD</i>	4 <i>Hiking 9 Various Christianity 9:30-11:30 Fri Film 2-4:30 AUD</i>	5
6 <i>Uke 2-3:30 2FL & Online</i>	7 3rd Kingdom 9:30-11 Fraud Bust 12-1 AUD <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A GtConv 3-4:30 Online</i>	8 Brit Roy 10:30-12 AUD Eng Poetry 1:30-3 AUD Int Dining 5-8 Various	9 Bible Birds 10-11:30 AUD Lady Speak 1:30-3 2FL	10 Move Music 10-11 2FL <i>Hand & Ft 1-4 A Coriolanus 1:30-3 AUD</i>	11 <i>Hiking 9 Various Red Cross 10:30-12 AUD</i>	12
13 <i>Uke 2-3:30 2FL & Online</i>	14 3rd Kingdom 9:30-11 <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A Arm Trav 1:30-3 AUD GtConv 3-4:30 Online</i>	15 Brit Roy 10:30-12 AUD Eng Poetry 1:30-3 AUD	16 Photog 10-11:30 2FL <i>Frt Porch 1-2:30 2FL Lady Speak 1:30-3 2FL Knitting 2-3 Online</i>	17 Move Music 10-11 2FL China Art 1:30-3 AUD <i>Hand & Ft 1-4 A</i>	18 <i>Hiking 9 Various CCQ 9:30-12 2FL Red Cross 10:30-12 AUD</i>	19
20 <i>Uke 2-3:30 2FL & Online</i>	21 3rd Kingdom 9:30-11 <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A Arm Trav 1:30-3 AUD GtConv 3-4:30 Online</i>	22 Brit Roy 10:30-12 AUD Eng Poetry 1:30-3 AUD Cybersec 5-6 Online	23 Photog 10-11:30 2FL Lady Speak 1:30-3 2FL <i>Poets' Corner 1:30-3 FCR</i>	24 Move Music 10-11 2FL <i>Hand & Ft 1-4 A China Art 1:30-3 AUD</i>	25 <i>Hiking 9 Various Red Cross 10:30-12 AUD</i>	26
27 <i>Uke 2-3:30 2FL & Online</i>	28 3rd Kingdom 9:30-11 <i>Bunco 9:30-12 A Mah Jongg 1-4 A Arm Trav 1:30-3 AUD GtConv 3-4:30 Online</i>					

March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Brit Roy 10:30-12 AUD Fit & Bal 12:30-1:30	2 Photog 10-11:30 2FL Knitting 2-3 A	3 Adult Coloring 10-11:30 2FL Hand & Ft 1-4 A China Art 1:30-3 AUD	4 Hiking 9 Various Christianity 9:30-11:30 Fri Film 2-4:30 AUD	5
6 Uke 2-3:30 2FL & Online	7 3rd Kingdom 9:30-11 Mah Jongg 1-4 A Arm Trav 1:30-3 AUD GtConv 3-4:30 Online	8 Mushroom Workshop 10-11 A Fit & Bal 12:30-1:30 Int Dining 5-8 Various	9 Photog 10-11:30 2FL Climate Change 1-3 AUD	10 Adult Coloring 10-11:30 2FL Hand & Ft 1-4 A China Art 1:30-3 AUD	11 Hiking 9 Various	12
13 Uke 2-3:30 2FL & Online	14 Mah Jongg 1-4 A Arm Trav 1:30-3 AUD GtConv 3-4:30 Online	15 Year of Rockets 10:30-12 AUD Fit & Bal 12:30-1:30	16 Photog 10-11:30 2FL Frt Porch 1-2:30 2FL Knitting 2-3 Online	17 Adult Coloring 10-11:30 2FL Viet Nam Revisited 1-2:30 2FL Hand & Ft 1-4 A China Art 1:30-3 AUD	18 Hiking 9 Various CCQ 9:30-12 2FL Antiques Road Show 1-2:30 AUD	19
20 Uke 2-3:30 2FL & Online	21 Mah Jongg 1-4 A Arm Trav 1:30-3 AUD GtConv 3-4:30 Online	22 Portuguese 10-11 2FL Ground Kisser 10-11:30 AUD Fit & Bal 12:30-1:30 Cybersec 5-6 Online	23 Photog 10-11:30 2FL Climate Change 1-3 AUD Poets' Corner 1:30-3 FCR	24 Adult Coloring 10-11:30 2FL Hand & Ft 1-4 A China Art 1:30-3 AUD	25 Hiking 9 Various Wines of France 1:30-3:30	26
27 Uke 2-3:30 2FL & Online	28 Bunco 9:30-12 A Mah Jongg 1-4 A GtConv 3-4:30 Online	29 Portuguese 10-11 2FL Fit & Bal 12:30-1:30	30	31 Adult Coloring 10-11:30 2FL Hand & Ft 1-4 A		

April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 Hiking 9 Various Christianity 9:30-11:30 Fri Film 2-4:30 AUD	2
3 Uke 2-3:30 2FL & Online	4 Mah Jongg 1-4 A GtConv 3-4:30 Online	5 Portuguese 10-11 2FL Fit & Bal 12:30-1:30	6 Viet Nam Linebacker 1-2:30 2FL Knitting 2-3 A	7 Mystery Day Trip 9AM- 10:30PM Adult Coloring 10-11:30 2FL Hand & Ft 1-4 A	8 Hiking 9 Various Field of Greens 11-1:30	9
10 Uke 2-3:30 2FL & Online	11 Mah Jongg 1-4 A GtConv 3-4:30 Online	12 Portuguese 10-11 2FL Operation Pedestal 10:30-noon AUD Int Dining 5-8 Various	13 Civil War Trek 1-3 AUD	14 One Punch 9-10:30 Hand & Ft 1-4 A Elder Law 3-4:30 2FL	15 Hiking 9 Various CCQ 9:30-12 2FL	16
17 LIB Closed Uke 2-3:30 Online	18 Mah Jongg 1-4 A GtConv 3-4:30 Online	19 Portuguese 10-11 2FL Museum of Art 1-1:45	20 Frt Porch 1-2:30 2FL Civil War Trek 1-3 AUD Knitting 2-3 Online	21 Sr Living 10-11:30 Hand & Ft 1-4 A Elder Law 3-4:30 2FL	22 Hiking 9 Various	23
24 Uke 2-3:30 2FL & Online	25 Bunco 9:30-12 A Mah Jongg 1-4 A GtConv 3-4:30 Online	26 Portuguese 10-11 2FL Cybersec 5-6 Online	27 Pollinator Garden 1-2:30 AUD Poets' Corner 1:30-3 FCR	28 Sr Living 10-11:30 Hand & Ft 1-4 A Elder Law 3-4:30 2FL	29 Hiking 9 Various	30

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Uke 2-3:30 2FL & Online	2 Mah Jongg 1-4 A GtConv 3-4:30 Online	3 Portuguese 10-11 2FL	4 World's Airlines 10-11:30 2FL Knitting 2-3 A	5 Hand & Ft 1-4 A	6 Christianity 9:30-11:30 Fri Film 2-4:30 AUD	7
8 Uke 2-3:30 2FL & Online	9 Mah Jongg 1-4 A GtConv 3-4:30 Online	10 Portuguese 10-11 2FL Lewis Garden 10-12 Irish Drumming 1:30-2:30 Int Dining 5-8 Various	11 World's Airlines 10-11:30 2FL	12 Hand & Ft 1-4 A	13 AL Artifacts 1-3 AUD	14
15 Uke 2-3:30 2FL & Online	16 Ark & Derby Dinner 5/16 10AM- 5/17 10PM Mah Jongg 1-4 A GtConv 3-4:30 Online	17 Irish Drumming 1:30-2:30	18 World's Airlines 10-11:30 2FL Frt Porch 1-2:30 2FL Knitting 2-3 Online	19 Hand & Ft 1-4 A	20 CCQ 9:30-12 2FL	21
22 Uke 2-3:30 2FL & Online	23 Bunco 9:30-12 A Mah Jongg 1-4 A GtConv 3-4:30 Online	24 Tai Chi 9:30-10:30 2FL Irish Drumming 1:30-2:30 Cybersec 5-6 Online	25 World's Airlines 10-11:30 2FL Poets' Corner 1:30-3 FCR	26 Tai Chi 9:30-10:30 2FL MSFC Bus Tour 12:30-3 Hand & Ft 1-4 A	27	28
29 Uke 2-3:30 2FL & Online	30 LIBRARY CLOSED	31 Tai Chi 9:30-10:30 2FL Irish Drumming 1:30-2:30				

June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 World's Airlines 10-11:30 2FL Knitting 2-3 A	2 Tai Chi 9:30-10:30 2FL Hand & Ft 1-4 A	3 Christianity 9:30-11:30	4
5 Uke 2-3:30 2FL & Online	6 Mah Jongg 1-4 A GtConv 3-4:30 Online	7 Tai Chi 9:30-10:30 2FL	8 World's Airlines 10-11:30 2FL	9 Tai Chi 9:30-10:30 2FL Hand & Ft 1-4 A	10	11
12 Uke 2-3:30 2FL & Online	13 Mah Jongg 1-4 A GtConv 3-4:30 Online	14 Tai Chi 9:30-10:30 2FL Int Dining 5-8 Various	15 World's Airlines 10-11:30 2FL Frt Porch 1-2:30 2FL Knitting 2-3 Online	16 Tai Chi 9:30-10:30 2FL Hand & Ft 1-4 A	17 CCQ 9:30-12 2FL	18
19 Uke 2-3:30 2FL & Online	20 Mah Jongg 1-4 A GtConv 3-4:30 Online	21 Tai Chi 9:30-10:30 2FL	22 World's Airlines 10-11:30 2FL Poets' Corner 1:30-3 FCR	23 Tai Chi 9:30-10:30 2FL Hand & Ft 1-4 A	24	25
26 Uke 2-3:30 2FL & Online	27 Bunco 9:30-12 A Mah Jongg 1-4 A GtConv 3-4:30 Online	28	29	30 Hand & Ft 1-4 A		



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