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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.

• **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 success 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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<u>Downtown Library</u>: AUD (Auditorium), 2FL (2nd Floor Events Room), A (beside Auditorium), C (2nd floor), FCR (Foundation Conference Room, 2nd floor), <u>South Huntsville Public Library</u>: SLib (Classroom)

Program	Venue	Presenter(s)	Dates	Day	Time	#	Coordinator
	MEM	BER COURSES (WITH	TERM FEE)				
1-New Orleans and Her Music	AUD	Connie Atkinson	7/13 – 8/3	Th	2:30 - 3:30	4	Judy Frago
2-The Future of Huntsville's Music Scene	AUD	Matt Mandrella	7/19	W	1 – 2:30	1	Carl Lomax
3-When Back Surgery Doesn't Work & Why	2FL	Anthony Southorn	7/26	W	1 – 2	1	Wanda Shoultes
4-Armchair Travel Series #22	AUD	Multiple	7/31 – 8/28;9/11 – 18	М	1:30 – 3	7	Joyce Howell
5-Friedrich Hölderlin: Understanding Life Through Classical Poetry	2FL	Rolf J. Goebel	8/1 – 22	Т	9:30 – 11	4	Charles Gattis
6-Northern Italian Wines & Cheeses that Enhance - Session 1	See Desc.	Kristian Denis	8/2	W	2 – 3	1	Walter Thames
7-William Butler Yeats	2FL	Walter Thames	8/3 – 24	Th	10 – 11	4	Craig Reinhart
8-Front Porch Conversations	2FL	June Norton	8/3 – 9/7	Th	1:30 – 3	6	June Norton
9-Eliot's The Waste Land	2FL	Jeff Nelson	8/7 – 21	М	1 – 2:30	3	Susan Livingston
10-Beginning French	2FL	Elaine Fredericksen	8/8 – 9/12	Т	2:30 – 3:30	6	Roberta Dismukes
11-International Dining Out	Various	Jane Wodtke	8/8;9/12;10/10; 11/7;12/12	Т	5 – 8	5	Paul Hurst
12-The Secrets of the Sistine Chapel	AUD	Debbie Dempsey West	8/10 – 9/14	Th	1:30 – 3	6	Gina Bain
13-Art Journaling	See Desc.	Monica Yother	8/11 – 25	F	1 – 2:30	3	Beth Powel
14-Let's Do Lunch!	Various	Charlotte Hudson	8/24;9/28;10/26;11/16	Th	11 – 12:30	4	Charlotte Hudson
15-My Storytelling Journey	2FL	Robert Bailey	8/29	Т	9:30 – 10:30	1	Marilyn Puett
16-Gentle Yoga and Meditation	SLib	Charlie Zarzour	8/29,9/5 8/31,9/7	T Th	9:30 – 11	2	Joan Fuller
17-Tech Support - iPhone Photography	С	Charles Gattis	9/5 – 26	Т	10 – 12:30	4	Charlotte Hudson
18-The Best of Broadway	AUD	Bill Nunn	9/5 – 12 9/20	T W	2 – 3:30	2	Judy Frago
19-Northern Italian Wines & Cheeses that Enhance - Session 2	See Desc.	Kristian Denis	9/6	W	2-3	1	Walter Thames
20-Friday Film Festival	AUD	Jennifer Garlen	9/8;10/6;11/3;12/1	F	2 – 4:30	4	Gina Bain
21-Shakespeare's Henry IV	2FL	Jeff Nelson	9/11 – 25	М	1 – 2:30	3	Linda Fletcher
22-Card Making Workshop - Batch Making	2FL	Jill Stallcup	9/13	W	1 – 3	1	Beth Powel
23-Great Decisions	SLib	Peter A. Finzel	9/19 – 11/7	Т	10 – 11:30	8	TBD
24-Fitness and Balance Class	See Desc.	Debra Wade	9/20 – 10/25	W	11 – 12	6	Cindi Branham
25-SCAMS!	AUD	Byron Hunt	9/21	Th	9:30 – 11	1	Roberta Dismukes
26-Monte Capo Village ppd the Village Movement	2FL	Lue English Delia Siegrist	9/21	Th	1:30 – 2:30	1	Shoba Bhat
27-Exploring NASA's Artemis Program	AUD	Michael Stallcup	9/27	W	1 – 2:30	1	Carl Lomax
28-Elon Musk: Visionary or Villain	AUD	Jane Roark	10/3	Т	9:30 – 11	1	Diana Travelute
29-National Geographic Masters of Photography – Part II 30-Northern Italian Wines & Cheeses that	2FL	Tom Bryant	10/4 – 11/1;11/15	W	10 – 11:30	6	Gary Stiger
Enhance - Session 3	See Desc.	Kristian Denis	10/4	W	2 – 3	1	Walter Thames
31-Introduction to Family Search	SLib	Marvin Magill Sue Purves	10/5	Th	1 – 2:30	1	Kevin Call
32-Missing Huntsville	AUD	Ralph Allen	10/10 – 24	Т	10 – 11	3	Joyce Howell
33-Maple Hill 35801	AUD	Various	10/11	W	2 – 3:30	1	Bill Nunn
34-Women Empowered	SLib	Annie Saylor	10/12	Th	1 – 2:30	1	Charlotte Hudson
35-Revolutionary War Rarities	AUD	Jim Griffith Jim Maples	10/17 – 31	Т	2 – 3	3	Carl Lomax
36-Tai Chi and Qigong	AUD	Luyao Ren	10/18 – 11/8; 11/22 – 12/6	W	1 – 2:30	7	Larry West
			11/15		9:30 – 11	1	

Program	Venue	Presenter(s)	Dates	Day	Time	#	Coordinator
37-You Be The Judge	AUD	Tom Borcher	10/19 – 11/2	Th	9:30 - 10:30	3	David Branham
38-Aging Gracefully	SLib	Michele Cuke	10/19	Th	3 – 4	1	Charlotte Hudson
39-Visual Rhetoric	2FL	Elaine Fredericksen	10/26 – 11/16	Th	1 – 2:30	4	John Ofenloch
			10/30,11/6,11/13	М		3	
40-Electrodynamics and Special Relativity	SLib	James Beaupre	11/1,11/8	W	9:30 – 11	2	Jim Kirkwood
			11/16	Th		1	
AA The standard Leffe Dat On A Disal	OI :h	Elaine Hubbard	10/31,11/7,11/14	Τ	4 2	3	A Di-i-
41-Theaterworks - Let's Put On A Play!	SLib	Carol Puckett	11/2,11/9,11/16	Th	1 – 3	3	Anna Blair
42-Northern Italian Wines & Cheeses that Enhance - Session 4	See Desc.	Kristian Denis	11/1	W	2-3	1	Walter Thames
43-Oils of Ancient Scriptures	2FL	Judy Bruckner	11/6	M	10:30 – 11:30	1	Nancy Butler
44-What's Going On With Honey Bees	2FL	Bill Elliott	11/7 – 14	Т	10 – 11:30	2	Beth Powel
45-We Dare Defend Our Patient Rights!	AUD	Anna Blair	11/13 – 20	M	10 – 11	2	Shoba Bhat
46-1905 - Einstein's Miracle Year	SLib	James Beaupre	11/15	W	9:30 – 11	1	Jim Harlow
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T1-Orion Amphitheater Tour	See Desc.	Ryan Murphy	9/12	Т	9:30 – 11	1	John Ofenloch
T2-Huntsville Museum of Art	See Desc.	HMA Docent	10/11	W	1:30 – 2:15	1	Susan Livingston
T3-Historic Old Town Walking Tour No. 1	See Desc.	Katie Stamps	10/12	Th	2 – 3:30	<u> </u>	Ed Bernstein
T4-Tour of the Field of Greens	See Desc.	Field of Greens Staff	10/12	Th	10 – 11:30	1	Charlotte Hudson
T5-Historic Old Town Walking Tour No. 2	See Desc.	Katie Stamps	10/19	Th	2 – 3:30	<u> </u>	Ed Bernstein
T6-HudsonAlpha Research Greenhouse Tour	See Desc.	Jason Bunn	11/16	Th	11 – 12	1	Carl Lomax
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ST1-The Legacy Museum	See Desc.		9/6	W	8 – 7	1	Barbara Kammerud
ST2-Big Fun in the Big Easy	See Desc.		10/2 – 6	M-F	8 – TBD	5	Wanda Shoultes
	LIBRARY	SPONSORED TRAINII	NG (NO TERM FEE)				Joyce Howell
L1-Get To Know Your Library	2FL	Jaimee Hannah	9/14	Th	1 – 2:30	1	Charlotte Hudson
L2-Beginner's Guide to Social Media	See Desc.	Jaimee Hannah	10/5	Th	9 – 10:30	1	Charlotte Hudson
	SPECIA	L INTEREST GROUPS	(NO TERM FEE)				
	Online	Theresa Miller	1st and 3rd Sun.	_			Theresa Miller
S1-UkeQUESTors Jam	2FL	William Heney	Starting 7/2 2nd and 4th Sun.	S	2 – 3:30		William Heney
	A		1st Wed. starting 7/5				
S2-Knitting	Online	Barbara Ward	3rd Wed.	W	2 – 3		Barbara Ward
S3-Hand and Foot	А	Cheryl Hodges	Thur. starting 7/6	Th	12:30 – 4		Cheryl Hodges
S4-Bunco	Α	Joy Anderson	2nd Mon. starting 7/10	М	9:30 – 12		Joy Anderson
S5-Great Literary Conversations	Online	Bob Stagg	Mon. starting 7/10	М	3 – 4:30		Bob Stagg
S6-Mah Jongg	Α	Janet Tedrow	Mon. starting 7/17	М	1 – 4		Janet Tedrow
S7-Poets' Corner	FCR	Liz Hall	Last Wed. starting 7/26	W	1:30 – 3		Liz Hall
S8-Adult Coloring	SLib Classroom SLib Conf Rm	Wanda Shoultes	2nd Tue. starting 8/8 10/10	Т	10 – 11:30		Wanda Shoultes
S9-Friday Hiking	Various	Jim Kirkwood	Fri. starting 9/1, ending 11/17	F	9		Jim Kirkwood
S10-Photography Essay	SLib	-Waldy Cuevas	9/13;10/11	W	10 – 11:30		Waldy Cuevas
	2FL	•	11/8.				_
P1-The Beatles Come to America: The 1964		RAMS OPEN TO THE	, ,				
British Music Invasion	AUD	David Lilly	9/25	М	10 – 11:30	1	Diana Travelute
P2-CIty Council 101	See Desc.	Jennie Robinson	10/18	W	1 – 2:30	1	Charlotte Hudson
P3-Goldie B. Locks & the Three Singing Bears	See Desc.	Opera Huntsville	10/21	Sa	10 – 10:45 11:30 – 12:15	1	Charlotte Hudson
P4-'Sittin' Down Talkin' with the Fourth Estate!	AUD	John Archibald Kyle Whitmire	11/3	F	12 – 1	1	Anna Blair
P5-You Are There! The 1901 Alabama Constitution Convention	AUD	Anna Blair	12/3	S	2 – 3	1	Penny Voit

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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@lquest.org.

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 Fall Rally Day on Tuesday, July 11, 10:30 1 at the Huntsville Jaycees Building at 2180 Airport Rd, Huntsville, AL 35801; or
- Attend "Post Rally Days" to the left of the 1st floor Main Desk in the Library on Tuesday, July 18, 10 – noon, or Thursday, July 20, 1 – 4; or
- Go to Iquest.org, create an account, and join, register, and pay online using the secure portal; or
- Go to Iquest.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 by US Postal mail if they do not have an email address. If course limits have been exceeded, registrants 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.

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

The office is located on the second floor of the Downtown Huntsville Public Library in the alcove to the left of the Reference Desk. Office hours are Tuesdays, 10-12, and Thursdays, 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, 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 Registrar@lquest.org as soon as possible if you cannot attend a course for which you have registered, or if you wish to add a course. You may also add/drop online at Iquest.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, guests are welcome to attend a single session before paying the appropriate membership dues and term 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 NewsInput@Iquest.org 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 Membership@lquest.org.
Replacement holders are available in the LearningQUEST office during office hours for a \$6 replacement fee.

What is the inclement weather policy?

LearningQUEST follows the weather policy of the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library. Library closures are posted and updated throughout the day at HMCPL.org. If the Downtown branch closes, LearningQUEST classes will be cancelled. Program coordinators will notify all members registered for a program when there is a cancellation; this includes both the library as well as other venues.

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 VolunteerHours@lquest.org. 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 Membership@lquest.org.

How can I stay informed about LearningQUEST activities and updates?

The LearningQUEST website at Iquest.org is the most direct source of information. The online calendar is updated to reflect any changes to the program schedule. The weekly E-News informs the membership of upcoming trips, public programs, changes in course schedules, and any special events. The newsletter is sent through email and is also displayed in the glass case on the left side of the hallway leading to the Downtown Library auditorium. LearningQUEST's Facebook page is an additional way to stay informed. Members may also call the office at 256-529-8695 or email Operations@lquest.org with any questions.

What are some of the most frequently used LearningQUEST email address?

General: LearningQUEST@lquest.org Registrar: Registrar@lquest.org Membership: Membership@lquest.org Volunteering: VolunteerLead@lquest.org



Remember to wear your LearningQUEST name badge to all LearningQUEST events!

BOARD FINANCIAL 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

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Letter from the Board of Directors President

Things continue to look up for LearningOUEST. Our member numbers are up, but more importantly, our esprit de corps seems to be improving. Covid placed us in our shells, but we are coming out and rekindling our acquaintances and friendships. The program development committee just keeps getting better in terms of quality and variety of course offerings. I hope you will take a close look at the fall offerings.

> LearningQUEST Board President Dave Branham

1-New Orleans and Her Music: From Congo Square & Opera to Satchmo & Fats

Instructor: **Connie Atkinson**

Dates: 4 Thursdays Jul. 13 - Aug. 3

2:30 - 3:30Time: **AUD** Location:



This course will take participants on a ride through history to show how New Orleans, a relatively small American city, became a global brand for music. It will trace the city's development from its French/Spanish/West African roots

to its role as a destination for emigrants from across the globe. Class members will discover how this unique history set the stage for its vast range of music, from West African drumming to French opera to ragtime, from jazz to R&B to bounce, from Gottschalk to Satchmo to Fats.

2-The Future of Huntsville's Music Scene

Instructor: **Matt Mandrella**

Dates: 1 Wednesday Jul. 19

Time: 1 - 2:30Location: **AUD**

This class will outline the goals and objectives of Huntsville's very first Music Officer, Matt Mandrella. His vision is to develop better music programs for performing artists and the behind-the



scenes music professionals. He wants to elevate venues, activities, and community events that are already in place. He will emphasize his belief that music education for the Huntsville community is the most important objective of his position. In his role, he will also advocate for Huntsville's music sector and oversee strategic planning initiatives and economic opportunities. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the person who will shepherd the city's musical experiences in the coming years.

3-When Back Surgery Doesn't Work & Why -Learn How to Feel Better!

Instructor: **Anthony Southorn** 1 Wednesday Jul. 26 Dates:

1 – 2 Time: Location: 2FL

Back pain that will not go away is the most common type of chronic pain in the U.S. Anyone living with severe pain might be thinking about surgery. While that is a decision only a patient and doctor can make, this session offers more insight on how you can guide your own healing without costly surgery. Austin Physical Therapy's "Not So Traditional" approach to physical therapy will be refreshing and informative.

4-Armchair Travel Series #22

Instructor: Multiple

Dates: 7 Mondays Jul. 31 - Aug. 28,

Sep. 11 - 18

1:30 - 3Time: Location: **AUD**

July 31—El Camino de Santiago

Pilgrimage Adelaide de Almeida will share what she saw and lessons learned while walking 191 miles on the Santiago de Compostela French Way for 17 days.

August 7—Three Weeks in Sao Paulo

Wanda Shoultes will share her photographs, videos, and personal

impressions made during her late summer of 2022 visit to Brazil with her Brazilian friend.

August 14—Around the World in 43 Days Jill Burt shares her recent adventure by air and by sea with stops in North America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia for a complete circumnavigation of the globe.

August 21—The Dolomites: the Magnificent Italian Alps Travel with photographers Emily Saile and Barbara Stagg to the Dolomites, a monumental mountain range in northeastern Italy. This picturesque countryside is full of rugged mountains and charming, tiny villages straight out of a fairy tale. Ride with Emily and Barbara up several ski-lift gondolas to get a bird's-eye view of these gorgeous mountains.

August 28—Around the World by Jet Bob & Phylis Baron will share a very special trip, a 24-day National Geographic excursion which they gave themselves as a 50th anniversary present.

Sept 11—The Last Voyage of Capella III Kathy, Vic, and Skipper Martin's final voyage aboard their 45 foot sailboat, Capella III is featured in a YouTube video, sailing from Seward, Alaska to Bellingham, Washington in 2017.

Sept 18—Arctic Adventure A land of polar bears, walrus, reindeer, and icebergs, the Arctic is one of the last relatively unvisited places on earth. Join avid traveler Tom Ress as he journeys into the Arctic Circle. After a brief stop in Oslo, he flew into the village of Longyearbean, the northernmost commercial airport in the world, before boarding an expedition ship and heading north for an attempted circumnavigation of the island of Spitsbergen in the Norwegian archipelago of Svalbard. For twelve days he hiked and boated through this frigid wilderness, encountering an amazing array of birds, animals, and scenery. Enjoy a photographic journey to this pristine area of the planet.

5-Friedrich Hölderlin: Understanding Life Through Classical Poetry

Instructor: Rolf J. Goebel

Dates: 4 Tuesdays Aug. 1 – 22

Time: 9:30 – 11 Location: 2FL

Friedrich Hölderlin is arguably the most important poet of the German classical-romantic period. This course examines how his major themes—Greek antiquity and the modern period; romantic love and alienation; nature and city; sound and music; visual artifacts—still resonate with us today, giving us existential guidance, hope, and insights for leading a more meaningful life. *Min:7*

6-Northern Italian Wines & Cheeses that Enhance - Session 1

Instructor: Kristian Denis
Dates: 1 Wednesday Aug. 2

Time: 2 – 3 Location: Le Petit Bijou

Four tasting programs are scheduled for Aug. 2, Sep. 6, Oct. 4, and Nov. 1. Each features the wines of northwest and northeast Italy, an area that includes Piemonte, Liguria, Lombardy, Trentino-Alto Adige, the Veneto, and



Friuli-Venezia Giulia. From rich, smoky Barolos, powerful Barbarescos, drinkable Astis, elegant Valpolicella and easy-drinking Soaves, there is much to sample and enjoy from this region. Hard and soft cheeses from goats, sheep, and cows from Europe and the US will be presented to complement the wines. Session 1 – The wines of Piemonte include the bold red wines of Nebbiolo to the delicate, sweet, fizzy white wines of Moscato d'Asti. Le Petit Bijou is located at 103 Northside Square, Huntsville, AL 35801. Fee: \$40 per session.

7-William Butler Yeats – An Introduction and Appreciation

Instructor: Walter Thames

Dates: 4 Thursdays Aug. 3 – 24

Time: 10 – 11 Location: 2FL

Unlike so many poets whose best work is completed well before age 30, William Butler Yeats improved as he aged. Considered one of the most gifted and profound poets of the modern age, Yeats's poetry delights, intrigues, confuses, and amuses as he continually reinvents and reinvigorates his art, creating some of the most powerful, intelligent poetry a reader will ever encounter. Through four sessions, this course will explore his mature poems on Irish legends and heroes, love and old age, art, and his delight in language. He truly wrote some of the most beautiful poetry of modern times.



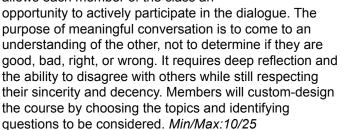
8-Front Porch Conversations

Instructor: June Norton

Dates: 6 Thursdays Aug. 3 – Sep. 7

Time: 1:30 – 3 Location: 2FL

Topics of current social, philosophical, and political issues will be considered, with civility, in a structured environment that allows each member of the class an



9-Eliot's The Waste Land

Instructor: Jeff Nelson

Dates: 3 Mondays Aug. 7 – 21

Time: 1 – 2:30 Location: 2FL

T. S. Eliot's *The Waste Land* is now 100 years old, but readers are still trying to come to terms with it. How does this poem engage with the physical, cultural, and spiritual chaos of the modern world? Why is April "the

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cruelest month"? Why is a chapel the "wind's home"? Does the thunder promise rain or only mockery? No previous knowledge of poetry is necessary; this course could be titled "How to Read a Difficult Poem."

Recommended: Download poem at www.poetryfoundation.org.

10-Beginning French

Instructor: Elaine Fredericksen

Dates: 6 Tuesdays Aug. 8 – Sep.12

Time: 2:30 - 3:30

Location: 2FL

No pressure, just fun. This class is designed for LearningQUEST members who are new to the French language or who have had some past experience and want to review. Instruction will start at the most basic level and emphasize repetition, games, and interchange with classmates. For anyone with a fear of foreign languages or a love of foreign languages, this is the place to be. Allons-y. Let's go.

11-International Dining Out

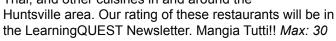
Instructor: Jane Wodtke

Dates: 4 Tuesdays Aug. 8, Sep. 12,

Oct. 10, Nov. 7, Dec. 12

Time: 5 – 8 Location: Various

Join us monthly for an international dining experience. Beginning in August, we will eat and critique Italian, Vietnamese, Greek, Indian, Thai, and other cuisines in and around the



12-The Secrets of the Sistine Chapel

Instructor: Debbie Dempsey West

Dates: 6 Thursdays Aug. 10 - Sep. 14

Time: 1:30 – 3 Location: AUD

Michelangelo, Rebel with a Cause. This class will offer valuable insight into one of the greatest artists of all time, who incorporated into his religious masterpieces a stunning number of hidden or coded images to the Vatican, the church of his time. Messages resonate to this day with their daring appeal for reconciliation between reason and faith, between the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament, between Christian and Jew, and among all those who share a sincere quest for true faith and service to God.

13-Art Journaling

Instructor: Monica Yother

Dates: 3 Fridays Aug. 11 – 25

Time: 1 – 2:30

Location: Studio 127 at Lowe Mill

Art journaling is a wonderful way to discover individual creativity, record a life event, explore a topic, or facilitate a spiritual journey. This course will help members get

started, try new materials, and most of all—have a lot of hands-on fun. Each session will present new techniques and materials and offer plenty of time to put all to use. No art experience is necessary. Class will meet in Monica Yother's Studio 127 at Lowe Mill, and all materials will be supplied. Fee for materials is \$25. *Min/Max: 5/15*

14-Let's Do Lunch!

Instructor: Charlotte Hudson

Dates: 4 Thursdays Aug. 24, Sep. 28,

Oct. 26, Nov. 16

Time: 11 – 12:30 Location: Various

Join the newly formed LearningQUEST "Lunch Bunch" as they experience lunch at either a newly opened or recently opened restaurant in the Huntsville area. Beginning in August, the group will meet for lunch at four restaurants. The facilitator will obtain a head count and provide the name of the restaurant to those registered two weeks prior to lunch. *Max: 16*

15-My Storytelling Journey

Instructor: Robert Bailey
Dates: 1 Tuesday Aug. 29

Time: 9:30 – 10:30

Location: 2FL

Robert Bailey will be speaking about his latest novel, *Rich Waters*, which was released on June 20, 2023. He will also describe his writing journey over the course of the past twenty years, and his nine published novels.

16-Gentle Yoga and Meditation

Instructor: Charlie Zarzour

Dates: 2 Tuesdays Aug. 29 – Sep. 5

2 Thursdays Aug. 31 - Sep. 7

Time: 9:30 – 11 Location: SLib

Each yoga session will be divided into three parts:

(1) The first 30 minutes will be a presentation/discussion on the eight Limbs of Yoga, Samkhya Metaphysics, and Yoga Philosophy/History.

(2) The next 30 minutes will be a combination of Pranayama (breath control) and gentle yoga poses.

(3) The last 30 minutes will be a meditation. The eight Limbs of Yoga are: Yamas (Moral Restraints), NiYamas (Ethical Observations), Asana (Postures), Pranayama (Breath Control), Pratyahara (Withdrawal of the Senses), Dharana (Concentration), Dyhana (Meditation), Samadhi (Union/Bliss). Bring a Yoga mat to class.

17-Tech Support - iPhone Photography

Instructor: Charles Gattis

Dates: 4 Tuesdays Sep. 5 – 26

Time: 10 – 12:30

Location: C

Class participants can schedule a 30-minute session with LearningQUEST's iPhone photography expert to get

questions answered on using the iPhone as a camera. This is an opportunity to ask specific, personal questions on any iPhone photography topic such as taking better pictures with your phone, editing pictures, storing photos, sharing photos with others, posting photos on Facebook and other social media, etc. All registered participants will receive a link to schedule a date and time for their session. Max: 12

18-The Best of Broadway

Instructor: **Bill Nunn**

Dates: 2 Tuesdays Sep. 5 - 12

1 Wednesday Sep. 20

Time: 2 - 3:30Location: **AUD**

The story of Broadway is marked by milestone productions and a galaxy of men and women who have sung, danced, and strutted their way into immortality. They had help—the many talented people who wrote the music, lyrics, and books; designed the costumes and stage sets; choreographed the dances; turned up the lights; and raised the curtain. The Broadway musical remains one of America's proudest achievements. This program will cover 150 years of broadway music from A to Z-from Annie to The Ziegfeld Follie.

19-Northern Italian Wines & **Cheeses that Enhance - Session 2**

Kristian Denis Instructor: Dates: 1 Wednesday Sep. 6

2 - 3Time:

Location: Le Petit Bijou

Session 2 - Trentino Alto Adige is an Alpine region noted for lovely white pinots and great red Schiavo. Fee: \$40 per session.

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20-Friday Film Festival

Instructor: Jennifer Garlen, Ph.D. Dates: 4 Fridays Sep. 8, Oct. 6,

Nov. 3, Dec. 1

2 - 4:30Time: Location: **AUD**

Gothic chills and thrills await this fall in four films filled with gaslit shadows and mysterious menace! We begin with a classic adaptation of Jane Eyre (1943),

starring Joan Fontaine and Orson Welles. Next, Ingrid Bergman experiences the original "gaslighting" in Gaslight (1944), co-starring Charles Boyer and Joseph Cotten. Merle Oberon and Laird Cregar then headline in The Lodger (1944), a story inspired by Jack the Ripper. Dorothy McGuire plays the heroine in our final Gothic thriller, The Spiral Staircase (1946), which also features George Brent and the legendary Ethel Barrymore.

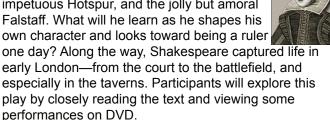
21-Shakespeare's Henry IV

Instructor: Jeff Nelson

Dates: 3 Mondays Sep. 11 - 25

Time: 1 - 2:30Location: 2FL

Prince Hal examines three role models: his competent but rigid father, the brave but impetuous Hotspur, and the jolly but amoral Falstaff. What will he learn as he shapes his



22-Card Making Workshop - Batch Making

Jill Stallcup Instructor:

Dates: 1 Wednesday Sep. 13

1 – 3 Time: Location: 2FL

This workshop will focus on creating a group of 6 different cards quickly and easily, using a single 12x12 sheet of paper and a few embellishments. Discussion and resources for other ways to create groups of cards will be presented in the workshop as well. Fee: \$8.00 for materials. Max: 10

23-Great Decisions

Instructor: Peter A. Finzel

8 Tuesdays Sep. 19 - Nov. 7 Dates:

Time: 10 - 11:30Location: **SLib**

Great Decisions is a program sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association; it has received rave reviews. The program is updated annually to highlight eight of the most thought-provoking foreign policy challenges facing Americans. Begun in 1954, the Great Decisions discussion program is intended to promote thoughtful discourse, bring people together to express their ideas and opinions, and learn from others. The program uses a video and a book from the Foreign Policy Institute. For more information on The Foreign Policy Association, visit https://www.fpa.org. Check out the "about" tab. For a list of topics to be discussed, visit the GreatDecisions/Topic resources for 2023 tab. The required text: 2023 Great Decisions Briefing Book, can be purchased for \$35 at the Bookstore tab. Min/Max: 8/25

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24-Fitness and Balance Class

Instructor: Debra Wade

Dates: 6 Wednesdays Sep. 20 - Oct. 25

Time: 11 – 12 Location: Steady for Life

Are you interested in experiencing Fitness and Balance classes, but not ready to take the dive to full speed? This six-week course will include fall prevention techniques plus strengthening and flexibility exercises. The instructor offers this class as a gentle step toward achieving a stronger body. Led by Debra Wade, a certified personal trainer. The studio has all the handheld equipment you will need for these versatile classes. Please bring water to the class. This class will be held in the Steady for Life Studio located at 7900 Bailey Cove Rd, #G, Huntsville, AL 35802 (located in Jill's Dance Studio). Class Fee: \$15 per person.

25-SCAMS! How to Avoid Becoming the Next Victim

Instructor: Byron Hunt

Dates: 1 Thursday Sep. 21

Time: 9:30 – 11 Location: AUD

The purpose of scams is to separate people from their money, and senior citizens are prime targets for these schemes. Phone, email, Facebook, and door-to-door are a few methods used. This course will teach how scams work, the psychology behind scams, and how to avoid being a victim. This knowledge will reduce the likelihood of this happening to participants and their loved ones.

26-Monte Sano Village and the Village Movement

Instructor: Lue English, Delia Siegrist

Dates: 1 Trusday Sep. 21

Time: 1:30 – 2:30

Location: 2FL

This course offers an introduction to the Village Model. Villages provide services enabling individuals to stay in their homes and neighborhoods as they age by organizing services, programs, and volunteers. The Village model attracts volunteers of all ages, strengthening intergenerational ties in the community, and enhancing the community for today's seniors and those to follow. The costs associated with operating the village are financed by member fees. Monte Sano Village is a member-driven non-profit exclusively staffed by volunteers from our community. Our members are the decision-makers, the financiers, the beneficiaries, and often, the volunteers. We have over 150 members and about 90 volunteers. Our community is made up of about 700 homes.

27-Exploring NASA's Artemis Program

Instructor: Michael Stallcup
Dates: 1 Wednesday Sep. 27

Time: 1 – 2:30 Location: AUD

This presentation will give an overview of NASA's Artemis program, vehicles, and plans for exploration of space. It will cover the different parts of the Artemis vehicles and how they work together; the collaboration between NASA, industry, and international partners; and plans for establishing a sustainable presence on the moon.



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28-Elon Musk: Visionary or Villain

Instructor: Jane Roark
Dates: 1 Tuesday Oct. 3

Time: 9:30 – 11 Location: AUD

Recently Elon Musk has made headlines and awakened curiosity about the man, his activities, and his fortune. This course will review Musk's early years, successes, and failures, and will introduce direct quotes in order to facilitate discussion. Then perhaps participants can decide: is he a visionary or a villain?

29-National Geographic Masters of Photography – Part II

Instructor: Tom Bryant

Dates: 6 Wednesdays Oct 4 – Nov. 1, Nov. 15

Time: 10 – 11:30

Location: 2FL

Please join Tom Bryant for the second half of this class. We will meet six more National Geographic photographers and study their work, including two women. 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. We will watch a DVD series featuring six master photographers describing the art in 12 lectures. Each of the six class sessions will begin with Tom introducing the photographer, discussing any





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photography-unique items in the DVD lecture, and sharing 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 People in their Environment, Color and Light, and Storytelling with Photography. Locations visited will include Japan, Spain, Madagascar, Nicaragua, and the American West. Although not required, the student will get the most from the class if they have knowledge of basic camera use.

30-Northern Italian Wines & Cheeses that Enhance - Session 3

Instructor: Kristian Denis
Dates: 1 Wednesday Oct. 4

Time: 2-3

Location: Le Petit Bijou

Session 3 – Try Valpolicella, Amarone, Soave, and Prosecco from Veneto in this tasting class in the region west of Venice. Fee: \$40 per session.

See program #6 for full course description

31-Introduction to Family Search

Instructor: Marvin Magill, Sue Purves

Dates: 1 Thursday Oct. 5

Time: 1 – 2:30 Location: SLib

This course will focus on learning how to use Family Search, a free online program, to create or add ancestors to one's family tree, post memories, photos, documents, and other interesting information concerning family and ancestors, and share information with other family members. Family Search is a powerful genealogy research tool, with millions of records available. It also has a database of what records are available worldwide and hundreds of instructional tutorials on all facets of family history. *Max: 30*

32-Missing Huntsville

Instructor: Ralph Allen

Dates: 3 Tuesdays Oct. 10 – 24

Time: 10 – 11 Location: AUD

This course takes a trip back in time and virtually visits many of Huntsville's buildings that have gone missing.



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The program will feature photographs from private collections that have rarely, if ever, been shared with the public. Along with historic photos, Mr. Allen has included maps and other interesting and informative insights.

33-Maple Hill 35801

Instructor: Various

Dates: 1 Wednesday Oct. 11

Time: 2 – 3:30 Location: AUD

Participants in this course will encounter four voices from Huntsville's incredible past: those of Mary Chambers Bibb, Russel Erskine, Reverend Bartley Harris, and Samuel B. Moore. All will share their fascinating stories of life in Huntsville when they resided here. Three of the stories end with their burial in Maple Hill Cemetery.

34-Women Empowered

Instructor: Annie Saylor
Dates: 1 Thursday Oct. 12

Time: 1 – 2:30 Location: SLib

This new series entitled "Women Empowered" will focus on local women entrepreneurs. Dr. Annie Saylor, CEO, President and co-founder of Simulation Technologies, a local defense contractor, offers the story of her journey from Eastern Kentucky to the Rocket City. She will describe influences and opportunities in her life and how she took advantage of them. She will also describe the challenges of her current role as CEO of a successful business with 180 employees that has been named in the Inc 5000 list for several years.

35-Revolutionary War Rarities

Instructor: Jim Griffith, Jim Maples
Dates: 3 Tuesdays Oct. 17 – 31

Time: 2 – 3 Location: AUD



Revolutionary War Rarities focuses on rarely known, rarely taught topics, people, and stories around the American Revolution. This is not a class that teaches end-to-end American Revolution, but rather the really interesting little tidbits and facts. The course will include: the oldest-known soldier of the American Revolution, the youngest participant of the American Revolution, a dog named

Sweet Lips, the penman of the Declaration of Independence, American Revolution scandals, the origin of current-day sayings that go all the way back to the American Revolution, little-known monuments and places, the ages of the Founding Fathers, the contents of their backpacks, average numbers to include: income, number of baths taken per year, speed of travel, distances traveled, etc. This course focuses on things that you didn't know about the Revolution and didn't even know to ask!

36-Tai Chi and Qigong

Instructor: Luyao Ren

Dates: 8 Wednesdays Oct. 18 - Nov. 8,

Nov. 15, Nov. 22 - Dec. 6

Time: 1 – 2:30 except Nov. 15

9:30 – 11 on Nov. 15

Location: AUD

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. Practicing Tai Chi can improve both physical and mental health. Qigong involves using exercise to optimize energy within the body, mind, and spirit with the goal of improving and maintaining health and well-being. This class will be for beginners as well as intermediate practitioners.

37-You Be The Judge

Instructor: Tom Borcher

Dates: 3 Thursdays Oct. 19 – Nov. 2

Time: 9:30 - 10:30

Location: AUD

Take your seat in the jury box for a host of brand new disputes to resolve. Each of the three classes will consist of three cases for the attendees to resolve. They will be given the facts and law for each case, discussion will follow and then the group reaches a verdict. Finally, the actual court decision will be revealed. Cases may address drug dealers, constitutional issues, immigration, and personal injury disputes.

38-Aging Gracefully - Physical Activity is the Key

Instructor: Michele Cuke
Dates: 1 Thursday Oct. 19

Time: 3 – 4 Location: SLib

Aging results in changes in each body system, and these changes may contribute to a variety of health problems. However, many of the major disabilities associated with aging such as loss of cardiovascular fitness, decreased muscle mass and reduced bone mass, can be reversed or prevented by becoming involved in a regular well-rounded exercise program. It takes an active person four years to age the same amount as an inactive person does in one year. In this class, a well-balanced exercise program including strength training, aerobic exercise, and flexibility/balance training will be discussed. The stated exercises are evidence-based to result in positive outcomes—stronger muscles and bones, more energy, greater mobility, and improved quality of life. Activity is really the anti-aging solution.

39-Visual Rhetoric: World As We See It

Instructor: Elaine Fredericksen

Dates: 4 Thursdays Oct. 26 – Nov. 16

Time: 1 – 2:30 Location: 2FL

Visual rhetoric refers to how we interpret and make meaning out of anything we see. This course will train participants to analyze and appreciate the impact of imagery, color, font, and placement, as persuasive elements in advertising, texts, and the world around us. What does the curtain between first and economy class mean? How do we feel when we see a public kiss? What color tie is the President wearing? Class members will participate in class discussions of interesting images and open their eyes to the visual world.

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40-Electrodynamics and Special Relativity

Instructor: James Beaupre

Dates: 3 Mondays Oct. 30 - Nov. 13

2 Wednesdays Nov. 1 – 8 1 Thursday Nov. 16

Time: 9:30 – 11 Location: SLib

This class explores the meaning of physical laws, electricity and magnetism, electromagnetic radiation, special relativity, and material response to electromagnetic fields. Class members will be introduced to people who have made accomplishments in this field and learn about some of the key experiments. They will learn how conflicting descriptions of electrodynamic phenomena led to Einstein's special relativity, E = mc², and what the speed of light is in different materials.

41-Theaterworks - Let's Put On A Play!

Instructor: Elaine Hubbard, Carol Puckett Dates: 3 Tuesdays Oct. 31 – Nov. 14

3 Thursdays Nov. 2 - 16

Time: 1-3 Location: SLib

This course will allow participants to practice stagecraft and technical theater without pressure. Carol Puckett's original play *Mr. Ditto's Ferry* is just the ticket. Following the journey of James Ditto and his fellow travelers crossing the Tennessee River into Morgan County in 1814, the play introduces an interesting variety of characters. Viewers see friendships form as the pioneers are ready to step forward into their new world. The play

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has a cast of 7 – 10 men and women with approximately six stagehands/technical support people to help with makeup, costumes, hair, sound, and backstage logistics. Performers will learn staging basics, line memorization, characterization, and other fundamental techniques. Backstage folks will observe the performers' work and learn what it takes to make all the magic happen. The entire activity is designed to be a supportive, team-building venture that everyone will enjoy. The final performance will be open to family and friends. (There can be a cast party with refreshments following the show.) Performance run time is a half hour. *Min/Max*: 10/16

42-Northern Italian Wines & Cheeses that Enhance - Session 4

Instructor: Kristian Denis

Dates: 1 Wednesday Nov. 1

Time: 2-3

Location: Le Petit Bijou

Session 4 – The Friuli-Venezia Giulia region is noted for its great white wines: Colli Orientalis, Friulano, Collio, and Carso in the hills of Trieste, which also features orange wines. A wonderful region to sample. Fee: \$40 per session.

See program #6 for full course description

43-Oils of Ancient Scriptures

Instructor: Judy Bruckner
Dates: 1 Monday Nov. 6
Time: 10:30 – 11:30

Location: 2FL

Historically, essential oils or aromatic oils were used by Egyptians as early as 4500 B.C. Scripturally, oils appear in both Old and New Testaments, often referencing olive oil, but the ten essential oils we will explore are also all mentioned. This class will discuss the ancient and modern uses for essential oils.

44-What's Going On With Honey Bees

Instructor: Bill Elliott

Dates: 2 Tuesdays Nov. 7 – 14

Time: 10 – 11:30

Location: 2FL

This program offers an overview of the amazing honey bee and its importance to our food supply. It will assess how well the honey bee is doing today given the many issues the colonies face. The talk will also address what it takes to become a beekeeper for those that might be interested in beekeeping as a hobby.

45-We Dare Defend Our Patient Rights!

Instructor: Anna Blair

Dates: 2 Mondays Nov. 13 – 20

Time: 10 – 11 Location: AUD

In Alabama, we proudly affirm our state motto: We Dare Defend Our Rights! And to defend them, we must know what they are. Every individual is likely to be a patient at least once in a lifetime. What are our rights as patients in this state and in this country? We had better know them in order to exercise them. The American Medical Association weighed in on the subject years ago with a general statement about patient rights that covers such things as access to care, patient dignity, confidentiality, and consent to treatment. In this two-session course, participants will learn more about these rights and a veritable cornucopia of other protections and enhancements for patients today and in the future.

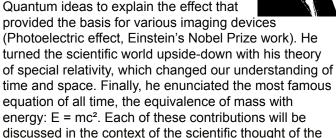
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46-1905 - Einstein's Miracle Year

Instructor: James Beaupre
Dates: 1 Wednesday Nov. 15

Time: 9:30 – 11 Location: SLib

In 1905, the 26-year old Albert Einstein published four revolutionary papers that had major effects. He convinced many scientists that atoms and molecules were real (Brownian motion). He used the new Quantum ideas to explain the effect that



relevant today.



time and will emphasize how these ideas remain

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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-Orion Amphitheater Tour

Instructor: Ryan Murphy
Dates: 1 Tuesday Sep. 12

Time: 9:30 – 11

Location: Orion Amphitheater

The tour of the new world-class Orion Amphitheater for the performing arts will cover all the operational aspects of the Orion in its daily functions. Also included in the tour is the backstage (green rooms, artist areas, dining areas, etc.) and large production areas it takes to produce the large-scale shows. The tour will also include the "front of house" concessions and the surrounding Apollo Park and its art installations. The Orion Amphitheater is located at 701 Amphitheater Drive NW Huntsville, AL 35806. *Min/Max: 5/50*



Join your LearningQUEST family at the 2023 Fall Picnic. Friday, September 22, 10 – 2 at Monte Sano State Park.
Watch for details.

T2-Huntsville Museum of Art

Instructor: HMA Docent

Dates: 1 Wednesday Oct. 11

Time: 1:30 – 2:15

Location: Huntsville Museum of Art

This trip to the Art Museum includes three exhibits:

1. Prints by Pablo Picasso presents an insightful gathering of approximately 60 prints by one of the great masters of the 20th Century. Also included is Looking at the Collection: European Prints (this exhibit will be viewed in conjunction with the Pablo Picasso exhibition) executed by Picasso's contemporaries in Europe. Featured artists include Marc Chagall, Jean Dubuffet, Kathe Kollwitz, Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, Henri Matisse, Joan Miro, and others.

- 2. Looking at the Collection: David Parrish Huntsville's own David Parrish (1939 2021) was an important photorealist painter of national and international acclaim. In the 1980s and early '90s, he distinguished himself by creating intricate motorcycle paintings and delicate still lifes of Marilyn Monroe sculptures. This exhibition celebrates Parrish's unique vision and skill through a range of paintings recently added to the collection from the artist's bequest.
- 3. Rania Matar: SHE features 50 large-scale color images of contemporary girls transitioning into womanhood by the Lebanese-American photographer. This exhibition focuses on young women in their 20s, the ages of Matar's own daughters, as they leave the cocoon of home and enter adulthood. *Max: 50*

T3-Historic Old Town Walking Tour No. 1

Instructor: Katie Stamps
Dates: 1 Thursday Oct. 12

Time: 2 - 3:30 Location: Old Town

The Old Town Historic District was added to the National Register of Historic Places on July 18, 1978. Roughly bounded by Dement and Lincoln Streets and Randolph and Walker Avenues, it features homes in a variety of styles including Victorian, Federal, Greek Revival, Queen Anne, American Craftsman, and Prairie School. The western half of Old Town was incorporated into the city in 1843. By 1861, approximately 25 houses were present in the roughly 100 acres that make up Old Town. In 1871, the east part of Old Town was incorporated into the City of Huntsville as the East Addition, and Walker was opened to development. Growth was encouraged because the area was within walking distance of downtown Huntsville, the Memphis and Charleston Railroad depot, and the City's first cotton mill on Jefferson Street. By 1892, Dallas Mill was located just north of Old Town, further stimulating development. The Old Town area was settled by merchants and professional people. Old Town is the only complete section of Huntsville that displays a true Victorian character. Participants should wear comfortable shoes and bring only what they can carry comfortably (water, sunscreen, and light snacks). Participants should check the weather and dress accordingly. Max: 35

Also offered October 19, program #T5

T4-Tour of the Field of Greens

Instructor: Field of Greens Staff Dates: 1 Thursday Oct. 19

Time: 10 – 11:30

Location: Field of Greens Facility

The Field of Greens is an intriguing indoor hydroponic gardening facility which produces lettuce in a safe and effective manner in a small space, using a mix of perlite and vermiculite and a few nutrients without soil, yet results in a higher yield. Seed to harvest time is 30 days. Participants must "scrub up" before entering. This keeps bugs and dirt from getting to the plants. In place of the sun, LED lights are used to help the crops grow. After the tour, participants will enjoy refreshments provided by the Field of Greens staff, during which the staff will be available for a question and answer session. Tour location is 747 NE Fields Road, Lacey Springs, AL. Directions: Travel south on the Parkway, go across the Tennessee River Bridge, go



approximately three miles, and turn right on NE Fields Road. The facility will be on the left in approximately a mile. Car pooling arrangements will be made by the Coordinator if desired. There is no fee for the tour, but participants are encouraged to make a donation to cover the cost of the refreshments and delivery of lettuce to the homeless community. *Max: 60*

T5-Historic Old Town Walking Tour No. 2

Instructor: Katie Stamps
Dates: 1 Thursday Oct. 19

Time: 2 – 3:30 Location: Old Town

Also offered October 12, program #T3

T6-HudsonAlpha Research Greenhouse Tour

Instructor: Jason Bunn

Dates: 1 Thursday Nov. 16

Time: 11 – 12 Location: HudsonAlpha

This is a wonderful opportunity to tour the newest facility on the HudsonAlpha campus: the research greenhouse. Supporting the institute's efforts at HudsonAlpha's Center for Plant Science and Sustainable Agriculture, this state-of-the-art facility allows researchers to replicate any environment. This capability increases the quality of data and results, while decreasing the time between generations of

plants. The discoveries about crops and the development of new scientific methods will enable growers to meet the challenges of climate change and address the issues of sustainability and of population growth. *Max: 40*

SPECIAL TRIPS

ST1-The Legacy Museum

Dates: 1 Wednesday Sep. 6

Time: 8 – 7

Location: Montgomery, AL

Are you a history buff? This trip will be right up your alley. LearningQUEST is going to The Legacy Museum in Montgomery, AL. The Legacy Museum offers an immersive experience with cutting-edge technology, world-class art, and critically important scholarship about American history with a focus on the legacy of slavery. From the Transatlantic Slave Trade and its impact on the North and coastal communities across America through the Domestic Slave Trade and Reconstruction, the museum provides detailed interactive content and compelling narratives. We will depart, by bus, from the Huntsville Ashley Furniture store parking lot on South Memorial Parkway. The bus driver will arrive by 7:30 am, and we can begin boarding then. Our tickets at the museum will be timed-entry, so it is important that we leave promptly at 8:00 am. We will spend three to four hours at the museum, we will have lunch at Pannie-George's Kitchen located in the museum, and we should be returning to Ashley's by 6 or 7 pm. Lunch is not included in the cost. All forms and money, including trip waiver will be required by August 1st. Forms will be available at our Rally Day booth, and you can pay then or drop it off at the office. For more details, contact Barbara Kammerud at bjkamm@gmail.com. Cost: \$84 per person, due at registration. Min/Max: 40/40

ST2-Big Fun in the Big Easy

Dates: 5 Days Oct. 2 – 6

Time: 8 – TBD

Location: New Orleans, LA

Motorcoach trip from Huntsville to New Orleans for \$695 per person, double, \$875 single. Included is 4 nights' lodging in the New Orleans area, 8 meals (4 breakfasts and 4 dinners), a guided tour of New Orleans, admission to the National WWII Museum, a guided tour of a Louisiana plantation, admission to Mardi Gras World, a relaxing riverboat cruise on the Mississippi River, and a visit to the historic New Orleans French Quarter. Registration/payment and liability waiver are due by July 26. For more details, contact Barbara Kammerud at bjkamm@gmail.com, Wanda Shoultes at dancingfool1248@gmail.com, or Joyce Howell at j11howell@gmail.com. *Min/Max:* 30/50

LIBRARY SPONSORED TRAINING (NO TERM FEE)

Although no term fee is required for Library Sponsored Training. registration is required for scheduled programs.

L1-Get To Know Your Library

Jaimee Hannah Instructor: Dates: 1 Thursday Sep. 14

Time: 1 - 2:30Location: 2FL

Learn the many services, programs and activities offered by the Downtown Library. This will be followed

by a tour of the Library. Max: 12

L2-Beginner's Guide to Social Media

Instructor: Jaimee Hannah Dates: 1 Thursday Oct. 5

9 - 10:30Time:

Location: **Tech Training Center**

Learn how to connect with friends and family by using social media. After learning about the different social media platforms, the library staff will help you set up

your own account. Max: 20

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 PDCChair@lquest.org

S1-UkeQUESTors Jam

Instructor: Theresa Miller, William Heney

Dates: Sundays, starting July 2

Time: 2 - 3:30

Online 1st and 3rd Sunday Location:

2FL 2nd and 4th Sunday

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. Though players are

assisted in their development, beginner lessons are not provided at this time. 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 information, contact Theresa Miller at art.tree.hsv@gmail.com, William Heney at cameo940@fastmail.net, or Doug Anderson at douganderson1950@yahoo.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.

S2-Knitting

Instructor: **Barbara Ward** Dates:

1st and 3rd Wednesdays,

starting July 5

Time: 2 - 3

A 1st Wednesday Location:

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 and on Zoom the third Wednesday. For further information, contact Barbara Ward at bward@hiwaay.net.

S3-Hand and Foot

Instructor: **Chervl Hodges**

Thursdays, starting July 6 Dates:

Time: 12:30 - 4

Location:

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 maxine46@ymail.com



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!

S4-Bunco

Instructor: Joy Anderson

Dates: 2nd Monday, starting July 10

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.

S5-Great Literary Conversations

Instructor: Bob Stagg

Dates: Every Monday, starting July 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. Notes are emailed on Friday detailing the upcoming selection. The anthology used changes each term. Contact Bob Stagg at 256-520-0417 for more information.

S6-Mah Jongg

Instructor: Janet Tedrow

Dates: Mondays, starting July 17

Time: 1 – 4 Location: A



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

S7-Poets' Corner

Instructor: Liz Hall

Dates: Last Wednesday, starting July 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 (256-881-6099) or lizhall076@gmail.com.

S8-Adult Coloring

Instructor: Wanda Shoultes

Dates: 2nd Tuesday, starting Aug. 8

Time: 10 – 11:30

Location: SLib Classroom except Oct. 10

SLIB Conf Rm Oct. 10

This special interest group welcomes participants to gather once per month at the South Huntsville Public Library (the old Grissom location) for adult coloring and camaraderie. Please bring your own materials. The group meets on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information, contact Wanda Shoultes at dancingfool1248@gmail.com.

S9-Friday Hiking

Instructor: Jim Kirkwood

Dates: Fridays starting Sep. 1,

ending Nov. 17

Time: 9

Location: Various

Explore a variety of local 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 hiking@lquest.org. For our hikes, it is recommended to wear sturdy hiking boots and to bring water and a hiking stick.

S10-Photography Essay

Instructor: Waldy Cuevas

Dates: 2nd Wed of each month starting

Sep. 13, ending Nov. 8

Time: 10 - 11:30

Location: SLib Classroom, except Nov. 8

2FL Nov. 8



The Photography Sharing Group is about the joy of sharing 10-photo essays and discussing our photography techniques, equipment, and editing

processes. We will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 8 times a year (January through May and September through November). It provides a place for folks who enjoy photography to share their passion. For more information, contact Waldy Cuevas at waldyphoto@outlook.com.



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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-The Beatles Come to America: The 1964 British Music Invasion

Instructor: David Lilly

Dates: 1 Monday Sep. 25

Time: 10 – 11:30 Location: AUD

The Beatles came to America in early 1964, and while doing so, appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show, conquered the American music scene, and changed pop music and culture forever. This talk will examine how

the Beatles accomplished all of this and, in doing so, became the biggest thing in the world. It is a story of serendipity; events had to happen in the right order at the right time for maximum effect, and they certainly did. We'll look at newspaper and TV news reports and the Beatles' Ed Sullivan appearances and reveal how a 14-year-old Maryland girl played a key role in making all this happen. We'll also talk about the British rock groups that followed the Beatles to America during that summer of 1964 and end with a rarely seen early performance by the Rolling Stones.

P2-City Council 101

Instructor: Jennie Robinson
Dates: 1 Wednesday Oct. 18

Time: 1 – 2:30

Location: North Huntsville Public Library-

Community Rm

City Council Member Jennie Robinson, who has served on the Council since 2014, will provide detailed information on how the City Council of Huntsville operates. Participants will learn about the inner workings of the city's organizational body. Did you know city council members serve staggered terms? Find out who normally attends the meetings, locations and dates/times of meeting, steps to be taken if you want to address the Council, the role the Mayor plays in the Council meetings, how to access the agendas for the Council's regularly scheduled meetings, and more.

The Membership Committee offers many opportunities for involvement in LearningQUEST. If you are a people person and want to contribute, contact VolunteerLead@lquest.org

P3-Goldie B. Locks & the Three Singing Bears

Instructor: Opera Huntsville
Dates: 1 Saturday Oct. 21

Time: 10 – 10:45

11:30 - 12:15

Location: Trinity United Methodist Church-

Wesley Hall

Great family fun! Bring grandchildren, family, and friends and see Opera Huntsville present an operatic version of Goldie B. Locks and the Three Singing Bears. In the original story, Goldilocks never actually meets The Three Bears; operatic Goldie begins to interact with the Bear family early in the story. Trying to find her way home after eating soup that doesn't belong to her, Goldie meets Peek, a little bear. Peek confides to Goldie that a sneaky robber snuck into his family's house that very morning, licked his spoon, and ate his soup. Goldie is horrified, for she knows, of course, that she's the sneaky soup robber. What should she do? Should she risk getting in trouble by telling the truth? Should she be dishonest and hope to avoid being punished? Goldie B.'s story unfolds much like the traditional Goldilocks, but with one important difference. Goldie finally learns that honesty is always the best choice. Goldie resolves to tell the truth always, and whenever troubles make her sad, to share them with a trusted grownup, like a teacher, police officer, mom, or dad. The program will be presented in Wesley Hall, Trinity United Methodist Church, 607 Airport Road, Huntsville, AL. Note: There will be two performances at 10:00 and 11:30. Seating for each will be on a first-come, first-served basis up to the occupancy limit.

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Your time & talents leave a lasting impact on our learning community!

P4-'Sittin' Down Talkin" with the Fourth Estate!

Instructor: John Archibald, Kyle Whitmire

Dates: 1 Friday Nov. 3

Time: 12 – 1 Location: AUD

Ably representing the Fourth Estate are John Archibald and Kyle Whitmire of Alabama Media Group, both bold masters of the op-ed. They are courageous and tenacious, award-winning journalists, read by many readers from Alabama to Vermont and the UK, including those who fiercely disagree with them. John joins us for the third year in a row. This is Kyle's first appearance with LearningQUEST. They will share some of their back stories and will be eager to field all our burning questions.

P5-You Are There! The 1901 Alabama Constitution Convention

Instructor: Anna Blair Dates: 1 Sunday Dec. 3

Time: 2 – 3 Location: AUD

The 1901 Alabama Constitution was the state's lawmakers' and citizens' seventh try at a governing document. Some claim it is the world's longest constitution in place today. This presentation of dramatic readings features real people who were living in Alabama during the turn of the century. A few actually had a hand in the drafting of the constitution. A few should have. The cast and our audience will step back into the late 19th and early 20th centuries to experience an event that continues to have an effect on all the people who live in this state today. If you really want to get into the spirit of this event, come dressed in the costume of the day.

LearningQUEST HUMAN RESOURCES POLICY

LearningQUEST offers learning opportunities in an open and friendly environment with respect and dignity for all participants and presenters. LearningQUEST does not treat members or employees differently because of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, race, or religion.
Furthermore, LearningQUEST does not tolerate any behavior from members, employees, presenters, or guests that interferes with any LearningQUEST activity, which may include Special Interest Groups (SIGS), programs, trips, or other activities/outings. If anyone thinks they have been treated unfairly, they can file a complaint with the Human Resources Committee, and it will be investigated thoroughly. LearningQUEST Human Resources may be contacted at HumanResources@lquest.org

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LearningQUEST INSTRUCTORS

Number in () indicates Term Program(s), Public (P), Library (L), or Trip (T) being presented by Instructor.

Ralph Allen is a historic preservation architect who worked with Harvie Jones and who served as the historic preservation officer for the Marshall Space Flight Center and as the first preservation consultant to the Huntsville Preservation Commission. He has been active in historic preservation since the 1970s, when Mr. Jones introduced him to a love and respect for old buildings. Ralph has been responsible for the historic documentation of structures in Huntsville and around the country. (32)

John Archibald, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Commentary in 2018, returns to the podium to discuss issues he has written about during the year and delight his audience in the process. He will be reading from some of his favorite articles and from his book, Shaking the Gates of Hell (2021), taking questions and comments, and who knows what all! (P4)

Connie Atkinson, Ph.D., is the former co-director of the Midlo Center for New Orleans Studies and professor emeritus at the University of New Orleans, where she taught the history of New Orleans music for over 20 years. She received her PhD from the Institute of Popular Music, University of Liverpool, England. As a music journalist in New Orleans for many years, she edited and published Wavelength, a New Orleans music magazine, from 1980 – 1992. (1)

Robert Bailey, J.D., is the Wall Street Journal bestselling author of Rich Blood; the Bocephus Haynes series, which includes The Wrong Side and Legacy of Lies; and the award-winning McMurtrie and Drake Legal Thrillers series, which includes The Final Reckoning, The Last Trial, Between Black and White, and The Professor. He is also the author of the inspirational novel The Golfer's Carol. Rich Waters is Bailey's ninth novel. For the past twenty-three years, Bailey has been an attorney in Huntsville, Alabama, where he lives with his wife and three children. (15)

Bob and Phylis Baron have been active in the Huntsville metro community since 1975. Phylis works with Village of Promise, Burritt Museum, Huntsville Botanical Gardens, Huntsville Boys and Girls Clubs, and others. Bob was a popular Huntsville TV weatherman. He was the founder and CEO of Baron Weather and then founded the Baron Critical Weather Institute, a nonprofit that established a free weather net for the state. Bob has numerous honors including the Huntsville-Madison County Entrepreneur of the Year and the Ernst and Young Southeast Technology Entrepreneur of the Year. They have two children, Bob Jr. and Elizabeth, and six grandchildren. (4)

James Beaupre, Ph.D., attended lowa State University for graduate studies and received a Ph.D. in theoretical physics. He continued his education as an Atomic Energy Commission Post-doctoral Fellow at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, and worked as a physicist at a German university. After five years, he returned to the US and began employment at Teledyne Brown Engineering in Huntsville, Alabama. He also taught a graduate level course at UAH. In 2004, he received several major awards from Teledyne including Teledyne Brown Engineering Fellow for lifetime technical achievement. (40, 46)

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 an 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 also taught a popular class entitled *Alabama Reads*, which celebrates Alabama authors. (45, P5)

Tom Borcher, J.D., is a retired trial attorney. He practiced civil litigation in Los Angeles for 35 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. (37)

Judy Bruckner has taught various classes for LearningQUEST. This semester she again shares her knowledge of essential oils. Judy has explored the uses of essential oils for five years and has taught many classes on the subject of a toxin-free lifestyle. Please note she is not a medical professional, and this class is for entertainment purposes. (43)

Tom Bryant is an award-winning and published photographer whose work has appeared on two magazine covers and a book jacket. He 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 workshops, 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. (29)

Jason Bunn attended Auburn and Athens State for Wildlife/Plant Biology. After graduating from Athens State, Jason worked for the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior, Yellowstone National Park as a Fisheries Biologist II. The project focused on removing invasive species of trout from the waterways and tributaries of Yellowstone. Once that project was finished, he moved back to Huntsville to focus on farming and horticultural jobs, and now works for HudsonAlpha. (T6)

Jill Burt, Ph.D. attended Auburn University as an undergraduate. She holds a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from UAH, and spent her career working for the US Government. (4)

Michele Cuke is a personal trainer and medical exercise specialist. She currently works as a Personal Trainer at the Jones Valley Huntsville Hospital Center. She is a UCLA and Columbia University graduate who, after working over 20 years as a registered nurse, transitioned to the fitness field. She was an elite athlete for over two decades. (38)

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. (4)

Kristian Denis is the owner of Domaine South restaurant and Le Petit Bijou wine store and restaurant in downtown Huntsville. Under

her direction, along with the expertise of wine director Hazel Sikorski, Domaine South won two Wine Spectator awards for their wine selection and focus. They regularly conduct wine tastings featuring the wines of Europe, particularly those of France and Italy, and the wines of California. Both restaurants are well-versed in which European and US cheeses will best complement the wines. (6, 19, 30, 42)

Bill Elliott is a native of Huntsville who retired in 2017 after 35 years working in Cummings Research Park as an engineer, missile defense analyst, and senior manager. He was raised in the Episcopal church, and began studying Buddhism and practicing meditation in about 2005. Bill now leads a small group of meditators who meet weekly at the Unitarian Universalist Church. (44)

Lue Thorn English has B.A. and M.S. degrees and is the current President of Monte Sano Village (MSV). She was born on Monte Sano Mountain. She is a retired counselor and management consultant. (26)

Peter A Finzel, Ph.D, received his Doctor of Management Degree from the University of Phoenix in 2004. He also has a B.S. degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and an M.S. degree in Systems Engineering from the University of Tennessee. He grew up in Huntsville as the son of a German engineer who was part of the Von Braun Rocket team. He worked as a Computer Engineer Project Leader for missile systems for the US Army Missile Command. Since retiring in 2010, he has taken numerous LearningQUEST and OLLI classes. (23)

Elaine Fredericksen, Ph.D., holds a B.A. in Spanish from UCLA, an M.A. in English and American Literature from UAB, and a Ph.D. in Rhetoric and Writing Studies from UA and served for many years on university faculties, most recently on the graduate faculty of The University of Texas at El Paso. She is a longtime member, instructor, and volunteer of LearningQUEST. (10, 39)

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.* (20)

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. (17)

Rolf J. Goebel, Ph.D., was born in Kiel, Germany, and holds degrees from Brown University (M.A. in English, 1977), the University of Kiel (Staatsexamen in German and English, 1979), and the University of Maryland (Ph.D. in German Language and Literature, 1982). From 1982 – 2020 he taught German language and culture at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Presently, he is Distinguished Professor Emeritus at this institution. Dr. Goebel is also active as a non-professional organist and harpsichordist, having served as the Dean of the Greater Huntsville, AL Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. (5)

Jim Griffith is a 1985 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi. He spent his career in Huntsville where he worked for Intergraph, Dynetics, and TekLinks. Jim is a member of several genealogical societies including Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), The Jamestowne Society, and Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims. Jim currently serves as the President of the Alabama Society, Sons of the American Revolution. Jim is the founder and cohost of the SAR Podcast entitled "Revolutionary War Rarities" and is also Vice Chairman of the National Education Committee of the Sons of the American Revolution. (35)

Jaimee Hannah is the Information and Business Center Manager at the Downtown Branch of the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library. She received her B.A. in English and Philosophy from the University of Alabama in Huntsville and her M.L.I.S. from the University of Alabama, and has worked in libraries for over a decade. (L1, L2)

Elaine Hubbard has a B.S. degree in Theatre Arts with an emphasis on design and directing. She was a newspaper reporter in Middle Tennessee. She has performed, directed, designed, and choreographed award-winning shows for area theater companies, including Fantasy Playhouse, Huntsville Community Chorus Association, The Whole Backstage, Bank Street Players, Independent Musical Productions, and Theatre Huntsville. She has served as president of Huntsville Community Chorus Association and Fantasy Playhouse Children's Theater & Academy. Her acting, directing, and design credits include many productions. Elaine is a recipient of the Prestigious Virginia Hammell Sims award for outstanding contribution to Huntsville arts. (41)

Charlotte Hudson grew up in a rural area close to Memphis, Tennessee and has lived in Huntsville since the mid-60s. She was a Supervisory Contract Specialist for 35 years for the Army on Redstone Arsenal Command as a civilian until her retirement in 2015. She is enjoying her retirement volunteering with the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center and LearningQUEST. She currently serves on the Program Development Committee for LearningQUEST and is also the Board Secretary. She is passionate about gardening, genealogy research, and physical exercise. (14)

Byron Hunt is an insurance fraud investigator located in Huntsville, Alabama. Prior to moving here, he spent 26 years in law enforcement in Ohio. He started his career as a state trooper and then joined the Delhi Township Police Department, serving 19 years as a detective. He has advanced training in interviewing and interrogation, arson investigation, burglary, sexual assault, domestic violence, and the victimization of juveniles. He earned his Master's degree in Criminal Justice from Xavier University, and has taught law enforcement-related subjects at several universities and police departments. (25)

David Lilly has been on the staff at HMCPL since 1977. He was Head of the Reference Department for many years and more recently a Librarian in the Special Collections Department. From 2005 to 2018 he created and led the Library's Tuesday Evening Concerts, bi-monthly events highlighting local musical talent who performed in the Atrium at the Downtown Branch Library. He is also a frequent presenter for LearningQUEST on a variety of topics. (P1)

Marvin Magill is a Family History and Temple Leader for church activities in Huntsville and Birmingham, AL. Additionally, he has interests in genealogical and history projects related to ancestry. He is a retired naval officer now working for DoD. He holds the following degrees: M.B.A., M.S. in Engineering, and a B.S. in Biology. Martin

has lived in the SE Huntsville area since 1997, and is the father of five children and the grandfather of nine. (31)

Matt Mandrella came to Huntsville in January 2022 from Elvis Presley's Graceland in Memphis, where he served as Marketing and Project Manager. Prior to that, he spent more than a decade in Austin, Texas, where he was involved in booking venues, festivals, marketing, and promoting live music. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from the University of South Alabama. (2)

Jim Maples is a native of Huntsville. Jim is married to the former Linda Alcott. He retired from the US Army Aviation and Missile Command as a Supervisory Contract Specialist and as a Senior Acquisition Analyst for BCF Solutions. Jim has been a member of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) for 25-plus years, and served as State President from 2005 – 2006 and as Vice-President General of the Southern District from 2011 – 2012. In 2021 he was the recipient of the highest award given by the SAR, the Minuteman award. Jim and Linda have one son, Jay, who is an attorney in Birmingham. (35)

Kathy and Vic Martin love adventure, which becomes apparent as they share their experiences sailing aboard their 45 foot sailboat, S/V Capella III, off the coast of Alaska. For over ten years, this former USAF and FedEx pilot and his wife, a former Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS) teacher, explored remote villages along coastal Alaska, culminating in 26,000 nautical miles at sea. You will vicariously experience humpback whales lunge-feeding, black and brown bears cohabitating, gale-force winds raging in the Gulf of Alaska, and stunning glacier and mountain scenery (and more) as this captain and first mate (and their boat dog, Skipper!) relate their sailing adventures. Welcome aboard! (4)

Ryan Murphy, as the President of Huntsville Venue Group, directed the design, construction, and overall operation of the Orion Amphitheater, which opened on May 7, 2022. Ryan serves as General Manager of both the Orion Amphitheater and the surrounding Apollo Park. In addition to his role at Orion, Ryan works alongside a team of industry leaders on projects throughout Huntsville, Nashville, Austin, New York, and London. Ryan's background is firmly grounded in 25 years of booking shows, managing venues and events, working for an international record label, and managing multiple artists, as well as being a longtime touring musician. (T1)

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. (9, 21)

June Norton came to Huntsville in 1962 as a summer student with a fellowship from the Armed Forces Communication and Electronics Association to work for NASA. She holds a B.A. in Elementary Education and an M.A. in Psychology. She is retired from the Madison County School System. She enjoys friends, gardening, church activities, yoga, and reading. June believes learning is a lifelong activity. (8)

Bill Nunn is a sixth-generation Huntsvillian, a member of the first graduating class at Butler High School, a graduate of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute School of Pharmacy in Auburn, and a lifelong resident of Madison County. He is a volunteer and frequent instructor for LearningQUEST. (18)

Opera Huntsville was founded in 2018 purely for the love of singing and opera. It has grown into an official 501(c)(3) organization in the Greater Huntsville area. Its mission is to produce high-quality productions, to promote a curiosity and love for the operatic art form, and to educate the Northern Alabama community in the nature of opera. Its vision is to grow into a professional opera company, and to continue to share its love of music with other musicians and the community. (P3)

Carol Cook Puckett has authored three plays, co-authored (with Chuck Puckett) five plays, and curated museum and lecture exhibits about historical events and persons, with a focus on the struggle for civil rights and the development of the American South. In addition, she has served on boards of literary, community theater, and environmental groups in Tennessee, Alabama, and Florida. She was a founding member of the Southern Literary Trail, and has lectured throughout the Southeast on William Bradford Huie, the Scottsboro Boys, and the history of the TVA. She has directed community theater for over 30 years. (41)

Sue Purves has been working on her family history as well as helping and teaching others for many years. She recently found ways to organize her many papers, pictures, stories, and documents in order to leave them as a legacy in both physical and digital formats. She has given occasional family history-focused presentations to interested groups. (31)

Luyao Ren is an expert in Martial Arts and is a visiting scholar at Alabama A&M University. He won the International Taijiquan Coach Certificate in 2017, and has taught Martial Arts for eight years. (36)

Tom Ress is one of LearningQUEST's popular longtime presenters; his excellent photography and narration bring his trips to life for participants. He is an avid traveler, a keen adventurer, and a prolific freelance writer. He has visited all seven continents and dozens of countries. He writes about his travels and adventures for numerous magazines, newspapers, and websites including the *Wall Street Journal*, *Backpacker*, *Blueridge Country*, *Alabama Heritage*, and *Discover.com*. He is a volunteer at Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge and a board member of Wheeler Wildlife Refuge Association. (4)

Jane Roark, M.D. is a happily retired psychiatrist, whose over 40-year practice included long-term therapy, medication management, disaster responses, guiding impaired professionals, and teaching. Her interests are resilience, immigration, and other areas that prompt her curiosity. Her hobbies include grandmothering, adventure travel, gardening, and reading. (28)

Jennie Robinson, Ph.D., has served on the Huntsville City Council since 2014 after serving three terms on the Board of Education for Huntsville City Schools. She has served twice as Council President and is only the second woman to serve in that role. She received her doctorate from Purdue University and has over 20 years of leadership and governance consulting experience. She has also served on the Board of Directors of the Alabama Association of School Boards and several other nonprofit organizations. She received the Distinguished Leadership Award from Leadership Greater Huntsville and the Women Honoring Women Award from WDEC Foundation. (P2)

Emily Pinkerton Saile is a Huntsville native. She attended Butler High School and retired from the U.S. Army Missile Command after a 30-year career in logistics. She is a member of the Huntsville Photographic Society and has attained the status of Master Photographer. (4)

Annie Saylor, Ph.D. is CEO/President and co-founder of SimTech, a defense contractor company. She has a Ph.D. in Mathematics and worked as an engineer in radar technology before becoming more involved in corporate management. She also taught math at UAH and Calhoun. Dr. Saylor was born in Eastern Kentucky. She has been a resident of Huntsville since 1979 and is involved in several community interests, including Wellstone, Senior Center, and Women's Business Council on the Chamber of Commerce. (34)

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. She then worked another 12 years as a part-time English as a Second Language Teacher for Huntsville City Schools, retiring fully in 2014. She enjoys retirement, LearningQUEST, travel, 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! (4)

Delia Siegrist, B.A., M.S., founder of Monte Sano Village, fell in love with Monte Sano when she came to Huntsville as a Co-op student at NASA. She has had a varied work experience in several disciplines and in many volunteer activities. Being a caregiver for her mother led to what she calls her most significant and important work, the development of Monte Sano Village. (26)

Anthony Southorn received his Doctorate in Physical Therapy from AT Still University in Mesa, Arizona. Tony started his career in Houston, Texas, where he became certified in Functional Dry Needling. He and his family moved to Huntsville two years ago, where he served as the Clinic Director for a practice in Cullman, Alabama before becoming a part of Huntsville's Austin Physical Therapy team. Being a triathlete (soccer, basketball, and baseball) throughout high school and a college soccer player initiated and grew his passion for rehabilitation and helping people achieve a higher level of function than previously thought attainable. (3)

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. (4)

Jill Stallcup is a longtime Madison resident and a lifelong crafter. She started rubber stamping and creating cards while still in high school. Her favorite thing is sharing her knowledge with others and learning from them, as well. Thus, she has instructed many classes for card making and paper crafting. (22)

Michael Stallcup grew up in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and has a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of New Mexico with an emphasis on structural analysis. After working for the Air Force for two years, he transferred to NASA/Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) in 1983, retiring in 2016. At MSFC, he provided structural analysis and testing support for Shuttle, Spacelab, International Space Station, Chandra X-ray Observatory, James Webb Space Telescope, various optical projects, Constellation, and SLS/Artemis. He lives in Madison, Alabama, and volunteers as a docent at the US Space & Rocket Center. (27)

Katie Stamps, a Madison, Alabama, native, is the Preservation Planner for the City of Huntsville. In 2007, she received a B.S. in Secondary Social Science from Auburn University, where she led regular campus tours as a student recruiter. In 2010, while studying in Charleston, South Carolina, Katie received an M.S. in Historic Preservation from Clemson University/College of Charleston. Prior to working for the City of Huntsville, she was the Architectural Historian for Redstone Arsenal for seven years. She has led multiple architectural walking tours for the Historic Huntsville Foundation and served on the Madison Station and Huntsville Historic Preservation Commissions. (T3, T5)

Walter Thames is a lifelong lover of Yeats and has a particular affection for his later and more perplexing poems. Following graduate work in English at UNC in Chapel Hill, Walter chose a non-academic career but has never abandoned a love for poetry and literature; it remains a key part of his daily study. Yeats has been a regular featured poet in the decades-long great books, poetry, and art series at the Church of the Nativity. (7)

Debra Wade is a certified Peak Pilates instructor. She has been teaching senior fitness for the past seven years for Steady for Life and the YMCA. She is an instructor through the National Association of Sports Medicine, a RedCord specialist, and a Yamuna Body Rolling practitioner. Debra has been teaching Pilates for the past 25 years and was a Pilates studio owner in Huntsville for ten years. Debra's class participants improve their strength, flexibility, and balance. (24)

Debbie Dempsey West is a graduate of the University of Alabama in Huntsville with a bachelor's degree in art and art education. She taught for 25 years in the Huntsville City School system at all levels: elementary, jr. high, and high school. She was awarded two Fulbright Scholarships to study the arts in China and Turkey. Debbie travels extensively to continue her studies in art and art history. (12)

Kyle Whitmire, graduate of Birmingham Southern College, is an Op-Ed writer and state political commentator for Alabama Media Group. You can follow him on Twitter @warondumb. The term "Alabamafication" is attributed to him. (P4)

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 a 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, volunteer work, and LearningQUEST. (11)

Monica Yother is an artist and graphic designer who has a passion for helping others discover their own creativity. She paints, journals, and teaches workshops and painting parties in studio 127 at Lowe Mill A&E. When she is not in the studio, she enjoys spending time with her family, riding horses, and making art. (13)

Charlie Zarzour teaches flow, power flow, and meditation yoga. He has extensive knowledge in yoga history, yoga philosophy, and metaphysics. As of August 2020, he holds the RYT-200 hour Yoga Alliance Certification from the Asheville Yoga Center. He teaches four levels of yoga: gentle, beginner, intermediate, and vinyasa. (16)

LearningQUEST CALENDAR

Downtown Library: AUD (Auditorium), 2FL (2nd Floor Events Room), A (beside Auditorium), C (2nd floor), FCR (Foundation Conference Room, 2nd floor), **South Huntsville Public Library**: SLib (Classroom)

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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July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Uke		INDEPENDENCE DAY	Knitting 2-3 A	Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A		
2-3:30 Online		Library Closed				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Uke	Bunco 9:30-12 A	RALLY DAY		Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A		
2-3:30	Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online			Music 2:30-3:30 AUD		
ZIL					ļ	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Uke	Mah Jongg 1-4 A		HSV Music 1-2:30 AUD	Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A		
2-3:30 Online	Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online		Knitting 2-3 Online	Music 2:30-3:30 AUD		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Uke	Mah Jongg 1-4 A		Back 1-2 2FL	Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A		
2-3:30 2FL	Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online		Poets' Corner 1:30-3 FCR	Music 2:30-3:30 AUD		
30	31					
	Mah Jongg 1-4 A					
	Arm Trvl 1:30-3 AUD					
	Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online					

August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		Hölderlin 9:30-11 2FL	Knitting 2-3 A	Yeats 10-11 2FL		
			Wine & Cheese 2-3	Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A		
				Frt Porch 1:30-3 2FL		
				Music 2:30-3:30 AUD		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Uke	Mah Jongg 1-4 A	Hölderlin 9:30-11 2FL		Yeats 10-11 2FL	Art Journal 1-2:30	
2-3:30 Online	Waste Land 1-2:30 2FL	Coloring 10-11:30 SLib		Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A		
Orilline	Arm Trvl 1:30-3 AUD	Beg Fr. 2:30-3:30 2FL		Frt Porch 1:30-3 2FL		
	Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	Int'l Dining Out 5-8		Sistine Ch 1:30-3 AUD		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Uke	Bunco 9:30-12 A	Hölderlin 9:30-11 2FL	Knitting 2-3 Online	Yeats 10-11 2FL	Art Journal 1-2:30	
2-3:30 2FL	Mah Jongg 1-4 A	Beg Fr. 2:30-3:30 2FL		Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A		
21 L	Waste Land 1-2:30 2FL			Frt Porch 1:30-3 2FL		
	Arm Trvl 1:30-3 AUD			Sistine Ch 1:30-3 AUD		
	Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Uke	Mah Jongg 1-4 A	Hölderlin 9:30-11 2FL		Yeats 10-11 2FL	Art Journal 1-2:30	
2-3:30 Online	Waste Land 1-2:30 2FL	Beg Fr. 2:30-3:30 2FL		Doing Lunch 11-12:30		
Ormine	Arm Trvl 1:30-3 AUD			Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A		
	Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online			Frt Porch 1:30-3 2FL		
				Sistine Ch 1:30-3 AUD		
27	28	29	30	31		
Uke	Mah Jongg 1-4 A	Storytell 9:30-10:30	Poets' Corner 1:30-3	Yoga 9:30-11 SLib		
2-3:30 2FL	Arm Trvl 1:30-3 AUD	2FL	FCR	Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A		
21 L	Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	Yoga 9:30-11 SLib		Frt Porch 1:30-3 2FL		
		Beg Fr. 2:30-3:30 2FL		Sistine Ch 1:30-3 AUD		

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 Hiking 9 Various	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Uke	LABOR DAY	Yoga 9:30-11 SLib	Legacy Museum 8-7	Yoga 9:30-11 SLib	Hiking 9 Various	
2-3:30 Online	Library Closed	Tech Sup Photo	Knitting 2-3 A	Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A	Fri Film 2-4:30 AUD	
Ormine		10-12:30 C	Wine & Cheese 2-3	Frt Porch 1:30-3 2FL		
		Broadway 2-3:30 AUD		Sistine Ch 1:30-3 AUD		
10	44	Beg Fr. 2:30-3:30 2FL	10	4.4	4.5	10
10	11	12 201211 To 20 44	13	14	15	16
Uke 2-3:30	Bunco 9:30-12 A	ORION Tour 9:30-11	Photo Essay 10-11:30 SLib	Know Lib 1-2:30 2FL	Hiking 9 Various	
2FL	Wall boligg 1 474	Coloring 10-11:30 SLib	Card Making 1-3 2FL	Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A		
	Henry IV 1-2:30 2FL	Tech Sup Photo 10-12:30 C	Card Making 1-3 21 L	Sistine Ch 1:30-3 AUD	LearningQUEST PICNIC	
	Arm Trvl 1:30-3 AUD	Broadway 2-3:30 AUD			ITICINIC	
	Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	Beg Fr. 2:30-3:30 2FL				
17	18	Int'l Dining Out 5-8	20	21	22	23
Uke	Mah Jongg 1-4 A	Grt Decs 10-11:30 SLib	- -	SCAMS! 9:30-11 AUD	Hiking 9 Various	-0
2-3:30	Henry IV 1-2:30 2FL	Tech Sup Photo	Broadway 2-3:30 AUD	Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A	Thining o various	
Online	Arm Trvl 1:30-3 AUD	10-12:30 C	Knitting 2-3 Online	Village 1:30-2:30 2FL		
	Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online		Transcaring 2 o orinino	Village 1.00 2.00 21 2		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Uke	Beatles 10-11:30 AUD	Grt Decs 10-11:30 SLib	Fit & Bal 11-12	Doing Lunch 11-12:30	Hiking 9 Various	
2-3:30		Tech Sup Photo	Artemis Prog 1-2:30	Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A	3	
2FL	Henry IV 1-2:30 2FL	10-12:30 C	AUD			
	Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online		Poets' Corner 1:30-3 FCR			



Wine Tasting Course

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Uke	NOLA Trip	NOLA Trip	NOLA Trip	NOLA Trip	NOLA Trip	
2-3:30 Online	Mah Jongg 1-4 A	Elon Musk 9:30-11	Photo 10-11:30 2FL	Soc Media 9-10:30	Hiking 9 Various	
Orilline	Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	AUD	Fit & Bal 11-12	Fam Search 1-2:30	Fri Film 2-4:30 AUD	
		Grt Decs 10-11:30 SLib	Knitting 2-3 A	SLib		
			Wine & Cheese 2-3	Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A		
_	9	10	11	12	13	14
Uke	Bunco 9:30-12 A	Missing HSV 10-11	Photo 10-11:30 2FL	Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A	Hiking 9 Various	
2-3:30 2FL	Mah Jongg 1-4 A	AUD	Photo Essay 10-11:30	Women Empowered		
ZIL	Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	Coloring 10-11:30 SLib Conf Rm	SLib	1-2:30 SLib		
		Grt Decs 10-11:30 SLib	Fit & Bal 11-12	Old Town #1 2-3:30		
		Int'l Dining Out 5-8	HMA 1:30-2:15			
		lint i Dinning Out 5-6	Maple Hill 35801 2-3:30 AUD			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Mah Jongg 1-4 A	Missing HSV 10-11	Photo 10-11:30 2FL	Judge 9:30-10:30 AUD	Hiking 9 Various	Goldie
2-3:30	Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	AUD	Fit & Bal 11-12	Field of Greens Trip		10- 10:45&
Online		Grt Decs 10-11:30 SLib	City 101 1-2:30	10-11:30		11:30-
		Rev. War 2-3 AUD	Tai Chi 1-2:30 AUD	Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A		12:15
			Knitting 2-3 Online	Old Town 2-3:30		
				Aging Grace 3-4 SLib		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Uke	Mah Jongg 1-4 A	Missing HSV 10-11	Photo 10-11:30 2FL	Judge 9:30-10:30 AUD	Hiking 9 Various	
2-3:30 2FL	Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	AUD	Fit & Bal 11-12	Doing Lunch 11-12:30		
21 L		Grt Decs 10-11:30 SLib	Tai Chi 1-2:30 AUD	Vis. Rhet 1-2:30 2FL		
		Rev. War 2-3 AUD	Poets' Corner 1:30-3 FCR	Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A		
29	30	31				
	Electro. 9:30-11 SLib	Grt Decs 10-11:30 SLib				
	Mah Jongg 1-4 A	Theater 1-3 SLib				
	Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	Rev. War 2-3 AUD				



Rally Day Hospitality Team

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			Electro. 9:30-11 SLib	Judge 9:30-10:30 AUD	Hiking 9 Various	
			Photo 10-11:30 2FL	Vis. Rhet 1-2:30 2FL	Sit. & Talk.12-1 AUD	
			Tai Chi 1-2:30 AUD	Theater 1-3 SLib	Fri Film 2-4:30 AUD	
			Knitting 2-3 A	Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A		
			Wine & Cheese 2-3			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Uke	Electro. 9:30-11 SLib	Bees 10-11:30 2FL	Electro. 9:30-11 SLib	Vis. Rhet 1-2:30 2FL	Hiking 9 Various	VET
2-3:30 Online	Oils 10:30-11:30 2FL	Grt Decs 10-11:30 SLib		Theater 1-3 SLib		DAY
Orinine	Mah Jongg 1-4 A	Theater 1-3 SLib	2FL	Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A		Lib
	Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	Int'l Dining Out 5-8	Tai Chi 1-2:30 AUD			Clsd
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Uke	Electro. 9:30-11 SLib	Coloring 10-11:30 SLib	Einstein 9:30-11 SLib	Electro. 9:30-11 SLib	Hiking 9 Various	
2-3:30 2FL	Bunco 9:30-12 A	Bees 10-11:30 2FL	Tai Chi 9:30-11 AUD	Greenhouse 11-12		
21 L	Pat Rgts 10-11 AUD	Theater 1-3 SLib	Photo 10-11:30 2FL	Doing Lunch 11-12:30		
	Mah Jongg 1-4 A		ANNUAL MEMBER	Vis. Rhet 1-2:30 2FL		
	Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online		MEETING 1-3 AUD	Theater 1-3 SLib		
			Knitting 2-3 Online	Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
0 0 00	Pat Rgts 10-11 AUD		Tai Chi 1-2:30 AUD	THANKSGIVING	DAY AFTER	
2-3:30 Online	Mah Jongg 1-4 A			Library Closed	THANKSGIVING	
	Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online				Library Closed	
26	27	28	29	30		
Uke	Mah Jongg 1-4 A		Tai Chi 1-2:30 AUD	Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A		
2-3:30 2FL	Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online		Poets' Corner 1:30-3 FCR			

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 Fri Film 2-4:30 AUD	2
3 1901 Const 2-3 AUD Uke 2-3:30 Online	Mah Jongg 1-4 A Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	5	6 Tai Chi 1-2:30 AUD Knitting 2-3 A	7 Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A	8	9
10 Uke 2-3:30 2FL	Bunco 9:30-12 A Mah Jongg 1-4 A Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	Coloring 10-11:30 SLib Int'l Dining Out 5-8	13	14 Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A	15	16
17 Uke 2-3:30 Online	18 Mah Jongg 1-4 A Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	19	20 Knitting 2-3 Online	21 Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A	22	23
24 Lib Clsd	25 CHRISTMAS Library Closed	26	27	28 Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A	29	30
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