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LearningQUEST

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EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS OF ALL AGES

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LearningQUEST Activities

LearningQUEST features two terms each year: Spring Term (January – June) and Fall Term (July – December).

Courses & Programs

- Courses are offered in a wide variety of disciplines, from gardening to finance, art to local history and beyond, ranging in length from one to several sessions.
- **Special Interest Groups (SIGs)** are created for members who share a similar interest (for example, Mahjong, Hiking, or Poets' Corner).
- **Trips** range from day-long outings at nearby points of interest to trips around the country and abroad.
- **Public programs** are LearningQUEST's gift to the community and are open to non-members with no fees or registration.

Events

- **Rally Day**, a major beginning-of-term event where you can pick up the catalog, register for courses, and socialize—is a fun way to make friends and explore fresh learning opportunities.
- **Happenings** are special member events such as cafes, seasonally-themed festivities, new member socials, and game times. Held at the Downtown Library, they provide fun ways for members to connect with one another. Some Happenings can also take place outside the Library. These are special activities where members get together in the community for events such as trivia nights, concerts, lunches, and other fun activities. They are great opportunities to socialize with other members.
- **Annual Picnic**, a get-together with food and fun
- **Annual Meeting**, yearly status and vote for new board members

LearningQUEST Directory

<i>General Questions</i> LearningQUEST@lquest.org	<i>Articles for the E-News</i> NewsInput@lquest.org
<i>Ideas for Classes</i> Proposals@lquest.org	<i>Food and Decorating</i> Hospitality@lquest.org
<i>Publicity & Public Relations</i> Communications@lquest.org	<i>Issues with Other Members</i> HumanResources@lquest.org
<i>Facebook Posting Info or Changes</i> SocialMedia@lquest.org	<i>Audio/Visual</i> AV@lquest.org
<i>Send your Pictures</i> PhotoArchive@lquest.org	<i>Class Coordinator Info</i> CoordinatorLead@lquest.org
<i>Change your Contact Info</i> Membership@lquest.org	<i>Withdraw from Class</i> Registrar@lquest.org
<i>Interactive Fun Events</i> Happenings@lquest.org	<i>Board President</i> President@lquest.org
<i>Send your Volunteer Hours</i> VolunteerHours@lquest.org	<i>Operations</i> Operations@lquest.org
<i>Want to Volunteer?</i> Volunteer@lquest.org	<i>Special Events</i> SpecialEvents@lquest.org



LearningQUEST is a non-profit, 501(c)(3), volunteer-led organization for adults of all ages, dedicated to building a learning community through educational and enrichment opportunities. Partnered with the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, LearningQUEST's programs are generally held at the downtown public library as well as some off-site venues.

Board of Directors and Committees

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Constant Contact: Paul Hurst, Laurie Peterson (Co-Leads)

Picnic: Paul Hurst, John Ofenloch (Co-Chairs)

Rally Day: Nancy Butler (Lead)

Sign-in/Catalogs/Forms: Paul Hurst

Hospitality: Buffie Gibbons, Ellen Griffin (Co-Leads)

Displays: Open

Information Table: Barbara Moore

Exterior Signage: Paul Hurst and Nancy Butler (Co-Leads)

Photographer: Charles Gattis

Registration: John Ofenloch

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Communications: Wanda Shoultes

Attendance Tracking: Ginger Loder

Registrar: Beth Girard

Registration Administrator: Open

Registration

When does registration begin?

- Spring Term - January 1
- Fall Term - July 1
- Catalog is published online one week prior to registration opening.
- Registration continues throughout the term as long as space is available.

What options are available to join and/or register?

- Join and pay online at LQUEST.org.
- Go to LQUEST.org, complete downloaded forms, and mail along with fees to: LearningQUEST, P.O. Box 2387, Huntsville, AL 35804.
- Come during office hours to sign up.
- During non-office hours, completed forms and fees can be dropped off in the office door mail slot.
- Attend a Rally Day in January or July at the Jaycees Building. Look for announcements at LQUEST.org.

How do I know if I am successfully enrolled?

- Notification of your course status is emailed when registration is completed (or sent by mail if no email address is provided).
- If course limits have been exceeded, registrants may be placed on a waitlist. If an opening occurs, registrants will be notified.
- Reminder emails are sent to all registrants at least five days before the course begins.

What is the Drop/Add Policy?

- No longer able to attend a class you registered for? Interested in adding a course?
 - Add/drop through your account at LQUEST.org, or
 - Email Registrar@lquest.org.

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

The LearningQUEST registrar maintains a waitlist in order of registration date, and working with the instructor and scheduler may:

- Review class size to see if limits can be increased, or a larger venue is available.
- Schedule additional sessions in the same term or repeat the program in a later term.

What does "pending" status mean?

A member has registered for a class but the required fee must be paid to be officially enrolled.

How do I change my "pending" status to "enrolled"?

- All registrants receive payment instructions in their course status notification after they register for their courses.
- The instructions will include all the payment info.
- If you have not received your instructions, contact Registrar@lquest.org.
- When the fee is paid, a member is moved to "enrolled" status as long as there are available spaces in the course.
- Courses are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Members are registered in the order the fees are received.

How do I register for a trip?

- Information can be found in the Trips section of the catalog.
- Members can sign up for most trips on the class registration form.
- Trip registration is not complete until payment and a signed Release of Liability form are received.

Fees

Membership

- \$30 per calendar year (January – December), and are not prorated.
 - Overpayments are considered donations.
- Exception: New members registering after October 1 receive free membership for the remainder of that calendar year.

Term Fees

- \$40 a term; with this fee you can sign up for as many courses as you like!

How to pay

- Online at LQUEST.org

- By check. Couples are encouraged to combine their payments on a single check.

Additional Fees

If fees are noted in the course description, the coordinator will provide instructions for payment (by check only). Checks will be held until one week prior to the event and then deposited. Should a program be canceled, checks will be returned or destroyed. No refund will be provided after expenses have been incurred in advance of the program start date. Spaces will be allocated in the order in which the coordinator receives the required fee.

Weather Policy



What is the weather policy?

- LearningQUEST follows the weather policy of the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library.
- Closure updates are posted at HMCPL.org. If the Downtown or South Library closes, all LearningQUEST classes there will be canceled.
- Program Coordinators will notify registered members if any venue closes and a class must be canceled.

Member Information

How can I stay up to date on LearningQUEST activities?

- Visit the LearningQUEST website, LQUEST.org. The online calendar reflects updated program changes.
- Weekly E-News
 - Sent out every Saturday morning and includes upcoming trips, public programs, course schedule changes, MEETups, Happenings, and so much more!
 - Don't have email? No problem. The weekly E-News is displayed in the LearningQUEST glass case, in the hallway leading to the Downtown Library auditorium.
- Follow LearningQUEST on Facebook.

Why am I not getting my LearningQUEST E-News?

- Is it in your spam folder? Check, and if it is, move it to your Inbox.
- Have you been inadvertently unsubscribed? If you share an email, this can happen. Tell them how important getting the E-News is to you!
- Need assistance? Contact Membership@lquest.org.

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

- Tell the event photographer.
- If you wish to have a picture deleted from the LearningQUEST website or Facebook page, let us know at LearningQUEST@lquest.org.

Who can be a member of LearningQUEST?

- Adults of all ages, 19 and older, who are interested in lifelong learning.

Where is the LearningQUEST office and when is it open?

- We are located on the second floor of the Downtown Huntsville Public Library (in the alcove to the left of the Reference Desk).
- Office Hours: Tuesdays, 10-12 and Thursdays, 1-4
- Phone: (256) 529-8695

Where do I report a change in my contact information?

- Any changes in your address, phone number, or email? Let us know!
- Contact Membership@lquest.org.

Where can I get a replacement name badge or badge holder?

- Lost your name badge? Contact MembershipData@lquest.org.
- Misplaced your green badge holder? Replacements can be purchased for \$6 during office hours.

Can guests attend a LearningQUEST program?

- Yes, we love having guests!
- Guests are invited to enjoy one single session if the class is not full.

How do I report my volunteer hours?

- Have you contributed your time to LearningQUEST? If so, THANK YOU!
- Report your monthly hours to VolunteerHours@lquest.org.

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 can be contacted at HumanResources@lquest.org.

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Downtown Library: AUD (Auditorium), 2FL (2nd Floor Events Room), Studio (Makerspace Studio, 1st floor), A (across from Auditorium), FCR (Foundation Conference Room, 2nd floor), **South Huntsville Public Library:** SLib (Classroom)

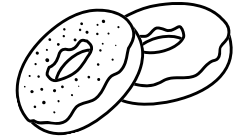
Program	Venue	Presenter(s)	Dates	Day	Time	#	Coordinator
MEMBER COURSES (WITH TERM FEE)							
1-Pinnacle of Golf	AUD	Neal Waygood	7/14	T	10 – 11:30	1	Carl Lomax
2-Building on the Moon	AUD	George Hamilton	7/15	W	10 – 11:30	1	Judy Frago
3-Recent American Poets	2FL	Jeff Nelson	7/17-8/7	F	10 – 11:30	4	Susan Livingston
4-Moon Trees	AUD	Melanie J. Ford	7/20	M	10 – 11:30	1	Edward Bernstein
5-Managing Health Care Expenses	SLib	Ron Moody	7/21	T	10 – 12	1	Judy Frago
6-Spanish for Travel	SLib	Elaine Fredericksen	7/22-8/26	W	1 – 2:30	6	Phyllis Turner
7-Ask the Inspector	AUD	Hilary & Shirley Goss	7/23	Th	1 – 2:30	1	Shirley Goss
8-Exercise & Mobility	AUD	Smith Ogden	7/24	F	10 – 11:30	1	Claudia Conn
9-Armchair Travel	AUD	Multiple	7/27-8/24	M	1 – 2:30	5	Joyce Howell
10-Tax Planning Changes	AUD	Ron Moody	7/29	W	10 – 12	1	Sandy Nicolette
11-Learning & Making Music	See Desc.	Sue Holleran Marsha Asquith	7/30	Th	6:30 – 8	1	Sue Holleran
12-Beginning Tai Chi	AUD	Xingrong Chen	7/31-9/18;10/2-10/9	F	10 – 11	10	Barbara Whitfield
13-From the Moon to Mars	AUD	Ray Moses	8/4	T	10 – 11:30	1	Cindi Branham
14-A Brief History of Musical Theatre	AUD	Dex Edwards	8/6-8/20	Th	1 – 2:30	3	JoAnn Edwards
15-Flower Bouquet Demo	SLib	Allison England	8/11	T	10 – 11:30	1	Charlotte Hudson
16-International Dining Out	Various	Jane Wodtke	8/11;9/8;10/13;11/10;12/8	T	5 – 8	5	Paul Hurst
17-Japanese Theatre	AUD	Dex Edwards	8/11	T	6 – 7:30	1	JoAnn Edwards
18-Intermediate Tai Chi	AUD	Xingrong Chen	8/12-26;9/9-23	W	10 – 11	6	Betsey Bock
19-Midsummer Night's Dream	2FL	Jeff Nelson	8/14-28	F	10 – 11:30	3	Linda Fletcher
20-Let's Do Lunch #1	Various	N/A	8/25;9/22;10/27;11/24	T	11 – 12:30	4	Charlotte Hudson
21-Smart Moves	AUD	Sarah Lauren V. Kattos	8/25	T	2 – 3:30	1	John Ofenloch
22-Zentangle Inspired Art	2FL	Beth Powel	8/25	T	2 – 4	1	Beth Powel
23-Let's Do Lunch #2	Various	N/A	8/26;9/23;10/28;11/25	W	11 – 12:30	4	Gwen Goins-Pratt
24-Let's Do Lunch #3	Various	N/A	8/27;9/24;10/29;11/19	Th	11 – 12:30	4	Kathi Cribbet
25-Animal Rescue	AUD	Diana Crawford	9/1	T	10 – 11:30	1	Shirley Goss
26-Funeral Planning	2FL	Sarah Chappell	9/2	W	10 – 11:30	1	Carl Lomax
27-Gran Masters Percussion	See Desc.	Frederick Walker	9/2;9/16	W	12:30 – 1:30	2	Susan Bakken
28-BP Breakthroughs	AUD	Curtis & Paula Eakins	9/3	Th	10 – 11:30	1	Ruth Maddox
29-Friday Film Festival	AUD	Jennifer Garlen	9/4;10/2;11/6;12/11	F	2 – 4:30	4	Gina Bain
30-Whales Talk	SLib	Bill Carter	9/8	T	10 – 11:30	1	Sandy Nicolette
31-Scottsboro Boys	AUD	Thomas Reidy	9/10	Th	1 – 2:30	1	Judy Frago
32-Traveling Lunch Bunch	Various	Linda Phillips	9/11,10/9,11/13	F	9 – 3	3	Linda Phillips
33-NCAC Tour	See Desc.	Chris Newlin	9/11	F	10 – 11:30	1	John Ofenloch
34-Great Decisions	SLib	Peter A. Finzel	9/14-10/5;10/19-11/9	M	10 – 11:30	8	Miriam McClendon
35-31/Atlas	SLib	Bill Carter	9/15	T	10 – 11:30	1	Bill Carter
36-Planning Your Vote	AUD	Multiple	9/15	T	10 – 11:30	1	Wanda Shoultes
37-Turtles, the Tuatara, and Alligators	SLib	Beth Girard	9/16	W	10 – 11:30	1	Rebecca Bradshaw
38-Sunflower Field Visit	See Desc.	Kaylee Hubert	9/17	Th	10 – 11:30	1	Susan Bakken
39-Mountain States Adventure	AUD	Bob Goodwin	9/21	M	10 – 11:30	1	David Kostowny
40-Hiking in Huntsville	AUD	Bob Goodwin	9/22	T	10 – 11:30	1	David Kostowny
41-Realistic 3D Portraits	SLib	James Beaupre	9/23-10/28	W	10 – 11:30	6	open
42-Artemis II Overview	AUD	Michael Stallcup	10/1	Th	10 – 11:30	1	Carl Lomax
43-Finding Your Purpose	2FL	Liz Hall	10/1-8	Th	10 – 11:30	2	Barbara Whitfield
44-You Be The Judge	AUD	Tom Borcher	10/6-27	T	10 – 11:30	4	Sandy Nicolette
45-Tree Trail ID	See Desc.	Chris Stuhlinger	10/6-11/3	T	10 – 11:30	5	Nancy Butler
46-Organ & Tissue Donations	AUD	Ashley Cook	10/6-13	T	2 – 3:30	2	Linda Phillips
47-Huntsville Walking Tour - 1	See Desc.	Katie Stamps	10/7	W	1 – 2:30	1	Nancy Butler
48-Storytelling	AUD	Leah Oakley	10/14	W	10 – 11:30	1	Jane Maples

Program	Venue	Presenter(s)	Dates	Day	Time	#	Coordinator
49-Basic Woodcarving	See Desc.	John Bloodworth	10/15-10/29	Th	6:30 – 7:30	3	Charlotte Hudson
50-Farm to Fork	SLib	Ben Maples	10/16	F	10 – 11:30	1	Jane Maples
51-Coming to America	AUD	Various	10/19-26	M	1 – 2:30	2	Wanda Shoultes
52-William Wordsworth	2FL	Walter Thames	10/19-11/9	M	1 – 2:30	4	open
53-Huntsville Walking Tour - 2	See Desc.	Katie Stamps	10/21	W	1 – 2:30	1	Sandy Nicolette
54-Some Nightmares are Real	AUD	Kelly Kazek	10/22-29	Th	10 – 11:30	2	Charlotte Hudson
55-Winter Gardening	AUD	J. Harvey Cotten Jr.	11/3	T	10 – 11:30	1	Nancy Butler
56-Lessons from Nature	See Desc.	Steve Jones	11/3-17;12/1	T	10 – 11:30	4	Nancy Butler
57-Advanced Spanish	SLib	Elaine Fredericksen	11/3-10;11/24-12/15	T	1 – 2:30	6	Phyllis Turner
58-Aesthetics for Our Time	2FL	Rolf J. Goebel	11/3;11/17	T	3 – 4:30	2	open
			11/5;11/12;11/19	Th		3	
59-Space Architecture	SLib	Brand Griffin	11/04	W	1 – 2:30	1	Judy Frago
60-Birds of Prey	See Desc.	Tim Gels	11/6	F	10 – 11:30	1	Susan Bakken
61-Alabama Geology	AUD	Bill Friday	11/23	M	1 – 2:30	1	Beth Girard
62-Suspended in Time	AUD	Vik Bhide	11/24	T	10 – 11:30	1	Judy Frago
63-Bone Health	SLib	Brent Pittman Edie Hermes	12/1-12/22	T	10 – 11:30	4	open
64-Public Speaking	2FL	JoAnn Edwards Dex Edwards	12/1	T	1 – 2:30	1	Dex Edwards
			12/3	Th		1	
			12/5	Sa		1	
MEMBER COURSES WITH PRE-PAID FEE (WITH TERM FEE)							
F1-Gel Plate Printing	See Desc.	Monica Yother	8/3	M	10 – 12	1	Beth Powel
F2-Birthday Card	SLIB	Jill Stallcup	8/6	Th	1 – 2:30	1	Judy Frago
F3-Heat Embossing	SLIB	Jill Stallcup	8/20	Th	1 – 2:30	1	Judy Frago
F4-Inky Backgrounds	SLIB	Jill Stallcup	9/3	Th	1 – 2:30	1	Judy Frago
F5-Astronomy 101	See Desc.	Jeff Delmas	9/8-9/29	T	7 – 8:30 pm	4	Beth Girard
F6-BeamFIT	See Desc.	Debra Wade	9/9-10/14	W	9:30 – 10:30	6	Cindie Chapman
F7-Fitness & Balance	See Desc.	Debra Wade	9/9-10/14	W	10:30 – 11:30	6	Cindie Chapman
F8-Spotlight Card	SLIB	Jill Stallcup	9/17	Th	1 – 2:30	1	Judy Frago
F9-SIGNALS Museum Tour	See Desc.	Marc Bendickson	11/5	Th	10 – 11:30	1	Cindi Branham
F10-Enhancing Cards with Vellum	SLIB	Jill Stallcup	11/5	Th	1 – 2:30	1	Judy Frago
F11-Fun Fold Christmas Card	SLIB	Jill Stallcup	11/19	Th	1 – 2:30	1	Judy Frago
F12-Intro to Zentangle	SLib	Patricia Points	12/2-12/9	W	9:30 – 11:30	2	Barbara Whitfield
TRIPS (NO TERM FEE)							
T1-Tuscumbia Adventure	See Desc.		10/15	Th	8:30 – 5	1	Vicki Ladner
T2-Christkindmarkt Day Trip	See Desc.		12/10	Th	9 – 5	1	Vicki Ladner/ Claudia Conn
LIBRARY SPONSORED TRAINING (NO TERM FEE)							
L1-Modern Classics	2FL	Tracie Collier	8/4,9/1,10/6,11/3,12/1	T	10 – 11:30	5	Cathy Hoffman
L2-Joyspan	2FL	Tracie Collier	9/9	W	10 – 11:30	1	Barbara Whitfield
L3-Sound of Muscle Shoals	AUD	Johnny Belew	9/23	W	1 – 2:30	1	Charlotte Hudson
L4-Time Management	AUD	Tracie Collier	10/16-23	F	10 – 11:30	2	Judy Frago
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (NO TERM FEE)							
S1-Hand and Foot	A	Cheryl Hodges	Thur., starting 7/2	Th	12:30 – 4		Cheryl Hodges
S2-Mah Jongg	A	Janet Tedrow	Mon., starting 7/6	M	1 – 4		Janet Tedrow
S3-Great Literary Conversations	Online	Bob Stagg	Mon., starting 7/6	M	3 – 4:30		Bob Stagg
S4-UkeQUEST	2FL	Theresa Miller	2nd & 4th Sun., starting 7/12	S	2 – 3:30		Theresa Miller
S5-Bunco	A	Joy Anderson	2nd Mon., starting 7/13	M	9:30 – 12		Joy Anderson
S6-Poets' Corner	FCR	Liz Hall	Last Wed., 7/29-10/28,12/30	W	1:30 – 3		Liz Hall
			11/19	Th			
S7-Friday Hiking	Various	Jim Kirkwood	Fri., 9/4-11/20	F	9		Jim Kirkwood
S8-Tai Chi	2FL	Betsey Bock	Wed., 10/14-28, 11/4, 12/2-16	W	1 – 2		Betsey Bock
PROGRAMS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (FREE)							
P1-Japanese Theatre	See Desc.	Dex Edwards	8/18	T	6 – 7:30	1	Nancy Butler
P2-Only Number Ones	AUD	Bill Nunn	9/8	T	2 – 3:30	1	Anna Blair
P3-Maple Hill 35801	AUD	Various	10/14	W	2 – 3:30	1	Judy Frago
P4-Selma Campaign	AUD	David Lilly	11/10	T	10 – 11:30	1	JoAnn Edwards
P5-Celebrate the 4th Estate	AUD	John Archibald	12/4	F	10 – 11:30	1	Judy Frago

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1-The Pinnacle of Golf: The Majors

Instructor: Neal Waygood
Dates: 1 Tuesday Jul. 14
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

The Majors are the four men's professional golf championships played annually. They are the pinnacle of competitive golf. This presentation will provide an overview of each of the championships (The Masters, The PGA Championship, The U.S. Open, and The Open Championship), blending their histories, defining characteristics, storylines to watch, and the 2026 and 2027 venues. We'll examine unique characteristics, traditions, field strength, difficulty, and identities for each tournament. We'll also examine what makes a Major a Major. Finally, we'll also look at year-to-date results and guidance on what to watch for in those yet to be played.



2-Building and Construction on the Moon

Instructor: George Hamilton
Dates: 1 Wednesday Jul. 15
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD



This course explores the reasons why we should establish a lunar colony. 1. As an inspiration: a moon colony would greatly stimulate the interest of young people in science & engineering. 2. To foster international cooperation: the Space Station was a multinational endeavor, and a lunar colony could be as well. 3. To improve the study of geology and science: the moon is the "attic" of the earth, with rocks not changed as much due to lack of atmosphere and seismic activity. 4. To improve the study of asteroids: billions of years of asteroid impacts are preserved on the moon, as scars on the surface are unaffected by an atmosphere. 5. To access resources: the moon has a wealth of raw materials available for mining, even including water. 6. And to establish new beginnings: with a moon colony, we begin our trek to becoming a multi-world species.

3-Recent American Poets

Instructor: Jeff Nelson
Dates: 4 Fridays Jul. 17 – Aug. 7
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: 2FL

We will discuss four contemporary poets who have received major awards and the admiration of their peers: Dorianne Laux marvels at her mother's ordinary life; Cathy Linh Che reflects upon her Vietnamese family via *Apocalypse Now*; Patricia Smith brings the power of spoken-word poetry to the page; and Richard Siken attempts to recover memory and identity after his stroke.



4-Where on Earth are the Moon Trees?

Instructor: Melanie J. Ford
Dates: 1 Monday Jul. 20
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

Moon trees are trees grown from seeds taken into orbit around the moon. This 45-minute presentation concerns the moon trees carried on the Apollo 14 mission in 1971. We will discuss the history of the moon trees, their association with the Bicentennial celebration, and their impact on the social and physical landscapes where they were planted.

5-Managing Health Care Expenses in Retirement

Instructor: Ron Moody
Dates: 1 Tuesday Jul. 21
Time: 10 – 12
Location: SLib

Health care expenses are one of the most significant costs retirees face. Yet many people don't know how Medicare works, what it covers, and potential gaps. This program provides an overview of Medicare, including eligibility, enrollment timing, and the different parts of Medicare. Attendees will learn how Medicare works with private insurance options, including prescription drug



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coverage, Medicare supplement policies, and Medicare Advantage plans. They will see how coverage decisions affect both costs and access to care. The seminar also explores common out-of-pocket expenses, services not covered by Medicare, and why health care costs may increase over time. Participants will be introduced to long-term care, including different levels of care and the importance of planning ahead. This presentation will help retirees become more informed health care consumers. *Max: 36*

6-Spanish for Travel

Instructor: Elaine Fredericksen
Dates: 6 Wednesdays Jul. 22 – Aug. 26
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: SLib

Spanish for Travel is designed for students with or without a background in the language. Students practice vocabulary in an active in-class environment that involves repetition and role play. This is no grammar class; rather, it's an energetic way to ease into the language and review scenarios vital to comfortable travel in Spanish-speaking countries. You don't have to know a word of Spanish to enjoy, but if you do speak Spanish, join us for a good time. No pressure, just pleasure. *Vamos a viajar.*



7-Ask The Inspector

Instructor: Hilary Goss, Shirley Goss
Dates: 1 Thursday Jul. 23
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: AUD

Join experienced home inspectors Hilary and Shirley Goss as they explain the critical importance of having an inspection when buying or selling a home, condo, trailer, or apartment. They will discuss why inspections are also important before construction begins on a brand new house, or before a home repair or improvement project. The importance of thermal imaging, thermography, in building inspection will also be covered. And the class will explore three things one should look for when hiring an inspector.

8-Austin Physical Therapy: Exercise and Mobility for Functional Strength and Quality of Life

Instructor: Smith Ogden
Dates: 1 Friday Jul. 24
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

This program addresses pain. It teaches participants to address the sources of pain and understand how strength, mobility, and independence are affected.



Participants will learn to address back, hip, and shoulder pain using simple techniques. The program will introduce non-traditional physical therapies that can help relieve discomfort while increasing strength. Everyday activities such as walking, reaching, and maintaining balance will be improved. We will also explore how the health and alignment of the spine influences pain, posture, movement, and overall strength. Attendees will leave with useful tips and exercises they can incorporate into their daily life to support better mobility and well-being. And they will learn simple metrics to measure their current strength and mobility, and how to use them for improvement.

9-Armchair Travel Series #28

Instructor: Multiple
Dates: 5 Mondays Jul. 27 – Aug. 24
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: AUD

Grab a seat and take off on some exciting travel adventures.

Jul. 27—Going to Extremes - Machu Picchu to the Galapagos. Melissa Musgrove & Nancy Robertson share highlights of their trip to South America, the heights of Machu Picchu, and life along the equator at the Galapagos.

Aug. 3—Crossroads of the Adriatic. Tom Ress takes us to southeastern Europe. Venture through the walled city of Dubrovnik, Croatia, and the streets of Sarajevo in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Visit the Plitvice Lakes and the peaks of Slovenia's Julian Alps and finally to Montenegro.

Aug. 10—India, An assault on Your Senses, and New Experiences. Teresa "Terry" Curtis will share her travel to India, a beautiful and colorful country with wonderful people. It will include many things you expected and a few very unexpected experiences.

Aug. 17—Photo Journey down Route 66. Ricky Allen will share a 2000+ mile photographic journey on Route 66, starting in Downtown Chicago, and traveling through seven states to end up in Santa Monica, California.

Aug. 24—Vietnam - Past and Present. Join Barbara and Gary Hitt and their two daughters to Vietnam and see life in bustling cities as well as a visit to a war museum.



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10-How Tax Planning Changes Through Four Stages of Retirement

Instructor: Ron Moody
Dates: 1 Wednesday Jul. 29
Time: 10 – 12
Location: AUD

Taxes play a larger role in retirement than many people expect, since income sources, benefits, and expenses change over time. This seminar will help you understand how taxes can shift throughout different stages of retirement and how those changes may affect income decisions. The program introduces the concept of retirement as a series of four stages, each with its own tax considerations. Attendees will learn how the transition from working years to retirement can bring new sources of income and new tax rules, including how withdrawals, benefits, and health care costs interact with the tax system. The seminar also highlights why decisions that seem straightforward can have unexpected tax consequences later on. In addition, the presentation explores the importance of after-tax income, planning ahead for required distributions, and how various income sources may affect taxes over time. Estate considerations and legacy planning are also discussed. This presentation will help you become more



informed about how taxes change across retirement and how thoughtful planning can support better retirement income decisions.

11-Learning and Making Music with the New Horizons Band of Huntsville

Instructor: Sue Holleran, Marsha Asquith
Dates: 1 Thursday Jul. 30
Time: 6:30 – 8
Location: Sandra Moon Performing Arts Center Choir Room



This program helps participants learn and make music with the New Horizons Band of Huntsville. Huntsville's New Horizons Band is an ensemble for adults who never had the opportunity to play a band instrument, for those who played long ago and wish to refresh their musical skills, and for those who already play an instrument but wish to learn a different one. Participants play in one of two groups: one for those new to music or their instruments, and another for intermediate players. The Band is sponsored and administered by the Huntsville Concert Band and led by volunteers from the Concert Band. Instructors have years of experience teaching music and directing bands of varying skill levels. A member of the New Horizons International Music Association, the New

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Horizons Band of Huntsville recognizes that everyone has musical potential that can be developed to a level that will be personally rewarding. Session will be at Sandra Moon Performing Arts Center (Choir Room), 7901 Bailey Cove Road SE, Huntsville, AL 35811. *Max: 20*

12-Beginning Tai Chi and Qigong

Instructor: Xingrong Chen
Dates: 10 Fridays Jul. 31 – Sep.18, Oct. 2 – 9
Time: 10 – 11
Location: AUD



Tai Chi is a graceful form of exercise and one of the most popular methods of movement for seniors practiced today. An ancient Chinese tradition, Tai Chi 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. *Min/Max: 10/35*

13-From the Moon to Mars

Instructor: Ray Moses
Dates: 1 Tuesday Aug. 4
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

In this presentation, astronomer Ray Moses will examine the current state of Martian exploration, focusing on the work of the Perseverance Mars rover, and explore plans and prospects for manned expeditions to the planet. What are the signs of previous life on Mars? What vehicles are possible for travel to Mars? How could humans survive on the planet? Could Mars be terraformed? Join Dr. Moses for an up-to-date overview of plans for Martian exploration.



14-A Brief History of Musical Theatre

Instructor: Dex Edwards
Dates: 3 Thursdays Aug. 6 – 20
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: AUD

Discover the lively evolution of the Broadway musical and how this art form is a uniquely American creation. This isn't just a history lesson; it's a backstage pass to the scandals, breakthroughs, and showstoppers that shaped modern culture. We'll trace the journey from the rowdy days of vaudeville and operetta



to the revolutionary "Golden Age" of Rodgers and Hammerstein, all the way to the boundary-pushing hits of today like Hamilton. We'll dive into the social movements that played out under the proscenium arch, proving that musical theatre has always been a mirror to the world. This is a peek into the craft behind the curtain. Whether you're a lifelong "theatre geek" or just curious about the magic of Broadway, you'll leave with a new playlist and a deeper appreciation for the art of the song and dance.

Min: 10

15-Flower Bouquet Making Demonstration

Instructor: Allison England
Dates: 1 Tuesday Aug. 11
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: SLib

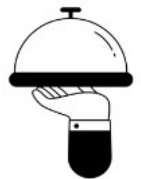


Have you ever wanted to arrange a beautiful bouquet of flowers as a gift for someone you love, or to grace your dining table? Come and learn the perfect balance of focals, fillers, and foliage to create a bouquet with whimsy and charm. In this course, you will learn basic flower arranging skills, and you will benefit from professional arranging tips from Jones Valley Flowers, a local flower farm. A bouquet arranging demonstration will complete the course on a beautiful note.

16-International Dining Out

Instructor: Jane Wodtke
Dates: 5 Tuesdays Aug. 11, Sep. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8
Time: 5 – 8
Location: Various

Join us monthly for an international dining experience. Starting in August, we will eat and critique Italian, Vietnamese, Greek, Indian, Thai and more cuisines in and around the Huntsville area. Our ratings plus pictures of these restaurants will be featured in the LearningQUEST Newsletter. Mangia Tutti! *Min/Max: 10/30*



17-An Exploration of Japanese Theatre

Instructor: Dex Edwards
Dates: 1 Tuesday Aug. 11
Time: 6 – 7:30
Location: AUD

Part lecture, part one-person theatre performance, part travelogue, this entertaining presentation takes the audience on a journey from Atlanta to Japan. As theatre designer, director,



and performer, Dex Edwards, shares his belief in the power of theatre to entertain, expose, and heal, especially when wrapped into the making of the world's largest baseball. *Min: 10*

18-Intermediate Tai Chi and Qigong

Instructor: Xingrong Chen
Dates: 6 Wednesdays Aug. 12 – 26, Sep. 9 – 23
Time: 10 – 11
Location: AUD

Tai Chi is a graceful form of exercise and one of the most popular methods of movement for seniors practiced today. An ancient Chinese tradition, Tai Chi 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. *Min/Max: 10/40*

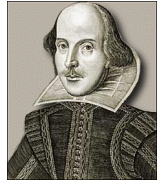
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always keep current by reading the weekly E-News and checking LQUEST.org for updates, course changes, and new offerings.

19-A Midsummer Night's Dream

Instructor: Jeff Nelson
Dates: 3 Fridays Aug. 14 – 28
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: 2FL

Hermia's father tells her to marry the man of his choice—or she will be executed. Instead, she heads to the forest with her boyfriend, followed by two jealous rivals. And, oh yeah, some fairies play matchmaker and a group of inept actors rehearse a pretty bad play. Shakespeare may be right: the course of true love never did run smooth.



20-Let's Do Lunch - Group 1

Instructor: N/A
Dates: 4 Tuesdays Aug. 25, Sep. 22, Oct. 27, Nov. 24
Time: 11 – 12:30
Location: Various

The Tuesday Let's Do Lunch Group will meet and eat monthly on a Tuesday at interesting restaurants in the Huntsville/Madison area. The Restaurant of the Month will be announced two weeks prior to the Tuesday luncheon, and the Coordinator will ask registrants to confirm their



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plans to attend. The Tuesday Lunch Group begins August 25th and concludes November 24th. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday groups will attend the same monthly restaurants. Please register for one group only; duplicate registrations will be removed. *Max: 20*

21-Smart Moves: Real Estate Insights for Today's Homeowners

Instructor: Sarah Lauren V. Kattos
Dates: 1 Tuesday Aug. 25
Time: 2 – 3:30
Location: AUD

Thinking about the future of your home, even if a move is years away? Today's real estate market is changing quickly, and understanding your options can help you make confident decisions when the time is right. Join second-generation Realtor Sarah Lauren Kattos of Van Valkenburgh & Wilkinson for an engaging, easy-to-understand conversation about today's housing market. You'll learn what truly influences a home's value, how online estimates compare to real market prices, and simple strategies that can help homeowners protect and maximize their equity. Sarah Lauren will share current market updates, real-life examples, and practical tips for planning ahead. The class is helpful whether you're considering downsizing, relocating, or simply want to stay informed. This session will help you better understand the market and the steps that can make any future move smoother and more successful. Come ready to learn, ask questions, and gain valuable insight into one of your most important assets—your home.

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22-Zentangle Inspired Art - Grid Based Tangles

Instructor: Beth Powel
Dates: 1 Tuesday Aug. 25
Time: 2 – 4
Location: 2FL



This guided workshop focuses on drawing grid-based tangles using the Zentangle method. The intent is to expand each student's repertoire of tangling patterns. Participants should have some prior

Zentangle experience but need not be proficient. The session emphasizes mindful, repetitive drawing techniques to foster relaxation, focus, and creativity. All patterns are built from simple strokes, and no "artistic skill" is required. *Max: 10*

23-Let's Do Lunch - Group 2

Instructor: N/A
Dates: 4 Wednesdays Aug. 26, Sep. 23, Oct. 28, Nov. 25
Time: 11 – 12:30
Location: Various

The Wednesday Let's Do Lunch Group. See the description for the Tuesday Group. This group will meet on Wednesdays. Note: Please register for one group only; duplicate registrations will be canceled. *Max: 20*

24-Let's Do Lunch - Group 3

Instructor: N/A
Dates: 4 Thursdays Aug. 27, Sep. 24, Oct. 29, Nov. 19
Time: 11 – 12:30
Location: Various

The Thursday Let's Do Lunch Group. See the description for the Tuesday Group. This group will meet on Thursdays. Note: Please register for one group only; duplicate registrations will be canceled. *Max: 20*

25-The Rescue Process - How Animal Rescue Works

Instructor: Diana Crawford
Dates: 1 Tuesday Sep. 1
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD



This presentation is for all pet and animal lovers. Friends of Rescue is an all-volunteer organization that exists to reduce the number of animals euthanized in local shelters. We are foster-home based, so all animals are trained to become socialized pets. Our animals receive vaccines and a microchip. They are spayed or neutered. And our process has been successful; since 2009, Friends of Rescue has placed more than 10,000 animals in homes.

26-Funeral Planning 101

Instructor: Sarah Chappell
Dates: 1 Wednesday Sep. 2
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: 2FL

The conversation that no one really likes to have but needs to think about! We offer a relaxed but informative

presentation and open discussion about funeral planning, cremation laws, preplanning options and how to be prepared for your own demise and take the burden off of your family.

27-Gran Masters Percussion Class

Instructor: Frederick Walker
Dates: 2 Wednesdays Sep. 2, Sep. 16
Time: 12:30 – 1:30
Location: HSV Drumline Center

Learn drumming and percussion! The Gran Masters program offers "seasoned" adults an opportunity to gather together, learn percussion skills, and move their bodies in time with one another. This program promotes physical movement, social interaction, and brain awareness. And it is great fun! All materials will be supplied. The class will meet at the Huntsville Drumline Percussion and Performing Arts Center, 1822 Jordan Lane NW, Huntsville, AL 35816.



Min/Max: 10/20

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

28-Blood Pressure Breakthroughs!

Instructor: Curtis & Paula Eakins
Dates: 1 Thursday Sep. 3
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

High blood pressure is one of the major causes of stroke, kidney failure and other cardiovascular diseases. Learn how to lower high blood pressure without drugs using three practical, no-nonsense strategies. With a better understanding of lifestyle medicine, you will see how to avoid the baleful side effects of drug therapy, lower your medication costs, and more. Join us for this educational seminar.

29-Friday Film Festival: Bad Romance

Instructor: Jennifer Garlen
Dates: 4 Fridays Sep. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 11
Time: 2 – 4:30
Location: AUD



The Friday Film Festival dives into classic film noir with four stories about love gone wrong. Desire leads to murder in each of our bad romances, starting with Robert Siodmak's *The Suspect* (1944), starring Charles Laughton and Ella Raines. Next up, Fritz Lang



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directs Edward G. Robinson and Joan Bennett in *Scarlet Street* (1945), followed by real-life couple Orson Welles and Rita Hayworth in Welles' deliriously atmospheric noir, *The Lady from Shanghai* (1947). We'll round out our deadly dates with Lewis Allen's aptly titled, *So Evil My Love* (1948), starring Ray Milland and Ann Todd.

30-Whales Talk to One Another. Can We Understand What is Being Said?

Instructor: Bill Carter
Dates: 1 Tuesday Sep. 8
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: SLib



Whales talk to each other. What are they saying? Can we join in? AI researchers analyze whale clicks, songs, and social patterns using machine-learning models. These models can then detect structure, meaning, and potential syntax, advancing efforts to understand complex, nonhuman communication systems. *Max: 30*

31-Know Their Story: What the Scottsboro Boys Teach Us Today

Instructor: Thomas Reidy
Dates: 1 Thursday Sep. 10
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: AUD

The story of the Scottsboro Boys is many things. It was an unprecedented civil rights moment, a seminal legal case that spawned two U.S. Supreme Court decisions, an international spectacle, a showcase for rising global antisemitism, a voting rights case, a prison reform story, and more. Join us for an examination of an important event adapted to address the serious issues and problems facing our society today.



32-Traveling Lunch Bunch

Instructor: Linda Phillips
Dates: 3 Fridays Sep.11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13
Time: 9 – 3
Location: Various

Want to get out of Huntsville, visit unique shops, and grab lunch with friends? We will meet in nearby cities, maybe carpooling for our trips, and get to know one another as we tour, shop, and dine. Stops may include McKay's Bookstore in Nashville; the Lodge Store and Stevanno's Italian Eatery in South Pittsburg; and Southern Accents Arch & Antiques in Cullman. Itinerary will be sent to participants 2 weeks prior to each trip. *Min/Max: 2/12*

33-National Children's Advocacy Center Tour

Instructor: Chris Newlin
Dates: 1 Friday Sep. 11
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: National Children's Advocacy Center

The National Children's Advocacy Center was founded in 1985 to coordinate a multi-disciplinary response to child abuse. Child sexual abuse is a criminal justice issue, a child protection issue, a medical issue, and a mental health issue. No one agency can address all of these issues, so the only way to address child sexual abuse is to have a multi-disciplinary team which includes law enforcement, Department of Human Resources, therapists, prosecutors, victim advocates, and medical professionals. This model, started in Huntsville/Madison County, has been used by more than 1,100 similar programs throughout the United States and internationally. NCAC is located at 310 Dallas St NE, Huntsville, AL 35801. *Min/Max: 3/12*

34-Great Decisions of 2026

Instructor: Peter A. Finzel
Dates: 8 Mondays Sep.14 – Oct. 5, Oct. 19 – Nov. 9
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: SLib

Great Decisions is a program sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association and 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, select the "Topic Resources & Ballots" box on the landing page. The required text; 2026 Great Decisions Briefing Book, can be purchased for \$35 at the "bookstore" tab. *Min/Max: 10/36*



Spring '27 Term Programs

Got an idea for a new program? Just click on the program heading at the LQUEST.org website and follow the instructions to submit either a program suggestion form or spring general proposal form.

35-31/ATLAS: Comet or Surveillance Vehicle

Instructor: Bill Carter
Dates: 1 Tuesday Sep. 15
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: SLib

Comet 31/ATLAS was discovered in November 2025. It appears to have come from outside our solar system. But it is a strange comet; it doesn't act like any comet observed before. It changes direction independent of gravitational forces. It changes velocity independently of gravitational forces. Its 'tail' is composed of elements in proportions uncommon to typical comets. Its outgassing jets are fixed in a 120-degree spacing and vary in their velocity output. So the question: is it just an object composed of rock and ice, or is it a manufactured vehicle made by intelligent beings?

36-Planning Your Vote

Instructor: Multiple
Dates: 1 Tuesday Sep. 15
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD



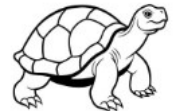
The League of Women Voters will present a program entitled "Make a Voting Plan That Breaks Through Voting Barriers." This presentation will guide participants through the practical steps of

creating a personal voting plan—checking voter registration, understanding absentee voting options, confirming polling locations and election schedules, researching candidates, arranging transportation, and ensuring proper voter identification. In addition to outlining these steps, the presentation will address the real-world barriers that can prevent many citizens from successfully voting. Special consideration will be given to challenges faced by voters with disabilities who encounter physical, systemic, and informational obstacles. Finally, it will examine the hurdles faced by young voters, including Alabama's opt-in voter registration process, the lack of automatic voter registration or early voting, and legal restrictions on assistance with absentee ballot applications. By combining practical planning tools with clear information about these barriers, the League aims to empower more Alabamians to participate fully and confidently in the voting process.

37-Turtles, the Tuatara, and Alligators, Oh my!

Instructor: Beth Girard
Dates: 1 Wednesday Sep. 16
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: SLib

Explore the fascinating world of turtles, the tuatara, and alligators - three ancient groups of reptiles that have



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thrived for millions of years. This program dives into their unique anatomy, physiology, and behaviors. Special emphasis is placed on the species found right here in Alabama, one of the most biodiverse states in the U.S. for reptiles. Through engaging visuals, biological models, and discussion, you will gain a deeper appreciation for these remarkable reptiles and the importance of protecting their environments. Learn how you can help ensure their survival through citizen science initiatives.

Max: 30

38-Sunflower Field Visit

Instructor: Kaylee Hubert
Dates: 1 Thursday Sep. 17
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: Hubert Family Farm

Flowers! Fresh, beautiful sunflowers, zinnias, cosmos, marigolds! Come to the Hubert farm and pick flowers for yourself, your family or others. Buckets are available to fill with your choice of flowers, and each bucket holds over 20. The Hubert Farm is in New Market, approximately 30 minutes from the Huntsville Downtown Library. Stay as long as you like to soak up the joyful fall flower fields. The address is 432 Narrow Lane, New Market, AL 35761. Admission fee is \$5 and a Farmhouse Bucket is \$20.



39-3,000 Mile Adventure in the Mountain States

Instructor: Bob Goodwin
Dates: 1 Monday Sep. 21
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

Join Bob Goodwin and Sarah Parker on a 3,000 mile car trip - with hikes - through the western states. Bob will present pictures of his travels with Sandra on a 17-day visit to Colorado, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico. The two visited 15 National Parks, Monuments, and other sites, including the Arches, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, the Grand Canyon, and Bryce Canyon National Parks; Canyon De Chelly National Monument and Monument Valley. They toured lesser known but interesting places such as the Colorado National Monument, the Hopi Reservation, Lees Ferry, the Black Canyon of the Gunnison, and many more. The two took 12 hikes and chose easy-to-moderate and "somewhat strenuous" hikes as opposed to more strenuous treks such as doing the Grand Canyon from rim to rim.

40-Hiking in the Huntsville Area

Instructor: Bob Goodwin
Dates: 1 Tuesday Sep. 22
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

This program is based on a paper on hiking written years ago and updated regularly. It is focused on trails within 100 miles of Huntsville and has detailed information and pictures to guide your experience. The paper answers basic questions such as: Where are the trails? Who conducts the hikes? What do you need to ask before going on a hike anywhere? What to take with you on a hike? What resources are available to help you with choosing a hike? Join us to get a better understanding of hiking in this area



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41-Realistic 3D Portraits

Instructor: JV Beaupre
Dates: 6 Wednesdays Sep. 23 – Oct. 28
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: SLib

In this hands-on class, learn how to create realistic portraits. Visually, light and shadow define the shape of an object. We'll apply this idea using pencils/graphite to turn a line drawing into a realistic portrait of a person. For this class, you will need HB or #2 pencils, copy paper (60-70-lb), a kneaded eraser, and a pencil sharpener. Lee Hammond's Draw Real People is a helpful, optional text for the class and is available from Barnes & Noble, Amazon, and other bookstores. Min: 5

42-NASA's Artemis II Mission Overview

Instructor: Mike Stallcup
Dates: 1 Thursday Oct. 1
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

This is an overview of NASA's planned Artemis II mission to send four astronauts around the moon. It will be the first manned deep space mission since Apollo 17 in 1972. The presentation will include information on the astronauts, the planned mission, pre-launch testing, the Orion spacecraft, the launch, flight, recovery, the expected outcome, and what we hope to learn from the mission.



PICNIC

Join your LearningQUEST family at the 2026 Fall Picnic. Friday, October 2, 10 – 1 at Monte Sano State Park Trailhead Pavilion. Watch for details.

43-Finding Your Purpose in Life, Up To and Including Death

Instructor: Liz Hall
Dates: 2 Thursdays Oct. 1 – 8
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: 2FL

A purposeful life brings understanding and power. This course will explain how to live with purpose by understanding and appreciating the roles you've served, sometimes without realizing it. Understanding the role of purposeful living can give you more power over your present and future, can help you make decisions and guide the actions that bring satisfaction and meaning to your life, even in retirement and death.

44-You Be the Judge

Instructor: Tom Borchert
Dates: 4 Tuesdays Oct. 6 – 27
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD



Court is back in session! Step into the jury box with new cases to review and decide. Participants will be presented with several real life court cases. After discussing the facts and law, the class will determine a proper verdict. The


actual court's decision will then be announced. Many different kinds of cases will be presented such as free speech, freedom of religion, death penalty, personal injury, and libel cases. You don't need a law degree to participate, just a willingness to look at the issues from different points of view.

45-Tree Trail Identification at Maple Hill Cemetery

Instructor: Chris Stuhlinger
Dates: 5 Tuesdays Oct. 6 – Nov. 3
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: Maple Hill Cemetery

Learn how to identify up to 30 tree species at the recently established Tree Trail at Maple Hill Cemetery. Along the way, we'll visit several interesting historic gravesites. Please note that this class is held outdoors and we will be moving over uneven surfaces. Class will be held at Maple Hill Cemetery, 202 Maple Hill St SE, Huntsville, AL 35801. *Min/Max: 10/25*



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46-Legacy of Hope - The Gift of Organ and Tissue Donation

Instructor: Ashley Cook
Dates: 2 Tuesdays Oct. 6 – 13
Time: 2 – 3:30
Location: AUD



Legacy of Hope is Alabama's Organ and Tissue Donation Alliance, dedicated to educating people about the life-saving and healing impact of organ and tissue donation. Participants will learn how one organ donor can save up to eight lives

and heal or enhance the lives of more than 75 to 100 people through tissue donation. The program shares powerful stories of donors, recipients, and families whose lives have been forever changed by donation. In addition, this presentation addresses common questions and misconceptions about organ and tissue donation, providing clear, accurate information. Attendees will leave with a better understanding of the donation process, the importance of donor registration, and how each individual has the potential to leave a lasting legacy of hope through donation.

47-Discover Downtown Huntsville Walking Tour, Group 1

Instructor: Katie Stamps
Dates: 1 Wednesday Oct. 7
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: 216 West Side Square

Downtown Huntsville Tour Group One: Led by Katie Stamps, Preservation Planner for the City of Huntsville, the Discover Downtown Huntsville walking tour showcases the history and evolution of Huntsville through its downtown commercial district. From Huntsville's early settlement to the Space Race and beyond, you'll see how architecture, businesses, development projects, and stories shaped our city. While not a local historic district, many of the buildings you'll see are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, thanks to preservation efforts in the 1970s and 1980s. Drawing from National Register nominations, Sanborn Fire Insurance maps, photographs, and other primary sources, this tour offers a rich look at Huntsville's past—just steps from Courthouse Square. Bring whatever you're comfortable carrying! Water, sunscreen, comfortable shoes, and light snacks are always a good idea. Fall weather can be unpredictable in Alabama, so be sure to check the forecast ahead of time to dress accordingly. Note: Please register for one group only; duplicate registrations will be canceled. The tour will begin at 216 West Side Square, Huntsville, AL 35801. *Min/Max: 5/35*



48-Stories to Share

Instructor: Leah Oakley
Dates: 1 Wednesday Oct. 14
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD



Learn the joy of sharing stories. Everyone has a story, and it is important to pass your experiences and life history on from generation to generation. Stories keep memories alive, build trust and understanding, share inspiration and fortitude, strengthen family, and build friendships. Join this class and develop your skills in telling stories and transferring your experiences. And learn about the Athens Storytelling Festival featuring "internationally-renowned storytellers, award-winning liars, and world-class musicians."

49-Basic Woodcarving

Instructor: John Bloodworth
Dates: 3 Thursdays Oct.15 – 29
Time: 6:30 – 7:30
Location: Oak Park Baptist Church

Are you interested in woodcarving? Are you looking for guidance on tools, materials, and steps for woodcarving projects? This is the class for you! Learn how to carve and paint a small holiday decoration - a fun and manageable woodcarving piece. Wood blanks and necessary carving knives will be provided. All sessions will be held at Oak Park Baptist Church, 2105 Cloys Avenue NE, Huntsville, AL 35801. *Min/Max. 4/12*



50-Farm to Fork: An Introduction to Beef Production

Instructor: Ben Maples
Dates: 1 Friday Oct. 16
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: SLib



Join us for a walk through the life of a beef animal from birth on the farm to the packaged beef products found at the grocery store. Topics will include basic cattle care, nutrition, growth, and how animals are raised responsibly and humanely. We will also discuss what happens at



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harvest, how beef is processed, and how grading works. Along the way, participants will gain a better understanding of the people, practices, and standards that help bring safe, high-quality beef to the table. This class is conversational, informative, and designed to answer common questions about how cattle are raised and how food gets from the farm to your plate.

51-Coming to America: Personal Stories

Instructor: Various
Dates: 2 Mondays Oct. 19 – 26
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: AUD



Hear the personal stories of immigrants to the United States who came to Huntsville as children. These children, now grown, were formerly students in Wanda Shoultes' English as a Second Language class. They will share their experiences immigrating to the U.S. as children and entering Huntsville City Schools with limited or no English language skills. The students will discuss their country of origin, how and why they came here, and what they are doing now in their life and work.

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52-The Poetry of William Wordsworth

Instructor: Walter Thames
Dates: 4 Mondays Oct. 19 – Nov. 9
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: 2FL

Join us for an exploration of the major works of William Wordsworth, the fascinating and engaging poet who was instrumental in the creation of the Romantic movement in English literature in the early 1800s. We'll engage with his "Lines Written a Few Miles above Tintern Abbey" and "Ode: Intimations of Immortality" along with many other works. Reading Wordsworth, you find yourself understanding and appreciating what is best in human kind. You'll be happy to know more about this outstanding poet.



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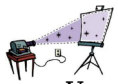
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53-Discover Downtown Huntsville Walking Tour, Group 2

Instructor: Katie Stamps
Dates: 1 Wednesday Oct. 21
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: 216 West Side Square

This is a repeat of the program being offered on October 7. Note: Please register for one group only; duplicate registrations will be canceled. Tour will begin at 216 West Side Square, Huntsville, AL 35801. *Min/Max: 5/35*

54-Some Nightmares are Real: The Haunting Truth Behind Ten of Alabama's Supernatural Tales

Instructor: Kelly Kazek
Dates: 2 Thursdays Oct. 22 – 29
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD



Dark secrets lurk beneath the sleepy surface of Alabama. Ghosts and grisly creatures haunt the towns and forests. In the great Southern ghost-story tradition, famed Alabama storyteller Kelly Kazek weaves a gothic tapestry of ten stories drawn from real people and legendary creatures, cursed places, and harrowing events. Each story or legend takes readers to a different place in Alabama. Read about the bestial Wolf Woman who terrified Mobilians in the haunted old port city. In the northern city of Huntsville, visit the Dead Children's Playground in gloomy Maple Hill Cemetery. In Jacksonville, feel the cold grip of the Old Mill Witch, rumored to protect the workers at the rickety cotton yarn mill. Hear about the mysterious green light that drifts along the Alabama River in the Black Belt hamlet of Gee's Bend, and learn about the role the Gee's Bend Ferry played in the Civil Rights Movement. Unlike most ghost-story collections, *Some Nightmares Are Real* includes an appendix of facts, historical resources, and information about how to visit the locations. These contemporary stories embrace a beloved Southern folklore tradition for a new generation of young readers.

55-Gardening During the Winter Months

Instructor: J. Harvey Cotten Jr.
Dates: 1 Tuesday Nov. 3
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD



The winter months offer many opportunities to work in the garden: planting, fall clean-up, and preparing the garden for winter. While many plants are beginning their dormancy period, there is much to admire in a winter garden. Some plants flower; others have spectacular fruits or berries; while others provide interesting structure for your garden landscape. Join us for a full examination of winter gardening, and be sure to bring your questions and concerns.



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56-Lessons from Nature for Living, Learning, Serving, Leading, Healing, and Praying

Instructor: Steve Jones
Dates: 4 Tuesdays Nov. 3 – 17, Dec. 1
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: Wellpoint

Every lesson for living, learning, serving, leading, healing, and praying is either written indelibly in, or is powerfully inspired by, Nature. Lifelong Nature enthusiasts, we recognize the fury and glory of Nature. We are committed to applying the passion of our beliefs to the service of reason. We will introduce lessons from our experience and share the wisdom of great conservationists and leaders across the ages. This program will be held at Residences at Wellpoint, 2940 Mill Run Rd, Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763. *Max: 60*



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November 18th,
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57-Advanced Spanish

Instructor: Elaine Fredericksen
Dates: 6 Tuesdays Nov. 3 – 10,
Nov. 24 – Dec. 15
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: SLib

This course is designed for students with a solid background in Spanish who want to improve their language skills. We will read *La Voz Que No Pudieron Callar* by Jaime Quevedo (Amazon \$7.99/Kindle \$3.99). Written at just the right level for adult readers of Spanish as a second language, Quevedo's book is a gripping tale of love, control, and liberty. Hablaremos casi todo en español con la excepción de traducciones del español a inglés. No tengan miedo; pueden hacerlo.

58-What is the Beautiful? Aesthetics for Our Time

Instructor: Rolf Goebel
Dates: 2 Tuesdays Nov. 3, Nov. 17
3 Thursdays Nov. 5 – 19
Time: 3 – 4:30
Location: 2FL

Why is beauty more important today than ever before? This course will explore concepts pertaining to the interaction of the beautiful with ethics and truth. Philosophical positions will include German Idealism (Kant, Hegel, Schelling) and modern philosophy (Adorno). Examples will be taken from art, poetry, and music. No previous knowledge of the subject matter is required. *Min: 8*

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59-Introduction to Space Architecture

Instructor: Brand Griffin
Dates: 1 Wednesday Nov. 4
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: SLib

Space architecture is a relatively new discipline formed to create solutions for humans living in weightless and low-gravity space environments. This session presents the key factors considered for space station and planetary base design. Included will be a description of environments, how humans change, and renderings of

architectural solutions. The presentation will be highly visual, readily understood by all ages, and does not require any prior knowledge.

60-Birds of Prey and Their Adaptations

Instructor: Tim Gels
Dates: 1 Friday Nov. 6
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: Wellpoint

Enjoy a presentation featuring a Red-tailed Hawk, an American Kestrel, a Barn Owl, and a Eurasian Eagle Owl. These raptors, three of which are native to this area, are birds of the Rise Raptor Project, a group promoting the understanding and preservation of birds of prey. They will be discussed with an emphasis on the adaptations that separate them from birds we see on a daily basis. Size isn't the only factor, as the Kestrel is the size of an American Robin. The program will discuss the ecology of these birds, including habitat, food, and conservation efforts. The birds will not be flown, but will be available for close pictures. Note: because of possible health and wellness issues, all birds may not be available on the day of the program. This program will be held at Residences at Wellpoint, 2940 Mill Run Rd, Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763. *Max: 60*



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61-Geologic History of Rocks in Alabama

Instructor: Bill Friday
Dates: 1 Monday Nov. 23
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: AUD



Rocks are history frozen in time, read like a book using modern technology. Alabama has an enormous range of geologic history exposed in our rocks - from Cambrian, around 500 million years ago, through most ages in between:

Ordovician, Silurian, Devonian, Carbonaceous, up to modern Paleogene and Neogene. There is a gap on the surface where the dinosaur-age rocks (Triassic, Cretaceous, and Tertiary) are mostly buried deep. This talk will describe the ages of these rocks, their locations and how they got there, plus their fossil and mineral compositions. We will explore the tools used to make these determinations. And we will explain the commercial uses of Alabama rocks.

62-Suspended in Time - A Mid-Career World Travel Adventure

Instructor: Vik Bhide
Dates: 1 Tuesday Nov. 24
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

This audio-visual travelogue follows a middle-aged professional on a non-traditional career break. Join him on his (mostly) un-planned travels across three continents exploring exotic cultures, new friends, food, mountains, family, and, ultimately, himself.

63-Bone Up on Your Bone Health

Instructor: Brent Pittman, Edie Hermes
Dates: 4 Tuesdays Dec. 1 – 22
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: SLib

This three-part workshop addresses bone loss, a health crisis that millions of adults face. While bone loss is a normal part of aging after age 30, many experience more loss than normal, becoming osteoporotic. There are multiple causes



for accelerated bone loss including medications (prescription and over-the-counter), consumption of soda and alcohol, smoking, inadequate absorption of nutrients, certain medical conditions, and much more. Bone loss is critical because hip fractures significantly increase the risk of losing independence and may even lead to death. Unfortunately, bone density medications carry risk and potential side effects. This workshop will help attendees identify potential risk factors and discover natural ways to protect their bones. It is possible with these approaches to slow, stop, and even reverse bone loss. *Max:* 36

64-Short Course in Public Speaking

Instructor: JoAnn Edwards and Dex Edwards
Dates: 1 Tuesday Dec. 1,
1 Thursday Dec. 3,
1 Saturday Dec. 5
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: 2FL



This program will help participants understand the needs of an audience, how to craft a message for maximum impact, and how to deal with presentation anxiety. This is a participatory class with three meetings.

Participants are encouraged to bring any pending presentation needs and goals with them. Whether you are slated to toast an event, give a sales pitch, or simply act as a tour guide at a local event, this program prepares you to speak with confidence. *Min/Max:* 10/25

Thank You

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SIGs (Special Interest Groups)



For even more fun, check all of the Special Interest Groups in the Fall lineup.
For more info, email or call the contact person in the SIG description.



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Some courses require an additional fee, payable in advance to the Coordinator. Registrations for these courses remain "pending" until the fee is received and space is confirmed. Enrollment is complete only when both conditions are met.

F1-Gel Plate Printing

Instructor: Monica Yother
Dates: 1 Monday Aug. 3
Time: 10 – 12
Location: Studio

In this two-hour workshop, we'll use Gel Plates to print on a variety of papers. If you've ever been curious about trying this highly addictive (in a good way) practice, this is perfect! You'll make tons of colorful printed pages to use in any kind of paper project, from art journals, card making, scrapbooking, or mixed media art. Everything is supplied.

Fee: \$10 Min/Max: 3/10

F2-Birthday Card Workshop

Instructor: Jill Stallcup
Dates: 1 Thursday Aug. 6
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: SLIB

This greeting card workshop will feature three different cards, all using triangles. These are fun cards that are unique in design. Come join in the fun of creating. All supplies and instructions are included.

Fee: \$15 Min/Max: 3/12



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F3-Cardmaking Technique Class - Heat Embossing

Instructor: Jill Stallcup
Dates: 1 Thursday Aug. 20
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: SLIB

This class will feature the different styles of heat embossing on your cards. This is a technique class only, and we will not be making finished cards. You will create four different looks using heat embossing powders and a heat gun. If there is time, we will create additional samples with different techniques. Come join in the fun of creating. All supplies and instructions are included. *Fee: \$15 Min/Max: 3/12*

F4-Cardmaking Technique Class - Inky Backgrounds

Instructor: Jill Stallcup
Dates: 1 Thursday Sep. 3
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: SLIB

This technique class will feature different ways to create backgrounds for your cards. This is a technique class only, and we will not be making finished cards. You will create five different looks using water based dye inks and water. If there is time, we will create additional samples with different techniques. Come join in the fun of creating. All supplies and instructions are included. *Fee: \$15 Min/Max: 3/12*



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F5-Astronomy 101

Instructor: Jeff Delmas
Dates: 4 Tuesdays Sep. 8 – 29
Time: 7 – 8:30 pm
Location: Von Braun Planetarium
 Monte Sano State Park



Astronomy 101 is a four-session introductory course designed to help participants explore the night sky with confidence and curiosity. Each session covers a key topic, including navigating the night sky, understanding telescope optical systems and mount designs, developing an observing progression, and learning what celestial objects to observe through Messier and other astronomical catalogs. A unique feature of this course is the hands-on experience it provides. After each lecture, attendees will head out to the observing field to use telescopes and apply what they've learned in real time, gaining practical skills alongside foundational knowledge. Classes will be held at the Von Braun Astronomical Society Planetarium, 100 Observatory Drive SE, Huntsville, AL 35801. *Fee: \$30 Min/Max: 10/25*

F6-BeamFIT

Instructor: Debra Wade
Dates: 6 Wednesdays Sep. 9 – Oct. 14
Time: 9:30 – 10:30
Location: First Baptist Church
 Lower Gathering

The BeamFit program helps improve muscle tone, strength, endurance, posture, mobility and flexibility while heightening balance, sensory and self-awareness. It is a whole-body-focused workout session. The Beam provides a reactive, dynamic workout while standing, kneeling, sitting and lying down. The Beamfit program is taught barefoot with an innovative, lightweight beam made of a special high-density foam that is 5 feet long, 6 inches wide and 2 inches high. To participate in this class, you will need to be able to get up and down from the floor and do the class barefoot. All equipment used in the class will be provided. Please bring water to class. Classes will be held at First Baptist Church (Lower Gathering), 600 Governors Drive, Huntsville, AL 35801. *Fee: \$20 Min/Max 12/12*



F7-Fitness and Balance

Instructor: Debra Wade
Dates: 6 Wednesdays Sep. 9 – Oct. 14
Time: 10:30 – 11:30
Location: First Baptist Church
 Lower Gathering



Are you ready to experience a fitness and balance class, but not ready to dive in full speed? This six-week course emphasizes balance, fall prevention, strengthening, and flexibility. Brain work is incorporated into each class as working the mind with the body is an important aspect to staying healthy. The instructor offers a fun and gentle entry towards a stronger body. All equipment for the class will be provided by Steady for Life. We ask that you bring water to class. Classes will be held at First Baptist Church (Lower Gathering), 600 Governors Drive, Huntsville, AL 35801. *Fee: \$20 Min/Max 12/40*

F8-Spotlight Card Workshop

Instructor: Jill Stallcup
Dates: 1 Thursday Sep. 17
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: SLIB

This greeting card workshop will feature three different cards with different styles of spotlights. These are fun cards that are unique in design. Come join in the fun of creating. All supplies and instructions are included. *Fee: \$15 Min/Max: 3/12*

F9-SIGNALS Museum of Information Explosion - Guided Tour with Dr. Marc Bendickson

Instructor: Marc Bendickson
Dates: 1 Thursday Nov. 5
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: Signals Museum

Step into the story of communication at the Signals Museum of Information Explosion and explore it with the founder himself, Dr. Marc Bendickson! On this guided tour, Dr. Bendickson brings history to life as you journey from telegraphs and telephones to radios, television, and on to early



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computers. You'll see (and sometimes try!) fascinating artifacts that show how we went from dots and dashes to the digital age. SIGNALS Museum of Information Explosion is located at 1806 University Drive, Huntsville, AL 35801. *Fee: \$10 Max: 30*

F10-Cardmaking Technique Class - Enhancing Cards with Vellum

Instructor: Jill Stallcup
Dates: 1 Thursday Nov. 5
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: SLIB

This technique class will feature different ways to use Vellum on your cards. This is a technique class only, and we will not be making finished cards. You will create four different looks including plumping, coloring, die cutting, and heat embossing. If there is time, we will create additional samples with different techniques. Come join in the fun of creating. All supplies and instructions are included. *Fee: \$15. Min/Max: 3/12*



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F11-Fun Fold Christmas Card Workshop

Instructor: Jill Stallcup
Dates: 1 Thursday Nov. 19
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: SLIB

This greeting card workshop will feature three cards with different folds to create 3D Christmas cards. Come join in the fun of creating handmade Christmas cards. All supplies and instructions are included. *Fee: \$15 Min/Max: 3/12*

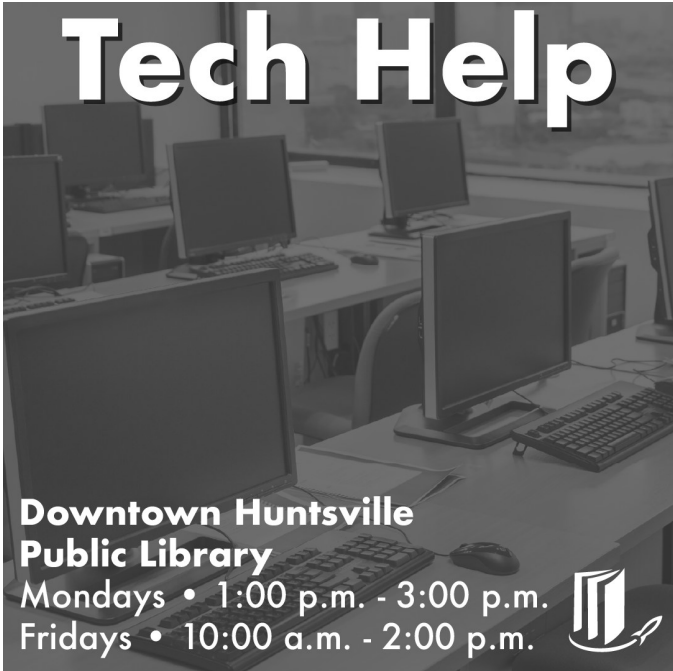
F12-Introduction to Zentangle

Instructor: Patricia Points
Dates: 2 Wednesdays Dec. 2 – 9
Time: 9:30 – 11:30
Location: SLIB


The Zentangle Method© is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. If you can draw a dot, a curve, and a dash or line, you can Tangle. Patty will teach you how. No art experience is necessary. Do you want to make

simple designs look elegant? Would you like to relax, relieve stress, and meet new friends? This is for you. It's yoga for your mind - like eating chocolate! All supplies included. And the best part: "There are No Mistakes." *Fee: \$20 Min/Max: 6/12*

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Trips are organized by LearningQUEST members and are self-supporting by the participants. No 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. The registration process is complete, and a member is enrolled in a trip, only when the coordinator receives the required fee and liability waiver, and slots are still available.

T1-Tuscumbia Adventure

Dates: 1 Thursday Oct. 15
Time: 8:30 – 5
Location: Tuscumbia, AL

Join us for a fascinating day trip exploring the history and culture of the Shoals region of Alabama. Visit Ivy Green, the birthplace of Helen Keller. Explore the Alabama Music Hall of Fame, celebrating Alabama's legendary musicians, and enjoy a unique dining experience at the Rattlesnake Saloon. A full day of music, history, and dining! *Fee: \$135 per person Min/Max: 30/34*



T2-Cullman Christkindlmarkt Day Trip

Dates: 1 Thursday Dec. 10
Time: 9 – 5
Location: Cullman, AL

Experience the magic of an authentic German Christmas market right here in Alabama! Join us for a festive day in Cullman, featuring the famous pyramid, artisan greenery, handcrafted gifts, delicious seasonal treats, and German food. You will have approximately four and a half hours to explore the market and Cullman's Warehouse District. And you can skip holiday traffic and parking headaches! We will handle the driving so you can focus on the glühwein, shopping, and enjoying holiday festivities. Whether you are looking for unique gifts or just want to soak up the atmosphere, it is the perfect way to kick off your holiday season. Visit www.cullmanchristkindlmarkt.com for more details. *Fee: \$40 per person Min/Max: 45/50*

LIBRARY-SPONSORED TRAINING (NO TERM FEE)

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

L1-Modern Classics Book Club 2.0

Instructor: Tracie Collier
Dates: 5 Tuesdays Aug. 4, Sep. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: 2FL



In this continuation of last semester's Modern Classics book club, we will read selections from *The New York Times'* 100 Best Books of the 21st Century list, which features a mix of award-winning fiction, thought-provoking nonfiction, and groundbreaking storytelling. Participants can discover new favorites and revisit modern classics. Librarians Katie Cauthen and Tracie Collier will lead engaging and thought-provoking discussions. This book club is the perfect place to explore great books that shape an era. *Max: 18*

L2-Joyspan: The Art and Science of Thriving in Life's Second Half

Instructor: Tracie Collier
Dates: 1 Wednesday Sep. 9
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: 2FL

Join us for a discussion of *Joyspan* by Dr. Kerry Burnight, a refreshing and empowering look at aging that moves beyond fear and "anti-aging" culture. Drawing on research and real-life experience, Dr. Burnight introduces the idea of joyspan - the quality of life we experience as we age. Together we'll explore how well-being, connection, purpose, and personal growth can shape a more meaningful and confident approach to longevity. And we'll address real-life challenges such as caregiving, health changes, and life transitions. *Max: 40*



L3-The Sound of Muscle Shoals: Inside Alabama's Hit-Making Legacy

Instructor: Johnny Belew
Dates: 1 Wednesday Sep. 23
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: AUD

Get ready to groove before you go! Join Johnny Belew of Rhythm and Belew's Tours for an insider's look at the Muscle Shoals music scene. Johnny will share stories from behind the studio doors where icons like Aretha Franklin, Wilson Pickett, and the Rolling Stones laid down unforgettable tracks. Discover how a handful of studios, a few soulful musicians, and a whole lot of heart put Muscle Shoals on the map. You'll learn the backstories, hear about the legends, and get the inside scoop on what to watch for when you visit the Alabama Music Hall of Fame. It's history, rhythm, and local flavor rolled into an event that's guaranteed to make your upcoming tour hit all the right notes.

L4-168 Hours: Time Management Matters

Instructor: Tracie Collier
Dates: 2 Fridays Oct. 16 – 23
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD



Each week contains 168 hours. How are you spending yours? Where does the time go? In this program, we'll discuss time management using Laura Vanderkam's insightful book, *168*

Hours: You Have More Time Than You Think. We'll challenge the idea that we simply don't have enough time to do the things we need or want to do and investigate ways to make the most of our weekly 168 hours. By rethinking how we schedule our days, we can make room for meaningful goals, relationships, rest, and personal growth without sacrificing the things that matter most. *Max: 40*

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-Hand and Foot

Instructor: Cheryl Hodges
Dates: Thursdays, starting Jul. 2
Time: 12:30 – 4
Location: A



Everyone, from beginner to expert, is welcome to play the Hand and Foot variation of Canasta. Instruction and reference sheets are provided upon request. For further information, contact Cheryl Hodges at maxine46@gmail.com.

S2-Mah Jongg

Instructor: Janet Tedrow
Dates: Mondays, starting Jul. 6
Time: 1 – 4
Location: A

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



S3-Great Literary Conversations

Instructor: Bob Stagg
Dates: Mondays, starting Jul. 6
Time: 3 – 4:30
Location: Online

This literary discussion group reads one selection each week and discusses the author, the time period, and the work's relevance in today's world. Since a new selection is chosen each week, prior attendance is not a requirement. Notes are emailed on Friday detailing the upcoming selection. The anthology used changes each term. For more information, contact Bob Stagg at 256-520-0417.

S4-UkeQUESTors Jam

Instructor: Theresa Miller
Dates: Second and Fourth Sundays, starting Jul. 12
Time: 2 – 3:30
Location: 2FL

The LearningQUEST UkeQuestors is a special interest group (SIG) that provides an opportunity for ukulele players of all levels to meet in an open, accepting



environment to refine and expand their skills, and to “jam” and sing. Though players are assisted in development, beginner lessons are not provided at this time. A goal of the sessions is for participants to gain confidence in their playing ability so they will be willing to perform in ensemble at events such as the Alabama Uke Fest. For more information, contact Theresa Miller at art.tree.hsv@gmail.com. LearningQUEST members can also join the SIG by requesting membership to the UkeQuestor SIG Facebook page. Once a member, the schedule, music resource webpage, and Zoom links will be available.

S5-Bunco

Instructor: Joy Anderson
Dates: Second Monday, starting Jul. 13
Time: 9:30 – 12
Location: A



Participants are invited to a fun-filled morning of Bunco. As it is played today, Bunco is a social dice game played in teams of four that involves 100% luck and very little skill. 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.

S6-Poets' Corner

Instructor: Liz Hall
Dates: 5 Wednesdays, Jul. 29 – Oct. 28, Dec. 30
 1 Thursday Nov. 19
Time: 1:30 – 3
Location: Foundation Conference Room

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



Whether a neophyte or a published poet, all are welcome to join the conversations. Poems will be written, shared, and discussed. The discussions may include poetry by well-known, as well as lesser-known, poets. 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).

S7-Friday Hiking

Instructor: Jim Kirkwood
Dates: Fridays, Sep. 4 – Nov. 20
Time: 9
Location: Various



Explore a variety of local hiking trails in Madison County. Enjoy the trees, flowers, and streams in local forest preserves. Hike with other LearningQUEST members who appreciate the outdoors. Liability waivers are required. Hiking announcements with directions are provided weekly by email. Those interested should send an email to hiking@lquest.org. For the hikes, it is recommended to wear sturdy hiking boots and to bring water and a hiking stick.

S8-Tai Chi

Instructor: Betsey Bock
Dates: Wednesdays, Oct. 14 – 28, Nov. 4, Dec. 2 – 16
Time: 1 – 2
Location: 2FL

Practice your 24 Yang Style Tai Chi skills with other LearningQUEST members. The goal is to keep practicing and improving together. The group is mostly composed of beginners, but all levels of experience are welcome. If you are interested in joining or need more information, please contact Betsy Bock at bbockg@yahoo.com.

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. Registration for members is suggested during online registration or in-person registration. Please help spread the word and be sure to invite your friends and neighbors.

P1-An Exploration of Japanese Theatre

Instructor: Dex Edwards
Dates: 1 Tuesday Aug. 18
Time: 6 – 7:30
Location: North Huntsville Library

Part lecture, part one-person theatre performance, part travelogue, this entertaining presentation takes the audience on a journey from Atlanta to Japan. As theatre designer, director and performer, Dex Edwards shares his belief in the power of theatre to entertain, expose, and heal, especially when wrapped into the making of the world's largest baseball. The presentation will be held at North Huntsville Public Library, 3011 Sparkman Drive, Huntsville, AL 35810. *Min: 10*

P2-Nothing But Number Ones

Instructor: Bill Nunn
Dates: 1 Tuesday Sep. 8
Time: 2 – 3:30
Location: AUD

Billy Bob is back,
To give his disks a spin.
The music's so good,
You'll say "play it again".
Every song is a number one,
Come on by and join the fun!

P3-Maple Hill 35801

Instructor: Various
Dates: 1 Wednesday Oct. 14
Time: 2 – 3:30
Location: AUD



Maple Hill is the oldest cemetery in continuous use in Alabama and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It was established circa 1822 when the city purchased two acres of land from Leroy Pope. Prior to 1905, it did not have a name. It was simply known as "The Burying Ground." It was named in a city-wide contest sponsored by the local newspaper. There are five U.S. senators and five Alabama governors buried in Maple Hill in addition to statesmen, politicians,

business leaders, ministers, teachers, and working men and women who built this city and state. There are 80,000 to 100,000 marked and unmarked graves in Maple Hill. Each has a story. Four of those will be presented during this program.

P4-The Selma Campaign

Instructor: David Lilly
Dates: 1 Tuesday Nov. 10
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD



The nation's attention was focused on the small Alabama town of Selma during the Spring of 1965. The violence surrounding the campaign to register Black voters shocked the country and the world and played a vital part in the passage of landmark legislation, the Voting Rights Act of 1965. We'll look at these events in Alabama during that spring, the people who played a part on both sides of the confrontation, and the major changes that resulted from the events. We'll recount in detail the vicious attack on Civil Rights activists at the Edmund Pettus Bridge and the resulting March to Montgomery.

P5-Celebrate the 4th Estate!

Instructor: John Archibald
Dates: 1 Friday Dec. 4
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

John Archibald speaks to LearningQUEST again, continuing our annual program for prize-winning journalists from Alabama Media Group. He will be discussing the work he has done since last year's visit with LearningQUEST, the finished articles we read and the back stories that inspired his writing. John Archibald encourages audience participation and answers as many questions as the audience wants to ask!



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LEARNINGQUEST INSTRUCTORS

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

Ricky Allen worked as a mechanical engineer at Southern Nuclear for 33 years. He is an enthusiastic road tripper and especially enjoys Route 66, although anything off the interstate is likely to interest him. (9)

Carissa Ammons is a member of the League of Women Voters of the Tennessee Valley and the Alabama State League of Women Voters, in conjunction with the National Federation of the Blind of Alabama, Huntsville Chapter. (36)

John Archibald has been a journalist in the South for more than 35 years. He is a two-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize. He is the recipient of many national awards and commendations, most recently for his work on Brookside, Alabama. In addition to his journalistic endeavors, John is also a teacher, a critically acclaimed author, and playwright. In 2023 he was named the inaugural Writer in Residence at Boston University. (P5)

Marsha Asquith is the music director of the Huntsville Concert Band and co-director of the New Horizons Band of Huntsville. (11)

James Beaupre, Ph.D., attended Iowa 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 United States and began employment at Teledyne Brown Engineering in Huntsville, Alabama. He taught a graduate-level course at University of Alabama in Huntsville. In 2004, he received several major awards from Teledyne including Teledyne Brown Engineering Fellow for lifetime technical achievement. (41)

Johnny Belew has spent many years of his life learning the history, befriending the musicians, and collecting the stories from the legends who have put Muscle Shoals music on the map. Now he offers his knowledge to people from all over the globe who want to get next to the music in his hometown and tour the places that have made the Shoals area famous. (L3)

Marc Bendickson, Ph.D., created the Signals Museum of Information Explosion to share his vast collection with the public and to educate the community about the unique and intriguing technological advancements that have occurred over the past 200 years. (F9)

Vik Bhide is a transportation engineer and mobility expert who lives in Tampa, Florida, with his wife Margie. Born in India and educated in southern Africa before moving to the United States 25 years ago, Vik has always been curious about the wider world. A lifelong traveler and hiking enthusiast, he built a career in transportation and city mobility before joining an engineering consulting firm. At age 50, he fulfilled a long-held dream by taking a six-month sabbatical to travel and hike across three continents. His presentation, *Suspended in Time, Peaks, and People*, reflects on the landscapes, cultures, and moments that shaped that journey. (62)

John Bloodworth began woodworking in 1996 when he signed up for the free classes taught by the Huntsville local woodworking group - North Alabama Woodcarvers Association (NAWA). He has attended many classes thru the years instructed by many of the Woodcarving experts. He learned new techniques from each teacher. He has competed for many years in the local Woodcarving show held in Huntsville each November and has received many awards for his carvings at the shows. He has taught many classes at the local club and thoroughly enjoys sharing his love of woodcarving. (49)

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 LearningQUEST classes in the past: *You Be the*

Judge; Alligators in the East Room & Other White House Tales; and Bogart, Nixon & the Supreme Court. (44)

Robin Buckelew, Ph.D., was the first woman to be inducted into the Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame in 1995, after earning her Ph.D. at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Dr. Buckelew joined the local League of Women Voters when it was established in 2017 and is now active on the state level as the Director for Advocacy. In that role, she works to assist formerly incarcerated citizens in having their voting rights restored. (36)

Bill Carter holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Wichita State University and an M.B.A. in Business Management & Entrepreneurship. He has contributed to laser-guided weapons systems and personal computer printer development. As a Production Manager, he managed NASA space shuttle payloads, blending engineering knowledge with leadership in highly technical environments. (30, 35)

Pam Caruso is a member of the League of Women Voters of the Tennessee Valley and the Alabama State League of Women Voters, in conjunction with the National Federation of the Blind of Alabama, Huntsville Chapter. (36)

Sarah Chappell is a licensed funeral director with 20 years of experience. She specializes in planning and arranging services, preplanning, and cremation laws. (26)

Xingrong Chen, an expert in Martial Arts, is a visiting scholar from Nanjing Forestry University and part of an International cultural exchange program with Alabama A&M University. (12, 18)

Tracie Collier is delighted to be the Adult Programming Librarian at the Downtown branch of the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library. She believes libraries are essential and magical and enjoys connecting patrons with resources and learning opportunities. When not obsessing over books, you'll likely find her crafting. (L1, L2, L4)

Ashley Cook, Ph.D., serves as a Community Liaison for Legacy of Hope, Alabama's organ and tissue donation alliance. There, she works to educate communities across North Alabama about the life-saving impact of organ, eye, and tissue donation. With a background in health promotion and community outreach, Ashley partners with schools, healthcare organizations, and civic groups to increase donor awareness and registration. She is passionate about connecting people to the mission of donation and helping others understand how one donor can save and enhance the lives of over 100 people. (46)

J. Harvey Cotten, Jr. retired after 22 years with the Huntsville Botanical Garden. He is currently a garden designer, writer, and consultant. He continues to present workshops for garden clubs and associations and to lecture across the Southeast on various garden topics. He is actively working with the Land Trust of North Alabama on their Pollinator Garden Project. (55)

Diana Crawford began in rescue as a foster mom in 2011. She joined the board of Friends of Rescue in 2014 and became President in 2015. In 2021 she semi-retired from the City of Huntsville and began managing the Friends of Rescue (FOR) thrift store. In addition to her volunteer work, she still works part time as a police dispatcher. If you call 911 on a Monday or Thursday, Diana's voice will likely be the one to say "What is your emergency?" (25)

Teresa (Terry) Curtis holds a Master of Business Administration in Management and is currently semi-retired, working as a material planner for Raytheon. In her free time, she enjoys planning her next adventures and traveling with family and friends. (9)

Jeff Delmas holds degrees in Mathematics and Civil Engineering (structures). He began his career as a structural engineer working on the Space Lab project. The majority of his professional life, however, was spent in software development, focusing on mechanical engineering CAD tools. Delmas is a lifelong Amateur Astronomer, not a professional. Currently, he serves as the Observatory Director for the Von Braun Astronomical Society, and he is the primary operator of the historic Swanson 21" telescope. (F5)

Curtis and Paula Eakins Curtis is a medical herbalist and naturopath trained at Trinity College of Natural Health. He has an N.D. degree. He worked at Huntsville Hospital for nine years, two in the field of digestion and seven in neurosurgery, where he assisted surgeons in hundreds of operations. Curtis currently facilitates a course at Oakwood University titled *Botanical Medicine: Non-Drug Therapeutics* and, together with his wife Paula, has co-hosted *Abundant Living*, a lifestyle medicine and cooking program on Three Angels Broadcasting Network for more than 28 years. (28)

Dex Edwards is retired Professor Emeritus at the University of Mississippi where he served as head of the Design Program in Theatre Arts. Dex spent his career creating wonder for audiences worldwide. As a professor, he taught the Theatre History class no student wanted to miss. Known for his story telling abilities, Dex shines light on how, with all their differences, humans remain so very much the same. (14, 17, 64, P1)

JoAnn Edwards coached undergraduate and graduate students in competitive speech for 26 years. She consulted with healthcare, finance, and real estate industries, coaching their employees to a more confident delivery for maximum impact. (64)

Roger Ellis served in the U.S. Air Force, where he learned Communications Technology, then received a B. S. in Business from Columbia College in Missouri. He came to Huntsville from St. Louis in 1997. Roger has chaired Voter Services and served as Treasurer for the local League of Women Voters for three years. He is also Voter Services Training Chairman for the Alabama League of Women Voters. (36)

Allison England is a Huntsville native, born and raised in Jones Valley. She is a fourth-generation member of the Jones Valley Farm, with the land originally purchased by her great-grandfather in 1939. She has continued the family legacy and runs a small-scale flower farm. She operates Jones Family Flowers along with her husband Carter and her two boys, Walker, and Everet. She and her entire family enjoy gardening and farming. (15)

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 U.S. Army Missile Command. After retiring in 2010, he has taken numerous LearningQUEST and Osher Lifelong Learning Institute classes over the last five years. (34)

Melanie J. Ford is a Huntsville native who serves as the senior Director of Construction for the University of Georgia and as an adjunct professor in the College of Environment and Design. She has a B.S. in Building Science from Auburn University and Masters degrees from the University of Georgia in Historic Preservation and in Landscape Architecture. The moon trees was the thesis topic for her degree in landscape architecture. Melanie's father, Edward L. Bernstein, is a member of LearningQuest. (4)

Elaine Fredericksen, Ph.D., holds a B.A. in Spanish from the University of California, Los Angeles, an M.A. in English and American Literature from the University of Alabama, Birmingham, and a Ph.D. in Rhetoric and Writing Studies from the University of Alabama 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 at LearningQUEST. (6, 57)

Bill Friday is a lifelong collector and admirer of minerals and fossils, with specimens gathered from sites across the country as well as shows and

online sources. His passion has been encouraged by mentors and strengthened through 50 years of service as an adult Boy Scout leader. Much of his collection is now displayed in the Huntsville Gem & Mineral Society Education Center Museum, located in the renovated football fieldhouse of the former Grissom High School on Bailey Cove in Huntsville. (61)

Jennifer Garlen, Ph.D., is a former member of the English faculty at the University of Alabama in Huntsville 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*. (29)

Tim Gels has been Education Director for the Land Trust of North Alabama since May 2022 after more than 15 years as an education volunteer. A former Madison County elementary teacher of 16 years, he still proudly identifies as a third grader at heart. He is retired from the U.S. Army, having also served in the Marine Corps, and is a certified Alabama Master Naturalist with a special interest in birds and trees. Tim and his wife Lisa can often be found on North Alabama trails, where he enjoys sharing his love of nature with others. (60)

Beth Girard is a retired natural resources educator. She continues to learn about the natural world and loves to share that knowledge with visitors to Tims Ford State Park, where she is a volunteer educator. She has been a Minnesota Master Naturalist since 2007 and graduated from the Tennessee Naturalist Program in 2023. She is enrolled in the Alabama Master Naturalist Program because lifelong learning is what life is all about!! (37)

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. He presently 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, Alabama Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. (58)

Bob Goodwin, a Texas native, retired from the military after a variety of assignments working with troops and selling arms in the Middle East and Africa. Bob has been giving hikes in the area since 2009 for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and the Tennessee Trails Association. He now has his own hiking group and has given numerous presentations on hiking and travel. Bob earned his M. S. in Business from the University of Kansas. He has served on multiple boards, including a credit union, OLLI, and the Huntsville Beautification Board. He is a Master Gardener, Tennessee Naturalist, and Alabama Master Naturalist. (39, 40)

Hilary and Shirley Goss worked as a home inspection team for over 20 years for a national inspection company. Together they inspected over 4,200 buildings. Hilary would inspect the structure, roof, foundation, and electrical, while Shirley inspected interiors. Both are certified Level One Thermal Technicians using infrared cameras. They are also certified in Air Quality, Well Water, Mold, and Radon testing. They retired in 2022 and have been active members of LearningQUEST since 2024. (7)

Brand Griffin is one of the first space architects. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in architecture and is a winner of the Rome Prize. He was Boeing's space architect for their award of NASA's International Space Station. In addition, he has worked on numerous lunar and Mars base designs. He is widely published with over 30 technical papers, and his concepts have been featured on book and magazine covers. Recently, he was awarded The Gordon Woodcock Space Architecture Professional Award recognizing the highest professional achievement of an individual in the field of space architecture. (59)

Elizabeth (Liz) Hall is a retired college professor. She has been a consultant to adolescents and adults in her private practice: Skills for Success. She sees herself as a writer/teacher. Her writings include books, articles, short stories, and poetry. Her interests include travel, scuba diving,

gardening, reading, volunteering, and thinking. She particularly enjoys self-help, political, and social topics. (43)

George Hamilton, a Huntsville native and Eagle Scout, is the middle son of a piano teacher and a rocket engineer. An Auburn engineering graduate, he worked in Saudi Arabia on the King Khalid International Airport before retiring from a 35-year career at NASA. He lives near Five Points with his wife Laura, a retired Madison County Circuit Court Judge, and their poodle Fred. They have two daughters and five grandchildren. George enjoys bicycling on his recumbent bike and experimenting with the design and operation of combustion spud guns. (2)

Eddie Hermes received a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition from the University of Montevallo and completed her Dietetic Internship at Touro Infirmary in New Orleans. A Registered Dietitian for over 30 years, she has extensive experience in clinical care, corporate health and wellness, nutrition education, counseling, and public speaking. Following personal diagnoses of osteopenia and osteoporosis, she developed expertise in lifestyle factors influencing bone health and has maintained stable DEXA scores for over 10 years. Her continuing education includes functional and integrative nutrition, metabolic and brain health, gut and heart health, and disordered eating. She currently serves as a session coach and Bone Health Nutritionist with OsteoStrong. (63)

Gary and Barbara Hitt retired from engineering careers in 1994 and have been on the go ever since. Their travels to see birds and wildlife have taken them to more than 60 countries. Gary keeps the bird list, and Barbara does the photography. (9)

Sue Holleran is the president of the Huntsville Concert Band and administrator of the New Horizons Band of Huntsville. (11)

Kaylee Hubert has been an essential partner in restoring and sustaining the Hubert family farm in Madison County. While her husband Seth holds degrees in crop science and agricultural studies, Kaylee has supported his efforts to reestablish the family operation and expand into new ventures, including the creation of tulip fields that bring visitors from across the region. Together, they are committed to preserving their farming heritage while offering a unique space for the community to connect with agriculture. (38)

Kathy Jones retired in 2016 as a space systems engineer and project manager from NASA. In 2017-2020, she established and was President of the local League of Women Voters of Tennessee Valley before moving on to preside over the state League. She considers herself fortunate to collaborate with many amazing and strong people across Alabama who are dedicated to overcoming voting barriers, to supporting marginalized communities to be able to advocate and make their voices heard, and to making Alabama's government more transparent, accountable, fair, and accessible to its citizens. (36)

Steve Jones, Ph.D., is a retired university professor and former university president, a forest scientist, and a published author of three books. He publishes weekly blog posts on nature-inspired life and living. Dr. Jones has a B.S. in forestry and a doctoral degree in applied ecology. He brings deep passion for nature and informed and responsible earth stewardship. He is a husband, father, and grandfather. (56)

Sarah Lauren V. Kattos is a seventh-generation Huntsvillian and Associate Broker with her family's business, Van Valkenburgh & Wilkinson Properties, Inc. In her 30-plus years in real estate, she has earned several industry designations, including Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) and Certified Luxury Home Specialist. She was named Realtor of the Year in 2024. In addition, she led New Agent Orientation for the Huntsville Area Association of Realtors. A graduate of Birmingham-Southern College, Sarah Lauren is married to Andy Kattos. They have two daughters, Juliana Wohicke and Margaret Kattos. (21)

Kelly Kazek is an award-winning journalist and author who writes about Southern culture and folklore. In her 36-year career in journalism, she has been an editor, reporter, and humor columnist. She is the author of more than 25 books for children and adults. In 2022, she received the top award

for humor writing by the National Society of Newspaper Columnists. She lives near Huntsville, Alabama. (54)

David Lilly has been on the staff at Huntsville-Madison County Public Library 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. (P4)

Ben Maples is an eighth-generation farmer from Elkmont, Alabama, dedicated to advancing his family's agricultural legacy at Maples Stock Farm. Established in 1818, the farm has been under continuous family operation and began specializing in registered Angus cattle in 1937. Today, Ben collaborates closely with his father Tommy and his grandfather Billy to manage the day-to-day operations, focusing on breeding quality Angus cattle suited for Southeastern cattlemen. (50)

Ron Moody has been active in the financial services industry since 1981 and holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama. He is a Certified Financial Planner™ professional, a Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor from the College of Financial Planning, and a Certified Senior Advisor, as well as a member of the Financial Planning Association. With a strong background in investment, estate, and retirement planning, Ron delivers exceptional service to his clients. Committed to ongoing education, he continually enhances his expertise to better serve his clients. (5,10)

Ray Moses is an engineer and astronomer who, while at Boeing, worked on the Apollo, Space Shuttle, and Space Station missions. With the Air Force, he worked on the GPS project. He earned his engineering degree at Georgia Tech and his Ph.D. in Astronomy from Ohio State University. (13)

Melissa Musgrove has lived and worked in Huntsville since 1973. Her varied career includes counseling adults with disabilities in a vocational rehabilitation program and small business ownership. She partnered with her husband Tom to own the Yoga Center of Huntsville. In 2008, Melissa bought Foliage Design Systems, an interiorscape company providing live plant leasing for commercial properties as well as holiday decorating. She sold her business in 2020. Travel defines an exciting part of her retirement. (9)

Jeff Nelson, Ph.D., recently retired after having taught English and Shakespeare at the University of Alabama in Huntsville 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. (3, 19)

Chris Newlin is the CEO at the National Children's Advocacy Center and has served in this role since 2005. He has worked in CACs for more than 29 years and has vast experience in this field. Chris has been recognized with numerous national awards and is an internationally recognized trainer in the multi-disciplinary response to child abuse. (33)

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. (P2)

Leah Oakley lives in Athens, AL with her husband Ron. They have been married for 48 years and have two grown children and four beautiful grandchildren. Together they enjoy going to the beach and ball games and mostly just spending time together. Leah loves stories. She and Ron attend Donald Davis's Storytelling Workshop each summer in Ocracoke, NC. Leah has served on the Athens Storytelling Festival Board for seven years and is currently President of the Board. After being in the Athens City School System for 30 years, she retired last year to enjoy more stories and family time. (48)

Smith Ogden is a physical therapist at Austin Physical Therapy. He received his Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Harding University. A Huntsville native, Ogden is passionate about helping people improve their quality of life by addressing pain, enhancing strength, and supporting overall mobility and function. He enjoys sharing practical strategies that give participants the power to move more comfortably and confidently in their daily lives. (8)

Linda Phillips is a retired teacher and a new, very active member of LearningQUEST. (32)

Brent Pittman has always been motivated by a passion for helping others live healthier lives. His career began in cardiac medicine but shifted as he explored other specialties, including dermatology, plastic and cosmetic surgery, ophthalmology, integrated medicine, and wellness. In 2013 he discovered OsteoStrong, where he helped the company grow from just a handful of sites to more than 200 worldwide while also completing his Master's in Healthcare Administration. Now an Osteoporosis Educator with American Bone Health, Brent travels the country sharing the importance of bone health and currently works with OsteoStrong in Huntsville, helping North Alabama residents reverse bone loss, increase strength, reduce pain, and improve posture and balance. (63)

Patricia Points and her husband Jim recently moved from Iowa to Huntsville to be closer to family and escape the snow. A retired public elementary school teacher and principal, she has also been active in the arts, teaching Zentangle, art journaling, and collage to children and adults in Iowa, Georgia, and North Carolina. As a Certified Zentangle Teacher, Patricia is eager to share her skills through beginner, intermediate, and advanced classes. (F12)

Beth Powell is a dabbler in many fine arts and crafts. After a working career in medical technology, teaching Biological Sciences at Grissom High School and Calhoun, and analyzing manufactured DNA and RNA, she turned her mind to the creative arts. She is happy to challenge herself with attempting new craft projects and techniques and enthusiastically sharing what she learns. While not a Certified Zentangle Teacher, Beth is looking forward to sharing this simple drawing practice with others. (22)

Thomas Reidy, Ph.D., is the executive director of *The Scottsboro Boys Museum*, where he designed and wrote the content for its exhibits. He played a pivotal role lobbying for the Scottsboro Boys Act (AL 2013), which facilitated the posthumous pardons of the Scottsboro defendants. He received his Ph.D. in History from the University of Alabama and was a popular lecturer at University of Alabama Huntsville from 2007 to 2018. His published works cover the antebellum period and the civil rights movement. He recently edited and wrote the Introduction to *The Founding of Alabama* (UA Press, 2019). (31)

Tom Ress is on the Board of Wheeler Wildlife Refuge Association and is a volunteer naturalist who leads birding and kayak tours on Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge. He is a writer whose work has appeared in numerous publications and is the author of *Images of America: Wheeler National Refuge*. An avid adventurer and traveler, he has visited all seven continents, dozens of countries, and all 50 states. (9)

Nancy Robertson has lived in Huntsville most of her life, but in recent years has enjoyed traveling to several countries and across the US. Most of her professional life was spent at TARCOG, working across the northeast corner of Alabama with programs/services for senior adults, and also with programs that helped build communities for the area's local governments. Since retirement, she has remained active with local and regional efforts that improve quality of life in the area, including the Library Foundation and the Launch Regional Collaborative. (9)

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. (F2, F3, F4, F8, F10, F11)

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 spends time as a docent at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. (42)

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 and 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. In addition to her work with the City, Katie is adjunct faculty at the University of Alabama, Huntsville, where she teaches a course in Public History. Leading walking tours is one of her favorite activities, and she always enjoys meeting LearningQUEST members each semester. (47, 53)

Chris Stuhlinger is a retired forester. Chris is a native of Huntsville, who, after a full career out of state, retired to his hometown. (45)

Walter Thames is a lifelong lover of British and American poetry and has a particular affection for the poets of the Romantic and modern periods. 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, and it remains a key part of his daily study. (52)

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 10 years. It's been exciting to observe Debra's class participants improve their strength, flexibility and balance. (F6, F7)

Frederick Walker is a 2018 graduate of Alabama A&M University. He is a professionally trained percussionist and is classically trained in piano. Since 2010, Frederick has been responsible for developing the musical skills and leadership training at Huntsville Community Drumline, a free non-profit organization in Huntsville, Alabama. Fred teaches private drum and piano lessons and is the pianist for Beans Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Huntland, Tennessee. He is married to the former Brittani Hewlett. They have a daughter Luelani. (27)

Neal Waygood is a recently retired (2023) Project Manager with a B.S. Mechanical Engineering (University of Tennessee) and an M.B.A (University of Texas). Neal is married and has two grown children and one grandchild. Neal has a passion for the game of golf, particularly for the Masters Tournament. He attended the tournament in 2007 and has watched it on TV every year since 1972. Neal has also attended approximately 150 professional golf tournaments since 1972. (1)

Jane Wodtke grew up in a rural area outside of Louisville, Kentucky. She met and married her husband at the University of Kentucky and has a son and daughter. Jane was a Special Education teacher for 30 years. Since she moved to Huntsville after living in New Jersey for 29 years, she is enjoying her retirement with volunteer work and LearningQUEST. (16)

Monica Yother is an artist and graphic designer living in Huntsville. She has been teaching classes and workshops for over 16 years. She is an avid art journaler and enjoys mixed media, though her preference is figurative oil painting, specifically dance figures. Monica has been the artist for Huntsville Ballet for 18 years. (F1)

LEARNINGQUEST CALENDAR

Downtown Library: AUD (Auditorium), 2FL (2nd Floor Events Room), Studio (Makerspace Studio, 1st floor), A (across from Auditorium), FCR (Foundation Conference Room, 2nd floor), **South Huntsville Public Library:** SLib (Classroom)

Programs are held at library locations unless noted. If no venue is listed, see the description or await coordinator contact.

Programs other than courses are differentiated with special formatting:

Special Interest Group
Trip 2-4
Public Program 1-2
 Library Program 1-2

July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2 <i>Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A</i>	3	4
5	6 <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	7 RALLY DAY	8	9 <i>Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A</i>	10	
12 <i>Uke 2-3:30</i> <i>2FL</i>	13 <i>Bunco 9:30-12 A</i> <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	14 Golf 10-11:30 AUD	15 Moon 10-11:30 AUD	16 <i>Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A</i>	17 Am Poets 10-11:30 2FL	
19	20 Moon Tree 10-11:30 AUD <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	21 Health Exp 10-12 SLib	22 Travel Spanish 1-2:30 SLib	23 <i>Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A</i> Ask Inspect 1-2:30 AUD	24 Am Poets 10-11:30 2FL PT 10-11:30 AUD	
26 <i>Uke 2-3:30</i> <i>2FL</i>	27 Arm Trvl 1-2:30 AUD <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	28	29 Tax Plan 10-12 AUD <i>Poets Crnr 1:30-3 FCR</i> Travel Spanish 1-2:30 SLib	30 <i>Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A</i> Music 6:30-8	31 Am Poets 10-11:30 2FL Beg Tai Chi 10-11 AUD	

August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
2	3 Gel 10-12 MakerSpace <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> Arm Trvl 1-2:30 AUD <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	4 Moon Mars 10-11:30 AUD <i>Modern Classics</i> <i>10-11:30 2FL</i>	5 Travel Spanish 1-2:30 SLib	6 <i>Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A</i> BDay Card 1-2:30 SLIB Musical 1-2:30 AUD	7 Am Poets 10-11:30 2FL Beg Tai Chi 10-11 AUD	8
9 <i>Uke 2-3:30</i> <i>2FL</i>	10 <i>Bunco 9:30-12 A</i> <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> Arm Trvl 1-2:30 AUD <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	11 Flower 10-11:30 SLIB Int'l Dining 5-8 Japanese 6-7:30 AUD	12 Int Tai Chi 10-11 AUD Travel Spanish 1-2:30 SLib	13 <i>Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A</i> Musical 1-2:30 AUD	14 Dream 10-11:30 2FL Beg Tai Chi 10-11 AUD	15
16	17 <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> Arm Trvl 1-2:30 AUD <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	18 <i>Japanese Theatre</i> <i>6-7:30</i>	19 Int Tai Chi 10-11 AUD Travel Spanish 1-2:30 SLib	20 <i>Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A</i> Heat Card 1-2:30 SLib Musical 1-2:30 AUD	21 Dream 10-11:30 2FL Beg Tai Chi 10-11 AUD	22
23 <i>Uke 2-3:30</i> <i>2FL</i>	24 <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> Arm Trvl 1-2:30 AUD <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	25 Lunch Gr 1 11-12:30 Zentangle Inspired 2-4 2FL Smart Moves 2:30 AUD	26 Int Tai Chi 10-11 AUD Lunch Gr 2 11-12:30 <i>Poets Crnr 1:30-3 FCR</i> Travel Spanish 1-2:30 SLib	27 Lunch Gr 3 11-12:30 <i>Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A</i>	28 Dream 10-11:30 2FL Beg Tai Chi 10-11 AUD	29
30	31 <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>					

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Rescue 10-11:30 AUD Modern Classics 10-11:30 2FL	2 Funeral 10-11:30 2FL Drums 12:30-1:30	3 Blood Pr 10-11:30 AUD Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A Ink Card 1-2:30 SLIB	4 Hiking 9 Various Beg Tai Chi 10-11 AUD Fri Film 2-4:30 AUD	5
6	7 LABOR DAY Library Closed	8 Whales 10-11:30 SLib Number 1s 2-3:30 AUD Int'l Dining 5-8 Astronomy 7-8:30p	9 BeamFIT 9:30-10:30 Joyspan 10-11:30 2FL Int Tai Chi 10-11 AUD Fitness 10:30-11:30	10 Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A Scottsboro 1-2:30 AUD	11 Hiking 9 Various Travel Lunch 9-3 Beg Tai Chi 10-11 AUD NCAC 10-11:30	12
13 Uke 2-3:30 2FL	14 Bunco 9:30-12 A Decision 10-11:30 SLib Mah Jongg 1-4 A Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	15 31/ATLAS Comet 10-11:30 SLib Vote 10-11:30 AUD Astronomy 7-8:30p	16 BeamFIT 9:30-10:30 Int Tai Chi 10-11 AUD Turtles 10-11:30 SLIB Fitness 10:30-11:30 Drums 12:30-1:30	17 SunFlowers 10-11:30 Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A Spot Cards 1-2:30 SLIB	18 Hiking 9 Various Beg Tai Chi 10-11 AUD	19
20	21 Decision 10-11:30 SLib 3000 Mile 10-11:30 AUD Mah Jongg 1-4 A Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	22 Hiking 10-11:30 AUD Lunch Gr 1 11-12:30 Astronomy 7-8:30p	23 BeamFIT 9:30-10:30 Sound 1-2:30 AUD Portrait 10-11:30 SLib Int Tai Chi 10-11 AUD Fitness 10:30-11:30 Lunch Gr 2 11-12:30	24 Lunch Gr 3 11-12:30 Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A	25 Hiking 9 Various	26
27 Uke 2-3:30 2FL	28 Decision 10-11:30 SLib Mah Jongg 1-4 A Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	29 Astronomy 7-8:30p	30 BeamFIT 9:30-10:30 Portrait 10-11:30 SLib Fitness 10:30-11:30 Poets Cmr 1:30-3 FCR			

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 Artemis 10-11:30 AUD Purpose 10-11:30 2FL Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A	2 Hiking 9 Various Beg Tai Chi 10-11 AUD FALL PICNIC 10:30-1:00 Fri Film 2-4:30 AUD	3
4	5 Decision 10-11:30 SLib Mah Jongg 1-4 A Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	6 Tree 10-11:30 Judge 10-11:30 AUD Modern Classics 10-11:30 2FL Gift of Organ Donation 2-3:30 AUD	7 BeamFIT 9:30-10:30 Portrait 10-11:30 SLib Fitness 10:30-11:30 Walking G1 1-2:30	8 Purpose 10-11:30 2FL Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A	9 Hiking 9 Various Travel Lunch 9-3 Beg Tai Chi 10-11 AUD	10
11 Uke 2-3:30 2FL	12 STAFF APPRECIATION DAY Library Closed Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	13 Tree 10-11:30 Judge 10-11:30 AUD Gift of Organ Donation 2-3:30 AUD Int'l Dining 5-8	14 BeamFIT 9:30-10:30 Stories 10-11:30 Aud Portrait 10-11:30 SLib Fitness 10:30-11:30 Tai Chi 1-2 2FL Maple Hill 2-3:30 AUD	15 Tuscumbia Adventure 8:30-5 Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A Woodcarving 6:30- 7:30	16 Hiking 9 Various Farm 10-11:30 SLib Time Management 10-11:30 AUD	17
18	19 Decision 10-11:30 SLib Mah Jongg 1-4 A Stories 1-2:30 AUD Poetry 1-2:30 2FL Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	20 Tree 10-11:30 Judge 10-11:30 AUD	21 Portrait 10-11:30 SLib Tai Chi 1-2 2FL Walking G2 1-2:30	22 Tales 10-11:30 AUD Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A Woodcarving 6:30- 7:30	23 Hiking 9 Various Time Management 10-11:30 AUD	24
25 Uke 2-3:30 2FL	26 Decision 10-11:30 SLib Mah Jongg 1-4 A Stories 1:2:30 AUD Poetry 1-2:30 2FL Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	27 Tree 10-11:30 Judge 10-11:30 AUD Lunch Gr 1 11-12:30	28 Portrait 10-11:30 SLib Lunch Gr 2 11-12:30 Tai Chi 1-2 2FL Poets Crnr 1:30-3 FCR	29 Tales 10-11:30 AUD Lunch Gr 3 11-12:30 Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A Woodcarving 6:30- 7:30	30 Hiking 9 Various	31

Operations Manager

Hello LearningQUEST Members,

I am thrilled to be joining the LearningQUEST community as Operations Manager and wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. Throughout my life, I have believed that learning doesn't stop when we leave school. It is a lifelong journey that enriches our minds, strengthens our communities, and helps us better understand the world and one another.

That is why I am so excited to come on board with LearningQUEST. What makes this organization special is the passion, curiosity, and generosity of its members. LearningQUEST is more than a place to take classes; it is a community of people who embrace discovery, ask thoughtful questions, share their experiences, and continue growing at every stage of life.

I look forward to meeting you, learning alongside you, and helping support the incredible programs that make LearningQUEST such a vibrant community. Thank you for the warm welcome. I am excited for all that we will learn and accomplish together.

With gratitude and enthusiasm,
Stephanie Gilmore



November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 Decision 10-11:30 SLib <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> Poetry 1-2:30 2FL <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	3 Tree 10-11:30 Garden 10-11:30 AUD Modern Classics 10-11:30 2FL A Spanish 1-2:30 SLib Nature 10-11:30 Beauty 3-4:30 2FL	4 <i>Tai Chi 1-2 2FL</i> Space 1-2:30 SLib	5 SIGNALS 10-11:30 <i>Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A</i> Vellum Card 1-2:30 SLib Beauty 3-4:30 2FL	6 <i>Hiking 9 Various</i> Birds 10-11:30 Fri Film 2-4:30 AUD	7
8 <i>Uke 2-3:30 2FL</i>	9 Decision 10-11:30 SLib <i>Bunco 9:30-12 A</i> <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> Poetry 1-2:30 2FL <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	10 Selma 10-11:30 AUD Nature 10-11:30 A Spanish 1-2:30 SLib Int'l Dining 5-8	11 VETERANS DAY Library Closed	12 <i>Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A</i> Beauty 3-4:30 2FL	13 <i>Hiking 9 Various</i> Travel Lunch 9-3	14
15	16 <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	17 Nature 10-11:30 Beauty 3-4:30 2FL	18 LQ ANNUAL MEETING	19 <i>Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A</i> <i>Poets' Cmr 1:30-3 FCR</i> Lunch Gr 3 11-12:30 Xmas Card 1-2:30 SLib Beauty 3-4:30 2FL	20 <i>Hiking 9 Various</i>	21
22 <i>Uke 2-3:30 2FL</i>	23 <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i> Rocks 1-2:30 AUD	24 Travels 10-11:30 AUD Lunch Gr 1 11-12:30 A Spanish 1-2:30 SLib	25 Lunch Gr 2 11-12:30	26 THANKSGIVING Library Closed	27 THANKSGIVING Library Closed	28
29	30 <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>					

December 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Nature 10-11:30 Modern Classics 10-11:30 2FL Bone 10-11:30 SLib A Spanish 1-2:30 SLib Speaking 1-2:30 2FL	2 Intro to Zentan 9:30-11:30 SLib <i>Tai Chi 1-2 2FL</i>	3 <i>Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A</i> Speaking 1-2:30 2FL	4 4th Estate 10-11:30 AUD	5 Speaking 1-2:30 2FL
6	7 <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	8 Bone 10-11:30 SLib A Spanish 1-2:30 SLib Int'l Dining 5-8	9 Intro Zentan 9:30-11:30 SLib <i>Tai Chi 1-2 2FL</i>	10 Christkindlmarkt 9-5 <i>Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A</i>	11 Fri Film 2-4:30 AUD	12
13 <i>Uke 2-3:30 2FL</i>	14 <i>Bunco 9:30-12 A</i> <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	15 Bone 10-11:30 SLib A Spanish 1-2:30 SLib	16 <i>Tai Chi 1-2 2FL</i>	17 <i>Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A</i>	18	19
20	21 <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	22 Bone 10-11:30 SLib	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Library Closed	25 CHRISTMAS DAY Library Closed	26
27 <i>Uke 2-3:30 2FL</i>	28 <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i>	29	30 <i>Poets' Cmr 1:30-3 FCR</i>	31 <i>Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A</i>		



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