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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Downtown Library: AUD (Auditorium), 2FL (2nd Floor Events Room), AB (Room beside Auditorium)

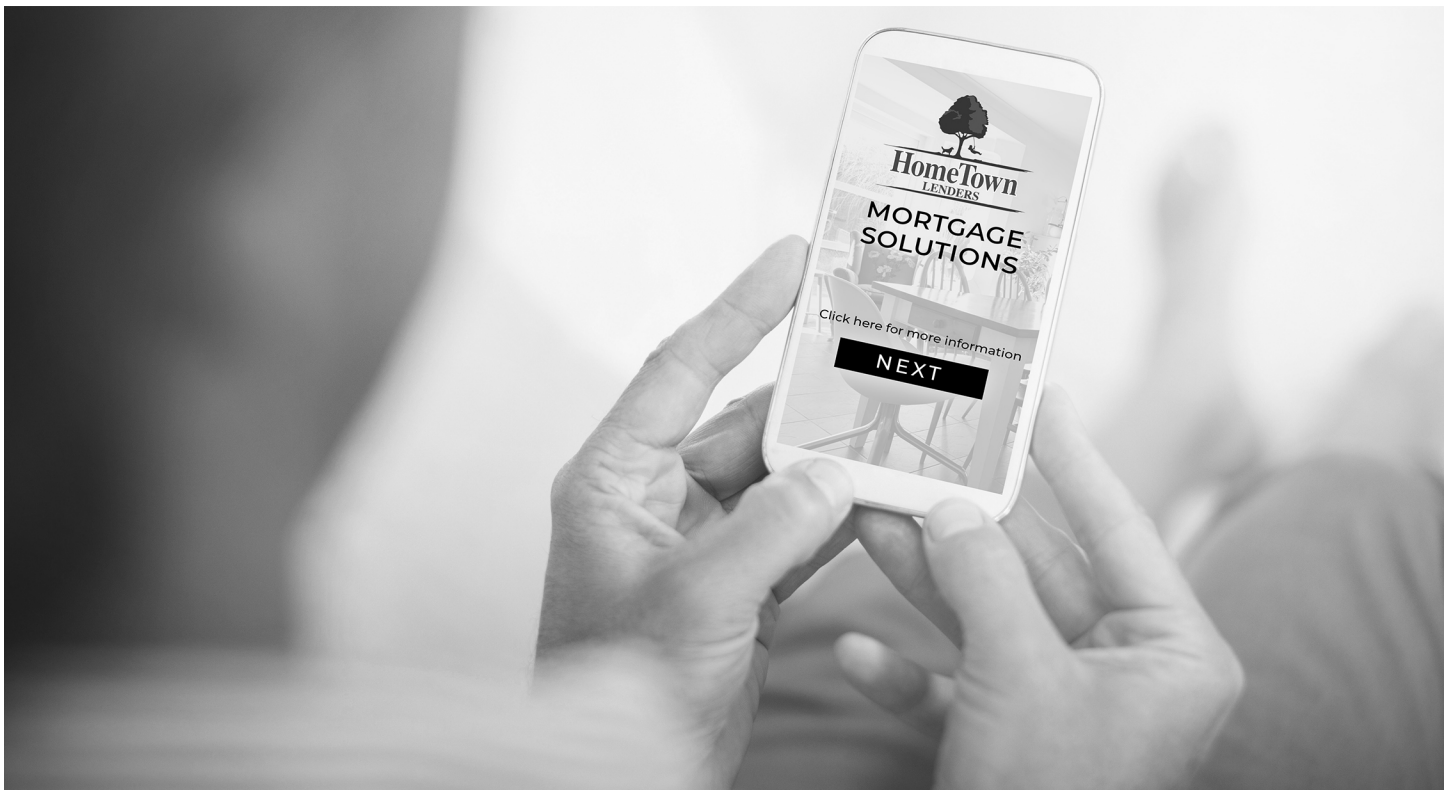
Program	Venue	Presenter(s)	Dates	Day	Time	#	Coordinator
MEMBER COURSES (WITH TERM FEE)							
1-Desert Storm Memoirs	Online	Ron Jaramillo	1/21	Th	5:30 – 7	1	Darryl Palm
2-Wonderful World of Google	Online	Charles Gattis	1/28-2/18	Th	10 – 11:30	4	Gwen Goins-Pratt
3-Art Journal Travel Book	See Desc.	Monica Yother	1/28-2/25	Th	1 – 2:30	5	Beth Powell
4-Jumping into Genomics	Online	Jennifer Carden	1/29-2/26	F	10 – 11:30	5	TBD
5-Armchair Travel	Online	Various	2/1-3/1	M	1:30 – 3	5	Pat Hair
6-Front Porch Conversations	2FL	Larry West	2/3 - 3/10	W	10 – 11:30	6	Pat Sampson
7-Chocolate Oblivion	See Desc.	C.C. Fridlin	2/8	M	6 – 9	1	Charlotte Anderson
8-Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice	AUD	Jeff Nelson	2/9-23	T	9:30 – 11	3	Carol Roach
9-International Dining Out Club	Various	Jane Wodtke	2/9;3/9;4/13;5/11;6/8	T	5 – 8	5	Paul Hurst
10-Personal Financial Planning	2FL	Alan Markell	2/16-23	T	1 – 2:30	2	Larry West
11-Downsizing Simplified	AUD	Karen Wright	2/24	W	1:30 – 3:30	1	Charlotte Anderson
12-Exodus	Online	Charles Gattis	2/25-3/11	Th	10 – 11	3	Charlotte Anderson
13-Anger Management	2FL	Frank Morales	3/1-15	M	9:30 – 11	3	Bonnie Vos
14-Fitness and Balance Class	See Desc.	Britney Shoemaker	3/4-4/8	Th	9:30 – 10:30	6	Mary Holder
15-Friday Film Festival: Humphrey Bogart	AUD	Jennifer Garlen	3/5;4/2;5/7;6/11	F	2 – 4:30	4	Gina Bain
16-Container Gardening - Things to Know	AUD	Harvey Cotten	3/9	T	1 – 2:30	1	Charlotte Anderson
17-Succulent Plant Workshop	AB	David Hayes	3/16	T	10 – 11:30	1	Jean Lake
18-"3" Fund Investment Portfolio	2FL	Alan Markell	3/16-23	T	1 – 2:30	2	Larry West
19-Viet Nam Revisited	2FL	Skip Vaughn	3/17	W	1 – 2:30	1	Judy Frago
20-Fast Facts About Your Vehicle	See Desc.	Lacey Nave	3/17	W	4 – 6	1	Charlotte Anderson
21-The Paradox of Femininity in Art History	AUD	Debbie West	3/18-25;4/8-29	Th	1 – 2:30	6	Gina Bain
22-Nat. Geographic Wildlife Photography	AUD	Tom Bryant	3/22-4/26	M	10 – 11:30	6	Gordon Bakken
23-Journey to Sainthood: Joan of Arc	CANCELLED						
24-First Ladies	AUD	Stephanie Hanna	3/30-4/20	T	2 – 3:30	4	Susan Bakken
25-Skywatching: Seeing Cosmic Wonders	2FL	Doreen Forsythe	4/5-5/10	M	1 – 2	6	Sky Sampson
26-Battle of the Bulge	Online	Tennent Lee	4/6-27	T	10 – 11:30	4	Joyce Davis
27-An Afternoon with ET	See Desc.	Jeff Delmas	4/14	W	1 – 3	1	Larry West
28-You Be The Judge	AUD	Tom Borchert	4/15-29	Th	9:30 – 10:30	3	Linda McGuinness
29-Spanish For Travel	2FL	Elaine Fredericksen	4/21-5/26	W	1 – 2:30	6	Susan Bakken
30-Senior Living Options	Online	Ann Beltz	4/27-6/15	T	1 – 2:30	8	Linda McGuinness
31-Scenes of Huntsville: Art of Albert Lane	AUD	Bill Nunn	4/30	F	11 – 4	1	John Ofenloch
32-The Prevention & Reversal of Disease	AUD	Pam Frazier	5/4	T	10 – 11:30	1	Judy Frago
33-Survivors of the TN Kid's Home Society	AUD	Sallie Brandon	5/6	Th	1 – 3	1	Charlotte Anderson
34-Wines from the Regions of France, III	CANCELLED						
35-A conversation with Mayor Battle	See Desc.	John Ofenloch	See Desc.			1	Larry West

If you are unable to attend a course for which you are registered, please contact the Registrar at LQregistrar@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

At the time of publishing this catalog, the impact of the pandemic on the 2021 Spring schedules remains in question. As we will adapt to whatever the current health and safety mandates require, the schedule will contain much uncertainty. It will be more important than ever to keep current of the latest scheduling announcements by reading the weekly E-News and checking the LQUEST.org website for updates. A program can change location, timing or be canceled, so it is important to keep current with announcements. We greatly appreciate your patience during the Spring Term.

Program	Venue	Presenter(s)	Dates	Day	Time	#	Coordinator
TRIPS & EXCURSIONS (WITH TERM FEE)							
T1-Huntsville Museum of Art	See Desc.	Sarah Curtis	3/18	Th	1 – 3	1	Sarah Curtis
T2-Huntsville Escape Room – The Informant	See Desc.	Darryl Palm	3/26	F	Noon – 3	1	Darryl Palm
T3-MSFC Bus Tour	See Desc.	MSFC Personnel	6/10	Th	12:30 – 3	1	Darryl Palm
T4-An Evening of Trash Panda Baseball	See Desc.	Darryl Palm	See Desc.			1	Darryl Palm
SPECIAL TRIPS							
ST1-History, Nature & Food Lover Trip	See Desc.	Kim Davis	4/30 – 5/1	F-S	See Desc.	2	Darryl Palm
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (NO TERM FEE)							
S1-UkeQUESTors Jam	Online	Keith Fukumitsu	Sundays	S	2 – 3:30		Keith Fukumitsu
S2-Monday Hiking	Various	Various	Mondays	M	9		Sue Campbell
S3-Mah Jongg	AB/See Desc.	Janet Tedrow	Mondays	M	1 – 4		Janet Tedrow
S4-Great Conversations	Online	Bob Stagg	Mondays	M	3 – 4:30		Bob Stagg
S5-Knitting	Online/AB	Barbara Ward	See Desc.	W	2 – 3		Barbara Ward
S6-Hand and Foot	AB/See Desc.	Betsy Prescott	Thursdays	Th	1 – 4		Betsy Prescott
S7-Progressive Christianity Explored	See Desc.	Glenn Nettleton	First Friday	F	9:30 – 11:30		Glenn Nettleton
S8-Computers Cameras and Questing (CCQ)	2FL/See Desc.	Glenn Nettleton	Third Friday	F	9:30 – noon		Glenn Nettleton
S9-Friday Hiking	Various	Barbara Roberts	Fridays 1/15 - 4/30	F	9		Barbara Roberts
S10-Bunco	AB/See Desc.	Joy Anderson	Fourth Monday	M	9:30 – noon		Joy Anderson
S11-Poetry	Online	Liz Hall	Fourth Wednesday	W	1:30 - 3		Liz Hall
PROGRAMS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (FREE)							
P1-History of Science Fiction Films	AUD	David Lilly	3/9	T	10 – 11:30	1	Susan Bakken
P2-Who You Gonna Call? Fraud Busters	AUD	Anna Blair	3/31	W	Noon – 1	1	Linda McGuiness
P3-Alabama Speaks: Women's Suffrage	2FL	Anna Blair	4/23	F	Noon – 1	1	Carol Roach
P4-Welcome to LearningQUEST (Open House)	AUD	Darryl Palm	5/20	Th	1 – 3	1	Darryl Palm



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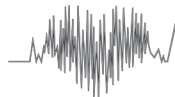
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Volunteers are the heartbeat of LearningQUEST.



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



**Do you want to do something that is satisfying
and of great service to your learning community?**

Then become a LearningQUEST Volunteer!

We will provide the training & support for you to be successful.

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

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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

Who can be a member of LearningQUEST?

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

What are the fees for LearningQUEST?

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

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

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

How do I join and/or register for courses?

- Attend the Drive Through Only Spring Rally Day on Tuesday, January 12, 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM at the First Baptist Church under the canopy at Entrance #7 on St. Clair Avenue, directly across from the Downtown Library; or
- Go to lquest.org, create an account, and join, register, and pay online using the secure portal; or
- Go to lquest.org, download registration form/s, and mail completed forms and fees to LearningQUEST, P.O. Box 2387, Huntsville, AL 35804; or
- Come by the LearningQUEST office during regular office hours.

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

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

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

How do I register for a trip?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

What is the Drop/Add Policy?

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

Are guests permitted to attend a LearningQUEST course?

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

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

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

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

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

How can I get a replacement name badge and holder?

Badges may be obtained from the Membership Chair by sending a request to LQmembership@gmail.com. Holders are available in the LearningQUEST office during office hours. There is a \$5 replacement fee for the badge holder.

What is the inclement weather policy?

LearningQUEST follows the weather policy of Huntsville-Madison County Public Library. If the Downtown Library is closed, this information will be posted at hmcpl.org by 6 AM, and LearningQUEST programs will be cancelled for that day.

How do I report my volunteer hours?

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

How do I report a change of contact information?

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

How can I stay informed about LearningQUEST activities and updates?

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

Is there a general email address for LearningQUEST?

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

What health safety measures are being implemented during the pandemic?

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

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

MEMBER COURSES (WITH TERM FEE)

Term Fee of \$30 Required for Unlimited Courses

Downtown Library: AUD (Auditorium), 2FL (2nd Floor Events Room), AB (Room beside Auditorium)

Letter from the Board of Directors President

The preceding months have been challenging for our country and certainly LearningQUEST as well. Due to the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and the State of Alabama's health guidelines, scheduling the Spring Term has been very difficult.

Please pay careful attention to this Catalog's course information, announcements via emails, E-News, LQUEST.org and Facebook for updates on sudden program changes.

LearningQUEST Board President
Charles Gattis

1-Memoirs of a Desert Storm Helicopter Crew Chief

Instructor: Ron Jaramillo
Date: 1 Thursday, Jan. 21
Time: 5:30 – 7
Location: Online

The 30th Anniversary of Desert Storm occurred in 2020. This course will detail Ron Jaramillo's experience during the Desert Storm conflict in a Medical Evacuation Battalion Helicopter Crew. He served as a UH-60 Crew chief, squad leader, and maintenance lead for 15 UH-60s. He will describe his crew's equipment, mission, and strategy, as well as personal memories of interactions with the US, International, and Iraqi forces. The presentation will include pictures and maps of his experience.

2-The Wonderful World of Google

Instructor: Charles Gattis
Date: 4 Thursdays, Jan. 28 – Feb. 18
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: Online

This is a basic computer course for individuals fairly new to computers who want an inexpensive way to make use of a word processor, a spreadsheet, and other programs that might be helpful to them. Google makes available several different apps that are free to use, and which contain cloud-based storage that also comes without cost. The class will begin with a brief discussion of Google's privacy policy and the process of acquiring a Google account. In additional classes, participants will learn how to use Google Drive, Google Docs, Google Sheets, and Google Slides—all applications provided with the Google account for free. In addition, we will look

briefly at Chrome, Google Photos, Gmail, YouTube, Google Forms, and Google Calendar—apps which are also free to use with the Google account. *Max: 100.*

3-Art Journal Travel Book

Instructor: Monica Yother
Date: 5 Thursdays, Jan. 28 – Feb. 25
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: Studio 127, Lowe Mill

Remember planning to make a scrapbook or photo album of your last trip? Remember never really getting started? This course will help participants create an interesting, unique, and beautiful book that is as entertaining to make as it will be to look through. Art Journaling Travel Book guides class members through the process of creating interesting pages using photos and ephemera (collected print stuff), while using writing prompts and varied materials and techniques. Everything but the journal is provided; this will need to be purchased separately from the instructor or elsewhere. A pre-course handout will provide specifics. No art experience is needed. The course will be held at Studio 127, Lowe Mill Arts & Entertainment, 2211 Seminole Dr. SW, Huntsville, AL 35805. Fee: \$25. *Max: 12.*



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4-Jumping into Genomics

Instructor: Jennifer Carden
Date: 5 Fridays, Jan. 29 – Feb. 26
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: Online

The acronym "DNA" is used frequently today, not only in scientific journals, but also in news headlines, on social media, and in social circles. This virtual course will prepare participants to gain familiarity with background DNA knowledge and then will discuss topics in genomics and on-going research at HudsonAlpha. The instructor will examine how the genomics research occurring at HudsonAlpha and beyond will impact individual lives and shape the world of tomorrow. No previous course experience is required, just curiosity and questions.

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5-Armchair Travel

Instructor: Various
Date: 5 Mondays, Feb. 1 – Mar. 1
Time: 1:30 – 3
Location: Online

Enjoy Armchair Travel adventures with LearningQUEST friends who have traveled on wonderful trips and have great pictures of the sites they enjoyed.

February 1 – Exploring Beautiful Belize Join avid traveler Tom Riss for a trip to Belize and enjoy a variety of adventures and experience a once-in-a-lifetime whale shark experience. One of Central America's most overlooked countries, Belize has thick jungles, the second largest coral reef in the world, Mayan ruins and mysterious caves. Spend time trekking through the country's tropical jungle in the interior, spotting monkeys, crocodiles, jungle cats, birds, and butterflies. Canoe hidden rivers, explore dark caves and check out the Mayan ruins of Xunantunich. Finally, complete our visit by swimming with giant whale sharks in Silk Cayes Marine Reserve, where these enormous creatures congregate every spring.

February 8 – Winter Wonderland – Lofoten, Norway Emily Pinkerton Saile is one of our favorite traveling photographers. In February, 2020, she visited Lofoten, Norway, to capture pictures of snow, snow-capped mountains, fishing villages, auroras, snow, and more snow. She will share these pictures and tell about her adventures.

February 15 – Colors Of Provence On a 2019 river boat cruise along Europe's Rhone River, Judy and Charles Gattis traveled with Ama Waterways. The trip began at Atlanta's High Museum of Art before flying to Barcelona. They spent three days in Barcelona and ended with three days in Paris. It was an amazing time as they considered the wonderful art of Gaudi and Van Gogh and the photography of Clarence John Laughlin and Sally Mann. They will share their pictures and their reflections on the art as well as the wonderful scenery of Catalonia and Provence.

February 29 – Beautiful Southern Ireland Don Wolfe presents a pictorial review of a three-week tour of southern Ireland from Dublin to Killarney, Kinsale to Cork, Dingle, Limerick, and Waterford, and much of the countryside in between. See castles and cathedrals, famine houses and 4,000-year-old stone huts. Visit the Blarney Stone, working sheep dogs, and monastic sites dating back to the 6th century. Learn some of the history of the Irish from the Vikings to harsh times in the past few centuries.

March 1 – Travels In Turkey Including Biblical Sites Mary Ann and Ed Stasiak traveled to Turkey with a group from their church with some emphasis on Biblical references and historical sites. The visit included Istanbul, Ankara, Cappadocia, Ephesus, Troy, and many sites from the Bible. The Istanbul sites included several sultanate palaces, the Hippodrome, Hagia Sofia, the Blue Mosque, a day at a cooking school, a military museum, and several marketplaces. Ankara was

predominately about Ataturk, who Turkey considers to be the father of modern Turkey. Cappadocia included whirling dervishes and cave dwellings inhabited until the 1960s. The couple toured several ongoing excavation sites and also saw many surprising natural formations.

6-Front Porch Conversations

Instructor: Larry West
Date: 6 Wednesdays, Feb. 3 – Mar. 10
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: 2FL

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

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7-Chocolate Oblivion

Instructor: C.C. Fridlin
Date: 1 Monday, Feb. 8
Time: 6 – 9
Location: CC's Kitchen

If there is a holiday connected with chocolate, Valentine's Day would be the one. It is estimated that \$1.7B will be spent on chocolate for Valentine's Day, so it seems only fitting to have a class dedicated to chocolate. Chocolate Oblivion will focus on this beloved ingredient and offer tastes of a variety of dishes from warm to cold. Participants will whip up some chocolate mousse and make it into a tart then make a chocolate base and freeze it into a sorbet. Cocoa nibs will be featured raw and in a cookie. The class finale, molten chocolate cakes, is a dessert staple on many restaurant menus. How much chocolate can each participant eat in one sitting? This class will provide the answer. This course will be offered at Chef CC's Kitchen, located at 107 Sycamorebend Dr., Huntsville, AL 35806. Fee: \$50. *Max: 18.*

8-Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice

Instructor: Jeff Nelson
Date: 3 Tuesdays, Feb. 9 – 23
Time: 9:30 – 11
Location: AUD

This three-session course on *The Merchant of Venice* examines one of Shakespeare's most performed yet most controversial plays. Discussion of scenes from several film versions will focus attention on the portrayal of Shylock.

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9-International Dining Out Club

Instructor: Jane Wodtke
Date: 5 Tuesdays, Feb. 9, Mar. 9,
Apr. 13, May 11, Jun. 8
Time: 5 – 8
Location: Various

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

10-Personal Financial Planning

Instructor: Alan Markell
Date: 2 Tuesdays, Feb. 16 – 23
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: 2FL

Control of one's assets brings peace of mind. This two session program will assist participants in organizing and maximizing personal finances. The first session will explain how to order a credit report and will allow members to complete a life insurance calculator and an asset allocation questionnaire. Results will be discussed in the second session. Session 2 will also cover the following: life insurance, asset classes and allocation, diversification, 3-Fund and 4-Fund portfolios, investment fees, expense ratios and loads, rebalancing portfolios, tax loss harvesting, financial advising, Roth and traditional IRAs, portfolio withdrawal strategies, Social Security strategies, and annuities. This useful overview will give participants greater confidence in future financial decision making.

11-Downsizing Simplified

Instructor: Karen Wright
Date: 1 Wednesday, Feb. 24
Time: 1:30 – 3:30
Location: AUD

Does the thought of "Downsizing" overwhelm you? Not sure what to do with all your stuff? If so, you can learn some tips from Karen Wright with Life Simplified to help you with decluttering, organizing, packing, managing

move details, unpacking and setting up your new home. Karen and her team have helped hundreds of individuals in the greater Tennessee Valley conquer their transition into smaller spaces for over 11 years. The team has successfully downsized the homes of individuals that have lived in 4,000+ square foot homes for over 40 years into 1,000 + square foot spaces. This course will help you achieve your goals in a cost effective manner that will improve your quality of life.

12-Exodus


Instructor: Charles Gattis
Date: 3 Thursdays, Feb. 25 – Mar. 11
Time: 10 – 11
Location: Online

This program follows the Biblical account of the Exodus from Egypt through Jordan and into Israel. The course is not a Bible study, though references may be made to the Biblical account, but rather a study of the geographical, geological, archaeological and historical information currently available for a geographical area that has vastly influenced western culture. The area, often called "The Holy Land," is actually a very slim land bridge between three continents. In ancient times, the trade routes of these three continents passed through this land making it extremely important for commerce. Likewise, the armies of these three continents marched through this area on their way to do battle with their adversaries. Living there was a bit like occupying a house situated in the middle of a twelve-lane superhighway. In 2011, Charles Gattis led a church trip of the Exodus route the children of Israel took to the "Promised Land." This was just after the Arab Spring, and traveling through those three very unique and different countries provided a vital understanding of the area and the difficulties there today. Max: 100.

13-Anger Management

Instructor: Frank Morales
Date: 3 Mondays, Mar. 1 – 15
Time: 9:30 – 11
Location: 2FL

The program will talk about the origins of anger, how humans use code words to hide the intensity of their feelings, and how anger is a natural emotion. The class will discuss verbal and emotional buttons people push and how to disconnect them. Group discussions will focus on specific situations that usually involve anger and how to deal with difficult people.

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14-Fitness and Balance Class

Instructor: Britney Shoemaker
Date: 6 Thursdays, Mar. 4 – Apr. 8
Time: 9:30 – 10:30
Location: SFL Studio

Are you interested in experiencing Fitness and Balance classes, but not ready to dive in at full speed? This 6 week course will be held in the Steady For Life Studio. It is located at 7900 Bailey Cove Rd., Suite F, Huntsville, AL. Led by a certified personal trainer, it will include fall prevention techniques plus strengthening and flexibility exercises. The class offers a gentle entry to an important experience. Fee: \$15. Max: 25

15-Friday Film Festival: Humphrey Bogart Take 2

Instructor: Jennifer Garlen
Date: 4 Fridays, Mar. 5, Apr. 2,
May 7, Jun. 11
Time: 2 – 4:30
Location: AUD

This semester's class will return to Humphrey Bogart for a second look at the iconic star's films, starting with *The Petrified Forest* (1936), the film that began Bogart's rise to Hollywood stardom thanks to his friend and costar, Leslie Howard. The second picture will be *They Drive by Night* (1940), in which Bogart plays an important supporting role that helped advance his career. After that we'll return to the two Bogart films we didn't get to see last term, *To Have and Have Not* (1944) and *The Big Sleep* (1946), both costarring Lauren Bacall, who would become Bogart's wife in 1945.

16-Container Gardening - Everything You Need to Know

Instructor: Harvey Cotten
Date: 1 Tuesday, Mar. 9
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: AUD

Pots, tubs and half barrels overflowing with flowers add appeal to any garden, but container gardening can serve a practical purpose too. Container gardening is ideal for those with little garden space and adds much versatility to gardens large or small. Many herbs are quite happy growing in pots. Harvey Cotton tells class participants how to select both types of containers and plants for containers, different materials used for containers, as well as size choices. He also discusses the number, type, and size of plants appropriate to various areas and seasons, with an emphasis on designing beautiful containers for spring.

17-Succulent Plant Workshop

Instructor: David Hayes
Date: 1 Tuesday, Mar. 16
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AB

The popularity of succulents is on the rise within the gardening world today. Students in this workshop will create their own succulent planter while simultaneously learning the basics of establishing and working with a variety of succulents. Soil composition, container selection, watering and maintenance requirements will be addressed. In addition, participants will learn the technique of propagating succulents from succulent leaves. At the end of the workshop, participants will have planted three succulents in a decorative planter which they can take home and proudly display. Material Fees: \$25. Coordinator will provide instructions for payment of \$25 prior to class. Max: 14

18-"3" Fund Investment Portfolio

Instructor: Alan Markell
Date: 2 Tuesdays, Mar. 16 – 23
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: 2FL

Knowledge is power in terms of investing personal assets. This course will provide hands-on projects in investment regarding current portfolios and appropriate asset allocation. It will examine 3-Fund and 4-Fund portfolios, expense ratios and loads, rebalancing portfolios, tax loss harvesting, efficient market hypothesis, modern portfolio theory, Roth versus traditional IRA, reversion to the mean, and more. Class participants will gain practical information to help with future financial decisions.

19-Viet Nam Revisited

Instructor: Skip Vaughn
Date: 1 Wednesday, Mar. 17
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: 2FL

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



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20-Fast Facts About Your Vehicle

Instructor: Lacey Nave
Date: 1 Wednesday, Mar. 17
Time: 4 – 6
Location: The Automotive Group Auto Repair

Class will consist of a behind-the-scenes tour of a local woman-owned automotive shop, The Automotive Group Auto Repair (TAG) at 1108 8th Street – behind Blue Plate Café on Governor's Drive. TAG has been in business since 1988. Following the tour, although the class is not designed to make a Master Technician out of anyone, the class will cover simple tasks that every vehicle owner should be able to perform in order to prevent problems in the future. Topics of discussion among others will include basic fluid checks, changing a tire, actions to be taken and not taken in case of an emergency, list of items that should be in your vehicle at all times as well as many more. Master Technician at TAG, Martin Bruggeman, also will be available to answer questions unique to your vehicle. Learn how the owner, Shirley McCormick, became the owner of a body shop years ago in a male-dominated industry--a fascinating story. *Max: 20.*

21-The Paradox of Femininity in Art History - Part 2

Instructor: Debbie West
Date: 6 Thursdays, Mar. 18 – 25, Apr. 8 – 29
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: AUD

The course is part two of a comparison of powerful women portrayed and examined dating back thousands of years. The subject is woman, the feminine gender as a subject in art, taboos, female rage, and blurred sexual lines in the most revered masterpieces. Enjoy the power of artistic genius and learn more about feminine mystique.



22-National Geographic Wildlife Photography

Instructor: Tom Bryant
Date: 6 Mondays, Mar. 22 – Apr. 26
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

Tim Laman, a National Geographic photographer, will introduce participants to the varied skills mastered by all great wildlife photographers. The class is like walking

through a photo gallery with an excellent photographer and having him explain the photos. This DVD series will be valuable for both experienced photographers and those interested in understanding more about the art of photography. Each of the 6 class sessions will consist of an introduction of the speaker and a DVD viewing plus a short discussion followed by a suggested photo assignment. Each session stands alone—attending the previous class is not required. Subjects for this term include a journey to the rainforests of Borneo in search of African hornbills and the Galapagos Islands for photographing crabs, iguanas, and sea lions. Key takeaways include anticipating an animal's peak moment of behavior, tapping into the power of the "golden hour" of light, and using bad weather to make photos more interesting. Although not required, the student will get the most from the class if they have knowledge of basic camera use.

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23-Journey to Sainthood: The Life of Joan of Arc

Instructor: Linda Spalla
Date: 1 Tuesday, Mar. 30
Time: 10 – 11
Location: AUD

This presentation will be a fascinating journey through the life and influence of a teenage girl named Joan of Arc, Maid of Orleans. What was it like to live in the early 1400s, and how did this young teenager become a warrior during the Hundred Years War? What about her visions? Why was she tried and burned at the stake? Why was she canonized and made into a saint? What is her legacy and what are the controversies surrounding her life? Some revisionist theories suggest that she is just a myth! If you love all things French as I do, join with me on this journey into history as we look at one of the most iconic and revered figures in French history.

24-First Ladies

Instructor: Stephanie Hanna
Date: 4 Tuesdays, Mar. 30 – Apr. 20
Time: 2 – 3:30
Location: AUD

This course will focus on First Ladies, (Dolly) Dorthea Payne Todd Madison, Rachel Danielson Robards Jackson, Sarah Childress Polk, and Mary Todd Lincoln. We will explore their early lives and how they came to be first ladies as well as exploring their secrets and their fashion. We will discuss how they entertained in the White House, their contributions, and their favorite recipes. Note: this class will be able to be presented on Zoom if Covid-19 is still an issue and will offer some surprising extras.

25-Skywatching: Seeing and Understanding Cosmic Wonders

Instructor: Doreen Forsythe
Date: 6 Mondays, Apr. 5 – May 10
Time: 1 – 2
Location: 2FL

This is a Great Courses DVD presentation by Astronomer Alex Filippenko (the same presenter as the Intro to Astronomy Course) that teaches how to look for certain phenomena and how noticing them can enrich one's experience in looking at the world all around. It invites participants to "step outside at any time of day or night, look up and see the world filled with limitless wonders: majestic rainbows, dramatic cloud formations, stirring sunsets, intricate constellations, captivating solar eclipses, and even the distant planets themselves. These are the result of breathtaking natural phenomena." This class explains what causes these phenomena. The program will be supplemented by information from Solar System Ambassador, Doreen Forsythe.

26-Battle of the Bulge

Instructor: Tennent Lee
Date: 4 Tuesdays, Apr. 6 – 27
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: Online

The German Ardennes Offensive was the largest land battle fought by the U.S. in World War II. In December 1944, Allied commanders were making bets whether the war would be over by Christmas. But Hitler was not ready to throw in the towel, and in mid-December 1944, launched a massive attack through the Ardennes in Belgium. The Ardennes was thought to be the least likely place for an attack and was defended by brand new units which had yet to see combat. This course will focus on the first ten days of that battle. Although some of the inexperienced G.I.'s behaved badly during the early stages of the battle, the ultimate triumph lay with the American soldiers who displayed bravery, resiliency, and persistence. The course will be illustrated with contemporary photographs, as well as photographs made by the lecturer during a recent trip to the area.

27-An Afternoon with ET

Instructor: Jeff Delmas
Date: 1 Wednesday, Apr. 14
Time: 1 – 3
Location: Von Braun Planetarium

Participants will visit the Von Braun Astronomical Society planetarium in the Monte Sano State Park to learn about the history of astronomy from ancient times to modern giant telescopes. The presentation will be followed by a viewing of the stars on the planetarium dome. [Will you be able to determine which is E.T.'s home?] Afterward, you'll be invited to climb a narrow staircase for a brief

tour of the historic Swanson 21" telescope. The Von Braun Planetarium is located at 5105 Nolen Ave SE, Huntsville, AL 35801. Fee: \$5. Max: 50.

28-You Be The Judge

Instructor: Tom Borchert
Date: 3 Thursdays, Apr. 15 – 29
Time: 9:30 – 10:30
Location: AUD

Court is back in session! In this court, you are not the audience - you are a jury. You hear the facts from real cases, discuss the issues, and reach your own verdict. Finally, you will know the real verdict in the case. This is not a law school class. If you enjoy good courtroom drama or think you are a good "Judge Judy," this course is for you.

29-Spanish For Travel

Instructor: Elaine Fredericksen
Date: 6 Wednesdays, Apr. 21 – May 26
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: 2FL

This class welcomes all who plan to travel to Spanish-speaking localities, plus anyone else who wants to improve Spanish language fluency. The approach is non-judgmental with an emphasis on learning through activities. This friendly course will nurture students with no background in the language, but also challenge those with more experience. Read signs, get directions, buy tickets, instruct taxi drivers, master menus, go shopping: vamos a viajar.

30-Senior Living Options and Successful Aging

Instructor: Ann Beltz
Date: 8 Tuesdays, Apr. 27 – Jun. 15
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: Online

This course is an overview of senior living options, from staying at home to various levels of care, qualifications, expectations, and costs. It is designed to help seniors prepare for coming life choices instead of responding to crisis. Ann Beltz teaches the first session and has guest speakers for subsequent sessions who are experts in their areas, including an elder law attorney, financial planner, downsizing/real estate professional, homecare provider, hospice provider, home health provider, and more. This is a great course from anyone either planning personally to downsize or helping a loved one who needs senior living options. It is all about being prepared and knowing what to expect. The classes will be presented on Zoom, and each session will last one hour. The last session will offer tips for successful aging. The course will have an optional graduation lunch, provided by Brookdale Jones Farm, to allow participants to meet the expert presenters after the final class.

31-Scenes of Huntsville, Madison County & Beyond: The Life & Art of Albert Lane

Instructor: Bill Nunn
Date: 1 Friday, Apr. 30
Time: 11 – 12:30; 1 – 2:30; 2:45 – 4
See Below
Location: AUD

Albert Lane is one of Huntsville's most beloved and collected artists. A native of Michigan, he originally came to Huntsville in February 1939 to work for Monroe Letterheads. He married a local girl, Mildred Baker, and returned to Battle Creek in 1944. Following the war, he painted extensively in Austria, England, Germany, Italy, New York, Detroit and Washington, D.C. His art was appreciated and sought by serious collectors in each of these locations. Albert had fond memories of his early years in Huntsville and fortunately, decided to return in 1963. He became well known in the south for his depictions of historic landmarks in all mediums. Lane was one of the artists selected to prepare the Smithsonian Institution's new Air & Space Museum for its opening. He spent two years creating murals and other art for the debut in 1976. During that time, he painted a mural for the famous old Parish Hall of Christ Church, in Alexandria, VA, which was George Washington's Church. A man of many talents, he also became a soloist with the church choir. Albert Lane's paintings will be on display in the Auditorium between 11 and 4 with Bill Nunn providing his program three times. The course coordinator will contact registrants to achieve a balance of the number of members coming to each session.

32-The Prevention and Reversal of Disease: A Body-Mind-Spirit Journey

Instructor: Pam Frazier
Date: 1 Tuesday, May 4
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

This 60-minute class will show how daily choices can help participants prevent and reverse disease. Class topics include the following: Tips for the best physician-patient relationship; What your 12 body systems do for you; How stress can damage wellness; Nourishing your body, mind, and spirit; The complex U.S. food industry; How your body communicates to you; How you can overdo a good thing. A 15-minute question and answer session will follow the presentation. Following the class there will be a 15-minute De-Stress Chair Yoga session.

33-Survivors of the Tennessee Children's Home Society

Instructor: Sallie Brandon
Date: 1 Thursday, May 6
Time: 1 – 3
Location: AUD

The presenter was 3½ years old when she crossed paths with Georgia Tann at the Tennessee Children's Home Society in Memphis. This is her story. She will present the history of Georgia Tann who has been listed as one of the ten most dangerous women in America. The story broke with the release of Lisa Wingate's book *Before We Were Yours* approximately two years ago. Georgia Tann was the mastermind behind the adoption-for-money scandal that broke after her death in 1950. Some of the children from the home went to happy families; some did not. Some were voluntarily surrendered; others were stolen off street corners; many were taken from hospitals, and the parents were simply told that the child had died. Listen to stories from the two reunions held with children from the Home – stories of survival. Some reports estimate that over 500 children died due to Georgia Tann's lack of care. This program will give participants an inside look at this dark spot in our history. These children were victims of human trafficking before it had a name.

34-Wines from the Classic Regions of France, Part III

Instructor: Kristen Lindelow
Date: 1 Thursday, May 13
Time: 1 – 3
Location: Liquor Express

This course reschedules the previously cancelled class and continues the wine romp through France. It will cover the southeastern regions of France: Rhône, Provence, and Languedoc-Roussillon. The Mediterranean Sea greatly influences the wine grapes grown in these regions. Participants will discover the big red blends of the Rhône Valley and the fruit lighter wines of Provence made with Cinsaut, Grenache,



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Mourvedge, and Ugni Blanc. Then the course will explore some of the Languedoc-Roussillon region where there are many bargains to be found. We'll taste six wines during the session and provide proven food pairings that help us appreciate the wine even more. Under Kristen's direction, participants will explore and talk about how the food affects the flavors (and enjoyment) of the wine and vice versa. Kristen will include some history of the regions and how winemaking styles differ. The course coordinator will provide instructions for payment prior to attendance. The venue is Liquor Express, located at 1812 University Dr., Huntsville, AL. Fee: \$35. Max: 40.

35-A Conversation with Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle

Instructor: John Ofenloch
Date: See Desc.
Time: See Desc.
Location: See Desc.

Offering a unique opportunity to become better acquainted with Huntsville's third-term Mayor Tommy Battle, John Ofenloch will question Mayor Battle on a variety of topics. Ofenloch will ask about the Mayor's personal and political history with the city and will delve into his opinions and plans for the future, particularly in light of Huntsville's phenomenal

growth. Statistics project that Huntsville will be the largest city in the state within the near future. What is his prediction for the city and what are his departments doing to address the challenges associated with that growth? The interview will end with a purely personal question: "When you are not working, what do you do for relaxation?" The date, time, and location to be determined by Mayor Battle's schedule during the 2021 Spring term. Enrollees will be notified as soon as date, time, and location are determined.

Thank You

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

TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS (WITH TERM FEE)

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

T1-Huntsville Museum of Art

Date: 1 Thursday, Mar. 18
Time: 1 – 3
Location: Huntsville Museum of Art

Join us for a docent-led tour of the Naturalist/Modernist Will Henry Stevens. This American artist is known for two distinct styles—Representational Naturalism and Southern Modernism. His work shows 2 separate areas of interest—rural southern landscape and nonobjective abstractions. Although disconnected stylistically, they are part of a larger whole. Both originated from the soul of this artist, strongly influenced by reverence for the Southern landscape. His background from North Carolina, coupled with environs of Louisiana, New Orleans, and the southern Appalachian Mountains inspired his lyrical works. His works also incorporate influences from transcendent philosophers—Whitman, Thoreau, Chinese Sung dynasty paintings, and artworks of Kandinsky. Next enjoy the American Impressionist

Landscape artists from the HMA Sellers Collection. These works show the influences of French Impressionism and its precursor, the Barbizon style, and demonstrate the hallmarks of what became American Impressionism. The Huntsville Museum of Art is located at 300 Church St SW, Huntsville, AL 35801. Fee: \$8 for non-museum members to be paid at the desk of HMA on March 18. Museum members are free (bring your membership card). Max: 50.

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T2-Huntsville Escape Room – The Informant

Date: 1 Friday, Mar. 26
Time: Noon – 3
Location: Huntsville Escape Rooms

Participants will visit “Huntsville Escape Rooms” for a game experience. The goal is simple: escape the room by finding clues and solving puzzles--before the 60-minute time runs out. The story of this room experience is as follows: For years, Brock Lassiter has been collecting evidence to take down Antonio Vitelli, a notorious Chicago Mafia kingpin. Handpicked by FBI Director, Josh Restal, to be the informant, Brock has hidden the evidence he has collected in a secret safe house, but its location has been compromised, as well as his cover. The Mafia is en route to confiscate the incriminating evidence against them, and Brock is running for his life. As his trusted friend, you have been asked to retrieve the evidence before the Mafia does. Find the evidence and save Brock before it's too late. The location is one mile from the library. Huntsville Escape Rooms is at 604 Madison St, Huntsville, AL 35801. Fee: \$22/person, due at the beginning of the adventure. *Max: 18.*



Many thanks to the Downtown Huntsville Library and its entire staff during the upcoming Spring Term. Their continuing support of our activities by use of facilities, equipment, and personnel is essential to the growth and success of LearningQUEST. Thanks to everyone at the Library!!!!

T3-Marshall Space Flight Center Bus Tour

Date: 1 Thursday, Jun. 10
Time: 12:30 – 3
Location: MSFC

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

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

Date: See Desc.
Time: See Desc.
Location: Toyota Park

Enjoy an evening of baseball and fun at “the ole ballpark” for a Rocket City Trash Panda game. The Rocket City Trash Pandas are a Minor League Baseball member of the Southern League. The team is the Double-A affiliate of the Los Angeles Angels. They will play their home games at Toyota Field, in Madison, AL. Although the schedule will not be released until the spring of 2021, we will purchase tickets for an evening game sometime in the month of June. Specific date, time and cost will be announced when information becomes available.

SPECIAL TRIPS

ST1-History, Nature & Fine Food with special concert by The Drifters, Coasters & Platters from New York City

Date: 2 Days, Friday-Saturday, Apr.30 - May 1
Time: Fri. AM – Sat. PM
Location: Auburn, Bremen, LaGrange

This 2-day bus trip to Auburn, Bremen, & LaGrange is for the lovers of history, music, nature, and fine food featuring: concert at Miltown Music Hall, Bremen, GA,

with the Coasters, Drifters & Platters from NYC; fine Italian dinner at Venditori's Restaurant; Southeastern Raptors Show at Auburn University; tour & meal at The Biblical Center, LaGrange; walking tour of Hills & Dales Historic Home & Gardens; lunch at Bama Bucks Restaurant & Exotic Animal Refuge; lodging at Fairfield Inn & Suites, Opelika; Deluxe motorcoach bus leaves Friday morning, April 30, and returns Saturday evening, May 1st. Fee: Double-\$330/person, Single-\$396/person, due 2/1/21.
Minimum:20 Maximum: 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: PDC.chair.lq@gmail.com

S1-UkeQUESTors Jam

Leader: Keith Fukumitsu
Dates: Sundays, starting Jan. 3
Time: 2 – 3:30
Location: Online

As a follow-up to the LearningQUEST Beginner Ukulele Class, this special interest group will be an opportunity for ukulele players of all levels to meet to refine and expand their skills, and to “jam” and sing. Basically just have fun! One goal of the sessions will be for participants to gain confidence in their playing ability so they will be willing to perform at events such as the Alabama Uke Fest. The group will meet via Zoom. A new leader must be chosen if meeting in person is resumed. For information, contact Keith Fukumitsu at penswd51@aol.com. LearningQUEST members can also join the SIG by requesting membership to the UkeQuestor SIG Facebook page. Once a member, the schedule, music resource webpage and Zoom Links will be available.

S2-Monday Hiking

Leaders: Various
Dates: Mondays, starting Jan. 4
Time: 9
Location: Varies

Monday hiking is on hold at this time. Explore a variety of local hiking trails with hiking leaders Sue Campbell, Bruce Martin, Jeannie Mackay, Dan Barron, and Charlie Bonne. Hikes are generally four to five miles in length and vary in difficulty. Wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots and bring water. Walking sticks are recommended when the trail is slippery or rough. Well behaved dogs are allowed. Cancel in case of rain. Liability waivers are required. Notification of hike details is handled via email. Send an email to lqhiking@gmail.com for more information and to be added to the hiking distribution list.

S3-Mah Jongg

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

Mah Jongg is presently on hold due to Library construction and CDC/State guidelines. Mah Jongg players of all levels meet weekly on Mondays to play. Beginning class is available upon request. For more information, contact Janet Tedrow at wftedrow@aol.com.

S4-Great Conversations

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

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

S5-Knitting

Leader: Barbara Ward
Dates: Wednesdays, starting Jan.6
Time: 2-3
Location: AB first Wed.,
 Online the other Wednesdays

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



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

S6-Hand and Foot

Leader: Betsy Prescott and Janet Tedrow
Dates: Thursdays, starting Jan.7
Time: 1 – 4
Location: AB

Hand and Foot is presently on hold due to Library construction and CDC/State guidelines. Everyone, beginner to expert, is welcome to play the Hand and Foot variation of Canasta. Instruction and “cheat sheets” are provided upon request. For further information, contact Betsy Prescott at momprescott@comcast.net.

The weekly **E-News**, distributed to all members who have *provided an email address*, provides announcements and updates to help keep our membership informed.

S7-Progressive Christianity Explored

Leader: Glenn Nettleton
Dates: 1st Friday, starting Jan. 8
Time: 9:30 – 11:30
Location: Valley Methodist Church

You can find a definition of Progressive Christianity at <http://progressivechristianity.org/the-8-points/>. The group discusses Bishop Spong's newsletters and other aspects of Christianity. Valley Methodist Church is at 1410 Drake Ave. For directions or to get additional information contact Glenn Nettleton at glennet@knology.net. Please check in with Glenn Nettleton at glennet@knology.net to learn where and how the group is meeting.

S8-Computers, Cameras, and Questing (CCQ)

Leader: Glenn Nettleton
Dates: 3rd Friday, starting Jan. 15
Time: 9:30 – noon
Location: 2FL

This SIG starts with several videos and images that will stir your imagination. Members receive a monthly newsletter in an email reminder about the meeting. A few of the newsletter technology topics are discussed, followed by an extended group Q & A time. It is a great way to reflect on the issues of our day. To join this SIG or get additional information, contact Glenn Nettleton at glennet@knology.net. Please check with Glenn Nettleton at glennet@knology.net to learn where and how the group is meeting.

S9-Friday Hiking

Leader: Barbara L. Roberts
Dates: Fridays, Jan. 15– Apr. 30
Time: 9
Location: Varies

Explore a variety of local hiking trails with hiking leader Barbara Roberts. Enjoy leisure hikes, with several on paved greenways, that allow you time to enjoy the local flora and fauna. Meet LearningQUEST members for these enjoyable morning jaunts. Liability waivers are required. Notification of hike details is handled via email. Send email to lqhiking@gmail.com to be added to the hiking distribution list. Please note: no dogs at the request of the hikers. Wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots and bring water and a hiking stick. This is a good way to find out where to hike around this area.

S10-Bunco

Leader: Joy Anderson
Dates: 4th Monday, starting Jan. 25
Time: 9:30 – noon
Location: AB

Bunco is on hold until meeting in person is begun again. Come join us for a fun-filled morning of Bunco. As it is played today, Bunco is a social dice game played in

teams of four involving 100% luck and very little skill (there are few decisions to be made). The rules are simple and can be learned in five minutes or less. Beginners and seasoned players are welcome. For information, contact Joy Anderson at jma82182@aol.com.

S11-Poetry

Leader: Liz Hall
Dates: 4th Wednesday, starting Jan. 27
Time: 1:30-3
Location: Online

This special interest group is for members who enjoy reading or writing poetry and want to share that enjoyment with others. Whether you are a neophyte or a published poet, come join our conversations! Poems will be written, shared, and discussed. Our conversations may include poetry by well-known as well as, perhaps, lesser known poets whom we have enjoyed. The group will meet once a month (on the 4th Wednesday 1:30-3:00 via zoom until we can meet in the library again) and 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 (256-881-4505) or hall14@wowway.com.

A REMINDER...

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

Facebook assistance needed.

Please contact LQUESTcomm@gmail.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. Please help spread the word and be sure to invite your friends and neighbors.

P1-Keep Watching the Skies: A Very Subjective History of Science Fiction Films in Hollywood, 1950 to the Present

Instructor: David Lilly
Date: 1 Tuesday, Mar. 9
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

This program will explore the history of Hollywood science fiction films as a genre meant to entertain adult audiences. These films, which began in the early 50s, seem to have run in cycles until the early 80s, at which time they became an immensely popular and permanent go-to film genre. They were also significantly influenced by the fears, interests, and concerns of their time, and the presenter will explore the historical background that made these films what they were. The program will include a number of film clips of some of the best (and worst!) of these movies. It should be an entertaining and informative presentation for anyone who grew up watching these films and who continues to love them to this day, or for anyone who is open to becoming a fan.

Enjoy LearningQUEST membership
for only \$20 per calendar year. Join now!

P2-Who You Gonna Call? Fraud Busters

Instructor: Anna Blair
Date: 1 Wednesday, Mar. 31
Time: Noon – 1
Location: AUD

Pain management doctor gets five years in prison. Two doctors face 5 to 20 years behind bars. Former state lawmaker pleads guilty to Medicare fraud. Every year the federal government, specifically the Departments of Justice and Health and Human Services, working together, garner several billions of dollars in fines and penalties against healthcare providers who steal

taxpayer dollars by committing Medicare, Medicaid, and Tricare fraud and abuse. In 2019, three local doctors were caught in a five-state sweep by Medicare Fraud Strike Forces. These practitioners face possible monetary fines and penalties, prison terms, and loss of their medical licenses. Medicare maintains information on its Website to help beneficiaries recognize signs of possible fraud and abuse, including instructions on how to report your suspicions of wrongdoing. Become a Medicare Fraud Buster. It's your money these crooks are stealing!

P3-Alabama Speaks: Women's Suffrage—The Long, Hard Slog!

Instructor: Anna Blair
Date: 1 Friday, Apr. 23
Time: Noon – 1
Location: 2FL

A Readers Theatre production featuring 8-10 actors reading for real men and women--on national, state, and local levels--whose names are linked to the struggle to vote in this country. Examples range from Abigail Adams's plea that was met instantly with her husband's mocking response to Virginia Durr's efforts to rid this country of the poll tax.

P4-Welcome to LearningQUEST (Open House)

Instructor: Darryl Palm
Date: 1 Thursday, May 20
Time: 1 – 3
Location: AUD

The Board of Directors and representatives from each committee will provide insight into LearningQUEST's various activities and volunteer opportunities. Attendees will be encouraged to provide input for program suggestions and how LearningQUEST might better serve the learning community. Refreshments will be provided.



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

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

LearningQUEST INSTRUCTORS

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

Ann Beltz has a B.A. Degree from Mercer University in Macon, GA, over 15 years experience in the senior living industry, and is currently Business Development Director for Brookdale Senior Living for Huntsville/Decatur. She is a certified Optimum Life Speaker, and serves as the 2020 President of the Huntsville Madison County Council on Aging. Ann will invite other speakers to share their varied expertise in the senior living industry. (30)

Anna Blair, J.D., is a legal specialist in healthcare regulatory compliance and risk management, working to keep hospitals and doctors safe from trial lawyers and federal regulators. Blair is also educated and experienced in dramatic arts as actor and director and spends a good amount of her free time on or near the stage. Her *Alabama Speaks Readers Theatre* events have attracted the attention of AL.com. She has also taught a popular class entitled *Read to Me Alabama I and II*, which celebrates Alabama authors. (P2, P3)

Tom Borchert, J.D., is a retired trial attorney with many different interests. (You may have taken his class, "Alligators in the East Room & Other White House Tales."). While he is happy being retired from the practice of law, he still very much enjoys discussing the different sides involved in a court case and generating a healthy discussion among audience members. (28)

Sallie Brandon is a survivor of the Tennessee Children's Home Society and was one of the last of over 5000 children who were sold to adoptive parents nationwide by Georgia Tann from the Tennessee Children's Home Society. Sallie has appeared with Lisa Wingate, author of *Before We Were Yours*, spoken at approximately 30 book clubs around Huntsville, and most recently was on the Today Show. She is currently working with a number of children of the adoptees, helping them to obtain their parents' records, then using DNA and available genealogy tools to gain insight into their family history. (33)

Tom Bryant is an award-winning and published photographer whose work has appeared on two magazine covers and a book jacket and has also been exhibited locally. He has been fortunate enough to have a photo of Kathryn Tucker Windham published on the cover of *Storytelling* magazine and also on the jacket of her last book *She*. Tom's education in photography includes both workshops and formal classes and years of self-study. Tom is a member of several photography groups and has been a hobby photographer for over 50 years. He has an extensive portfolio of southeastern landscapes and western landscapes. (22)

Jennifer Carden is the Public Outreach Lead at HudsonAlpha. She holds degrees in both Molecular Biology and Secondary Education. After a stint in the biotech industry, she pursued her passion and entered the classroom. Mrs. Carden taught Biology, Natural History, Genetics, and Biotechnology for seven years at Hoover

High School. In 2008, she was selected as the inaugural HudsonAlpha Educator in Residence. In her role as Public Outreach Lead, she works to translate science for the public audience through talks and hands-on activities. (4)

Harvey Cotten, a graduate of Mississippi State University, is currently a garden writer, designer and consultant. After 22 years with the Huntsville Botanical Garden, most recently as vice president and chief horticulturist, he retired in 2014. He continues to present workshops for the Botanical Garden, Master Gardener Associations, Garden Clubs and other botanical gardens and arboreta while lecturing across the southeast on various garden topics. He is active in the Green Industry and is Past President of : Alabama Invasive Plant Council, Horticultural Research Institute, and Alabama Nursery & Landscape Association. (16)

Jeff Delmas has degrees in Mathematics and Civil Engineering with extensive experience in software development of mechanical engineering Computer Aided Design tools. His interest as a lifelong amateur astronomer began at the age of 11 when he received his first telescope. He has built his own telescopes and is currently the Observatory Director for the Von Braun Astronomical Society (VBAS) and primary operator of the Swanson 21" telescope. (27)

Doreen Forsythe finished her teaching career as the Engineering and Physics teacher at Lee High School in the Engineering Magnet School. She was a robotics coach for 16 years and has been passionate about education and space her entire life. She is a Solar System Ambassador and Solar System Educator who does public lectures and educational workshops on Astronomy and space missions with training from the scientists and engineers who actually do the missions. There is nothing Ms. Forsythe would rather do than share her passion for space with others! (25)

Pam Frazier, "Health Coach Pam", is a Certified Integrative Nutrition Health Coach, therapeutic fitness instructor, and founder of *Emmaus Wellness*. Her professional backgrounds include 13 years in the wellness/fitness profession and 19 years in the medical profession. Pam's passion is to inspire and guide others to a life of joyful wellness. (32)

Elaine Fredericksen, Ph.D., holds a B.A. in Spanish, an M.A. in Literature, and a Ph.D. in Rhetoric and Writing Studies. She used Spanish growing up in California and later living in El Paso, TX. She has a passion for languages, travel, and LearningQUEST. (29)

C.C. Fridlin is a culinary instructor and cookbook author residing in Huntsville, AL. Since 2001, C.C. Fridlin has been inviting home cooks into his kitchen and showing them how to elevate their cuisine. His relatable, easy-to-follow approach keeps demand for his classes high, which ultimately led him to create his first cookbook, *Step by Step Italian: Recipes from CC's Cooking Classes*. (7)

Jennifer Garlen, Ph.D., is a former member of the English faculty at UAH and a longtime volunteer with LearningQUEST. She holds a Ph.D. from Auburn University and is the author of several books, including *Beyond Casablanca: 100 Classic Movies Worth Watching*. (15)

Charles Gattis was Senior Pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Huntsville for nine years before his retirement in 2012. With degrees from Birmingham-Southern College and Emory University, he has taught Bible classes throughout his 43 years of ministry. After earning his Doctor of Ministry Degree from Emory, he taught part-time for nine years at the University of Alabama. His hobbies include photography, music, genealogy, hiking, travel, and biking. His lifelong interest in photography has led him to his current roles as president and silver fellow of the Huntsville Photographic Society and as an exhibiting artist with Huntsville Art League. (12)

Charles and Judy Gattis With Judy's love for geography and Charles' joy of photography, travel is the perfect outlet for them. Judy focuses on the unusual terrain, the indigenous people, and their way of life, as well as the cities and their unique architecture. Charles has a degree in philosophy and religion, so he is interested in how all these things fit together and affect beliefs, mores, and ways of living together. Judy is a retired special ed teacher and Charles, a retired pastor. Their complimentary interests overlap, which gives depth and meaning to their understanding of the places they visit. (2, 5)

Stephanie Hanna retired in 2009 after a long career in marketing communications. She was president of DY-Medias, a company that developed one of the first on-line internet catalogs, "Better Life On-line", for people challenged with disabilities. During her career, her passion for art, poetry, history, travel and cooking was awakened by being fortunate enough to work with several talented regional artists, writers and poets to help them get their work published, exhibited, or recognized through media. Stephanie has been an instructor and coordinator for several LearningQUEST programs: Spring Wildflowers, Antoni Gaudi, and a past First Ladies course. (24)

David Hayes has 20+ years of experience in the horticulture field. As owner/operator of The Good Gardener, he and his staff design and maintain beautiful landscapes and gardens throughout the Huntsville and Madison communities. Prior to establishing The Good Gardener, among other duties he was the Bonsai Curator at the Huntsville Madison County Botanical Garden. Because of his artistic leanings, he easily blends art and science with his creations. He enjoys sharing his knowledge of plants and landscapes with many through lectures and workshops. (17)

Ron Jaramillo joined the Army while in high school. After completing a B.S. in Aeronautics from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Ron was stationed in Germany for six years, maintaining the UH-60 Helicopter in a mission-ready status. In 1993, he attended Army Flight School, graduating as a Warrant Officer 1. In November of 2003, he was deployed to Iraq, where he served in Operation Desert Storm as a Crew Chief, Squad Leader, and Maintenance

Lead for 15 UH-80 Helicopters. His crew flew Medical Evacuation Battalion Helicopters. He completed five combat deployments over 23 years before retiring in 2008. (1)

Tennent Lee, J.D., is a retired attorney and frequent lecturer on military history. Since he retired, Mr. Lee has had the time to pursue his love of history. He has presented courses for LearningQUEST on "World War I," "The Road to Pearl Harbor," and "Spooks and Snoops or How Allied Intelligence Helped Win World War II." (26)

David Lilly is an employee of Huntsville Public Library with a life-long interest in naval history. He has led several LearningQUEST programs on military and naval history. (P1)

Alan Markell has been a practicing personal financial planner and investment manager for 10+ years. As a Certified Financial Planner™, IRS Enrolled Agent, and Accredited Financial Counselor™, Alan has practiced investment for 40 years. Alan's two MS degrees are from the Florida Institute of Technology and the University of Houston. He worked for the Army for 20 years as an Operation Research Analyst and worked for 15 years as a petroleum exploration geophysicist. (10, 18)

Frank Morales has a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology and has worked as a therapist with clients suffering from schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and major depression while working at the Mental Health Center. He also worked for Huntsville Hospital as a Psychiatric Screener in the E/R and ran an Anger Management Program and a Domestic Violence Program for offenders with Family Services. It was at this time he created a Conflict Resolution Program for Parents with children going through an adversarial divorce. He currently is an Adjunct Professor in Psychology teaching psychology courses at Alabama A&M. (13)

Lacey Nave has been employed by The Automotive Group (TAG) for six years. She is currently the Body Shop Manager, Service Manager, Service Writer and "Girl Friday". Lacey has attended multiple classes at the Automotive Training Institute in Baltimore, Maryland and is currently working on becoming an ASE Certified Service Writer. In her spare time, she is an avid kayaker, enjoys all outdoor activities, is involved with animal rescue and is active within the Huntsville community. (20)

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

Bill Nunn is a sixth generation Huntsvillian, a member of the first graduating class at Butler High School, a graduate of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute School of Pharmacy in Auburn and a lifelong resident of Madison County. He is a volunteer and frequent instructor for LearningQUEST. (31)

John Ofenloch worked for 40 years at Intergraph, Rockwell International, and Teledyne Brown before retiring and serving as Consultant to defense and aerospace companies. Since 2010 he has been active within the Huntsville community, serving on civic Boards and committees such as the American Red Cross, Madison

County Muscular Dystrophy Association, Early Works Museum, Huntsville Utilities, United Way, Northeast Alabama State Fair, North Alabama Kidney Foundation, Huntsville Kiwanis and the Huntsville Jaycees. John was Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Council for the United Way and has been recognized as an Outstanding Young Man of America and Personalities of the South. (35)

Tom Ressa is an avid traveler and adventurer and a prolific freelance writer. He has visited all seven continents and dozens of countries and writes about his travels and adventures for numerous magazines, newspapers and websites including *The Wall Street Journal*, *Backpacker*, *Blue Ridge County*, *Alabama Heritage* and *Discover.com*. He is a volunteer at Wheeler National Wildlife refuge and a board member of the Wheeler Wildlife Refuge Association. LearningQUEST has always enjoyed Tom's travels and wonderful photography. (5)

Emily Pinkerton Saile is a native of Huntsville, Alabama. She attended Butler High School and is retired from the U.S. Army Missile Command after a 30-year career in logistics. She is a member of the Huntsville Photographic Society and has attained the status of Master Photographer in that group. She has been a favorite presenter for LearningQUEST for several years. (5)

Britney Shoemaker, of The Steady for Life staff, which has collectively over 100 years of experience in fitness, strength, flexibility and balance classes, will teach the Fitness and Balance Class. Brittany looks forward to sharing her knowledge and techniques with LearningQUEST members. (14)

Mary Ann Stasiak is retired from the Missile Defense Agency. She and her husband, Ed, have been married for 30 years, and moved to Huntsville in 2008 with the Base Realignment and Closure action (BRAC). She has a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Massachusetts, an M.B.A. from Marymount University, and a M.S. in National Security Strategy from the National War College. Retirement allows her the time to tutor at local schools, play keyboards in several swing bands, travel, golf, do yoga, swim, do church and Rotary activities, join book clubs, and do the other things that interest her. (5)

Skipp Vaughn, a native of Philadelphia, Pa., moved to Huntsville in 1968, graduated from Butler High School in 1972, and from Auburn University in 1976 with a journalism degree. He was a news reporter for The Huntsville Times before becoming an Army public affairs specialist at Redstone. Ever since, he has been the editor of the Redstone Rocket, the Army's weekly newspaper and a member of the Garrison-Redstone Public Affairs Office. Vaughn covers sports part time for AL.com. He and his wife, Janice, a longtime English teacher at Grissom High School, have two children. (19)

Debbie Dempsey West graduated from UAH with a B.S. in Art and Art Education. She was awarded two Fulbright Scholarships for the study of art in China and Turkey, and also traveled extensively on her own to study art and art history. The art-related classes Debbie often teaches for LearningQUEST are always well-attended. (21)

Larry West has been very active in the administrations of LearningQUEST, including **serving** on the Board of Directors as Finance Chairman and President. He is currently serving as Coordinator Lead and teaches classes for LearningQUEST. For twenty years, Larry handled business matters for the U. S. Air Force. Then, after the Challenger disaster, he worked as Sr. Manager for subcontract business affairs for the Delta LaunchVehicle. In 1990, he came to Huntsville as Director of Business for McDonnell Douglas's Huntsville Division. In 1994, he started Longview Financial Advisors, one of the first fee-only comprehensive financial planning businesses. (6)

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. She recently moved to Huntsville after living in New Jersey for 29 years. She is enjoying her retirement with volunteer work and LearningQUEST. (9)

Karen Wright is the only Certified Relocation Transitions Specialist for Seniors (CTRS) in Huntsville and the only Certified Professional Organizer (CPO) in Northern Alabama. Since 2008, when she created her company called Life Simplified, Karen sets the company standards, goals and vision. Karen enjoys continually learning, refining her skills, and improving her knowledge and abilities. She applies all her knowledge, education and natural talents to every challenge faced by her clients. Two of her strongest commitments are to help her clients achieve their goals in the most cost-effective manner possible and to improve their quality of life. (11)

Don Wolfe grew up on a farm in West Tennessee. He graduated from West Point and the Army Ranger School and served 12 years in the Army including overseas tours in Vietnam and Germany. He worked for the MITRE Corporation in Washington, D.C. until transferring to Huntsville in 1989. He retired in 2012 as a Lead Engineer/analyst when he was working as a digital communications consultant for the Missile Defense Agency. He enjoys photography and travel. Don and his wife, Sarah Curtis, have made several trips to Europe since their retirement and have shared these trips with LearningQUEST. (5)

Monica Yother is an artist and graphic designer who has a passion for helping others discover their own creativity. She paints, journals, teaches workshops and art classes in Studio 127 at Lowe Mill Arts & Education. When she is not in the studio, Monica enjoys spending time with her family, riding horses, and obediently tending to her miniature dachshunds. (3)

LearningQUEST CALENDAR

Downtown Library: AUD (Auditorium), 2FL (2nd Floor Events Room), AB (Room beside Auditorium)

Programs other than courses are differentiated with special formatting:

Special Interest Group

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Trip 2-4

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Public Program 1-2

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Venues are designated when programs are held in a standard location.

Otherwise, see the program description or, in some cases, the coordinator will contact registrants with details.

January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
3 Uke 2-3:30 Online	4 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> <i>Mah Jongg (See Desc)</i> <i>GtConv 3-4:30 Online</i>	5	6 <i>Knitting 2-3 AB</i>	7 <i>Hand & Ft (See Desc)</i> Ops Mtg. 1-3	8 <i>Christianity 9:30-11:30</i>	9
10 Uke 2-3:30 Online	11 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> <i>Mah Jongg (See Desc)</i> <i>GtConv 3-4:30 Online</i>	12 RALLY DAY 1-3:30 Drive-by at FBC Entrance 7	13 <i>Knitting 2-3 Online</i>	14 <i>Hand & Ft (See Desc)</i>	15 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> CCQ 9:30-Noon 2FL (See Desc)	16
17 Uke 2-3:30 Online	18 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> <i>Mah Jongg (See Desc)</i> <i>GtConv 3-4:30 Online</i> Library Closed	19 Exec. Bd. Mtg. 1-3	20 <i>Knitting 2-3 Online</i>	21 <i>Hand & Ft (See Desc)</i> D Storm 5:30-7 Online	22 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i>	23
24/ 31 Uke 2-3:30 Online	25 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> <i>Bunco (See Desc)</i> <i>Mah Jongg (See Desc)</i> <i>GtConv 3-4:30 Online</i>	26	27 <i>Poetry 1:30-3 Online</i> <i>Knitting 2-3 Online</i>	28 Google 10-11:30 Online Art Journal 1-2:30 <i>Hand & Ft (See Desc)</i>	29 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> Genomics 10-11:30 Online	30

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> <i>Mah Jongg (See Desc)</i> Armchair 1:30-3 Online <i>GtConv 3-4:30 Online</i>	2	3 F P Conv 10-11:30 2FL <i>Knitting 2-3 AB</i>	4 Google 10-11:30 Online Art Journal 1-2:30 <i>Hand & Ft (See Desc)</i>	5 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> <i>Christianity 9:30-11:30</i> Genomics 10-11:30 Online	6
7 Uke 2-3:30 Online	8 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> <i>Mah Jongg (See Desc)</i> Armchair 1:30-3 Online <i>GtConv 3-4:30 Online</i> Choc. Oblivion 6-9	9 Merchant 9:30-11 AUD Ops. Mtg. 1-3 Intl. Dining 5-8	10 F P Conv 10-11:30 2FL <i>Knitting 2-3 Online</i>	11 Google 10-11:30 Online Art Journal 1-2:30 <i>Hand & Ft (See Desc)</i>	12 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> Genomics 10-11:30 Online	13
14 Uke 2-3:30 Online	15 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> <i>Mah Jongg (See Desc)</i> Armchair 1:30-3 Online <i>GtConv 3-4:30 Online</i>	16 Merchant 9:30-11 AUD Fin Plan 1-2:30 2FL Exec. Bd. Mtg. 1-3	17 F P Conv 10-11:30 2FL <i>Knitting 2-3 Online</i>	18 Google 10-11:30 Online Art Journal 1-2:30 <i>Hand & Ft (See Desc)</i>	19 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> CCQ 9:30-Noon 2FL (See Desc) Genomics 10-11:30 Online	20
21/ 28 Uke 2-3:30 Online	22 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> <i>Bunco (See Desc)</i> <i>Mah Jongg (See Desc)</i> Armchair 1:30-3 Online <i>GtConv 3-4:30 Online</i>	23 Merchant 9:30-11 AUD Fin Plan 1-2:30 2FL	24 F P Conv 10-11:30 2FL DwnSiz 1:30-3:30 AUD <i>Poetry 1:30-3 Online</i> <i>Knitting 2-3 Online</i>	25 Exodus 10-11 Online Art Journal 1-2:30 <i>Hand & Ft (See Desc)</i>	26 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> Genomics 10-11:30 Online	27

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	1 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> Anger 9:30-11 2FL <i>Mah Jongg (See Desc)</i> Armchair 1:30-3 Online GTConv 3-4:30 Online	2	3 F P Conv 10-11:30 2FL <i>Knitting 2-3 AB</i>	4 Fit & Bal 9:30-10:30 Exodus 10-11 Online <i>Hand & Ft (See Desc)</i>	5 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> <i>Christianity 9:30-11:30</i> Fri. Film 2-4:30 AUD	6
7 Uke 2-3:30 Online	8 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> Anger 9:30-11 2FL <i>Mah Jongg (See Desc)</i> GtConv 3-4:30 Online	9 SciFi 10-11:30 AUD Gardening 1-2:30 AUD Ops. Mtg. 1-3 Intl. Dining 5-8	10 F P Conv 10-11:30 2FL <i>Knitting 2-3 Online</i>	11 Fit & Bal 9:30-10:30 Exodus 10-11 Online <i>Hand & Ft (See Desc)</i>	12 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i>	13
14 Uke 2-3:30 Online	15 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> Anger 9:30-11 2FL <i>Mah Jongg (See Desc)</i> GtConv 3-4:30 Online	16 Succulent 10-11:30 AB Investment 1-2:30 2FL Exec. Bd. Mtg. 1-3	17 Viet Nam 1-2:30 2FL <i>Knitting 2-3 Online</i> Vehicle Facts 4-6	18 Fit & Bal 9:30-10:30 Art History 1-2:30 AUD <i>Hand & Ft (See Desc)</i> Museum of Art Trip 1-3	19 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> CCQ 9:30-Noon 2FL (See Desc)	21
21 Uke 2-3:30 Online	22 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> <i>Bunco (See Desc)</i> Photo 10-11:30 AUD <i>Mah Jongg (See Desc)</i> GtConv 3-4:30 Online	23 Investment 1-2:30 2FL	24 <i>Poetry 1:30-3 Online</i> <i>Knitting 2-3 Online</i>	25 Fit & Bal 9:30-10:30 Art History 1-2:30 AUD <i>Hand & Ft (See Desc)</i>	26 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> Huntsville Escape Room Noon-3	27
28 Uke 2-3:30 Online	29 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> Photo 10-11:30 AUD <i>Mah Jongg (See Desc)</i> GtConv 3-4:30 Online	30 1st Ladies 2-3:30 AUD	31 Busters Noon-1 AUD <i>Knitting 2-3 Online</i>			

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				1 Fit & Bal 9:30-10:30 <i>Hand & Ft (See Desc)</i>	2 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> <i>Christianity 9:30-11:30</i> Fri. Film 2-4:30 AUD	3
4 Uke 2-3:30 Online Library Closed	5 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> Photo 10-11:30 AUD Skywatching 1-2 2FL <i>Mah Jongg (See Desc)</i> GtConv 3-4:30 Online	6 Bulge 10-11:30 Online 1st Ladies 2-3:30 AUD	7 <i>Knitting 2-3 AB</i>	8 Fit & Bal 9:30-10:30 <i>Hand & Ft (See Desc)</i> Art History 1-2:30 AUD	9 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i>	10
11 Uke 2-3:30 Online	12 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> Photo 10-11:30 AUD Skywatching 1-2 2FL <i>Mah Jongg (See Desc)</i> GtConv 3-4:30 Online	13 Bulge 10-11:30 Online Ops. Mtg. 1-3 1st Ladies 2-3:30 AUD Intl. Dining 5-8	14 Afternoon with ET 1-3 <i>Knitting 2-3 Online</i>	15 Judge 9:30-10:30 AUD Art History 1-2:30 AUD <i>Hand & Ft (See Desc)</i>	16 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> CCQ 9:30-Noon 2FL (See Desc)	17
18 Uke 2-3:30 Online	19 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> Photo 10-11:30 AUD Skywatching 1-2 2FL <i>Mah Jongg (See Desc)</i> GtConv 3-4:30 Online	20 Bulge 10-11:30 Online Exec. Bd. Mtg. 1-3 1st Ladies 2-3:30 AUD	21 Spanish 1-2:30 2FL <i>Knitting 2-3 Online</i>	22 Judge 9:30-10:30 AUD Art History 1-2:30 AUD <i>Hand & Ft (See Desc)</i>	23 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> Women's Suffrage Noon-1 2FL	24
25 Uke 2-3:30 Online	26 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> <i>Bunco (See Desc)</i> Photo 10-11:30 AUD Skywatching 1-2 2FL <i>Mah Jongg (See Desc)</i> GtConv 3-4:30 Online	27 Bulge 10-11:30 Online Sr Living 1-2:30 Online	28 Spanish 1-2:30 2FL <i>Poetry 1:30-3 Online</i> <i>Knitting 2-3 Online</i>	29 Judge 9:30-10:30 AUD Art History 1-2:30 AUD <i>Hand & Ft (See Desc)</i>	30 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> Albert Lane 11-12:30, 1-2:30, 2:45-4 AUD Special Trip	

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2 Uke 2-3:30 Online	3 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> Skywatching 1-2 2FL <i>Mah Jongg (See Desc)</i> GtConv 3-4:30 Online	4 Disease 10-11:30 AUD Sr Living 1-2:30 Online	5 Spanish 1-2:30 2FL <i>Knitting 2-3 AB</i>	6 TN Children's Home 1-3 AUD <i>Hand & Ft (See Desc)</i>	7 <i>Christianity 9:30-11:30</i> Fri. Film 2-4:30 AUD	8
9 Uke 2-3:30 Online	10 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> Skywatching 1-2 2FL <i>Mah Jongg (See Desc)</i> GtConv 3-4:30 Online	11 Sr Living 1-2:30 Online Ops. Mtg. 1-3 Intl. Dining 5-8	12 Spanish 1-2:30 2FL <i>Knitting 2-3 Online</i>	13 <i>Hand & Ft (See Desc)</i>	14	15
16 Uke 2-3:30 Online	17 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> <i>Mah Jongg (See Desc)</i> GtConv 3-4:30 Online	18 Sr Living 1-2:30 Online Exec. Bd. Mtg. 1-3	19 Spanish 1-2:30 2FL <i>Knitting 2-3 Online</i>	20 LearningQUEST Open House 1-3 AUD <i>Hand & Ft (See Desc)</i>	21 CCQ 9:30-Noon 2FL (See Desc)	22
23 Uke 2-3:30 Online	24 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> <i>Bunco (See Desc)</i> <i>Mah Jongg (See Desc)</i> GtConv 3-4:30 Online	25 Sr Living 1-2:30 Online	26 Spanish 1-2:30 2FL <i>Poetry 1:30-3 Online</i> <i>Knitting 2-3 Online</i>	27 <i>Hand & Ft (See Desc)</i>	28	29
30 Uke 2-3:30 Online	31 Library Closed <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> <i>Mah Jongg (See Desc)</i> GtConv 3-4:30 Online					

June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Sr Living 1-2:30 Online	2 <i>Knitting 2-3 AB</i>	3 <i>Hand & Ft (See Desc)</i>	4 <i>Christianity 9:30-11:30</i>	5
6 Uke 2-3:30 Online	7 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> <i>Mah Jongg (See Desc)</i> GtConv 3-4:30 Online	8 Sr Living 1-2:30 Online Ops. Mtg. 1-3 Intl. Dining 5-8	9 <i>Knitting 2-3 Online</i>	10 MSFC Bus Tour 12:30-3 <i>Hand & Ft (See Desc)</i>	11 Fri. Film Festival 2-4:30 AUD	12
13 Uke 2-3:30 Online	14 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> <i>Mah Jongg (See Desc)</i> GtConv 3-4:30 Online	15 Sr Living 1-2:30 Online Exec. Bd. Mtg. 1-3	16 <i>Knitting 2-3 Online</i>	17 <i>Hand & Ft (See Desc)</i>	18 CCQ 9:30-Noon 2FL (See Desc)	19
20 Uke 2-3:30 Online	21 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> <i>Mah Jongg (See Desc)</i> GtConv 3-4:30 Online	22	23 <i>Poetry 1:30-3 Online</i> <i>Knitting 2-3 Online</i>	24 <i>Hand & Ft (See Desc)</i>	25	26
27 Uke 2-3:30 Online	28 <i>Hiking (See Desc)</i> <i>Bunco (See Desc)</i> <i>Mah Jongg (See Desc)</i> GtConv 3-4:30 Online	29	30 <i>Knitting 2-3 Online</i>	<i>Hand & Ft (See Desc)</i>		



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