

EXPLORE - ENGAGE - ENRICH

LearningQUEST
SINCE 2009

EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS OF ALL AGES

MEMBER COURSES • PUBLIC PROGRAMS

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LearningQUEST Activities

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

Courses & Programs

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

Events

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

LearningQUEST Directory

General Questions

LearningQUEST@lquest.org

Ideas for Classes

Proposals@lquest.org

Publicity & Public Relations

Communications@lquest.org

Facebook Posting Info or Changes

SocialMedia@lquest.org

Send your Pictures

PhotoArchive@lquest.org

Change your Contact Info

Membership@lquest.org

Socializing Ideas or Questions

MEETup@lquest.org

Interactive Fun Events

Happenings@lquest.org

Send your Volunteer Hours

VolunteerHours@lquest.org

Want to Volunteer?

Volunteer@lquest.org

Articles for the E-News

NewsInput@lquest.org

Food and Decorating

Hospitality@lquest.org

Issues with Other Members

HumanResources@lquest.org

Audio/Visual

AV@lquest.org

Class Coordinator Info

CoordinatorLead@lquest.org

Withdraw from Class

Registrar@lquest.org

Board President

President@lquest.org

Operations

Operations@lquest.org



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

Board of Directors and Committees

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Jane Maples **Vice President:** Kevin Call
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Ex-Officio: Beth Girard, Program Development Committee; Laura Gonzalez, Operations Manager; Joyce Howell, Volunteer Coordinator

BOARD COMMITTEES

Governance: Jeff Nelson (Chair), Kathey Bradford, Kevin Call, Jim Kirkwood, Bob Stagg, Larry West
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Membership: Paul Hurst (Chair)
Database: Cindie Chapman, Laurie Peterson
Manual Editor: Vanessa Jones

Public Programs: Paul Hurst, Sandy Nicolette (Co-Leads), Judy Frago, Vanessa Jones, Gwen Goins-Pratt, Mike Nunes

Volunteer Hours: Gwen Goins-Pratt
Constant Contact: Paul Hurst, Laurie Peterson
Picnic: Paul Hurst, John Ofenloch

Rally Day: Jim Kirkwood, John Ofenloch (Coordinators)
Sign-in/Catalogs/Forms: Paul Hurst, John Ofenloch
Hospitality: Buffie Gibbons
Displays: Larry West
Information Table: Barbara Moore
Volunteer Table: Nancy Butler
Exterior Signage: Jim Kirkwood
Photographer: Charles Gattis
Registration: Bob North
Mobility Signage: Paul Hurst
Facility Layout: Jim Kirkwood, John Ofenloch

Program Development: Beth Girard (Chair), Charlotte Hudson (Vice Chair)
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Trips: Anne Brasseale, Pete Brasseale, Claudia Conn, Peter Finzel, Julie Gary, Joyce Howell, Barbara Kammerud, Vicki Ladner, Maggie Musser, Sandy Nicolette, John Ofenloch
SIG Coordinator: Linda Griffin
Editing: Paula Cushman
Biographies: Paula Cushman
Planning Spreadsheets: Marlene Suchman
Coordinator Leads: Larry West, Ruth Maddox
Communications: Wanda Shoultes
Attendance Tracking: Ginger Loder
Registrar: Beth Girard

Special Events: Buffie Gibbons, Ellen Griffin (Co-Chairs)
Hospitality: Buffie Gibbons (Lead)
Beverages Lead: Helen Lamy
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MEETups: Diana Travelute (Lead), Arnita Cole, Claudia Conn, Sallyanne Cos, Jane Maples, Jennifer Robinson, Ravina Sujjanani

Happenings: Buffie Gibbons (Lead), Shobha Bhat, Michelle Crull, Hilary Goss, Shirley Goss, Ellen Griffin, John Griffin, Pat Griffin, Joyce Howell, Barbara Kammerud, Linda Marsh, Barbara Moore, Margie Pfalzer, Margaret Price, Mary Jane Reuman, Pat Rich, Mitzi Summers, Debbie West

Registration

When does registration begin?

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

What options are available to join and/or register?

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

How do I know if I am successfully enrolled?

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

What is the Drop/Add Policy?

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

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

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

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

What does "pending" status mean?

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

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

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

How do I register for a trip?

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

Fees

Membership

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

Term Fees

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

How to pay

- Online at LQUEST.org

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

Additional Fees

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

Weather Policy

Member Information

What is the weather policy?

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

How can I stay up to date on LearningQUEST activities?

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

Why am I not getting my LearningQUEST E-News?

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

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

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

Who can be a member of LearningQUEST?

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

Where is the LearningQUEST office and when is it open?

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

Where do I report a change in my contact information?

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

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

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

Can guests attend a LearningQUEST program?

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

How do I report my volunteer hours?

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

LearningQUEST Human Resources Policy

LearningQUEST offers learning opportunities in an open and friendly environment with respect and dignity for all participants and presenters. LearningQUEST does not treat members or employees differently because of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, race, or religion. Furthermore, LearningQUEST does not tolerate any behavior from members, employees, presenters, or guests that interferes with any

LearningQUEST activity, which may include Special Interest Groups (SIGs), programs, trips, or other activities/outings. If anyone thinks they have been treated unfairly, they can file a complaint with the Human Resources Committee, and it will be investigated thoroughly. LearningQUEST Human Resources can be contacted at HumanResources@lquest.org.

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

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

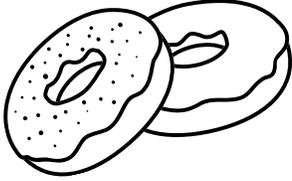
Program	Venue	Presenter(s)	Dates	Day	Time	#	Coordinator
MEMBER COURSES (WITH TERM FEE)							
1-Chair Yoga Online	Online	Kristin Mumper	1/8-2/12	Th	1 – 2	6	<i>open</i>
2-AI Development Updates	AUD	J. Langley	1/14-21	W	1 – 2:30	2	Bill Carter
3-Shakespeare's Richard II	2FL	Jeff Nelson	1/16-30	F	10 – 11:30	3	Linda Fletcher
4-The Cranes are Coming!	See Desc.	Tom Ress	1/20	T	10 – 11:30	1	Susan Bakken
5-Line Dance to Music of the 60s	AUD	Bonnie Harrison	1/22	Th	1 – 2:30	1	Bonnie Harrison
6-Farming on the Moon	AUD	George Hamilton	1/26	M	10 – 11:30	1	Sandy Nicolette
7-Armchair Travel Series #27	AUD	Multiple	1/26-2/23	M	1 – 2:30	5	Joyce Howell
8-UAB Huntsville Clinical Research	AUD	T. Schwasinger-Schmidt	1/27	T	10 – 11:30	1	Beth Powel
9-Ukulele for Beginners	2FL	Theresa Miller	2/1;2/15;3/1;3/15;3/29	S	2 – 3:30	5	John Ofenloch
10-The Quest for Self-Regulation	2FL	William "Bill" Confer	2/3-24	T	10 – 11:30	4	Buffie Gibbons
11-Writing Your Life Story	SLIB	Peter A. Finzel	2/3-3/24	T	10 – 11:30	8	Marilyn Puett
12-Discovering Glenwood Cemetery	AUD	Penny Sumners	2/3	T	2 – 3:30	1	Cindi Branham
13-Poetry as Witness	See Desc.	Ramona L. Hyman	2/4	W	1 – 2:30	1	Ana Blair
14-Recycled Plastic Asphalt Road Construction	SLIB	Bill Carter	2/5	Th	10 – 11:30	1	Bill Carter
15-America's National Parks: Part Two	See Desc.	Steve Jones Chris Stuhlinger	2/5-3/12	Th	10 – 11:30	6	Nancy Butler
16-Apple iPhone® Basics - Group 1	AUD	Judi Shade	2/5	Th	1 – 2:30	1	Carl Lomax
17-Four American Poets	2FL	Jeff Nelson	2/6-27	F	10 – 11:30	4	Susan Livingston
18-Friday Film Festival: Close Encounters with the Third Reich	AUD	Jennifer Garlen	2/6;3/6;4/3;5/1	F	2 – 4:30	4	Gina Bain
19-Inside New Orleans Mardi Gras	AUD	Connie Atkinson	2/10	T	2 – 3:30	1	Wanda Shoultes
20-International Dining	Various	Jane Wodtke	2/10;3/10;4/14;5/12;6/9	T	5 – 8	5	Paul Hurst
21-Huntsville's Historic Memphis & Charleston Railroad Depot	AUD	Ralph Allen	2/11	W	10 – 11:30	1	Sandy Nicollete
22-How Language Changes	2FL	Elaine Fredericksen	2/13-20	F	1 – 2:30	2	Phyllis Turner
23-Remember When??	AUD	Multiple	2/18	W	1 – 3	1	Susan Bakken
24-Bone Up on Your Bone Health	AUD	Brent Pittman Edie Hermes	2/24-3/10	T	10 – 11:30	3	Sandy Nicollete
25-Let's Do Lunch - Group 1	Various	N/A	2/24;3/24;4/28;5/26	T	11 – 12:30	4	Charlotte Hudson
26-Let's Do Lunch - Group 2	Various	N/A	2/25;3/25;4/29;5/27	W	11 – 12:30	4	Gwen Goins-Pratt
27-Living Your Life, Including Death, With Purpose	2FL	Liz Hall	2/26-3/5	Th	10 – 11:30	2	Susan Livingston
28-Let's Do Lunch - Group 3	Various	N/A	2/26;3/26;4/30;5/28	Th	11 – 12:30	4	Kathi Cribbitt
29-Name That Color	2FL	Debbie West	2/26-3/19	Th	1 – 2:30	4	Gina Bain
30-The Neuroscience of Happiness	AUD	Ralph E. Carson	2/26	Th	6 – 7:30	1	Charles Gattis
31-Beginning Tai Chi and Qigong	AUD	Xingrong Chen	2/27-3/13;3/27-5/8	F	10 – 11	10	<i>open</i>
32-Cotton to Rockets	AUD	Mark Thornton	3/2	M	10 – 11:30	1	Charlotte Hudson
33-Fossils and Minerals	AUD	Bill Friday	3/11	W	1 – 2:30	1	Lis Urban
34-Landscaping with Edible Plants	AUD	Aaron Stiles	3/13	F	1 – 2:30	1	Cindi Branham
35-Intermediate Tai Chi and Qigong	AUD	Xingrong Chen	3/25-4/29	W	10 – 11	6	Betsey Brock
36-Tulip Farm Visit	See Desc.	Kaylee Hubert	3/25	W	1 – TBD	1	Susan Bakken
37-Fire Safety & Extinguishers - Group 1	AUD	J. Michael Williams	3/26	Th	10 – 11:30	1	Rebecca Bradshaw
38-Garden Tour of Bennett's Nurseries	See Desc.	Jeff Bennett	3/27	F	10 – 11	1	Carl Lomax
39-Beekeeping 101	See Desc.	Jon Brumbaugh	3/28	Sa	2 – 4	1	Roberta Dismukes
40-Five Points Historic Walking Tour - Group 1	See Desc.	Katie Stamps	4/1	W	1 – 2:30	1	Lynn Abernathy
41-Apple iPhone® Basics - Group 2	AUD	Judi Shade	4/2	Th	1 – 2:30	1	Charles Gattis
42-Alligators in the East Room	AUD	Tom Borchert	4/7-28	T	10 – 11:30	4	Kathey Bradford
43-What Do Astronauts Eat?	AUD	Michael Stallcup	2/12	Th	1 – 2:30	1	Judy Frago
44-Temple B'nai Shalom Tour	See Desc.	Rabbi P. J. Schwartz	4/8	W	10 – 11:30	1	Ruth Maddox
45-From the River to the Tap	See Desc.	staff	4/9	Th	10 – 12	1	John Ofenloch
46-Two Step Chair/Line Dance Class	AUD	Nkenge Hyter	4/9-5/7	Th	1 – 2	5	Wanda Shoultes

Program	Venue	Presenter(s)	Dates	Day	Time	#	Coordinator
47-Introduction to the Zentangle Method of Drawing	2FL	Beth Powel	4/13-27	M	10 - 11:30	3	Betsy Bock
48-Rightsizing Simplified	AUD	Karen Wright	4/14	T	2 - 3:30	1	Roberta Dismukes
49-Financial Crimes	AUD	Chris Edwards	4/16	Th	10 - 11:30	1	Carmen Amato
50-Landscaping with Native Plants	AUD	Aaron Stiles	4/17	F	1 - 2:30	1	Beth Powel
51-Broadway Theater League	See Desc.	Andrew Willmon	4/21	T	12-2	1	Susan Bakken
52-Five Points Historic Walking Tour - Group 2	See Desc.	Katie Stamps	4/22	W	1 - 2:30	1	Ravina Sujarani
53-Fire Safety & Extinguishers - Group 2	AUD	J. Michael Williams	4/30	Th	10 - 11:30	1	Arnita Cole
54-Gran Masters Percussion	See Desc.	Frederick Walker	5/6;5/20	W	12:30 - 1:30	2	Susan Bakken
55-The History of Bowl Games	2FL	Skip Vaughn	5/6	W	1 - 2:30	1	Carl Lomax
56-Beginning French	SLIB	Elaine Fredericksen	5/7-6/11	Th	1 - 2:30	6	Roberta Dismukes
57-"911: What Is the Location of Your Emergency?"	See Desc.	Ernie Blair	5/7	Th	10 - 11:30	1	John Ofenloch
58-Jones Mitchell Withers	AUD	John Allen	5/12	T	10 - 11:30	1	Charlotte Hudson
59-Altering Alzheimer's	AUD	Curtis Eakins	5/15	F	10 - 11:30	1	Ruth Maddox
60-Zentangle Botanicals	2FL	Beth Powel	6/8	M	1 - 3	1	Janet Troeger
61-Let's Go Blueberry Picking!	See Desc.	Richard Thorn	6/12	F	7:30 - TBD	1	Gordon Bakken
62-See You In Court!	See Desc.	Tom Borcher		See Desc.			Tom Borcher
MEMBER COURSES WITH PRE-PAID FEE (WITH TERM FEE)							
F1-Tangle With Patty	SLIB	Patricia Points	1/14-28	W	10 - 11:30	3	Beth Powel
F2-3 Ways to Use 1 Cutting Die	SLIB	Jill Stallcup	1/29	Th	1 - 2:30	1	Joy Anderson
F3-Torn Paper Greeting Cards	SLIB	Jill Stallcup	2/19	Th	1 - 2:30	1	Beth Powel
F4-Basic Woodcarving	See Desc.	John Bloodworth	3/5-19	Th	6:30 - 7:30	3	Charlotte Hudson
F5-Get Off the Floor	See Desc.	Paula Williams	3/13-20	F	10 - 11	2	open
F6-Spring Greeting Cards	SLIB	Jill Stallcup	3/11	W	10 - 11:30	1	Joy Anderson
F7-Cookin' Up Good Health				CANCELLED			
F8-Rev It Up!	See Desc.	Debbie Mayes	4/3-5/8	F	10 - 11	6	open
F9-True Red, White and Blue Greeting Cards	SLIB	Jill Stallcup	5/14	Th	10 - 11:30	1	Joy Anderson
F10-Crayons Aren't Just For Kids!!	2FL	Mary McGaha	4/22-5/20	W	10 - 11:30	5	open
TRIPS (NO TERM FEE)							
T1-Discover Kentucky's Heartland	Various		6/1-4	M-Th	All Day	4	Multiple
T2-Montreal and Quebec City	Various		9/15-21	T-M	All Day	7	Sandy Nicolette
LIBRARY SPONSORED TRAINING (NO TERM FEE)							
L1-Modern Classics Book Club	2FL	Jaimee Hannah	2/5	Th	10 - 11:30	1	Laura Gonzalez
			3/3;4/7;5/5;6/2	T		4	
L2-Founding Father Fridays	AUD 2FL	Tracie Collier	2/6	F	10 - 11:30	1	Laura Gonzalez
			3/6;4/3;5/1;6/5			4	
L3-The World of Wireless	AUD	Anthony Hale	2/24	T	2 - 3:30	1	Laura Gonzalez
L4-Let Freedom Ring Trivia	AUD	Tracie Collier	3/18	W	1 - 2:30	1	Laura Gonzalez
L5-The History of Libraries in the United States	AUD	Jaimee Hannah	4/15	W	1 - 2:30	1	Laura Gonzalez
L6-Patriotic Watercolor Painting	2FL	Tracie Collier	5/5	T	2 - 3:30	1	Laura Gonzalez
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (NO TERM FEE)							
S1-Mah Jongg	A	Janet Tedrow	Mon., starting 1/5	M	1 - 4		Janet Tedrow
S2-Great Literary Conversations	Online	Bob Stagg	Mon., starting 1/5	M	3 - 4:30		Bob Stagg
S3-Tai Chi	2FL	Betsey Bock	Wed., 1/7-21;2/4-18; 3/4-18;5/13-20;6/3-17	W	1:30 - 2:30		Betsey Bock
			Mon., 1/26;2/23;5/4; 6/22;6/29	M			
S4-Hand and Foot	A	Cheryl Hodges	Thurs., starting 1/8	Th	12 - 4		Cheryl Hodges
S5-UkeQUESTors Jam	2FL	Theresa Miller	2nd & 4th Sun., starting 1/11	S	2 - 3:30		Theresa Miller
S6-Bunco	A	Joy Anderson	2nd Mon., starting 1/12	M	9:30 - 12		Joy Anderson
S7-Poets' Corner	FCR	Liz Hall	Last Wed., starting 1/28	W	1:30 - 3		Liz Hall
S8-Friday Hiking	Various	Jim Kirkwood	Fri., 1/30-4/24	F	9		Jim Kirkwood
PROGRAMS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (FREE)							
P1-The Relationship Between Energy, Fitness and Nutrition	AUD	A. Cherbonneaux	2/17	T	2 - 3:30	1	Charles Gattis
P2-The Birmingham Easter Campaign	AUD	David Lilly	3/4	W	1 - 2:30	1	Judy Frago
P3-The Art of Living Dangerously	TBD	Richard Bangs	4/24	F	1 - 3	1	Judy Frago
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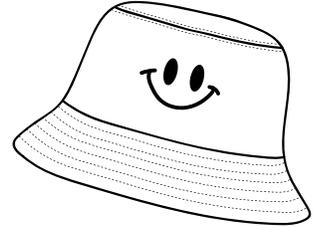
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1-Chair Yoga Online

Instructor: Kristin Mumper
Dates: 6 Thursdays Jan. 8 – Feb. 12
Time: 1 – 2
Location: Online

This program offers online chair yoga classes over Zoom. These hour-long chair yoga classes will be great for beginners and for attendees on a tight schedule. Sessions will work on mindfulness, joint mobility, flexibility, balance, breathing practices, while learning basic poses, flows, and modifications. The instructor works neuroplasticity brain games into all classes. Attendees may choose to come out of the chairs briefly to work on standing movements, always within reach of the chair. These classes are intended to build community as well as guide students to a better connection with themselves. All that is required is a sturdy chair with no wheels or arms. Wheelchairs welcome. Occasionally participants may utilize household items. Zoom can be used over a phone, tablet, or computer. Beginners, seniors, and the yoga-shy encouraged to join!



2-Artificial Intelligence Development Updates

Instructor: J. Langley
Dates: 2 Wednesdays Jan. 14 – 21
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: AUD



The rapid evolution of AI in society presents both great promise and significant challenges. AI is transforming healthcare, education, environmental management, and productivity by offering personalized services and fueling scientific breakthroughs. At the same time, it raises pressing concerns about job displacement, privacy, bias, misinformation, surveillance, and the erosion of human accountability. Ongoing debates focus on the ethics and guardrails needed to ensure responsible use. This program will examine specific applications of AI across multiple fields, weighing the benefits against the risks and considering how society can harness its potential while safeguarding against misuse.



3-Shakespeare's Richard II

Instructor: Jeff Nelson
Dates: 3 Fridays Jan. 16 – 30
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: 2FL

King Richard II's tyranny leads directly to his overthrow, imprisonment, and death. But is his replacement any better? Does Richard's dramatic flair make him attractive, or is it off-putting? In the end, does he become more self-aware, or does he remain self-centered? We will wrestle with the interaction of power and personality by reading Shakespeare's play, viewing several scenes on DVD, and sharing our own views of Richard.

4-The Cranes are Coming!

Instructor: Tom Ress
Dates: 1 Tuesday Jan. 20
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: Wheeler Wildlife Refuge

The cranes are coming, and the perfect place to witness this amazing arrival is at the Wheeler Wildlife Refuge in January. An introductory lecture will be presented at the Visitors Center, followed by a short walk to the heated Observation Building, where benches provide excellent viewing of the cranes. The coordinator will provide driving directions to registered members. For further information, see <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/wheeler> or call 256-350-6639.
Max: 40



5-Line Dance to Music of the 60s

Instructor: Bonnie Harrison
Dates: 1 Thursday Jan. 22
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: AUD

This program presents at least four different line dances choreographed to music from the 1960s. Alternating relaxed instruction and practice in 15-minute intervals allows participants to focus on balance, memory, creativity, and individual movement. Whether new to dance or an experienced dancer, this class is for fun and individual expression. Those who prefer to watch and tap their feet are also welcome to join, and may find themselves picking up new moves or enjoying ones from the past. Time will be available after class for dancing, asking questions, or socializing. *Max: 50*

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6-Farming on the Moon

Instructor: George Hamilton
Dates: 1 Monday Jan. 26
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD



Growing food on the moon presents a complex array of technical, resource, biological, economic, and environmental challenges. This talk explores why lunar farming will eventually be essential and

how it might be accomplished. Plants have evolved on Earth for nearly a billion years, and humans have farmed them for about 12,000 years, but cultivating crops on the moon may prove even harder than sending people there. With some 400,000 species on Earth, a key question is which to try first. This program considers how to choose the right plants for survival, sustainability, and long-term growth in an environment that was never meant to support life. Participants will examine not only the "how" but also the "why" of moon farming and imagine a future where harvesting food on the lunar surface becomes a reality.

7-Armchair Travel Series #27

Instructor: Multiple
Dates: 5 Mondays Jan. 26 – Feb. 23
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: AUD

Grab a chair and take off on some exciting travel adventures!

Jan. 26—Iceland: The Coolest Place on Earth.

Tom Ress navigates Iceland's scenic "Ring Road," the 825-mile remote route that encircles the entire country. The tour includes visits to the Guorunarlång geothermal pool, Seljalandsfoss waterfall, and Jokulsarlon Glacier. Participants will experience the country's most spectacular natural attractions, including Þingvellir National Park and the lunar landscapes of Lake Mývatn. The trip also features whale watching, iceberg cruising, and viewing local wildlife such as reindeer and Icelandic ponies.

Feb. 2—Southern Portugal & Spain. Bob and Phyllis Baron's travelogue of Southern Portugal and Spain provides an overview of Portuguese and Spanish history blending Roman, Muslim, Catholic, and other cultures. Their visits to Lisbon and environs, Seville, Gibraltar, Ronda, Granada, and Madrid include stops at a bullfighting museum and a cork factory as well as performances by flamenco dancers and dancing horses.

Feb. 9—A Cruise around the British Isles and Ireland. Jill Burt shares photographs from her short trip visiting ports in the British Isles, Ireland, and Orkney Island. Her presentation also covers a three-day stay in London, with visits to popular sites and an experience of High Tea at Kensington Palace.

Feb. 16—Scenic Switzerland. Barbara Staggs and Emily Saile provide a photographic tour of Switzerland's dramatic alpine scenery. Explore Grindelwald, home of



the Eiger Mountain; Zermatt with the majestic Matterhorn; and Chamonix, France, home of Mt. Blanc, Europe's highest peak.

Feb. 23—Highlights of South America. Herb and Terry Lewis share highlights from their early 2025 adventure in South America. The trip included a pre-tour of Peru and Machu Picchu, followed by a Viking Cruise from Santiago, Chile, around the Horn to Buenos Aires, Argentina.

8-UAB Huntsville Clinical Research

Instructor: Tiffany Schwasinger-Schmidt
Dates: 1 Tuesday Jan. 27
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

Clinical research plays a vital role in medical advancement, but many people are hesitant to participate or simply do not know how they can contribute. UAB Medicine Huntsville is expanding its clinical research efforts beyond psychiatric needs to include broader medical needs, allowing patients in the North Alabama area to help create better medical interventions for those in need. This program will show how the organization is dedicated to UAB's vision of being a world-class research university and academic health system committed to understanding and improving the human experience.



9-Ukulele for Beginners

Instructor: Theresa Miller
Dates: 5 Sundays Feb. 1, 15, Mar. 1, 15, 29,
Time: 2 – 3:30
Location: 2FL

Have you been wanting to learn an easy musical instrument? The ukulele is a user-friendly choice, perfect for quickly learning chords to accompany singing. This class will cover the basics of strumming, simple melodies, and chord playing without requiring in-depth music theory.

Participants will need their own ukulele to bring to class and to practice at home; local music stores can help you select the right size. Instruction will focus on the most common tuning used for soprano, concert, and tenor ukuleles, though options for baritone players will also be discussed. Songs and materials will be available for download from the class website, musicandmore.info.

We have a lot of fun playing with our SIG, and our local ukulele community is a good place to meet new friends!
Min/Max: 6/12



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10-The Quest for Self-Regulation

Instructor: William "Bill" Confer
Dates: 4 Tuesdays Feb. 3 – 24
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: 2FL

Psychologists consider the ability to delay gratification when tempted and to self-restrain when provoked as necessary skills for successful adaptation. This class will review and apply psych lab-derived principles for self-control and impulse control to substance abuse/addiction intervention and anger management techniques. *Min: 7*

11-Writing Your Life Story

Instructor: Peter A. Finzel
Dates: 8 Tuesdays Feb. 3 – Mar. 24
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: SLIB

Have you ever wanted to write a short story about an event in your life? This class provides a supportive environment for writing a personal short story and sharing it with the class. This is not a "how to write" class, but an opportunity to be encouraged and supported in your writing. Receive guidance from handouts, reading recommendations, and advice from fellow writers. Be prepared to write, read, and share your story as well as listen to the stories of others.
Min/Max: 10/30

12-Discovering Glenwood Cemetery

Instructor: Penny Sumners
Dates: 1 Tuesday Feb. 3
Time: 2 – 3:30
Location: AUD



Glenwood Cemetery, established in 1870 by the City of Huntsville, was created as a burial ground for African American citizens, where families purchased their own grave sites as in other city-owned cemeteries. The cemetery is located between Hall and Derrick Streets, bounded by Holmes Avenue West and Clinton Avenue, behind the former Stone Middle School in what is now the Midtown area. Following the Civil War and Reconstruction, formerly enslaved people in Huntsville sought a cemetery of their own rather than being buried in the slave cemetery known as Georgia, where the Huntsville Hospital garage now stands. Many African American leaders of the past—and some more recent—rest in these hallowed grounds. Come experience a

virtual tour of this historic cemetery, created by presenter Penny Sumners and Ollye Conley, with scripts developed by Dorla Evans and narrated by local African Americans.

13-Poetry as Witness

Instructor: Ramona L. Hyman
Dates: 1 Wednesday Feb. 4
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: Madison Public Library

Poetry as Witness is an hour-long reading by Dr. Ramona L. Hyman to commemorate Black History Month. Through her work, Dr. Hyman presents poetry as a witness to the Black American experience. Poet Sonia Sanchez has said that Hyman's "words are powerful memories for us to walk in the 21st century." Drawing on spirituality, folk speech, history, and cultural depth, her poetic voice captures the strength and resilience of Black America. She will read from her collection *I Am Black America*. Critic Joyce Joyce describes Hyman as a "strong intellectual creative voice." A question-and-answer session will follow the reading. This program will be held at the Madison Public Library; 142 Plaza Blvd.; Madison, AL 35758. *Max: 75*

14-Recycled Plastic Polymer-Modified Asphalt Road Construction

Instructor: Bill Carter
Dates: 1 Thursday Feb. 5
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: SLIB

This program showcases an innovative approach that turns waste into a valuable resource. By blending recycled plastic polymers into asphalt aggregates, this technology can extend road life by 50% or more while significantly lowering maintenance costs. Roads built with this material are more resistant to potholes, cracks, and surface damage caused by water and freezing temperatures, leading to safer and more durable infrastructure. In addition to cost savings, the process supports sustainability by reducing plastic waste and enabling easier installation of underground utilities, which helps minimize weather-related service disruptions. This program will explore the benefits, challenges, and future potential of this promising construction method. *Min/Max: 15/30*



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15-America's National Parks: Part Two

Instructors: Steve Jones, Chris Stuhlinger
Dates: 6 Thursdays Feb. 5 – Mar. 12
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: Wellpoint

This program features Part Two of the award-winning video series created by Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan, *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*. These episodes trace the history of the national parks from 1920 through 1980. This course is a continuation of Part One, offered in the fall of 2025. Part Two is structured to enable new participants to quickly come up to speed and enjoy the spring offering. Each class will feature a video, along with supplemental material, reflections, and observations from the instructors. Class discussion will be encouraged. This program will be held at Residences at Wellpoint; 2940 Mill Run Rd; Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763. *Max:* 55



16-Apple iPhone® Basics - Group 1

Instructor: Judi Shade
Dates: 1 Thursday Feb. 5
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: AUD



Getting more out of an iPhone is now easier than ever. This 90-minute presentation shows you how to use your device with ease and confidence. Discover helpful features, time-saving tips, and ways to customize an iPhone to truly work for you. Topics will also include health and safety features—such as emergency SOS, fall detection, and health tracking—that can give you added peace of mind. A 45-minute Q&A will follow the presentation, offering an opportunity to ask questions and get clear, practical answers. Whether new to the iPhone or simply looking to unlock its hidden potential, this program will leave users more connected, organized, and in control.

17-Four American Poets

Instructor: Jeff Nelson
Dates: 4 Fridays Feb. 6 – 27
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: 2FL

This program will discuss four exciting American poets. Muriel Rukeyser documents a mine disaster in a collage of legal, medical, and personal testimonies. Edna St. Vincent Millay radically redefines traditional love poetry. Theodore Roethke makes greenhouses a "symbol for

the whole of life." And Natasha Trethewey gives voice to an African-American soldier who served in the Union army.

18-Friday Film Festival: Close Encounters with the Third Reich

Instructor: Jennifer Garlen
Dates: 4 Fridays Feb. 6, Mar. 6, Apr. 3, May 1
Time: 2 – 4:30
Location: AUD

Fight the Nazis abroad and at home with four films that span the World War II era. The series opens with the iconic classic, *Casablanca* (1942), starring Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, and a cast filled with favorite stars. In the fast-paced action picture, *Desperate Journey* (1942), Errol Flynn and Ronald Reagan lead a group of downed RAF airmen trying to escape Nazi Germany. Alfred Hitchcock directs the tense and provocative 1944 thriller, *Lifeboat*, starring Huntsville native Tallulah Bankhead as one of the survivors of a U-boat attack. Finally, Orson Welles directs and stars in *The Stranger* (1946), with Edward G. Robinson as a war crimes investigator on the trail of a Nazi fugitive. Each screening will open with an introduction and conclude with audience discussion.



19-Inside New Orleans Mardi Gras

Instructor: Connie Atkinson
Dates: 1 Tuesday Feb. 10
Time: 2 – 3:30
Location: AUD

There's so much more to New Orleans Mardi Gras than the tourists will ever see. Take an inside look at America's most non-American festival and the religious, ethnic, and social stories behind it.

20-International Dining

Instructor: Jane Wodtke
Dates: 5 Tuesdays Feb. 10, Mar. 10, Apr. 14, May, 12, Jun. 9
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, and Thai cuisine at restaurants in and around the Huntsville area. Our rating of these restaurants will be in the LearningQUEST E-News. *Mangia Tutti!! Max: 30*



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21-Huntsville's Historic Memphis & Charleston Railroad Depot

Instructor: Ralph Allen
Dates: 1 Wednesday Feb. 11
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD



The historic 1860 Huntsville Memphis & Charleston railroad depot has played a major role in the development of Huntsville. Owned and under-appreciated by the city, it is currently the topic of discussions about its future. This program will explore the history of this important structure and hopefully create an appreciation of its significance and how it can contribute to a better understanding of Huntsville's past and future.

22-How Language Changes

Instructor: Elaine Fredericksen
Dates: 2 Fridays Feb. 13 – 20
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: 2FL

This course looks at how language changes and examines resistance to, and acceptance of, these changes. Participants will consider their own attitudes toward change by looking closely at their regional preferences and their communications with people from other areas and different age groups. The group will share distinctive idioms and expressions from their home regions and family interactions. Are grammar rules

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stable and unbreakable? This class will explore those questions and more.

23-Remember When??

Instructor: Multiple
Dates: 1 Wednesday Feb. 18
Time: 1 – 3
Location: AUD

What were you doing in the 50's, 60's, and 70's? This light-hearted program takes you on a fun romp through three memorable decades with visuals, laughter, and music—while leaving the turmoil and chaos of the era behind. Come make the scene, be hip, and hang loose as we celebrate the groovy spirit of an earlier time in history. Attendees are encouraged to dress in the style of the era or just come as your far-out self, and enjoy refreshments with tidbits, bites, and treats. Later gator—be cool!



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24-Bone Up on Your Bone Health

Instructors: Brent Pittman, Edie Hermes
Dates: 3 Tuesdays Feb. 24 – Mar. 10
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

This three-part workshop addresses bone loss, a common concern for adults over 30. While some bone loss is normal with aging, many experience accelerated loss that can lead to osteoporosis. Contributing factors include medications, soda and alcohol consumption, smoking, nutrient deficiencies, and certain medical conditions. Bone loss increases the risk of fractures and loss of independence. Participants will learn to identify personal risk factors and explore natural strategies to protect bones and potentially slow, stop, or reverse bone loss.



25-Let's Do Lunch - Group 1

Instructor: N/A
Dates: 4 Tuesdays Feb. 24, Mar. 24,
Apr. 28, May 26
Time: 11 – 12:30
Location: Various

LearningQUEST "Let's Do Lunch"—Group 1 will lunch at various locations within the Huntsville/Madison area. Two weeks prior to the monthly luncheon, the coordinator will identify the "Restaurant of the Month" and will obtain a head count of those planning to attend. Please register for one group only; duplicate registrations will be removed since all groups go to the same restaurants. Group 1 will meet on Tuesdays. *Max: 20*

26-Let's Do Lunch - Group 2

Instructor: N/A
Dates: 4 Wednesdays Feb. 25, Mar. 25,
Apr. 29, May 27
Time: 11 – 12:30
Location: Various

See the description for Group 1. Group 2 will meet on Wednesdays. Note: Please register for one group only, duplicate registrations will be canceled. *Max: 20*



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27-Living Your Life, Including Death, With Purpose

Instructor: Liz Hall
Dates: 2 Thursdays Feb. 26 – Mar. 5
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: 2FL

A purposeful life brings understanding and power. This course will explain how to live with purpose by understanding and appreciating the roles you've served, sometimes without realizing it. Understanding the role of purpose can give you more power over your present and future, help you make decisions, and guide actions that bring satisfaction and meaning to your life—even in retirement. *Max: 35*

28-Let's Do Lunch - Group 3

Instructor: N/A
Dates: 4 Thursdays Feb. 26, Mar. 26,
Apr. 30, May 28
Time: 11 – 12:30
Location: Various



See the description for Group 1. Group 3 will meet on Thursdays. Note: Please register for one group only, duplicate registrations will be canceled. *Max: 20*

29-Name That Color

Instructor: Debbie West
Dates: 4 Thursdays Feb. 26 – Mar. 19
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: 2FL

Color is never an innocent or passive presence in our world—it is an active and influential force. Throughout millennia, humans have used color in art, industry, and institutions, shaping how we see and understand life. This collection reveals the unusual stories behind 75 fascinating shades, dyes, and hues that weave like a bright thread through history, from the charcoal drawings on the cave walls of Lascaux to the symbolic meanings of blonde and ginger hair. Discover the brown that changed the course of battles, the rare "mummy brown" made from ancient remains, and the white pigment once believed to protect against the plague. Explore the spectrum from acid yellow to Kelly green, from the scandal of "scarlet women" to the majesty of imperial purple, and journey through Van Gogh's chrome yellow sunflowers (and the question of whether they poisoned him), Picasso's blue period, and punk's fluorescent pink. Together, these stories form a vivid study of human civilization told through color—how it has shaped fashion, politics, art, and war—and reveal how artists have long used color to express the essential ideas and needs of humanity.

30-The Neuroscience of Happiness and How to Capture It Permanently

Instructor: Ralph E. Carson
Dates: 1 Thursday Feb. 26
Time: 6 – 7:30
Location: AUD

Hope is a vital ingredient for happiness, which in turn is essential to a high quality of life. Research shows that hope expands mental capacity, improves mood, and helps slow the effects of aging. This presentation draws on neuroscience, clinical experience, and recent advances in brain imaging to demonstrate how hope is not only real and tangible but also necessary to sustain clear thinking throughout life. Participants will gain a practical understanding of how hope functions in the brain, along with concrete tools to strengthen their mindset, uplift their mood, and enhance overall well-being.

31-Beginning Tai Chi and Qigong

Instructor: Xingrong Chen
Dates: 10 Fridays Feb. 27 – Mar 13.,
Mar. 27 – May 8
Time: 10 – 11
Location: AUD

Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese tradition that today is practiced as a graceful form of exercise. It is one of the most popular methods of movement for seniors. It

involves a series of movements performed in a slow, focused manner and accompanied by deep breathing. Practicing Tai Chi can improve both physical and mental health. Qigong involves using exercise to optimize energy within the body, mind, and spirit with the goal of improving and maintaining health and well-being.
Min/Max: 10/30

32-Cotton to Rockets: A Pictorial History of North Alabama Industry

Instructor: Mark Thornton
Dates: 1 Monday Mar. 2
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

Receive a fascinating overview of North Alabama's industrial history, from early transportation on the Tennessee River to the modern era of rocketry. Learn how unnavigable waterways around Muscle Shoals led to the construction of canals, including the Indian Creek Canal that once floated cotton from Big Spring Park in Huntsville to the Tennessee River. Discover how early railroads transformed trade and fueled the region's cotton economy, and trace the path forward to Redstone Arsenal and the rise of rocketry as a driving force for North Alabama's growth.



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33-Fossils & Minerals of AL & Surrounding States

Instructor: Bill Friday
Dates: 1 Wednesday Mar. 11
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: AUD

North Alabama and the surrounding states provide rich opportunities for fossil and mineral collecting as well as exploring unique geologic formations. This presentation will highlight notable locations, what can be found, and important conditions, restrictions, or access dates to keep in mind. Tips for displaying collections and recommended resources, including *Roadside Geology of Alabama* by Mark and Laura Steltenpohl and *Lost Worlds in Alabama Rocks* by Jim Lacefield, will also be shared. Additional insights will come from personal knowledge, maps, and geology, with a special look at Cane Creek Nature Preserve, active quarries open to tours, and other sites that reveal the fascinating natural history of the region.

34-Landscaping with Edible Plants

Instructor: Aaron Stiles
Dates: 1 Friday Mar. 13
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: AUD

Gardens can be more than just beautiful; they can be delicious! Discover how incorporating edible plants can make your landscape work for you!

35-Intermediate Tai Chi and Qigong

Instructor: Xingrong Chen
Dates: 6 Wednesdays Mar. 25 – Apr. 29
Time: 10 – 11
Location: AUD

Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese tradition that today is practiced as a graceful form of exercise. It is one of the most popular methods of movement for seniors. It involves a series of movements performed in a slow, focused manner and accompanied by deep breathing.

Practicing Tai Chi can improve both physical and mental health. Qigong involves using exercise to optimize energy within the body, mind, and spirit to improve and maintain health and well-being. *Min/Max: 10/30*

36-Tulip Farm Visit- A Springtime Delight!

Instructor: Kaylee Hubert
Dates: 1 Wednesday Mar. 25
Time: 1 – TBD
Location: Hubert Family Farms



Come celebrate spring in full color with a breathtaking display of 300,000 tulips! If you'd like to take some home, hand-picked tulips are gathered by pulling the stem straight up from the base; once the stems are cut, you can take the bulbs home to replant in the fall with instructions provided at the farm. Baskets are provided for picking, and at the wrapping station your bouquet will be cut, wrapped, and ready to go. (If your tulips will be out of water for more than an hour, please bring a bucket with water to keep them fresh.) These tulips are not only stunning but also hardy, grown with care by a family eager to share their love of flowers with you. The farm invites you to linger among the blooms, soak in the beauty, and explore the charming on-site gift shop. This program will be held at Hubert Family Farms, 432 Narrow Lane, New Market, AL 35761. *Entry Fee: \$12 per person (or \$10 each for groups of 15 or more arriving together), while tulips are \$2.50 per stem with two free for every ten purchased, payable by cash or credit card.*

37-Fire Safety & Extinguishers - Group 1

Instructor: Jon Michael Williams
Dates: 1 Thursday Mar. 26
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

This program focuses on practical skills and prevention strategies to keep homes and workplaces safe. Participants will learn essential fire safety practices to reduce the risk of common household fires. The program also covers proper use of fire extinguishers with a live demonstration, giving attendees hands-on experience in responding quickly and effectively to small fires. Participants leave with the knowledge and confidence to protect themselves, their families, and their communities from fire hazards. Note: Please register for one group only; duplicate registrations will be canceled. *Min/Max: 15/100*

38-Garden Tour of Bennett's Nurseries

Instructor: Jeff Bennett
Dates: 1 Friday Mar. 27
Time: 10 – 11
Location: Bennett's Nurseries

Jeff Bennett, owner of Bennett Nurseries, will conduct a tour of the nursery describing the various plants, trees, and flowers as we take a beautiful outing of the grounds. This will include a description of where on the landscape

the trees, plants, or flowers would fit into your garden. This program gives tips on the basic care of them for all colors of thumbs—not just the green ones! This program will be held at Bennett's Nurseries, 7002 Memorial Parkway NW, Huntsville, AL 35810. *Min/Max: 10/20*

39-Beekeeping 101

Instructor: Jon Brumbaugh
Dates: 1 Saturday Mar. 28
Time: 2 – 4
Location: UAH Community Garden/Apiary

The first part of the program consists of a basic beekeeping talk, discussing the importance of honeybees, life cycle, threats to honeybees, how to get started beekeeping, and basic hive inspection.



The second part of the program will be an "open hive". We will go to the hives and inspect an active honeybee colony. The program will take place at the UAH Community Garden/UAH Apiary off of John Wright Dr. (near WLRH Radio).

40-Five Points Historic Walking Tour - Group 1

Instructor: Katie Stamps
Dates: 1 Wednesday Apr. 1
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: Five Points

This walking tour explores Five Points Historic District, Huntsville's first true suburb. Designated a Historic

Preservation District in 1999, Five Points was originally part of the 1892 East Huntsville Addition and reflects the evolution of middle-class housing in 20th-century Huntsville. The neighborhood grew with the streetcar line, which allowed workers to live beyond walking distance of jobs and shopping without owning an automobile. Today, it still retains its 19th-century grid of broad streets, narrow deep lots, and rear alleys that encourage pedestrian-oriented living. Participants are advised to bring water, sunscreen, comfortable shoes, and light snacks, and to dress for variable spring weather. Note: Please register for one group only; duplicate registrations will be canceled. The tour will start at 806 Wells Avenue, SE, Huntsville, AL 35801. *Min/Max: 5/35*



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41-Apple iPhone® Basics - Group 2

Instructor: Judi Shade
Dates: 1 Thursday Apr. 2
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: AUD

This is a repeat of the program being offered on February 5. Note: Please register for one group only; duplicate registrations will be canceled.

42-Alligators in the East Room & Other White House Tales

Instructor: Tom Borcher
Dates: 4 Tuesdays Apr. 7 – 28
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD



View the White House as you've never viewed it before! With a mix of history and humor, we'll take a deep look at the White House from its early design up to the present (including recent changes made by the current administration). In addition to the history of this most famous of structures, attendees will hear little-known stories about some of our First Families who occupied the biggest fishbowl in the world. This will be a fresh and substantially updated program from prior LearningQUEST presentations.

43-What Do Astronauts Eat?

Instructor: Michael Stallcup
Dates: 1 Thursday Feb, 12
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: AUD

This presentation will give an overview of food that has been eaten in space flight from early days to the present, including the food on the International Space Station. Also addressed will be special requirements for nutrient content, various methods of processing, and food packaging. Because space vehicles are closed systems, the process of handling human waste in space will also be discussed.



44-Temple B'nai Sholom Tour

Instructor: Rabbi P. J. Schwartz
Dates: 1 Wednesday Apr. 8
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: Temple B'nai Sholom

Temple B'nai Sholom in Downtown Huntsville is the oldest synagogue in continuous use in Alabama and one of the oldest Reform congregations nationally. Tour the synagogue and learn about its rich history, its links to the fundamental individuals who helped develop early Huntsville, and about the basic beliefs and practices of Judaism. The tour will be led by long-time congregants and docents, and an opportunity to meet and learn from the congregation's rabbi will be part of the visit. Participants will be encouraged and invited to attend Shabbat services at 7:00 pm Friday after the day of the program. Temple B'nai Sholom is located at 103 Lincoln St SE, Huntsville, AL 35801. *Max:* 30

45-From the River to the Tap: Water, Water

Instructor: Staff
Dates: 1 Thursday Apr. 9
Time: 10 – 12
Location: South Huntsville
Water Treatment Plant



Tour the South Parkway Water Treatment Plant operated by Huntsville Utilities and see how water from the Tennessee River is collected, treated, and delivered to your home. While Huntsville has several water sources, the three treatment plants along the river supply the majority of the community's water. The Water Treatment Plant is located on South Memorial Parkway, just before the Whitesburg Bridge over the Tennessee River. *Min/Max:* 20/50

46-Two Step Chair/Line Dance Class

Instructor: Nkenge Hyter
Dates: 5 Thursdays Apr. 9 – May 7
Time: 1 – 2
Location: AUD

Stay active with a fun class designed for all fitness levels, featuring both seated and standing dance routines. Participants may choose to use a chair or remain standing while following easy-to-learn dance moves set to lively music. This class helps improve balance, mobility, coordination, and stamina in a safe, enjoyable setting. *Max:* 40

47-Introduction to the Zentangle Method of Drawing

Instructor: Beth Powel
Dates: 3 Mondays Apr. 13 – 27
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: 2FL

Zentangle is a meditative drawing method that uses short, simple strokes to create non-representational patterns with minimal tools. No prior drawing skill is

required, as the process emphasizes mindfulness, repetitive lines, and shading. All patterns are based on simple strokes similar to those used to form the letters i, c, s, and o. Drawing tangles promotes relaxation, focus, and creativity, allowing participants to produce beautiful designs. The Zentangle Method, developed by Maria Thomas and Rick Roberts, has gained an international following. *Min/Max: 1/10*

48-Rightsizing Simplified: Tips For Transitioning Through Later Life

Instructor: Karen Wright
Dates: 1 Tuesday Apr. 14
Time: 2 – 3:30
Location: AUD

Each person experiences many different phases of life—adolescence, higher education, marriage, retirement—at different points in time. With every new experience brings change, and change brings a transition. Transitions can be challenging for everyone involved, and a transition in the late part of your life can especially be challenging when it includes making decisions regarding items you’ve collected throughout your life. In this course, Certified Relocation and Transition Specialist Karen Wright will share knowledge from years of experience helping individuals rightsize their life. You can expect to walk away empowered with tips as you and your loved ones help you to prepare for your next transition in life.


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49-Financial Crimes

Instructor: Chris Edwards
Dates: 1 Thursday Apr. 16
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

This presentation, led by an investigator with the Huntsville Police Cyber/Financial Crimes Unit, explores the growing world of financial crime. Topics will include common scams, how these crimes are investigated, and practical steps to avoid becoming a victim. Participants will gain awareness of current schemes and learn strategies to protect themselves and their communities.



50-Landscaping with Native Plants

Instructor: Aaron Stiles
Dates: 1 Friday Apr. 17
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: AUD

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require less maintenance, less water, and less worry. In this class, learn about common native plants and how they can be used in your garden!

51-Broadway Theatre League - The Road to Broadway & Back

Instructor: Andrew Willmon
Dates: 1 Tuesday Apr. 21
Time: 12 – 2
Location: VBC - Mark C. Smith Concert Hall



The Road to Broadway & Back, with a stop in Huntsville, tells the story of how Broadway shows and stars have been coming to the Rocket City since 1959.

Learn how trucks, actors, and productions travel the country and transform into live performances on stage, supported by the community's efforts to keep world-class entertainment in the Tennessee Valley while also providing rich educational opportunities for students and adults alike. Led by Andrew Willmon and his colleagues—the wizards behind the curtain—this program offers a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to produce a Broadway season in Huntsville and includes a full tour of the newly renovated Mark C. Smith Concert Hall. This program will be held at the Von Braun Center, 700 Monroe St SW, Huntsville, AL 35801. *Max: 40*

52-Five Points Historic Walking Tour - Group 2

Instructor: Katie Stamps
Dates: 1 Wednesday Apr. 22
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: Five Points

This is a repeat of the program being offered on April 1. Note: Please register for one group only; duplicate registrations will be canceled.

53-Fire Safety & Extinguishers - Group 2

Instructor: Jon Michael Williams
Dates: 1 Thursday Apr. 30
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

This is a repeat of the program being offered on March 26. Note: Please register for one group only; duplicate registrations will be canceled.



Fall '26 Term Programs

Got an idea for a new program? Just click on the "General Proposal Form" at the LQUEST.org website, and email your idea to Proposals@lquest.org.

54-Gran Masters Percussion

Instructor: Frederick Walker
Dates: 2 Wednesdays May 6, 20
Time: 12:30 – 1:30
Location: Huntsville Drumline Percussion and Performing Arts Center



The Gran Masters program offers seasoned adults a free opportunity to gather together, learn percussion skills, and move their bodies in tune with one another. This program promotes physical movement, social interaction, and brain awareness. AND most important of all, it is great fun! All materials will be supplied. This program will be held at the Huntsville Drumline Percussion and Performing Arts Center, 1800 Jordan Lane NW, Huntsville, AL 35816. *Min/Max: 10/20*

55-The History of Bowl Games

Instructor: Skip Vaughn
Dates: 1 Wednesday May 6
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: 2FL

This program will explore the history of college bowl games from the perspective of a longtime sportswriter. The presenter explores how these traditional football showcases have evolved into what we have today.



56-Beginning French

Instructor: Elaine Fredericksen
Dates: 6 Thursdays May 7 – Jun.11
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: SLIB



This class welcomes members interested in starting or reviewing basic French. Taught in a lively atmosphere of class participation, this class offers an opportunity to gain or regain familiarity with a foreign language in a non-judgmental setting. Expect games, jokes, and time to make friends as we all practice together. This class will prepare participants for the next level: French for Travel.

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57-“911: What Is the Location of Your Emergency?”

Instructor: Ernie Blair
Dates: 1 Thursday May 7
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: 911 Call Center



Step inside Huntsville's Emergency Communications Center and discover how highly trained specialists handle 911 calls for fire, police, and medical services. Learn how technology and teamwork ensure a rapid response during emergencies, and see firsthand what happens behind the scenes when a call for help comes in. This program will take place at the Madison County Communications District, 1570 Old Monrovia Rd NW, Huntsville, AL 35806. *Min/Max: 15/25*

58-Jones Mitchell Withers

Instructor: John Allen
Dates: 1 Tuesday May 12
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

Jones Mitchell Withers ... meet him...enjoy him...admire him. Can you imagine a single Huntsvillian who was an Indian fighter, a lawyer, a cotton broker, a West Point graduate, a state legislator, a U.S. congressman, a Confederate general, and a mayor? He may be the most famous Alabamian you have never heard of. In fact, he probably is. This slide presentation will peel the curtain back and expose this incredible man.

59-Altering Alzheimer's

Instructor: Curtis Eakins
Dates: 1 Friday May 15
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: AUD

Alabama has one of the highest mortality rates due to Alzheimer's in the nation! And the incidence of this disease is actually increasing at an alarming rate! Furthermore, the effectiveness of medication for this disease is only moderate at best. However, in this presentation, you will discover something that is better! Learn proven drugless strategies that are evidence-based to enhance the quality of life and restore a sense of awareness for our loved ones!

60-Zentangle Botanicals

Instructor: Beth Powel
Dates: 1 Monday Jun. 8
Time: 1 – 3
Location: 2FL

This guided workshop focuses on creating botanical-inspired tangles, including vines, leaves, and flowers, using the Zentangle method. Participants should have prior Zentangle experience but need not be proficient. The session emphasizes mindful, repetitive drawing techniques to foster relaxation, focus, and creativity. All patterns are built from simple strokes, and no previous artistic skill is required. *Max: 6*



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61-Let's Go Blueberry Picking!

Instructor: Richard Thorn
Dates: 1 Friday Jun. 12
Time: 7:30 – TBD
Location: Harvest Farm Blueberries



This program provides an opportunity for participants to pick organically grown blueberries at Harvest Farm Blueberries. Owner Richard Thorn welcomes visitors and provides buckets with liners. Participants will fill the buckets as desired and take the liner bags, with the buckets being kept for reuse. The group will go early in the morning to avoid the heat that June often brings. Harvest Farm Blueberries is located at 297 Ford Chapel Drive, Harvest, AL 35749. *Fee: Price per pound is TBD for 2026*

62-See You In Court!

Instructor: Tom Borchert
Dates: See Description
Time: See Description
Location: See Description



This program provides an opportunity to watch a real trial as it unfolds. The program leader will scout court calendars to find an interesting trial, and a notice with the time, date, and location will then be sent to all who have registered. The number of participants able to attend will be determined by the size of the particular courtroom. Attendees will sit through the trial and then meet to discuss the case, with the hope of having at least one of the involved attorneys join the group. A flexible mindset is a prerequisite, as court calendars are very fluid and cases are often settled or continued on the day a trial is scheduled to begin. To provide timely notice to participants, a valid email address is required. *Max: 15*



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SIGs (Special Interest Groups)



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



MEMBER COURSES WITH PRE-PAID FEE (WITH TERM FEE)

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

F1-Tangle With Patty

Instructor: Patricia Points
Dates: 3 Wednesdays Jan. 14 – 28
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: SLIB

The Zentangle Method for drawing is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by

drawing structured patterns. If a person can draw a dot, a curve, and a dash or line, they can Tangle. This program will teach participants the method. No art experience is necessary. Simple designs can be made to look elegant. The course provides an opportunity to relax, relieve stress, and meet new friends. All supplies are included. The method is based on the principle that "There are No Mistakes." *Fee: \$20 Min/Max: 5/15*

F2-Three Ways to Use a Single Cutting Die - Greeting Cards Workshop

Instructor: Jill Stallcup
Dates: 1 Thursday Jan. 29
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: SLIB

This workshop will feature three different cards with three different themes, all made using one single die. The three cards will have different looks even though the same die cut is used on each. No supplies are needed, but participants are welcome to bring their own tools if desired. This program provides an opportunity to learn another technique in card making. *Fee: \$15 Min/Max: 3/12*

F3-Torn Paper Greeting Cards Workshop

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

This workshop will feature three different cards with three different themes, made using torn pieces of paper. The projects are fun, quick, and easy. No supplies are needed, but participants are welcome to bring their own tools if desired. This program provides an opportunity to learn a new technique in card making. *Fee: \$15 Min/Max: 3/12*

F4-Basic Woodcarving

Instructor: John Bloodworth
Dates: 3 Thursdays Mar. 5 – 19
Time: 6:30 – 7:30
Location: Oak Park Church



Are you interested in woodcarving? Are you looking for guidance on tools, materials and steps for woodcarving projects? This is the class for you! Learn how to carve and paint a little red bird pin

which is a fun and manageable woodcarving piece. Wood blanks and necessary carving knives will be provided. This program will be held at Oak Park Church, 2105 Cloys Ave. NW, Huntsville, AL 35811. *Fee: \$2 Max: 12*

F5-Get Off the Floor

Instructor: Paula Williams
Dates: 2 Fridays Mar. 13 – 20
Time: 10 – 11
Location: Sandra Moon Community Complex

According to national statistics, one in four older adults will experience a fall each year. Falls can lead to injuries, hospitalizations, long-term care, and even death. Through LearningQUEST, Steady for Life offers a concise two-class program designed to help reduce fall risks and increase confidence. Participants will learn effective strategies for preventing falls; practice exercises to improve balance, strength, and posture; and gain techniques for safely recovering after a fall. The first

class focuses on fall awareness, prevention, and strengthening exercises. The second class provides hands-on practice for safely getting on and off the floor. Led by a certified instructor specializing in senior fitness, this program provides practical skills and resources to help you feel more secure in daily life. This program will be held at the Sandra Moon Community Complex, 7901 Bailey Cove Rd SE, Huntsville, AL 35802. *Fee: \$15 Max: 40*

F6-Spring Greeting Cards Workshop

Instructor: Jill Stallcup
Dates: 1 Wednesday Mar. 11
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: SLIB

This workshop will feature three different cards, all with the promise of Spring. The program will explore a Spotlight card, a Staggered Z fold card, and a Fun Fold card. No supplies are needed, but participants are welcome to bring their own tools if desired. This program provides an opportunity to learn another technique in card making. *Fee: \$15 Min/Max: 3/12*

F7-Cookin' Up Good Health: You've Made the Switch to a Plant Powered Diet, Now What?

Instructor: Donna Green-Goodman
Dates: 1 Monday Mar. 30
Time: 10 – noon
Location: Lifestyle Therapeutix

As more people make the decision to eat a primarily plant powered diet, they're excited about enjoying a healthier future. However, they are not always sure what food choices to make on that journey. In this class, Donna Green-Goodman, Master of Public Health (MPH) will share how to make the transition inviting, easy, and delicious. Participants will learn about "substitutes" for foods they have traditionally eaten, the truth about protein, and receive other great information. Come with your questions and prepare to learn as we will be Cookin' Up Good Health!! This program will be held at Lifestyle Therapeutix, 4825 University Square, Suite 9, Huntsville, AL 35816. *Fee: \$25 Max: 25*



F8-Rev It Up!

Instructor: Debbie Mayes
Dates: 6 Fridays Apr. 3 – May 8
Time: 10 – 11
Location: Sandra Moon Community Complex

Rev It Up (REV) is a class for those who have good balance and want to exercise and move challenged by activities to keep from becoming balance compromised. REV utilizes higher impact aerobics, games, circuits, and strength building techniques. REV is a fun class set to music and designed to improve overall health. You'll be glad you're part of it. This program will be held at the Sandra Moon Community Complex, 7901 Bailey Cove Rd SE, Huntsville, AL 35802. *Fee: \$20 Min/Max: 12/35*





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F9-True Red, White, & Blue Greeting Cards Workshop

Instructor: Jill Stallcup
Dates: 1 Thursday May 14
Time: 10 – 11
Location: SLIB

In honor of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, the cards for this workshop will all be done in red, white, and blue. No supplies are needed, but participants are welcome to bring their own tools if desired. The program provides an opportunity to create cards to share with friends and family. *Fee: \$15 Min/ Max: 3/12*

F10-Crayons Aren't Just For Kids!!

Instructor: Mary McGaha
Dates: 5 Wednesdays Apr. 22 – May 20
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: 2FL

Yes, adults do use crayons!. In this class we will be exploring various techniques used by crayon artists. We will work realistically as well as experiment with nonobjective images to create our art. We will learn about color changes within shapes and how to layer crayons to get the images we want. We will look at some of the work done by professionals using Crayola crayons as well as professional crayons. Join us. It is amazing what can be done with a box of crayons! Supplies will be provided. *Fee: \$15 Max: 15*



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T1-Discover Kentucky's Heartland

Instructor: Various
Dates: 4 Days Monday Jun. 1 –
Thursday Jun. 4
Time: All Day
Location: Various

Discover Kentucky's heartland, where Shaker tranquility meets bourbon charm and Bluegrass hospitality. This four-day journey blends history, culture, food, and horses with stops that capture the spirit of Kentucky. Step back in time at Pleasant Hill Shaker Village, explore the elegance of Keeneland Horse Park, and enjoy highlights in Lexington and Frankfort. Along the way, savor Kentucky's distillery heritage and vibrant local traditions. The adventure begins with a special visit to the Corvette Museum, setting the stage for a memorable trip through the heart of the Bluegrass State. For more information contact Julie Gary (jwgary@bellsouth.net), Joyce Howell (jj11howell@gmail.com), or Vickie Ladner (vladner@hotmail.com). *Fee: \$835 double/ \$1100 single Min/Max: 30/30*

T2-French Canada: Montreal and Quebec City

Instructor: Various
Dates: 7 Days Tuesday Sep. 15 –
Monday Sep. 21
Time: All Day
Location: Various

Experience a taste of Europe without leaving North America as you explore the artistic and cultural highlights of Quebec City and Montreal. This immersive journey includes expert-led field trips and museum visits that reveal the evocative architecture, vibrant Francophone culture, and rich history of both cities. Walking tours through Old Montreal and Old Quebec offer a deeper connection to their charm and heritage, while a hands-on activity and two live performances enrich the experience. A lecture on contemporary life in Montreal adds valuable perspective. The program includes 13 meals, 6 nights of accommodations—3 nights at the AC Hotel Old Montreal by Marriott and 3 nights at Hotel Manoir in Quebec City—as well as all group travel and transfers, including a scenic train ride from Montreal to Quebec City. Gratuities, taxes, and destination fees are included, and a knowledgeable group leader accompanies participants throughout the journey. Airfare is not included but may be arranged through Road Scholar at an additional cost, or participants may book their own travel. For more information, contact Sandy Nicolette (snicolette2434@gmail.com). *Fee: \$2,899 Double/ \$3,799 Single. Min/Max: 18/24*



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LIBRARY-SPONSORED TRAINING (NO TERM FEE)

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

L1-Modern Classics Book Club

Instructor: Jaimee Hannah
Dates: 1 Thursday Feb. 5
4 Tuesdays Mar. 3, Apr. 7, May 5,
Jun. 2
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: 2FL

This monthly book club will read selections from *The New York Times'* 100 Best Books of the 21st Century list, which features a mix of award-winning fiction, thought-provoking nonfiction, and groundbreaking storytelling. Participants can discover new favorites, revisit modern classics, or engage in lively discussions, making this club a perfect place to explore the books that have shaped an era. *Min/Max: 8/16*

L2-Founding Father Fridays

Instructor: Tracie Collier
Dates: 5 Fridays Feb 6, Mar 6, Apr 3,
May 1, Jun. 5
Time: 10 – 11:30
Location: 2FL except Feb. 6 in AUD

Join us for a monthly exploration of the lives, ideas, and legacies of America's Founding Fathers. We'll examine their contributions to our nation and the complexities of their personal stories.

Participants will receive a curated list of library materials and trusted online resources prior to each class, offering the opportunity to read, watch, or listen in advance. This



preparation will enrich our time together and encourage thoughtful discussion. During each session, a presentation will provide historical highlights and context, followed by a group conversation during which participants can share insights, questions, and reflections. Together we'll consider how the Founding Fathers shaped the early United States and how their influence is still felt today. Whether you're a history enthusiast or simply curious about the people who helped to create our government, this series offers an engaging way to learn and connect with others. *Min/Max: 12/36*

L3-The World of Wireless

Instructor: Anthony Hale
Dates: 1 Tuesday Feb. 24
Time: 2 – 3:30
Location: AUD

Wireless devices—from smartphones to tablets to smartwatches—are becoming essential tools for everyday life. This class provides an overview of devices most useful to seniors, explains how they work together, and highlights ways they can enhance daily activities. Topics include keeping data safe, accessing library eBooks and digital resources, and maximizing personal devices for learning. Time will be available for questions and hands-on practice. *Min/Max: 12/24*



L4-Let Freedom Ring Trivia

Instructor: Tracie Collier
Dates: 1 Wednesday Mar. 18
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: AUD

Celebrate America's 250th birthday at this star-spangled trivia event! Test your knowledge of the people, places, and events that helped shape our nation. Solo players welcome or gather up your friends to make a team. *Min: 12*

L5-The History of Libraries in the United States

Instructor: Jaimee Hannah
Dates: 1 Wednesday Apr. 15
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: AUD

From small private collections to today's vast public institutions, libraries have played a vital role in shaping American communities. This class explores the history of libraries in the United States, tracing their development from early colonial collections and subscription libraries to the rise of public libraries, academic institutions, and digital resources. Through a presentation of key milestones, participants will learn about influential figures, landmark legislation, and cultural shifts that helped define how libraries serve the public. We will consider how libraries have responded to social, political, and technological changes over the centuries, and how they continue to evolve to meet the needs of diverse communities today. *Min: 12*



L6-Patriotic Watercolor Painting

Instructor: Tracie Collier
Dates: 1 Tuesday May 5
Time: 2 – 3:30
Location: 2FL



Celebrate creativity and community in this hands-on watercolor class for all skill levels. Step-by-step instruction will guide participants through basic techniques while creating a patriotic-themed painting to take home. Whether you're a beginner picking up a brush for the first time or an experienced painter looking for a fun project, this class will give you the opportunity to explore your artistic side. All supplies will be provided. *Min/Max: 12/16*

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (NO TERM FEE)

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

S1-Mah Jongg

Instructor: Janet Tedrow
Dates: Mondays, starting Jan. 5
Time: 1 – 4
Location: A



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

S2-Great Literary Conversations

Instructor: Bob Stagg
Dates: Mondays, starting Jan. 5
Time: 3 – 4:30
Location: Online

This literary discussion group reads one selection each week and discusses the author, the time period, and the work's relevance in today's world. Since a new selection is chosen each week, prior attendance is not a

requirement. Notes are emailed on Friday detailing the upcoming selection. The anthology used changes each term. For more information, contact Bob Stagg at 256-520-0417.

S3-Tai Chi

Instructor: Betsy Bock
Dates: 14 Wednesdays, Jan. 7 – 21,
Feb. 4 – 18, Mar. 4 – 18,
May 13 – 20, Jun. 3 – 17
5 Mondays, Jan. 26, Feb. 23, May 4,
Jun. 22 – 29
Time: 1:30 – 2:30
Location: 2FL

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

S4-Hand and Foot

Instructor: Cheryl Hodges
Dates: Thursdays, starting Jan. 8
Time: 10 – noon
Location: A



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

S5-UkeQUESTors Jam

Instructor: Theresa Miller
Dates: Second and Fourth Sundays,
starting Jan. 11
Time: 2 – 3:30
Location: 2FL

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

S6-Bunco

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



Participants are invited to a fun-filled morning of Bunco. As it is played today, Bunco is a social dice game played in teams of four that involves 100% luck and very little skill. The rules are simple and can be learned in five minutes or less. Beginners and seasoned players are welcome. For information, contact Joy Anderson at jma82182@aol.com.

S7-Poets' Corner

Instructor: Liz Hall
Dates: Last Wednesdays, starting Jan. 28
Time: 1:30 – 3
Location: FCR

This special interest group is for members who enjoy reading or writing poetry and want to share that enjoyment with others. Whether a neophyte or a published poet, all are welcome to join the conversations. Poems will be written, shared, and discussed. The discussions may include poetry by well-known as well as lesser-known poets. The group will be loosely structured according to participants' interests. The purpose is to participate in a poetic appreciation of life. For more information, contact Liz Hall (256-881-6099 or lizhall076@gmail.com).



S8-Friday Hiking

Instructor: Jim Kirkwood
Dates: Fridays, Jan. 30 – Apr. 24
Time: 9
Location: Various



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



PROGRAMS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (FREE)

Several public programs are offered by LearningQUEST each term as its gift to the community. No registration or fees. Registration for members is suggested during online registration or in-person registration. Please help spread the word and be sure to invite your friends and neighbors.

P1-The Relationship Between Energy, Fitness and Nutrition

Instructor: Auston Cherbonneau
Dates: 1 Tuesday Feb.17
Time: 2 – 3:30
Location: AUD



While many have heard of the calorie, its origins and how heat became associated with respiration are less known. This program will explain how this fundamental measurement for nutrition, fitness, and health was conceived with ice spheres

and guinea pigs by de la Place and Lavoisier. It will also cover how the concept of heat energy became associated with biological function from the work of Joules, Helmholtz, Faraday, Leibig, Voit, Rubner, Atwater, and Peters. The course will conclude by exploring how the role of electrons in thermodynamics fundamentally changed the concept and philosophy of energy, and how to understand biophysical energy from the environment to promote and maintain the body and its biological systems.

P2-The Birmingham Easter Campaign: April – May 1963

Instructor: David Lilly
Dates: 1 Wednesday Mar. 4
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: AUD

We'll explore the massive non-violent campaign that attacked Birmingham's pervasive segregated reality of the early 1960's. Martin Luther King, Jr., The Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and local Birmingham Civil Rights groups took to the streets in a boycott of Birmingham businesses during the Easter season. The violent pushback from Birmingham's political leaders shocked the nation.

P3-The Art of Living Dangerously

Instructor: Richard Bangs
Dates: 1 Friday Apr. 24
Time: 1 – 3
Location: Venue will be announced

This multi-media presentation highlights 50 years of exploration and pioneering adventure travel. Based on the book of the same name, it features first descents of some of the world's great rivers and early expeditions into countries such as North Korea, Libya, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Angola, Sudan, Ethiopia, Pakistan, and more. The program premiered at The Explorers Club in

New York and has been presented across the United States. Now, for the first time, it comes to Huntsville.

P4-From Bats to Beetles! Our Nighttime Pollinators

Instructors: Hallie Porter, Tim Gels
Dates: 1 Wednesday May 13
Time: 1 – 2:30
Location: AUD

This program explores the often-forgotten nighttime pollinators that work in gardens and beyond. Tim Gels will discuss who they are, their importance to the ecosystem, how they are threatened, and what can be done to help them.



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LEARNINGQUEST INSTRUCTORS

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

Ralph Allen is a historic preservation architect who worked with Harvie Jones, served as the historic preservation officer for Marshall Space Flight Center, and as the first preservation consultant to the Huntsville Preservation Commission. He has been active in historic preservation since the 1970s when Mr. Jones introduced him to a love and respect for old buildings and thus, Ralph has been responsible for the historic documentation of structures in Huntsville and around the country. (21)

John Allen is a past president of both the Huntsville-Madison County Historical Society and the Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table. He has given many lectures on various topics to the Alabama Historical Society, the Alabama Association of Historians, Historic Tuscaloosa, and to numerous civic organizations in Huntsville. He is also an avid swimmer and hiker. His wife is a retired teacher, and they live on Monte Sano. (58)

Connie Atkinson, Ph.D., is professor emeritus, history, University of New Orleans where she taught the history of New Orleans and New Orleans music and directed the Midlo Center for New Orleans Studies. She now resides in Huntsville and is co-chair of the LQ Communications Committee. (19)

Susan Bakken came to Huntsville in 1982 from Colorado. She taught pre-school and learned the necessary skills of a lifetime. She retired after 30 years in Administration in 2012. She has been a member of LearningQUEST since then, enjoying the programs and volunteering. She worked on the Apollo program in California before moving to Colorado in 1973 and then to Alabama with her husband Gordon, two kids and pets. She has many interests and admires all aspects of nature, including a Wildlife Certified backyard. (23)

Richard Bangs is a pioneering American travel writer, explorer, and filmmaker. Over his 50-year career, he has led first descents of 35 rivers worldwide and co-founded Sobek Expeditions, the first multinational river-running company. He has authored 20 books, written over 1,000 articles, produced numerous documentaries, and hosted the Emmy-winning PBS series *Adventures with Purpose*. (P3)

Bob and Phylis Baron have been active in the Huntsville community since 1975. Phylis works with Village of Promise, Burritt Museum, Huntsville Botanical Gardens, and Huntsville Boys and Girls Clubs. Bob was a popular Huntsville TV weatherman and the founder of Baron Weather. He also founded the Baron Critical Weather Institute, a non-profit that established a free weather net for the state. Bob has numerous honors, including the Huntsville-Madison County Entrepreneur of the Year. They have two children and six grandchildren. (7)

Jeff Bennett is the owner of Bennett's Nurseries in Huntsville, Alabama. Jeff started working in the business with his father George in 1989. (38)

Ernie Blair is the Operations Manager for the 911 Call Center. (57)

John Bloodworth began woodworking in 1996 when he signed up for the free classes taught by the Huntsville local woodworking group - North Alabama Woodcarvers Association (NAWA). He has attended many classes through the years instructed by many of the Woodcarving experts. He learned new techniques from each teacher. He has competed for many years in the local Woodcarving show held in Huntsville each November and has received many awards for his carvings at the shows. He has taught many classes at the local club and thoroughly enjoys sharing his love of woodcarving. (F4)

Tom Borchert, J.D., is a retired trial attorney. He practiced civil litigation in Los Angeles for 35 years before retiring and moving to Huntsville in 2014. He has presented several

LearningQUEST classes in the past: You Be the Judge; Alligators in the East Room & Other White House Tales; and Bogart, Nixon & the Supreme Court. (42, 62)

Jon Brumbaugh is a local beekeeper and owner of Huntsville Honey and Huntsville Bee Supply, producing all-natural honey from apiaries across Huntsville and northern Madison County with no additives, preservatives, or pasteurization—just love from happy bees. In addition to honey, he sells Amish-made hiveware, bee supplies, wax, and nucleus colonies, and also provides pollination services. Passionate about his work, Jon enjoys collaborating with fellow beekeepers, sharing the importance of bees, and inspiring others to become beekeepers themselves. (39)

Jill Burt, Ph.D., attended Auburn University as an undergraduate. She holds a PhD in Electrical Engineering from the University of Alabama in Huntsville and spent her career working for the U.S. Government. (7)

Ralph E. Carson, Ph.D., is a clinical nutritionist and exercise physiologist with over 40 years of experience in the treatment of addictions, obesity, weight management, sports nutrition, mood and anxiety disorders, and eating disorders. Dr. Carson is committed to community education and teaching the next generation of healthcare professionals. He was a faculty member of the University of Alabama in Huntsville for over 20 years. Dr. Carson is the author of *The Brain Fix: What's the Matter with Your Gray Matter*. (30)

Bill Carter holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Wichita State University and an M.B.A. in Business Management & Entrepreneurship. He has contributed to laser-guided weapons systems and personal computer printer development. As a Production Manager, he managed NASA space shuttle payloads, blending engineering knowledge with leadership in highly technical environments. (14)

Xingrong Chen, an expert in Martial Arts, is a visiting scholar from Nanjing Forestry University and part of an International cultural exchange program with Alabama A&M University. (31, 35)

Auston Cherbonneau holds certifications as a National Strength and Conditioning Association Certified Personal Trainer and Tactical Strength and Conditioning Facilitator. He is also a National Academy of Sports Medicine Corrective Exercise Specialist, a U.S. Olympic Weightlifting Coach, and a U.S. Olympic Rugby Coach. He holds certificates in athletic performance, weight loss, mental toughness, and nutrition. (P1)

Tracie Collier is delighted to be the Adult Programming Librarian at the Downtown branch of the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library. She believes libraries are essential and magical and enjoys connecting patrons with resources and learning opportunities. When not obsessing over books, you'll likely find her crafting. (L2, L6)

William "Bill" Confer, Ph.D., retired from clinical psychology in 2016 after 38 years of practice. He is a diplomate of The American Board of Professional Psychology and The American Board of Sleep Medicine. He has written two books, been published in professional journals, and taught courses with the aim of making psychological principles accessible and applicable to the daily life of attendees. He and his wife Karin enjoy visiting their children and five grandchildren. He believes all individuals are entitled to be treated with courtesy, dignity, and respect. (10)

Curtis Eakins, N.D., is a medical herbalist and naturopath trained at Trinity College of Natural Health. He worked at Huntsville Hospital for nine years—two in the field of digestion and seven in neurosurgery, where he assisted surgeons in hundreds of operations. Curtis currently facilitates a course at

Oakwood University titled *Botanical Medicine: Non-Drug Therapeutics* and, together with his wife Paula, has co-hosted *Abundant Living*, a lifestyle medicine and cooking program on Three Angels Broadcasting Network, for more than 28 years. (59)

Chris Edwards has served with the Huntsville Police Department since 2011 and is currently an investigator in the Cyber/Financial Crimes Unit. His work includes cases involving credit card fraud, check fraud, identity theft, financial exploitation, counterfeit currency, and scams. He previously served as a Traffic Homicide Investigator, handling vehicle crashes involving death or life-threatening injury. (49)

Peter A Finzel, Ph.D., received his Doctor of Management Degree from the University of Phoenix in 2004. He also has a B.S. degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and an M.S. degree in Systems Engineering from the University of Tennessee. He grew up in Huntsville as the son of a German engineer who was part of the von Braun rocket team. He worked as a Computer Engineer Project Leader for missile systems for the U.S. Army Missile Command. After retiring in 2010, he has taken numerous LearningQUEST and Osher Lifelong Learning Institute classes over the last five years. (11)

Elaine Fredericksen, Ph.D., holds a B.A. in Spanish from the University of California, Los Angeles, an M.A. in English and American Literature from the University of Alabama, Birmingham, and a Ph.D. in Rhetoric and Writing Studies from the University of Alabama and served for many years on university faculties, most recently on the graduate faculty of The University of Texas at El Paso. She is a longtime member, instructor, and volunteer at LearningQUEST. (22, 56)

Bill Friday is a lifelong collector and admirer of minerals and fossils, with specimens gathered from sites across the country as well as shows and online sources. His passion has been encouraged by mentors and strengthened through 50 years of service as an adult Boy Scout leader. Much of his collection is now displayed in the Huntsville Gem & Mineral Society Education Center Museum, located in the renovated football fieldhouse of the former Grissom High School on Bailey Cove in Huntsville. (33)

Jennifer Garlen, Ph.D., is a former member of the English faculty at the University of Alabama in Huntsville and a longtime volunteer with LearningQUEST. She holds a Ph.D. from Auburn University and is the author of several books, including *Beyond Casablanca: 100 Classic Movies Worth Watching*. (18)

Tim Gells has been Education Director for the Land Trust of North Alabama since May 2022 after more than 15 years as an education volunteer. A former Madison County elementary teacher of 16 years, he still proudly identifies as a third grader at heart. He is retired from the U.S. Army, also having served in the Marine Corps, and is a certified Alabama Master Naturalist with a special interest in birds and trees. Tim and his wife Lisa can often be found on North Alabama trails, where he enjoys sharing his love of nature with others. (P4)

Donna Green-Goodman, Master of Public Health, has spent her career educating others on health improvement through better nutrition and lifestyle choices across various sectors. She and her husband run Lifestyle Therapeutix in Huntsville, Alabama, offering physical therapy, wellness coaching, and plant-based services. A breast cancer survivor, Donna has been a National Ambassador for the Susan G. Komen Circle of Promise Campaign and served on the PCRM Breast Cancer Advisory Board. She is also a Food for Life Instructor and the author of three books on healthy living. Donna graduated from Oakwood University and Loma Linda University School of Public Health.

Anthony Hale oversees the Technology Training Center at the Downtown Branch Library. He has written and taught classes in a wide range of technical areas including Cybersecurity, Microsoft Office, AI, and Photoshop. (L3)

Elizabeth (Liz) Hall is a retired college professor. She has been a consultant to adolescents and adults in her private

practice: Skills for Success. She sees herself as a writer/teacher. Her writings include books, articles, short stories, and poetry. Her interests include travel, scuba diving, gardening, reading, volunteering, and thinking. She particularly enjoys self-help, political, and social topics. (27)

George Hamilton, a Huntsville native and Eagle Scout, is the middle son of a piano teacher and a rocket engineer. An Auburn engineering graduate, he worked in Saudi Arabia on the King Khalid International Airport before retiring from a 35-year career at NASA. He lives near Five Points with his wife Laura, a retired Madison County Circuit Court Judge, and their poodle, Fred. They have two daughters and five grandchildren. George enjoys bicycling on his recumbent bike and experimenting with the design and operation of combustion spud guns. (6)

Jaimee Hannah is the Information and Business Center Manager at the Downtown Branch of the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library. She received her B.A. in English and Philosophy from the University of Alabama in Huntsville and her M.L.I.S from the University of Alabama, and has worked in libraries for over a decade. (L1, L5)

Bonnie Harrison began her career in dance in 1978 as an instructor at Arthur Murray's Dance Studio in Huntsville. She later taught at Fred Astaire's and went on to own her own studio from 1989 through 1996. During the 1990s, she taught multiple classes in ballroom and line dance at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Students from her adult education classes even traveled to England to participate in ballroom competitions with Oxford and Cambridge. Although she retired from teaching dance during the COVID period, she has continued to dance and to learn current line dances from international instructors. (5)

Edie Hermes received a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition from the University of Montevallo and completed her Dietetic Internship at Touro Infirmary in New Orleans. A Registered Dietitian for over 30 years, she has extensive experience in clinical care, corporate health and wellness, nutrition education, counseling, and public speaking. Following personal diagnoses of osteopenia and osteoporosis, she developed expertise in lifestyle factors influencing bone health and has maintained stable DEXA scores for over 10 years. Her continuing education includes functional and integrative nutrition, metabolic and brain health, gut and heart health, and disordered eating. She currently serves as a session coach and Bone Health Nutritionist with OsteoStrong. (24)

Kaylee Hubert has been an essential partner in restoring and sustaining the Hubert family farm in Madison County. While her husband Seth holds degrees in crop science and agricultural studies, Kaylee has supported his efforts to reestablish the family operation and expand into new ventures, including the creation of tulip fields that bring visitors from across the region. Together, they are committed to preserving their farming heritage while offering a unique space for the community to connect with agriculture. (36)

Ramona L. Hyman, Ph.D., earned degrees at Temple University, Andrews University, and the University of Alabama. She is a poet and scholar whose work explores the southern landscape, African American history, spirituality, and folk traditions. Dr. Hyman also serves on the Alabama State Council on the Arts. (13)

Nkenge Hyter is an Urban Regional Extension Agent specializing in Health and Nutrition at Alabama Extension-Alabama A&M University. With a profound passion for education and a commitment to fostering healthier communities, she intertwines her diverse educational background with several physical activity certifications such as Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL.), and Chair Chi. Nkenge embraces her role as a catalyst for positive change, allowing her faith to guide her mission in motivating others toward healthier and happier lives. (46)

Steve Jones, Ph.D., is a retired university professor and former university president, a forest scientist, and a published author of three books. He publishes weekly blog posts on

nature-inspired life and living. Dr. Jones has a B.S. in forestry and a doctoral degree in applied ecology. He brings deep passion for nature and informed and responsible earth stewardship. He is a husband, father, and grandfather. (15)

J. Langley holds a B.S. in Computer Engineering from Mississippi State University and an M.S. in Computer Science from Florida Institute of Technology, specializing in computer graphics and artificial intelligence (AI). Since 2000, Langley has worked in the defense sector, contributing to Department of Defense training, weapon systems, and simulation and modeling. With expertise in AI dating back to 2006, Langley brings a wealth of experience and innovation to solving complex technical challenges within military and defense applications. (2)

Herb Lewis, since retiring in 2002, has focused his personal hobbies of landscaping, birding, and photography into creating a natural wildlife habitat within his backyard garden, primarily to attract birds. Herb is an honorary Master Gardener, and volunteers as a docent and shuttle driver at the Huntsville Botanical Garden. He and his wife Terry sponsored and helped develop the Lewis Birding Trail at the Huntsville Botanical Garden. Herb is partnering with the Land Trust of North Alabama in the creation of an educational birding trail complete with bird-viewing blinds and a rock water feature on the Chapman Mountain Nature Preserve. (7)

Terry Lewis is on the Board of the Huntsville Botanical Garden and she and her husband Herb helped develop the Lewis Birding Trail in the Garden. Terry organizes trips for herself and Herb to visit their son and his family, who live in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. On these trips they enjoy the beauty and adventure of the Grand Teton Mountains of Wyoming. (7)

David Lilly has been on the staff at Huntsville-Madison County Public Library since 1977. He was Head of the Reference Department for many years and more recently a Librarian in the Special Collections Department. From 2005 to 2018 he created and led the Library's Tuesday Evening Concerts, bi-monthly events highlighting local musical talent who performed in the Atrium at the Downtown Branch Library. He is also a frequent presenter for LearningQUEST on a variety of topics. (P2)

Debbie Mayes is originally from Huntsville and lived in Ecuador for 25 years. Presently, she has a certification in Personal Training from the National Academy of Sports Medicine (NASM) with a specialization in Senior Exercise. Debbie teaches numerous exercise classes in strength and resistance training, balance, flexibility and yoga. Her focus is on making exercise fun! (F8)

Mary McGaha received her B.A. in Art Education from the University of Alabama in Huntsville and M.A. in Art Education from Alabama A&M University. She worked in the Huntsville City Schools as an art teacher in elementary and middle schools for 28 years. She then worked at Calhoun Community College, teaching Art Appreciation. (F10)

Theresa Miller is a retired art teacher with a lifelong love of both music and visual arts. A former guitar player, she took up the ukulele after retiring from full-time teaching in 2017. Since then, she has shared her passion by leading LearningQUEST's UkeQUESTors Special Interest Group and, since 2021, the ongoing Studio 60 Ukulele class. (9)

Kristin Mumper is a 500-hour certified and registered yoga teacher with a special interest in chair yoga and adaptive vinyasa. Her training includes certifications in Mindful Resilience for Trauma Recovery through Veterans Yoga Project, Adaptive Yoga through Mind Body Solutions, Chair Yoga through Yuva Yoga, and Brain Longevity through the Alzheimer's Research and Prevention Association. In spring of 2023, she added Krista Fairbrother's Water Yoga to her repertoire. Her teaching style is lighthearted and dynamic, encouraging individual exploration while embracing creativity. (1)

Jeff Nelson, Ph.D., recently retired after having taught English and Shakespeare at the University of Alabama in Huntsville for 30 years. His credentials include a B.A. from Illinois Wesleyan

and an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. He has been a frequent presenter for LearningQUEST. (3,17)

Brent Pittman, MHA, ALA has always been motivated by a passion for helping others live healthier lives. His career began in cardiac medicine but shifted as he explored other specialties, including dermatology, plastic and cosmetic surgery, ophthalmology, integrated medicine, and wellness. In 2013 he discovered OsteoStrong, where he helped the company grow from just a handful of sites to more than 200 worldwide while also completing his Master's in Healthcare Administration. Now an Osteoporosis Educator with American Bone Health, Brent travels the country sharing the importance of bone health and currently works with OsteoStrong in Huntsville, helping North Alabama residents reverse bone loss, increase strength, reduce pain, and improve posture and balance. (24)

Patricia Points and her husband Jim recently moved from Iowa to Huntsville to be closer to family and escape the snow. A retired public elementary school teacher and principal, she has also been active in the arts, teaching Zentangle, art journaling, and collage to children and adults in Iowa, Georgia, and North Carolina. As a Certified Zentangle Teacher, Patricia is eager to share her skills through beginner, intermediate, and advanced classes. (F1)

Hallie Porter is the Development Director for the Land Trust of North Alabama, where she has spent 16 years combining her non-profit expertise with a love of the outdoors. A Nashville native, she grew up exploring the backwoods of middle Tennessee, sparking a lifelong passion for nature. After graduating from the University of the South at Sewanee, she and her family moved throughout the Southeast before discovering the Land Trust. What began as volunteering soon grew into a full-time role, where her energy, experience, and commitment make her a strong advocate for preserving wild spaces and connecting people to nature. (P4)

Beth Powel is a dabbler in many fine arts and crafts. After a working career in medical technology, teaching Biological Sciences at Grissom High School and Calhoun, and analyzing manufactured DNA and RNA, she turned her mind to the creative arts. She is happy to challenge herself with attempting new craft projects and techniques and enthusiastically sharing what she learns. While not a Certified Zentangle Teacher, Beth is looking forward to sharing this simple drawing practice with others. (47, 60)

Tom Ress is on the Board of Wheeler Wildlife Refuge Association and is a volunteer naturalist who leads birding and kayak tours on Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge. He is a writer whose work has appeared in numerous publications and is the author of *Images of America: Wheeler National Refuge*. An avid adventure traveler, he has visited all seven continents, dozens of countries and all 50 states. (4, 7)

Emily Saile is a Huntsville native. She attended Butler High School and retired from the U.S. Army Missile Command after a 30-year career in logistics. She is a member of the Huntsville Photographic Society and has attained the status of Master Photographer. (7)

Rabbi P.J. Schwartz began his tenure at B'nai Sholom in July 2023. He has previously served congregations in Westport, Connecticut and Los Gatos, California. He enjoys breakfast dates with his amazing and patient wife of 11 years, Michelle, drinking coffee, and binge-watching TV shows. Originally from Greenville, SC, he is thrilled to return to his southern roots with his family. (44)

Tiffany Schwasinger-Schmidt, Ph.D., M.D., F.A.C.P. is Associate Professor of Medicine and Assistant Dean of Research at UAB Medicine Huntsville. Board-certified in Internal Medicine, she leads clinical research in Psychiatry, Neurology, Infectious Diseases, and General Internal Medicine. She has served as principal investigator on more than 35 clinical trials with pharmaceutical companies, national Institutes of Health, and private foundations. At University of Alabama, Birmingham, she oversees research development, mentors faculty and residents in clinical trials, and cultivates

new investigators. Her work has earned multiple honors, including the University of Kansas Medical Center's Early Career Achievement in Medicine Alumni Award. (8)

Judi Shade is an experienced Apple product user who, before relocating to Huntsville, volunteered for more than 13 years with the Hilton Head Island Computer Club. Judi provides one-on-one support to LearningQUEST members almost every Wednesday afternoon. (16, 41)

Barbara Staggs is a former Special Education Teacher. Having traveled extensively, she is a popular presenter for LearningQUEST programs. She taught several photography classes, specializing in photographic composition. The Huntsville Photographic Society awarded her the title of Master of Photography. In 2020, she shared delightful pictures from her explorations in the canyons and valleys of the American West. (7)

Jill Stallcup is a longtime Madison resident and a lifelong crafter. She started rubber stamping and creating cards while still in high school. Her favorite thing is sharing her knowledge with others and learning from them as well. Thus, she has instructed many classes for card making and paper crafting. (F2, F3, F6, F9)

Michael Stallcup grew up in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and has a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of New Mexico with an emphasis on structural analysis. After working for the Air Force for two years, he transferred to NASA/ Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) in 1983, retiring in 2016. At MSFC he provided structural analysis and testing support for Shuttle, Spacelab, International Space Station, Chandra X-ray Observatory, James Webb Space Telescope, various optical projects, Constellation, and SLS/Artemis. He lives in Madison, Alabama and spends time as a docent at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. (43)

Katie Stamps, a Madison, Alabama native, is the Preservation Planner for the City of Huntsville. In 2007, she received a B.S. in Secondary Social Science from Auburn University and an M.S. in Historic Preservation from Clemson University/College of Charleston. Prior to working for the City of Huntsville, she was the Architectural Historian for Redstone Arsenal. In addition to her work with the City, Katie is adjunct faculty at the University of Alabama, Huntsville where she teaches a course in Public History. Leading walking tours is one of her favorite activities, and she always enjoys meeting LQ members each semester. (40, 52)

Aaron Stiles is landscape designer and owner of Foraging Ahead. He has a degree in plant physiology, and he uses it to recreate native habitats in urban environments. He also studies foraging and plants as medicine. (34, 50)

Chris Stuhlinger is a retired forester. Chris is a native of Huntsville who, after a full career out of state, retired to his hometown. (15)

Penny Sumners is a retired principal of Lee High School in Huntsville, where she also taught AP U.S. History and Alabama History for 15 years before serving in administration from 1989 to 2000. She is currently the Historic Preservation Chair of the Twickenham Town Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), through which this project originated. Sumners is a former chair of the Maple Hill Cemetery Stroll and the Historic Preservation Association board and has held leadership roles with the Huntsville Symphony Guild, Huntsville Women's Tennis Association, Junior League, Daughters of 1812, and the Old Town Historic District Board. She is also a member of the Colonial Dames, the Huguenot Society, and Central Presbyterian Church. (12)

Richard Thorn is the owner of Harvest Farms Blueberries. (61)

Mark Thornton is the Chief Technology Officer of Missile Defense Solutions at Northrop Grumman Corporation in Huntsville, AL. (32)

Skip Vaughn, a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 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 retired teacher, reside in Huntsville with their son Cole, and daughter Glorian. (55)

Frederick Walker is a 2018 graduate of Alabama A&M University. He is a professionally trained percussionist and is classically trained in piano. Since 2010, Frederick has been responsible for developing the musical skills and leadership training at Huntsville Community Drumline, a free non-profit organization in Huntsville, Alabama. Fred teaches private drum and piano lessons and is the pianist for Beans Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Huntland, Tennessee. He is married to the former Brittani Hewlett. They have a daughter Luelani. (54)

Larry West has been very active in the administration of Learning Quest, including serving on the Board of Directors as finance chair and President. He is currently serving as coordinator lead. He has handled business and contract matters for the Air Force's Space Launch and the Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) systems as well as McDonnell Douglas's Delta launch vehicle. He came to Huntsville in 1990 as the Director of Business for McDonnell Douglas. In 1994, he started Longview Financial Advisors, one of the first local "fee-only" comprehensive financial planning businesses in Huntsville. For this presentation, however, Larry takes on a very different role—channeling his alter ego, Danny Zuko from *Grease*. (23)

Debbie West is a graduate of the University of Alabama in Huntsville with a bachelor's degree in art and art education. She taught for 25 years in the Huntsville City School system at all levels; Elementary, Junior High, and High School. She was awarded two Fulbright Scholarships to study the arts in China and Turkey. Debbie travels extensively to continue her studies in art and art history. (29)

Jon Michael Williams, Assistant Fire Marshal with Huntsville Fire and Rescue, has more than 18 years of experience in the fire service. As a Fire Investigator, he uses real-life examples from past fires to teach the public how fires start, how to prevent them, and how to respond safely. Passionate about community safety, Jon Michael combines practical guidance with stories from the field to make fire prevention both engaging and memorable for audiences of all ages. (37, 53)

Paula Williams has been teaching fitness classes for more than 25 years, leading programs in balance, strength, water aerobics, Zumba, PiYO, and more. She is a certified group exercise instructor and also holds a Master's Degree in Social Work. (F5)

Andrew Willmon is Executive Director of the Broadway Theatre League of Huntsville. (51)

Jane Wodtke grew up in a rural area outside of Louisville, Kentucky. She met and married her husband at the University of Kentucky and has a son and daughter. Jane was a Special Education teacher for 30 years. Since she moved to Huntsville after living in New Jersey for 29 years, she is enjoying her retirement with volunteer work and LearningQUEST. (20)

Karen Wright designed a service in 2009 for the senior clients of Life Simplified to help them rightsize their lives. Since then, her team of professional relocation specialists has facilitated moves for hundreds of happy clients in North Alabama. The Life Simplified team understands the burdens that a senior transition places on seniors and their families, and they are dedicated to simplifying the process every step of the way. Karen was the first Certified Relocation and Transition Specialist™ in Huntsville. She is also a member of the National Association of Senior Move Managers® and is a Certified Professional Organizer®. (48)

LEARNINGQUEST CALENDAR

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

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

Programs other than courses are differentiated with special formatting:

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

January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
4	5 Mah Jongg 1-4 A Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	6 RALLY DAY	7 Tai Chi 1:30-2:30 2FL	8 Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A Chair Yoga 1-2	9	10
11 Uke 2-3:30 2FL	12 Bunco 9:30-12 A Mah Jongg 1-4 A Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	13	14 Tangle w/ Patty 10-11:30 SLIB AI Updates 1-2:30 AUD Tai Chi 1:30-2:30 2FL	15 Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A Chair Yoga 1-2	16 Richard II 10-11:30 2FL	17
18	19 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY Library Closed	20 Cranes! 10-11:30	21 Tangle w/ Patty 10-11:30 SLIB AI Updates 1-2:30 AUD Tai Chi 1:30-2:30 2FL	22 Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A Chair Yoga 1-2 Line Dance 1-2:30 AUD	23 Richard II 10-11:30 2FL	24
25 Uke 2-3:30 2FL	26 Farming 10-11:30 AUD Arm Trvl 1-2:30 AUD Mah Jongg 1-4 A Tai Chi 1:30-2:30 2FL Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	27 UAB Research 10-11:30 AUD	28 Tangle w/ Patty 10-11:30 SLIB Poets Cmr 1:30-3 FCR	29 Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A Chair Yoga 1-2 3 Ways/1 Die Cards 1-2:30 SLIB	30 Hiking 9 Various Richard II 10-11:30 2FL	31

February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Beg Uke 2-3:30 2FL	2 Arm Trvl 1-2:30 AUD Mah Jongg 1-4 A Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	3 Life Story 10-11:30 SLIB Self-Reg 10-11:30 2FL Glenwood 2-3:30 AUD	4 Poetry 1-2:30 Madison Tai Chi 1:30-2:30 2FL	5 Book Club 10-11:30 2FL Nat Parks 10-11:30 Plastics 10-11:30 SLIB Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A Chair Yoga 1-2 iPhone Gr 1 1-2:30 AUD	6 Hiking 9 Various Fathers 10-11:30 AUD Four Poets 10-11:30 2FL Fri Film 2-4:30 AUD	7
8 Uke 2-3:30 2FL	9 Bunco 9:30-12 A Arm Trvl 1-2:30 AUD Mah Jongg 1-4 A Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	10 Life Story 10-11:30 SLIB Self-Reg 10-11:30 2FL Mardi Gras 2-3:30 AUD Int'l Dining 5-8	11 Depot 10-11:30 AUD Tai Chi 1:30-2:30 2FL	12 Nat Parks 10-11:30 Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A Chair Yoga 1-2 Astronauts 1-2:30 AUD	13 Hiking 9 Various Four Poets 10-11:30 2FL Language 1-2:30 2FL	14
15 Beg Uke 2-3:30 2FL	16 Arm Trvl 1-2:30 AUD Mah Jongg 1-4 A Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	17 Life Story 10-11:30 SLIB Self-Reg 10-11:30 2FL Nutrition 2-3:30 AUD	18 Remember When??? 1-3 AUD Tai Chi 1:30-2:30 2FL	19 Nat Parks 10-11:30 Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A Torn Paper Cards 1-2:30 SLIB	20 Hiking 9 Various Four Poets 10-11:30 2FL Language 1-2:30 2FL	21
22 Uke 2-3:30 2FL	23 Tai Chi 1:30-2:30 2FL Arm Trvl 1-2:30 AUD Mah Jongg 1-4 A Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	24 Bones 10-11:30 AUD Life Story 10-11:30 SLIB Self-Reg 10-11:30 2FL Lunch Gr 1 11-12:30 Wireless 2-3:30 AUD	25 Lunch Gr 2 11-12:30 Poets Cmr 1:30-3 FCR	26 Life w/Purpose 10-11:30 2FL Nat Parks 10-11:30 Lunch Gr 3 11-12:30 Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A Color 1-2:30 2FL Happiness 6-7:30 AUD	27 Hiking 9 Various Beg Tai Chi 10-11 AUD Four Poets 10-11:30 2FL	28

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Beg Uke 2-3:30 2FL	2 Cotton to Rockets 10-11:30 AUD <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	3 Bones 10-11:30 AUD Life Story 10-11:30 SLIB Book Club 10-11:30 2FL	4 <i>Tai Chi 1:30-2:30 2FL</i> Easter Campaign 1-2:30 AUD	5 Life w/Purpose 10-11:30 2FL Nat Parks 10-11:30 <i>Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A</i> Color 1-2:30 2FL Woodcarving 6:30-7:30	6 <i>Hiking 9 Various</i> Beg Tai Chi 10-11 AUD Fathers 10-11:30 2FL Fri Film 2-4:30 AUD	7
8 Uke 2-3:30 2FL	9 <i>Bunco 9:30-12 A</i> <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	10 Bones 10-11:30 AUD Life Story 10-11:30 SLIB Int'l Dining 5-8	11 Spring Cards 10-11:30 SLIB <i>Tai Chi 1:30-2:30 2FL</i> Fossils 1-2:30 AUD	12 Nat Parks 10-11:30 <i>Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A</i> Color 1-2:30 2FL Woodcarving 6:30-7:30	13 <i>Hiking 9 Various</i> Get Off the Floor 10-11 Beg Tai Chi 10-11 AUD Edible Plants 1-2:30 AUD	14
15 Beg Uke 2-3:30 2FL	16 <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	17 Life Story 10-11:30 SLIB	18 <i>Tai Chi 1:30-2:30 2FL</i> Let Freedom Ring Trivial! 1-2:30 AUD	19 Color 1-2:30 2FL Woodcarving 6:30-7:30	20 <i>Hiking 9 Various</i> Get Off The Floor 10-11	21
22 Uke 2-3:30 2FL	23 <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	24 Life Story 10-11:30 SLIB Lunch Gr 1 11-12:30	25 Int Tai Chi 10-11 AUD Lunch Gr 2 11-12:30 Tulips 1-TBD <i>Poets Cmr 1:30-3 FCR</i>	26 Fire Gr 1 10-11:30 AUD Lunch Gr 3 11-12:30 <i>Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A</i>	27 <i>Hiking 9 Various</i> Beg Tai Chi 10-11 AUD Bennett's 10-11	28 Bees 101 2-4
29 Beg Uke 2-3:30 2FL	30 <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	31				

April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 Int Tai Chi 10-11 AUD Five Points - Gr 1 1-2:30	2 <i>Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A</i> iPhone Gr 2 1-2:30 AUD	3 <i>Hiking 9 Various</i> Beg Tai Chi 10-11 AUD Rev It Up! 10-11 Fathers 10-11:30 2FL Fri Film 2-4:30 AUD	4
5 EAST ER	6 <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	7 Alligators 10-11:30 AUD Book Club 10-11:30 2FL	8 Int Tai Chi 10-11 AUD Temple B'nai Sholom Tour 10-11:30	9 River to Tap 10-12 <i>Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A</i> Two Step 1-2 AUD	10 <i>Hiking 9 Various</i> Beg Tai Chi 10-11 AUD Rev It Up! 10-11	11
12 Uke 2-3:30 2FL	13 <i>Bunco 9:30-12 A</i> Zentangle 10-11:30 2FL <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	14 Alligators 10-11:30 AUD Rightsizing 2-3:30 AUD Int'l Dining 5-8	15 Int Tai Chi 10-11 AUD History of Libraries 1-2:30 AUD	16 Financial Crimes 10-11:30 AUD <i>Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A</i> Two Step 1-2 AUD	17 <i>Hiking 9 Various</i> Beg Tai Chi 10-11 AUD Rev It Up! 10-11 Native Plants 1-2:30 AUD	18
19	20 Zentangle 10-11:30 2FL <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	21 Alligators 10-11:30 AUD Broadway 12-2	22 Int Tai Chi 10-11 AUD Crayons 10-11:30 2FL Five Points - Gr 2 1-2:30	23 <i>Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A</i> Two Step 1-2 AUD	24 <i>Hiking 9 Various</i> Beg Tai Chi 10-11 AUD Rev It Up! 10-11 <i>Living Dangerously 1-3</i>	25
26 Uke 2-3:30 2FL	27 Zentangle 10-11:30 2FL <i>Mah Jongg 1-4 A</i> <i>Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online</i>	28 Alligators 10-11:30 AUD Lunch Gr 1 11-12:30	29 Int Tai Chi 10-11 AUD Crayons 10-11:30 2FL Lunch Gr 2 11-12:30 <i>Poets Cmr 1:30-3 FCR</i>	30 Fire Gr-2 10-11:30 AUD Lunch Gr 3 11-12:30 <i>Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A</i> Two Step 1-2 AUD		

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 Beg Tai Chi 10-11 AUD Rev It Up! 10-11 Fathers 10-11:30 2FL Fri Film 2-4:30 AUD	2
3	4 Tai Chi 1:30-2:30 2FL Mah Jongg 1-4 A Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	5 Book Club 10-11:30 2FL Watercolors 2-3:30 2FL	6 Crayons 10-11:30 2FL Gran Masters 12:30-1:30 Bowl Games 1-2:30 2FL	7 911 10-11:30 Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A Two Step 1-2 AUD Beg French 1-2:30 SLIB	8 Beg Tai Chi 10-11 AUD Rev It Up! 10-11	9
10 Uke 2-3:30 2FL	11 Bunco 9:30-12 A Mah Jongg 1-4 A Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	12 Withers 10-11:30 AUD Int'l Dining 5-8	13 Crayons 10-11:30 2FL Tai Chi 1:30-2:30 2FL Bats to Beetles 1-2:30 AUD	14 Red, White and Blue Cards 10-11:30 SLIB Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A Beg French 1-2:30 SLIB	15 Altering Alzheimer's 10-11:30 AUD	16
17	18 Mah Jongg 1-4 A Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	19	20 Crayons 10-11:30 2FL Gran Masters 12:30-1:30 Tai Chi 1:30-2:30 2FL	21 Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A Beg French 1-2:30 SLIB	22	23
24 Uke 2-3:30 2FL	25 MEMORIAL DAY Library Closed	26 Lunch Gr 1 11-12:30	27 Lunch Gr 2 11-12:30 Poets Cmr 1:30-3 FCR	28 Lunch Gr 3 11-12:30 Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A Beg French 1-2:30 SLIB	29	30

June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 Mah Jongg 1-4 A Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online Kentucky Heartland Trip (6/1-6/4)	2 Book Club 10-11:30 2FL	3 Tai Chi 1:30-2:30 2FL	4 Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A Beg French 1-2:30 SLIB	5 Fathers 10-11:30 2FL	6
7	8 Bunco 9:30-12 A Botanicals 1-3 2FL Mah Jongg 1-4 A Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	9 Int'l Dining 5-8	10 Tai Chi 1:30-2:30 2FL	11 Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A Beg French 1-2:30 SLIB	12 Blueberries 7:30-?	13
14 Uke 2-3:30 2FL	15 Mah Jongg 1-4 A Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	16	17 Tai Chi 1:30-2:30 2FL	18 Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A	19 JUNETEENTH Library Closed	20
21	22 Tai Chi 1:30-2:30 2FL Mah Jongg 1-4 A Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	23	24 Poets Cmr 1:30-3 FCR	25 Hand & Ft 12:30-4 A	26	27
28 Uke 2-3:30 2FL	29 Tai Chi 1:30-2:30 2FL Mah Jongg 1-4 A Lit Conv 3-4:30 Online	30				

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