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UVU ELDER QUEST ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP SEMINAR

WE TRAVEL FORWARD ON

# *Silver Wings of Learning*

APRIL 11, 2018  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM | 1075 S. Geneva Rd, Orem  
TICKETS: \$25

KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
**Camron Wright**  
Award-winning Author

LUNCHEON CATERED BY UVU CULINARY ARTS



Thank you once again to our wonderful, dedicated teachers for this past year of Elder Quest. We've all learned so much!



## **Welcome Ruth Hillam!**

### **New 2018-19 Elder Quest President**

My name is Ruth Hillam. I was born and raised in Montpelier, Idaho, and attended Idaho State University and Brigham Young University. I worked as a nurse at UVRMC for 22 years. My husband died 9 years ago of a dementia called Lewy Body Disease. He was the manager of several banks including both First Security Banks in Orem (now Wells Fargo). He was president of the Orem Chamber of Commerce at one time. We have 5 children and 17 grandchildren.

I became interested in Elder Quest through a friend and attended one class my first year and loved it. I have been involved in most of the classes since then. I was asked by Fran

Reiser to take Janet Wright's place as Vice President after she and her husband decided to go to St. George for the winter. She oversaw getting the speakers for the Potpourri Lecture Series, so I have been doing that this last year.

I am excited to be the President of Elder Quest these next two years. Fran has been an excellent teacher and I have enjoyed getting to know many of you. I love to learn new things. I love to read and study and stay informed about current events. My goals are to continue to find teachers who can broaden our minds and find experiences that will enhance our learning. I am so impressed by the teachers who are willing to share their knowledge with us. And I hope we can have some fun experiences too.

I hope you will be willing to help us by sharing with us what you would like to see Elder Quest accomplish this next year and that you will continue to be generous to the UVU students who are trying to gain a college education and find meaningful purpose for their lives.





## President Fran Reiser's Message



Dear UVU Elder Quest Friends,

As we come to the end of our twenty-five year anniversary, it has been an exceptional journey as we have *Traveled Forward on Silver Wings of Learning*. We have embraced our motto "Seniors for Life-long Learning" with each activity - whether it was a class, lecture, luncheon, or day trip. Each event has added to our quest for knowledge and enriched our lives.

Thanks to all of you for making my two year term as president such a joy. My term ends on May 1<sup>st</sup>. **Ruth Hillam** who has served so faithfully as vice president and been a tremendous help to me in Elder Quest will become the president for the next two years.

It has been a wonderful experience to work with other members who have served with me on the Board of Directors and those who have served on committees and the very talented teachers who have enriched all of our lives by sharing their knowledge and expertise with us. Thanks to each one of you for your service.

Equally, it has been a special opportunity for me to become acquainted with each of you members of this great organization. I am grateful for the chance I have had to become friends with you because of Elder Quest. My circle of friends has grown tremendously since becoming a member about fifteen years ago.

At our March dinner we had the opportunity of honoring our teachers who have so faithfully shared their gifts and talents with us during this silver anniversary year. We offer our thanks and gratitude to each one of you for your willingness to come to class each week and help us to be lifelong learners.

The March dinner is also the time when we elect a vice president to serve for the next two years. **Cathy Carter** was nominated and voted in by acclamation. She will be an outstanding addition to that office and a great helper to President Ruth Hillam.

Our last event of the 2017 – 2018 year is our Spring Seminar and Scholarship Fundraiser to be held on Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. We have an outstanding program planned with a well known author, opera singer, university president, former state legislator, the only woman to be student body president of UVU, scholarship recipients, and more. Later in this newsletter you will learn more about these fantastic people who will be honoring us with their presence at the Seminar.

Thank you again, for the support you have given me as your president the last two years. I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve you in this position of leadership. My love and best wishes to each of you as we continue to be life-long learners.

*Fran Reiser*



## Camron Wright Author

### \*Morning Key Note Speaker\*

**Camron Wright** was born and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah. He has a master's degree in Writing and Public Relations from Westminster College.

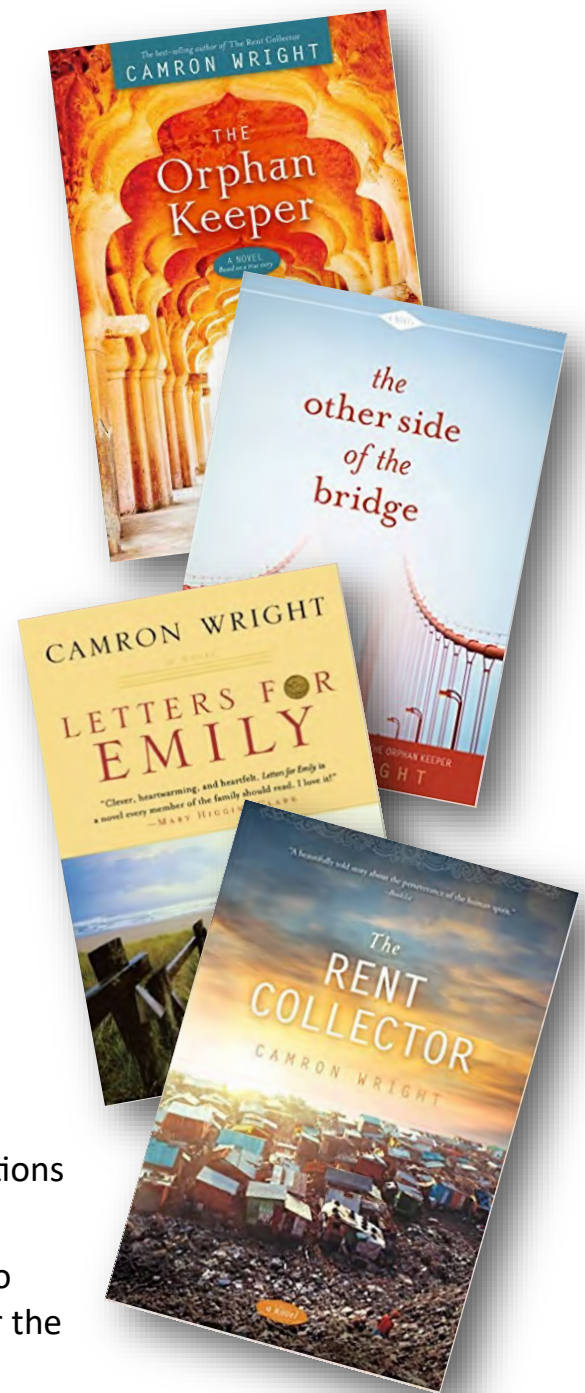
He has owned several successful retail stores in addition to working with his wife in the fashion industry, designing for the McCall Pattern Company in New York.

Camron began writing to get out of attending MBA school at the time, and it proved the better decision. His first book, *Letters for Emily*, was a *Readers Choice Award* winner, as well as a selection of the *Doubleday Book Club* and the *Literary Guild*. *Letters for Emily* has been published in North America, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Korea, the Netherlands, and China.

His next book, *The Rent Collector*, won Best Novel of the Year from the Whitney Awards and was a nominee for the prestigious *International DUBLIN Literary Award*. *The Orphan Keeper* won 2016 Book of the Year, Gold accolades in Multicultural Fiction from *Foreword Reviews*, and was winner of Best General Fiction from the Whitney Awards.

His latest book, *The Other Side of the Bridge*, released in March of 2018

Camron lives with his wife, Alicyn, just south of Salt Lake City at the base of the Wasatch Mountains. He is the proud father of four children, all girls but three.



# Matthew S. Holland

## President, Utah Valley University

**\*Special Guest Speaker\***



Matthew S. Holland was appointed the sixth president of Utah Valley University in 2009. Under his leadership, UVU adopted a unique mission focused on student success fostered by an educational environment that is inclusive, serious, and engaged. These things helped the university become a full-fledged university in practice, maintaining high academic standards while expanding offerings to meet market demands. As a result, UVU experienced unprecedented growth and reached the distinction of largest institution of higher education in Utah in 2015.

President Holland earned a B.A. in political science from Brigham Young University and an M.A. and Ph.D. in political science from Duke University. He also earned a graduate certificate at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem for the study of ethical political leadership. Despite many administrative demands at UVU, President Holland remains active in his academic discipline, publishing and guest lecturing at universities such as Stanford, Harvard, Notre Dame, and Oxford. He is a Visiting Fellow in the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University. For the Summer of 2017, he was named a Senior Associate at Pembroke College at the University of Oxford, Oxford, England.

He and his wife, Paige, are the parents of four children.

# Tyler Oliphant

## **\*Featured Guest Artist\***



Tyler Oliphant has performed in lead roles in operas too numerous to list but include Marcello in *La Bohème*, Marquis in *La Traviata*, Melchior in *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, Bonze in *Madam Butterfly*, Count Ceprano in *Rigoletto*, and the Pirate King in *Pirates of Penzance*.

He has been honored to perform with many, many professional choirs, concerts and chorals including. Beethoven's 9th Symphony with the America West Symphony, Mendelssohn's St. Paul at the Cathedral of the Madeleine, Bennett's Orpheus Lex with the Salt Lake Choral Artists and Mozart's Requiem with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

Tyler has entertained on cruise ships and will share with us some of his favorite songs throughout the seminar. A sneak preview of a few of the numbers he will sing for us are *Some Enchanted Evening* and *The Impossible Dream*.

### **Education**

DMA, Vocal Performance, University of Utah 5/2015  
Vocology Certificate, National Center for Voice and Speech, 8/2014  
M. M. Vocal Performance, University of Michigan, 2/2003  
Bachelor of Music, Vocal Performance, University of Utah 5/1999

### **Teaching Experience**

Madeleine Choir School	2004 – present	Music and voice instructor
Salt Lake Community College	2008 – present	General Music, Voice Professor
University of Utah	2012 – 2015	TA, Diction, Private Voice



# Program

*Welcome - Fran Reiser, Elder Quest President*

*Prayer & Blessing - Kay Bradford*

*Pledge of Allegiance - Douglas Hinckley*

*Guest Artist - Tyler Oliphant*

*Introduction of Scholarship Recipients-Joan Hahn  
Jon-Michael Romero-Lewis  
Steven Pugmire*

*Guest Artist - Tyler Oliphant*

*Morning Keynote Speaker - Author Camron Wright*

*Remarks - UVU President Matthew S. Holland*

*Lunch 12:00 - 1:00*

*Catered by UVU Culinary Arts*

*Welcome Back - Fran Reiser*

*Guest Artist - Tyler Oliphant*

*Introduction of Scholarship Recipients - Joan Hahn  
Camilla Dinkins  
Ilsun Hales*

*Afternoon Keynote Speakers  
Byron Harward and Terry Ann Harward*

*Guest Artist - Tyler Oliphant*

*Closing Remarks - Fran Reiser*

# Byron L. Harward and Terry Ann Harward

## \*Afternoon Guest Speakers\*

**Byron L. Harward** is a tintype and digital photographer, husband, father, grandfather, business owner, leather-jacketed biker, horseman and computer programmer who found a love of art as a photography student at UVU. Byron has thoroughly enjoyed his past four years as a “non-traditional” UVU photography student and at age 68 is working on his Bachelor of Fine Arts final project.

Byron was elected and served as Utah State Legislator (1987-1997) representing central and south east Provo and was instrumental in moving UVCC to a four year institution known as Utah Valley State College (UVSC). He has served on numerous boards and commissions, and particularly enjoyed serving as a Member of Governor’s Health Policy Options Commission. He also served more than 20 years on the Utah Constitutional Revision Commission. He currently serves as the public member of the Utah Health and Life Insurance Guarantee Association. Code-Co, Byron’s legal publishing business has sustained his family for more than 30 years.

**Terry Ann Compton Harward** is a wife, mother, grandmother, leather-jacketed biker, horse rider, library lover, quilter, choir director, and UVU devotee. Terry Ann was elected as the UVU Student Body President at the age of 44, her senior year, and served from 1995-96. She graduated with a bachelors in Technology Management in 1996 at the age of 45. She is still the only female UVU Student Body President (and the only Student Body President to have a grandchild while serving.) After graduation she went to work for Provo City Academy Library and was eventually



recruited as the Executive Director of the Provo City Council. She has served on numerous community and state boards, her favorite being the Utah State Library Board which she chaired for six years.

Terry Ann returned to UVU in 2011 and began working with Nancy Smith in Donor Relations. As part of her position, she acted as the Elder Quest-UVU Liaison and has assisted with the nuts and bolts of the Elder Quest Scholarships for the past six years. She has been overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness of Elder Quest members and their commitment to help non-traditional students.

While Terry Ann retired from UVU last month, it’s not the end of Elder Quest for her. She loves the friends she has made through Elder Quest and plans to continue on as the newsletter editor and official member!

**Byron and Terry Ann** grew up in Provo, Utah where both of their fathers were employed by BYU. The couple have 5 children, 27 grandchildren and one great grandson. They will be celebrating 46 years of marriage this month. They currently live in Payson, UT.

# Reflections on Elder Quest and the Non-Traditional UVU Scholarship

By Terry Ann Harward, upon retirement from UVU, March 2018

It's hard to believe that Elder Quest has been scholarshiping Non-Traditional UVU students since 2006. That first year the scholarship committee began a fundraising campaign to raise \$25,000 for an endowment, and two Elder Quest scholarships were awarded. A great Elder Quest tradition of generosity was begun.

For 6 years, as the UVU scholarship liaison, I've been invited to sit in on the scholarship interviews and have heard the most difficult stories of why this scholarship is needed. I recall hearing single mothers tell of trying to support their high needs and disabled children and needing more education to succeed. I've listened to those who have been dreadfully ill or injured and now need to find a different set of skills to support their family. I've seen applicants come in, knowing a scholarship was at stake, with a scholarship as their only hope for continuing, and shaking with anxiety through the entire interview. There are those who have made poor choices and are back to college, smarter and wiser, to remedy their situation. There was one student who lived in Heber, who packed his food in a cooler and lived in his car during the school week until he could return home to his family on weekends. There are those who work two jobs and go to school full-time. Believe me, this Elder Quest scholarship will help these Non-Traditional students in ways you will never imagine.

For the past 6 years as the UVU scholarship liaison, I've helped the scholarship committee count the dollars that come in from this annual Seminar event. I am always amazed and grateful for large and small donations. However, it's the smaller, \$5 and \$10 donations that touch me the most. These add up quickly and I often know someone has given all they are able. Please believe that every penny does make a difference and is appreciated by the students.

Now skip forward to 2018 and look what you have done. As of this year, 87 Elder Quest Scholarships have been awarded, 87 lives have been blessed, and 87 families have a brighter future. Your contributions have helped the Elder Quest Endowment to grow to over \$50,000! The interest from this endowment will provide funds for more UVU Elder Quest scholarships in perpetuity!

This year, 2017-2018, through your generosity, eight Elder Quest UVU scholarships were awarded and eight lives blessed. Elder Quest members continue to step up to the plate and continue to enlarge that legacy that will long be remembered by whose lives you changed. As I tell all who will listen, UVU Elder Quest rocks! You, my friends, are wonderful!





# WE JUST WANT TO SAY... **THANK YOU!**

**Thank you** to our very talented Seminar Chair, **Marlene Smith** for the

time and effort she has spent in preparing poster designs, ticket designs, beautiful center pieces for the tables, and all the other things she has done to make the Seminar a great success.

And **thank you** to all those people who helped Marlene to accomplish all these things.

## **SPRING**

### **Utah Symphony Finishing Touches Rehearsals**

April 6, 2018 featuring Tchaikovsky's "Little Russian" and Prokofiev's Concerto Number 2 with guest pianist Conrad Tao.

May 25, 2018 Rachmaninoff's Symphony No. 2 and guest violinist Madeline Adkins playing Korngold's Violin Concerto.

If anyone would like to join Richard and Fran Reiser taking the Front Runner Train up to Salt Lake - leaving the Orem Station at 8:28 a.m. and arriving at Salt Lake Central at 9:20, just meet us at the Station. The train cost is \$5.50 round trip for Seniors and the cost of the Finishing Touches is \$16.50.



## **Don't Forget!**

### **Elder Quest Potpourri**

**Ruth Hillam, Coordinator**

**Wed, March 28th at 1 pm**

Dr Richard Baumann will speak about the source of and protecting our clean water supply and will display some insects from the Bean Museum collection.

# Travel Adventures with Elder Quest

Joan Hahn & Carla Teasdale

The **Denver train trip** is all set and ready to go on **April 16th**. 40 of our members will travel by train from Provo to Denver and spend an exciting week seeing the sights in **Denver, Colorado Springs, Boulder, Golden and Wheat Ridge**. The delights of these great cities await our intrepid travelers.

**On August 2-4**, we are off to the **Logan Opera & Musical Theatre Festival**. We will be seeing "**The Barber of Seville**", "**Amazing Grace**", "**Into the Woods**" and "**The Secret Garden**". You will be attending an "Informance" before each performance so that you are more enlightened about the show and after the show, Joan Hahn and Dave Johnson, will be critiquing the show with you.

We will also be **shopping at our favorite outlets**, Pepperidge Farms, Gossner Foods, Cox Honeyland, Idle Isle Candy Company, & Chocolates. No trip would be complete without lunch at Maddox in Perry, Utah. The cost includes, transportation, motel, breakfast & 2 dinners & 1 lunch, tips for the bus driver, and all your shows. You pay for extra meals and nothing else on the trip. What you spend shopping is a different matter! **Costs begin at \$650.00 per person.**

**On August 23-25**, we travel to **Southern Utah** to see two musicals at **Tuacahn**, "Cinderella", & "Matilda". We then attend the **Utah Shakespeare Festival** in Cedar City to see your choice of "Pearl's in the House", the story of Pearl Bailey, or "The Foreigner", a fun, funny comedy. The next day you choose between "Big River", a musical version of Huckleberry Finn, or the great Shakespeare Tragedy, "Othello". We shop at the outlets and again, breakfast and dinner is provided each day as well as the shows, transportation, tips for bus driver, & hotel. **Costs begin at \$674.00 per person.**

Our last trip of the year is **Christmas in Branson, November 5-9**. We will see three shows including "**The Dixie Stampede**", "**Andy Williams Christmas Extravaganza**", & "**Hughes Brothers Christmas Show**". **Visit the Titanic Museum**, spend a Day with an **Old Time Christmas at Silver Dollar City**, & **have a guided tour of the Branson Area**. We include Breakfast each day, 2 Lunches & 4 Dinners, parking & round trip transportation from Orem to the SLC Airport, Motor-coach Transportation in Missouri, The Harry Truman Library, Gratuity for bus driver, airline tickets, hotel, tolls & parking fees. **Costs begin at \$1,379 per person.**

You must **register now** with **Travel Passport** at 1-800-677-4750 or [carlatravelp@yahoo.com](mailto:carlatravelp@yahoo.com) in order **to be included** in the trips.

**A hearty Thank You to all who have worked so diligently to  
make this an outstanding year of Elder Quest.**



## **UVU Elder Quest Board 2017-18**

Front Row, L-R: Joan Hahn - Scholarship, Ruth Hillam - Vice President, Fran Reiser - President, Cathy Carter - Membership,  
Linda Knight - Secretary, Julia Blair - Curriculum, Richard Reiser - Day Trips, Risk Management.

Missing from picture is Grace Berrett - Curriculum.

Back Row, L-R: Sharon Bird - Historian, Terry Ann Harward - Newsletter, Gerhard Ruf - Treasurer,  
Tal Huber - Current Events Luncheon Speakers, Janet Harmon - Calling Committee, Carol Hinckley - Past President,  
Dave Johnson - Parliamentarian, Barbara Hoag - Facilitator, Karen Cloward - UVU Liaison

**Don't forget to bring your  
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Elder Quest Non-Traditional Student  
Scholarship Fund**



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