

UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY

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Winter 2019-2020

## President's Message Winter 2020

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the fall semester of Elder Quest. We look forward to another great semester of classes and activities starting in January 2020. The Elder Quest board members and I have been busy planning for exceptional classes, lectures, movies and activities on a variety of subjects. We are also planning for our Annual Spring Scholarship Seminar on April 7, 2020.

Gerhard and I are very visible but behind the scenes are wonderful, ambitious and hard-working board members who plan and contribute to all of our activities. This newsletter will include a picture of the board members. This organization couldn't be successful without their work.



This fall semester we have mourned the loss of President Lincoln and his great life, as depicted by writers, poets, composers, playwrights and filmmakers. We have felt again his inspired life and the events that freed the slaves and united this great nation. We have reviewed a list of books to stimulate our thinking. We learned about China from a Chinese point of view to help us understand about our relationship with this great nation and ongoing current events that bring us together or farther apart. We have traveled to several countries and studied their cultures, geography, living conditions and poverty or wealth. We have defined "home" as depicted by Mark Twain and Henry David Thoreau to help us define what home means to each of us. We have learned about dialects (we all speak one), and current language usage. We have tried to find clues to the land where the Book of Mormon people lived. We were privileged to meet with and talk to one of our Utah County Commissioners (Bill Lee) about taxes and learned some of the duties of a commissioner. We also had discussions about current events in our country and felt free to express our opinions on them. We have studied one of Shakespeare's best but little-known plays. We have seen Jerusalem and learned about its ancient significance and about the future events that will take place in the land of Israel. We have read a Russian novel ("Resurrection") by Leo Tolstoy and learned about his significant contributions to society.

Alicia Christensen told us about the Provo Senior Center facilities that we can use with our membership. Karen Welch gave us some ideas to use if we feel depressed. And Jim Marrot told about the release of the first prisoners of war brought home by him in his plane. It was a privilege to meet such a great aviator as he told us about his experiences as a pilot during the Viet Nam War era and brought us to tears. We don't often get to hear the personal stories behind the world events.

We heard from a great lawyer about her life and experiences, and from the Elder Quest Scholarship winners and their lives and we look forward to a Christmas musical program with the Lambert family.

The schedule of classes for the winter semester will include some returning teachers and some new teachers and will be on a variety of subjects to pique your interest, stimulate your brain and help you grow. We believe in "Life-long Learning."

We look forward to our Spring Seminar and will invite special speakers, musical numbers and others to entertain as we look forward to helping others pursue their educational goals. It will be held in the Sorensen Center Grande Ballroom on the UVU Campus again this spring on April 7, 2020.

Sincerely,

*Ruth Hillam,*

**Elder Quest President**

## List of books and dates for Monday's class

# Elder Quest Best Book Reviews

1:00 pm Provo Senior Center

Taught by Dale and Margene Shumway

**January 20** *City of Thorns: Stories from the World's Largest Refugee Camp* by **Ben Rowlance** D & M Shumway

A Compelling true account of the Kenyan camp which houses refugees from Somalia, Sudan, and the Congo live in danger, without much hope or joy.

**January 27** *Muddy: Where Faith and Polygamy Collide* by **Dean Hughes** Carol Hinckley

When Brigham Young called young Morgan Davis to go forth and Pioneer a new country almost 100 miles south of St. George on the Muddy River, he doubted, but went anyway.

**February 3** *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by **J. K. Rowling** Linda Knight

A fantasy novel of a precocious boy who discovers his Wizard-hood at age 11, and in the forest sees an evil-villain does. We grandparents should be informed about a new culture.

**February 10** *Tears of the Giraffe* by **Alexander McCall Smith** Dale & Margene Shumway

The Ladies Number One Detective Agency of Botswana, Africa, under insightful Precious Ramotswe, focuses on helping an American woman find what happened to a son missing for ten years among other more romantic issues.

**February 17** *Where the Craw-dads Sing* by **Delia Owens** Marjean Bingham

Combining the coming of age story of Kya, which is a valiant survival story of an abandoned young girl, and the tale of a possible surprising murder.

**February 24** *Jacob T. Marley* by **R. William Bennett** Fran Reiser

Like the *Christmas Classic* by Charles Dickens, but more so, as this telling goes more into the background of Ebenezer Scrooge and Marley, discussing why he, Marley wants to change Scrooge's life.

**March 2** *Last Witnesses: an oral history of children of WW II* by **Svetlana Alexievich** D & M Shumway

The grim, sad, true story of Russian children's recollections as they observed their Fathers leaving for war to face the mighty German forces.

**March 9** *Salvador* by **Margaret Blair Young** Julia Blair

The semi-biographical novel of a Mormon family living and coping in Central America among other members, seeing good and evil, and having difficulty figuring out who the good and bad guys are.

**March 16** *Tattoos on the Heart* by **Greg Boyle** Tal Huber

A memoir written by Catholic priest Greg Boyle. The memoir relays Boyle's experiences serving as the leader of the Dolores Mission Church in the gang capital of the world, Los Angeles.

**March 23** *Wounded Tiger* by **T. Martin Bennett** Dale & Margene Shumway

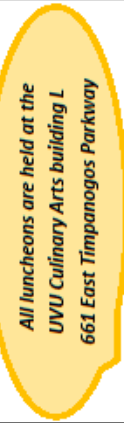
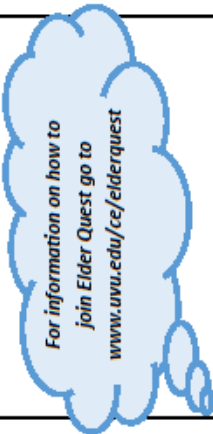
This writing is the true story of angry Japanese pilot Mitsuo Fuchida, who led the attack on Pearl Harbor, family enter the story giving the perspective from both sides.

# Class Schedule – Winter 2020

January 20 – March 27

revised Nov 25, 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>10:00-11:45 am</p> <p><b>The Federal Theater Project</b> How America saved the arts during the great depression</p> <p><b>Judith and Leonard Tourney</b> <i>Provo Senior Center</i></p>	<p>10:00-11:45 am</p> <p><b>Enjoying Shakespeare</b> <i>Delight with the language and literature of the Bard. Two plays from the 2020 season of Shakespeare in Cedar City.</i></p> <p><b>Dave Johnson and Glen Smith</b> <i>Provo Senior Center</i></p>	<p>9:00-10:15 am</p> <p><b>Water Color Painting</b> <b>Bernie Mortensen</b> <i>Orem Senior Center</i></p>	<p>9:00-10:15 am</p> <p><b>Writing Your Personal History One Story at a Time</b> <i>Learn the tips and tricks to make your personal history tell your story.</i></p> <p><b>Barbara Willes</b> <i>Orem Senior Center</i></p>	<p>1:00-3:00 pm</p> <p><b>Friday Flicks</b> <i>The greatest and best of the movies you re-member and maybe some you don't.</i></p> <p><b>Grace Barrett</b> <i>Orem City Library</i></p>
<p>1:00-2:15 pm</p> <p><b>Best Book Reviews</b> Out of the best books <i>Always looking for a great book to read? Join us for some fun and stimulating book reviews and conversation.</i></p> <p><b>Dale and Margene Shumway</b> <i>Provo Senior Center</i></p>	<p>1:00-2:15 pm</p> <p><b>The Poetry in Your Life</b> <i>From Robin Williams to Robert Frost</i></p> <p><b>Neal Lambert</b> <i>Provo Senior Center</i></p>	<p>10:00-11:15 am</p> <p><b>The World and I</b> <i>A current events class where all can agree to disagree.</i></p> <p><b>Jim Wright</b> <i>Provo Senior Center</i></p>	<p>10:00-Noon</p> <p><b>Are You Smarter Than Your Smart Phone</b> <i>New ways to enjoy your cell phone, tablet, and computer</i> <i>Hands-on training for all!</i></p> <p><b>David and Charlene Wilson</b> <i>Provo Senior Center</i></p>	<p><b>Day Trips</b> Will Be Announced</p>
<p>2:30-3:45 pm</p> <p><b>Life After Life</b> <i>Learn through the personal stories of others the phenomena of "near death".</i></p> <p><b>Lester Campbell</b> <i>Provo Senior Center</i></p>	<p>2:30-3:45 pm</p> <p><b>Ancient and Modern</b> <i>An in-depth look into the functions and purpose of temples throughout time.</i></p> <p><b>Don Norton</b> <i>Provo Senior Center</i></p>	<p>1:00-2:15 pm</p> <p><b>4th Wednesday Only</b></p> <p><b>Potpourri Lecture Series</b> <b>January 29</b> Kyle Rollins <i>Earthquakes</i> <b>February 26</b> Terry Tucker <i>Portrayal of Ephraim K. Hanks</i> <b>March 25</b> Clark Snelgrove <i>Energy, Society and the Environment</i> <i>Provo Senior Center</i></p>	<p>1:00-2:15 pm</p> <p><b>African Roots and Branches throughout the World</b> <b>Margaret Blair Young</b> <i>Provo Senior Center</i></p>	<p>January 22—Noon <i>Doug Hoit</i></p> <p>February 12—Noon <i>Jake and Vivian Kim</i></p> <p>March 11—Noon <i>Teacher appreciation</i></p>
	<p>For information on how to join Elder Quest go to <a href="http://www.uvu.edu/ce/elderquest">www.uvu.edu/ce/elderquest</a></p>			<p><b>Spring Scholarship Seminar</b> April 7 10 am-3 pm <i>Held in the UVU Ballroom</i></p>



## Changes to MONDAY classes

(New subject)

### The Federal Theater Project

*How America saved the arts during the great depression*

10:00 AM Provo Senior Center

**Taught by Judith and Leonard Tourney**

(New subject)

### Life After Life

Learn through the personal stories of others about the phenomena of "near death".

2:30 PM Provo Senior Center

**Taught by Lester Campbell**

## Changes to TUESDAY classes

(Now on Tuesday)

### *Enjoying Shakespeare*

Delight with the language and the literature of the Bard. Continue the study of 2 plays from the 2020 season of Shakespeare in Cedar City:

*Richard III, Cymbeline*

10:00 AM Provo Senior Center

**Taught by Dave Johnson and Glen Smith**

(New subject)

### The Poetry in Your Life

From Robyn Williams to Robert Frost!

1:00 AM Provo Senior Center

**Taught by Neal Lambert**

(New subject)

### Temples: Ancient and Modern

An in-depth look into the functions and purpose of temples throughout time.

2:30 PM Provo Senior Center

**Taught by Don Norton**

No changes to WEDNESDAY's class

## Potpourri Lecture Series

4th Wednesday only

1:00 PM Provo Senior Center

January 29

Kyle Rollins

*Earthquakes!*

February 26

Terry Tucker

*Portrayal of Ephraim K. Hanks*

March 25

Clark Snelgrove

*Energy, Society and  
the Environment*



## Monthly Luncheons Schedule

**UVU Culinary Arts Institute**

661 East Timpanogos Parkway, Bldg. L, Orem,

Reservations are required at least one week in advance for all meals.

Contact Gerri Bushell at 801 373 5298

to hold your place.

**Wednesday, January 22, Noon**

Speaker Doug Holt

**Wednesday, February 12, Noon**

Speakers Jake and Vivian Kim

**Wednesday, March 11, Noon**

Teacher Appreciation

**TUESDAY, April 7**

**10 AM to 3 PM**

**SPRING SCHOLARSHIP SEMINAR**

**UVU Grand Ballroom in the**

**Sorensen Student Center**

# Changes to THURSDAY classes

(New Class)

## *African Roots and Branches Throughout the World*

1:00 PM Provo Senior Center

Taught by Margaret Blair Young



(New Class)

## *Are you Smarter Than your Smart Phone ?*

Tips for doing more on your smartphone, but will also cover a few tips for your computer. We will share our favorite apps, and learn more about them.

Hands-on training and individual help for all!

10 AM Provo Senior Center

Taught by David and Charlene Wilson



(New Class)

## *Führer's New Clothes*

The Fascinating True Story of Helmuth Hübener, a Gifted and Courageous LDS Teenager Who Resisted Nazism (with the Aid of Two LDS Friends) by Exposing the Lies and Other Abominations of Adolf Hitler.

2:30 pm Provo Senior Center

Taught by Alan Keele



Friday movies are every Friday at 1 pm year round. Orem Library

Save the Date! Mark your calendars now!

TUESDAY, April 7, 2020

Annual Spring Seminar/Scholarship Fundraiser

Time: 10 AM to 3 PM More information to be announced!



# Travel Adventures with Elder Quest

Joan Hahn and Carla Teasdale

## Northern California Adventure

Travel Passport takes you on a grand adventure to San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento and the Napa Valley. See the beautiful Napa Valley with its hundreds of hillside vineyards, outstanding wineries, and quaint shops. Visit the Gold Fields that beckoned thousands to storm California looking for that priceless metal. Visit the State Capitol, have dinner on Fisherman's Warf in San Francisco and immerse yourself in the Jack London square, Overland House, and his museum in Oakland. We will be taking the overnight train from Provo to Emeryville and return the same way. Sleepers will be available. **April 2020**

## Lewis and Clark in Montana and Idaho

Travel through Lewis and Clark Country with stops in Idaho Falls, West Yellowstone, Mesa Falls and the Big Hole Battlefield in Island Park. Next we are on our way up to Great Falls where we will visit the Russel Art Museum then to Boulder and Helena, Montana, Capitol of Montana. Visit Quake Lake, Lewis and Clark Caverns in Caldwell, then to Three Forks, Dillon, Big Hole, Bannock and to Clarks Fork where Sacagawea met her brother. We could also see "Craters of the Moon: and Shoshone Falls. Don't miss this up close and personal guided tour of Lewis and Clark in the West. **September 2020**

## The Logan Music and Opera Festival

This is always one of our favorite trips as we head to Logan for the Festival Opera & Musical Theatre season: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat, Sweeney Todd, She Loves Me, and I Do, I Do. Don't forget shopping at Pepperidge Farms, Gossner Foods, and Cox Honeyland, and dinner at the Blue Bird Restaurant, and lunch at Maddox are always a treat. **July 29-31, 2020**

**NEWS FLASH:** At our seminar two years ago we invited Tom and Gayle Holdman to speak about UVU's Roots of Knowledge and his commission for the stained glass windows in the Rome, Italy, LDS Temple.

Travel Passport will be offering an **Italy Tour September 30th to October 11th**, which will include two extra days, one for us to show you more of Rome, and one for you to visit the new LDS Temple and Visitor's Center, if you wish.

Please phone **801-423-1081** for more information or go to our website: [bucketlisttrips.citymax.com](http://bucketlisttrips.citymax.com).



## 2019-20 Elder Quest Board Members

Front Row L-R: Dave Johnson, Parliamentarian; Gerri Bushell, Calling Committee; Sharon Bird, Historian; Marjean Bingham, Treasure; Julia Blair, Curriculum Chair; Fran Reiser, Day Trip Coordinator; David Wilson, Membership; Terry Ann Harward, Newsletter Editor; Tal Huber, Luncheon Speakers

Back Row: Gerhard Ruf, Media; Karen Cloward, 2nd Vice President; Janet Harmon, Secretary; Barbara Hoag, Class Facilitator; Ruth Hillam, EQ President; Cheryl Johnson, Vice President; Absent: Joan Hahn, Scholarship Chair and Travel

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Save the date!  
Tuesday, April 7, 2020  
Annual Spring Seminar

**CONGRATULATIONS to all Elder Quest Members!!!**

Recipients of the **UVU Alumni 2018 Legacy Award**



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