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Classes Jan13-March 20

Spring 2024-25



Message from Our President

To My Elder Quest Friends:

By the time you read this the ground will likely be covered with snow but as I'm pecking away at my newsletter message it's mid-November and the day is bright and beautiful! In keeping with the season, I'm feeling particularly grateful for all things and all people Elder Quest.

I'm grateful that back in 1992 a group of women came together in pursuit of lifelong learning. Shortly thereafter they reached out to UVU, established a partnership, and UVU Elder Quest became a reality! Hoping to establish a scholarship program they held bake sales, auctions and other events to raise money. Frequently they spent hours baking or contributed their own valuable treasures for auction only to buy them back. Slowly the money grew. In 2005 the first scholarships were awarded to UVU non-traditional students.

Elder Quest has since helped over 140 students. I'm sure over the years scholarship recipients have been grateful for the foresight and dedication of these founding women and for EQ members who continue to dig deep and selflessly support the scholarship effort today.

From humble beginnings a great EQ organization has emerged! Our membership is now around 200. Participants come from all areas in Utah and from states across America. Modern technology has made it possible to attend classes from virtually anywhere.

Spring semester classes will feature history through movies, poetry and literature, music appreciation, Civil War history, art history and culture, current events, and much more! Daytrips will explore places of interest and monthly Culinary Arts lunches will be yummy, fun, enjoyable! A variety of excellent movies will continue to be held at the Orem Public Library at 2:00. With all of this and more you'll want to make sure you're a full-fledged member of Elder Quest! If you haven't joined for the entire year you can register for Spring Semester for \$25.00 by calling 801-863-8012.

Most of all I'm grateful for the amazing people that contribute so much! To dedicated teachers who give freely of time and effort because they love Elder Quest! To an EQ Board of energizer bunnies! To the Provo Senior Center that welcomes us and accommodates our in-house needs. To UVU Culinary Arts for providing delicious food and amazing service. To UVU Community ED for providing financial service and for helping behind the scenes. I'm grateful beyond words for you wonderful members! You are Elder Quest! I appreciate your efforts to spread the good EQ word! I value your friendship and support! I'm eagerly looking forward to Spring Semester! Onward and upward, we go!

Marjean Bingham, Elder Quest President 24-25

Monday

Mon 10:00-11:30 AM Judith and Leonard Tourney **Hollywood and the Cold War**



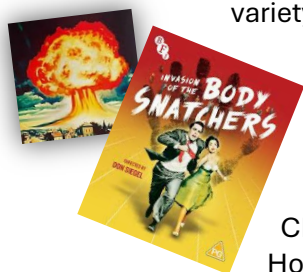
1947-1962

World War II ended. America faced a new threat: Soviet Communism. The so-called “Red Scare,” a widespread fear of Communist infiltration into several aspects of American life, led to Congressional investigations and blacklisting, especially in the film industry. In response, Hollywood produced many films with anti-Communist themes.

We will examine this period and discuss McCarthyism, the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC), the Hollywood Blacklist, and the variety of films that were suspected of being “Communist influenced” and those Hollywood made to rebut the charge. In a period of national anxiety, some movies were not only about “Commie” spies and propaganda.

They were also about invaders from outer space, mutants created from atomic blasts, and body-snatchers! Fear takes many forms.

Often investigations led to extremes: Did you know that one of America’s favorite Christmas movies, “It’s a Wonderful Life,” was investigated by the FBI and that some of Hollywood’s most respected film artists found themselves on the Blacklist?



Mon 1:00-2:00 PM Bruce Young **The 1960s In Poetry and Popular Music**



The 1960s was an especially consequential decade for the United States and for the world – and it was a decade all of us in Elder Quest lived through. We’ll look briefly at the historical context and share memories about our experiences, but the main purpose of the class will be to explore the decade’s wonderful popular music.

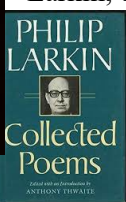
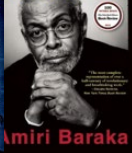
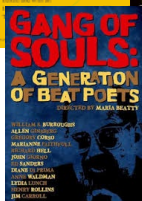
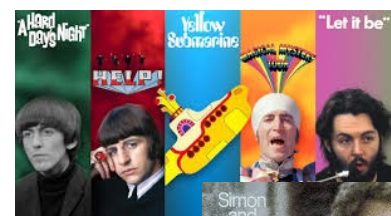
Our focus will not necessarily be on the songs that were most popular at the time, but rather on songs that are exceptional both musically and poetically – that is, songs in which both the music and the lyrics are impressive. Besides simply enjoying them, we’ll look at these songs as works of art, considering how

they are constructed both musically and poetically and what gives them the power to move and delight us. We’ll also consider how the songs reflected and sometimes influenced the time period in which they first appeared.

We’ll look at some of my favorite artists – the Beatles, the Byrds, Simon and Garfunkel, the Mamas and Papas, the Beach Boys, and others – but I’ll also ask for your suggestions.

Occasionally we’ll look at some of the non-musical poetry of the period – by Robert Frost, Sylvia Plath, Amira Bakara, Philip Larkin, the Beat poets, and others.

But music, combined with memorable lyrics, will be our main focus as we enjoy reliving our younger days.



Mon 2:15-3:15 PM

Neal Lambert

Robert Frost

Poetry Of Life And The Land:

“The Land was ours before we were the lands” (The Gift Outright).



Frost recognized the profound human understandings figured forth in the lives of people living close to the land—especially this American land. In reflecting those lives in his poems, he stretches our understanding, broadens our sympathies and offers again, even if we are reading for the second time, “the surprise of remembering something that I didn’t know I knew.”



Hopefully, our wide selection of poems will include some favorites and some that will become favorites.

TUESDAY

Tues 10:00-11:30 AM

Marden Pond

Feed My Soul!

“REAL appreciation for GREAT music with recordings from inspired composers & inspiring performers!”

Topics may include:

- Magnificent Musical Moments, Memories, Masterpieces
- Patriot Dreams & Pioneer Visions – a composer’s journey
- Gourmet Listening – discovering the key ingredients in a musical feast
- On the Beauties of Creation – musical expressions on nature’s magnificence
- Worlds Without Number – musical exploring the cosmos
- Serious Humor – jokesters among friends
- Utah’s Sanctuary: Great Salt Lake – creating the musical score for the Emmy-winning production
- Music of Light, Water, & Reflection – Debussy, Ravel, and the impressionists
- Child’s Play – Music by, for, and about children
- Jazz Giants – jammin’ & delightful ad libs from jazz masters
- The Musical Process – relationships between the composer, the interpreter, and the listener
- Great Music From the Key Historical Eras
- Music and Visual Imagery – theatrical dance, incidental music, film scores



Tues 1:00-2:00 PM

Linda Knight

The American Civil War



Come join us this semester to look at the American Civil War, a landmark event in U.S. history. Fought from 1861 to 1865, over 750,000 Americans died; about 2 1/2% of the country's population.

We will look at the causes, the cast of characters from politicians to military leaders and the outcome. We'll visit the beautifully preserved battlefields and talk about the battles fought there. We will see how innovations such as iron clad ships, railroads, the telegraph, a navy and advanced weaponry changed warfare forever.

This event in U.S. history is still in the American culture: Abraham Lincoln, abolition, Sherman's March to the Sea, Pickett's Charge, Gettysburg and Appomattox, North and South, civil rights and controversy regarding commemorative statues and flags.



Tues 2:15-3:15 PM Gwen Anderson

Art History is Human History!

We will target a visual/verbal history of ANCIENT, MEDIEVAL & NON-EUROPEAN ART: The Birth of Art, Near Eastern, Egyptian, Aegean, Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Islamic, Middle Ages Romanesque, Gothic, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, American Native, Africa and South Pacific Art.

Frequent Elder Quest travelers may warmly recall “miracles” of inspired visual art and may cover architectural treasures. Fall '25 Semester may cover Renaissance and Modern Art.



Week One: BIRTH OF ART, NEAR EASTERN ART
Week Two: EGYPTIAN ART
Week Three: AEGEAN ART
Week Four: GREEK ART
Week Five: ROMAN ART

Week Six: BYZANTINE & ISLAMIC ART
Week Seven: ART of the MIDDLE AGES
Week Eight: CHINESE & JAPANESE ART
Week Nine: AMERICAN NATIVE ART
Week Ten: AFRICA AND SOUTH PACIFIC ART

WEDNESDAY

Wed 10:00-11:00 AM Deon & Gerhard Ruf

Homelessness

We'll look at **homelessness in Utah County, Salt Lake City, and throughout our nation**. We'll also follow the progress of **The Other Side Village** in Salt Lake City.

Several years ago, Deon's second grade class had a unit on homelessness. Deon shared her experience of seeing an older woman on second South in Provo pushing a grocery cart and dumpster diving.



During this unit Deon's class

- saw the movie Beyond the Blackboard about a teacher for the homeless in Salt Lake City
- learned about the Food and Care Coalition in Provo, which serves the homeless (FACC)
 - enjoyed a visit from the director of the FACC
 - made sack lunches and greeting cards, delivered them to the FACC, and were given a tour of the facility

Deon's students also read fiction and non-fiction books about homelessness and made booklets to summarize what they had learned during the unit, including math problems related to making the lunches.

THURSDAY

Thurs 10:00-11:30 AM Brad Daw

The World And You

This class is hosted by Brad Daw, a former Utah State Representative. The class is a mix of current events from around the world.



This is a class where all input is welcome. Come and hear what is going on, listen to how others see it and feel free to share your thoughts .Come join us for a lively discussion about what is happening around the world, in our country, and here in Utah.



Thurs 1:00-2:00 PM David Farnsworth

Exploring Islam

Join us this semester for an exploration of Islam, one of the world's most influential and widely practiced religions.

This comprehensive introduction will cover the rich history, core beliefs, cultural impact, and contemporary relevance of Islam, helping you understand its contributions to global civilization and current events.



We'll discuss the life of the Prophet Muhammad, the Qur'an's teachings, and the diversity within Islamic practices and beliefs, from Sunni and Shia traditions to more regional variations. We'll also examine the impact of Islam on art, science, and philosophy, as well as the role of modern movements and challenges.



Whether you're curious about the Islamic faith, interested in the Middle East, or simply seeking to broaden your worldview, this course will offer a respectful, well-rounded view of a religion that has shaped millions of lives for over a millennium.

Thurs 2:15-3:15 Dave Johnson

Enjoying Shakespeare



Spend time with great works of the Bard. Our class will once again be a readers' theatre/discussion format. Previous experience is not needed - no memorizing!

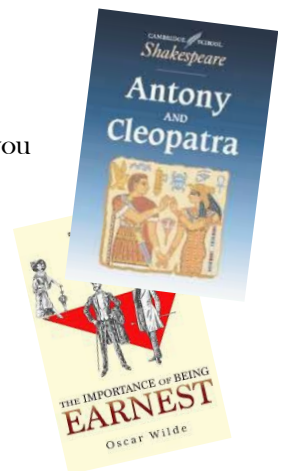
Reading ahead is certainly allowed. Zoom participation is certainly welcome - you can even do parts!

We will be doing the following:

- Antony and Cleopatra (Shakespeare)
- The Importance of Being Earnest (Oscar Wilde)

Both plays will be offered at the Utah Shakespeare Festival this summer in Cedar City. Both scripts should be readily available in libraries or bookstores.

Since "... *All the world's a stage;*" come play your part!



Elder Quest Luncheons

12 Noon

- **Jan 15** -- Meet Your Teachers
- **Feb 12** -- Mark Robison, Retired BYU Track & Field Coach
- **Mar 5** -- Teacher Appreciation

UVU Culinary Arts Building
 Canyon Park Tech Center
 661 Timpanogos Pkwy, Orem, UT 84097

Please RSVP
at least 1 week in advance

Call UVU at **801-863-8012**
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10 INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
156 ALL-AMERICAN HONORS
240 INDIVIDUAL CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
23 TEAM CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Potpourri Wednesdays

1st and 3rd Wednesdays
 11:15 am – 12:15 pm

- **Jan 22 -CYBERSECURITY**
Brandt Redd, Professor
- **Feb 5- GEOENGINEERING-Chemical Engineering**
Randy Lewis , Professor
- **Feb 19- "HOLLYWOOD MOVIE STARS"**
Pat Schneider, Presenter
- **March 12- 75 YEAR OLD 'TREKKER'" TO ST GEORGE**
Don Campbell

Always on Zoom
or Live in the Classroom

Check your weekly email for details

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*FRIDAY, MARCH
 28
 10:00 AM*

*CULINARY ARTS
 BUILDING*

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Elder Quest SPRING SEMESTER

Classes run from Jan 13 to March 20, 2025
Annual Spring Seminar Friday, Mar 28

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>10-11:30 Leonard & Judith Tourney</p>  <p><i>Hollywood and the Cold War 1947-1962</i></p>	<p>10:00-11:30 Marden Pond</p>  <p><i>Feed My Soul! REAL Music Appreciation with inspired recordings</i></p>	<p>10:00-11:00 Deon & Gerhard Ruf</p>  <p><i>Homelessness</i></p>	<p>10:00-11:30 Brad Daw</p>  <p><i>The World and You</i></p>	<p>Friday Flicks With Grace Barrett!</p> <p>2:00 pm Friday at the Orem City Library Media Room</p>  <p>Details in your EQ emails.</p>
BREAK	BREAK	<p>Potpourri Wednesdays 11:15-12:15</p> <p>Jan 22, Feb 5, 19, Mar 5</p> <p><i>Always on Zoom Or live in classroom!</i></p>	BREAK	<p>Friday Day Trips With Judy Istook!</p>  <p>Details TBA in weekly Elder Quest emails!</p>
<p>1:00-2:00 Bruce Young</p>  <p><i>The 60's in Poetry and Popular Music</i></p>	<p>1:00-2:00 Linda Knight</p>  <p><i>The American Civil War</i></p>	<p>EQ Monthly Luncheon* 12:00 Noon 2nd Wednesdays</p> <p>Jan 15, Feb 12, Mar 12 UVU Culinary Arts Building</p> <p>*Please make reservations 1 week in advance</p> <p>Call 801 863-8012</p>	<p>1:00-2:00 David Farnsworth</p>  <p><i>Exploring Islam</i></p>	
<p>2:15-3:15 Neal Lambert</p>  <p><i>Robert Frost: Poetry Of Life And The Land</i></p>	<p>2:15-3:15 Gwen Anderson</p>  <p><i>Art History is Human History!</i></p>	<p>Find us on Social Media</p> <p>Facebook Elder Quest—Utah County --- YouTube: Elder Quest Utah County --- UVU: www.uvu.edu/ce/elder/</p>	<p>2:15-3:15 Dave Johnson</p>  <p><i>Enjoying Shakespeare</i></p>	

***Please make your monthly luncheon reservations
at least 7 days (one week) or more in advance.
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*Annual Spring Seminar
Friday, March 28
10:00 AM
UVU Culinary Arts Bldg*

UVU Elder Quest

Who We Are

- Elder Quest is a unique organization sponsored by Utah Valley University.
- Our major purpose is to provide life-long learning opportunities for seniors 55 and older.
- We're now in our 30th year! Last year we served over 200 members throughout Utah Valley.

What We Do

1. We offer two semesters of classes per year. Fall semester begins mid-September and runs until shortly before Thanksgiving. Spring semester starts mid-January and runs mid to late March.
2. Ten to twelve classes are offered each semester. Each class is held once per week, ten classes per semester. Classes are held Monday through Thursday at the Provo Senior Center and are also available on-line via Zoom. Elder Quest members can take as many or as few classes as they desire. Classes require no homework or tests.
3. Classes include a variety of subjects (see fall class schedule on the back side of this page). Elder Quest teachers are skilled professionals. All teachers donate their time and effort simply because they love teaching Elder Quest.
4. In addition to regular classes, we hold a series of guest lectures each semester, our Elder Quest potpourris. Guest presenters teach one short class based on interest and expertise.
5. We sponsor monthly luncheons prepared and served by UVU Culinary Arts students.
6. Three or four day trips each semester take us to fascinating places and afford the opportunity to socialize together. Elder Quest also shows weekly Friday movies at the Orem Public Library.
7. Our Elder Quest scholarships provide financial aid to non-traditional UVU students. Following Spring semester an outstanding one-day seminar is held, featuring excellent speakers and outstanding entertainment. Here we ask members to dig deep and contribute to our UVU Non-Traditional Student Scholarship program.

Would You Like To Join Us?

You may be surprised to find that **Elder Quest membership costs just \$45.00 per year or \$25.00 for each semester.** Lunches are priced separately at \$16.00 and day trips are extra based upon the price of the event and the cost of the bus.

As Elder Quest President for the coming year, I invite you to engage with us in this amazing lifelong learning opportunity. For more information call me at 801-671-3144. Better yet, pick up the phone today and **register by calling 801-863-8012** or go online to bit.ly/elderquest.

Marjean Bingham, UVU Elder Quest President

Traveling the World with Elder Quest

THE LITTLE-KNOWN WEST, REVISED! REVISITED! RENEWED!

APRIL 28 - May 4, 2025

(In memory of Tal Huber, Past President of Elder Quest, and a lover of Nature and especially Burros in Oatman! We did this tour 8 years ago and it was loved.)

Monday April 28, we begin by going to Williams, AZ and staying overnight.

Tuesday, we take a train to the **South Rim of the Grand Canyon** and return later that afternoon.

Wednesday, off to Las Vegas to see **“The Mob Museum”** and a fantastic **Las Vegas Show**. We then spend the night at the Hoover Dam Lodge.

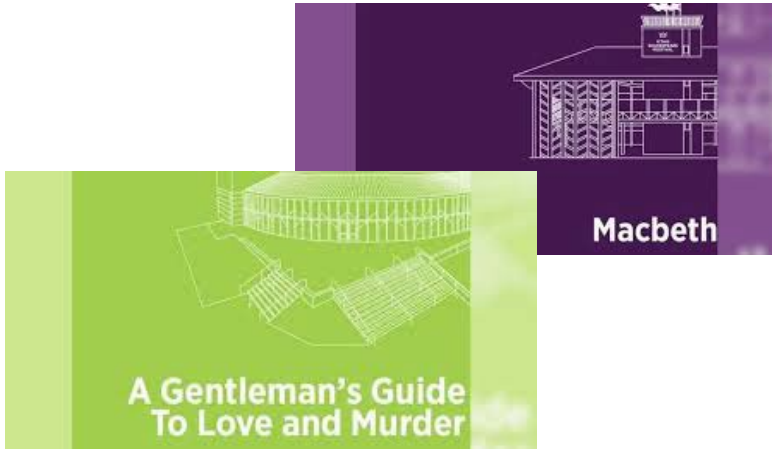
Thursday, In the morning, we will be getting on **rafts, right below the Hoover Dam with a guide**, for a floating trip down the Colorado River. We will have lunch on our rafts and in the afternoon be picked up by our bus and go to **Oatman, the town full of rugged character and burros** with a magnificent history and donkeys wandering all over the streets. Be careful what you carry, they might grab and eat it. Our next stop will be Laughlin, on the Nevada side of the Colorado River

Friday, our **speed boats** will take us to see the **London Bridge**. The evening will be spent in Laughlin with a pass on the water taxis' taking you to dinner and entertainment on your own.

Saturday, back to Las Vegas and on to **The National Atomic Testing Museum**. After that we go to the **Valley Of Fire State Park**, then on to Mesquite for a Seafood Buffet.

Sunday, we travel back to **Orem** filled with dreams of **The Little-Known West!**





We regret to inform you that
The Logan Opera & Musical Season
2025
has been cancelled.

We hope they will have the
funding necessary to continue
for the 2026 season.

**SOUTHERN UTAH SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL
AND TUACAHN
AUGUST 25 - 28, 2025**

Mon, Aug 25, Depart from Orem and arrive in Cedar City for a quick lunch and the first fabulous show, **The Importance Of Being Ernest** by Oscar Wilde, a comedy that has stood the test of time. Dinner at Rusty's Ranch House.

Following dinner, be prepared for a dramatic evening you will long remember with **Shakespeare's Macbeth**. This play has stood the test of time, and its plot and characters are well known

Tues, Aug 26, 2:00 p.m. **Steel Magnolias**,

a play that will touch your heart and make you grateful for who you are and what you have. Then on to St. George's BLACK BEAR DINER and Tuacahn's, **Newsies**. Check into your hotel for two nights.



Wed, Aug 27 I saw this hilarious play on Broadway and loved it!

A Gentleman's Guide To Love & Murder is a musical comedy about Monty Navarro, a poor clerk who discovers he is a distant heir to family fortune and his plots to murder his relatives to become the Earl of Highhurst. One actor plays all 8 murdered relatives. It won 4 Tony awards in 2014 including Best Musical, Book, Directing and Costumes. Dinner in St. George followed by Tuacahn's **The Little Mermaid**.



Thurs, Aug 28 Board the bus for **home** with a stop for lunch in the Beaver Cheese Factory.

It is going to be a wonderful 4 days together, experiencing the great talent at the Shakespeare Festival and Tuacahn. Join us for fun, food and laughter.

2024-25 Elder Quest Board Members

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**Friday, March 28, 2025
10:00 AM Culinary Arts Building**

Your Generosity Changes Lives!

You've heard these students tell their stories and express their gratitude for your support at these Seminars. Please help another "non-traditional student" who is returning to UVU seeking a better life.

Mail Checks payable anytime to **UVU Elder Quest Scholarship**

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Credit card donations are accepted online

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