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January 12-March 19

Winter Semester 2026

Message from Our President

Hello Friends,



This is the last semester newsletter message I'll share with you as my tenure as EQ President ends this coming April. What an amazing ride it has been! My life's been significantly blessed as I've rubbed shoulders with you good folks! I've enjoyed learning from capable hard-working teachers who offer their time and expertise without remuneration! They're the very heart of our organization as our mission is to provide life-long learning opportunities to seniors. My heart is brimming with appreciation for our teachers!

I thank other of our EQ unsung heroes as well. I've had the good fortune to work with a Board of highest quality! They keep all aspects of Elder Quest running smoothly, often behind the scenes without thanks or recognition.

I've developed great appreciation for our financial partnership with UVU Continuing Education. Though the Board has responsibility for all financial decisions and must make sure funds are used judiciously, all EQ money is now collected and disbursed through UVU, eliminating the possibility for errors or mismanagement on our part. Financial and membership reports are shared with the Board on a regular basis.

I can't say enough about our EQ association with UVU Culinary Arts! Not only do they provide delicious gourmet lunches, but they bend over backwards to make sure even our smallest requests are met and do so with a smile!

Most of you probably aren't aware of the great service the Provo Senior Center provides to Elder Quest. They charge EQ members only \$10.00 per year for use of their Senior Center facilities. This includes the use of a classroom for 20 weeks out of the year along with some of their rec opportunities. The Senior Center folks are a joy to work with! They happily meet our special requests including class arrangements and printing when needed. Special thanks to Kari, Hadley, and the friendly folks who man the front desk!

There are many other unsung heroes I could mention. This is an organization that depends upon the goodness of many people! The personal perks of being President have far exceeded the time and effort! I pledge my full support to Gloria Simons who will be your next President. I'll move on to serving as Past President which means I'll still be part of Elder Quest and able to continue learning, serving and enjoying my dear Elder Quest friends.

Marjean Bingham, Elder Quest President 2025-26

Monday Classes

Mon 10:00-11:30 AM Judith and Leonard Tourney The Fine Art Of Rivalry



History is full of notable rivalries—between persons, places, causes, cultures—rivalries that create drama and suspense. Examples: William Shakespeare v. Ben Jonson, Trojans v. Greeks, Liberals vs. Conservatives, Trump vs. Obama, BYU v. Utah. Some rivalries even produce fine art—literature, film, story, song—not just clamor, smoke, and fistfights. These rivalries become icons in American culture.

Our course will feature a sampler of iconic rivalries. Among others we will look at the famous feuds between Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr, Al Capone and Elliot Ness, Godzilla v. King Kong, Betty Davis v. Joan Crawford, the Hatfields and the McCoys, Doctor Jekyll and Mister Hyde, Coca Cola v. Pepsi (the “Cola Wars”).

There will be others. Stay tuned. You’ve seen nothing yet. But it will be educational (Believe it or not) and fun.

Mon 1:00-2:00 PM Linda Knight WW II: Secrets, Surprises and Spies



Part 2-Second Semester. Join this semester’s World War II class where we will visit Casablanca and Vichy France leading to Operation Torch which freed North Africa from the German and Italian hold on the African colonies. Operation Mincemeat and Operation Husky send the Allies into Sicily and Italy. Operation Fortitude and Operation Overlord create D-Day and the liberation of France and western Europe.

We’ll meet German General Erwin Rommel, Allied Generals George Patton, Bernard Montgomery, and Supreme Commander Dwight Eisenhower. We’ll see Operation Market Garden, the Battle of the Bulge and take a humanitarian look at the Holocaust. There will be a side trip to examine the theft of art treasures during the war and the efforts of the Monument Men to protect precious art and architecture as the war winds down.

The Soviet Army enters Berlin, Hitler commits suicide in his Berlin bunker and the next month finds VE Day, (Victory in Europe) ending the war in Europe in May 1945 and Japan surrenders in September 1945 aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo harbor, following the battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa in the Pacific, as well as the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Mon 2:15-3:15 PM Bruce Young Great Songs of the 1960s & 1970s



Among the thousands of popular songs released during the 1960s and 1970s, we’ll look at only a few in this class – probably about 30 or 40. But we’ll look at them in depth. We’ll consider the musical elements of melody, harmony, rhythm, and structure that make these songs enjoyable and memorable, but we’ll also look carefully at the lyrics.

We’ll discover that many of the best songs of the 1960s and 1970s make masterful use of poetic elements, such as metaphor, symbolism, and sound patterns. Many of them also convey powerful mind-expanding and spirit-lifting messages through the meaning of the words.

I’ll be sharing some of my favorite songs, of course. That means we’ll listen to – and sing along with – songs by the Beatles, Byrds, Simon and Garfunkel, Beach Boys, Bob Dylan, Joni Mitchell, and other artists of the mid- to late 1960s. Among songs from the early to mid-1970s, we’ll listen to songs by Cat Stevens, Elton John, and others. We’ll also listen to some songs I’ve only gotten to know recently, including the marvelous Moody Blues song “I Know You’re Out There Somewhere.”

We’ll have lots of fun, sharing memories and singing along with the songs of our youth. But the aim of this class will also be to ponder the depths of meaning many of these songs offer as they explore various dimensions of the meaning of human life and even dimensions of meaning beyond this life.

Tuesday Classes

Tues 10:00-11:30 AM Marden Pond **Fabulous, Fantastic, Famous Composers!**

Become friends with fabulous, fantastic and famous composers! We'll spend a complete weekly session each on: Aaron Copland, Richard Strauss, Igor Stravinsky, Ralph Vaughan Williams, P.I. Tchaikovsky, John Williams, Marden Pond (not-so-famous), and others still to be selected.

Learn intriguing backstories and personal insights (from one of Utah's respected composer/conductors), hear moving recordings and, watch exciting video performances of some of the world's greatest masters.



Mon 1:00-2:00 PM Linda Tyler **Exploring Ancient Greece**



More than two thousand years ago, the Greek city-states, led by Athens and Sparta, laid the foundation for much of modern science, the arts, politics and law. In every era, Greeks have reinvented themselves, fighting different enemies, trading with different partners, worshipping different gods, and even calling themselves by different names.

Through history, literature and myths this course will chart the development of this fascinating civilization.

Tues 2:15-3:15 PM Ernest Istook **American Revolution & The Founding Fathers**



Come discuss and develop a greater appreciation for our Founding Fathers and their efforts to Make America Great Originally.

Ernest is a Distinguished Fellow with the *Frontiers of Freedom Foundation*; he formerly was a fellow at The Heritage Foundation and at Harvard's Institute of Politics. As a professor he taught American and international political science courses. He is a former Congressman and an attorney.

Wednesday Class & More

Wed 10:00-11:00 AM Deon & Gerhard Ruf **Remarkable People**

We begin the semester discussing Neil Diamond, who calls himself a Man of God, and Jimmy Stewart, bomber pilot. You'll be fascinated to learn about the corpse who changed the course of WWII, and the POW who forgave his tormentors.

Did you know we had a double amputee senator? Did you know we had an Hispanic Supreme Court judge? We'll share accounts of a young woman who adopted thirteen girls, and of a young man who was kidnapped. And don't miss a first-hand account from your teacher about her mishaps in the Grand Canyon!



Potpourri Presentations at 11:15 am

First and Third Weds: Jan 21, Feb 4 & 18, Mar 11 & 18

Monthly Luncheons at 12:00 pm UVU Culinary Arts Building in Orem

Wednesdays: Jan 14, Feb 11, & Mar 4

Save March 26, 2026 for the ANNUAL SPRING SEMINAR

---- Thursday, March 26, 10:00-2:30 pm ----

UVU Culinary Arts Building

Thursday Classes

Thurs 10:00-11:30 AM Brad Daw **The World And You**



In this class we discuss current events with an emphasis on open participation. As a former state legislator, Brad combs the news of the day and offers his perspective. He also gladly welcomes input from the class and encourages those will all viewpoints to chime in. Brad also encourages the class to send him items to include in the class and those items take priority in the presentation.

Come join us to hear the news of the day, the viewpoints expressed by class members and feel free to share your thoughts if you desire.

Thurs 1:00-2:00 PM Alan Keele **Beethoven's Sublime Fidelio**

I'm proposing a course on Beethoven's only opera Fidelio. I wrote a chapter in my book about it so it's something I know and love. The music is of course sublime, and the libretto is no less amazing.

It's the remarkable story of a man named Florestan, who, simply for telling the truth, is kept as a secret extrajudicial prisoner (no trial etc.) in a prison run by his political enemy. (Think: Alexei Navalny and Vladimir Putin). Florestan's faithful wife Leonora disguised as a man named Fidelio ("the faithful - masculine - one") goes about Spain searching in every prison for her husband. **SPOILER ALERT!** She does find him and things get **VERY** interesting...

It's possibly the most powerful work of art in all history about the importance of human freedom and of marital loyalty and the courage of a woman. I think you'll all grow to love Fidelio and, by extension, opera as a thing!



Thurs 2:15-3:15 PM Dave Johnson **Enjoying Shakespeare**



Continue spending time with the Bard. Our class will continue as a readers' theatre / discussion format. Previous experience is not needed -- no memorizing! Reading ahead is certainly allowed. Zoom participants are welcome -- you can even do parts!

If you like having your own copies of plays, they are available at the library and bookstores. Used book dealers usually have experienced complete works at reasonable prices. In class we have access to online scripts projected to read in class.

We will be reading the Shakespeare plays to be shown in the **2026 season of the Utah Shakespeare Festival in Cedar City, Utah**. For the latest information on the Festival, visit: www.bard.org

This semester we will be enjoying the following plays: **Troilus and Cressida**, one of Shakespeare's plays that is not done often. **Harvey** by Mary Coyle Chase, a Denver, CO newspaper reporter. One of the main characters (which gives his name to the play) is a Pooka in the form of an invisible 6' 1 1/2" white rabbit. Don't miss this comedy filled with gentle humor. It has been a favorite show at the Festival. Special announcements will be announced in the weekly Elder Quest update.

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

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UVU Elder Quest WINTER SEMESTER

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Annual Spring Seminar Thursday, Mar 26, 2026

Thurs., March 26, 2026
Spring Seminar
10:00 am – 2:30 pm
UVU Culinary Arts Bldg

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>10-11:30 Leonard & Judith Tourney</p>  <p>The Fine Art of Rivalry!</p>	<p>10:00-11:30 Marden Pond</p>  <p>Fabulous, Fascinating, Fantastic, Famous Composers</p>	<p>10:00-11:00 Deon & Gerhard Ruf</p>  <p>Remarkable People!</p>	<p>10:00-11:30 Brad Daw</p>  <p>The World and You</p>	<p>FREE Eriday Flicks 2:00 pm Friday With Movie Curator Jaynann Hampton</p> 
BREAK	BREAK	<p>Potpourri Wednesdays 11:15-12:15 <i>Always on Zoom Or live in classroom!</i></p>	BREAK	<p>Orem City Library Media Room Movies announced in Weekly EQ Emails</p>
<p>1:00-2:00 Linda Knight</p>  <p>WW II Secrets, Surprises & Spies-pt 2</p>	<p>1:00-2:00 Linda Tyler</p>  <p>Exploring Ancient Greece</p>	<p>EQ Monthly Luncheon* 12:00 Noon 2nd Wed: Jan & Feb, 1st Wed: Mar UVU Culinary Arts Building Call for reservations 1 week in advance UVU: 801 863-8012</p>	<p>1:00-2:00 Alan Keel</p>  <p>Beethoven's Sublime Fidelio</p>	<p>Friday Day Trips With Judy Istook!</p> 
<p>2:15-3:15 Bruce Young</p>  <p>Great Songs of the 60's and 70's</p>	<p>2:15-3:15 Ernest Istook</p>  <p>The American Revolution & The Founding Fathers</p>	<p>Find Elder Quest online! Facebook: @Elder Quest Utah County YouTube: @Elder Quest Utah County UVU bit.ly/elderquest</p>	<p>2:15-3:15 Dave Johnson</p>  <p>Enjoying Shakespeare</p>	<p>Details in your Weekly EQ emails Fri, Jan 30 Fri, Feb 20 Fri, Mar 13</p>

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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



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**Registration or Luncheon Payments, Newsletters,
Information, and more!**

Elder Quest Travel Opportunities

With Joan Hahn and Travel Passport

June 25th-27th, 2026

Logan Musical Festival, Shopping, Dining and Touring

This tour is 3 days of fun. You can be as busy as you want or take it fairly easy. There are 4 Shows - Scalia/Ginsburg, a one-hour Opera in English; The Pirates of Penzance; The Last 5 Years - A Musical that is 1 and 1/2 hours long with no intermission; and 1776 with Michael Ballam playing John Adams. We will visit Pepperidge Farms, Gossner Foods, Cox Honeyland, The Lazy One, etc. We will stay 2 nights at the Hampton Inn in Logan. 2 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners and 1 Lunch included. We will be driven by a great driver with LeBus.



Oct. 11th-18th, 2026

Canada, New England Cruise, on the Norwegian Breakaway

This is a great cruise departing out of Boston, and visiting Portland, Maine; Bar Harbor, Maine; St. John, Bay of Fundy, New Brunswick, Canada; and Halifax, Nova Scotia. We end back in Boston.



Old North Church, Boston



Nov. 10th-14th, 2026

Elder Quest Connection - Christmas at Branson

This is such a fun way to begin the holiday season. The Branson area is all about God, Country and Family

and you can feel that as you spend time there. The entire group will see 4 shows and then on one of the days they can choose to go to 2 more shows or go out to the Amusement Park at Silver Dollar City.



Airfare out of Salt Lake City is included (other cities

upon request), hotel with breakfast each day and 5 dinners. Tours of Dogwood Canyon and the Wildlife Tram Tour; Ralph Foster Museum, the Smithsonian of the Ozarks; Big Cedar Lodge with the 2 1/2 mile ride in golf carts, as well as the Ancient Ozarks Natural History Museum, and a guided tour of Branson. **Call us for more information!**



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Thursday, March 26, 2025

10:00 AM Culinary Arts Building

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