

# SPRING 2019 CALENDAR

| Week Starting | Monday                                   | Tuesday                    | Wednesday               | Thursday    |  |
|---------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|--|
| February 4    | А  | А                          | А                       | А           |  |
| February 11   | В  | Lincoln's Bday<br>No Class | В                       | В           |  |
| February 18   | Presidents' Day<br>No Class              | А                          | А                       | А           |  |
| February 25   | В  | В                          | В                       | В           |  |
| March 4       | А  | А                          | А                       | А           |  |
| March 11      | В  | В                          | В                       | В           |  |
| March 18      | А  | А                          | А                       | А           |  |
| March 25      | В  | В                          | В                       | В           |  |
| April 1       | А  | А                          | А                       | А           |  |
| April 8       | В  | В                          | General<br>Meeting 1 pm | В           |  |
| April 15      | А  | А                          | А                       | А           |  |
| April 22      | ————— Spring Break ————                  |                            |                         |             |  |
| April 29      | В  | В                          | В                       | В           |  |
| May 6         | A  | А                          | А                       | А           |  |
| May 13        | В  | В                          | В                       | No Classes* |  |
| May 16        | Morning Play Performance, 12:30 Luncheon |                            |                         |             |  |
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| Morning<br>10:30 – 12:00             | Great<br>Conversations   | Foreign<br>Affairs                           | History of<br>Islamic<br>Civilization                                  | Contemporary<br>Short Stories                             |
|                                      | Law & Order  | Oral<br>Interpretation<br>of Poetry          | Women's<br>Lives   | Islands   |
|                                      | Classic Rock<br>Albums   | Acting<br>Workshop:<br>Advanced              | Contemporary<br>Opera  |   |
| Lunch                                |  |  |  |   |
| Afternoon<br>1:00 – 2:30             | Great<br>Plays   | The Constitution                             | Shakespeare  | Short Films<br>for Thought                                |
|                                      | The Novels of<br>Anthony<br>Trollope   | Movers &<br>Shakers                          | Science &<br>Scientists  | Famous<br>Con Artists                                     |
| D                                    |  | Creative Writing<br>Workshop                 |  | Poets'<br>Workshop<br>(12:30)                             |
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| Bweek                                | Monday   | Tuesday                                      | Wednesday  | Thursday  |
| <b>B</b> Week  Morning 10:30 – 12:00 | Monday<br>Fascinating<br>Non-Fiction   | Tuesday<br>Artists &<br>Their Work           | Wednesday  The Roaring Twenties  | Thursday  Environmental Issues                            |
| Morning                              | Fascinating  | Artists &                                    | The Roaring  | Environmental   |
| Morning                              | Fascinating<br>Non-Fiction   | Artists & Their Work                         | The Roaring Twenties  American Ideals in                               | Environmental Issues  Presenter's                         |
| Morning                              | Fascinating Non-Fiction  The Art of Illustration  Acting Workshop:                         | Artists & Their Work                         | The Roaring Twenties  American Ideals in                               | Environmental Issues  Presenter's Showcase  Point of      |
| Morning<br>10:30 – 12:00             | Fascinating Non-Fiction  The Art of Illustration  Acting Workshop:                         | Artists & Their Work                         | The Roaring Twenties  American Ideals in                               | Environmental Issues  Presenter's Showcase  Point of      |
| Morning<br>10:30 – 12:00<br>Lunch    | Fascinating Non-Fiction  The Art of Illustration  Acting Workshop: Beginners  Contemporary | Artists & Their Work The Vietnam War The Big | The Roaring Twenties  American Ideals in Troubled Times  Guest Lecture | Environmental Issues  Presenter's Showcase  Point of View |

## **COURSES BY CATEGORY**

## **ART**

- The Art of Illustration
- Artists & Their Work
- Life Drawing

## DRAMA

- Acting Workshop: Beginners
- Acting Workshop: Advanced
- Great Plays
- Shakespeare

# GOVERNMENT & WORLD AFFAIRS

- The Big Picture
- The Constitution
- Foreign Affairs
- Law & Order
- Point of View

## **HISTORY & CULTURE**

- American Ideals for Troubled Times
- Famous Con Artists
- Fascinating Non-Fiction
- Great Conversations
- History of Islamic Civilizations
- Islands
- Movers & Shakers

- The Roaring
   Twenties
- Turning Points in American History
- The Vietnam War
- Women's Lives

## **LITERATURE**

- Contemporary Poetry
- Contemporary Short Stories
- CreativeWriting Workshop
- Explorations in Philosophy
- The Novels of Anthony Trollope
- Oral Interpretation of Poetry
- Poets' Workshop

# MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS

- ClassicRock Albums
- Contemporary Opera
- Dance Panorama
- Film Today
- Short Films for Thought



# SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- Environmental Issues NEW
- Science & Scientists

#### SPECIAL SELECTIONS

- Guest Lecture Series
- Presenter's Showcase

#### SOMETHING EXTRA

- Freshman Class
- Friday Museum Tour
- Noontime French
- Noontime Knowledge

# ACTING WORKSHOP: BEGINNERS

Coordinators: **Marilyn Rosen**, Panny King

The class will continue to learn the technique of acting through the use of improvisations and scene work, promising a very rewarding semester.

**B WEEK** / MON / 10:30am to 12:00pm

# ACTING WORKSHOP: ADVANCED

Coordinators: **Marilyn Rosen**, Panny King

In the spring semester the class will focus on rehearsing specially selected scenes for a final performance at the end of the semester. It will be both exciting and rewarding for actors and audience. Open only to past members of the acting class.

**A WEEK / TUES / 10:30am to 12:00pm** 



# AMERICAN IDEALS IN TROUBLED TIMES

Coordinators: **Sanford Kessler**, Bob Gottfried

Most Americans today are concerned about the high level of distrust, polarization and political dysfunction in our society. In this reading and discussion course, we will consider the causes of these problems, as well as the nature of our moral, spiritual and political ideals, the conflicts and gaps between these ideals and reality, and the prospects for our future. Readings include selections from the classics of American political thought and literature.

**B WEEK** / WED / 10:30am to 12:00pm

## THE ART OF ILLUSTRATION

Coordinators: **Helen Goodman**, Ellen Shapiro

What is Illustration art? It's an art form that marries visual imagery with text. Its purpose is to pique the interest of, and attract and hold a reader/viewer's attention. It can "illuminate" a text or subject—or delight, disturb, puzzle, inform, make fun of, and—"sell" whatever subject is at hand. Generally, Illustration art is reproduced in magazines, books, newspapers, advertisements, posters, comics, or cartoons. Each class will highlight some great practitioners of the art.

**B WEEK** / MON / 10:30am to 12:00pm

## **ARTISTS & THEIR WORK**

Coordinators: **Bob Reiss**, Joan Diamond, Linda Downs,

Lvnnel Garabedian

Coordinator Emerita: Sandy Gordon

Since the late 20th century the visual arts have increasingly served and responded to an international audience. *Artists & Their Work* recognizes this wider yet smaller world by focusing on multicultural modernism. We will study artists from the five continents to acknowledge that while geographic origin remains relevant to making art, ease and speed of communication are also influential creative factors. Some talks will relate to ongoing NYC museum exhibitions.

**B WEEK** / TUES / 10:30am to 12:00pm

## THE BIG PICTURE: CONTEMPORARY NON-FICTION ARTICLES

Coordinators: **Steve Allen**, Wayne Cotter, Joyce West

In spite of the sound bite and Twitter message, the long-form non-fiction article is thriving in *The New Yorker, The Atlantic, Harper's, The New York Review of Books, American Prospect,* and other print and online formats. For each session, two timely articles are selected for the class to read in advance, and lively discussions are then led by volunteer class members.

**B WEEK** / TUES / 1:00pm to 2:30pm

## **CLASSIC ROCK ALBUMS**

Coordinators: **Steve Koenig**, Wavne Cotter

Each session will focus on one album by a band or solo artist and be enriched by related tracks from the band's career or works by others which shed light on the album. Our definition of "rock" will be inclusive, containing branches of reggae, soul, folk and country. Some artists we might present include The Smith, Aretha Franklin, Toots and The Maytals, Jimi Hendrix, Funkadelic, Neil Young with Crazy Horse, Moody Blues, and Jethro Tull.

**A WEEK** / MON / 10:30am to 12:00pm

# THE CONSTITUTION: ITS HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT

Coordinators: **Michael Wellner**, Bob Gottfried, David Judlowitz

"The Court just ruled that that law is unconstitutional!" How many times have we heard that recently? This course will examine in depth the US Constitution: its origins, the Philadelphia Convention, the battle to get it ratified (it was close!), and its changes over its 230 year history.

**A WEEK** / TUES / 1:00pm to 2:30pm

## **CONTEMPORARY OPERA**

Coordinators: **Steve Koenig**, Victor Brener, Frieda Lipp

At each session, we view a different opera and engage in a lively discussion of the text, staging, medium, and the historical and cultural backgrounds. This semester may include Pauline Oliveros' *Njinga: The Queen King*, Carlisle Floyd's *Susannah*, Richard Strauss' *Ariadne auf Naxos*, Aulis Sallinen's *King Lear*, Ernst Krenek's *Karl V.*, and Benjamin Britten's *Death In Venice*.

**A WEEK** / WED / 10:30am to 12:00pm



## **CONTEMPORARY POETRY**

Coordinators: **Joe Nathan**, Betty Farber, Stan Raffes

Contemporary poetry enriches the lives of its readers. Join us to learn about it, how to read it, and which poets to look out for. Class members choose poems to present in class. The poems are read and discussed.

**B WEEK** / MON / 1:00pm to 2:30pm

## **CONTEMPORARY SHORT STORIES**

Coordinators: **Nancy Richardson**, Mary Buchwald, Frieda Lipp

At each session, two class members present stories from *The O'Henry Prize Stories*, 2015 Edition. Stories are also selected by the coordinators or other members. Background information is given and discussion follows.

**A WEEK** / THUR / 10:30am to 12:00pm

## **CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP**

Coordinators: **Hilda Feinstein**, Donna Rubens, Helen Saffran

Creative Writing Workshop welcomes all genres, from prose and poetry to script writing, fiction, even op-eds. Time is also devoted to spontaneous writing exercises and discussion of artistic approaches and styles. See with a *writer's eyes*, spark new ideas and gain confidence, as you experiment with your creativity.

**A WEEK** / TUES/ 1:00pm to 2:30pm

## **DANCE PANORAMA**

Coordinators: **Ruth Ward**, Martha Drezin

This is the second part of a one-year course on the development of ballet and modern dance. The spring semester will trace the modern dance revolution from the innovations of Isadora Duncan through the dramatic explorations of Martha Graham and José Limón, to the divergent styles of Paul Taylor, Merce Cunningham, Katherine Dunham, Bob Fosse, and Percussive Dance choreographers like Michelle Dorrance

**B WEEK** / TUES / 1:00pm to 2:30pm

## **ISLANDS**

Coordinators: **Stephen Baker**, Pete Weis

Since antiquity, islands have stimulated a compelling fascination for many. Their separateness from land, their remoteness, enlivens a quest for the facts they may reveal and the metaphors they can engender. This lecture series will delve into the unique identities of various islands probing their relevant geography, geology, history, economy, and politics and considering as well their pertinent habitats and inhabitants.

**A WEEK** / THUR / 10:30am to 12:00pm

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES NEW**

Coordinators: Judith Weis, Pete Weis

How are human activities affecting our health and that of our planet? Topics include legal, political, medical, and industrial effects on not only us humans but also on some of the animals and plants on which we depend for our well-being. Will we have to adjust lifestyles and/or economic growth to maintain a healthy planet? And given the IPCC report published Oct. 2018, will our planet be habitable for our children and grandchildren?

**B WEEK** / THUR/ 10:30am to 12:00pm

## **EXPLORATIONS IN PHILOSOPHY**

Coordinators: Steve Allen, Larry Shapiro

Our focus will be on how philosophy approaches particular issues, as opposed to an in-depth analysis of specific philosophers. A short reading will be assigned as preparation for each week's discussion, but each class will start with a brief summary of the reading to allow some participation by "drop-ins."

**B WEEK** / THUR / 1:00pm to 2:30pm

## **FAMOUS CON ARTISTS**

Coordinators: **Mary Beth Yakoubian**, Jerry Wiesenberg

We will look at the lives and scams of some notorious con artists, both real and fictional, whose names have become household words. Con artists are greedy hucksters who sell us possibilities that never come true, but Americans have a soft spot for them. We are enraptured by scoundrels, for they showcase our passion for ingenuity and resourcefulness.

**A WEEK** / THUR / 1:00pm to 2:30pm

## **FASCINATING NON-FICTION**

Coordinators: **Harriet Finkelstein**, Bob Reiss

At each session, the presenter will tell you about a book you always wanted to read or about a book you never heard of but will be glad that you now have. Selections range from transit maps to Mt. Everest expeditions, American politics, Western women's diaries, young Ernest Hemingway, black migration, the sinking of the Lusitania, Frank Sinatra, American restaurants, the evolution of mankind. Every semester an eclectic array of fascinating non-fiction awaits its audience.

**B WEEK** / MON / 10:30am to 12:00pm

## **FILM TODAY**

Coordinators: **Howard Salik**, Bobbie Gold, Rita Buttolph

Two critical parts of a Film Today class are: (1) Identify 4 new outstanding movie releases. Members then volunteer to present a 5-8 minute critique of each film at our next class meeting followed by audience comments. A follow-up summary is sent to those on our mailing list. (2) Film-related past events are highlighted in a 20-minute segment. Past specials included milestones in film history.

**B WEEK** / THUR / 1:00pm to 2:30pm

## **FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

Coordinators: **Bob Gottfried**, Sandy Frank, Ellen Gottfried, Glenn Johnston

In this course we investigate worldwide issues. The presenter selects a critical international topic based on an article published in *Foreign Affairs, The Atlantic, The Economist* or other reliable source that includes essential foreign issues. The last thirty minutes of the class are dedicated to questions and discussion.

**A WEEK** / TUES / 10:30am to 12:00pm

## **GREAT CONVERSATIONS**

Coordinators: **Jane Lubin**, Larry Shapiro

Great Conversations offers readings by both contemporary and classic authors and lively class discussions. This term will include Kipling's *The Man Who Would Be King*, Pirandello's *Six Characters in Search of an Author*, Crane's *The Open Boat*, Anderson's *Death in the Woods*, Borges' *The Garden of Forking Paths* and Simone de Beauvoir's Introduction to *The Second Sex*.

**A WEEK** / MON / 10:30am to 12:00pm

## **GREAT PLAYS**

Coordinators: **Roy Clary**, Wayne Cotter, Frieda Lipp

Leading American and European plays are presented. Each session begins with a brief biography of the playwright followed by a "stage reading" of the play in an edited form. The audience is encouraged to share their insights.

**A WEEK** / MON / 1:00pm to 2:30pm



## **GUEST LECTURE SERIES**

Coordinators: **Arlynn Greenbaum**, Arlene Hajinlian, Bob Reiss, Estelle Selzer

The bi-monthly Guest Lecture Series enhances the *Quest* program experience by inviting recognized experts in their fields to present varied subjects. Past presentations have included discussions of global policy and political science, anthropology, literature, theater arts, social science, and music.

**B WEEK** / WED / 1:00pm to 2:30pm

# HISTORY OF ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION

Coordinators: **Caroline Thompson**, Steve Allen, Larry Shapiro

For close to one thousand years, Islamic civilization dominated a large part of the world and was a center for great advances in knowledge and the arts. To this day, about one-quarter of the world's people follow some form of Islamic belief. How could a small group of people in a relatively undeveloped desert region establish themselves as a great and lasting power in less than one hundred years? We will devote three terms to exploring the many facets of this fascinating story.

**A WEEK** / WED / 10:30am to 12:00pm

## **LAW & ORDER**

Coordinators: **Michael Wellner**, David Judlowitz, Bob Gottfried

It is not just a TV crime series. It is a topic which is galvanizing the American public. Crime in all its forms, including "white collar" and cyber crime, make headlines every day. Are the police properly trained and equipped to meet modern challenges? Why are so many Americans in prison? Guns, guns and more guns? Surveillance? Is justice available to all through the legal systems? America is divided internally about many of these matters. Why? Join us as we discuss these subjects in depth, and see if we can come up with any solutions.

**A WEEK** / MON / 10:30am to 12:00pm

#### **LIFE DRAWING**

Coordinators: **Carol Abrahams**, Paul Adler, Gary Friedland, Marilyn Weiss

Discover the artist living in your head. This is a hands-on drawing class with professional live models. Bring drawing materials—pencils, charcoal, pastels, Conte crayons, pens—and a drawing pad. All supplies may be stored in room 27. Not sure this is for you? We will provide your first day's equipment. Release your hidden talents—beginners and dabblers are welcome. Everyone works at their own level. Just enjoy being creative!

**B WEEK** / MON / 1:00pm to 2:30pm

## **MOVERS & SHAKERS**

Coordinators: **Caroline Thompson**, Jane Lubin, Pam Gemelli

We will examine the lives and accomplishments of outstanding people whose ideas and actions have had a lasting influence on our society, whether for good or evil. Subjects to be covered for the spring term 2019 include the Borgias, Verdi, Sergey Brin and Dmitri Shostakovich.

**A WEEK** / TUE / 1:00pm to 2:30pm

# THE NOVELS OF ANTHONY TROLLOPE

Coordinators: Leslie Fenchel, Joyce West, Sandra Southwell

Having read the first two novels of the Barchestershire series in the fall semester, we turn now to The Last Chronicle of Barset, the sixth and last novel in the series. The primary story concerns the Reverend Josiah Crawley. the Perpetual Curate of Hogglestock. and the accusation made against him of the theft of a 20-pound note. A parallel story concerns Johnny Eames and his continued wooing of Lily Dale, who loved and was iilted by another man. Other characters known to readers of the earlier Barchester novels, such as Bishop and Mrs. Proudie and Dr. Septimus Harding, are also present in this humorous but poignant story.

**A WEEK / MON / 1:00pm to 2:30pm** 

## ORAL INTERPRETATION OF POETRY

Coordinators: **Art Spar**, Roy Clary, Mary Ann Donnelly, Sheryl Harawitz

In a fun, creative, supportive environment, poetry will come alive as participants read aloud and interpret poetry. This semester we will travel to exotic places for global poetry in English translation. We will immerse ourselves in the poetry, life and times of Garcia Lorca, Pablo Neruda, Rainer Maria Rilke, Constantine Cavafy and Charles Baudelaire. Study topics will include translation, meter, rhyme, alliteration and other prosodic elements that influence a poem's "sound meaning".

**A WEEK** / TUES / 10:30am to 12:00pm

## POETS' WORKSHOP

Coordinators: Helen Neilson,

Helen Safran, Judy Winn

The focus is on reading aloud and sharing your own poems in a supportive environment where you'll get detailed feedback. You are encouraged to experiment, to explore language, and to address all aspects of the craft in order to develop your own distinctive style and voice. This class begins a half-hour early, at 12:30pm.

**A WEEK** / THUR / 12:30pm to 2:30pm

## **POINT OF VIEW**

Coordinators: **Barbara Gordon**, Irwin Greenberg. Bob Hartmann

This is an interactive discussion class in which both the coordinators and class members bring in short opinion pieces—editorials, op-ed articles, reviews, etc. A vote is taken on which pieces to discuss that day and individuals argue their views.

**B WEEK** / THUR / 10:30am to 12:00pm

## PRESENTER'S SHOWCASE

Coordinators: **Palma Mahl**, Steve Allen, Joyce West

Quest Members have a wide diversity of interests and experiences. Each session is a chance to encounter something new or an encore of a talk that will be new to many members. As a presenter, you will have free rein to develop a subject otherwise not covered in the curriculum. As an audience member, you may find a fresh interest or learn more about a topic you always wondered about.

**B WEEK** / THUR / 10:30am to 12:00pm



## THE ROARING TWENTIES

Coordinators: **Wayne Cotter**, Leslie Goldman, Michael Wellner

The 1920s witnessed dramatic social, political and cultural change. For the first time, more Americans were living in cities than on farms. As the nation's total wealth more than doubled during the decade, many Americans were filling their free time with jazz, the cinema and demon alcohol. In this course, we'll focus on Prohibition, women's suffrage, silent films, the Jazz Age, and the advent of radio. We'll also look at some of the larger-than-life personalities that dominated the decade.

**B WEEK** / WED / 10:30am to 12:00pm

#### SCIENCE & SCIENTISTS

Coordinators: **Steve Allen**, Gil Santiago, Brenda Wilder

Advances in science uncover wonders that transform our lives and deepen our understanding of humanity, life, and the world around us. Science literacy is the key that opens doors to the extraordinary beauty of our natural world. This course will explore various pathways of scientific inquiry, their impacts and limits, and highlight some of the men and women responsible for groundbreaking research. Presenters will strive to communicate in a way that all can understand.

**A WEEK** / WED / 1:00pm to 2:30pm

## **SHAKESPEARE**

Coordinators: **Roy Clary**, Sondra Lipton Sahlman

As a sequel to last semester's play, Julius Caesar, we will read aloud and discuss Antony and Cleopatra. It is now four years after Caesar's murder and, once again, Shakespeare reduces complex events to the clash of mighty personalities. Although Antony and other characters are important, the play belongs to Cleopatra. A woman of great intellect, legendary beauty and charisma, she enthralls and ensnares her lover Antony. Her power over him eclipses even his successes in battle and dooms them both. The Folger Library Edition will be our text.

**A WEEK** / WED / 1:00pm to 2:30pm

#### SHORT FILMS FOR THOUGHT

Coordinators: **Marian Friedmann**, Steve Allen, Lillian Scheinblum, Caroline Thompson

See the best of contemporary short documentaries, dramas, comedies, film excerpts, and videos. Films are selected both on artistic merit and their probability to provoke lively discussion.

**A WEEK** / THURS/ 1:00pm to 2:30pm

# TURNING POINTS IN AMERICAN HISTORY

Coordinators: **Harriet Finkelstein**, Bob Reiss, Sandra Southwell

America is a phenomenon—a country that was formally established less than 250 years ago has evolved into the most powerful nation on earth. How did we get to where we are today? This semester will include the following topics: Losing Vietnam, The Birth of Environmentalism, Watergate, The Personal Computer, The End of the Cold War, and The Age of Terror—9/11.

**B WEEK** / MON / 1:00pm to 2:30pm

## THE VIETNAM WAR

Coordinators: **Michael Wellner**, Jill Altman. John Spiegel

It is no exaggeration to say that every one of us at Quest was directly affected by our country's decade-long involvement in the Vietnam War. This course will examine the long history of this Southeast Asian country, the role of the French, how the United States became involved in the first place, and finally how the war dragged on for so long (and cost so many lives). It's a fascinating, sad story, with lessons for us that are applicable today.

**B WEEK** / TUES / 10:30am to 12:00pm

#### **WOMEN'S LIVES**

Coordinators: **Diane Crothers**, Judith Weis

The Women's Movement has created deep and lasting changes in our lives. But as #MeToo and #TimesUp tell us, much remains to be done. We will hear from contemporary voices on what we've learned about women (and men), "femininity," "masculinity," heterosexuality and much more. Politics and voting, performing arts, access to male-dominated jobs and violence against women, social movement leadership, sexuality and the complex connections between gender and race, ethnicity, and class—we'll have exciting discoveries and vibrant debate for all Quest members.

**A WEEK** / WED / 10:30am to 12:00pm



## SOMETHING EXTRA

#### **FRIDAY MUSEUM TOURS**

**Renee Woloshin**, Linda Downs, John Hood, Helen McMahon, Bob Reiss

Inspired by the success of last year's visits to "under the radar" museums, we plan to offer two more docent-led visits this semester. We will vary the experience each time focusing on different disciplines. Watch for a sign-up sheet on the Quest bulletin board. Lunch together after the tour is optional, and it's always at a restaurant an easy walk from the museum.

## **FRESHMAN CLASS**

Pam Gemelli, Betty Farber

The Freshman Class meets once a month to acquaint new members with the benefits and opportunities Quest has to offer.

## **NOONTIME FRENCH**

#### Ruth Ward

If you speak some French, join us for conversations on subjects of interest to our participants. The class meets during the lunch hour and is conducted all in French. Members have the opportunity to present mini-lessons and to lead group discussions on topics of their choice.

**B WEEK / MON / 12:00 Noon** 

#### NOONTIME KNOWLEDGE

**Steve Allen**, Palma Mahl, Joyce West

Noontime Knowledge sessions are scheduled during the lunch hour. While many topics are about pressing issues in current affairs, cultural or historical topics are also welcome. Quest members can suggest a topic, volunteer to lead a discussion, or suggest a guest speaker who would fit into the Noontime Knowledge format.

VARIOUS / 12:00 Noon

# QUEST CURRICULUM

# **QUEST** is a New York City based Community for Lifelong Learning.

Founded in 1995 by a small group of active retirees, Quest operates in the Bowling Green facilities of the City College of New York (CCNY) Our mission is to provide an intellectually challenging program for mature adults who want to continue to learn, exchange ideas, meet new friends, and develop new interests in a peer-learning environment.

Today we are a vital part of the CCNY family, with 250 members. We design our own curriculum, publish an annual literary and art magazine, Q Review, and self-administer about forty advanced-level peer-taught courses each semester. Subjects range from literature and history to science, politics, current affairs, philosophy and the arts. We also feature a Distinguished Guest Lecture Series that brings prominent people in a wide variety of disciplines to discuss their careers and life experiences. In this stimulating, participatory community, there are no attendance requirements, no exams, no grades, and very little homework. People of all backgrounds are welcome to teach and to learn.

QUEST is administered by a memberelected eleven-member Council. All work is carried out by our member-volunteers and one administrative employee. Our success is wholly dependent on the voluntary participation of our members in many different areas, including the selection and development of the curriculum, and a wide array of administrative functions. No matter how members choose to participate, all find that QUEST provides a rewarding experience that enriches both their intellectual and social lives.

Our membership includes retired and semiretired editors, musicians, teachers,lawyers, college professors, doctors, dentists, engineers, reporters, actors, librarians, psychologists, artists, business people and more.

There are three semesters each year: Fall (September through December), Spring (February through May), and a Summer Session (June & July). Except in the summer, when classes are held from 10:30 - noon Tuesdays and Thursdays only, we meet Monday through Thursday for morning (10:30 AM-12:00 noon) and afternoon (1:00-2:30 PM) sessions. Most courses run for at least two semesters, and many continue for several years. There is a modest annual fee which covers all expenses. We encourage prospective members and guests to spend a day with us and see firsthand what an enriching lifelong learning opportunity awaits. To schedule a visit, please call or e-mail for an appointment.

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