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A Message from our President

I hope that all of you had a Merry Christmas. The New Year will be filled with great classes that the curriculum committee has put together.

Please go to our website and look through the catalog. Take the time to really get to know about the classes and the presenters. I love Friends For Learning. And I love getting to know all of you. Oh, just a note. Thanks to all of the facilitators. They work hard and we appreciate them.

> Kathie Hendrix, President of FFL



By Margie Prestwich

The Friends For Learning organization operates totally by volunteers. As this organization has grown, the need for more volunteers has increased. As a board we are looking for volunteers willing to give their time to help our organization continue to be successful. We need volunteers in the following areas: curriculum;

cultural cuisine; hiking, walking, exploring; or helping the leadership. You will be able to sign up during registration to become a volunteer. If you have any questions, please email Margie Prestwich at margieprestwich59@yahoo.com.

Curriculum set for Spring 2017 Classes

By Eileen Perkins

A wide variety of classes will be available during FFL's Spring 2017 semester.

You will have the opportunity to join the Astronomy Club this summer to "View the Night Sky" with their powerful telescopes. In other classes you will learn about the upcoming eclipse of the sun and/or take a trip to the BYUI Planetarium to view two of their amazing films about the universe.

You may want to put on your dancin' shoes, grab a partner and sign up for the four-week ballroom dance class. This kind of class has been requested often for several years, and finally, the Curriculum Committee was able to find the right person to teach us basic ballroom dance steps. She will teach some fancy things she learned while performing on a cruise ship, plus techniques she uses in her present position as a teacher at the Extreme Ballroom dance studio.

Do you like to sing or play an instrument? If so, sign up for the newly forming choir, "Swinging, Senior Singers," or the band/orchestra. The choir will focus on fun pop songs of the 60s, 70s and 80s while the band/orchestra will "jam" a more classical repertoire. All levels of talent are needed, plus a desire to join with others who enjoy music.

Are you interested in what's happening in the science world these days? Then you will want to sign up for the new Science Roundtable which will consist of an open-forum discussion of scientific articles and books.

Classes focusing on health issues, history, computer help, elder law and probate, as well as some interesting art projects and several tours round out the offerings this semester.



Registration opens at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 25, 2017, and continues throughout the semester. Classes often fill up fast and are on a first-come, first-served basis. So you will want to register early to be assured of a spot in your favorite classes. Some classes that have room for only a limited number of students may be repeated. However, you are more likely to avoid being put on the dreaded waiting list if you register early!

We're Gathering Ideas for Fall

By Eileen Perkins

We haven't even started Spring semester, and here we are asking for ideas for Fall 2017 classes. So what's the deal?

The Curriculum Committee is always on the prowl for new and interesting ideas that can become part of the Friends For Learning curriculum. That's where you come in. You are our eyes and ears. You are the ones who attend seminars, read the paper, watch the news and have acquaintances who could teach classes on a variety of subjects.

Here's how it works. Say, for example, you attended a seminar or meeting you thought was interesting. You send an email to a member of the committee giving them as much information as possible about the subject and instructor. The suggestion will be added to our "possible classes" list. When the committee gets together, they will review all suggestions and pick those that are most likely to appeal to FFL members.

You will be contacted and may be asked to facilitate the class. If you agree, you will contact the instructor to see if he/she will teach. With the instructor's help, you will complete a Course Information Sheet (located on the FFL website, <u>http://www.friendsforlearning.com</u>) and email it to the address shown on the bottom of the CIS form.

That's all there is to it. The Curriculum Committee will do the rest. Of course, you will have the distinction of introducing the speaker when the class is held and will be an official facilitator with all the privileges that go with the service you render for Friends For Learning.

Even if you do not feel comfortable in being a facilitator, please give us your suggestions. We'll work to find someone who can facilitate. Your suggestions and help are how FFL keeps growing and offering classes for everyone's learning experience.

Curriculum Committee Members

These are the FFL members to contact whenever you have an idea for a class:

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We have exciting classes planned for this upcoming semester. We have been working closely with ISU to make sure we are linked and on the same page. The catalog is accessible now on our website: http://www.friendsforlearning.com.

With that in mind, I want to ask all members to wear your name tags. With registration the way it is, it is very difficult to put names with faces and your name tags will help all to know one another. Name tags will only be made for new members, so please do not discard them.

Take a close look at the class for volunteering. We are a volunteer organization and can only exist with members willing to help. We look forward to a wonderful semester in this new year.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CIS Forms Revised

What is the CIS? <u>The Instructor & Course</u> <u>Information Sheet (CIS)</u> is used for documenting the information needed to develop the course catalog. Writing of the course catalog is essentially done from information on this form.

Use this form to provide information about future FFL classes. Download the fillable form at the Friends For Learning web site, fill it out and send it to the Curriculum Committee. The entire process can be done electronically.

Recently revised, with help from the ISU Office of Continuing Education, the CIS has been made easier to use. It works with Adobe Acrobat Reader XI or DC. More powerful than other PDF software, **Adobe Acrobat Reader DC** is the free, trusted standard for viewing, printing, and annotation PDFs. Use this link to get Acrobat Reader: https://get.adobe.com/reader/ Be sure to select your platform and operating system, whether Windows, MAC, iOS or Android.

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Marilyn Quast, our Historian, is also our photographer.

FFL Pinochle, Halloween Fall Semester, 2016



FFL Cultural Cuisine, Middle East November 7, 2016



Midwife in Nepal, November 8, 2016 Facilitator: Karin Armstrong Instructor: Shayna Daniels



FFL HWE Walking Group Fall Semester, 2016



Living with the Amish, October 26, 2016 Facilitator: Liz Herrmann Instructor: Lin Sharp



Bead Weaving Class, November 11, 2016 Facilitator: Sidney Hoopes Instructor: : Dave Johnson



FFL Petticoat Spies in Civil War, November 22, 2016 Facilitator: Margie Prestwich Instructor: Vicki Bailey



FFL CAES Tour, November 22, 2016 Facilitator: Marla Case Instructor: Bryan Forsmann

FFL Preventing Identity Theft, December 7, 2016 Facilitator: Joel Hubbell Instructor: Samantha Gillihan





FFL Board Christmas Party December 19, 2016



FFL Holiday Luncheon December 15, 2016

