

## New Knowledge Adventures (NKA) April 2025 Newsletter Issue No. 21

April has arrived bringing with it a mix of snow, rain, and more sunshine. While I was away for a ski weekend with my family the crocus and daffodils sprouted in my flower bed. Surprise! April is the month the NKA board gears up to begin the production cycle for the Fall catalog build. During my career in U.S. Government, we referred to these predictable cyclic synchronized activities as the organization's ***battle rhythm***.

Included in the NKA ***battle rhythm*** is the change in command or additions and departures from the NKA board of directors. I'm looking forward to my next role as past president and handing over the position of president to Suzanne Johnson.

NKA has a steady stream of able volunteers ***maintaining the ballast*** of the organization. NKA serves a population of nearly 600 members, offers 150 unique classes Fall and Spring and produces a paper catalog for each member twice a year. There are ALOT of moving parts behind the scenes ***keeping the ship right***.

The President's term is 3-years. Year one as president elect, I progressed from ***simply keeping the wheels on the cart*** and so I began updating and documenting key processes and procedures.

As the next year rolled in, I was focused on ***building a better railroad*** by setting process improvements in motion. As I step aside, Suzanne will ***put her stamp*** on the NKA organization. I'm looking forward to taking a back seat and enjoying the ride!

NKA has built a better railroad in the following ways:

1. Technology refresh to include 4 new NKA laptops and associated equipment purchased
2. Key procedural documents posted to the CEWT/NKA website
3. Upgrades to the online registration processing system hosted and managed by ISU/CEWT
4. Streamlined the catalog build process and documented a reusable project plan
5. Created a Class Facilitator training class
6. Created a Zoom Technician training class

In addition, thanks to the combined efforts of the Publicity Chair, Virginia Robinson and Electronic Communications Chair, Linda Furstenwerth our FB posts are consistent, frequent, and the number of views has increased. The party planner has stepped up our social activities and I'm looking forward to what SaDee Peterson has in store for the May 19<sup>th</sup> luncheon/annual meeting at the Country Club. The Directors-at-large hosted the first ever get together for all NKA instructors to mingle and be recognized by the NKA board. Thank you, Linda Fairchild, Marylou Powers, and Deanna Aslett for hosting this event. I want to recognize Roger Rounds for providing Zoom technical support at more than 10 classes held at Liberty Hall. Roger threw out a life line to NKA by supporting the addition of Monday Zoom lectures to the catalog this spring.

So, to wrap up this newsletter, NKA operations are shipshape so forward ho! (enough with the metaphors, right? ; -)

See you in class, Teresa Westfall NKA President 2024/25

## April 2025 New Knowledge Adventure's key activities and collaborative partnership events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 April Fool's Day	2	3 NKA Board meeting 10:30 SAC  Free - ISU Percussion Ensemble 7:30-9:30pm FA bldg. GH	4 Free - ISU Women's Softball 12:30 pm at Bartz Game #2 3:00 pm  1 <sup>st</sup> Friday Art Walk 5-8	5 Free - ISU Women's Softball 12pm at Bartz  Free – ISU Memorial Concert for Bill Montgomery 7:30-9:30 Stephens PAC
6 National Library Week	7 World Health Day	8 Lunch & Learn Idaho Nonprofit Center Webinar "Expanding Your Reach" 12P at Liberty Hall	9	10	11 ISU Theater "Lightening Thief" 7:30-9:30 Stephens PAC \$0-\$16  Veteran's Steak Night @ Memorial Bldg. 5-10 \$10	12 Free – ISU Flute Recital 10:00 a-12p FA bldg. GH  ISU Theater "Lightening Thief" 7:30-9:30 Stephens PAC \$0-\$16
13	14	15 Tax Day	16 AARP mthly meeting & lunch SAC 12p	17 ISU Theater "Lightening Thief" 7:30-9:30 Stephens PAC \$0-\$16 4/17 4/18	18 ISU Spring Choir Concert 7:30-9:30 Frazier Hall \$10  Free - ISU Women's Softball 12:30 pm at Bartz Game #2 3:00 pm	19 ISU Theater "Lightening Thief" 2-4  ISU Jazz Concert 7:30-9:30 Stephens PAC \$10  Free - ISU Women's Softball 1 pm at Bartz
20 Easter Sunday  National Volunteer Week	21 Free Civic Jazz Band Concert 7:30-9:30 ISU FA Bldg. JH	22 NKA new Zoom Technician training 3 – 4:30 Liberty Hall  Earth Day	23	24 Free Id. State-Civic Symphony Piano Master Class 3-5pm ISU FA Bldg. GH	25 Id. State-Civic Choir Concert 7:30-10:30 Stephens PAC. Pre-concert chat w/ Nell 6:30 \$10	26 Free Portneuf Valley Environmental Fair 11-3p Lookout Point
27 Idaho Gives Campaign April 28 – May 5.  Support United Seniors Project – Donate \$\$	28 Free Student Chamber Music Night 7:30-9:30 ISU FA Bldg. GH	29	30 ISU Wind & Civic Band 7:30-9:30 Stephens PAC \$10  ISU Finals week begins	1 NKA Board meeting 10:30 SAC	2 Free ISU Commerical Music Showcase 5-7 pm Station Sq.  Idaho Gives 5p Elks Lodge "All about the animals"  1 <sup>st</sup> Friday Art Walk	3 Free Portneuf Valley Farmer's Market 9-1p Lookout Point  Free Community Wide Spring Cleanup 8:30-12p Caldwell Park includes pancake breakfast