



## New Knowledge Adventures (NKA) February 2025 Newsletter Issue No. 19

February is your month to enjoy all the NKA offerings while waiting for spring to come! If you're a bit superstitious or simply a fan of tradition, the groundhog will predict when the cold weather breaks. Mid-month brings Valentine's day, which is an opportunity to tell your loved ones how much you care about them, express your love and appreciation, and remind them how special they are to you. Some ways to treat yourself around Valentine's day are to enjoy NKA; wine tasting, book club, line dancing, or try any new activity. You can continue to register for classes through the end of the semester

The NKA spring registration went very smooth again, no system problems reported. A variety of classes has been added to the spring catalog. The categories with the greatest number of offerings are Crafts & Hobbies (28), General Interest (25), Fitness & Motion (19), Nature Science & Technology (18). Craft classes with limited seats are the first to fill on day 1 registration, due to very small class sizes. Please do continue to add your name to any waitlist throughout the semester. We try to accommodate everyone. The online drop feature we had hoped to add for the start of the spring semester may now be added by the end of the spring semester. A bit more computer programming is required. Continue to email or call CEWT when you will miss an entire class at [cetrain@isu.edu](mailto:cetrain@isu.edu). If you will miss part of an ongoing class, let the facilitator know so you won't lose your spot. Do not contact ISU for absences for ongoing classes. CEWT does not process a cancellation unless the member indicates they will miss all sessions.

Recruitment of new facilitators is on track with a training class for current and new facilitators planned March 21 or March 24 4-5 pm. The open call for identifying classes for the fall semester is in April. If you are a new facilitator and want to be added to this first training class, please email me with your interest in providing classroom facilitation for NKA's fall semester.

In January, we recruited & provided training to volunteer Zoom Technicians to backfill some of the Zoom classes scheduled for spring. Our longtime Zoom Technical Manager, Jim Mariani, continues to provide the bulk of the volunteer effort. Thank you to Kathy Flock, Geoff Hogander, Phil Joslin, Brian Kauffman, Roger Rounds, and Jon Palmer for completing the training. Teresa Westfall provided hands-on training sessions and Phil Joslin is managing the Zoom technical support schedule for NKA. Lecture style classes that include the Zoom option, result in about 60% attending in-person and 40% attending remotely. Zoomed lectures are recorded and periodically posted on the NKA Facebook page.

Also in January, the 3 Directors-at-large (Linda Fairchild, Marylou Powers, Deanna Aslett) sponsored a first ever meet and greet for our volunteer facilitators and instructors. About 50 folks attended the event in CEWT space on ISU campus. We held a roundtable discussion enabling everyone to get acquainted. This was an opportunity to thank the volunteer instructor cadre AND the class facilitator cadre. Most (66%) of our volunteer instructors are not NKA members and often are still employed full-time and therefore do not attend NKA classes. This was a special opportunity to meet as a group and enjoy coffee

and pastries together and we hope to repeat instructor/facilitator appreciation type events on a more regular basis.

Currently, about 50 facilitators are managing 151 classes. That is a lot to juggle! Most of the facilitators manage 1 to 3 classes a semester. However, 10 facilitators manage a much larger number of classes than the average of 1 to 3. These super facilitators are worth mentioning here in this newsletter. Please thank them the next time you see them and enjoy one of the classes they have curated for you!

### **Super facilitators for spring 2025:**




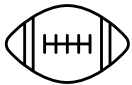





- Christine Brower is facilitating 15 classes for spring 2025, primarily arts & crafts plus fitness
- Deanna Aslett is facilitating 14 classes for spring 2025, a wide variety to include food & beverage
- Geoff Hogander is facilitating 13 classes, mostly lecture style, managing over 350 attendees
- Nancy Dafoe is facilitating 12 classes for spring 2025, primarily arts & crafts plus food & beverage
- Teresa Westfall is facilitating 9 classes, mostly lecture style that averages 50+ members per class
- Brenda Ehrler is facilitating 8 classes, mostly Fitness & Motion including 1 held in Lava
- Linda Fairchild is facilitating 7 classes, Craft & Hobbies, General Interest, Food & Beverage
- Sharon Manning is facilitating 7 classes, Games, Art Music Theater, Writing & Lit., 250+ attendees
- Judy Liday directs Line Dancing with 6 sessions, 7 instructors, and 360+ dancers
- Katie Sierra directs the Travel Committee of 8 volunteers who meet monthly, managing 3 trips with an average of 50 members traveling per trip

These super facilitators consistently exceed expectations and go above and beyond in their work achievements for NKA. To take on some of their workload, we hope to have a few more trained facilitators next fall. But to remind our volunteers, facilitating 1 to 3 classes is the average and is the perfect balance for most (80%) of our facilitator cadre.

February is National Celebration of Women in Sports as noted in the attached calendar. In coordination with ISU Athletics and the Bengal Boosters, NKA is offering 30 free tickets to the February 13 lady Bengal's basketball game. By 6:30 pm, meet near the ticket window inside Reed Gym. Look for NKA members, Mari Tusch or Barbara Bain to get your free ticket, first come first served. Then sit upstairs in the bleacher section northside near NKA members, Pam & Kevin Ward. Bring a stadium seat if you have one. March 8 is the home game opener for lady Bengal's softball. Meet Teresa Westfall and other NKA members in the outfield with a camp chair and cheer on our lady Bengals. Seating on the grass is free and dogs are allowed. Check the NKA Facebook page for NKA special events information.

Now, let's enjoy the snow together and go out to the Nordic Center for a cup of cocoa in the yurt and/or a snowshoe on the dog friendly trail system. Pebble Creek is a 19-mile drive-up E. Green Canyon R. and the lodge offers a variety of food and beverages. The view is spectacular. See you on the trail AND in class, Teresa Westfall NKA President 2024/25

**February 2025 New Knowledge Adventure’s key activities and collaborative partnership events**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 National Celebration of Women in Sports Week!</p> <p>Go Lady Bengals! 15 punches for \$55 = \$3.66 per game</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>Support ISU Women’s BB</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>Ground hog day!</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>Support ISU Musical Performances</p>	<p>6 NKA Board Meeting 10:30 SAC</p> <p>“The Clean House” play 7:30 pm at Stephens PAC Black Box</p>	<p>7 ISU Jazz Fest</p> <p>“The Clean House” play 7:30</p> <p>Stacey Dragila Open Track &amp; Field at Dome</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Friday Art Walk 5-8</p>	<p>8 ISU Jazz Concert 7 :30 pm at Stephens PAC Jensen</p> <p>ISU Women’s BB 2 pm v. Weber at Reed Gym Wear Pink</p> <p>Stacey Dragila Open Track &amp; Field 10-5 at Dome</p>
<p>9</p>  <p>Superbowl Sunday</p>		<p>11</p>  <p>Support ISU Track &amp; Field</p>	<p>12</p> 	<p>13 “The Clean House” play 7:30</p> <p>ISU Women’s BB 7 pm v. MT Grizz at Reed Gym</p>	<p>14 “The Clean House” play 7:30</p> <p>ISU Track &amp; Field - Mountain States Games at Dome 10-5</p> <p>American Legion Steak Night 5-8p \$10 senior</p> <p>Valentines Day</p>	<p>15 ISU Women’s BB 2 pm v. PD at State Reed Gym</p> <p>Solas ~ Irish Traditional Music 7:30 pm at Stephens PAC Jensen</p> <p>ISU Track &amp; Field - Mountain States Games 10-5 at Dome</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>President’s Holiday</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>AARP mthly meeting &amp; lunch SAC 12p</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 ISU Symphony “Heroic” 7:30 at Stephens PAC Jensen</p>	<p>22 Sip n Shop 10-3 At Liberty Hall</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> 	<p>26 ISU Wind Ensemble &amp; Civic Band 7:30 at Stephens JAC Jensen</p>	<p>27 ISU Women’s BB 7 pm v. Idaho Vandals at Reed Gym</p>	<p>28 ISU Mid-Winter Choir Concert 7:30 pm at Stephens PAC Jensen</p>	<p>1 ISU Women’s BB 2 pm v Eastern WA at Reed Gym</p>
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