Anniversary Addition!

Have you heard that this year is our 40th Anniversary celebration? As part of this special occasion, we are adding a monthly newsletter for your convenience. This is our first issue and we hope you are as excited as we are!

The newsletters purpose is to keep you updated and excited for the summer adventures ahead! We will be highlighting different courses, instructors, summer citizens, special events that are taking place while you are away from Logan, as well as activities and events to look forward to during your stay. Hopefully this will keep you connected to your home away from home.

If there is anything you want to know about or would like featured in the newsletter, don’t hesitate to contact Megan, the Summer Citizens Assistant Coordinator at: megan.checketts@usu.edu.

Happy February!
Your Summer Citizens Staff

Don’t forget, early registration ends on April 25th!

“The USU campus has become a part of our life style. After four years we now refer to Logan as the place we come to enjoy our summer family.”

- Summer Citizen
Share Your Story!
Logan wants to get to know you!

What are some of your most prized experiences? Do you have a valued life lesson to share? Is there something you wish you knew then, that you know now?

As part of our 40th Anniversary Celebration, we encourage you to share a story or give advice to the members of the Cache Valley Community.

All you need to do is:

1. Visit the homepage of our website http://summercitizens.usu.edu
2. Click the “Share Your Story Submissions” under ‘Announcements’
3. Submit a 250-word entry of what you want to share

It's that easy!

Twelve winners will be chosen and their submission read over our Utah Public radio station in Logan in 45-second segments throughout the summer, and also have the opportunity to be published in our Summer Citizens Program newsletter!

We’re waiting for submissions, so don’t hesitate! Submit your story today! The deadline is May 25th, 2016

New Instructors
Develop a new talent by taking classes from a couple of our new instructors:

**Bernie Arum**
Bernie graduated from the Fashion Institute in New York with a degree in Fine Arts & 3-D Design. He spent 35 years in the business world and upon retirement decided to go back to the arts. He began sculpting and loved it. He is also very proficient in photography and loves shooting subjects that may be used for his next project. His class this summer is the **Portrait Sculpting in Clay** which has two different sessions for you to join. How fun!

**Shane Larsen**
Shane has been teaching at Utah State University since 1998. He has also worked as a free-lance illustrator and done illustrations for companies such as Frito-Lay, Wal-Mart, Hershey’s, and Deans Foods. He’s been in many art shows. One of his entries was recognized in the Top 100 entries at the Jackson, Wyoming Arts for the Parks competition. Another painting was in the top 5 of the USA’s Olympic Committee’s Sports Art Competition. His 2 great classes this summer are **Basic Drawing** and **Basic Painting.**
Valentine’s Day Lasting Deal

The ticket price for the Gala Dinner & Dance is $75 for the first person. And now, only $50 for the second before April 25th. (This has changed from what is printed in the program book)

To make sure you are registered for this event, please call us at (800) 538-2663 (435) 797-0425 or (435)-797-2028

Be Mine, Valentine

What plans do you have for your Valentine this year? Wouldn’t it be nice to surprise them with a romantic summer evening?

Wednesday, June 22, 2016 will be an unforgettable night for the Summer Citizens Program. A one-time 40th Anniversary Gala Dinner & Dance will take place in the Evan Stevenson Ballroom on the Utah State University Campus. An excellent high-class dinner buffet with great entertainment by the Larry Smith 18-piece orchestra and guest singers will create an enchanting evening. This is the same orchestra that accompanies ‘Celebrate America’. A dance floor will be provided so you may dance the night away.

This event is a fundraiser to help gain more support for the Summer Citizens Program. Logan locals will be in attendance along with a Logan City Representative and a guest performance by a select portion of the cast from the Utah Festival Opera and Musical Theatre, our Diamond Sponsor. It will be a night you will not want to miss!
Successful Presentations

Last month, we loved visiting those residing in Arizona and California. Not only were we able to get out of Logan’s icy cold winter, but we were able to see the impact all of the Summer Citizens have in their communities by meeting over 300 new men and women interested in the program. Most of them had heard about the program from you, their friends! So thank you and good job!

On the trip was Linda D’Addabbo, Summer Citizen Coordinator; Megan Checketts, Assistant Coordinator; Julie Hollist-Terrill, Director of the Cache Valley Visitors Bureau; Anne Spackman, USU Housing Coordinator; Dennis Hassan, Co-Artistic Director of the Lyric Repertory Company; Gary Griffin, Managing Director of the Utah Festival Opera; and all the presentations received a surprise performance by Michael Ballam, Founding General Director of the Utah Festival Opera and Musical Theatre.

We traveled a total of 1,400 miles to offer 12 presentations during our week-long trip. Although we were busy, we did have some time to relax and enjoy the communities. A ride on the Aerial Tramway in Palm Springs, CA, and a relaxing night at the Organ Stop Pizza in Mesa, AZ were a couple of our highlights.

Would your community benefit from us coming to give a presentation next year? Let us know!

January Presentations: Visiting the Organ Stop Pizza in Mesa, AZ