



Jack of Few, Master of Many
by
E. Louise Smith

The indomitable mailmen have nothing on Louise Lang. Rain or sweltering heat, ice or snow, or our wild Reno winds find Louise taking her daily walk through Rancho San Rafael Park. Part of the year she smells the beautiful aroma of recycled Christmas trees that bring back wonderful memories of a happy childhood in the northeast.

Louise was born, raised and educated in Boston, Mass. She attended Children's Hospital and became a registered nurse the same year she had her first child, a daughter. In between children, she worked as a nurse.

Unhappy with the cold, the family moved to Southern Calif. where Louise's son was born. Unfortunately, her husband missed the east and they moved to New Hampshire where she ran her own nursing home for ten years.

"Then I closed the nursing home and told my husband it was his turn to support the family. He didn't do a very good job of it and I divorced him a year later," Louise explained.

"I'd like to go back to Boston on an Elderhostel," Louise said. "You know how it is, you live in a city and never bother seeing any of the historic stuff. Now I'd like to return and see everything I missed."

Louise has been married twice and had two children, a boy and a girl. Her second husband, Tom, turned out to be an adventurous sort, and with her sister, Judy, as crew, the three of them left by boat from San Diego and crossed the Pacific Ocean. This article is not long enough to tell about their many experiences, good and bad, in reaching

French Polynesia. Fortunately, Louise wrote a book giving the juicy details. This book was written in the Lifescapes class at Northwest Library.

Sailing to the South Pacific was the highlight of Louise's fairly colorful life and if she were prideful that would be the experience of which she was most proud.

Louise moved to Reno 22 years ago for the skiing. She spent a year studying computer science, and if you ElderCollege members happen to need help, she is pretty much of an expert willing to share her expertise. By the by she just recently gave up skiing.

In the '70s she and her husband lived for a year in a nudist colony and discovered how misunderstood the life of sunbathers was by the general public. She has an enthusiastic interest in murder mysteries and regularly attends the Mystery Group founded by Julie Ley. She decided to use that genre to tell what life in a nudist resort was really like. If you are curious, Louise published the book in 2005 under the title, "Nudists Die Too" and it is available for purchase at PublishAmerica.com and some retail bookstores.

Louise took a cooking class in Tuscany last year, slides and recipes of which she shared in an ElderCollege class. This summer she will teach a class on Sudoku. For several years she facilitated a crafts class which included everything crafty — all of which she does. She makes many of her own Christmas presents.

Like most people who regularly attend ElderCollege, the variety of classes has been for years a major interest and at times of stress, a lifesaver. Louise is a heavy reader and when her companion of many years died, she pulled the plug on the TV set. She'd rather listen to books on tape.

In her backyard she grows a salad garden full of nutritional veggies. (She has been seriously interested in nutrition since her nurse's training.) Her garden is waist-high so she doesn't have to bend over to tend it.

Years ago she and her husband were swing dance champions. Took TV years to realize what an exciting activity this was and is.

For the last three years she has been editor of this newsletter which comes out six times a year.

EDITORIAL
By Louise Lang

The **SUNDIAL BRIDGE TRIP** will be on June 18 and 19 in Redding, Calif. Western Discovery has an exciting overnight plan that also includes Turtle Bay Exploration Park, a professional guide, meals, hotel, motor coach, and more. Complete information is on the yellow sheets on the sign-in table at ElderCollege. This sounds like a great trip. I'll be going, for sure.

Scholarships covering tuition at ElderCollege are available for the 2006-2007 academic year. If you, or someone you know, would benefit from such assistance, please contact the Scholarship Chair, Margo Daniels, at (775) 322-1469 or call and leave a message at ElderCollege and your call will be returned. The scholarships are good for one year only and do not include parking.

Facilitators and class monitors: We know emergencies arise. Zane Nelson 348-8683, LaMerne Kozlowski, 358-1746 or 750-6290, and Pat Zimmerman, 322-3949, are your emergency call people that can be at ElderCollege the quickest. Please give them as much advance notice as you can. Remember they may not be able to stay to lock up, so they will ask someone to attend to that duty.

Book Launch & Potluck
Friday, May 11, 2007
4-7 p.m.
ElderCollege

Join participants from Lifescapes programs throughout Washoe County for a book launch and potluck to celebrate the printing of several individual books as well as the Spring Anthology from the ElderCollege class. Bring finger foods to share and invite your family and friends to come to ElderCollege for a unique opportunity to mingle with these wonderful writers!

If you take photos of ElderCollege events and want to donate copies of them, please contact **Jane Sunday of the Historical Committee at 323-5263.**

Electrical Engineering Senior Students'
Trade Show
Friday, May 4, 2007

Reservations are now being taken for this program. Call 784-8053 to reserve. Space is limited and all reservations must be made by April 24th. Those who are attending must gather at ElderCollege no later than 12:15 p.m. on May 4 and will be transported to the Engineering Building on campus. We will return to ElderCollege by 4:30 p.m.

The freethinking of one age is the common sense of the next.

Matthew Arnold (1822-1888)

2007 RENO JAZZ FESTIVAL
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Every year, the Reno Jazz Festival hosts approximately 11,000 students, directors, chaperones and guests. In order to accommodate the many festival attendees, the Reno Jazz Festival uses volunteers as door monitors, announcers/timers and stage monitors. All proceeds from the Reno Jazz Festival go to support the Jazz Studies at the University of Nevada, Reno.

This year, the festival is on April 27-28. If you can volunteer to work a half-day, you will receive a free pass to the evening concert on the day you volunteer. To become a festival volunteer, call Holly Underwood at 232-0549 or email hmunderwood@sbcglobal.net.

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CALENDAR

Plan to attend the following events in addition to our many interesting classes:

1st Tuesdays	Board of Directors meets at 1 p.m.
Every Tuesday	Cracker Barrel at 2 p.m.
1st & 3rd Mondays	Coop Group at noon
2nd Mondays	Mystery Readers Group at 10 a.m.
Watch for dates for	Brown Bag Lunch at noon

Please be in class on time!

Arriving late disrupts because of the noise of the buzzer, then by someone having to go and press the button to let you in, and then your late arrival also distracts attention from the presenter. It is inconsiderate to be late for classes.

All classes are held at ElderCollege, 401 W. Second St., Room 235, unless otherwise noted.



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