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"We're inviting Thurston County senior citizens to work with us now to plan the Spring study," Faculty Member Russ Fox explains. "And, we're looking for others who'll be willing to participate in the actual program, which will run from March 31 to June 13."

Fox says his students, all members of the Encountering America Coordinated Studies Program, are holding a series of **meetings** for all interested senior citizens. The first one was held December 11, he says, and additional **meetings** are scheduled Winter Quarter. He urges all interested senior citizens unable to attend a meeting to contact him weekdays at his office (866-6605). His students will return the calls after the first of the year.

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"We want to involve senior citizens in Evergreen, both academically and socially," he says. "We want to share their perceptions, ideas and experiences, and work with them in solving the problems of the aged in our society."

The Evergreen faculty member says there's no age limit for the program. "No one's too old." He adds that "no academic degrees are necessary. We're just looking for people willing and able to teach the skills, trades, crafts and knowledge of history they've accumulated through their years of living."

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Fox says his students, all members of the Encountering American Coordinated Studies Program, will meet with all interested senior citizens December 11 at 1:30 p.m. at the Thurston County Senior Center (612 North Columbia). It will be the first of many such meetings with local area senior citizens. He urges all senior citizens unable to attend a meeting to contact him weekdays at his office, 866-6605. His students will return the calls after the first of the year.

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