



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

OLLI@UGA Special Interest Groups are a benefit of membership and an opportunity for members to gather outside of the classroom.

ALGONQUIN in ATHENS Members meet most months except summer to discuss and debate "big questions." This group is co-moderated by Alex Patterson and Lief Carter.

BOOK DISCUSSION The Book Discussion Group meets monthly. Books are selected by group vote. Selections include fiction and nonfiction, contemporary and classic. Discussion is informal and participation is encouraged.

CHESS Let's get together and play a game or two! Players of approximately equal skill will be paired up to enjoy the game of chess. We meet every two weeks.

DAWG.BYTES The group meets monthly to share knowledge about using information technology in our daily lives. We discuss topics such as social media, on-line banking, travel tools, and more. The group is also a "support" network to assist members with technology problems and questions. No special expertise is required - only the ability to use a web browser and /or a smartphone/tablet.

DOC BUFFS The Doc Buffs will gather to view and discuss documentaries, including winners from UGA's famed Peabody Awards Collection, with expert discussants when possible. We will share information about other screenings in town and on TV, and may host public screenings from time to time. Most events held at UGA's Special Collections Library.

ENJOY OPERA IN ATHENS The Opera Group offers opportunities to learn about opera, attend the MetOpera HD Live broadcasts at Beechwood Cinemas, and attend the UGA Opera Theatre productions and student recitals. A luncheon before the Met broadcasts features a UGA opera grad student presenting information.

GARDEN ENTHUSIASTS Members help each other with planning or planting a vegetable garden (whatever its size), swapping seeds and cuttings, sharing local knowledge, and touring commercial nurseries, organic farms, botanical gardens and our own gardens.

HAPPY HIKERS If you love the great outdoors and hiking is a passion or an interest then you will want to join this group. Hikes are short and long, easy to challenging, for fitness, fun & enjoyment of the marvels of nature.

INTERMEDIATE BRIDGE This group meets twice each month in the afternoons. If you are an experienced player and would like an afternoon of cards without the fuss of setting up tables, making snacks and drinks (coffee is available), we invite you to try our group.

LADY DOGS BASKETBALL Follow the Lady Dogs Basketball team with other OLLI members. We buy season tickets for all the home games and by ordering through OLLI@UGA you sit with other OLLI members in Stegman Coliseum.

LUNCH BUNCH This lively and friendly group's purpose is to socialize, meet new people, form new friendships and enjoy wonderful food at locally-owned Athens/Watkinsville restaurants. We get together once per month.

MAHJONGG Do you already know how to play Mahjongg, or have you wanted to learn? We meet each week in the afternoon at Talmadge Terrace Activities Room. All are welcome-novice to expert! If you have a set, bring it!

NOVICE BRIDGE This group is for people who already know the basics of playing bridge, but have not played in a long time or have not played a lot.

OLLI BUDDIES OLLI Buddies assist the students and faculty of Gaines Elementary School in Athens, GA. The assistance can be as “morning greeters”, reading volunteers, and math volunteers. OLLI Buddies can volunteer daily, weekly or monthly with flexible scheduling done one month in advance.

OLLI ROCKS OLLI ROCKS has been designed to foster awareness and understanding of Earth and Planetary Science. Members meet once per month for professional seminar presentations and associated DVD viewing.

OLLI WALKS Improve your health while exploring Athens and getting to know other OLLI members. Walkers stroll approximately two miles, two days a week throughout Athens's historic neighborhoods, parks, and gardens.

PETANQUE Petanque is an international game from France, related to Italian Bocce Ball, English Lawn Bowling and American Bowling. It utilizes and develops concentration, strategizing, body-mind coordination/focus, and can be played by almost anyone.

PICTURE THIS! Digital Photography Group Members include complete novices, serious amateurs and everything in between. Meetings feature a “show & tell” session and a presentation on a topic of interest to amateur photographers. Photo walks around Athens and trips to scenic venues and photo exhibits are scheduled.

PINOCHLE POSSE The Pinochle Posse is for those who already play Pinochle, those who have not played for some time & those who never played but wish to learn! We meet twice monthly at Talmage Terrace.

PLANT-BASED LIVING Whether you're a vegan, vegetarian, or just someone looking for recipes for Meatless Mondays, this group includes monthly activities promoting ways to get more plants into your diet.

PLAY READERS CLUB At monthly meetings, members will rotate as director and cast members in performing state readings of plays. The purpose is to meet new folks, have fun, and learn about drama.

POKER All are welcome, ladies and gentlemen. This will be a "dealer's choice" game. We play each week in the evening.

ROBERT BURNS Dedicated to the immortal memory of the Bard of Scotland. Robert Burns birthday is celebrated the world over and his poetry inspires to this day. We will have several events during the year including a dinner in late January, poetry readings and scotch tastings.

ROMEO Retired Old Men Eating Out -- Join us as often or as little as you please.

SHORT STORY ENTHUSIASTS This group meets monthly to read and discuss short stories for literary knowledge and enjoyment as well as the opportunity to exchange ideas and perspectives.

SOLO SENIORS This group meets for dinner at an area restaurant once per month to foster interaction and networking among unmarried OLLI members.

SPLASHDOWN Members participate in kayak and canoeing activities around Athens. The group will have a monthly trip (Splashdown) for all interested, weather permitting.

SQUARE DANCING Research shows that structured dancing-a physical activity that requires focus and constant decision making-is one of the best ways of staying physically and cognitively healthy. Square dancing is a wonderful way to exercise, stay healthy, make new friends and above all, laugh a lot.

STITCH & CHAT Members gather once per month doing knitting, needlepoint or whatever's of interest to enjoy each other while working on their own projects.

SUPPER CLUB Members enjoy good food, conversation, cooking, and having fun. Small groups meet monthly in members' homes for covered dish/themed meals with semi-annual gatherings of the entire group.

WRITING MEMOIR Writing about our lives, we share our prose and poetry to learn more about ourselves and each other as we hope to write memoir more effectively in regard to both form and content.