We are pleased that you’ve decided to join our dynamic learning and social community and believe that you will find it greatly rewarding.

By this time, you should have received some initial welcome emails with important information about new member orientations and how to sign up for OLLI COMM, our primary member communications tool. (Please contact the OLLI office if you haven’t received them.)

This information packet will help you continue on your path to experiencing everything that OLLI@UGA has to offer.

Included in the Packet:

- List of Committees and Shared Interest Groups (SIGs). Joining one or several is an easy way to further your individual interests and talents, and connect on a small group level.

- Guidelines for registering for OLLI classes, events and trips, plus links to our how-to tutorials.

- Contact and location information for the OLLI office and a list of our vital sponsors in the community.

Here are comments from a few OLLI members:

“OLLI@UGA provided us with an easy way to make new friends and feel part of the Athens community when we first moved here.”

“OLLI@UGA has given me an opportunity to attend interesting classes and participate in social activities with people who share common interests.”

“Participating in and helping with OLLI Shared Interest Groups (SIGs) has been an enjoyable way to gain a better understanding of all kinds of topics and make lots of friends.”
OLLI@UGA Campus

Most of our in-person classes take place at River’s Crossing at 850 College Station Road in Athens.

You will need a parking pass to park at River’s Crossing between 8:00AM and 4:30PM (these will be available from the office towards the beginning of the Late Fall Semester).
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Shared Interest Groups (SIGs)

Shared Interest Groups (SIGs) provide an opportunity for members to gather beyond the classroom. To join, please visit OLLI Comm, select SIGs/Committees from the left hand menu, scroll through the options, and then click the ‘request to join’ button on those you’d like to join.

We are currently transitioning back to meeting in person. Keep up-to-date with all the developments on OLLI COMM. SIGs with an asterix are currently meeting online.

AGING AND LONGEVITY*: Provides a forum for members to discuss among themselves, as well as with local, regional and national thought-leaders/experts in the aging field, strategies and ideas for living long, healthy, productive, and purposeful lives.

ALGONQUIN in ATHENS*: Members meet most months except summer to discuss and debate “big questions.”

ALL THINGS CHAUTAUQUA*: The last Athens Chautauqua was held in 1919. Our SIG will participate in and partner with other state and regional Chautauquas and with the national Chautauqua Institution in New York, and facilitate the rebirth of Athens Chautauqua as an annual celebration of educational and cultural events in our community.

BOARD GAME SOCIAL: Members meet monthly to play interactive board games (Pictionary, Trivial, Pursuit, Movie Mania, Reminiscing, Balderdash, and the like) and to socialize.

BOOK DISCUSSION*: This group meets monthly to discuss selections made by group vote. Selections include fiction and nonfiction, contemporary and classic. Discussion is informal and participation is encouraged.

CINEMA@CINE: We meet at CINÉ, Athens art-house cinema, to watch a matinee film together and then enjoy a lively group discussion about the film. It’s like a book club for those who enjoy films.

DNA FOR GENEALOGY*: Discover your ancestors through DNA.

DOC BUFFS*: View and discuss documentaries, including winners from UGA’s famed Peabody Awards Collection with expert discussants when possible. Information is shared about other screenings in town and on TV.

ENJOY OPERA IN ATHENS: Enjoy 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 an informative presentation by a UGA opera grad student.

EVERYBODY READS ATHENS: Members share a common goal to support, recognize, and assist literacy programs leading to Athens becoming 100% literate.
GARDEN ENTHUSIASTS: Members help each other with planning or planting a 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 can be short or long, easy or challenging, for fitness, fun and enjoyment of the marvels of nature.

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

MAH Jjong: Do you already know how to play Mahjong, 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!

MY NAME IS NANCY: Nancys of OLLI@UGA unite! In 2015, Nancy Songster and Nancy Canolty noticed that there were many Nancys in OLLI@UGA and decided to help them meet one another. OLLI@UGA has over 20 members named Nancy. Join other Nancys for lunch in the fall and spring.

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 ROCKS: Designed to foster awareness and understanding of Earth and Planetary Science, this group meets 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 through historic neighborhoods, parks, and gardens in Athens.

PETANQUE: This French sport (like Bocce) is played by rolling or tossing metal balls at a small target-ball. Our weekly games are full of fun, camaraderie, and joie de’ vie. It’s a game of finesse and strategic teamwork-- easy to learn and gentle on the body. https://athenspetanqueclub.wixsite.com/play

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.

PINOCHEL POSSE: This group is for those who already play Pinochle, those who have not played for some time, and those who never played but wish to learn! We meet twice monthly at Wesley Woods.
**POETRY WRITING**: Members meet to write together, share their efforts, and learn about poetic forms and the poetry of other writers of poetry. Weekly attendance is not required for membership in this SIG though members may find regular attendance useful to their writing.

**POKER**: All are welcome, ladies and gentlemen. This will be a “dealer’s choice” game. We play once a week in the evening.

**R.O.M.E.O.**: RETIRED OLD MEN EATING OUT: Join us as often or as little as you please.

**SHORT STORY ENTHUSIASTS**: This group grew out of the “Critical Reading” class offered each term. The purpose is to read and discuss short stories for literary knowledge and enjoyment and 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@UGA members.

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

**SUPPER CLUB**: Gather with fellow Supper Club members over a meal – a great way to get to know OLLI@UGA members and enhance friendships!

**WISEMEN**: Groups of 8–12 men meet every two weeks to discuss common issues and challenges faced by men living in retirement, to share each other’s knowledge and expertise on a range of topics, and to socialize in an informal environment.

**WRITING MEMOIR**: Writing about our lives, we learn more about ourselves and each other as we strive to master form and content and share our prose and poetry.
### Committees

Share your time and talents as a member of one or more standing or ad hoc committees. To join, please visit OLLI Comm, select SIGs/Committees from the left-hand menu. Scroll through the options and then click the ‘request to join’ button on the committee you’d like to join.

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| Long Range Strategic Planning            | As announced      | As announced                | Charting our course  
- Developing a rolling three-year Long-Range Plan for Board approval and implementation  
- Reviewing annual goals and accomplishments, and recommending actions to the Board |
| • Susan Dougherty                        |                   |                             |                                                                                        |
| Marketing/Communications                 | Monthly           | Second Wednesday 2:00 – 3:30PM | Spreading the word about OLLI@UGA  
- Developing and implementing an annual Marketing Plan including internal and external communications  
- Providing guidance to committees and organization on OLLI@UGA branding |
| • Patricia Dixen                         |                   |                             |                                                                                        |
| Membership                               | Monthly           | First Tuesday 2:00 – 3:30PM | Recruiting/retaining/engaging our members  
- Sending welcome notes to new members  
- Developing and staging New Member Orientations  
- Representing OLLI@UGA at community events  
- Placing Marketing materials at local venues  
- Information on volunteer opportunities within OLLI |
| • Cher Snyder                            |                   |                             |                                                                                        |
| Nominating                               | November – April  | As announced                | Meeting our leadership needs  
- Issuing annual call for nominations  
- Developing annual slate of Officers and Board Members |
| • Mamie Mierzwak, President-Elect      | (as announced)    |                             |                                                                                        |
| Shared Interest Groups                   | Quarterly         | As announced                | Coordinating with SIG Leaders  
- Supporting and communicating with leaders of Shared Interest Groups  
- Serving as liaison between Board of Directors and SIG leaders |
| • Terry Kaley                            |                   |                             |                                                                                        |
| Travel Study                             | Monthly           | TBA                         | Planning regional/domestic/international trips  
- Planning, coordinating, promoting, and conducting travel study opportunities  
- Working with Curriculum Committee to coordinate topical classes with trips |
| • Jeanne Davis-Blair                     | (except December and July) |                             |                                                                                        |
Class and Event Registration

The online class and event registration menu is used to:

• Register or renew your OLLI membership
• Register for available classes, luncheons, travel, and social events
• Pay your account balance

How to Register Video

Signing in:

• Go to the olli.uga.edu website.
• Click the “Members Area” button in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.
• Select the button that says “Registration” for Membership, Classes, Luncheons, Travel, Social Events. You will be taken to the registration Sign-in page.
• As a current member, enter the name and password you used to create your account under Sign In to Existing Account. Then click “Sign In.”

Viewing and registering for classes, trips, and social events:

• Select the type of activity (Classes, Social Events, Travel) you wish to view.
• Browse through the selections by clicking on a category or alphabetical grouping.
• NOTE: Until registration opens for a particular activity or event, you may only preview it.

• Once you find the activity for which you wish to register, click the “Add to Cart” button. The activity will appear in your shopping cart. Click the “Back” button to continue shopping for other activities.

Checking out:

• When you have registered for as many activities and events as you wish, click the shopping cart, then follow instructions for payment and processing. You will receive a confirmation email upon completion of your order.

If you are using a public computer, please log out to keep your account secure.
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