

EXCITING NEW SIGS FORMING



OLLI Rocks

If you are interested in geology, OLLI ROCKS is for you!! Join folks with similar interests at 7:00 PM on the second Tuesday of each month during fall and spring semesters at River's Crossing. These sessions provide an opportunity for those interested in geology to convene and discuss various topics. Each meeting has a central presentation focus that includes presentations (from members or invited guests) or viewing and discussion of selected earth science DVDs. Special committees provide information regarding upcoming geological programming on TV or events at nearby facilities. Members also can participate in one-day geological excursions in the north Georgia region. OLLI ROCKS members will also organize outreach educational geological presentations and specialty trips for surrounding schools.

Our first meeting will be Tuesday, January 8 at 7:00 pm in River's Crossing. We will discuss the mission of the group and establish various working committees. We will also view an exquisitely photographed DVD entitled "Kilauea: Mt. of Fire." There will be a suite of Kilauea samples on hand for inspection and discussion.

Come join the educational opportunities with our down-to-earth group!! Contact David Dallmeyer to be added to the OLLI ROCKS contact/update list dallmeyer@uga.edu.

Note: Participation in various OLLI ROCKS activities offers a venue for completing volunteer hours for an OLLI Certificate of Learning.

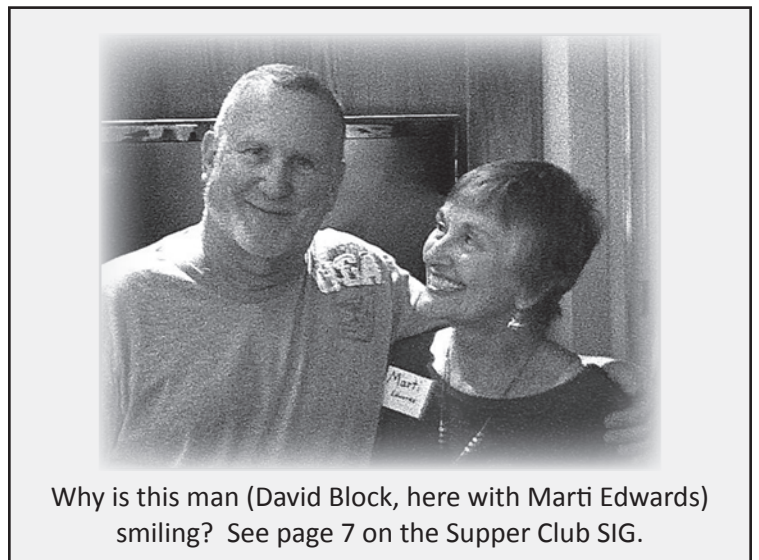
Algonquin in Athens

You probably know of the legendary "Vicious Circle," the group that included Dorothy Parker, Robert Benchley, and others who, between 1919 and 1929, met regularly for lunch, drinks and sparkling repartee at a round table reserved for them at The Algonquin Hotel in midtown Manhattan. Lief Carter would like to start something similar in Athens. The setting might be a public location, e.g. Hotel Indigo, or perhaps a church willing to share its space. Participants would meet once a month from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.; they would be seated at three or four tables of six each, and have supplies of wine/sherry and cheeses as well as tea and crackers to enhance their conversation.

At each meeting, a broad thought-provoking statement will be given to discuss—for example, "On balance, religion has done more good than harm to human society" or "The United States in the 21st century is like the Roman Empire in the fifth century, a nation in decline." These topics would simply be conversation starters. For the last thirty minutes of the period, tables would report consensus findings to the entire group. The group will take up a collection to share the costs of refreshments.

If you would like to participate in such gatherings, email Lief at lhcarter@coloradocollege.edu so he can get a head count. Better still, email him and tell him that you would like to help him organize it!

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Why is this man (David Block, here with Marti Edwards) smiling? See page 7 on the Supper Club SIG.



NEW NAMES, NEW ACTIONS: FUND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, MARKETING DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



As noted in the September *OLLI Times*, Randall Abney, Chair both of last year's Development Committee and of the Marketing Committee, proposed to the Board that these two Committees be renamed. The Development Committee will become the Fund Development Committee and the Marketing Committee will become the Marketing Development Committee. It is believed that these names better suggest the overall development goals of keeping our program costs affordable, sustaining our ability to provide quality lifelong learning opportunities, and continuing to strengthen our relationship with the

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Randall Abney will continue as the Chair of the Marketing Development Committee and Tom Kenyon, an OLLI@UGA member since January 2012, with extensive experience working with and managing non-profit organizations, was proposed to the Board as the new Chair of the Fund Development Committee.

The Board approved the proposed renaming of the committees at its September meeting. It also approved Tom Kenyon as chair of the new Fund Development Committee. However, since changing the names of these standing committees requires a change in the bylaws, the names of the committees will not be officially changed until this can be approved by OLLI members at an annual meeting. The Board agreed, however, that the committees should begin operating under their new names.

The Board thanked Randall Abney and his Development Committee for developing and implementing the OLLI@UGA "Leave a Legacy" program, which will continue to be advertised and administered under the name Fund Development Committee, now under the direction of Tom Kenyon.

Ed. Note: These committees have wasted no time in working toward their goals. You should have already received a mailing about "Leave a Legacy," the program by which OLLI members leave a directive to OLLI in their will. Now OLLI's annual giving campaign and the new marketing campaign are commencing. The Fund Development Committee will put out a special issue of *The OLLI Times* in December, and advertisements from OLLI sponsors will be included in *The OLLI Times* as of the January issue.

The OLLI Times

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OLLI Publications: Deadline for submissions to the January newsletter (to be mailed by the week of January 22-25) is January 3.

The OLLI Times is published six times a year, in September, November, January/February, March, April, and June, with news about OLLI, its members, and OLLI events. Address questions, suggestions, and submissions to patmcalex@gmail.com.

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pARTners: OLLI AND THE GEORGIA MUSEUM OF ART

by Joan Zitzelman


OLLI members can find particular enjoyment with our Georgia Museum of Art pARTner during the holiday season, whether it be a change of scene for yourself, a treat for family and guests, or even a unique gift. The Museum will close on Thursday-Friday November 22 and 23, for Thanksgiving, and Tuesday, December 25, for Christmas, as well as Tuesday, January 1. Otherwise, the Museum will be open for its regular hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm, Thursday from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm, Sunday from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. It is closed on Mondays. Admission is free.

Docent tours will be offered at 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 11, and December 9. Both tours will feature "Highlights from the Permanent Collection." Wednesday afternoon docent tours will be offered at 2 pm on November 14 and 28, and December 19, also featuring "Highlights from the Permanent Collection." Special subject tours will be offered at 2 pm on Wednesday, December 5: "Decorative Arts from the Permanent Collection," led by Curator of Decorative Arts Dale Couch; and 2:00 pm on Wednesday, December 12: "Minna Citron: the uncharted Course from Realism to Abstraction," led by Chief Curator and Curator of American Art Paul Manoguerra. There will be a Holiday Book Sale on Thursday and Friday, December 6-7, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, including new and used Georgia Museum of Art publications and much more.

The Georgia Museum of Art is joining with other visual arts venues (Lamar Dodd School of Art, Lyndon House Arts Center, Glass Cube and Gallery @ Hotel Indigo and ATHICA) to be open from 6:00 to 9:00 pm on the third Thursday of each month for the convenience of visitors. Visit 3Thurs.org for a calendar of events.

Remember that parking in the surface lot adjacent to the Performing Arts Center and Museum is restricted to permit parking Monday-Friday until 4:00 pm. There is, however, free access after 4:00 pm and on Saturday and Sunday, and visitor parking is always available in the parking deck, with fees appropriate to time of day and University regulations.





ANOTHER WAY TO AVOID THAT HAZARDOUS LEFT TURN

by Joan Zitzelman

Turn right out of River's Crossing. Go to the first traffic light and turn left onto Research Road. Look on your left for the second driveway after the electric grid. Turn up this paved driveway into a parking area. A government building will be on the right of the driveway—it is the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission. Once you go up the driveway into the parking area, you have plenty of space to drive around and come out back down the driveway. Turn right on Research Road and then go to the intersection with College Station Road, where you now can take a right turn protected by the light.

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Note: For those who don't know Lief, he is Colorado College professor emeritus of political science and author of many books, including (with Tom Burke) *Reason in Law*, which discusses how contexts such as religious beliefs and media coverage affect the rule of law. Lief was the recipient of the 2010 National Teaching and Mentoring Award in law and politics. He has chosen to retire in Athens and is a relatively new OLLI member.

Chess

Hey, ever say to yourself, "Someday I'll have the time to play a good game of chess!" Well, that time is here. Let's get together and play a game or two. The only rule I envision is that players of approximately equal skill should be paired up. But who knows. And maybe a presentation or two on openings if someone has the knowledge. Will we offer instruction to people just learning to play? Yes, we will! I'm a born teacher: I love telling people things I know that they don't. Email and we'll get started. Bill Loughner, bill@loughner.com

Pinochle Posse

The Pinochle Posse would be for three categories of people: those who already play Pinochle, those who have not played for some time, and those who have never played but wish to learn the game. It would meet once or twice a month at a place and time to be determined. Depending on the response, a room may need to be secured for our use and a small fee charged per session (about \$3.00).

If interested, contact Tom Kenyon at tkenygroup@aol.com; write Pinochle on the subject line with a declaration of one of the following: seasoned player; played but need a review; first time player. If you have any questions please include in the e-mail response. This could be a great deal of fun for many of us!

OLLI CLASSES

KETTLE CREEK CLASS VISITS BATTLE SITE

After three sessions hearing talented historians—Clay Ouzts, Carol Faz, Robert S. Davis—describe the background and drama of the Battle of Kettle Creek on February 14, 1779, seeing Joseph Harris’s slides of the site, and absorbing Bill Loughner’s advice on ways to do further research, several members of Joe Harris’s class on the battle (“What’s Known, What Remains to be Learned”) traveled to Washington, Georgia. There they had lunch at the Fitzpatrick Hotel and then hiked in Battle Creek Park, site of the battle. The park is interesting in many respects, including its natural history (the geological elements that created the high rocky ridge), its ecology (the later disappearance of the cane break, the dredging of Kettle Creek), and the history of the battle itself. Today we are still determining which parts of the accounts are fact and which are legend. Exactly which soldiers actually fought in the battle? How did the Patriots get a shot at the Loyalist Colonel Boyd and win the battle?



Photo by Charlotte Marshall

Members of Joe Harris’s Kettle Creek class in front of the battle monument erected on War Hill. L to r: Terry Caven, Teddy Batzov, Gary Doster, Pat McAlexander, Bill Loughner, Bill Alworth. In front: Joe Harris

The creation of a major park resource on this site is now in the planning stages with the support of Georgia’s Department of Community Affairs and Department of Natural Resources. Dr. Harris is looking for volunteers in various fields to write reports or engage in other projects that would contribute to the park’s development and the education of future visitors. If you are interested in a particular aspect of the battle or the site, or know someone who might be, you/that person should contact Dr. Harris at jharriswafia@nu-z.net or 706.678.2818.

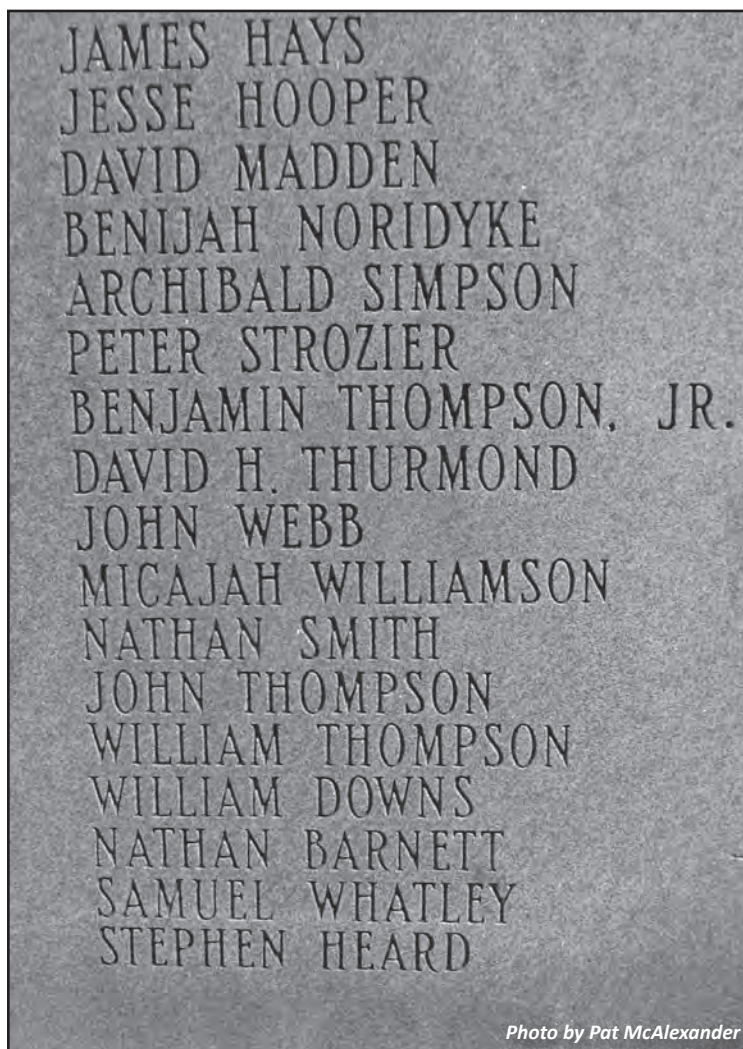


Photo by Pat McAlexander

Section of another monument at Kettle Creek battle site listing the Patriots believed to have fought there. Stephen Heard (bottom name) is the great-great-great grandfather of OLLI Peggy Heard Galis.

OLLI CLASSES

“CALCULUS FOR POETS”: CONQUERING NEW GROUND

by Elizabeth Barton

In late August, eager students—an apostolic twelve of us—congregated in OLLI classroom 135 to hear the word “calculus” explained. After confessing either that we never knew anything about it, or that we’d had classes but still didn’t know anything about it, we began our journey on a mathematical mystery tour with Dr. Elliot Gootman, retired mathematics professor.

One of the great boons of OLLI is the opportunity to find out about things like calculus. I’d always wondered what calculus was and why students found it so hard. Dr. Gootman in fact began with a horrifying fact: close to half a million students a year take calculus classes and almost half of them fail! We stiffened ourselves and tried to look like people who would definitely not fail this OLLI class!

We then learned that, while *petra* means rock, calculus means a small stone or pebble. The Romans used pebbles on their abaci in order to calculate their wine, lion, toga, and violin costs. Like the pebbles on an abacus, calculus enables “calculation”; it is the foundational tool for calculating in the physical, biological and social sciences, including economics (though I don’t know if the politicians are aware of this). It is the only means of getting an exact answer in a situation where you have changing or variable quantities. It enables you to answer questions relating to area, volume, speed, cost, and a multitude of other things. For

example, calculus would be especially useful in comparing costs of different ways of acquiring things—like those \$500 toilet seats we keep hearing about that the military use!

Then Dr. Gootman introduced us to (some of) the arcane mysteries of calculus notation. The symbol \int meaning “integral” took us some time to grasp. I think the problem was that we were just too intelligent, and having previous notions as to what the word “integral” might mean led to complications. If we had been told that \int simply means “attamatuttyandweewack” (a favorite response of my father’s when we asked him what was for supper), I think we’d have been okay!

Dr. Gootman told us that, during his 34 years of teaching at the university, he continually dreamt up new courses that would be a challenge for him to teach. He said this was a good way to keep up his own enthusiasm—and to enjoy new brain activity himself. I don’t know if, in dreaming up this “Calculus for Poets” course, he had reckoned with ancient academics who had over-abundant enthusiasm and overly-inclusive vocabularies! Still, it seems that in all fields and at all ages, joy lies in conquering new ground. And OLLI is the place to do it!

Elizabeth is an artist, specializing in fiber art. Her blog is at:
www.elizabethbarton.blogspot.com

START THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH THE OLLI@UGA WINTER PARTY!

When: Saturday, December 1, 2012, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Where: Talmage Terrace, 801 Riverhill Drive, Athens, GA 30606

Cost: \$25 per person (seating limited to 150)

Socializing begins at 6:00 pm; dinner will be served at 6:45 pm. Dinner will include your choice of salmon or prime rib, four vegetables, rice pilaf, and dessert. Beverage selections will be available. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Chris Enghauser trio and a vocalist.

Reserve Early! Guests of OLLI members are welcome. Your payment is your reservation.

Reservations will be accepted through Friday, November 16. Reservations can be made in person (check or cash) by mail (850 College Station Road, Athens, GA 30602), over the phone (706-542-7715), or online. There will be an option for one ticket or two tickets—this way a person can bring a guest or buy a ticket for him/herself and a spouse/significant other.

OLLIS AS SIMULATED PATIENT VOLUNTEERS

Three years ago when the new branch of the Georgia School of Medicine opened in Athens, OLLI members (along with others) were given the opportunity to become Simulated Patient Volunteers (SPVs) for the clinical practice of the medical students. Several OLLIs joined in right away, and have found it very fulfilling.

Medical students attending the GHSU/UGA Medical Partnership study the art of doctoring through the Clinical Skills Program, which focuses on the importance of communication, professionalism, history-taking, and physical examination. This program is part of medical education's new emphasis on communication and clinical skills. Volunteer Ann Darby comments, "As real patients, we know how vital this is in our relationships with our doctors."

The job of SPVs is to portray patients with different medical problems. The volunteers will simulate a real patient, presenting not just the patient history, but also the body language, emotions, and personality of the character they are depicting. Ann Darby, for example, has at different times portrayed a person with a headache, knee pain, and foot pain. In some cases, SPVs will have the chance to provide their own medical history, but in other situations, the program provides scripted case scenarios. The cases are scripted to allow volunteers to provide specific responses and behaviors for realistic portrayals. To aid in training, the program has developed a partnership with the UGA Theatre Department to assist with the preparation of SPVs for their cases. Trainings are held the week prior to the encounter. In these sessions, trainers review the case scenarios, answer questions, and role play the case with the volunteer.

After thorough preparation sessions for their "roles," SPVs meet the medical students one on one in an examining room. The medical students play the role of the practicing doctor in order to hone their clinical skills and bedside manner. Thus the encounters feel similar to a real appointment with a personal physician. Once an encounter with a medical student ends, SPVs have the opportunity to provide written feedback that helps students improve their ability to interact with patients. SPVs enjoy meeting and interacting with the students and their professors. And, Ann Darby writes, "We also have the sense that we're a real help to them."

As the medical school grows, it will need more volunteers. Coordinator Ashley Morrow Townsend states, "We don't have training [for additional volunteers], scheduled at this time, but I'm happy to take information and contact interested participants at a later time." If you're interested, contact her at 706-713-2204, or armorow@uga.edu. The Georgia Health Sciences University website is www.medicalpartnership.usg.edu.

Current GHSU/UGA Medical Partnership Simulated Patient Volunteers who are OLLI members are June Mazur, Ann Kohler, Terry Nestor, Marilyn Gootman, Elliot Gootman, Dan Childs, Nancy Canolty, John Rudy, Don Schneider, Camilla Mims, Ann Darby, and Claire Swann.

Information for this article came from Ann Darby and Nancy Canolty, who are Simulated Patient Volunteers, and Ashley Morrow Townsend, the Essentials of Clinical Medicine Coordinator for the GHSU/UGA Medical Partnership.

OTHER SIG (SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP) NEWS

Vegetable Gardeners. The OLLI Special Interest Group for Vegetable Gardeners met on Tuesday, October 16th for a tour of the West Broad Market Garden. Fenwick Broyard, III, the Athens Land Trust's community garden organizer, brought the group up to date on many food-related activities as we saw the half-acre urban market farm located on the former playground of the historic West Broad School. Pat Ramey, who was on the tour, wrote, "I smiled as the director talked about the problems of adding amenities like compost and worm castings to the soil in an effort to get the former playground prepared for planting after years of hundreds of school children playing on the grounds. . . . I smiled because I was one of those tiny feet jumping up and down playing hopscotch and kicking soccer balls as far back as the 1950's."



Photo by Carolyn Abney

SUPPER CLUB SIG'S SONG TO DAVID

The Supper Club SIG had a Tailgate Party-themed pot luck dinner at Carolyn Ashley's house on September 13. In honor of member David Block's birthday, the group sang the song below to him as the SIG had dessert. The tune is from "Cover of the Rolling Stone" by Dr. Hook and the Medicine Show and is entitled "Cover of the *OLLI Times*". The link to the original song on YouTube is www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Ux3-a9RE1Q. The *OLLI* version's lyrics (here slightly abbreviated) were written by

Michael Mispagel & Karen Jacobsen-Mispagel. A "David Block" character is the singer/speaker of the three main verses—his lyrics are in bold.

Thanks to Vic Armstrong for this story. Interested in the Supper Club SIG? Contact Michael Mispagel & Karen Jacobsen-Mispagel, coordinators at 706-354-4799 or themispagels@gmail.com.

Cover of The *OLLI Times*

**I'm a retired neurologist
Who likes to crack jokes.
'Got a dog named "Cory Sue."
I like to hang out with all the *OLLI* folks,
But there's something else I wanna do!
I've taken lots of *OLLI* classes,
'Been to Back-to-Class bashes,
But the thrill that I still can't find...**

Chorus:

Is the thrill that'll getcha
When you get your picture
On the cover of the *OLLI Times*
(men) *OLLI Times*....
(women) 'Wanna see my picture on the cover
(men) *Times*....
(women) 'Gonna buy five copies for some others
(men) *Times*....
(all) 'Wanna see my smilin' face
On the cover of the *OLLI Times*.

**I got a honey named Marti
Who will throw a great party
For anyone who'll come see...us
I've been in all kinds of SIG's and even ROASTED A PIG
I drive a nice White Pri-us
'Done curriculum work
'Til I drove Marti berserk
But the thrill that I still can't find...**

Chorus:

Is the thrill that'll getcha
When you get your picture
On the cover of the *OLLI Times*....
(men) *OLLI Times*....
(women) 'Wanna see my picture on the cover
(men) *Times*....
(women) 'Gonna buy five copies for some others
(men) *Times*....
(all) 'Wanna see my smilin' face
On the cover of the *OLLI Times*.

**In the Supper Club, I'm a gourmet cook
And I've even sold *OLLI* T-shirts
I can fly-fish with just a tie and a hook
And even cast my rod in the dirt
I've got all the friends that *OLLI* can provide
They can even sing a few rhymes...**

Chorus:

My life's gettin' richer, but I can't get my picture
On the cover of the *OLLI Times*
(men) *OLLI Times*....
(all) 'Wanna see my smilin' face
On the cover of the *OLLI Times*,
On the cover of the *OLLI Times*.....

Ed. Note: Our (late) birthday present to David is found on page 1.

Happy Hikers. The group hiked on Thursday, October 18 to Tallulah Gorge with lunch in Clayton GA.

Picture This. Several of *OLLI*'s digital photography group members joined 30,000 other photographers for the fifth annual Worldwide Photowalk. On Saturday morning, October 13, they toured the north campus and downtown streets, making images to display at their next meeting and for submission to the world-wide contest.

Picture This! photographers on Worldwide Photowalk -->>



A BASH ALBUM

Back-to-Class Bash at Central Presbyterian

September 10, 2012

Kay and Jack Curry came to the Bash and decided to join OLLI.



Photo by Pat McAlexander

Kathleen Wright and Don Downie look at the Opera SIG's display



Photo by Chuck Murphy

Sandy Clark and Marti Edwards look at school supplies donated at the bash.



Photo by Chuck Murphy

Sandra Thacker and Julie Cashin check out the course catalog.



Photo by Pat McAlexander

OLLIs Sheila Robertson, Norma Bowman, and Benedicte Milward pose for a picture.



There's another photographer in the family! Suzanne Murphy shoots Chuck at the Digital Photography table.



Iris Miracle, coordinator of the Hiking SIG, shows hiking gear at her table.



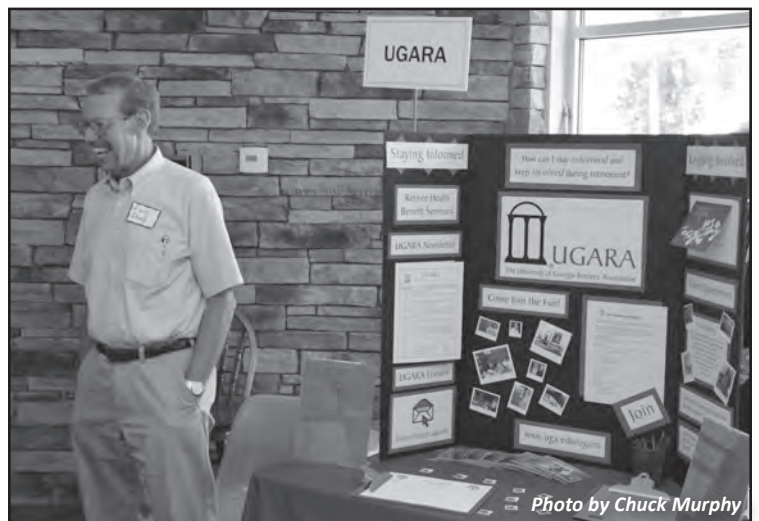
David Block lectures short-on-cash Richard Schwartz on the options for paying for that shirt. Note: Richard finally found a way to buy it!



Pat Winston, Kathy Smith, Bill Alworth, Camilla Mims, and Sandy Clark, socialize around a Bash table.



Larry Dendy, OLLI Board member and UGARA representative, mans the UGARA table.



OLLI TRAVEL

TRIP REPORT: GEOEXCURSION TO SIERRA NEVADA

by Parley Winger

The eight-day OLLI geology field trip through the Sierra Nevada Basin and Range, led by Dr. David Dallmeyer, started and ended in Las Vegas. It traversed through Death Valley and Mammoth Lakes, California; and the cities of Silver Springs, Eureka, Ely, and Caliente, Nevada. During this excursion we stopped in Death Valley at the lowest place in the U.S. (257 feet below sea level) and ascended to view some of the highest places in the U.S. (Mt. Whitney at over 14,000 feet and Wheeler Peak at over 13,000 feet).

The significance of mining in Nevada, with its boom and bust history, was highlighted in the travels across Highway 50, the Loneliest Road in America. Throughout the trip, the group saw the importance of plate tectonics in the volcanism, crustal extension, faulting and uplift that formed the Basin and Range.

Some of these highlights included visits to a remnant caldera (Long Valley Caldera), thermal hot springs (Hot Creek Gorge), a mountain covered with volcanic glass or obsidian (Lookout Mountain), a massive limestone cave (Lehman Cave at Great Basin National Park), and a copper mine. We also had the opportunity to collect geological specimens—garnets (at Garnet Hill, near Ely), trilobites (Oak Springs near Caliente) and fossil sponges—as well as view spectacular erosional formations at

Cathedral Gorge State Park and Valley of Fire State Park. We also walked on Hoover Dam, which was constructed on the Colorado River to form Lake Mead. As usual, the wonders of geology were paramount and their beauty and splendor continued to amaze.



OLLIs apparently appropriated this vehicle in Death Valley! Left to right: Parley Winger, Julia Dowda, Nancy Canolty, Sara Williamson, Nick Dale (seated), Bill Alworth, June Mazur (behind car), Dorinda Dallmeyer. They called the driver "The Horse with No Name."



Erosion formed the spires composed of volcanic ash, silt and clay at Cathedral Gorge. That's Bill Alworth at the base.

FUTURE TRIPS

SAPELO ISLAND

The trip to Sapelo Island originally scheduled for October 16 -17 has been rescheduled for spring.

POSSIBLE AFRICAN SAFARI: INFORMATION / SERENDIPITY CLASS ON BOTSWANA AND ZAMBIA

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2012

Time: 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$8 (free parking)

Place: River's Crossing

Don't forget the class on Botswana and Zambia offered Saturday, September 10 by Marisa Meisters and Sarat Yellepeddi of Worldwide Explorer. The class will be fun for those interested in simply learning about these countries and seeing some of Marisa's wonderful photos. However, it is associated with OLLI Travel because Marisa and Sarat will give information about a seven-day safari to these countries offered to OLLIs in June. The cost will be \$1,349 per person, plus travel insurance, airfare, visas for Zambia, and additional snacks and beverages.



Photo by Marisa Meisters

Two elephants seen on safari

BUILDING THE APPALACHIANS

March 11-25, March 24, 2012

Instructor/Trip Coordinator:

David Dallmeyer (dallmeyr@uga.edu)

Deadline for these two excursions has passed. See September *OLLI Times* for details. Check with Zu to see if a waiting list is available.

BEING PLANNED: TRIP TO ANDERSONVILLE

Bill Alworth is planning an overnight trip to the Andersonville Civil War Prison site, complemented by a course to be taught in late February or early March by Truett Goodwin, a Civil War historian. The trip is also timed to visit the American Camellia Society Masee-Lane Gardens nearby at a time when these gardens should be in full bloom. Watch for more information in the January *OLLI Times*.

HELP WANTED

Writers and photographers for *The OLLI Times*. When you have photos or an idea for an article, contact patmcalex@gmail.com about possible publication. Subjects might include OLLI classes, SIGs, trips, other events you have been involved in, or human interest stories about OLLI members. Materials are subject to editing. See the black box on page 2 for more information.

OLLI Angels. OLLI Angels provide administrative support on a project on an as-needed basis. Tasks include collating, filing, data entry, preparing mail out projects, proof reading and light editing. Angels of all skill levels are needed! If you would like to be added to the list to receive announcements as needs arise, please contact Zu at zreuter@uga.edu .

Volunteer Coordinator. This position involves helping coordinate the recruitment and placement of volunteers for OLLI@UGA. He/she would work with the OLLI Board, staff, and committees to create a list of needed volunteers and to select/find candidates for these positions, using lists generated from OLLI membership forms. The volunteer coordinator would also help recruit the candidates to fill the positions. Contact Bill Alworth at wilo59@charter.net or 706.549.5510.

“The older I get, the more intense my appetite for living and appreciating life gets...”

– Meryl Streep

OLLI GIFT CERTIFICATES

For your holiday giving, consider an OLLI gift membership—or a course gift certificate for an OLLI member or even a non-member. (A non-member could take a course without becoming a member.)

See Zu to purchase.

OLLI BRIEFS

OLLIs at ORAS. Back on May 3, as part of the Oconee Rivers Audubon Society (ORAS) meeting at Sandy Creek Nature Center, OLLI Karen Porter presented a talk on “Tallassee Tract: An Important Resource.” She discussed the history of this pristine land, special features and why it is worth protecting. On November 1, OLLI Betty Jean Craige appealed particularly to those interested in birds and animal intelligence with her talk “Bird Brains: How Cosmo, a Parrot, Has Awakened Us to the Intelligence of all Earth’s Animals.”

OLLI Luncheon Programs. As noted in the September *OLLI Times*, the Curriculum Committee has combined the organization of the luncheon programs at Trumps and Central Presbyterian Church. John Rudy will be Coordinator of these program and Dona Conway will be Associate Coordinator. However, since we reported on this, the program names have been changed: they will be called “OLLI Luncheon Programs at Trumps” and “OLLI Luncheon Programs at Central Presbyterian Church.”

Food2Kids. As of October 3, 2012, OLLIs had donated a total of 219 pounds of school supplies and 127 pounds of food to the Food2kids program, a program through the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia that provides food for students identified as going hungry over the weekend in the Athens-Clarke County School District and other school districts in northeast Georgia. Eleven pounds of peanut butter and 193 pounds of the school supplies were donated at the Back to Class Bash. Many thanks to the OLLIs who made this possible!

Dates to Remember.

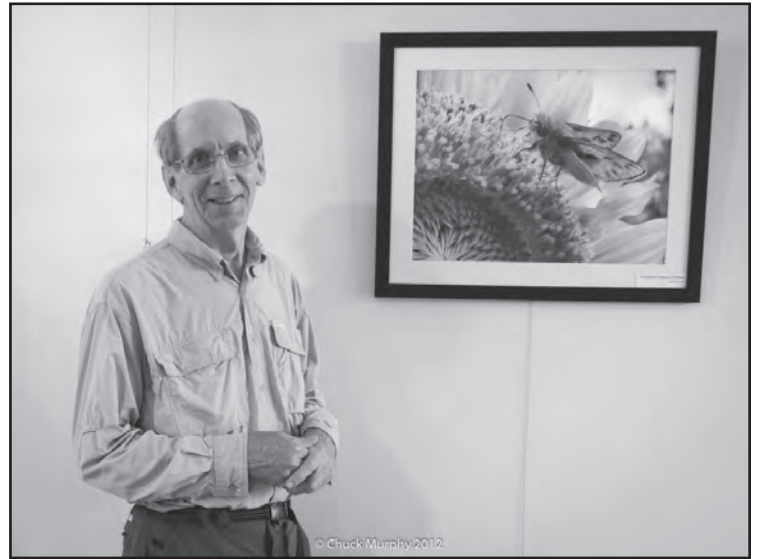
January 3 - Newbies Orientation

January 18 - Back-to-Class Bash

Athens Area Village. Athens Area Village (see article in September *OLLI Times*) is currently seeking volunteers, members, and providers. Charter memberships are currently available starting at \$250 annually. If you would like to know more about the Village or becoming a member, volunteer, or provider, please contact Kate Lenover at 706-549-4850.

“Web of Halloween.” OLLI members and their guests celebrated a “Web of Halloween” party on Halloween Day Wednesday, October 31st at 12:00 pm at Chops and Hops Restaurant in Watkinsville.

OLLI Times Schedule. Stories for the January issue are due Thursday, January 3. The issue will be mailed the week of January 22.



Chuck Murphy with one of his winning butterfly photos.

Chuck Murphy, five-time winner. Chuck Murphy, coordinator of our PictureThis! Digital Photography club and a popular OLLI photography instructor, recently entered the Georgia Nature Photography Association’s butterfly photo contest; the twenty winning photos were to be hung at the Chattahoochee Nature Center in Atlanta. Chuck had more winning images than any other entrant: five of the twenty photographs selected were his. Another honor for Chuck: he has been invited to teach a photography workshop to UGA students on UGA’s Costa Rica campus next January as part of the “Sustainability in Action” semester the University is presenting there next spring.

OLLI A Factor in Athens Citation. Once again CNN, Fortune, and Money have cited Athens as a top retirement destination and once again they mention OLLI@UGA! For example, this statement from Money: “And for older learners wanting to connect with folks their own age, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute offers a full menu of enrichment classes and special-interest groups, from bicycling to vegetable gardening.”

Remember:

You must be a current OLLI member to participate in OLLI Special Interest Groups!