OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE at the University of Georgia Newsletter

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# THE OLLI SEMESTER BEGINS: CLASSES, LUNCHEON PROGRAMS, BACK-TO-CLASS BASH

As you all know, OLLI's Fall 2012 semester has begun. Once again a wide array of classes and luncheon programs are being offered, and the traditional Back-to-Class Bash was held with great success.

The first OLLI class of the semester was "Beginning Conversational German," taught by Dr. O.C. Dean, which met on Monday, August 20, at 1:30 at River's Crossing. Dr. Dean has degrees in French, theology, and German linguistics and has studied in Germany. The class met and will continue to meet on Mondays through December 3. The reasons for the students' taking the class vary from the pragmatic to the idealistic. Alexis Winger is taking it because she plans to travel to Germany to visit her daughter, who is working in Berlin. Vic Mazeika

studied German in Russia and worked several years in Germany, but he has lived in the U.S. for 62 years without speaking German (only English and his native Ukrainian) and he wants to "loosen his tongue" for the language. Sallie Krickel says of studying German, "It's like climbing Mt. Everest. I want to learn it because it's there."

The first luncheon program of the semester was "General Elijah Clarke's Trans-Oconee Republic," given by Gary Doster at Central Presbyterian on Tuesday, August 21. Gary, who was a wildlife biologist in his professional career, is an avid student of Georgia history, collector of historical memorabilia, and author of *A Postcard History of Athens, Georgia*. His talk described not only continued on page 15



At the first luncheon-lecture of the semester: Hubert McAlexander with lecturer Gary Doster, who is holding his 1750 Creek deed

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2012-13 NOMINATING COMMITTEE; DEADLINE OCTOBER 31

As an organization driven, led, and governed by volunteers, OLLI@UGA considers openness and transparency to be paramount management concerns. Nowhere is that more important than in the selection of our leadership. The first step in our process for filling Officer and Board of Directors positions is the selection of a Nominating Committee to seek candidates for open Officer and Board seats. Article 12.A. of our Bylaws lays out the procedures for selecting a Nominating Committee, and Article 12.B. describes its duties. Our full Bylaws are



First class of the semester: O.C. Dean (back row in black T-shirt) and his "Beginning Conversational German" class. The motto on his T-shirt is translated, "I am not old, I am a classic."

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# Osher Lifelong Learning Institute



Ready to start the semester: OLLI President Bill Alworth, Executive Director Katy Crapo, President-Elect Jay Shinn.

### PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

### Dear OLLI Members,

As president for OLLI@UGA for the 2012-13 academic year, I want to emphasize that OLLI@UGA is dedicated to meeting the intellectual, social and cultural needs of mature adults through lifelong learning. I hope that you find the extensive selection of academic courses for this fall developed by the Curriculum Committee under the leadership of the new chair, Betty Jean Craige; the travel/study opportunities for this year being developed by the Travel/Study Committee under the continuing leadership of Joan Zitzelman; and the activities of OLLI's large number of special interest groups that continue to be guided by Carolyn Abney, will all contribute to meeting these needs for you, personally. If not, please let us know. OLLI strives to meet your needs, and we are therefore always open to suggestions about how we can better meet them.

OLLI@UGA is dependent upon volunteers, not only as class presenters and class facilitators, but also as members of the committees that organize various functions, ranging from special luncheons to our annual meetings. The OLLI@UGA staff, consisting of executive director Katy Crapo, administrative assistant Zu Reuter, social media coordinator Amy Munnell, and bookkeeper Sara Williamson, does not eliminate our need for volunteers. Instead, our continued on page 3

### The OLLI Times

Editor: Pat McAlexander Consultants: Katy Crapo, Bill Alworth Graphic Designer: Troy Bassett
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OLLI Publications: Deadline for submissions to the November newsletter (to be mailed by the week of November 7-14) is October 18.

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.

### OLLI @ UGA

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Special Interest Groups: Carolyn Abney Travel/Study: Joan Zitzelman

Volunteer Coordinator: Open

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excellent staff serves to make all of our volunteer efforts more efficient and effective. If you want only to come to class or participate in a special interest group (SIG) you are very welcome, but if you would like to become more involved, consider joining the volunteers who plan and work to make everyone's OLLI experience more meaningful. With this issue of the OLLI newsletter we are starting a "Help Wanted Section" to publicize some of our current needs for new volunteers.

While speaking about volunteers, I also want to alert all OLLI members to the fact that OLLI@UGA will host a Southern regional meeting of organizations involved in Lifelong Learning July 24-26, 2013, in Athens at the Georgia Center. Please, if you can, save these dates. We will need a large number of volunteers to make this a successful and productive meeting... and to showcase OLLI@UGA and Athens!

I also want to call your attention to the scholarship program available to OLLI@UGA members. If strains on your finances make it impossible for you to take an OLLI course you are especially interested in, please talk to executive director Katy Crapo. With the Fisher Tuition Assistance, a member (dues already paid) can receive up \$100/semester to defray costs for classes or luncheon programs.

Finally, I want to assure all members of OLLI@UGA that we will not misrepresent your ACT scores or your age to *U.S. News and World Reports* or any other rating agency in order to attract members away from our sister lifelong learning chapters at Emory or Furman. The lively discussions in the OLLI@UGA classes speak for themselves! Welcome back for a new and exciting year in our quest for lifelong learning.

Bill Alworth

# DON'T MISS OUT ON THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE WITH OLLI! JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!

Go to olli.uga.edu

Call 706 542-7715

### NEWBEES ORIENTATION

The response to the first open-to-the-public Newbees Orientation on August 9 was so unexpectedly large (over 175 guests) that OLLIs had to show some last-minute ingenuity. Katy Crapo, Randall Abney, Vic Armstrong, and John Songster put a ramp over the curb at the back of the parking lot, allowing additional parking in the grassy area at the back. Nancy Songster, orchestrating her last event as Member Services chair, organized the many guests by dividing them into four groups. After the first group heard an introduction by President Bill Alworth, it began its trek to classrooms for informational presentations and then to the technology lab where Margaret Anderson, Chuck Murphy, and other members of the Technology Committee gave help with online registration. The next three groups followed this pattern in sequence. "Facilitators"—Pat McAlexander, Marti Edwards, Margaret Pruiett, and Iris Miracle—led the groups to the various sites and also gave a brief tour of River's Crossing.

The presenters in the classroom sessions were Katy Crapo (history of OLLI@UGA), Carolyn Abney (SIGs), Zu Reuter (OLLI Angels and volunteer opportunities), Betty Jean Craige (how a course is developed), Nancy Canolty (class registration), Ann Crowley (class facilitators), Joan Zitzelman (OLLI Travel), Randall Abney (Marketing and Development), and Sandy Clark (Social Events).

Many members of the Members Services Committee made this event a success, as shown by the email Katy sent out the day after thanking the "Meeter-Greeters, Bakers, Sign-Makers, Setter-Uppers, Organizers, Worker Bees, Gear Sellers, Ramp Builders, Money Takers, Passer-Outers, Speakers, Marketers, Registration Consultants, and all other AWESOME HELPERS."



"Necessity is the mother of invention": improvised grass lot parking lot

# OLLI OFFERS A NEW "CERTIFICATE OF LEARNING" PROGRAM

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Georgia will begin a new and exciting "Certificate of Learning" option for members beginning in January 2013. Initially, two fields of study will be recognized: Visual Arts (Margaret Agner, coordinator) and Earth and Planetary Sciences (David Dallmeyer, coordinator). Additional fields will be activated as demand requires.

Each certificate discipline will require the completion of a specific number of designated core courses and electives. These requirements will be based upon the duration and breadth of each course. Also required is a total of ten OLLI volunteer hours in the area of concentration. Volunteer options include serving in program courses as a course facilitator, course resource coordinator or excursion assistant. There will be no increase in course rigor and no requirements other than course completion and volunteer hours. There will be no time limit for completion of requirements. The course catalog for each semester will indicate those courses that satisfy core and elective requirements in the initial two fields of study. The certificate program will be retroactive, recognizing appropriate courses taken since Fall 2009. Details about applying for a certificate will be provided in the 2013 spring course catalog.

The OLLI Certificate of Learning Program will help provide additional coordination and direction for the curriculum. And although pursuit of a certificate will be completely optional, participating OLLI members will have an enhanced focus for study and a sense of accomplishment when they have earned the certificate, a representation of an important and respected educational goal.

# AVOIDING DANGEROUS LEFT TURN OUT OF RIVER'S CROSSING

Does that left turn out of River's Crossing onto College Station Road make you nervous? Do you have to sit there and wait several minutes for a break in the traffic both ways? Bill Alworth has discovered an alternate route for getting onto College Station Road heading toward the University. It's basically a block off of College Station that gets you to a protected left turn. Here are the directions:

Turn RIGHT onto College Station Road, go through the first traffic light, and pass the USDA's Richard Russell Lab and the EPA lab. Then, just past the yellow diamond (not square) sign indicating a left curve ahead, turn RIGHT onto University Circle.

On University Circle, take the first LEFT onto Vista Drive and continue a brief way until the road ends at a stop sign at Segrest Circle. Turn LEFT and go about a block. You will come to a traffic light at Segrest Circle and College Station Road. Turn LEFT onto College Station Road.

You are now headed toward the University, the way you wanted to go, but you had a safe left turn. This route may add four or five minutes to your travel time but sometimes you wait almost that long trying to turn directly left at River's Crossing—and this way is significantly less hazardous.

### HELP WANTED

**Parliamentarian for OLLI Board meetings.** *Duties:* Attend OLLI Board meetings every third Monday 1:00 to about 3:30 and be sure the meetings follow the appropriate procedures. Qualifications: Basic knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order.

**Coordinator of Public Relations.** *Duties:* work closely with the Member Services Committee, the Marketing Committee, and the Development Committee to make sure OLLI events open to OLLI members and potential members are announced in the local press and on local radio stations. Qualifications: Some experience in advertising and/or knowledge of the local media.

**Proofreaders for The OLLI Times.** Qualifications: good knowledge of grammar and mechanics, plus willingness to make suggestions about clarity and content. *Duties:* One to three stories will be sent to you by email to proof (so as a reward you get a sneak peek at part of the upcoming newsletter!) If you're interested, contact editor patmcalex@gmail.com.

**Class Facilitators.** OLLI hopes to offer 100 courses next semester (January to June 2013), which also means we'd need 100 facilitators. (See information about a training class for facilitators in the first item under "OLLI Briefs.")

**Grammar, usage, rhetoric examples.** Alexis Winger and Pat McAlexander want interesting and funny grammar errors and mixed-up/made-up words and phrases (like "taken for granite") for their next grammar class (Spring 2013). The class will also include manipulative language, so send examples of that too—this year's election should give many in that area, and advertisements always do! Send your examples to Alexis Winger (awinger@uga.edu) and/or Pat McAlexander (patmcalex@gmail.com).

# OLLI TO SPONSOR LIR CONFERENCE in JULY 2013

A pamphlet that OLLI@UGA prepared this summer, written by Larry Dendy, tells Learning in Retirement members across the country of an opportunity to:

- Get Great Pointers for Improving Your LIR Program
- Be Inspired by Motivating Speakers
- · Share Fellowship with LIR Friends
- Enjoy Fascinating Attractions and Entertainment
- Visit One of America's Leading Public Universities
- Experience One of Georgia's Hippest Cities.

The pamphlet is publicizing the 2013 Southern Regional Conference for Institutes of Learning in Retirement, to be held July 24-26, 2013, at the University of Georgia's Georgia Center, hosted by our Learning in Retirement organization, OLLI@UGA (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute). Presenters will speak on topics such as how Learning in Retirement programs can strengthen curricula and programming, ensure financial stability, and enlist more volunteers. Attendees are also invited to share their success stories and cautionary tales to help other LIRs enhance their programs and avoid mistakes.

Athens and UGA will be a great setting for this conference. As the pamphlet states, "When you attend the 2013 conference, you'll discover that Athens and UGA rock! Athens, Georgia's Classic City, and the University of Georgia, America's first statechartered university, will captivate you with an eclectic blend of Old South charm and 21st Century vibes (www.visitathensga. com). UGA, chartered in 1785, is one of the nation's leading public universities. Stroll through the picture-book campus, be dazzled at the Georgia Museum of Art, or unwind at the beautiful State Botanical Garden. Athens, incorporated in 1806, offers a relaxed but lively life style that ranks it one of America's best retirement cities. Tour stately antebellum mansions, stroll scenic greenways and nature trails, find a treasure at a funky boutique or art gallery, enjoy a meal at a fine restaurant, and in the evening, drop in on some of the city's many live music venues. Education, entertainment, history and hospitality you'll find them all in Athens!"

We're already lucky enough to be in or near Athens, but if you are interested in attending the conference, send an email to olli@uga.edu to join the electronic mailing list for program updates and other information.



Archie Carroll, front row center, with his "class" on Nonprofit Board Governance

# OLLI BOARD ATTENDS ARCHIE CARROLL'S SEMINAR ON NONPROFIT GOVERNANCE

On June 25 and 26, OLLI officers, Board members (some continuing, some outgoing), two committee chairs, and the Executive Director attended a seminar on nonprofit Board governance given by Archie B. Carroll, Professor Emeritus in the Terry College of Business. Professor Carroll lectured on the principles and practice of good governance, and he and the attendees discussed how these could be related specifically to OLLI@UGA.

Perhaps most important, the seminar revisited the "mission statement" of OLLI—"OLLI is dedicated to meeting the intellectual, social, and cultural needs of mature adults through lifelong learning"—and whether the organization was continuing to meet this goal without "mission drift"—getting away from the original mission. Professor Carroll stressed the need to have an annual review of this statement and to publicize it in such vehicles as the OLLI newsletter. OLLI's mission statement, he said, should be the basis for making decisions, shaping the function of Committees and SIGs, and motivating OLLI's officers, Board, volunteers, and staff.

Professor Carroll and seminar participants discussed many more issues relevant to the governance of OLLI@UGA, such as finding more diverse sources of revenue, determining whether any programs should be discontinued or modified, effectively marketing OLLI, defining the relationship of Board and Executive Director, and implementing effective evaluations of the OLLI program and the OLLI Board. Finally, Professor Carroll and Board members noted the importance of the UGA College of Education, of our contact person Ron Cervero, and of the River's Crossing facilities, to our OLLI.

# OLLI'S SUMMER TRIPS

### FRENCH CLASS IN FRANCE

by Marilynn Smith

**Background:** After months of preparation, seven students in Bénédicte Milward's "French on Friday" class (Lola Gazda, Jean Bleyle, Julia Dowda, Evan Powell, Hilda Shepherd, Brenda Hankinson, and Marilynn Smith) and their instructor made their much-anticipated visit to Lyon from May 29 to June 7. Bénédicte called upon her friends and relatives in Lyon to host her students, and they provided authentic French room and board, plus some transportation assistance. Some host families had excellent English skills, but the primary idea was for the students to practice their French.

Lyon, in southeastern France near Switzerland, is a religious and silk-manufacturing center with fascinating history, architecture, churches, museums, food, and shops. For our stay we had a comfortable nine-passenger Mercedes-Benz, which Bénédicte navigated in and around curvy, hilly Lyon, parking it in difficult spots; she deserved high praise for her driving skill. We also took road trips outside of Lyon, to the medieval museum town Pérouges; the picturesque lace-making Le Puy-en-Velay, Thorens, near a site of World War II resistance activity at the Plateau des Glières; and Annecy, located near the Alps on a clear lake. In Thorens-Glières, a charming mountain village, we were met by the mayor and some women dressed in regional costume. The true guests of honor, however, were surviving resistance fighters ninety-four-year old Elie Maffat and his younger friend Léon Frescurat. While on the road, we stopped at the "Bird Park" and saw a display of flying birds that we usually only see in cages. Perhaps one of the more curious stops was at "Truk," a sort of French J&J or Big Lots, where everyone bought cheap used books and souvenirs.

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Lunch at Restaurant La Bicyclette Bleue. Left to right: Julia Dowda, Benedicte Milward, Hilda Shepherd, Evan Powell, Brenda Hankinson, Lola Gazda, Marilynn Smith

Photo by Jean Bleyle

The ultimate road trip, of course, was to the exquisite fourteenth-century Chateau de Mieudry, which has been in the family of Benedicte's friends Sylvie and Didier Vincent for generations. The Vincents welcomed us to their magical chateau, which was complete with central circular stone stairs and ancestral portraits on the walls. Each bedroom was decorated in centuries' old layers of wallpaper and heirloom furniture. We took our dinner outside under the trees, overlooking the rolling country side, toasting our friends and good fortune.

Throughout our visit, it felt as if much of our waking time was spent eating. Breakfasts were provided by the hosts, which meant primarily café au lait, bread and jam, Nutella, and in my case, Special K, which, based on my shopping later in Paris, seems to be the primary French cold cereal. Each morning was a tour of some sort, followed by a roughly two-hour lunch, and then some other outing. With the exception of the welcome and farewell parties, evening meals were in the homes of the host families. My hostess pulled out her Lyonnais cookbooks and presented me with traditional foods such as sausages, potato gratins, and



French women in regional costume in Thorens-Glières, flanked by WW II French resistance fighter Leon Frescurat (left) and his sister Raymonde Mickleson

pike dumplings. All meals ended with the the bread-and-cheese course and the salad. Trips on the road meant discovering such dishes as froglegs and Haute-Savoie-style fondue, which was made of a local white cheese melted over boiled potatoes. There was always plenty of cheese and wine.

As our time in France passed, we discovered new delightful personality traits in our classmates and came to view each other with increased fondness. The side trips we took together meant card games in our rooms, good-natured scheduling for the sole guest bathroom in the fourteenth-century Chateau de Mieudry, and of course lots of stories and laughter. And although it was a challenge for us to speak so much of the time in fluent French, meeting and communicating with the special people of Lyon, Annecy, and other nearby locales was a great reward for our months of weekly "French on Friday" classes.



Hilly Lyon

was wonderful, with the whales (mainly humpback whales)

exciting us with double breeches (leaping out of the water),

tail fluking, pectoral fin slapping, and blowing (their breath

smells absolutely horrible). Our leaders, who had ties to the

Ocean Alliance, shared information the Alliance had gathered

on whales, including the names and life history of the species

we watched. The species of whale could be identified by the

Our leaders went out of their way to accommodate our wants

patterns of white on the tail fin.

### WHALE WATCHING TRIP

by Parley Winger

A group of twenty, including our leaders Crista Deissler, John and Barb Schell, and Mac and Brenda Rawson, travelled to Gloucester, MA for a whale watching excursion in July as an extension of the OLLI Whale Class in 2011. In addition to having the opportunity to observe whales over three afternoons, the group had the chance to experience the local seafood cuisine (multiple times), visit arts and crafts shops, attend special informational presentations on whales by the local Ocean Alliance, hike to an abandoned town site from the 1600's, kayak in the Essex Estuary, and take in the views of the beautiful harbors and coastal areas around Gloucester/Rockport, Massachusetts.

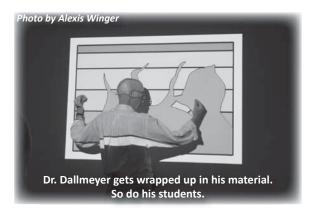
and logistical needs on the trip, including chauffeuring us around the area and to and from the airport. The whale-watching trip was, as a result, stress-free and fun as well as educational. The whale watching experience on the Ocean Alliance vessel

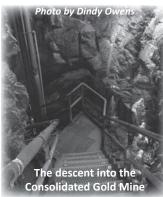
Parley Winger, Brenda Rawson, Helen Wilkes on whale-watching boat



And here is one whale they saw!

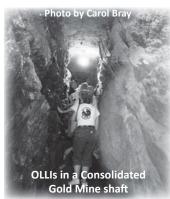
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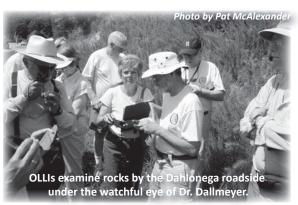












### MINERALS, ROCKS, AND ORE DEPOSITS: SHOW ME THE MONEY!!

by Parley Winger and Pat McAlexander

With his summer course "Minerals, Rocks, and Ore Deposits: Show Me the Money!!" (June 11-15), Dr. David Dallmeyer again provided his OLLI geology students with an exceptional experience. Devoting an enormous amount of time and effort in preparation, he provided bound class notes and a field guidebook, in addition to the highly informative lectures on the fundamentals of mineralogy and on the formation and characteristics of three types of rocks (igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic). The lectures were illustrated with often dramatic Power Point charts and photographs and followed up with hands-on labs where representative minerals and rocks, labeled with in-depth descriptions of their characteristics, were displayed for viewing and microscopic analysis.

In preparation for the optional one-day field trip to Dahlonega, once the gold-mining Mecca of Georgia, Dr. Dallmeyer also provided information on the geological history of that area, describing how plate tectonics and other geological processes were responsible for forming its gold-bearing strata. Further preparation for the field trip was given at a Saturday morning "geofest" where participants brought food representing some type of geological theme. Examples included a potato salad

mountain with ore dig site, cheese and other types of geodes, various oolites, a Jello fault line, "sediment" layered cake, and cinnamon-roll "quartz crystals."

On the field trip on Monday June 18, many of us wore tee-shirts designed by Dr. Dallmeyer, with "OLLI GEOLOGY/GEORGIA GOLD" on the back, around a circular depiction of miners at work. The trip included several stops at road cuts to examine the characteristics of the rock strata at each site. In Dahlonega we visited the gold museum and the Consolidated Mine. At the mine, we toured a mine shaft and had the experience of screening sand for minerals, with each person retrieving a bag of gems.

As we studied, partied, and traveled together, the course offered the opportunity to meet new people and rekindle past associations. But most of all, it gave us a wonderful learning experience. As one of the students wrote on Facebook, "David Dallmeyer talked today about reading [rock formations] like a book, a book that covers over two billion years. I... understood exactly what he meant. [I am] so grateful for OLLI and teachers like David who have helped me see the world in a whole new wonderful way."

# OLLI FALL TRAVEL OPS

Some trips are in conjunction with OLLI classes, but unless it is stated to the contrary, any OLLI member can go on the trips. For each trip that you wish to participate in, fill out a separate reservation form. There is one below to clip, photocopy, or use as a model. Mail the form(s) with your credit card information (which will be shredded, and not kept on file in the system) or check made out to OLLI@UGA to OLLI Travel, River's Crossing, 850 College Station Road, Athens, GA 30602-4811--or hand-deliver the materials to Zu. If you are registering for more than one trip, you may write one check/credit card amount for the total due. Your payment is your registration. Watch for email updates on your trip. You may be able to sign up for some trips online. Look for them by trip title under "courses."

	Trip			
OLLI TRIP RESERVATION FORM	Name (s)			
	Address			
	Home Phone # # of Cell Phone you will have with you			
	Email			
	For overnight trips, please mark the appropriate statement with X.			
	I will share a room with (fill in name) (if only one name listed above).			
	I would like an individual room.			
	I am willing to take an individual room, but if possible, pair me with someone.			
	For carpooling trips, circle one RIDER or DRIVER (I can accommodate additional passengers.)			
	Check #         Card # (Visa/MC/Discover)         Exp			
	Name on card if different from above:			
	Billing Address			
	Cardholder Signature			

### FOX THEATER FOR WAR HORSE

Tour Coordinator: Dindy Owens

Date: Saturday, September 29, 2012

(same day as UGA-TN football game!)

**Cost:** \$88.00

(non-refundable-does not include lunch)

As of press time, three seats left!



**Reynolds mansion on Sapelo** 

### SAPELO ISLAND AND REYNOLDS MANSION

Tour Coordinator: Dindy Owens (dindybug@gmail.com)

Dates: Tuesday, October 16 and Wednesday, October 17, 2012

Cost: \$128 (non-refundable—does not include lunch, dinner, or lodging)

Registration deadline: October 1, 2012 (trip limited to 10 participants)

Dindy Owens has organized a two-day trip to Sapelo Island and the Reynolds Mansion. This small barrier island is a unique destination along Georgia's famed "Colonial Coast." Guests begin their day at the mainland visitor center, where they can learn about Sapelo's cultural history, coastal wildlife, and complex beach and dunes systems. After a thirty-minute ferry ride, they arrive at the eleven-mile-long island. Guided tours highlight the African-American community of Hog Hammock, Reynolds Mansion, Nanny Goat Beach, University of Georgia Marine Institute, and a restored 1820 lighthouse.

The non-refundable registration cost includes motor coach rental, fuel, parking, staff cost, ferry fee. It does not include lunch, dinner, or lodging. Individuals make their own reservation for one night at the Hampton Inn, Darien, GA. A complimentary breakfast is included. We will leave Athens Tuesday morning, spend the night in Darien, take ferry to Sapelo Wednesday morning, and return to Athens by early evening on Wednesday.

# OLLI FALL TRAVEL OPS continued

### **MONASTERY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**Tour Coordinator:** Pat McAlexander (patmcalex@gmail.com)

Date: Thursday, November 8, 2012

Cost: \$58

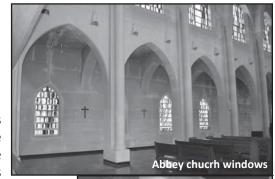
Registration deadline: October 15, 2012 (trip limited to 25)

Leaving at 8:30 a.m. from the softball field parking lot, 2330 S. Milledge Avenue, OLLIs will travel by motorcoach to the Monastery of the Holy Spirit, the inspirational home of Georgia's Trappist monks. Although monasteries are thought of as places where monks and nuns live in isolation from the world, this monastery is one that welcomes

visitors. Located near Conyers, the grounds include lakes, a creek, rolling fields, and a large organic vegetable garden. A thirty-minute film will introduce us to the monastery, and then Brother Callistus, one of the monks, will give a personal tour of the historical displays and other exhibits in the new Monastic Heritage Center—a 17,000-square-foot, state-of-the art museum.

There will then be free time to see the Norman Gothic architecture of the beautiful Abbey Church; attend, if you wish, the 12:15-12:30 prayer service; and take a stroll along a nearby lake. Of course you must not miss the bonsai garden and nursery where herbs and bonsai are for sale, and the Abbey Gift Shop, where you can purchase books, monk-made biscotti, breads, alcohol-free wines, fruitcake and fudge. The monks sell these items in an effort to be self-sustaining and feed the local poor.

At 1:15 we will travel to Madison, Georgia, for a late on-your-own lunch at Town 220. (We'll have some appetizers on the bus!) Most agree that the architecture and design of this spacious, popular Madison restaurant gives an uptown feel; its food is described as "an eclectic mix." (See picture of the interior of the restaurant near the last item under "OLLI Briefs.") Lunch selections at Town 220 range from \$4 to \$12. Those who finish lunch early may wish to browse in the antiques mall adjoining the restaurant. If time allows, we will take a brief ride through beautiful historical Madison before we return to Athens. We should be back by about 5:00.





Photos by Pat McAlexander

### **BOTSWANA AND ZAMBIA (course and trip)**

**Instructors/Trip Coordinators:** Marisa Meisters and Sarat Yellepeddi of WorldwideXplorer (marisa@worldwidexplorer.com)

### SERENDIPITY COURSE

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2012

Time: 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Cost: \$8 (free parking)

Place: River's Crossing

### PROPOSED SAFARI

Dates: seven days in June, 2013 (TBA)

**Cost:** \$1349 (not including travel insurance, airfare, Zambian

visas, some snacks and beverages)

Deadline: TBA

A serendipity class on Saturday, November 10, to be given by Marisa Meisters and her husband Sarat Yellepeddi, founders of WorldwideXplorer (WorldwideXplorer.com), will feature an "arm chair tour" of the African countries of Botswana and

Zambia and discuss the actual tour that will be available for OLLIs in June. The class is both for members interested just in learning about these countries and for those who also are interested in taking an actual safari. The class will be held at River's Crossing at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$8, and you can register through Zu in person or by calling 706 542-7155. Parking on Saturday is free.

The price for the seven-day June safari is \$1,349.00 per person. This price includes all ground transportation within Botswana and Zambia, all overnight lodging (two nights in a hotel, the rest of the time camping), all meals on days 2 – 6 and breakfast on days 7 and 8, late morning snacks during the camping part of the excursion, and all park and camping permits and entrance fees. It does not include the required travel insurance, airfare, visas for Zambia (visas are \$50 per person; these can be obtained as the group crosses the border into Zambia), or any additional snacks and beverages (though these can be purchased in Botswana /Zambia, and group members will be given ample opportunities to do this).

# OLLI FALL TRAVEL OPS continued

The trip offers safari experiences like camping, a guided tour of the parks, and the chance to "get up close and personal" with native animals. But it also includes visits to local villages and schools and a chance to donate useful items to the local people. Marisa says, "Because we work with the local people, we keep the . . . costs a lot lower and pass the savings onto our customers" (The Revue & News, www.NorthFulton.com). Come and meet Marisa and Sarat, learn about Botswana and Zambia, see their wonderful photographs, and find out details about traveling on a safari to these countries.



# BUILDING THE APPALACHIANS: PLATE TECTONICS AND THE GEOLOGY OF GEORGIA

(course and two trips)

Instructor/Trip Coordinator: David Dallmeyer (dallmeyr@uga.edu)

**COURSE:** March 4-8, 2013, Registration in course required for one or both excursions. See spring course book for further information.

TRIP #1: Southern Appalachians (Alabama, Georgia)

**Dates:** March 11-15, 2013

**Cost:** \$275 (not including accommodations or meals) **Deadline:** Trip registration fee \$150 by October 15;

balance by January 15, 2013

TRIP #2: Granite quarries (Athens, Elberton)

Date: March 24, 2013

**Cost:** \$75

**Deadline:** Trip registration & full payment by October 15

The Appalachian Mountains are part of a topographic system that extends along the length of eastern North America with continuations in Great Britain, France and the Urals. The system formed between 325 and 300 million years ago as a result of global plate tectonic movements that culminated in collision of a proto-North American continent (Laurentia) with the Gondwana megacontinent (today represented by Africa, South America, India, Antarctica and Australia). During this collision, immense tracts of fault-bounded oceanic and continental material (both Laurentian and Gondwanan) were shoved westward, up and onto Laurentia. These regional tectonic units comprise the bedrock geology today exposed throughout northern Georgia. Immediately following tectonic uplift the Appalachians were the scale of the present-day Canadian Rockies. Subsequent erosion has significantly reduced their dimensions and height.

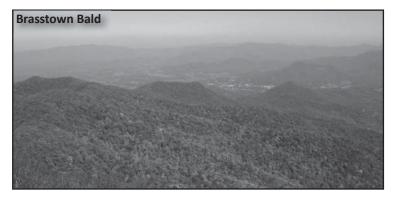
The course will examine the processes of plate tectonics and evaluate its role in the evolution of the Appalachian Mountains. It will describe the geology of Georgia and review its relationship to plate tectonics and development of the Appalachians. Daily laboratory sessions will examine maps, cross sections and rock

specimens from the Appalachians and provide a "hands-on" geological experience.

There will be two optional excursions associated with this course. Transport for both excursions will be by rental vans. Stops will be made at overlooks and roadside exposures. Minimal walking will be required. Registration in the course (March 4-8) is a requirement for participation in both excursions. Those registering for either excursion will be guaranteed a course position.

The first trip is a five-day, four-night excursion, March 11-15, 2013. This will traverse the southern Appalachians starting within fossil-bearing sedimentary rocks of the Valley & Ridge exposed in northeastern Alabama and northwest Georgia. The trip will continue eastward across metamorphic and igneous rocks exposed in the North Georgia Blue Ridge. The registration fee will be \$275. This will cover cost of van rental, fuel, staff costs and the OLLI daily fee. It will NOT include accommodation costs or meals. Accommodations have been arranged in DeSoto State Park (Alabama), Chickamauga, Blue Ridge and Lake Chatuge with an average daily cost of \$35/person (double occupancy). An initial trip registration fee of \$150 is required prior to October 15, 2012. The \$125 balance is due prior to January 15, 2013.

The second trip is a one-day excursion on March 24 to examine metamorphic and igneous rocks exposed in the Piedmont between Athens and Elberton. This will include stops in several granite quarries. The registration fee is \$75 and should be submitted prior to October 15, 2012.



# OLLI and the GEORGIA MUSEUM of ART: pARTners

### by Joan Zitzelman

As an OLLI member, you will see newsletter articles and receive e-mail notifying you that we have an art treasure in our midst, the Georgia Museum of Art. The permanent collection is a comprehensive collection of all periods, styles and media of American art, in great part amassed by benefactor Alfred E. Holdbrook and bequeathed to the people of Georgia, to be administered and presented to the public by the University of Georgia. Every four to six weeks, new special exhibitions open, displaying unique perspectives of art.

To help you enjoy this treasure and get better acquainted with the scope of the work, the Museum offers a free one-hour tour most Wednesdays at 2 pm, introducing new exhibitions or focusing on some aspect of the permanent collection. You may also see a familiar face when you visit the Museum: 17 of your fellow OLLI members are volunteer docents, working Gallery shifts or conducting tours.

The Museum is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm; Thursdays from 10 am – 9 pm; Sunday 1-5 pm. The location at 90 Carlton Street is part of the complex including the Performing Arts Center, and UGA Schools of Art and Music. Monday through Friday, parking in the paved lot adjacent to the complex requires a valid parking tag, although the deck behind the Performing Arts Center is always available on a pay-per-stay basis. After 5 pm and on weekends, public parking is available in the paved lot.

In the next two months, look for these public tours: Sunday, 3 pm, on September 16 October 14, and November 11; Wednesday, 2 pm, on September 19 and 26, October 3, 10 and 24, and November 14. Visit www.georgiamuseum.org for the subject of each public tour and for the latest information on special events, films, and descriptions of all special exhibitions on view.

Thank you,
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2012 Back to Class Bash!

## ACCA, OLLIs, PLAN ATHENS VILLAGE PROGRAM

### by John Rudy

Independence and interdependence are the goals of the Athens Area Village, launched August 30 at a reception at the Athens Community Council on Aging (ACCA). The only such virtual village in Georgia, the organization is designed to provide concrete as well as emotional support to allow older adults to age at home, rather than in costly institutional assisted living or nursing home facilities.

This Village is the culmination of six years of deliberations among LIR/OLLI leaders combined with the substantial leadership of Athens Community Council on Aging principals. They modeled themselves on the pioneer Village in America, that of Beacon Hill in Boston. It was an article on Beacon Hill in the *New York Times* in February 2006 that gave these Athens leaders the blueprint and encouragement: "For a lucky few, a wish come true . . . growing old with support from a community group."

Dick Anderson, Kathy Gratzek, John Rudy, Al Ike, Jim Tanner, Anita Brannen and others pushed the idea along in Athens, with Katherine Fowler and now Jennie Deese at ACCA giving it practical shape and a source of public funding. Indeed, Jennie visited Boston and got to know the key people at Beacon Hill, and OLLI obtained its manual. Ultimately ACCA won the sole State grant to initiate the Village in Georgia, under its aegis as a 501c3 non-profit organization.

A common vision emerged early among OLLI and ACCA participants: they saw the Village as an instrument to preserve the American frontier Spirit, with its traditions of personal independence and responsibility combined with supportive community interdependence. Through their own commonweal built with volunteers acting in their own interest, they expect to assure increased aging in place, with elder residents living in their homes supported by concierge services needed to remain independent. Village members will have access to vetted providers of homeowner services from medical personnel to plumbers to transportation at discount terms; they will be the beneficiaries of group buying power. The Village will use ACCA group services for economical and efficient operations.

Our nation faces a huge increase in population over 65 that will require enormous investment in its needs. This is especially true in the Athens area, a poster target for retired persons who need and can afford tailored support. OLLI@UGA members—who are in that very market—are invited to investigate, then invest by joining this community, following the path of Beacon Hill and over 100 other Villages in the USA. For further information, ask OLLI members on the Village Council, call the Village office at ACCA, 706.549.4850, or visit www.accaging.org/aav.

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available on the OLLI website, www.olli.uga.edu, under the About Us tab.

In accordance with Bylaws Article 12.A., the President-Elect automatically chairs and is a member of the Nominating Committee, serving with four other Committee members. All OLLI members in good standing are eligible to serve, except that no more than one of the additional four may be a sitting Board member and Nominating Committee members may not succeed themselves. Although the primary qualifier is membership, please look for "an interest in and a familiarity with" OLLI@UGA. The term of office is for one year. You must secure the approval of your potential nominee(s) beforehand, and you may nominate yourself.

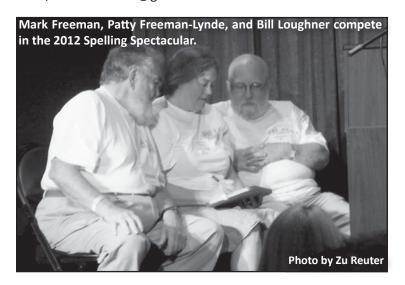
Names for the Nominating Committee are to be submitted to President-elect Jay Shinn. You can fill in the nominating form online (to get the form, click on the link http://svy.mk/OveeCK or on the nominations story on the right-hand side of OLLI webpage), then click on "save as" and name the document, then email it to Jay at shinn.nomcom@charter. net. OR you can fill in the form below by hand and either put it in the nominations box at the OLLI office or mail it c/o Jay Shinn at OLLI@UGA, River's Crossing. Nominations can be submitted until Wednesday, October 31. The Board, at its November meeting, will elect the four who will serve until a new Nominating Committee is elected in November of 2013.

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DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER OLLI TIMES MATERIALS: OCTOBER 18
NEWSLETTER WILL BE MAILED OUT NOVEMBER 7-14

# OLLI BRIEFS

Class Offered on Facilitating! Please join us for a refresher on facilitating OLLI classes on September 27 at 1 p.m. at River's Crossing (see bulletin board for room #). Facilitating is easy and fun! You'll be pleasantly surprised at your newfound skills! Everyone will have an opportunity to practice using the available technology at River's Crossing. Step-by-step visuals available in Zu's office guide you every step of the way. Guaranteed to increase your confidence level and impress the presenter! We will need 100 facilitators next semester! For information or questions, call or e-mail:Ann Crowley 706-369-9443, ann.crowley@charter.net or Connie Bruce 706-254-7822, connie.l.bruce@gmail.com.



OLLIs in Spelling Bee. Two-and-a-half Geezers, a team made up of OLLI members Bill Loughner, Mark Freeman and Mark's daughter Patty Freeman-Lynde, took part in the 2012 "Spirited Spelling Spectacular" on August 26 from 3:00-6:00 at Hotel Indigo's Rialto Room. The event was a fundraiser for the Athens-Clarke County Literacy Council. Zu reports, "They did us proud!! Every word that was given was accompanied by gasps from the audience as we all tried to figure out what letter to start with!" Although they didn't win—Hot Spells (last year's champs) repeated the victory—"they certainly held their own against last year's winners."

**2013 OLLI Art Fair.** The Second Annual OLLI Art Fair has been tentatively scheduled for Friday, April 26, 2013, at Central Presbyterian Church.

**Food2Kids.** OLLI will continue to support the Food 2Kids project sponsored by the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia. Designated containers for donated foods are found outside of Zu's office at River's Crossing. Each month the food is collected and carried to the Food Bank for distribution to elementary and middle school students in the Athens-Clarke County School

District and other school districts in NE Georgia. Each student receives a bag every Friday that contains enough food for all their meals and snacks over the weekend. Specific, high needs food selected for the next four months: September, peanut butter; October, ravioli (poptop cans); November, juice boxes; December, granola bars. Contact Alta Allen, Chair of Member Services Committee, altabdr@bellsouth.net, for further information.

**New OLLI positions.** Sara Williams has taken the position of OLLI's bookkeeper. John Rudy and Dona Conway will be coordinating the luncheon events at both Central Presbyterian Church (presently called Lunch and Lecture) and Trumps (presently called Lunch and Learn). In the future, all luncheon events will be called "Luncheons Programs"; John will be Coordinator and Dona will be Associate Coordinator of these events. Also, at its September meeting the OLLI Board endorsed the proposal that the Development Committee and Marketing Committee be renamed to a Fund Development Committee and a Marketing Development Committee. It is believed that this action will better achieve overall development goals. Randall Abney will be Chair of the Marketing Development Committee and Tom Kenyon, an OLLI@UGA member since January 2012 with extensive experience working with and managing nonprofit organizations, the new Chair of the Fund Development Committee. The new names will be voted on at the Spring Membership Meeting.

**Berkeley Minor in Spotlight.** Berkeley Minor was featured in the "Docent Spotlight" in the Summer 2012 issue of the Georgia Museum of Art's quarterly newsletter, *Facet*. Berkeley has been a docent for twelve years and a member of the Museum's Board of Advisors for four.



**Helping West Virginia college students.** When many miners in Webster Springs, West Virginia, were laid off this summer, nine of their children planning to go to college on scholarship were no longer able to afford the supplies they needed. OLLI Carol White learned of their plight and initiated a drive here in Athens to help them. Her SOLO Seniors SIG teamed up with St. James Methodist Church to collect supplies. Carol loaded the donations into her van, drove to West Virginia, and delivered them on August 15. Carol reported: "All nine scholarship freshmen received new sheets, towels, and pillows, plus a tub full of other supplies including study lamps, alarm clocks, backpacks, notebooks and pens, personal hygiene and shower essentials, and a planner containing \$25 cash. . . . There were enough donated comforters to go around, and, to transport their clothes, the students selected from [the] array of used duffle bags and old suitcases. They were [amazed] at the generosity, and they genuinely liked what you sent."



**OLLI-Pops Performance.** The OLLI-Pops gathered at Whispering Pines Assisted Living this summer to celebrate Tina's mother's 97th birthday. They sang top hits of 1900-1925, including "In the Good Old Summertime," "By the Light of the Silvery Moon," "For Me and My Gal," "Apple Blossom Time," and "Over There." Tina reports, "It was great fun. Some of [the ladies] got up and danced."

**OLLIs in Madison art show.** The fiber art of OLLIs Margaret Agner and Elizabeth Barton is featured at Town 220 restaurant in Madison, GA in a show called "Uncommon Threads." The show ends October 27.



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the fascinating feats of General Clarke, but also the expansion of the boundaries of Georgia and the story of Mary Musgrove. Mary was the daughter of a Creek Indian woman and a British trader. Proficient both in English and Creek, Mary served as a translator for Oglethorpe. Gary showed the audience a fascinating document from his collection—a 1750 deed in which the Creeks gave Mary and her husband the gift of three coastal islands the tribe had originally retained for fishing and hunting: St. Catherine's, Sapelo, and Ossabaw. Mary and her husband sold Sapelo and Ossabaw and lived the rest of their lives on St. Catherine's, where they are buried. And that, Gary told us, is how those three islands fell into private hands and eventually became part of Georgia.

OLLI's Back-to-Class Bash, held in September and January at the beginning of the Fall and Spring semesters, has evolved over the years to meet the organization's needs. It was once class "Registration," an opportunity to socialize as members signed up for classes (if they hadn't done so by mail) as well as for Special Interest groups and trips. The event was held at the Holiday Inn Express, then at Trumps on South Milledge. In January 2011, the event became the "Back- to-Class Bash." In Fall 2011 the Bash was moved to the larger space at Central Presbyterian. At this year's Bash on September 10, 10:00 a.m. to noon, an impressive number of committees and SIGs again set up their information/recruiting tables, each with a representative and often with displays and even slide shows describing their activities. But equally important, the Bash continued to be a memberrecruiting event, with memberships accepted on site. The social element continued, also: participants mingled over the displays and enjoyed refreshments provided by the event sponsor, Talmage Terrace. (Look for photographs of the Bash in the November newsletter.)

# In Memoriam Eileen Becker

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Katy Crapo, Executive Director. Katy came to Athens in 2007 and fell in love—with Athens, that is. A native of Dearborn, Michigan, Katy attended Michigan State University and then Spring Arbor College, where she earned a bachelor of arts in Management of Human Resources. Subsequently, she completed a master of arts in Adult Education. Over the years, Katy served as an assistant director of advising, a director of extended campus operations, and educational consultant for two different companies involved in higher education. Katy and her husband, Paul, continue their exploration of Athens and its environs.

Zu Reuter, Administrative Assistant. Zu, her husband, Mark and their two dogs traded Desert for Dixie when they moved from Phoenix, Arizona to Athens, Georgia in 2010. Zu has over 19 years of training and administrative experience which she brought to OLLI@UGA in June 2010. She is thrilled to have found an organization that encompasses in one fell swoop what she has sought her whole life—a way to learn AND have fun while doing it. When not at OLLI, you will find Zu working on "zuoodles", her handmade cards and papercraft items. She is active in her church and in Toastmasters, and enjoys volunteering in the community and taking in the multitude of free events that Athens offers.