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OLLI ANNUAL MEETING VOTE FOR OLLI OFFICERS, BOARD — MAY 17, 2013

The OLLI Annual Meeting and Social will be held on Friday, May 17 at Central Presbyterian Church. The business meeting begins at 1:30, followed by catered social time. On the agenda for the business meeting are a report from President Bill Alworth on OLLI's progress over the past year and committee reports.

Two matters will require votes by a quorum of the membership. The first is the approval of some Bylaws updates, simply some tweaking of our new Bylaws that were approved last year. For specifics, see p. 11. The second item is the election of officers and Board members. The nominees for officers for 2013-2014 are:

President-elect: Tom Kenyon

Vice President: Margaret Anderson

Secretary: Carolyn Abney

Treasurer: TBA

Jay Shinn, the current president-elect, will assume the office of President. The nominees for two-year terms on the OLI Board are:

- 1) Rich Carey
- 2) Cheryl Copeland
- 3) Helen Epps
- 4) Jill Jayne Read
- 5) Don Schneider
- 6) Nancy Songster

Members will also be asked to vote for five of the six Board nominees. Biographies of the slate of officers and Board nominees are on pages 18-19. Watch your email for further information.

Finally, the Carol Fisher award will be presented to an outstanding OLLI member or members. Past recipients have been Roland Brooks, Jeani Goodwin, Olga Gray, Kathy Gratzek, Chuck Murphy, and Janet Stratton. Carol Fisher, a retired faculty member in the College of Education, was an active and influential member of LIR throughout its early years, serving as vice president in 1999 and 2000. The Award was named in recognition of all she had done for the organization. In addition, at her death in 2010, Carol left a generous legacy to the organization.

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STADION GOLF CLASSIC

The Stadion Golf Classic will be held at the UGA golf course again this spring, this year on May 2-5. Tickets, on sale in the OLLI office and online, are \$25 for all four days of the tournament. ALL ticket sales revenue is returned to OLLI@UGA, as well as part of a pool of money split up between tickets sales and attendance. Last year, OLLI received \$31 for every ticket we sold—a bonus of \$6 per ticket. However, because we buy the tickets in bulk, we actually pay only approximately \$16.50 for each ticket, so we make an additional \$8.50 per ticket. This event is a great deal for OLLI@UGA!

The tournament organizers have asked if OLLI@UGA would like to help on Saturday, May 4, with the "game tent," where there will be activities such as face painting, carnival games, and "corn hole toss." The tent would be a gathering place for OLLI@UGA members. To help at the tent on Saturday or if you have questions on tickets, contact Randall Abney at rabney@me.com or 1-404-932-0232.





NOTE FROM PRESIDENT-ELECT JAY SHINN



Zu Reuter, Jack Parish, Katy Crapo, at the March OLLI Board meeting. Jack Parish has taken Ron Cervero's place as Associate Dean for Outreach and Engagement.

OLLI@UGA has come far in recent years, from less than thirty courses per semester to over one hundred, and from a few hundred members to over 1,000. We now have a professional Executive Director, Katy Crapo, a professional Administrative Assistant, Zu Reuter, a part-time office assistant, and a part-time bookkeeper. These good people do a great deal of necessary administrative work in our service, but they aren't the

heart of OLLI. The heart of OLLI is our OLLI volunteers.

It is the volunteers who recruit presenters and arrange over two hundred classes each year (three hundred class meetings). They organize and manage our two dozen Special Interest Groups, find and develop Travel Study trips, produce our many Luncheon presentations, and plan, organize, and produce our many social and membership meeting events. And, volunteers make up the Governance and management body of OLLI. The officers, board members, and committee chairs are all volunteers, as are the members of the many standing and ad hoc committees needed to serve OLLI's dedication to meeting the intellectual, social, and cultural needs of mature adults through lifelong learning. Please consider adding your talents to our OLLI volunteer rolls.

And remember that a primary member responsibility is participation in selecting our leadership. So, right now, put the 2013 OLLI@UGA Annual Meeting on your calendar. It's May 17th, at 1:30 at Central Presbyterian Church. See y'all there.

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OLLI ART FAIR READY TO ROLL!

Plans are well underway for **The Second Annual OLLI Art Fair**, to be held at the Central Presbyterian Church on April 26 from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. The map at right shows the layout of the lower level of the church and the locations of the various artists by stall number as of press time; the key to the map below it. There is parking on three sides of Central Presbyterian. You can enter by any of the lower level entrances shown. Please note that few artists will have the capability of accepting a credit card, so cash or check is suggested for any purchases you might wish to make.

At the Picture This! Digital photography table (#27) you will find an electronic frame photo show of Chuck Murphy's fantastic photos— and in another frame, photographs by Picture This! Members. There will also be a panel display of their framed or drymounted photographs, some for sale!

The Writers' Corner (#3) will display and sell a number of books by OLLIs; other book stalls are located nearby. In this area are a couch and chairs for reading and conversation. Authors will be at the Writers' Corner according to the following schedule (although they and others may also show up at any time):

- 1:00 – 2:00 Nancy Sharpe, *Puddles, Ponds, and Piddles* (children's book)
- 1:00 – 2:30 Betty Jean Craige, *Conversations with Cosmo: At Home with an African Grey Parrot*. (author's life with her very talkative parrot). Accompanying Betty Jean: Cosmo herself!
- 2:00 – 3:00 Alice Mohor, *Top of the Hill* (poetry)
- 2:30 – 4:30 Martha Phillips *Written on a Rock* (mystery-romance set in Elberton, GA)
- 2:30 – 3:30+ Hubert H. McAlexander *A Southern Tapestry and Strawberry Plains Audubon Center: Four Centuries of a Mississippi Landscape* (Southern history)
- 3:30 – 5:30 Elaine Rabon, illustrator of Carol Dolson's *The Higgledy Piggledy Hedge* (children's book)
- 4:30 – 6:30 Jim Murdock, *The Blankenshipf Curse* and *Moochie's Place* (mysteries)
- 6:00 – 7:00 Roger Bailey, Coordinator, OLLI's Memoir Writing SIG

OLLIs are very creative, and we're looking forward to showing and talking about our work. Next year it might be you! See you at the Fair!

Layout of the OLLI Art Fair, lower level, Central Presbyterian Church, with stall numbers of participants—see list below.

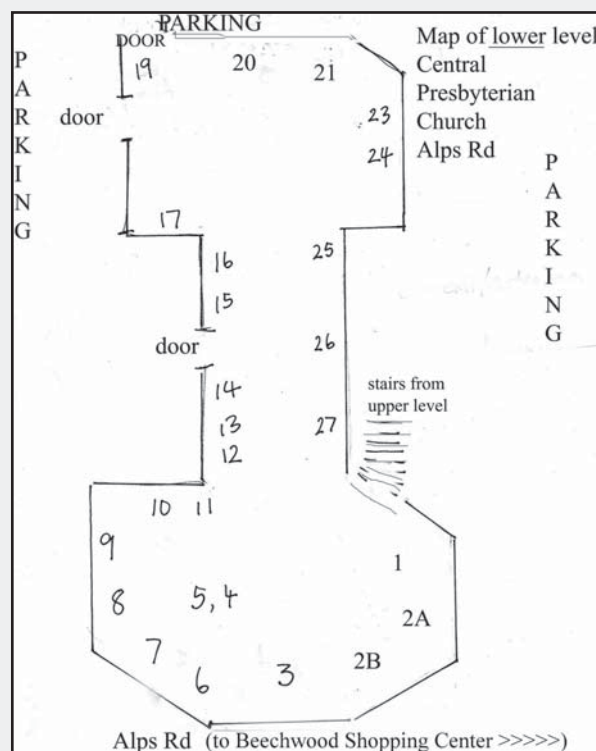


Diagram by Elizabeth Barton

Participants and their stall numbers (there may be more):

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| 1. Jeff Engel: wood, photography | 16. Marti Allen and Billie Baker: painted rocks, chain jewelry |
| 2a. Mark Freeman: writer | 17. Elizabeth Barton: quilts, watercolor paintings |
| 2b. Donna McGinty: writer, Nancy Graham: wood, photography, fiber, books. | 18. TBA |
| 3. Writers' Corner | 19. Membership |
| 4. Bonsai | 20. Chip McDaniels: music |
| 5. Claire and Bob Clements: painting | 21. Carey Winszurk: watercolor |
| 6. Carol Carr: photos, collage | 22. TBA |
| 7. Suzanne Reeves: bags, jewelry | 23. Dortha Jacobson: oil paintings |
| 8. Sylvia Dawe: metal | 24. Margaret Agner: silk wearables |
| 9. Cece Warner: painting | 25. Refreshments (snacks, drinks) provided by Lanier Gardens/Talmadge Terrace |
| 10. Par Ramey: soap, cards | 26. John Weber: photography |
| 11. Diane Perry: metal | 27. Picture This: OLLI photography group |
| 12. Sandy Ellis: photo | |
| 13. Leslie Litt: silver, enamel | |
| 14. Rosie Linhart: jewelry, metal | |
| 15. Nancy York: books, fiber, photo | |

OLLI_s IN LYNDON HOUSE EXHIBITION

Several OLLIs were among the 185 artists whose works were selected for the 38th Juried Exhibition at the Lyndon House. Elizabeth Barton's quilt "Overture," won the Athens Art Association Patrons Award. This quilt is one of a series of black and white quilts she has created. Another in this series, "The Strength of Quiet Windows," was also selected for the show. Elizabeth writes, "I started the series because I love the bold graphic quality of black and white. Doors are very interesting subjects - both literal and metaphorical. I based the sketch for ["Overture"] on an old door I remembered where the steps were so worn that there were long ellipses along the edge of each tread. I like the idea of the straight lines gradually warping away as time passes!" (See more on Elizabeth's quiltmaking on p. 9.)

Chuck Murphy's photograph "Black-necked Stilt at Sunrise" was taken on the mudflats of the Tempisque River in Costa Rica. Chuck says that he tried to get this shot the first afternoon of his visit there, but the birds were very skittish and wouldn't let him get within 150 yards. To capture the image he wanted, Chuck set his alarm for 4:15 the next morning in order to be



Elizabeth Barton's quilt "Overture"

out at the river's edge before sunrise with tripod and camera. Since he was just a stationary part of the scenery as the day brightened, the birds simply ignored him for the two hours it took to get the right bird in the right light for this shot.



Chuck Murphy's "Black-necked Stilt at Sunrise."

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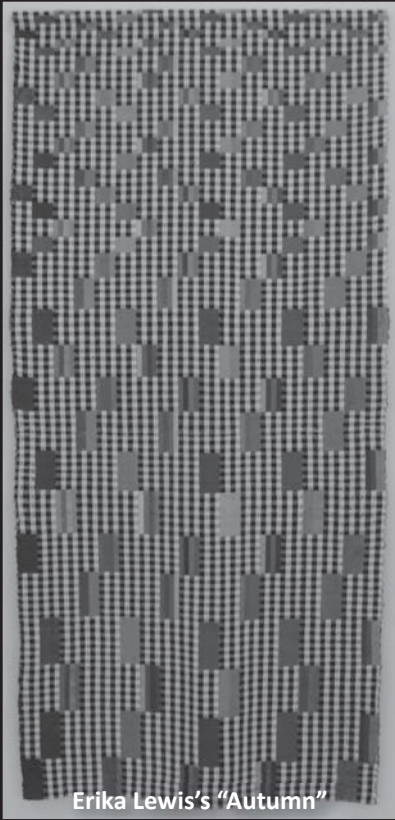
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Erika Lewis's "Autumn"

Of her fiber art "Autumn," Erica Lewis writes, "Double weave has always been one of my favorite weave structures. The idea of weaving two layers simultaneously, either separately or interconnected, has always been fascinating to me. 'Autumn,' my entry in this year's Lyndon House Juried Show, exhibits the qualities of double weave. The background is patterned in a black and white checkerboard, interwoven with blocks of various colors and shapes, so as to suggest falling leaves in a grey autumn sky."

Sylvia Dawe's "Here's Looking at You, Too" is made up of sterling silver, brass, copper, serving tray cuff and glass eyes. Sylvia says that this piece "reflects aspects of my journey in metalsmithing. Eyes are the windows to the soul, and in this piece are all-glass animal eyes. When you look at this composition, it beholds you too!"

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Sylvia Dawe's "Here's Looking at You, Too"

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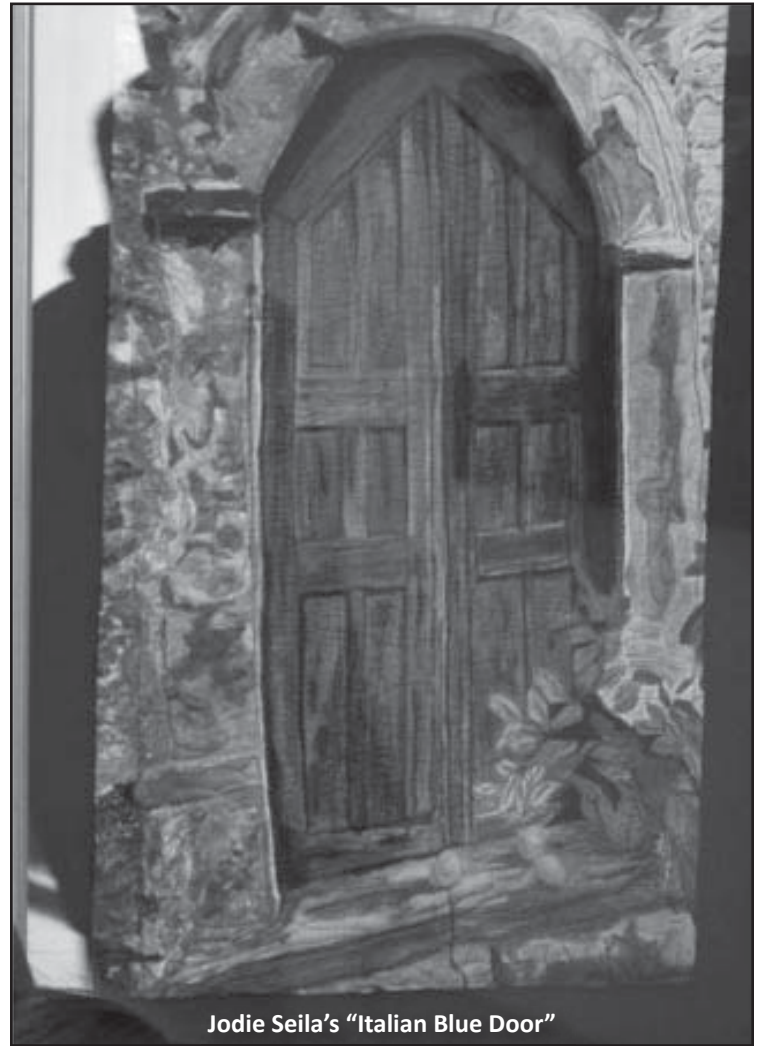
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Abraham Tesser's "Sabbath Light" is a lamp made of solid oak; various translucent veneers including holly, peanut tamo ash, pear wood, red tinneo, walnut, walnut burl, wenge; clear Lexan; and fluorescent and incandescent bulbs. Both the top shade and the shank of the light feature translucent veneer on clear Lexan. When the lamp is lit from the inside, the veneers glow. The focal images in the lamp bottom and top are Hebrew letters. The letter *shin* (on the bottom left panel in the photo), can stand for fire or flame and is also the first letter of the word *Shalom*, Hebrew for peace. Depicted in the shank of the lamp is the lighting of Sabbath candles. Abraham writes, "The glow of the lamp from within clearly steals the show, but there is another detail that woodworkers may find of interest. The solid oak legs and corners are sculpted. Although they are not round and although the sculpting is not symmetrical around each piece, the sculpting was done on a lathe!"

Of her "Italian Blue Door," Jodie Seila writes, "I painted the door from a post card using textile paints on fabric and machine quilted it as a group project. It was exciting for it to be chosen."



Abraham Tesser's "Sabbath Lamp"



Jodie Seila's "Italian Blue Door"

Mother's Day Luncheon

Thursday, May 9, 11:30

The Savannah Room



Par Ramey tells the story behind her digital photograph "Ragazzo di balletto": "My son was tying his shoelaces preparing to catch his flight back to Chicago, Illinois after a short visit. I breezed through the living room snapping candid shots of him to console me after he left. A few weeks later, while downloading the shots - I noticed an elongated framed poster of a Degas painting displayed just above my son's head with its iconic tying of the ballet slippers by his models. I was agog - who knew? I only hoped the juror noticed the parallel. No f-stop - nor the setting up of camera umbrellas. Not even a light clicker - just love."

The Lyndon House show runs until May 4. Gallery hours are Tuesday and Thursday 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. and Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If there are other OLLIs in the show that we missed, let us know! Email patmcalex@gmail.com.



Par Ramey's "Ragazzo di balletto"

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The first forty OLLI@UGA members who register for and attend the 2013 Southern Conference for Lifelong Learning will receive a \$50.00 post-conference rebate. The conference will be held July 24-26 on the UGA campus. Go to the OLLI website www.oli.uga.edu for a link to the conference registration system. Please note that the registration fee is lower if you register on or before May 15, 2013.

OLLI@UGA TO HOST THE 2013 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING JULY 24-26

Members of OLLI@UGA will welcome fellow lifelong learners from around the south to Athens in July for a conference that will provide information and inspiration to strengthen lifelong learning programs. "Engaged Minds, Enriched Lives" is the theme of the 2013 Southern Conference for Lifelong Learning to be held July 24-26 at the UGA Hotel and Conference Center (the Georgia Center for Continuing Education). Some 150 members of lifelong learning organizations in eight southern states are expected for the annual conference, being held for the first time in Athens.

Registration is now open with a discount for those who register early. Registration before May 15 will be \$179; after that date, it will be \$199. Nancy Canolty, chair of the conference planning committee, encourages members of OLLI@UGA to attend. "It's an honor for our organization to host this conference, and it's a wonderful opportunity for us not only to help other lifelong learning organizations improve their programs, but also to showcase our delightful city and the beautiful UGA campus," Nancy says. "I know our members will find the conference to be enlightening and enjoyable."

In addition to numerous sessions on ways to improve lifelong learning organizations, the conference will include a special

video welcome from former President Jimmy Carter, a luncheon with a talk by noted Georgia novelist Terry Kay and a fun evening featuring Athens music at the Georgia Theater downtown and dinner at some of Athens's best restaurants.

Full conference details, including a registration form, are available at <http://olli.uga.edu/2013-southern-conference-for-lifelong-learning>.

Nancy says there will be a number of tasks at the conference for which volunteers are needed. OLLI@UGA members who can volunteer should contact Sandy Clark, sibclark@bellsouth.net.

Members of OLLI@UGA will be among the speakers for fifteen concurrent sessions designed to help lifelong learning organizations improve their programming and operations. Topics to be covered include ways to strengthen curricula, marketing, governance, travel /study programs, fund-raising, newsletters and membership recruitment.

Featured speakers, in addition to Terry Kay, include David Blazeovich, senior program officer of the Bernard Osher Foundation, and Kali Lightfoot, executive director of the National Resource Center for The Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes. Other speakers include Craig Kennedy, dean of the UGA College of Education, and Ron Cervero, associate vice president for instruction at UGA.

Conferees will also be able to experience Athens's famous music scene and dining with an outing to the historic Georgia Theater downtown, where several local bands will perform, followed by dinner at one of twelve of the city's best restaurants.

"This is a great chance to demonstrate what a vibrant and vigorous organization OLLI@UGA is, and to show our visitors what extraordinary places Athens and the University of Georgia are," Nancy says. "We need to have a strong show of support from our members, and I hope many of them will participate in this important event."

—Larry Dendy

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ELIZABETH BARTON, QUILT-MAKER

Elizabeth Barton is originally from York, England, where she attended a convent school established in the late 16th century. She began quilting in 1984 when she moved to Athens and, wanting to make new friends, joined a small quilting class. After two lessons, the teacher fell sick, and Elizabeth (not wanting to miss any lessons!) took over! That class led to many more, including a Continuing Education evening class that ran for many years. Elizabeth used to joke that the Georgia Center paid her the same hourly rate for teaching quilt making as she earned (with three degrees and a license) as a clinical psychologist at the University Health Service!

After a few years, she was asked to teach in Tennessee, and then California, and then Canada and then England. She has visited 45 states and hopes to be asked to teach in one of the five remaining states: Alaska, Hawaii, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine! She also teaches online courses that reach students all over the world. Her book on quilting, *Inspired to Design*, is now available for pre-order on Amazon.com. "The nuns never knew what they started when they taught me to sew in kindergarten and gave me a prize of a holy picture for designing a little cross-stitch pattern!" she says.

Elizabeth has won awards for her quilts. In 2012 "Pond in Winter" won the Ed Lambert Award of Excellence in Fiber in the Lyndon House show. Most recently, two of her quilts were selected for display in the 2013 Lyndon House Juried Art show, with one receiving the Athens Art Association Patrons Award (see p. 4). But Elizabeth's honors are not just local. Her quilt "Emerald City" was just picked up by a New York art handler. Together with two paintings by Athens painter Mary Porter, it will hang for two years in the American Embassy in Liberia as part of the Art in Embassies program. Elizabeth's works also hang in the offices of many major corporations, hospitals and colleges, and in the Hartsfield Atlanta Airport. "Quilts," Elizabeth says, "are no longer [just] for the bed! They are now beautiful wall decorations, rivaling paintings in home decor."

Elizabeth will be giving a class, "Quilting: Contemporary Quilts and Their Inspiration" on Monday, May 6th at 10.30 to 11:45 at River's Crossing. Using a Power Point presentation, she will

describe how she often works from a photograph, refining and designing her sketches of a landscape or cityscape before planning out the quilt. The slides will show the original inspiration and then the finished quilt; she will also bring some of her quilts with her. Whether you are a quilter yourself or just an appreciator of art, you will be interested to learn about this contemporary art form, which is rooted in tradition but has grown a long, long way from its origins.

See Elizabeth's website at elizabethbarton.com and her blog at elizabethbarton.blogspot.com.

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THE OLLI/ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY CONNECTION

A strong connection exists between OLLI@UGA and the Athens Regional Library through their many common members. The Friends of the Athens-Clarke County Library, which works to expand and strengthen library services and programs through fund-raising and volunteerism, counts among its membership 57 OLLI members. And OLLIs make up one third of the Friends' Board of Directors — a particularly significant percentage because many members of the Friends are still too young to join OLLI! The current OLLI members serving on the Board are Sandra Kays, Nelda Parker, Joan Zitzelman, Carolyn Abney, Helen Plymale, Marilynn Smith, and Gene Weeks; Marilynn Smith is the Board's Vice President for 2012-13 and Nelda Paeker is Secretary. Marilyn will assume the office of President in May, with new OLLI Friends Board members Del Dunn, Tom Kenyon, and Barbara Laughlin.

Being a member of the Friends has been particularly challenging the last few years because, as many of you know, since May 2011 the Athens-Clarke County Library has been undergoing a massive renovation program. During this period, the Friends group could not hold its profitable book sales, but it did continue to provide its popular Family Fun Day programs and Café au Libris author program, the former with reduced entertainment and the latter at Lyndon House. It also

conducted membership campaigns and held a fundraiser at a Town and Gown production last year.

Now the library's renovation is complete. The dedication ceremony was April 7. The expansion adds 20,000 square feet to the existing 63,000-square-foot building. The entire building is renovated, including repairing aging areas, upgrading technology capabilities, updating mechanical systems to make them more energy efficient, and reorganizing space to better fit library services. There is additional space for the children's area with a larger storytelling space, more computers, more shelving, expanded Heritage Room, a new 300-seat multipurpose program area (where the book sale will be), self-checkout kiosks and automated check-in equipment, and a vending/café area and Library Store in the new lobby. Now there is space to collect, sort, and sell books in the library, and for additional programming in the coming weeks and months.

While the Friends' ongoing fund-raiser is selling engraved pavers for the new entrance of the Library, a flurry of spring events is designed to attract library users to the newly renovated facility. Family Fun Day returned to its expansive programming at the library on April 6, and the book sale is May 1-4. On April 21 at 3:00 p.m. the library welcomes Atlanta novelist Joshilyn Jackson. She will discuss her five novels and be available for book signing. On April 23, the Friends will participate in World Book Night by distributing free books. And on April 26 at 7:00 p.m. (right as the OLLI Art Fair closes!), the Friends bring in Dave Ehlert, who portrays the famous Southern author Mark Twain.

Now that the renovation is over, future opportunities for volunteer support for the library will be much less demanding. The Friends always welcome donations, new members, and volunteers to help with their programming and fundraising. They are currently accepting book donations for the sale. You can find out more by going to the Friends' website at www.clarke.public.lib.ga.us/arl/s/support/athfriends.html or by finding their FaceBook page. For further information you can contact any of the listed library Board members who are also members of OLLI. —Marilynn Smith



OLLIs on the Regional Friends Board, l to r: Nelda Parker, Joan Zitzelman, Gene Weeks, Marilynn Smith. Marilynn is the Board's vice president.

OLLIS IN THE NEWS

Art by **Sylvia Dawe** is on display at the Bertlemann's Gallery at Athens Academy. The exhibit is open during school hours until April 17. Included in a separate panel is a piece that addresses what to do with discarded common materials, instead of having them contribute to the vortex of trash in the Pacific Ocean. Her work can also be found at Aurum Studios, Lyndon House Gift Shop, and the Botanical Gardens Gift Shop.

Joe Harris, chair of the Kettle Creek Association Board, was one of the members of that group who recently met with Governor Deal to request state funds to help with the purchase of additional land bordering the historic Kettle Creek battleground park in Wilkes County. The park, is presently on twelve acres of land; the group would like to enlarge the park to 800 or more acres. Governor Deal has referred the proposal to the Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Natural Resources.

Hubert McAlexander (and OLLI!) were featured in a March 6 *Flagpole* article by C.J. Bartunek. See:

flagpole.com/news/news-feature/2012/03/06dr-mac-is-back.

John Weber served as the exhibit judge in the recent Georgia Piedmont Arts Center's spring art exhibit in Auburn.

In Memoriam

Roland Brooks

Jim McGown

The following updates to the OLLI Bylaws will be voted on at the Annual Meeting:

Art. 7.1. (Board of Directors). Change the position title "Program Director" to "Executive Director", to conform to previous Board action.

Art. 8.4. (Executive Committee.) Change the position title "Program Director" to "Executive Director", to conform to previous Board action.

Art. 8.5. (Duties of the President.) Add as follows, " ... shall see that all required books, reports, and certificates are properly kept and filed, **shall sign all contracts and obligations of the organization**, be one of the officers who may sign checks ... "

Art. 8.9. (Duties of the Treasurer.) Add at the end, "**The Treasurer shall be a member of the Finance Committee.**"

Art. 10.1. (Committees) Add at the end, "**With Board concurrence, the President may from time to time appoint ad hoc committees for defined purposes.**"

Art. 10.3. (Standing Committees) Change "Development" to "Fund Development"; change "Marketing" to "Marketing Development"; Change "Long Term Planning" to "Long Range Planning"; Change "Member Services" to "Hospitality"; delete "Public Relations" (now a part of Marketing Development)



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FUND DEVELOPMENT PAGE

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Annual Fund Campaign

Annual funds are the mainstay of every successful not-for-profit. OLLI@UGA is no exception. Our very first campaign raised over \$4,000. These funds will be used to keep our high quality programs affordable. As members of OLLI@UGA, we need to demonstrate to the Osher Foundation that we are willing to do our share to continue our organizational growth and stability.

In May of 2013, the second effort for the Annual Fund Campaign will take place. For those who gave to the first effort last December we thank you. For those that did not give, now is the time, at the end of a very successful fiscal year of quality programs, to do so. Every member of OLLI@UGA should want our programs to continue to be of the highest quality, whether they are courses, travel, special interests groups or lunch time events. This will not happen without membership support.

Please be on the lookout for the Annual Fund Campaign letter. Take a moment and think about all of the benefits that you received from OLLI@UGA this past year. Then, write a check and send it in! We will all benefit from your generosity.

Leave A Legacy: TWO MORE TO GO!

As we go to press we are just two donors short of realizing our goal of 10 donors by June 30, 2013! This is a remarkable milestone. The eight donors recognized the benefits that will enable OLLI@UGA to sustain our organization for generations to come.

If you would like to learn more about how you can participate in the Leave A Legacy planned giving program, please contact the UGA Planned Giving Specialist and OLLI@UGA member Melinda Thomas or the Fund Development Committee member and UGA's Executive Director of College Advancement Aldon Knight. They can walk you through how best to become a donor to the Leave A Legacy Program and determine how your funds will be used. Melinda Thomas can be reached at thomasme@uga.edu or 706-542-8869. Aldon Knight can be reached at aknight@uga.edu or 706-542-2267.

Who will be the two members to take us to our yearly goal of 10 donors?

Special Events: NEWS FLASH!

The Fund Development Committee is pleased to announce that the First Annual Halloween Party will be held on Thursday, October 24, 2013! The Committee is even more pleased to announce that Marti Edwards and David Block have agreed to be the Co-chairs of this event. Planning the party will begin shortly and our members will be asked to assist by serving on a committee to make the Halloween Party a truly memorable event. By volunteering, you would be doing your share to help the Fund Development Committee raise the funds needed to move us forward and continue to provide programs our membership deserves.

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OLLI TRAVEL: PAST AND FUTURE



Photo by Bill Alworth

Athenian William J. Thompson's sculpture at the Andersonville National Military Cemetery



Photo by Dorinda Dallmeyer

OLLIs scramble to examine trace fossils in a rock formation on Dr. Dallmeyer's geology field trip through the Appalachians of northern Ga.

TRIP TO ANDERSONVILLE (March 3-4)

On the Andersonville trip March 3-4 with tour leader Truitt Goodwin, OLLIs saw, among other memorable things, a deeply moving film where survivors of prisoner-of-war experiences from World War II to the present day describe their ordeals and the values that sustained them; the actual Andersonville prison site; and the impressive monument sculpted by Athenian William J. Thompson at the entrance of the Andersonville National Military Cemetery.

BUILDING THE APPALALCHIANS GEOEXCURSION (March 11-15)

From March 11 to March 15, Drs. David and Dorinda Dallmeyer led another enjoyable and informative geology field trip as part of the OLLI class titled "Building the Appalachians: Plate Tectonics and the Geology of Georgia." The class and fieldtrip focused on the geologic origins of the Valley and Ridge, Western Blue Ridge, and Eastern Blue Ridge Provinces of northern Georgia that are delineated by faults and corresponding thrust sheets.

Three vanloads of "students" travelled from Athens to Desoto State Park in Alabama and Chickamauga, Blue Ridge and Hiawasse in Georgia during the five-day field trip. The fascinating geologic history of this area was highlighted by examining rocks at a number of road cuts and outcrops which conveyed information about the origins of these provinces, their age and the geological events contributing to their formation. Additional highpoints included collecting incredible trace fossils, crinoids, brachiopods, and geodes and enjoying spectacular views from Lookout Mountain and Brasstown Bald.
—Parley Winger

TRIPS IN THE WORKS

Fall 2013 and/or spring 2014: Day Trips to Atlanta for Fox Theater shows

September 2014: Trip to Italy with Thea Ellenberg, who has studied and worked in Italy, speaks fluent Italian, and has dual citizenship. She has led tours through Italy for many years, including several with UGA and Athens Tech students. A tentative itinerary would include Sorrento, Pompeii, Rome, Florence, and Milan.

March and May 2014: Trips to France with Benedicte Milward, French native and OLLI French teacher. 1) Spring break 2014: Paris and around. Departure Friday, March 7. Return Sunday March 16. 2) Paris and Normandy-Marne-Blois. Depart May 1, 2014. Return May 13, 2014. Each trip limited to seven participants. (These trips are different from the French language class trip June 11-21, 2014).

October 2013 or 2014. Jill Read is planning a trip to Kentucky, including Danville, Shakertown, Lexington, and Berea, with a return to Athens via the Cumberland Gap.

And More: The Travel Committee, with Katy Crapo, is investigating forming a relationship with UGA international programs with the intent to develop some trips and study courses that could make use of the UGA residence at Oxford, facilities in Costa Rica, and facilities in Cortona.



Photo by Don Schneider

OLLIs at Gibbs Garden

TRIP TO GIBBS GARDENS (March 20)

On March 20, OLLIs took a trip to Gibbs Gardens in the north Georgia foothills west of Gainesville. There they saw banks of daffodils, a beautiful Japanese Garden, springfed ponds, and other special features in the bright chilly air.



Photo by Don Schneider

Scene at Gibbs Gardens



Photo by Dorinda Dallmeyer

OLLIs and Dr. Dallmeyer (right) examine pieces of granite during their visit to an Elberton granite quarry.



Photo by Dorinda Dallmeyer

OLLIs show off one of their geological finds on the Elberton trip.

TRIP TO ELBERTON (March 24)

Also linked to Dr. Dallmeyer's "Building the Appalachians" class was a one-day excursion to Elberton on March 24. OLLIs on this trip examined metamorphic and igneous rocks exposed between Athens and Elberton, stopping in several granite quarries. Dr. Dallmeyer reports, "In spite of the chilly, misty weather we had a fantastic time."

CLASSES

TAI CHI

Ann Crowley calls Tom Wittenberg “the Pied Piper of Tai Chi.” Once again this semester, Tom is offering his popular OLLI Tai Chi classes. The moves of traditional Tai Chi promote vitality, self-healing, and relaxation. Benefits include improved balance, lower blood pressure, greater flexibility, decreased incidence of falls, and stress reduction. And it’s fun!



Tom Wittenberg teaching his Tai Chi class

BUILDING THE APPALCHIAN

This five-day course (March 4-8) described the geology of Georgia, reviewing its relationship to plate tectonics and the development of the Appalachian Mountains. In the picture below, students in the daily lab sessions examine fossil specimens.



Students in Dr. David Dallmeyer’s class lab, with Dorinda Dallmeyer on left

TOUR OF PICADILLY FARM

Sam Jones and his daughter Valerie Hinsley offered an OLLI class, “Hellesbores—Not a Hell-of-a-Bore and Tour of Picadilly Farm Nursery” on March 13. The nursery, located in Bishop, Georgia, was established in 1982 by Sam, a retired UGA Botany professor, and his wife Carleen, who passed away in 2012. Sam and Carleen’s daughter Valerie, a landscape architect, and her husband Bill, joined Piccadilly Farm in 2010. Over the years the nursery has received national recognition, receiving coverage in the *New York Times* and winning the Award of Merit from the Perennial Plant Association.

For the class, Sam gave a humorous account of his mid-life career change, and then Valerie led a leisurely tour of parts of the twenty-acre nursery. Most noted for hellebores (Lenten roses), the Farm also was filled with other beautiful blooming plants, bushes and fir trees, many with stories attached from the Jones family’s two decades of nurture. —John Albright



OLLIs at Picadilly Farms

SIGS

Proposed new SIG: Cribbage Anyone?

Sir John Suckling invented the card game, cribbage, in the early 1600s. Four hundred years later, the game is still popular in England, the United States, and elsewhere. Cribbage is arguably the best two-person card game in existence, although it can be played by 3 or 4 players at a time. It differs from other card games in the use of a cribbage board and pegs to keep score and by the crib, a third hand counted by the dealer. The first player to peg 121 points wins. It is truly a unique card game, both fun and challenging.

If there is enough interest, we can establish an OLLI cribbage group. It doesn't matter if you're a grand master (if such a thing exists) or a person who simply wants to learn how to play. If you are interested in being part of a cribbage group, email me jekundell@bellsouth.net and we will set up a time and place to meet.

—Jim Kundell

Bicycling SIG Needs New Leadership

With regret and a twinge of sadness, John Songster, the SIG founder and leader for the past five years has decided that OLLI bicycling group needs a new coordinator or coordinators. Beginning with the new year, the group will no longer function formally as a SIG without new leadership. John will continue to be available to assist members with questions about bicycles, and getting back to riding after a long hiatus. You may contact him at john.songster483@charter.net or 706-548-8181.

Many members share this common interest and there are other opportunities in Athens for organized cycling – so, no need to despair. Of particular note is the Cantilopes. An OLLI member and her husband (both experienced cyclists) host a well-organized and well-supervised weekly evening (5:30 -7:00) ride. Rides begin in the spring, are of low to moderate intensity, and continue as long as daylight hours permit.

Members wishing to keep the OLLI group intact should contact Carolyn Abney, OLLI SIG coordinator.

Happy Hikers

The Happy Hikers met at O. C. and Manita Dean's house at 9:00 AM, on March 16, complete with hiking gear, rain gear, sturdy footwear, water, and a packed lunch to hike in Kenney Ridge's Seventeen-Acre Wood and the newly acquired 500+ acre Tallassee Highlands (part of the Tallassee Tract) purchased by Carl Jordan and Athens-Clarke County. They were accompanied by Karen Porter, emerita ecologist, who helped them understand the flora and other sights along the way.

On Sunday April 20-21 they will carpool to Flat Rock NC to hike, and on May 10 they will hike Wildcat Mountain Trail near Helen GA, led by Walt Cook.

OLLI Rocks

On March 19 Doug Crowe, Head of the UGA Geology Department, discussed his research experiences on deep-ocean submersible diving expeditions to study hydrothermal vent systems on underwater volcanoes. Doug brought a suite of hydrothermal vent specimens to illustrate the mineralizing potential of these unique systems. He discussed how understanding the tectonic development of these systems has revolutionized economic mineral exploration practices.

Following Doug's presentation the capacity crowd viewed a fantastic DVD that documented in detail the nature of biologic communities that inhabit hydrothermal vent systems. The last OLLI Rocks meeting of the academic year will meet/met on April 16.



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BIOS OF PROPOSED OLLI OFFICERS

President-Elect — Tom Kenyon.

Tom Kenyon, an active OLLI member, enjoys OLLI's classes and the presenters and he and wife Karen are in several Special Interest Groups. Tom especially enjoys the Memoir Writing Group, and he and Karen started the Pinochle Posse. Tom's professional career included 25 years in international education and training, and 25 years as a not-for-profit executive and consultant. He also served on Boards of Directors representing the interest of children, minorities, and educational opportunities. Tom holds a BS from St. Louis University and an MA from Georgetown University. He is currently Chair of the Fund Development Committee, a member of the Marketing Committee and the 2013 Southern Conference for Lifelong Learning Steering Committee.

Vice President — Margaret Anderson.

Margaret grew up in Kentucky. She graduated from Agnes Scott College in 1962 with a B.S. in Mathematics and met her husband Wyatt when he was a Masters student at UGA. They moved to New York City for Wyatt to attend graduate school at Rockefeller University, and while there Margaret earned her M.S. in Mathematics from Hunter College of the City University of New York. They then spent two years in the army and several years in New Haven, Connecticut. Margaret, Wyatt, and their three children moved back to Athens in 1972 when Wyatt accepted a faculty position at UGA. Margaret entered graduate school and earned a Ph.D. in Statistics from UGA's Department of Statistics and Computer Science. She then taught statistics and computer courses in the Terry College of Business before becoming Assistant to the Director of the Office of Instructional Support and Development (now the Center for Teaching and Learning). She worked with staff at EITS to support WebCT (a course management system used by faculty) and other aspects of instructional technology. Margaret retired in 2004 and joined Learning in Retirement—now OLLI. She is currently chair of OLLI's Technology Committee and a member of OLLI's Board.

Secretary — Carolyn Abney.

Carolyn Abney is a native Georgian, educated in Atlanta (Westminster Girls' School, Emory University, Georgia State University) in Liberal Arts, but she also holds two MBAs. She is currently an Associate Broker with Keller Williams Greater Athens, returning to real estate after a lengthy absence while she and husband, Randall, lived in Europe. She serves on the Boards of Slow Food Greater Athens and Friends of the Athens Clarke Library. If she had any spare time, she would use it to read, paint, travel, and add to her 2000+ volume cookbook collection. In addition to currently serving as OLLI@UGA's Secretary, Carolyn is Chair of the Special Interest Groups committee.

Treasurer — TBA.

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BIOS OF OLLI BOARD NOMINEES

Rich Carey — Rich Cary was born and grew up in Illinois. He holds a degree in Journalism from the University of Missouri (Columbia), and worked for 20 years with a large wholesale distribution firm. Rich and his family moved to Athens in 1985 working in consulting and in real estate while earning a Master of Public Administration at UGA. He joined the Athens Chamber of Commerce in 1996 serving in a variety of roles including economic development, membership, and event planning, and serving on numerous non-profit boards. He and wife Marilyn have two married adult children. Rich is an active OLLI volunteer and is currently on the Hospitality Committee.

Cheryl Copeland — Born and raised in Massachusetts, Cheryl Copeland received a B.A. in History and Speech from Albion College in Albion, Michigan. She received an M.S. in Public Relations from Boston University. Her career has included work in publications, advertising, public relations, real estate marketing and sales, as well as the legal field. Since moving to Georgia with her husband Bruce Copeland in the fall of 2010, she has served on the Marketing Development Committee, participated in several Special Interest Groups, as well as attending many worthwhile OLLI classes.

Helen Epps — Helen Epps is completing her first 2-year term on the OLLI Board of Directors. As a member of the Curriculum Committee, she recruits numerous OLLI instructors in a wide range of subjects, has frequently served as class facilitator, and in Fall 2012 taught an OLLI class on health care reform. She is the new course proposal editor for the Curriculum Committee, and has served as Chair of the Long Term Planning Committee. Helen joined the UGA Faculty in 1981. Now retired, she channels her professional experience in color science and technology toward learning to paint, and was honored to exhibit her work in the first OLLI Art Show in 2012. Helen is active in Covenant Presbyterian Church and Northeast Georgia Presbytery, Habitat for Humanity, and the Athens Area Council on Aging.

Jill Jayne Read — Jill Read, a native Kentuckian, is a long-time resident of Athens where she has served on the Boards of many non-profit organizations. Her MPA Degree is from UGA, and her BM from Wesleyan College. Her career includes Director of Cultural Economic Development, Community Relations, and Public Information in Athens and Clarke County, and Special Assistant to the President of Morehead State University in Kentucky. She was the founding Proprietor of Homeplace and Southern Comforts in Athens, and currently operates Kentucky History Plates. She consults in organizational development, long range planning, and fundraising for non-profit organizations, and in Cultural Economic Development for communities throughout Appalachia. She is active in OLLI classes and is a member of the Travel Study Committee.

Don Schneider — Originally from Philadelphia, PA, Don Schneider grew up in NJ, received his B.A. in history from Trenton State College (now the College of NJ) and his M. A. and Ph.D. in education from George Peabody College (now part of Vanderbilt University). He taught social studies in public schools in NJ and Florida and was a faculty member and administrator at UGA for over 31 years, serving as department head in Social Science Education, director of the School of Teacher Education, and acting associate dean for the College of Education. He currently serves on OLLI's Board of Directors, Finance Committee, and Travel Study Committee.

Nancy Songster — Nancy Songster joined OLLI, then LIR, in 2005, has enjoyed many classes and been active on the following committees: Class Facilitators, By-laws, Policies and Procedures, Long Range Planning, Fund Development, Lifelong Learning Conference 2013, past chair of Member Services, Board member 2010-12 and coordinator of the Opera SIG. A graduate of Purdue University, her professional background is in retail management and business with a lifelong interest in volunteerism. As a new Board member she will work to continue to improve the governance of OLLI@UGA, and ensure the organization meets the changing needs of the membership.

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