

The OLLI Times

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OLLI@UGA GROWS, EVOLVES

Look around us and we see that OLLI@UGA is rapidly evolving. We have 1,000 members, a record number of courses, and increasingly active Fund Development and Marketing Development Committees.

OLLI@UGA membership continues to grow. On January 3, nearly fifty new OLLIs attended the Orientation for New Members (OLLI members who had joined in the past two years) to learn about OLLI's history, OLLI offerings – travel, classes, social events, special interest groups—and opportunities for volunteering. Many prospective members, labeled “guest” on their nametags, attended the Back-to-Class Bash on January 18.



New OLLI members at the “Newbee” orientation



Membership table at the Back-to-Class Bash.
Vic Armstrong, Membership Chair, second from left.

Katy Crapo, Executive Director, reports that after the Bash, the number of members has exceeded 1,000.

Betty Jean Craige and her Curriculum Committee have also contributed to our growth! As you know from our thick course catalog, this semester we have another record number of course offerings—one hundred and twenty-one, including nine luncheon programs, three at Trumps and six at Central

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NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR 2013 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

As an organization driven, led, and governed by volunteers, openness and transparency are paramount management concerns for OLLI@UGA, and nowhere is that more important than in the selection of our leadership. Your Nominating Committee is announcing the opening of nominations for Officer and Board of Directors positions to be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Membership on May 17, 2013. Those elected will assume their offices on July 1, 2013.

The Officer terms are for one year, and the Board terms are for two years. All current members of OLLI are eligible to serve. Although the primary qualifier is membership, please look for “an interest in and familiarity with” our OLLI in those whom you would submit for service. The person submitting a name must secure the approval of the potential nominee beforehand, and

you may nominate yourself. Bylaws Articles 7 and 8 describe the Officer and Board of Directors' terms and duties. Our full Bylaws are available on the OLLI website, www.lli.uga.edu, under the About Us tab.

A list of current officers and Board members, with notes regarding open seats, is found in this issue of the *OLLI Times* on page 3. Both a printable PDF and a link to complete the form online can be found at <http://bit.ly/WOU4FY>. In addition, the nomination form may be found on page 3 of this issue.

Candidate submissions will be accepted from Friday, February 1, 2013, until Wednesday, March 27, 2013.

—Your Nominating Committee: Jim Becker, Sandy Clark, Ann Crowley, Jay Shinn, Chair, and Clover Weller.



Jay Shinn

Note from President-Elect Jay Shinn

Our OLLI is growing, with expanding curriculum and social offerings. As we grow and further develop our ability to serve the greater Athens area, the need for volunteers to come forward and offer their skills also grows. The wonderful curriculum, the SIG's, the social affairs, and other services and needs of OLLI are developed, led, and managed by member volunteers. Many hands are needed and welcome. Please consider in what capacity you may offer your gifts to this fine organization.

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Bill Alworth - President
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Nancy Canolty - Vice President
Carolyn Abney - Secretary
John Songster - Treasurer

OLLI Board of Directors

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| Randall Abney | Joseph Harris |
| Margaret Anderson | Richard Lynch |
| Betty Jean Craige | Pat McAlexander |
| Larry Dendy | Don Schneider |
| Helen Epps | Janet Stratton |
| William Loughner | |

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CURRENT OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 2013

Officers, 2012-2013

Status

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|---------------------------|--|
| President, Bill Alworth | Completing term |
| Pres.-Elect, Jay Shinn | Succeeds to President |
| Vice-Pres., Nancy Canolty | 3 rd term, Can't run again for VP |
| Secretary, Carolyn Abney | Completing term, eligible to run again |
| Treasurer, John Songster | Completing term, eligible to run again |

Board Members, 2011-2013

Continuing

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| Randall Abney | Continuing to 2 nd year of 1 st term |
| Margaret Anderson | Continuing to 2 nd year of 1 st term |
| Betty Jean Craige | Continuing to 2 nd year of 1 st term |
| Richard Lynch | Continuing to 2 nd year of 1 st term |
| Janet Stratton | Continuing to 2 nd year of 1 st term |

Open Positions

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| Don Schneider | completing first term, may choose to run again |
| Larry Dendy | Partial term, may choose to run again* |
| Helen Epps | completing first term, may choose to run again |
| Bill Loughner | completing first term, may choose to run again |
| Pat McAlexander | completing first term, may choose to run again |
| (Joe Harris | Washington Affiliate rep., named by them) |

**Filling remainder of vacated 2011-2013 term*

**Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at The University of Georgia In Accordance With OLLI@UGA Bylaws
Nomination for 2013-2014 Officer or Board of Directors**

The following person is submitted for candidacy as (select one):

- President-Elect
 Vice President
 Treasurer
 Secretary
 Member of the Board of Directors

Name: _____
(Last) (MI) (First)

Address: _____
(Street) (City, State, zip) (County)

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

This person has agreed to candidacy Yes

The above person is nominated by: Name: _____
(Last) (MI) (First)

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

I submit this person because: _____

Submissions accepted beginning February 1, 2013, and will close on March 27, 2013.

Please submit to OLLI@UGA, 2013 Nominating Committee, 850 College Station Road, Athens, GA 30602-4811

THE SECOND ANNUAL OLLI ART FAIR TO BE HELD APRIL 26, 1:00 – 7:00

Mark your calendars! The Second Annual OLLI Art Fair, sponsored by Talmage Terrace and supported by OLLI's Member Services, will be held Friday, April 26, 1:00-7:00 p.m. in the spacious lower level of Central Presbyterian Church. The Fair will be open to the public. Elizabeth Barton, Pat McAlexander, and John Weber are chairing this event, and Nancy Songster and Sylvia Dawe are helping to plan it.

OLLI members or OLLI groups who create art/crafts—sculptors, quilters, original hand-wrought jewelry makers, potters, photographers, painters in all mediums, weavers, writers, woodworkers, flower arrangers, bonsai artists—all are invited to show work, whether they are beginners, professionals, or in between. The aim is to share one's art with others. Participants can sell their work if they wish or just display it. There is no charge to display your art. If you sell your art, however, we request a donation to OLLI to help defray expenses of the Fair—\$5 to \$25, as you feel appropriate given your sales. Donations will be collected at the Fair; receipts will be available. If you are interested in showing and are not an OLLI member, then become one! Go to <http://olli.uga.edu/join>.



"Garden Dogwoods in Fall" (watercolor by Elizabeth Barton)

We hope to put writers together in one area, like a mini-book store. As of now, no plant sale is planned, but if a group wants to hold one simultaneously out on the patio, they can organize one independently.

The Central Presbyterian space is large but finite, so late entrants might not be accommodated! To reserve a space for you or your group, answer ALL nine questions listed below and either email or mail the answers to Elizabeth Barton (addresses on page 5) by April 18. For questions or comments other than in regard to reserving a space, contact:

John Weber (jweber824@gmail.com)

or

Pat McAlexander (patmcalex@gmail.com).



Psalted Box (woodwork by Jeffrey Engel)

THE SECOND ANNUAL OLLI ART FAIR

Information and Application Questionnaire for OLLI Art Fair participants

Deadline for applications: April 18, 2013

Information:

- You are encouraged to email all your contacts to help publicize the event.
- Nothing can be hung on the walls or from the ceiling.
- You can reserve some tables (see below) but please bring your own tablecloth, display stands etc.
- We request that you prominently display your OLLI table tent with your name.
- If you need an electric outlet, you will need to bring your own extension cords (orange) and power strips. All cords must be away from walkways and anywhere that anyone can trip over them.
- You can bring in your art work and setups from 11 a.m. on the day of the Fair.
- It is expected that you will clean up your entire area after the show.
- If you sell work, we request a donation to OLLI –\$5-\$25 as you feel appropriate given your sales.
- Neither OLLI nor Central Presbyterian Church is responsible for any loss or damage to anything or anyone.

Application Questionnaire:

Email or mail the answers to the following nine questions to Elizabeth Barton at:
eisbarton@gmail.com / 101 Coventry Rd, Athens, GA.

Your answers are your application.

- 1) Name or name of group (class, SIG):
- 2) Contact information (email address if possible, mailing address if not):
- 3) What kind of art will you be bringing?
- 4) Will you display or sell or some of both?
- 5) a) If you want a table, what size do you prefer (30" x 96", 18" x 72", or 6' round), and how many (one-half a table so you can share with a friend or be matched with another artist, or one table just for you or your group)?
- b) If you do not want a table(s), what is the minimum space (in feet?) you require?
- 6) There are a limited number of electrical outlets – will you need one? (Note: We will try to arrange it so that you have access if you do)
- 7) Do you need to be against a wall?
- 8) How important is light to your art—very, moderately, or not particularly important?
- 9) Can you help with the set up of tables between 9 and 11 am on the day of the Fair? If you do, you can start setting up your own table as soon as we're finished.

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Presbyterian Church. Classes meet at River's Crossing, except in unusual cases. Courses range from "The Full Experience of Reading *Absalom, Absalom*" (Hubert McAlexander) to "Hidden Math-Prime Numbers and Computer Security" (Elliot Gootman) to "Biology and the Control of Fire Ants" (Michael Mispagel). One point worth noting is a new policy making explicit that OLLI instructors agree not to advertise or sell any products or services from which they benefit financially to participants in their class.

And then there is OLLI's financial evolution. Finding alternative sources of funding for OLLI is essential now, as the interest income from the Osher Foundation endowment this year will be about one-half of the \$100,000 grant we received last year, and we do not want to raise the cost of dues or class fees any further. Randall Abney, chair of the Marketing Development Committee, describes OLLI's new "yearly sponsorship program" currently being put into place: "The sponsorship program has four levels of sponsors and limits the number of sponsors at each level. We will have three RED sponsors at \$10,000 each; four BLACK sponsors at \$5,000 each; eight SILVER sponsors at \$2,000 each, and eight WHITE sponsors at \$1,000 each, for a total of 23 sponsors. The sponsors will have information in The OLLI Times as well as the Course Catalog and Membership Directory. They will be on our website with links to their website and on our Facebook page. A banner will hang outside of the OLLI@UGA office to remind our members who our sponsors are. And we are producing a book bag for every OLLI@UGA member complete with all sponsor logos and the members' name embroidered on the front. Talmage Terrace/Lanier Gardens has committed to the first RED sponsorship and BB&T has committed to our first Black Sponsorship". Look for ads from sponsors in this issue of the newsletter. Also, in another first, the Fund Development Committee, under the leadership of Tom Kenyon, put out a call for donations in a special issue of the *OLLI Times* in December. This committee gives its news in the special Fund Development section of this newsletter (p. 11).

Through all these changes, OLLI@UGA is striving to maintain its long-held goal —"to meet the intellectual, social, and cultural needs of mature adults through lifelong learning."

In Memoriam
Norma Greer Ogden



OLLI SIGS

OLLI PADDLERS

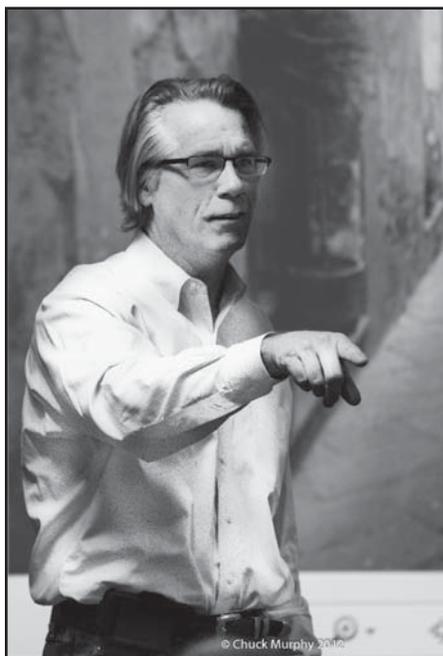
Sunday November 18, four OLLI Paddlers had a pleasant afternoon on Lake Chapman at Sandy Creek; it was, said coordinator Jeff Engel, to work up an appetite for Thanksgiving turkey.



Photo by Pat McAlexander

OLLI paddlers

PICTURE THIS! DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY



© Chuck Murphy 2012

Picture This! speaker Wingate Downs

A capacity crowd met for Picture This!, the digital photograph interest group, on Tuesday, January 22nd. Wingate Downs, a professional photographer working in the Northeast Georgia area and winner of many state and national awards for his press work, spoke on "Making Better Candid Photos." The group also had its usual "Members' Showcase" session.

HAPPY HIKERS

Iris Miracle reports, "I had 15 hikers join me for the October 18 hike to Tallulah Gorge. This particular hike was somewhat 'different in nature', to use a play on words. On a bright sunny day the overlook views of the Gorge are spectacular. [This time] you could say it was a 'Foggy Day in Tallulah Gorge,' to paraphrase the old song. The fog made the visibility of the Gorge at the overlooks almost (but not quite) impossible. However, the views seemed rather ethereal & mystical...." On November 15, a group hiked at Unicoi State Park in Helen GA; on December 12, at the Botanical Gardens (Athens) Orange Trail (some eating at the UGA Cook's Holiday at Joe Frank Harris Dining Hall after the hike); and on January 15 at Cook's Trail, Sandy Creek Park.



Photo from Iris Miracle

Happy Hikers at beginning of October hike.



Photo from Iris Miracle

Foggy waterfall at Tallulah Gorge

TWO OLLI FALL CLASSES



Photo from Chuck Murphy

Morning photography class



Photo from Chuck Murphy

Afternoon photography class



Photo from Chuck Murphy

A photography class graduation cake



Photo by Pat McAlexander

Marisa and Sarat at their class

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY BASICS

Last semester, due to popular demand, Chuck Murphy taught not one but two sessions of his “Digital Photography Basics Class”—one in the morning, one in the afternoon. This was the tenth year he had taught the course for OLLI/LIR, and he sent us three photos of the celebration. One was the graduation photo of his morning class, designated the “10th Anniversary Digital Photography Basics Class.” “And,” Chuck wrote, “because major milestones like ‘Tenth Anniversary’ are a LOT more fun than boring things like ‘Eleventh Anniversary,’ I designated the afternoon session of the course as the “Second 10th Anniversary Digital Photography Basics Class.” Each class celebrated the occasion by eating a cake with their graduation photograph in frosting (see photo). The delicious “photographs” on the cakes, Chuck said, “illustrate the old saying, ‘You can have your photo and eat it too.’”

ARMCHAIR TOUR OF AFRICA

A capacity crowd attended an OLLI Saturday class—Marisa Meister and Sarat Yellepeddi’s armchair tour of the African countries Botswana and Zambia. Videos, slides, and first person descriptions of a fascinating safari in these countries gave a preview of what could, for some OLLIs, be an actual experience. See Travel section p. 15 .

SOCIAL EVENTS

“WEB OF HALLOWEEN” PARTY

Everyone had fun at the OLLI Halloween party at Chops and Hops on October 31. Guests were apparently not disturbed by the appearance of four witches at the occasion (see photo) —maybe because the quartet seemed to be good witches, somehow resembling OLLIs Iris Miracle, Kathleen Haney, Heidi Naylor, and Margaret Pruiett.



Photo from Iris Miracle

Halloween party visitors

WINTER PARTY

The Winter Party of 2012 at Talmage Terrace was a great success. From the greetings by happy members at the door to more smiling faces at the registration table, the evening was guaranteed to be a pleasant experience. There was the additional benefit of having the large television in the lobby, allowing members to keep up with the Georgia-Alabama game, even with the ending of the game being a sad one for many. The food was outstanding and plentiful, and it was lovely to listen to the sound of many conversations, indicating that those at the party were enjoying both good food and good company. The wine donated by Healthy Gourmet and the beer donated by some members were surely welcomed and served up well by the bartender provided by Epting Events. Music provided by the Chris Enghauser Trio made the atmosphere richer, and the dancing near the end of the evening was just pure fun.

All said, the Winter Party added a sparkle to those who attended, and started the Holiday season off very nicely. A very special thanks to Vic Armstrong and the Membership committee for providing the name tags, to Randall Abney for all of his extraordinary help, and to Talmage Terrace for providing the venue and delicious food.

—Margaret Pruiett

NEWBEES WINTER/SPRING 2013 ORIENTATION

After Alta Allen’s welcome and Bill Alworth’s introductory talk, the “newbees” were divided into three groups. Guides John Songster, Jay Shinn, and Nancy Songster led the groups to classrooms to hear Katy Crapo on the history of OLLI @ UGA; Nancy Canolty on class registration and the Southern Regional Conference for Institutes of Learning in Retirement conference to be hosted by OLLU@UGA in Athens this July; Zu Reuter on OLLI Angels and other volunteer opportunities; Betty Jean Craig on how an OLLI course is developed; Ann Crowley and Connie Bruce on class facilitation; Randall Abney on Marketing OLLI, OLLI Fund Development, and OLLI GEAR; Marilynn Smith on travel-study opportunities; Carolyn Abney and Karen Kenyon on special interest groups; and Sandy Clark on OLLI social events.

Also helping with the event were Lois Alworth, Rich Cary, Dona Conway, Marti Edwards, Sinclair Jackson, Iris Miracle, Heidi Naylor, Sally Papp, Catherine Shinn, and Jeanie Whitener.

Alta Allen wrote, “Many people . . . did hours of behind-the-scenes work to make the Newbees Orientation a successful event—everything from making signs to providing homemade refreshments, and, when necessary, filling in at the last minute. The cooperative spirit of all these OLLI members [helped] our newest members get . . . insights into the organization and the outstanding opportunities available. . . .”



Photo from Iris Miracle

Carter Naylor (in white shirt) looks happy surrounded by Winter Party greeters Heidi Naylor, Dona Conway, Marti Edwards, Iris Miracle, and Carolyn Ashley.

BACK TO CLASS BASH

The Bash was its usual success, with members and some fifty guests looking at the displays put on by SIGs, The Travel Committee, OLLI Angels, Membership, and other groups; enjoying refreshments provided by Talmage Terrace; and talking with friends old and new. The New Horizons band, directed by Joyce King, played many old favorites. And the decorations, with snowmen sitting in the middle of tables on piles of “snow,” provided a winter party atmosphere.

Once again, underlying this success was the great work by Member Services Committee members, especially Nancy Songster, who coordinated the event; Sandy Clark, who did the room layout, setup, and indoor signs; Heidi Naylor, who was in charge of decorations, and Richard Whitener, who took pictures of the Central Presbyterian areas so that after the Bash the rooms could be reset exactly as they had been—plus he and his family made the wonderful, long-needed outdoor signs.



Two Member Services hosts at the Bash:
Rich Carey and Alta Allen



Bill Alworth, Randall Abney, and Jeff Engel, alias “Me” (see name tag.) Jeff says he has always had trouble remembering names!



Two of our newer OLLI members,
Deanna Council and Carolyn Ingraham



Cary Winzurk may be giving
Robert Clements investment advice.

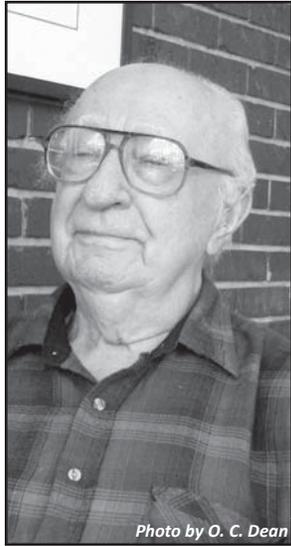


Photo by O. C. Dean

Vic Mazeika

OLLI MEMBER PROFILE: VYTAUTAS (VICTOR) MAZEIKA

by O. C. Dean

Ed. Note: I first met Vic in an OLLI class on Ancient Pompeii. He sat next to me, and I was amazed at his knowledge of Roman history. He spoke with a slight accent, and I learned that he spoke three languages—Lithuanian, German, and English. Then I learned that he had been in Russia (actually, Lithuania, then part of Russia) during World War II—and that he was 97 years old! I would never have guessed! I thought we should definitely have an OLLI profile of such an interesting man, who may in fact be our oldest OLLI member. O. C. Dean, who teaches the OLLI German class which Vic is taking, offered to write one. —PJM

Born in Lithuania in 1915, Vic Mazeika has seen a lot of things and experienced a lot of life in his almost 100 years. Many of those experiences were related to Germany and the German language, and thus it is not surprising that in his 98th year of living and learning, Vic should be taking German conversation courses with OLLI.

Vic's schooling in Lithuania included attending a Catholic boarding school and eight years of German. At the university he studied chemical engineering and economics. Early on he spent a month in Germany, learning how to maintain a printing press, for, back in his homeland, he had become the manager of a Catholic printing operation. In 1939, just before the beginning of World War II, he married a young nurse named Stase.

Right after the beginning of the War, however, the Russians took over the Baltic States, and he lost his job, because he was a "Christian person." Soon afterward, the Russians began deporting local people to Siberia, and he and his family were put on a list of individuals to be shipped out. The German army came to their rescue, however, by invading Lithuania in 1941. "Hitler was my friend that day," he humorously recalls.

Victor and Stase survived in Lithuania under German rule, working at various occupations and having two sons. When the Russians returned, the family fled into Germany, where he had many adventures. For example, at the end of the war when they were living in eastern Germany, he heard a rumor that the Russians would be occupying the territory east of a certain river. Many people there said that it was only a rumor and that they should stay put, but Vic gathered up his family and headed west of that river. He wasn't taking any chances. Two days later the Russians moved in and closed the bridges over that river.

In 1949 the Mazeikas made their way to Chicago, where Vic had an aunt. In the U.S. the family grew again, adding two more sons. In 1965 Vic went to work for Champion International,

Consumer Products Division in its Chicago office. His job was planning and estimating in the folding carton department. Two years later, the Chicago office was closed, and Vic was transferred to Clinton, Iowa. "That was one of the best moves in my sixty-two years in this country," he wrote later.

After living in the city for six years, Vic bought a farm on the edge of town and, while still working in Clinton, returned to the lifestyle of his youth, growing up on a farm in Lithuania. He let a neighbor farm the land in return for one third of the harvest, but as a farmer's son, Vic himself could not stay idle. He had to get involved "with birds and bees"—raising chickens for the family larder and harvesting honey "to make life sweet!"

By the mid 1980s, however, Vic's health forced a move to the warmer climate of Florida. The family's move to Athens came as a result of Vic and his sons purchasing a German magazine then called *Die Hausfrau*, which is still published here in Athens. The periodical was originally designed to meet the needs of German war brides who were living in America but longing for their homeland. As times and needs changed, however, the magazine's name was changed to *Das Fenster* (a "window" on the world) and now reaches a much wider readership. Under its new owners, it became a polished, colorful magazine with a circulation of about 10,000 in the U.S., plus several hundred more copies shipped around the world. Its editorial staff is composed mainly of native Germans, but Vic's son Alex (also a student in the OLLI German classes) is now the publisher and business manager of *Das Fenster*.

At a young 97 years of age, Victor Mazeika is still in very good health and drives himself wherever he needs to go. His sharp mind continues to amaze his listeners. Vic has led an adventurous, fortunate, and blessed life. He is one of OLLI's most interesting members, and I hope you will have a chance to meet him.

FUND DEVELOPMENT NEWS

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OLLI@UGA MEMBERS

All members should know that certain rules are currently in effect for making a gift to OLLI@UGA directly from your IRA! Since OLLI@UGA is a 501(c) 3 public charity, in 2013 Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD's) of up to \$100,000 can be made directly from your IRA to OLLI@UGA with NO tax consequences.

The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 was signed by President Obama on January 2, 2013. One of the provisions reinstates qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) for 2012 and 2013.

Provisions of 2013 QCDs are as follows:

- IRA owners and beneficiaries who are 70 ½ or older are eligible
- Taxpayers may distribute up to \$100,000 per year directly from the IRA to a 501(c)3 public charity with no tax consequences. (OLLI@UGA is a 501(c)3!!)
- The distribution must be paid from the IRA directly to the charity.
- Gifts made to grant-making foundations, donor advised funds, or charitable gift annuities are excluded from these rules.
- The amount may satisfy all or part of the taxpayers Required Minimum Distribution.

Please contact your personal financial advisor concerning your qualifications and interest in participating in the QCDs.

Annual Fund Campaign

Bill Alworth, the President, of OLLI@UGA, in his letter to the membership in the Fund Development Special Edition of the OLLI Times said it best, "Timing is everything." By creating the OLLI@UGA Annual Fund, the Board of Directors has enabled our organization to continue its growth without jeopardizing the high standards that our membership deserves. The first annual appeal is off to a very good start. To date it has raised over \$2,700!

Annual funds are the mainstay of almost every successful not-for-profit organization. OLLI@UGA is no exception. As our annual fund donations grow, as they will with membership reaching 1,000 members, we will be able to keep our high quality programs affordable. The money raised from the annual fund will do this.

The annual fund will also strengthen our relationship with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. By demonstrating sound fiscal management, OLLI@UGA would make a second endowment feasible.

Every member of OLLI@UGA should want to keep our programs the high quality they have come to be whether they are courses, travel, special interest groups or lunch time event. All of our parts make the whole! Every member has an interest in supporting the annual fund!

Leave A Legacy

The OLLI@UGA Leave a Legacy planned giving program is designed to provide a variety of endowment options. The portfolio of Leave a Legacy is managed by the UGA Foundation, and all funds will be used to sustain our organization for generations to come. To date five members have enrolled in the program.

The goal of FY 2013 is ten. We are half way there!

Donors, in confidential consultation with UGA's Planned Giving Specialist and OLLI@UGA member Melinda Thomas or Fund Development Committee member and UGA's Executive Director of College Advancement Aldon Knight can assist in how to best become a donor to the Leave a Legacy Planned Giving Program and to determine how your funds will be used.

Melinda Thomas can be reached thomasme@uga.edu or 706-542-8869. Aldon Knight can be reached at aknight@uga.edu or 706-542-2267.

OLLI@UGA Special Events

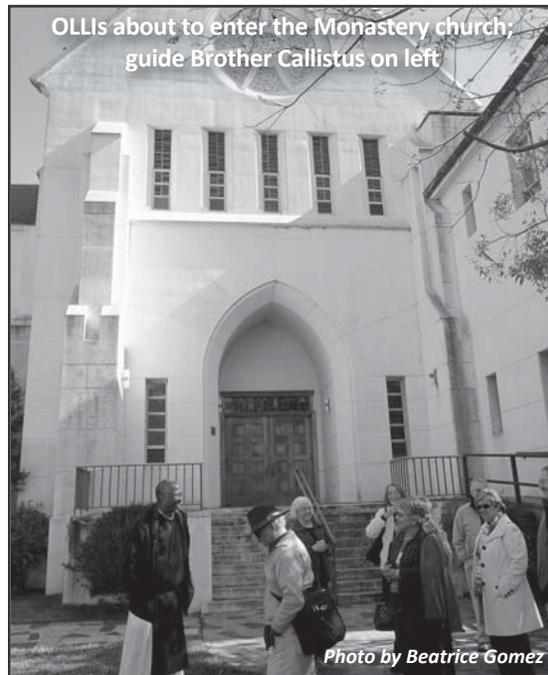
The Fund Development Committee has discussed what special events could best serve our membership and the greater Athens community as well as be major fund raiser for OLLI@UGA. Watch this page for details in the next issue!

OLLI TRAVEL

PAST TRIP:

NOVEMBER 8, 2012-MONASTERY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

On November 8, 2012, twenty-nine OLLIS took the bus trip to Conyers to visit the Monastery of the Holy Spirit, founded in 1944 by twenty monks from a Trappist monastery in rural Kentucky. Most of Holy Spirit's permanent buildings were built by 1959, with the magnificent Abbey Church, described as "Georgia's most remarkable concrete building," completed ten years later. Designed in the Puritan tradition, it has no images; its famous stained glass windows are decorated only with geometric shapes or stylized floral designs. Under the guidance of the Monastery's Brother Callistus, OLLIs attended the midday service in the church and toured the new Heritage Center, which offers exhibits on the history of the Monastery, its land, and the daily lives of the men who have lived here.



OLLIs about to enter the Monastery church; guide Brother Callistus on left

Photo by Beatrice Gomez

FUTURE TRIPS

You may sign up for the following trips online at the OLLI website or "off-line." If you prefer the "off-line" method, 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.



OLLIs at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit

Photo by Elizabeth Barton

OFF-LINE OLLI TRIP RESERVATION FORM

Trip _____

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 _____

OLLI TRAVEL

ANDERSONVILLE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE AND PRISONER-OF-WAR MEMORIAL

Course Date: February 27;

Instructor: Truett Goodwin (*course not required for trip*)

Excursion Coordinator: Bill Alworth;

Excursion Leader: Truett Goodwin

Excursion Dates: Sunday-Monday, March 3-4

Excursion Cost: \$156 (single room), \$134 (double)

—does not include lunches or dinner

Registration Deadline for excursion: February 20

As part of OLLI's continuing Civil War series, Truett Goodwin will present a course on Civil War Prisons on Feb. 27 at River's Crossing. On March 3 and 4, Truett will lead an OLLI field excursion to visit the most well known (notorious) Civil War prison—the one at Andersonville. On this trip we will also visit the American Camellia Society Garden at Masee Lane (we have been promised that some of the camellias will be blooming); the site of the Union Officer prison in Macon; and the site of the Union Officer Prison at Camp Oglethorpe.

We will leave by motorcoach at 8:30 AM from the parking lot at Trump's restaurant, stop for lunch at Captain Jack's Crab Shack south of Macon, and then drive to the Camellia Garden at Masee Lane. After spending one or two hours at the garden, we will drive on to Andersonville and visit the original town where Captain Wirz's office (the commander of the prison) was located. Leaving Andersonville, we will go on to Americus, GA, where we will stay at overnight at the Baymont Inn and Suites. We can eat dinner either at Ruby Tuesday's or at a Mexican restaurant, both of which are within walking distance of the motel.

These articles include descriptions of the level of physical activity needed on each trip, so you may judge whether the trip is suitable for you. Some of the descriptions use one of the following five levels of physical activity developed by Road Scholar:

- **Easy** You can expect a minimum level of physical activity—minimal walking and limited stairs
- **Moderate** This might include walking up to a mile a day and/or standing in a museum for a few hours
- **Active** To participate fully in these experiences, you must be able to walk as much as two miles a day, perhaps to explore historic attractions or nature trails.
- **Moderately Challenging** If you enjoy a good physical challenge, spending most of your days on the go, you'll be comfortable on these trips.
- **Challenging** These demanding – and rewarding – programs are for seasoned outdoor enthusiasts.



Scene from the reconstructed Andersonville prisoner of war camp

The morning of March 4 we will take advantage of the complementary breakfast at the motel and then leave at 8:30 for the short drive to the Andersonville Prison site. There we will visit the visitor's center, see the movies on Andersonville and on America's various prisoners of war, and view the extensive exhibits and the actual prison site with its recreated stockade and prison display. We will also visit the Andersonville National Military Cemetery where 13,800 Civil War Union veterans are buried—13,000 of whom actually died at Andersonville. A national military cemetery, this is also the burial site of veterans from World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. An impressive monument sculpted by William J. Thompson, an Athens, GA, artist, marks the entrance of this cemetery.

We will leave Andersonville between 12:00 and 1:00 and drive back to I-75 where we will again eat at Captain Jack's Crab Shack. We will then return to Athens with a short stop in Macon to see the site of the Union Officer Prison at Camp Oglethorpe. We plan to arrive back in Athens about 6:00 p.m. The level of physical activity on this trip is judged **Moderate**. To take full advantage of the Camellia Gardens, the POW museum and Andersonville prison site, one needs to be able to stroll through exhibits and to walk on paths on level ground for about one fourth of a mile.

The cost of the trip, including admission to the Camellia Gardens and a room at the Baymont Inn and Suites, will be \$156 for a single room or \$134 for a shared (double) room. This cost does not include the two lunches or dinner. Reservations must be received at the OLLI office by February 20 to permit us to finalize the motel reservations.

Note: Although this tour, led by Truett Goodwin, has been coordinated with his class on Civil War Prisons, individuals who cannot take the course but are interested in viewing Andersonville are welcome to come only on the tour. Friends of OLLI members are also welcome. For any questions about this tour, contact Bill Alworth, trip coordinator at wilo59@charter.net or at 706-549-5510.

OLLI TRAVEL



Photo by Pat McAlexander

Winter scene from Gibbs Gardens

GIBBS GARDENS

Tour Coordinator: Joan Zitzelman

Excursion Date: Wednesday, March 20

Excursion Cost: \$80 (*does not include lunch*)

Registration deadline for excursion:

Experience 50-acres of blooming daffodils as a special feature of an OLLI Travel / Study excursion to Gibbs Gardens on Wednesday, March 20. Beyond that, explore the sixteen separate venues covering more than 200 acres in an exquisitely landscaped area of the north Georgia foothills west of Gainesville. This garden, open to the public since 2010, also contains Japanese and Monet Water Lily Garden settings, in a mature forest environment, with thirty spring-fed ponds, waterfalls and bridge crossings. Even if you are a dedicated walker, we've included tram tickets for everyone, as we think you'll want to use the system occasionally to get you to the farther reaches of the gardens, up some of the slopes, and back to the entrance café area for food and refreshment. We rate the physical requirements for this trip as **Moderate**.

The cost of this tour, which includes transportation, admission and tram ticket, special welcome, and your own map to guide your explorations, will be \$80 per person. Visit the café on your own to select from soft drinks, snacks, sandwiches made on bread baked daily on site, and bakery dessert items.

Itinerary: **8:00 am:** Meet to board your chartered motorcoach. **10:15 am:** Arrive at Gibbs Gardens, rest stop at Welcome Center, introduction to the Gardens. **2:30 pm:** Rest stop at Welcome Center, before boarding the motorcoach to return to Athens. **4:30 pm:** Return to Athens.

***GEOLOGY COURSE AND EXCURSION: WHEN THE MOUNTAINS WASHED TO THE SEA: GEOLOGY, FOSSILS, AND KAOLIN MINING ALONG THE GEORGIA FALL LINE**

Course Instructor/Tour Coordinator: David Dallmeyer
(dallmeyer@uga.edu)

Course Dates: Monday-Wednesday, June 10-12

Excursion Dates (limited to those enrolled in the course):
Thursday-Friday June 13-14

Excursion Cost: \$125 (non-refundable); includes transportation but not meals and lodging

Registration deadline for excursion: March 15

The Appalachian Mountains formed between 325 and 300 million years ago and were uplifted to elevations comparable with the present Rocky Mountains. Between 105 and 75 million years ago, global sea levels fluctuated markedly, often rising to more than 600 feet vertically higher than today. This resulted in development of the Fall Line unconformity over the Appalachian crustal roots. Cyclical deposition of Appalachian erosional material in marsh and shallow marine settings formed a thick sedimentary section that today underlies the Coastal Plain. Locally, very pure clays accumulated to form kaolin deposits. This course will examine the tectonic and sedimentary processes responsible for removal of most of the Appalachian Mountains and will review tectonic and climatic reasons for elevated sea levels and the associated sedimentary history.

An optional two-day field excursion associated with this course will leave Athens on Thursday and examine deeply eroded igneous and metamorphic roots of the Appalachian Mountains en route south to the Fall Line. During the afternoon the excursion will investigate sedimentary sequences within the Coastal Plain. Friday morning will include a guided tour of an active kaolin mine and processing facility. There will be opportunities for fossil hunting within overburden spoils from the mine. The trip will return to Athens in the late afternoon.

Most stops on this trip will be along roadside exposures or overlooks with minimal walking. Our visit to the kaolin mine and processing plant will require walking over potentially uneven ground for short distances.



OLLI TRAVEL



Photo by Marisa Meisters

Sunset in the Kalahari

AFRICAN SAFARI

Tour Coordinators: Marisa Meisters and Sarat Yellepeddi of Worldwide Xplorer

Excursion Dates: June 16-23

**Excursion Cost: \$435 deposit by March 1,
balance of \$949 by April 15**

Registration deadline for excursion: April 15

This seven-day safari offers safari experiences like camping, a guided tour of the parks, and the chance to get “get up close and personal” with native animals. It also includes visits to local villages and schools and a chance to donate useful items to the local people.

The 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 (\$50 per person); or any additional snacks and beverages. See the OLLI Web site for a full itinerary.

We rate the physical requirements for this trip as **Active**, which means that to participate fully in this experience, you must be able to walk as much as two miles a day, perhaps to explore nature trails or scenic views.

*OLLI GEOHAZARDS COURSE AND GEOEXCURSION: ON THE TRACK OF THE YELLOWSTONE HOT SPOT

**Course Instructor/Tour Coordinator: David Dallmeyer
(dallmeyr@uga.edu)**

2013 Geohazards Course Dates: August 26-30

Excursion Dates (limited to those who have taken the 2010 or 2013 Geohazards course): September 9-16

**Excursion Cost: \$850 non-refundable
(covers the costs of one-way van rental, fuel, staff expenses;
does not cover participant air travel, room and board and
entrance fees)**

**Registration deadlines: \$425 deposit due prior to April 15,
2013; final balance prior to June 15, 2013**

Approximately 90 million years ago the Yellowstone hotspot initiated along the core-mantle boundary 1,800 miles deep within the Earth. The hotspot column slowly rose through the mantle. As it neared the Earth’s surface the top of the column widened to a diameter of more than 250 miles. When the plume encountered the base of the crust approximately 17 million years ago (m.y.), the crust partially melted over a wide area. This produced an enormous flood of lava flows collectively termed the Columbia River Igneous Province. Between 17 and 14 m.y. lava flows from the hotspot source covered more than 63,000 square miles of the Pacific Northwest, including much of eastern Oregon and southeastern Washington. The Province locally exceeds 6,000 feet in thickness with a total volume of more than 42,000 cubic miles of lava.

Following the initial flood of magma the hotspot column narrowed and has remained fixed in place as a constant source of magma until the present day. As the North American tectonic plate slowly drifted southwestward over the fixed hotspot column, the site of hotspot eruptions migrated northeastward leaving a track of volcanic activity along what is today the Snake River Plain. Traced to the northeast this track includes the McDermitt volcanic field (16 m.y.), the Owyhee volcanic field (15-13 m.y.), the Bruneau-Jarbridge caldera (12-10 m.y.), the Twin Falls volcanic field (10-7 m.y.), the Picabo volcanic field (10-7 m.y.), the Heise volcanic field (6-4 m.y.) and the Yellowstone volcanic field (2.1 m.y.-present). Several globally significant megaeruptions have occurred within the Yellowstone hotspot during the last 2.1 m.y. and produced regional caldera structures. Yellowstone is one of only three currently active crustal magma chambers within the coterminous United States.

OLLI TRAVEL

This OLLI geoexcursion will follow the track of the Yellowstone hotspot from the Columbia River Gorge through the Snake River Plain to Yellowstone National Park. We will examine volcanic and topographic characteristics of the various hotspot products and explore the geology of surrounding terrains. Within Yellowstone National Park we will investigate the nature of the calderas and exhalative deposits that developed during the major eruptions that at 2.1, 1.3 and 0.64 m.y. We will also examine the current thermal features within the Park and evaluate the potential for future eruptions.

The excursion will begin in Portland, Oregon on the morning of Monday, September 9 (Atlanta-Portland flights on Sunday, September 8). The excursion will terminate on the evening of Monday, September 16 in Billings, Montana (Billings-Atlanta flights on Tuesday September 17). The excursion will visit a variety of sites including: the Columbia River Gorge, John Day Fossil Beds National Monument, Picture Gorge, Bruneau Dunes State Park, Bruneau Gorge, Twin Falls on the Snake River, Shoshone Lava Tube, Idaho Mammoth Cave, Craters of the Moon National Monument, Yellowstone National Park (2.5 days) and the Bighorn Mountains. Transport will be in seven-passenger minivans. Stops will include roadside exposures and overlooks and will require minimal walking.

This is an extremely tourist-rich environment and lodging is expensive and difficult to arrange individually. Therefore a

group-rate block of motel rooms has been reserved for each of the nine nights of the excursion. The **average** nightly rate is \$65 (per person, double occupancy, without tax). Registration arrangements will be explained when the excursion fee is paid.

An initial excursion registration deposit of \$425 is due prior to April 15, 2013 and payment of the final balance is required prior to June 15, 2013. Participation in the excursion requires registration for the fall 2013 OLLI class "Geologic Hazards: Living With a Restless Planet" (Dallmeyer, August 26-30). Registration for the course is not required if you participated in this class in 2010. If you have any questions regarding this excursion, please contact David Dallmeyer <dallmeyr@uga.edu>. Check Travel section of OLLI website for specific itinerary.

TRIPS IN THE WORKS

Sapelo Island. Travel/Study Committee member Dindy Owens is coordinating a proposed trip to this area in spring, 2013

Folk Pottery Museum of Northeast Georgia and Boutique Wineries in the Northeast Georgia Mountains. Committee member Joan Zitzelman is planning for a trip to this area in 2013.



Yellowstone Park Mountains

OLLI MEMBERS' NEWS

Margaret Agner's exhibit of hand-painted silk hangings was on display in the waiting room of the Surgery Center of Athens through the month of January. The staff there is interested in revolving exhibits by community artists; for information, call Margaret at 706-353-7719.

Roger Bailey was inducted into the Oconee County Schools Hall of Fame at the November 12 meeting of the Oconee County Board of Education. Roger was a longtime English teacher at Oconee County High School and now is coordinator of OLLI's "Strong of Pearls" Memoir Writing SIG.

Carol Dolson has written *Hattie and the Higgedly Piggledy Hedge*, (Miglior Press, 2012), available in bookstores and on Amazon. One Amazon reviewer described it as "a delightful, refreshing, very English story about a young girl who loves art but learns to love gardening too." The reviewer predicts that it "will surely become a classic children's book."

June Mazur is playing the role of Beatrice Goldsmith, an Alzheimer's victim, in a twenty-five-minute independent short film, *The Final Hour*, by No Fear Here Productions. The apocalyptic story is about what people do when Earth's time is almost up and how, in that situation, they learn the most important things in life. The premiere date has not yet been determined, but it will be submitted to film festivals, and a major network has expressed interest in turning the movie into a series. Meanwhile, later this month, June will play Eleanor, "a mother with her heart in the right place," in Mickie Lou Banyas's short film "Accidental Dating."



Photo by Darla Clarkson

Two characters in *The Final Hour*, Walter and Beatrice Goldsmith, with June Mazur as Beatrice

Pat McAlexander has four photographs in Wikipedia, the free online encyclopedia. They are of nineteenth-century houses in the Dearing Street National Historic District: The Bond House, Pink Chimneys, the Malthus Ward House, and the Meeker-Pope Barrow House. You can Google those houses to see the photographs.

Nancy Sharp has written and illustrated a collection of stories for children titled *Puddles, Ponds, and Piddles* (Bilbo Books). Created as a memoir for her own children, the topics include many of the things they experienced or observed, such as adoption, bullying, and losing a pet, as well as stories about toads, frogs, and nature. It can be purchased at the State Botanical Garden, Home Place, and The Carpenter Shop.

John Weber was the first artist whose work was exhibited in the main foyer of Iris Place, which plans to provide a venue for local artists. Shows will rotate monthly. John displayed some 35 photographs, many of them beach scenes combined with found driftwood, from January 12 through February 5. See photo p. 21.

OLLI BRIEFS

Correction. Mark Freeman pointed out that in the article on Kettle Creek (*OLLI Times*, November 2012, p. 4), the spelling should be **canebrake**, not canebreak. A **canebrake** is a thick, dense growth of cane or sugarcane. So it seems logical that "brake" in that sense, is, as Mark says, probably related to **bracken**, "roughly a stretch of brushy plants on flat, marshy ground."



FOOD2KIDS Schedule

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| February | Mac n Cheese |
| March | Cereal bars |
| April | Fruit Cups |
| May | Tooth brushes/ Toothpaste/Floss |

Volunteers Get Free Parking Tags

Reminder: OLLI volunteers coming to River's Crossing—for example, OLLI Angels helping Zu or committee members attending a meeting—do not have to purchase their own parking tag! When you come to River's Crossing, ask your committee chair or the person in charge of your project for a tag!

OLLI BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

(continued from the September OLLI Times)

2012-13 EXECUTIVE BOARD

Except for Jay Shinn, the 2012-13 OLLI officers below are returning from last year: Bill was then President-elect, and Nancy, Carolyn, and John served in the same positions.

President - Bill Alworth. Bill was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, graduated from Twin Falls High School and Harvard College, and received his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of California, Berkeley. He taught organic chemistry and biochemistry at Tulane in New Orleans for 40 years, helped to establish Tulane's undergraduate major in biological chemistry, and served as department chair. He retired in 2005, becoming an emeritus professor. He and his wife, Lois, moved to Athens in 2007 to live closer to their two daughters after Hurricane Katrina flooded their New Orleans home. Bill joined LIR soon after moving to Athens. He served on the OLLI travel/study committee for four years—two years as chair. He was also a member of the OLLI Board for three years, and last year served as president-elect.

President-elect - Jay Shinn. Jay Shinn, from Lafayette, Louisiana, attended Louisiana Tech and Tulane University, joined the U.S. Navy, had a career with Pan Am and then Delta, and spent a stint in corporate management with Evergreen Air, Inc. He and his wife Cathi moved to Watkinsville twenty years ago and decided to retire there. He has served on various OLLI committees, including the OLLI Curriculum Committee, and on the OLLI Board.

Vice President for Programs - Nancy Canolty. Nancy Canolty is an Indiana native with a B.S. and M.S. from Purdue University and a Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley. In 1980 she joined the University of Georgia faculty in the Department of Foods and Nutrition. After retiring from UGA in 2004, she co-founded SoloSENIORS, now an OLLI@UGA Special Interest group that fosters networking among single professionals at least fifty years of age. She was an OLLI Board member for a year and is now in her third term as Vice President for Programs. She also serves as chair of the Registration Committee and is a member of the Curriculum Committee.

Secretary - Carolyn Abney. Carolyn holds a B.A. in Humanities, M.B.A.'s in both Finance and Real Estate, and a Post-Graduate Certificate in Real Estate Investment Analysis. In business, she has owned a real estate company in Atlanta, served as the Information Officer for a company in the high tech industry, and has done database management and training in the cable and satellite TV field. Carolyn and her husband, Randall, chose Athens as their home in July 2008, after living and working in Europe for fifteen years. In addition to serving on the OLLI Board since late 2009, Carolyn has volunteered as a class facilitator, organized the Mac Fanatics Special Interest Group, and served as the Coordinator for all Special Interest Groups. She also has presented OLLI courses on the painter Caravaggio. This is her second term as OLLI secretary.

Treasurer - John Songster. John was born in Salt Lake City and grew up in upstate New York. He holds an Electrical Engineering degree from Purdue University and a M.B.A from the University of Iowa. Upon earning his U. S. Air Force pilot wings in 1962, he flew worldwide military transport missions for five years. John held senior management positions with a Fortune 100 company, formed and headed a small high technology development and manufacturing business for four years, and has advised smaller Maryland companies concerning business and financial management matters while on the staff of a University of Maryland institute. He and his wife Nancy retired to Athens in 2004, and he has been a member of LIR/OLLI nearly as long. During that time he has served on the Board, chaired committees, and been an active member of the Development and Finance committees. This is his second year as treasurer.

NEW (well, they were new in September) OLLI BOARD MEMBERS

Randall Abney. Randall, a native of LaFayette, GA, graduated from UGA in 1968 with a BBA in Marketing and Management. After owning and operating various businesses for twenty years, he began a ten-year phase of helping to create, market and implement automated computer solutions—including pay-per-view—for the cable and satellite industry. This led to his being International Vice President for Media Services, which “required” him and his wife Carolyn to live in London,

OLLI BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

(continued from the September OLLI Times)

then Amsterdam, and travel to about 100 countries. In 1998 Abney retired from this field and began his next ten-year career phase—the development, creation, and marketing of products associated with a very broad patent in the photographic industry. During this period, the Abneys lived in Florence, Italy. In 2009, one of the company's products was awarded an academy award for technical achievement by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences. Randall and Carolyn moved to Athens, Georgia in July 2008, and Randall retired—again—in 2010. He is an enthusiastic promoter of OLLI, serving as chair of its Marketing Development Committees.

Margaret Anderson. Margaret, her husband Wyatt, and three children moved 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 (now two departments). 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). In this position 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.

Betty Jean Craige. Betty Jean is Professor Emerita of Comparative Literature and Director Emerita of the Willson Center for Humanities and Arts at UGA. She received her B.A. from Pomona College and her M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Washington. She retired in 2011, after thirty-eight years on the UGA faculty. Betty Jean is a teacher, scholar, translator (from Spanish), art collector, and, on occasion, humorist. She has published seventeen books in the fields of literature, politics, art, and history of ideas, among them a biography of ecologist Eugene Odum. Her most recent book is *Conversations with Cosmo: At Home with an African Grey Parrot*. Betty Jean writes a Sunday column, "Cosmo Talks," in the *Athens Banner-Herald* and takes Cosmo to schools, book clubs, retirement communities, and OLLI—wherever she and Cosmo get an invitation to talk. Betty Jean has given OLLI courses on "The Future of Humans" and "Conversations with Cosmo." She is now chair of the OLLI Curriculum Committee.

Larry Dendy. Larry retired in 2008 after 35 years in the UGA Office of Public Affairs. He is communications chair for the University of Georgia Retirees Association (UGARA) and in that capacity he proposed that UGARA and OLLI each appoint a liaison to the other group's board to foster communication and collaborative activities between the organizations. He has been the UGARA liaison to the OLLI board since 2010. Larry is also communications chair for the committee planning the 2013 Southern Regional Conference for Institutes for Learning in Retirement to be held in Athens and hosted by OLLI@UGA. Larry is filling out Jay Shinn's second term as a Board member.

Richard Lynch. Originally from New Hampton, Iowa, Richard has degrees from the University of Northern Iowa, University of Minnesota, and Indiana University. He was a high school and technical college teacher in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, an instructor at Indiana University, and professor and program leader for Marketing Education at Virginia Tech. He and his wife Ginny moved to Athens in 1989, where he served as Director of UGA's School of Leadership and Lifelong Learning and co-director of the Occupational Research Group in the College of Education. In 1996-97, he orchestrated the renovation of the River's Crossing building, which now houses OLLI. Now a professor emeritus, Richard has been a member of OLLI for five years. He is currently a member of the Marketing Development Committee and chaired the Financial Options Committee, a group that reviewed and analyzed ways to support the operations of OLLI for the next five years.

Janet Stratton. Janet Stratton is a native of Iowa and a graduate of William Woods College, Fulton, Missouri. She retired in 1998 from the University of Missouri, Kansas City, where she was serving as Director of the Division for Continuing Education and the Office of Extended Programs. Over her twenty-two years at UMKC, she helped obtain grant and contract funding at the national, foundation, state and local levels, and received personal recognition from Louis Freeh, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with "The Director's Community Leadership Award." Here in Athens, she has served OLLI@UGA/LIR) as President, Board member, Travel/Study Chair, class facilitator, and Chair of Member Services Committee.



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OLLI John Weber with visitor at his
January photography exhibit at Iris Place

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WHEN AM I OLD?

by Sarah Andersen Lawrence

When am I old?

Is it when I know the years but am not telling?

Or when the young woman at the door

Offers me an arm

A drive

Support?

Am I old when the club nomination doesn't come to me

Automatically?

Is it when Jean, my sister-in-law, my contemporary, dies?

And she is added to my list of deaths?

Deaths of people dear to me

Known for many years by me

Sometimes close in distance,

Sometimes far

Always dead

As a doornail?

So they say.

Am I old when I stop driving my car

And look for rides from younger friends?

When I ride in the foolish little cart in the supermarket?

When everything I eat meets the doctor's orders?

When pills are on the table, along with the vitamins and the newspaper?

When I laugh about wearing purple or

Doing foolish things, but wear it anyway and do them anyway,

Because I forgot?

It is easier to pretend one is not old

And yet good people remind one that is the case.

I listen to them, and remember

Skipping rope, running fast as the wind, dancing at the party, eating everything,

And not noticing when someone dies,

Just noting, it's not me

Yet.