

# The OLLI Times

OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE at the University of Georgia Newsletter

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## THE 2013 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING TO BE HELD JULY 24-26

As most of you know, OLLI@UGA will host the 2013 Southern Conference for Lifelong Learning on July 24-26 at the UGA Center. The conference will provide ideas, information and inspiration for strengthening lifelong learning programs, which provide educational, social and recreational opportunities for mature adults. This will be the first time the conference has been held in Athens. At least 160 representatives of these programs in seventeen states (from Maine to Florida, and California to North Carolina!) have already registered for the conference.

The registration fee for the conference is \$199.00. The first 40 OLLI@UGA members to register for and attend the conference will receive a \$50.00 post-conference rebate. The conference

registration fee includes admission to all conference sessions, a Wednesday evening reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres, a luncheon on Thursday with a talk by Georgia novelist Terry Kay, four breaks, and a Thursday evening event at the Georgia Theatre, ([www.georgiatheatre.com](http://www.georgiatheatre.com)) featuring music by Randall and Isaac Bramblett, ([www.randallbramblett.com](http://www.randallbramblett.com)).

Guest tickets (\$30) can be purchased for the Wednesday reception at the time you register for the conference. If you have already registered and wish to purchase a guest ticket for that event, call 706-542-2134. Guest tickets (\$15) for the evening event at the Georgia Theatre will be available for purchase on the OLLI@UGA website at a later date.

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### ANNUAL MEETING: REPORTS AND KUDOS, ELECTIONS, CAROL FISHER AWARD



Carolyn Abney will return for her third term as OLLI's super-efficient secretary.

The OLLI Annual Meeting, held May 17, opened with President Bill Alworth's "State of OLLI@UGA" address, which was punctuated with humor and laughter. His news was good. He thanked Margaret Anderson and her Technology Committee for their outstanding work on the new OLLI website, Vic Armstrong and his committee for increasing OLLI@UGA membership to 1,072; Betty Jean Craige and the Curriculum Committee for its many interesting classes and learning events; Joan Zitzelman and the Travel Study Committee for its many exciting trips; Carolyn Abney for her oversight of OLLI's Special Interest Groups (SIGs); and Pat McAlexander, for her editing of the *OLLI Times*. He also thanked staff members Katy Crapo, OLLI@UGA's Executive Director; Zu Reuter, our Administrative Assistant; Amy Munnell, Coordinator of Social Media; Sara Williams, our book-keeper; Shelly Magruder, part-time administrative staffer; and Troy Bassett, graphic designer for *the OLLI Times*.

Bill also gave credit to Aldon Knight and Melinda Thomas for their work with Fund Development, Tom Kenyon for leading OLLI's Fund Development campaign, and Randall Abney for the great work he has done as Chair of Marketing. Finally, he recognized Jack Parish, the new Associate Dean for Outreach and Engagement, who is OLLI's liaison with the UGA School of Education.

Outgoing Treasurer John Songster reported on the OLLI budget for the past and future year; he pronounced the budget "sound

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New OLLI officers will be (left to right) Tom Kenyon, President-Elect; Margaret Anderson, Vice President; Jay Shinn, President (a new role for Jay); and John Rudy, Treasurer.



## A Note from Outgoing OLLI President William Alworth

At the annual meeting of OLLI@UGA on May 17, I announced that during this past year OLLI@UGA passed two significant milestones. First, we have officially enrolled more than 1000 OLLI members for the 2012-2013 academic year, and second, we have initiated an annual fund campaign to ensure that OLLI@UGA continues to be financially sustainable while keeping our dues and class fees among the lowest of OLLIs across the country.

As I noted at the meeting, it is not enough for OLLI@UGA to enroll over 1000 members; it is also necessary to expand our programs so that this growing number of members have exciting classes to attend, SIGs to join, social functions to enjoy, and travel/study events to participate in. I therefore want to thank all of the Board members, committee chairs, and volunteers who have devoted their energy and talents to OLLI@UGA during the past year. It must also be emphasized that while OLLI@UGA is, and will undoubtedly remain, an organization of volunteers devoted to meeting the interests of (members?) volunteers, we would not be able to meet our goals without the effective and dedicated help of our paid staff: Katy Crapo, our executive director; Zu Reuter, our Administrative Associate; Amy Munnell, our coordinator of social media; Sara Williamson, our bookkeeper; and Shelly Magruder, our newly hired office assistant. These individuals, who also work to support our members, deserve our thanks and appreciation.

Finally, I must also acknowledge the strong support OLLI@UGA has received from the administrators at UGA, especially, President Adams, Dean of the College of Education Andy Horne, and Associate Dean of the College of Education for Outreach and Engagement Ron Cervero. On behalf of OLLI@UGA, I thank them for their commitment to our mission. We look forward to working with the new president of UGA, Jere Morehead; the new Dean of the College of Education, Craig Kennedy; and the new Associate Dean of the College of Education for Outreach and Engagement, Jack Parish.

I also want to thank the members of OLLI@UGA who have attended classes, participated in travel/study events, joined SIGs, and come to social events during the past year. The efforts of the Board, the Committee Chairs, the Organizers and the OLLI@UGA staff would not have been successful without their participation in these events. I urge you to end a successful year by participating in the 2013 Southern Conference for Lifelong Learning to be hosted by OLLI@UGA July 24-26 at the Georgia Center.

Bill

### OLLI TIMES PUBLICATION SCHEDULE for next issue:

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### OLLI Officers 2012-2013

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**Publications:** Pat McAlexander

**Registration:** Nancy Canolty

**Special Interest Groups:** Carolyn Abney

**Travel/Study:** Joan Zitzelman

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Open

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE – continued from page 3

The conference sessions will be informative and varied. As the April *OLLI Times* reported, the opening conference session on Wednesday, July 24, 1:30-3:00 will include Welcome and Introductions by Katy Crapo, Executive Director, OLLI@UGA; a welcome video by President Jimmy Carter; and talks by Jack Parish, Associate Dean for Outreach and Engagement, UGA College of Education; David Blazeovich, Senior Program Officer, The Bernard Osher Foundation; Craig Kennedy, Dean, UGA College of Education; the keynote address by Ron Cervero, UGA Associate Vice President for Instruction; and a conference overview by Jay Shinn, President, OLLI@UGA. The closing session on Friday, July 26, 10:30-11:30, will feature Kali Lightfoot, Executive Director, National Resource Center, The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

But besides these talks, throughout the conference—on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday—there are twenty concurrent conference sessions which address a number of specific topics. Speakers are from lifelong learning organizations affiliated with Duke, Auburn, Furman, The University of North Florida, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, and of course, The University of Georgia. Speakers from OLLI@UGA include Randall Abney (“MarketingYour Organization to the Max!”), Betty Jean Craige (“Curriculum Policies, Procedures, and Practices”); Jay Shinn (“Bylaws, Policies and Procedures”), Carolyn Abney (“Special Interest Groups”), John Songster (“Achieving Financial Sustainability”), Tom Kenyon (“Fund Development”), Joan Zitzelman and Bill Alworth (“Travel/Study Excursions”), Pat McAlexander (“Publishing a Newsletter”), and Sandy Clark (“Engaging Volunteers”).

There will also be poster sessions: each organization is invited to prepare a table display showcasing events and projects. The displays will be set up during the registration period on Wednesday and kept on display through Thursday afternoon. And for early risers, OLLI@UGA member Tom Wittenberg is giving Tai Chi sessions Thursday and Friday from 6:30-7:30 a.m.

The Conference Steering Committee ([july2013conference@gmail.com](mailto:july2013conference@gmail.com)) members are Carolyn Abney, Randall Abney, Bill Alworth, Nancy Canolty (Chair), Terry Caven, Sandy Clark, Betty Jean Craige, Katy Crapo, Larry Dendy, Tom Kenyon, Jay Shinn, and Nancy Songster. More details of the conference, including a link to the registration website, are available at:

<http://olli.uga.edu/2013-southern-conference-for-lifelong-learning>.

**NOTE:****VOLUNTEER HOSTS are needed for this conference.**

Please contact Sandy Clark for more information:

[slbclark@bellsouth.net](mailto:slbclark@bellsouth.net).

ANNUAL MEETING – continued from page 1

Six Board members were elected for the 2013-2015 term: (left to right) Jill Jayne Read, Cheryl Copeland (taking Alta Allen's place), Nancy Songster, Helen Epps, Don Schneider (Helen and Don will be serving a second consecutive term), and Rich Cary.

and strong.” The proposed updates to the OLLI bylaws were passed unanimously, and the nominated officers and Board members were elected by written ballot. Nancy Canolty reported on the Southern Conference for Lifelong Learning, and Katy Crapo enthusiastically described details of the event. Jay Shinn announced Governor Deal’s Proclamation of Lifelong Learning Week in Georgia, the week of the Conference.

The Carol Fisher Award was given to John Rudy as “an OLLI member who has made an outstanding contribution to the organization.” Among his many contributions, John has served as OLLI President from 2003-2005, as Chair of the Finance Committee, and he will be the OLLI treasurer for 2013-14. (See *John’s biography on page 5.*) Also, special acknowledgement was given to Dr. Ron Cervero for the “encouragement, help, guidance, and exceptional support” he has given to OLLI@UGA through the years.

Finally, Bill Alworth handed over a metaphorical gavel to Jay Shinn, the incoming OLLI@UGA President. Then the OLLIs retired to the dining area for Lanier Garden/Talmage Terrace’s desserts, and the chocolate cake with the frosting message, “Thank You, Dr. Ron Cervero.”

Ron Cervero was honored at the meeting and afterward, with a cake



Photos by Pat McAlexander



# LIR/OLLI'S CLAIM ON THE FUTURE

by John Rudy

In the following article our new treasurer, John Rudy, explains how our \$1 million endowment works and why OLLI@UGA itself still needs to generate earnings to meet expenses.

Learning in Retirement, Inc., doing business as the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Georgia, has a Rock of Gibraltar to assure our enterprise a long life. This is the Osher Endowment that the University of Georgia Foundation received in March 2012 as Grantee of this asset to support and grow the non-credit education program of OLLI@UGA.

The Osher Endowment is thus our Claim on the Future, a sustaining anchor. As the principal permanent asset of the enterprise, the Endowment provides supporting and operating expenditures of OLLI from its earnings. The principal of the Endowment cannot be spent, only a portion of the investment income generated by the management of the UGA Foundation. This year's annual payment, available July 1, is \$50,000 — the minimum required by the Osher Foundation (50% of the annual earnings and not less than 5%). As the principal increases over time, the benefits to us in annual distribution will therefore grow. Conservative investment management by the UGAF combined with the Osher requirement of reinvestment of half of all earnings should assure that happy prospect for us.

Meanwhile, OLLI must generate its own earnings for the bulk of its activities, including the reimbursement of the College of Education for the salaries of two employees assigned to OLLI, the Executive Director and Administrative Assistant (Katy Crapo and Zu Reuter). We propose to discuss the sources of this earning generation in a future article. (Note: Until this year, OLLI benefited from annual outright grants from Osher in addition to the Endowment, intended for operating expenses as our organization ramped up its strategies and procedures to meet the Osher challenge of growth).

Our sister OLLI@Pacific has crafted an enlightening brief, "Understanding Endowments," that may be helpful to our collective understanding of our own endowment:

"An endowment is of property or money established to benefit an institution or person. It has a specific purpose defined for which the income derived from the money or property is to be applied. In an endowment fund, the principal is invested and only a portion of the investment earnings is spent. The rest of the earnings are directed back into the fund, so that the endowment grows over time given positive market conditions. In this manner, the endowment becomes a *perpetual source of funding for whatever the donor wishes to achieve.*

"A financial endowment is typically overseen by a board of trustees and managed by a trustee or team of professional managers...designed to achieve the stated objectives of the endowment.

"Endowment revenue can be restricted by donors in numerous ways. In some circumstances an endowment may be required to be spent in a certain way or alternatively invested, with the principal to remain intact.... This allows for the donation to have an impact over a longer period of time than if it were spent all at once.

"At universities, typically 4-6.5% of the endowment assets are spent every year to fund operations or capital spending. Any excess earnings are typically reinvested to augment the endowment and to compensate for inflation and recessions in future years. This spending figure represents the proportion that historically could be spent without diminishing the principal amount of the endowment fund.

"What does that mean to you? The Osher Endowment is integral to the long-term financial health of our program. The \$50,000 interest we average annually provides the means to keep OLLI@Pacific dues and course fees affordable."

As for the Westerners, so for us. The Osher Endowment is our Claim on the Future. Yet we must realize that building that future also depends on our ability to fend for ourselves in assuring successful programs, member sustenance, and growth; we must continuously create current income well beyond Endowment earnings.

## \$50 OLLI DUES DUE!

Renewal dues are coming up! For OLLI to continue to meet its expenses, the Finance Committee has determined that dues must again be raised slightly. **Dues are now \$50**, still among the lowest of OLLIs in the country. As of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, members may renew/join online, by mail, or in person. These dues will cover the fiscal year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

## BIO OF JOHN RUDY, NEW OLLI TREASURER

John Rudy will serve as OLLI's treasurer for 2013-14. A graduate of DePauw University and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University (M.A. and Ph.D.), John Rudy had an international career at Citibank New York with 14 years' residence in France, Italy and Belgium. During these years in charge of strategic planning at Citi in New York as well as of global financial institutions relationships, he then switched to consulting at Greenwich Associates for ten years, capping that with investment banking at Hampton Partners, New York.

In retirement in Athens since 2001 and a member of LIR since that date, John was President of LIR for two terms, from 2003-2005. He most recently served as Chair of the Finance Committee and as a member of the Curriculum Committee. He has regularly taught Great Decisions and most recently, France and the American Revolution. At the 2013 Annual Meeting, he was awarded the Carol Fisher Award for his many contributions to OLLI.

John is also a member of the Torch Club, the Athens Rotary Club, advisor to Beta Theta Pi fraternity on campus, and a member of the Athens Area Village. He is a Board member of the Compassionate Care Hospice and of the private Trade Secure llc consultancy, and active in the International Plotters luncheon group.

John and Barbara Rudy live in Watkinsville, with children and grandchildren in Atlanta, New York, Chicago and Sacramento.

**For bios of the other new officers and Board members, see the April *OLLI Times*.**

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## OLLI VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SOCIAL

On Friday, April 12, 1:30 – 3:30, OLLI held its Volunteer Appreciation Social at the Garden Club of Georgia Terrace Room in the State Botanical Garden. At this lovely event, put on by the Member Services Committee, class presenters and volunteers were honored and thanked for their service. *The OLLI Times* here extends a special thank you to Rich Cary, who organized the event and to Alta Allen, chair of the Member Services committee (as of the Annual Meeting, the Hospitality Committee). Alta will soon be moving to Louisiana to be near her children. Alta, we will miss you!



Photo by Bill Flatt

OLLIs at the Volunteer Appreciation Social

# ART FAIR A SUCCESS

**The Second Annual OLLI Art Fair**, held on Friday April 26th at the Central Presbyterian Church from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m., was a success. Organizers Elizabeth Barton, Pat McAlexander, and John Weber worked hard to make sure the whole day went smoothly. And it did—with a lot of help from OLLI Member Services and from many OLLI members, including Tom and Karen Kenyon, Chip McDaniel, Rich Cary, Vic Armstrong, and Ken Pagel. And we give a special thanks to Stacey Venker, the Kenyons' tennis-coach niece, and some of her players, who put the heavy tables back on the racks and in the closet at the end of the Fair. Also thanks to the church secretaries who were efficient, gracious, pleasant and very accommodating; Fair sponsor Lanier Gardens/Talmage Terrace, who paid for advertising in the *Banner-Herald* and provided Fair-goers with tasty snacks throughout the day; and to the Southern Mutual Insurance Company and Holy Cross Lutheran Church for sharing their parking lots with us during the Fair!

Twenty-eight different artists set up tables and twenty-one others were part of one of the two group tables: eleven at the Picture This! photography stall and ten, plus one bird, at

the Writers' Corner. Clusters of interested folk chatted around artists' booths most of the day.

The Fair organizers asked participants for their comments and suggestions for another Fair. The main suggestion for another Fair was that the hours be shortened. Also some thought it would be better to hold the Fair in March when there would be less competition from other events. Most comments were positive. Many artists noted how lovely and inspiring it was to be able to share their work, explain it, and discuss it. Nancy Songster said that one small boy was absolutely fascinated by her miniature houses and that she was so glad to be passing on her art to the next generation. Diane Perry wrote, "The show was great for me, but even if it hadn't been I was able to connect with folks I knew and make some new friends as well. All the help was wonderful and the snacks great. As one who does a lot of shows, we artists/crafters don't get treated this well often." And Par Ramey said, "It was a perfect day. Extremely well organized and well attended. It couldn't have been more special."

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# AN ART FAIR ALBUM



Photo by Pat McAlexander

Fair-goers looking at books at the Writers' Corner



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Pat McAlexander buying a copy of Kathleen Wright's book *At Full Bloom*.



Photo by Pat McAlexander

A major attraction: African grey parrot Cosmo, subject of Betty Jean's Craig's *Conversations with Cosmo*

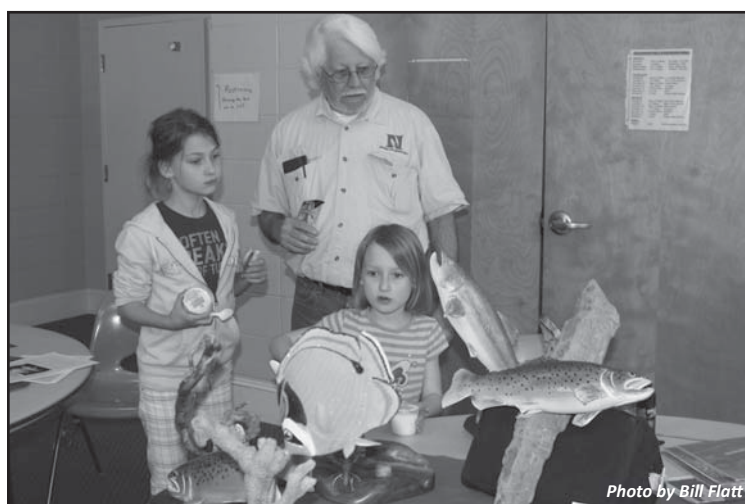


Photo by Bill Flatt

Children fascinated by Ken Calkin's fish carvings



Photo by Bill Flatt

Bob Clements' paintings--an art show in themselves



Photo by Pat McAlexander

Par Ramey selling cards and scented soap



# SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)

## THE PINOCHLE POSSE

The Pinochle Posse is OLLI@UGA's newest Special Interest Group. It meets twice a month on the first Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. and on the third Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. All OLLI@UGA members are invited. For those of you who have never played, we'll teach you the game. For those of you who have played the game but need a review, our members will provide a refresher course to help you out. It comes back fast!

To learn more about the Pinochle Posse, contact Tom Kenyon at [tkenygroup@aol.com](mailto:tkenygroup@aol.com).



The Pinochle Posse

## MEMOIR WRITING GROUP (STRING OF PEARLS)

On May 20 the Memoir Writing group (String of Pearls) met at the home of Tom and Karen Kenyon for its annual luncheon. Roger Bailey, Coordinator, reports, "We had a wonderful time: the pieces were funny, moving and loving; the food was absolutely delectable; the Kenyons were gracious; and the companionship so much fun." The group's regular meetings are on the third Thursday of the month from 9:30 AM until 12:00 noon in the conference room in the Bentley Center at ACCA.

Contact Roger Bailey at  
[Roger1731@charter.net](mailto:Roger1731@charter.net) or 706-540-1068.



Memoir Writing Group gathered for their Annual Luncheon



*Photo by Pat McAlexander*

An OLLI surveys the Graves Mountain landscape

## OLLI ROCKS

**Spring Excursion.** On April 12, a two-van group of OLLI Rocks members went on a spring excursion to Graves Mountain, a popular mineral collecting site near Lincolnton, Georgia and site of a kyanite mine until 1984. Dr. Dallmeyer has said he can't control the weather, but on this day, he seemed to. After a day of rain, the weather turned sunny and mild—perfect for rock hunting. With special permission to explore the area, including the "main pit," these OLLIs found many beautiful rocks to claim and identify.

**Fall Semester Schedule.** The Fall 2013 semester OLLI Rocks theme is "EVOLUTION: WRITTEN IN STONE." The meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. at River's Crossing. The schedule of meetings is as follows:



**September 24 (Tuesday)**

Dr. Mark Farmer – Professor of Biological Sciences – UGA  
*“Evolution of Early Life: It’s Not All About Humans and Monkeys”*

**October 15 (Tuesday)**

Dr. Ray Freeman-Lynde – Associate Professor of Geology – UGA  
*“Evolution of the Dinosaurs: Life in the Fast Lane”*

**November 12 (Tuesday)**

Dr. Sue Goldstein – Professor of Geology – UGA  
*“Climate Change and the Evolution Of Cenozoic Planktonic Foraminifera”*

**December 12 (Tuesday)**

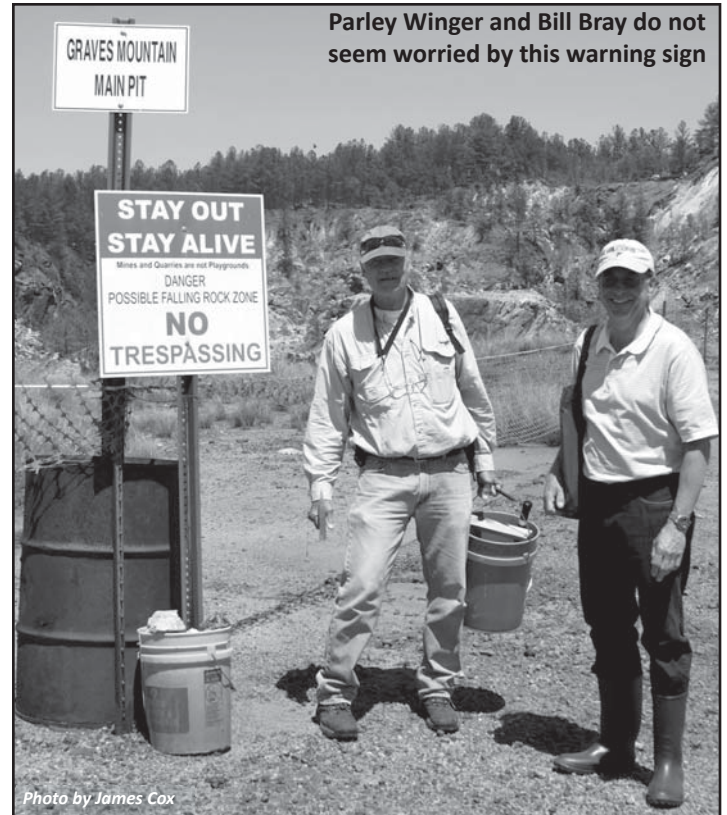
Dr. Alan Covich – Professor of Ecology – UGA  
*“Influence of Predator-Prey Relationships and the Evolution of Aquatic Biodiversity”*

**November 21 (Thursday)**

OLLI ROCKS FALL EXCURSION

**Destination:** Tallulah Falls, Georgia

**Purpose:** Examine the geology of Tallulah Falls and surrounding sectors of the Chattahoochee Thrust Sheet. Dr. Chris Manganiello (Georgia River Network) will provide an overview of the history and ecological effects of hydrologic engineering along the Tallulah River.



Parley Winger and Bill Bray do not seem worried by this warning sign

Photo by James Cox



OLLIs pose for group photo at Graves Mountain

Photo by Dorinda Dallmeyer



# TRAVEL

## SAPELO ISLAND

A two-day OLLI trip to Sapelo Island and the Reynolds Mansion on April 24-25, organized by Dindy Owens, featured guided tours of the African-American community of Hog Hammock, Reynolds Mansion, Nanny Goat Beach, University of Georgia Marine Institute, and a restored 1820 lighthouse. The group also visited Harris Neck Wildlife Refuge and had supper at Skipper's Fish Camp in Darien, Georgia.



OLLIs on Sapelo Island trip (Photo from Dindy Owens via OLLI Facebook)

## TRIP TO FRANCE

Benedicte Milward has conducted tours for special interest groups of OLLI members, but is now extending her tour and guide services to specific itineraries designed for the general OLLI membership. This fall, October 1-12, Ms. Milward is offering OLLI members an escorted trip to France highlighting Paris, Versailles, Chartres, Normandy and the Loire Valley. She will drive a van accommodating seven passengers and luggage. Trip participants will stay in her private home near Paris and in selected lodging in Normandy and the Loire Valley.

Land cost for this trip will be \$2,850, which includes lodging, ground transportation and guide service, admissions, and two dinners. Participants will be responsible for their own airline transportation, trip insurance, and most meals. Regarding meals, during the stay in her private home near Paris participants will contribute to the cost of food and help with meal preparation.

Ms. Milward will offer orientation sessions for participants, outlining the itinerary and the requirements for airline

reservations and trip insurance, and preparing participants for packing and shopping and meal expenses for the trip.

Reservations may be made for this tour on the travel form on the OLLI website ([www.oli.uga.edu](http://www.oli.uga.edu)) or by visiting the OLLI office. Deadline for registration will be July 1, with an initial deposit of \$890. A second payment of \$840 will be due to OLLI by August 2. Final payment of \$1,120 will be due by September 15. Deposits are non-refundable, unless a canceled place is filled by another registrant, in which case 80% of the payments will be refunded.

For further registration information, contact Zu Reuter: 706-542-7715; [zreuter@uga.edu](mailto:zreuter@uga.edu). For further information about the itinerary, contact Benedicte Milward: 706-546-1831; [milwardbogart@gmail.com](mailto:milwardbogart@gmail.com). Ms. Milward will be offering similar tour itineraries in March and May of 2014; watch for additional information in the *OLLI Times* and on the OLLI website Travel/Study pages.

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# FUND DEVELOPMENT

## Letter from President Bill Alworth

### Final Annual Fund Development Appeal of 2012-2013

May 2013

Dear OLLI@UGA Member,

The financial mainstay of almost every successful not-for-profit organization is a vibrant annual fund. OLLI@UGA is no exception. Since our annual fund campaign was started in December, 2012, the donations from our membership have helped us begin to have the fiscal security needed to carry out our mission.

As OLLI@UGA approaches 1,100 members, the annual fund will enable us to keep our high quality programs affordable for all of our members. Our costs for printing, staff, and space continue to rise. The money raised through the annual fund will be used to mitigate those expenses without sacrificing the quality of our lifelong learning programs.

OLLI@UGA also hopes to strengthen our relationship with the Bernard Osher Foundation. A sound fiscal management policy coupled with the support of our membership would help put a second endowment within our reach. Receiving a second endowment is very important to OLLI@UGA's long term sustainability.

As I end my term as President, I would like to encourage each and every member to respond to the final appeal of the Fund Development Committee and make a donation for the fiscal year 2012-2013. The amount you donate, while meaningful, is not as important as the number of you who do so. If each and every OLLI@UGA member made a donation, the effort would go a long way towards maintaining our low fees and the high quality of all of our programs.

On behalf of the OLLI Board of Directors and officers, I would like to thank you for your support of OLLI@UGA, an organization we all love and from which we all benefit.

Sincerely yours, Bill Alworth – President, OLLI@UGA

To donate, send check made out to "OLLI Annual Fund" to OLLI Annual Fund,  
River's Crossing, 850 College Station Road, Athens, GA 30602-4811. *The contribution is tax-deductible.*

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Annual Halloween Party

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# OLLI BRIEFS

**The Curriculum Committee**, with **Betty Jean Craige** as chair, has recruited the following courses for Fall Semester 2013: 102 courses for OLLI@UGA at River's Crossing (with a few off-campus exceptions); three one-session courses in Madison; seven OLLI luncheon programs (four at Central Presbyterian; three at Trumps) for a total of 112 academic events. The Curriculum Committee has now started recruitment for Spring Semester 2014.

**Elizabeth Barton** won a merit award for her wall quilt "Baby Pump" at the Southworks 18th Annual National Juried Art Exhibition April 12 through May 17.

**Gay McCommons** gave a riveting performance as Violet Weston in this spring's Town and Gown production of the Pulitzer-Prize winning *August: Osage County*. The play tells the story of the Westons, a large extended clan coming together at their rural Oklahoma homestead after the disappearance of the clan's father. Violet, the sharp-tongued, shrewd matriarch addicted to several depressants and narcotics, is the central character in the play and the source of much of its dark humor. Violet's husband, by the way, was played by Gay's real-life husband, Pete McCommons.

**Where to Retire Magazine:** Athens and OLLI@UGA will be part of a "Roads to Retirement" story in the July/August issue of *Where to Retire* magazine.

**Docents at the Georgia Museum of Art Needed.** Docents are volunteers who guide visitors and school groups through the museum collection. Training is provided on Monday mornings. If you enjoy art, come and share your enthusiasm with others, as many OLLIs are doing. Anyone interested in applying can do it on line — [georgiamuseum.org](http://georgiamuseum.org) — or call the museum 706-542-GMOA. If more information is needed before submitting an application, contact Julia Sanks ([julathens@aol.com](mailto:julathens@aol.com)), including your phone number. Training begins in September 2013.

OLLI@UGA continues to support **Food2Kids**, a program through the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia that provides food for students in the Athens Clarke County School District and other school districts in NE GA who have been identified as going hungry over the weekends. Each student receives a bag every Friday that contains enough food for all their meals and snacks over the weekend. The program is available and active in every elementary and middle school in Clarke County. School supplies and other nonperishable foods have also been collected and donated.

**OLLIs have donated 1440 pounds of food and school supplies to The Food Bank of Northeast Georgia since September 2011 thru April 2013!**

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## EXERCISE CLASS

The OLLI class “Exercise: A Balanced Approach for Older Adults,” taught by Dr. Anne O’Brien Brady and her Kinesiology students, was instructive as well as enjoyable. The supervised exercise program during the twelve weeks resulted in considerable increased strength, balance and flexibility for each of the twenty OLLI members who participated. In addition, OLLI members became well acquainted with each other and made friends with the students teaching them. Each class session included warm up exercises, balance and strength training, and stretching. Function tests given at the beginning and end of the semester documented the progress that had been made by each of us. It was inspirational to learn that improvements can continue to be made, even by octogenarians!

—Bill Flatt



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Students and instructors in Ann O’Brien Brady’s OLLI exercise class



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## OLLI CLASS ON JEANNETTE RANKIN FOUNDATION

One of the last OLLI classes of the year was taught on June 11: "The Jeannette Rankin Foundation: A Catalyst for Breaking the Cycle of Poverty." The class consisted of a panel of the Foundation's founding mothers discussing Jeannette Rankin herself, and the educational climate of the 1970s when the organization was founded here in Athens, Georgia. Then Sue Lawrence, the Executive Director of the Foundation, described the Foundation's growth from its modest local beginnings to the influential national organization it is today.

The story to be told in this class is one of ideals and a happy ending. The Foundation is named for Jeannette Rankin, a lifelong activist for women's and children's rights who in 1916 became the first woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. Born in Montana in 1880, Rankin was a longtime resident of Watkinsville. Upon her death in 1973, Rankin bequeathed her estate in Watkinsville to assist mature women workers. The organization's founders—Susan Bailey, Gail Dendy, Margaret Holt, Heather Kleiner, and Reita Rivers—used \$16,000 from the estate to create the Foundation, whose motto is "Women Succeeding through Education." The Foundation awards scholarships annually to low-income women thirty-five years of age and older who seek financial assistance for undergraduate or vocational programs. Since its establishment in 1976, the Jeannette Rankin Foundation has awarded scholarships totaling more than \$1 million to more than 500 women from all over the United States. (Molly Moreland, *New Georgia Encyclopedia*)



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Display case of Jeannette Rankin materials, in RC lobby until June 30



Two OLLI students and one of their instructors in Ann O'Brien Brady's exercise class.

## ATTENTION!

***OLLI Fall Classes Start Monday, August 19.***

***The Course Catalog will be out in Mid-July.***

***Community Outreach Event, August 6.***

State Botanical Garden of Georgia.  
Public reception and lecture by Wilf Nicholls,  
Director of the State Botanical Garden.



James and Mary Ann Cox taking a break from explorations at Graves Mountain



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