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## 20th ANNIVERSARY HOLIDAY PARTY DECEMBER 18



It's the season of Hanukkah candles, Christmas lights, and OLLI@UGA's 20th Anniversary Holiday party! (photo by Ken Page)

The event you all have been waiting for is almost here! To celebrate the Season, OLLI will host our festive annual Winter Holiday Party on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. This year will be even more special because it will be an exclusive evening as part of the Cook's Holiday. We will have the entire second floor of the Village Summit fully decorated for the holidays, and it will include a wonderful assortment of appetizers, entrees, desserts, wine and other beverages. To top it off, entertainment will be by UGA's famous accapella group, The Accidentals. The Healthy Gourmet is providing wine selections to compliment the extensive buffet menu.

It all begins at 6:00 p.m. in Joe Frank Harris Commons, on the UGA East Campus next to the Ramsey Center. FREE Parking is available in the East Campus Deck, E04, with shuttle service or very short walk to the Commons. A map is available on the OLLI website.

Tickets are only \$26.00 and are now available on the OLLI@UGA website using a credit card, or in the office by cash, check or credit card. The ticket sales will end on **December 12<sup>th</sup>** and tickets will **not** be sold at the door. All tickets will be picked up at the party at the Will Call and Check-in table on the main floor. A coat check and elevator are also available there.

The Will Call/Checkin Table opens at 5:30 p.m.; the reception/social with wine and appetizers begins at 6:00. The bar is open until 8:30. From 6:45 to 8:00 p.m. enjoy UGA chefs' delectable and very extensive buffet dinner. Vegetarian and gluten-free dishes will be available.

### Highlights from the Menu:

Black Oak Ham, Roast Beef, Southern Smoked Turkey Breast, Shrimp & Grits, Eggplant Parmesan, Glazed Sweet Potatoes, Horseradish Mashed Potatoes, Cornbread Dressing, Squash Casserole, Braised Greens, Waldorf Salad, Broccoli Slaw, Strawberry Feta Salad, and more.....There will be a surprise special Chef's Featured Side dish and Entree.....

Triple Chocolate Fountain, Mini Pumpkin Pie, Flourless Chocolate Raspberry Torte, Fig Dessert Bars, Spice Cake Petit Fours, Fresh Berry Tartlets, Gingerbread Cranberry Bread Pudding with Vanilla Ice Cream and White Chocolate Sauce and more.....

Members are encouraged to invite guests! This is a perfect opportunity to **invite neighbors, family and friends** to join you in celebration of the season! Questions? Contact Julie Cashin 706.355.3289.

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# Letter from the President

Dear Fellow OLLI@UGA Members,

Since our last OLLI Times was sent, so many good things have happened and will continue to happen.

Our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration events continue to engage OLLI@UGA members and the greater Athens Community.

The Stitch and Chat SIG presented 19 shawls to St. Mary's Hospice House for their hospice patients. The Lady Dogs Basketball and Marketing Committee invited all OLLI@UGA members to attend a game hosted by Coach Andy Landers. Coach Landers provided free tickets to any member and their guest who wished to attend. OLLI@UGA was recognized at the game's half time. A reception was held at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia to recognize our past Presidents and current leaders.

OLLI@UGA presented its first ever "JUNQUE FROM THE TRUNK" sale! The proceeds from the sale will be used to keep OLLI@UGA costs as low as possible.

To kick-off our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Fund Campaign sixty-eight donors to the 100 for \$100 Club were invited to a thank you reception. Without their continued support and the support of all our donors, OLLI@UGA could not keep our fees and costs among the lowest of all the 117 OLLIs across the country.

Looking forward, the new OLLI@UGA Online software will be introduced to the membership in early December. Instructions will be made available to all members of OLLI@UGA. Class registration will begin on January 7, 2015 using the new system. A great many volunteers and staff have given of their time and talent to bring this new software to OLLI@UGA. They have every member's thanks.

The Board of Directors elected the new members to the 2014-2015 Nominating Committee. The work of this committee is one of OLLI@UGA's most important standing committees. It is their responsibility to find the members willing to put their names forward and volunteer to stand for election to become an officer or director.\* I am grateful to serve with some of the finest people I know on the current OLLI@UGA Board of Directors.

On December 8<sup>th</sup>, the Membership Committee will co-host a Community Outreach event with the Friends of the State Botanical Garden of Georgia. Individuals can join both OLLI and the Botannical Garden at this event. This event will be held in the Visitor Center Atrium and Wilf Nichols, Director of the Garden will speak.

I encourage all members to make themselves aware of all the wonderful events that will be taking place in the next few months. The Hospitality Committee will host the Winter Holiday Party on Thursday, December 18, 2014 at the Summit in Joe Frank Harris Commons on the University of Georgia campus. The spring class catalog will feature the Curriculum Committee's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary classes conducted at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia.

I wish each and every one of you a wonderful Holiday and an enjoyable OLLI@UGA New Year!

Tom Kenyon

P.S. Don't forget to buy your Winter Holiday Party tickets!

**\*Editor's Note: Information on the nominating committee and how to submit nominations is found on page 3 of this issue.**



Tom Kenyon  
(photo by Larry Petroff)

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# OLLI NOMINATIONS CAN BEGIN!

by Betty Jean Craige, OLLI President-Elect

On Monday, November 10, OLLI's Board of Directors elected the following individuals to the 2014-2015 Nominating Committee: Art Crawley, Marilyn Gootman, John Songster, and Ray Watson. As president-elect of OLLI, I will be chair.

The Nominating Committee will identify candidates to run for the five open positions on the Board and on the Executive Committee, which is made up of the OLLI officers: President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. We hope to slate at least two candidates for each vacancy. The election will take place at the annual OLLI meeting in May.

Please consider serving OLLI as one of these leaders, and nominate yourself for whichever position you would like. Or nominate one of your OLLI colleagues. The Bylaws, which describe the responsibilities of the various offices, are on the [olli.uga.edu](http://olli.uga.edu) website. For now, to nominate yourself or someone else, just contact a member of the Nominating Committee and indicate your interest. (A nomination form will be available next semester.)

The officers—President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer—serve one-year terms. Board members serve two-year terms.

OLLI needs YOU! (If I had a billboard, I'd show Uncle OLLI—or Aunt OLLI—in a red OLLI sweatshirt pointing a finger in your direction.)

So please think about running for election yourself. You don't have to put up yard signs or debate your opponents. You don't have to go on television. You don't even have to spend money. But you do have to be interested in working for the good of your favorite organization.



## AUDITIONS FOR OLLI FOLLIES TO BE HELD IN JANUARY

Attention all Hams, Tarts, Musicians, Hoofers, Comedians, Variety Acts, and assorted theater aficionados! Get out your dance shoes, warm up your vocal cords, and contact your agents (theatrical or insurance?). On May 1 and 2, 2015, the first ever OLLI Follies will amaze and amuse the entire Athens population with a production in UGA Fine Arts Theater that is guaranteed to provide unforgettable entertainment for everyone.

Audition dates will be announced in January, and we need people with every skill to make it a "Hit." All comers to the auditions will be included in the Show. If you already have an act you want to spotlight, or would like to know more, contact Prof. J.J. Read, Conductress at 706.546.4620 for information.

Logo courtesy Greg Simpson

## BACK-TO-CLASS BASH JANUARY 9

At the January 9 Bash you will learn about upcoming trips, SIGs, and other OLLI events—and enjoy refreshments and fellowship. It will be held from 1:00-3:30 at Central Presbyterian Church, 380 Alps Road, Athens.. The event is free and open not only to OLLI members but to the public. There will be tables for all OLLI@UGA activities. Volunteers will be available to greet and answer questions.



At the last January Bash, Nancy Grayson tells John Albright about the Kentucky trip. (photo by Pat McAlexander).



Prior to the sale, two unidentified volunteers and Nancy Songster watch Jill Read unfold a donated bedspread.

## “JUNQUE FROM THE TRUNK” A SUCCESS!

by Larry Dendy

Deftly balancing a wooden rack for bed linens in one hand and a large bag of treasures in the other, Aurelia Scott was all smiles as she left the first-ever OLLI “Junque from the Trunk” sale Oct. 25.

“It was a wonderful sale with a great variety of items,” the retired Athens middle school teacher said as she loaded a soup bowl, a colorful wreath, a book for her grandchildren and several CDs into her bag. “If they have another one I’ll be back.”

Aurelia’s assessment seemed to be shared by most of the several hundred shoppers who crowded into the Central Presbyterian Church fellowship hall to sort through tables of merchandise and dozens of floor displays. As OLLI member Wyatt Anderson admitted, “It’s hard to resist buying something even though I don’t need it.”

Jill Jayne Read, chair of the event, reported total receipts of \$5,234.32 from the sale, which began Friday night with an Opening Preview and continued until 3 p.m. Saturday.

“We’ve probably sold three-fourths of the items we had when we opened last night,” Jill said late Saturday morning. “We had incredible buys like unused computer printers and hand

scanners, new kitchen appliances, original art. People who regularly go to estate sales told me this was some of the best quality merchandise they’ve ever seen.”

Jeff and Maureen Miller of Athens agreed as they gathered up purchases including a wine kit, a Disney raincoat, a flower vase, CDs and a chair for Maureen’s classroom at Coile Middle School. “It’s a very nice mixture of items including some gorgeous art work,” said Jeff. “A very fine sale.”

Tables around the room held everything from household items, seasonal decorations and appliances to art, antiques and collectibles. Spread around the floor were sports equipment, racks of clothes and even some mannequins. Al Moreno, who often goes to garage sales, said he “got a bargain” on a clock, a television mount and books. OLLI member Roger Bailey said his stack of CDs and a large colorful wall hanging from Thailand “looks like a deal.”

Jill emphasized that the sale could not have occurred without the help of so many OLLI volunteers who devoted countless hours to collecting, sorting, pricing and displaying merchandise, assisting customers and helping with many other tasks.



Elizabeth Nevil and Pat Frazar sort donations.

Volunteer Geri Williams was out at 4 a.m. Saturday placing signs along streets near Central Presbyterian when she was stopped by a sheriff's deputy who warned her to beware of deer in the area. "He saw what I was doing, and he knew about OLLI, and he told me take care," said Geri, who was back at the church to welcome customers who began lining up at 7:30 for the 8 a.m. opening.



Elizabeth Nevil tries on hat.

Ralph Crown came on Friday night to help and took the opportunity to buy a rain barrel, a floor fan and a coffee pot, which he returned to pick up on Saturday morning. At least one shopper came to the sale three times.

Paul Dorsey, who works with Habitat for Humanity and had only recently joined OLLI, volunteered by managing traffic control and also sorting and identifying a mass of tangled computer cords and wires—a task that flummoxed other workers. Paul brought some clothes racks and other items loaned by Habitat for the sale, and planned to take some unsold merchandise to the Habitat Restore.

Jill said unsold items would be donated to other local organizations including books to the Athens-Clarke County Library; computer equipment to Free IT; children's clothes to Project Safe-The Cottage; and other items to the Central Presbyterian Youth Band. Some leftover items were also put up for sale on E-bay.

Since this was OLLI's first Junque from the Trunk sale, Jill had nothing to compare it to. But based on its success, chances seem good that it won't be the last.

## THE 2014-15 ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN

The financial mainstay of every successful non-profit organization is its annual fund drive. OLLI@UGA is no exception. Our strong Fund Development program enhanced our application for a second endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation. We hope in 2014-2015 to continue to build on that success. This can be achieved with your donations to the OLLI@UGA Annual Fund Campaign!

When the letter from the OLLI@UGA President, Tom Kenyon, arrives, take a moment to read it, and to reflect on how much OLLI@UGA means to you. Then reflect on the effort made to keep our costs down and our standard of excellence high. Your gift to the Annual Fund Campaign is an investment in OLLI@UGA. Any gift no matter the amount will help keep OLLI@UGA members' minds sharp, our bodies active, and our lives enriched by friendship and learning.

Please remember, the OLLI@UGA Fund Development Committee only asks you for gifts twice in any given fiscal year. If you make a contribution in the fall/winter you will not be asked again in the spring/summer.



*“Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young.”*

– Henry Ford

# NOMINATIONS AND THE OLLI LEADERSHIP CYCLE

Each year in May at our one prescribed member meeting, we hold elections to choose a new slate of officers and one-half of our board of directors members. This annual ritual ushers in a new leadership team responsible for guiding our organization through the next year and beyond – to better serve the membership and fulfill our commitment to stakeholders. Twelve months hence this new contingent of leaders, except for five of ten board members who are on staggered terms, will hand over the reins to “replacements.” Thus the cycle of OLLI elected leadership.

It is often said, “We are a volunteer organization.” In the past “volunteer driven” was popular. Both phrases are accurate. What’s important to recognize is that **we also are an incorporated not-for-profit business in Georgia with a unique relationship with our flagship University and the Bernard Osher Foundation.** Equally important to understand is that while our UGA partner makes facilities, services and key management staff available to support our programs; we members are responsible for corporate governance and all program planning.

Our members, now more than 1200 strong, are a rich source of experiences and skills necessary to produce the leadership OLLI requires – and depends upon. In this *OLLI Times* we’d like to highlight the Treasurer position – vital to the proper running of OLLI@UGA.

Despite what you may have heard, a successful candidate for treasurer need not be an accountant or a financial expert. OLLI’s financial system and processes are firmly established on clearly defined policies and procedures and function almost routinely day to day. The staff, including a CPA-bookkeeper, handles all receipts and payments and records. The Treasurer, a member of the Finance Committee, is responsible for monitoring system integrity, signing checks, reviewing and posting monthly financial reports, and being the representative to our banking and financial institutions.

Nominations are now open for the slate we will elect next spring. If you have or know a friend who has an inclination toward things financial, tell him or her that becoming a nominee for Treasurer is a great way to give back to OLLI. John Songster, our current Treasurer, welcomes all inquiries about this office and pledges that he will personally assist during transition at the end of his term. Call him: 706.548.8181.

## HALLOWEEN

These photos were taken at the Halloween Holiday Luncheon on October 31 at George’s Low Country Table. The festivities included a costume contest. Many attendees came in costume—and these pictures show how creative those costumes were.



Do you recognize any of your friends among this motley crew? (photos by Jean Crown)

## SAVE THE DATES!

Below is a list of Winter-Spring 2015 events sponsored by the OLLI Hospitality Committee in addition to the January 9<sup>th</sup> Bash (p. 3).

**Newbees Orientation** – Saturday, February 7 – 1:00-3:30 - River's Crossing, 850 College Station Road, Athens 30602. All new members who have not attended an orientation are urged to come for the planned program beginning at 1 pm.

**Valentine's Day Luncheon** – Friday, February 13 – 11:30-1:00 - Dutch Treat – Savannah Room at the UGA Hotel & Conference Center.

**St. Patrick's Day Luncheon** – Tuesday, March 17 – 11:30-1:00 - Dutch Treat – details TBA.

**Cinco de Mayo Luncheon** – Tuesday, May 5 – 11:30-1:00 – details TBA.

**Annual Meeting & Social** – Friday, May 15 – Central Presbyterian Church.

*This schedule is current as of November 2014. Some locations are subject to change. Listserv announcements, website updates and social media outlets will contain current information.*

Also: Community Outreach with the Friends of the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, December 8, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Visitor Center Atrium. Wilf Nichols, Director of the Garden, will speak.

## OLLI Times Publication Schedule

### Winter/Spring 2015

#### February Issue

**Material due Wednesday, January 28**

**To Burman's (printer) by Tuesday, February 3**

**To be mailed week of February 16**

#### April Issue

**Material due Wednesday, April 1**

**To Burman's by Wednesday, April 6**

**To be mailed week of April 20**

#### June Issue

**Material due Wednesday, May 27**

**To Burman's by Wednesday, June 3**

**To be mailed week of June 15**

## LUNCHEON



Erika Lewis, Cathi and Jay Shinn (Are the Shinns making a statement with their costumes as blind referees?)



A cowboy, a witch, a pirate, and a hobo: Carter Naylor, Faye Cardos, Iris Miracle, Julie Cashin

# SOME OLLI CLASSES

The items below just begin to suggest the variety and quality of the many courses OLLI offered this fall semester.



September 16, 18: “Athens African-American History Tour.” Rosa Thurmond, an outstanding native Athenian, was tour guide. A particularly interesting stop was at Harold Rittenberry’s sculpture yard in Athens. Rittenberry, a noted Athens folk artist, creates sculptures of metal, wood, and machinery. In the left photo, Harold Rittenberry shows OLLIs one of his wood sculptures. On the right is one of his works made of metal and machinery parts. (photos by Carol Kurtz)



October 6: “Cybersecurity, Internet Policy, and Protection of Your Digital Assets: You’re Naked.” Instructor Chuck Murphy (as Moses) reviewed the 10 commandments of cybersecurity for his three-session course. (photo by Harry Hayes)



October 15: “Founder’s Memorial Garden: What Is This Place?” Here are some of the OLLIs on the tour, with tour leader Maureen O’Brien, curator of the Garden and part-time faculty member in the College of Environment and Design. (photo by Carol Kurtz)



October 21-23: “Sand County on Campus: Aldo Leopold in Athens.” Instructor Dorinda Dallmeyer discussed Leopold’s land ethics on the first day of class. (Leopold argued that homo sapiens should not be the conqueror of the land-community, but simply a member of it.) The next two classes were field trips on the UGA campus, to spots where Dorinda showed how Leopold’s ideas had come to life. (photo from Dorinda Dallmeyer)





**October 28, November 4: “Poetry from the Great War (1914-1918).”** Jean Bleyle spoke for this class when she said, “Hearing Jim [instructor James Kissane] read poetry . . . written by so many young men who lost their lives in the war was a moving experience.” Here, Dr. Kissane confers with one of the students. *(photo by Pat McAlexander)*



**October 31: Larry Dendy’s “Walking Tour of Historic UGA North Campus.”** Here is the class at the statue of Abraham Baldwin, founding father of the University of Georgia, Baldwin served as University’s first president during its initial planning phase, from 1786 to 1801. Larry Dendy is in the middle. *(photo by Alexis Winger)*

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## Past Trip

**Historic Boone Tavern Inn, Berea, KY:** Departing for home after spending our final night at this beautiful inn. We had dinner and breakfast here. When we arrived the night before there was a lovely pianist/singer in the beautifully furnished lobby.

*(photo by Jill Read, caption by Julie Cashin)*



In Thoroughbred Park, Lexington, KY, Don Schneider and Donna Smith *(photo by Jill Read)*

## O KENTUCKY!

In October, twenty-two OLLI members embarked on a five day trip in two twelve-passenger vans to tour Kentucky! Jill Read and Nancy Grayson spent days planning the trip to show off their favorite state, and it showed!

To prepare us, there were two optional OLLI classes before the trip: “Kentucky: A Horse is a Horse” and “Shakers: Their

Beliefs and Enduring Legacy.” There was also a gathering at Jill’s house to discuss the itinerary and plans. Jill and Nancy prepared a history of the state and of the sites we visited to read to us as we traveled via Cumberland Gap on the trip up and continued around the state.

We left Athens Thursday morning October 9<sup>th</sup> and arrived at The Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill in time for a delicious dinner. The

Village was established in 1805 and we walked the path to the dining room past some of the 34 original 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings and farmlands.

After spending the night in Danville, we traveled to Lexington where we had a tour of some of the historic district and visited “Ashland,” the home of Henry Clay, now a National Historic Landmark and Garden. We also stopped at Thoroughbred Park, Mary Todd Lincoln House, Lexington Cemetery, and Kentucky Horse Park. We discovered that Jill is a Horse Whisperer! A friend of Jill’s, Barbara Weichers, entertained us for cocktails and hors d’oeuvres in her beautiful historic home in Gratz Park. We dined at The Julep Cup that evening.

Saturday we went to Versailles and had a tour of Woodford Reserve Distillery to learn about the process of production. We tasted two different bourbons and a chocolate bourbon ball! Good tour, great bourbon and delicious bourbon ball! Afterwards, we visited Irish Acres Antiques Emporium.

Sunday, we were off to the races at Keeneland Racetrack. We dumped some of our money but had a lot of fun! Beautiful day and magnificent horses! We traveled to Berea, home of Berea College, and visited Kentucky Artisan Center on the way to the Historic Boone Tavern Inn where we had dinner and spent the night.

Monday, we had breakfast at Boone Tavern and headed for

home. We stopped at Cumberland Falls State Park and viewed the majesty of the falls and landscape. Cumberland Falls has one of two moonbeams in the world! We traveled through the Great Smoky Mountains that are part of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The sun came out and we actually hit the prime time of the turning leaves. It was amazing to ride through the changing colors mile after mile!

This was a delightful trip, well planned and organized thanks to Jill and Nancy. Jill drove one of the vans and Don Schneider drove the other. I do not know how many miles we added to the odometers, but it was a bunch. Thanks to Jill, Nancy and Don, the rest of us just sat back and enjoyed it all!!!--Julie Cashin

## Future Trips:



Jekyll Island marshes. (Photo by Dorinda Dallmeyer)

### **APRIL 28-30—JEKYLL AND ST. SIMONS ISLANDS (Field Trip for Students in “Coastal Processes” Course)**

An optional three-day field trip for students taking the OLLI course, “Coastal Processes and Conservation: What Will Be Left for Future Generations?” (April 13-17) has been organized to the Georgia Coast (Jekyll and St. Simons Islands). The trip will depart Athens on the morning of Tuesday, April 28, and return to Athens the evening of Thursday, April 30. Transport will be by rental 12-passenger vans. Accommodation for both nights will be at the Hampton Inn & Suites on Jekyll Island. A group reservation has been made and participants will secure their room with individual personal credit card information.

Tuesday we will examine the relatively pristine coast of Jekyll Island where the dynamics of natural shoreline processes will be observed. During the morning we will traverse a portion of the north shore of Jekyll Island. During the afternoon we will do a similar transect across the southern Jekyll coast. Each traverse will require approximately one mile of easy beach walking. Wednesday we will examine St. Simons Island and observe myriad of attempts at coastal “stabilization.” Their effects stand in stark contrast to the more natural and productive coastal environments observed on Jekyll Island. Stops on St. Simons will be close to parking areas and will require limited beach walking. We will depart for Athens in the afternoon.

A non-refundable trip registration fee of \$125 per person will be required prior to February 15, 2015. This will cover the cost of van rental, fuel and administrative expenses. It will not include participant lodging and meals. Accommodation costs will be \$77.50/night (based upon double occupancy) with breakfast included. Monday night we will enjoy dinner at the Jekyll Island Club and Tuesday evening we will have dinner at a restaurant on St. Simons Island. The trip is limited to 28 participants. Remember that participation in the pre-trip course is **REQUIRED**. Register separately online for both the excursion and the course.

### **And now being planned by the Travel Committee:**

**March 5-6: A trip to Providence Canyon, Georgia’s “Little Grand Canyon.”** Here massive gullies as deep as 150 feet were caused by poor farming practices during the 1800s. There are hiking trails, and the canyon soil’s pink, orange, red, and purple hues provide beautiful photo opportunities.

**Mid-April: A trip to Rome, Georgia and Berry College.** This trip will introduce OLLI members to a beautiful mountain campus and a unique story of education and hope offered to a rural area of Georgia in the aftermath of the Civil War. Rome, at the confluence of two rivers forming a third river, still contains historic sites which portray the life of the Cherokee Native Americans in Georgia before their Trail of Tears removal to the west.

**Watch the website, OLLI listserv notices, and the February OLLI Times for more details.**

# 20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY LEADERSHIP RECEPTION



**LIR/OLLI Presidents and Dean Kennedy pose for group shot. L to r: Bill Alworth, Al Ike, Anita Brannen, Dean Kennedy, Diana Cerwonka, John Rudy, Tom Kenyon, Richard Anderson, Jay Shinn** (photos by Pat McAlexander)

A reception honoring past presidents of LIR and attended by OLLI officers, committee chairs, and staff was held on October 29, 3:00 to 4:30 in the State Botanical Garden of Georgia's Gardenside Room. OLLI sponsors Healthy Gourmet and Talmage Terrace/Lanier Gardens provided wine and appetizers. A slide show depicting OLLI activities, created by Madison Miracle (granddaughter of Iris, a sophomore at UGA in pre-med), played throughout the event. In a brief program, OLLI President Tom Kenyon welcomed guests and introduced the seven past presidents of OLLI/LIR who were present. Each of these presidents had been given a red rose to wear. College of Education Dean Craig Kennedy gave a brief talk praising OLLI@UGA for its accomplishments.

Zu came out of her "bunker office" for this event. She is working on implementing OLLI's new registration and association management software.



Lee Albright, Hospitality Committee Chair, pins rose on former President Jay Shinn



The Andersons—still holding hands.

## Presidents of Learning In Retirement/OLLI

\* present at reception

- Richard Forbecker 1994-1996
- Robert G. Schleman 1996-1997
- Ann Jewett 1997-1998
- Betty Bailey 1998-1999
- Robert Jordan 1999-2000
- \*Diana Cerwonka 2000-2001
- \* Richard Anderson 2001-2003
- \* John Rudy 2003-2005
- \* Albert Ike 2005-2006
- James Jacobson 2006-2007
- Janet Stratton 2007-2008
- James K. Tanner 2008-2009
- Joanne Roth 2009-2010
- \* Anita Brannen 2010-2011
- Mac Rawson 2011-2012
- \* Bill Alworth 2012-2013
- \* Jay Shinn 2013-2014
- \*Tom Kenyon 2014-2015

—List from Bill Loughner,  
OLLI@UGA historian

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# NEWS FROM SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)



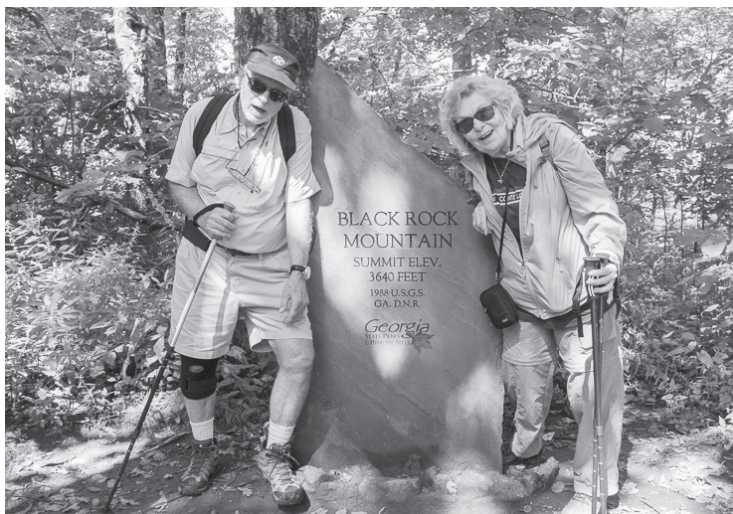
## Lady Dogs Basketball

Sunday, November 16, at the TCU-UGA basketball game, some of the most enthusiastic Lady Dog fans ever—members of the OLLI@UGA Lady Dogs Basketball SIG – were recognized. Besides cheering for their favorite team, members were invited down to the court at halftime to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Georgia and highlight the many opportunities it offers for people 50 and older to be active and involved.

The Lady Dogs SIG has over 100 members who buy season tickets, sit together and cheer on the DAWGS. For the TCU game Sunday, Coach Landers, the Lady Dogs' coach, offered all OLLI@UGA members free tickets for the game. Everyone had a great time, and the Lady Dogs beat TCU in a hard fought game.

## Happy Hikers

Happy Hikers co-chairs Ray Watson and Iris Miracle reach the summit of Black Rock Mountain on an October hike. These experienced hikers don't fool us...they loved it!  
*(photo by Jeff Engel)*



## OLLI Walkers

OLLI Walkers by Lake Chapman in Sandy Creek Park on a chilly November 13. The dog, Gypsy, is a guest walker.  
*(photo by Lew Frazier)*



# OLLI Rocks



OLLI Rocks members at the North Oconee Water Reclamation Facility  
(photo by Dorinda Dallmeyer)

For its 2014 fall excursion, OLLI ROCKS toured the North Oconee Water Reclamation Facility located immediately north of College Station Road near Rivers Crossing. This facility can process up to 14 million gallons of waste water each day. Water from a 46 square mile area is treated (including the UGA campus and the Athens downtown business district). The reclamation process involves five separate steps, including initial screening and filtering, aeration, clarification, disinfection and oxygenation. The reclaimed water is returned directly into the North Oconee River.

## OLLI Rocks Schedule –Spring 2015. Theme: Earth’s Dynamic Oceans

The 2015 spring semester OLLI ROCKS program will focus on “Earth’s Dynamic Oceans”. The series will review the characteristics of ocean systems, including the water column and sea floor together with marine ecosystems and habitats. The series will conclude with an overview of current and future threats to the sustainability of marine environments. Meetings begin at 7:00 PM in Room 200A in the Geography-Geology Building on the UGA main campus. Each presentation will be followed by viewing a related educational DVD.

January 13 (Tuesday): Dr. Bruce Railsback, Professor of Geology – University of Georgia, “Internal Dynamics of Earth’s Oceans”

February 10 (Tuesday): Dr. David Dallmeyer, Professor of Geology Emeritus – University of Georgia, “Age, Bathymetry and Character of Earth’s Ocean Floors”

March 3 (Tuesday): Dr. Brian Hopkinson, Assistant Professor – School of Marine Programs, University of Georgia, “Marine Habitats”

April 7 (Tuesday): Dr. Dorinda Dallmeyer, Director of the Environmental Ethics Program, College of Environment and Design – University of Georgia, “Turning the Tide – Saving the Sea”

April 28-30 (Tuesday-Thursday): OLLI ROCKS SPRING 2015 EXCURSION. “Coastal Processes and Conservation: What Will Be Left For Future Generations?” Destination: Jekyll and St. Simons Islands, Georgia Coast

## Stitch and Chat

On October 9 six members of the Stitch and Chat Special Interest Group, as part of OLLI’s 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, presented Teresa Scogins, Manager of St. Mary’s Hospice House, with nineteen shawls knitted by members of the group. The shawls will be distributed to patients at St. Mary’s Hospice House and the St. Mary’s Home programs. Nine members of the Stitch and Chat SIG participated in this project: Kristina Stephens, Kay Tanner, Kathy Castellion, Bobbi Shindelman, Rosalyn deVorse, Francis Lang, Diane Ehlers, Jenny Best, and Pat Winston. Pat mentioned that two of these ladies had knitted **three** shawls! Pat also said how enjoyable the project was, bringing “many good, warm feelings to all of them.” At the presentation, Pat read a poem written by Kristina Stephens especially for this occasion. In it Kristina expressed the meaning of shawls and the comfort and joy creating them gave her. OLLI is grateful to these SIG members for sharing their time and talents to provide this wonderful outreach to the community.



From left: Jean Bleyle, Diane Ehlers, Frances Lang, Teresa Scogin (Manager, St. Mary’s Hospice House), Pat Winston, Kay Hymo and Kristina Stephens. (photo by Karen Kenyon)

# THE FIRST STAGE OF OLLI ONLINE HAS ARRIVED!

As of December 4, you can set up your OLLI profile on ONLINE OLLI. It's easy and fun. Doing so allows you to register for courses online (the course catalog should arrive shortly) and to join/rejoin your SIGS and receive notices from them. Just go to the OLLI website and follow the directions.

## NEXT SEMESTER: NEW FORM OF TAI CHI

**This April Michele Simpson will be teaching Taiji Fit—a new form of Tai Chi. Most people in the area have not heard about this version since it is relatively new. Michele, who was certified in it this spring, sent us the following information about it. Her four-session class will be offered at Central Presbyterian church in April.**

Those of us familiar with Tai Chi and who practice it regularly expect to experience an improvement in our flexibility, balance, coordination, and relaxation. Recent research has suggested that Tai Chi also has the potential to impact our brains and to stem the tide of dementia-related conditions.

There are numerous types of Tai Chi. The type I practice, TaijiFit, shares some characteristics and movements with Tai Chi Easy, but there are several subtle differences. First, with TaijiFit there is an opportunity to create and customize a practice that will match your whims, needs and abilities. You could literally forge out 365 routines for the calendar year or do the same one each day. Second, TaijiFit includes a strength component. Many of the movements can be done with either hand held balls or sticks, though this is totally optional. Finally, TaijiFit can be practiced with a wide array of music, depending on whether you love Joshua Bell, the Beatles, or hip hop. Music, of course, is not meant to dictate a pace, but rather to establish a mood. The primary objective of the Taiji Fit workout is to induce, develop, and improve flow, an important component of physical and mental fitness.

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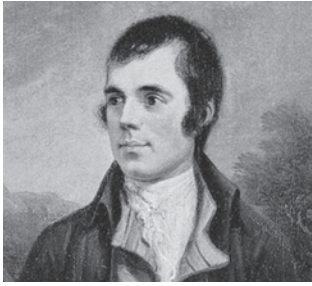
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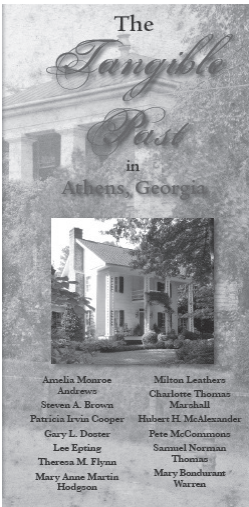


# OLLI BRIEFS



**Robert Burns Dinner – January 24<sup>th</sup>!** Go ahead and put this on your calendar! A gala Robert Burns Dinner, celebrating the birthday of the great Scottish poet, will be held the evening of Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at the large banquet space on the second floor of the Athens

Banner-Herald building. The evening will include a celtic band, pipers, highland dancing, the “Ode to the Haggis” by Burns, men in kilts, ladies in tartan skirts, and a good time for all! This will be an OLLI event, but will be open to non-OLLI members. Details on the registration will be forthcoming from OLLI. But get ready for an evening that will get your blood warmed up, Scottish or no! The formal program will end with the singing of Burns most famous poem – Auld Lang Syne. **Scots wha hae!!!**



**New Books.** The just-published book *The Tangible Past in Athens, Georgia* includes chapters by OLLI member **Pat Cooper**, as well as by past OLLI instructors Charlotte Thomas Marshall (who is also the editor), **Hubert McAlexander**, and **Gary Doster**. **Pat McAlexander** contributed photos to one of Hubert’s chapters, “The View from the Top of the Hill.” This 656-page volume, with over 700 illustrations, presents many new facts and stories about Athens houses and history. Friends of the Athens-Clarke County library is holding a Café au Libris

event featuring this book at the Athens Regional Library in the Appleton Auditorium on Sunday, December 14, at 3:00 p.m. The event will feature a one-hour program followed by a reception, book sales and signings.



**Betty Jean Craig's** murder mystery *Downstream* was published on November 26 by Black Opal Press. There is a bird in this novel, a parrotlet, but, Betty Jean says, the bird does not solve the mystery! The book will be launched by Barnes and Noble in Athens on Saturday, December 6, from 2:00 to 4:00. Betty Jean will be there to sign books and to talk with readers.



OLLI **Ann Blum** has written *Bugs@Play: Puppet Shows in Which Insects Confront People-Sized Problems*. The book, published by Black Kettle Books, introduces a wide variety of insect characters, from a harried ant queen to an obstinate mosquito, who want to explain their lives and problems. This 316-page book should prove a helpful and inexpensive resource for those wanting to teach children about

insects in elementary school and kindergarten classes, as well as in nature and environmental education programs. *Bugs@Play* is available at the State Botanical Garden gift shop and on amazon.com.

**Publications Awards.** This fall **Larry Dendy's** book *Through the Arch* was given a 2014 Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation Publications Award. The book describes the history of the UGA campus and its buildings. A second Publications Award was given to *The Ware-Lyndon House Album*, a collaborative effort to which **Elaine Kalber** contributed. The Ware-Lyndon House is an 1840's Greek revival home, now restored as a museum with the Lyndon House Arts Center attached.

**Martha Philips**, author of *Carved*, a novel set on St. Simons Island, was invited by the Literary Guild of St. Simons Island to join twenty-seven other authors in the Atrium at the Casino on the island on October 5. There the authors displayed and sold their books and shared writing experiences and book information with a large number of attendees.

**Leadership Training.** On Monday, October 13, 2014 the Board of Directors participated in a training program given by Dr. Joan Curtis. It was a stimulating program, with active participation by Board members.

**100 For \$100 Club Reception.** A reception was held on Wednesday, November 12 at the home of Tom and Karen Kenyon for those OLLI@UGA members who made gifts of \$100 or more to the 2013-2014 Annual Fund Campaign's 100 for \$100 Club. Members of the OLLI@UGA Board of Directors and Jill Read, the Fund Development Committee Chair, expressed their appreciation for those members who invested in OLLI@UGA's future.

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