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at The University of Georgia

## OLLI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KATY CRAPO TO RETIRE



Katy Crapo

On June 30, then-President Betty Jean Craige informed OLLI members that, after seven years with OLLI, Katy Crapo will retire from the position of executive director on December 31. Betty Jean continued, "Katy has been an outstanding executive director. In working with her this past year I have appreciated her professionalism, wisdom, excellent judgment, innovative leadership, impressive interpersonal skills, thorough knowledge of OLLI, and dedication to you all. For so many enjoyable OLLI experiences, we owe much to Katy." Pat McAlexander adds, "One of the greatest pleasures of editing the *OLLI Times* these past six years has been working on it with Katy. We've been a team in so much, from checking spelling and commas to being sure the content is accurate and up-to-date." Katy will be honored at a retirement party on December 1, 4:30, at Trumps, 2026 Milledge Avenue. All OLLI members will be invited. **Save the date!**



## FALL 2016 BASH SEPTEMBER 9, 1:00 to 3:00

This Fall's OLLI Bash will be held Friday, September 9, at Central Presbyterian from 1:00 to 3:00. As always, this is a wonderful time to reconnect with friends, make new acquaintances, and invite those who want to learn more about OLLI. Most of the Special Interest Groups (SIGs) will have tables with information about how members can enjoy everything from bridge to hiking and opera to being a buddy for an elementary school student. Refreshments will be provided by Talmage Terrace/Lanier Gardens.

Also at the Bash you can make donations to the OLLI Fund Development's SHOUT OUT campaign that will show that OLLI members care about OLLI. Donate \$10 and receive two silver ribbons that say "I support OLLI@UGA" to attach to your name tag and name tent. (Donations can also be made on the OLLI website, by mail, or in person at the OLLI office.)



Dona Conway, Penny Adams, Lee Albright at the 2013 Bash

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*And more!*

# PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Welcome back to OLLI@UGA for our Fall 2016 term! It will be good to see all those we know as well as many we have not met before. With all our classes, Special Interest Groups (SIGs), luncheons, special events, and trips, there is a constant mixing of our members and so many ways to meet others and share in the continuous learning and the fun.



Lee Albright

We have already met many new members at our New Member Orientation in July. At this meeting, which is offered at the beginning of the fall and spring terms, OLLI@UGA leaders present an overview of all our activities, explain the history and organization of OLLI, orient new members to the use of the website, and give new members the chance to meet each other as well as learn who leads the various activities. And of course we have some social time – and refreshments – a staple of OLLI events!

Coming up on September 9 is the OLLI Bash Activity Fair, which is open to all our members and those who want to know “Exactly what is OLLI?” Tables are set all around the fellowship hall of Central Presbyterian Church from 1-3 p.m. Attendees can see the activities OLLI has and meet members who can tell them more about each one. Many of our sponsors are there as well, and refreshments are provided by one of our sponsors, Talmage Terrace/Lanier Gardens.

Our year has started with over 200 courses offered this fall. Some courses filled quickly, but through the work of Zu and Shelly in the office and the Curriculum Committee, about 300 people were taken off the wait list because the presenter agreed to a second section or a larger classroom was found. A huge thank you is due to all involved for such outstanding course offerings! We also have 30 SIGs with a wide range of activities. Within the last month OLLI members have returned from Scotland and Costa Rica and more trips are planned within the state, the South, and the far west.

The Board and Committee Chairs met August 8 for a day-long retreat to begin planning our year and looking forward to the future of OLLI@UGA. Much work was done last year to learn about our membership and programs through statistics gathered for information about where we are as an organization and guidance for future planning. We are a wonderfully large group with a wide range of experience, desires for our involvement with each other, and needs for this point in our lives. We will continue to gather opinions and ideas from our members to learn how to best meet the expectations and needs of each other. We are, first of all, a volunteer organization. We have great leadership from our Executive Director, Katy Crapo, and her staff, but a great deal of the planning and carrying out of the many functions of OLLI are done by dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers. I believe this involvement is what makes OLLI so meaningful to our members and I encourage you to participate in this at whatever level you can.

We have two changes that have taken place over the summer. Dr. Jack Parrish, Associate Dean for Outreach and Engagement in the College of Education and our liaison for OLLI@UGA, retired June 30. Dr. Ronald Cervero is returning to that position after several years as Associate Vice President for Instruction. We are delighted to have him back with us. Sara Williamson, our bookkeeper, has also retired. Amanda Blalock succeeds Sara. We are grateful to Jack and Sara for their great service to us and wish them well as they move on to retirement.

We are sorry to learn that Katy Crapo will be retiring December 31 but we know she will continue to be with us as a “regular” OLLI member. We hope you will Save the Date of December 1, 4:30 p.m. at Trumps, to celebrate her great contributions to OLLI@UGA as the first director and our number one supporter.

So...a lot is happening! Come join us in “Having the Time of Our Lives” and find your best way to continue your lifelong learning.

Lee Albright  
President

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## OLLI@LARGE LILLIAN SMITH PERFORMANCE

OLLI opens a new series of special events titled **OLLI@Large** with “Jordan is So Chilly: An Encounter with Lillian Smith” on Sunday, September 18. Noted Atlanta actress Brenda Bynum appears in a one-woman show as Georgia author Lillian Smith talking about her life, her writing, and her efforts to eliminate the civil wrongs of the South in the early 20th century by promoting actions which would end segregation and accord full civil rights to all citizens. Piedmont College co-sponsors and hosts this event on its Athens campus, 595 Prince Avenue, in the Meeting House at 3 p.m. Sunday, September 18. The event is free and open to the public.

Lillian Smith was born in 1897 in Florida, a member of a large and prosperous family. Financial reverses following World War I forced the family to relocate to a home atop Screamer Mountain near Clayton, Georgia. Smith spent much of the remainder of her life there, helping and then taking over the family business, primarily a summer camp for girls. In addition, she helped found and edit a literary magazine. She authored four books, including the fictional *Strange Fruit*, which became a controversial best seller, and *Killers of the Dream*, a memoir detailing how the institutions of religion, education and society perpetuated separation and subjugation of African-Americans. Smith died in 1966, seeing how her words and actions had supported the strengthening civil rights movement in America.

Piedmont College had a relationship with Smith during her lifetime as student and speaker, and now owns and administers the site of the girls’ summer camp as an artists’ residency program and educational center. Many of Smith’s papers are housed in UGA’s Special Collections Library. On September 30, Piedmont College and the UGA Press will release “A Lillian Smith Reader,” a compilation of Smith’s large and diverse body of writing.

Brenda Bynum has performed her one-act play at the Special Collections Library, as well as venues in five southeastern states. She developed the play at the behest of Lillian Smith’s niece, Nancy Smith Fichter. Journalist Zamil Zainaldin writes that “through her performance Bynum has brought to life the condition of the southern soul in the days of Jim Crow.” After a distinguished career as an educator at Emory University, award-winning performances as a professional actress with Alliance and other Georgia theater companies, Bynum received the 2015 Governor’s Award for the Arts and Humanities.



Lillian Smith



Actress Brenda Bynum

## NEW OLLI CURRICULUM COMMITTEE POLICY ON BOOK SIGNING

OLLI takes seriously our Conflict of Interest Policy. We make every effort to be sure that members do not feel pressured by class instructors to purchase goods or services. On the other hand, there are cases in which the policy blocks our members from opportunities that they would like to have. The main case in point is *book signing*.

OLLI recruits some excellent authors to teach classes related to books they have written. Frequently OLLI members choose to purchase those books in preparing for class and would like to have the opportunity for the author to sign them. Authors are often motivated to teach for OLLI by their hope for more visibility for their books.

Therefore, after consultation with several in OLLI’s leadership, the following Curriculum Committee policy has been adopted:

Authors will make no attempt to sell books to students in their classes and no books will be sold to OLLI class members by the authors during the class. However, as part of OLLI classes, authors can sign books that have been **previously** purchased and brought to class by OLLI members. Authors can be notified of this option when they are recruited to teach and OLLI members will be informed of this opportunity.

This policy will encourage authors’ interest in teaching for OLLI and support members’ interest in book signing without having members feel pressure to purchase the books. OLLI’s Conflict of Interest Policy will be upheld.

# ART DISPLAY I



Margaret Agner



Elizabeth Barton (Photos by Chuck Murphy)

**OLLI@UGA** is showing off the work of its many talented artist members and giving the main office an aesthetic boost by creating a mini-museum in the room. There will be a different “show” each quarter. This quarter (July through September) works by Margaret Agner, Elizabeth Barton, and Yvonne Studevan are displayed. Thanks to Shelly Magruder for the idea for the display and to Chuck Murphy for hanging the art.

**Margaret Agner’s** four works are all pastels, which is why they’re under glass. The two smaller ones were done “en plein air” here in the area at *Sandy Creek Shelter* and *Hedgerow Farm* (a wonderful place). The *Holsteins* scene represents one of her lifelong topics, since she grew up on a dairy farm helping take care of this breed (including before school in the mornings), and the *Red Shed* continues the rural agrarian theme. She loves using pastels because they seem to move so fast (no color mixing). She uses colored ground under the painting, which helps unify and enrich the composition.

Margaret grew up on a farm in Ohio and attended Antioch College and RIT before graduating from LSU in Baton Rouge with a BFA in painting. She learned fabric dyeing and surface design through books, seminars, and workshops. She now teaches silk painting workshops and produces silk wall hangings, wearables, including dozens of hand painted scarves, and fine art from the studio in her home. See more about her work at [www.margaretagnerstudio.com](http://www.margaretagnerstudio.com).

**Elizabeth Barton** has two quilts in the display. The larger one is of Athens downtown; it’s called *Summer Solstice*. It is all cotton, all hand-dyed and hand-painted, and appliqued. The other one,

on its left, is called *Bluebeard’s Castle* (after the opera!), also all cotton, fabric printed and painted by Elizabeth. She also has four watercolors. The two at the top are scenes from the British coast from a trip about five years ago, and the two on the right hand side are of the pond in her neighborhood. There is also a little acrylic painting, bottom left, of a Yorkshire terrier full of mischief!!

Elizabeth was born in York, England, and educated in England where she obtained a Ph.D. in psychology. She emigrated to the U.S. and while working in the UGA Health Center began to make quilts, focusing on Art Quilts. She was encouraged by an NEA grant and acceptance into the renowned Quilt National Art Show with her 13th quilt! You can read more about her work at [www.elizabethbarton.com](http://www.elizabethbarton.com) and on her blog, [www.elizabethbarton.blogspot.com](http://www.elizabethbarton.blogspot.com).

**Yvonne Studevan** has three paintings in the display. “Waiting Patiently” portays four African children sitting on a bench. The original has been in two juried art shows, the Lyndon House 37th Juried Exhibit, and the Granduer International Juried Exhibition. “Waiting Patiently in Pink” depicts little Black girls waiting for their ballet class to begin. The first girl in line is ready to begin. The others are just being typical little girls. This work is a Giclee’ print—a print that uses fade-resistant, archival inks and archival substrates to print on large format printers. The third, “Moji, Nigerian Princess,” is an oil pastel abstract, depicting a beautiful Nigerian young lady.

Yvonne hails from Yeadon, Pennsylvania. She received her BA in Education from Cheyney State University and an MA in Education from Georgia State University. As a young child Yvonne began

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**Yvonne Studevan**

to develop her artistic talents by attending Saturday art classes at Fleishers Art School in Philadelphia, by participating in local art contests, and by receiving instruction at school, from family members, and local area artists. As an adult she continued to pursue and fulfill her need to create art by attending classes and workshops in Hawaii and Japan, as well as the University of Georgia Continuing Education Program, The Lyndon House Art Center, Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation and apprenticing under Abner Cope, portrait artist. Her website is [www.artbyyvonnestudevan.com/](http://www.artbyyvonnestudevan.com/).

Art has been scheduled for the office walls through March 2017, but if you are interested in displaying your art for April-June 2017 or following quarters, here's how it works:

- We are only able to accommodate art that is ready to be hung on the wall--preferably with a wire across the back.
- All art must stay on the wall for the three-month duration.
- Artists may leave cards with contact information in the OLLI office, but no prices are to be displayed on the art. The office

will not be responsible for providing any information about the art or artist. The artist's name, contact information and title of the piece should be attached to the front of each piece of art.

- There will be a two-day window at the very end of each quarter to drop off new art and pick up art that is coming down. We will not be able to accept art early or store art that has already been displayed and is scheduled to be removed.
- All art must be "family friendly."
- Wall space available for each artist will be about 40 square feet.
- You must be a current member of OLLI in order to display your art.

Contact Shelly ([shellygm@uga.edu](mailto:shellygm@uga.edu)) if you are interested in displaying your art.

## **OLLI TIMES FALL SEMESTER DEADLINES**

**October issue:** deadline September 26. Will be mailed out by the week of Oct 10th.

**December issue:** deadline November 21. Probably will be mailed out the week of Dec. 5.

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At a recent Carter Center event, Katy and Paul Crapo took the opportunity to thank President Carter personally for the video in which he appeared welcoming participants to the 2013 Southern Conference for Lifelong Learning.



Retro phonograph albums from Charlotte McDaniel's collection were on display at Earth Fare this summer.

**Alex Patterson's English Coast-to-Coast Walk.** In August 2014 Alex Patterson joined a group that took the famous 192-mile walk across northern England described by Alfred Wainwright in his 1973 book, *A Coast to Coast Walk*. Alex described his adventure in a talk at the Botanical Garden Visitor Center and Conservatory on February 23 and will teach an OLLI class on his walk on September 9.

**Ceremony at Bob Hart's 9/11 Memorial Trail.** As you may know, OLLI member Bob Hart has built a 9/11 Memorial Trail in Athens, Georgia, to commemorate the attack on New York City's Twin Towers 15 years ago—on September 11, 2001. On **September 11, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.**, the Harts will have their annual ceremony at the Trail, **320 Morton Farm Lane in Athens, GA**. It will last about 45 minutes. The New Horizons band will play. The ceremony will include opening remarks by **Bob Hart**, the National Anthem by **Marty Winkler**. The Pledge of Allegiance led by **Lt. Paul Waller** of the Georgia State Patrol, remarks by **Doc Eldridge**, Mayor of Athens on September 11, 2001, and readings about the Whittington and Falkenberg family of Athens and others killed on 9/11 by **Bryn Adamson, Terrell Austin, Allen Rowell** of Athens Town and Gown Players. "Coleman's March" will be performed by **Charlie and Nancy Hartness** while folks move around the Trail to different markers. The ceremony will end with a playing of Taps by **Bill Adams**. For questions contact Bob Hart at **706-546-0451** or **bob320@earthlink.net**. You can tour the trail online at <https://911trail.wordpress.com/tour-the-trail/>

**Ramsey for OLLI members.** The Ramsey Center, UGA's recreational and wellness center, has created an affiliate membership for OLLI members. This partnership allows OLLI@UGA members to take full advantage of the facility's equipment and classes. The cost of membership is \$20/month and can be purchased in monthly increments. Members can obtain a form at the OLLI office or print

and complete the form and bring it to the office. Once a week, the OLLI office will deliver the forms to Ramsey. The staff at the Center will work with members to complete the process. Parking at the Ramsey Center is at a charge and must be arranged through UGA Parking Services and the Ramsey Center.

**OLLI Board Retreat.** OLLI Board members and committee chairs held their annual retreat on Monday, August 8. Lee Albright, OLLI President, and Brenda Hayes, OLLI President-Elect, shared ideas and information they had gained from the Southern Regional Learning in Retirement Conference on August 3 – 5. Zu Reuter, OLLI Member Services and Technology Administrator, conducted Google Drive/Website training. The Board approved beginning research on the use of focus groups to provide guidance to the OLLI Board on membership concerns and issues, including priorities, participation in leadership roles, and increasing diversity.

**Ron Cervero New Liaison to COE.** OLLI@UGA is delighted to welcome back Dr. Ronald Cervero as our liaison to the College of Education. Ron served in the position until he became the Associate Vice-President of Instruction. Dr. Cervero replaces Jack Parish, who retired June 30. We are incredibly fortunate to have Ron's expertise as well as his significant experience with OLLI@UGA.

**Whisperin' Bill Anderson.** The University of Georgia Libraries invite OLLI members to join them on Wednesday, September 7, at 4:00 p.m. in The Grand Hall of the Richard B. Russell Special Collections Library Building as they welcome Nashville legend and member of the Grand Ol' Opry, Whisperin' Bill Anderson. Bill will read from his highly regarded new autobiography published by the University of Georgia Press, *Whisperin' Bill Anderson: An Unprecedented Life in Country Music*, and will treat us to specially selected songs. A reception and book signing will follow.



**OLLI Thrift Sale—Save the Date!** Have you been waiting for a great reason to clear out your closets, attic and garage? We have the perfect solution – the OLLI Thrift Sale, scheduled for April 7-8, 2017! Back by popular demand, it's a terrific opportunity to both de-clutter your home and donate resalable items to benefit OLLI@UGA.

To make the OLLI Thrift Sale a great success next spring, we will need your **clean, gently used donations** in these categories:

- Framed pictures
- Furniture & lamps
- Household & décor items
- Children's clothes & toys
- Adult jackets & hats *only*



**Please:** NO books, magazines or plants. Because you have plenty of time to get your items ready for the sale, one helpful hint is to store your donations in a place safe from humidity and dust. If you have extra storage space for others to hold their items, and/or if you'd like to volunteer for this exciting OLLI fundraiser, please contact [kath.winslow@gmail.com](mailto:kath.winslow@gmail.com). Stay tuned for more details!

## Shop OLLI website for logo items

Order your favorite OLLI@UGA logo items through the OLLI website in either of two places:

- **Public site:** In lower left-hand corner in the red box, click on "OLLI Logo Store," *OR*
- **Member site:** Go to "My Dashboard," click Member Services (top menu), then select "OLLI Logo Store."

All items will be mailed directly to you. This online store is managed through an independent company, CafePress, which will handle all correspondence about OLLI logo items sold through that site.



## FALL 2016 REGISTRATION UPDATE

Wow, what a day! Our members were more prepared for the start of this registration than ever before. Unfortunately, we had an unforeseen hiccup and weren't able to access the "sell" link in order to start registration right at 10 AM. After phone calls and conversations with our system support, we were back on track at 10:25 AM.

We are thrilled to say that 350 OLLI members did successfully register for classes the first day of registration, and almost as many more have registered since. As classes filled to capacity, the OLLI office went to work finding solutions to accommodate those on waitlists. Working with presenters, reviewing space assignments, and securing additional sessions, the office was able to convert more than 340 members from a waitlist to a regular class roster. And in the weeks that have followed, the office continues to monitor class registration and tries to place members in their desired classes.

With the initial registration "rush" past us, the office will now look for ways to continue to improve the registration process for Spring 2017. We appreciate feedback, both good and not so good, as we learn from each registration experience and follow a practice of continuous improvement. – Zu Reuter



Capital building in Havana (photo by Toni Reed)

## PAST TRIPS

### CUBA by Lee Feather

**Ed. Note:** OLLI members Patrick Boyle, Paul Ciembor, Toni Reed, Mike Wasko, and Lee Feather joined 15 more OLLI members from 5 different states (California, Colorado, Ohio, Texas & Utah) on a Road Scholar trip to Cuba May 6-15.

Our trip to Cuba was not only exciting, but incredibly educational as well. We felt that we were part of history being made as Cuba begins changing from a third world country to a modern-day country. The many decaying, crumbling buildings in old Havana are already being renovated or restored.

Our group leaders were knowledgeable, experienced guides who talked about Cuba's tumultuous history and how its people feel as their country emerges into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We learned so much from experts in the fields of economics, architecture, Cuban-American relations, and women's roles in Cuba.

We visited a fine arts museum featuring Cuban artists and enjoyed performances by talented dancers and musicians. We also visited an outdoor farmers' market, a privately run farm that provided fresh produce to schools and hospitals, the historic Bay of Pigs, the Che Guevara memorial and mausoleum, and of course, a cigar factory. There we watched workers as they manually selected the tobacco leaves, then rolled, cut and packaged the famous Cuban cigars.

We were thrilled to see old cars everywhere, especially when we actually rode in some of them! We dined at many different *paladares*, privately run restaurants where we enjoyed delicious Cuban fare and wonderful mojitos! In every one, musicians entertained us. Our final visit before departure was to Hemingway's farm, Finca Vigia, where the famous author and his wife Mary lived for over thirty years. His perfectly restored fishing boat is there as well.

The transitional period now occurring in Cuba has increased tourism tremendously. Hopefully, the Cuban people will be able to retain their unique culture and charm in the years to come.

### COSTA RICA by Paul Guillebeau

At the end of July, Professors David Knauff and Paul Guillebeau led a group of OLLI students to UGA Costa Rica for a week-long class.

Dr. Knauff is a horticulturist, Dr. Guillebeau, an entomologist; plants and insects were a natural fit. The group spent much of its time exploring the flora and fauna around the UGA facility. UGA-Costa Rica naturalists provided bird watches, night tours, and lectures about moths, butterflies, and water quality.

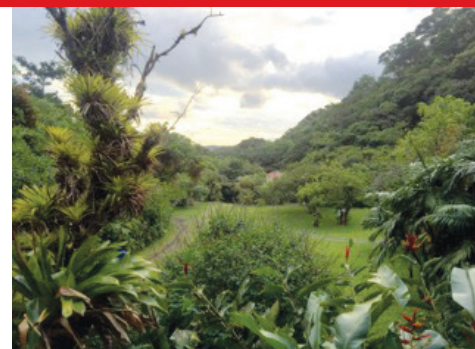
Dr. Guillebeau reported that the OLLI students added a great deal to the class from their careers and life experiences. On every excursion, they would point out things that the professors had not noticed. One of the most interesting events was Dr. Knauff's evening discussion of genetically modified organisms (GMOs). GMOs comprise new technology and offer exciting opportunities, but any new technology has some risks and may be viewed with trepidation. Many of the students had questions and opinions about the application of GMOs.

One OLLI student sums the trip up well: "If our week in Costa Rica had been a theatrical production, and the mountainous cloud forest had been the stage setting, then the lead roles went to Professors Guillebeau and Knauff. They wowed the audience (OLLI students) with their enthusiasm, their upbeat delivery, and knowledgeable insights on bugs and plants/crops respectively. Everyone was enriched by the 'performance' (which included more than a few moments of outright hilarity) and came away with a deeper understanding and appreciation of nature's splendor. Thumbs up all around."

### SCOTLAND by Tracy Elder

Eighteen OLLI members traveled the Heart of Scotland this summer with tour director, Tracy Elder, also a member of OLLI. The trip began on July 17 with three days in Glasgow taking in City Centre, the University of Glasgow campus, and a variety of wonderful food experiences, including afternoon tea and haggis! Yes, almost everyone took the plunge and gave it a try.

Our coach travels began on day four with a day in Stirling and then on to three days in Edinburgh. One of the highlights of the trip was a social hosted by Scottish neighbors of our tour guide, Tracy Elder. Ian and Sandra Carter invited members from their Edinburgh "OLLI-like" group, University of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Age (U3A), to meet the Athens OLLI group. Among the Edinburgh group was bestselling author, Ian Rankin, who



Costa Rica scene (photo by Harry Hayes)





**OLLI members in Scotland on steps of Loch Hannoch hotel**



**Touching the Standing Stones-- Joanne Henry, Terri Nutter and Tracy Elder. No, Outlander fans, they didn't travel back to meet Jamie and Claire!** (photos from Tracy Elder)

shared a few details from his upcoming book in the Detective Rebus series.

The second week of the tour included stays in St. Andrews, a sighting of the Queen at her Balmoral estate, visiting the standing stones and a Jacobite battlefield, a day trip to the Orkney Islands, and attending a theatre matinee of a Noel Coward play, *This Happy Breed*. There are too many experiences to share in this limited space! The best outcome of the trip was the lasting friendships that were formed. We used a phone app to communicate during the trip and group members continue to be in touch with each other. We even have a reunion planned for next month.

## FUTURE TRIPS

### GEOLOGY OF NATIONAL PARKS AND MONUMENTS-- THE COLORADO PLATEAU AND UTAH

**September 12 to 21, 2016**

The excursion, led by Dr. David Dallmeyer, will begin in Phoenix, Arizona on the morning of Monday, September 1 and terminate in Salt Lake City, Utah on the evening of Wednesday, September 21.

## LILLIAN SMITH – DEMOREST TRIP

**September 13, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Limited to 26 participants. See the article on the Lillian Smith performance on page 3 of this newsletter. You can learn more about this amazing woman during the Lillian Smith Center field trip to Piedmont College in Demorest. The trip includes lunch at Piedmont College with an overview by Craig Amason, Director of the Lillian Smith Center, followed by a tour of the beautiful site in Rabun County, location of the Laurel Falls Camp for Girls, which Lillian Smith and Paula Snelling directed from 1925 to 1948. Lillian Smith composed her literary magazine and most of her books from this mountain retreat, positioned approximately 1,000 feet up a ridge on the western slope of Screamer Mountain. Cost: \$42.



## NORTH GEORGIA WINE TOUR

Thursday, October 13, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Dindy Owns will be coordinating a tour of three north Georgia wineries on Thursday, October 13. It will involve these vineyards:

- Stonewall Creek Vineyards [www.stonewallcreek.com](http://www.stonewallcreek.com)
- Tiger Mountain Vineyards [www.tigerwine.com](http://www.tigerwine.com)
- 12 Spies Vineyards & Farm [www.12spiesvineyards.com](http://www.12spiesvineyards.com)

We will be having lunch at the Red Barn Cafe located on the Tiger Mountain property. Dr. Martha Ezzard will be doing a class on Wine in Georgia also this fall. Cost of the trip: \$110.



12 Spies Vineyard and Farm

## VISIT CALLAWAY GARDENS AND “FDR” SITES IN GEORGIA

Thursday-Friday, November 3-4



Tropical butterfly in the Cecil B. Day Butterfly Center at Callaway Gardens

Join OLLI friends as you tour the sites and hear the stories of the legacy of Franklin Delano Roosevelt in Georgia on an overnight trip that will conclude with the fall foliage displays and the renowned Butterfly Center at Callaway Gardens.

Kaye Minchew has written a new book titled *A President in our Midst: Franklin Delano Roosevelt in Georgia*, and she will offer an October 17 OLLI class on the subject. She will join trip participants on November 3 to give us a tour of the Little White House near Warm Springs that became a beloved retreat for Roosevelt during his presidency and of the Warm Springs Institute and pools where FDR, as well as thousands of other polio sufferers, received treatment and rehabilitation. (The class and trip complement each other, but each stands on its own as an OLLI program.) While in Warm Springs, participants will sample a lunch of southern cooking specialties at the antebellum Bulloch House.

Trip participants will stay overnight at the Callaway Gardens Inn, enjoying dinner and breakfast at this facility. Friday morning, a step-on guide will lead the motorcoach on a tour through Callaway Gardens, then allow participants to enjoy the Butterfly Center and selected areas of the extensive gardens on their own. After time to explore the village of Pine Mountain and have lunch on their own, our participants will return to Athens.

OLLI members may register online or through the OLLI office with paper registration and check. While an OLLI member must register for the trip, it is permissible to add to the registration a spouse, friend, or relative who is not an OLLI member. The deadline for registering for this event is September 15. Cost: single occupancy, \$348; double \$296; price includes all transportation, Thursday lunch, Thursday dinner, overnight lodging and Friday breakfast, as well as all admission charges and gratuities.



Portrait of FDR at Little White House  
(photos by Pat McAlexander)



**New OLLI Members at Orientation presentation**



**New Members Orientation reception**

## JULY'S NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

The Hospitality Committee tried an earlier month for the New Member Orientation than our previous late summer Orientations. We chose July 12<sup>th</sup> to give new members the opportunity to learn about OLLI and all of the advantages of being a member, how to register for classes and how to become involved as the new semester begins.

Three classrooms were set up at River's Crossing where speakers rotated every 20 minutes with information as follows:

- (1) **Lee Albright**, OLLI President, introduced OLLI staff, **Katy Crapo**, **Zu Reuter**, **Shelly Magruder**, and some of the officers and Committee Chairs, **Victor Gagliano**, **Brenda Hayes**, **Penny Oldfather** and **Jay Shinn**;
- (2) **Chuck Murphy**, Information Technology Committee Chair, gave a help session on using the OLLI website and how to register for classes.
- (3) **Sandy Clark**, Volunteer Coordinator, introduced **Linda DiPietro** (representing **Susan Dougherty**), **Iva King**, **Vicki Krugman**, **Katherine Winslow**, and **Joan Zitzelman** who are involved with Special Interest Groups, heads of committees, facilitating classes, planning parties and events, travel/study, marketing and fund development. This session was all about how to get involved by volunteering.

Each New Member received a red folder full of information about every aspect of OLLI. All members were encouraged to get involved and make the most of their membership! Point Persons were *Julie Cashin-Schneider*, *Nancy Walton*, and *Jean Crown*.

After the presentations, there was a reception in the Sun Room with plenty of refreshments furnished by the Hospitality Committee

Members and other volunteers. It gave the New Members the opportunity to meet others and to ask questions of the speakers and volunteers who hosted the Orientation. Julie Cashin-Schneider reported, "Those who came benefitted a great deal, especially because the event was scheduled before class registration and right after course catalogs came out. Shelly signed up six new members at the event." Thanks to all who attended and to the many helping hands who made this another successful event hosted by the Hospitality Committee!

## SEARCH FOR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The College of Education and OLLI have initiated the search for a new executive director for OLLI. The members of the search committee, announced by COE's Dean Kennedy and OLLI President Lee Albright, are:

Ron Cervero - Associate Dean for Outreach & Engagement, also liaison to OLLI@UGA

Maritza Soto Keen - Public Service Associate, Fanning Institute

Bill Alworth - Board Member, former President of OLLI@UGA

Margaret Anderson - former Board Member and former Vice President of OLLI

Brenda Hayes - President-Elect of OLLI

Denise Spangler—Associate Dean for Faculty and Staff Services

## INTERMEDIATE BRIDGE GROUP



The OLLI Intermediate Bridge group celebrated Ruth Hawk Payne's 90th birthday on Wednesday, June 15. Ruth is in the yellow feather boa. (photo by Tina Carlson)

## OLLI ROCKS FALL 2016 SCHEDULE: THE ART OF GEOLOGY

Reminder: The 2016 Fall Semester OLLI Rocks program will focus on "The Art of Geology." The series will describe the role of geology in the fabric of a variety of art forms, including landscape painting, jewelry design, pottery and sculpture. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. All meetings but the one in November will be held in Room 200A in the Geography-Geology Building located on Field Street on the main UGA campus across from the football stadium. The November meeting will be held in the Ceramics Studio of the UGA Art Department. Maps are posted in the resources section of the OLLI Rocks page on the OLLI website.

**September 6 (Tuesday).** Philip Juras – Athens, Landscape Artist: "The Dirt Behind the Scenes: Geology and Landscape Painting"

**October 11 (Tuesday).** Steve Hollis – Athens, Aurum Studios Jeweler and Jewelry Designer: "Jewelry Design: Getting the Best Out of Nature's Gems"

**November 8 (Tuesday).** Dr. Theodore Saupe, Professor of Art (Ceramics), The University of Georgia: "No Geology – No Pottery"

**December 13 (Tuesday).** Stan Mullins – Athens, Sculptor: "When Rocks Really Matter: My Life As a Sculptor"

## OLLI GARDEN ENTHUSIASTS

The Garden Enthusiasts SIG has 86 members. Members of our group include newcomers to Athens trying to adapt gardening techniques they brought with them; folks who are new to gardening, whether in Georgia clay or elsewhere; and experienced gardeners. We help each other with planning or planting our gardens (whatever the garden size), swapping seeds and cuttings, sharing local knowledge, and touring commercial nurseries, organic farms, and our own gardens. We meet monthly, on the third Tuesday, 3:00-4:30 pm. If we are not going on one of our field trips, we meet at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia.

In the spring the group had an on-site tour and discussion at the Athens West Broad Market and Garden, 1573 West Broad Street (see photo). The guided tour of the Garden was conducted by Rebecca Ennis, Garden Manager. The Garden is part of the Athens Land Trust initiative.--Art Crawley



# GROUP (SIGS)



If you are an OLLI member interested in joining a SIG, pick up the half sheet set of instructions available at the Bash SIG tables. Basically, though, all you need to do is sign into the online community on the OLLI website, select "SIGS" from the menu options at the top of the screen, and then select "Join a SIG" from the drop-down menu. Then follow the next set of options.

## HOW TO BEAT UNEXPECTED SUMMER DELUGES

This picture of Karen and Bruce Menke came from Brenda Hayes. She writes, "We had just attended our new SIG, OLLI Doc[umentary] Buffs, at the Richard B. Russell Special Collections Library where we'd watched the 2012 Peabody award-winning documentary *Summer Pasture*. We came downstairs and faced a major downpour outside. The Menkes fashioned this poncho from a large garbage bag!"



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