

### JOIN US FOR THE LIFELONG LEARNING FAIR AT GEORGIA SQUARE MALL

### Bring a Friend to Learn More About OLLI@UGA Classes, Travel/Study Trips, and Shared Interest Groups on Friday, Sept. 8

"Don't stop thinking about tomorrow," sang Fleetwood Mac, and for those of us who are members of OLLI@UGA, we could add this lyric: "Don't stop learning every day."

You can find out more about how you can stretch your mind with other interesting people like you at the OLLI@UGA Lifelong Learning Fair on Friday, September 8, at Georgia Square Mall.

This year is the first time our members will set up tables at the mall to spread the word about lifelong learning. If you have wanted to talk with someone about one of the Shared Interest Groups or travel/study trips, then you can do it at the Lifelong Learning Fair, and you can get some of your shopping done at the same time. Such a deal!

You may also have been talking up OLLI@UGA with some of your friends who aren't members yet. Now you can tell them where they can get on-the-spot information by talking with OLLI@UGA members about their experiences.

# ULI Curriculum

Penny Oldfather and Karen Menke of the Curriculum Committee talked with prospective members about classes at the most recent OLLI@UGA Lifelong Learning Fair, formerly known as the OLLI Bash. (Chuck Murphy)

### WHAT.

OLLI@UGA Lifelong Learning Fair, an activity fair for prospective and current members

#### WHEN

Friday, September 8, 2017

#### TIME

1:00-3:00 p.m.

#### WHERE

Upper level of Georgia Square Mall at the open area by the Sears entrance



This will be the first year that OLLI@UGA will be prospecting for new members at the Georgia Square Mall. Talmage Terrace will provide refreshments.

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

### Don't Be Grim, Shake It Up a Bit

Last year, I signed up for a Chuck Murphy class entitled "A Well-Planned Exit." It was all about arriving at good decisions and making sure others know about them before the inevitable day comes when we are not able to communicate our wishes.

If you know Chuck, then you know that he has an interesting sense of humor. Mine is a bit quirky, too, so I went along with him when he said he had an idea and



**Brenda Hayes** 

asked me to bring a long black skirt and black shoes to the class. He would not even tell me what he wanted me to do until I got there and he gave me the script for my role in the proceedings. Toward the end of class, I stepped out, dressed, and waited for my cue as Chuck discussed how the musician Prince's unexpected death carried no aforethought. Imagine Chuck intoning, "Don't be like Prince," as I slowly shuffled into the classroom dressed as the Grim Reaper. Audibly shocked gasps emanated from my classmates.

I have to admit—it was fun causing a bit of a shock. I'm a pretty conventional person, but like so many of our members. I occasionally enjoy shaking things up a bit. Making each day a little new and different is one of the great benefits of retirement. Some enlightened souls are able to do that even while they are still in the workforce, but I find that the freedom of not punching a clock opens up so many worlds yet to be explored. And OLLI@UGA is a huuuuuuge part of that.

Learning new things or revisiting old hobbies and interests—while having a great deal of just plain fun-is the glue that binds our insatiably curious members together with "no tests and no stress." As a membership organization, along with our talented and dedicated staff, OLLI@UGA is a group of enthusiastic lifelong learners making it happen for each other.

We can demystify Chinese writing characters, learn about African American quilters or debate the need for a new U.S. Constitution-all classes being taught this fall semester. We can hike the North Georgia mountains, play mahjongg or gather with other photographers as a member of just a few of our 27 (and counting) Shared Interest Groups (SIGs). And we can get on a bus and head out to places like a monastery, winery, or Delta Airlines' hub with an OLLI@UGA travel group.

Study after study has shown that connection is vital to every person's emotional and physical well-being. OLLI@UGA provides us the opportunity to work on a project with other members as a volunteer. Seeing worthwhile accomplishments come to fruition can be such a satisfying experience.

So, if you're inclined, sign up and get involved. If you're already involved, find something new outside your comfort zone. You may even be asked to act a part, as I was in Chuck's class. Be assured, if you occasionally enjoy shaking things up a bit for vourself and others, you have come to the right place at OLLI@UGA!

Brenda Hayes, President



(Harry Hayes)



### FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Tim Meehan** 

# What Did We Learn from the Recent Survey of our Members?

Welcome to a new semester at OLLI@UGA. This fall semester, we have more than 200 classes for you to choose from, as well as Shared Interest Groups (SIGs), social events, and class trips. If you are new to our lifelong learning organization, please let us introduce ourselves to you at one of our new member orientation events that are held throughout the year.

We surveyed our July-June members earlier this year. (Don't worry if you didn't get a survey-you're probably on the January-December membership, so your turn will come later in the year.) We appreciate the 44% of members who responded to this survey as it allows us to look at options and ideas you are interested in for the future.

Based on your suggestions, you will see a number of changes that should lead to increased engagement and participation. The results of the entire report were presented to the board at the August meeting for discussion, but let me give you the highlights of what we learned from the survey.

- It was good to hear that many of you are satisfied with the overall nature of OLLI@UGA. But our staff knows that we should constantly push ourselves to improve the services we offer and make engagement easier and more satisfying still for our members.
- Two major areas stood out where we now plan to make some operational adjustments: technology and classes. We have heard your persistent frustration with both the class registration system and the OLLI@UGA website. As we assess our future needs, we are discussing with our current supplier whether the changes we need can be made. We hope to have concluded this part of the project by the end of the semester at the latest. Please bear with us as we try to make the kind of improvements you want to see.
- We also received many requests for more in-depth courses, a suggestion that has also been backed up by our course evaluation forms. The Curriculum Committee will examine how to respond to this request, and we aim to add a new strand of in-depth courses to our curriculum for the next semester.

 Our members who are still in the working world are interested in courses outside of our normal schedule (either evenings or weekends). We will follow up with them to get more data on which courses and timing would work best.

I also want to say a big thank you to all the volunteers who enable this organization to have such a wide range of curriculum, trips, SIGs, and social events. This organization cannot thrive without your help and engagement. Thank you to all those who host classes, organize our events and SIGs, work on committees, and serve on the board.

Another big note of appreciation to Pat McAlexander. I truly enjoyed

Thank you to all the volunteers who enable this organization to have such a wide range of curriculum, trips, SIGs, and social events. working with Pat when she was editor of OLLI Times. She created the newsletter to be a useful, interesting, and fun-to-read way of communicating with our members. And she did it so brilliantly. Thank you, Pat, for your seven years of service as our editor, and may you continue to enjoy taking photos for the newsletter without the pressure of bimonthly deadlines.

If you are interested in getting more engaged with the organization —either to use the skills and experience you have or to develop new ones—please let our volunteer coordinator, Sandy Clark (slbclark@ bellsouth.net), know, and we will help you find a niche. In particular, we are looking for chairs and co-chairs for Hospitality, Membership and Fund Development. We also have short-term projects that could always do with a few extra helping hands, such as handing out parking tags at the beginning of the semester or assisting at one of our many social events.

Thanks also go out to Katherine Winslow (Marketing), Vicki Krugman (Fund Development), Iva King (Hospitality) Penny Oldfather (Curriculum) and Jay Shinn (Membership) for their sterling work last year as they step down from their committees—it was great working with all of them, and we hope other volunteers will step forward to accomplish great things for the organization.

I hope you all have a fantastic fall semester at OLLI@UGA.

Tim Meehan, Executive Director



New OLLI@UGA members heard more about what is available at OLLI@UGA at New Member Orientation on August 8, 2017. The next New Member Orientation will be held on Friday, September 15, at 1:00 p.m. at the River's Crossing building. RSVP required. Please see our website for details. (*Tim Meehan*)



### **MEET OUR NEW PRESIDENT-ELECT, MONTE BROADED**

Following the resignation of Dick Lynch as president-elect for 2017-18 for medical reasons, the Nominating Committee presented the nomination of Monte Broaded to the Executive Committee and to the Board as per the OLLI@UGA Bylaws. The Board unanimously approved Monte as president-elect. Like Dick, he has an

exceptional resume, an even temperament, and a collaborative leadership style.

After retiring in mid-2015 from a career in university teaching and administration, Monte and his wife, Eleanor, moved from Indianapolis to settle in the Athens area and quickly got connected with OLLI@ UGA. As a comparative sociologist (Ph.D. from University of Hawaii at Mania) and fluent in Chinese, early in his career he conducted several large-scale survey research projects in the 1980s and '90s with social scientists in China and Taiwan. After serving for two years as assistant director of the Center for East Asian Studies at Stanford, he taught at the University of Pittsburgh and coordinated Pitt's Chinese studies program from 1988 to 1999. He then spent a year and a half at the University of Sydney, Australia, where he developed social science courses for the Chinese Studies department.

From 2000-2015 he served as director of the Center for Global Education at Butler University in Indianapolis. In that capacity, he developed partnerships for academic cooperation and exchange with 25 highly regarded universities around the globe; expanded study abroad opportunities for undergraduates; supported the development of greater international expertise among faculty members in Butler's six colleges; and generated about \$1.5 million in external grants to support internationalization initiatives.

As he was contemplating retirement, Monte says that a "common piece of advice was to take positive steps to be engaged socially and identify activities where you could make a positive contribution to your community. OLLI@UGA has been a great resource for social linkages and intellectual engagement. Since all of us age a bit differently, the wide range of activities offered through OLLI@UGA means that almost everyone can participate in something that meets their needs."

Monte has been a member of the OLLI@UGA Supper Club and the Critical Reading SIG. He joined the Ramsey Center through OLLI@UGA and went to Costa Rica on a travel/study trip. This fall semester at OLLI@UGA, he will teach a three-part class on demystifying Chinese written characters, which starts Thursday, October 12.

# WHAT DID **SOLAR** YOU DO for the ECLIPSE ?

Some of us drank moonhattans, moonjitos, and Corona beer in the solarium while listening to Cat Stevens sing Moonshadow from our SunSpotify list. Following our liquid lunourishment, we circled around to our table of soul food that included fried fillet of sole-ar, collunard greens, and skillet coronabread, topped off with moon pies and eclipse eclairs. We had a totality great time!

### James Porter to Talk About the Scene at Sundance

### The Documentary, "Chasing Coral," Premiers in Athens on Oct. 4



James Porter teaches an ecology course (OLLI@UGA)

The University of Georgia's Tate Center will host the Athens premier of the documentary film "Chasing Coral," which features OLLI@ UGA member and UGA professor of ecology Dr. James Porter. The premier happens on Wednesday, October 4, but OLLI@ UGA members can get the inside story on Monday, October 2, from 2:00 to 3:30 **p.m.**, when Dr. Porter will give a special Serendipity talk about his experience at Sundance with the award-winning film. "Chasing Coral" won the Audience Choice Award at Sundance, which led to Netflix buying it and starting to stream it online in mid-July.

Judging by the online reviews, it's well worth watching. One Netflix reviewer wrote: "Top-notch documentary that is both beautiful and worrying. If you liked 'Chasing Ice,' you will like this as the same talented film crews worked here. Plenty of amazing (and surprising) sights with generous doses of science and tech sprinkled throughout. Make sure to watch through the end credits."

And the New York Times streaming reviewer (as opposed to film reviewer), Glenn Kenny, wrote a piece on July 9, 2017. Here's an excerpt from "Racing to Save the Reef":



"Chasing Coral" documentary on Netflix (Netflix)

The documentary "Chasing Coral," ... opens, appropriately enough, with images of coral - formations in various shapes and sizes, all of them stunning, charged with an array of colors so vivid they seem to pulsate. Other formations are a uniform hybrid of purple, green and gray. This isn't stealth coral, or coral donning camouflage. It's dead coral. Which is a problem.

Come hear James Porter talk about what went into making the documentary and what it was like to be involved with a film that was a favorite at Sundance. The October 2 Serendipity lecture, which will be held at River's Crossing, is free, but members do need to register. Registration opens September 8.

### **OLLI@UGA MEMBERS GIVE TWO THUMBS UP TO 47 SPRING CLASSES**

**Bv** Diane Neuhauser

Wow! I just completed a review of the assessments for all 180 of the Spring 2017 classes at OLLI@UGA—and the favorable comments were a clear sign of the excellence of our classes and presenters. In fact, 47 of the classes received only highly favorable assessments, with no negative comments at all. I reviewed each of these class ratings with the Curriculum Committee leadership, and they are excited to do everything possible to repeat these great classes. In contrast, about 12 classes received somewhat negative reviews, giving us insight on how to improve our offerings.

Overall, this data is very positive. I say congratulations to the Curriculum Committee! Oh, and one other thing: Be sure to send in your online assessment of the classes you take this fall. Your opinion counts-a lot.



# **OLLI@UGA BRIEFS**

### PATRICIA BELL-SCOTT GIVES LECTURE ON WOMEN AND THE LAW TO NYC BAR BASED ON HER BOOK



Patricia Bell-Scott, author and Professor Emerita of Women's Studies and Human Development and Family Science, University of Georgia, gave a lecture on May 8 at the New York City Bar where she was introduced by Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, (left), Supreme Court of the United States. (photo provided by Patricia Bell-Scott)

OLLI@UGA member, Patricia Bell-Scott, gave the 17th annual Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Distinguished Lecture on Women and the Law at the New York City Bar Association on May 8, 2017. Pat is the second African American to give this lecture in its 17-year history.

Justice Ginsburg introduced Pat, who paid tribute, in her talk, to the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray, a lawyer, writer, human rights activist, and Episcopal priest. Justice Ginsburg worked with Pauli Murray at the American Civil Liberties Union and considers Murray to be an intellectual mentor. To learn more about Murray, see Pat's recent book, *The Firebrand and the First Lady: Portrait of a Friendship: Pauli Murray, Eleanor Roosevelt, and the Struggle for Social Justice* and her website, patriciabellscott.com.

You can see and hear Pat give the Ginsburg lecture at the NYC Bar website. [http://www.nycbar.org/media-listing/media/ detail/patricia-bell-scott-delivers-the-2017-justice-ruth-bader-ginsburg-distinguished-lecture-on-women-and-the-law]

**Editor's Note:** We listened to Patricia Bell-Scott's estimable lecture and thought that our members would like to read an excerpt from Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's introduction of Patricia:

"Pauli Murray was on the ACLU's Board in the 1970s, and a member of the Union's Equality Committee. When the ACLU briefed the turning point decision on the equal citizenship stature of men and women, Reed v. Reed, I placed Pauli's name on the brief. Though she was not on the brief-writing team, her identification of Jane Crow laws and her road map for ending them propelled our efforts.

"For nearly a quarter-century, Pauli had a tender friendship with Eleanor Roosevelt. Their friendship is traced from Pauli's first sight of the First Lady in 1934, until Eleanor Roosevelt's death in 1962, in Patricia Bell-Scott's tremendous book, *The Firebrand and the First Lady: Portrait of a Friendship; Pauli Murray, Eleanor Roosevelt, and the Struggle for Social Justice.* The book, a 20-year effort, is an extraordinary chronicle, informative, engaging, a remembrance of the not-so-good old days, an account that should stimulate readers to press for continuing progress.

"Of *The Firebrand and the First Lady*, Bell-Scott wrote that her aims were to honor Pauli Murray's wish to share with others her friendship with Eleanor Roosevelt, to describe the path they lit for future generations, and to express appreciation for Pauli's aid in the book's development. In meeting those aims, (I can attest as a reader) Bell-Scott has succeeded admirably. Pauli Murray, I believe, would have applauded the way the story is told, and cherished the storyteller. Please join me now in heartily welcoming Professor Patricia Bell-Scott to the podium."



We appreciate the stories you contribute to this newsletter. The next issue is October 2017. Please send your photos and items to the editor, Susan Walker, at swalkerwriter@ gmail.com. DEADLINE is Wednesday, September 20.



To register for an OLLI@UGA trip, you may register online at olli.uga.edu>Travel/Study, in person, or by mail. The office address is 850 College Station Road, Athens, Ga. 30602-4811. You may pay by cash, check (payable to OLLI@UGA), Visa, MasterCard, or Discover Card.

### **SPECIAL OLLI@UGA OFFERING:**

# Relive the D-Day Invasion of World War II in the Classroom and on the Ground in France

### SPRING 2018 COURSE AND TRIP: "MARCH TO VICTORY"

You learned in the June OLLI Times that a new program of in-depth classes on military history titled "March to Victory: The Invasion of Normandy and Liberation of France" would debut in early 2018. Completing the series of classes, to be taught by Col. (Ret) Lawrence Saul and Bill Cosgrove, OLLI@UGA will offer participants the opportunity to travel with the instructors on a custom-designed tour to the key battlefields in France, where they will truly "walk in the footsteps of heroes." Larry and Bill, who were instrumental in developing



Normandy then and now. Old black and white photo set into color photo of modern view. (Larry Saul)

the concept for more in-depth classes on military history followed by on-the-ground battlefield tours, took on the responsibility of creating the "March to Victory" course plan and trip itinerary. Both men have walked the sites of these battlefields many times.

Participants will visit all the major battlefields plus many lesser-known sites that were crucial to the success of the Allies. Guided tours of two cultural treasures—the famed Gothic abbey Mont-St-Michel and the Cathedral of Chartres, both UNESCO World Heritage sites—will also be provided. Staying in the Normandy region and branching out each day to see battlefields, museums, and other historical/cultural attractions will allow everyone to develop a real feel for this area.

Those who want to participate in the battlefield portion of "March to Victory" must register for and attend the classroom lectures. Registration for the multi-session course will open on **September 8, 2017.** Booking for the trip will be handled directly by the tour company, Go Ahead Tours, a subsidiary of EF Educational Tours. The cost of the trip (based on double occupancy, airfare to and from



Iconic photo of the D-Day invasion on the beaches of Normandy in northern France.

Atlanta included) is estimated to be \$4,000 per person. The land-only price is \$2,509.

Learn more about the course and trip on our website. Visit the OLLI Lifelong Learning Fair at Georgia Square Mall on Friday, September 8, 1:00-3:00 p.m., to meet instructor Bill Cosgrove, who will be there to provide updated information and to answer any questions you may have about the course and the trip to France.

-Nancy Grayson



Memorials to the fallen soldiers on D-Day in World War II. (Larry Saul)

# VEL



### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12—TOUR MONASTERY, FARMERS MARKET, AND CULTURAL CENTER

Join OLLI@UGA friends on a day trip to visit the Monastery of the Holy Spirit near Conyers, then stop at the Farmview Market south of Madison to learn more about Georgia-grown produce, and wind up the day with a tour of the Madison-Morgan Cultural Center before returning to Athens.

The monastery has a unique story to share with visitors about the monks who found the site and built their facility. In addition, we will visit a store at the monastery that features garden plants and another that offers bread baked by the monks, while also walking around the grounds. Our visit will conclude with an opportunity to attend a noon service in the Chapel for those who would like. Visit www.trappist.net to learn more.

Farmview Market south of Madison includes a market of Georgia-grown produce and Georgia-made products and a café where we will select lunch from the Chef's Table or the daily menu. Farmview also offers educational programs relating to agriculture and food preparation. Visit www.Farmviewmarket.com to learn more.

The Madison-Morgan Cultural Center, which is located in a restored school building, welcomes visitors to a historic structure that contains exhibits of how life was lived in this gracious antebellum town in the 19th and 20th centuries. Visit www.mmcc-arts.org to learn more.



**Madison-Morgan Cultural Center** 

The cost of the tour will be \$78, which will include chartered motor coach transportation, driver gratuity, appropriate donations to the Monastery and Cultural Center, and the OLLI@UGA class fee. Participants will select and pay for their own lunch. Registration will open September 8.

–Joan Zitzelman

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26—FALL WINE TRIP

During these hot summer days, it's not unusual for our thoughts to wander to the cooler weather coming with fall. We have planned another trip to explore a cluster of three vineyards in the north Georgia mountains for Thursday, October 26. This adventure will leave that morning from Athens to journey by comfortable coach to the area of Cleveland. First, we will pick up boxed lunches and then head to our first tasting. Normally, we have four to five wines to taste in each vineyard.

The wineries on this tour are Yonah Mountain Vineyards, Serenity Cellars, and The Cottage Vineyard and Winery. After the first tasting, we will travel to our second vineyard where we will enjoy our lunches outside on their patio. It's located on a hilltop so we can enjoy the colors of the turning leaves as we taste their wines. All the vineyards open at 11:30, so lunch will be a bit later than usual. These vineyards are all in the mountains and, by late October, the colors should be spectacular. AND you don't have to drive. Come join us for another fun-filled day. We always make new friends and have a good time. The price for this triple-treat trip of wineries is \$102.50. Registration will open September 8.

-Dindy Owens



# **Hospit-OLLI-ty**

By Julie Cashin-Schneider

For most of us, the summer months are a time to rest and travel as we look forward to getting back to fall classes and events with OLLI@ UGA. The Hospitality Committee continues to meet in the summer to polish up plans for upcoming events, and here's what we have come up with:

- The New Members Orientation had the first gathering on August 8 at River's Crossing. A second date is scheduled for Friday, September 15, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. If a third one is needed to accommodate more new members, it will be offered on Monday, October 23, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. This event is a huge help to new members and is chunked full of information along with take-home hand-outs. We hope that offering this orientation class on different dates will enable most of our new members to attend one. Reservations required; please see our website.
- The OLLI@UGA Lifelong Learning Fair (formerly referred to as "the Bash") will be held Friday, September 8, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Georgia Square Mall, 3700 Atlanta Highway, on the second floor court area by the Sears entrance. This is a brand new venue for us and should work well for interested people to see our information about Shared Interests Groups (SIGs) and Committees, to visit with our coordinators and committee chairs, and to sign up to get involved. This event is open to all members and non-members. Potential members will be given an opportunity to join OLLI@UGA and to begin to enjoy meeting people and getting involved in a variety of activities.

### Mark your calendars for:

October 12—2nd Beerganza at the Southern Brewing Company.

Time: 5:00 p.m. 0LLI@ UGA member Arthur Bennett will again provide a roasted pig! Everyone who came to the first Beerganza in April had a great time. Come join us for a fall afternoon. Nothing better than sitting around chatting with interesting people and sharing a craft beer - and Southern's brewmaster makes some excellent craft



(Southern Brewing Company)

beer. Registration opens September 8.

**October 31—Halloween luncheon** Start planning your costume now! Details to be announced.

**Note to all who enjoy our gatherings:** If you are itching to get involved with this fun-loving committee, please call Julie Cashin-Schneider at 706-255-2561. You are guaranteed a BIG welcome!



**September 8:** OLLI@UGA Lifelong Learning Fair, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Georgia Square Mall (Sears Court)

**September 15:** New Member Orientation, 1:00 p.m., River's Crossing (RSVP required)

**October 2:** "Chasing Coral–the Sundance Experience," 2:00 p.m., River's Crossing

**October 12:** Travel/Study Trip to Conyers and Madison

**October 12:** Beerganza, 5:00 p.m., Southern Brewing Co. in Athens

**October 26:** Travel/Study Trip to North Georgia Wineries

**October 30:** Class Proposal forms due for Spring 2018

\*Dates and times are subject to change; check online at www.olli.uga.edu or call us at 706-542-7715.

# NEW ART ON THE WALLS OF OLLI@UGA

### Featured Artists Levon Register and Bob Hart



Levon Register holds a piece of his ironwork. (Chuck Murphy)

Besides doing photography in the daguerreotype method, Levon Register from Colbert, Ga., is a painter and does ironwork.

The Encyclopedia Britannica describes daguerreotype photography like this: "**Daguerreotype**, the first successful form of photography, named for Louis-Jacques-Mandé Daguerre of France, who invented the technique in collaboration with Nicéphore Niépce in the 1830s. Daguerre and Niépce found that if a copper plate coated with silver iodide was exposed to light in a camera, then fumed with mercury vapour and fixed (made permanent) by a solution of common salt, a permanent image would be formed. A great number of daguerreotypes, especially portraits, were made in the mid-19th century; the technique was supplanted by the wet collodion process."

Bully for Levon for continuing to use the daguerreotype method for its artistry in these days of Instagram pics on our smartphones.

Nancy and Bob Hart are retired educators, living in Athens, Georgia, who have traveled all around the world, visiting all seven continents. They take their cameras everywhere they go and document their travels with photographs of the people they meet, the places they visit, and the unique experiences they have.

Their most recent trip was to Chile, Easter Island, and Iguazu Falls. Nancy is currently in Mongolia with her camera while living in gers (also known as yurts), riding camels, and looking for gray wolves. Bob is currently in Athens, taking care of the tomato plants and planning a day trip to Bogart. Together, they will take a trip this fall to visit Yellowstone National Park, the Badlands and Mount Rushmore.

Their photographs have been included in the Lyndon House juried art show in Athens and are in the collections of art enthusiasts throughout the country.



Bob Hart may look like he's standing next to a painting, but it's actually a photo he and his wife Nancy took at an art museum. (*Chuck Murphy*)

# SIGS



OLLI@UGA Memoir Writers chipped in proceeds from their anthology to buy a brick at the Athens-Clarke County library. (Chip McDaniel)

**Writing Memoir.** The OLLI@UGA memoir writers used some of the proceeds from the sale of their Anthology to purchase a brick in support of the Athens-Clarke County library. Their 2017 Memoir Writers Anthology will be available soon. Contributing writers: Dan Akin, Glenn Ames, Roger Bailey, Annette Bergins, John Bleyle, Sue Brassard, Nancy Canolty, Connie Crawley, Peggy Harrington, Tom Kenyon, Linda Koehler, Jim Marshall, Scott Mason, Chip McDaniel, Jack Miller, Jim Murdock, Barbara Sims and Rosemary Woodel.



Chip McDaniel reflects on her life in her memoir that can be purchased at the library gift shop.

*1950s girl fails auditions, marriage, and psychotherapy.* "That sums up what my story is about," says OLLI@UGA Memoir Writers member, Charlotte "Chip" McDaniel. Autographed copies of *Girdled and Gloved: From Radio to YouTube* are available at the Athens-Clarke County Gift Shop. A portion of the proceeds goes to the library. **Picture This**, OLLI@UGA's photography Special Interest Group, meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at River's Crossing. On Wednesday, September 13, our first meeting of the 2017-18 year, Chuck Murphy and Jena Johnson will present a program on their exhibit of nature photographs, which are on display at the State Botanical Garden Visitor Center through October 8. The exhibit is part of the worldwide biodiversity

awareness initiative called "Meet Your Neighbours." Chuck and Jena's photographs show these "neighbours" in a way you have probably not seen before: the insect, bird, reptile and amphibian portraits Jena Johnso are close up and



Jena Johnson's photo "Cuckoo Wasp"

magnified against a pure white or black background, thus focusing on the subject as an individual. Chuck and Jena's talk will describe their techniques and experiences in creating these portraits.



Jena Johnson



2008, and ran it until turning it over to the current leadership group late last year. He's a veteran OLLI@UGA presenter and an award-winning nature photographer. Jena recently joined OLLI@UGA. She enjoys macrophotography and works as an entomologist at UGA. Their works have been displayed in many local art venues and have also been published in a variety of local and national print media.

Chuck founded the Picture This SIG in

The group's "Members' Showcase" will also, as usual, be part of the meeting. Attendees are invited to email up to five of their recent photographs on the theme "Summer Shots" to Pat McAlexander (patmcalex@gmail.com) by noon, Tuesday, September 12. Note to Picture This SIG members: Do not bring pictures on flash drives to the meeting

**Chuck Murphy** 

this time, please; Pat plans to prepare a Power Point of the shots submitted.



Chuck Murphy's photo "Brett and Barb, male and female Eastern Bluebirds."



Members prepare for their trip to Dillard, Ga., to view the solar eclipse. Snacks included Sun Chips and Moon Pies. Thanks to Dr. Loris Magnani for presenting the class and coming to watch the event with us. (*Tim Meehan, Zu Reuter*)

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