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OLLI@UGA ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTION—FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1:00 P.M. AT TUCKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The OLLI@UGA Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, May 12 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m at Tuckston United Methodist Church (4175 Lexington Road, on the left as you drive away from Athens, just past Fatz Café). An Ice Cream Social honoring this year’s volunteers and presenters follows until 3:00. As we enter the meeting area, we will vote on the slate of Board members and confirm the President-Elect for the 2017-18 year. The Nominating Committee, consisting of Dona Conway, Betty Jean Craig, Jay Shinn, and Brenda Hayes as Chair, solicited nominations from the membership and developed the slate. They are happy to submit the following six names for the five openings on the Board: Jim Alberts, Nancy Grayson, Sherry Malone, Roy Martin, Mamie Mierzwak, and Ginny Spencer (vote for five). As for officers, both our secretary and treasurer have two-year terms and have served only one year, while Brenda, as this year’s President-Elect, will assume the role of President. Thus we have only the President-Elect on this year’s “officers” slate. The nominee: Richard Lynch. (See the nominees’ biographies on this page and on p.).

The meeting agenda will include Lee Albright’s “State of OLLI@UGA” report, Victor Gagliano’s Treasurer’s report, and Tim Meehan’s Executive Director’s report. Lee Albright will also present the Carol J. Fisher award to a member or members for “long and significant service to OLLI@UGA.” Finally, Brenda will give the election results.

BOARD NOMINEES (VOTE FOR FIVE OF THE SIX)



Jim Alberts. With training in biology and chemical oceanography, Jim Alberts served as director of UGA’s Marine Institute on Sapelo Island. He has served on the Curriculum Committee and has taught classes ranging in topics from the history of oceanography to sea monsters and most recently the Spanish Armada.

Jim says, “I would like to continue to serve OLLI membership as a member of the Board by continuing to provide the most diverse offerings to its members and to try to expand the opportunities OLLI offers to as wide and diverse a community as possible.” Jim has been a member since 2003.



Sherry Malone. A state evaluator for leadership, Sherry Malone wrote the K-8 curriculum for entrepreneurial education for Real/LEDGE, used in the US, Norway, Denmark and Honduras. A teacher and administrator for Clarke County and Curriculum Director for Social Circle Schools, she also worked with leadership development for NEGA RESA.

Knowledgeable in non-profit processes, Sherry has recruited and hosted for OLLI@UGA classes, is a participant in several SIGS, and serves actively on

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Nancy Grayson. After serving 26 years in book publishing, Nancy Grayson retired as Executive Editor of the University of Georgia Press. Serving on the OLLI Curriculum and Travel Study Committees, she has recruited and hosted numerous classes and helped plan trips to Kentucky, Atlanta museums, Warm Springs and Callaway Gardens, and Flannery O’Connor’s Andalusia.

She coordinated OLLI’s screening of the NEH film series *Created Equal: America’s Civil Rights Struggle* in partnership with the ACC Library. Nancy says, “I have been on the Board of Directors since 2015 and would be honored to serve another two years.” Nancy has been a member of OLLI@UGA since 2012.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

As I write this letter, it is not even the middle of April, and OLLI@UGA has already had quite a few major events. First, the Opera Gala presented by our Enjoy Opera in Athens SIG had 100 members and guests attend, including members of the UGA Music faculty and opera students who had presented programs throughout the year. Many thanks to Nancy Songster, Tom Kenyon, and Bill Alworth for such a success. Second, through the combined efforts of the Fund Development, Marketing, Hospitality, and Membership Committees, we held a Thrift Sale that drew a sizable crowd from the Athens area community. The planning and execution of the sale brought together member volunteers from throughout OLLI@UGA who donated goods, sorted, priced, and assisted with the sale itself. The organization and encouragement of sale coordinators Vicki Krugman and Sandy Clark not only earned funds for OLLI@UGA but also promoted a special camaraderie among seasoned and new OLLI members. Third, we participated in the What's Next! Expo for the "over 50" citizens in the Athens area to showcase many of the activities, programs, and services available to us.



Lee Albright

And there's more to come before the end of the year! The Membership Committee will again staff a booth at the Athens-Clarke County Total Health Fair for their employees. Last year there was much interest from those close to retirement as well as those who had parents or grandparents who would enjoy all OLLI offers. The Hospitality Committee is sponsoring another Beerganza at Southern Brewing as a member-wide social. Also the Annual Meeting is coming up May 12, a chance to learn about this year at OLLI@UGA, elect the new Board members and officers for 2017-18, and present the Carol Fisher Memorial Award in recognition of long and significant contributions to the functioning of OLLI@UGA. The meeting will be followed by an ice cream social for all our members to honor our presenters and volunteers.

As I move around the Greater Athens community at our outreach events as well as activities in my family's life, I am struck by how many people have heard of OLLI@UGA. They may be familiar with our programs or want to know more, having heard others talk with enthusiasm about their OLLI activities. This is why our membership continues to grow each year. We have now over 1450 members. But this brings me to another new but inevitable outcome of our glowing success. As some of you may have heard, we will raise our annual membership dues to \$60 effective with the July membership year. Our Boards of Directors over the past few years have struggled to do all that we've been asked and inspired to do with the support of our scores of awesome, unpaid volunteers and our awesome but small professional UGA staff and LIR part-time employees. Now, with an unexpectedly large drop in the income from our Osher Endowment, this year's Board made that decision for the sake of our near- and long-term future. We must continue to provide the valuable experience that is OLLI@UGA.

Always remember that you can be one of our greatest ambassadors by spreading the word to friends and those you meet. "Having the Time of Our Lives!" through whatever aspect of OLLI meets our individual needs keeps us all young in spirit and contributes to the lives of those around us.

Lee Albright, President



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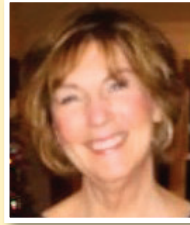
the Curriculum Committee. Sherry says, "I love learning and OLLI has given me opportunities to continue lifelong learning. I want to continue this fine initiative for others." She has been a member of OLLI since 2013.



Roy Martin. Roy Martin was born in Boston while his parents were serving in the military during WWII. He grew up primarily in Los Alamos, New Mexico. After beginning his college career at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY, Roy switched career paths and became a professor of Educational Psychology at Temple University and then here in the College of Education at UGA. Long an active member in OLLI@UGA, Roy has taught classes titled "The Elements of Music" and "Understanding the Individual Differences Among Children." He recently did a very popular OLLI luncheon on "The American Songbook." Roy joined OLLI in 2011.



Mamie Mierzwak. New to Athens, Mamie Mierzwak previously served as a member and finance officer on the Sacramento State Alumni Association Board of Directors. She says, "I am so impressed with this organization! I would like to contribute to the ongoing success of OLLI by volunteering as a Board Member." Mamie joined OLLI@UGA in 2016.



Ginny Spencer. Ginny Spencer moved to Athens from Michigan in 2008 where she worked in the Career Services Center at her local high school. In Athens, she served on the St. Mary's Gala Committee supporting Children's Services and mentored at the Athens Pregnancy Center. Having participated in many OLLI classes and social activities, Ginny is on the Bylaws Committee and recently helped to revise the Policies and Procedures document. She is also an OLLI BUDDY at Gaines School Elementary. If elected, Ginny hopes "to bring a fresh perspective to different issues that may arise." She joined OLLI@UGA in 2013.

NOMINEE FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT



Richard Lynch. Richard Lynch has been an Athens resident since August of 1989. Professor Emeritus at UGA, Richard was Director of the School of Leadership and Lifelong Learning and co-director of the Occupational Research Group in the College of Education prior to his retirement. In 1996-97, he orchestrated the renovation of the River's Crossing building, which now houses OLLI@UGA. He (as well as his wife, Ginny) has been a member of OLLI for many years. He has previously served on the Board of Directors, chaired the Long-Range Planning Committee, and served on the Membership and Marketing committees. He has taken many classes, traveled with OLLI, and participated in the ACCA Senior Leadership Academy.

OLLI@UGA MEMBERSHIP DUES TO BE INCREASED

OLLI@UGA is proud that it represents great value for our membership, and we take great care to keep membership dues and course fees fairly priced. As a membership organization, the engagement, commitment and enthusiasm of our members is what makes this organization thrive.

To continue providing the large variety of programs, activities, trips and Special Interest Groups, the Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, has made the decision to raise the membership dues to \$60 effective July 1, 2017—the first increase in membership dues since 2013. Course fees will remain unchanged.

This is not a decision we have taken lightly. We believe that this increase will allow OLLI@UGA to continue to provide excellent intellectual, social and cultural value to our members as we move forward.

OLLI THRIFT SALE

The OLLI Thrift sale, held at Alps Road Presbyterian on Friday, April 7 and Saturday, April 8, was a success, as evidenced by the fact that by 2:30 Saturday afternoon most of the merchandise had been sold, the committee was counting the proceeds, and the remaining merchandise was being taken to the Potter's House, St. Mary's Thrift Shop, and Project Safe.

Kudos to Volunteer Coordinator Sandy Clark and Fund Development Chair Vicki Krugman, who were in charge of the event; to Katherine Winslow, who handled the newspaper ads; and to the over 60 volunteers who worked at the sale—a mixture of new members involved in their first volunteer experience, OLLI officers, Board and committee members, and members who just chip in when needed. Finally, a thank you also to Talmage Terrace/Lanier Gardens for providing snacks and bottled water for our volunteers and to all members who donated items for sale. Shoppers were thrilled to find so many unique treasures at reasonable prices.



Penny Adams, Julie Burke, and Julie Cashin-Schneider setting out merchandise for sale (Vicki Krugman)



Nancy Walton and Dona Conway are, according to photographer Chuck, "holding each other in the Holding Area!" (Chuck Murphy)



Ann Leonard: "Which hat shall I choose?" (Chuck Murphy)



Nancy Seelig experimenting with garden equipment (Chuck Murphy)



Katherine Winslow and Vicki Krugman show Saturday's proceeds (Pat McAlexander)



Margaret Pruiett leaving sale with purchases (Pat McAlexander)

CLASSES

Please send photos and information about classes you have taken to the *OLLI Times* (patmcalex@gmail.com). Here are six “reports” which have been sent to us for this issue.

The class saw three different examples of these houses including two constructed by David’s UGA course on tiny houses and another that Peter Hartel built in his backyard.



February 11: “Tiny Houses” taught by Peter Hartel and David Berle (*Harry Hayes*)

Roy Martin’s luncheon program included a selection of American standard songs and an explanation of jazz interpretations of these songs. Accompanying Roy’s singing were Athens musicians Chris Enghauser and Jim McKillip.



February 21: “The American Songbook (1920-1979): A Little Talk and Live Music” (*John Albright*)

Dr. E.C. Henley’s class on nutrition, particularly on the anti-aging value of protein, was one of the thirteen held this spring at our Washington chapter. Dr. Henley is a former chair of the Nutrition and Dietetics Department of the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Houston. Here, she engages with some of the two dozen participants in the class, held in the Episcopal parish house in Washington’s antebellum downtown district. OLLI@UGA members are always invited to classes in Washington, a bucolic one-hour drive from Athens via US 78.



March 20: “Protein, One of the Best Anti-Aging Nutrients: Do You Get Enough?” (*John Albright*)



About 20 OLLI members participated in a walking tour of a conservation easement managed by the Oconee River Land Trust and owned by Nick and Jane Bath. The group walked through a hardwood forest and along the Apalachee River, ending up at the remnants of a dam and bridge near the historic (now abandoned) Snows Mill. In the photo, Jane Bath speaks to the group.

“Tour of a Conservation Easement” (*Pat McAlexander*)

Open Classes There is still space in some of our Spring Classes, including two new luncheon programs – “My Life in Law” on Tuesday, May 16 and “Trumping at Trumps” on Tuesday, June 6. Please visit our website for more details or to sign up for classes.

Crime Noir!

3rd Annual OLLI@UGA Great Books Film Festival

Dashiell Hammett's
The Maltese Falcon (1941)
Directed by John Huston



Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Raymond Chandler's
The Big Sleep (1946)
Directed by Howard Hawks



Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Mickey Spillane's
Kiss Me Deadly (1955)
Directed by Robert Aldrich



Wednesday, July 5, 2017

Noël Calef 's
Elevator to the Gallows (1958)
Directed by Louis Malle



Wednesday, July 26, 2017

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TRAVEL



David Dallmeyer as coastal Pied Piper (Dorinda Dallmeyer)



OLLI members survey the coast during Dallmeyer Coastal trip (Rosemary Woodel)

PAST TRIP: (MARCH 6-8): GEORGIA COAST David and Dorinda Dallmeyer organized a three-day field trip to the Georgia Coast (Jekyll and St. Simons Islands) for students who had taken the class “Coastal Processes and Conservation: What Will Be Left for Future Generations?” The group departed Athens on the morning of Monday, March 6. Stops were made en route to the coast to examine the 325 million-year-old Sparta Granite exposed in the Carolina arcs terrane of the Georgia Piedmont. A stop also was made in rocks of the Coastal Plain exposed near Sandersville. Here participants were able to observe and collect 34 million-year-old fossil oyster shells.

Tuesday the excursion examined the relatively pristine coast of Jekyll Island where the dynamics of natural shoreline processes were evaluated. During the morning the OLLI group traversed a portion of the northern shore of Jekyll Island. During the afternoon a similar transect across the southern Jekyll coast. The effects of Hurricane Matthew were very obvious on both the northern and southern shores of Jekyll Island. Late on Tuesday the OLLI group examined details of the coastal salt marsh near Brunswick. Everyone had the opportunity to walk out into the marsh and experience the myriad of wildlife that inhabits the enormous coastal marsh area. Dinner on Tuesday was held at the historic Crane Cottage at the Jekyll Island Club.

Wednesday morning the excursion examined portions of St. Simons Island and observed a myriad of attempts at coastal “stabilization.” The effects of these attempts stood in stark contrast to the more natural and productive coastal environments that had been observed Tuesday on Jekyll Island. The group departed for Athens in the afternoon.

AUGUST 21: AN EVENT OF A LIFETIME—TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE!

The OLLI@UGA Travel-Study Program will sponsor a bus day-trip to a Georgia location on the “path of totality” of the upcoming total eclipse of the sun. During the week before the eclipse, Professor of Cosmology Loris Magnani of UGA’s Physics Department will present a lecture about the phenomenon; and then on August 21 the group will travel to Georgia’s northeast corner to observe the early afternoon total eclipse (100%) of the sun. We’ll have a reserved spot on the moon-sun path centerline to witness this solar rarity.



The image shown is representative of what you’ll observe – the total blockage of the sun by the moon for a relatively prolonged period. During this time you will not have to place protective glasses over your eyes, as you will during the periods of partial blockage. (As an article in the April 9th *Athens Banner-Herald* explains, “When the sun is completely blocked by the moon, its rays can’t hurt your eyes, but the period before and after totality . . . can damage retinas.”) During the eclipse, the day will become night, the temperature will drop, and many other “weird” things will occur. No future date or location for a solar eclipse will be as convenient—the next such events will not occur until 2024 and 2045.

Look for updates about this trip on the OLLI website and in the June *OLLI Times*. In the meantime, Google *total eclipse of the sun* and read up on this fascinating event, which has mystified earthlings of earlier millennia and awed those of later centuries.

This quarter's art exhibit in the OLLI office features photography by Chuck Murphy, pastels by Sue Speir, and oil paintings by Richard Kimmich.



Richard Kimmich's exhibit *(Chuck Murphy)*



Richard Kimmich, a graduate of the University of Georgia with a masters in horticulture, is a retired optometrist who practiced in Athens for 35 years. He always had a deep joy in nature and began landscape painting in 1973. He is self-taught but spent many hours in museums in New York City and the University of Georgia art museum. He paints plein air on location or in the studio and has dozens of paintings hanging in houses around the country. He will also have an

exhibit at State Botanical Garden gallery at the first of the year.



Sue Speir, who grew up in North Georgia, graduated from Emory with a degree in elementary education, and earned a masters degree while living in Denver, did not take up art until after retirement. Then she and her husband Ed spent summers in Banner Elk, North Carolina, where, she says, "the scenery and art classes came together. The area was perfect for sketching. The panorama of colors, the cloud formations, and the play of light called out for photography and painting." Her paintings in the exhibit illustrate her artistic response to the area. Sue says that being a latecomer to the visual arts, she has not developed her technique as fully as many OLLI artists, but she recommends that one of any age explore "the variety of art techniques and materials available and feel the satisfaction that comes in the doing."



Sue Speir's exhibit *(Chuck Murphy)*

GA ART EXHIBIT



Chuck Murphy is a nature photographer, specializing in “birds, bugs, and blooms” – as his exhibit confirms. Chuck has taught many OLLI photography courses, and his photos have been displayed at the Georgia Museum of Art and other local galleries, as well as published in local publications and national photography magazines. The stylized animal portraits in the exhibit are for a worldwide biodiversity awareness initiative Chuck and over seventy other photographers are participating in called “Meet Your Neighbors.” The MYN motto: “Connecting People Worldwide with the Wildlife in Their Community.” Each subject is photographed on location against a pure white background. The point is to remove the clutter and encourage appreciation of the subject as an individual rather than as a species.

Chuck Murphy with his exhibit. Unlike Betty Jean Craige, Chuck does not have a pet bird. He’s holding Blackjack, the decoy he uses to bring crows and other birds into camera range. (Sue Speir)



Bundled Enthusiasm: Happy Hikers at the Botanical Gardens on March 15 in 28-degree weather. (Iris Miracle)

NOTICE

Volunteers Needed for News Media Research Study. Researchers Dr. Ivanka Pjesivac and Dr. Sun Joo (Grace) Ahn of UGA’s Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication are conducting a study on how different ways of presenting information in online news affect perceptions about the news content. They are calling for volunteers to participate in the study. Volunteers will be asked to fill out a short online survey (10 minutes), then come to the University of Georgia to participate in a news media experiment (20 minutes), and finally fill out another short online survey (10 minutes). Participants will receive a \$15 Amazon e-gift card after they complete all three parts of the study. If child care and/or parking compensation is needed during participation in the lab portion of the experiment, it will be available upon request. Participation in the study is completely voluntary and can be stopped at any time.

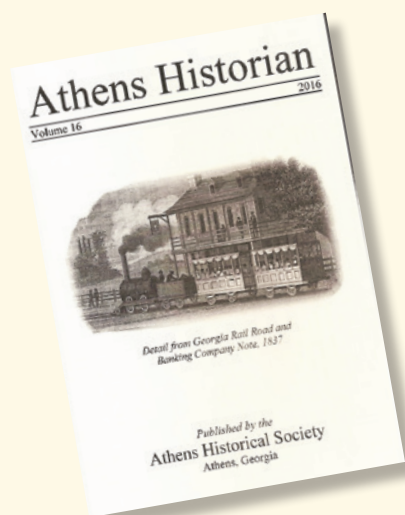
For more information, or to sign up for the study, please send an e-mail to digitallcstudy@gmail.com. There is no deadline for signing up to participate.

OLLI@UGA President-elect **Brenda Hayes** and Executive Director **Tim Meehan** attended the National Osher Lifelong Learning Conference in Dallas from Monday, April 3 to Wednesday, April 5. Then on Wednesday their return flight was cancelled due to the storms in Georgia. They had to wait until Friday night before they could finally board a plane to Atlanta. As President Lee Albright said, "What a week for them!"



Nancy Songster and Fred Burchinal

The OLLI "Enjoy Opera in Athens" SIG's Gala at the Athens Country Club on April 2 was a success. One hundred attended, and about \$1,500 was raised for scholarships for UGA opera students. Pictured above at the event are Nancy Songster, coordinator of the SIG, and Frederick Burchinal, renowned international baritone and professor of voice and director of opera at the UGA Hugh Hodgson School of Music.



Pat McAlexander and **Larry Dendy** are two of the three-person team editing the 2017 edition of the Athens Historical Society's annual journal, *The Athens Historian*. The journal features historical documents, copies of old photographs, and articles of local historical interest. The three also edited the 2016 edition, which included the essays "Slavery and the University of Georgia," "The Georgia Depot on Carr's Hill," and the WPA (Works Progress Administration) Narrative of David Wilborn, ex-slave, born in Athens, Georgia.

New SIG: Plant-Based Living. Several OLLI members met recently to discuss the formation of a special interest group (SIG) based on the topic of Plant-Based Living. This SIG will coordinate a variety of activities to support members whether they are beginning, increasing or maintaining a plant-based lifestyle. Members will support each other by sharing resources regarding nutrition and health benefits, recipes, tips and tricks, environmental benefits, and animal rights.

SIG events will include, but are not limited to, guest speakers, restaurant outings, potlucks, and field trips. A calendar will be maintained listing these, as well as other related events and activities in the Athens area. The SIG will also maintain a listing of area restaurants featuring great plant-based options, and hopes to influence the menus at local restaurants as well as at OLLI and Athens area events.

The Plant-Based Living SIG is now open for OLLI members to join using the "Join a SIG" option on the OLLI community website. Activities for the Fall schedule are still in the planning stages, but SIG members will be kept informed, and there should be plenty to do this summer for those interested in helping. So, whether you're a Vegan, Vegetarian, or just someone looking for recipes for Meatless Mondays, be sure to join this SIG, attend an event, and get to know other OLLI members with an interest in Plant-Based Living. (Patrick Boyle)



Susie Haggard was chair of the Piedmont Gardeners 2017 Garden Tour, held on April 15th. The tour featured five beautiful Athens gardens, with proceeds funding a scholarship for an outstanding UGA landscape architecture student with a special interest in horticulture.



Rosemary Woodel's *Friends*

Rosemary Woodel had her first photo accepted at the Lyndon House Juried Show recently. Entitled *Friends*, it shows two women celebrating the 85th birthday of one and exemplifies, Rosemary says, what active listening looks like. She also has had three photos accepted at the ATHICA show on street art. Rosemary notes that she took all these photos with her \$200 Canon camera.

Also featured in the Lyndon House Juried Show is a painting by **Mark Hodges**, *In Her World*. Mark writes, "The subject is my wife Janet reading in our living room. I really enjoy painting



Mark Hodges' *In Her World*

interiors, especially when they have figures. I often prefer figure paintings without a clearly defined face but instead the captured person is standing or, in this case, sitting."

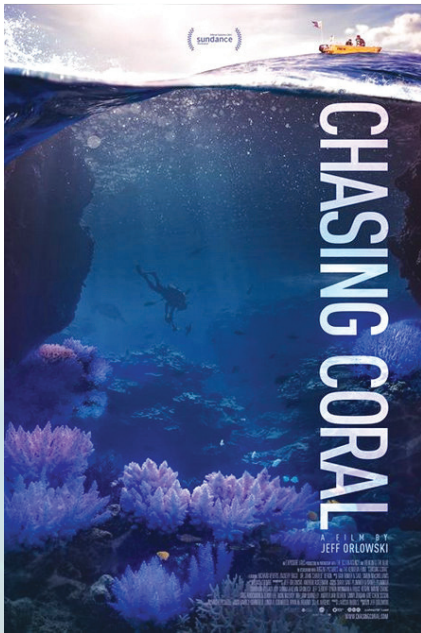
To any other OLLI artists featured in the 2017 Lyndon House Juried Show: we'd love to include your work in the June OLLI Times. Please send us an image and a few lines about it. —Ed.

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Pat McAlexander, who has edited the *OLLI Times* for the past seven years, is stepping down as editor after the June issue. If you, like Pat, enjoy writing, editing (the classes on grammar that she and Alexis Winger taught were always full!), and photography, here is an opportunity to help OLLI and fulfill those interests. Contact Pat (patmcalex@gmail.com) for more information.
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“Michelangelo was carving the Rondanini just before he died at 89. Verdi finished his opera *Falstaff* at 80. And the 80-year-old Spanish artist Goya scrawled on a drawing, "I am still learning.”

— Dr. W. Gifford-Jones

JAMES PORTER PLAYS ROLE IN AWARD-WINNING DOCUMENTARY *CHASING CORAL*



Poster advertising *Chasing Coral*

OLLI member and UGA professor of ecology James Porter plays a principal role (himself) in the “documentary/thriller” film *Chasing Coral*, which has picked up more than a dozen film festival awards. The big one, however, was the Audience Choice Award at Sundance. This award is the one that “drives attendance, viewership, and box-office”; Netflix bought it on the spot. The buzz around this film, Jim says, is over the top. The premier movie review site, *Rotten Tomatoes*, gave it an unprecedented rating of 5.0. As one Sundance Film Festival official said, “Is that even possible for that website?”

According to the movie flyer, *Chasing Coral* “taps into the collective will of an ad-man, a self-proclaimed coral nerd, top-notch camera designers, and renowned marine biologists as they invent the first time-lapse cameras to record...the indisputable and tragic transformation [of coral] below the waves. With its breathtaking photography, nail-biting suspense, and startling emotion, *Chasing Coral* is a dramatic revelation... .”

Jim will bring the film and some of the crew to Athens for an Athens premiere sometime in late fall 2017 or early spring

2018. It will, in fact, come to Athens before going on the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta, the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago, and the New England Aquarium in Boston. Jim writes, “I want to give an OLLI class...on the making of the film and the science behind *Chasing Coral*, and then get every OLLI patron (regardless of whether they took the class or not) to attend the Athens premiere. We have been given the 2,000 seat Classic Center downtown, and Plan A is to fill it!”



A selfie of the cast of the movie taken by the film’s director, Jeff Orlowski, far left. Jim is the second from the left in the back row.

OLLI@UGA would like to thank all its sponsors for their continued support.

We are always on the lookout for sponsors who would like to help our mission to lifelong learners in the Athens area. If you would like more information, please contact either Vicki Krugman (chair of Fund Development) or Tim Meehan (Executive Director).

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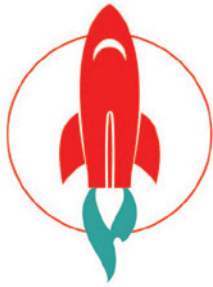
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