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Pres. Monte Broaded to Review 'State of OLLI@UGA' at Annual **Meeting on May 17**

Want to know how OLLI@UGA is faring? The best way to find out is to head over to the Annual Meeting at the State Botanical Garden on Friday, May 17, where you can hear President Monte Broaded's overview of the state of affairs of our membership organization. He will describe highlights from the year and discuss changes that have been made to the way we operate, such as adding a few new staff members to help with the workload.

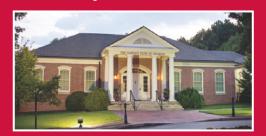
Another reason to attend is so that you can vote for our new slate of officers and board members (see their bios on page 7) to lead us in 2019-20, a year that also happens to be a big anniversary year for OLLI@UGA - 25 years

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OLLI@UGA ANNUAL MEETING AND VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

When: Friday, May 17, 2019

Where: In the Garden Club of Georgia building at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia. 2450 S. Milledge Ave.



Time: 1:00-1:50p.m.: Speaker Dr. Ron Cervero on how LIR became OLLI@UGA

1:50-2:05 p.m.: Reception

2:05-3:00 p.m.: Annual meeting with reports from President, Treasurer, Executive Director

After 3:00 p.m.: Visit the gardens



How the Dallmeyers Help OLLI@UGA Rock

By John Songster

Over the past 10 years or so - before OLLI@ UGA became an OLLI - David and Dorinda Dallmeyer have contributed thousands of lecture and field guide hours, certainly making them one of OLLI@UGA's most dedicated and ardent supporters. Many of our members

have received a geology education through the Dallmeyers' classes, field trips, and extended excursions. They know their good fortune.

Recently, I was able to sit down with David and Dorinda to capture a lot of the story surrounding their careers and their eventual intersection with OLLI@ UGA. Both are retired from UGA and living quietly on an idyllic wooded patch of land in Madison County with their beloved animals and rock specimens. You can't imagine - one rock weighs more than three tons. Thankfully for OLLI@UGA, they have not lost their zeal for geology, the whole of the

natural world, and sharing their vast knowledge about our planet.

From an early age, each experienced the curiosity and wonder of the Earth. Dorinda, who is a Macon, GA, native, wrote a piece for her high school newspaper about the importance of becoming involved to defeat pollution. "The time for action is now, for if we delay, there may be no tomorrow." Sounds a bit like the refrain being



Dorinda and David Dallmeyer

uttered today regarding climate change. Soon after, she came to Athens in 1970, enrolled as a UGA geology undergraduate, and "never left," she says. David, a Midwest plains youth was ushered off to summer mountaineering camp for successive summers only to marvel at the magnificence of the

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CLASSES



Julie Cashin-Schneid

Nancy Stangle preps the class on the history of the Muskogee-Creek people's Beloved Land before they set off on a hike led by Walt Cook.

Taking a Hike Along the Middle Oconee River

On Saturday, April 6, Nancy Stangle presented an opportunity to "Hike the Beloved Land," the original home of the Muskogee-Creek people along the Middle Oconee River.

Nancy co-founded Athens Land Trust, which protects green space and farmland while promoting equitable land use through community agriculture, youth development, and entrepreneurship. She had her house built in 1996, and has used some of the fallen oak trees on her property in her home. Nancy recently purchased 250 acres of this beautiful land. Walt Cook led the hike, and Nancy brought up the rear. Dr. Cook, who is almost 88 years old, has been working on the paths throughout the property. He taught at UGA in the Forestry School and built Cook's Trail.

- Julie Cashin-Schneider

History of Georgia's HOPE Scholarship: OLLI@UGA members in Hank Huckaby's class learned how Governor Zell Miller instituted the HOPE scholarship in Georgia from someone who is keenly aware of its effects. Huckaby (on the right) was Chancellor of the University System of Georgia from 2011 to his retirement in 2016.

Kay Turner



Chris Jones

Exploring American Folk Art

Folk artist Peter Loose builds and paints one-ofa-kind birdhouses and animal-shaped dulcimers, one of which he holds in this photo by class member Kay Turner. The class Loose gave focused on African American artists. Penny Oldfather took a closer look at a beautiful woven basket.



Kay Turner

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

It's a Spring Ritual at OLLI@UGA

Ah, spring — celebrated in cultures around the globe as a time of renewal and new beginnings. In and around Athens, the glories of spring have been everywhere — flowering trees and shrubs, lengthening days with clear blue skies, and lots of migrating bird populations. And in the midst of all this glory, we have ... wait for it ... the OLLI@UGA Annual Meeting!



Monte Broaded

Seriously, our Annual Meeting provides an opportunity to gather as a community to celebrate our accomplishments over the past year; to thank the hundreds of volunteers who have contributed in many different ways to OLLI@UGA's success; and, importantly, to elect a new team of Officers and members of the Board of Directors to lead the organization in the coming year.

President-Elect Chris Jones and the members of his Nominating Committee have brought forward an excellent slate of nominees (described fully on page 7 in

this issue of the OLLI Times). Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting (Friday, May 17, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. at the State Botanical Garden) and cast your vote in support of our new leadership team.

As my term as President of OLLI@UGA's Board of Directors nears completion, I would like to express my deep appreciation to this year's officers, members of the Board of Directors, and committee chairs for their wisdom, energy, and



State Botanical Garden of Georgia

The new Alice H. Richards Children's Garden: You can visit it after the Annual Meeting.

unwavering commitment to the well-being of the organization and its members. I offer special thanks to Nancy Grayson, who is completing her second consecutive term on the Board and therefore cannot be a candidate in this election cycle. She has contributed in more ways than I can possibly summarize here, always with thoughtfulness and good grace.

Thanks also to our great staff: Tim Meehan, Shelly Magruder, our part-timers, and our new Program Services Coordinator Amanda Nix. By the time you read this, we should have in place an additional full-time staff person as Member Relations Coordinator. The addition of one full-time staff position this year will allow OLLI@ UGA to sustain its very high level of activity and to undertake new initiatives to better serve the membership and the wider community.

Finally, I remind you that the 2019-20 cycle marks the 10th anniversary of our relationship with the Osher Foundation — hence our name as an Osher Lifelong Learning Institute — and the 25th anniversary of our founding as Learning in Retirement. In the course of the next year, we will have numerous opportunities to celebrate our historical accomplishments and to look ahead to the next phases of our organizational development. Please join in the celebrations and find ways to be engaged in the development process. OLLI@UGA is fundamentally a member-driven organization, which means that it is now — and will be in the future — what we the members make it through our imaginations and our collective efforts.





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Renovated Office Space for OLLI@UGA Staff, Before and After

In late February, workers began transforming the OLLI@UGA office space to create a second office. Many of you who took classes at River's Crossing saw the work going on. Here are before and after photos, showing Program Services Coordinator Amanda Nix in her new office, as well as a photo of our current staff.









OLLI@UGA Staff: Maryam Shokry (student worker), Tim Meehan (Executive Director), Shelly Magruder (Office Manager), Sarah Reese (temporary administrative assistant), Amanda Nix (Program Services Coordinator)

Hospit-OLLI-ty

By Julie Cashin-Schneider

It was a beautiful day in Athens to gather together at the **Spring Beerganza** on April 11. Southern Brewery is always a perfect place to host the Beerganza because there's plenty of room to spread out and they provide lawn games to play. All who came out enjoyed hoisting a glass with friends in a relaxed setting.



Don Schneider



Don Schneide

Your Hospitality Committee has also planned and presented two luncheons for you to enjoy so far this year, and we had a wonderful response to both! In the past, we had not required participants to pay in advance, so we had been disappointed by the number of people who did not come even though they had made reservations. For that reason, we changed the format and, thanks to all of you, it worked. You now pay in advance through the OLLI@ UGA office, and the price includes the meal, non-alcoholic beverages and gratuity. Best of all, the tables can be set ahead of time at the restaurant. So much more efficient!

The Valentines Luncheon in February was at Chops and Hops in Watkinsville, and the St. Patrick's Day Luncheon in March was at Akademia Brewery. Great menu choices, service and camaraderie at both venues. It's always a fun time being with OLLI@UGA members!

So what is happening in the future? Please mark your calendars for these events:

OLLI@UGA Annual Meeting, Friday, May 17, in the Garden Club of Georgia building at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia. After last year's Annual Meeting, many OLLI@UGA members took the opportunity to tour the gardens with two staff members who answered all our questions tirelessly. You can tour the new Children's Garden after the meeting, and it is spectacular!

Membership Picnic, Thursday, September 26, to welcome current and new members at the start of our own academic year at OLLI@UGA. More information about time and place to come.

The Hospitality Committee welcomes new members to our committee: **Glenda Lance, Ruth Hunt, Sue Seay, Alan Crowell,** and **Ann Farrell. YOU** are also welcome to join the committee! We meet the 2nd Monday of each month on the 4th floor at Talmage Terrace, 10-11:30 a.m. Those who have time go out to lunch together after the meeting.

Sign up via Mighty Networks if you are interested in joining us.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

New Staff, New Committee Chairs, New Summer Programs



Tim Meehan

As you will know by now, we have a new member of staff, Amanda Nix, who will be working with our Curriculum and Travel Study Committees. She has hit the ground running and will have her first catalog out to you in the next couple of months. If you have any ideas for a class you would like to propose or teach, the deadline for course proposal submissions is May 15. We have a lot of interesting classes — both new and returning — already lined up, as well as trips to enhance understanding of what we learn in the classrooms. If you are interested in any of the trips, please read the article in this issue of the OLLI Times on page 10.

We have had to say goodbye to Sarah Joe Reese, who has been with us temporarily as an administrative assistant since October. She has been a wonderful presence in the office, and I know that we need to thank her for all her hard work over the past few months as we have gone through our staffing changes.

As we come to the end of the year, I want to thank all who have volunteered for OLLI@UGA and although I cannot mention everyone without taking up much more space than I am allotted, I would like to single out a few people: Linda DiPietro, who is stepping down as Hospitality chair; Ann Allen, retiring Marketing and Communications chair; and Cher Snyder, stepping down from Membership. I would also like to thank Susan Walker for all her work on this publication over the past two years — it has been great fun. (No, I did not put this in. — Editor) Although people change roles and want to pursue other interests, I hope that you will continue to stay engaged with the organization. If anyone is interested in becoming more involved in the work of this organization, do reach out to the office or to Sandy Clark, our volunteer coordinator, and we will put you in touch with the appropriate committee.

This summer, we will have some additional programming. As well as our OLLI@UGA Summer Film Series (with thanks to Bill Loughner for organizing), we are joining with other OLLIs to stream in the OLLI at Dartmouth Summer Lecture Series, which this year is entitled "Critical Thinking for the Preservation of our Democracy." The six debates will run weekly from Thursday, July 11, to Thursday, August 15, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. I know that many of our members travel over the summer, but do consider participating if you are in town. You will be able to sign up for all six or on an individual basis.

Many thanks to everyone who volunteers their time and makes this such a wonderful organization. I hope to see you at the Annual Meeting on May 17 where we will be reminded how strong a membership organization can be when people step up to support learning in retirement, both in the classroom and out in the world.

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since our founding as LIR (Learning in Retirement) and 10 years since we received an endowment to encourage lifelong learning from the Osher Foundation and changed our name to OLLI@UGA.

It's actually more than simply an Annual Meeting — it's an afternoon to meet up with members at the reception that precedes the meeting. It's also a chance to hear from one of the founders of OLLI@UGA, Dr. Ron Cervero, whose tireless work resulted in the Osher Foundation providing us with that endowment.

But wait, there's more: After the Annual Meeting concludes, everyone will have a perfect opportunity to spend some time wandering through the gardens with or without one of the knowledgeable docents who can answer all your gardening questions.



State Botanical Garden of Georgia

Come join with all the members who will be at the Annual Meeting, which starts at 1:00 p.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m.

Ron Cervero to Speak About How LIR Became OLLI@UGA

Dr. Ron Cervero will speak at the Annual Meeting about how he helped those who started Learning in Retirement 25 years ago to meet the requirements to receive an endowment from the Osher Foundation. Here's his brief bio:



Ron Cervero

Dr. Cervero is a Professor Emeritus at the University of Georgia, where he held a variety of leadership roles including Head of the Department of Lifelong Education, Administration, and Policy; Associate Dean for Outreach and Engagement in the College of Education; and Associate Vice President for Instruction with administrative responsibility for the University's Science Learning Center, Office of Online Learning, Center for Teaching and Learning, Office of Academic Assessment, Extended Campuses, and Air Force and Army ROTC.

In 2016, he began working with Uniformed Services University in Bethesda, MD, as a professor and associate director for remote campus education in the Department of Medicine's Graduate Programs in Health Professions Education.

Among his professional honors, Dr. Cervero was awarded the 2018 Dave Davis Research in Continuing Medical Education Award by the Society for Academic Continuing Medical Education, as well as the Aderhold Distinguished Professor Award in 2008 for excellence in research, teaching, and outreach by the University of Georgia's College of Education.

Nominees for 2019-20 OLLI@UGA President-Elect and Board of Directors

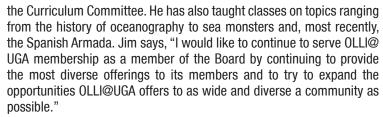
Nominee for President-Elect

Cher Snyder: A three-time UGA graduate, Cher Snyder relocated to Athens in June 2017 following nearly 30 years with the South Coast Air Quality Management District, a regional agency charged with ensuring healthful air quality for those living in Southern California. Prior to her retirement, Cher served the agency as the Assistant

Deputy Executive Officer of Compliance & Enforcement, directing a team of 150 field staff, supervisors, managers, and support personnel dedicated to determining compliance with local, state, and federal air quality rules and regulations. A "recycled" Athenian, Cher has found coming home to Athens to be a breath of fresh air, highlighted by opportunities to rekindle long-standing relationships, develop new friendships, and become involved in OLLI@UGA. This past year, she has served as Chair of the Membership Committee; as a member of the Hospitality, Curriculum, and Fund Development committees; and as a member of the Board of Directors. She has also served as the volunteer coordinator of Mighty Networks.

Nominees for 2019-2021 Board of Directors (Vote for 5)

Jim Alberts (Candidate for re-election):
With training in biology and chemical oceanography, Jim Alberts served as director of UGA's Marine Institute on Sapelo Island. He has been a member since 2003 and has served on



Victor Gagliano (Candidate for election): Victor Gagliano is interested in returning to Board duty after a brief break. Holding a BBA from the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, he transferred to Athens for his budgeting and forecasting job in private industry more than 30 years ago. He and his wife, Linda, loved it so much that they made Athens "home" and have been

here since. Victor joined OLLI@UGA in 2013 and served on the Finance Committee from 2014 to 2018 and as Treasurer from 2015 to 2018. He has received OLLI@UGA's prestigious Carol Fisher Award for long and significant service. Victor asks for your vote and support.

Sherry Malone (Candidate for re-election):
Sherry Malone has served on the Board for
OLLI@UGA for the past two years. She has also
been a member of the Curriculum Committee
for nearly five years and was Co-chair for two
years. She recruits and regularly hosts OLLI@
UGA classes. Previously, she was a state evaluator
for leadership development. She wrote the curriculum

for K-8 Real/LEDGE entrepreneurial education and led institutes for this

curriculum throughout Georgia, in several other states, and as far away as Norway and Honduras. Since making Athens her home, Sherry has served as a teacher and school principal in Athens-Clarke County. She also worked with the Social Circle Schools, Hall County schools, and the NEGA RESA network of educational systems. Sherry joined OLLI@UGA in 2013 and feels that it answered her need to continue to be active and learn while doing so. She wants to assure that others have this same positive feeling through their involvement.

Roy Martin (Candidate for re-election): 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 popular OLLI@UGA luncheon on "The American Songbook." Roy joined OLLI@UGA in 2011. He is a volunteer violinist and sings with The Athens Symphony.

Bob Yorczyk (Candidate for re-election):
Originally from Virginia, Bob Yorczyk spent most of his career in Chester County, PA. After graduating from Virginia Tech with a degree in Statistics and later obtaining a Professional Engineering Certificate in Quality Engineering, he worked in the field of systems engineering development and, eventually, quality control. He later started his own publishing business. Active in

local civic affairs, Bob was elected School Director for Downingtown Area School District and was on the county's intermediate Unit (Vo-Tech) Board and their legislative council. He was the Southeast Pennsylvania Coordinator for Ross Perot for President in 1992 and served on the executive committee to form the Reform Party as an alternative third national political party. He and his wife, Bea, retired to Madison County in 2017 and joined OLLI@UGA shortly thereafter. They are parents of two daughters and four grand children who reside in Pennsylvania.

Nominee for 2018-2020 Board of Directors (Vote for 1)

Susan Dougherty (Candidate to fill remainder of term vacated by Cher Snyder):
Susan Dougherty is a retired organization development consultant. Originally from New Orleans, she moved to Athens with her family to pursue her doctorate. After completing her



degree, Susan started a consulting business focusing on leadership, team development, and organizational change. She worked with international corporations and small businesses, both for-profit and nonprofit. Susan retired when her husband, George, was diagnosed with cancer. In addition to caregiving, she enjoys travel, gardening, reading, and visiting with family and friends. Susan has been an active member of OLLI@UGA since 2015, serving as a class presenter and as Host Coordinator.

How the Dallmeyers Help OLLI@UGA Rock Continued from pg 1

Colorado Rockies and sense a desire to learn more about how these great mountains came to be.

David says he headed straight for Athens after being conferred a PhD from State University of New York at Stony Brook in 1972 and began a teaching and research career that lasted 40 years. Early on along comes this young woman from Macon who earns an MS in geology, while conducting research in tropical marine biology and ecology, and the two of them marry in 1972. Little did anyone know that the fantastic OLLI@UGA Geology team had already formed 47

years ago. Dorinda later pursued a law degree from UGA and practiced for 21 vears in the fields of international law and environmental policy at the Dean Rusk Center for International and Comparative Law.

I asked David and Dorinda if they could recall the first time they presented a class for OLLI@UGA. David couldn't recall exactly, but it was before he retired in 2010. He remembered getting several calls asking him to teach an OLLI@UGA class. He couldn't

pinpoint the year, but I remember taking a class

in 2009 on Georgia geology and then traveling to northwest Georgia to see the formations and hold the rocks found there. I believe we saw Appalachian basement rock more than 1 billion years old. That class may not have been the first class either. There was the Elberton quarry day trip, following a class where we learned about the Elberton granite batholith in the Piedmont of Georgia. David later brought back a specimen from that quarry. Pictured above is the more-than-threeton chunk of granite now resting peacefully on their lot. Getting it moved into its designated spot is another story David will happily tell if you ask him.

In the ensuing years, the number, breadth, and variety of courses related to geology and the ecosystem we inhabit that they have taught has been truly extraordinary. Nearly every class involved

trip like Elberton, but usually an excursion of anywhere from 4 to 11 days to places as distant as the Canadian Rockies or the national parks and monuments of the Colorado Plateau. lan Hardin, a thankful and loyal student fondly remembers: "I've traveled on several geology tours with David and Dorinda out west. David's dedication to



The Rock at the Dallmeyers' homestead John Songster

not just teaching us, but totally involving us, in the amazing history of the earth through geology is simply beyond comparison. Dorinda kept us watching the biological environment as we toured. Her encyclopedic knowledge made riding with her in the same van an education by itself."

A group of 22-25 would prowl around some large geographic area to discover the underlying geology and actually see what we'd studied in class. There was one class, though, which has been presented multiple times - a five-day in-depth examination of the Apollo program that did not actually involve a trip to the moon. However, the

> Dallmeyers did bring rocks on loan from NASA to the classroom. Nancy Canolty, a "regular" as one might be called who did classes and trips and can always be seen at OLLI Rocks, had this to say: "They expanded educational horizons by offering classes that ran the gamut from geology to ecology, from Antarctica to the moon, from Alfred Wegener to William Bartram." Wegener first proposed the continental drift theory, and Bartram was a naturalist who explored the Southeast in the late 1700s.

After being at the head of a college classroom and teaching labs in front of incoming and graduate students for decades, what was the appeal of senior

students? "It was a totally different response than undergraduates." the Dallmeyers said. "We'd opened their eyes to something new, and they were eager and enthusiastic to learn. No one ever asked, 'Do we need to know this?""

Nancy went on to say, "The Dallmeyers have truly made the next generation of learning a reality for OLLI@UGA members. Multiple classes and associated excursions examined the effects of plate tectonics on the geology of our planet and emphasized (as evidenced by its volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis) that our planet is restless."

> If we were to tally up all the classes and associated trips David and Dorinda planned, prepared, and presented, it would astound many. More than 40 courses and 34 related field trips and excursions are pretty accurate counts - but probably on the low side. Each trip included a masterful textbook-like field manual that you were expected to have in your hands when we were on the road or out of the van. Those courses and trips have generated an incredibly loyal following. As David exclaimed, "Who would imagine that an OLLI student would bring back rock specimens from another continent?"

Well ... Nick Dale who has participated in most of the courses and trips hosted by the Dallmeyers and brought back rocks from Ecuador to share, says, "The major benefit of taking most OLLI classes is to scratch the surface of a topic that seems appealing." But then,



laughing, he continues: "Of the several hundred who have taken my Chickenology course, it's safe to say none have become chicken farmers!"

It's different, he says, with Dr. Dallmeyer's geology courses. "For many of us, these experiences have opened up a vast new area of interest, a new hobby, at just that point in life when we have the time to enjoy it. It's a safe bet that I'm not the only OLLI Rocks member who simply can't pass up a good roadcut!" (For an example, see this photo of a roadcut in Maryland.)



Sideling Hill roadcut – Maryland

After having been into this senior learning experiment for two or three years, the Dallmeyers started a Shared Interest Group and called it OLLI Rocks. The group meets monthly during each OLLI@UGA term to dig deeper and learn more about the dynamic phenomenon of the earth's formation, its land masses, and its oceans. Ian exclaims, "David's regular OLLI programs are always a tour de force. No one prepares great programs like he does. Our last OLLI Rocks program could not have been more timely. He practically predicted the devastating tsunami that just occurred in Indonesia" which happened during the eruption of Anak Krakatau volcano on the island of Sumatra.

Evenings, once a month in the Geology Building, you will regularly see 30-35 eager "Rockers." David or Dorinda will give a lecture-type presentation usually followed by a video, and then it's time to examine rock specimens. Each term is theme-based; for example, Earth's Dynamic Oceans, Georgia's Coastal Heritage, Coral Reefs: Fragile and Threatened, The "Art" of Geology. It's like going to a new Dallmeyer-duo class eight extra times a year.

Coincident with David's PhD degree in 1972 was a newly accepted paradigm in geology called plate tectonics. This idea that the earth's crust is broken up into sections (plates) that move around, creating mountains, volcanos, and under-ocean features like trenches and ridges, had been clearly demonstrated. Much of what is presented at OLLI Rocks has its basis in plate tectonics or in one of Dorinda's biology, ecology, or Antarctic fields of expertise.

The major benefit of taking most OLLI classes is to scratch the surface of a topic that seems appealing.

The geology and natural sciences area of study offered by David and

Dorinda Dallmeyer over the past 10 years perhaps is unprecedented in terms of scope and sustained presence. People who have taken their courses say that OLLI@UGA members are fortunate to have these two making our adventure in education so exciting and enlightening. How true. While my wife and I lament no longer being able to travel as part of the Dallmeyers' courses, OLLI Rocks can take you to many of those places and beyond. OLLI Rocks will move its monthly meetings to meet at 4:00 p.m. in River's Crossing starting in September 2019. Look under Groups in Mighty Networks and click on Join. You will not regret it.



With this *OLLI Times* article, we want to salute David and Dorinda for their sincere and unwavering support of OLLI@UGA. Many of us feel privileged to have been in their classroom. It is through our presenters' knowledge, experience, and willingness to share that OLLI@UGA is able to maintain its strong appeal for lifelong learners in our community and afar. The quality and value of OLLI Geology is indeed a high standard. Thank you for all you do, Dallmeyers!

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TRAVEL



OLLI@UGA Offers Exclusive Custom-Designed Tour to Germany

By Joan Zitzelman

Gabi Mayer joined OLLI@UGA in early 2018 and volunteered to serve on the Travel Study Committee. As she learned how committee members would volunteer to research a particular type of trip for members, Gabi proposed developing one that would showcase the culture, art and architecture of her native country, Germany. She connected with a tour operator, Go Ahead Tours, which was willing to custom-design a tour to be offered exclusively to OLLI@UGA members.

Thanks to Gabi's efforts, a dozen OLLI@UGA members are already registered for this tour to visit Berlin, Dresden, and the Rhine Valley, October 8-19. Participants will tour major attractions and enjoy the food and culture of the cities, while also seeing stunning landscapes in a nation that has influenced history and thinking for thousands of years. Through June 2019, space is available for as many as a dozen more OLLI@UGA members to join this tour.

Cost of the tour is \$3,299 per person with double occupancy or \$3,849 per person with single occupancy for a land package including 10 nights lodging, all land transportation, admissions, full tour guide service, daily breakfast, one lunch, four dinners, a wine tasting, and

additional local sightseeing guides. Round-trip airfare from Atlanta to Berlin, or a return from Frankfurt, is available through Go Ahead Tours for an additional \$1,410 per person. Alternatively, participants may purchase their airfare independently.

The first step to participate in this exclusive Germany tour is to register with OLLI@UGA, with a class fee of \$50, after which your contact information will be sent to Go Ahead Tours to complete the tour arrangements. Find out more on the OLLI@UGA website, or telephone 706-542-7715, or visit the OLLI@UGA office at River's Crossing.

Other Travel Study trips to consider this Fall:

- > Revolutionary War Sites trip to explore the crucial battlefield sites of Cowpens and King's Mountain in South Carolina
- > Theaters: Musical and Military trip to Columbus, Georgia, October 3-4, to see a performance of *Chicago* at the Springer Opera House and to visit the National Civil War Naval Museum and the National Infantry Museum in Columbus
- > Christmas at the Biltmore trip to visit the house and gardens at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC, and see the lavish winter decorations
- > Trips planned for 2020: The gardens of Savannah and the Band of Brothers trip to Normandy. Other trips are in planning stages, so please check our website for information.

Georgia's Colonial Coast: From a Wildlife Refuge to Sapelo Island

By Dindy Owens

Early Wednesday morning, April 10, a small group of adventurous OLLI@UGA members left Athens bound for the Mighty 8th Air Force Museum in Pooler, outside Savannah. We had an excellent, knowledgeable guide for two hours. Our group is pictured in front of a WWII B-17. From left to right: Gwyn Mercer, Cheryl Bement, John and Bonnie Joerschke, Ellen Surrence, Dindy Owens, Gabi Mayer, Liz and Edward Johnson. Second row, left to right, Bob and Jeanette Volny.

From there, we drove on to Harris Neck Wildlife Refuge and stopped at Woody Pond to see hundreds of wood storks who have returned to nest in the trees, as they do annually. We had a special visit from a heron who was as curious about us as we were about him.

On Thursday morning, we climbed aboard the ferry to Sapelo Island (the only way to access the island) for a 30-minute trip. We left in a moist fog, but it had burned off by the time we arrived at the dock. Yvonne was our guide; she has lived on the island her entire life.

She spent the next six hours telling us the history and showing us

Reynolds Mansion, the UGA Marine Institute, and Hog Hammock (the last known Gullah community). During our picnic lunch at Nanny Goat Beach, she demonstrated the art of weaving baskets from palmetto and marsh grass. (continued on pg 11)



Visiting the Mighty 8th Air Force Museum on the way to Sapelo Island.

OLLI Rocks SIG Will Focus on Australia's Geology in Fall 2019

The fall sessions of the OLLI Rocks SIG (Shared Interest Group) will focus on "Australia's First 4 Billion Years," exploring the geological and biological evolution of the Australian continent during the past 4 billion years of Earth's history. OLLI Rocks will meet during the afternoon of the first Wednesday of each month between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.at River's Crossing. Each session will begin with an overview presentation of each subject, followed by viewing a documentary DVD.

September 4 – How Old is Old and How Do We Know? "Continental Awakening" (DVD)

October 2 -Australia's Ancient Rocks "Life Explodes" (DVD)

November 6 – Complexities of Structural Geology "Geologic Monsters" (DVD)

December 4 – Fossils and Fossilization: The Traces of Early Life "Evolution of Strange Creatures" (DVD)

Suggested Reading: The Geology of Australia by David Johnson

NEXT ISSUE:

Do you have some photos of a class you took? Or do you have a story idea you would like to see in OLLI Times? Please get in touch with the editor, Susan Walker, through Mighty Networks.

After lunch, we made our way to the 80-foot-tall lighthouse, which was originally built in 1820, deactivated in 1933, and then repainted and renovated in 1998 with a new spiral staircase. EVERYONE in the group climbed to the top except the four "height-challenged" ladies pictured on the stairs. As we returned from the ferry, we knew we had a long ride home but there were no complainers, just tired adventurers.





Liz Johnson, Cheryl Bement, Dindy Owens, Gabi Mayer



Thanks to Our Hosts for **Spring 2019 Classes**

Before a class starts, one of our intrepid members who has signed up to host the class stands up to introduce the speaker while also making sure that those taking the class sign in. Anyone can do it, and it helps to make our classes run more smoothly. If you are interested in being a host for the Fall semester, please get in touch with Toni Jones or Sherry Malone.

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Kay Turner's Photos on Display in Shelly's Office

A note from Kay Turner on how she became a photographer: I am what you could call an accidental amateur photographer. In high school, art classes were compulsory. Over the years, I have taken adult learning classes in a variety of subjects, including pottery, graphic design and jewelry-making, at local community colleges. Once, I took a photography class but was guite intimidated by the high-powered and high-tech cameras that some of the students brought to class as well as by the jargon they used and the questions they asked. I felt that I was out of my depth.

I didn't start out to become an amateur photographer. I only started taking pictures in 2006 when I took a year's sabbatical from my work as a pastor and went to live and work in Africa (Liberia and Zambia). In Liberia, I taught New Testament Theology and Bible at the Seminary and University, led leadership training and development seminars, and preached. In Zambia, I worked with widows and orphans affected by the HIV/AIDS crisis, preached, and led youth ministry.

The church members I had pastored, as well as family and friends, supported my work financially and with prayer. They also gave donations such as T-shirts and toiletries for the children I would be working with. I decided that the best way I could keep them informed of my work would be to take photos to share with them.

I had taken hundreds of photographs, not only in Africa but also in other countries where I had travelled on my sabbatical. When I returned to the States, I started a small greeting card company to raise funds so I could assist some young adults to attend college. I sold them at craft fairs and to businesses individuals. I and did this for a couple of years, but when I transitioned from being a pastor to a



Chuck Murphy

board-certified hospital chaplain, my workload did not allow me to continue with the business.

As I transitioned from chaplaincy to disability, I kept taking photos to relieve my stress. My pottery teacher once told me that I have an eye for design and others say the same when they look at my photos. I discard more than 90 percent of the photos I take. I take pictures of whatever catches my eye, but on my walks and travels I am always looking around for unusual designs and things of beauty.

Most of the photos in Shelly's office were taken last September on an OLLI@UGA trip to the Biltmore Estate to view the Chihuly Nights exhibition. I am grateful to OLLI@UGA for giving me the opportunity to showcase my work. I invite you to take a moment and visit Shelly's office to view the photos, and I hope they will add a little bit of joy and beauty to your day.

Summer Lecture Series Coming in July

This summer, we will present a series of lectures put on by OLLI@ Dartmouth, on the topic of "Critical Thinking for the Preservation of our Democracy." These lectures will be live-streamed to OLLIs around the nation that choose to sponsor the series. One lecture each week on Thursdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Pick and choose your lectures or come to all six. Lectures are \$10 each or \$30 for the complete series. Registration will open on June 1.

Dates: July 11 – August 15, 2019

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August 8 -Individual Privacy

August 15 – **Voting Rights**





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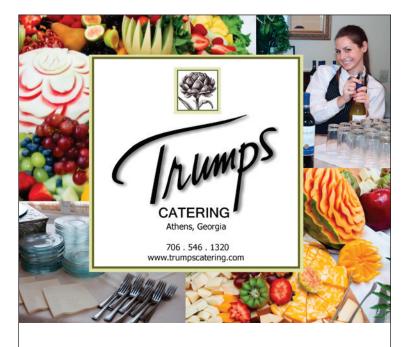


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Staircase on Sapelo Island (Dindy Owens)

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May 13: Screening of Darius Goes West
(Athens-Clarke County Library, 1-4 p.m.)
May 17: Annual Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation

State Botanical Garden, 1-3 p.m.

June 1: Membership renewals open June-July: Great Books Film Festival

June 19, July 3, July 17, July 31 (all 2 p.m.)

June-August: New Member Orientations (open to all)

June 26, July 10, July 19, August 14 (all 10 a.m.)

July-August: OLLI@Dartmouth Summer Lecture Series

July 11, July 18, July 25, Aug 1, Aug 8, Aug 15 (all 9 a.m.)

July 24: Fall registration opens (10 a.m.)

August 9: Lifelong Learning Fair