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OLLI@UGA OFFERING EVENING & WEEKEND CLASSES

by Larry Dendy



In response to requests from members, OLLI is significantly increasing the number of evening and weekend classes in the upcoming spring semester beginning Feb. 3.

The expanded curriculum offers 18 classes that either start at a later time in the evening or will be held on Saturdays. Some evening classes begin as early as 4 p.m. with most starting at 5 or 6 p.m. Times for the Saturday classes also vary.

“The evening and weekend time slots should be helpful for OLLI members and prospective members who are still working and would like to take advantage of the life-long learning opportunities OLLI offers,” explains Tim Meehan, OLLI executive director. “These classes are another way OLLI@UGA responds to member requests and suggestions.”

Members have expressed interest in evening and weekend classes in the last two membership surveys OLLI conducts annually. In the 2019 survey almost 20 percent of respondents indicated interest in evening and weekend classes. The Curriculum Committee is also placing increased emphasis on alternative times and days for classes.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE KICKS OFF PROCESS TO FILL 2020 LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

by Cher Snyder

At its November meeting, the OLLI@UGA Board of Directors elected Andy Horne, Roy Martin, Margaret Robinson, and Melinda Thomas to serve as members of the 2020 Nominating Committee. Chaired by Cher Snyder, president-elect, the committee is excited to hear from OLLI members about their interest in filling officer and Board positions that become vacant on June 30, 2020.

At the end of March 2020, the Nominating Committee will tender a list of candidates to the OLLI Board for approval, and a final slate will be presented for election by members at the OLLI annual meeting May 15, 2020, at Piedmont Hospital.

More information about officer and Board positions will be made available to members in January. Or contact Cher Snyder at cher.snyder.phd@gmail.com or the OLLI office.



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- Henry Ford



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Topics for some of the evening classes include foot health, slaves on a Georgia plantation, reminiscences of performing in a symphony orchestra, serving as a juror for a mock trial, beginning and intermediate Spanish, a travelogue of Southern England and Wales, and the impact of food on southern culture.

Saturday offerings include tours of the Beech Haven and Tallassee Forest preserves and a furniture studio, and classes on watercolor painting, critical reading, Verdi's opera *Othello*, Aleutian volcanoes and Latinos in Athens.

The evening and Saturday classes are among more than 260 classes offered in the spring semester curriculum. Classes will be

taught by more than 200 instructors including current University of Georgia professors and emeriti professors, recognized national and regional experts, community representatives and OLLI members.

Registration for evening and Saturday classes is the same process as for all classes. Registration for all classes will remain open throughout the semester or until a class quota is met.

In addition to classes, OLLI@UGA offers more than 30 Special Interest Groups (SIGs) as well as travel-study trips and social events.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Save the Date! New Event!

Have you wondered about how the OLLI committees serve the organization and how they go about their work?

The OLLI Membership Committee invites you to attend a new **Committees Open House** on Tuesday, March 24, from 11:30am to 1:00pm at River's Crossing. Come and visit with committee chairs and members to learn about what each committee does to enhance participation in OLLI and strengthen its functionality on a daily basis.

Drop by, ask questions, take handouts, visit with other curious members, and discover how being involved in a committee can help you make the most of your membership. Light refreshments will be provided. Questions? Contact Julie Cashin, julcash@yahoo.com, 706-255-2561.

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- **All OLLI news & announcements**
- **SIGs - schedules, connections & photos**
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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

It seems like yesterday and Fall Semester 2019 was just getting underway. It was a busy fall with many great classes and exciting social events planned and carried out by dedicated OLLI volunteers. And thank you to all the members who participated. Your enthusiasm makes OLLI a success. Behind all of this is our staff. They are the glue that holds our organization together and provides the support needed.



Chris Jones

Now Spring Semester 2020 is upon us. A browse through the catalog reveals an expansion of night and weekend program offerings. This is in direct response to member requests and suggestions. The concept surfaced in our 2018 annual survey and again in 2019. The Curriculum Committee, staff, and Board of Directors saw this as an opportunity to better serve current members and to also provide a way for those still with daytime commitments to experience lifelong learning.

Some 18 different night and weekend classes are available, with topics including ballroom dancing, critical reading, climate change, learning Spanish, Tallassee Forest tour, watercolor painting, and more.

Another new pilot effort is bringing program opportunities to residents of Iris Place through "Zoom" video conferencing technology. This is an additional example of member-driven initiative with staff support.

Here's to a happy OLLI New Year with plenty of ways to learn and have fun.



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Tim Meehan

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We hope that all of our members have had Happy Holidays. It's been a busy year and as we look both forward and back, this year looks even more exciting. We have over 260 classes in the spring, trips to the gardens of Savannah, and Southwest England and Wales, and many social events including

the Dutch Treat Luncheons and the return of the Burns Night Dinner.

We are continuing to grow our membership and we welcome all new members, so if you spot a face in class that you don't know, take a chance and introduce yourself. We have members who moved here from Pennsylvania, but didn't know they were neighbors until they met in OLLI. So you might find you have more in common with people than you think.

As you can see from this issue we are constantly working to

expand our reach for Lifelong Learning – both through evening and weekend classes for those members who don't have time during the day and delivering courses remotely to retirement complexes in the community. Lifelong Learning is important for a variety of reasons, and we should be proud of the difference we as an organization can make within this community. If you haven't got engaged as a volunteer as yet, look out for events later in this semester for a chance to see what the committees do and what you can contribute – whether you want to use skills you already have or develop new ones.

As we come through our anniversary year there is still time to participate in our OLLI Flashbacks project – you can submit your favorite OLLI memory to be included at the Annual Meeting. You can either email us, or follow the link included here (<https://form.jotform.com/93304244173148>). Each one of us knows what a difference this organization can make and we can look forward to working to meet the needs of our members for the next 25 years.



January 2020 OLLI Times Contributors

- Lois Alworth
- Julie Cashin
- Art Crawley
- David Dallmeyer
- Larry Dendy
- Adrien Helm
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- Gabriele Mayer
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From the animal kingdom through visual arts, the Fall 2019 semester offered classes and programs for every member's interest.



Margaret Agner

OLLI members learn about and try silk painting during Margaret Agner's class.



Chris Jones

John Lyndon reveals the creative minds behind a classic rock hit in his class, "Sex, Drugs and Rock and Roll: The Making of Layla".



Nancy Walton

OLLI members took center stage at the UGA Performing Arts Center following Director Jeff Martin's lecture and tour.



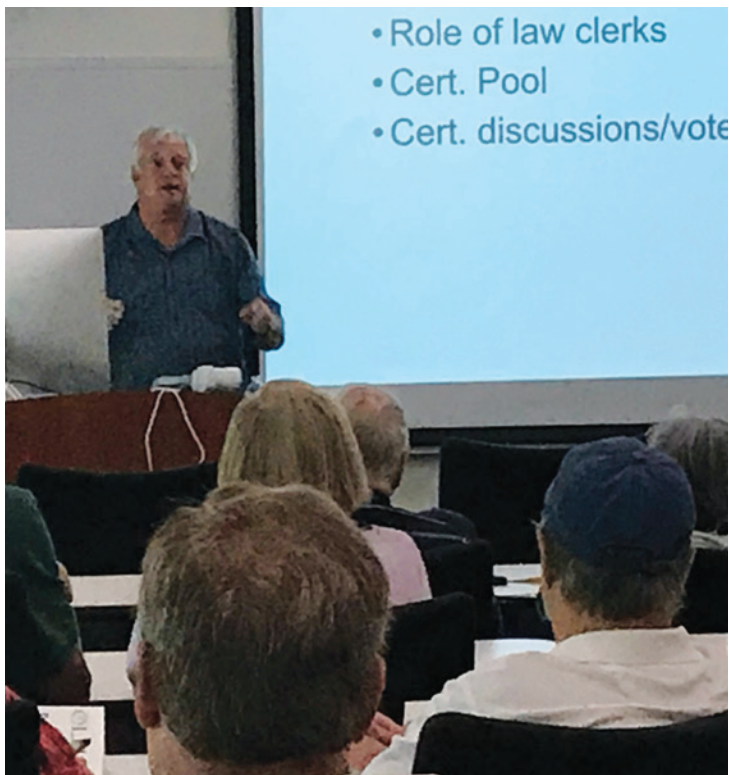
Patricia Dixen

Interior design and color expert Mary Nolte shows OLLI members how to use the internet as a tool when designing their own spaces.



Patricia Dixen

Author Jon Jefferson leads OLLI members on virtual tour of the Body Farm, where forensic anthropologists study post-mortem human decay to solve real-world murders.



Patricia Dixen

Professor Emeritus at UGA's School of Law Tom Eaton discusses the history and workings of the United States Supreme Court.



Robert Alan Black

Cinema@Cine SIG members discuss “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood” at their December meeting.

OLLI@UGA’s Cinema@Ciné SIG Expands Members’ Enjoyment of Film

By Ron Wallach

OLLI@UGA has a unique and exciting Shared Interest Group (SIG) called Cinema@Cine. This SIG meets at Cine, Athens’ independent art-house cinema, to watch noteworthy films, followed by lively discussions about the films. This SIG is the movie equivalent of a book club.

Cinema@Ciné SIG participants have seen a variety of films, including the Mr. Rogers documentary, “Won’t You Be My Neighbor”, “The Old Man and the Gun”, which was followed by a presentation from UGA film authority Dr. Richard Neupert on “How to Watch Movies” where he recounted his adventures meeting the film’s stars, Robert Redford and Sissy Spacek at the Telluride Film Festival. The group also saw “The Irishman”, shown as director Martin Scorsese intended in a theater, before it streamed on Netflix. Members spend time sharing their insights after each film.



All Things Chautauqua is the Newest OLLI SIG!

By Art Crawley

Peter Balsamo and Art Crawley are the co-moderators of the All Things Chautauqua SIG. The last Chautauqua program in Athens was in 1919. Our SIG will participate in and partner with other Chautauqua programs and with the national Chautauqua Institution in New York. We want to facilitate the rebirth of Athens Chautauqua as an annual celebration of educational and cultural events in our community. To do this we have partnered with the highly successful Greenville, S.C., Chautauqua’s History Comes Alive program, which has served thousands of people since its founding in 1999. We want to bring to Athens the 2020 Greenville Chautauqua show, Reinventing America. On Sunday, June 14, 2020, historical interpreters Larry Bounds and Becky Stone will portray Ben Franklin and Rosa Parks at the historic Morton Theater in downtown Athens. There will be a 3:30 p.m. and a 7:00 p.m. performance. Please consider joining us if you are interested in the rebirth of the Chautauqua Movement in Athens. To learn more about the 2020 Athens Chautauqua program check out the website: <http://historycomesalive.org/performances/athens/>

The OLLI Poets Welcome Veteran and New Writers

by Adrien Helm

The OLLI Poets meet on Wednesdays from 2:00-4:00 pm to write together and share their writing. They also discuss forms and elements of poetry as they are exemplified by the prompts for writing. This is a congenial/safe environment with positive criticism only. Veteran and new writers are welcome. The group is fluid in size (5 to 8) and meets year-round. One member, Kathryn Kryker, had a poem published recently in the December edition of the newsletter of the Oconee Audubon Society. Contact Adrien Helm, adrienhelm@gmail.com, 706-850-7730, for more information.

OLLI Rocks SIG Announces Spring 2020 Topics

Global warming and rising sea levels will be the focus of discussion for the OLLI Rocks Shared Interest Group (SIG) at its Spring 2020 meetings. "We will examine the science and facts involved in these potentially catastrophic situations and evaluate predictions for dealing with future degradation of environmental conditions on Earth," explains Dr. David Dallmeyer, UGA Emeritus Professor of geology and OLLI Rocks leader.

January 8, 2020

"Global Warming and Sea Level Rise: A Geologic Perspective"

Dr. David Dallmeyer, Emeritus Professor of geology, University of Georgia

February 5, 2020

"Anthropogenic Global Climate Change: A Skeptic's Questions and a Scientist's Answers"

And

March 4, 2020

"Global Warming and Rising Sea Levels: Factor or Fiction"

Dr. Bruce Railsback, professor of geology, University of Georgia

April 1, 2020

"The Politics of Coping with Global Warming and Environmental Destruction"

Dr. Lief Carter, retired professor, University of Georgia and Colorado College

The group meets the first Wednesday of each month at River's Crossing for approximately two hours starting at 4 p.m. Contact the OLLI office for more information.



Please Raise Your Hands in Celebration of OLLI's 25th Anniversary!

Formed as one of the first OLLI SIGs, the OLLI Lunch Bunch had its largest turnout ever last November at the Bone Island Grill House off Epps Bridge Road and the Oconee Connector in Watkinsville. Nearly 50 OLLI members enjoyed lively conversation and superb surf and turf at this independently owned restaurant, which is surrounded by a sea of national chains. Last fall the OLLI Lunch Bunch dined together at a variety of independently owned and operated Athens-Watkinsville restaurants including Dominick's, Farm Cart, and Peking's. Our SIG motto is "Good Food. Good Conversation. Good Friends." We are always welcoming to new friends. Photo by Cindy Karp.

OLLI Travelers Experience Architectural Splendors of Germany

OLLI@UGA recently celebrated its first sponsored trip to Germany. A group of 15 members set out on October 8 for a 12-day journey centered around architectural wonders, says Gabriele Mayer, OLLI Travel/Study Committee member and trip planner. GoAhead Tours made the travel arrangements.

Upon landing in Berlin, the group spent two days immersed in history and architecture, visiting sites like the Brandenburg Gate, the Reichstag, and the Victory Column. Their next stop was Dresden, home to marvels of Baroque architecture such as the Frauenkirche, Zwinger Palace, and the Semper Opera, where the group attended a performance. Christy McGahee, trip participant, was photographed next to a statue of Theodor Koernor, well-known 18th century German poet and a distant relative.

Other stops included Bamberg, Munich, and Nuremberg, with visits to the Marienplatz and the famous Glockenspiel, Nymphenburg Palace, Hofbrauhouse, the world renowned Neuschwanstein Castle, home of the Bavarian King Ludwig II, and the Nuremberg Trials Museum. The trip concluded with a river cruise out of Ruedesheim on the Rhine River.

Trip participants were Terry Kaley, Marilyn Cary, Rich Cary, Cheryl Gazlay, Chris Gazlay, Catherine Tyson, Gabi Mayer, Bill Barstow, Ron Schley, Linda Krotki, Frank Klonowski, Diane Klonowski, Regina Stuck, Christy McGahee, and Peggy Myran.



OLLI travelers in St. Goar next to the Rhine river.



Travel/Study: Cowpens & Kings Mountain Battlefields

Sixteen OLLI members enjoyed a picnic lunch at the Cowpens Pavilion after touring the battlefield. A smaller group of OLLI members hiked to the memorial at the top of the Kings Mountain battlefield. Photos by Bill Alworth.



OLLI Travel Study offers plenty of options to learn and have fun outside the classroom.

Close to home or far away, now and in the future.

Check the Travel page at olli@uga.edu

Spring Savannah Trip is a Walk Through the Past and Present

An exclusive visit to the private grounds of Wormsloe Plantation and a behind the scenes tour of a UGA research facility are two of the highlights of a new tour of Savannah now open for registration by OLLI members.

The trip, which is March 23-27, 2020, was planned by the OLLI Travel Study Committee to spotlight the city's history and sites during what can be considered its most beautiful season. On the first evening, participants will view Savannah from one of its highest vantage points while enjoying dinner and hearing about its history and centuries-long restoration as a city and seaport. The first full day consists of a variety of walking tours through gardens and structures.

The second morning begins with a walk to the famous Forsyth Park, with its fountain and landscape that inspired community restoration beginning after the Civil War and continuing today.

The visit to Wormsloe Plantation after lunch includes a visit to both the private grounds and garden and the public State Historic Site. While there, participants will walk a short distance to tour the UGA Center for Research and Education. Sarah Ross, executive director, will provide an overview of what is being done to ensure future generations adequate food supplies in light of the changing climate and agricultural stresses. (Ross is also presenting the class "Reconnecting Foodways to the Landscape" this semester.)



Wormsloe Historic Site gate

The final day is unscheduled, with participants able to choose from a wide range of open activities or guided excursions.

The fee of \$501 covers round-trip transportation to Savannah, Monday evening dinner event, Tuesday and Wednesday walking tours and all admissions, and use of motor coach for half-day tour on Thursday. Information for reserving space at our historic hotel will be provided upon registration (\$834 single occupancy; \$462, double occupancy; full breakfast included).

For registration and other details, go to the OLLI website. After signing in, click on travel, and scroll down to the trip. Questions? Contact Joan Zitzelman, jzitzel@bellsouth.net, 706-546-6345.

Hospit-**OLLI**-ty

By Lois Alworth

On October 30, 2019, the Hospitality Committee hosted the annual **Halloween Luncheon** at George's Low Country and 42 guests attended. Costume suggestion was only that the costumes be red, white or black but the variety of wonderfully creative costumes proved outstanding. OLLI members are just so clever! Winners of the costume parade were Julie Cashin and Don Schneider who dressed as Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf.

The Lifelong Learning Fair was held January 24 at 1 p.m. at Georgia Square Mall. Plan to attend to learn all about the SIGS and other events that OLLI offers.

There will be a **Valentine's Day Luncheon** February 12. The venue was not available at the *Times* deadline but watch for notices from the OLLI office and on OLLI Communications.

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon will be March 17. The venue was not available at the *Times* deadline so watch for notices from the OLLI office and on OLLI Communications.

The Hospitality Committee is an active and fun committee and we welcome anyone interested in planning OLLI social events. We meet at Wesley Woods (Talmage Terrace), 4th floor, on the second Monday of the month at 10 a.m. At our last meeting we welcomed new members Karen Martin, Nona Hinkle, and Elena Robinson. For further information contact chairman Sue Flemming at flemmism@ptd.net.



Lois Alworth



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The OLLI Office recommends registering for a class even if there is a waitlist because we are always evaluating enrollment numbers.

If a waitlist continues to grow, we will:

- 1) Secure a larger space
- 2) Work with a presenter to increase his/her class size
- 3) Work with a presenter to offer an additional session

Once we find a solution, we will contact members on the waitlist, offering them the right of first refusal. Waitlisted members are not asked for payment until they have a seat in the class.

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 Tim Meehan (Executive Director).

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February 3: *Spring Classes Begin*

February 12: *Valentine's Luncheon*

Trump's Catering (register by February 5)

March 14 (note change of date): *St Patrick's Luncheon*

TBA

March 23-27: *Trip to Historic Gardens of Georgia: Savannah*

April 16: *Beerganza*

Southern Brewing Company

April 30: *Deadline for Course Proposals for Fall 2020*

May 6: *Trip to Hamilton Gardens, Hiawassee*

May 15: *Annual Meeting*

Athens Regional Hospital

June 11-24: *Trip to Cornwall, England and Wales*



Stephen Berry talks on Prince Rivers of South Carolina. (Tim Meehan)