

Welcome!

New Member Materials 2023



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We are pleased that you've decided to join our dynamic learning and social community and believe that you will find it greatly rewarding.

By this time, you should have received some initial welcome emails with important information about new member orientations and how to sign up for OLLI COMM, our primary member communications tool. Please contact the OLLI office if you haven't received them.

This information packet will help you continue on your path to experiencing everything that OLLI@UGA has to offer.

Included in the Packet:

- List of Committees and Shared Interest Groups (SIGs). Joining one or more is an easy way to further your individual interests and talents, and connect on a small group level.
- Guidelines for registering for OLLI classes, events and trips, plus links to our how-to tutorials.
- Contact and location information for the OLLI office and a list of our vital community sponsors.

Here are comments from a few OLLI members:

“OLLI@UGA provided us with an easy way to make new friends and feel part of the Athens community when we first moved here.”

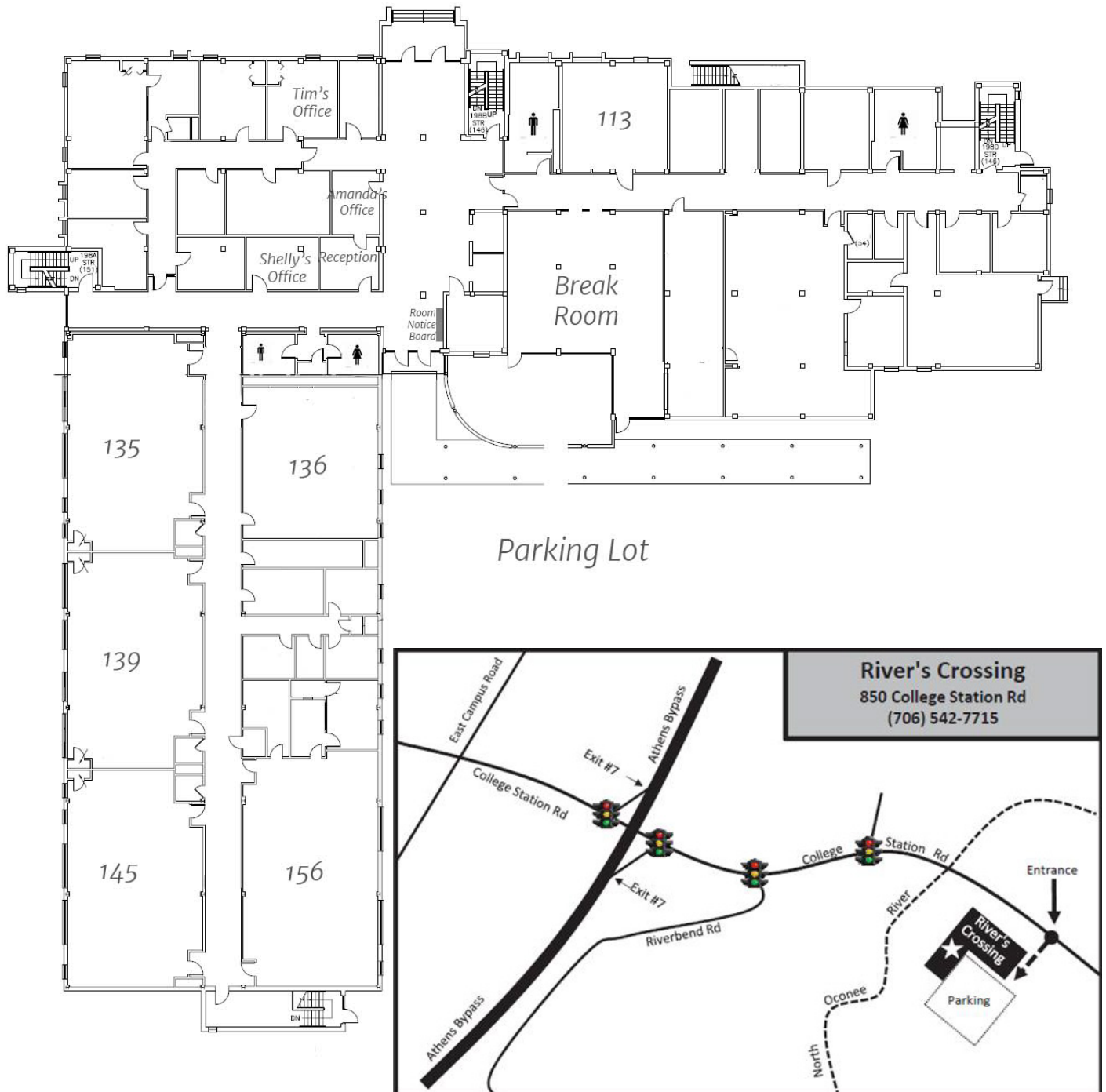
“OLLI@UGA has given me an opportunity to attend interesting classes and participate in social activities.”

“Participating in and helping with OLLI Shared Interest Groups (SIGs) has been an enjoyable way to gain a better understanding of all kinds of topics and make lots of friends.”

OLLI@UGA Campus

Most of our in-person classes take place at River's Crossing at 850 College Station Road in Athens. You will need to pay to park at River's Crossing between 8:00AM and 4:30PM.

Parking Passes for the Academic Year (through July 31, 2024) are available for purchase online. We recommend purchasing your parking tag ahead of your first class. If you do not wish to have an OLLI parking tag, please use the ParkMobile service provided by the University of Georgia.



OLLI@UGA Staff and Contact

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00AM - 2:00PM

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2023 Shared Interest Groups (SIGs)

Join OLLI@UGA at oli.uga.edu

What OLLI members say:

- ✚ "SIGs are a great place to meet new people and make friends!"
- ✚ "It's fun to go out to lunch and dinner again with people I enjoy!"
- ✚ "Hiking and walking with a group keeps me fit, healthy, and connected. I love it!"

Aging & Longevity

-Led by Peter Balsamo
How are you aging? How can you benefit from research findings and other information about health, happiness, housing, and other topics of interest to those 50+? We meet as announced to consider these and other topics.



Book Discussion

-Led by Cheryl Copeland
Informal, convivial discussions of fiction, non-fiction, mystery, memoir, travelog, contemporary and classic books selected by group vote. We meet from 3:00 to 4:00 pm the second Thursday in Room LG-4 at Wesley Woods, 801 Riverhill Drive.



Cinema at Ciné

- Led by Dennis Caughy
We meet as announced at Ciné (234 W Hancock Ave), Athens' only independent Art House Cinema, to watch and discuss a film with refreshments and snacks.



DNA for Genealogy

- Led by Laura Carter & Gene Wengert
Join us from 1:00 to 3:00 pm on the second Thursday at announced locations to learn and share information about the ways DNA can help us make family connections.



Enjoy Opera in Athens

-Led by John Songster & Dennis Caughy
Join us Saturdays as announced for a MetOpera Live broadcast in HD at Beechwood Cinemas, preceded by a lunch presentation/discussion led by a UGA opera grad student at a local restaurant. We also attend UGA Opera Theatre productions and student recitals.



Euchre

- Led by Joe Beckner
You don't have to be from the Midwest to play this popular card game! Whether you're new or have played for decades come join the fun at 2:00 pm every Friday at Authentic Brewery, 108 Park Avenue



Garden Enthusiasts

- Led by Allan Armitage & Madeline Van Dyck
We meet as announced to tour commercial nurseries, organic farms, botanical gardens and our own gardens, share local knowledge, swap seeds and cuttings, and help each other with planning or planting a garden. On hiatus until Fall 2023.



Lunch Bunch

- Led by Glover Housman
Join this lively, friendly group at 1:00 pm the third Tuesday to socialize, meet new people, form new friendships and enjoy wonderful food at locally owned Athens area restaurants.



OLLI Walks

- Led by Lew Frazar
Improve your health while exploring Athens and getting to know other OLLI members! We stroll ~2 miles twice a week throughout local historical neighborhoods, parks, and gardens.



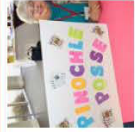
Happy Hikers

- Led by Sue Flemming & Nancy Cobb
Hikers meet as announced from September to May for hikes ranging from short to long and easy to challenging, for fitness, fun with friends, and enjoyment of the marvels of nature.



Picture This!

- Led by Gary Whiting
We're all about photography with a focus on having fun with your camera or smartphone. No need to be a professional with fancy gear, all you need is a desire to learn more and a willingness to share. Photo walks are held at scenic venues, and presentations are held on topics of interest, often with a showcase for sharing photos based on a theme or challenge. If this interests you, come on out and give us a try!



Pinochle Posse

-Led by Lorraine Downie

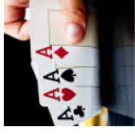
For those who already play, have not played for some time, or have never played but wish to learn! We meet from 6:00 to 9:00 pm Mondays in Room LG-1 at Wesley Woods, 801 Riverhill Drive.



Poetry Writing – Wednesday Poets

- Led by Adrien Helm

We write together, share our efforts, and learn about poetic forms and the works of other poets. We meet from 2:00 to 4:00 pm every other Wednesday at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 780 Timothy Road.



Poker

-Led by Lorraine Downie

Ladies and gentlemen, all are welcome to join our “dealer’s choice” games. We meet from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in Room LG-1 at Wesley Woods, 801 Riverhill Drive.



R.O.M.E.O. - Retired Old Men Eating Out

-Led by Warren French

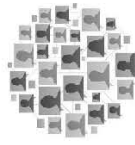
We meet for lunch and camaraderie at a different local restaurant at 11:45 am the first Tuesday of the month. Join us as often as you please!



Splashdown!

-Led by Gary Whiting

Members enjoy kayaking and paddlesports on smooth lakes and easy-flowing rivers around the Athens area. Beginners are welcome, as members come from a variety of skill levels to help as needed. We focus on safety and exploration while having fun! Paddling events are scheduled weather-permitting, and rentals are usually an option for those who need to rent a boat. If you enjoy the water, check us out!



SoloSeniors

- Led by Vic Armstrong
& Louise McElroy

Our group fosters interaction and networking among OLLI members who are single or without partners. We meet for dinner at a different local restaurant at 6:00 pm the first Thursday; and meet online from 5:00 to 6:30 pm other Thursdays.



Supper Club

-Led by Carolyn Ashley
& Jean Crown

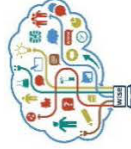
Every January & September, members are divided into Home and Restaurant groups. Home group members take turns hosting a monthly dinner. The host prepares the main entrée and others bring a side dish or dessert. Restaurant group members dine together at a local venue of their choice. It's a great way to get to know OLLI members and enhance friendships!



Writing Memoir

-Led by Linda Jenkins

Members meet each month to share life stories they are writing for their memoirs. Members can volunteer to read their stories for an annual community event, and they can also submit stories to an anthology every year. We meet from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon the third Thursday at The Church at College Station, 1225 College Station Road (across from the UGA Veterinary School).



WiseMEN

- Led by Peter Balsamo

Groups of 8-12 discuss common issues and challenges faced by men living in retirement, share each other's knowledge and expertise on a range of topics, and socialize in an informal environment. Meetings as announced.

Standing Committees

Share your time and talents as a member of one or more standing or ad hoc committees. To join, please visit OLLI COMM, select SIGs/Committees from the left-hand menu. Scroll through the options, then click the 'request to join' button on the committee you'd like to join.

Curriculum

Creating great classes for great people
Monthly (2nd Wednesday, 12:00-1:30PM)
Chairs: Angela Greene / Elizabeth Kraft

Finance

Monitoring our financial health
Monthly (2nd Monday, 2:00-3:00PM)
Chair: Carol Coman

Hospitality

Facilitating our Social Activities
Monthly (2nd Monday, 10:00-11:15AM)
Chair: Terry Kaley / Carolyn Schneider

Marketing/ Communications

Spreading the word about OLLI@UGA
Monthly (2nd Wednesday, 2:00-3:00PM)
Chair: Patricia Dixen

Membership

Recruiting, retaining, and engaging our members
Monthly (1st Tuesday, 2:00-3:15PM)
Chair: Dawn Torcivia

Travel Study

Planning regional/domestic/international trips
Monthly (2nd Wednesday, 2:00-3:30PM)
Chair: Jeanne Davis-Blair

Examples of job descriptions for each committee can be found on the website (olli.uga.edu/volunteer) or ask at the New Member Orientation.

OLLI@UGA Board

OLLI@UGA is a member led and member run organization, both a 501(c)3 and as part of the University of Georgia.

Our Board works to support the mission of the organization

OLLI@UGA Board of Directors

Monthly (4th Monday, 1:00-2:30PM)

President: Mamie Mierzwak

4 Officers, 10 Directors

Directors are nominated for a two year term.

These meetings are open to the membership.

OLLI@UGA Executive Committee

Chair: Mamie Mierzwak (President)

Members: Officers, Executive Director, Board Liaison, Mary Frances Early College of Education Liaison, Past-President

Ad Hoc Committees

Some of our Committees meet to solve problems and assist the organization on an ad-hoc basis.

Bylaws and Policies

Documenting and disseminating bylaws/policies

Fund Development

Investing in our future

IT Committee

Ensuring that our IT systems work across the organization

Long Range Strategic Planning

Charting our course

Nominating

Finding Future Leadership for OLLI@UGA

If you are interested in any of these committees please email the Executive Director, Tim Meehan (timothy.meehan@uga.edu) who will be able to put you in touch with the appropriate volunteer.

Class and Event Registration

The online class and event registration site is used to:

- Register or renew your OLLI membership
- Register for available classes, luncheons, travel, and social events
- Register for a Parking Pass for River's Crossing
- Pay your account balance

[How to Register Video](#)

Signing in:

- Go to the olli.uga.edu website.
- Click the “**Members Area**” button in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.
- Select the button that says “**Registration**” for Membership, Classes, Luncheons, Travel, Social Events. You will be taken to the registration Sign-in page.
- As a current member, enter the name and password you used to create your account under [Sign In to Existing Account](#). Then click “**Sign In.**”

Viewing and registering for classes, trips, and social events:

- Select the type of activity (Classes, Social Events, Travel) you wish to view.
- Browse through the selections by clicking on a category or alphabetical grouping.
- NOTE: Until registration opens for a particular activity or event, you may only preview it.
- Once you find the activity for which you wish to register, click the “**Add to Cart**” button. The activity will appear in your shopping cart. Click the “**Back**” button to continue shopping for other activities.

Checking out:

- When you have registered for as many activities and events as you wish, click the shopping cart, then follow instructions for payment and processing. You will receive a confirmation email upon completion of your order.

If you are using a public computer, please log out to keep your account secure.

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