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A IS FOR APRIL—AND FOR ART FAIR

2013 OLLI ART FAIR UPDATE

When: Friday, April 26, 2013, 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Where: Central Presbyterian Church, 380 Alps Road (near Beechwood Shopping Center)

For Whom: Any OLLI@UGA member can display or sell; anyone can come

Cost: free; artists/craftspersons who sell are asked to make a donation

How to Apply to Participate: answer questions on the questionnaire (p. 3) and send your answers to Elizabeth Barton (addresses with questionnaire).

Deadline: April 18

Often people of retirement age turn to producing the arts and crafts, developing the talents that they had in them all their lives but could not find time for—or enough time for—during their working days. This is why the OLLI@UGA Art Fair is such a perfect event for this organization.

Plans are progressing for the 2013 Fair. Elizabeth Barton is processing applicants for spaces and tables, and a banner has been ordered for the front of the church. Lanier Gardens/Talmage Terrace is providing refreshments and advertising, while Chip McDaniel will provide music. This is a unique kind of art fair, for there are no entry judges: all OLLI-member artists/craftspersons are eligible to participate, whether to sell or just display. Any medium is of interest—painting, photography, ceramics, fiber, bonsai, flower arranging, writings, book arts, knitting, fashion, silk painting, video - anything creative! The work must be original, however, (no kits) and must be made by the OLLI member.

OLLIs who have published a book or books are welcome to display and/or sell them in the Writers' Corner. Writers who do so will be asked to take a one- to two-hour shift at that table if possible.

Besides the participants, who will attend the Fair? It is open not only to OLLI members, but also to the public. Last year some of the participants reported selling more than they had at longer-lasting "professional" art fairs, while the non-selling artists were delighted to have the experience of sharing their art. For example, at the 2012 Fair, Helen Epps, who had been painting pictures of flowers for only ten months, displayed her work to the public for the first time. She wrote the day after, "I am ELATED...I could hardly sleep last night thinking about it...[I] can't get over all the nice comments."



Visitors examine jewelry at the 2012 OLLI Art Fair

Artists for whom six hours seems too long can arrange to take breaks or team up with an OLLI friend to spell each other. If you do not know a friend to team with, request that Elizabeth Barton match you with someone. Alternatively, a "neighbor" at a nearby table can watch your table for you while you take a break. A repeated comment on last year's Fair was that working people couldn't attend, and these hours will allow them to. Moreover, it is surprising how fast time goes at such an event. The Piedmont Gardeners' Garden Tour also lasts six hours—from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (some years it was even until 5:00 p.m.). Members take quick breaks to munch sandwiches but do not want to miss the fun of socializing with the visitors to the gardens. Pat McAlexander, a Piedmont Gardener, says the OLLI Fair has a very similar atmosphere.

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Osher Lifelong Learning Institute



Dr. Ronald Cervero

RON CERVERO NAMED NEW ASSOCIATE VP FOR INSTRUCTION

Dr. Ronald Cervero, Associate Dean for Outreach and Engagement and Professor in the College of Education, has been named the Associate Vice President for Instruction at UGA, beginning March 1.

Dr. Cervero came to UGA 27 years ago as an associate professor of adult education, and has served as head of the departments of Adult Education and Lifelong Education, Administration,

and Policy. In his role as Associate Dean for Outreach and Engagement, he has played an important role for OLLI@UGA, serving as OLLI's contact person in the College of Education, as well as an official contact with the Osher Foundation. We will miss him greatly. Dean Kennedy says that Dr. Cervero's new role will still allow him to work closely with the COE as the university develops new approaches to instructional delivery; we hope he will also continue to be associated in some way with OLLI@UGA, of which he is a member.

Dean Kennedy has appointed Dr. Jack Parish as the new Associate Dean for Outreach and Engagement, effective March 1. Dr. Parish came to UGA as a faculty member in 2008. Dean Kennedy writes, "He will bring to [his new] position a long-track record of successful leadership and an extensive network of relationships throughout Georgia and nationally." Katy is enthusiastic about working with Jack: she writes, "He knows OLLI. I cannot think of anyone I would rather see stepping into Ron's shoes."

We look forward to meeting and working with Dr. Parish in the future. In the meantime—thank you, Ron, for all you have done for our OLLI and its evolution over these past years!

OLLI TIMES PUBLICATION SCHEDULE for next three issues:

April: stories due Friday March 29 To be mailed out week of April 16

June: stories due Friday May 24 To be mailed out week of June 11

Note: The mailing schedule is only approximate, due to the many variables involved in printing and mailing.

Send photos, notices, and articles to **patmcalex@gmail.com**.

The OLLI Times

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So if you are an artist or craftsperson and wish to participate, send the answers to the questionnaire below asap to Elizabeth—that will be your application. She will then contact you. The deadline for applications is April 18. Remember that artists who sell will be asked to make a donation (\$5-25; artist determines how much) to offset the costs of the Fair. If you are not an artist, but would like to help with the Fair, please also contact Elizabeth. And all OLLIs, be sure to come on April 26 from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. and see what beautiful arts and crafts you will find to admire or buy! Parking will be available at the church and in neighboring areas.



Art displayed at a Fair table at the 2012 OLLI Art Fair

Participant Application Questionnaire:

Email / mail the answers to the following nine questions to Elizabeth Barton at eisbarton@gmail.com / 101 Coventry Rd, Athens, GA. 30605.

Deadline: April 18

- 1) Name or name of group (class, SIG);
- 2) Contact information (email address if possible, mailing address if not):
- 3) What kind of art/craft will you be bringing?
- 4) Will you display or sell or some of both?
- 5) a) If you want a table, what size do you prefer (30" x 96", 18" x 72", or 6' round), and how many (one-half a table so you can share with a friend or be matched with another artist, or one table just for you or your group)?
 - b) If you do not want a table(s), what is the minimum space (in feet?) you require?
- 6) There are a limited number of electrical outlets will you need one? (Note: We will try to arrange it so that you have access if you do)
- 7) Do you need to be against a wall?
- 8) How important is light to your art—very, moderately, or not particularly important?
- 9) Can you help with the set up of tables between 9 and 11 am on the day of the Fair? If you do, you can start setting up your own table as soon as we're finished.

None are so old as those who have outlived enthusiasm.

—Henry David Thoreau

OLLI HELEN EPPS PARTICIPATING IN MS. SENIOR ATHENS CONTEST



Helen Epps

Helen Epps wrote it best on her Facebook page and gave us permission to quote her:

"Today I said YES to four new things: serving on a Presbytery 'team,' serving as Editor of course proposals on the OLLI Curriculum committee, agreeing to be nominated for a second two-year term on the OLLI Board of Directors, and....the one that is sure to be the most fun...accepting

the nomination to participate in the Ms. Senior Athens event. I had to listen to the phone message three times to be sure I was hearing correctly that I had been nominated. I have no idea who nominated me, but after talking with several people who encouraged me to do it, I decided to because it could be a good opportunity to help the Council on Aging as well as some of the other organizations that I'm involved in, such as OLLI and Habitat, and to spread the word about some issues that I deeply care about, such as a continuing care retirement village (YES, I have a particular one in mind!)

HELP WANTED

Do you like people? Do you enjoy OLLI? The OLLI Membership Committee has folks rotating off the committee July 1, 2013. How about volunteering to serve on the OLLI Membership Committee? Duties include calling new members to welcome them to the OLLI family and manning information tables at various events in the Athens area. The committee presently has fifteen members and meets once a month. Interested?

Call Vic Armstrong at: (home) 706 769- 1110 or (cell) 336 408-8921.

".... Everyone who talked with me about it assured me that [ACCA doesn't] have a particular profile in mind. I'm sure they were sincere. However, I had to laugh when I read the first thing on the form that I must now complete: husband's name, number of children, number of grandchildren! But hey, if my participation can pave the way for future contestants who are even less 'normal' than I am, it will be well worth it!"

Helen is the second OLLI member to participate in this pageant; Julie Cashin participated in the first one. This year's event is Sunday, April 21, 2:00 p.m. at the Athens Country Club. Ticket sales open Monday, March 11. Tickets are \$35. Space is limited to 250 attendees.

We are glad that you are representing OLLI in this event, Helen. Best of luck!



OLLI BRIEFS

Facts....



Shelly Magruder

Katy proposed that OLLI employ a part-time administrative staff person, Shelly Magruder, for twelve hours a week for twenty weeks during the current fiscal year. She will perform a variety of administrative tasks to assist Zu. Treasurer John Songster endorsed the proposal, and the OLLI Board unanimously approved a motion to hire Shelly at its February meeting. Shelly started the week of

February 18. She works out of the OLLI Volunteer Office.

The Valentine's Luncheon was held February 14 in the Savannah Room of the UGA Hotel and Conference Center . A St. Patrick's Day Luncheon will be held (or may have been held!) March 16 at George's Low Country Table.

<u>Upcoming Social Events—Mark Your Calendar!</u>

Volunteer Appreciation Event –April 12

Art Show—April 26

Mother's Day Brunch--May 11

Annual Meeting and Social—May 17

OLLI Outreach: OLLI materials and information are being distributed at the following retirement facilities: Iris Place, Arbor Terrace, Highland Hills, Lakewood Hills, and Morningside.

Vic Armstrong, chair of the Membership Committee, reported that plans were underway to hold an OLLI-sponsored public lecture by Director Wolf Nichols of the State Botanical Garden on August 6 on the ground floor of the Callaway Building.

A number of OLLIs in the country have satellite branches. Exploring this possibility for OLLI@UGA at Lake Oconee, Executive Director Katy Crapo, Nancy Canolty, and Betty Jean Craige recently met with OLLI members Kathy Scott and

Teresa Morris, and with David Key, pastor of the Lake Oconee Community Church. David is willing to provide free meeting space for an OLLI @UGA satellite at his church beginning in Fall 2013. OLLI@UGA would take responsibility for developing membership there and providing classes. Katy has also met with people from the Del Webb retirement community in the area. Most recently—on March 6—the Lake Oconee team met at Lake Oconee to see the meeting space and plan the next steps in forming this satellite branch.

Correction: The picture of Jeff Engel's wooden box in the February newsletter should have been labeled as "spalted," not "psalted." In case you didn't know (your editor didn't), **spalting** is any form of wood coloration caused by fungi. The unique coloration and patterns of spalted wood are sought after by woodworkers.

People

Janet Patterson will serve as vice president of the Athens Historical Society in 2013-14.

Hugh and Carol Nourse have contributed most of the beautiful photographs illustrating in the new University of Georgia Press book, The Natural Communities of Georgia. The Nourses were featured in a front-page story in the Athens Banner-Herald (February 23, 2013). In that story Hugh was quoted as saying, when he retired in 1995, "I am not retiring, I'm shifting from being a college professor to a botanical photographer." He and his wife/photography partner Carol have certainly succeeded—and through their photography, contributed much to our state and region!

Laura Leiden will be the featured artist at Iris Place for the month of March. Laura's show is titled "Colors of Spring."

The work of *Sylvia Dawe* is included in an exhibit titled "Adornment" at Athens Academy's Bertlemann Gallery from March 3 to April 17.

To read fast is as bad as to eat in a hurry. —Vilhelm Ekelund

OLLI SIGS

String of Pearls, Bonsai, Chess

The String of Pearls Memoir Writing group meets from 9:30 to 12:00 on the third Thursday of each month in the Bentley Center at the Athens Council on Aging to share prose and poetry members have written. Contact Roger Bailey at Roger1731@ charter.net. The Bonsai group meets on the fourth Thursday 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the UGA Cooperative Extension Service, across from the College Station Kroger. Contact Claire Clements at claireclements@charter.net or Winnie Kelly at winniekelly@gmail.com. And for a game of chess, contact Bill Loughner at bill@loughner.com. Bill also leads the Great Books Selections class.



At the January Bash: Roger Bailey, Coordinator of the String of Pearls Memoir SIG and Kristina Stephens, member of the Bonsai SIG.

Happy Hikers

On February 20 the Happy Hikers took a Two-Year Anniversary hike to Ravens Cliffs Falls Trail, near Helen, GA. The Happy Hikers' first official hike in February 2011 was this same trail. Contact happyhikers@yahoo.com.

OLLI Rocks

The second 2013 Winter/Spring semester OLLI ROCKS meeting was held Tuesday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m. at Rivers Crossing. UGA Professor Mike Roden gave a presentation titled "The Geological Evolution of Mars." This was followed by a viewing of the NOVA DVD "Is There Life on Mars?," a question-and-answer session, and a discussion of the progress of NASA's Curiosity Rover. The next meeting was/will be March 19. Contact dallmeyr@uga.edu.



Also at the Bash: Bill Loughner may be reading a selection for his Great Books class as he sits at the Chess SIG table.

OLLI Paddlers

Jeff Engel writes: "Some idiot, who wishes to remain anonymous, let his computer eat or otherwise misplace the emailing list for the OLLI Paddlers SIG. Would OLLIs interested in the OLLI Paddlers send their name and email (again) to jengel47@gmail.com com or 706 208-5012."

Picture This! Digital Photography

The February Picture This! digital photography interest group meeting was in River's Crossing Monday, February 18th, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. David Noah returned to give a presentation titled "Making Great Black and White Photos." Following David's presentation, members showed some of their photographs—black and whites, candids, and "wildcards." Jim Morgenthaler, well-known area photographer and photography instructor, will be the speaker for the March 25 meeting on the topic of "Making it Happen." For the April meeting Chuck will go over



Jeff's Engel's Members' Showcase picture: Anole on black-eyed Susan

"how key features of Lightroom help us execute the concepts that PictureThis! speakers and OLLI photo instructors have been preaching about in classes and SIG meetings." (Specifc date to be announced.) Contact picturethis.athens@gmail.com.

Supper Club

The accompanying photograph shows the January Supper Club meeting at Tina Carlson's. Left to right, around the beautifully decorated table, are Connie and Art Crawley, Calvin Jackson, Tina Carlson (standing), Dona Conway, Becky Reynolds, Becky Ford, and Terry Nestor. Each member takes a turn in hosting and everyone brings a dish to share.

Contact themispagels@gmail.com.



Supper Club group



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OLLI CLASSES

Scotland through William Wallace, Robert Bruce, Rob Roy, and Robert Burns

(6 meetings in February and March)

Ian Hardin wrote in the description for this class that the "course must strike you as great fun, or you shouldn't sign up!" At the end of February, midway through the class, I'm sure all of us taking the class agree that it is great fun. We have gotten acquainted with Scotland through Ian's personal history and through the roles played by William Wallace, Robert Bruce, and Rob Roy in the convoluted and fascinating history of war and revolution in the country. We have listened to the music and the poetry representative of the culture and history. And we have admired the beauty of the place in movie clips and pictures. Now we are looking forward to more great fun as we progress through history to modern-day Scotland and continue to get a feel for the place through our kilt-clad teacher's narratives of his first-hand experience with the country. As we all say at the end of class, "Scots wha hae!" -Alexis Winger



Ian Hardin

Dr. Peter Hartel's Class on Shiitake Musrooms

A small but hardy group of incipient mycologists assembled recently under the auspices of OLLI to learn about Lentinula edodes, better known to gourmets as shiitake mushrooms, and sold in local gourmet markets for about fourteen dollars a pound. The students not only learned a great deal about mushrooms in general and shiitake in particular, they went home with a log inoculated with shiitake spawn, which, if all goes well, will reward them with much more than a pound of gourmet mushrooms. The catch, if you call it a catch, is that they will have to wait until next November for their reward.

Dr. Peter Hartel, who not only knows all about fungi but can make the subject both fascinating and understandable, convened the group in a cement block classroom at the UGA greenhouse complex, just south of the entrance to the Botanical Garden. Here is some of what they learned there: In Japanese, "shii" means tree and "take" means mushroom. Unlike money, shiitake mushrooms grow on trees.



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PHONE: 706-850-6148 CAROLYN.IN.ATHENS@GMAIL.COM Every year, many people die from eating poisonous mushrooms; one must never eat a wild mushroom that he cannot identify with 100% accuracy. On the other hand, every year some of Dr. Hartel's students take home shiitake logs, and then are afraid to eat the mushooms that emerge. The class was taught how to identify shiitakes with 100% accuracy.

After the classroom session, the group of about ten was led by Dr. Hartel to an outdoor area less than a mile away, where each inoculated his own log. It had been pouring earlier, but the sky miraculously cleared. Each student selected a log, drilled a couple of dozen holes in it, filled them with shiitake spawn, and sealed them with hot wax. All materials were provided by Dr. Hartel.

Each student triumphantly bore home his log, to be kept and maintained until the following late fall, when a splendid harvest will be forthcoming. Unless, that is, the log dries out too far. Students were taught how to weigh their logs (get on a bathroom scale and have someone hand you the log) and calculate the moisture content. Students made aluminum foil labels for their logs with the name of the strain (L. edodes WW70), the tree, date, student's name, CODW (calculated oven dry weight), and current wet weight. Not much can happen to a log, Dr. Hartel said, unless we have a drought, in which case students will have to add moisture to their logs. Slugs are also a menace, but most pests won't eat shiitakes, which is odd, because humans find them delicious.

It is hoped that Dr. Hartel will offer this course again. It offers not only information but delicacies. —Mark Freeman



The Full Experience of Reading William Faulkner's Absalom, Absalom!

(6 meetings in February)

Dr. Hubert McAlexander took some fifteen students through a reading of *Absalom, Absalom!*, which many consider the greatest American novel. However, it is also one of the most difficult. As one student said, "This is not a novel you can power-read." Rather, it is, like all great literature, one that you can read multiple times and still find something new. Dr. McAlexander found

the students so good that he is thinking of teaching a class on another Faulkner novel next year. In the accompanying picture, in the front row I. to r. are Gay McCommons, Ann Darby, James Harrington, Hubert McAlexander, Sherry Cavan. In the back row, left to right are Liz Powell, Anne Brightwell, Bill Prokasy, Alex Patterson, Symma Rich, Alexis Winger, Carolyn Combs, Jane Mullins, Karen Middendorf. Students not pictured: Ian Hardin, Janet Patterson, Kittie Everitt.



—Pat McAlexander

Dr. Hubert McAlexander's Absalom, Absalom! class

OLLI TRAVEL

The OLLI Board has adopted the following travel policy: "Until June 30, 2014, OLLI trips are open to OLLI members, their guests, and members of UGARA." After June 30, 2014, the Board will evaluate the effectiveness of the policy. To register for OLLI trips, look online under "Travel/Study" or use the form (or a copy/facsimile of it) that appeared in the February 2013 newsletter, which is available online on the OLLI website under "Newsletters."

SAPELO ISLAND AND REYNOLDS MANSION

Tour Coordinator: Dindy Owens (dindybug@gmail.com)

Dates: Tuesday, April 23 and Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Cost: \$128 (non-refundable—does not include lunch, dinner,

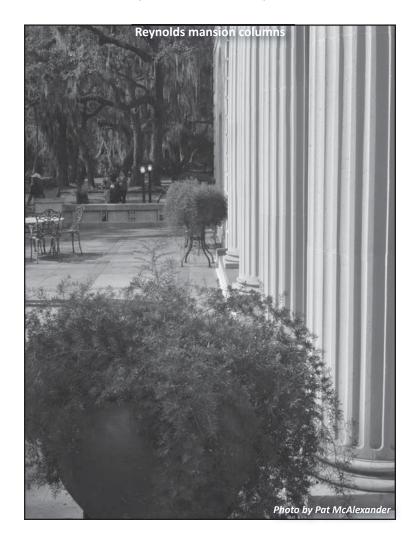
or lodging)

Registration deadline: April 1 (trip limited to 10 participants)

Dindy Owens has organized a two-day trip to Sapelo Island and the Reynolds Mansion. This small barrier island is a unique destination along Georgia's famed "Colonial Coast." Guests begin their day at the mainland visitor center, where they can learn about Sapelo's cultural history, coastal wildlife, and

complex beach and dunes systems. After a thirty-minute ferry ride, they arrive at the eleven-mile-long island. Guided tours highlight the African-American community of Hog Hammock, Reynolds Mansion, Nanny Goat Beach, University of Georgia Marine Institute, and a restored 1820 lighthouse.

The non-refundable registration cost includes van rental, fuel, parking, staff cost, ferry fee. It does not include lunch, dinner, or lodging. Individuals make their own reservation for one night at the Hampton Inn, Darien, GA or the Comfort Inn, also in Darien. A complimentary breakfast is included at both. We will leave Athens Tuesday morning, spend the night in Darien, take the ferry to Sapelo Wednesday morning, and return to Athens by early evening on Wednesday.



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TRIPS DESCRIBED IN THE FEBRUARY OLLI TIMES

(check to see that there is still room available)

GEOLOGY COURSE AND EXCURSION: WHEN THE MOUNTAINS WASHED TO THE SEA: GEOLOGY, FOSSILS, AND KAOLIN MINING ALONG THE GEORGIA FALL LINE

Course Instructor/Tour Coordinator: David Dallmeyer

dallmeyr@uga.edu

Course Dates: Monday-Wednesday, June 10-12

Excursion Dates (limited to those enrolled in the course):

Thursday-Friday June 13-14

Excursion Cost: \$125 (non-refundable); includes

transportation but not meals and lodging

Registration deadline for excursion: March 15

Come to Volunteer Appreciation Day, a special afternoon in appreciation of our OLLI Volunteers!

State Botanical Garden-Garden Club of Georgia Terrace Room

April 12, 2013

1:30-3:30 p.m.

AFRICAN SAFARI

Tour Coordinators: Marisa Meisters and Sarat Yellepeddi of

Worldwide Xplorer

Excursion Dates: June 16-23

Excursion Cost: \$435 deposit by March 1, balance of \$949 by

April 15

Registration deadline for excursion: April 15

OLLI GEOHAZARDS COURSE AND GEOEXCURSION: ON THE TRACK OF THE YELLOWSTONE HOT SPOT

Course Instructor/Tour Coordinator: David Dallmeyer

dallmeyr@uga.edu

2013 Geohazards Course Dates: August 26-30

Excursion Dates (limited to those who have taken the 2010 or

2013 Geohazards course): September 9-16

Excursion Cost: \$850 non-refundable (covers the costs of one-way van rental, fuel, staff expenses; does not cover participant air travel, room and board and entrance fees)

Registration deadlines: \$425 deposit due prior to April 15,

2013; final balance prior to June 15, 2013

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FUND DEVELOPMENT PAGE OLLI@UGA

Fund Development Committee Statement of Purpose

The Fund Development Committee was established by the Board of Directors in September 2012.

Its purpose is to raise extraordinary funds to provide and sustain quality learning opportunities for its members and the greater community; maintain a level of program affordability for our members continued participation in an active way; and strengthen the relationship with the University of Georgia and with the Bernard Osher Foundation.

The Fund Development Committee will do this by utilizing its membership as both donors and volunteers who will support the goals and objectives set forth in a yearly fund development proposal approved by the OLLI@UGA Board of Directors.

The Fund Development Committee reports to the OLLI@UGA Board of Directors and by extension the Membership.

LEAVE A LEGACY

The Fund Development Committee is happy to report that the Leave a Legacy program has received five donation so far this fiscal year, July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013. This is indeed good news! The Fund Development Committee thanks each of the five donors. As you will recall the Leave a Legacy program was launched at the Annual Meeting in 2012. The goal for the year is ten donations and the OLLI@UGA membership has until June 30, 2013 to help us reach that goal. We encourage each of you to consider this funding option.

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FUND

To date the Annual Campaign Fund has received over \$4,000.00 in donations.

The December campaign, which kicked off what will be the Annual Campaign Fund, raised over \$2,800.00. This was a very good start and the Fund Development Committee has every reason to believe the campaign will grow each year as more of the OLLI@UGA membership realize that this effort directly supports our organization and keeps our programs cost affordable.

Prior to the Annual Campaign Fund, OLLI@UGA receive over \$1,200.00 in unsolicited funds. That amount was donated by members who know the importance of supporting the work done to provide quality programs.

The Fund Development Committee thanks every member who made a gift. Your support will make us a better organization.

SPECIAL EVENTS

At the February 25, 2013 meeting of the Fund Development Committee, it was agreed that in Fiscal Year, 2013-2014 four special events will be held. There will be two "major" events per year, one in the fall and the second in the spring. Additionally, there will be two "minor" events each fiscal year, one in the summer and one in the winter.

It was agreed that the first "major" event will be a Halloween party to be held the week before Halloween. Watch for details in the next *OLLI Times*!

The Fund Development Committee NEEDS YOU!

The members of the Fund Development Committee invite you to join them and to volunteer to work on the Special Events that will be held this coming year. To be successful, the Committee will need extra heads, hands, and hearts. We promise a warm welcome and guarantee good times! Please contact Tom Kenyon, tkenygroup@aol.com, to learn more.

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OLLI BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

(continued from the February OLLI Times)

SECOND-YEAR OLLI BOARD MEMBERS

Helen Epps. A native of South Carolina, Helen received her Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee. She retired from the UGA Department of Textiles, Merchandising, and Interiors in 2007, and is Professor Emeritus of Textile Science and a member of the Faculty of Engineering. She serves on the OLLI curriculum committee and is past chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee.

Bill Loughner. Bill was born in Detroit, graduated from Wayne State, and served in the Peace Corps in Afghanistan. He taught school for a few years, and then earned a master's degree in library science at SUNY Geneseo. He came to Athens in 1972 and worked in the UGA Science Library until his retirement in 200l. He now takes lots of OLLI courses, serves as the OLLI historian, and gives OLLI courses on his archeological digs in the Middle East.

Pat McAlexander. Pat earned her B.A. in English from SUNY Albany, her M.A. in English and Comparative Literature from Columbia University, and her Ph.D. in English (American Literature) from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She taught in the English component of UGA's Division of Academic Enhancement beginning in 1986 and retired as a full professor in 2009. She serves on OLLI's Travel Committee, edits the *OLLI Times*, and with Alexis Winger teaches an OLLI course on grammar.

Don Schneider. Originally from Philadelphia, Don grew up in New Jersey, received a B.A. in history from Trenton State College (now the College of New Jersey), and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Peabody College (now part of Vanderbilt University). He is a Professor Emeritus of Social Science education, having been a faculty member and administrator at UGA for over 31 years. He served as department head for Social Science Education, Director of the School of Teacher Education, and Acting Associate Dean for the College of Education. He serves on the OLLI Travel Committee.

Also: Joe Harris, Representative from the Washington, GA OLLI affiliate. A botanist with a research specialty in aging, Joe was educated at Emory, the University of Georgia, the University of Chicago, and Duke (Ph.D.) He lives in Washington and is currently serving as chair of the newly organized Kettle Creek Battlefield Association. He teaches OLLI courses on the history and events of the battle.

Registration Reminders

If you know you will be unable to attend a class you have already registered for, please remember to notify the OLLI Administrative Office—not the facilitator of the class. In order to be eligible for a refund, the Office must receive notice 10 days in advance of the first class session.

You are welcome to register for a class at the last minute if space is available; however please contact the OLLI Office first to register. Some classes have waitlists. Priority is given to individuals on the waitlist.

Facilitators are not required to send reminder notices to students, so please note your classes on your personal calendar.

Please note that OLLI@UGA does not pro-rate our class fees. You will be charged for all sessions of a class, regardless of how many you attend.

NEW OLLI WEB SITE UP AND RUNNING

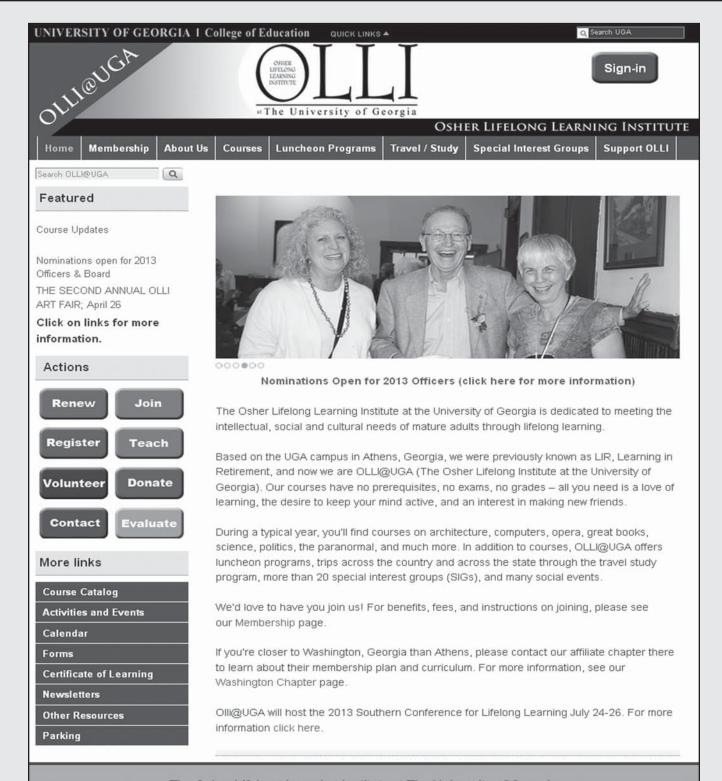
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On Tuesday, February 12, OLLI launched its new website: find it at http://olli.uga.edu.

Margaret Anderson, Chair of the Technology Committee, has overseen this project for many months. The switch, involving both the College of Education Office of Information Technology and CampusCE, has taken a coordinated effort between Committee Chairs, OLLI Administration, and the webmaster in the College of Education. And it has taken Chuck Murphy's expertise to make sure that our new website "talks" to CampusCE.

As the OLLI Facebook page pointed out, the new website is designed for easy use with large, colorful "one-touch" buttons (join, renew, register for classes, volunteer, donate, teach, etc.) on the left side of the home page, along with a scrolling list of hot topics such as course updates, activities and events, and our new certificate of learning program. Want to see the latest travel offerings and register for a trip? Click on "Travel/Study" at the top of the page. Do you want to look up a back issue of the OLLI Times? Under "More Links," located under those large one-touch buttons, click on "Newsletters," and you'll access all the 2012 issues. Need a form? Click on the "Forms" link in the same area for many OLLI forms, including ones to request a new name badge, submit site updates, or propose a course, each available as either a "Word" or a pdf document. (You can fill in, save, and email the Word documents to the OLLI office.) And the site looks good too, with its clear print and the color photographs on the Home page and in the Travel section.

This new website has clearly involved lots of cooperation and many hours of work by many dedicated people. Thank you to all who created it!



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