

There Is Still Time to Register for Two Funky Fridays, Two Lunch and Learn Sessions and Some of the Exceptional Courses Being Offered for the Fall Session

If you hesitated to sign up for some of these great offerings earlier, here's your opportunity to jump at a second chance. A registration form is included with this newsletter. If you have questions, contact Amy Munnell at 706-207-1665 or nega_writer@yahoo.com. For detailed descriptions, refer to your copy of the August newsletter or read the newsletter on line at our new website: www.oli.uga.edu.

Lunch and Learn Lecture Series

The November Lunch and Learn program is **American Printmakers** given by Dr. William Eiland on Monday, November 2 at 11:30 am at Trumps Catering, S. Milledge.

Gardens of New Zealand is the subject of Dr. Allan Armitage's presentation on Monday, December 7 at 11:30 am at Trumps Catering, 2026 S. Milledge Ave.

New Beginnings

Service-Oriented Adventures

Our own Jeani Goodwin, who serves as our Curriculum Co-Chair, is offering **Giving Voices to the Voiceless** on Monday, November 16, 1:00-2:00 at River's Crossing.

Funky Fridays

The two-session class given by Dr. Walter Allen entitled **All That Jazz** at Central Presbyterian Church meets on two consecutive Fridays, November 6 and 13, 10:00-12:00.

Chasin' Tornadoes...or What to Do if One is Chasin' You given by our president, Joanne Roth, is on Friday, October 23, 12:00-2:00 at River's Crossing.

Computer Curriculum

Introduction to Personal Computing given by Fred Prashun is a four-session course which meets at River's Crossing on two Thursdays, November 12 and 19 and two Fridays, November 13 and 20, River's Crossing, 1:30-3:00.

General Curriculum

In this schedule, "RC" = the River's Crossing building on UGA campus

AARP Driver Program - Dec. 8, 9 & 10, 9:00-12:00, RC Room 136, \$18.00 + AARP charge (3 sessions) Limited.

American Vernacular Music: History of American Folk Music - Nov. 17 & 24, 1:00-3:00, RC Room 136, \$12.00 (2 sessions)

Appreciating Fine Woodworking - Dec. 1, 10:00-12:00, RC Room 135, \$6.00 (1 session)

Color on Fabric - Session II - Oct. 19, 26 & Nov. 2, 10:00-11:30, RC Room 136, \$18.00 + \$10.00 lab fee (3 sessions) Limited

Economic & Financial Changes - Oct. 29 and Nov. 5, 12 & 19, 9:30-11:00, RC Room 139, \$24.00 (4 sessions)

Fall into Fall - Nov. 3, 10 & 17, 10:00-12:00, Sandy Creek Nature Center, \$18.00 + \$20.00 Nature Center fee (3 sessions)

History of Aphrodisiacs in Western Culture - Nov. 12 & 19 and Dec. 3, 2:00-3:30, RC Room 113, \$18.00 (3 sessions)

Iris and Orchid Cultures - Oct. 28 & Oct. 29, 9:00-12:00, RC Room 136, \$12.00 (2 sessions)

Oconee War - Oct. 27 and Nov. 3 & 10, 10:00-11:45, RC Room 139, \$18.00 (3 sessions)

Outreach, Strategy & Medical Education at UGA - Oct. 23, 10:00-11:30, RC Room 139, \$6.00 (1 session)

Sleuthing for Sounds - Nov. 11, 1:00-3:00, RC Room 139, \$6.00 (1 session)

Speaker in the Poem - Nov. 9, 16, 23 & 30, 10:00-11:30, RC Room 113, \$24.00 (4 sessions)

Survivable Gardens & Forest Gardening - Oct. 22 & 29 and Nov. 5, 10:00-12:00, RC Room 64, \$18.00 (3 sessions)

Tale of Two Cities - Nov. 18 & 25 and Dec. 2, 10:30-11:30, RC Room 136, \$18.00 (3 sessions)

World Without Poverty - Nov. 4, 11, 18 & 25, 1:30-3:00, RC Room 113, \$24.00 (4 sessions)

Writing Your Memoirs - Nov. 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2:00-3:00, RC Room 136, \$24.00 (4 sessions)



Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

formerly LIR Learning in Retirement

Dear OLLI Members,

Yes, we are now known as OLLI - Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UGA. This change was a part of the agreement with the Bernard Osher Foundation grant last February; there is further explanation about this on page 5 of this issue. We are so grateful for the opportunities this grant offers us. We are preparing the proposal for the second grant due the end of this month.

At the Board meeting on September 16th, Dr. Ron Cervero was offered a position on our OLLI Board to serve as a Non-Voting Ex-Officio Board Member. Dr. Cervero is Professor & Associate Dean for Outreach & Engagement, College of Education, the University of Georgia. He has been of invaluable assistance in our grant process.

Our OLLI Transition Team, which includes Anita Brannen, our new Vice President, and Mony Abrol, started work with Drs. Bierema and Dirani, to complete the surveys and studies assigned to them early last spring.

Chuck Murphy, along with input from Fred Prashun and me, has begun collecting bids for our new web design. Plans and quotes are being developed and will be reported upon as things go along. We think that you will approve of this new website as we are planning on making it a place to collect news not only about OLLI-LIR but also other interesting bits of news.

We would like to thank everyone for the wonderful Registration event—Carol Gogstad, Nancy Canolty, Sandy Clark, Amy Munnel and our many volunteers who helped them. We are so very impressed with how everything turned out.

We would like to welcome Grace Rabek to the Board, Tom McKee as Chair of the Membership Committee, Keith Moore who will work with Tom on Membership, and Sue Speir and Symma Rich to the Member Services Committee.

We believe that you will enjoy our new Member's Manual; we have added several new features for your use.

The December newsletter will feature all of the courses for the Winter-Spring term. If you think that the Fall courses, Lunch and Learn sessions and Travel/Study events were great—just wait.

Thanks to you all for being a part of LIR, which is now OLLI - Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Same great organization, only better.

Joanne Roth

Clarissa Finco, our former Treasurer, has asked that we publish this report:

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Year Ending June 30, 2009			
Revenues	Membership .. 19,340	Expenditures - Classes	10,300
	Class Fees 21,295	Contract Services	19,740
	Grant Revenue 2,282	Publications/Printing	4,626
	Other 2,634	Operating Expenses .	5,539
		Other	3,393
Total Revenues	45,551	Total Expenditures	43,598
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures			1,953

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Registration, reservation and membership forms also available on the newsletter page of the website.

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TRAVEL/STUDY SCHEDULE IS BUSY AND DIVERSE

LUNCH AND HIGH MUSEUM ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Travel/Study has arranged a motorcoach trip to the High Museum in Atlanta to view the special exhibits **Leonardo Da Vinci : The Hand of Genius** and **John Portman: Art and Architecture**. We will leave at 10:00 am from the east side of the upper parking lot of the Home Depot on Epps Bridge Road and return by 6:00 pm.

The **Da Vinci exhibit** includes two sculptures recently attributed to Da Vinci and 23 of his drawings plus works by Donatello and Verrochio who inspired Da Vinci. Da Vinci's influence on artists such as Rustici and Rubens also will be illustrated. The **Portman exhibit** will display art and architecture by one of Atlanta's most influential citizens.

Before visiting the museum, we will stop in Social Circle for an early lunch at the **Historic Blue Willow Inn and Restaurant**.

The cost of this trip, *including lunch at the Blue Willow*, will be \$70.00 per person. Mail the registration form enclosed with this newsletter, along with your check made payable to *Learning in Retirement, Inc.* to Bill Alworth, 175 Horseshoe Circle, Athens, GA 30605. **Reservations are due by October 26.**

STUDY HISTORY AND BIOLOGY ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

We have arranged a motorcoach trip to the **Atlanta History Museum** and **Bodies: The Exhibition**. We will leave at 8:30 am from the east side of the upper parking lot of the Home Depot on Epps Bridge Road and return by 6:00 pm.

The morning will feature self-guided tours of the historic homes and exhibits on the 33-acre site of the **Atlanta History Museum** where permanent exhibits include Atlanta History, The Civil War and Folk Arts in the South, and temporary exhibits which include Indians of Georgia, and Edward Dougherty, well-known southern landscape architect. Some of his work includes grounds at Georgia's Governor's mansion, Atlanta Botanical Gardens, Georgia Tech, Emory University and many other area locations.

The bus will then take the group to the **Atlantic Station** for lunch and viewing of the exhibition. The Bodies

Exhibition features more than 250 dissected whole and partial human body specimens displayed so as to provide a look at the skeletal, muscular, reproductive, respiratory, circulatory and other systems of the human body.

While this exhibition has received good reviews, we recognize that not everyone may be thrilled about viewing specially dissected and prepared human skeletons and bodies.

The Atlantic Station, where the Bodies Exhibition is located, is a good shopping area which includes a large Dillards store, and we are offering a shopping option for participants who do not wish to view the Bodies—shop for the 2-1/2 hours scheduled for viewing the exhibit.

The cost of the trip, including admission to Bodies: The Exhibition, is \$73.00 per person; the cost of the trip without admission to the exhibition is \$45.00. Neither price includes lunch; there are several restaurants and cafes in the area.

Mail the registration form enclosed with this newsletter, along with your check for the appropriate amount made payable to *Learning in Retirement, Inc.* to Bill Alworth, 175 Horseshoe Circle, Athens, GA 30605. **Reservations for this trip are due November 13.**

Spouses and friends of OLLI (previously known as LIR) are welcome to join in either of these events. If you have any questions about the trips, contact **Bill Alworth** at wilo59@charter.net or at 706-549-5510.

PLATE TECTONICS, CONTINENTAL DRIFT AND THE GEOLOGY OF GEORGIA

Two optional field excursions associated with this course by Professor David Dallmeyer

Professor David Dallmeyer of the UGA Department of Geology will conduct a class, as titled above, in our spring semester of 2010. There will be a more detailed explanation of the course in the December newsletter, but we are bringing the field excursions to your attention now because a deposit of \$150.00 is due by December 1, 2009 if you want to sign up for the three-day field excursion from

January 31 to February 2, 2010.

This trip is to the world-renowned geological formations exposed within the Valley and Ridge province in north-west Georgia. The group will examine fossiliferous sedimentary sequences that were deposited along the ancient margin of North America between approximately 550 and 300 million years ago. These were compressed, faulted and foldedat the time the Appalachian Mountains formed 325 million years ago. The focus of the excursion will be interpretation of environments of initial sediment deposition and evaluation of source areas of sediment supply. **Roadside rock exposures will be examined and there will be minimal walking required.**

The registration cost is \$300.00 and will cover transport

costs (UGA vans), three night's accommodations at Desoto State Park motel near Fort Payne, Alabama, maps and guidebooks. **Meals are not included in the registration fee.** A pre-excursion introductory lecture will be offered on the UGA campus on Saturday, January 30.

To secure your reservation, a non-refundable deposit of \$150.00 is required prior to December 1, 2009 and should be made out to *Learning in Retirement, Inc.* and sent to Bill Alworth, 175 Horseshoe Circle, Athens, GA 30605. Please indicate on the check that this is a deposit for the Desoto State Park field excursion. **The final \$150.00 per person payment for this trip will be due January 15, 2010.**

The second, one-day excursion on February 14, 2010 will tour several of the granite quarries near Elberton, Georgia. Details will be in our December newsletter.

Trips Co-Sponsored by Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services and Athens Community Council on Aging (ACCA) for people 50 and older in November and December

Because these trips are not sponsored by OLLI at UGA (formerly LIR) please make reservations at the telephone numbers listed in the descriptions.

Stone Mountain Park Pow Wow and Indian Festival on Thursday, November 5

This is a day trip to learn about Native American Culture with demonstrations of fire making, hide tanning, and flint napping. There will also be a blow-gun exhibit and a dance and drum competition featuring various Native American tribes from across the country.

The bus will depart at 8:00 am from the ACCA building and return to the same locations at approximately 5:00 pm.

The fee will be \$27.00 which includes transportation, admission into Stone Mountain Park and the Festival. Lunch will be on your own. Registration begins October 5 and ends October 30. There will be a maximum of 20 registrants.

Call June Gray at 706-549-4850 to register.

Madison-Morgan Holiday Tour of Homes on Friday, December 4

This is a day trip to Madison for holiday shopping that will include a tour of six decorated antebellum homes. For newcomers to this area, Madison is located in Morgan County about 30 miles south of Athens and is a favorite destination for shoppers, let's-go-to-lunchers and those following a Civil War sight-seeing trail. An 1845 guide to Georgia stated that Madison was, "The most cultured and aristocratic town on the stagecoach route from Charlestown to New Orleans." The pre-Civil War and Victorian homes and the tastefully restored downtown are a successful blend of southern tradition with high tech.

The trip will start at 9:30 am from the ACCA and return to the ACCA at approximately 4:30 pm. The fee will be \$27.00, which includes transportation and admission to the tour of homes. Lunch and shopping will be on your own.

Registration for this trip begins November 2 and will end November 25. There will a maximum of 20 registrants.

Call Leslie Trier at 706-613-3580 to register for this trip.

—Travel/Study details continued on page 5

OFFERINGS BY OTHER OLLI GROUPS

One of the benefits of becoming part of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes (OLLI) is that we can now participate in the travel/study opportunities offered by other Osher Learning Institutes. Among the trips available to members of the various OLLI members is a trip to Ecuador and the Galapagos being sponsored by OLLI at the University of Richmond, and a series of San Francisco Arat and Humanities Seminars in France at Le Petit Rousset. To see the list of the trips and travels that are presently available, go to the OLLI website at www.osher.net and click on the Trips and Travel tab.

One of our more successful day trips last year was an excursion to the BMW plant in Spartanburg, South Carolina. The Travel/Study Committee would like to know if there are enough individuals who missed the trip last year, or would like to visit the plant again, to justify a second trip in the spring of 2010. If you are potentially interested in a bus trip to visit the Spartanburg BMW plant, contact Bill Alworth at wilo59@charter.net or call Bill at 706-549-5510.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

We are applying for our second grant in October, and the OLLI Transition Team is hard at work planning our next proposal. We will be keeping you up to date on the plans and improvements being made. If you have any suggestions, please contact either Joanne Roth or Anita Brannen.

OLLI at UGA (formerly LIR - Learning in Retirement, Inc.) is recipient of a grant from the Bernard Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. We received this grant in February 2009, and many of our volunteer members have been working on integrating the Osher guidelines into our organization.

The Osher “Overview” states, “The Bernard Osher Foundation’s Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes grant program provides support to institutions of higher education [in our case UGA] to develop and strengthen initiatives that offer intellectually stimulating, non-credit courses specifically designed for students over 50 years of age. Emphasis is placed on learning for the joy of learning and on keeping in touch with a larger world.”

The Foundation is not highly prescriptive in the type of lifelong learning program it will support; it recognizes that there are many variations on the theme and encourages each grantee to find a model best suited to the needs and interests of its community. Funded programs do, however,

share a common set of standards to encourage excellence and promote long-term success.

Financial Support Available from the Osher Foundation:

The Foundation awards annual operating grants of \$100,000 renewable for a second, and perhaps, a third year. Upon demonstrated success, the Foundation will consider establishing endowments of \$1 million to provide permanent support for such programs as individual Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes.

Eligibility:

To qualify for grant consideration, programs must:

- Be officially affiliated with a college or university in the United States.
- Have at least 300 dues-paying members annually and an intention of expanding to an annual membership of at least 500 members within a two-year period.

Requirements:

There are two very specific requirements:

1. Once funded, the program must identify itself as the “Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Georgia” using a logo provided by the Foundation to represent the organization publicly with all marketing materials including website, brochures, catalogs, etc.
2. The university claims no overhead or administrative costs from any Osher grant.

Editor’s note: The masthead on the front page is not of my making; the credit goes to Joanne Roth, our president, a trained artist—both fine and commercial—an illustrator and graphic designer. She has designed our “teaser brochure” and several ads that are being used in commercial publications in the Athens area to bring OLLI to the attention of the public. She works closely with, and advises me—although I don’t always take that advice—as we scramble to get information to you. *Shirley Harris*

MEMBER SERVICES OFFERINGS

This fall we are going to try a few new ideas for our casual gatherings. If you are interested, email the contact person and discuss how to get involved.

BREAKFAST CLUB group will meet at different local gathering spots in Athens, some old and some new. Contact Mercedes Rivera at 43rivers@gmail.com.

LUNCH MUNCH BUNCH. Come join us for “cheap eats” (under 10 bucks) at interesting “home grown” Athens restaurants. Contact Sandy Clark at slbclark@bellsouth.net.

CHAT & WALK. Fall is a beautiful time to be out and about in Athens. Walks might include the Botanical Gardens, Five Points, Sandy Creek Park & Nature Center, The Greenway, The Tree That Owns Itself and Walking Tours of Athens. Contact Sandy Clark at slbclark@bellsouth.net.

Plans are also being made for our **Holiday Gathering at Trumps** in early December and an old-fashioned picnic on the river at River’s Crossing.

About Us and Those Who Are Important to Us

Please send other news “about us” to share to sbharris73@windstream.net.

Immediate Past President, Jim Tanner, reports the he is well on the road to recovery from his recent surgery. Cardiac Rehab sessions are now part of his daily schedule and provide regulated, continued activity. Speaking of activity, he enrolled in three classes this Fall! “It was delightful to receive the cards and I appreciate the concern and friendship from everyone.” Jim stated in a recent phone call.

We send best wishes to Mary and Walter O’Briant as they move to their new residence. The Curriculum Committee would like to thank Walter for his tireless efforts in coordinating the computer offerings in addition to teaching many of the classes himself. So, from committees members, patrons, and OLLI-LIR as a whole, we thank you for your service, Walter, and will miss you.

Those of us who knew Dr. Zeb Burrell are deeply saddened by his death, and send loving thoughts to his wife, Dr. Lenette Burrell. He was one of our long-time presenters and we appreciate the time and effort both of them spent in being involved with LIR. They also worked tirelessly with the Gerontology Center regarding issues of the aging and taught classes for us on Keeping the Brain Alive.

WHAT ARE YOU INTERESTED IN?

Not every one who joins our organization signs up for classes and outings; some are interested only in playing bridge or discussing investing. If you would like to meet regularly with people who share your interest, check the list below. If you don’t see the one you really would like to join, contact Carolyn Abney (CCAbney@gmail.com) about forming a new one.

Bicycling for Fitness and Fun	John Songster	john.songster483@charter.net
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