

OLLI PHOTO CONTEST

Now Until October 5, 2009

Something new, something different! Compliments of UAHuntsville, the winning photo will be featured in the winter term curriculum catalog, and the photographer will receive a free winter term valued at \$65.

The contest theme is picturesque scenes of Madison County (please, no animals or people unless they are incidental to the landscape). **Only current OLLI members are eligible to participate** (the membership renewal form is on page 8 of this newsletter). Photos must be taken between now and October 5. They can be submitted at any time during the contest period, but the deadline submittal date for judging will be October 5.

Our panel of expert judges will evaluate creativity, composition, craftsmanship, and adherence to the theme. The names of the photographers will not be revealed to the judges until the judging is completed.

Guidelines:



- **Theme:** Picturesque scenes of Madison County.
- **Specs:** Photographs must be in (or converted to) digital jpeg format. A color photo must translate well to black and white for the catalog. Photo can be emailed as an attachment, or a CD dropped off to the OLLI office.
- **Submit to:** ollinewsletter@msn.com. You can submit up to three entries; include your name, phone number, and email address. Give some information about the photo, the date and where you took the photo.

Please note that entering your photo gives Osher Lifelong Learning at UAH and UAHuntsville permission to use your name and photo for the OLLI web site, catalog, newsletter, or any publications pertaining to the photo contest. Please attach the release form on page 6 with your CD or go to osher.uah.edu for an electronic copy to email with your photos.

The winner will be announced at the Teacher Appreciation Social on November 6. If you have any questions, please email to: ollinewsletter@msn.com, subject: photo contest.

Web Site Story

Read about it on page 7



Important notice:

The membership calendar year begins June 2009 and ends May 2010. To continue receiving your course catalogs and newsletters, and to be eligible for summer events, please renew now if you haven't already done so. The membership renewal form is on page 8 of this newsletter.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NASA/Art, Huntsville Museum	Aug 8
Facilitator Training	Sept 10
HSV Symphony Orchestra	Sept 12
Fall Term Begins	Sept 14
Ice Cream Social	Sept 18
Arias, Trinity United Methodist	Oct 10
Fall Term Ends	Nov 6
Teacher Appreciation Social	Nov 6
Holiday Party	Dec 9
Winter Term Begins	Jan 19
Winter Term Ends	Mar 15

From The President



Cindy Spratley

It's hard to believe but it's almost time to register for courses for the fall term. Your catalogs should be in the mail soon. One big change that you will notice on the registration page of the catalog is that the course registration fee has gone up to \$65 per term. Our membership has grown over the last couple of years. The services provided by the university and the costs related to those

services have increased. This fee increase is due to financial restraints at UAHuntsville and will more closely match our direct program costs to revenues. In addition, economic downturns over the last several months have had a negative impact on the university's ability to benefit from funds that were expected to come from the Osher Foundation endowments.

You can still register for as many courses as you wish on a space available basis. We do have a large number of courses to choose from this time, but register early to get the courses you want.

Remember that your OLLI membership also includes Wednesday bonuses, industrial tours, socials, cultural and special events, the monthly newsletter, privileges at the

UAH library, and discounts at the UAH bookstore and fitness center.

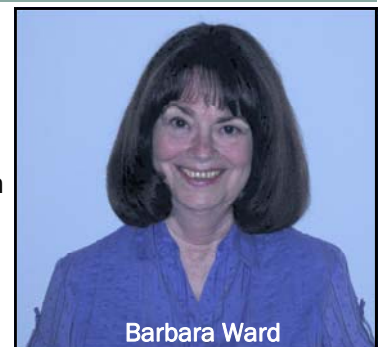
The Summer Enrichment series was a big hit. Our special thanks to the many members who worked on it, but we are very grateful to our Co-Chairs Chuck Duffy and Bob Jones for their organizational skills. These events take a number of months to plan and execute. Each year we need lots of volunteers. Start thinking of ways you can help and topics of interest for next year. Your ideas should be forwarded to the Special Events Committee. If you didn't see the article in the Huntsville Times Education section on July 20, stop by the office to read the copy on the bulletin board, or go to <http://www.al.com/news/huntsvilletimes/ht.ssf?/base/news/124808135554190.xml&coll=1> to read the story online.

Cindy Spratley, President

The Curriculum Corner

Would you prefer **Fall Hiking** (while learning some Huntsville history) with Barbara on Thursdays; **Hiking with Bob, Dick and Ken** on Fridays, or **Botanical Walks** with Anna on Saturdays? How about cooking **Medieval Food** or **Making a Woven Copper Wire Bracelet (What a Tangled Wire Web We Weave)?** These are just a few of the fun choices you can make when you receive your fall course catalog around the third week in August.

With 53 exciting courses, your decisions will not be easy. We'll have a number of new courses including "**How do you get there...Where?**" **Strategies for Learning Global Geography** – perfect for those of us who learned the countries on the globe back in the 40's and 50's – and **From Camelot to Spamalot** – a new literature offering by Dr. Jennifer Garlen. Several other courses, such as **The United States and the Middle East 1914-9/11** and **Drawing**, are being repeated because of popular demand. We'll have our regular complement of courses – **foreign languages, computer courses, Great Decisions 2009, and Great Books**, just to list a few. And don't forget those Wednesday bonuses where, this term, you'll **travel to exotic countries, through your genealogical past**, and also into **the workings of your memory**. How will you manage to fit this all in to your schedule? Perhaps taking the new course, **Do You Manage Your Time or Does Time Manage You?** will provide you with the solution.



Barbara Ward

Register early to ensure you get the courses you want. The OLLI Fall Term begins on September 14 and ends on November 6.

*Barbara Ward, Chair
Curriculum Committee
bward@hiwaay.net
883-6403*



Pat Lindberg,
 Cultural Committee Chair

Cultural Events

Summer is going fast and the Cultural Committee has been busily planning activities for your autumn, winter and spring enjoyment.

On Wednesday, August 5, HOLLYWOOD 18 will present a MET Summer Encore: Mozart's "The Magic Flute." Pre-recorded, of course, this feature will begin at 7:00 pm. Admission will be \$15.00.

On Saturday, August 8, a docent led tour of "NASA/ART: 50 Years of Exploration," at Huntsville Museum of Art, is being planned. Join the tour by calling Nell Roberts at 539-9837.

The Huntsville Symphony Orchestra performances will remain in the VBC Concert Hall until further notice. The 55th Classical Season will open Saturday, September 12, at 7:30 p.m. with "Opening Night: Bach, Beethoven and Shostakovich." Sneak preview (open rehearsal) will begin at 11:00 a.m.

On Saturday, October 10, the Huntsville Chamber Music Guild will present Arias by MET stars Susanna Phillips and Angela Brown at 4:00 p.m. in Trinity United Methodist Church on Airport Road. Watch for further information concerning purchase of tickets.

Other activities in planning stages are a trip to Westervelt Warner Museum of American Art in Tuscaloosa, AL, and a trip in March to Birmingham to see and hear the opera "The Marriage of Figaro," starring Susanna Phillips.

Submitted by Pat Lindberg, Cultural Committee Chair

Be Vigilant About Parking During The Coming School Term

Parking fines have increased on the UA-Huntsville campus, so be aware of your speed limit and where and how you park your car.

When parking in a lot, make sure you pull into a space (don't back in) so the campus security can easily see your decal.

Parking fines are \$50 for parking violations, \$75 for moving violations, and \$100 for handicapped parking violations.



In Memory of Dil Simmons

On June 24, 2009, OLLI lost a highly respected and valuable member, Dil Simmons.

Dil joined the Academy in 1999 and became an active contributor by volunteering his knowledge and energy wherever he could. He served on the Board of Directors from 2005 to 2008, and was the Curriculum Committee's Task Force II Chair from fall 2006, through winter 2008. As chair, he was responsible for facilitators, visual and audio equipment, and training. He also assisted his wife Millicent in her Music and Movement course. In addition to being active in his church, Dil was involved in community theaters from Venezuela to Alabama, taking leading roles in many shows, as well as participating in the production of plays and administration of theater boards.

We will miss Dil and his willingness to help where he could be of benefit. We wish his beloved wife Millicent and their family comfort in their treasured memories.

Special Events Committee

With two sessions concluded, the Summer Enrichment Series “Why IS Alabama . . . ?” was successful, given the near capacity attendance. Both interesting sessions offered intriguing speakers who made us all wonder why a state retains a poor 19th century constitution in the 21st century. Kudos go to Bob Jones, Chuck Duffy, and the nearly 50 volunteers who made all facets of the program spectacular.

Following one spectacular event with another, the Special Events Committee invites you to a murder; oops! I mean a murder mystery, dinner, and one glass of wine, pro bono. This event begins at 5:30 p.m., August 4, at the American Legion Post 176 on Long Avenue, where attendees will feast on a sumptuous dinner and a delectable mystery. Shirley Mohler, a dedicated cast of volunteers, and the OLLI thespians are prepared to make your attendance memorable.

Last month I sought out burning ideas for special event activities that will attract OLLI members; this month I am only seeking smoldering ideas. Call me at 722-8404 or email to buzweiser@comcast.net.

*Submitted by Joe Cremin, Chair
Special Events Committee*



Summer Enrichment Series 2009 Why IS Alabama? . . . Informative and Interesting

Once again, the Summer Enrichment Series of 2009 was rich with substance, information, and skillful, witty speakers. Co-Chairs Chuck Duffy and Bob Jones, along with their hard-working volunteers, planned and managed four days of smooth-flowing groups of prestigious speakers in a quest to educate OLLI members about the Alabama Constitution and the need for reformation.

The Alabama Constitution, written in 1901, is a 900-page book containing nearly 800 amendments. Compared with all the states in the nation, it is 12 times thicker, and the longest known in the world; many of its amendments are archaic, limiting the state’s progression and preventing local rule. (Ever wonder why you have to vote on amendments for other counties?)

Guest speakers Mayor Tommy Battle and County Commissioner Mo Brooks feel that the outdated Alabama Constitution and its many limitations may be a reason why industry avoids settling in Alabama, especially in the southwest rural areas in the state. They believe that reforming the constitution could be dangerous unless it is done article by article by a non-special interest group. Representative Mike Ball believes that government should be ethical and shares the opinion with Mayor Battle that government should be transparent. Marshall County Representative Jeff McLaughlin stated that the 1901 Constitution was done in an inappropriate manner and feels there should be home rule. Our newest Senator Paul Sanford thinks that we have to gain momentum to reform the constitution.

Bryan Taylor, Policy Director for the Governor’s office, said that approximately 1500 bills go through the legislature and Governor Riley has to read around 90 of them before signing. (An example of a bill could be *whether a retiring sheriff of one of the counties should keep his badge or gun.*)

Other speakers included experts who were extremely informative about the history and details of the constitution. The finale was a panel of citizens in positions affected one way or another by the Alabama State Constitution.

continue on page 5

Continued from page 4

Many examples of how the Constitution limits progress or disrupts how people may live were given; for example, the inability for home rule to zone may cause a quarry to locate next to a home that was purchased with a retiree's lifavings.

A mock convention recently took place in Montgomery where panel member, Attorney Devinti Williams was a delegate in writing a mock state constitution. The results will be made public in about two weeks, but you can read about it and more on the Alabama Citizens for Constitutional Reform web site, www.constitutionalreform.org. If you are interested in learning more about the constitution, a group meets each third Monday at 5:30 p.m. at the Habitat for Humanity building at 815Wheeler Ave.



Some of the guest speakers, from left to right: Mayor Tommy Battle, Representative Jeff McLaughlin, Senator Paul Sanford, Policy Director Bryan Taylor, Representative Mike Ball, Professor Dr. Mike Brown, Attorneys Ed Gentle and Terry Tuner, and Commissioner Mo Brooks, Madison County.



A comparison of the constitutions of our neighboring Southern states to that of the Alabama State Constitution









In addition to Co-Chairs, Chuck Duffy and Bob Jones, these are the volunteers who contributed to the sensational Summer Enrichment Series 2009.

- | | | |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Anna Lee | Barbara Hitt | Bev Marchelos |
| Bill McAllister | Bob Crowe | Cathy Bailey |
| Chris Johnson | Darlene Davis | David Knepper |
| Dorcas Harris | Elaine Leach | Eleanor Carter |
| Frances Curry | Fred Peterson | Hartwell Lutz |
| Hugh Nicholson | Jan Flanigan | Janice Marsh |
| Jerry Jennings | Jim Lindberg | Joan Arnold |
| Joann Gore | Joe Cremin | Joyce Pettis |
| Leah Black | Linda McAllister | Linda Romero |
| Lorrie White | Lucie Haisten | Margarit Earles |
| Marvin Lampert | Mary Compton | Nan Case |
| Pam Schimer | Pat Gilliam | Rubye Jones |
| Ruthann Haymes | Sandra Lyons | Shirley Mohler |
| Steve Wynn | Sylvia Tocci | Terry Schoper |
| Toni Reynolds | Vi Veich | |



A few of the volunteers that worked on the successful Summer Series

Member Interest Groups

Art of Living Forum 	2 nd & 4 th Friday, 2:00 p.m. Madison Hall, room 309 (Room assignments are subject to change.)	Austin Hornbuckle 682-9998 Hornbuckle30@yahoo.com
Bridge Group 	Monday, 1:00-4:00 p.m. The Bridge Center 3069 Leeman Ferry Road	Marvin Lampert 883-0093 mlampert@knology.net
Creative Writing 	3 rd Friday, 1:00 p.m. Madison Hall, OLLI office conference room. Open to any member inter- ested in improving writing skills.	Verna Lee Clark 852-3547
Digital Computer & Camera Group 	3 rd Friday, 9:30 a.m. – noon Madison Hall, call for room number	Glenn Nettleton 882-1280 glennet@knology.net
Dream Group 	1 st Friday, 1:00 p.m. Madison Hall, room 309 (Room assignments are subject to change.)	Lyle Needham lneedham@aol.com
Dulci-Jamr's 	Tuesday 1:00-3:00 p.m. Carlton Cove (craft room) Open to all dulci- mer players, beginning and experienced.	Linda Woodruff 881-8098
French Speaking Club 	Wednesday 3:30-4:30 p.m. Please contact Denise Selah for meeting location. Open to all willing to speak French for one hour, mistakes acceptable.	Denise Selah 534-7101 dcselah@knology.net
Spanish Speaking Group 	Tuesday, 12:00 noon Womens/Children Wing Huntsville Hospital, call for directions. This is a Spanish conversation group, all intermediate members welcome.	Vita French 536-7865

Note: OLLI Member Interest Groups are open to all members and are financially independent.

UAHuntsville Division of Continuing Education and Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH

PHOTOGRAPH RELEASE FORM

I hereby give my permission for UAHuntsville, Division of Continuing Education and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH to use my photograph and/or image in its various university publications, promotions and other media.

DATE: _____ (Please print)

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Check Out the New & Improved OLLI Web Site



WWW.OSHER.UAH.EDU
Leaner, Meaner & Cleaner

The OLLI web site team has been busy this summer, restructuring, re-editing, and refurbishing, so as to present a fresher face, a friendlier feel, and a finer focus for our venerable visitors and serious surfers.

The site has gone public with publication of this Newsletter, so check it out at the old address above. Be sure to play the story board – you just may see yourself in it!

The team is (a to z): Al Bailey, Elaine Leach, Jim Lindberg and Lorrie White.

Let us know what we missed.

Al Bailey
OLLI Web Master

The OLLI Board of Directors recently approved a Strategic Plan for OLLI operations, covering the five-year period from academic year 2009-2010 through 2013-2014. OLLI members who participated in the October 2008 brainstorming session provided major inputs to the plan.

The plan is based on three major premises:

1. Our volunteers are crucial to the overall success of the organization
2. The overall quality of OLLI programs must be maintained and enhanced
3. Slow-to-moderate growth in membership is anticipated over the next five years

The plan calls for a number of major initiatives including increased flexibility on curriculum offerings, more involvement in the activities of the UAH community, a major publicity campaign associated with our anticipated return to Wilson Hall in 2010, and expansion of our ties with the greater Huntsville community and other lifelong learning organizations.

The planning document includes both a summary and full details of comments from the brainstorming session. For more information, copies of the plan are available outside the OLLI office on the third floor of Madison Hall. You will be notified when the plan becomes available on our website.

Al Cruze, Chair
Long Range Planning Committee



Thank You

OLLI wishes to extend appreciation to outgoing Board of Director members Beverly Liles, Joyce Howell, Rono Prince, and Toni Reynolds. Each made outstanding contributions, and we thank them for the time and effort they invested as valuable volunteers.

OLLI Membership Form

Name _____ Preferred Name on Badge _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Please send newsletter via: E-mail [] Postal Service []

Join the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UAH by mailing this completed form with your check for \$15, payable to:

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH.

Annual membership is a requirement prior to registration for courses. *Course registration is a separate process and requires a separate payment.*

MAIL TO:

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH
P.O. Box 1581, Huntsville, AL 35807
Phone 256-824-6959

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH is not responsible for any damage or personal injury sustained when a member is participating in any OLLI-sponsored activities on or off the UAH Campus.

Membership: \$15

*Scholarship Fund: _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Date: _____

New Membership []
(Please check only if you have **NEVER** been an OLLI or Academy member)

Membership for the year:
June 1, 2009 – May 31, 2010

*If you would like to make a contribution to the OLLI Scholarship Fund for a UAHuntsville student, please include the donation amount in your check.

Important Notice: Newsletter inputs for the September Newsletter are due by August 25. Please send articles and ideas to: Lorrie White, Editor, Joyce Pettis, Co-editor, at ollinewsletter@msn.com
Please understand that due to cost and space constraints, articles may be edited for length.



Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
at the
University of Alabama in Huntsville
Madison Hall, Room 322
Huntsville, AL 35899

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Huntsville, Al.
35899
Permit No.
283