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Get Your Cameras Ready for the Annual OLLI Photo Contest

May 1-June 30, 2010

It's time to get inspired and share in the shutterbug fun. Compliments of UAHuntsville Professional and Continuing Studies, the winning photo will be featured in the fall 2010 term curriculum catalog and the photographer will receive a free winter 2011 term registration. There will also be second and third-place prizes.

Only current OLLI members are eligible to participate, so please renew your membership prior to entry. Application form is on page 8. Photos can be submitted at anytime prior to June 30. Our panel of expert judges will evaluate creativity, composition, craftsmanship, and adherence to the theme.

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. You will be emailed a release form after your photograph is submitted. A release will be required from any individuals included in the photo.

If you have any questions, please email to: ollinewsletter@msn.com, subject: photo contest.

Guidelines:

- Theme: Nature in the TN Valley. Please keep in mind that some color photos, although lovely in color, do not convert well to black and white as would be required for the catalog.
- Specs: Photographs must be converted to a digital .jpg format

Photo editing is permitted

Photo must not have identifying/copyright marks

Preferred size is 1700X1140 pixels

A color photo must translate well to black and white for the catalog

Email as an attachment

- **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, where you took it and the date.
- Submission deadline: June 30, 2010

Important Reminder

The membership calendar year begins June 2010 and ends May 2011. 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

Game Day	May 11
Annual Meeting	May 12
Spring Term Ends	May 14
Potluck Picnic	Jun 9
OLLI Survivor Competition	Jun 9
Summer Enrichment Series	Jun 15-23
Wilson Hall Office Open House	Jun 15-23
Sewanee Music Festival	Jul 10



From The President



Cindy Spratley

The Open House for our space in Wilson Hall will be held in conjunction with the Summer Enrichment Series (June 15, 16, 22, and 23). Before each day's sessions begin and during the break between talks, join us in our suite of rooms

in Wilson Hall for snacks, cookies, coffee, etc. We hope to have displays available to explain member benefits and volunteer opportunities. Bring your friends. They can join OLLI and enjoy our programs on S.T.E.M at the same time.

I want to take this last opportunity to recognize the members of the OLLI Board. Many thanks!! The Board demonstrates exceptional leadership delivering courses, social, cultural, and special events with the help of our nine standing committees. They also work to publicize what we do in the community, provide services for you, staff our office, manage our finances, and plan for our future while making

the day-to-day decisions that keep our organization viable. Thanks to all of you who volunteer your time and talents to make our standing committees so successful.

As we close out another successful academic year, my congratulations of all our members for every contribution you make. It is your organization, and your pride in being a member is reflected in your participation. Thank you to everyone.

Hope you are enjoying your spring courses. See you at the Annual Meeting!!

Cindy Spratley, President

The Curriculum Corner

It hardly seems possible that the OLLI school year will be over in less than two weeks. Looking back, the Curriculum Committee is particularly proud of all the new courses we brought to our members this year. Most of them were well received, although a few turned out to be a little different from what we expected. To find out what works and what doesn't work, it's important that we always strive to try something new. We were also thrilled to have had the photo art of one of our members on the cover of our Winter Term catalog.



Serving as your Curriculum Chair has been a truly rewarding experience, thanks to the wonderful team who support our curriculum endeavors. Our nine **Sub-Committee Chairs** and their **Coordinators** continue to provide stimulating and entertaining courses year after year. The tireless efforts of our three **Task Force Chairs** ensure smooth operation of OLLI academics, from the creation of catalogs before each term begins, through the coordination of facilitators and assistance with AV equipment during each term, to the summary of course evaluations after each term ends. And where we would be without our **Instructors** about whom I wrote in last month's newsletter? Our **Facilitators** provide assistance to course instructors and class participants to ensure smooth operations throughout each term. Our **Office Volunteers** are always there to help while school is in session. Your participation as our **students** certainly makes OLLI a success. Finally, we are fortunate to have the capable and helpful individuals in the **PCS Outreach and Registration Offices** working with us. Thanks to all of you.

The Curriculum Committee wants to wish you a happy and safe summer and let you know that we already have a fall schedule jam-packed with exciting course offerings.



OLLI Social Committee Report

The Annual Meeting and Dinner will be held on May 12, at 5 pm at Trinity Methodist Church, Wesley Hall. See article in this newsletter. It is your chance to visit with other OLLI members, say thank you to the teachers for the spring term, hear Mayor Battle speak, and hopefully meet our new scholarship recipient. This is a dinner event and we might even have some surprise entertainment for you! Finally, the election of new officers will take place. This is the social of the year not to miss!! Last day of ticket sales was May 3.

Mark your calendars for June 9. This is the day of the OLLI potluck picnic on Green Mountain, where it is always so pretty. Bring something to share; drinks will be provided. The social starts at 11:00 a.m., lunch will be served at 12 noon. We are under a pavilion, so we are comfortable in either rainy or extremely hot weather.



Nan Case

The picnic is the last event arranged by the Social Committee for the year. Plans for the upcoming year will start this summer. If you have ideas or suggestions for the socials for next year, consider joining the Social Committee. We have lots of fun organizing and sponsoring the social events during the year. To be added to the list, email Nan Case at nancase@gmail.com.

Nan Case, Social Committee Chair





Special Events Committee

GAME DAY

Our next game day will be on May 11, at the Compass Bank on Governors Drive East from 1:00–3:00 p.m. and will be coordinated by Mildred and John McDonald. Come, snack, play, and enjoy. Bring a favorite game... if you care to share.

OLLI HAS TALENT

Rehearsals for the "OLLI has Talent" pageant continue. Hope you bought your tickets for a show to remember. The Special Events Committee's Extended Zimbabwe Chorale and Chowder Group continues its arduous training for the big event!



At the OLLI annual picnic, in the first hour or so, we plan to resurrect and conduct an abbreviated and modified version of the highly successful (?) OLLI Survivor competition. Our current OLLI Survivor winner Angie Fedele has issued a challenge to all comers; "Take my crown... if you dare."

This will be a more modest event than the original one, with the games lasting five or so minutes depending upon the number of intrepid souls who seek to enter the "List." We will show you how to play the very simple game of "War" in the first couple of minutes, and then the competition will begin. Remember this game is incredibly simple to learn, and easy and fun to play. Be assured each game winner is the luckier one. The last entrant remaining will be declared the Survivor and will most assuredly be the luckiest of all. This sole survivor will receive the MiniMe OLLI Survivor pin, symbolically awarded to the accompaniment of the 47 piece OLLI Roaming Ambush Orchestra. Real pin to be custom made and provided at a later date.

Take the challenge!

Joe Cremin

Special Events Committee Chair

Take Advantage of an Exceptional OLLI Benefit

Did you know that there is a wealth of information stored in our OLLI office?

Believe it or not, it is tucked in a file drawer waiting to be checked out by minds that are hungry for knowledge. With a TV, a DVD player, and a little free time you can explore Greek Civilization, become knowledgeable about Thomas Jefferson, learn about economics, science, physics or psychology. You can examine the Life Writings of C. S. Lewis, or find out about Huntsville's history of the space program. There are even Power Point presentations of past Summer Enrichment Series.



Don't let the summer pass without examining the wonderful DVD collection and borrowing those that interest you. Perhaps you'll become so expert in a subject, you'll choose to instruct it next year.

For more information about available DVD titles, go to http://www.osher.uah.edu/_DVDlibrary.php.



Cultural Events

The Westervelt Warner Museum of American Art visit to Tuscaloosa, AL, exceeded our expectations! Our visit began with lunch served on elegantly appointed tables with delicious foods from which to choose. Then on to the museum which houses a truly great private collection of American fine and decorative art with examples by many of the American masters (Andrew Wyeth, John Singer Sargent, Winslow Homer, James McNeill Whistler, Mary Cassat, Thomas Cole and Duncan Phyfe). Mr. Warner began his collection in the 1950's , and now over 400 masterpieces in paintings, furniture, sculpture



and decorative arts from the late 1700's to early 1900's attest to his discerning eye for quality. The beautiful and unique setting of the museum, residence, and gardens on Lake Tuscaloosa is awesome. The private 8-acre gardens were too much to see in the time we had, but we managed to see a great variety of plants, shrubs, and trees. Thanks to Joyce Pettis for all of her efforts in planning and coordinating this trip.

Lynn Abernathy has volunteered to plan and coordinate a trip to Sewanee, TN, to the University of the South Summer Music Festival. We are working toward a July 10 date (Saturday), and additional information will be provided soon.

In our recent committee meeting, several new ideas were presented, and information will be forthcoming as these are formulated.

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 24.

Submitted by Fat Lindberg, Cultural Committee Chair







Play a Part in the Exciting Summer Enrichment Program

The Special Events committee is looking for volunteers to help with the Summer Enrichment Series. If you are going to be in town and available from 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. on June 15, 16, 22, or 23, let us know if you can help. Call 824-6959 or email Olli@uah.edu. Also watch your OLLI Weekly E-News for the announcement of a planning meeting for volunteers. Thanks in advance for your help.



Meet Our New Scholarship Recipiant

Jervic Caparas is a refreshing second semester freshman and the ideal choice to receive the OLLI scholarship. His plans for a major are biology and math with a minor in chemistry. He lives on the UAHuntsville campus and is a hard-working young man, not only in his studies but also in working a part-time job from Tuesday through Saturday. He starts work at Fed-X at 5:30 a.m., then begins his classes at 8:00 a.m.

Jervic grew up in a small, undeveloped town in the Philippines, but was fortunate to attend a science and magnet school where he learned the English language. It took his father 20 years of petitioning the United States for entry, but eventually he was allowed to enter with his family to live in Hartselle, where his sponsoring sister resided. Jervic was in high school at the time.

He found American culture very different from the Philippines. It took a while to adjust, but Jervic eventually made friends and settled in nicely. He attended Hartselle High School graduating with a 4.0 GPA.

He will be attending the Annual Dinner on June 12, so be sure to make a point of meeting this bright and interesting young man.

Web Site News



Have you been to our web site lately? Al Bailey, our Web Master, is continually updating and adding new features to keep OLLI members informed of events and news at OLLI. He recently added a new link for a calendar and for the weekly e-news we receive each Friday. You can view it at http://www.osher.uah.edu/_Calendar.html.

Just a heads up. The story-board "Your Journey with OLLI..." http://www.osher.uah.edu/_Calendar.html will soon be updated with more recent photos. If you haven't seen it, please take the time to view it. Your photo may be there, and you didn't even know to enjoy it. You'll be informed as soon as the new photos are updated.



William Martin and Linda Fletcher repot a root bound plant in their class, "No Green Thumb? You Can (!) Grow Houseplants," instructed by Joyce Pettis.



Annual Dinner Meeting

On May 12, OLLI members will have the pleasure of listening to speaker Mayor Tommy Battle at the Annual Meeting and Dinner.

The dinner will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Wesley Hall. Members were asked to pay a \$2.00 reservation fee (final date for tickets was May 3) which was used to get a final count for the caterer.

Mayor Tommy Battle Those attending have the opportunity of meeting OLLI's newest scholarship winner, Jervic Capara. Other activities are the election of new officers for the board of directors, and there is also a hint of some surprise entertainment.

Most of all, we will honor our marvelous instructors and volunteers who give of their time so enthusiastically. They are the foundation of OLLI, and we are so grateful for their willingness to be of support. Thanks to each of you.



OLLI Summer Enrichment Series

STEM

Wilson Hall Auditorium on UAHuntsville Campus June 15, 16, 23 & 24

8:30 a.m.: Coffee

9:00 a.m.— Noon: Program No registration required

OLLI's summer program will be based on **S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering, and **M**athematics (STEM). There is currently a national emphasis on educating today's youth on STEM to make them competitive for tomorrow's jobs.

This year's summer program objectives will be to educate OLLI members and potential members on STEM subjects, and provide enough information for them to be conversant with the subjects to assist children, grandchildren, and any other young people with whom they have contact in understanding the values of STEM for economic and cultural growth.

The program presenters are being selected for their outstanding knowledge and their presentation skills, and are being asked to present from a "practical application" point of view. For example, Dr. Jodi Price, a leading researcher on cognition in aging populations, will talk about "The Science of Aging." Other topics will include the biotechnology of food; Dan Satterfield will talk about his stint in Antarctica; Dan Gooch will talk about the light-rail system proposed from the jetport to Huntsville; Cameron Handyside will talk about water management, etc. All the presentations will be recorded for future use by OLLI members. The recording is being made possible by a gift from the Osher Foundation.

There will be breaks between sessions for attendees to tour our renovated facilities. Make your plans to attend. If you have not visited OLLI's new space, this is a great time to see it.

OLLI Members Tour Sci-Quest



About 35 OLLI members visited Sci-Quest on April 23. We were given a brief introduction to Sci-Quest in the auditorium and then watched a 3-D film on tornadoes. It described the air currents that cause tornadoes and visually showed the damage that different levels of tornadoes can cause. A live experiment with fire demonstrated the upward air currents that occur during a tornado.



After the film, we all spent time touring Sci-Quest and doing hands-on experiments. OLLI member Gary Hitt built an experiment for Sci-Quest may years ago, and it is still being used. He visits every couple of weeks to make sure that it is still working properly.

If you haven't been to Sci-Quest, you may want to go. Take your kids and grandkids; it's designed for all ages to enjoy. Sci-Quest is also looking for volunteers. They need people to help maintain some of the experiments, to work as greeters, and to manage the desk. If you have any interest, please let them know.



OLLI Membership Form

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

Important Notice: Newsletter inputs for the June Newsletter are due by May 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.



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