

Win Your Way to a Festive Holiday

Do you know of someone who recently retired, or wishes to boost a social life, or perhaps has expressed an interest in continuing their education? Then OLLI is the right place to guide them. By directing them to the right place, you could benefit also.



Don't forget about OLLI's gift membership for that special relative, friend, or neighbor. For only \$15.00 you can sign them up with a membership that will show how much you care. Give a unique gift – the gift of learning.

For every new member for 2010 that you refer to OLLI between September 1 and November 1, your name will go into a drawing for two OLLI Holiday Party tickets. Make sure that your friends put your name on their membership forms. So spread the word – the more new members that you bring in, the more chances that you have to win! A membership form is on page 8 of this newsletter.

Tell your friends about OLLI or give a gift of learning and YOU may become a winner. Good luck!

Sue Chatham, Chair, Member Services Committee

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Did you know that the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute is a volunteer-run organization? From the OLLI president to the instructors, committee chairs, board of directors, committee members, office workers, support personnel, web site master, newsletter editor, and all support personnel in-between; everyone is a volunteer who gives their time, experience and creativity.

To remain effective, OLLI depends on volunteers like you and welcomes any amount of time you are willing to contribute. If you have experience, skills, or interests, and are willing to donate some time – from a couple to several hours a month – please consider joining our group of volunteers. Your help will enrich our Institute, and you will get back much more than you give through appreciation, new friendships and many smiles.

Volunteer today. Fill out the form on page 7 and state where you'd like to help. You can also find out about our volunteer opportunities at http://www.osher.uah.edu/_Volunteers.php.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Hsv Museum of Art	Aug 13
Taavo Virkhaus Symphony Preview	Sep 9
Fall Term Begins	Sept 13
Poetry Workshop	Oct 22
Fall Term Ends	Nov 5
Winter Term Begins	Jan 18
Winter Term Ends	Mar 14
Spring Term Begins	Apr 4
Spring Term Ends	May 13



Are you in this photo? See photos from the OLLI picnic and STEM on <http://picasaweb.google.com/Olliphotos>

From The President



Chuck Duffy

The 2010 Summer Enrichment Series has come and gone, and for those who thought that STEM was too boring or difficult, you missed a fascinating line-up of speakers. UAHuntsville's Division

of Professional and Continuing Studies has recorded each session, and we hope to present some of them throughout the coming year.

The Curriculum Committee has completed the schedule of courses for the fall term beginning in September. The catalog will be mailed in mid-August. You should be aware that the University has increased OLLI tuition charges from \$65 to \$75 beginning with the fall term.

You can still take as many courses as you want for this tuition. We think this is still a great bargain, and class-takers will still get their

parking pass. You probably noticed that tuition for regular students of UAH is being increased 15%. If you look around the campus you will see many changes, and Wilson Hall where OLLI is located has been made "like new."

UAHuntsville is aspiring to become one of America's leading research universities, and that implies growth in many areas, including overhead. Please take a little time to acquaint yourselves with what is happening on the campus, and enjoy OLLI's courses and social activities!

Chuck Duffy, President

The 2010 Summer Enrichment Series was informational and entertaining. From Dr. Jodi Price's enlightenment on aging to Dr. Fay Raines, "Modeling in Medicine," each speaker shared their research and/or experiences so that the audience could walk away a little more wiser to the ways of the world. The volunteers who helped make it happen were Chuck Duffy, Cindy Spratley, Sue Chatham and many other valuable support people who brought it all together.

STEM



Volunteers Jerri McLain, John McDonald, Steve Wynn, Millie McDonald, get attendees signed in



Darlene Davis and Margrit Earles busy working on membership



Cindy Morgan,
Executive Dir of Sci-Quest



Host, Chuck Duffy welcomes Owen K. Garriott (Ph.D.), NASA Astronaut (former)



Dan Satterfield shared his amazing experiences while visiting the Antarctica



Dr. Jodi Price spoke of research on aging.



Doug Gooch talks about a proposed light rail system



Cameron Handy-side spoke on The Alabama Irrigation Initiative

Meet the Judges of the OLLI Photo Contest

The photo contest has been judged and the winners will be announced in the September newsletter. There were 42 VERY impressive entries and selecting the winners couldn't have been an easy task for our judges.

The photos were uploaded into a private viewing site where all information regarding the photo was erased, and after July 1, the judges began their work. In addition to their own photographic and artistic evaluation experience, our very qualified judges had to consider each photograph based on OLLI's criteria of the contest, for example, how the photo converted to black and white. The results of their judging revealed some very outstanding winning photographers.

We'd like to thank the following judges (in alphabetical order) for the time and expertise needed to judge our 2010 OLLI Photo Contest:



Barbara Hitt is Vice-President of the Huntsville Photographic Society and has won their President's Trophy the past two years for having the most winning photos in monthly competitions. She also has won the Huntsville Times Travel Award for photographs taken on her wildlife journeys. Barbara says when judging competitions she uses the traditional photographic guidelines for composition and exposure, but the main thing she looks for is impact. "Some photos just stand out from the rest; those are the ones that get a second look; those are the winners."

Barbara Staggs became interested in photography in order to record the beautiful places that she and her husband were visiting. After joining the Huntsville Photographic Society she expanded her photographic horizons and has attained the level of Master of Photography with the Photographic Society. She has won many awards including the much coveted President's Award for the most competition wins for the year. She teaches Basic Photographic Composition with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH, and she and her husband Willie enrich our Bonus Classes with their thrilling photographs of their travel adventures. "When judging I look for creativity, composition, and the "Wow" factor in addition to technical aspects such as sharpness, lighting and adherence to the theme. To stand out, an image has to have something extraordinary about it, either in lighting, an unusual angle, deliberate composition or perhaps all of those."



Jo McDonald is an artist who paints in watercolors and oils. After years of "taking pictures" she began her adventure in digital photography in 2004 in an OLLI digital camera class taught by Glenn Nettleton. She has continued taking numerous photography classes at OLLI, and greatly enjoys her new vocation. Because of her artistic background, she analyzes photographs for design, composition, color, and especially the 'je ne sais quoi' that makes a photo speak to you, evokes strong feeling from you, and pulls you into the picture.

José Betancourt is Professor of Photography at UAHuntsville's Department of Art and Art History. Aside from his teaching duties, José judges photography contests, artists' grants and also exhibits his work nationally and internationally. His next exhibit will be in December at the Blue Sky Gallery in Portland, Oregon. Jose states that, "when judging photographs I try to go with first impression, which is usually an instinctive reaction or emotional response. After that I may look into what makes it a good photograph. I really like the unexpected. Maybe the photographer uses a different angle or has captured an extremely difficult moment. It could be a moment that even the photographer is surprised they captured."



Cultural Events

The tranquility of the University of the South Sewanee campus welcomed OLLI travelers on July 10 to the Sewanee Summer Music Festival. This tranquility was soon replaced by the energy of music in and around Guerry Hall. Our afternoon was relaxing as we visited many of the beautiful old buildings. Dinner off-campus was next, where we enjoyed delicious food and spent time getting to know new OLLI friends. Back to campus for the Faculty Chamber Music Series “Celebrate America” brought an end to an enjoyable evening. Tired travelers appreciated the comfort of the motor coach as we journeyed home. Our thanks to Lynn Abernathy who spent many hours planning this trip, but due to unforeseen circumstances did not get to go with us.



Currently, several good exhibits at the Huntsville Museum of Art are in progress. Nell Roberts (256-539-9837) is coordinating a docent led tour for August 13, at 10:00 a.m. “Encounters: Kathy Chan” and “The Sellars Collection – In Praise of America” are among the exhibits. Keep this in mind and Nell will provide more details soon.

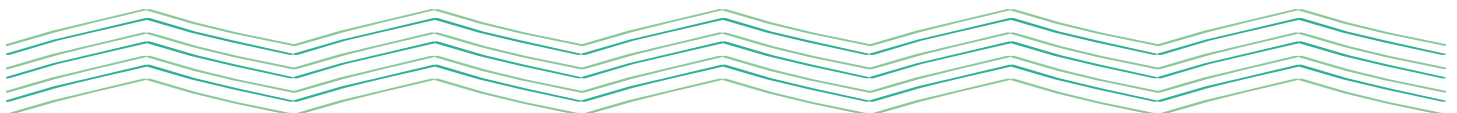
Taavo Virkhaus, Conductor Emeritus of the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra, will provide OLLI members with a preview of the pieces to be performed by the HSO at the Opening Night Celebration of its 2010-2011 Season. Just as he did in the past winter term, he will discuss and play excerpts from previous HSO performances and from symphonies that he has conducted elsewhere. The students in the winter class found his anecdotes interesting and entertaining. We hope you can join us on Thursday, September 9, from 2:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. in Shelby Center, Room 107. Our thanks to Eleanor Schweinsberg for planning and coordinating this symphony preview.

Hope you are having a good summer and look forward to seeing you on campus soon.

Submitted by Pat Lindberg, Cultural Committee Chair



This large group of OLLI travelers enjoyed the sights and sounds on their excursion to the University of the South Sewanee campus on July 10.



OLLI Summer Potluck Picnic

In spite of the morning rain, there was quite a large crowd that filled the pavilion at the June 9 OLLI picnic. The early rain kept the temperature comfortable, even after the sun came out. Not only were there a lot of members, but also plenty of food and fun was on hand to make this a memorable summer day. Joe Cremin ran his OLLI Survivor Competition and almost everyone took part in this fast and easy War card game (which brought back childhood memories.) Joyce Bates beat out Lorrie White for the honor of Survivor. (Hey, Joe – any prize for runner-up?) Thanks to Nan Case and the hard-working Social Committee for this marvelous outing!



Poetry Workshop

Poetry lovers and would-be poets, mark your calendars for October 22. On that Friday, Mary Carol Moran, whose latest book of poems, *Equivocal Blessings*, won the 2009 Book of the Year award from the Alabama State Poetry Society, will give our members a free poetry workshop and reading.

Mary Carol is an active member of the Auburn University OLLI, where she teaches and takes several courses each term. She has published two books of poetry and is the editor of an anthology of Alabama women writers. Mary Carol travels throughout the south giving poetry, editing, and publishing workshops.

This poetry event is a joint offering of our OLLI Cultural, Curriculum, and Special Events Committees. Mary Carol is also willing to teach a three-hour in-depth workshop for \$25 per participant if our members would like to learn more about how to write and publish poetry. If you are interested in this extended workshop or would like more details on our planned event, please contact Barbara Ward, bward@hiwaay.net, 883-6403.

Writing and Poetry Group



You are invited to join this thriving group of OLLI writers who enjoy sharing their interest in writing with other members. The group is comprised of novice to *almost* published writers who benefit from reading and discussing each other's work.

They meet each month (with the exception of December and the summer months) on the third Friday at 1:00 p.m. All OLLI members interesting in writing are invited to attend on September 17 at Wilson Hall, room 152C. Please call Verna Lee Clark at 256-852-3547 for information.

Financial Assistance

Members are reminded that we have established a member-supported fund to assist members where the cost of membership or tuition would prevent an individual from partaking in OLLI classes or activities. If you know of anyone who would like to participate in OLLI activities but does not have the needed financial resources to pay dues or tuition, please ask them to contact Carl Case at 256-883-8805, or Sue Chatham at 256-461-0262 so that they may utilize these funds.

Carl Case, Chair
Member Assistance Committee

OLLI Member Skills/Experience Questionnaire

We are developing a computerized database of experiences and skills of our members that we might consult for various needs that come up to support our organization. If you would be willing to contribute to this effort, please provide the information requested below. You may bring your completed form to the OLLI office, room 151 in Wilson Hall or mail it to the following address:

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH
Room 151, Wilson Hall
Huntsville, AL. 35899

Name (Print): _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Computer Skills/Equipment Operation

(Enter "N" for novice, "S" for skilled and "HS" for highly skilled for all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Office | <input type="checkbox"/> Graphics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outlook Email | <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Photo Manipulation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Word | <input type="checkbox"/> McIntosh Computer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excel | <input type="checkbox"/> Web Site Development/Maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access | <input type="checkbox"/> Audio/Video Equipment Operations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Power Point | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publisher | Specify _____ |

(Enter "X" for those applicable to you for the following)

Publications:

- Writing
- Editing/Proof Reading
- Layout
- Reporting
- Research

Education Experience:

- Administration
 - Library
 - Teaching
- Subjects: _____

Other:

- Photography
- _____

Work experience possibly applicable to OLLI:

I authorize OLLI to maintain the above information in a computerized database for internal OLLI use only:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

OLLI Membership Form for June 1, 2010 – May 31, 2011

Name _____ Preferred Name on Badge _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

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How did you hear about OLLI? _____

Referred by: _____

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 _____
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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 September Newsletter are due by August 24.
 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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