

Winning Entries

2010 OLLI Photo Contest

Between May 1 to June 30, forty-two photos were entered in the 2010 OLLI Photo Contest. The theme "Nature in the Tennessee Valley" brought in fantastic photos. Using the contest criteria, our judges filtered through all of them and chose the following winners. Read the stories of the photos' origins on p. 2.



Bill McAllister
"Dragonfly"
 First Place Winner



Bob Goodwin
"A Keel Mountain Sunrise"
 Second Place Winner



Elaine Leach
"Lilies"
 Third Place Winner

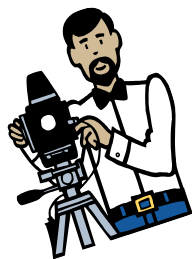
COMING SOON TO A WALL NEAR YOU

It is said that one picture is worth a thousand words. Thanks to contributions in memory of our vivacious member and friend, the Terry Schoper Memorial Art Project is almost ready for OLLI! Terry loved to discuss ideas, current events, motivations, travel and many other topics. Our Art Selection Committee chose the artworks to represent the OLLI curriculum and to represent the spirit of OLLI members. And if those artworks inspire OLLI members to discuss and create, no one would be more pleased than Terry.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Taavo Virkhaus Symphony Preview	Sept 9
Fall Term Begins	Sept 13
Back-to-School Social	Sept 17
Poetry Workshop	Oct 22
Fall Term Ends	Nov 5
Winter Term Begins	Jan 18
Winter Term Ends	Mar 14





The Winners' Stories

OLLI's 2010 Photo Contest



Bill McAllister's interest in birding had motivated him to teach OLLI courses on back-yard birding. He explained how he happened to take the winning "Dragonfly" photo: *"I visited Hays Preserve and walked the main trail looking for possibilities. I spotted an unusual bird event, a pair of beautiful Prothonotary Warblers nesting in a wood duck box, properly located about twelve feet in the water. So I sat on the bank of the Flint River waterway and proceeded to shoot the warblers going back and forth into the big duck box (these particular warblers are cavity nesters). It was midday and the light back-lit the birds. While waiting there, I noticed two dragonflies lit up by the sun's rays and they were close! They repeatedly returned to the tops of the same plants at the water's edge, so I turned and fired away. Even though the image I submitted is my favorite of the day, it does not fully capture the beautiful light I saw on those insects that day. The camera I used is a Canon 40D and the zoom lens was set at 70 mm, its closest setting. I did some cropping and light editing and converted the image into B&W."*

The second place winner is **Bob Goodwin's photo "A Keel Mountain Sunrise,"** taken from his home in Hampton Cove. Bob describes: *"Early in the morning the sun rises from that direction and sometimes a fishing pond across the street lets off a steamy mist. When I go out to get the paper in the morning, it is hard to resist taking pictures of this ever changing scene. I used one of my Willow Oak trees for a frame. The view is always different, sometimes foggy at the top of Keel Mountain, sometimes below the top; sometimes the mountain is dark and gray. Since I use an inexpensive Canon point and shoot camera, in order to get the right amount of light, I had to use the manual controls. I have been taking pictures since childhood. Most are related to travel and lead to travel presentations. During the last several years I have used pictures from the mountains in the west with a hiking theme for various slide shows given to the Wildflower Society, Tennessee Trails Association (TTA) chapters, and recently to the Alabama Master Gardeners."* Formal training includes OLLI photography classes and a class by Robert Schuffert (Scenic North Alabama and Scenic Tennessee), Charles Seifried (Alabama Canyons), and a very comprehensive distance learning course by the New York Institute of Photography (NYIP).

Third place is **Elaine Leach's "Lilies."** Elaine is frequently seen snapping photos in classrooms for socials or special events, and many are used in the OLLI newsletter and on the web site. She has taken OLLI classes in Composition and Photo Manipulation and has had an interest in photography much of her life. The story behind her traveling lilies, as Elaine described: *"Mothers Day, 2007, my daughters sent me a package of lily bulbs from New England. Since I was recovering from knee surgery and couldn't kneel to plant the bulbs, they were put in planter boxes. I intended to plant them in the ground in Hazel Green that fall. But we decided to sell our home and the planter boxes were moved to a friend's back yard in Decatur with the hope that the bulbs would go dormant over the winter. Our new Harvest home was ready in the spring and the bulbs were finally planted. This is now the second year that these beautiful 4-foot high lilies have bloomed and flourished. Some will move again....but this time only to our back yard. (See all photos on p. 1.)"*



Writing and Poetry Group

These OLLI writers will meet on the **second Friday in September** instead of their normal third Friday time. All interested OLLI members are invited. Location is Wilson Hall, Rm 152 C. Contact is Verna Clark at 256-852-3547.

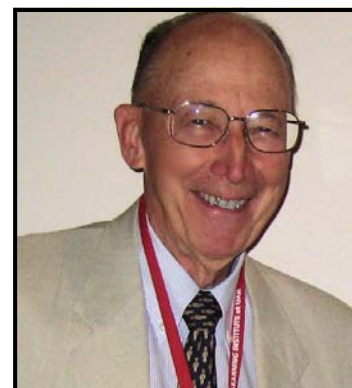
From the President

The song says, "It's a long, long way from May to September," but that doesn't apply to OLLI. The summer seems to have sped by, but your OLLI committees have continued to plan for the fall session. Volunteers have worked all summer to prepare an exciting curriculum.

But along with the work, we also enjoyed the Summer Enrichment program, and leisure social activities such as the picnic on Green Mountain and the Sewanee Music Festival.

We look forward to the beginning of classes, of which there's an almost dizzying array. Some of you may be asked to volunteer as facilitators in classes for which you registered, and I hope you agree to this useful and rewarding experience. Remember that the Wednesday bonus classes and the socials are fun and free.

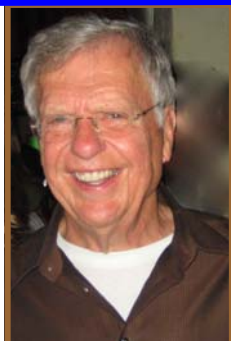
Have you told your friends about OLLI?



Chuck Duffy



Chuck Duffy, President



Hugh Nicholson

Curriculum Committee

Welcome to the OLLI fall term. There are 56 courses and six Wednesday Bonus courses being offered. By now I am sure you have looked them over and decided which courses you want to take. Hope you are enrolled in all you want.

I would like to mention and to express my appreciation to the 100 or so OLLI members who are instructors, course coordinators, course facilitators, and participants on the OLLI Curriculum Committee. These people selflessly donate their skills and efforts to bring the curriculum program about. Everyone does it for free, even the instructors who are not OLLI members.

I also want to express my appreciation to Barbara Ward, the previous chair of OLLI Curriculum. Barbara did an outstanding job. She left me with a wonderful group of members on the Curriculum Committee and with very effective operating procedures. She made the job a pleasure to step into.

OLLI is always looking for new ideas about curriculum and for people to teach new courses. If you feel you have something you would like to teach or would like to be on the Curriculum Committee, please contact me at 256-830-9279 or hughnicholson1@aol.com. I would love to hear from you. Enjoy your courses.

See you around campus.

Cultural Events



Pat Lindberg

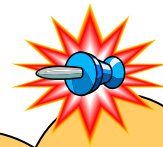
Thanks to Nell Roberts for her thorough planning of the August 13, Huntsville Museum of Art tour. The tour was well attended, and our two docents provided interesting information about each exhibit. Local artist Cathy Chan's unique jewelry enthralled us; many of the beautiful pieces can be taken apart and worn different ways. Her exhibit also featured elegant and lovely silk evening gowns. The Stellars Collection showed pieces not previously exhibited at the museum, and the Imagine Tomorrow exhibit left some of us trying to imagine tomorrow as depicted in the art. All were well worth seeing!

Eleanor Schweinsberg reminds us that on September 9, 2:45 to 4:15 p.m. in Shelby Center, Room 107, Taavo Virkhaus, Conductor Emeritus of the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra, will discuss the first symphony performance of the season. Even if you don't plan to attend the opening night celebration of the 2010-2011 season (on September 11), Taavo's presentation will be informative and interesting to lovers of symphonic music.

Tickets are now on sale for the Metropolitan "Opera at the Movies" 2010-2011 season. You may purchase them from the HOLLYWOOD 18 box office, or go to REGmovies.com. The first performance will be Wagner's "Das Rheingold" on October 9, with the encore on October 27. The second performance will be Mussorgsky's "Boris Godunov" on October 23, with the encore on November 10. Senior tickets are \$22, children \$18, and all encore tickets \$18. All live opera performances will be on Saturdays at 12:00 p.m., and all encore performances will be on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. If you have questions, you may contact Patlindberg@comcast.net. If you would like a complete season schedule, please let me know.

The Cultural Committee is looking forward to the October 22, Poetry Reading and Workshop. The Curriculum Committee is sponsoring this event and has asked both Cultural and Special Event Committees to participate.

Submitted by Pat Lindberg, Cultural Committee Chair



SAVE THE DATE!!

October 22, a free poetry workshop given by Mary Carol Moran, winner of the 2009 Book of The Year from the Alabama State Poetry Society and Auburn University instructor. Details in the next newsletter. OLLI Cultural, Curriculum, and Special Events committees are sponsors.

Social Committee



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The Social Committee is looking forward to a fun-filled year for all OLLI members. Place the dates below on your calendars, and make every effort to attend.

Fri. 9/17/2010 1:30- 3:00 p.m. Wilson Hall 152 Fall Back-to-School Ice Cream Social
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Fri. 11/5/2010 Noon-2:00 p.m. Trinity United Methodist Church
Fall Teacher Appreciation Lunch
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Wed. 12/8/2010 Time TBA Summit Tower OLLI Holiday Party
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Tues. 1/21/2011 11:00-2:00 p.m.
Trinity United Methodist Church Winter Back-to-School Potluck
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Fri. 3/15/2011 Noon-2:00 p.m. Trinity United Methodist Church Winter
Teacher Appreciation Lunch
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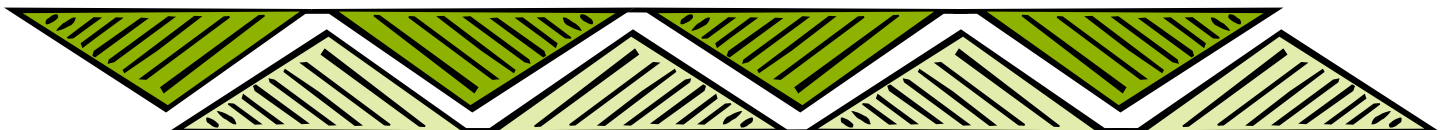
Spring Back-to-School Ice Cream Social Time TBA
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Fri. 5/13/2011 5:00-7:00 p.m. Trinity United Methodist Church
Spring Teacher Appreciation & Annual Meeting



Any members interested in helping the social committee plan and carry out our social functions are invited to please come to our committee meetings on the following dates. We would love to have your help!

- Sept. 8, 2010, Wednesday, 9:00 a.m., Verna Lee's Farm
- Oct. 1, 2010, Friday, 9:00 a.m., TBD Room at UAH
- Nov. 5, 2010, Friday, 2:30 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church
- Jan. 7, 2011, Friday, 9:00 a.m., TBD Room at UAH
- Mar. 4, 2011, Friday, 9:00 a.m., TBD Room at UAH
- Apr. 1, 2011, Friday, 9:00 a.m., TBD Room at UAH
- Apr. 29, 2011, Friday, 9:00 a.m., TBD Room at UAH



Southern Regional Conference for 2011

OLLI at Furman, OLLI at Clemson University and the North Carolina Center of Creative Retirement were hosts for the 2010 Southern Regional Conference held on the campus of Furman University, Greenville, SC, on July 21-23. Twenty eight Institutes for Learning in Retirement were represented; some were OLLI's but not all. Approximately 140 attendees were present.

There were 18 sessions. The topics ranged from "Hot Topics for Curriculum," "Creating Community through Membership and Volunteerism" to "Communicating with your Membership Via the Web" and "How We Saw the Light-- Researching your Members DOES Matter." All sessions were very informative and active. It is always useful to hear from other institutes. So many of their problems are the same problems that we have. So many of their solutions are the solutions that we have implemented. But the best parts are the new ideas being presented and the enthusiasm of the individuals (it doesn't matter whether they are volunteers or paid staff). We are now compiling our notes from the conference. When completed, we will post them on the OLLI website and have copies in the office.



Furman has a beautiful campus. Currently, their OLLI program has its offices in a trailer on campus, but they are actively fund raising to build their own building. The Furman OLLI representatives went out of their way to make this conference great! The Southern Regional Conference for 2011 will be held in Tuscaloosa at the University of Alabama in July, dates to be announced. Why not start planning now to attend?

Submitted by Sue Chatham and Maxine Doherty

Emergencies on Campus

Do you know how to respond if an emergency occurs while you are on the campus of UAHuntsville? There is an *Emergency Procedure Handbook* in the office, each of the OLLI classrooms, and the OLLI lounge. Take a moment to familiarize yourself with these procedures the next time you are on campus. UAHuntsville conducts periodic fire and emergency response drills, and these events must be responded to in the same manner as an actual emergency. In addition, each building has a floor plan near the elevator, clearly showing shelter locations in the event of a tornado or inclement weather. Let's learn to keep ourselves safe!



In Memoriam



We are sad to announce the death of one of our dear members, Lee McPheeters, on August 9, 2010. A member of OLLI (formerly the Academy) for many years, he served on the board of directors in many capacities. But he will be remembered most fondly for the classes in Philosophy that he taught. Many will remember taking Philosophy-Heavy Stuff with a Little Humor, Philosophical Hiking, and Philosophical Cooking, among other courses. Lee believed in living life to its fullest. He inspired others to try new things and to enjoy their own life and friends. We offer condolences to his wife Jackie and their family. All of us will miss him.

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:

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Name (Print): _____

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Computer Skills/Equipment Operation

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

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- Administration
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- Subjects: _____
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- Photography
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I authorize OLLI to maintain the above information in a computerized database for internal OLLI use only:

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

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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 October Newsletter are due by September 21.
 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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