

OLLI FEASTS ON HISTORY AND BARBECUE

Did you know that Frank James, brother of the infamous outlaw Jesse James, was accused of robbing a local bank and was tried in 19th century Huntsville? If you knew, you might have acquired the knowledge recently from Bruce Walker.

Walker revealed this tidbit and others about Huntsville's history to a captive audience on August 10, in the theatre in Wilson Hall. This free event was at full capacity, and there was a waiting list.



Bruce Walker in storytelling action

OLLI members were treated to Walker's humorous, sometimes satirical stories, courtesy of Professional and Continuing Studies (PCS). OLLI attendees also heard from Dr. Karen Clanton, Director of PCS. Outreach Program Manager Maxine Doherty introduced Walker to the group, and Senior Associate Director Lisa Strickland handed out very desirable door prizes.

Arguably, the dining rivaled Walker's presentation. Adjourning to the OLLI classrooms, the audience feasted on three kinds of barbecue—beef, pork, and chicken—potato salad, baked beans, and OLLI cake. Dessert eaters had their choice between two flavors of cakes, both frosted in white cream icing with "OLLI" emblazoned in blue icing.

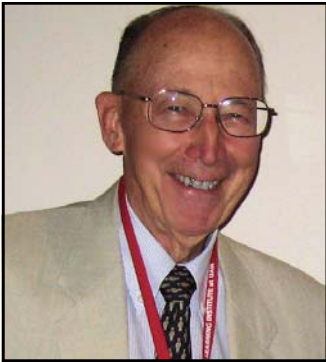
Those who were unable to hear Bruce Walker's entertaining stories can catch him on October 19, 2011, at a Wednesday Bonus presentation, where his focus will be how to turn family lore and history into stories. Sadly, there will be no barbecue.

(Sue Chatham and Hugh Nicholson contributed to this article. Photos courtesy of Maxine Doherty.)



Brian and Noel Duffy enjoy the show.

From the President, Chuck Duffy



I'm sure many of us are still spaced out with the heat and lethargy-induced, endless summer, but the hot season is about to end, and OLLI is about to leap into action. I checked and found many classes are near capacity after less than a week of registration, but never fear! There are no long waits at the registration office, and you can register on line from the comfort of your air conditioned home.

OLLI volunteers are busy getting ready for September 12, start day, and there are more classes offered than any time before. No classes for you this term? Then be sure to send in your \$15, so that you can enjoy the social events and the bonuses!

Those who turned out for the barbeque and storyteller on August 10, 2011, had a real treat and a delicious lunch. We didn't realize how versatile our OLLI classrooms were!

So, pick up that OLLI catalog with its lovely color cover and imagine that the road is leading you to more comfortable days and the love of learning through OLLI classes. Hope to see you in September!



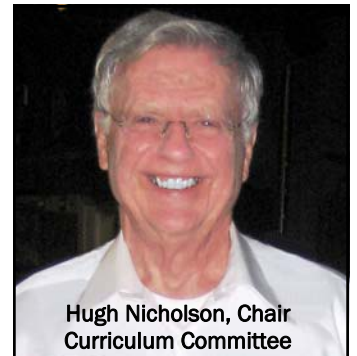
Curriculum Corner

It has finally arrived—the beginning of fall classes! Hope you are able to get every class you want. Good selection of courses, right?

There may still be a little mix-up about registration. It **is** necessary to register if you attend an OLLI class other than the Wednesday Bonus. If you should come to class and your name is not already printed on the attendance sheet, you may write in your name. Nothing more is needed if you have already registered through the PCS Registration Office, Room 103, Wilson Hall. But writing your name on the class attendance sheet does not get you registered! You must have already visited the Registration Office, registered for the course, and paid the required \$75 for taking OLLI classes.

One more thing about registration: If you register for a course and later decide that you don't want to continue with it, please make an official withdrawal. This is easy to do. Simply stop by the Registration Office, or give them a call at 256.824.6010. There may be someone on the waiting list hoping to take the class that you no longer desire. Your withdrawal will make this possible.

I close by thanking all of the OLLI Curriculum Committee members and the PCS staff who worked so diligently to publish the fall course catalog. Best one yet! OLLI keeps getting better and better.



Hugh Nicholson, Chair
Curriculum Committee



Submitted by Hugh Nicholson, Chair,

The Truly Educated Never Graduate



Cultural Committee

Submitted by Eleanor Schweinsberg, Chair

The Cultural Committee has planned two events for September: A visit to the Huntsville Museum of Art and an orientation to the first Huntsville Symphony Orchestra concert of the season.

Museum Tour

Remember to sign up for our docent-led tour of the Huntsville Museum of Art's exhibit "A Sense of Place: Plein Air Painters of the Southeast." This exhibition features work by members of the Plein Air Painters of the Southeast, an organization of professional artists bound by a common passion to promote the traditional methods of painting outdoors. The artists seek to translate the mood and immediacy of evocative outdoor scenes onto canvas. Their works are enlivened by the plein air method of painting with quick and textured brushstrokes, a process that emphasizes the beauty of atmospheric light and reveals the ever-inquisitive soul of the outdoor painter. As a special feature of the exhibition, most finished studio works will be accompanied by their original plein air sketches, allowing the viewer to study the working methods of each artist.

Our tour will be on Wednesday, September 7, at 1:00 p.m. at the museum. So that we can schedule an adequate number of docents, please contact Nell Roberts at 256.539.9837 or email her at nellroberts101@gmail.com to tell her that you will attend. Admission to HMA is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and free to museum members.

Preview Symphony Lecture

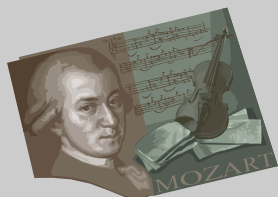
We are also having a Huntsville Symphony Orchestra preview lecture by Taavo Virkhaus, retired Huntsville Symphony Orchestra (HSO) conductor, to prepare us for the opening concert of the season with the new HSO Music Director and Conductor, Gregory Vajda. The concert will be on Saturday, October 1, and will feature guest pianist Dubravka Tomsic. The program will consist of Sibelius: Finlandia, Rachmaninoff: Piano Concerto No. 2, and Bartok: Concerto for Orchestra. The Sneak Preview at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday will cost \$5.

Taavo's preview lecture is scheduled for Thursday, September 29, at 2:45 p.m. in Madison Hall, Room 202.

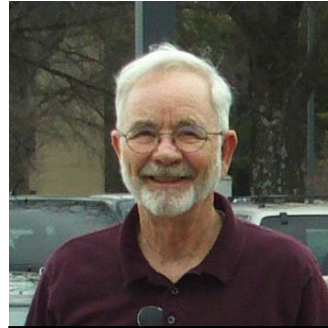
We also announce that the Hogue Sinfonietta will be performing in Roberts Recital Hall on September 24, at 7:30 p.m. Let's remember to support and enjoy the music events at UAHuntsville.



If anyone is willing to head up a group to meet for coffee prior to the Sneak Preview, please contact Eleanor Schweinsberg at 256.883.0602 or eschweinsberg@bellsouth.net. Look for updates in the weekly OLLI email.



"Even the most jingoistic person would have to admit that even American cultural music comes from Europe. That's what classical music is, real European music." Sonny Rollins



Bill Johnson

Social Committee

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

Fall Back-to-School Ice Cream Social
Fri. 9/16/2011, 1:00- 3:00 p.m., Wilson Hall 152C/D

Fall Teacher Appreciation Lunch
Wed. 11/2/2011, Noon-2:00 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church

OLLI Holiday Party
Wed. 12/7/2011, Time 6 – 10 p.m., Summit Tower

Winter Back-to-School Potluck Lunch
Tues. 1/20/2012, Noon-2:00 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church

Winter Teacher Appreciation Lunch
Fri. 3/9/2012, Noon-2:00 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church

Spring Back-to-School Ice Cream Social Time TBD

Spring Teacher Appreciation Dinner & Annual Meeting
Fri. 5/11/2012, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church

OLLI Summer Picnic - TBD

Any members interested in helping the social committee plan and carry out its social functions are invited to come to the committee meetings on the dates below. Please contact Bill Johnson (256)701-6490 or email billnchris7@yahoo.com, if you have questions. We would love to have your help!

The committee meets at 1:00 p.m. on Friday of each month at Winston Hall, Room 152C. These are the dates we meet: Sept. 30, 2011; Oct. 28, 2011; Nov. 18, 2011; Jan. 27, 2012; Feb. 24, 2012; Mar. 30, 2012; and Apr. 27, 2012.



Don't forget the ICE Cream Social coming up on Friday, September 16, 2011, 1:00- 3:00 p.m., Wilson Hall 152 C/D. The winners of the 2011 photo contest will be announced, and a slide show of all photos submitted will be shown .



Submitted by Bill Johnson, Chair

Special Events Committee Seeks Members

Are you interested in going to fabulous places?
Do you want to have something to say about where you go?
Would you like to meet and travel with some of the most exciting people in the world?

Then come join the *Special Events Committee*!!!!!!!

For more information, call Jan Atnip 970-290-9868, or send an email to janpierce38@gmail.com.



Writers' Special Interest Group Calls Meeting



The OLLI Writers' Group will hold its first monthly assembly on Friday, September 23, 2011, from 12:30 to 2:00p.m. The meeting will be held in Wilson Hall 152C.

Writers of prose, poetry, fiction, and non-fiction are invited to attend these free sessions with pre-registration not required. If possible, please bring a two to four page example of your work to the first meeting. OLLI member John Sims Jeter, a published author and resident of Huntsville, is heading the group.

Please contact John at 256 489-6095 or fabjete@yahoo.com, if you have questions or comments.

Win Two Tickets to the OLLI Holiday Party



For every new member for 2011 that you refer to OLLI between June 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 6 of this newsletter, or visit our OLLI web site at www.osher.uah.edu.

*Tell your friends about OLLI, and if they join,
YOU may be the big winner.*



REMEMBER: Campus closed on September 5, 2011.

OLLI Membership Form for June 1, 2011 – May 31, 2012

Name _____ Preferred Name on Badge _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Please send OLLI Newsletters via: E-mail [] Please send OLLI Newsletters via Postal Service: []

Do you want to receive E-mail messages about OLLI activities? Yes [] No []

Join the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UAH by mailing this completed form and a check for \$15, payable to:
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How did you hear about OLLI? Senior Center Family & Friends
 Library WLRH Huntsville Times
 Other: Please Specify _____

If referred by an individual, please list their name _____

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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: Inputs for the October Newsletter are due by September 26.

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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