

2011 OLLI Photo Contest Winners



1st Place Winner
A Cold January Morning
By Peter Van Hoff

Thirty-seven impressive entries were submitted for this year's theme, "Seasons in the Tennessee Valley." All seasons from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, were represented, and this year's rare occurrence of abundant area snowfalls made it possible for our photographers to take scenic winter photos, something that couldn't have happened in previous years.

Another unusual thing happened this year. In addition to selecting the winning photos, Judges Barbara Staggs, Barbara Hitt, and Jose Benacourt chose four honorable mention picks. To see them and all the entries, a slide show can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gTCpjVnHh9I>. Thanks to all the participants; your photos are amazing.

Have a good idea for the 2012 OLLI Photo Contest? Please send it to ollinewsletter@msn.com.



2nd Place Winner
Dancing Dragonfly,
By Danny Drake



3rd Place Winner
A Winter Morning at Jones Farm Pond
By Henry Smith

OLLI Members: Enjoy Changing Leaf Colors!

Board the North Alabama Railroad to view spectacular fall leaf colors. Read details on page 4.

From the President



Chuck Duffy

Now that the fall term is underway, and most of you have found your classes and enjoyed the ice cream social, your OLLI committees are already working on the winter term.

Are there subjects YOU would like to see in upcoming catalogs? Have you communicated that to our Curriculum Committee? A note left in the OLLI office will get attention IF there is an appropriate instructor and sufficient other students are interested.

Are you taking part in the Wednesday bonuses? What about our social events?

Many of you complain about parking on campus (or lack thereof).

UAHuntsville is growing; students must pay \$120 a year for the opportunity to cruise for the same parking spaces, so the situation probably will not improve.

Try to determine when the UAH class breaks are, and then try to arrive early enough to garner a space as some students leave. You might be lucky! I sympathize with those who have difficulties walking long distances, since I share your difficulty.

Good luck in all your OLLI endeavors.

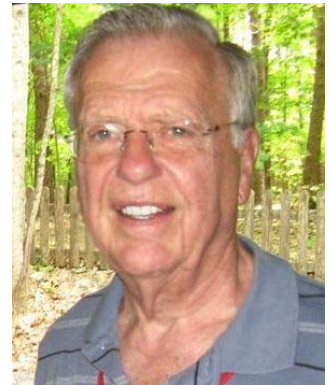
Curriculum Corner

Do you want to be a facilitator for your class next term?

Ever notice the student in the class who takes the attendance, makes announcements, and writes messages on the board? And the other one who operates the audio visual equipment? These are the facilitators. They assist the instructors in conducting the class.

How do the facilitators come about? Three or four days after classes are opened for registration, the Curriculum Discipline Chairs (see the list on the back of the course catalog) are sent lists of the people who have enrolled for the classes. From these lists the discipline chairs call or email enrollees and ask if they would be a facilitator for their respective classes.

We have noticed that many times a student will say that he/she would like to be a facilitator but has never been asked. If you would like to assist a teacher, the best way to accomplish this desire is to communicate it to the instructor or to the discipline chair who arranges the class. If you don't know how to contact one of these people, please call me at 256-830-9279, and I will assist you.



Hugh Nicholson, Chair
Curriculum Committee

The Truly Educated Never Graduate



Cultural Committee

Submitted by Eleanor Schweinsberg, Chair

Successful Museum Visit : Over twenty OLLI members attended “A Sense of Place: Plein Air Painters of the Southeast” and the World War II victory quilts exhibits at the Huntsville Museum of Art on Wednesday, September 7, at 1:00 p.m. Some of us also viewed the Huntsville Photographic Society’s display containing photos by many of our OLLI members. Thanks to Nell Roberts for the museum arrangements.

October 21: Dr. Chad Allen Thomas, Assistant Professor of English and director of the *Comedy of Errors* (See November 16-20 below.), will present a lecture to OLLI members on Friday, October 21, at 1:00 p.m. in Wilson Hall 152. A thespian or two will join him.

November 3: The next Huntsville Symphony Orchestra preview lecture by Taavo Virkhaus will be on Thursday, November 3, at 2:45 p.m. in Madison Hall, Room 202. This lecture will introduce the Saturday, November 5, performance with Gregory Vajda conducting a performance of Wagner: Siegfried Idyll, Copland: Appalachian Spring Suite, and Beethoven: Symphony No. 4.



November 4, 5: Our own Linda McAllister will sing with The *Huntsville Master Chorale* in concerts featuring a Haydn Mass (*Missa Brevis No. 7*) along with other exciting anthems. Performances are on Friday, November 4, at 7:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 307 Gates Avenue, and Saturday, November 5, at 4:00 p.m. at Monte Sano Methodist Church, Monte Sano Blvd. Patricia Hacker is the guest conductor. Donations will be accepted at the door.



November 16-20; UAHuntsville students will be performing *Comedy of Errors*, one of William Shakespeare's earliest and shortest plays, on **November 16-20**. Dr. Chad Allen Thomas will have prepared us for enjoying the performances through his lecture on October 21 (see above).

Opera News: The Metropolitan Opera Season will begin in October, and operas will be shown again this season “Live in HD” at Hollywood 18 Theatre, South Memorial Parkway, Huntsville. Information is listed below for October and November.

Saturday, Oct. 15: ANNA BOLENA - (Live) 11:55 a.m. The Encore will be Wed, Nov 2, at 6:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 29: DON GIOVANNI - (Live) 11:55 a.m. The Encore will be Wed, Nov 16, at 6:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Nov. 5: SIEGFRIED - (Live) 11:00 a.m. No Encore listed.
 Saturday, Nov. 19: SATYAGRAHA - (Live) 11:55 a.m. The Encore will be Wed, Dec 7, at 6:30 p.m.



Admission for live performances is \$24/adults, \$22/seniors, and \$18/children. Encore prices are \$18 for everyone.

“Small cheer and great welcome makes a merry feast.” *The Comedy of Errors*, Act 3. Scene 1, Line 29.

Special Events Committee

All Aboard for North Alabama Railroad Spectacular Fall Leaf Tour!

Bring your grandchildren and bring yourselves!

Bring your lunch to eat before we board.

An entire car is reserved! (Seats 60)

Make your reservation immediately!



Where? OLLI OFFICE, Wilson Hall
(Get map to departing location.)

Cost? Seniors \$11.00; Children \$8.00

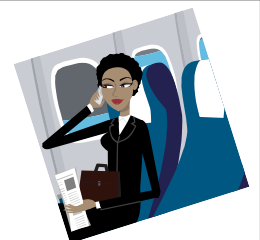
When? Saturday, October 15, 12:30 p.m.

For more information, call 256-824-6959.

WLRH Fall Fundraiser

The bi-annual fundraiser for WLRH will be October 10-14. OLLI members will answer the phones on Oct 14, from 9:00 a.m. till noon. Call on Oct. 14, and make your pledge to Ann Carey, Dave Kostowny, Peggy and David Deutch, or Karen Trevey. They will be having a good time serving our community.

For additional information, contact Beverly Marchelos, (256) 534-3639.



The fall term kicked off with a sweet start as numerous members tackled cookies, ice cream, and various toppings the afternoon of Friday, September 9, in Wilson Hall. Sugar-free ice cream and cookies were also available. A slideshow of **all** the delightful photos submitted for the 2011 OLLI Photo Contest and slides of various OLLI activities additionally enlivened the first social of the year.

If members desired information about OLLI committees or wished to join some of them, this information, too, was available.



When Do I Start Feeding the Birds Again?

By the time you read this, Ruby-throated Hummingbirds are in Panama, sipping on exotic nectars. Should you consider leaving up one hummingbird feeder, just in case? I did last fall, and we were visited by a Rufous Hummingbird, a native of the West Coast, during breeding season. Researchers are telling us now that a few of these western species come to the Southeast rather than fly due south through Mexico. The reason is not clear, but the seven week visit for us was memorable, especially when I had to protect the feeder from freezing during those very cold days.

If you choose to put sunflower seeds and suet in feeders, you can expect the typical goldfinches, cardinals, titmice, woodpeckers, and chickadees to be joined by increasing numbers of winter visitors, perhaps some Purple Finches and Pine Siskins. Any month can be a good time to attract birds for your enjoyment, but the colder months seem to attract more numbers. Look for ground-feeding birds like White-throated Sparrows and juncos to arrive as soon as the cold northern air sends them your way. For them I toss millet seed on the ground. One of the nice things about feeding wild birds is that when you go out-of-town for an extended period, the birds will forage for food on their own. They will not become totally dependent on your food.

If you want to increase your bird identification skills, the North Alabama Birdwatchers Society (NABS) is a friendly group with no membership dues and with an impressive list of field trips in the fall, winter, and spring seasons. Visit www.tvas.org and use the NABS link for the current schedule of NABS trips.



American Goldfinch



Carolina Chickadee

Submitted by Bill McAlister, bird enthusiast and OLLI member and instructor, who will occasionally submit articles on birds.

Thank You Letters from OLLI Scholarship Recipients

I want to thank you so much for offering me the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH scholarship. Because of your generosity and the generosity of other donors, you have alleviated the financial burden that college brings. I can now know that I will graduate from UAH with only my degrees and friendships and no debt.

Without your help I would not have been able to go to UAH or study aerospace engineering, both of which have been my dreams for many years now. I live in South Carolina and the day that I toured the campus at Huntsville, I knew that was where I was going to college. I can't wait to be part of such a warm and inviting environment. The kind people there have helped make my dream come true. Thank you for your investment in my future; with it I will work to change the future of others.

Betty Ann Neils

I am very grateful for receiving the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute scholarship for the third year in a row. Thank you for your continuous support to UA-Huntsville in helping students like myself who need financial help to further their education.

The past school year, 2010-2011, has been a great one. I started taking classes that were specific to biology and math, and I was very interested. I also joined the Biology Club, which deepened my interest in our environment and the organisms around me. This year I also made the Dean's List for the College of Science and received the American Chemistry Society (ACS) General Chemistry Award. These recognitions made me feel fulfilled and allowed me to realize that I did make the right career choice.

This summer, I was appointed as one of the College of Science Ambassadors. This group is in charge of the activities that the College of Science implements every year. I am much honored to be a part of this organization, and I am hoping to be able to reach out and meet other people through this group.

Again, thank you for helping me continue my education through this scholarship. With your help, I was able to learn great and interesting things that I will be able to apply not only to myself but to others with whom I will share my knowledge. All of these recognitions and awards would not have been possible without your help. I hope this letter and my achievements will inspire you to keep helping students in need. THANK YOU!

Jervic Caparas

"Anonymous Donor" continued

So, you can understand how important it is when an "Anonymous Donor" gift helps defray costs of copying or instructional materials or new course material or special equipment that will enable us to provide a totally new course!

We are absolutely thrilled to accept this wonderful gift to our program and offer *Anonymous Donor* our sincere gratitude and appreciation for supporting the future of our organization!

Submitted by Eleanor Carter, OLLI Vice-President,
carterer@aol.com

Thank You, "Anonymous Donor"

Did you know that the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH (OLLI) is a qualified 501(c)3 organization? Any donations to our organization are fully tax deductible (if you itemize deductions and meet other tax guidelines). And now, good news from Treasurer Ed Bernstein: An "Anonymous Donor" will generously provide OLLI with monthly gifts to be used for on-campus curriculum! The Curriculum Committee will determine how the funds can best be spent to enhance the teaching experience for our volunteer instructors and the learning experience for OLLI members.

To put this gift in perspective, you should know that per our agreement with UAH, the university receives all tuition for classes. All regular OLLI activities are funded by our \$15/year membership dues. Our volunteer Board, Instructors, and Committee Chairs are very cost-conscious and do a wonderful job of judiciously managing our funds. The Curriculum budget is \$3000, from which we pay for off-campus rented facilities for classes.

OLLI Hosts Booth at Senior Expo

OLLI members, in conjunction with UAHuntsville’s Professional and Continuing Studies, enjoyed a successful public relations day at the recent Senior Expo held at the South Hall of the Von Braun Center. The planning committee proposed a creative idea to express what OLLI does best and fashioned demos based on OLLI’s purpose: **“To Learn and Have Fun.”**

During the Expo, members performed short exhibitions of courses in knitting, hiking, magic, drawing, and dancing. (See photos below.) In addition to the demos, classes, socials, and field trips were featured in a slideshow. There were also drawings for door prizes, and 105 visitors registered with 31 requesting course catalogs. At least one new member registered for a class the very next day.

Everyone had a great time watching the demos, mingling, and explaining OLLI to interested potential members. And, by the way, the volunteers made it evident to passersby that OLLI members sure know how to **have fun!**



Bob Ward relates how OLLI classes spurred his interest in learning magic tricks.



Frances Currie shows how easy it is to develop artistic talent in her drawing course.



Barbara Ward uses extra big needles to explain what can be learned in the knitting course.



No stones are left unturned; photos, colorful brochures, handouts, a box for prize drawings, and a slideshow fill the booth to attract potential members.



Bob Goodwin gives tips and info about hiking.



Sue Chatham, Chris Johnson, Leah Black, and Marilyn Patterson demonstrate how to gracefully swing hips to a hula.

After viewing the exhibits and talking to many of those participating, several visitors were heard wondering aloud how they had missed knowing about all that OLLI has to offer.



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:
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH.

MAIL TO: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH
P.O. Box 1581, Huntsville, AL 35807
PHONE: 256-824-6959

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 _____

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 []

Gift Membership Yes [] No []

Gift From _____

*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 November/December Newsletter are due by November 16.
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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