

The OLLI Insider

News For Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH

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Member Services Committee 'Names' OLLI Newsletter

New OLLI year! New OLLI Board Members! Why not a new, incisive name to convey what the OLLI Newsletter does? Lorrie White of the Member Services Committee suggested that our generic newsletter needed a specific name. Several suggestions were submitted by members, and the committee voted on them.

Guess what? Lorrie's suggestion, *The OLLI Insider*, won! Thus along with several new happenings at the beginning of the OLLI year, including a different newsletter editor (Joyce Pettis), we have a specific name for the organization's chronicle.

Let the Member Services Committee know how you like the new name. Feel free to send comments about it to OLLInewsletter@msn.com. You may see your comment in the next *OLLI Insider* issue.

Annual OLLI Summer Potluck Picnic



June 13, 2012—Green Mountain Nature Center—11:00-2:00 p.m.

Come see your OLLI friends in the cooler air on the mountain top.

There are trails for hiking, an historic covered bridge, and a covered pavilion for the picnic. Lunch will be at noon. Bring a covered dish to share; OLLI will provide the drinks, ice, and paper products.

Did You Borrow OLLI Videos?

About two years ago, when George Thurlow taught Classical Archaeology of Ancient Greece and Rome, he loaned Part 1, consisting of two videos, to a student. The DVDs were not returned. They were "Part 1: Creating a Science of the Past" and "Part 1: An Archaeologist's Casebook" by Professor John Hale.

These videos are now needed for "The Great Tours, Greece and Turkey." If you took George Thurlow's class, perhaps you borrowed the videos. Please check your stash. Should you find the videos, please return them to the OLLI office in Wilson Hall. You will incur no overdue fees or verbal reprimands.

From the President

The organization we know as OLLI at UAH has just begun its 19th year since it started as The Academy in 1993. Over the coming summer months we will experience several varied events which we call the Summer Enrichment Series (SES). Following the summer picnic at Green Mountain on June 13, OLLI members can attend a UAH Computer Camp (arranged by Professional and Continuing Studies), learn about senior medical problems and treatments at Huntsville Hospital, hear about current activities at Hudson Alpha, visit a micro brewery in Madison, and hopefully tour Redstone Arsenal by bus. The various other activities have been arranged by Leah Black, Bill McAllister, and Fred Gahr. Watch for details about these events in the following weeks. Some events will require sign-ups because of space limits at some of our hosts.



Meanwhile, we welcome new OLLI Board members elected at the Annual Meeting on May 13. We applaud the committees that are busy preparing for the coming school year. Remember to send in your OLLI membership forms because this is a new year for OLLI membership. Still a bargain at \$15. Don't forget to invite your friends, relatives, or neighbors to join, too.

Looking forward to seeing you often during this summer.

Chuck Duffy, President

Curriculum Corner



Hugh Nicholson,

Foreign Languages in the OLLI Curriculum

As you probably know, OLLI has a very active foreign language program. This fall we will have thirteen classes – five Spanish, four German, two French and one each Russian and Italian. Language courses make up a quarter of OLLI classes.

I would like to recognize the language instructors. Karlee Arey and Flora Boardman each teach two Spanish classes. Pat Gilchrist teaches one. There are two French Instructors, Denise Selah for the advanced course and Arabel Diamant for the intermediate one. Bill Holman conducts the Russian class and Stefania McCormick conducts the Italian one. Leka Medenbach and I have been teaching German for years. This fall there will be two new German Instructors—Marilyn Robertson and Doc Speir. All are conscientious and talented Instructors.

Vita French will not be returning this fall. She is a popular Spanish instructor who coordinated the OLLI language program for some ten years, starting in the nineties and going well into the new century. She deserves a break, but we look forward to her return.

A language class is different from most other OLLI classes because the student must do homework in order to benefit from the course. It is kind of like math; information builds on top of information. If you let yourself get behind, it can be the dickens to catch up. Thus, studying a language requires dedication and effort. The experts say that learning foreign languages wards off Alzheimer's, so the hard work pays off.

Do yourself a favor; take a language class.

Submitted by Hugh Nicholson, Outgoing Curriculum Chair



Cultural Committee

Submitted by Eleanor Schweinsberg, Chair

Although things slow down in the summer, there are still cultural events going on.

Docent-led Museum of Art Tour

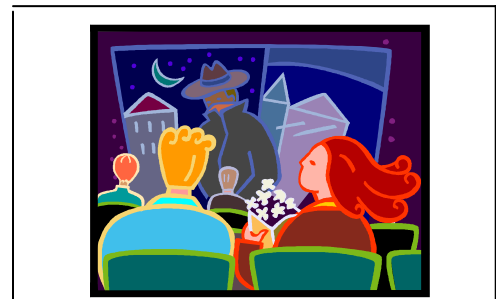
Cultural Committee member Nell Roberts has arranged a docent-led tour of the current exhibit at the Huntsville Museum of Art titled "Red Clay Survey" on Friday, June 22, at 1:00 p.m. This is an exhibition of contemporary Southern art with work in all styles and media selected by jurors with strong national credentials. The works typically range in style from the traditional to the avant-garde and encompass painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, fine craft, photography, and mixed media works from artists throughout an eleven state region.

To ensure that we have an adequate number of docents, please contact Nell at 256.539.9837 or nell-roberts101@gmail.com to tell her you will attend. Admission to HMA is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and free to museum members.

Metropolitan Opera Broadcasts

For those who missed the broadcasts from the Metropolitan Opera, there is still an opportunity to catch some of the performances you may have missed or wish to see again. Hollywood 18 will show re-runs of operas from this past season. The schedule is below:

- Donizetti's Anna Bolena – Wednesday, June 13, 2012
- Rossini's Le Comte Ory – Wednesday, June 20, 2012
- Mozart's Don Giovanni – Wednesday, June 27, 2012
- Offenbach's Les Contes d'Hoffmann – Wednesday, July 11, 2012
- Donizetti's Lucia Di Lammermoor – Wednesday, July 18, 2012
- Strauss's Der Rosenkavalier – Wednesday, July 25, 2012



Committee Appreciation

I wish to thank committee members Linda McAllister, Pat and Jim Lindberg, Joyce Pettis, and Nell Roberts, who helped with events this year, and also to thank Sue Chatham for her help with the HSO Preview Lectures.

Check the weekly emails for further events. If you have a particular cultural interest that you would like to bring to the attention to the OLLI community, consider joining the Cultural Committee to help us plan to visit these

Cultural Committee Preparing for Lunch



(C) Joyce Pettis
(R) Nell Roberts
Pat Lindberg,
Jim Lindberg



Vita French reads a children's story in Spanish to her class.

See Hugh Nicholson's article, p. 2.

(L) Linda McAllister, Eleanor Schweinsberger, Sue Chatham

2012 OLLI PHOTO CONTEST

Photos Due By June 30, 2012

Our 4th Annual Photo Contest theme is "Something Old (outdoors) in the TN Valley." There will be first, second, and third place prizes. It's fun, it's challenging, and all members are welcome to participate. You don't have to have an expensive camera to take that impressive picture.

Guidelines:

- ◆ **Theme:** Something Old (outdoors) in the *TN Valley — use your imagination!
- ◆ **Specs:**
 - * Photos cannot have any identifiable faces
 - * Photographs must be converted to a digital jpg format
 - * Light photo editing is permitted but **please save the original photo**
 - * Photo must not have identifying/copyright marks
 - * Preferred size is 1024 pixels
 - * Color photos are preferred
 - * Name your photo
 - * 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, 2012



* TN Valley includes Alabama counties of Jackson, Limestone, Madison, Marshall, Morgan, and Lincoln County, TN

*Please note that entering your photo gives OLLI 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 before your photograph is submitted. It will not be eligible for judging until the signed release form is received. **Only current OLLI members are eligible to participate, so please make sure your membership is up-to-date prior to entry.***

In Remembrance



Edna Clay

Longtime OLLI teacher Edna Clay died on March 25, 2012. With husband Clint Clay, Edna had been an active member of OLLI for more than ten years. OLLI recognized her dedication to teaching for the organization in a certificate which noted that she had taught 24 classes from 1995 to 2004.

Although music was dear to her heart, Edna taught classes in numerous subjects. Hugh Nicholson recalls that she once taught a class on creativity. She asked class members to invent something. Hugh still uses the little balance scale that he made for determining whether the letter he is sending needs one stamp or two.

In May 2010, Edna shared her music and acting talents in the OLLI's Got Talent show. She sang "Climb Every Mountain" and performed a comedy routine titled "O'Leary at the Bar" with Clint.

She will be missed by OLLI and the friends who held her dear.



A Busy Annual Meeting

The OLLI Annual Meeting turned out to be a delightful evening beginning with members meeting and greeting each other while the melodic Redstone Jazz Project played favorite songs of our era. Instructors and facilitators were identified and honored with applause. And then the food lines opened to the tasty Greek dinner catered by Taziki's.

After dinner, the new Board of Director members were elected—Cathy Bailey, Leah Black, Fred Peterson, and Bob Robertson. Gifts were bestowed on outgoing members,—Al Cruise, Cindy Spratly, and Lorrie White, each having served 6 years on the Board of Directors.

The highlight of the event was the speaker, UAH President Dr. Altenkirch, who entertained us with an exceptional sense of humor as he described upcoming plans for the UAHuntsville campus and academic program.

Thanks to Social Chair Bill Johnson and his committee for an outstanding event.

Submitted by Lorrie White



Around 200 smiling faces fill Wesley Hall for the Annual Meeting on May 11



UAHuntsville President, Dr. Altenkirch



2012-2013 Board of Directors (Members missing are Jan Atnip, Mable Gordon, Joyce Pettis, and Jim Will.)



Social Committee Chair Bill Johnson and wife Chris

SUMMER COMPUTER CAMP FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

- Designed for the Older Adult Novice
- Hands-on Learning with Personalized Attention
- Introductory-level Curriculum

Courses are designed for the *Seasoned Adult* who wants to become more familiar with their home computer. We believe learning should be an enjoyable and beneficial experience, and we intend to make it so! Our classes are structured to ensure hands-on instruction, personal attention, and are taught by dedicated and knowledgeable instructors. Each course is 6 hours, spread over 2 consecutive days.

CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

1 Computer Basics: The Very Beginning

June 18 & 19 **OR** July 16 & 17, 9:00 am – Noon

2 Microsoft Word for Beginners

June 20 & 21 **OR** July 18 & 19, 9:00 am – Noon

3 Facebook: Today's Connection

June 20 & 21 **OR** July 16 & 17, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

4 Google It!

June 18 & 19 **OR** July 18 & 19, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Only \$69 per course!

Fee includes all material costs, lab fees, and light refreshments.

Save \$10 per course.

\$59 per course, if you are an active member of OLLI@UAH.

If not a member, join today for only \$15. Sign-up at www.osher.uah.edu or contact Maxine at 256.824.6183 for details.



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SHOULD I START WITH COMPUTER BASICS?

Computer Basics: The Very Beginning provides the basic skills necessary to be successful in our other computer courses. However, you may already possess the skills to succeed without this basics course. Listed below are essential skills that most of the Summer Computer Camp courses assume you possess.

1. Knowledge of the keyboard.
Not the same as typing skills, although those help.
2. Basic mouse handling skills – the ability to click, double-click and right-click.
3. Ability to select portions of text and then copy and paste to another position in the same document, to another document entirely, or to delete the selected text.
4. Ability to find and open a document.
5. Basic formatting skills, fonts and font size, page set-up (margins, for instance).
6. Ability to save a document to the desired location. Understand the difference between save and save as.
7. File handling abilities: copy, move and delete a file, and create a folder.

HOW DO YOU SCORE?

If you are unfamiliar with the above skills, register for *Computers Basics: The Very Beginning*. If you answer “YES, I know how to do that!,” then you are ready to start any of the Summer Computer Camp courses.

Questions or Concerns?

Maxine.Doherty@uah.edu or 256.824.6183

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SUMMER COMPUTER CAMP FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Individuals should begin with **Computer Basics** or have equivalent skills.
Not sure? See self-evaluation on the facing page.

1 Computer Basics: The Very Beginning

June 18 & 19 OR July 16 & 17, 9:00 am – Noon

You are welcome even if you have never touched a computer. This hands-on course introduces you step-by-step to a computer, and its keyboard, mouse, and screen – as well as a few simple programs and other hardware components. Practice skills such as cut, copy, and paste that will help you use almost any program. Learn how to organize files on a computer, where they go when you hit “save” and how to find them again when you need them. Also, learn how to access the internet and be introduced to the concept of electronic mail. If you have either Windows 7 or Windows Vista on your home computer, you can learn computer basics in this course.

* Upon successful completion, you'll be ready to move into the other Summer Camp Course offerings.

2 Microsoft Word for Beginners

June 20 & 21 OR July 18 & 19, 9:00 am – Noon

Microsoft Word is a powerful tool that is easily learned. With it you can produce printed documents that are attractive, interesting and easily read. We will start with simple hands-on projects to learn the basic commands in Word. Learn how to create basic documents and add interesting elements, including changing the arrangement on the page and adding different fonts, colors, and pictures. You'll leave class with the ability to create attractive and useful documents. Although the course will be taught in Microsoft Word 2010, you should be able to use your new knowledge in the 2007 version.

NOTE: Courses are offered in the Windows 7 operating system.

WAYS TO REGISTER:

It's easy! Just select one or more courses and times from the list above. REGISTER EARLY! Seating is limited and on a first-come basis.

ONLINE: www.PCS.uah.edu/SummerCamp

PHONE: 256.824.6010

IN PERSON: PCS Registration Office, UAHuntsville,
Wilson Hall, Room 103

3 Facebook: Today's Connection

June 20 & 21 OR July 16 & 17, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Facebook has more than 800 million active users, and over 50 percent of them log in to the site every day. Chances are your children, grandchildren and friends – both long-lost and brand new – are among these users. Social media sites like Facebook provide a new way to stay in contact with people, organizations and causes that you care about. In this course, we will help you set up a Facebook page using step-by-step instructions, while we guide you through the Facebook vocabulary like your “profile,” the “Wall,” and “updating your status.” You will learn how to navigate the settings that control what others can see about you and what appears on your Facebook wall. We'll discuss security issues as well.

4 Google It!

June 18 & 19 OR July 18 & 19, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Join us to find out what it really means to “Google.” We all use Google to find stuff on the internet, but that's not all Google can do for you. We'll teach you how to take advantage of Google's powerful search tools, effectively use “key words,” narrow searches, and find exactly what you need. With hands-on exercises, explore how Google tools can help you plan a trip, find the best restaurant, or shop online. Learn how to send, receive and manage your e-mail with Gmail, translate text with Google Translate, upload videos to YouTube, and explore the world with Google Map and Google Earth. Join us for a fun adventure on how to find and use FREE Google tools to enhance your internet experience!

LOCATION:

All courses will be held in Wilson Hall on the UAHuntsville Campus. Directions will be provided with your confirmation letter.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Maxine.Doherty@uah.edu or 256.824.6183.

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OLLI Membership Form for June 1, 2012 – May 31, 2013

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 []

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If referred by an individual, please list their name _____

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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 are donating in your check.

**Important Notice: Inputs for the June 2012 Newsletter are due by July 14, 2012.
Please send articles and ideas to Joyce Pettis, Editor; Lorrie White, Co-editor, at OLLInewsletter@msn.com.**



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