

# The OLLI Insider

News For Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH

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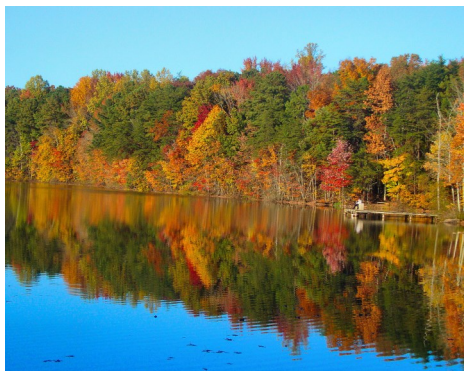
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## Winning Entries of the OLLI Photo Contest 2013



First Place: Debbie Tromblee



Second Place: Bob Goodwin



Third Place: Peter Viot

## Inspirational OLLI Classes: Birth of a Contest



Lorrie White

In 2009, while taking a couple of OLLI photography courses, I noted that many classmates appeared to be captivated with the subject of photography. As the newsletter editor at that time, the observation sparked the idea to create a newsletter-sponsored photo contest for amateurs.

The first step was asking Barbara Ward, then curriculum chair, if the winning photo could be featured in the course catalog, and then we broached the idea to UAHuntsville. We were pleased that they not only agreed to catalog feature the winning photo but also offered to award a tuition prize. From that point, everything seemed to fall smoothly into place. The Member Services Committee gave support for second and third prizes, cost of frames, photos, and miscellaneous expenses, the judges were in place, and the contest was underway!

After a few announcements of the theme, photos slowly started creeping in. It was exciting! With each one, I thought wow, this one is a winner, then another winner,

and another!

As I took identifying marks off the photos and posted them anonymously to a web site for the judges, I was thankful I didn't have to judge. To me, they were all good, and I'd have to be blindfolded in order to choose.

The judges throughout the five years of the contest have been OLLI members Barbara Staggs, Barbara Hitt, Tom Bryant, Bill McAllister, and Jose Betancourt, UAHuntsville Associate Professor of Photography. They know what constitutes a good photo, and it's apparent by the prize winning photos: they pick the most exceptional!

The current contest theme is "Nature in Alabama," which commences *now*, May 2013, and ends April 1, 2014. Questions and photos can be sent to <http://www.ollinewsletter@msn.com>. Look for articles in the newsletters on tips on how to take wow-factor photos. Remember to keep your camera handy so you don't miss a photo opportunity.

Submitted by Lorrie White

## President's Message

### Beginnings and Celebrations

A successful spring term has concluded, summer is beginning, and with it, plans are being made for representatives of OLLI at UAH to attend the Southern OLLI Conference on the University of Georgia campus, Athens, GA, July 24-26. It's not too late to register. Come and join us for this fun opportunity to learn new ideas about growing OLLI from this national network of which we are a part.

The following outstanding OLLI Board members, beginning a new year of service, bring considerable dedication and experience to the task. Serving for 2013-2014, are Cathy Bailey, Vice President (VP) and Chair of Administration and Finance; Mike Doyle, Vice President of Curriculum; Leah Black, Secretary and Chair of the Social Committee; and George Leach, Treasurer. Board members include Past President Chuck Duffy, Ed Bernstein,

Sue Chatham, Mable Gordon, Bill Johnson, Gratia Mahony, Bill McAllister, Linda McAllister, Jane McBride, Fred Peterson, Bob Robertson, and Vanitha Singh.



Jerri McClain,  
President

Lifelong Learning at UAHuntsville will celebrate its twentieth year in 2013, with classes having begun on campus in August 1993. Announcements will be made over the coming weeks about activities planned to recognize this significant milestone.

As noted in *Money* magazine last fall, OLLI at UAH makes Huntsville notable as a place for retirement. Our members are our strength. We appreciate you.



Mike Doyle, Chair

## Curriculum News

### Words, Words, Words!

Have you ever wondered where words come from? Why is a word spelled as it is? Why are letters in some words silent? Why do we have so many irregularities in our verbs? For the answers to these and other questions about the words we use every day, you will need to become a student in a new class called "The Secret

Life of Words: English Words and Their Origins."

Perhaps you are lover of wine, but you really don't know what you like or why you like it. This year we are offering a course on wine tasting. It will be held off-campus so that we can really taste the wine.

These are just two of the new courses that OLLI will be offering for the 2013-2014 terms. Other new offerings during the year will be Shakespeare, Oceanology, and Vibrations. Now is the time to renew your membership so that you will be ready to register for new and exciting topics. Remember to invite your friends and neighbors to join you at OLLI for some wonderful and interesting experiences. For example, bring a new member to the picnic on Green Mountain on June 13. Bring someone to the Back-to-School event in early August. There is plenty to do, and many with whom to share learning experiences.

*The Truly Educated Never Graduate!*



# Cultural Committee



Jane McBride,  
Chairperson

We are sponsoring a trip to the **Sewanee Summer Music Festival (SSMF)** on Sunday, June 30, for the afternoon performances. Octavio Mas-Arocas, the SSMF Resident Conductor, leads the Cumberland Orchestra in selections by Rimsky-Korsakov and Bizet at 2:30 p.m., followed by the Sewanee Symphony performing contemporary works by Shostakovich and Thomas Sleeper. Both performances are in the Guerry Auditorium. We will have opportunities to dine on the mountain prior to or after the concerts. Sewanee, Tennessee, is home to the University of the South. Tickets are \$12, if ordered ahead.

Contact Jane McBride, [janemcbride@knology.net](mailto:janemcbride@knology.net) or 256-533-4532.

Planning is progressing for a mid-to-late July trip to the **High Museum of Art in Atlanta** to coincide with the exhibition of *Girl with a Pearl Earring: Dutch Paintings from the Mauritshuis*. This exhibit marks the first time Johannes Vermeer's iconic painting will be seen in the Southeast and explores the idea that Dutch artists more readily embraced paintings of everyday subjects than their southern European contemporaries. This collection is on loan from the magnificent 17th-century city palace in The Hague, the Netherlands, celebrated for its masterpieces from the Dutch and Flemish Golden Age, including paintings by Vermeer, Rembrandt, Steen, Hals, and Rubens.

Contact Jane McBride, [janemcbride@knology.net](mailto:janemcbride@knology.net) to express your date preferences.

# Summer Picnic on Green Mountain

**Thursday, June 13, 2013**

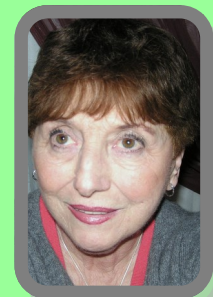
*11:00-2:00 p.m. at the Pavilion*

Come out in June to Green Mountain Nature Center for the OLLI Potluck Picnic.

Lunch is served at noon.  
Bring a covered dish to share.

Drinks and paper products will be provided by your Social Committee worker bees.

The area is beautiful, so come early or stay late and enjoy the cool, the covered bridge, lake, hiking trails, historic buildings, and mingling with your fellow members.



Leah Black,  
Social Events Chair



# OLLI: Renew your membership for 2013 - 2014

The OLLI membership year for 2013 – 2014 starts June 1. Now is the time to renew. For an annual membership of \$15 you receive:

- Cultural, social, and special event opportunities
- Opportunity to register for interesting OLLI courses
- Free Wednesday Bonus Seminars
- Salmon Library and UAHuntsville bookstore privileges
- Discount at UAHuntsville Fitness Center
- OLLI curriculum catalog each term
- Opportunity to meet like-minded people in a social and educational setting
- Volunteer opportunities within OLLI
- *The OLLI Insider* (The OLLI newsletter, ten issues per year)
- OLLI DVD Lending Library
- Opportunity to support OLLI Scholarship Fund for UAHuntsville students



Email online or send snail mail.

An additional \$85 for a term of classes provides you with:

- Opportunity to register for one to six classes in numerous subjects
- Experts in varied fields of study and work as teachers
- Interaction with other talented seniors in classes
- Parking on UAH campus

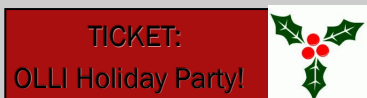
Don't miss all of the opportunities to meet interesting people and stay active. Join now to be guaranteed to receive the newsletter and enews detailing the activities available for the summer of 2013.

## Don't Forget Your Friends! OLLI Holiday Party Tickets!

**What do membership in OLLI and free OLLI Holiday Party tickets have in common?**

Do you know someone who wants to continue their learning? Would they enjoy symphony lectures, hikes, and industrial tours? Are they interested in meeting new people? Then OLLI is the right place for them, and you could win two tickets to the OLLI Holiday Party. For every new member for 2013-2014 that you bring 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 form. The more new members that you bring in the more chances that you have to win! Visit our web site at [www.osher.uah.edu](http://www.osher.uah.edu) to join online or print the membership form on page 7 of this newsletter, and mail it in.

Questions? Contact Member Services Chair, Sue Chatham, at [chatham@knology.net](mailto:chatham@knology.net).



# New Special Interest Groups

## Hiking

Join OLLI members who love hiking and have bonded into a special interest group. Hike with them on those warm and sometimes crispy, colorful fall mornings for fun, fitness and camaraderie on the trails in the Huntsville area. We will try a mix of some of the newer trails and older ones on Huntsville Mountain, Green Mountain, Wade Mountain, Monte Sano, and other locations. You will not need a lot of equipment: sneakers or hiking boots, a walking stick and water are the basics. Dogs on leashes are allowed!

Hike leaders: Thursdays: Bob Goodwin, Craig Reinhart and Diane Lewis. Fridays: Rick Gates, Bob Goodwin, Billy Spears and Joe Thomas. Liability waivers are required. All hiking details will be handled via Email.

**Sign-up between August 15-September 5 for fall 2013.** Email [OLLIHIKING@gmail.com](mailto:OLLIHIKING@gmail.com) and ask to be added to the list. You will receive a schedule and a waiver about a week prior to the first hike.

**Dates:** Thursdays: Sept. 12-Oct. 31  
Easier hikes—Easy to moderate.  
Fridays: Sept. 13-Nov. 1  
More difficult—Moderate to hard.

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
A few Friday hikes will start at 8:30 a.m.

**Location:** Various

For hiking interest group, you will *not* sign up through the normal school registration process! Hiking is free, if you are a member of OLLI!



## Ethnic Dance

Are you interested in Ethnic Dance? The purpose of this group is to introduce international dance to OLLI members. The goals are to have at least six events related to dance in the next year. These events can be movies, performances, lectures, trips to nearby performances of folkloric companies, or renaissance fairs. Not only will we be exploring the dance but also the music, culture, customs, and food associated with the dance form. *Most of all we want to enjoy the diversity of dance!*

This group is sponsored by OLLI members Amanda Stokes, Becky Dollman, and Sue Chatham. If you are interested in joining the group, please let Amanda Stokes know by emailing her at [ala\\_cat@hotmail.com](mailto:ala_cat@hotmail.com) or calling her at 256-882-1563. She will add you to the group list, and you will be kept informed of all the activities. The only requirement is that you are a current member of OLLI.



## For Your Information

The Fall 2013 Course Guide will be available in August.



## Photography Contest Yields Bonuses

### Debbie Tromblee: First Place Winner 2013 Photo Contest



Debbie Tromblee

"I was surprised and happy," says Debbie Tromblee, upon learning that her photo of fall trees reflected in the lake had won the 2013 OLLI Photo Contest. She had submitted three entries, as allowed, and had thought that the trees captured on Green Mountain were the best of them. She used a Sony CyberShot point and shoot. Debbie won from among 39 entries

submitted by OLLI photographers.

Debbie had previously taken the OLLI class on photography composition and two classes on photo manipulation. When she won the contest this spring, she was enrolled again in the photo composition class (taught by Barbara Staggs) and in Fundamentals of Photography, a video class presided over by Gene Zajicek.

Winning the contest, Debbie says, has increased her confidence and has encouraged her to try photographing different kinds of images. Whereas she had primarily been photographing birds in her back yard, she is looking forward to taking pictures along the Blue Ridge Parkway during an upcoming trip to Virginia.

### Calendar for 2014 Coming in Fall

With so many wonderful photos amassed since the photo contest began in 2009, Lorrie White had another idea, which was sanctioned by the Members Services Committee: Let's produce an OLLI calendar for 2014 that will feature all the first, second, and third place winning photos from the past contests.

Most committees recognize a good idea when they hear it, and the idea was eagerly accepted. The calendar will be available for sale in the fall. See the "January" page below.

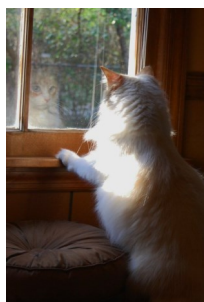
Profits will be donated to the OLLI Student Scholarship Fund. Please continue to help deserving students by purchasing the calendar at one of the OLLI functions in the fall.

More publicity and information will be forthcoming.

### Honorable Mention Photographs



Above: "Cosmos Bubbles,"  
Mike Bilinski



Right: "Copy Cat,"  
Dannye Drake



Above: "Old Glory,"  
Alan Forney



Peter Van Hoff  
"A Cold January Morning"  
1st Place Winner  
2011 Theme:  
*Seasons of the Tennessee Valley*

*January 2014*

**Happy New Year!**  
Be sure to review dates throughout the calendar for socials, special events, and cultural outings. Check out the catalog and register for winter term courses at: [www.PCRegistration@uah.edu](http://www.PCRegistration@uah.edu).

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## Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH Membership Form for June 1, 2013 – May 31, 2014

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name on Badge \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

If referred by an individual, please list their name \_\_\_\_\_

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Send Email updates about OLLI activities: Yes [  ] No [  ]

Join OLLI at UAH by mailing this form and your check, payable to: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH.

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*OLLI 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 implies permission to use your photo for OLLI publicity. If you do not want your photo used, please notify the instructor/photographer in advance.*

**Membership:** 1-year (\$15) [  ] 2-year (\$30) [  ]

**Type:** New [  ] Renewal [  ] Gift\* [  ]

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**OLLI Scholarship Fund\*\*:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* Contributions to the Scholarship provide financial support for a UAHuntsville student. Please include the additional amount of your donation in your check.

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# OLLI Annual Meeting and Spring Appreciation Dinner



Attendance was outstanding at the annual event held at the UAHuntsville Student Center Exhibit Hall on May 16.

Following a presentation by Dr. Delois H. Smith, VP for Diversity at UAHuntsville, teachers and facilitators were applauded for their volunteer services during the spring term.

Among the presentations, Dr. Karen Clanton was recognized for ten years of service to OLLI.

New OLLI Board members — Bill McAllister, Henry Oakley McCrory, and Vanitha Singh—were elected; however, McCrory has resigned. The OLLI Board elected Jerri McClain as president of OLLI.



Front row, L to R: Mable Gordon, Ed. Bernstein, Linda McAllister, Leah Black, Jerri McClain, Cathy Bailey, Sue Chatham, Jane McBride;  
 Back row L to R: Bob Robertson, Bill McAllister, Bill Johnson, George Leach, Al Doyle, Chuck Duffy, Vanitha Singh.  
 Not pictured: Gratia Mahony and Fred Peterson.

**Important Notice: Inputs for the July/August newsletter are due by July 22, 2013.**  
 Please send articles and ideas to Joyce Pettis, Editor; Lorrie White, Co-editor, at [OLLInewsletter@msn.com](mailto:OLLInewsletter@msn.com).  
 Please understand that due to cost and space constraints, articles may be edited for length.

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