

# The OLLI Insider

News For Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH

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## Have you registered for summer classes?

### Enjoy OLLI This Summer!

- ◇ Designed to meet OLLI lifestyles and interests
  - ◇ Perfect fit for busy schedules
  - ◇ Stay connected during the summer

Something for everyone! Summer courses have been designed to entertain you, to enable your creativity, to challenge you to try something new, and—best of all—to make your summer enjoyable and fun!

Want to sit back in a comfortable seat and enjoy a “summer getaway” with Dr. Jennifer Garlen as she celebrates the supreme power of love through four great classic films?

Or, do you have an idea for an article, have a great story to tell, and the desire to publish? Here's your chance!

You can also learn about the latest trends in information technology this summer. Starting with computer basics, we'll teach you the latest in tablets, social media, organizing and editing photos, creating newsletters, flyers, and greeting cards, and upgrading your computer to Windows 8.

For more information go to [www.osher.uah.edu](http://www.osher.uah.edu) and click on the Summer Catalog on the right. You can register online at [www.PCS.uah.edu/OLLISummer](http://www.PCS.uah.edu/OLLISummer).



### OLLI Board of Directors 2014-2015

*Front Row Starting Left* - Mike Doyle, Cathy Bailey, Jerri McLain, Leah Black, Bob Darnall

*Back Row Starting Left* - Bill McAllister, Phil Gwynn, Sue Chatham, Fred Petersen, Jane McBride, Linda McAllister, Nancy Darnall, Peggy McClure, Dick Fisher, Kenneth Rex, Ed Bernstein.

*Not Pictured* - Gratia Mahony, Bob Robertson, Vanitha Singh

Photo by Thurman Gordon

## President's Message



Jerri McLain,  
OLLI President

Thanks to every OLLI member who volunteered time to help OLLI last year. Join a committee next year. There are benefits to volunteering, among them the opportunity to make the acquaintance of really great people while you enhance the value of OLLI to yourself and to others.

Welcome to new Board members, Nancy Darnall, Dick Fisher, Phil Gwynn, Peggy McClure and Kenneth Rex. Bob Darnall and Gratia Mahony were elected to their own terms after filling appointments to the Board. Board Orientation in June will give new members insights and historical perspectives about this Institute with its 20 year history, one that focuses on the seasoned learner and one that you helped create by your interest and participation.

OLLI offers great classes during the summer along with special events. Take advantage of these opportunities to enjoy your membership and to build new skills.

We value you as a member and thank you for all that you do.

Jerri McLain

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## Curriculum

Even though we are just starting a new Summer term of some very interesting classes, the Fall term is beginning to shape up with its own interesting new classes. There will be a class on insects and hopefully one on great American presidents. The new Board orientation will feature the list of new classes that were developed at the last Curriculum committee meeting. These could be offered if we find the interest and the instructors. Courses with multiple speakers, history courses and travel or travelogues seem to be very popular. If you have any ideas, let someone on the Curriculum Committee know. We welcome your input.



Mike Doyle,  
Chair

Mike Doyle



Leah Black  
Social Chair

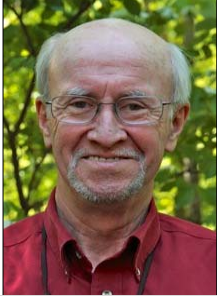
## OLLI Annual Potluck Picnic

The OLLI Annual Picnic will be on June 12 at 11:00 a.m. at the Green Mountain Nature Center. Enjoy the cooler air at the Green Mountain Nature Center while you visit with OLLI friends and enjoy the potluck picnic. There are trails for hiking, an historic covered bridge, and a covered pavilion for the picnic. Bring a covered dish to share; OLLI will provide the drinks, ice, and paper products. In addition the yearly OLLI game of War will be continued. You don't want to miss it! Mark your calendar now!

Leah Black



# Upcoming Special Events



Bill McAllister,  
Chair

Now that the end of a very good OLLI year is approaching, I extend my thanks to my very effective committee: Helena Crutcher, Eleanor Carter, Mable Gordon (Vice Chair), Geri Howard, Susan Kersch, Linda McAllister, Jane McBride (Cultural Committee Chair), Jean Mulcahy, Brenda Sterry, and Jim Will (movie sub-chair). We are always looking for new committee members.

During the summer and fall, I anticipate that the tour of the U.S. Weather Bureau will be re-scheduled sooner rather than later, and we will finalize a local visit to the planned community of Providence, located on the west side of Huntsville, a visit to the Food Bank, and a day trip to Chattanooga (TVA, historic and waterfront projects, a museum, etc.) planned with the Cultural Committee. And, of course, there will be entertaining movies .

# Upcoming Cultural Events



Jane McBride,  
Chair

## OLLI Members' Works on Display

The Huntsville Photographic Society selected 50 works from 30 photographers for its Huntsville Photographic Society's 2013 Members' Showcase at the Huntsville Museum of Art. Several OLLI members' photographs are featured in this exhibit. The exhibition is in the Prozan Gallery of the museum until August 3, 2014.

## SAVE THE DATE !! Thursday, June 5, 2014

Join OLLI friends on a day-trip to Florence, Alabama, to visit the Rosenbaum House—the only Frank Lloyd Wright structure in the Southeast open to the public. The Rosenbaum House was designed by Wright in 1939 in his “Usonian” style for Stanley and Mildred Rosenbaum and occupied by that family until 1999. It was purchased by the city of Florence and meticulously preserved as a museum—an architectural gem. The Friday Focus class featured the Rosenbaum House on May 9.

Carpools will leave from the front of Wilson Hall at 9:15 am on June 5 heading to Florence. Our tour begins at 11 a.m. and will last approximately one hour. Admission is \$5 per person for our guided tour, payable at the door. Afterwards, you may choose where to have lunch from a number of delightful restaurants not far from the house.

Following lunch, you and your carpool may choose to visit the W.C. Handy Birthplace and Museum in Florence (\$2 admission fee), the Helen Keller Birthplace “Ivy Green” in Tuscumbia (\$5 admission fee), or other area attractions. Options for lunch and area visits will be sent to all participants in advance.

Please contact Sheila Scruggs at [sheilascruggs2@gmail.com](mailto:sheilascruggs2@gmail.com) to sign up and note if you will take your car and provide a ride for others.

### Other Popular Florence Attractions

Carmike Regency Square 12  
University of North Alabama  
W. C. Handy Birthplace, Museum & Library  
Children's Museum of the Shoals  
Blackberry Trail Golf Course  
Key Cave National Wildlife Refuge

Deibert Park  
Pope's Tavern  
Pickwick Lake  
McFarland Park  
Indian Mound & Museum  
River Heritage Park





# Upcoming Cultural Events

The Civil War Round Table commemorates the 1864-2014 Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War

On Saturday, July 12, 2014 - 6:00 -10:00 p.m. the Civil War Round Table will host a 19th Century garden party and musical fest at the beautifully restored antebellum Cooper House, 405 Randolph Avenue SE, Huntsville. The Round Table is cooperating with the Huntsville Traditional Music Association and the Huntsville-Madison County Historical Society to preserve our "Civil War Musical Heritage." The event will be held inside the great hall and parlors and, weather permitting, outside on the patios and lawn. It will feature period dress, music, dance, crafts, and camaraderie. The music will be provided by Dan Charles and the Huntsville Traditional Music Association. Period fiddler and historian, Dan will give interpretive commentary along with his many musical selections from the heartland of 19th Century America. Dinner will be available from Cafe on Wheels Neon Lilly. Tickets will be \$10/person for advance sales; \$15 per person at the door. Watch [www.tvcwrt.org](http://www.tvcwrt.org) for more details. Questions? - contact Carol Codori at [carolcodori@comcast.net](mailto:carolcodori@comcast.net). Ladies and gentlemen, admirals and generals, soldiers and sailors, townspeople all wear your summer period attire (optional) and turn out for this Sesquicentennial bash!



## Janet Fish: *Master of Light and Shadow* Exhibition at the Huntsville Museum of Art



Tuesday, July 15, 2014, 1:00 p.m. enjoy a special docent-led tour of this retrospective exhibition featuring 44 vibrant paintings of Janet Fish. Organized by the Huntsville Museum of Art (HMA), the exhibit includes key works borrowed from important collections, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York. Our tour is designed for OLLI members and is timed so that you can meet up with your friends for lunch, perhaps at Pane e Vino in the museum, prior to meeting our docents.

Janet Fish is credited with invigorating the genre of still life. She uses spirited style and color to fill a setting with glass objects overflowing with exotic fruit and flowers and whimsical mementos and rich textiles to pull the viewer into the gaiety.

While at the museum, you may choose to see the Al Hirschfeld: A Celebration of Hollywood and Broadway exhibit, as well as the Huntsville Photographic Society 2014 finalists (including OLLI members' photographs) in the Prozan Gallery in the Davidson Wing. Please reserve your place for the July 15th docent tour at HMA by contacting Neil Roberts at [neilroberts101@gmail.com](mailto:neilroberts101@gmail.com) or [256-539-9837](tel:256-539-9837).

## OLLI members beat the heat at *City Lights and Stars* at Burritt on the Mountain

Come out to hear North Alabama's latest musical star band, KUSH on Friday, July 25, 2014 at 7:30 PM. Kush focuses on Reggae, but also plays Calypso/Soca Funk and Rock and has some of the most talented musicians in this area. Therefore, call your friends, pack your chairs and/or blanket and get your tickets SOON! Advance tickets for KUSH concert are \$10 for Burritt members and \$12 non-members available via [burrittonthemountain.com](http://burrittonthemountain.com) or by calling [256-536-2882](tel:256-536-2882). At the gate admission is \$15. There are dining options at the Burritt from fancy served in the mansion (reservations required in advance) to picnic fare sold at Josie's and beer, wine and soft drinks are sold at the Burritt. You can also bring your own picnic (no alcohol), lawn chairs, blanket/etc. and look for the OLLI flag. If you have questions, contact Jane McBride at [janemcbride@knology.net](mailto:janemcbride@knology.net).

Check out KUSH on Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/kushreggaeband>. Hope to see you on the mountain for a "cool" evening.

# Past Events

In the course Natural Wonders of Alabama (Part Two), we went on two local field trips, one of which is highlighted with pictures included here. The purpose of the trips was to see and discuss some of the concepts from classes. Illustrated is the trip to Blackwell Swamp, which we drove completely around, stopping twice to see it from the west and east sides. Our guide was Dwight Cooley, longtime Refuge Manager of Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge, of which this swamp is a part. Blackwell Swamp, a classic freshwater wetland with managed water flow, is known as the first place in northern Alabama where the American Alligator was introduced. The alligator did not control the beaver population, and both can be found here today. - Bill McAllister



Photos by Bill McAllister



## OLLI Annual Meeting and Dinner

On May 22, 2014, the OLLI Annual Meeting and Dinner was held at the Early Works Museum. One hundred forty seven members attended. Jerri McLain, OLLI President, welcomed everyone. Dr. Karen Clanton, PCS Director, introduced Dr. Altenkirch, President of UAH. Dr. Altenkirch spoke about UAH and its future. Maxine Doherty, OLLI Coordinator, introduced Bruce Walker, a renowned storyteller, who at one point had us anxiously waiting for the end of his story. Lorrie White presented the winners of the 2013-2014 Photo Contest. The food was catered by Bubba's and was delicious. The evening was delightful. A special thanks to the Leah Black's Social Committee and the support of Maxine Doherty and PCS for a wonderful evening.



Bruce Walker, Storyteller



Beth and Dr. Altenkirch, Jerri McLain



Photos by Thurman Gordon



Dr. Karen Clanton



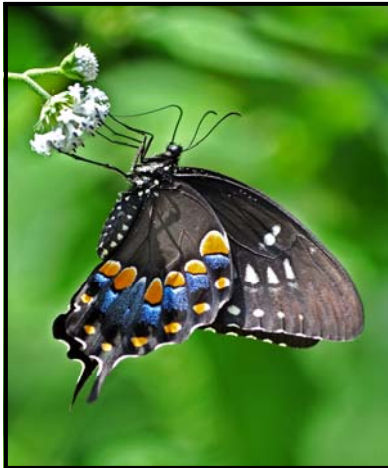
Centerpiece by Nan Case

# 2014 OLLI Photo Contest Winners

Our sixth annual OLLI Photo Contest has grown both in popularity and quality. For this we can credit Gene Zajicek and Barbara Staggs for their popular courses and excellent instruction in photography.

There were 53 photos submitted, and we thank our judges Bill McAllister, Gene Zajicek, and Jose Betancourt for the task of selecting three winners and six honorable mentions. The judges explanations accompany the winning photos below.

Thanks also to UAHuntsville PCS for their support and contributions and to the Member Services Committee for sponsoring the contest each year. You can view the photos on a video slide show at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SqH9qbaS3EI&feature=youtu.be>.



## *Sunny Lunchtime by Alan Forney*



*The sharpness and position are exceptional, and sets it apart from others with this subject.*

*The butterfly is in typical pose on a flower. This nature scene is somewhat difficult to capture. Background has just the right amount of blur, in contrast with a tack-sharp butterfly.*

*Overall composition is very good with the subject angled, and surrounded by sufficient space so as to not feel crowded. The color is excellent.*



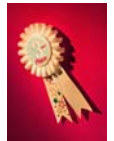
## *Awaiting Sunrise by DANNYE DRAKE*

*The light is excellent with detail throughout. The layers and patterns of the waves lead you out. The added wildlife makes it complete.*

*Although the horizon is tilted it still feels grounded with the bird in the foreground.*



## *Finch on a Snowy Morning by Debbie Tromblee*



*This composition contains a male House Finch on a branch with snow. The natural light shines on the face of the bird and one can detect a sharp focus. The lighting distinguishes the image.*

*The diagonal line of the branch makes the composition more interesting.*



# 2014 OLLI Photo Contest Honorable Mentions



Carolyn Johnson  
"Pretty in Pink"



Peter Van Hoff  
"Golden Eagle"



Carroll Hershey  
"Frozen Beaver Dam Pond"



Johnny Shue  
"Goldfinch"



Dannye Drake  
"Beautiful Bug"



Bob Goodwin  
"Exploring Nature on the Tennessee River"



# Past Events-Continued

Lorrie White presenting the awards to the Photo Contest Winners at the Annual Meeting



2nd Place  
Danye Drake



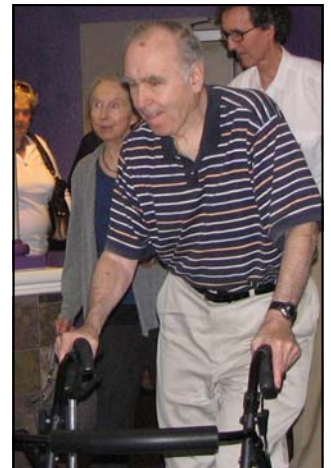
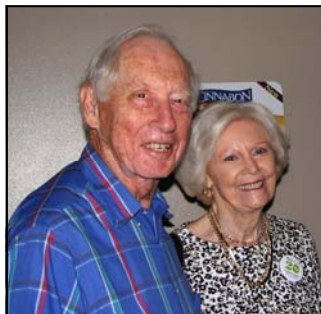
1st Place  
Alan Forney



3rd Place  
Debbie Tromblee

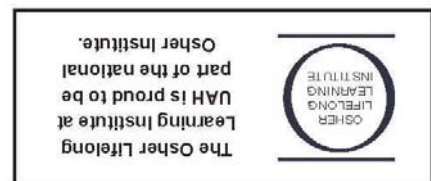
## Mosart's Cosi fan tutte with Susanna Phillips

OLLI members attended the Metropolitan Opera's Peabody and Emmy award-winning series *The Met: Live in HD* to see Huntsville's own Susanna Phillips, starring in Fiordiligi in Mosart's *Cosi fan tutte* - his beloved opera about testing the ties of love.



# Don't Forget to Register For Summer Classes!

**Important Notice:** Inputs for the July/August newsletter are due by July 10, 2014.  
Please send articles and ideas to Sue Chatham and 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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