

News For Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH

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President's Message



Jerri McLain
President

The coming of the fall season and attending enjoyable classes go hand-in-hand. This term, filled with many choices, has been especially welcome. OLLI at UAH instructors are just the best. They prepare well in advance and lead stimulating discussions, prompting for us that unexpected chance for everybody to have a good laugh or discover a new point of view.

The end-of-term gives us all the positive opportunity to applaud the contributions of our OLLI faculty. They form the good and praiseworthy core of what OLLI is about.

Having something to look forward to keeps life exciting. Our creative Social Committee plans festive luncheons and highlights the holiday season with a dinner party and dance at The Summit, overlooking downtown Huntsville and Big Spring Park. You'll want to be there. Ticket details are available on Page 2.

Our Cultural Committee and Special Events Committee are hard at work all year planning outings especially for our liking. Cartersville, Georgia, and the wonderful Booth Museum are on tap for Fall Break, and Memphis awaits us in spring. Ushering in summer season is the rare opportunity to visit Great Britain, including London, northern Wales, and Edinburgh. Enjoy the company of fellow OLLI members, store up lifetime memories, and seize an opportunity that you'll always remember.

What makes OLLI at UAH so great is that so many people work to make it good. Every day sees an OLLI person, many OLLI members, actually, using their skills and abilities to keep working what needs to work. Everybody is a part of this success. It's a great big package tied up with a bright blue ribbon and here for us to enjoy.

Thank You

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Alabama in Huntsville is a 501(C)3 non-profit organization. Gifts to OLLI, OLLI Scholarship Fund, and the UAH Foundation are tax-deductible contributions. Recently, an anonymous gift arrived at OLLI to provide dedicated email delivery of the **OLLI Insider** to our OLLI members and the area organizations that receive our newsletter. This means each member gets a direct email to link to each edition of the **OLLI Insider**. There are still links on the OLLI at UAH web site, and in the e-News.

Additional gifts have been given in memory or honor of OLLI members and guarantee designated benefits to our organization. There have been gifts to aid in paying dues or fees for those who want to participate in OLLI but lack the funds to do so, to pay for curriculum needs, and many other uses. Donations have also gone directly to the OLLI budget to help cover general costs. Gifts to the OLLI Scholarship Fund benefit undergraduate students at UAH.



The Social Committee



Leah Black
Chair

Our OLLI Social Committee really enjoys planning and producing events that provide a fun time for our members to socialize with friends and new members. Each event has some kind of theme or focus, which allows committee members to express their creativity and have some fun. Our OLLI members really enjoy the good fellowship, good food, and good fun at each gathering. We plan about six events each year: Fall Back-to-School, Fall Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, OLLI Holiday Party, Winter Back -to-School, the Annual Meeting and Dinner in the spring, and the Annual Summer Picnic on Green Mountain. It sounds like a lot of work, but everyone pitches in with a great attitude and amazing things happen. At this time we have 16 wonderful members but would love to have more. Please let me know if you are interested in joining the group at leahblack01@comcast.net.



Photo courtesy of
Nancy Darnall

The Annual Meeting and Dinner is an important opportunity for members to share in the organizational structure of OLLI. This is when we elect our officers and new board members. There is entertainment, an update on OLLI and UAH, fellowship, and, of course, good food.

The summer picnic offers an end-of-the-academic year social and a celebration of summer. There is a traditional "War" card game for all who want to play, walks around the trails, and, of course, good food. This is a potluck event.

Our Back-to-School events are rallies to publicize OLLI and our courses for the term, to spotlight the many committees and Member Interest Groups (MIGs), as well as mingle with returning and new OLLI members. And, of course, good food.

While not everything at OLLI is centered around food or refreshments, your OLLI leadership is cognizant of the value of sharing a meal or a snack and its relevance to making new friends and enticing folks to our many activities.

Social committee members are: Leah Black, Chair, and members: Paulette Bernstein, Nan Case, Adelaide Cape, Sue Chatham, Joe Cremin, Bob Darnall, Aylette Dickman, Becky Dollman, Geri Howard, Chris Johnson, Marilyn Patterson, Marilyn Rue, Vanitha Singh, Barbara Ward, Bob Ward, and Lorrie White.

Be sure to make plans to attend the OLLI Holiday Party on Thursday, December 11, at the Summit at Big Spring Park from 6:00—10:00 p.m. This is a beautiful venue that overlooks the lights of Huntsville and the Christmas Tree Walk in the park. There will be music by DJ Dave Ellington, catering by Carrabbas, and games and fun for everyone. Tickets are \$32.00 per person and include parking. They can be purchased online, or you can contact Leah Black at 256-479-3100 or at leahblack01@comcast.net, Sue Chatham at 256-461-0262 or chatham@knology.net, Joe Cremin at 256-886-6161 or at buzweiser@comcast.net, or Paulette Bernstein at 256 366-1998 or at paulettebernstein@hotmail.com.



CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

OLLI Winter Term Will Be 7 Weeks Long



Gratia Mahoney
Chair

We're Trying Something New!

Winter term 2015 will begin on January 26, and end on March 13. This schedule allows the winter term to end one week earlier than in past years, providing OLLI some much needed flexibility during the cold winter months.

Why is this Beneficial? Since OLLI's policy is to cancel classes when the Huntsville City Schools close, weather issues during winter months always cause OLLI class sessions to be postponed (sometimes numerous times). Makeup classes are then scheduled right up to the opening of the spring term! Since our OLLI volunteer instructors and facilitators thoroughly

enjoy their break between the winter and spring terms, the 7-week term will provide an opportunity for the break and have us back on campus and ready to begin the OLLI spring term on April 13. The break between terms also provides our OLLI volunteers the time needed to complete tasks in closing out winter term and preparing for another outstanding spring term full of new courses and opportunities to enjoy the OLLI program to the fullest.

What if the Instructor Needs 8 Weeks? OLLI winter instructors do have the option of scheduling an eighth session if it is needed to adequately cover their materials.

What if I Don't Want a Break? For those members who prefer round-the-clock OLLI fun, special events, movies, and other activities will continue to be scheduled during the break between winter and spring terms. This is a perfect opportunity for you to get involved with one of our special planning committees and be a part of organizing an OLLI special event or assisting with the curriculum support work between terms! Contact Gratia Mahony at dunhamgratia007@gmail.com today to volunteer your services!

PICKLEBALL?? What's Pickleball?

A fun class is coming this Winter term. Pickleball is a game played on a court with a net similar to tennis, using a perforated plastic ball and wooden paddles. It has been around for 50 years and has growing interest in our area. There are currently over 100 seniors ages 60 to 80 playing pickleball in Huntsville. It is safe and easy for any age to learn. It will be held at the Optimist Park Recreation Center with professional instructors. Check your catalogue.

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

ARTS, BLUES, AND CUISINE—MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE



April 6-9, 2015--Spring Break at OLLI--See Memphis in Style. We will sample the diversity and specialties that the city of Memphis holds. We'll travel by Spirit Coach roundtrip from Huntsville and take on local Memphis guides to see the best of the world-famous "City on the River." We'll hear the history of the settlement-turned-metropolis, enjoy the art that wealthy citizens collected through a couple of centuries in three major museums, and relish the culture of blues and rock and roll right in its birthplace. We'll see the Brooks Museum, the Dixon Museum and Gardens, and the Belz Museum of Judaic and Asian Art. Through guided tours of the Rock 'n' Soul Museum and recording studios, we'll hear the music made in Memphis throughout the previous century that is still flourishing today as a uniquely American sound. Additional treats include a tour of the Gibson guitar factory and trip on the mighty Mississippi. And what is a trip to Memphis without a stop at Graceland?

Food in Memphis is a signature highlight, and we'll sample the best of haute cuisine, southern fare and world-famous Bar-B-Q. Enjoy a top class hotel in the heart of the city for three nights. Trip cost is \$890 (deposit of \$200 due Dec. 1, 2014). A brochure is available outside Wilson Hall rooms 113 and 114. Contact Nancy Darnall at nbd51@aol.com for more information. **Space is limited, but open to adult friends and family as well as OLLI members.**

We'll stay at the Hampton Inn and Suites, Memphis Beale Street, the #2 rated hotel in Memphis by Tripadvisor.com. Restaurants include The Rendezvous (famous Memphis ribs), Paulette's, B.B. King's, and the Majestic Grille.

Please note that this price includes transportation from UAH, accommodations, meals, admissions, and local guides. The only additional costs are the Walking Ghost Tour (\$14) and \$291 single supplement.



Jane McBride
Chair

The Cultural Committee's day-trip to visit the Booth Museum of Western Art in Cartersville, GA on November 13, 2014 is at capacity. Thank you to all who have signed up and paid for the tour. We are looking forward to a great autumn outing and educational tour of one of the country's newest museums--a Smithsonian Affiliate.

To be added to the waiting list, email Jane McBride at janemcbride@knology.net soon. There is always a chance that someone might have to decline. Cost of the trip is \$55 for charter round-trip bus travel and decent tour of the Booth Museum.

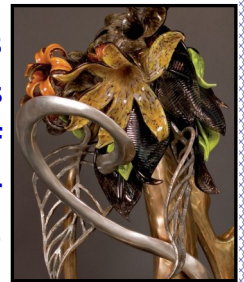
MORE FROM YOUR CULTURAL COMMITTEE



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A festive treat in keeping with the season is in store for OLLI members on Tuesday, December 9, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. We have arranged a special docent tour of the "Grandma" Moses exhibit at the Huntsville Museum of Art (HMA). Anna Mary Robertson Moses is one of the most popular of American folk artists, and this collection of 30 of her original paintings from various sources is a fitting tribute by the museum to compliment the holidays. This untrained artist, whose career began late in her life, used her memories from childhood to imbue nostalgic landscapes and scenes of her native New England. Her works have become treasured keepsakes for our memory of by-gone days and holiday traditions.

And, as if that is not enough, we will have an opportunity to visit the galleries holding works by Ginny Ruffner -- an inspired artist whose work in stainless steel, bronze, and blown glass is renowned. HMA has assembled works of other regional artists who are acclaimed as "Masters of Studio Glass." After our museum visit, we will partake of good cheer and warm drink at Pane e Vino and have a chance to stroll through the holiday trees and watch the ice skaters. Save your place; contact Nell Roberts at nellroberts101@gmail.com.



Wanted: Your Event Photos

At every OLLI event we see several members taking photos. Rather than leave them on your camera card or computer, why not email them to the OLLI Office for our web site? Our office volunteers will upload them to Picasa, so there is no work for you. The photos in the albums are taken by members and enjoyed by all. Some photos on the site are even selected for publication.

The OLLI Office email address is: olli@uah.edu , subject OLLI photos. To see the albums, take a look at <http://picasaweb.google.com/Olliphotos>.

Photo courtesy of Lorrie White.





Here's Our Chance to Help UAH Nursing—and Ourselves!

Let's give back to UAH Nursing for all the wonderful classes they have taught for us! UAH student nurses are required to conduct physicals as part of an upcoming graded test. The nurses will conduct exams on November 19 and December 3. If you are **over 60** and would like to volunteer for a **free physical**, please contact Jessica Fisher at [256-824-1683](tel:256-824-1683). Times available on November 19 are from 1:00–3:00 p.m., and 3:00–5:00 pm. **Five** volunteers are needed **for each time period**. On December 3, exams will be conducted from 1:00–3:00 p.m., and from 3:00–5:00 p.m. **Five** volunteers are need from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., and **two** volunteers are needed from 3:00–5:00 p.m. The exams will be conducted in the new nursing building on the third floor. Wear a long-sleeved shirt and sweats, and be prepared to take off your shoes and socks. Dr. Susan Alexander will conduct a tour of the new nursing building Learning Resource Center (LRC) at 2:30 p.m. on November 12 and would love to have all of the volunteers come and check it out! It's also a wonderful opportunity to meet the nursing students who will conduct the physicals. Thank you in advance for volunteering!



Something Is Always Happening Here

No matter where OLLI members gather — Salmon Library, Cane Creek Preserve, Wilson Hall Auditorium, or an OLLI classroom, something interesting and educational is always going on!



Photos courtesy, Nancy Darnall, Bob Goodwin and Linda McAllister.

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

England, Scotland and Wales June 1-15, 2015 OLLI at UAH



The OLLI at UAH trip to England, Scotland, and Wales will start in London, and then travel by bus to the Town of Oxford and to Stratford-Upon-Avon enroute to the Cotswolds. Oxford is not only the home of University of Oxford, but it is also a thriving classic English village of more than 150,000 residents. It is visited by 9.5 million persons each year. Stratford is the home of over 25,000 people, and draws almost five million visitors each year, the birthplace of poet and playwright William Shakespeare and home of the world-class Royal Shakespeare Theatre. Both cities are must-see stops in any tour of England. The Cotswolds, one of the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) designated within England and Wales, is truly a photographer's delight. The tour group stays two nights in Cheltenham, the cultural center of the Cotswolds.

Contact Bill at billmcallister94@gmail.com for more information on the trip.

OLLI Trip to England, Scotland and Wales

Sign up now by calling

Grand Circle Travel 1-800-597-2452

Add to Your Calendar

- ⇒ **Friday, December 12, 9:30 a.m., Wilson Hall 001**, Winter term registration will be a celebration complete with donuts and coffee, a holiday sing-along, the Bing Crosby 1954 holiday movie, *White Christmas*, and the opportunity to register for winter term courses. You will be greeted by OLLI members filled with holiday spirit and ready to help you select your favorite courses. Registration is open all day and free parking has been arranged. So bring your friends to enjoy this festive celebration!
- ⇒ **Saturday, January 17, 11:45 a.m., Stadium Hollywood 18 Theaters on S. Memorial Parkway**, Lehar's *The Merry Widow*. Gather in the lobby to meet and enjoy the Live Simulcast HD production from the Metropolitan Opera in New York City. The opera begins at 11:55 a.m.

OLLI PHOTO CONTEST



Theme: "Lines and/or Curves"

Enter Up to Three Photos

Until April 3, 2015

- **Open to all current OLLI members**
- **Images can be captured with any type of camera, phone, or other devices**
- **Images must be uploaded digitally in a standard .jpg format.**
- **Color images are desired**
- **At least 2 megapixels (MP) are recommended**
- **Photos can be gently edited**
- **Name your photo**

Email images as an attachment to ollinewsletter@msn.com, subject: Photo Contest. Include your name, phone number, and email address.

*For questions regarding requirements or uploading or
resizing problems, please call Lorrie White at
256-520-4455 or email to ollinewsletter@msn.com.*

OLLI FYI

The Bernard Osher Foundation has moved the headquarters for the National Resource Center for Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes to Northwestern University in Chicago. Serving as Interim Executive Director is Erica Wilke Bova.

The \$15 OLLI annual membership fee provides you all of the membership benefits. This is paid directly to the OLLI Volunteer-Support account, providing direct funds for activities of the volunteer-led committees, which provide essential support and leadership to the organization. The \$85 course registration fee is paid per term for enrollment in up to six courses (above six are \$10 each). This fee is paid directly to UAH to help cover expenses incurred by the University in support of OLLI term courses, weekly bonuses, and many of the other general membership activities, discounts and services, facility costs, and administrative support. The University also receives interest from an Osher Foundation endowment awarded to the University in support of learning opportunities for older adults.

Looking for a hot lunch on campus? University Center (out the back door of WH to the left) has the Charger Cafe and Sandella's Flatbread Cafe. At Charger Union, you will find Dunkin Donuts, and WOW Café. In the Bevel Center, northwest of WH is Gardenview Café, which offers a menu and food bar. Charger Village Food Court, off the southwest corner of Holmes Ave and John Wright Dr, has Papa John's, Chick-Fil-A, and Boar's Head Deli. Fancier coffees, hot chocolate, teas, and pastries are at Charger Brew in the University Center, Salmon Library, and Business Administration Building. Or bring a lunch or snack and join fellow OLLI members in WH 152D from noon-1 p.m. during any term.

R.I.P., ANDY RUDDELL



Andy Ruddell

As our *OLLI Insider* was preparing for November-December, we learned that our friend and instructor, Andy Ruddell, passed away on Thursday, November 6, 2014. Andy was a valued friend of OLLI, a talented moderator, and individual thinker. We shall all miss him.

OPPORTUNITY CALLING!

Would you like to lead a **NEW** Member Interest Group? This is some interest in an International Restaurant Dining Group which might meet six to eight times a year at local restaurants. Please contact Nancy Darnall at nbd51@aol.com. This could be a team enterprise to coordinate dates and restaurants.

DR. JIM LACEFIELD'S OLLI PRESENTATION CANE CREEK CANYON PRESERVE



Dr. Jim Lacefield's Weekly Bonus presentation to OLLI on October 14, 2014: *Building Alabama Through Time: Geological History and Its Effect on the Modern World* is featured in photo.



Books:

The newly revised and expanded 2nd edition of his popular book on the geology of Alabama, *Lost Words in Alabama Rocks*, is published by the Alabama Museum of Natural History and is available through the Alabama Museum of Natural History or Amazon.

During his OLLI bonus presentation on October 14, 2014, he highly recommended a book about the biodiversity of Alabama: "Southern Wonder: Alabama's Surprising Biodiversity" by R. Scott Duncan (November 19, 2013). Available through Amazon.

Cane Creek Canyon Preserve:

Jim and his wife Faye live in the 700 acre Cane Creek Canyon Preserve near Tuscumbia. They purchased all of the land and added to this property for several years. Not too long ago it came under the Nature Conservancy for permanent preservation.

You are welcome to visit the Preserve at any time at no cost! It has miles of scenic trails, limited camping, and picnic areas for you to use.

Facebook page for Jim and Faye Lacefield's Cane Creek Canyon Nature Preserve: [Friends of Cane Creek Canyon Nature Preserve](#). From this site, for more details, pictures, and directions to the Preserve, click on "About."



Article and Photographs courtesy of Bob Goodwin.



OTHER PAST EVENTS

WLRH 2014

Left to right: Bev Marchelos, Gunner Wallis, Carol Webster and Amanda Stokes

OLLI members celebrate Halloween while volunteering on the phones for the WLRH Fundraiser. It's a great job if you can get it! Interested in volunteering next Spring?



Call Bev at 256-534-3639.

Photo courtesy of Bev Marchelos.

2014-15 UAH Scholarship Reception



Nancy and Bob Darnall represented the OLLI Scholarship Committee Thursday, October 23, in the Charger Union. UAH President Robert Altenkirch presented a slideshow focusing on new programs, including the introduction of lacrosse and a 2016 new tuition structure for the University. The Darnalls met with both OLLI Scholarship recipients, DeJarra Johnson (left photograph), a pre-med student working towards a specialty in Neurosurgery, and Kiley Heflin (right photograph), who is studying Astrophysics. Both students indicated their gratitude for the scholarship assistance and let us know they could not have pursued their studies without this kind of financial aid.

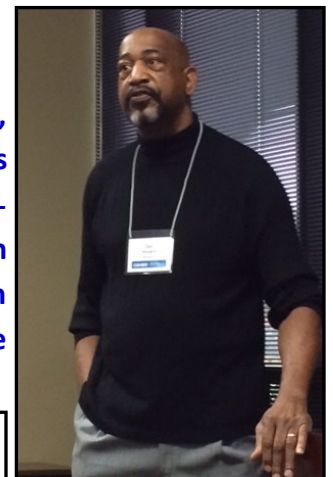


Photos courtesy of Nancy Darnall.

Don Howard, Caricaturist

On Friday, October 31, Don Howard brought his varied portfolio of celebrities, musicians, and everyday folk to share with the Friday Focus class. Mr. Howard's presentation was entertaining, informational, and artistic. What a treat this series has been! His show included his artistic interpretations of such well-known people as Rod Stewart, Bob Segar, Bear Bryant, and Nick Saban. His works are on display in over sixty countries in homes and businesses, as well as on Redstone Arsenal. To see examples, check out www.DonHoward.org.

Photo courtesy of Nancy Darnall.



GET INVOLVED!

OLLI *Insider* HELP WANTED!

Each month, a volunteer takes the monthly OLLI Insider from the printer to the post office. The task requires approximately one and one-half hours. Occasionally we need a substitute. This can be one person or a team. We mail approximately 200 newsletters per edition. Please contact Ron Brock at 256 348-5681. Thank you.

LOST AND FOUND: Did you know?

There are two places to place or look for lost and found items. A basket in the OLLI Lounge, WH 152D. Sometimes items are turned in to the OLLI Volunteer Office, WH 151. Items of value or those related to OLLI classes (attendance sheets, signs, etc.) are more likely to be in the office.

CORRECTION

Barbara and Bob Ward were inadvertently omitted from the October *OLLI Insider* as members of the Members Services Committee. Our apologies to the Wards!



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