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New registration system slated for fall

by JoAnne Makela

Good news! OLLI will soon have a new online registration system.

OLLI has encouraged and supported member online registration using the University of Minnesota College of Continuing Education's (CCE) proprietary C-Smart system. CCE is now researching options to replace their system, but the changes they will make will not address many of the issues that OLLI users have encountered with the old system. Of course, CCE must support its constituents, who rely on a fee-per-unit model. But because we charge an annual fee, rather than a specific fee for each course, the new CCE system still would not meet our needs.

Fortunately, several vendors of online registration systems have developed applications that specifically address the needs of OLLIs. OLLI members Al Potter, Tom Kehrwald, and staff members JoAnne Makela and Aja Wolfe, were charged by the OLLI Executive Committee last January to research those systems. After identifying several local and national candidates, the team determined that CampusCE would be the best fit.

CampusCE, which is based in Seattle, also supports the OLLIs at Furman University, Kennesaw University, University of Texas Medical Branch, and Yavapai College. They will provide administration, online membership initiation and renewal,



OLLI online registration is about to get so much easier!

course and event registration, and payment services for our growing lifelong learning program.

Established in 1999, CampusCE designs, develops, and hosts a suite of on-demand software solutions for educational institutions such as community and vocational colleges, continuing education departments, online education providers, and government entities.

Easy to use and available on demand, the new system will help OLLI facilitate course scheduling, provide member relationship management tools, and allow us to improve our ability to provide services to members. Some of the more impressive features of this new system will be easier and faster sched-

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Potter Kevin Caufield will teach the art of raku in course 2405 Raku Clay Camp. See page 12 for details.

The President's column

Three days of **WOW!**

by Susan Mundale



In mid-April I had the privilege of attending the Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes' National Conference. The opening session of the conference in-

cluded a slide show of "wow" moments of the previous year—one from each OLLI. Our "wow" moment was a photo of former governor Arne Carlson and former vice president Walter Mondale chatting with OLLI member Peter Sammond at our 2010 Spring Info Fair.

For me, the entire conference was a series of "wows," or *aha* moments that expanded my idea of OLLI and enabled me to see how we fit within a larger community. Here are a few of my observations:

We are not alone. Of course I knew this, but seeing a crowd of nearly 250 people, two from each OLLI, made it real. Our OLLI is one of 117 OLLIs from higher education institutions as widespread as Alaska, Hawaii, Miami, Grand Forks, and Galveston. Some have recently received their first \$100,000 grant; others, like our OLLI, enjoy the benefits of having achieved 1,000 members and have received two \$1 million endowments. One in every 950 people over 50 in the United States is involved in OLLI—98,000 and growing every day! (A bit of history: The Osher Foundation was begun in 1977 with a modest \$15,000 for college scholarships. In 2001, it turned to funding learning institutes for people 50 and older with the tagline "Embellish Our Minds.")

No two OLLIs are alike. Some, like ours, are membership organizations,

others simply charge course fees, and some combine both. Most call themselves "OLLI," but one, at the University of Montana, is "MOLLI." And at the University of North Dakota, OLLI is pronounced "Ole"—no doubt a reference to the state's Nordic heritage.

Bernard Osher is a real person.

In his welcoming talk at the opening session, Mr. Osher seemed genuinely amazed at what his foundation has done for lifelong learning across the United States in less than a decade. Steve Benson, our executive director, introduced me to Mr. Osher on the first day of the conference, and, when I stopped to thank him after breakfast on the last day, he was as gracious one-on-one as he was at the podium.

We have a terrific resource at our fingertips. The OLLI National Resource Center is headquartered at the University of Southern Maine. The center facilitates the exchange of opinions, solutions, and

experiences among all the OLLIs, primarily through its Web site: <http://usm.maine.edu/olli/national>. Take a look at the site and see the "Ask OLLI" blog for questions, answers, and lots of good ideas.

Our OLLI is a leader in many areas, but not all. We are among the first to offer our course catalog both in print and online. The same is true for our electronic membership directory. However, some OLLIs are ahead of us in using social networking tools for marketing and member communication. For example, Bradley University's OLLI, in Peoria, Illinois, has its own blog and YouTube channel. Others make more use of Facebook and Twitter. Use of social media is second nature for the coming generation of retirees, and OLLIs throughout the country will be ready to meet them.

Comments or questions? My e-mail address is smundale@comcast.net. I'd enjoy hearing from you.



Our "Wow" moment at the annual OLLI conference: OLLI member Peter Sammond prepares to introduce Arne Carlson and Walter Mondale at the Spring 2010 Info Fair.

Steve Benson receives President's Award for Outstanding Service

by JoAnne Makela

Congratulations are due to OLLI Executive Director Steve Benson on being awarded the 2011 President's Award for Outstanding Service to the University of Minnesota.

The letter from U of M President Bob Bruininks states: "With this award, you become a member of an elite group of faculty and staff of the University community.

"Your excellence is a model for your colleagues and co-workers to emulate. True to the mission of this great land-grant institution, you have done more than your share to make this outstand-

ing university one of the preeminent institutions in the nation."

Steve was nominated for the award by OLLI past president Tom Swain and letters of support came from Kay Cooper of CCE, past presidents Joanne Kendall and Merritt Marquardt, and Board President Susan Mundale. On hearing that Steve had received the award, Mundale congratulated Steve for "taking a risk, gathering believers around you, and creating something new in the world that has endured and now thrives."

"This award is due as much to staff JoAnne Makela and Aja Wolfe, the Board

of Directors of OLLI, and the members who make our OLLI such a vibrant lifelong learning model for the University and the broader community," said Steve.

Steve and other award recipients will be honored with a reception at Eastcliff on June 7 and he will be recognized by the Board of Regents at their meeting on June 10.

The OLLI Board of Directors and staff join with President Bruininks in appreciation for Steve's dedication to OLLI and the overall mission of the University. We applaud his accomplishment. Bravo!

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uling processes, and automation of registration processing; increased user satisfaction using a Cloud-based model (a system that is available all the time from anywhere, with no downtime); automated student enrollment, and automated course and event registration. The average online course registration should take no more than three minutes.

The new system will allow staff to dedicate more time to OLLI activities, and less to processing registration and payment. It also will provide immediate payment and registration confirmation for members. Staff will be able more easily to e-mail course updates and other information important to members. And OLLI may also realize cost savings in publishing and mailing expenses.

OLLI's tech assistant Aja Wolfe will manage the implementation of the project. Aja, JoAnne Makela, and members of the Membership and Marketing Committee will advise on the design and implementation of the Web site. Member training sessions will be conducted this summer in August before the fall session (see page 12 for course **2406 CampusCE**).

A registration station will be available in the OLLI office for volunteer-assisted course registration during posted hours (see page 17).

OLLI Staff and CampusCE will do everything they can to make a smooth transition to the new system but we all know bumps can happen. If and when they do, please be patient, don't get frustrated, help is available from OLLI staff and volunteers.

The OLLI office staff and Board of Directors are confident that once members get used to the new system they will forget that it was ever a challenge in the first place.

Find out more about CampusCE at campusce.com. Interested in Cloud-computing? Go to <http://computer.howstuffworks.com/cloud-computing.htm>.

Authors Note: We, in the office, like to call the Summer Insights "The Big Thank You issue." I would like to personally thank Al Potter and Tom Kehrwald for steering the effort to find a new registration system. Their tireless enthusiasm and much-needed expertise were the key ingredients in pushing this project forward. All OLLI members will benefit from their work. JM

Where would we be without them?

by Ed Ferlauto

Everyone knows, when they need to get something done in OLLI, to seek out OLLI staff members JoAnne Makela and Aja Wolfe.

JoAnne started her career with OLLI as office manager six years ago and was promoted to program manager last year. She coordinates all office functions and course registration for our more than 1,200 members and 250 programs a year. She is the managing editor of *Insights* and helps collect and co-edit the content of the *Up-to-Dater* along with long-time UTD editor Pat Greene. She sets up and maintains the classroom audio/visual equipment in the McNamara classroom, maintains relationships with all OLLI classroom sites, schedules classrooms for each course, and recruits course assistants.

JoAnne creates, edits, and copyedits text and layout for OLLI advertising and other promotional materials, and creates Web content for the OLLI Web site. She is responsible for purchasing, accounts payable, vendor relationships, and administers the annual budget. She also serves as an ex-officio member



Aja Wolfe

of the Finance and Communication committees.

Aja has worked for OLLI for a year and a half. She responds to OLLI's many technical needs including database and Web site updates, and she formats the *Up-to-Dater*. In addition to the technical side of things, she also is responsible for the efficient management of the day-to-day needs of the office. She provides materials to OLLI members for their registered courses, makes copies for course leader handouts, creates new member welcome packets, and answers member questions.

A self-described "trouble-shooter," JoAnne is best engaged when solving problems and "fixing things." She has a liberal arts education and is pursuing a masters of liberal studies degree at the U of M. She has taught foreign languages, theater arts, philosophy, and creative writing. JoAnne is a board member on the Saint Anthony Park Community Council and serves on their Executive and Land Use committees. She is working on issues concerning the light rail construction in her neighborhood on University Avenue. She has been a member of a writing group called Penchant: The Northfield Women Poets for 25 years.

Aja is a sociology major and looks toward earning a masters degree in post-secondary education. She is a board member of the Minnesota Climbers Association, which studies, engages, and educates Minnesota and eastern Wisconsin communities on how climbing positively impacts the environment by keeping climbing areas open and safe for everyone.



JoAnne Makela

What kind of changes do they see for OLLI? JoAnne sees shorter courses for baby-boomers not yet retired, more online instruction and an increased social web that will be necessary to attract, maintain, and academically engage a vibrant population of eager learners. Long-term, JoAnne foresees that OLLI will benefit from having its own multiple classroom center with day and evening programming.

Aja would like to have online courses available as a supplemental resource for those who cannot easily attend classes. She has created a site for the course **Intro to Computers** that she teaches for OLLI, which can be viewed at <http://ollicb.weebly.com>.

JoAnne has instilled the drive to learn in her three adult children, which she believes is her most enduring accomplishment. Aja currently lives with her family that includes her parents, two siblings, niece and nephew, and an amazing dog. She is the fifth generation of women in her family to seek education as a career.

It is obvious that JoAnne and Aja are actively engaged in lifelong learning. Where would we be without them?

From the Executive Director

Curiosity never retires

by Steve Benson



In each summer issue of *Insights*, we acknowledge and thank all those who volunteer, lead courses, and present topics throughout the

year, and those who so freely give to OLLI their time, talents, and financial support. We also thank the Bernard Osher Foundation, the University of Minnesota, the College of Continuing Education, and all of our community partners who provide us with facilities and programming for our courses and activities.

It is also an opportunity for us to look among our membership for those individuals who represent the multi-dimensional spirit of OLLI. We often talk of a “Renaissance” person. How about a Renaissance couple? We suggest the incomparable duo of Elisabeth and Andreas Rosenberg: multi-lingual, supporters of arts and the theater, travelers, splendid cooks, inquiring minds, voracious readers, popular course leaders, and enthusiastic members of OLLI. Their open spirits and inquiring minds have attracted a steady following for their OLLI courses.

Andreas first taught for OLLI a course on evolution in the winter of 1999. And Elisabeth led “The Vikings” in the spring of 2003. Andreas has led numerous courses on topics such as “Choices and Decisions,” “Science and Values,” and “The Nature of Logic.” Elisabeth led and collaborated on several courses exploring international murder mysteries.

Andreas fled from his native Estonia to Finland in the midst of

WWII to escape the invading Russians. From Finland, he moved to Sweden where he met and married Elisabeth in 1954. In 1964 the Rosenbergs came to Minnesota. Along with raising their two children Elisabeth taught English as a Second Language at the U of M and at Normandale College. Andreas was a distinguished researcher and on the faculty of the U of M medical school in the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology. They became enthusiastic members of OLLI in the fall of 2001.

Their collaborative teaching for OLLI—in Elisabeth’s case with Pam Elliot on “International Murder Mysteries,” and Andreas with Bob Tapp in several courses on the relationship of science and religion—reflect their openness and commitment to expanding the experience of OLLI members. A highlight for

many of us was their course in 2004 on “The History and Development of the Baltic Republics,” which culminated in an extraordinary summer tour of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia led by Andreas and Elisabeth. This insightful adventure ended with a remarkable dinner with members of Andreas’ family in the old Castle of Tallinn, Estonia.

As all who have taken their courses and enjoyed their lively company and conversation would agree, Elisabeth and Andreas Rosenberg are emblematic of the OLLI spirit of active lifelong learning and engagement. In May Andreas was inducted by the University of Uppsala, Sweden, as Jubel Doktor Promovendis, the highest honor given to a professor emeritus. Elisabeth and Andreas are truly vibrant exemplars of the notion that curiosity never retires.



Andreas and Elisabeth Rosenberg have engaged OLLI members with their passions for teaching and for each other.

Special Interest Groups

OLLI Special Interest Groups (SIGs) meet regularly to provide enriching opportunities beyond the OLLI classroom. Members are encouraged to start new SIGs in their own neighborhoods. If you would like to start a SIG, contact the co-chairs for guidelines: Anne Morrow, 612-669-4940, anne.morrow@hotmail.com, or Cora Wortman, 763-493-4810, crwortman@earthlink.net.

Contact the coordinator(s) listed for each group to join or for more details.

ARTS/OLLI Artists welcomes new members. Next exhibit: 2011 fall session in the McNamara classroom. Ed Ferlauto, 612-929-1004, slfelicity@aol.com.

BIKING/The OLLI Questers: Wednesdays beginning in April. Nita Lussenhop, 763-545-6641 femnat@comcast.net; Gerry Mooers, 952-939-8095, grmooers@usfamily.net.

BOOK CLUBS

***Fiction/Mpls:** 3rd Friday, 10:30 a.m. The Kenwood, 825 Summit Ave, Mpls. Lesley Rylander, 952-431-7181, cvrylander@aol.com.

***Fiction/St. Paul:** 3rd Friday, 10:30 a.m. St. Paul Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Margaret Tabar, 651-690-0604, mtabar@comcast.net.

Fiction/St. Paul: An additional fiction book club in St. Paul. Day, time and location to be determined before summer session begins. Janice Walsh, 651-483-4425, beautifulmom77@comcast.net.

Fiction/Nonfiction/Arden Hills: 3rd Wednesday, 1 p.m. Davanni's party room, 3673 N. Lexington. Marcia Larson, 651-484-9387, marcialarson1948@yahoo.com.

***Nonfiction/Mpls:** 2nd Friday, 1 p.m. Franklin Avenue Library, 1314 E. Franklin Ave, Mpls. Kate Anderson, 651-488-9061, anderson1466@msn.com; Ivan Ross, 952-546-6312, ivan@ivanross.net.

Nonfiction/St. Paul: 3rd Thursday, 2:30 p.m. St. Paul Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Connie Waterous, 651-291-1610, conniew01@comcast.net.

Nonfiction/Bloomington: Last Monday, 1 p.m. Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Ave S. Osman Eldahary, 952-831-0511, usus32@hotmail.com.

American History Book Club: 1st Thursday, 1:30 p.m. Black Bear Crossing, 1360 N. Lexington Pkwy., St. Paul. Linda Feist, 651-457-5121, lfeist@comcast.net; Chuck Nelson, nelso371@umn.edu.

Nature and Environment Book Club: Environment-related reading, 4th Monday, 7 p.m. Edina. Jeannie Hanson, 952-913-1245, hanson.jklit@gmail.com.

Mortimer Adler Great Books Discussion: Southdale Library, 7001 York Ave S, Edina. David Mesenbourg, 952-831-0768, dabajome@msn.com.

***BRIDGE/East Metro:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 6 p.m. Coffee Grounds, Falcon Heights. Kate Anderson, 651-488-9061, anderson1466@msn.com.

BRIDGE/West Metro: 1st & 3rd Monday, 2:30 p.m. Perkins, Hwy 394 at Louisiana Ave., St. Louis Park. Rich Kessler, 952-884-3282, richkessler@comcast.net; Fran Felix, 612-378-5214, gauthj@aol.com.

The Bulletin Board: This SIG is computer only. Join and you'll receive an e-mail twice a month where members can post and read short items about carpooling, stuff to sell/buy/rent, fun jokes and favorite Web sites, even part-time work. Contact Jeannie Hanson, hanson.jklit@gmail.com.

CHAMBER MUSIC and DESSERT: Sunday concerts followed by dessert at a nearby restaurant. Knowles Dougherty, 612-874-9357, kdougherty22@earthlink.net.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY: 1st & 3rd Mondays, 2 p.m. Loretta Gagnon room at Black Bear Crossings, 1360 N. Lexington Pkwy, Saint Paul. Phil Dahlen, 952-937-1856, dahlenp@earthlink.net.

JAZZ APPRECIATION/The OLLI CATS: 4th Friday, 1:15 p.m. University Lutheran Church of Hope, 601 13th Ave SE, Mpls. Joan Delich, 763-574-0409, sokadel@earthlink.net.

KNITTING: 2nd Wednesday, noon. Location: TBD. Must contact Vivian Steblay one week before attending, 952-938-8477, vsteblay@gmail.com.

MEMOIR WRITING: 3rd Thursday, 1 p.m. Franklin Avenue Library, 1314 E. Franklin Ave., Mpls. Knowles Dougherty, 612-874-9357, kdougherty22@earthlink.net.

MEMORY STORY TELLERS: Share personal reminiscences and discover how often they inform, guide, and inspire. New members welcome. Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. St. Louis Park. Jeanne Bearmon, 952-920-6388, jbearmon@comcast.net.

NEW YORKER DISCUSSION GROUP: Thursdays, 2 p.m. Washburn Library, 5244 Lyndale Ave S, Mpls. Florence Ostrom, 612-920-0589, fostrom@gmail.com.

NORSK FJORDS, FOLKLORE, and FOOD: Norwegian lunch group open to all interested in Norway, its food, customs, and cultural history. Odell Bjerkness, 953-842-8343, ojbjerkness@aol.com.

OPERA: Members view a complete opera on DVD. Jim Dunn, 612-333-2384, dunnj42@gmail.com.

PADDLING/kayaking/canoeing: Meets weekly, alternate Tuesdays/Thursdays. Nell Bean, 612-432-6457, tolobean@msn.com; Connie Van Valkenburg, 651-654-5463, connievav2@aol.com.

PLAY READING: 2nd Friday, 10:30 a.m. Franklin Avenue Library, 1314 E. Franklin Ave., Mpls. Margaret Nelson, 952-938-4203, gnelson.21@comcast.net; Sue Zuriff, 612-332-2011, s-zuri@umn.edu.

SAINT PAUL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA: Friday morning concerts, pre-concert Fanfare, and lunch at a St. Paul restaurant. David Ferrens, 612-720-8006, ddjferrens@comcast.net.

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN DISCUSSION GROUP: 4th Friday, 2 p.m. Southdale Library Public Conference Room, 7001 York Ave. S., Edina. Jerry and Lois Edwards, 952-942-7232, jerryled2003@yahoo.com.

SCRABBLE™: Thursdays, 1 p.m. Edina Senior Center. Marlyce Helm, 612-926-8178, tallertwin2@yahoo.com.

SOCIAL DANCE: Members are e-mailed a weekly calendar of local dances and special events, exchange interests and attend dance venues together. Yeun Chou, 651-738-1506, yeunchou77@hotmail.com.

***SPANISH LANGUAGE CONVERSATION:** For advanced beginners and intermediate Spanish speakers. Fridays, 10 a.m. St. Louis Park. Jeanne Bearmon, 952-920-6388, jbearmon@comcast.net.

TRAVEL EXCHANGE: OLLI members exchange travel experiences and recommendations, and find travel partners by e-mail. Ron Tabar, 651-690-0604, rjtabar@comcast.net.

WEDNESDAY EVENING DISCUSSION: Wide-ranging discussion, all viewpoints welcome. 1st Wednesday, 7 p.m. Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Mtka. Blvd. Allen Starkey, 952-475-2977, rugbyref@prodigy.net.

***SIG is filled. Leader may take waiting list.**

Fall Preview

African Film

Ancient Egyptian Civilization

Biology of Autumn

Discovering St. Paul Parks

Exploring the Modern Mystery Novel

Great Books

Great Decisions

How a City Works

Introduction to Drawing and Sketching

Studying and Constructing a

Leonardo da Vinci Model

Trees and Forests of Minnesota

WWII: Veterans Remembering

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) is a membership-based community of older adults in the Twin Cities metropolitan area who love learning and enjoy spending time with like-minded individuals.

An affiliated, noncredit program of the University of Minnesota College of Continuing Education, OLLI is guided by a member-elected board of directors, working through volunteer committees.

OLLI Annual Meeting and Ice Cream Social, June 2

The OLLI Annual Meeting and Ice Cream Social will be held on Thursday, June 2, 1–4 p.m. at the Saint Paul Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave.

Join us for refreshments and entertainment as we bring OLLI members together for the final event of the year. Help us celebrate OLLI accomplishments from the 2010–11 year and welcome the Board of Directors for 2011–12.

Please let us know that you are coming by May 27 at 612-627-7847 or olliregb@umn.edu. Regrets are not necessary.

Thank you, OLLI Volunteers!

Without volunteers, we would have no OLLI. They allow us to offer a wide variety of courses and activities. So, as this fiscal year draws to a close, we thank our board members, course leaders, class assistants, and many volunteers who have helped make our events and programs a success. We especially thank our generous donors.

Course leaders and conveners

Esam Aal, Milt Adams, Barbara Amram, J. B. Andersen, George Anderson, Neil Anderson, Woody Andrews, Steven Antenucci, Marcia Aubineau, Olive Jean Bailey, Edward J. Bardon, Jane Bardon, Carrie Bassett, Sarah Bellamy, George Bellis, Steve Benson, Foster Beyers, Odell Bjerkness, Joyce Black, Peter Blewett, Walt Blue, Brian Boettcher, Margaret Bohls, Irwin Boris, Emily Bruce, Lyn Bruin, Ann Buran, David Buran, Kevin Caufield, Herb Cederberg, Donald Christensen, Kristen Clark, Kelly Connole, Richard Cook, Natalie Cramer, Jon Cranney, Larry Crawford, Marilyn Cuneo, Jim Daly, Joan Davies, Pat Deckas Becerra, Joan Delich, Liz Dodson, Roy Dorn, Jim Dunn, Osman Elhadary, Pamela Elliott, Fr. Jogues Epple, Bob Erickson, Bonnie Erickson, Lois Farag, Larry Farrar, Ed Ferlauto, Hugh Florman, Heather Flowers, Robert Foy, Richard Fuller, Hector Garcia, Steve Gasiorowicz, Peter Georgas, Marie Goblirsch, David F. Good, Pat Greene, Ted Greenfield, Ed Griffin, Manuel Guerrero, Kristin Haltinner, Cherie Hamilton, Gary Hanson, Jeannie Hanson, Ursula Hargens, John Harrigan, Nicholas Hengen, Molly Henke, Trish Herbert, Connie Hickle, Jennifer Hootman, David Hopper, Judy Hornbacher, Bob Jansen, David Johnson, Earl L. Johnson, Judith Johnson, Karen Johnson, Tim Johnson, Bob Jones, Carolyn Jones, Nancy Jones, Roger S. Jones, Alan Kagan, Richard Kain, Avigya Karki, Corby Kelly, Joanne Kendall, Sylvia Kerr, Kris Kiesling, Kim Koffolt, David Kopf, Pat Kridler, Dorothy Lambertson, Greg Lecker, Megan Lewis, Lawrence Lockman, Scott Loss, Michael Lupu, JoAnne Makela, Merritt Marquardt, Nancy Martin, Carole Martin, Carra Martinez, Gregory Mason, James McBride, Edward McPherson, Heather McPherson, Matthew Mehaffy, Jack Miller, Sarah Millfelt, Gerry Mooers, Shirley Moore, Ana Moraru, Ricardo Morreira, Alexandra Moyer, Charles Mundale, Susan Mundale, Marc Well Nagel, Paul Nagel, Iric Nathanson, Bonnie Nelson, Charles Nelson, Connie Nelson, John Nugent, Adam Oberlin, Janie O'Connor, Tom O'Dea, Don Ostrom, Tom O'Toole, Carolyn Papke, Mary Patterson, Sally Polk, Mary Quinlivan, Marguerite Ragnow, William Randall Beard, Minitex Reference Services Librarians, Don Renner, Randy Reyes, Kevin Riordan, John Robertson, Mike Rosen, Andreas Rosenberg, Jack Rossman, Marty Rossman,

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Summer 2011 Courses

Short summer courses are a great way to stay involved as well as to introduce a friend to OLLI. You may register for one (1) Limited course; one (1) Bookend or 1-Day course (BE), and as many courses marked OPEN or Special (SP) as you like. Please request to be added to the waiting list for additional choices and rank courses in order of preference. The Stout's Island Seminars (SI), and the week-long Raku Camp are exempt from the one-course limit.

Non-members may try out OLLI and participate in summer courses for only \$75. If you have never been an OLLI member, consider sampling us this summer. See page 17 for more information.

Register online beginning May 16 at www.cce.umn.edu/Osher-Lifelong-Learning-Institute, or mail your registration to arrive at least one week before the start date of a class as listed in its description (i.e. if class begins June 16, you have until June 9 to mail your registration. See page 18 for instructions).

STOUT'S ISLAND LODGE SEMINAR SERIES

Historic Stout's Island Lodge at Rice Lake, Wisconsin, is a scenic two-hour drive from the Twin Cities. OLLI will offer three summer seminars (*see next column*) in this tranquil surrounding, with ample time for relaxing, boating, tennis, bird watching, or walking nature trails. For more information on the resort, visit www.stoutislandlodge.net. Details will be sent to registrants. Each seminar follows the same basic itinerary. **You must register by the reservation date listed to ensure lodging.**

Cost of program is due with registration and includes two night's lodging, plus;

Day 1: wine & cheese and dinner

Day 2: continental breakfast, lunch, coffee breaks

Day 3: continental breakfast

Double Occupancy: \$195 due with registration

Single Occupancy: \$280 due with registration

SEMINAR ITINERARY

Day 1: 5–6 p.m. Wine and cheese; 6–7 p.m. Dinner; 8–9 p.m. Evening session

Day 2: 7:45 a.m. Breakfast; 9–11:15 a.m. Session 1, includes coffee break; 11:45 p.m. Lunch; 1–3:15 p.m. Session 2, includes coffee break; Dinner on your own; 7:15–9 p.m. Evening session

Day 3: 7:45 a.m. Breakfast; 8:30–10:30 a.m. Wrap-up

Stout's Island SEMINARS:

2399 Outdoor Sketching and Watercolor Have fun experimenting with various watercolor and sketching mixed-media techniques on outdoor subjects. Choose a combination of pencil, colored pencils, crayon, markers, permanent ink pen, ballpoint (non-permanent), and/or watercolor. Participants will try various media effects to develop a personal style, and share results with the class. The instructor will review art techniques, suggest assignments, and offer guided assistance. Class outline and supply details will be e-mailed to registrants. **SI-Limit: 12**
Carolyn Papke, artist and retired teacher, OLLI member
June 6–8. Reserve by May 20

2400 Diane Ackerman's Dawn Light Celebrated storyteller-poet-naturalist Diane Ackerman weaves together scientific fact with lore, history, and voluptuous description, offering a sequence of personal meditations through the cycle of seasons and the senses. We will discuss her views of how humans experience and savor the world. Read *Dawn Light* before attending the seminar. Discussion assignments will be e-mailed to those registered. **SI-Limit: 25**

Bonnie Nelson, retired teacher, OLLI member

July 10–12. Reserve by June 10

2401 The American Civil War: Challenge to Nationhood

One hundred fifty years ago there began in the United States a civil war that came to be an existential test of our ability to survive as a nation. There are lessons to be learned from the history of that war. This course will discuss how both the moral philosophy and political philosophy of the times exerted an impact on the outcome of the Civil War. Our discussion will also reflect upon the societal forces that framed the course of that war and how such forces are determinative of the kind of world we live in today. There will be a modest amount of suggested reading prior to the start of the course, and the format will involve a moderated discussion among the class attendees.

SI-Limit: 25

Merritt Marquardt, retired 3M attorney, OLLI member

August 15–17. Reserve by July 15

OPEN AND SPECIAL COURSES [TAKE AS MANY OF THESE AS YOU LIKE] These courses may have size limits, but they do not count toward the one-course limit.

2402 Patio Dining During the summer, the popular Ethnic Dining, offered throughout the year, evolves into Patio Dining, as we break out of the four walls and enjoy lunch in the fresh air or dinner under the stars. The theme is “outdoor,” not necessarily ethnic. Group members take turns hosting events at local restaurants that offer dining on open-air patios, hopefully with a scenic view. Dining schedules are e-mailed or mailed to participants one week before the first event. **OPEN**
Ron and Marghe Tabar, 651-690-0604, rjtabar@comcast.net

2403 A History of Days The history of the wedding day and of Groundhog’s Day will be presented along with the stories behind a couple of other days as well. **OPEN**
J. B. Andersen, educator, writer, curator
4 sessions: Tuesdays, June 7–28, 10–11:30 a.m.
Lakeview Lutheran Church, 1194 East County Rd C, Maplewood

2404 Hollywood Presents: The Return from World War II
With the end of the war, American filmmakers began to depict the return of WWII veterans in dramatic and documentary genre forms. We’ll look at award-winning classic dramas, such as *The Best Years of Our Lives*, *Key Largo*, *Bad Day at Black Rock*, and other genre films—thrillers, romances, noirs, and documentaries. We’ll trace how these films use the returning war veteran as a character and as a dramatic device, how they represent relations between the sexes and generations, and how they were and are received by audiences of the 1940s and today. **SP-Limit: 30**
Larry Crawford, film buff, OLLI member
6 sessions: Wednesdays, June 8–July 13, 9–11:30 a.m.
Plymouth Congregational Church, 1900 Nicollet Ave, Mpls

2405 Raku Clay Camp Enamored by the Japanese culture and its use of ceramics? Learn basic clay-building techniques to make your own Japanese-inspired tea bowls and sushi dishes while working at your own stress-free pace in an air-conditioned studio in this relaxed, five-day clay class. Monday through Thursday will be spent making new work. On Friday, participants will have the opportunity to participate in the ancient Japanese process of Raku firing, developed in 16th-century Japan for the tea ceremony. Participants should wear old clothes, and bring a one-gallon bucket and old towel; Northern

Clay Center provides the tools, clay, and glazes. Designed for adult students with little or no clay experience. **SP-Limit: 10**
Kevin Caufield, professional clay artist and studio potter
Course fee: \$150 all-inclusive fee due at registration
5 sessions: Monday–Friday, June 27–July 1, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Northern Clay Center, 2424 Franklin Ave E, Mpls

2406 CampusCE: Your New Portal to Online Registration
OLLI is getting a new online registration system! Even those who have successfully registered with the old online system, as well as those who have never attempted online course registration, will benefit from this workshop. OLLI staff members will walk you step-by-step through course registration on the new OLLI registration site. A U of M computer lab will allow hands-on experience. We will offer as many sessions of this workshop as necessary to accommodate all who register.
SP-Limit: 20 per session
JoAnne Makela, OLLI program manager
Aja Wolfe, OLLI program assistant and tech expert
1 two-hour session: Registrants will be contacted for their preferred date and time in early August. Classes will be held during **the weeks of August 15 and 22.**
Wilson Library, Room S30C, West Bank U of M, Mpls

2407 Minnesota Centennial Showboat: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street: The Melodrama of Sweeney Todd
Take a break from the summer heat and join the University of Minnesota Showboat Players for a chilling tale of revenge, murder, and tasty meat pies! *The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*, based on the original 1846 penny-dreadful tale by George Dibdin Pitt, is a deliciously murderous melodrama that tells the tale of a barber who seeks revenge for the crimes committed against him by polishing off those who wronged him as they sit in his barber’s chair. Peter Moore and Vern Sutton join forces to bring this tale to life with lively staging and fun-filled Vaudeville-style musical interludes. Join OLLI members on the Mississippi for a bloody good time! *Tickets will be given out at the Show Boat by an OLLI representative.* **SP-Limit: 50**
Tickets: \$20 due at registration
Thursday, August 18, boarding 1:30 p.m., curtain 2:30 p.m.
Minnesota Centennial Show Boat, Harriet Island, St. Paul
For directions: 651-227-1100 or www.riverrides.com

BOOKENDS AND 1-DAY COURSES [CHOOSE ONE]

These courses have size limits. Check the **OLLI Web site** and the *Up-to-Dater* for courses that may become available. Request to be added to the waiting list if you would like a spot should one be open.

2408 Bookend: *Twelve Angry Men* Eleven jurors believe the defendant in a capital murder trial is guilty; one juror stands up for what he believes to be justice. On trial: the defendant, the jury, and the American judicial system with its purported sense of infallibility, fairness, and lack of bias. Learn about the jury system from attorney Ed Schwartzbauer, see the play at the Bloomington Civic Theatre between May 20 and June 12, then return for a discussion of the topic in light of the play. For tickets, contact the box office: 952-563-8575, www.bloomingtoncivictheatre.org. **BE-Limit: 50**
Ed Schwartzbauer, attorney, OLLI member
2 sessions: *Thursdays, June 2 and 16, 10–11:30 a.m.*
Bloomington Civic Theatre, 1800 W Old Shakopee Rd, Bloomington

2409 Art *Isms* of the 20th Century Review the major art movements of the 20th century, including Fauvism, Minimalism, Cubism, Pop Art, Abstract Expressionism, and Social Realism. Artists to be highlighted include Georgia O’Keeffe, Jackson Pollack, Marcel Duchamp, and Picasso. There will be an optional visit to the Walker Art Center. **BE-Limit: 50**
Peter Georgas, docent and former staff member of the Walker Art Center
1 session: *Tuesday, June 7, 12:30–2:30 p.m.*
235 McNamara Alumni Center, U of M East Bank Campus
Walker Art Center, June 9, 5:30 p.m., free Thursday tour

2410 Bookend: Albert Camus, *The Plague* This 1947 novel evoked many interpretations—political, theological, ethical—and still does. Camus rejected being labelled an existentialist, but many did and still do read it that way. These many facets help the book and its array of characters live. How will our great-grandchildren interpret the book? Participants will be expected to read the book and in the final meeting continue the discussion. **BE-Limit: 35**
Robert Tapp, emeritus professor of humanities, religious studies and South Asian studies, OLLI member
2 sessions: *Wednesdays, June 8 and 29, 12:30–2 p.m.*
1666 Coffman (enter on Larpenteur) across from U golf course

2411 Black Bears! Find space on your calendar for insightful and charming videos about the life and habits of black bears in northern Minnesota, from the work of researcher Lynn Rogers. Plenty of time for good discussion. **BE-Limit: 50**
Jeannie Hanson, naturalist, OLLI member
1 session: *Friday, June 10, 12:30–2:30 p.m.*
235 McNamara Alumni Center, U of M East Bank Campus

2412 Building a Birch-bark Canoe Through DVD presentation and hands-on demonstration, learn how to find and collect the raw materials (spruce roots, spruce gum, white cedar logs, birch bark) for a 15-foot birch-bark canoe, and what hand tools and construction techniques are used. A birch-bark canoe recently built by the course leader will be on hand for inspection and discussion. **BE-Limit: 10**
Jay G. Hutchinson, retired Forest Service researcher, editor, OLLI member
1 session: *Wednesday, June 15, 10 a.m.–noon*
Private residence: 1841 Simpson St, Falcon Heights

2413 Go Russian! A Day with Russian Culture Take an aesthetic and culinary tour of Russian places in Minneapolis. Meet at The Museum of Russian Art for a tour of the current exhibit (non-TMORA members pay \$7 at the door). Then ride in a van to a Russian restaurant for lunch (at your expense), tour a Russian Orthodox Church to view the architecture and art work, and learn about the Russian culinary experience. Arrive at 10 a.m. and park in the Mayflower Church parking lot across the street from TMORA. (Can’t attend June 16? *See course 2418 for another chance to Go Russian!*) **BE-Limit: 12**
Carol Rudie, docent trainer, The Museum of Russian Art
\$10 due with registration
1 session: *Thursday, June 16, 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.*
Van will leave from The Museum of Russian Art
The Museum of Russian Art, 35W at Diamond Lake Rd, Mpls



2414 Cultural Journey to Prague 1 Hear about the intriguing cultural differences the presenter experienced— some charming, others embarrassing—during the three years she taught English at a university in Prague. After a brief look at the history of Bohemia that influenced the Czech national character, we will learn how ordinary Czechs live in their stunning capital. Beautiful photos will enhance the presentation. (See course 2415 for another chance to take this class.) **BE-Limit: 40**
Pat Deckas Becerra, retired French teacher, OLLI member
1 session: Thursday, June 16, 10 a.m.–noon
Edina Senior Center, 5280 Grandview Square, Edina

2415 Cultural Journey to Prague 2 We know how popular this class was last year, so we're offering it twice in the same day! (See course 2414 for description). **BE-Limit: 40**
Pat Deckas Becerra, retired French teacher, OLLI member
1 session: Thursday, June 16, 12:30–2:30 p.m.
Edina Senior Center, 5280 Grandview Square, Edina

2416 Making Votes Count: Ranked-Choice Voting in Minnesota Elections What is ranked-choice voting? Why have Minneapolis and St. Paul voters decided to use it in their municipal elections? To answer these questions and to find out how to judge a voting system, class members will view a presentation, experience a sample election, and discuss the merits of both old and new methods. **BE-Limit: 50**
Carol Rudie, on speaker's bureau for FairVoteMinnesota
1 session: Wednesday, June 22, 10–11:30 a.m.
Richfield Community Center, 7000 Nicollet Ave S, Richfield

2417 You Think You're Old? Fossil Collecting for Amateurs Join this one-day field trip to the brickyard area of Lilydale Regional Park to collect ancient Ordovician marine fossils. Bring water and snacks. No bathroom facilities are available. Site is not handicap accessible. We will meet at the intersection of Sibley Memorial Hwy and Cherokee Heights Blvd. [Park on the east (park) side of Annapolis St.] After a one-half-mile hike on a steep dirt and gravel trail, we will look for small marine fossils such as crinoids, clams, snails, bryozoans, corals, and more. At noon we will compare fossils over lunch (at your expense) at the Capitol View Café, 637 Smith Ave. or you may bring a bag lunch. Search "Lilydale Regional Park fossil hunting" on the Web for more information. **BE-Limit: 15**
Jim Daly, amateur paleontologist
1 session: Thursday, June 23, 9:15 a.m.–noon
Lilydale Regional Park, Sibley Mem. Hwy & Cherokee Hts. Blvd

2418 Go Russian 2! Another Day with Russian Culture If you couldn't make it the first time, here is another chance to take an aesthetic and culinary tour of Russian places in Minneapolis. (See course 2413 for complete description). **BE-Limit: 12**
Carol Rudie, docent trainer, The Museum of Russian Art
\$10 due with registration
1 session: Friday, June 24, 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Van will leave from The Museum of Russian Art
The Museum of Russian Art, 35W at Diamond Lake Rd, Mpls

2419 Monarch Butterflies: Minnesota to Mexico 1 View the extraordinary odyssey of these remarkable butterflies, from their summer hatching grounds in North America to their wintering sites in the mountains of central Mexico. We will also see and discuss the life cycle of monarchs in Minnesota and review local efforts to improve habitats, including planting butterfly-friendly gardens. **BE-Limit: 40**
Janie O'Connor, master naturalist, OLLI member
1 session: Thursday, June 30, 10 a.m.–noon
1666 Coffman (enter on Larpenteur) across from U golf course

2420 Monarch Butterflies: Minnesota to Mexico 2 **OLLI members must wear OLLI name badges to enter this building.** (See course 2419 for description of this repeat session.) **BE-Limit: 25**
1 session: Thursday, July 7, 10 a.m.–noon
Lakeshore Drive Condominiums, 6615 Lakeshore Dr, Richfield

2421 Bookend: H.M.S. Pinafore Anchors aweigh! Her Majesty's Ship Pinafore is setting sail for a splash hit run. Gilbert and Sullivan's first blockbuster is among the most crowd-pleasing comic musicals in history, loved for its dynamite songs, gleefully entertaining story, and saucy satire. This two-part course will also look at aspects of the composers' lives and how they found a way into their musical. Directed by Guthrie Artistic Director Joe Dowling, *H.M.S. Pinafore* runs June 18–Aug. 28. For tickets, contact the Guthrie Box Office 612-277-2224 or guthrietheater.org. **BE-Limit: 50**
Connie Waterous, Gilbert and Sullivan enthusiast and OLLI member
2 sessions: Tuesdays, July 12 and Aug. 2, 12:30–2 p.m.
The University Club, 420 Summit Ave, St. Paul

COURSES LISTED BY START DATE [CHOOSE ONE]

These courses have size limits, check the OLLI Web site and the *Up-to-Date* for courses that may become available. Request to be added to the waiting list if you would like a spot should one be open.

2422 Smiles of a Summer Night In Scandinavia during the month of June, the Midnight Sun reaches its climax and many regions see little or no darkness. Join us for a look through the camera's eye in such films as *House of Angels*, in which an unexpected young heiress disturbs the complacent tranquility of a small village. In the Swedish/Danish comedy *The Best Summer Ever*, two orphaned children from the big city are sent to the countryside to stay with an unlikely host in a small town. And what would a Scandinavian summer be without Ingmar Bergman's only and beloved comedy, *Smiles of a Summer Night*. **Limit: 50**

Steve Benson, film buff, OLLI Executive Director

4 sessions: Tuesdays, June 7–28, 9:30 a.m.–noon

235 McNamara Alumni Center, U of M East Bank Campus

2423 Samuel Johnson's Life and Works According to biographer Peter Ackroyd, "There is perhaps no greater English character than Dr. Johnson." Get to know something of the remarkable life story of this 18th-century writer through his short essays, letters, biographies, and his famous dictionary. Recommended text: *Selected Writings of Samuel Johnson* (Peter Martin ed., 2009, \$21 on Amazon.com). **Limit: 50**

Jack Miller, professor of English at Normandale College, OLLI member

4 sessions: Tuesdays, June 7–28, 12:30–2 p.m.

Richfield Community Center, 7000 Nicollet Ave S, Richfield

2424 Guns, Germs, and Steel Are you intrigued by the linkage between events past, present, and future? Jared Diamond's best selling book *Guns, Germs, and Steel* explores why civilizations develop in some parts of the world and not in others; linkages between technology, specific food crops, and domesticate animals; and why European diseases ravaged the Americas and not the other way around. Diamond's starting point is "Cargo" and how it explains almost everything. We will view a series of TV broadcasts about this book, then have a lively discussion afterwards. Recommended text: *Guns, Germs and Steel* (1991), and Diamond's more recent book *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed* (2005). **Limit: 40**

Gil Ward, professor emeritus of veterinary medicine, OLLI member

4 sessions: Wednesdays, June 8–29, 10–11:30 a.m.

The University Club, 420 Summit Ave, St. Paul

2425 Detective Fiction after Stieg Larsson and *The Millennium Trilogy* Stieg Larsson was the second-best-selling author in the world in 2008. His interrupted detective fiction series, which begins with *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo*, is popular in 40 countries. We will discuss *The Millennium Trilogy* and the current rising fever for Nordic detective fiction. How has Larsson's series changed detective fiction forever, and who is the next Stieg Larsson? **Limit: 50**

Pam Elliott, attorney who has been fascinated with mysteries since she was a child

4 sessions: Wednesdays, June 8–29, 12:30–2 p.m.

The Kenwood, 825 Summit Ave, Mpls

2426 African American and Women Contributors to the Great American Songbook Many highly talented contributors to the "Great American Songbook"—the body of classic American pop and jazz standards written between approximately 1910 and 1965—were either African American, female, or both.

These composers, lyricists, and performers played an integral part in making the Great American Songbook the beautiful, enduring work it is; but because of rampant sexism and racism, these contributors too often did not get the recognition they deserved. We will devote this course to them, discussing and listening to the works of Thomas "Fats" Waller, Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, Bessie Smith, Duke Ellington, Billy Strayhorn, Sarah Vaughan, Kay Swift, and others. **Limit: 50**

Jenzi Silverman, doctor of educational psychology, U of M

6 sessions: Thursdays, June 9–July 14, 12:30–2 p.m.

Sabathani Community Center, 310 E 38th St, Mpls



2427 Three Views of God Many people are unaware that Christians account for only 25 percent of the world's population. Over two-thirds of the global community does not believe in Jesus, a Second Coming, or a Devil. We will explore three views of deity: the Hindu, the Muslim, and the classical Chinese. Hindus believe that there are many gods. Muslims (and Christians) assert that there is only one God, "THE God." The classical Chinese have never believed in any god. In an interdependent world laden with mutually destructive weapons, it is essential to develop ecumenical, not exclusive, perspectives. **Limit: 30**

Mark Welter, instructor of global history, St. Cloud State

4 sessions: *Thursdays, June 9–30, 10–11:30 a.m.*

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2428 Seaweed Salad, Gravlax, and Exotic Local Produce:

Twin Cities International and Farmers Markets Join us as we explore an array of international and farmers markets. Meet with owners, managers, and vendors, discover new foods, and have lunch afterwards. Locations include a large outdoor market and the Swedish market tucked inside Ikea. Our first visit will be to United Noodles Oriental Food (on the south side of E. 24th and Minnehaha, 612-721-6677—lunch in store).

Limit: 25

Coordinators: Lanie Paymar, Curt Sward, Kathryn Fischer, and Steve Benson

4 sessions: *Thursdays, June 9–30, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*

First session: *United Noodles Oriental Food, 2015 E. 24th St, Mpls*

2429 Movie Time, Iceland Style Come have fun and learn more about Iceland and films this summer. This small country has a very sophisticated film industry, one which will remind you of those in the other Nordic lands. Each film will be introduced with background about the setting within the country.

Limit: 50

Jeannie Hanson, frequent visitor to Iceland, OLLI member

4 sessions: *Thursdays, June 9–30, 12:30–3 p.m.*

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2430 Summer About Town We will explore historic sites in the Twin Cities, beginning with Fort Snelling. We will meet at the Fort, where we will be greeted by costumed reinactors who are stationed on the grounds to answer questions. Tour at your own pace. There is a \$10 entry fee for Fort Snelling, all other sites have \$5 entry fees, payable at the site. Registrants will receive a detailed schedule. **Limit: 20**

Kathleen and Tom Martin, coordinators, OLLI members

4 sessions: *Fridays, June 10–July 1, 10–noon*

June 10: Fort Snelling, St. Paul

June 17: The Gibbs Farm Museum, St. Paul

June 24: The Landing, Shakopee

July 1: Sibley House, Mendota Heights

2431 Death in Venice by Thomas Mann This class will develop a broad outline of Thomas Mann, the writer and family man. Read the Dover Edition of *Death In Venice* for discussion at the second class session. The final class will screen a film version of the novel, followed by a discussion of the film. **Limit: 15**

Christiane Seiler, retired associate professor of German and French language and literature, Indiana U, OLLI member

3 sessions: *Tuesdays, June 14–28, 12:30–2 p.m.*

The Kenwood, 825 Summit Ave, Mpls

2432 Hands-On Botany A basic understanding of botany is an essential tool for gardeners. Where better to learn about the basics of botany than at the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden? With over 500 plant species in the 15-acre Golden Valley reserve, this living, outdoor classroom is perfect for hands-on exploration. Join us for this three-week series and dig into the delights of botany. Geared toward the layperson, each class will consist of field study and classroom discussions. **Limit: 8**

Course fee: \$15 due at registration

Diana Thottungal, former botany instructor at City University of New York, interpretive naturalist

3 sessions: *Wednesdays, July 13–27, 1–3 p.m.*

Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden, Mpls

2433 “Days of Our Lives”: Examining the Cycles of Life

Through Art This three-week course features portrayals by artists from around the world and throughout history of the Ages of Man (and Woman), beginning with birth, progressing to adult achievement, peccadillos, and disappointments, then ending with “grave matters”—gone but not forgotten. Join us on these emotional and exciting tours as we experience love and joy, scandal and sorrow, revenge and death—all at your very own MIA! **Limit: 40**

Pat Wuest and Emily Shapiro, MIA docents and OLLI members

3 sessions: Tuesdays, July 19–Aug. 2, 10:30 a.m.–noon

Minneapolis Institute of Arts, 2400 3rd Ave S, Mpls

Try out OLLI this summer for only \$75

Non-OLLI Members/Guest Membership: You may register for summer session 2011 by noting on your written registration that you are a **GUEST** and include payment for \$75. You may also register and pay the \$75 fee online by following the directions on our Web site: www.cce.umn.edu/Osher-Lifelong-Learning-Institute. This membership is available only for non-OLLI members who have never been an OLLI/ELI member. If you decide to join OLLI before March 1, 2012, we will deduct the \$75 already paid from the \$195 annual membership fee.

Need help registering for courses? Come on in!

For the first time ever, OLLI office staff and volunteers will offer walk-in hours to assist members with online registration for fall 2011 courses. If you are not able to attend one of the registration sessions during the weeks of August 15 and 22 (*see page 12 for course 2406 CampusCE: Your New Portal to Online Registration*), there will be someone to help you at a designated online registration station in the OLLI office at 250 McNamara Alumni Center on the U of M East Bank Campus.

Knowledgeable volunteers will be available to walk you through the new registration system, step-by-step. We will help you set up your new user account and show you the links to course registration. You will leave having registered for fall courses.

To take advantage of this clinic, you must have your own e-mail account already established (one that you can prove that you use) before you will be allowed to register.

Walk-in hours will be sent in an *Up-to-Dater* and listed in the fall *Insights*. We hope to have coverage throughout the first week of fall registration, which starts August 30.

Anyone willing to help with this project will receive hands-on training from OLLI staff. If you would like to volunteer, call 612-624-7847 or e-mail olliregb@umn.edu.

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How to register for OLLI courses

Online (starts May 16 for Summer 2011 session):

- ▶ Go to the OLLI home page:
<http://cce.umn.edu/Osher-Lifelong-Learning-Institute/>
- ▶ Click on the COURSE REGISTRATION link in the box on the far right side of the screen.
- ▶ Follow the step-by-step directions on how to register. These directions are in a PDF file that you may keep open on your desktop while you follow them.
- ▶ You have successfully completed registering if:
 - ◀ You see a screen that says “Payment Accepted”
 - ◀ You see and verify all courses you selected
 - ◀ You receive an e-mail confirmation listing your courses
- ▶ **If you do not receive a confirmation e-mail within one hour of completing registration, please contact the OLLI office at olliregb@umn.edu.**

By mail: Provide the information listed below on an 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper, and mail it, *along with payment for any course fees*, to: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, 200 Oak St. SE, Suite 250, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

- ▶ PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE on an 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper:
 - ◀ First and last name
 - ◀ Mailing address
 - ◀ Daytime phone
 - ◀ E-mail address
 - ◀ **Course number and title** of one (1) LIMITED course, one (1) Special or Bookend, and/or as many OPEN courses as you like
 - ◀ **Course number and title** of up to 2 alternative courses you would take, in order of preference, should your first choices not be available
 - ◀ **Course number and title** of course(s) you would assist.
(Contact the OLLI office for Course Assistant Guidelines.)
- Failure to follow any of these directions could result in a delay in processing your registration. You will receive course rosters by e-mail or US MAIL for each of your courses.**

Waiting Lists: To be added to a waiting list for any full course, e-mail your full name and the number and title of the course to olliregb@umn.edu.

Additions/Corrections: If you have already registered, you may drop or add courses by e-mail to olliregb@umn.edu.

How to join OLLI or renew your membership

OLLI membership includes access to OLLI courses offered during three academic sessions per year in the fall, winter, and spring, plus a short summer session.

Annual membership is \$195.

Online (you may pay your membership fee any time):

- ▶ Go to the OLLI home page:
<http://cce.umn.edu/Osher-Lifelong-Learning-Institute/>
- ▶ Find the “Join” or “Renew” link on the far right side of the screen. Click on it and a new window will open.
- ▶ Follow the step-by-step directions on how to join or renew. These directions are in a PDF file that you may keep open on your desktop while you follow them.
- ▶ You have successfully completed joining or renewing if:
 - ◀ You are asked for and enter a credit card number
 - ◀ You see a screen that says “Payment Accepted”
 - ◀ You receive an e-mail confirmation listing amount paid
- ▶ **If you do not receive a confirmation e-mail within one hour of completing registration, please contact the OLLI office at 612-624-7847 or olliregb@umn.edu.**

By mail: Mail your **credit card number and expiration date** or a check for \$195, made out to the University of Minnesota, to: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, 200 Oak St. SE, Suite 250, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

- ▶ Please include your full name (as you wish to be called), address, daytime phone number, and e-mail address.
- ▶ You may include your payment to join or renew along with your fall course registration (**see previous column**).
- ▶ You will receive confirmation by mail within one week. New members will receive a welcome packet including a name badge.

To Request Scholarship: Please call the OLLI office at 612-624-7847 for information.

Alumni Association Membership: Never been an OLLI member, but are an active U of M Alumni Association member? You may join OLLI at a special introductory rate of \$175. Please visit the Alumni Association Web site for information on how to take advantage of this offer.

Summer Guest Membership: See page 17 for information on how to take advantage of our special \$75 trial membership.

OLLI Course Calendar—Summer 2011

Keep track of your OLLI schedule. The Summer Calendar is organized by month and day. Courses are listed by their start date only and may continue on other days not listed. Check off the courses for which you have registered and post this calendar some place handy. Refer back to this issue of *Insights* for classroom locations and specific dates. Find maps on the OLLI Web site at <http://cce.umn.edu/Osher-Lifelong-Learning-Institute/Courses/Location-and-Maps/index.html>.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
JUNE				2 2408 12 Angry Men	
	6 2399 Outdoor Sketch (SI)	7 2399 Outdoor Sketch (SI) 2403 History of Days 2409 Art Isms 2422 <i>Smiles of a Summer</i> 2423 Samuel Johnson	8 2399 Outdoor Sketch (SI) 2404 Hollywood Presents 2410 <i>The Plague</i> 2424 <i>Guns, Germs, Steel</i> 2425 Detective Fiction	9 2426 Great Am. Songbook 2427 Views of God 2328 TC Markets 2429 Iceland Movies	10 2411 Black Bears 2430 About Town
		14 2431 <i>Death in Venice</i>	15 2412 Birch-bark Canoe	16 2413 Go Russian 2414 Prague 1 2415 Prague 2 2429 Iceland Movies	
			22 2416 Making Votes Count	23 2417 Fossil Collecting	24 2418 Go Russian 2
	27 2405 Raku Clay Camp	28 2405 Raku Clay Camp	29 2405 Raku Clay Camp	30 2405 Raku Clay Camp 2419 Monarch Butterflies 1	
JULY					1 2405 Raku Clay Camp
				7 2420 Monarch Butterflies 2	
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Important dates *Summer 2011*

Annual Meeting: June 2, St. Paul Jewish Community Center

Summer Session begins June 6

Fall Registration begins August 30

Fall Session 2011: Sept. 19–Nov. 11

The Paddling Special Interest Group had fun on Lake Calhoun. Find out how to join them on page 7.