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Monthly Highlights

■ Twenty OLLI members have donated \$300 or more toward our classroom improvement campaign. Our new chairs will arrive in early April!

■ Congratulations to OLLI member Betty VanOchten who had two of her poems published in an anthology called "Celebrating Poets over 70".

■ The Saginaw Valley Nursery & Landscape Association's Garden Day 2010 will be on Saturday, March 27 at Horizons. Visit www.svnla.org/gardenday.cfm for details about the five workshops they are offering.

■ We still have space in our seven-day Southern Coastal Journey trip to Charleston & Savannah in mid-October. Call the OLLI office for a brochure. Just \$250 will hold your spot.

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SVSU OLLI Monthly Meeting Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Curtiss Hall Banquet Rooms, Saginaw Valley State University

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Michigan in the Civil War

Presented by: Al & Dave Eicher, Program Source International

8:45 a.m. Registration, Socializing & Continental Breakfast
9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Announcements & Program

In April of 1861, Michigan had about 1,200 men and a few officers in the State Militia. By January of 1865, nearly 89,000 Michigan soldiers had served in the war. This program will highlight true stories about Michigan people and Governor Blair's search for troops to meet Lincoln's request. It is unique because it develops a month by month time line of events in Michigan and at the eastern battlefields.

This presentation includes visits to the many Historic sites relating to Civil War events in Michigan and old photos of places where the recruits joined the Union cause. The producer's television cameras also went to the Harper's Ferry Arsenal, Gettysburg battle fields, the Battle of the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, the crossing of the Rappahannock River, Petersburg, Bull Run, and Fredericksburg.



The music and sounds created at Michigan Civil War reenactments events throughout the state make this a very special program. The lecture and visual presentation was developed over a five year period by Al and Dave Eicher with Program Source International.



Community Volunteer Spotlight: Saginaw Arts and Enrichment Commission

Upcoming Monthly Meetings

Wednesday, May 19 Michigan's Historic Highway Bridges and the Challenge to Preserve Them
Presented by: Dr. Charles Hyde, Professor of History, Wayne State University

Wednesday, June 9 Birds of Prey & the Wildlife Recovery Association
Presented by Joe Rogers, Wildlife Recovery Association

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Greetings Fellow OLLI Members

Spring has a suddenness about it that rattles me. Other seasons begin slowly and test their strength before becoming either dog days of summer, deep freeze of winter or kaleidoscope of autumn. Too often spring is here and gone before I have fully absorbed all its freshness and burgeoning verdancy.



The unrest arises, perhaps, because spring is such a wonderful season of change and vibrancy that I want it to go on and on. However, there could be a darker reason for my being a malcontent. Am I too caught up in clean up chores and mundane duties to appreciate the joys of spring's triumphant unfolding? Truly, the swift onset and headlong pace of springtime demand a person who can be receptive to its many hues and fragrances while at the same time be comfortable with the transitory nature of its beauty.

Fortunately, I have discovered a way to enjoy the spring season and every season of the year with greater equilibrium by sharing time and experiences with like-minded people who are adventuresome as well as able to gather new information for thoughtful discussions and personal growth. Our Osher Lifelong Learning Institute provides a great many opportunities for optimizing physical and mental well being. Look at the impressive array of 50+ classes and 6 trips in the OLLI Spring 2010 Schedule!

This year I intend to savor spring while reaping the benefits of OLLI membership. Come along. Join us in this enriching endeavor.

Yours in Service to Our OLLI Community of Learners
Bob Enszer, OLLI Advisory Board Chairperson

Welcome New Members

Linda Buzon	Saginaw
Denise DesJardin	Saginaw
Glen Duffett	Saginaw
Cheryl Marple	Midland
Mary Smith	Saginaw
Olivia Villarreal	Saginaw

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Tom Renna reveals the secrets of papal elections in the "Angels and Demons: the Book, the Movie and the History" class that was held in February.

Schedule a Spring Getaway

(20) Chorus Line: A Singular Sensation at the Wharton Center - 9 Seats Available!

In an empty theatre, on a bare stage, casting for a new Broadway musical is almost complete. For 17 dancers, this audition is the chance of a lifetime. A Chorus Line is the winner of nine Tony Awards, including Best Musical and the Pulitzer Prize for drama. This singular sensation is the longest-running American Broadway musical ever. Come see it again with OLLI! Our package includes excellent seats to the 2 p.m. matinee; lunch prior to the show at Dublin Square Irish Pub - East Lansing's "small slice of Ireland"; deluxe motorcoach transportation from SVSU (also Bridgeport pick-up); and snacks on the bus.

Date: Saturday, April 10, 9:30 a.m.- 6:30 p.m. • Price: \$124 Members; \$144 Non-Members



(21) Butterflies at the Meijer Gardens



Escape the Michigan winter and mingle with more than 6,000 tropical butterflies flying free at the 15,000 square-foot conservancy at Meijer Gardens! Our journey to Grand Rapids will begin with your choice of a visit to the Gerald R. Ford Museum or the Grand Rapids Public Museum. The public museum will have a fun, special exhibit entitled "Big, Big Bugs" and the Ford Museum offers an interesting visit down memory lane. Around noon, we'll head to Meijer Gardens where you will have lunch on your own in their wonderful deli. After lunch, we'll enjoy a tram ride through the gardens, a guided tour of the indoor collections, and some free time. If the weather is chilly, the tram will be covered. The trip includes admission to the Ford or Public Museum/bug exhibit, admission to Meijer Gardens, the tram ride, guided tour, deluxe motorcoach transportation from SVSU (Bridgeport pick-up too), and snacks on the bus. Plus - an indoor and outdoor Dale Chihuly glass exhibit begins three days after our visit, so it is likely you'll see some of these works also!

Date: Tuesday, April 27 from 7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. • Price: \$69 Members; \$89 Non-Members

OLLI Offers New "Slow and Easy" Bicycling Group

Spring is just around the corner and our regular bicycling group, lead by Linda Ackerman, already has its ride schedule available for the entire summer! Although 52 OLLI members went on one or more of the Cycling Groups rides last summer, we've learned that some people were a little intimidated by the distance the group covers each week and the pace.

This summer we are going to offer a second cycling group option which generally will ride no more than ten miles, mainly on local rail trails. Their first ride is scheduled for Thursday, May 20 at 10 a.m. OLLI members Vicki Shrope and Ruth Skeebo will lead the group. If this group sounds more your style, contact Vicki at 615-0317 or Ruth at 631-1183. Vicki's email is vshrope@yahoo.com.

Our "regular" OLLI Cycling Interest Group will begin riding April 12. This group's regular ride averaged 24 miles in 2009. Contact Linda Ackerman at lmackerman@juno.com or 781-2961 if you would like to be added to her email list.



Interest Groups Activities

The **Dinner Group** will meet at Pat & Jerry's located at 963 W. Midland Road, Auburn on Thursday, April 1 at 5:30 p.m. Contact Luci Martin at lucimartin36@Yahoo.com or 684-6997. The **Lunch Group** will meet on Friday, April 16 at Shirlene's Cuisine on 1720 W. Wackerly, Midland at 12:30 p.m. Contact Beth Ann Young at bayreaderus@yahoo.com or 793-7003. The **Writing Group** will meet on the fourth Thursday, April 22 at 1:30 p.m. in the OLLI Conference Room (C142). Contact Lew Drake at lewdrake@chartermi.net or 792-1314. The **Knitting Group** meets every Wednesday morning at 10 a.m., (except when there is a monthly meeting) in the Regional Education Bldg. behind Einsteins Bros. Bagels. Contact Barb Weadock at 792-8839. The **Bridge Group** meets on Fridays at 1 p.m. in Curtiss 143. Contact Alice Webster-Wood to learn more at 684-7802 or websterwood@hotmail.com. The **Flora and Fauna Group** will meet on April 13 at 4 p.m. in C143. Contact Rosemary at 781-0921 or roseron@sbcglobal.net for April meeting details. The **Games Group** is enjoying learning new games and meeting new friends. The group will meet in the new lounge, straight back from the main door of the Education Building. Join the group on the second and fourth Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. Call Jan Sage for information, 989-871-3758 or janetesage@tds.net. The **Theatre Group** will go to see *Peter Pan* presented at the Midland Center for the Arts on Sunday, March 21, at 3:00. An optional dinner at Big E's will follow the play. Contact Bonnie Rowell at bjrowell43@yahoo.com or call her (989)799-3102 for information. The **Digital Photography Group** will meet on Friday, April 9, in C127. Josie Harrison will demonstrate how to use Photobook. Contact Jim Eckerman for more details at jim71170@yahoo.com or 781-0038. The **Buddhist Psychology Group** will meet on Friday, April 2 at 10 a.m. in C140. Dr. Eric De Vos, SVSU psychology professor leads the discussion. The **Gardening Group** will meet on Monday, April 5 at 3:00 p.m. in C143, for additional information contact Crystal Kauer at cmkauer@chartermi.net or call 792-6874.



Members Invited to Display Artwork

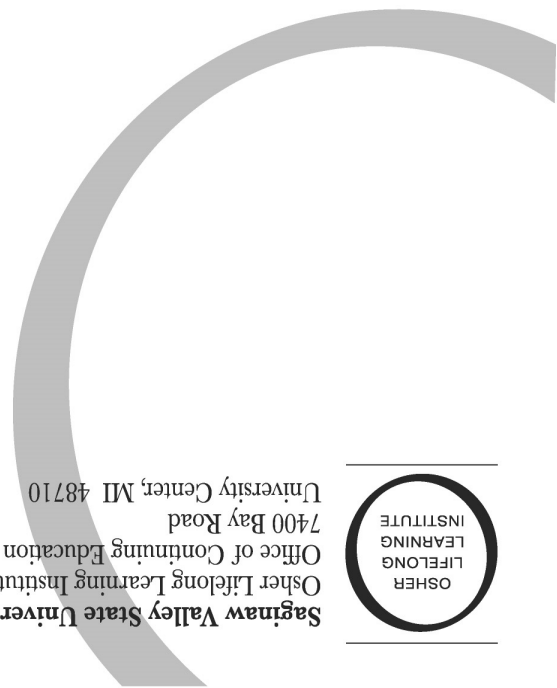
We are pleased to announce that the OLLI classroom (C-143) now has a system to easily hang member artwork. Currently, we are exhibiting drawings by participants of the fall drawing class led by Joanne Rummel. These drawings will be on display through the end of April.

For the next display in May and June, we invite any OLLI member to exhibit up to 3 pieces of their own creative work. This could be paintings, drawings, photographs, sculpture, clay or other items that can be displayed either by hanging or placed on the counter top. Hanging items must be at least 8 1/2 by 11 and be mounted on foam core or framed. To show other items or large pieces of art, a committee will determine how other pieces will be shown.

Contact Penny Nickle by April 16 if you are interested in participating at 989-790-7442 or at pennyn62@gmail.com If the item is larger than 24 x 30 or heavier than 10 pounds you will need to discuss your needs with Penny



The drawings in the current display are from OLLI winter class participants in "Draw Out Your Creative Side".



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