

Welcome to OLLI Outlook!

Maybe the hardest decision of the small committee dedicated to producing an all-site OLLI newsletter was choosing a name. We tried several but Jane Fletcher, our OLLI Director, won with her suggestion of the OLLI Outlook – and that outlook is great!

Michael Bujnowski and Concord OLLI have proved the importance of a newsletter with their amazing monthly publication and now we will build on their success. On the fifteenth of the month you can look for news from OLLI in your email. Included will be news articles from each of our sites, important news from the office and promotion of upcoming events. Our volunteer editor for the OLLI Outlook is Debbie Pike, a new OLLI member from Concord who has experience publishing a statewide newsletter. Any of you can become a reporter and submit articles about OLLI to Christina Link at the office – Christina.link@granite.edu.

OLLI Curriculum Council

Maintaining a vibrant, varied selection of OLLI classes is a consistent challenge for each site in OLLI at Granite State. Those incredible volunteers who serve on our Curriculum Committees deserve accolades from all of us. Their time commitment and their attention to detail is incredible.

The Steering Committee organized a Curriculum Council that will meet twice a year, bringing together those curriculum volunteers from all sites. Their goals will include: sharing of information, solving problems, forming plans on the various tasks that need to be accomplished and maintaining the strong communication link between the staff and volunteers.

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Catalog Mailing Delayed!

The OLLI Fall 2012 Course catalog will **not** be mailed to members on Friday, August 17th as originally reported. Due to a printing delay, the catalog will be mailed to current members and presenters during the week of August 20th. All others will receive the catalog the following week.

Preview Events

The Preview events had record attendance. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make them a success!

Concord

103 (9 new members)

Conway

66 (7 new members)

Manchester

115 (15 new members)

Seacoast

69 (11 new members)

WELCOME

to OLLI's new members!

Manchester Preview by Swede Nelson

The Curriculum committee was stunned by the great turnout of 127 members, guests and presenters for Manchester OLLI's 2012 Fall Preview of classes. It was especially gratifying that 11 of our guests opted for membership (new) and 14 additional folks asked for membership forms. I like the trend line. This promises to be a banner session. In addition to prospective students, we had 31 actual course presenters to brief on the content of their respective courses. Sustenance for this exciting event was orchestrated by Reta MacGregor and her many wonderful volunteers. We are very grateful to PSNH for their willingness to host our Preview. THANKS!



Members packed the auditorium at PSNH Energy Park for the Manchester Preview.

Concord Preview by Martha Hammond

Many people came to Concord's Preview of Fall Classes to get look at GSC's new space on Hall Street and to hear about the classes that will be starting in September. One of the presenters, Richard Ohlrogge, is in my opinion, particularly representative of OLLI. He retired about a year ago after 45 years in engineering and management. Since then he has been studying the human journey in the writings of scholars and philosophers. During the 20th century, science has learned more about the dynamic processes of the universe, Earth, life and human evolution than in the previous 100,000 years. Now Richard is offering us the opportunity to view the Emmy award winning documentary "Journey of the Universe" and discuss new insights into the changes that are possible in the human journey that is yet before us. Very much "Learning for the Fun of It," don't you think?



Seacoast Preview by Peg Fargo

What better way to spend a hot, sunny afternoon than go to the Seacoast Science Center and walk those beautiful trails by the ocean – and learn more about the OLLI Seacoast Fall classes. On August 9, sixty OLLI members, guests and presenters enjoyed a leisurely lunch and listened to the exciting array of class for the fall.

Class presentations varied from a slide show about the gundalow cruise to a demonstration of the Segway. Eleven new members joined that day to be sure they have the opportunity to sign up for the varied programs at the Seacoast this fall. Kay Scott, Dee McClave and Betsy Gemmecke organized this great preview. Pete Winthrop, Linda Mahoney and Judy Leclair put together a variety of door prizes that added to the fun spirit of the day and everyone enjoyed the freshly baked cookies made by Janet Tucker. "It's my turn now, she's going to stay on that all afternoon," could be heard later in the afternoon as OLLI folks tried out Segways on the outdoor pathways of the Science Center. Surely that class will fill quickly!



It was standing room only at Granite State College in Conway at the Conway Preview.

Conway Preview by Barb Holmes

The Conway OLLI Central Committee is very excited about the enthusiasm shown at the Fall Preview for the upcoming OLLI classes in Conway. (66 people at our preview might be the record!) Conway is offering a wide range of wonderful classes this fall and hope that many of you register soon. We are continuing to look for more people to be class assistants, to distribute the catalogs out in the community and to be on our committees. If you are interested or have questions contact Barb Holmes (fbholmes2008@yahoo.com) or Betsy Gemmecke (betsy.gemmecke@granite.edu).

PLEASE NOTE: We just realized there was a mistake was made in the printing of the catalogue. *Balsam Wreath Making* was not listed in the front under class listings in Conway but it is in the main body of the catalogue. Sorry Carol! Let's make it up to her by signing up.

On the Road with OLLI

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston by Marcia Wardwell

On Tuesday, June 19, 2012, 40 members rode to Boston via coach to the Museum of Fine Arts. This was my first visit and it was *amazing*. There were so many artifacts and paintings from all over the world.

We were met by a MFA representative who escorted us into the museum. A docent gave us a tour of the main features, which took about an hour and a half. She was an excellent speaker and we learned a lot.

One of the highlights of the tour was 3 paintings by Renoir: *Dance at Bourgival*, *Dance in the City* and *Dance in the Country*. The MFA owns the first painting and the other two are on loan from the Musée d'Orsay in Paris. It has been many years since 3 paintings have been together for an exhibition and they were absolutely beautiful.

After the tour, there were 4 choices for lunch: the Bravo Restaurant, the New American Cafe, the Garden Cafe and the Wine Bar. In the afternoon, we were able to go our separate ways and explore other exhibits at our leisure. Near the end of our afternoon, some of us enjoyed the gift shop and at 3:00 pm we boarded the coach for our return home. Thanks to all who participated in this memorable day.

Ogunquit Playhouse by Peg Fargo

"You've gotta have heart..." will be heard around OLLI for some time to come. There were so many familiar songs in the play "Damn Yankees" on stage at the Ogunquit Playhouse. In early morning rain on Wednesday, thirty six OLLI day trippers headed off to Maine. Our first stop was at Dunstan's – a restaurant in an old school house where we enjoyed a buffet lunch. At Len Libby hand-made chocolate shop we viewed the world's largest chocolate moose, sampled peanut butter fudge and bought some goodies to take home (or eat on the way!).

Ogunquit Playhouse was nearly full as we found our center front seats and settled in to thoroughly enjoy Carson Kressley as the devil in Damn Yankees. Lola was as sizzling as we all remembered and it was hard not to sing along with "whatever Lola wants..." or "shoeless Joe from Hannibal Mo."

The camaraderie of OLLI friends adds a lot to each of our OLLI trips and our volunteer tour coordinators made sure everyone had a great day. Thanks, Dottie Nelson and Fran Gray.

**Our next trip for *On the Road with OLLI* will be scheduled in the fall.
– watch for the announcement.**



Get More Involved – Be a Class Assistant!

Class Assistants are needed for each OLLI class. Enjoy becoming better acquainted with your fellow classmates by acting as an assistant to the presenter, taking attendance, distributing handouts, sending reminders to fellow classmates, etc... You must already be registered in the class in order to be the Class Assistant. Training will be provided. If interested, please email the OLLI office at olli.office@granite.edu.

Training sessions are listed below. Refreshments will be provided.

Concord: *Thursday, September 6, 10:00-11:30 AM*

Manchester: *Tuesday, September 11, 9:30-11:30 AM*

Claremont, Conway and Seacoast: TBD

Return of Lunch at the Country Club by Phyllis Benoit

The Concord Curriculum Committee is excited to announce the return of a favorite event, "Lunch at the Country Club". On Friday, October 26, 2012, OLLI members will gather at the Concord Country Club for a delicious lunch in a lovely setting. Our speaker is Bob Pearson, an educator in the Concord school system for 37 year, who has been fascinated with murder cases in New England and loves to share what he knows. His previous OLLI course on Lizzie Borden was very popular. This time his topic is "Murder by Moonlight on the Isles of Shoals". Watch for information on this presentation in your fall catalog, and join us we learn what actually happened on March 6, 1873 off the coast of Portsmouth.

Manchester Site on its Way to Another Successful Semester! by Margaret Downes

Having survived the introduction of the new proposal form, with only a few blips, the Manchester Curriculum Committee has assembled a great selection of classes for the fall 2012 semester. These include 35 classroom topics and 5 Out-and-About classes. We recruited 12 new presenters with a variety of potentially interesting topics, and of course we will welcome back our cadre of veteran presenters. Following a short break in July, the Committee, will begin to organize a line-up of classes for spring 2013.



Members of the Manchester Central Committee: Sharon Kace, Fran Wiggin, Swede Nelson, Margaret Downes, Bob Jones, Margaret Wiggin, Dottie Nelson and Joan Stergiou

Registration Tips

To facilitate the process, please keep these "words of wisdom" in mind when you register. While the staff is always working to improve the system, registration is still a very hands-on, manual process. Please be patient.

- You may call the office and register over the phone with a credit card, bring or mail your registration form along with a check to the OLLI office in Concord. Payment and registration cannot be taken at other GSC locations.
- **OLLI cannot take a registration without payment.**
- Please do not try to register by email or voicemail. To insure credit card security, never send your credit card number in an email or leave it on a voicemail message.
- Members are given the opportunity to register for classes before any other category of students. OLLI members are mailed the catalog via first class mail before the classes are posted on the OLLI web site or mailed to non-members on the mailing list.
- Every year classes fill quickly, some on the first day of registration. If there is a class that you want to take above any other, please call or stop by the OLLI Office in Concord to register on the first day. You can always register for more classes later.
- **Do not put two people on one registration form.**
- **You cannot reserve a seat in a class.** If you leave a voicemail message or send an email expressing your wish to register for a certain class, that does not count as registering for the class nor can a seat be held for you based on that.
- All registrations are processed in the order in which they are received.
- If, when we receive your registration, the class is already full, your name will be placed on a waiting list, you will be contacted and the class fee will be refunded to you.
- Names are placed on the waiting list in the order in which we receive the registration.
- You will receive a refund during registration if the class you wanted is full and you were placed on a waiting list or you renewed your membership before it was due. In both cases you will be contacted (usually via phone) by an office volunteer or a staff member. A message may be left if no one is home.
- Refunds will take the form of your original payment. A check from USNH will be mailed from Durham if you paid by check. A credit will be issued to your debit or credit card if that payment method was used.
- *Confirmations will not be sent. If you are not contacted by the OLLI Office you should assume that your registration form was processed and there were no problems.*
- Please keep a record of the classes for which you registered.

Remembering these tips will help ensure your registration is processed promptly and accurately.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in this hectic time.

