The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of Connecticut is an academic cooperative that provides older adults with opportunities for intellectual development, cultural stimulation, and social interaction.

WELCOME

Yellow school buses dot the roadways. Golden ragweed grows in patches along the fields. Sumac contrasts pinkly with the old leaves of summer. There is a crispness in the September air. Perhaps a tingle of nostalgia grips you as you watch the grandkids waiting for the bus. And you sometimes wish you could be back in “good old days.” Well, OLLI members, we’ve got a plan for that!

We can’t get you back to the age of your grandkids but we can offer you some of the excitement that came with those days-to meet new people; to learn new things and to travel to new places; to socialize and to experience new adventures. OLLI offers those benefits and many others.

The catalogue lists 63 new courses ranging from current events to visual arts. And the beauty is they require no homework-unless you want to explore more! We have clubs for books, genealogy, film. The Fulton Garden Project enjoys planting and harvesting and sharing their produce. Volunteers share their expertise on committees that are the lifeblood of OLLI. As the catalogue states,” Committees and clubs add an invaluable element to the OLLI experience, and are at the heart of OLLI’s social engagement component.”

So, OLLI members-old and new, welcome to the Fall semester of OLLI and a new experience of learning and social activities.
Greetings OLLI’ites.
A new semester begins and we on the Voices and Visions committee hope you have found our new publication of the work of your fellow OLLI students.

We want to remind you that Voices and Visions is a yearly OLLI publication and we are going to be looking for your submissions throughout the year. A few things you need to know. You must be a registered OLLI student in order to submit your work. We accept prose, poetry, and your original art work, and we photograph them later.

All work must be done by you. You retain all rights to your work.
We ask you to submit a permission slip along with your work. That can be found at UConnOlliReview@gmail.com OR LizHanahan@aol.com or leave them in the OLLI office.

We won’t start our committee meetings until the Spring of 2020, but we will accept submissions before then.
If needed, we will get in touch with you about any editing that might need to be gently done. For our final project we can only accept TWO pieces from each submitter, so please choose wisely. You have eight months to submit.

We look forward to hearing from you and we wish you a wonderful, creative year.

The Voices and Visions Committee

MARY ANN MARTIN!

Mary Ann Martin is enjoying her second retirement. This time from the newsletter committee and we will miss her advice and wit during our infrequent meetings. She has been a tireless interviewer of many presenters over the past six years. Not many people are aware of how much time and energy that takes to set up the interviews and then to write an entertaining and informational column about the presenter. But I do, and the committee does, and from the feedback we get, so do you, OLLI readers. Thank you again, Mary Ann, enjoy, and know that you will be mightily missed!

RJG

"Every human has four endowments – self-awareness, conscience, independent will and creative imagination. These give us the ultimate human freedom... The power to choose, to respond, to change."

Steven R. Covey

The Book Club meets the third Monday of every month in Room 102 @ 1:PM. Come by!

The Newsletter is always looking for content from our readers. This may be in the form of original work or items you have found interesting and may wish to pass on to others. We always welcome any suggestions you may have to improve the newsletter or criticisms of it. The Newsletter exists to inform and entertain our readers.
Contact Bob Grady at yvoorg@aol.com or any presenter or staff member

We’re on the web!
WWW.OLLI.UCONN.EDU

All OLLI members must have a parking decal clearly displayed in order to utilize OLLI at UConn’s parking options.

Please note that OLLI and the Waterbury Campus do not administer or replace parking decals for UConn/Campus-related parking. Semester parking decals can be purchased directly from University Parking Services, Storrs, CT at discounted rates. Each semester, please find the most up-to-date prices on the application itself. The link to the application is as follows: https://park.uconn.edu/olli-parking-information/

As noted, if you plan to use UConn Parking, you must have a current parking decal. You must apply for a parking permit on your own initiative. OLLI and/or Parking Services will NOT reach out to you first. If you do not choose to use UConn parking, you can use other private or municipal parking options. Carpooling is another way to reduce traveling and parking expenses.
**OLLI CAFE**

September 6- Bucket List Travel: Is Exploring to the Ends of the Earth for You? with Diane Stone

Expedition travel is exciting, but it’s nothing like exploring American or European cities and countrysides. Places like Africa, the polar regions and the Andes, the Amazon and the Mekong provide amazing adventures, but it is just those adventures that mean that you have to make decisions that a trip to London or Paris doesn’t require. Join Diane Stone as she explores the thrills of “bucket list” travel so that you have all of the information that you may need should you consider it.

September 13- Untold Stories-Lend Me Your Ear with Nina Lesiga

**OLLI Trip to Finger Lakes Region**

By Mary Fitzpatrick Peitler

We started out on a beautiful Tuesday morning in June with 32 people on board, happily guided by Bob, OLLI’s favorite Friendship Tour guide. We enjoyed a lovely ride through Connecticut and Massachusetts and then crossed over into New York State. Our lunch stop was a neat diner type place, Zebb’s in Utica, and we enjoyed a relaxing meal.

During the ride to our Ramada hotel, which had views of Seneca Lake, Bob narrated some historic places along the way and told the story of Belhurst Castle where we were to have dinner. After check-in and some much needed downtime we headed to Belhurst Castle for a lovely three course dinner in a beautiful environment. The castle was built in 1885 by a very strong-willed young woman from New York City who bought the property, built the house, divorced her husband, married her financial advisor and never looked back! It is a beautiful lakeside luxury resort with two restaurants and many amenities. But best of all, it is haunted! Or so it is said, but I don’t think any OLLI members saw any ghosts! Despite a few brief and light showers, the day was fine for traveling and the group members were catching up with old OLLI friends and making new ones.

The next morning was spent at the Corning Museum which features a celebration of glass, its history from before the common era to contemporary works. Fascinating, extensive display of glass in myriad forms. The historical gallery was wonderfully curated and there were many live demonstrations including glass blowing during which a beautiful bowl was created by a young woman and narrated by an experienced glassblower. Of course, we enjoyed a trip to their lovely gift shop and lunch at a nice on-premises cafe.

In the afternoon we had a very interesting visit to the Pleasant Valley Winery where we learned about winemaking at the former Taylor vineyards. We saw the large wooden barrels made many decades ago by the "coopers" (barrel makers) of the wine industry and how they are still in use with constant loving care. And what would a visit to a winery be without a tasting? The servers were generous, letting us try about a dozen wines. We then showed our gratitude by a trip to their wine shop where some of us stocked up for summer before getting back on the bus!

Then onto a fun evening at New York Kitchen where we enjoyed a gourmet repast while watching Chef Mary Ann create a delicious vinaigrette salad dressing and an apple tatin. She was very entertaining, down to earth and informative about cooking techniques and her history as a cook.

Our last day we were on the bus at 9 am for a ride to Gems Along the Mohawk, a gift shop which features quartz jewelry and other natural items. Then a really neat ride on the Erie Canal Cruise boat at the site of the original Erie Canal and the Mohawk River. This was my favorite part of the trip. I learned a lot about the history of the canal, “Clinton’s Ditch” and the three subsequent canals. Our captains were educational and entertaining, and it was exciting to be on the boat as we descended to go through a lock. We learned how the water pressure affects the ability of the locks to open. They told a story about a group of pleasure boats that were stranded in a lock during a storm in 2007 when the power went out. They were there for three days! Glad this didn’t happen to us - our excursion was exciting enough!

Our tour guide Bob was terrific as usual! From always being attentive to members’ needs, to playing a fun game of trivia, to showing a movie on the way home, he helped ensure an excellent experience. So, want to have a fun, educational and interesting experience? Sign up for a trip through the OLLI Travel Committee!
SHEILA’S OLDIES
1. The fattest knight at King Arthur’s round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
3. She was only a whiskey maker, but I loved her still.
4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
5. No matter how much you push the envelope, it’ll still be stationery.
6. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
7. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
8. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
9. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
10. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
11. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
12. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: "You stay here; I'll go on a head."
13. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
14. A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: "Keep off the Grass."
15. The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
16. A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, "I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger."
17. Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says, "Dam!"
18. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
OLLI artBeat

Welcome Back, OLLI Art Lovers!

By Mary Fitzpatrick Peitler

I know that time seems to move at lightning speed as we get older, but this summer really seemed to zoom by! We are so fortunate in Connecticut to be able to enjoy so many arts and cultural events and venues. There’s never a lack of things to do, see, enjoy and learn! I had a fun summer going to plays, museums, movies, concerts and even a cultural trip to Bennington, Vermont, which I’ll tell you about in an upcoming column. Looking forward to getting back to OLLI classes, and a bit of a more regular schedule - yes, I know that sounds funny coming from someone so happily retired! But I think we all need to have somewhat of a schedule. Without that, our little everyday tasks can begin to take up too much time, and life is too precious for us to squalor it on the mundane!

This semester I’ll be talking about the upcoming season at the Waterbury Symphony, one of my favorite things to do. I’ll also take you on a tour of the Yale Museums, which are FREE (Yes, you read that right!) and absolutely a wonderful way to spend a day. And what would OLLI artBeat be without my zany Rocky and Bullwinkle take on the upcoming Fall Season of the Metropolitan Opera live streaming at local Connecticut theaters. Speaking of opera, this is a total shoutout to my fellow OLLI Leadership Council member Richard Albro whom I met in one of my very first OLLI classes and who re-introduced me to a love of opera and a desire to learn more about it. Thanks to Richard, I am now much better at the New York Times crossword puzzles and at the opera category on Jeopardy!

I’ll also be talking about one or two towns in our beautiful state, concentrating on the artsy things you can experience there. But what I’d really like to do this semester is hear from you, my fellow OLLI members, about what art venues you’d like me to preview or review so that others may enjoy them as well.

While this summer has been a nice respite from writing this column and the weekly pressure of having to come up with topics, OLLI has never been far from my thoughts. What a gift this program has been to me, especially in retirement. I’ve made many new friends, gone to so many different places - including the Metropolitan Opera, where I hadn’t been in many years - and also had a chance to explore new areas of thought, philosophy, politics, history and culture, that I wouldn’t have done without this program. And it all happened really by accident. A good friend of mind, Mary Lee Carroll, who is married to OLLI presenter Dr. Walter Brooks, suggested it as a fun retirement activity. Not being a Waterbury resident, I had never heard of OLLI. But Mary Lee brought it up a couple of times, so I googled it, and voila, here I am having a great time. In the arts realm, I met a woman who started painting in her seventies and now she is winning ribbons at shows, another who learned how to play the ukulele, and so many people in writing classes who are expressing themselves in print! I am also learning and expressing myself, both in the Newsletter and Voices and Visions - which is truly the essence of OLLI!

So, get in touch with me at berryfitzp@gmail.com, or talk to me in class, the hallway, or OLLI Cafe, and let me know if there is anything you would like me to research and write about! Have a wonderful semester, OLLI friends, whether you are new to OLLI or seasoned members. It’s a great place to be!
The OLLI Film Club Presents...

FALL 2019
FILM SCHEDULE

FEATURING:

Suffragette  
Wednesday, September 18th, 2019  
From: 12:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M.

Antonia’s Line  
Wednesday, October 16, 2019  
From: 12:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M.

The Wife  
Wednesday, November 6, 2019  
From: 12:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M.

Location: UConn Rectory Room 402

The purpose of the Film Club is to encourage lively discussions about the films shown. There will be activities both before and after each showing to aid in these discussions. The members of the Film Club committee will present information about the writer, actors and background to each film. At the end of the film, we will suggest questions for discussion for audience participation.

We invite OLLI members to attend. All you need to have is a bag lunch, beverage and active participation in discussion.

No RSVP required!