



News For Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH

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## President's Message



Jerri McLain  
President

“OH, to be in England now that April's there”

Home Thoughts from Abroad

By Robert Browning

OLLI travelers will be in England soon enough, Wales and Scotland, too. Bill McAllister, Chair, Special Events, has kept us reminded these several months that Great Britain awaits us. June 1, the day of departure, approaches.

Back on the home front, you may be thinking that the butterfly you've been seeing in print is familiar. It graces in full color the cover of the Spring Term catalog. It's featured on OLLI's first billboard near Parkway Place on Memorial Parkway, prominent against a lime green background. And, importantly, it's by our OLLI Photo Contest winner, Alan Forney.

I'm all registered for spring term with exciting classes. With so many choices, it's full speed ahead to notable learning adventures. I hope you've reviewed the many offerings and made your selections.

OLLI at UAH is such a great organization. This year's Nominating Committee, chaired by Dick Fisher and including committee members Sue Chatham and Vanitha Singh, presents an outstanding slate for 2015-2016. These OLLI nominees, who offer their service for board positions, represent the talent, experience, and specialized abilities found throughout our hundreds of members. We thank and applaud those who serve.

It takes all of us working together to create and sustain what we want. OLLI at UAH is the grand opportunity available to us all. Thank you for all that you do to make it special.

### ***URGENT — Member Services Committee needs your help!***

The publishing and mailing of the OLLI Insider is the responsibility of the Member Services Committee. Nancy Darnall is our editor and does an excellent job. Up until last month Ron Brock was responsible for mailing (not emailing) the newsletter to those who do not have email addresses. Ron did a great job, but has recently resigned from that position. We need a replacement. It only takes **an hour or two once a month**. Look at your schedule and see if you could help with this task. Please contact Sue Chatham at [chatham@knology.net](mailto:chatham@knology.net) or 256-684-7950 to volunteer for this position or for more information.

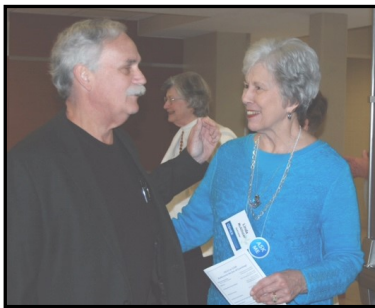
*Submitted by Sue*

*Chatham*

## *Behind the Scenes. . . With OLLI*

### *Rembrandt, Rubens, Gainsborough, and the Golden Age of Painting in Europe*

At the March 18, Behind the Scenes Bonus with Peter Baldaia and David Reyes, OLLI members gathered for a fabulous presentation on the background of the current exhibit at the Huntsville Museum of Art from Peter Baldaia's discovery of the exhibit through negotiations, planning, and set up. We learned about software to arrange art works, wall colors chosen to enhance the art, building false walls, timing, and the few surprises which revealed themselves as the choreography of an art exhibit danced its way into the Museum to those who enjoy it. Thanks to the event committee for an outstanding OLLI afternoon.



Photos courtesy of Thurman Gordon,  
Dannye Drake, and Gene Zajicek.



## Spring Weekly Bonus Schedule



Gratia Mahony

### WEEKLY BONUS LECTURES OPEN TO ALL OLLI MEMBERS

Perhaps you don't have time to register for a full term of classes at OLLI, but you don't want to miss out on all the great course offerings. Remember that OLLI Weekly Bonus Lectures are open to all OLLI members. If you've paid your annual membership fee, you can come to the Weekly Bonus Lectures. This spring the Weekly Bonus Lectures will be offered at the Salmon Library (4/14/ and 4/28), Chan Auditorium (4/21), and Wilson Hall 001 (5/05, 5/12, and 5/19) at 1:00 p.m. each Tuesday. The line up for spring follows.



#### April 14 – When Seconds Count: Emergency and Trauma

Learn how Huntsville Hospital and Emergency Services deal with emergency and trauma cases. Dr. Sherrie Squyers will share her knowledge to prepare us for what to expect in the Emergency Room.



#### April 21 – Ballet in the Community

The role of the dance company in Huntsville will be the topic of discussion. Kathy Curry and Phillip Otto present a brief history of the art form and dance in Huntsville. Dancers will perform and share excerpts from upcoming performances.



#### April 28 – Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Today

Huntsville attorney and UAH graduate Joe Ritch serves as the first Alabamian to chair the TVA Board. Learn about America's largest public power company.



#### May 5 – International Currencies

Dirk Drawe will discuss the relationship of the U.S. dollar to other world currencies and tell us how this relationship affects the prices we pay for goods.



#### May 12 — Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge

Hear about this natural wonder and learn about the birds and other wildlife that inhabit this huge National Wildlife Refuge right in Huntsville's own backyard. Tom Ress presents.



#### May 19 — Five Weeks in Spain

Join OLLI members Helena and Bruce Crutcher as they share their photos and describe their all encompassing tour of Spain.

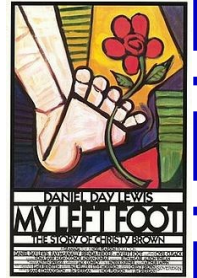
Come learn and enjoy. If you like, bring a sack lunch to the OLLI Lounge at noon, and share the company of your OLLI friends.

**The Member Services Committee will have coffee and light dessert to finish your meal!**



### Popcorn and a Movie, Friday, April 10, at 10 am

Our next Popcorn & A Movie will be held in Wilson Hall on Friday, April 10 at 10:00. *My Left Foot* is an inspiring autobiographical movie about an Irishman who becomes an accomplished artist, overcoming great handicaps to do so. The movie was nominated for numerous awards and Daniel Day-Lewis won the Oscar for Best Actor as he portrayed the legendary Christy Brown.



### England, Wales and Scotland

Excitement continues to build for our OLLI trip to England, Wales and Scotland beginning on June 1. Many prospective travelers enjoyed taking Winter Term courses related to the trip and other courses are offered for Spring Term. We look forward to sharing this travel and learning experience together and currently there are four places remaining for the tour. If you are interested, it is crucial that you contact me **immediately** at [billmcallister94@gmail.com](mailto:billmcallister94@gmail.com).

### Past Events

On Friday, March 20th, OLLI members enjoyed laughing, snacking, and unwinding after winter term classes by watching *As Good As It Gets* starring Jack Nicholson and Helen Hunt.

Thanks to Dick Fisher for tirelessly scheduling and re-scheduling our OLLI visit to the Space and Rocket Center for the 101 Inventions exhibit. Unfortunately, weather issues prohibited a group visit but we hope that everyone was able to see the exhibit on their own. Although the 101 Inventions exhibit has ended, the special section on our local inventors and their inventions remains.

Mabel Gordon has been a fantastic Special Events Committee member and has planned numerous visits to local industries and places of interest in our community. Her two tours of the new Intergraph Corporate Headquarters for March 25 had waiting lists, although almost everyone who wanted to attend was able to do so. Thank you, Mabel, for your planning and executing details to broaden our OLLI members' learning experiences. We *love* field trips.



## 2015 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Dick Fisher, chair, Sue Chatham and Vanitha Singh have presented their recommendations to the OLLI Board. The elections will be held at the Annual Dinner and Meeting on May 21.

Nominees for officers for 1-year terms are Bob Darnall, President; Jane McBride, 1st Vice President and Chair of the Administrative and Finance Committee; Gratia Mahony, 2nd Vice President and Chair of the Curriculum Committee; Peggy McClure, Secretary; and Dick Fisher, Treasurer.

Here are brief introductions for the nominees for 3-year terms as Board Members.

**JOHN DIMMOCK** graduated from Yale with a Ph.D. in physics, was a group leader at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and served in the Office of Naval Research. More recently, John was the Director, Center for Applied Optics at UAH. Since retiring, he has been active in OLLI activities, including teaching, attending courses, and traveling with OLLI. He has blended his UAH experience with OLLI through a course he and his colleagues designed for advanced students at the university, which is offered to OLLI this spring.



**LINDA DIMMOCK** is a native of Seattle, WA, living there through completion of her freshman year at the University of Washington. She moved to Huntsville in 1964 and graduated with a BSBA from Athens State University. She worked in various administrative capacities at companies and at UAH. She has been a civic volunteer since 2005 with numerous local organizations, including Interfaith Mission Service and Beginning Experience. She has been an OLLI member since 2007.



**JEAN GREENWOOD** came to Huntsville in 1976 when she married Terry Greenwood. She has a BA in English and an MS in anthropology from the California State University of Northridge. Jean has taught anthropology and computer languages at the university level, ultimately retiring from UAH Computer/Information Services Department. Retirement brought her to OLLI with its diversity of fascinating offerings. Known as the “Cat Lady” to Therapy Partners since 1998, Jean’s cats volunteer with memory units, children in crisis, grieving families, and wherever they can bring comfort and calm. Her interests include quilting, writing, reading, music, and human behavior.



**TERRY GREENWOOD** was an aerospace engineer for NASA at the Marshall Space Flight Center for 39 years. He is from Asheville, NC, and studied mechanical engineering at Georgia Tech (BSME), the University of Southern California (MS), and the University of Texas (Ph.D.). He is married to Jean Greenwood; they have two children. Terry has been a member of OLLI for six years and has served many times as a facilitator. His interests include World War II, baseball, and current events.



**JANE NORRELL** graduated from UAH in 1975 with a degree in economics and worked in the local aerospace and defense industry as a financial analyst and subcontractor until the end of 2011 when she handed her key-board to the person sitting next to her and left to join OLLI. Jane now enjoys taking art, literature, history, music classes, and discussing dangerous ideas with her OLLI friends. When Jane is not attending OLLI functions, she enjoys chasing her dogs, playing the fiddle with friends, and dancing with the Huntsville English Country Dancers and the North Alabama Country Dance Society.



**CRAIG L. REINHART** taught sciences in the Huntsville City Schools for 41 years and retired in 2012. After retirement, he became active in OLLI. He has participated in several classes, including class facilitator and instructor. He also has been active in the OLLI hiking classes, serving as a hike leader; he acts, directs, and designs sets for several local theater groups. Many of our OLLI students have enjoyed seeing Craig in local theater presentations.



The Nominating Committee and OLLI thank you all for accepting the nomination.

Photos courtesy of nominees.



The Special Events Committee sponsored a visit to the new Intergraph Corporate Headquarters building on Wednesday, March 25, 2015. Our group of 16 OLLI members was greeted by Ms. Denise Bates, Executive Manager Headquarters Operations. The tour started with the history of Intergraph in Huntsville and the construction of the new building.

The design is based on the work concept of "Agile Software Development." The engineers of all ages and levels of experience

are encouraged to move about freely, to share ideas, and to develop speed and flexibility in the completion of their assignments.

Ms. Bates and her co-worker Susie Bostic walked us through the work, rest, and cafeteria areas of the building. They pointed out the design elements of the area such as furniture, windows, lights, and white wall space that facilitated a free, mobile style of interaction between co-workers.

This tour showed us how the work site has changed. There are no separate offices, no shelves of books, and no stacks of papers. These things have been replaced with colorful furnishings, large windows providing the work area with bright light, movement, and discussion among co-workers.



Photographs courtesy of  
Mable Gordon.

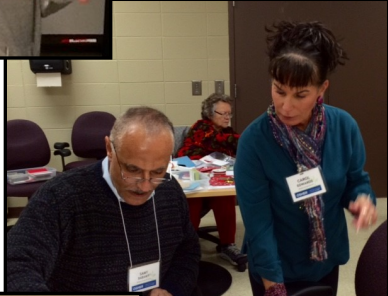
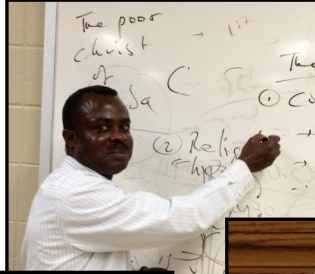
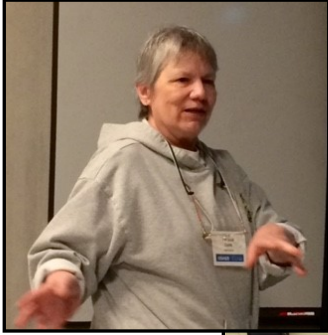
### The OLLI at UAH Undergraduate Scholarship

For the 2014-2015 membership year, each donation to the Osher Lifelong Learning Scholarship fund will earn you one entry in a drawing for prizes in September 2015. Prizes include gift cards, OLLI 1-year membership, and other items.

THE FINE PRINT: To ensure your gift is entered into the drawing, the OLLI Scholarship Committee Chair will be notified by UAH of the names of those OLLI members who have contributed to the OLLI Scholarship during the period August 1, 2014, through July 31, 2015. Only **names** will be provided. Donations are tax-deductible. Checks may be made payable to UAH Advancement, with the annotation "OLLI at UAH Scholarship" noted on the "FOR" line of the check, and given to the OLLI Treasurer Bob Darnall. They may also be placed in an enveloped and dropped in the OLLI box in the PCS Registration Office RRoom 103,, or donations may be given on line at [PCS.uah.edu/DonateOLLI](http://PCS.uah.edu/DonateOLLI). **No funds donated to the OLLI at UAH Scholarship fund will be used to purchase prizes!**



## Seen Around OLLI and Winter 2015 Teacher Appreciation



Photos courtesy of Linda McAllister  
and Nancy Darnall.





## DECLARE YOUR HISTORY



Don't forget to submit your name, your place of birth (city, state or other nomenclature, country), and other locales where you have lived. We have already marked all six habitable continents! Send to [nbd51@aol.com](mailto:nbd51@aol.com).

A graphic will be posted at the Fall Session registration event. This event is open to OLLI members, PCS staff, and OLLI faculty.

**The OLLI Insider** May issue submission deadline is Friday, April 17. Please submit your articles to Nancy Darnall at [nbd51@aol.com](mailto:nbd51@aol.com). Anyone who has OLLI photos is welcome to send them to the newsletter. Include the photographer's name, the names of those in the photo, and the event shown. Thank you.



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