

News For Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH October 2018

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Your OLLI President's Message



**Gratia Mahony
President**

Fall at OLLI means classes have begun again for the new term. This gives us all the opportunity to see our longtime friends and meet new OLLI students. It also renews our opportunity for some social interaction with the membership by attending MIGs (Member Interest Groups), the weekly Bonuses or movies, and attending our Teacher Appreciation Brunch. Another opportunity to visit with friends is to bring your lunch and gather in the OLLI lounge from noon to 1:00. On Friday after the Bonus lecture, a very special treat is provided for guests who attend the Friday Bonus sessions.

This year the traditional gathering to thank our teachers will be a brunch at 11:00 AM, not a lunch, as we've had in the past. (See details on page 8).

An opportunity to introduce your friends or family who may not yet be OLLI members is to invite them to attend our *25th Anniversary Lecture Series*. This special series of three lectures is open to the public. It will be held in the Nursing Building, Room 103B, on Friday afternoons at 1:00 PM. The first lecture will be on October 26 featuring Dr. Wayne Flynt, author and professor emeritus at Auburn University. His topic will be "Pulitzers and Politics: The Alabama Legacies of Harper Lee and George Wallace." A reception will follow the lecture and will be held in the small lobby outside the lecture room.

A lot is going on at OLLI and I hope you will all join the fun.

Gratia Mahony, President

Mark Your Calendar!

October 26 — 1:00 PM—UAH Nursing Building, Room 103B

"Pulitzers and Politics: The Alabama Legacies of Harper Lee & George Wallace"

Dr. Wayne Flynt, Alabama Historian, Author and Professor Emeritus at Auburn University

Bring your friends! Free and open to the public!

Celebrate 25 years of Lifelong Learning at UAH!

OLLI CALENDAR

Month	Time	Event
10/5/18	10:30 AM	Bonus: “Birding in South Africa” presented by Herb Lewis. WIL 168. POC: Rick Schwarz (richard.schwarz2@gmail.com). Bonus snack follows in the lounge (WIL 152D).
10/12/18	10:30 AM	Bonus: “Traveling on the Canals of France” presented by Bob & Liz Staggs. WIL 168. POC: Rick Schwarz (richard.schwarz2@gmail.com). Bonus snack follows in the lounge.
10/19/18	11:00 AM	Teacher Appreciation Brunch. Trinity United Methodist Church (Airport Road). \$4.00 donation requested from members; teachers are guests. <u>Please sign up in the Volunteer Office.</u> POC: Bob Darnall (darnall45@icloud.com).
10/25/18	5:30 PM	October Dining Out MIG. <i>Four Leaves Asian Bistro.</i> 7044 University Drive, Huntsville. POC: Sandy Dabrowski (dabros1@comcast.net). Sign-up sheet in the OLLI Volunteer Office.
10/26/18	10:30 AM	Bonus: “Federal Budget Games” presented by Rick Schwarz. WIL 168. POC: Rick Schwarz (richard.schwarz2@gmail.com). Bonus snack follows in the Lounge.
10/26/18	1:00 PM	UAH Lifelong Learning 25th Anniversary Speaker—Dr. Wayne Flynt, “Pulitzers and Politics: The Alabama Legacies of Harper Lee and George Wallace”. UAH Nursing Building, Room 103B. Light refreshments following presentation. POC: Janet Reville (jrev1988@gmail.com) or Sue Chatham (suechatham@gmail.com).
11/2/18	10:30 AM	Bonus: “Explore Antarctica” presented by Thomas Ress. POC: Rick Schwarz (richard.schwarz2@gmail.com). Bonus snack follows in the lounge.
11/2/18		Fall Term Ends. <i>*Classes with make up sessions may end at a later date*</i>

Contact Linda Lowe (llowe38@gmail.com) to add an event.

Events Committee



Linda Lowe
Events Chair

The purpose of the Events Committee is to host activities for OLLI members outside of OLLI courses. These may be community events we can attend as a group or opportunities to visit historical, educational, or cultural sites through small group tours. We also have fun with “Popcorn & a Movie” Fridays.

If you enjoy doing activities with a group, come join the Events Committee to help plan and coordinate 2019 activities. To become a member, contact Linda Lowe at llowe38@gmail.com.

OLLI is Stronger with its Volunteers!

If you have an interest in becoming an OLLI Ambassador and assist in the UAH College of Professional and Continuing Studies OLLI office, please contact Alice Sammon at olli.info@uah.edu or 256.824.6183.

If you would like to assist with snacks after the weekly Bonus please contact Rexanne Warfel at rewarfel@yahoo.com. Note: a snack schedule has been posted on the board in the lounge to make it easier to sign up for particular days.

If you would like to help staff the OLLI Volunteer Office, contact Irene Garoppo at igaroppo@knology.net.

If you would like to be the editor of the *OLLI Insider* newsletter, please contact Member Services Chair, Jerry Pang, at pang7713@gmail.com.

OLLI Needs Your Support

In support of the 25th anniversary of lifelong learning at UAH, the OLLI Support Fund has a campaign, “\$25 for 25.” We are asking for a contribution of \$25.00 and hope at least 25% of the members respond. The easiest way to donate is by credit card online at osher.uah.edu. When you enter the OLLI page, click on the blue box titled **Donate to OLLI** and then the yellow box titled **Give to the support fund**. If you would prefer to donate by check, print out the [donor form](#) page (this insures tax credit) and mail the form and check or drop them in the red cash box in the registration office (103 Wilson Hall). Click the button below to donate to OLLI today!

DONATE TO OLLI

OLLI at UAH

OLLI Legacy Volunteer Award

As written in the OLLI Handbook, “OLLI at UAH is a volunteer-driven organization.” Although greatly dependent on the many services provided by UAH, OLLI at UAH would not be able to provide its members the classes, activities, and many benefits of the program without the volunteer efforts of so many individuals. The Board of Directors has agreed to establish a volunteer recognition program to reward and publicize the efforts of the volunteers who make our organization functional, rewarding, and fun!

The announcement of the volunteer recognition effort was made during the 25th Anniversary Reception at the UAH Lowe House on September 14, 2018. The inaugural volunteer recognition presentation was given to **Sue Chatham** with the **OLLI at UAH Legacy Volunteer Award**. The Legacy Volunteer Award is given to an individual who has made significant volunteer contributions to the organization throughout the course of his or her membership. It is designed to recognize a long-term OLLI member who has given their time and talent to make our program thrive.

Sue Chatham is the inaugural recipient of the Legacy Volunteer Award because of her endless array of duties and responsibilities with OLLI at UAH. Since joining the Academy of Lifelong Learning at UAH in 1994, Sue has been the newsletter editor, a classroom facilitator, an instructor, and a member of (almost) every committee in existence. As a 12-year Board member, she served as Vice President and Treasurer before taking over as President in 2007. She remains an active OLLI volunteer, serving on several committees as well as being an Office Volunteer. Her next 20 years may add even more to her long list of volunteer accomplishments!

Sue likes to emphasize the main reason she started volunteering with the Academy for Lifelong Learning—she was asked to help. When she started taking classes, she was just a member interested in several subjects being taught. As she learned the needs of the organization, her volunteer spirit (along with her professional skills) took over, and she graciously assisted with several small jobs. Sue credits Bill Huber (President 2001-2002) and Hugh Nicholson for being the first to recruit her as a volunteer. Her obvious enthusiasm and love for the organization soon took over and she became the driving force behind many initiatives, including the Academy for Lifelong Learning becoming an Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

OLLI at UAH is lucky to have Sue as one of its members, and congratulates her on receiving the very first **Legacy Volunteer Award**.



Saying Goodbye

We all know how difficult it is to lose friends—people who enrich our daily lives, share our experiences and work together with us for a common goal. The OLLI community lost two good friends in September, and the loss will be felt for some time to come.

Ron Brock

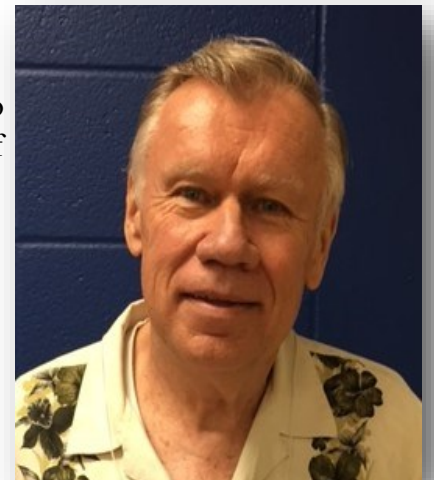


If you've ever been in the lounge early most mornings, you've seen and probably been greeted by Ron, always sitting in "his" chair by the refrigerator. He liked to get in early and ensure that the coffee was "made the right way" and the coffee area was cleaned to his satisfaction (and if it wasn't he would regale you with how it should be done.) Ron was 89 years old and had been an OLLI member since 2011. He said once that he came to OLLI to make sure he kept on thinking. He told stories of growing up poor, but loved, on his grandfather's farm in northeast Alabama and advised people on stock market purchases. He was a political conservative, but would listen respectfully to others' opinions. He didn't usually agree, but listened, and sometimes he would surprise people with his opinions or observations. That taught us a bit about

looking below the surface. It is a cliché to say "I didn't know the last time would be the last time"—Rick was with us on the first Monday of the term, manning the coffee pots, but we didn't realize that he wouldn't be back the next Monday.

Rick Sisko

Rick moved to Madison in 2015 and almost immediately joined OLLI. He taught finance classes and the AARP driving class. Wanting to do more, he ran for the OLLI Board of Directors and assumed the leadership of the OLLI Administration & Finance Committee, as well as becoming the Discipline Chair of the Finance and Economics classes for the Curriculum Committee. He volunteered to proctor classes in the UAH Testing Services Department and performed other community volunteer functions in Madison and in his church. His often spoken reason was, "I just want to give back." He did. Rick will be missed for his unfailing good cheer, commitment to his duties, dry wit, and willingness to take on one more task—he just brightened our days.



Curriculum Committee



Linda McAllister
Curriculum Chair

The first few days of Fall Term classes are always exciting. The halls of Wilson Hall were buzzing with folks greeting one another and checking the posters to find their room assignments. Some even chalked up a few extra steps on their Fitbits as they walked to the Nursing Building, a lovely facility that accommodated several very large, popular courses.

Our volunteer teachers and their facilitators were prepared and ready to go. Exercise courses, as well as our arts/crafts courses, are well attended and attendees often helped to set up the classroom spaces for classes such as Bridge, Tai Chi, and Card Making. Students and teachers in language courses always make adjustments as they discover the various levels of proficiency in the many languages OLLI offers. The scholarly courses challenge us all as we seek to dig deeper into complicated subjects to understand and synthesize old and new material. It is refreshing to know that we can be respectful of diverse opinions as we discuss and learn from each other in class.

As Curriculum Chair I am proud that we have one of the most outstanding OLLI programs of the 121 on college campuses across the nation. We provide quality courses and top-notch volunteer instructors- all for a very reasonable fee. One comment during the first week of class was, “My Elder Law class provides the cheapest legal advice I can get anywhere.” Another student observed, “Where else could you have an eight-week class with a certified nutritionist for such a low fee?” More than 500 people are taking classes this Fall, and I hope you are one of them.

I enjoy the energy of being on a vibrant university campus with active adults who choose to engage with others in learning, sharing, and socializing. As we celebrate our 25th year of lifelong learning at UAH this Fall, I hope you will join me for Bonus lectures and travelogues on Friday mornings—open to all OLLI members (no registration required). Our three 25th Anniversary presentations are open to all OLLI members and the general public, free of charge. Besides numerous course offerings for Fall Term, there are many other exciting opportunities for lifelong learners to socialize and be engaged in interesting, informative, and entertaining exchanges.

Linda McAllister
Curriculum Chair

Do you have a suggestion to improve OLLI’s educational offerings or services to the members? There is a suggestion box in the hallway outside the OLLI Volunteer Office. We would like to hear from you! Do you have a concern you would like addressed? Do you want to volunteer for something but don’t know who to approach? Please let us know.



OLLI Member Interest Groups

OLLI Member Interest Groups (MIG)

MIGs are open to all OLLI members. (Please note the requirement for the Tai Chi MIG.)

Hiking: Hikes on Thursday and Friday mornings. Bob Goodwin (OLLIHiking@yahoo.com)

Dining Out: Featured local restaurants each month. Sandy Dabrowski (dabros1@comcast.net)

Knitting: Share your enjoyment and increase your skills. All levels welcome. Barbara Ward (bward@hiwaay.net)

Stock Study Club: Study and report on stocks to explore the world of investing. J. Phillip (the_p_patch@knology.net)

Tennis: Court time and pro tournament gatherings. Judy Eckert (juaeckert@gmail.com)

Tai Chi: Practice sessions for members **who have taken Tai Chi classes**. Jerry Pang (pang7713@gmail.com)

Bridge: Bring or meet a partner to play bridge for fun. All levels welcome. Bruce Machamer (bnmacham68@gmail.com)

Paper Craft Card Making: Meet people who share your interest in this fun activity. Diane Vaughn (g.dianne.vaughn@gmail.com)

Craft Beer: Learn about the variety of craft beers. Brimmer Sherman (brimmersherman@gmail.com)

To establish a new MIG or for general information about MIGs, contact the OLLI MIG Coordinator, Linda Harman at linda.e.harman@gmail.com.

Do you have a civic, social or religious group that might be interested in learning about OLLI and all we offer? If so, contact David Styers, OLLI Public Relations Chair at 2docdad@bellsouth.net to arrange a speaker for your group.

Remember: YOU are the best PR person for your group. Share your experiences with friends and encourage them to become members.

Social Committee



Bob Darnall
Social Committee

The Social Committee is responsible for conducting a number of regular OLLI events. This typically includes teacher appreciation functions, back-to-school gatherings, the annual holiday party, the end-of-year dinner/annual meeting, and a summer picnic. Our committee has been working since August, and our first activity is the fall teacher appreciation meal, which has been changed this year to a brunch at 11:00am on Friday, October 19, 2018 at Trinity United Methodist Church. We hope to see you there to let our teachers know how much we treasure what they do to let us all experience the joy of learning. Please sign the list in the OLLI Volunteer Office so we will know how many to expect.

I also hope you will attend our holiday party in mid-December. Stay tuned to your *Weekly e-News* for an exact date, time, and location. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy food, dancing, and conversation in a festive venue.

If you would be interested in serving on the Social Committee or you just have some ideas about what events you would like to see at OLLI, please contact me at 256.508.6033 or darnall45@icloud.com.

The OLLI Nomination Task Force Needs YOU!

The Nomination Task Force (NTF) is charged with developing a ballot of candidates for the Board of Directors to be voted on by the general membership in March of each year and generating a slate of officers for the Board. The NTF consists of the immediate Past President, the OLLI Program Manager, and three individuals from the general membership. **We are looking for those three individuals.**

Applications are now being accepted for the Nomination Task Force. If you are interested in serving on the Nomination Task Force, please fill out an application form by October 15.

Forms are available in the OLLI Volunteer Office, room 151 Wilson Hall.

Celebrating 25 Years of Lifelong Learning at UAH

25

YEARS
OF LIFELONG
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ANNIVERSARY SPEAKER SERIES

1:00 – 2:30 pm • UAH Nursing Building 103B

October 26

Pulitzers and Politics: The Alabama Legacies of Harper Lee and George Wallace

*Wayne Flynt, Alabama Historian, Author, and
Professor Emeritus at Auburn University*

November 9

Behind the Scenes of Louis Comfort Tiffany – Treasures from the Driehaus Museum

*Peter Baldaia, Director of Curatorial Affairs,
Huntsville Museum of Art*

December 7

Reelin' in the Years: Pop Music from 1950s-1990s

*Bob Labbe, Pop Music Historian
and WLRH Radio Host*

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

*In 1993, The Academy for
Lifetime Learning, Inc.
was founded with seven
courses offered the first
term. It attracted the
attention of seasoned
adults and grew rapidly.*

*In 2005, The Academy
became one of 119
Osher Lifelong Learning
Institutes in the U.S. after
an endowment from the
Bernard Osher Foundation
to UAH. OLLI at UAH has
since grown to over 1000
members and offers 70+
courses each term.*

**FOR DETAILS:
[OSHER.UAH.EDU/25](https://osher.uah.edu/25)**



Future OLLI Trips

OLLI members love to travel and have had great experiences going to Alaska, England/ Wales/Scotland, Fairhope, Memphis, eastern and western Canada, Spain and Washington, DC in the past four years. We now have three new trips planned for 2019—two with Grand Circle Tours and one closer to home with Road Scholar.

NEW ORLEANS

Happening first is a five-day trip to New Orleans, beginning January 13, 2019. Join your OLLI friends on a small-group adventure in New Orleans planned just for us. Get to know the “Crescent City” as you explore the French Quarter and Garden District, take in a jazz performance, learn to cook Cajun-style and enjoy plenty of time to explore on your own. Program price includes five nights in an elegant historic hotel in the French District, three expert lectures, three expert-led field trips and four performances. And, how about a ride on a streetcar named “Desire”? For more information contact **Jennifer Humiston** at 256-209-4634 or email at calabash107@gmail.com. Register now with Road Scholar at 877-209-4634 referencing **NOLA Program #21665 for UAH OLLI**.

NATIONAL PARKS

Next up is a thirteen-day trip to some of our National Parks, beginning July 12, 2019. The trip begins in the capitol city of Utah, Salt Lake City, site of world headquarters of the Mormon Church and the 2002 Winter Olympics. From there we will travel north by motor coach to begin exploring several of our epic National Parks including Yellowstone, Grand Teton, and the Badlands. We will also float the Snake River, visit Jackson Hole, a Japanese-American Confinement Site, Buffalo Bill Centre, Devil’s Tower, Crazy Horse Memorial and Mount Rushmore before concluding in Rapid City, South Dakota. For more information, contact **Linda McAllister** at wmca@hiwaay.net or look at the complete program details online at www.gct.com/npt2019. Register now with Grand Circle at 800-221-2610 referencing code **G9-28254 OLLI UAH trip to the Great National Parks**. *Please note: 24 OLLI members have already signed up so don’t wait too long to jump onboard!*



CHRISTMAS MARKETS ALONG THE DANUBE

Ending the year, we are cruising the Danube, as we shop for the holidays. *The Christmas Markets Along the Danube Tour* will be the first week in December 2019 departing Huntsville December 2 and departing Vienna December 10. We will begin our cruise in Nuremburg and pass through Regensburg, Passau, Linz, Melk and the Wachau Valley ending in Vienna where we will board the plane for home. We will be stopping at the world-famous Christmas markets along the way so leave plenty of room in your suitcase for the Treasures you’re sure to find. Pre-register now with **Grand Circle** at 877-220-2540 referencing code **G9-26157 OLLI UAH trip for Christmas on the Danube**. On-line go to <https://www.gct.com>; in the “where would you like to go” block, type “Christmas Markets Along the Danube” and hit enter. Updated flyers are in the OLLI Volunteer Office. Contact **Irene Garoppo** at igaroppo@knology.net for additional information.

Member Services Committee



The responsibilities of the Member Services Committee are varied. Supplies are ordered and distributed, the seven subcommittees must be supported and assisted, and procedures are tweaked from time to time for optimum service to the general membership. **Jerry Pang** oversees this small empire. As with all our committees, Member Services is here to make your OLLI experience more enjoyable. The subcommittees, their functions, and their leaders are listed below:



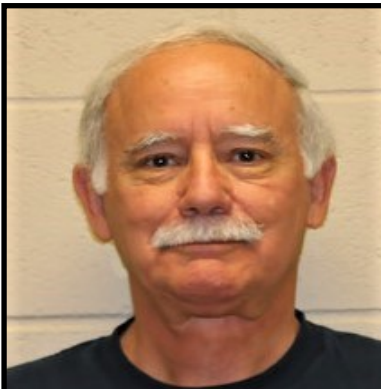
OLLI Monthly Newsletter, Val Seaquist, Editor:

Val solicits, collects and organizes inputs from the OLLI President, committee chairs, event/trip/MIG leads, and general membership. Inputs include announcements, articles and post-event photos. She coordinates the draft newsletter with CPCS for distribution of the 11 newsletters produced each year.



OLLI Volunteers' Office, Irene Garoppo, Office Manager:

Irene manages the OLLI office staffed by volunteers during normal class hours while terms are in session. The volunteers provide telephone, email, and in-person support for general questions, classroom directions, replacement badges, etc.



OLLI Media Lending Library, Bruce Machamer, Coordinator:

Bruce is in charge of the OLLI Library in the OLLI Volunteer Office. He updates our MS Access database, generates master and subset listings and loan cards and coordinates new, donated and missing DVDs.

Member Services Committee (cont.)



OLLI Member Interest Groups (MIGs), Linda Harman, MIG Coordinator:

The MIG Coordinator serves as the POC/liaison between the MIG Leads, the MSC Chair and the OLLI Board. She coordinates new MIG requests, maintains a list of active MIGs and POCs, and coordinates the Wilson Hall meeting room requests. She is also responsible for collecting and storing MIG documentation (applications, waivers, attendance sheets, etc.)



OLLI Annual Photo Contest, Debbie Tromblee, Coordinator:

Selecting the contest theme and overseeing the contest guidelines, publicity and photo entry judging are responsibilities of this position. Further responsibilities are announcing the contest winners at the Annual Dinner and arranging the display of winning photos outside the OLLI Volunteer Office.



Bonus Snacks, Rexanne Warfel, Coordinator:

Rexanne is responsible for snacks after the Friday Bonuses to include selecting the menu theme, preparing some items and coordinating donated dishes and sides.

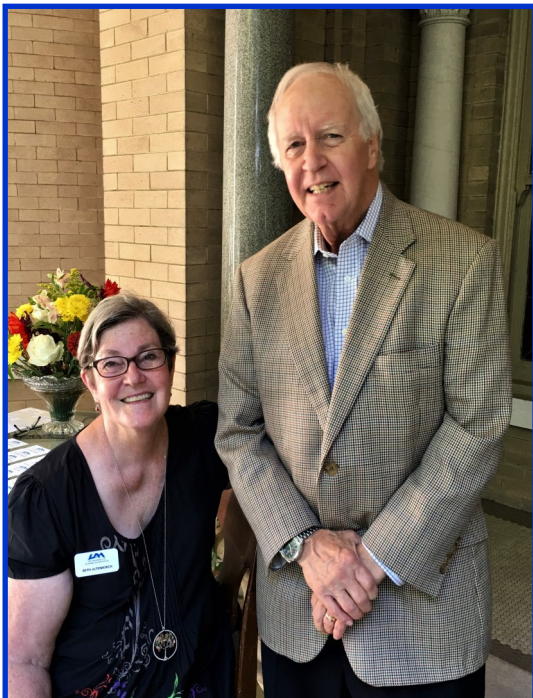


Membership Financial Assistance (MFA), Bill Confer, Jerry Pang & Hugh Nicholson:

The subcommittee reviews and approves requests for membership and tuition assistance prior to each term.

OLLI 25th Anniversary Celebration

The OLLI at UAH 25th Anniversary Celebration began with an invitation-only gathering at the Lowe House, home of President and Mrs. Robert Altenkirch, on September 14. The reception was not only a time to celebrate the 25th Anniversary, but was also an opportunity to recognize some of the founding members and instructors who have supported OLLI at UAH throughout the years. Attendees enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, cake, and drinks as they socialized and discussed OLLI at UAH's history and future.



Photos by Linda McAllister & Debbie Tromblee. See more photos on the OLLI at UAH website or click [here](#).

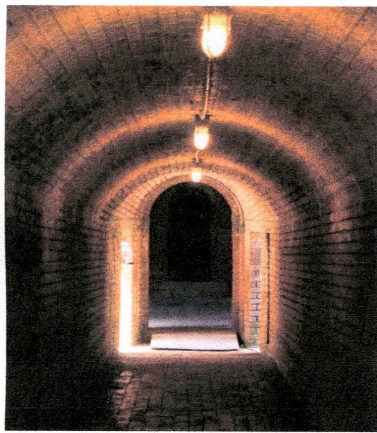
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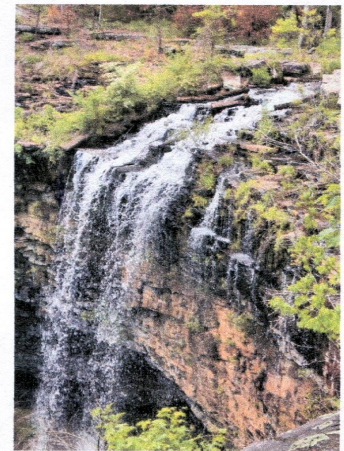
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OLLI Photo Contest

2019 OLLI Photo Contest **ALABAMA200:** *Landmarks of Alabama*



It can be man-made or natural. An historic building or a cavern. Just get out there and take some photos of the Alabama you love!



Guidelines:

- ☐ Theme: "Alabama200: Landmarks of Alabama"
 - ☐ Specs:
 - * Gentle photo editing is permitted but keep the original photo
 - * Photo must not have identifying/copyright marks
 - * Photos must be submitted in digital jpg/jpeg format
 - * Recommend at least 2 Megapixels (MP) final pixel size
 - * * Color photos are preferred
 - * Name your photo
 - * Email as an attachment
 - ☐ Submit to: olliphotocontest@gmail.com. You can submit up to three entries; include your name, phone number, and email address. Give some information about the photo, where you took it and the date
- Photos must be taken between April 1, 2018 and March 31, 2019
- ☐ Submission deadline: April 1, 2019 Questions? Email: olliphotocontest@gmail.com

The Last Word

What's Happening This Fall?

We have classes, of course, but don't forget Bonus sessions (no registration required), movies, dining out evenings, guest lectures, field trips, a brunch, a holiday party, lunch & visiting in the lounge with friends. Most of these activities are free with your membership. Take advantage of the opportunities!

Don't forget to read your *OLLI@ UAH Weekly e-News* which is sent every Friday evening.

The OLLI Insider **November** information submission deadline is **October 29**. (Early is better!) Please submit your articles and photos to Val Seaquist at vseaquistj@bellsouth.net. As always, include the photographer's name, the names of those in the photo, and the event.

