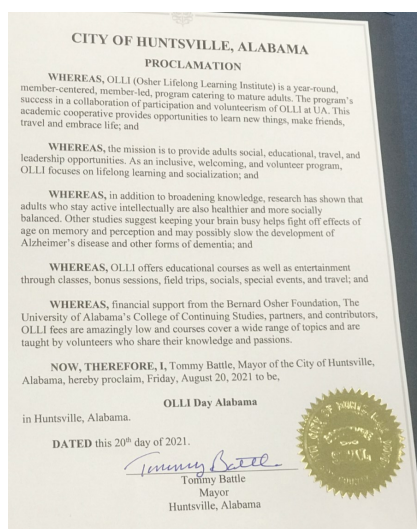
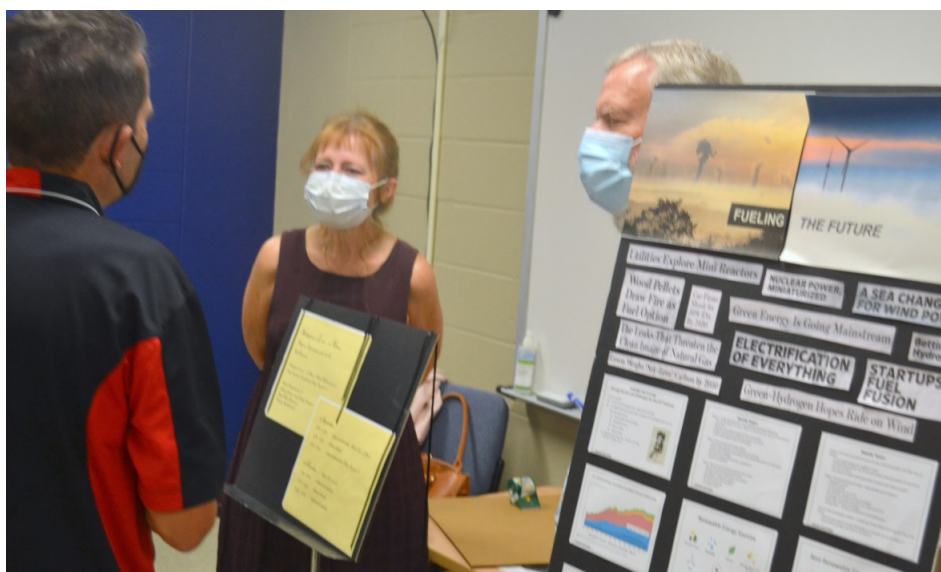


News for the members of OLLI at The University of Alabama in Huntsville



CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2021

Sign up for each event by clicking "Online/In Person." All bonuses/events with online option are through Zoom video conferencing. You will receive an email with the Zoom meeting invitation one business day prior. There is a limited capacity for in-person events.

Sept 3 | Fri | 10:30 am | [In Person](#)

Popcorn & A Movie: Lion

Witness the story of Saroo, a five-year-old who gets lost on a train which takes him thousands of miles across India. Discover how he learns to survive alone before ultimately being adopted by an Australian couple. Twenty-five years later, armed with only a handful of memories, using Google Earth, he sets out to find his lost family and finally returns to his first home.

Sept 17 | Fri | 11:00 am | [Online/In Person](#)

Bonus: Adventures in Red Rock Country

Join us on a back-country adventure in Capitol Reef National Park, Utah. Explore water sculpted canyons, soaring sandstone arches, and otherworldly landscapes through pictures of an award-winning photographer. Discover the beauty captured while trekking through streams, hiking up red rock formations, and taking 4WE excursions into some of the most remote areas of the American West.

Presented by Barbara Staggs

Sept 24 | Fri | 11:00 am | [Online/In Person](#)

Coffee Chats: Trivia

Test your knowledge on interesting facts in many subjects while enjoying a morning with fellow OLLI members. The game will be played individually.

Presented by Alice Sammon, OLLI Program Coordinator

Oct 1 | Fri | 11:00 am | [Online/In Person](#)

Bonus: Dance in the Community: What Your Local Ballet Company Can Do for You!

Explore the educational programs, classes, and performances offered by Huntsville Ballet Company (HBC) that enrich the Huntsville community. Learn the background and history of ballet and discuss this beautiful art with HBC dancers and the education director. Get to see demonstrations by professional dancers!

Presented by Cathy Curry

Oct 8 | Fri | 11:00 am | [Online/In Person](#)

Coffee Chats: Bingo

Join us to play the game of chance! Game cards will be provided to each member.

Presented by Alice Sammon, OLLI Program Coordinator

Oct 15 | Fri | 11:00 am | [Online/In Person](#)

Coffee Chats: Scattergories

Join us to play the game of chance! Game cards will be provided to each member.

Presented by Alice Sammon, OLLI Program Coordinator

Oct 22 | Fri | 11:00 am | [Online/In Person](#)

Bonus: Without a Home: Understanding the Homeless Crisis in Huntsville

Learn about First Stop— a Huntsville-based, non-profit agency serving the needs of the homeless population in North Alabama with a mission to help individuals exit out of homelessness. Delve into the complex and dynamic factors that result in growing numbers of homeless persons in our region.

Presented by Jennifer Geist

Oct 29 | Fri | 11:00 am | [Online/In Person](#)

Bonus: New Orleans and Her Music

Join us to learn the contrasts of music in New Orleans with much of the Anglo South. Through stories and examples, discover how this contrasting development happened and why, for many of us, New Orleans remains a "Land of Dreams."

Presented by Dr. Connie Atkinson

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FROM THE EDITOR

REBUILD CONNECTIONS AND FORGE NEW ONES



Dear OLLI at UAH members,

"The sky is not the limit" is a familiar phrase heard in the Rocket City, aka Huntsville.

As the birthplace of America's space program that landed men on the moon six times, our community is graced with people driven and passionate about living, learning and impacting the world around us.

Humans can do amazing things when we challenge ourselves, especially when it comes to imagining life after age 50. Lifelong learning and staying active and social are why we gather on campus and online this fall.

Our goal is to rebuild our connections and develop new relationships. I was delighted to speak to the Kiwanis Club of Huntsville and meet new members at OLLI's open house. I look forward to more community engagements.

In the midst of charging up and choosing fall classes and activities, I hope you're inspired by reading about the people who live at 305 8th Street. It's a place where love grows.

Could you imagine backpacking 25 miles over five days in the wilderness of a Michigan national park, alone? Journey by seaplane to Isle Royale with one brave and prepared woman.

For all lovers of music, check out our "People of OLLI" section featuring artist, performer, teacher, and OLLI instructor Dr. Daniel Hornstein.

We've learned the sky is not the limit. Now it's time for us to explore.

Ad astra,
Kathryn Cataldo
OLLI at UAH PR Committee Chair



Kathryn presenting at Kiwanis Club



PR Committee at Collaborate Nonprofit Expo

FROM THE PRESIDENT

THANKS TO A SMALL BUT MIGHTY TEAM



As I looked around at the faces of new and returning OLLI members at fall term open house a few days ago, I saw smiling eyes above all the masks.

There was joy in Wilson Hall after so many months of separation. We knew it was absolutely a marvel that we found ourselves on the cusp of a new term that feels

pretty close to what we remember. And it is all thanks to the efforts of a small but mighty team who, virtually overnight, found new and creative ways to keep OLLI at UAH alive and active throughout the twilight zone year of the pandemic and quarantine.

We now know that Ale Pacheco, OLLI program manager; Fathia Hardy, CPS director of outreach and support services; and Alice Sammon, OLLI program coordinator, are the superheroes of Wilson Hall. Think back ...

It was Friday the 13th — March 13, 2020. Spring term was planned, course catalogs had gone out, quite a few people had already registered, and open house was approaching.

The executive board met at noon and reluctantly faced a reality no one wanted to acknowledge. They then informed a stunned Board of Directors that the risks of the spreading coronavirus meant OLLI's spring term would be canceled, payments would be refunded, and this meeting would be our last on-campus gathering of any kind for a while. (None realized how long a "while" would be.)

"It all stopped there. Some of us cried," remembers Val Seaquist.

Of course, even the CPS staff were promptly sent to work from home with no advance preparation for that change. Ale recalls having to figure out how to access necessary work documents, etc. from their home computers.

After notifying members and instructors of the cancellation and arranging for reimbursements, Ale says, "Our next challenge was how to keep OLLI engaged and active."

They mastered the functions of the Zoom platform and arranged sessions to teach reluctant OLLI members how to teach with and engage via Zoom. Then they reached out to current instructors to find those willing to try teaching their courses online. And they scrambled to find resources across the country, like the Smithsonian and

other museums, who could offer lectures, virtual tours, etc.

By May 1, an abbreviated spring term of about 10 courses — OLLI Express — was available for enrollment, and more courses were added through the summer. Gradually, OLLI committees began to meet and work online and the curriculum continued to build for subsequent terms.

Ale and Fathia even taught courses themselves. Ale took us to her Peruvian homeland with "Lost City of the Incas: The Story of Machu Picchu." And Fathia shared her experience and great recipes in "Exploring the History and Culture of the Culinary Industry."

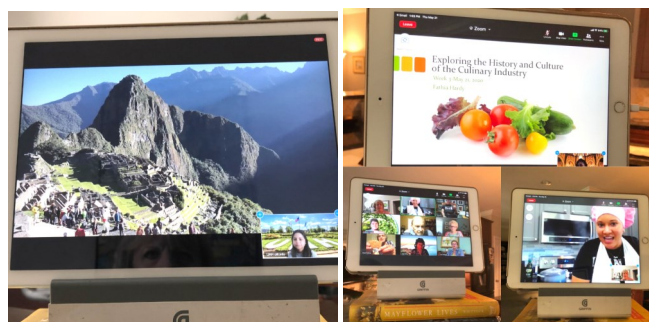
But they also knew we needed our social connections now more than ever. The team arranged Zooming social events like trivia games, coffee chats, holiday "parties," and even virtual happy hours to give us more ways to connect for fun and laughter.

We are looking forward to a new era and are hopeful that the very worst is behind us. We may face new challenges, and we will deal with them as they come.

But, after surviving this past year, I don't think it is an overstatement to say that many of us owe our mental health to the efforts of Ale, Fathia, and Alice. And on behalf of the OLLI at UAH community, I want to give them our deep gratitude.

Jill Stewart

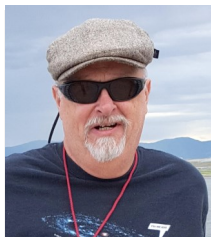
President, OLLI at UAH Board of Directors



Ale and Fathia teaching on Zoom

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

FALL OPEN HOUSE WAS JUST THE BEGINNING



The return to campus and the fall term is off to a bang.

On Tuesday the 10th we had our fall open house. Thank you all for making it *such a huge* success! Even with the reinstitution of masking (more about that in a

minute), nearly 120 of you came out to meet old friends again and find out what the fall curriculum had to offer. It was a just a terrific example of the dedication of our family, and I thank you for participating.

Events began as soon as you walked in the door. In the first picture are Irene Garoppo and Kathryn Cataldo at the welcome desk, waiting to greet you and help you get started. *And*, to do that, well, there were door prizes — 12, in fact. And here they are along with the lucky winners:

- Gray OLLI T-shirt — Tina Pritchett
- Blue OLLI T-shirt — Bill Koval
- Mystery UAH cup — Nancy Thompson
- Mystery UAH mug — Cheryl Drey
- Mystery bag No. 1 — Birget Stensby
- Mystery bag No. 2 — Vicki Earnest
- OLLI bag No. 1 — Jerri McLain
- OLLI bag No. 2 — Barbara Hitchings
- Ballet tickets certificate No. 1 — Dave and Sharron Cockerell
- Ballet tickets certificate No. 2 — Johnnie Sanborn
- One-year OLLI membership — Jerry Pang
- OLLI winter tuition — Eric Berk

Congratulations to you all!

In our breakout rooms, we had representatives from all of the curriculum disciplines along with a goodly number of instructors available to answer questions or just talk and catch up on the happenings over the course of a long year.

In the second picture are Betty Koval and Sue Farbman setting up just before the crowds arrived. These rooms were full all morning as you all just continued to arrive. It was amazing, and I, for one, thoroughly enjoyed seeing you all. And best of all, likely as a direct result of the tremendous crowd, memberships are increasing once again. You just can't keep a good team down.

As for the masking policy: The new spikes in the COVID delta variant have forced The University of Alabama

System (which of course includes UAH and our OLLI) to go back to a mandatory masking policy for anyone inside the buildings. Also, after some discussion, the OLLI Executive Committee came to the consensus that in order to continue protecting the health of everyone, when Fall term starts on September 13, we will **not** offer coffee or snacks in the OLLI lounge or for Bonus presentations, at least temporarily. Thank you all for complying!

Again, there's an upside here in that on-campus courses won't be affected other than by us all wearing our masks. I ask that you continue to cooperate with this policy. And, of course, the Zoom platform will be available for those of you who choose not to venture out again just yet. But, we're looking forward to seeing you!

And with that, I'll bid you adieu. Stay safe. Till next time ...

John Mason

VP of Curriculum, OLLI at UAH Board of Directors



Irene and Kathryn



Betty and Sue

ADMIN & FINANCE COMMITTEE

OLLI WAS UP TO COVID'S FINANCIAL CHALLENGE



To say the last fiscal year for your OLLI at UAH was a challenging one would be an understatement.

Courses were forced onto a Zoom format, membership declined, and uncertainty loomed as your Board of Directors and the staff of the College of Professional Studies jumped into action to keep our program viable.

As an organization during and following the ravages of COVID-19, I can report that the OLLI 501c3 organization managed within our reduced budgets, adjusted to meet the challenges of

Zoom classes.

Further, over the course of the last year we were able to purchase equipment and upgrade our classrooms to accommodate our return to campus while maintaining a Zoom format for those who came to prefer it. And we did all that without materially reducing our reserves.

Please join me in congratulating your Board of Directors for a job well done. We are poised to return to normal levels of on-campus activities and encourage you to renew your membership and invite others to join our OLLI at UAH.

Allan Williamson
VP of Administration and Finance,
OLLI at UAH Board of Directors



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TRAVEL COMMITTEE

SEE ALASKA NEXT YEAR



Hello, fellow OLLI members and travelers!

Whew — this has been a challenging past year or so. We are ready to spread our wings and fly away.

We will continue to be ever vigilant of the virus. We shall mask, social-distance and sanitize to high

heaven. Mask and social-distance — these are words I hope I never have to hear ever again! Even though it may be unpleasant, we must stay safe and think of each other. We are adaptable and can do anything together!

The travel committee has voted to approve a trip to Alaska on August 12-23, 2022. The point of contact will be Chris Stuhlinger, who is working on trip arrangements with the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF).

The cost is \$4,500 plus airfare, which you must purchase on your own. There is also a \$1,300 single supplement for anyone not sharing a room — so find someone to go with you (the number of single spaces is quite limited). We do require them to be an OLLI member.

This is an amazing trip with several points of interest not featured by some tour companies. There is also the opportunity to meet and spend time with the OLLI at UAF members. I understand they treat you to dinner in their homes once or twice. What a great way to socialize with fellow OLLI members in Alaska!

More information will be available as we get back to classes this fall term. We can always email a copy to you (contact Chris at cstuhlinger@gmail.com). Registration will begin around mid-September.

We have had numerous suggestions and interest in trips, but due to the COVID virus, most of us are not yet booking international trips. If you have suggestions, please feel free to drop them by the volunteer office at OLLI or email me at bbkoyal@aol.com.

Betty Koval
Travel Committee Chair

ALASKA

AUGUST 12-23, 2022

DETAILS COMING SOON!



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

LIZ KOCIR IS 2021 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Congratulations!

Even though we haven't been on campus, we still have a ton of volunteers keeping our organization moving.

In February, we asked members to think about the various volunteers and to nominate someone you felt

was worthy of the 2021 Volunteer of the Year (VoY) honor. You answered the call. We had several nominations even though we weren't on campus and in contact with our volunteers on a daily basis; thanks to all who thought this through and submitted a nomination.

Even though all were outstanding, we had to narrow it down to one. I'm proud to announce that Elizabeth Kocir has been named as the 2021 OLLI Volunteer of the Year.

Liz has been involved with several aspects of the organization for several years. When the public relations chair became vacant, Liz enthusiastically stepped in. She publicized our events, talked to several groups about OLLI, and made sure radio announcements were done each term.

Liz went on to become the editor of *The OLLI Insider*, the monthly newsletter. She expanded the subcommittee to have someone responsible for every piece of it and helped improve the layout.

Liz jumped in to teach "American Presidents," which stretched over several terms. It was a course that was very popular but had not been presented for several years. Finally, while doing all of the above, Liz was elected to the OLLI Board of Directors, helping to move OLLI in a direction of growth in numbers, curriculum, and policy.

Although Liz has had to step back a little for personal reasons, we still look forward to everything she has to offer and hope to see her during the upcoming terms.

Due to COVID, our annual meeting has been canceled, but we look forward to having it soon to be able to recognize Liz, as well as Rexanne Warfel, 2020 VoY.

They have already been presented certificates for tuition, which is a part of this prestigious award. Their names have been placed on the VoY plaque located in the OLLI volunteer office, joining past volunteer award recipients Sue Chatham (Legacy) and Jerry Pang (VoY 2019).

As we start back to campus life again, please remember to congratulate both Liz and Rexanne for all their efforts in supporting us all as OLLI members.

Again, *congratulations!*

Irene Garoppo

Volunteer Support Committee Chair



Liz Kocir

2021 Volunteer of the Year

MUSIC TEACHER DID 1ST KENNEDY CENTER SOLO

Dr. Daniel Hornstein has taught many OLLI music courses and even some language courses in the last nine years.

To say his achievements in music are rather impressive is like saying the Rocky Mountains are rather high. For instance, he:

- Earned three degrees in music, including a Ph.D. from North Texas State University (now the University of North Texas). His dissertation was “Relationships Between Selected Musical Aural Discrimination Skills and a Multivariate Measure of Intellectual Skills.”
- Conducted orchestras everywhere from North Dakota to Texas to Washington, D.C., to Germany to the Czech Republic.
- Taught music at all school levels and earned teaching certificates from six states.
- Conducted for major stars such as Roberta Peters, Eugenia Zuckerman and Eugene Fodor.
- As a member of the U.S. Air Force Band, played for President Dwight Eisenhower’s funeral, played in the White House before he was old enough to buy beer, and was the first soloist at the Kennedy Center (more about that later).
- Speaks German, Italian, French, and more.

Dan’s drive can be traced to his very successful parents. He grew up in Rugby, North Dakota, which is the geographical center of the North American continent. His father, Frank, was the editor of the *Pierce County Tribune*. Frank twice won the North Dakota Column of the Year and is a member of the North Dakota Press Association Hall of Fame.

Dan’s mother, Catharine, was a choir director at a 400-person high school, where she managed to have 300 students turn out for choir. She is a member of the North Dakota Music Teachers’ Hall of Fame.

Both parents are members of the Minot State University Hall of Fame. Dan would later teach at Minot State for 15 years.

When did Dan develop a love of music?

“I always had it,” Dan said. “I took piano, played in the band, sang — I was a boy soprano ... But I didn’t get really serious about music until after the eighth grade when I attended the International Music Camp.

“I had always thought of myself as a nerd — not good in sports, pudgy, read a lot, wore glasses, and liked music. There I realized that there were a heck of a lot of *other* nerds out there and it was OK to be a nerd! That was it — I was hooked forever.”

As part of the USAF band, Dan played not only at the White House, but also at London’s Royal Albert Hall, the Berlin Philharmonic Hall, and Carnegie Hall.

And, of course, he was the first soloist at the Kennedy Center. It was still being built when the USAF band was asked to entertain visitors. Dan arrived at the Sunday concert with a horrible hangover from a party the night before.

“I was sitting there nursing my hangover when I heard, much to my horror, the band announcer saying, ‘Our featured euphonium soloist is Sgt. Daniel Hornstein.’ I never had a larger jolt of adrenalin in my life.

“I had to get it together in the 20 seconds I was walking to the front of the band. It worked, and I never played better in my life.”



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MUSIC TEACHER DID 1ST KENNEDY CENTER SOLO CONTINUED

After leaving the military, Dan began a long career studying music, teaching music, and conducting music. In 2004, he moved to Huntsville to teach at Lee High School. He retired in 2012 and quickly discovered he needed something to do.

"I rapidly got *very* bored and happened across an announcement of OLLI teachers ... I've never been sorry about joining OLLI. I get a real kick out of teaching people who are really interested in finding out about stuff and never having to answer the question 'Will this be on the test?'"

During OLLI's fall term, Dan will be teaching "Czech It Out," which covers Eastern European music. You can find more information on this course in the [OLLI Course Guide](#).

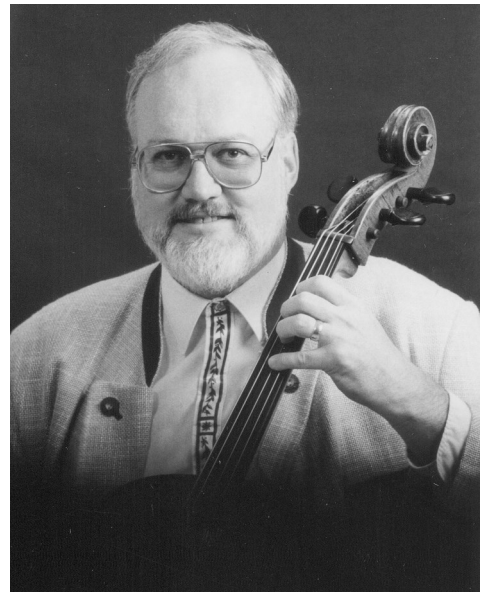
Julie, his wife of 53 years, is an arts administrator who has served Arts Huntsville and other arts organizations. For the last decade, she has been the costume mistress for Huntsville Independent Musical Productions.

Son Hans is a trainer for a computer company that sells programs that track what a company's information technology department is doing. He used to travel all over the world teaching computer geeks to use the programs, but now, fortunately, can Zoom his classes.

Daughter Mira spent 20 years as a National Park Service ranger, working in parks ranging from Hawaii to Yellowstone. She just finished a course to become a pharmacy technician.

Thanks, Dan, for all you do for OLLI.

By Glen Adams



Dr. Daniel Hornstein

5 DAYS HIKING A GREAT LAKES NATIONAL PARK



OLLI member Jennifer Schnabel Brost wrote this account of her five-day solo hike on an island of Lake Superior. Jennifer is the development officer (fundraiser) for the UAH Salmon Library, academic units, athletic departments and College of Professional Studies.

I grew up in Houghton, in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, so visiting

Isle Royale National Park has always been on my mind.

Both Isle Royale and Houghton, which are located on Lake Superior, have a rich history of copper mining and fishing. Isle Royale became a national park in 1940. It's best-known for its study of a predator-prey system, as both wolves and moose reside on the island. In fact, only about 20 mammals live on the island, which is 207 square miles and includes 450 smaller islands. It was my hope to see a moose while backpacking there.

I have always loved being in the woods, whether it was fishing, camping or hiking. However, I took a break from hiking in 2015 after getting quite ill from a tick bite. During COVID, I was reacquainted with my love for the woods. In December 2020 I decided this was my time to backpack Isle Royale. It was a bucket-list thing that I would finally get to do.

I did over 20 hours of research on hiking, solo hiking, backpacking and Isle Royale. The logistics were intense. They say the devil is in the details. I did practice hikes throughout Huntsville, in the Smoky Mountains and in North Carolina. This being my first solo backpacking trip, I wanted to be prepared.

Isle Royale has no cellphone reception, no cars, and is very remote — so I needed to be ready for anything. I tested my equipment, tent, sleeping bag and pad, cook stove, etc. by camping and backpacking at Monte Sano State Park over a weekend. After booking my ticket to take the seaplane to Isle Royale, I was ready to go. Isle Royale is accessible only by boat or seaplane from Houghton and Copper Harbor, Michigan, or Grand Portage, Minnesota.

I arrived on Isle Royale on July 5 and spent four nights and five days in its pristine wilderness. I hiked just under 25 miles in those five days. Being a solo hiker, I kept my daily mileage conservative so as to not injure myself. People often complete 10 to 14 miles daily when backpacking the island!

Many of the island's campsites have shelters and pit toilets to minimize human activity or damage. Shelters are on a first-come, first-served basis. I was lucky enough to have a shelter each night. Water needed to be treated by boiling, filtering or chemicals. I hiked the island's southern shore and had access to water from Lake Superior and chose to filter it.

My itinerary was as follows:

The first day, I arrived in Rock Harbor and hiked about 7 miles to Daisy Farm. The weather was more like Huntsville's — it was a hot day at about 80 degrees, a bit uncommon for an island that close to Canada. I did stop for lunch and enjoyed a packet of tuna, a granola bar, and wonderful views of Lake Superior. For dinner, I rehydrated a store-bought meal, as I did most nights.

On Tuesday I hiked just under 5 miles from Daisy Farm to Moskey Basin. My shelter was about 20 steps from the water. I saw geese, mallards, mergansers, and a hawk flying out of the water with a fish in its talons. I heard and saw my favorite bird, the common loon.

Wednesday brought me back to Daisy Farm. A trail fairy left oatmeal in the shelter where I set up camp. I had decided before I left that oatmeal was a luxury my already heavy backpack didn't need, so that was the best lunch of the trip. Another loon couple kept me entertained on the beach at Daisy Farm in the afternoon.

On Thursday I headed to Three Mile, which is almost the halfway point between Daisy Farm and Rock Harbor. Three Mile was the only campground where the shelters were taken by about 3 p.m. After spending a chilly night trying to sleep, I welcomed the sunny openness of the shelter I was lucky enough to get the next day.

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5 DAYS HIKING A GREAT LAKES NATIONAL PARK CONTINUED

I spent the afternoon reading a book I had downloaded to my phone and watching a large snowshoe hare eating grass. I did a little rock-hounding on the shore of the water — but just looking, as things found at national parks need to stay where you found them for others to enjoy. Lake Superior is known for having agates, and Isle Royale is known for having Isle Royale Greenstone or Chlorastrolite, the official gem of Michigan. I found neither.

Before leaving Three Mile on my last morning on the island, I took my coffee and rehydrated breakfast to enjoy on a large piece of driftwood while looking out at Lake Superior. I was slow going with the thought of taking my blistered feet on a simple 3-mile hike to Rock Harbor, where I would meet the seaplane for my ride “home.”

Rock Harbor has showers, a lodge and a restaurant, which I was looking forward to. After talking to only three people during my five-day journey, a populated gift store and restaurant were exactly what an extrovert like me needed. I had a hot lunch of a pasty (an area dish of a pastry filled with meat, potatoes, and carrots) and a beer brewed in Houghton.

On the seaplane ride back, I sat up front with the pilot. The views leaving my new love, Isle Royale, were bittersweet. I surprised myself being able to backpack, alone, with a 30-pound pack, but I did it! I knew I would truly miss this magical place. But I was also ready to be back with everyday luxuries like hot showers, pizza, family, and friends.

I am already planning my second trip next summer with a friend. We have an itinerary planned, which I know will probably change. Also, I hope to see you all at the course I will be teaching for OLLI this fall: Crocheting for Beginners.

And, if you're wondering, yes, I saw a moose!

By Jennifer Brost



Jennifer Brost wasn't really alone during her solo hike. She saw wildlife, including a moose.

OLLI, 305 8TH STREET SUPPORT EACH OTHER

Love grows at 305 8th Street, a nonprofit organization that serves the needs of intellectually disabled adults in Huntsville.

“Sometimes good things happen completely by chance,” said OLLI board member Marilyn Szecholda. “That is how I became a teacher of arts and crafts to a wonderful group of very special people.” Three years ago, she had read about an open house in a church bulletin.

Marilynn was a special education teacher for more than 30 years and always wanted to find a way to continue teaching those with special needs. The residents at 305 are among the most vulnerable of our population because state-funded care for their needs is denied.

“I was greeted at the door by Jon, with his beautiful smile and welcoming hug,” Marilyn remembered. “I met a staff member who gave me a tour of the large, comfortable home and explained the needs of the community. She taught art to the residents but was leaving for another job and didn’t know who could replace her.” Immediately, Marilyn knew she had found purpose.

Marilynn guided the arts and crafts crew members, who created imaginative and beautiful keepsake bookmarks gifted to OLLI instructors.

“When I told the residents we were making bookmarks for OLLI instructors, everyone was happy and wanted to help,” Marilyn said.

“There’s Susana, who crochets colorful afghans and works 500-piece puzzles with ease.

“Scott is the pun master. He comes up with clever word plays and makes sure that I understand them. ‘Did you get it?’ he asks.

“Jeanne loves crafts and is always making something for her family.

“Artistic Andrew favors the color blue and uses shades of blue in all his artwork.

“Sweet, quiet Debbie never misses a class and is a good helper when it comes to cleanup time.

“There’s Jean, who is gaining confidence in her ability to

create pretty things, and Juanita, who comes just to talk to me.

“Even with a physical disability, Kellie never gives up on her projects and comes willing to try everything we do.

“I can’t leave out Carlene or Ashley or Thomas — all my great students and friends.”

“You see, ‘Love Grows Here,’ ” Marilyn said, echoing a slogan of 305 8th Street.

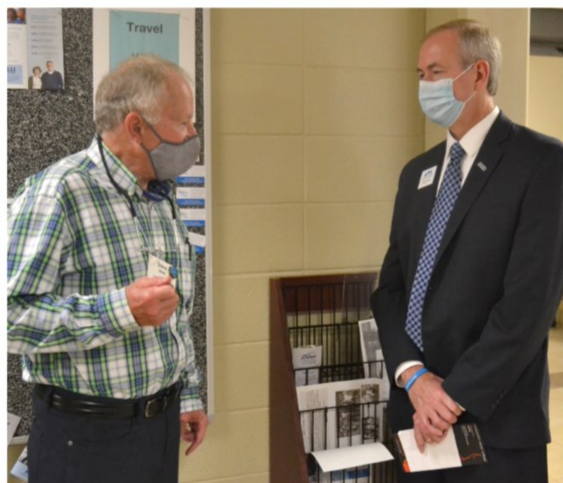
By Kathryn Cataldo



OLLI Board Member Marilyn Szecholda and Board President Jill Stewart present the 305 8th Street executive director, Andrea Williams, with a donation from OLLI to buy art supplies.

FALL OPEN HOUSE AUGUST 10TH

OLLI members having a great time at the Fall Term Open House registering for the fall term, talking to instructors about courses, and, most of all, visiting with each other and members of the CPS staff.



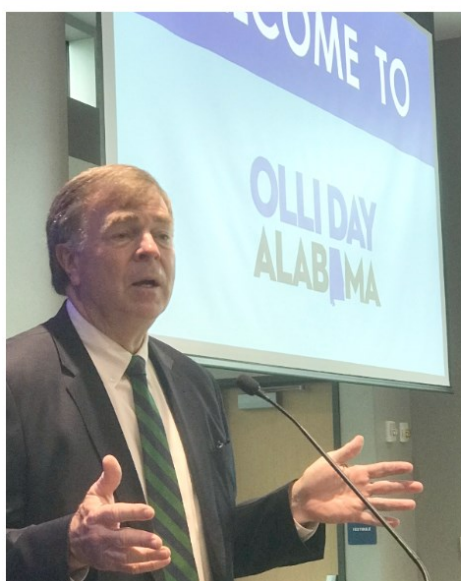
FALL OPEN HOUSE - AUGUST 10TH

Smiles were behind all of the masks!



GENERAL GRANT SPEAKS FOR OLLI DAY ALABAMA

On Friday, August 20, we celebrated the 2nd Annual OLLI Day Alabama — a joint production involving OLLIs at UAH, The University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa), and Auburn University. Speakers in Huntsville included Ulysses S. Grant portrayed by Dr. Curtis Fields; and Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle, who presented a proclamation to OLLI Board President, Jill Stewart. In the proclamation, Battle declared OLLI Day Alabama for Huntsville. “This academic cooperative (OLLI) provides opportunities to learn new things, make friends, travel and embrace life,” the proclamation said. Later in the day, the other two OLLIs provided live/online sessions on Alabama wild places (Auburn) and South African elephants (UA). There was also an overview of the Osher Foundation.



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