



The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at The Florida State University



A Message from the New OLLI Member President Eileen Sperl-Hawkins

Hello. I am OLLI President for 2014-2015. I invite all of you - returning members and never ever members to take part in OLLI during this three-week Maymester, May 3 to May 23. Exploration drives the OLLI courses this semester. Join Donna Legare and area experts in "Wild Birds in the Yard." Other adventures include "Mardi Gras Mambo," "Spring Wildflowers," and all you wanted to know about "Ales and Lagers." Check out the other eight courses described in this OLLI Course and Activity brochure.



We are working toward completing the remaining requirements for a second million dollar endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation. Members have been developing a fundraising plan to develop and sustain OLLI and its future. You can help too. If everyone who has taken a break from OLLI and receives this course information becomes an OLLI member again for \$20, OLLI at FSU will reach the 1,000 member mark, the remaining requirement for the Osher endowment.

Read about the other classes on the inside pages. Are you interested in learning more about how to operate an iPad, or conversational Italian? Would you like to try "Sudden Fiction" for three weeks? Are you curious about angels and miracles? All these classes are available for three weeks, like a mini-cruise to a new world. Come join us.

3 Easy Ways to Register for Maymester Classes and Membership!

Registration for Maymester begins at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 22nd. You can register:

- 1) **Online at www.lli.fsu.edu**
- 2) **By phone call 644-1347, 644-7947 or 644-3520**
- 3) **Come to the Pepper Computer Lab, Room 263 at 636 West Call Street, Pepper Center, FSU Campus. Volunteers will be available to assist you on 4/22 and 4/23 between 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

To register online you must sign in with your username and password. We suggest that you test signing in before the 22nd in case you have misplaced or forgotten your password or username and can request a new one. If you do not have an account, you must create one before you can purchase a course and/or membership. If you are not an Annual OLLI member, the online registration system will require you to purchase a 2014 Maymester membership (\$20) before purchasing a class.

There's a million dollar opportunity for OLLI — a million-dollar endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation!

Here's how:

Build our membership to 1000+ members.

The goal's within reach. But time is running out. The Osher Foundation needs our application soon.

Don't let that million sit on the table.

Help OLLI guarantee our sustainability and affordability. Encourage your spouse.

Talk to your friends and neighbors.

Convince them to join OLLI and enjoy our classes and activities.

Extend OLLI's reach. It's worth a million bucks!

For a quick list of Maymester classes, check out the schedule on page 4!

If you purchased an Annual Membership in Fall of 2013, you are not required to pay an additional membership fee for Maymester. Otherwise, membership fees for Maymester are \$20.00.

Classes begin May 3rd and continue through May 23rd.

COURSES

Abolition, Emancipation and the Journey

10:00 a.m. - 12 noon Thursdays 5/8, 5/15, 5/22

Instructor: Althamese Barnes, Course Coordinator;

Course Fee: \$30

Location: Riley Visitor's Center and Sean Pittman Conference Room, 419 East Jefferson Street, 32301

This course will include a film screening of "The Abolitionist," and discussion by two opposing organizations and how they came together. This class will give perspectives on slavery, emancipation, and Florida's Underground Railroad. The Journey will focus on intimate sharing of life stories and what it was like growing up in the segregated South. The class will also be invited to the May 20th Reading from the Steps of the Knott House and the Old City Grave Decorating Ceremony followed by a free picnic in Lewis Park with special guest speaker, Re-enactor Frederick Douglas.

Angels and Miracles: A Study of the Ethereal Side of Life

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Wednesdays 5/7, 5/14, 5/21

Instructor: Elizabeth Stein; Course Fee: \$30

Location: Westminster Oaks, 4449 Meandering Way, 32308, Maguire Center, Room B

Beginning with the history of angels and miracles in art, literature, music, and philosophy, this course will evolve into an interactive discussion of the unseen world

and its impact on individuals, nations, and every day life. According to a 2011 Associated Press poll, almost 80 percent of Americans believe in angels, yet few have the courage or opportunity to talk about their belief or experiences. This course will provide an open forum for discussing and sharing experiences and beliefs regarding angels and miracles.

Become iPad Savvy

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Mondays 5/5, 5/12, 5/19 and

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Wednesdays 5/7, 5/14, 5/21



Instructor: Deanna Ramsey; Course Fee: \$55

Location: Westminster Oaks, 4449 Meandering Way, 32308, Maguire Center, Room B

This six-session workshop is designed to teach you how to use your iPad. We begin with the essentials: how to adjust your settings, set your alarm, create a reminder, send an iMessage, setup an appointment, take a photograph, download an app, and charge the battery. Discover intermediate features such as how to organize your screens, group your apps, and sync your device with iCloud. Then explore more advanced features such as efficient app searches; the best accessories and hardware for your iPad; tips and tricks that will assist you in becoming more proficient and hands-on practice with a variety of apps. Bring your iPad (including USB Dock Connector/Charger), along with your Apple ID and password and join us!

Conversational Italian 1

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Mondays 5/5, 5/12, 5/19 and

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Wednesdays 5/7, 5/14, 5/21

Instructor: Danila Coppola; Course Fee: \$55

Location: Westminster Oaks, 4449 Meandering Way, 32308, Maguire Center, Room A

This six-session course is designed for students with no prior knowledge of Italian. In this course the student will begin to develop basic communicative skills in Italian and use those skills to expand his or hers knowledge of Italian culture. By the end of the course the student will be able to formulate complete sentences in basic Italian about a variety of topics, including daily activities, shopping, family and food. The student will also be able to understand basic dialogues in Italian and to write short compositions. **Suggested Reading:** *Parliamo Italiano!: A Communicative Approach - 4th edition* (This is the book used in undergraduate classes at FSU, there are hard cover, binder ready, and electronic editions. The book covers three courses: Italian 1, 2, and 3.)

Culture of Ales and Lagers

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Saturdays 5/3, 5/10, 5/17

Instructor: Tim Tankersley; Course Fee: \$30 Location: Ray's Steel City Saloon, 515 John Knox Rd, 32303

Beer has been brewed nearly everywhere that grain grows for thousands of years. Whether it provides essential nutrition and a safe source of water or is a rare and costly luxury, there is beer to satisfy every need or whim. But beer can be a complicated subject starting with the fact there are two types of beer; ales and lagers. From there you can go into Pilsner, Bock, Porter, Stouts, Craft, Weissbiers, Steam Beer, Cream Ale, Pale Ale, and IPA to name just a few categories. In this introduction to basic ale and lager (beer) knowledge, together with in-class tastings, you will enhance your understanding and appreciation of ales and lagers and their place in our culture. We will discuss the history of beer, the fermentation process, the pairing of beer and food, and the rise of the craft beer industry in the United States while tasting several types each week.

Suggested Reading: *Tasting Beer* by Randy Mosher.



Haiku: The Art of Mindfulness

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Tuesdays 5/6, 5/13, 5/20

Instructor: Katya Taylor; Course Fee: \$30

Location: Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Dr, 32308

Haiku, the ancient Oriental "essence" poem, is an art form that helps us attune to the "present moment." Often focusing on images of nature, writing Haiku helps us become aware of our connection to the world and to the "extraordinary" in the "ordinary" moments of daily life. Learn the structure and rhythm of Haiku; experience the meditative benefits of the form; and explore mindfulness in daily living. Please come with a notebook and pen.



Mardi Gras Mambo: A History of New Orleans Carnival Through Dance

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Wednesdays 5/7, 5/14, 5/21

Instructor: Jennifer Atkins;

Course Fee: \$30; Location: Westminster Oaks, 4449 Meandering Way, 32308, Maguire Center, Room B

From its inception, New Orleans has been deeply linked to European Carnival practices. Interestingly, many of New Orleans' Mardi Gras rituals involve dance. This course will examine that relationship and highlight the cultural and aesthetic contexts surrounding the presence of Carnival in the Crescent City. We will begin with an overview of pre-Lenten colonial and Creole parades, fetes, and balls and then delve into the mysterious, masked balls of the most elite and exclusive Mardi Gras organizations, the Old-Line Krewes. Finally, we will examine the counter-narrative of the Mardi Gras Indians, including examples of dance practices often intertwined with Indian identity: jazz funerals and second line parades.



Spring Wildflowers

1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Thursdays 5/8, 5/15, 5/22

Instructor: Loran Anderson;

Course Fee: \$45

Location: North Florida area

Each of the three sessions of this course consists of a lecture on the identification of native wildflowers, followed by a moderate hike. The lectures include basic tips on how to identify elements of our panhandle flora and characteristics of some of the major plant families. The hikes provide an opportunity to observe, identify and/or photograph selected wildflowers in their natural habitats. **Mobility requirement: Each hike consists of easy to moderate walking of two miles or less.** The lectures will be at the classroom facilities of Bear Creek State Educational Forest (part of Lake Talquin State Forest). From Tallahassee, take I-10 west toward Quincy and exit onto Rte 267 (Pat Thomas Hwy). Proceed on Rte 267 south 4.8 miles to the entrance. The hikes will be in Bear Creek Forest or the Apalachicola Nat'l Forest after a lecture at Bear Creek.

Sudden Fiction

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays 5/7, 5/14, 5/21

Instructor: Lee Heffner; Course Fee: \$45

Location: Westminster Oaks, 4449 Meandering Way, 32308, Pool House

We are not encouraged to listen to our creative voice. Yet, most people yearn to paint, sing, dance, play an instrument, or tell stories. Aspiring writers can be taught grammar, plot, character, and dialogue structure, but the words must come from within. We wait for inspiration and it doesn't come. We become discouraged. We say someday. The words are there. When a safety net is available they are heard. Someday becomes now! Experience level is irrelevant for this class. Students have written short stories and several participants have launched novels. Writers prove they can write without an over-active imagination or a lightning bolt of inspiration. A time commitment to write, a supportive environment, a room of trusted peers creates the environment to allow the words to come, be heard and to receive constructive feedback.

Wild Birds in the Yard

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Fridays 5/9, 5/16, 5/23

Instructor: Donna Legare and area experts; Course Fee: \$30

Location: Native Nurseries Shop, 1661 Centerville Road, 32308

Session 1: Backyard Birds (Jody Walthall) - Learn how to attract more and varied birds to your feeders, how to squirrel-proof your feeder and what birds you are likely to attract during different seasons. We will visit the Native Nurseries bird garden to see a feeding station. Cavity Nesting Birds (Donna Legare) Learn about bluebirds, chickadees, titmice, woodpeckers and other birds that build nests in natural cavities in trees or in nesting boxes that we maintain for them in our yards and gardens. Session 2: Hummingbird Natural History with guest speaker, Fred Dietrich. Master Bird Bander Fred Dietrich will show slides and discuss hummingbirds that frequent Tallahassee in winter, as well as our springtime and summer resident the Ruby-throated Hummingbird. Hummingbird Plants (Jody Walthall) - Learn the plants that bloom throughout the year that nurture hummingbirds and how to properly maintain a hummingbird feeder. Weather permitting, we will take a walk in the Native Nurseries butterfly garden to watch and talk about bees and butterflies that utilize some of the same plants as hummingbirds. Session 3: Planting a Refuge for Wildlife (Donna Legare) - Learn how to make changes in your yard to attract and nurture more wildlife with a focus on birds. Field Trip to Legare/Walthall Garden to view a yard where we have been planting a refuge for wildlife for 21 years. The house is less than five minutes from the nursery; we can carpool.

You Too Can Draw: Sketching Your Travels and More

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Saturdays 5/3, 5/10

Instructor: Mary Sterner

Lawson; Course Fee: \$30

Location: Unitarian Church, 2810 N Meridian Rd, 32312



Many people who say they

would like to be able to draw do not realize that they have not tapped into their own potential. Whether you want to begin to sketch or want to learn easy techniques that will give you a chance to sketch travel scenes, flowers, people, etc., this course will be an opportunity to develop your skills and enjoy the process! *Alaska Taxi* above by Mary Sterner Lawson.

Many OLLI clubs such as the Walking club and Spanish club meet throughout the year! Please be sure to check your email for further information!

OLLI Activities

Registration for the following activities is open to all current OLLI members at 10:00 a.m. on April 22nd. To register online go to www.oli.fsu.edu and select Activities from the menu. If you need assistance, email oliactivities@gmail.com or call Cindy Foster at 651-239-8805. Credit card payment is preferred, but checks can be mailed for each individual activity. Activities are coordinated by OLLI members and payments for these activities are processed by the OLLI Activities Group.

Masterworks on the Move: American Paintings from Wesleyan College, Macon GA



11:00 a.m. Friday 5/16;
Fee: \$12.50 (limited to 40 participants)
Location: The Gadsden Arts Center,
13 N. Madison St., Quincy, FL

Thirty-five 19th and early 20th century American masterworks are on loan from Wesleyan College in Macon, GA featuring leading American painters such as William Stanley Haseltine, Hugh Bolton John and Chauncey F. Ryder representing styles and techniques taught at the most prestigious turn of the century United States and European studios. After a docent-guided tour of the exhibition, a light lunch at the Center will be provided. Register online at OLLI activities. For more information contact Cheryl Naylor at 850-893-3118 or cherylnaylor@earthlink.net.

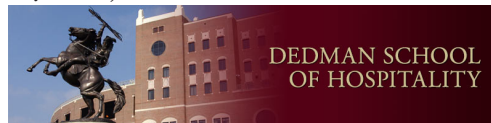
Dedman Dinner Summer Edition

6:30 p.m. Tuesday 7/15;

Fee: \$40 (limited to 70 participants)

Location: FSU School of Hospitality, 288 Champions Way, University Center, Bldg #4100

If you've joined us for a Dedman School of Hospitality



dinner this year, then you know how fabulous they

are. The students do an awesome job of creating a theme, then a multi-course menu and also a signature drink with hors d'oeuvres. They choose the wine, decorate, prepare the food and create an amazing dining experience. So come check in with your OLLI friends and enjoy dinner with us! Register online at OLLI activities. Hope to see you then! For more information contact Robin Brinkmeyer at 850-545-3791 or robinbrinkmeyer2@yahoo.com or Mary Hopping at 850-386-1287 or Maryhopping@embarqmail.com.

Maymester 2014 Courses 5/3/14 – 5/23/14	Instructor	Day and Time	Location
1. Become iPad Savvy	Deanna Ramsey	Mondays May 5, 12, 19: 1 – 3 pm Wednesdays May 7, 14, 21: 9 - 11 am	Westminster Oaks, Meeting Room B Class Size Max: 20
2. Conversational Italian 1	Danila Coppola	Mondays May 5, 12, 19: 1 – 3 pm Wednesdays May 7, 14, 21: 9 - 11 am	Westminster Oaks, Meeting Room A Class Size Max: 30
3. Haiku: The Art of Mindfulness	Katya Taylor	Tuesdays May 6, 13, 20: 1 – 3 pm	Temple Israel Class Size Max: 20
4. Sudden Fiction	Lee Heffner	Wednesdays May 7, 14, 21: 11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Westminster Oaks, Pool House Class Size Max: 8
5. Mardi Gras Mambo: A History of New Orleans Carnival through Dance	Jennifer Atkins	Wednesdays May 7, 14, 21: 11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Westminster Oaks, Meeting Room B Class Size Max: 50
6. Angels and Miracles: A Study of the Ethereal Side of Life	Elisabeth Stein	Wednesdays May 7, 14, 21: 2 – 4 pm	Westminster Oaks, Meeting Room B Class Size Max: 50
7. Season of Emancipation and The Journey	Althamese Barnes: Course Coordinator	Thursdays May 8, 15, 22 10 am – 12 Noon	Riley Visitor's Center and Sean Pittman Conference Room Class Size Max: 35
8. Spring Wildflowers of the Florida Panhandle	Loran Anderson	Thursdays May 8, 15, 22 1 – 4:30 pm	Various locations in the North Florida area Class Size Max: 20
9. Wild Birds in the Yard: Planting, Feeding, Nesting and Hummingbirds	Donna Legare and area experts	Fridays May 9, 16, 23 9:30 am – 11:30 am	Native Nurseries Class Size Max: 25
10. You Too Can Draw: Sketching Your Travels and More	Mary Sterner Lawson	Saturdays May 3, 10 9:30 am – 12:30 pm	Unitarian Church Room L Class Size Max: 20
11. Culture of Ales and Lagers	Tim Tankersley	Saturdays May 3, 10, 17 1 – 3 pm	Ray's Steel City Saloon Class Size Max: 24

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