



The OLLI UPdate

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Hi Friends!

Second week in and we're all getting back into the groove of attending classes. It's so wonderful to see so many of you - our largest class has 50 people in it! How wonderful is that?

This newsletter is chock full of opportunity for you beginning Thursday afternoon when I'll join you in Zoom for Coffee Talk at 3pm. Then at 5:30pm tomorrow night, the weekly House Party will showcase the musical talent of OKC musician Wayne Cantwell. Learn more about Wayne [here](#). Hope you'll grab a seat and join us!

Two new, long courses start next week. American Craft with art education Susan Baley begins on Monday and Imagine Justice with Dr. Jean Van Delinder begins on Friday. Enrollment for both courses is still open. We've also filled out the list of presenters for Politics & Policies and Armchair Travelers. Schedules are below. Have a look and if something sounds good to you, you're welcome to still join us for these courses, if you haven't already enrolled. There's also a long list of upcoming events, including some of the single-lecture classes. We have 14 of those during the session - literally a little something for everyone!

You will also see a memorial to an early OLLI@OSU leader, Margaret Scott. Her family notified us of her passing a couple of weeks ago and because many of you knew and worked with her on OLLI projects, we wanted to share the news with you. We have her children's addresses if you would like to send a card.

See you all in class! Rebbin



Remembering Margaret Scott



With her remarkable understanding of the power of education, Margaret Scott left an indelible mark on generations of learners. Margaret passed away on Sept. 9, 2020. Her career in the OSU College of Education influenced thousands of future teachers, and when her name is raised in circles of Oklahoma educators, it is usually with an equal mix of awed reverence and fond recollection. Everyone seems to have a favorite memory of how Margaret changed the way they see the world. Margaret worked behind the scenes to get things done, smoothed rough patches and envisioned positive outcomes when others couldn't see the way forward. Her serious, no-nonsense demeanor belied a dry sense of humor that endeared her to friends and colleagues alike.

Margaret was a proponent of lifelong learning and an avid supporter of OLLI@OSU. She was one of its founding members while still working as a department head in the College of Education. Her seamless transition to retirement involved taking on OLLI leadership roles that positioned the program to become part of our cultural landscape. Margaret was a tireless ambassador for lifelong learning, serving on behalf of all current and future members, and she never let a committee meeting get in the way of enjoying OLLI classes. She exemplified the joy of learning. She did it with grace and humor and never took herself too seriously. We can all learn from Margaret's example.

We extend our sincere condolences to Margaret's children, Randy, Jerry and Wendy, and the rest of her family. In accordance with Margaret's wishes, her children request that contributions in her memory be made to the College of Education Lifelong Learning Institute through the [OSU Foundation](#).



Politics & Policies

Mondays, 3:00–4:30 pm, Various guest speakers

This 8-week course began on Sept. 21, but it's never too late to join. Enroll [here](#).

- 9/21 The Legislative Process** with Anne Roberts
- 9/28 Will 6% of the Electorate Determine the Election?** with Doug Stowell, Market Polling Consultant
- 10/5 Predicting the 2020 POTUS Election** with Doug Stowell, Market Polling Consultant
- 10/12 Today in the State Senate** with Sen. Julia Kirt, District 30
- 10/19 League of Women Voters** with Velda Lorenz, et al.
- 10/26 Overview of the State Treasurer's Office**, speaker to be announced
- 11/2 Independence Corrupted: How America's Judges Make Decisions** with Charles Schudson, Wisconsin Reserve Judge Emeritus
- 11/9 Women and Voting** with Amy Friesenhahn, Visiting Asst. Prof. of Political Science, OSU

It doesn't take an extraordinary person to do extraordinary things.
It takes one person to have the courage to stand up and to really say no.

[Jasilyn Charger](#)



Magellanic penguins in Patagonia

Armchair Travelers

Fridays, 3:00-4:30 pm, Various guest speakers

This 6-week course began on Sept. 25, but it's never too late to join. Enroll [here](#).

- 9/25** Italy with Dean Stephen and Kathleen Wilson
- 10/2** Travel Photos, Rt. 66, the Green Book Project with Ashley Griffith, professional photographer
- 10/9** Tips for Traveling in Oklahoma with Todd Stallbaumer, Oklahoma Tourism & Recreation Dept.
- 10/16** Singapore & Thailand with Kathleen Rutledge
- 10/23** Traveling through Patagonia with Ed Sherman
- 10/30** Sailing the British Virgin Isles with Larry Hoberock

As a traveler, I've often found that the more a culture differs from my own, the more I am struck by its essential humanity.

Rick Steves



Let Me Entertain You

Wayne Cantwell, banjo and mountain dulcimer player and fiddler extraordinaire, can be seen on his YouTube channel. If you enjoyed his OLLI House Party concert, listen to more of his work [here](#).

The Gilcrease Museum will close temporarily in the next 9 to 12 months so a new building can be constructed to house this magnificent collection. Construction may take up to 4 years to complete. Docent Kathe Crapster encourages you to visit the museum soon. Admission is by timed ticket, which you can reserve [here](#). If you can't make the trip, you can enjoy a wide range of entertaining activities, including hands-on art projects, cooking demonstrations, exhibit tours and lectures on their YouTube [channel](#).

The OSU Opera Musical Review will present ***The Wonderful World of Sondheim*** featuring works by Stephen Sondheim on Friday, Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at The McKnight Center for the Performing Arts Recital Hall in Stillwater. The cast is comprised of students from the Michael and Anne Greenwood School of Music and the Department of Theatre. Admission is free but tickets are required for admission due to limited seating. You may reserve tickets [here](#). The performance will also be live-streamed and can be viewed at the OState.TV [homepage](#).

The evening will feature Sondheim favorites in honor of his 90th birthday, including selections from *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, *Into the Woods*, *Merrily We Roll Along*, *Sweeney Todd*, *A Little Night Music*, *Sunday in the Park with George*, and other works.

With scissors and paper, artist Béatrice Coron creates intricate worlds, cities and countries, heavens and hells. Striding onstage in a glorious cape cut from Tyvek, she describes her creative process and the way her stories develop from snips and slices. Watch her TED Talk [here](#).



EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

Events Calendar

These events are free for OLLI members and \$10 each for non-members. Registration is not required for Coffee Talks. Use the links below. [Register here](#) for everything else.

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| 10/1 | 3 pm | Coffee Talk - Zoom Link |
| 10/1 | 5:30 pm | Concert: <i>Traditional Music of the Open Prairie</i> with Wayne Cantwell
Traditional American and Celtic music on fiddle, banjo and mountain dulcimer. |
| 10/2 | 9 am | <i>A Refreshing Look at the History of Beer!</i> with Anette Isaacs, MA
Learn about the legendary history of German beer and beer brewing in the U.S. |
| 10/8 | 3 pm | Brain Health & Cognitive Screening with Sherri Norton, MA, CCC-SLP
(Repeat of 9/28 program) Explore the latest developments in changes associated with the aging brain and preregister for a cognitive screening. |
| 10/14 | 5:30 pm | Coffee Talk - Zoom Link |
| 11/2 | 11 am | Coffee Talk - Zoom Link |
| 11/3 | All Day | Election Day VOTE |
| 11/3 | 9 am | <i>Women of the Third Reich</i> with Anette Isaacs |
| 11/4 | 9 am | <i>400 Years of Poetry</i> with Matt Vaughn |
| 11/4 | 3 pm | <i>Oklahoma History</i> with Elizabeth Bass (Pt. 1-Topic TBA) |
| 11/5 | 11 am | <i>The Reverse Underground Railroad</i> with Richard Bell |
| 11/5 | 9 am | <i>Family History at Your Fingertips</i> with Chad Williams & Jan Davis |
| 11/6 | 3 pm | <i>Watercolor Painting Demonstration</i> with Fatemeh Kian |
| 11/9 | 11 am | <i>Under Her Wings Was the Universe</i> with sculptor romy owens |
| 11/10 | 9 am | <i>Genealogical Research Using Fire Insurance Maps with Laura Martin</i> |
| 11/10 | 11 am | <i>The Wonderful, Wacky Windsors (Pt. 1)</i> with Christianne Chase |
| 11/11 | 9 am | <i>Art History</i> with Jena Kodesh (Topic TBA) |
| 11/11 | 3 pm | <i>Oklahoma History</i> with Elizabeth Bass (Pt. 2-Topic TBA) |
| 11/12 | 9 am | Coffee Talk - Zoom Link |
| 11/12 | 11 am | <i>Chilocco Through the Years with Sarah Milligan</i> |
| 11/13 | 11 am | <i>The Wonderful, Wacky Windsors (Pt. 2)</i> with Christianne Chase |
| 11/13 | 3 pm | <i>Art History</i> with Jena Kodesh (Topic TBA) |