



The OLLI UPdate

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Dear Friends,

Enrollment for the fall session opened this week and I am thrilled to report that you all are enrolling at a rapid rate! I can tell that you are ready to get back to learning and enjoying the courses. I don't know about you but these last few months have been topsy-turvy and it feels good to know that in a few short weeks we'll all be together in class and feeling a little more "normal." The OLLI staff met for an online meeting last week and we're just as excited to open those Zoom rooms and welcome you all into them. We're ready to see your faces, hear what you've been up to and share new classes with you.

I've been continuing to work for you by sourcing out new presenters for our single-lecture presentations. As of today, there are 13 that are being offered. I'm hoping for just a couple of more. I'm very excited by these because they are bringing new lecturers into OLLI who will be speaking on all sorts of topics that will be new to us. Plus, as we establish this single-lecture format, we can look at continuing to offer these types of presentations in the future. The Covid epidemic, while unpleasant and scary, has presented us an opportunity to be creative and think hard about OLLI and how we deliver programming. The single-lecture options and the OLLI after 5 courses are two of the ways I hope you will take advantage of and provide feedback on.

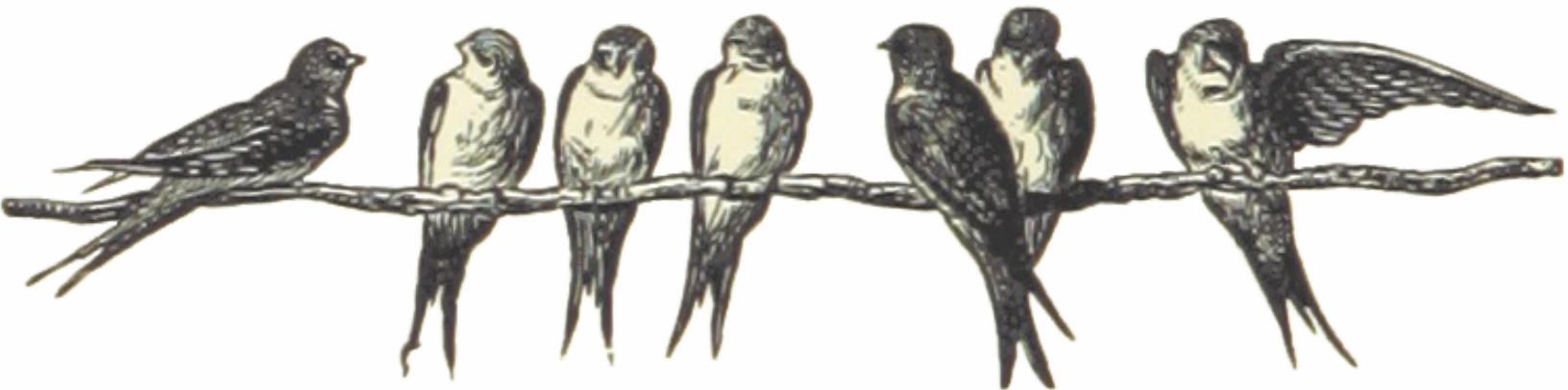
Life may not look "normal" right now but when OLLI classes begin, hopefully we'll feel a little more normal and have new opportunities to look forward to every day. I know I will!

Kindly,

Robbin Davis
Director



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Summer's End

EXPLORING CRAFT

September hovers between the final days of August and the beginning of October--no longer summer but not quite fall. In medieval Europe, August 24 marked the traditional end of summer and the beginning of the season of working by candlelight. If you worked for a printer, you rightfully expected your employer to provide a [wayzgoose](#)--a banquet complete with merrymaking for all the employees. While it's unlikely that wayzgoose will overtake Labor Day as our summer's end holiday, it has held its own among contemporary [printers](#), [bookbinders](#), [papermakers](#), and [artists](#), not to mention [booksellers](#), all of whom, in their own unique ways, practice a craft.

Craft isn't easily defined. It includes folkways, certainly, but also shares space with the arts. It spurns factories and mass production in favor of studios and limited editions or one-of-a kind. PBS produced the series, ***Craft in America***, which highlights the breathtaking scope of materials, techniques and people who engage in handcrafted works. The episode entitled [Family](#) documents lives-in-craft of four families, including the Sorrells of Guthrie, makers of those beautiful cowboy boots. The series itself is finely crafted, and we highly recommend it as an introduction to Susan Baley's OLLI course, ***The Question of Craft: A History of American Studio Craft***, taking place from 9 to 10:30 am on Mondays, Oct. 5 to Nov. 9.

Unlike northern Europe, we have a few more days ahead of us before we feel the diminished light, but who needs the sun, anyway? We can craft into the wee hours if that's what makes us happy. During this pandemic, we're being encouraged by the wellness experts to take up a craft. There is science to back-up the belief that crafting has healing properties because it brings us joy simply by engaging in the process. Is there anything--a hobby, an art or a craft--you used to do that brought you joy? Now is the time to give it another try. Or you can start something new. We're offering courses in September that will inspire you and help you cope. Tandi Memmott will teach two courses:

Watercolors, Wednesdays, 11 am to 12:30 pm, Sept. 23 to Oct. 14

Soft Pastels, Wednesdays, 11 am to 12:30 pm, Oct. 21 to Nov. 11

*By all these lovely tokens September days are here,
With summer's best of weather And autumn's best of cheer.*

Helen Hunt Jackson



Looking Ahead

GERMAN HISTORY LECTURES

In the last OLLI UPdates, we focused on some of the 90-minute lectures we're offering this fall. These lectures are free for OLLI members and \$10 each for non-members. One of our guest lecturers is German historian Anette Isaacs, who has lectured at colleges, universities and OLLI programs around the country. She'll present two lectures for us.

Germany's Liquid Bread: A Refreshing Look at the History of Beer

This year's 100th anniversary of Prohibition in the USA presents us with the perfect opportunity to hearken back to the legendary history of a revolutionary beverage that changed the world: Beer! Or more precisely, German beer! Once so essential to daily diets that it was referred to as liquid bread, German beer to this day is a source of great cultural and national pride. Join us for a fascinating exploration into the history of this iconic drink that will also include a look at the lucky German brewers who became beer barons in the USA!

The Women of the Third Reich

"The mission of women is to be beautiful and to bring children into the world." These words, written in 1929 by Hitler's mouthpiece, Joseph Goebbels, laid out the simple but essential role German women were expected to play in the prospective Third Reich. Examining both the general situation of women in Nazi Germany and the individual lives of wives and girlfriends of the Nazi elite, such as Magda Goebbels, Emmi Goering, Leni Riefenstahl and the infamous Eva Braun, will reveal to what extent this expectation became reality in a racially motivated, totalitarian system.

We're thrilled to welcome Anette to our fall line-up. Remember, whether you're an OLLI member or not, you'll need to register in order to receive a Zoom link and attend these lectures. We're still adding lectures to our schedule. Stay up-to-date by checking our [website](#).



Constitution Day

SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

Our friends at OLLI at Penn State recommend a virtual lecture series sponsored by the Constitution Day Center. **Dr. Greg Ferro** will lecture on U.S. history and the Constitution. Dr. Ferro is a popular instructor at OLLI at Penn State, and he has invited OLLI members everywhere to participate in this free program commemorating Constitution Day. The program consists of three 1-hour Zoom lectures. Participants are required to register for each lecture. After registering, you'll receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

- ***U.S. Constitutional Amendments & Civil Rights*** Sept. 9, 2020, at 6 pm CDT
Register in advance for this meeting [here](#).
- ***Presidents, the Supreme Court & the U.S. Constitution*** Oct. 6, 2020 at 6 pm CDT
Register in advance for this meeting [here](#).
- ***Everything You Want to Know about the U.S. Constitution*** Oct 26, 2020, at 6:00 pm CDT
Register in advance for this meeting [here](#).

Note that this is not an OLLI-specific program.

Where are your keys?



When you register for a course or lecture, you'll receive a confirmation email that contains a Zoom link. Your Zoom link is like a key that opens the classroom door. You need one key for each classroom and each classroom has its own key. That is why we send you one unique Zoom link (key) for each of your courses or lectures. Use the same link every time you wish to enter the classroom. Treat your Zoom link like you would a key or a password. Don't share it; don't use it once and throw it away; and don't hide it under the mat.

Here's a way for you to safeguard your Zoom links and have them at your fingertips whenever you need them. When you receive your confirmation email containing the Zoom link, copy the link, paste it into a document and then save the document to your device. If you have more than one link, you can paste all of them into the same document. Be sure to label which class goes with each link. Then on class days, just open that document and click on the appropriate link to open your Zoom classroom.

If you should lose your key, we can send you a duplicate. But now that you know how to manage your Zoom links, we doubt that will be necessary.

*Life is rather like a tin of sardines--
we're all of us looking for the key.*

ALAN BENNETT



LINKS

STAY CONNECTED

This page is a quick reference to important links from previous issues of OLLI Updates.

- [Cowboys Coming Back: Plan at a Glance](#) OSU's phased re-opening plan during the Covid-19 pandemic. OLLI is under obligation to do everything we can to protect our members, who typically are in higher risk categories. We'll continue to hold courses on Zoom through the fall semester. A decision regarding courses for spring 2021 will be made closer to the end of the year.
- [Fall 2020 OLLI @ OSU Course Catalog](#) Scroll to the bottom of the page and look for it under "Quick Links." Online registration opens on August 31, and classes begin on September 21.
- [OLLI@OSU Home Page](#) Scroll down to the bottom for Quick Links.
- [Join or Renew a Membership](#) Memberships begin on July 1 and expire on June 20 of the following year.
- [Volunteer Form](#) Become an instructor, moderator, facilitator or helper for the spring 2021 term, which begins in February.
- [Zoom Guide for OLLI Members](#) A tip guide to get you started on Zoom.
- [Zoom's "Getting Started" Page](#) A quick-start guide for new users.
- [Zoom's "Start a Meeting" Test](#) Test your microphone and camera in a simulated meeting.
- [Zoom Profile Page](#) Opens your profile page to edit settings (after it asks you to log in).
- [TED Circles](#) How they work.