Wanted: Ideas for OLLI Courses

by Sylvia Johnson

Courses are the lifeblood of OLLI, the main attraction that draws so many people to our organization. Every year, OLLI offers hundreds of courses on such varied topics as particle physics, the archaeology of warfare, comparative religions, and sustainable landscaping. Many of these courses have been inspired by suggestions from OLLI members who expressed an interest in a particular topic or who recommended a course leader.

To make it easier for members to share their course ideas, the Curriculum Committee has set up an online system for submitting suggestions. You can access this system from the OLLI website (www.cce.umn.edu/Osher-Lifelong-Learning-Institute/). On the right side of the home page, there are two headings, Suggest a Course Idea and Suggest a Course Leader. Clicking on either one will bring you to a simple form where you can type in your suggestion, your name, and other relevant information. When you submit this form, it will be sent directly to the record system that OLLI uses in planning courses. Here it will be reviewed by the Curriculum Committee and by OLLI’s executive director, Steve Benson.

OLLI members have great ideas for courses, and the Curriculum Committee would like to hear about all of them. Even more important, however, are suggestions for potential course leaders. Al Trostel, co-chair of the Curriculum Committee, reports that it is much easier and quicker to create a course when you start with an enthusiastic volunteer leader rather than with a course topic.

Who might be a potential course leader? It could be a retired professor from your old college, a distinguished speaker you heard at a recent meeting, or an acquaintance who has written a fascinating book. You could even recommend yourself as someone who might be interested in leading a course in the future. The Curriculum Committee can provide help for those who want to develop a course but are not sure how to do it.

At the beginning of each new OLLI session, members wait impatiently to see the list of courses and to choose from many wonderful possibilities. As OLLI grows, we will need even more courses to provide the same opportunity for a larger membership.
The President’s column

A Good Year for OLLI!
by Karl Willson

A lot has happened in the year since I became OLLI’s president. Little did any of us imagine that there would be so much activity!

Office Staff When I started my term in June 2012, our office manager had just left for another job within the University, and our office assistant was about to leave. In July, we hired Taki Andrianakos as Office Manager, followed in August by Administrative Specialist Michelle Rotter. Both have done well for OLLI, entering a jungle with no guides to help them and learning on the job.

Changes in OLLI governance Our organization has long been governed by its Board of Directors and the Executive Committee (EC) of the board. In the past, the Executive Committee, made up of 14 members, met monthly and did most of the work. The board, made up of the EC plus 16-at-large members, met only three times a year and was sometimes described as a “rubber stamp” for the EC. During this past year, the Board of Directors reconsidered its role and decided to engage more fully in its range of responsibilities. Proposed changes include having the board meet six times a year and the EC meet as needed to conduct business between board meetings. The EC will shrink to five members, and the size of the board will also be slightly reduced. At the Annual Meeting on June 4, members will be asked to approve the necessary changes in the OLLI Bylaws to enable the reorganization of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

Financial Matters In 2012, OLLI and the Bernard Osher Foundation agreed on a change in the way we use Osher funds. Following the 2008 market crash, Osher mandated that we take a fixed amount from our Osher Endowment Fund each year, which left some unused funds that had to carried over to the following year. In the future, we may take only what is needed to balance our budget, which will lengthen the time that the endowment will be available to enhance OLLI programming. Another big change in the financial area occurred when the Board of Directors approved a 7.2 percent increase in member dues, from $195 to $210. This first raise in over a decade takes effect at the Fall 2013 registration.

Leadership An announcement made this year will have significant effect on OLLI’s future. Executive Director Steve Benson advised the board of his intention to retire in 2015 and reaffirmed his plan to give one year’s notice of the exact date. OLLI’s volunteer leaders have also made some significant changes, as committees increased their workloads and became more effective at their work. The Curriculum Committee, under the co-leadership of Carrie Bassett and Al Trostel, reorganized to improve their efforts in developing and evaluating a wide variety of course offerings. This spring, the committee held the first-ever Course Assistant Workshop, designed to help CAs enhance the class experience for both course leaders and participants. The Membership/Marketing Committee, chaired by Cherie Hamilton, has taken on some new responsibilities. The committee now plans all member events, including arranging catering when food or snacks are included. Membership/Marketing has also initiated a new registration system for events. With roughly 1,200 members, we are now finding it necessary to register in advance for events because the sites we use have capacity limits, most often set by the Fire Marshal. Members are asked to attend only if they have registered. In the future, those not preregistered may have to be turned away.

Communications The OLLI public website has been improved, with more changes in progress. Online registration actually works better than in past years, despite occasional problems. Each problem has been a learning experience, and now even technophobes such as me can get through the process successfully.

I leave office pleased with the changes that I have helped to bring about this year. I know that OLLI’s volunteers will continue to enhance the quality of our experiences in the organization. Thanks to all for their support.

From the Executive Director

Curiosity Never Retires
by Steve Benson

This has been a particularly rewarding year for OLLI, with a record number of courses and the continuing expansion of Special Interest Groups, along with a growth in membership. All of these are reflections of our mission, “Exploring new topics and ideas and making and enjoying new friendships.” In each summer issue of Insights, we look back on the past year and thank all our volunteers—the course leaders and presenters, course assistants, committee members, and other supporters of OLLI who so freely give of their time, talents, and financial support. We also express our gratitude to the Bernard Osher Foundation, the University of Minnesota, the College of Continuing Education, and all of our community partners who provide us with space, facilities, and programming for courses and activities. Our summer “Thank You” issue also offers an opportunity to look among our membership for those individuals who best represent the multi-dimensional spirit of OLLI. It is of course nearly impossible to single out one individual among so many who contribute so much. This year I am happy to present a person of many talents and generosity of spirit who is a splendid exemplar of all who make our OLLI such an exuberant lifelong learning community.

In the fall of 2002, a retired 3M packing engineer heard about OLLI through the Vital Aging Network and joined our organization. He almost immediately became a very active participant and volunteer, serving on committees and leading courses on topics as varied as utopias and Gustav Mahler. He also participated in many courses, joined several book clubs, and became a charter member of the OLLI Cats jazz appreciation SIG.

This individual is a lover of the outdoors and enjoys camping, canoeing, and kayaking. You might have seen him in a photo that appeared last year in Minnesota, the U of M Alumni Association magazine, braving the rigorous of Lake Callhoun along with other members of the Kayaking Special Interest Group. A secret source tells me that he has visited every county in the state of Minnesota.

This outstanding OLLI member is legendary for his attention to detail and demonstrates a wry sense of humor about his sometimes-ambivalent attitude toward technology. I suspect that many of you have now guessed that I’m referring to Karl Willson. Demonstrating once again his dedication to OLLI, last year Karl stepped up to be president of the Board of Directors during a time of transition both for the board and the OLLI office. I myself witnessed Karl’s personal skills and insight when he joined Kay Cooper of CCE, then OLLI president Susan Mundale, and me to interview candidates for our vacant office positions. Taki Andrianakos and Michelle Rotter were the unanimous choices of our small committee, and I believe that OLLI members have come to admire the skills and very personable attributes of both our new staff members.

As he leaves the presidency of the board after a very successful and productive year, Karl says that he will now be able to attend more courses, to think about courses he might lead, and who knows what else? We thank Karl Willson and all those individuals and partners who make our OLLI a leader on both local and national stages.
Thank you, OLLI Volunteers!

Without volunteers, we would have no OLLI. They allow us to offer a wide variety of courses and activities. So, as this fiscal year draws to a close, we thank our board members, course leaders, class assistants, and the many volunteers who have helped make our events and programs a success. We especially thank our generous donors.

Course leaders and conveners


SIG leaders, course assistants, board members, and committee members


The Falcon Heights City Hall is a new site for OLLI courses

Convener Dave Ferrens introduces a speaker at the popular course At the Center, At the U.

Course Leader Gill Ward shows OLLI members photos of Nebraska and Wyoming wildlife.


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Annual Meeting
Tuesday, June 4, 2013 1-4 p.m.
Roosevelt Lutheran Church
1215 West Roselawn Ave, Roseville, MN
Join us for light refreshments as we bring OLLI members together for the final event of the year. Help us celebrate OLLI accomplishments from the 2012 – 2013 year and welcome the Board of Directors for 2013 – 14. Registration details to follow.

Fall Preview: Sept. 16 – Nov. 8
Contemporary Brazilian Film
Wealth and Disparity
Mediterranean Detectives
Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Children’s Literature
Anno Italiano
Creative Senior Living Options
Physics at the Beach
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Special Interest Groups

OLLI Special Interest Groups (SIGs) meet regularly year around (except where noted) to provide enriching opportunities beyond the OLLI classroom. Members are encouraged to start new SIGs as a way to meet others who share a similar interest. For additional information, contact the co-chairs for guidelines: Florence Ostrom, 612-920-0589, frostrom@gmail.com; Nancy Garland, 612-850-1495, ng68@cornell.edu.

Contact the group coordinator(s) listed below to join or for more details on a specific SIG.

BOOK CLUBS:

Fiction/St. Paul: 3rd Friday, 10:30 a.m. St. Paul Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Marghe Tabar, 651-691-0604, rjtabar@comcast.net. Mortimer Adler Great Books Discussion: 1:30 p.m. on a Friday in Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept. and Nov. Contact leader for specific dates. Southdale Library, 7001 York Ave S, Edina. David Mesenburg, 651-831-0768, dtabar@hotmail.com. Women’s Topics Book Club: Fiction and nonfiction related to women’s history and concerns, 2nd Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. St. Paul Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Linda Feist, 612-457-5123, linda.feist@comcast.net; Deborah Tabert, 651-831-1703, dtabar7200@comcast.net.

BRIDGE/What West: 2nd and 4th Mondays, 12:30 p.m. Black Bear Crossings, 1360 N Lexington Pkwy, St. Paul. Jeanne Sobania, 651-295-0852, sobaniaj@aol.com; Ginny Mahlum, 651-489-7750, vmahlum@comcast.net. New Yorkers Discussion Group: Thursdays, 2 p.m. Washburn Library, 5244 Lyndale Ave S, Minneapolis. Rose D’Antonio, 612-920-0589, frostrom@gmail.com. Norsk fjords, folklore, and food: Norwegian Fiskeboller Luncheon open to all interested in Norway, its food, customs and cultural history. Thursdays—four times a year. Mindekirkin Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church. To be placed on mailing list contact Odell Bjerkness, 612-866-3699, sjb@sjb.com or Karen Boyum, 952-920-3042, boyumtto@aol.com.

SPANISH CONVERSATION/ East: 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 1 p.m. Roseville. Kathy Ball, 651-636-3972, kathybodyssey88@gmail.com.

TWIN CITIES CHAMBER MUSIC: Members will receive a list of chamber music groups and contact information for schedules. Occasional events will be hosted—members meet at the concert and go to a nearby restaurant afterwards. Knowles Dougherty, 612-874-9357, kdougherty22@earthlink.net.

TRAVEL EXCHANGE: OLLI members exchange travel experiences and recommendations, and find travel partners by email. Ron Tabar, 612-690-0604, rtabar@comcast.net.

WHEN MEMORIES SPEAK: As participants answer randomly chosen questions that focus on memories, their life stories deepen with understanding and meaning. Alternate Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m. St. Louis Park, Jeanne Bearmon, 952-920-6388, jbearmon@comcast.net.

The following groups are FULL and not accepting new members at this time.

BOOK CLUBS:

Fiction/Mpls Fiction/Nonfiction/Arden Hills Spanish Language Conference/West

OLLI Qwesters walk along Cedar Lake

Tom Balcom leads the Tangletown neighborhood tour offered in the Summer session

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Insights Summer 2013
Register online starting at 9 am on May 21 at www.cce.umn.edu/Osher-Lifelong-Learning-Institute

All information in this catalog is subject to change. Please check the OLLI website for course closures and cancellations. All changes/updates will be sent out via email through the OLLI newsletter (UTD)

Course Guide Summer 2013 June 3–June 28

COURSES ARE LISTED BY CATEGORY:

Short summer courses are a great way to stay involved as well as to introduce a friend to OLLI. You may register for one Limited course and as many courses marked OPEN, SPECIAL, BOOKEND and TOUR as you like. Please request to be added to the waiting list for additional choices and rank courses in order of preference. The Stout’s Island Seminar is also exempt from the one-course limit.

If you know a non-member who is interested in OLLI, consider telling them to sample us this summer. Non-members may try out OLLI and participate in summer courses for only $75. Just have them call the OLLI office at 612-624-7847 for more information. Summer registration opens on May 21 at 9 a.m.
Mail-in registrations will be processed in the order they are received starting at 9 a.m. on May 21.

Please be advised that some of the summer courses run into or are starting in July and August. See How to Register on page 26.

STOUT’S ISLAND LODGE SEMINAR
Historic Stout’s Island Lodge at Rice Lake, Wisconsin, is a scenic two-hour drive from the Twin Cities. OLLI will offer one summer seminar in this tranquil surrounding. Does not count toward the 1 LIMITED selection. Visit www.stoutsislandlodge.com for more info on the resort.

15066 A Study of Historic Documents from the Civil War
This year represents the midpoint in the sesquicentennial commemoration of the U.S. Civil War and in particular the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and the Gettysburg Address. Our Stout’s Island course this summer will address the Civil War, with a special focus on some of the significant documents to come out of that conflict, including Lincoln’s inaugural speeches and the Lincoln-Douglas debates. Advanced preparation for the course will require the reading of selected chapters from the Civil War history Fatally Lightning, by Allen Guelzo. Limit: 20

Course Fee: $310.00 (single occupancy), $240.00 (double occupancy, per-person) due at registration
Course Fee includes: 2 nights accommodations, wine and cheese reception and plated dinner on Monday, Continental breakfast, 2 coffee breaks, and lunch on Tuesday and Continental breakfast on Wednesday.

Merritt Marquardt, retired JM attorney, OLLI course leader and member, past president of OLLI
August 19–21, reserve by June 20, Stout’s Island Lodge, 2799 279th St. Birchwood, WI

BOOKEND BEI promote local performances and exhibits with pre- and post-show discussions. Participants are expected to see the show (or read the text) before the last class. These DO NOT count toward LIMITED selections.

18071 Bookend: Urinetown the Musical, by Greg Kotis and Mark Hoffman
Urinetown is a hilarious tale of greed, corruption, love, and revolution in a time when water is worth its weight in gold. A terrible water shortage, caused by a 20-year drought, has led to a government-enforced ban on private toilets. Citizens must use public amenities regulated by a single malevolent company that profits by charging admission for one of humanity’s most basic needs. One hero decides that he’s had enough and plans a revolution to lead everyone to freedom. Join Director John Command for an in-depth discussion about the production, and then chat with cast members at the second class meeting.

Urinetown runs June 7–Aug. 4, 2013, at the Jungle Theater. Call the box office at 612-822-7063 Limit: 50
2 sessions, Tuesday, June 11 & July 9, 10:00–11:30 a.m. Jungle Theater, 2951 Lyndale Ave. S., Minneapolis

18075 Bookend: Park Square Theatre’s production of Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Suicide Club
This play, which is receiving its regional premiere at Park Square, places the characters of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson into a setting created by Robert Louis Stevenson in his collection of short stories entitled The Suicide Club. Our first session will focus on Sherlock Holmes and his world. We will also take a look at Robert Louis Stevenson. After viewing the Park Square production, we will meet again to discuss the play: How well did it work as a play? How well did it fit into the world of the Sherlock Holmes stories? Current movie and television productions presenting the character of Sherlock Holmes will also be considered. Play runs from June 7–July 14 at the Park Square Theater. Limit: 25
Richard J. Sveum, MD, BSI, is president of the Friends of the Sherlock Holmes Collections, Andersen Library, U of M Libraries, and adjunct professor of medicine and pediatrics. Park Nicollet Clinic
2 sessions, Friday, June 7 & July 19, 12:30–2:00 p.m. Edina Community Center, 5701 Normandale Rd., Edina

18076 Bookend: On Golden Pond
Join director Jon Ferguson for an inside perspective on this play, which tells the tender yet humorous story of aging couple Ethel and Norman Thayer, who spend each summer on a lake. This year they are visited by daughter Chelsea with her fiancé and his son in tow. The play explores the often turbulent relationship that the young woman shared with her father growing up, and the difficulties faced by a couple in the twilight years of a long marriage. The play runs from July 12 to Aug. 4 at the Bloomington Civic Theater. For tickets call the box office at 952-563-8575.

Bonnie Erickson, director of performing arts, Bloomington Civic Theater
2 sessions, Wednesday, July 17 & 31, 10:00–11:30 a.m. Bloomington Civic Theater, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Rd., Bloomington

18074 Bookend: Pride and Prejudice on Stage
In celebration of the 200th anniversary of the publication of Jane Austen’s enduring novel, the Guthrie will present a stage adaptation that the whole family can enjoy. The famous story of lively and rebellious Elizabeth Bennet, her four marriage-seeking sisters, handsome but proud Mr. Darcy, and slippery Mr. Wickham is brought to life in all its romance and humor. We’ll discuss the play before seeing the production and meet afterwards to continue the discussion. Limit: 35
Carla Steen, dramaturg, Guthrie Theater
2 sessions, Tuesday, July 2 & August 6, 12:30–2:00 p.m. The Kenwood, 825 Summit Ave., Minneapolis

SPECIAL COURSES
DO NOT count toward LIMITED selections, though they may have size limits. Courses are listed by day of the week.

13032 The Happy Warrior
This special session will look at the life and work of Minnesota’s famous son, senator, and vice-president, Hubert H. Humphrey. The career and life of H.H.H. will be discussed, and there will be a showing of the documentary Hubert H. Humphrey: The Art of the Possible. Coffee and treats will be served!
1 session, Wednesday June 5, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave. W., Saint Paul

9111 Retirement in Belize
This one-session course will take a look at Belize, an amazing English-speaking country just south of Mexico. Belize has it all: rainforest, Mayan ruins, sandy atolls, and the world’s second longest barrier reef.
Lonni Skrentner, retired advanced placement social studies teacher, OLLI member, and owner of a condo on Ambergris Caye in Belize. Limit: 30
1 session, Friday June 7, 10:00–11:30 a.m. Edina Senior Center, 528 Grandview Square, Edina

18077 Bookend: Singin’ in the Rain
Join director Michael Matthew Ferrell and music director Anita Ruth for an inside perspective on this zany, light-hearted musical comedy, which focuses on two movie actors and how they deal with the transition from silent pictures to the early days of sound film. Featured are such classic tunes as “Singin’ in the Rain” and “Good Mornin’.” The play runs from Aug. 16 to Sept. 15 at the Bloomington Civic Theater. For tickets call the box office at 952-563-8575.

Bonnie Erickson, director of performing arts, Bloomington Civic Theater
2 sessions, Tuesday, Aug. 20 & Sept. 3, 10:00–11:30 a.m. Bloomington Theater and Art Center, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Rd., Bloomington

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16096 Literary Birthday Series: William Butler Yeats
Another in the series of celebrating birthdays not your own, we’ll commemorate William Butler Yeats’s birth with biographical information, poem readings, and toasts of Irish whiskey. Limit: 16
Course Fee: $5.00 due at registration
Jeanne Hanson, convener, OLLI member

1 session, Thursday, June 13, 4:00–5:00 p.m.
Jeanne Hanson’s home, 6708 Cornelius Dr., Edina

20033 Introduction to Chemical Biology Research at the U of M
This one-day course includes a 30-minute talk on the chemical biology research being carried out by Assistant Professor William Pomerantz in the Department of Chemistry. Participants will then complete one or two hands-on exercises on protein detection in fingerprints and/or isolating your own DNA. The course concludes with a tour of the Pomerantz research lab. Optional lunch at Campus Club. Limit: 15
Course Fee: $10.00 due at registration

19027 Pilgrimage: Paris to Chartres 2013
Whether it starts as a quiet whisper or a nagging desire, over the centuries pilgrims have responded to the call to set out on a journey. Pilgrim guide M.J. McGregor will tell the story of walking with a handful of fellow pilgrims from Notre-Dame de Paris to Notre-Dame de Chartres in May 2013. On the three-day journey, the travelers, carrying packs on their backs, wound their way through the countryside and villages of the Eure and Loir river valleys. What transforms travel into pilgrimage? How does one prepare? Is it worth it? Limit: 50
M.J. McGregor, PhD, pilgrim guide in Chartres, France

1 session, Tuesday, July 2, 10:00–11:30 a.m.
Edina Senior Center, 5280 Grandview Sq., Edina

16035 Memoir-Writing Techniques: Getting Started
For many writers, facing the blank page can be daunting. This course will offer off-the-cuff memoir-writing techniques and tips, from writing timelines and poetry to captioning photos. Students will learn different ways to wrangle the stories of their lives onto the page. The course will include lectures and discussions, as well as studying writing samples and writing prompts. Limit: 12
Emily Urrness has been a poet and playwright, but her genre of choice is creative nonfiction. She holds a Creative Writing MFA from the University of British Columbia and has taught writing at The Loft Literary Center. Emily is currently working on a collection of essays about moving back to small-town Minnesota.

1 session, Wednesday, July 10, 12:30–2:30 p.m.
 Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave. W., Saint Paul

18073 Minnesota Centennial Showboat: Sweet Revenge
In this action-packed tale of high adventure set in turn-of-the-century rural America, split-second escapes and skin-of-the-teeth rescues abound as criminals seasoned on the wicked streets of New York City prey on a community of country folks. Caught in a desperate web of deceit, secret lovers must battle to overcome powerful forces to escape. Tickets will be distributed at the Show Boat. Limit: 50
Tickets: $18.00 due at registration

1 session, Tuesday, August 6, 2:30–4:30 p.m. (show time); 1:30 p.m. (boarding time)
Minnesota Centennial Show Boat, Harriet Island, St. Paul

TOOURS Take as many of these as you like. Tours are listed by start date. These courses may have size limits; they do not count toward the one-course limit.

10028 Minneapolis Neighborhoods: Tangletown and Minnehaha Creek
Learn about landmark sites such as the Washburn Water Tower, architect Harry Wild Jones’ home, and other houses designed by Jones as we walk along the curving streets of the neighborhood originally known as Washburn Park. We will also see the former site of the Washburn Memorial Orphan Asylum (where Ramsey and Washburn High Schools are today) and Minnehaha Creek with its parkway, bridges, woods, and trails. This two-mile walking tour includes some hills and stairs. Limit: 25
Tour Guide Tom Bakom is currently a board member with the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota and is active in several historical and environmental organizations, OLLI member

1 session, Tuesday, June 4, 10:00 a.m.–noon.
Meet at the Washburn Library, Lyndale Ave at 3rd St., Minneapolis

17022 Quaking Bog Tour
The bog is home to many unique plants with interesting adaptations for survival. Discover the characteristics that make a bog habitat what it is and take part in hands-on analysis of the water in the bog. We’ll meet at the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden parking lot and walk over to the bog, comparing the woodland and bog ecosystems as we go. Limit: 20
Course Fee: $10.00 due at registration
Lauren Borer, naturalist, garden program manager

1 session, Thursday, June 6, 10:00–11:30 a.m.
Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden & Bird Sanctuary, Minneapolis

10032 Explore the Minnesota Museum of American Art
The mission of the Minnesota Museum of American Art is to showcase art of the past and present, unleash the creative potential of our community, and inspire the artist in us all. The MMAA Project Space, located in downtown St. Paul’s historic Pioneer Building, is the museum’s laboratory for investigating ways in which it can serve the local community. We will view the current exhibition, “String | Felt | Theory,” which features three site-specific installations by three Minnesota artists—Randy Walker, Liz Miller, and Andrée Stanislav. Limit 20
Christina Chang, Ph.D., curator of engagement, Minnesota Museum of American Art

1 session, Thursday, June 13, 10:00–11:30 a.m.
Historic Pioneer Building, 332 N. Robert St., Saint Paul

10027 Minneapolis Neighborhoods: East Lake Harriet Parks and Residences
Colonel William S. King dreamed of the transformation of his countryside Lyndale Farm into public parks and neighborhoods at Lake Harriet. We will visit Lyndale Park (including its famous Rose Garden) and the nearby avenues lined with stately residences just east of the lake. Limit: 25
Peter Sussman, architect and community historian, Edina

Heritage Preservation Board member

1 session, Tuesday, June 11, 10:00 a.m.–noon.
Meet at the intersection of Fremont Ave. S. and W. 42nd St.

17023 Showy Lady’s Slipper Wildflower Tour
All spring long, the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden woodlands have been filled with wildflowers. As summer approaches, the wetlands and prairie begins to shine! The highlight of early June at the garden is always the Showy Lady’s Slipper, our state flower. Join naturalists for a tour of the three garden habitats, with a focus on the gorgeous pink and white orchid that blooms in the wetland. Meet at the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden parking lot. Limit: 20
Course Fee: $10.00 due at registration
Lauren Borer, naturalist, garden program manager

1 session, Thursday, June 13, 10:00–11:00 a.m.
Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden & Bird Sanctuary, Minneapolis

10033 A Geological and Historical Walking Tour of Downtown St. Paul
In a city there are many buildings we walk past every day and hardly notice. Come and take a short walk around downtown St. Paul to admire the buildings and the geology of the rocks that cover them. We will discuss the development of St. Paul, admire the Mississippi River and its history, and look at buildings such as the St. Paul Public Library, the St. Paul Hotel, Landmark Center, and Assumption Church, just to name a few. We’ll meet at the Science Museum of Minnesota to begin our tour. After the walk, return to the museum for lunch in the cafeteria. Limit 20
Steve Erickson, program chair of the Geologic Society of Minnesota

1 session, Saturday, June 8, 10:00–noon.
Meet in the lobby of the Science Museum of Minnesota, 120 Kellogg Blvd. W., Saint Paul
10031 Minneapolis Neighborhoods: Minneapolis Warehouse Historic District
The Minneapolis Warehouse Historic District is the state’s largest commercial district listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Spread over 30 blocks near downtown Minneapolis, this warehouse and wholesaling district expanded during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, with many buildings designed by the leading architects of the day. The tour leader will discuss the overall history of the district, the history and architectural styles of individual buildings, and the architects who designed them.

Limit: 25
Tour leader Roll Anderson is an architectural historian who prepared the National Register of Historic Places nomination for the warehouse district.

OPEN

10029 Minneapolis Neighborhoods: Minneapolis Streetcar Museum
Enjoy exploring the background and history of the extensive Twin Cities streetcar system. Get a behind-the-scenes look at the car barn, where historic streetcars are stored and restored. Then ride in an Oak-Harriet streetcar as it follows the old route between Lake Harriet and Lake Calhoun. Limit: 25
Steve Benson, OLLI executive director
Course Fee: $6.00 due at registration
1 session, July 2, 10:00 a.m.–noon.
Meet at the Linden Hills Station, Queen Ave. S. and W 42nd St., Minneapolis

17024 Blooming Prairie Wildflower Tour
Many people visit the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden in the spring to see all of our woodland blooms, but they don’t return until the following spring. Come out this August to see our prairie in full bloom and discover beautiful flowers and grasses. Learn about the history of prairies in Minnesota, how the prairie garden was created, and the methods used to maintain this lovely landscape. Meet at the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden parking lot. Limit: 20
Course Fee: $10.00 due at registration
Lauren Boror, naturalist, garden program manager
1 session, Thursday, Aug. 15, 10:00–11:30 a.m.
Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden & Bird Sanctuary, Minneapolis

OPEN and LIMITED COURSES You may register for one (1) limited course in the Summer session. Choose as many courses marked “OPEN” as you wish. Please be aware that some OPEN courses have size limits.

9103 OPEN: Patio Dining
During the summer, the popular Ethnic Dining program offered throughout the year evolves into Patio Dining, as we break out of the four walls and enjoy lunch in the fresh air or dinner under the stars. The theme is “outdoor,” not necessarily ethnic. Group members take turns hosting events at local restaurants that offer dining on open-air patios, hopefully with a scenic view. Dining schedules are emailed or mailed to participants one week before the first event. OPEN
Ron and Marghe Tabar, 651-690-0604, rjtabar@comcast.net

MONDAY
21016 The Story of Human Transformation
This course explores the reasons why people change and who they become when they do change. The initial data comes from a study following the progression of eight doctors in midlife, but the course will highlight all human journeys in which consciousness is expanded and the migration goes from head to heart, from literal to metaphorical, from exterior to interior, and from egocentric to world-centric. Moving from part to whole constitutes a key shift in awareness. Lectures and discussion. Limit: 15
Tom Choi, retired professor, U of M School of Public Health; Rodney Dueck, retired ophthalmologist and system medical director for the Park Nicollet Medical Center.
Mondays, June 3–24, 10:00–11:30 a.m.
Abes Jewish Community Center, 4330 Cedar Lake Rd. S., St. Louis Park

17018 The Prairie: A Natural and Cultural History
The tallgrass prairie is both an ecosystem and an idea, a space and a place. We will look at the prairie as a grassland biome and also at the various cultural meanings it has evoked over the years, from “desert” to heartland to conservation. The prairie has been an important artistic influence and even underpins our regional identity. Course members should obtain copies of Willa Cather’s novel My Antonia, which we will read and discuss. Other handouts will be provided, and a prairie field trip will be arranged. Limit: 25
Tom Scanlan, emeritus professor of rhetoric, U of M
5 sessions, Mondays, June 3–July 1, 10:00–11:30 a.m.
Affinity Plus Credit Union, 2730 Snelling Ave. N., Roseville

TUESDAY
12019 Contemporary Scandinavian Film Classics
In this series we will look at a spectrum of films that represent some of the finest produced in Scandinavia in the past twenty-five years, including last year’s highly acclaimed Danish film A Royal Affair. The films are: Babette’s Feast (Danish)—in a pious and isolated village, two sisters and their community are transformed by the gift of a mysterious refugee; As It Is in Heaven (Swedish)—a famous conductor, forced to retire by illness, returns to the small village of his birth to become the reluctant leader of the local church choir and confront his own attitudes towards life and his music; Kitchen Stories (Norwegian)—an absurd comedy about social engineering run amok; A Royal Affair (Danish)—a romantic intrigue transforms the 18th century Danish court and the subsequent history of Denmark in this lush drama based on true events. OPEN
Steve Benson, film buff and OLLI executive director
Tuesdays, June 4–25, 9:30 a.m.–noon
McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. SE. Room 235, Minneapolis

10026 Preserving Sacred Spaces II
The Twin Cities are home to many places of worship with architectural or historical significance. We will visit five sites beginning with an introductory session on Tuesday, June 4, at United Theological Seminary’s Bigelow Chapel. Our presenter will be architect Joan Soranno. Additional sites include Olivet Congregational Church in St. Paul, designed by Clarence Johnston; the Cathedral of St. Paul; and Coldwater Springs, near Fort Snelling. A complete schedule with maps and parking information will be sent the week before the summer term.

Limit: 25
Susan Mundale is a writer, former teacher and OLLI member, and Eric Nathanson writes about architecture and Minneapolis history, OLLI member.

1st session, Tuesday, June 4, United Theological Seminary’s Bigelow Chapel, 3000 5th St. NW; New Brighton
Remaining sessions, Mondays, June 3–July 1, 10:00–11:30 a.m.

19026 The New Atheists and Their Critics
Since 2001, best-selling books on religion have spotlighted authors such as Sam Harris, Daniel Dennett, Richard Dawkins, and Christopher Hitchens. Traditional religious thinkers have not unexpectedly criticized their views, but the writers have also faced criticism from many humanists. How are these controversies related to the increasing percentage of Americans who identify as “religious Nones” or as SBNRs (spiritual but not religious)? Limit: 35
Robert Tapp, emeritus professor of religious studies, U of M
6 sessions, Tuesdays, June 18–July 16, 10:00–11:30 a.m.
Walker Place, 3701 Bryant Ave. S., Minneapolis
15068 Summer History Hedgehog

This course will feature a series of unrelated lectures on Mother’s Day, St. Patrick’s Day, the reintroduction of osprey in Minnesota, and the history of the Northeast suburbs of the Twin Cities. Maybe there will be more topics, or maybe few? OPEN J.B. Andersen, educator, writer, curator Tuesdays, June 4–25, 10:00–11:30 a.m.
Lakeview Lutheran Church, 1994 Cty. Rd. C., Maplewood

10030 Summer @ the MIA: Art in the Age of Globalization

Join us this summer at the MIA as we travel the world! On our voyage, we’ll visit art reflecting the impact of globalization on our daily lives, the fusion of cultures through migration and technology, and the alteration of landscapes by human activity. In the process, we’ll absorb history and connect with many of the critical issues of our times. Limit: 40
Emily Shapiro and Pat Wuest, MIA docents and OLLI members Tuesdays, June 4–25, 10:30 a.m.–noon
Minneapolis Institute of Arts, 2400 3rd Ave. S., Minneapolis

18072 The Big Sleep: Versions and Visions of a Classic

Raymond Chandler’s novel The Big Sleep is likely the most renowned American detective thriller of the 20th century. We’ll look at its evolution and adaptations, starting with the four pulp magazine stories that Chandler eventually developed into the novel. Next we’ll consider the Hollywood film version, by director Howard Hawks (working with William Faulkner and Leigh Brackett), in its differing 1944 and 1946 releases starring Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall. We’ll consider how this classic work evolved, how it reached its varied audiences, how it depicts social relations and archetypes, and how Los Angeles figures as its noir fictional setting. Class members can read any edition of the novel; other materials will be provided. Limit: 35
Bill Weir, OLLI member, M.H.A., D.M., and Aaron DeVries, M.D., M.P.H.
Tuesdays, July 23–6, 30; August 6–13, 12:30–2:00 p.m.
Minnesota Department of Health, Freeman Building, Room 8144, 625 N. Robert Street, St. Paul

WEDNESDAY

22014 Ethnic Markets of the Twin Cities

Join us in exploring the rich array of ethnic markets in the metro area. Sample basmati rice, papadums, curries, and chutney at an Indian market; a myriad of noodles, barbequed duck, and fresh seafood at an Asian market; and Moscow ham, smoked sturgeon, and pickled forest mushrooms at a Central European market. Stay for lunch at a nearby restaurant. Limit: 25
Steve Benson, OLLI executive director, and other OLLI foodies
Wednesdays, June 5–June 26, 10:30 a.m.–noon.
Various Locations

THURSDAY

9109 OLLI About Town

In this course we will tour interesting and often historic sites located in the Twin Cities area. After each tour, class members can meet for lunch at a nearby restaurant to continue their conversations. Kathleen Martin, OLLI member
Thursdays, June 6–27, 10:00–11:30 a.m.
Various Locations. First meeting at the N.W. Company Fur Post, Voyager Ln., Pine City, MN

15067 Frontier Meets First Nation: Minnesota in the Fur Trade

Before Minnesota was opened to settlement, a thriving business relationship existed between Native American peoples and the voyagers who traveled south each year to trade. Minnesota’s river network made it a vital hub of the fur trade and a cultural meeting point that ultimately inspired both our state nickname (the North Star State) and our passion for the Boundary Waters. This course combines an introduction to the fur trade with a visit to the recreated trading post operated by the Minnesota Historical Society in Pine City, Minnesota. Limit: 25
Rick Menzel is a retired teacher who currently works for the Minnesota Historical Society as an interpreter-guide at the North West Company Fur Post in Pine City.
Thursdays, June 6–27, 10:00–11:30 a.m.
Edina Senior Center, 2820 Grandview-Square, Minneapolis

17021 A Fine June Day at a Nature Center

Participants are invited to tour four local nature centers. Each center has a unique habitat, with its own animal, bird, and plant life. Wear comfortable shoes, and bring your binoculars and cameras! Centers to be visited include Lovery Nature Center, Wood Lake Nature Center, Richardson Nature Center, and the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge. Tours at the first three locations will be accompanied by trained naturalists; the tour at the Wildlife Refuge will be self-guided. Limit: 25
Course Fee: $15 due at registration
Carrie Bassett, Hennepin County Master Gardener and OLLI member, will coordinate the tours.
Thursdays, June 6–27, 10:00–11:30 a.m.
1st meeting will be at Lovery Nature Center, 7025 Victoria Dr., Victoria

16036 Through a Gimlet Eye: End of Life

Read Evelyn Waugh’s The Loved One, an irreverent look at the funeral industry, for the first meeting. We’ll watch the movie based on Waugh’s novel at the second meeting (12:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.). During the third and fourth weeks, we’ll discuss Michael Zadoorian’s novel The Leisure Seekers, in which a couple married 50+ years scarper off on a final adventure. Participants will receive discussion assignments by email. Limit: 15
Bonnie Nelson, retired teacher and OLLI member
Thursdays, June 6–27, 12:30–2:30 p.m.
The Kenwood, 825 Summit Ave., Minneapolis

FRIDAY

17021 Master Gardeners of the Metro Region

Participants will have the unique opportunity to visit four creative gardens. Master Gardener hosts will show shady and sunny gardens, describe unusual and exceptional plants, give tips for growing perennials and cacti, and answer your questions. The first visit will be to a historic home in Southwest Minneapolis owned by Meleah Maynard and Mike Houam. Over the past six years, they have removed every inch of turf grass on their corner property (including the boulevards) and replaced it with gardens packed with perennials, annuals, and vegetables. Information about subsequent visits will be handed out at the first meeting or emailed. Host gardeners will suggest a nearby restaurant for conversation over lunch. Limit 20
Meleah Maynard, Hennepin County Master Gardener
Fridays, June 7–28, 10:00–11:30 a.m.
Various Locations. 1st meeting at Meleah Maynard’s residence, 4453 Washburn Ave. S., Minneapolis

OLLIreg FAQs

How do I find where to register?
OLLIreg can be accessed by clicking the “OLLIreg” button in the right-hand column of the OLLI homepage. The OLLIreg homepage can be found at: www.cce.umn.edu/Osher-Life-longLearningInstitute. You may also search on the web for “OLLI MN.” The first result is usually our homepage.

I can’t remember my user name or password?
If it’s the first morning of registration and you’re just realizing this, you’re in trouble. Due to the high volume of phone calls on that day, the OLLI office has volunteers answering the phones. Office staff who can help reset passwords may not be able to get back to you right away. To make sure you will be ready to register, log in NOW. Then, make sure to write down your login information. If you can’t log in, call the office (612-624-7847) or email ollireg@umn.edu BEFORE May 21. We will provide the information or reset it to something easy for you to remember. Once you know what your user name and password is, save it somewhere you will remember.

Do you have a technology question you want answered and that you think only OLLIs will benefit from? Email the office: ollireg@umn.edu—subject line: Technology Question. We will be happy to answer your OLLI Registration System questions.
How to register
Registration starts May 21 at 9 a.m.
On-line:
► Go to the OLLI home page:
http://ccc.umn.edu/Osher-Lifelong-Learning-Institute/
(OR Google search: OLLI Minnesota)
► Click on the OLLIreg link in the box on the far right side
of the screen.
► Follow the step-by-step directions on how to register.
► If you do not receive a confirmation email within one
hour of completing registration, please contact the OLLI
office at olliregb@umn.edu.

By mail:
Provide the following information on an 8.5 x 11 sheet
of paper, and mail it, along with payment for any course
fees, to Osher Lifelong Learning Institute,
200 Oak St. SE, Suite 250, Minneapolis, MN 55455.
► PRINT OR TYPE on an 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper:
  1. First and last name
  2. Mailing address
  3. Daytime phone
  4. Email address
  5. Course number and title of one LIMITED course, and/or
    as many Open/Special/Bookend/Tour courses as you like
  6. Course number and title of one alternative LIMITED course
    you would take, in order of preference, should your first
    choices not be available.
Mail-in registrations are processed in the order they are
received starting at 9 a.m. on the first day of registration.
Failure to follow any of these directions could result in a
delay in processing your registration. You may mail in your
registration as soon as you like. Mail-in registrations will
not be processed until May 21.

Waiting Lists: Click on “Add to Waiting List” in the online
registration system. When registering by mail, the office will
add you to the waiting list of courses you don’t get into if
you write “Add to Waiting List” on your letter. Check your
confirmation form for this designation.

How to join OLLI or renew your membership
OLLI is a membership organization. Your membership must
be current to register for courses.

Online (you may pay your membership fee at any time)
To join or renew online:
► Go to the OLLI home page:
http://ccc.umn.edu/Osher-Lifelong-Learning-Institute/
(OR Google search: OLLI Minnesota)
► Read the instructions in the column/box labeled “Join
or Renew Membership,” download the tutorial, “How to Register
Online,” and follow the step-by-step instructions on how to
join or renew.

By mail: Mail a check for $195, made out to the University
of Minnesota, to: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, 200 Oak St.
SE, Suite 250, Minneapolis, MN 55455. You may also send your
credit card number and expiration date. You will receive
confirmation via email immediately or by regular mail within one week.

When am I due to renew? The office will notify members
via email (regular mail if you do not have email) when you are
due to renew. You can also find this information under your
account history in OLLIreg.

To Request Scholarship: please call the OLLI office at
612-624-7847 for information.

Alumni Association/UMRA/Campus Club Members:
Never been an OLLI member, but are an active U of M
Alumni Association member? You may join OLLI at a special
introductory rate of $175. Please visit the Alumni Association
website for information on how to take advantage of this offer.
UMRA and Campus Club members may also take advantage
of this one-time offer. Call OLLI at 612-624-7847 for details.

OLLI is committed to providing equal access to its programs.
If you have vision, hearing, or mobility problems that may
interfere with your full participation in our courses and/or
activities, please call the OLLI office at 612-624-7847, to
request accommodations.
Important dates *Summer 2013*

- Summer Registration begins May 21 at 9 a.m.
- Summer Session 2013: June 3–28
- Annual Meeting: June 4, Roseville Lutheran Church 1-4 p.m.
- Fall Session 2013: Sept. 16–Nov. 8 [Registration begins Sept. 3]

You’ll see nature in bloom if you take one of our Summer wildflower courses

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