



# The Tides...

Breaking News from Lifelong Learning



Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Lewes

Fall 2014

## Annual Picnic — Great in Spite of Rain



### Salty Brine's Seaside Chat

AHOY, Osher shipmates! It was an overcast Columbus Day as the OLLI Queen weighed anchor and set sail, in somewhat choppy waters, for Cape Henlopen State Park to attend the Osher 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Homecoming Picnic on Monday, October 13, 2014...the OLLI Queen dropped anchor at the ferry terminal and about 150 members rambled down the gangway and began their trek to the park's pavilion with covered dish in hand. The picnic team was on hand to greet and check-in each member and guide them to the groaning boards to put their dish accordingly, e.g., baked beans, a variety of salads, deviled eggs, plant-based, dips, and many more too numerous to name, and dessert – we reserved three tables for desserts hoping that would satisfy the “sweet tooth” of everyone in attendance...those who had one, and there are many, a smart phone, were checking the weather forecast...one said radar showed the rain would begin around noon and last 66 minutes...OK! About 11:20 the grill masters set up the grills with plans to begin grilling between 11:45 and noon; at about 11:50 the burgers, dogs, portabellas - think we're on the verge of creating a “portabella cult” as they were more popular than a year ago - skewered sliced onions rings, and multi-colored peppers were on the grill and, guess what...you're right it started to rain; and it rained, not heavy, but until the last of everything was grilled...it was the second time since the first picnic, October 1998, that it “rained on our parade.” The first time was the picnic of October 2013 where it had the making of a fall nor'easter. Looking on the bright side of this rainy, only during the grilling,

day the temp was in the mid-60s, and little or no wind, and as one person commented – “No Bugs!” Oh! Most everyone came prepared with some type of jacket or rain garment...good planning!

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Contributing writer – Cera Belum

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## From the Chair and the Council

For many of us, fall is our favorite season; smaller crowds, beautiful weather--with the notable exception of October 13, our picnic day--and the autumnal hues of red, gold and orange. And for us, fall is back to school season, a time to get excited about our courses, see old friends and make new ones.

As I see it, this semester is going very well; 525 members are attending 74 courses, of which nine are being held at our beautiful Ocean View facility. We have been able to purchase some additional computing and audio visual equipment to complement our already impressive line-up. Class attendance has been strong, at least in the classes I have been taking. Things have been going so well that neither Anna nor I could find problems or issues to discuss in this space. Hooray!

Enjoy the rest of the semester and please join us at the instructor recognition luncheon on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Atlantic Sands in Rehoboth Beach. It really is a lot of fun.

*Bill Sharkey*

## Have you seen our new Display Monitor?

Check out the monitor in the hall outside Anna's office in Lewes for announcements about classes, trips and special events.

Don't forget to check ALL the bulletin boards for information and local community "happenings".



### Calendar of Events

Nov 4 — No classes - Election Day  
 Nov 11 — No classes - Veteran's Day  
 Nov 18 — Last day of classes  
 Nov 26-28 — Thanksgiving break - office closed  
 Dec 3 — Instructor Recognition Luncheon  
 Atlantic Sands in  
 Rehoboth Beach

### YOUR NEWSLETTER

**The Tides** is published quarterly, with special editions as appropriate. If anyone has information, news, pictures or items of interest to share, the Council wants to hear from you. Please contact Lynn Kroesen at [Lkroesen2@gmail.com](mailto:Lkroesen2@gmail.com) or the Lifelong Learning in Lewes office.



## Annual Picnic — Continued



Before we go any further let's give a tip of Salty's captain's hat to all those grillers who opened up their beach umbrellas and grilled the whole "rainy" time to feed the masses and those who set up the grilled food station under cover so our members could get their grilled food without getting wet - though some "hale and hearty" who ignored the rain and went to get their food hot off the grill - and to all those who were part of the set-up team, those many knife wielding members who prepped peppers, onions, and portabellas, and the clean-up team that all helped to make the picnic a success; and last but not least to every member who came out to support the Osher 16<sup>th</sup> Homecoming Picnic...many kudos! And before I forget a Salty's OLLI Queen gold medal to the twofigs (aka Bernie and Dolores

Fiegel) who have orchestrated all 16 picnics, beginning with the first in October 1998...well done guys!

Some comments we heard last year and again this year



were...good sports all and bad weather didn't seem to hold up fun conversations, delicious foods...fun time; a GREAT success in spite of the rain, I enjoyed grilling veggies and eating them as well; and someone wondered aloud while the Elder Moments were performing if they knew *Signing in the Rain* or *Stormy Weather*... guess we'll have to ask Roo Brown, Elder Moments choral director about those again...?

...Someone suggested we call next year's picnic the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Rain Homecoming Picnic...and if it doesn't rain we'll hold it anyway...! We do have clever and ingenious members, don't we?

The Elder Moments sang several songs and one was the beautiful arrangement of "You Will Be with Us" with lyrics by Roo Brown in remembrance of those members and instructors who departed us in 2014...thank you Roo and the Elder Moments...



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## OSHER Members Attend REP Production

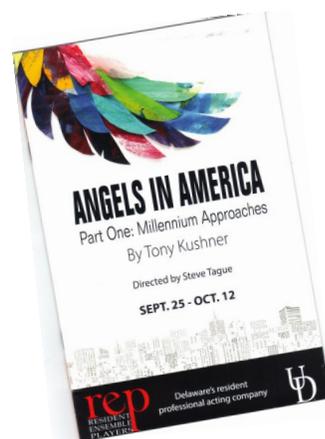
On October 5 a bus full of OSHER members left the Lowes parking lot for the first production of the season of the Resident Ensemble Players (REP) at the University of Delaware in Newark. The REP, the professional acting company at UD, will present six totally different types of drama during the academic year. The season began with a serious drama that explored the AIDS crisis, *Angels in America*. The remainder of the season will include one of Shakespeare's most popular tragedies, a funny and relevant romp by Shaw, one of the greatest Irish classics, an hilariously funny contemporary short play by one of America's most popular playwrights, and a spoof on Hitchcock films that was a smash on Broadway and the West End.

The plays are presented in The Roselle Center for the Arts. The theatre itself is intimate with excellent visibility from every seat. The stage sets and costuming are Broadway quality. Everyone loved the shattered glass ceiling at the conclusion of *Angels*. The acting is the best you'll see between here and New York.

A motor coach has been reserved and tickets ordered for the remaining offerings. After *Macbeth*, tickets and transportation can be ordered for individual plays. So mark your calendars for the remaining plays and don't miss this great opportunity.

*Macbeth* November 23  
*The Millionaire* February 8  
*Juno and the Paycock* March  
*All in the Timing* April-May  
*The 39 Steps* April-May

Submitted by Mary Folan



### Do You Have Something to Share?

We are expanding the Lunch and Learn Program to include more topics and need your help!

Do YOU have something to share with your fellow Osher members but do not have either the time or content to dedicate to a 5 or 10 week session? The new Lunch and Learn programs will give you a great opportunity to share your ideas and experiences!

Do you have gardening tips, shots of your favorite vacation spots, or special holiday traditions you would like to share? Want to form a book club? Are you skilled at bridge or other games and are willing to provide an overview? Have you done a genealogy search & want to share the experience?

This program offers a great venue and opportunity to participate in the learning process at Osher.

**If you wish to conduct a program or a series of programs in the Spring of 2015, please see sign-up sheet in the office, room 109.**

### We Need Your Feedback

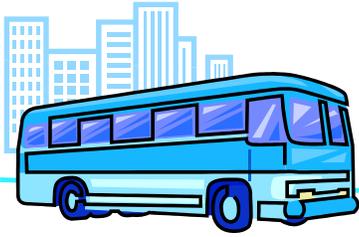


Please assist us in offering the highest quality programs by providing feedback. You will be sent an online feedback form. Please complete this form for each course you attended in the Fall 2014 session including courses you may have stopped attending. . If you prefer a paper copy please stop by the office.

Your feedback is helpful to the instructor, the Academic Affairs committee and Anna for keeping our program relevant and exciting.

**Please complete only one evaluation per course (either paper or online).**

## Travel Opportunities Offered



Wednesday, November 19 a bus will depart the Lowe's parking lot at Five Points in Lewes for Baltimore, MD. Participants will visit the Baltimore Museum of Art and the Walters Art Museum.

The Baltimore Museum of Art is home to an internationally renowned collection of 19th-century, modern and contemporary art. Founded in 1914, the BMA has 90,000 works of art, including the largest holding of works by Henri Matisse in the world.

The Walters Art Museum in Baltimore is internationally renowned for its collection. The collection presents an overview of world art from pre-dynastic Egypt to 20th-century Europe, and counts among its many treasures Greek sculpture and Roman sarcophagi; medieval ivories and Old Master paintings; Art Nouveau jewelry and 19th-century European and American masterpieces.

The cost of this trip is \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members and includes your round trip bus transportation. **Payment is due November 5.**

Attention all you Civil War "buffs"! Kevin Kelly will be leading a bus trip to visit the Museum of American Art and the National Portrait Gallery with a Tour of Historical Washington D.C. Sites, Thursday, November 20, 2014. Trip Includes: Transportation, driver gratuity and lunch at the museum. Bus tour of historical sites in Washington, D.C. and then on to the Museum of American Art and the National Portrait Gallery for self-guided tours and lunch. A box lunch at the Museum of American Art can be purchased or lunch on your own. Watch the bulletin boards for information about the cost and departure times.

You could also choose to join a group of members who will travel to Wilmington, DE on Saturday, May 16, 2015 to attend the Opera Delaware presentation of Lakme in Concert. The bus will depart the Lowe's parking lot at Five Points in Lewes at 10:30 am and return after the conclusion of the concert. Cost is \$26 per person for members and \$36 for non-members. **Payment in full is due November 13.**

You can reserve a space online at [www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes](http://www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes) or contact Renee in the office for registration forms for any of these travel opportunities.

**We hope New York City is ready  
for us.**

**April 28-May 1, 2015  
Deposit was due October 16, 2014.**

**Balance due January 15, 2015.**



## Volunteers Greet Coast Day Visitors



Sunday, October 5, was Coast Day at the UD College of Earth, Ocean & Environment. The weather was perfect and the laptop video worked perfectly! Volunteers from our OLLI Council greeted well over a hundred visitors. Thirty six couples and individuals asked to be added to our mailing list and three individuals took course proposal forms! We gave out tri-fold brochures and exhausted our supplies of pencils and Butterfinger bars.

About 10% of our visitors were from Kent and New Castle counties. The remaining 90% were from Sussex County, and a surprising 60% had just moved to Lewes in the past year! Even long-time residents said they were ready to begin lifelong learning. We encouraged prospective new members to take advantage of our scholarship program. Bottom line: We can expect significant growth in membership.

A number of the folks we talked with reside in the western parts of the county. Bridgeville, for example, is seeing a very large, fast-growing community of 50+ residents—one that includes its own library! We met interested people from Georgetown, Milford, and Laurel. Westward expansion may be in our future!

We met people with many different interests; photography, fusion glass, genealogy, bridge, etc.

### **HANDICAP PARKING**

Vehicles parked in Lifelong Learning marked spaces must have a valid visible handicap card or a handicap license plate. Temporary cards are available from Renee.

They eagerly await the release of our Spring catalog. Snow-birders and those with second homes “at the beach” are primarily interested in our Fall semester and Summer session.

If you missed Coast Day 2014, you missed a lot of fun—not to mention crab cakes. Go ahead and put the first Sunday in October 2015 on your calendars. Prospective members would enjoy meeting you!

Submitted by Donna Beecher

## Remembering Sandy Moore



Sandra Moore, 76, of Broadkill Beach, passed away Friday September 5, 2014 at the Delaware Hospice. She was born in Philadelphia, PA. Prior to relocation to her Broadkill Beach round-house, Sandy was a

teacher of sign language and interpreter for the deaf in Baltimore and Columbia, MD. Sandy held a Master's degree from Gallaudet University and a Bachelor's degree from Moore College of Art. Sandy started her involvement with Osher Lifelong Learning in 2007, teaching almost every semester. As she continued to learn new techniques in painting from national and international artists, she passed her learning along to her peers. She was also involved in organizing trips to The Barnes Collection, The Franklin Institute in Philadelphia and galleries in Baltimore, MD and Washington, DC.

Sandy and her husband Frank Gerhardt were intrepid world travelers, visiting many spots on the globe. Her passion for discovery and learning never stopped. Her love of teaching others continued through her last days and she painted even when she was hospitalized at the end of her life.

A celebration of life was held Saturday, September 27 in Langhorne, PA.

## Library Catalog Now Online

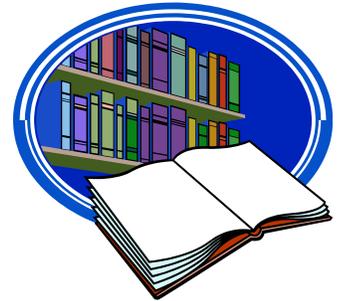
The inventory of the collection that began during last summer is now completed, with some books "weeded" out because of age, condition or duplication. A surprising find was that among the missing books are all the titles about the Vietnam War and at least six books on watercolor painting.

The catalog is now online in the library, and it is easy to use. The opening screen has a list of library materials arranged by author's last name. If you want to see titles or subject headings, click on the top of the "D" or "E" column. At the far right of the toolbar, select "Sort & Filter", and then "A to Z" You may refine your search by clicking "Find" (the binoculars icon). You may leave the computer on after you use it.

Of course, the paper catalog is still available, with recent additions placed in the front pocket of the blue notebook on the file cabinet in the library.

A reminder to members who have signed out materials--please return them at the end of the semester.

Submitted by Ruth Barnett



## Enhance Your Computer Skills and Knowledge



Osher Lifelong Learning, Lewes Campus, is proud to present a series of lunchtime programs on various computer topics. Bring your lunch and your thinking caps for presentations and discussions with fellow students. Questions are entertained. Answers are provided if known and, if not, we'll get back to you!

**Program Schedule - each program is 12:30-1:15 in room 102**

Wednesday, October 22 - Coping With Windows 8 - Barbee Kiker

Wednesday, October 29 - Buying A Computer? Things To Consider - Susan Underwood

Wednesday, Nov 5 - Social Media Overview - Susan Underwood

## Got a Bright Idea?

If you have an idea for a course or are willing to serve as an instructor or instructor's helper, write and submit a proposal. If you have questions, contact Mary Folan or Carol West of the Academic Affairs committee.



## Turn Off Those Cell Phones

PLEASE turn **off** your cell phones while in classes as a courtesy to your fellow students and the instructor.



## OLLI Members Explore the Environment Beachcombing and Animal Tracking,

**Two, new, natural science courses with accompanying (outdoor) lab.**

Instructor Tom Lord has designed two courses for Lifelong Learners interested in spending a few hours each week investigating the environment. The classes are designed around an in-class sharing/presentation session lead by the instructor and an accompanying hour of field exploration. During the indoor session, participants will view a 30 to 40 minute PowerPoint presentation that covers content that will be explored the following hour in the environment.

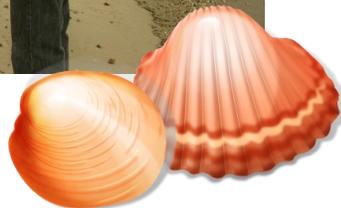
In the **Beachcombing 101** class, for example, after class members have viewed slides of local invertebrate shelled animals, participants carpool to a local beach where they scour the beach for animals seen in the presentation. When they locate one of the critters, they check it off a lengthy “to-find” list, distributed during the first class and collect the shell for the next-week’s sharing session.

In the tracking class, entitled **Tracks, Scats and Evidence Facts** class members watch a PowerPoint presentation about specific indicators found in trails left in the footprints, or artifacts left behind by local animals. If the foot impression is free of flaws, participants will make casts of the impression with Plaster of Paris and share the cast the following week with their colleagues. As in the Beachcombing course, class members also check off items found on their outings from a “to-find” list distributed during the initial class.

In addition, artifacts found during each of the classes are sometimes displayed in the glass cases at the back entrance to the classroom building along with the names of each collector. Check out the exhibit to see what class members have found during their explorations.



Submitted by Tom Lord



**Web address:**

**[www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes/](http://www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes/)**

## Members Participate in Varied Fall 2014 Courses



New members & new instructors mix & mingle at the **Fall Orientation** on August 28.

Photos by Lynn Kroesen



Members practice basket weaving in the popular **Basketry** classes .



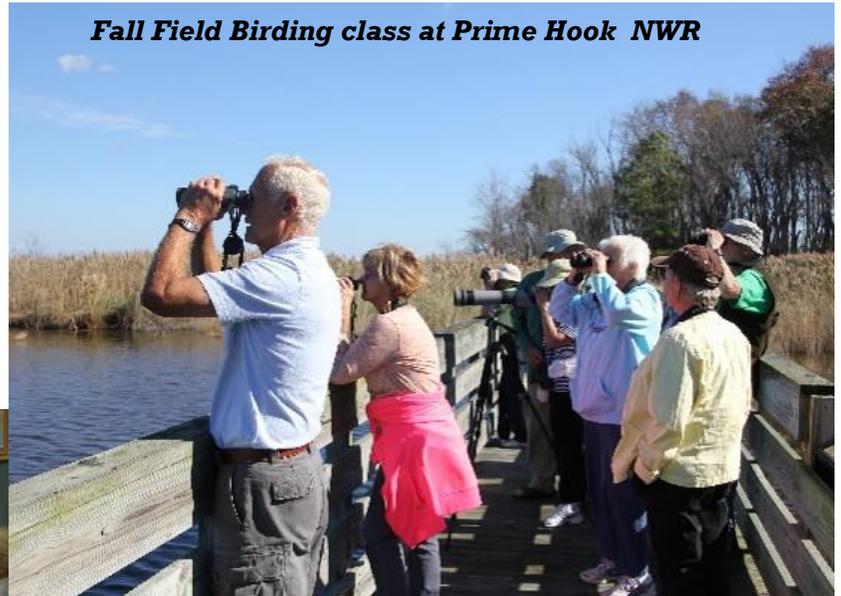
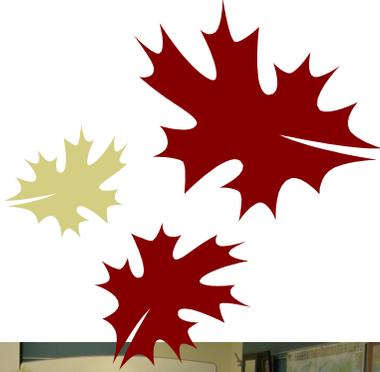
Above: **Mah Jongg Club** members play on Wednesdays.

Right: Instructor Marina Borovok (**Color Drawing**) displayed student work at her gallery in Bethany Beach.



# Happy Halloween

## Varied Fall 2014 Courses — continued



*Fall Field Birding class at Prime Hook NWR*



*Students practice new techniques in the Watercolor painting class.*



*Members practice moves during English Country Dance class.*



*Left: Instructor Karen McKinnon shows Carole Woodyard how to knit with her arms in Open Handiwork Class.*

Photos by Ptery Iris, Ed Chamberlain, Carol West, & Lynn Kroesen