



THANK YOU

Many, many wonderful members of our Lifelong Learning Program have contributed their varied talents and personal commitment to the successes we have enjoyed during the past year. This is my opportunity to express my gratitude for the willing support of so many. It is always good to highlight our awareness of the unique learning and sharing that is the essence of our learning cooperative. Over two thousand members enjoy the offerings of over 220 courses each semester.

In addition to our classes, we have shared Special Events on Wednesdays, June Lecture Series, Friday afternoon programs in the spring, summer session, cookie socials, end of semester luncheons, musical ensembles in the Lobby, art shows, ALLSTEL at the beach, a quiet Reading Room, an informative bulletin board, a huge book sale, "Lifelong Learning This Week," an interesting newsletter, steadfast staffing of the Reception Desk, exciting trips, plus music and theatre at the main campus. All of this because so many volunteer in Duplication, Safety, Office Support, Word Processing, the Curriculum Committee, Marketing, as Ambassadors, Outreach, Registration and Volunteer Development.

This academic year, we celebrated our 30th anniversary with a wide variety of activities that culminated in a luncheon program that filled Rooms 105 and 108/9 to capacity. These events were organized by an amazing team of members that invested over a year in planning and implementing everything from honoring instructors, to interviewing original members, selling tickets, creating posters, inviting guests, organizing contests, and much more all with great enthusiasm and energy.

We are supported by a dedicated, efficient and friendly office staff that works diligently to support our needs, interests and our sometimes unique requests. Each person in our very lean operation serves in ways far

SPRING LUNCHEON BUFFET

Celebrate the end of the semester with your friends at the Osher Lifelong Learning Spring Luncheon Buffet on Friday, May 13, at noon. There will be delicious food and music by Sentimental Journeys. Cost is \$16 per person. Checks are preferred and payable to the University of Delaware. Tickets are on sale in the Lobby at noon through April 25 or see Ellen in the Office.

JULY SUMMER SESSION (JULY 5-28)

Registration continues through April 22 in the Lobby from 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Registrations will also be taken in the Office and by mail through Fri., May 13. All registrations received through May 13 will be considered in the first allocation of classes. Late registration and drop/add for classes will begin June 1 on a first-come, first-served basis.

There are two class periods each morning, Tuesday through Thursday. There are 52 courses to choose from, 37 of which are new courses. Fee is \$75/person for up to six courses.

beyond the call of duty. For example: on one day when the heat was off, everyone came in and worked in their winter coats! We did not even hold classes that day.

I am confident that the new leadership of our Council, Nancy Wolfe, Chair and Lee Kaser, Executive Vice-Chair, will continue to receive the eager support of all of our members and bring fresh viewpoints to our adventure in growing wiser as we become just a little bit older.

R. E. (Bob) Faatz
Immediate Past Council Chair

**HONOR OUR VOLUNTEERS
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Submit articles to rehrlich@udel.edu, or place in the newsletter mail box in the Reception Area.

DON'T MISS OUT!

**JUNE LECTURE SERIES
AT ARSHT HALL, JUNE 13 - 17, 2011**

**MORNINGS ONLY
COFFEE AND GOODIES EACH DAY**

At the 15th Annual June Lecture Series you will hear a few things that you hadn't heard before:

- ✓ A U. S. Senator asking, "Is it broken?"
- ✓ An archetier examining "the other French Revolution"
- ✓ The woman who keeps the secrets of Nemours Mansion revealing what might have been
- ✓ Delaware's retired Chief Justice speaking out about the future of the Delaware corporation
- ✓ Two experts on money disclosing the curious history and uncertain future of the almighty Yankee dollar
- ✓ A master of Victorian letters looking at God and four poets
- ✓ Three distinguished musicians using the violin, cello and piano to explore Beethoven's mind
- ✓ A veterinarian who doesn't shoot horses describing the state of the art in equine surgery
- ✓ The University of Delaware's chief librarian advocating a marriage of books and technology

Fliers are available in the Lobby.

Registration through Ellen Saienni/Office
\$50 per person – public invited

FRIDAY SPECIAL EVENTS SERIES, 1 P.M.

This series is open to the public so bring a friend or relative.

April 22 Good Friday – NO EVENT

April 19 Review of Immigration Laws,
Lorraine Ryan, LLD

May 6 DE in the War of 1812, Chuck Fithian,
Delaware State Museums Archaeologist

**May 13 White Clay Creek Valley in the Early
American Porcelain Industry,** Deborah
Keese, current Friend of and former staff
member of White Clay Creek Preserve

**OUTREACH PROGRAM WELCOMES
SPEAKERS AND MUSICAL GROUPS**

Do you have an interesting topic that you would like to share with appreciative audiences in retirement complexes, nursing homes or senior centers in our community? If a musical group would like a venue for sharing your talents, our Outreach Program offers just such opportunities. Every October as your Outreach Chair, I send an updated list of our speakers and musical groups to about 70 activities directors in four states. Please let me know if you would like to be added to this list. Conversely, if you are the contact for any of the 17 musical groups or nine speakers who are currently on this list, please let me know if you no longer wish to be a part of this community service. (elliemunson@verizon.net or 302-478-7284). Thank you very much.

Ellie Munson, Outreach Program Chair.

GARDEN SPEAKERS

Members are invited to attend individual programs of interest. The class meets Tuesdays at 2 p.m. in Room 108
4/19: **Container Gardening**, Pat Hodgson
4/26: Plant Exchange
5/3: **Clivias**, Mike Riska
5/10: **All About Mushrooms**, Tina Ellor

BOOK GROUP

The Book Group will begin the fall with *The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet* by David Mitchell who has been called "one of the more fascinating and fearless writers alive." Join us for a lively discussion Wed., Sept. 7 at 3:20 p.m.

Mary Lew Bergman

SPIVEY ENDOWMENT

Albert "Bert" Guy Spivey, together with his late wife Jane Knapp Spivey, named the University as beneficiary of a \$1 million trust, the Bert and Jane Spivey Endowment. The interest earned on the investment of the endowment will be used to support the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in Wilmington. Mr. Spivey died on Dec. 23, 2010, and Mrs. Spivey passed away in 1999.

"Without Bert and Jane Spivey, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UD would not be the strong, expansive and engaging program it is today," said UD President Patrick Harker. "When you understand just how much joy they took in learning and in sharing their knowledge with others, you understand not only the program's guiding principles but also the wonderful community it serves." Harker added, "This extraordinary gift is the Spiveys' legacy, and there couldn't be one more fitting or more beneficial to the state's intellectual vibrancy."

In 1979, Bert was one of ten members on the Temporary Steering Committee, designing the Academy. When the doors opened for classes on February 6, 1980, he was there in the dual capacities: of Chair of the first Council and as an instructor in photography, one of the 21 courses offered.

Every year until 2005 he continued to teach a variety of popular courses on a wide range of subjects, including Anglo-Saxon history, Irish history, photography, Balkan history, and a standing-room-only course on Alexander Hamilton and the founding of the United States. Bert was general chairman of the 20th anniversary celebration.

"Both of my parents were people who had a great wonder about the world and wanted to delve into an increased knowledge and understanding of ideas, history and the world. The more they learned, the more they wanted to share in an environment where people would discuss and learn things together," commented daughter Carlisle Spivey. "Keeping the Academy growing and strong was something they were both vitally interested in."

Mr. Spivey's passion for learning led him to Vanderbilt University as a 16-year-old freshman, but his pursuit of a degree was cut

short by the Great Depression. The Spiveys moved to Delaware from North Tarrytown, NY in 1978 after Mr. Spivey's retirement from McGraw Hill as a vice president of marketing, and his appetite for education finally found a home.

In the late 1980s, Mr. Spivey played an active role in raising funds for the construction of Arsht Hall. The Spiveys also funded a classroom, Room 213, in the new building in memory of their youngest daughter, Susan Elizabeth Spivey.

In 1989, Mr. Spivey became the first student to graduate through UD's tuition program for Delaware residents over age 60, earning a BA in history at age 74. Carlisle Spivey recalled, "We were extremely proud and excited for his accomplishment, although he personally didn't want to make so much of it. But he was always interested in continuing his education, and he did want to earn that degree, to achieve that formal academic step."

Mr. Spivey's zeal for learning never waned. "In the last year of his life, my father was delving deeply into a study of the roles religion has played historically in societies, and in understanding the philosophical and psychological basis for human beings embracing gods and religions," says Carlisle Spivey. "Whether he would have ever officially taught it or not, his writings and thoughts on the subject took the form of a course syllabus, which is how he engaged in the inquiry and research process. For him, the idea was always that any knowledge he gained was meant to be shared."

Philanthropy has long been a driving force in our lifelong learning program's success. "Since its founding, first the Academy of Lifelong Learning and now the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware have benefited from the generosity of many friends," said Jim Broomall, assistant provost for professional and continuing studies at UD. "Bert and Jane Spivey join Sam and Roxana Arsht and the Bernard Osher Foundation to continue the legacy of giving."

Council is exploring ways to specially honor the Spiveys' gift in support of our program.

Adapted from the news release in UDaily written by Nora Riehl Zelluk.

COMPUTERS! COMPUTERS! THE WORLD IS NOW OPEN (ALMOST)

The invention of the printing press by Johannes Gutenberg circa 1440 changed the world forever. Up to then the only books available were hand written and were very expensive and generally unavailable. After the invention, books were more plentiful and within the price range of average people. Inevitably scientific knowledge and secular thinking thrived. Mankind flourished because of that invention.

In 1969 the Internet was invented. Prior to the Internet closed societies and cultures, both secular and religious, controlled their population by censorship and banning of undesirable written material. With the advent of the Internet and associated technologies such as wireless Internet, satellite transmission and iPhones those societies and cultures can no longer keep the world out. The ability to get first hand unbiased information has forever changed the dynamic between government and the governed.

The impact of the Internet has been swift and profound. Observe the world today and the current catalysts for change versus 60 years ago. May we live in interesting times!

Kenneth Mulholland, Curriculum Committee

ART AT OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING

Artists here, whether beginner or advanced, have numerous opportunities to display their work. Specific classes have week-long displays in the South Hall and in display cases throughout Arshat Hall. These give members the opportunity to learn about the classes and maybe sign up for one. Individual artists exhibit multiple works in the Reading Room throughout the year. The Spring Art Show, held this year April 4-15 in Room 105, enabled all members to enjoy the talents of our artists in various media. Some artists prefer to keep their work for themselves. The Lobby Art Sale, April 25-29, gives artists the opportunity to sell their work and members the opportunity to add matted and framed pictures to their homes.

Art student Pat Faatz stated "I'm learning new things, such as new ways of considering colors." At an exhibit, she is often asked

questions about the title of her work. Jean Bullock likes the exposure that participating in the art show gives her. She affirmed, "It gives me a feeling of accomplishment as I hear the compliments that others say." She gets a sense of joy and gratitude from actually seeing her work on display. Fellow artist John Holton likes the feedback he receives and the fact that he can learn from the feedback.

Marvin Stone, who teaches *Watercolor: Bold and Loose*, stated, "Art is solitary and we need to have somebody see it." Mary Tanne, instructor of *Artists' Workshop*, enjoys watching students grow and enjoy painting. She is "amazed at what students can do", and likes "passing on to my students what I've learned. I didn't study art in college, but began painting here."

As we were hanging a recent show, members Midge McGraw (a "very beginner" in the sketching class) and Ann Tate offered their thoughts as viewers. They enjoyed the talent of the professional-looking exhibit and thought that the works were inspiring. They especially enjoyed how the hanging and display brought out the colors in the works and made each picture stand out. Ann and Midge thanked all of the artists for contributing to the warmth of this place!

Susan Arruda

A WORD OF PRAISE

This learning program, that we love so well, couldn't exist without the efforts of devoted volunteers.

One of these loyal people who has given year after year of his time to helping beautify our building is Jim Miller. If you appreciate seeing the Reading Room, lunchroom and hallways hung with the lovely artwork created by our talented artists, you have Jim to thank.

He's that 'behind-the-scenes' guy who, along with various art committees, organizes and helps set up and take down all of the colorful shows that enrich our lifelong learning experience. So, if one day, you see a tall, affable gentleman hanging paintings in some part of the building, give a big "high five" and say thanks to Jim.

Betty Marroni

LIFELONG LEARNING...A CONCEPT WITH A HEARTBEAT

How do we capture the fullness of an exquisite concept, a cooperative adventure designed to enable members to explore the world of ideas and cultural activities? What calls us to participate in lifelong learning? What happens to us after we join, begin to explore the fullness of the academic offerings and explore the richness of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute?

In March, the University of Delaware sent a camera crew to interview instructors, chairs of committees and leaders who might bring insights regarding this place that captures our imagination, interest and commitment. Luckily, I was paired with Susan Flook, Co-Chair of the Reading Room. Our responses to questions regarding what brought us here and what enriches our lives were enlightening. Susan came in her fifties and I arrived in my mid-seventies. This place beckoned. We could hardly wait to sign up for classes, often exploring new avenues and adventures. Within two years each of us felt the need to sign up as an instructor, to make an investment in this place by sharing the fullness of our life experiences. We were fed by the enthusiasm of the members who took our classes. Soon we accepted positions of leadership. We had caught the magic of lifelong learning and began to pass it on.

This month we celebrate the gift of dedicated commitment by instructors and other volunteers. The Volunteer Week banner suspended across the fireplace wall during the week of April 25-29 will be a testimony to every woman and man, who bought into this concept and sustained it with brilliance, enthusiasm and delight. Many people may only see alphabetical lists of names on this banner, but if you linger and allow yourself to fill with wonder about the richness of life here, you might even hear the heartbeat of this place...loud and clear. It is never too late to become an instructor or volunteer, to make a difference and add another heartbeat.

Osher Lifelong Learning... What a gift!

Bobbette Mason
Co-Chair, Volunteer Development

50 WAYS TO THANK YOUR INSTRUCTOR

As the Spring 2011 semester comes to a close, there must be 50 ways to thank your instructor, to paraphrase a popular Paul Simon song from 1975. There are many members who volunteer for Osher Lifelong Learning by serving on Council, working on committees, tending the Reception Desk, or behind the scenes making cookies, copies, planning trips, or organizing luncheons and art shows. However, the 215 instructors and extracurricular activity leaders that made this semester possible touched our lives every day and gave us hours of excitement, fun, and stimulation.

All of our instructors and extracurricular activity leaders are volunteers; they do not receive any pay for their efforts. Many of them spend numerous hours researching, reading, and putting together the information and materials for their courses. The instructors that I have spoken with say they teach because they enjoy the enthusiasm their students have for learning. So, to draw again on the Paul Simon song, there must be 50 ways that we can thank our instructors.

I want to challenge you, our members, to come up with at least 50 ways! Stop by the office with your idea and we will write it on a poster board. When we reach 50, we will publish the poster in the Newsletter. Then, be sure to thank your instructor. Let them know what their class has meant to you.

I'll start the list off by offering the following: best practice for volunteer management indicates that volunteers feel most appreciated when given a simple verbal "thank you" for their efforts at the time they volunteer. The second most appreciated method is a handwritten thank-you note. Stop by my office and add to the list! I look forward to talking with you! Let's give a big, collective "Thank You" to our instructors!

Carol Bernard
Academic Coordinator





Schedule of Events



SPECIAL EVENTS WEDNESDAYS 12:45-1:45 P.M. IN ROOM 105

Announcements at 12:40 p.m.

Feel free to attend each week or select the programs that most interest you. Buy your lunch, bring your lunch, or just come and enjoy.

April 20 Dave Kaplan **Super Colliders**

David Kaplan is returning!

Two years ago, David Kaplan enthralled us with his presentation on the development of the Large Hadron Collider in Cern, Switzerland. He held the attention of those of our members who are not usually interested in science as well as those of us with advanced degrees in the field.

This young man (not yet 40) is a professor of particle physics at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. He is personally involved with the operation of the collider and plans to share the results of the project with us.

We are assured to be on the edge of our seats as he describes what is beginning to be understood about the black holes that are being created with this awesome machine.

April 27 Osher Lifelong Learning Orchestra,

Joe Zimmerman, Conductor

Highlights of the program will be the "Overture to Fledermaus" by Johann Strauss, Mozart's "Concerto #21" and Haydn's Surprise Symphony.

May 4 Osher Lifelong Learning Concert

Band, Paul Hess, Conductor

The program will include a wide variety of musical genres, one being the "2nd Suite in F" by Holst. Many sectional soloists will be featured throughout the concert.

May 11 Osher Lifelong Learning Chorus,

Henry Chisholm, Director

This will be a varied program of classical and contemporary music. Highlights will be selections from "South Pacific," "Forty Second Street," the stirring "Armed Forces Salute" and the emotional "Cantique de Jean Racine."



Sat., May 14: Washington/Hillwood

Sat., May 21: NY/**Catch Me if You Can**

Mon., June 6 – Thu., June 9: NC, Outer Banks

Wed., Thu., June 22-23 – Wolf Trap

Sat., July 16 – Fri., July 29:

Scandinavia/Russia cruise

Mon., Aug. 8 - Sat., Aug. 13: Mostly Maine

Sat., Aug. 27: Lancaster/American Music Theatre

Sat., Oct. 15: Gettysburg

For information on these and other trips, visit the Travel Desk in the Lobby, Monday through Thursday, 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



SOCIAL

Take a break and meet fellow members for coffee, tea, cookies and conversation at our last social of the semester on Thurs., April 21 at 1:30 p.m. in the Lobby. Let us express our thanks to the decorators, set-up persons and cookie bakers. Without them there would be no socials. Consider joining them in the fall.

CALENDAR

Fri., May 13 Spring Semester ends
 ...First registration for summer classes ends
 Tues., May 31-Fri., June 3ALLSTEL
 Wed. June 1 Registration for summer
 classes on first-come, first-serve basis
 Mon., June 13-Fri., June 17
June Lecture Series
 Tues., July 5-Thurs., July 28
Summer Courses
 Tues., Sept. 6 Fall Semester begins
 Thur., Nov. 24,-Fri., Nov. 25.... Thanksgiving
 CLOSED
 Fri., Dec. 9 Fall Semester ends
 Tues, Jan. 3-Fri., Jan. 6 ..Spring registration
 Mon., Feb. 6 Spring Semester begins