***OLLI Notes*
*February 2, 2024***

**OLLI Office hours are Monday-Thursday 8:30-5 p.m.,**
**Friday 8:30-4 p.m. Contact the office at 864.294.2998.**

**OLLI@Furman Special Event
*Picasso with Chautauqua*
Saturday, February 10, 4-6:00 p.m.**

Experience an immersive journey into history with Chautuaqua!

You will not want to miss *Chautauqua’s History Comes Alive*presentation of Pablo Picasso. Doug Mishler will portray this painter, sculptor, printmaker, ceramicist, stage designer, poet, and playwright. Dr. Mishler’s presentation will focus on Picasso’s most formative years between 1900 and 1910; his Paris years. These years transformed the 19 yr old prodigy Pablo Ruiz into the infamous Picasso and with him the entire idea of what art was. OLLI members can attend this special presentation held at the Herring Center. Tickets are $6 and include food and wine. Attendance is limited. You may sign up in the OLLI office or by calling  864.294.2998.

Get ready to "spring into action!"

The OLLI@Furman Spring 24 Brochure is posted on our website [HERE!](https://furman.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=af3c4f8f7dbdb371355240f24&id=46fa499610&e=2b19719a99) Hard copies will be mailed out from our printer today; be on the lookout in your mailbox!

The deadline for Summer Course Proposals is**TODAY, Friday, February 2.**Please direct any questions that you may have to alex.fagan@furman.edu

Winter 24 Membership Directories are now available in the OLLI Office for $3.

There is ROOM for YOU in the following
 **Friday Bonus Events on February 16.**
If you would like to sign up, please **call the OLLI office** at 864.294.2998**.**

*10" Market Basket*, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m., 3 spots available, $25 fee
*Didgeridoo and Dulcimer, Too!, 1-2 p.m.,*  3 spots available
*Loon Watch on Lake Jocassee, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.,* 2 spots available, $65 fee

**Volunteer Opportunity**: Do you enjoy OLLI’s **Friday Bonus Events**?  Did you know that each event has a **volunteer host** who helps make them a success? We are looking for a few new Bonus Event Hosts.  Duties include emailing those registered for the event to remind them of event details (OLLI staff will provide list of names and email addresses); checking in with the presenter ahead of time to remind them and discern any needs they have; taking the roll at the event; introducing the speaker; and being available to assist as needed. OLLI staff and the Bonus Event committee will provide training. If you are interested and would like more information, please respond using this [Google Form](https://furman.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=af3c4f8f7dbdb371355240f24&id=262e2a9323&e=2b19719a99).

***Attention Instructors and potential instructors:***Grants are available to help you develop new courses, create new focus areas or establish a Special Interest Group. Members or instructors who have been with OLLI for at least three terms are eligible to apply for grants of up to $2,000 for OLLI to expand their knowledge. The types of expenses typically funded by these grants include the cost of attending workshops; participating in conferences; publishing or marketing books or publications; obtaining research materials; or travel required to pursue a field of study.  **Applications for the Spring grants are due to the office by Friday March 1, 2024.** Application forms may be obtained by contacting the OLLI Office or online through the link [HERE.](https://furman.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=af3c4f8f7dbdb371355240f24&id=297d0e9fd2&e=2b19719a99) EmailMike Pillsbury, Grants Committee chair, with any questions, or see Nancy Kennedy in the OLLIOffice.

**Read and Explore with OLLI 2024**

We have had a great kick-off to REO 2024 with *Rocket Boys*by Homer Hickam! Members are reading, returning their copies and letting us know how much they have enjoyed this book. If you haven’t picked up a copy yet, check by the office, as copies are coming in each day. We have several events planned to enrich the experience of reading this book together. Check out what is coming up.

**NASA:  Inspiring Future Scientists, Technologists, Engineers, and Mathematicians** with OLLI member and instructor Jack Hansen, former Deputy Director for Research at the NASA Ames Research Center. Rocket Boys tells a compelling story of teenagers motivated to pursue careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) during the earliest years of the space race. Shortly after the time in which the book is set, NASA was formed and became the only federal agency with an explicit mission to inspire the next generation of scientists, technologists, engineers, and mathematicians. We’ll review key events in NASA’s development, and see how the Agency seeks to inspire young people through investments in education and through remarkable aeronautics, Earth science, and space science missions. Learn about the careers of four professionals inspired by NASA who impact our national science and technology enterprise. We’ll examine current NASA mission areas that provide inspiration to pursue STEM careers as they provide remarkable new insights into future air travel, global climate change and mitigation, and our own solar system and the cosmos. **Thursday, February 15, 3:15-4:45**, Room 110. Reservations helpful in the OLLI office.

**Join a small group of fellow OLLI members for a book chat to discuss Rocket Boys and your reaction to it**.  There are two opportunities:

**Wednesday, February 7, 12:30-1:15** in HC111, hosted by Gary Aten

**Thursday, February 15, 12:30-1:15,** HC004, hosted by Kathleen Allen.

We see characters in the book suffering from black lung disease. This is still a problem today, and seems to be growing. [Watch this story](https://furman.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=af3c4f8f7dbdb371355240f24&id=ee258e1f16&e=2b19719a99)from CBS Sunday Morning with Ted Koppel to learn more.
Thank you to the Read and Explore Committee for another great year of reading and learning!

***OLLI @Furman Goes to Washington***
**April 29 – May 3**
**A few spots remain, don't miss out on this adventure!**

Pack your walking shoes, your journal, and some of that good ole’ southern hospitality – we’re going to Washington, D.C.! Join a smallish group of OLLImembers to explore sites and stories spilling from Capitol Hill and the National Mall, down the broad Potomac. We’ll spend four nights in a comfortable uptown hotel – not far from the White House – equipped with curiosity and a metro pass. We’ll explore DC’s classical architecture, learn about its origins and evolution while pursuing nationally important stories – often folded into the city’s monuments and memorials, and national museums. This will be a lovely adventure into Washington’s cosmopolitanism, identity, and functionality (… sure, laugh if you want). Free time to explore on your own will abound. We’ll strive for the perfect blend of group activities (timed group visits to the White House, the National Museum of African American History and Culture, for example) and individual choice (like which mall sites you want to visit during a free afternoon).
**Registration for this travel adventure is open in the OLLI office. Please stop by or call 864.294.2997 to register or for more information. Details can be found in the Winter Brochure or by contacting**Heidi Wright**with questions.**

***OLLI Happenings***

**Tuesday Lunch & Learn** for next week, February 6, 12:30-1:15 p.m. come learn about ***Climate Action Leadership******at Furman University***with Andrew Predmore, Exec. Director, Shi Institute for Sustainable Communities, Furman University. Take an opportunity to enjoy your brown bag lunch and an interesting lecture! Lunch and Learn events are free and open to the public. Invite your friends to join in!

**A wonderful opportunity to head 'into the theatre!'**Greenville Theatre has graciously made available to OLLI@Furman members, two complimentary tickets to the pre-opening performance on **Tuesday, February 20, 7:30 p.m.** of Stephen Sondheim's *"Into the Woods."*  Doors & Bar will open at 7:00pm, and the show begins at 7:30pm. **There will be 125 complimentary tickets available on a first come first serve basis.** Please R.S.V.P. for this event through the OLLI office at 864.294.2998 or stop by the office.

**Crabtree Photography Display Submission Call**
*Trees.*From giant redwoods to weeping willows, trees are wildly expressive.They can evoke wonder — or recede into the background as they quietly line a horizon. But for our **Spring/Summer Crabtree exhibit**, let a tree be the star of your image. It can be a tree (or trees) from any regionor season. Think creatively as you show us how this tangle of
branches, roots and trunk captures your imagination. Michael Pannier,
the founder and director of the SE Center for Photography in
Greenville, will be the juror. **Please submit one jpeg image with about
2040 pixels on the long side to**ollicrabtreephotos@gmail.com**by March 6.**Selected images will require a frame and the exhibit will open
April 12.

The **Stamp Collecting SIG**will meet on Tuesday, February 27, 12:15 p.m. in HC102 (Vick Seminar Room). Contact Lynn Duncan at echoes92@charter.net  if you have any questions. There will be a short presentation and time for show and tell. Bring any stamps you might have for trading.

Have you heard? ***Steel Magnolias***, a play by Robert Harling and directed by OLLI's Francine Hachem, will be presented by The OLLI Players SIG March 7-10. Tickets are on sale NOW in the OLLI office for $5. Don't miss the chance to see this funny, sad, and heart-warming story about friendship and family!

***Furman Features***

**Movie Screening Opportunity!**The Riley Institute and South Carolina ETV are hosting a film screening on **February 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m**., of the documentary *"Breaking the News,"*which follows a scrappy group of women and LGBTQ+ journalists banding together to launch The 19th\*, a digital news startup aiming to combat misinformation. The screening will be followed by a discussion led by SCETV CEO Adrienne Fairwell on amplifying voices left out of American media coverage. This event will be held in Burgiss Theater in the Trone Student Center and is free and open to the public. Click here for [**Registration**](https://furman.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=af3c4f8f7dbdb371355240f24&id=9757b16165&e=2b19719a99).

Furman’s Symphonic Band will perform a Winter Concert on **Friday, February 16, 7:30 – 9p.m.** featuring music of celebration and memory, including works by Dimitri Shostakovich (*Festive Overture*), Ukrainian-born composer Catherine Likhuta (*Home Away From Home*), and Roland Lo Presti (*Elegy for a Young American*). The program will also feature student flute soloist, Melinda Thompson. The concert will be held in McAlister Auditorium. Free and open to the public.

***What's Happening in the Upstate***

Greenville Center for the Creative Arts will open the ***Long Overdue*** exhibit with **a reception TONIGHT 6-9 p.m.** In *Long Overdue*, artists Traci Wright Martin and Michelle Radford underscore the importance of recognizing and acknowledging women’s contributions. Traci Wright Martin’s charcoal and mixed media series, “Art Herstory and the Moth,” focuses on underrepresented women in art history, paying tribute to them through visual quotations and symbolism. Michelle Radford highlights the historical oversight of women’s textile work and aims to bring recognition to their innovative designs as valuable artistic expressions. Both artists challenge traditional perceptions of gender norms, albeit in different contexts. The exhibit will run through March 27.

First Baptist Church Greenville is thrilled to welcome the internationally acclaimed St. Olaf Choir with Anton Armstrong, Conductor for a choral concert on **Friday Feb. 9 at 7:00 p.m.** at First Baptist, Greenville, SC 847 Cleveland St., Greenville. For ticket information, visit the link [HERE](https://furman.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=af3c4f8f7dbdb371355240f24&id=bfd1af6711&e=2b19719a99)or call 800-363-5487.

**Music on Sunday Series**presented by Temple Israel will welcome the *String Time Duo*on**Sunday, February 11 at 3 p.m.** Each concert is immediately followed by a complimentary Wine & Cheese Reception. Concertgoers have the opportunity to mingle with the musicians and each other. Tickets are available online [HERE](https://furman.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=af3c4f8f7dbdb371355240f24&id=589bd0251e&e=2b19719a99) for $20 or at the door for $25.

**Warehouse Theatre**will present Tony award-winning play, *The Lehman Trilogy*as their next main stage production. The show runs February 2-18 and tickets are now available. Visit the website [HERE](https://furman.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=af3c4f8f7dbdb371355240f24&id=04a6bbe685&e=2b19719a99)for information.

**Greenville Symphony Orchestra** has a full slate of events to enjoy!
**February 6:** Free GSO String Quartet Pop-Up concert 5:30- 6:30 pm at M Judson's Booksellers, 130 S. Main St. Greenville
**February 15:** Andre Bocelli with the Greenville Symphony Orchestra, 8:00 pm, Bon Secours Wellness Arena
**February 17, 7:30 pm and February 18, 3:00 pm**, Peace Center: Greenville Symphony Orchestra presents "Fusion and Fantastique"
Join conductor candidate Wesley Schulz and Grammy-nominated violinist Tessa Lark with the Greenville Symphony Orchestra as they perform Wynton Marsalis' Violin Concerto and Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique.
**February 28, 5:30 pm**: Symphony Insights with conductor Gary Robinson, Sigal Music Museum. Have a glass of wine and learn all about the music for Gunter Theatre concerts March 2 and 3, with conductor Gary Robinson!