***OLLI Notes*
*February 16, 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 Spring24 Brochure**is
 available to view on our Website [HERE!](https://www.furman.edu/osher-lifelong-learning-institute/wp-content/uploads/sites/147/2024/02/S24-WEB-Brochure-edited.pdf)Hard copies are available in the office.
Registration begins **Tuesday, February 20, 8 a.m.**for course package holders and **Thursday, February 22, 8 a.m.** for single course purchasers.

**IT'S TIME TO "SPRING" INTO ACTION FOR
REGISTRATION NEXT WEEK!

Now is the time to make sure you have your user name and password correct.**  If you have trouble with either of these, please call the OLLI office.

**Hints for Online Registration – (**[**www.furman.edu/olli**](http://www.furman.edu/olli)**)**
Click on “Register Here” and enter your user name and password. Your shopping cart will be empty, and you begin shopping by clicking on the gray box stating, “Return to course catalog page.” If the OLLI office assigned your user name, it will be First name, Last name. (If you changed it, or assigned it when creating your account, it may be something different.) Please be reminded that registration requires you to first place the Annual Membership into your cart, if you have not already purchased this year.  Then proceed by adding your package selection (if applicable). Next, you will be able to select your classes and bonus events to add them to cart. If registering for single courses (December 1), you will begin by adding your Annual Membership and then go to selecting your classes and bonus events. **\*\*Please keep in mind that loading of pages on the website may be slower than normal due to the high volume of traffic on registration days**

**Spring Course Brochure Updates**
**Class Cancellations**
*HFE 583*WorstCase Scenarios Tues.@10:45 a.m.
*SNM1101* Space through Science and Science Fiction Mon.@10:45 a.m.
**Day Change:**
*SNM1104*Magic of Statistical Thinking will meet Wednesdays @ 9 a.m., HC104
**Start Date Change:**
*HFE533*International Folk Dance will begin a week late on March 26.
**Mystery Readers Book Selections:**
March 28        “The Sanctuary” by Katrine Engberg
April 11           “City Under One Roof” by Iris Yamashita
April 25           “The Last Sinner” by Lisa Jackson
May 9              “A Bend of Light” by Joy Jordan Lake

There is ROOM for YOU in the following
 **Friday Bonus Events**

If you would like to sign up, please **call the OLLI office** at 864.294.2998**.**
**February 23**
Lennon, the Mobster and the Lawyer, 10- Noon - Many spots
Personal Power and Influence , 1- 2:30 p.m.- 1 spot
Shi Institute, 11- Noon - 6 spots
Savvy Senior Program on Scams (rescheduled from Jan 19),10-Noon 15 spots

**March 1**
Spring Ephemerals, 8-3 pm. - 3 spots
History of Israel, 1- 2:30 p.m.- 6 spots
Falling Outside the Lines, 1-3 p.m. - 1 spot
Carter Family Winery Tasting and Tour (rescheduled from Feb 9), 1-2:30 pm., 22 spots;  $30 fee

***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=3fae89d3c8&e=d7ddd2d0e1) EmailMike Pillsbury, Grants Committee chair, with any questions, or see Nancy Kennedy in the OLLI Office.

**Special Opportunity:  "Jerusalem: Gateway to Heaven"** delves into the intertwined history of the three Ibrahimic religions, spotlighting Jerusalem’s significance and the reasons it evolved into a holy hub. In this **virtual reality experience**, participants will be immersed in panoramic views of the city from the Mount of Olives, standing on sacred grounds, and exploring the holy sites revered by Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, weaving a rich tapestry of shared spirituality across four religious traditions.  The event includes a **lecture, Q&A, and an opportunity to use Virtual Reality (VR) headsets** for a “visit” to Jerusalem.  Our presenter is Claudia Saleh, founding partner in the formation of MagdalaVR360 (“MVR360”), a multi-media management company headquartered in Israel. She has served as a professional guide, guest lecturer, movie producer and teacher for industry and government leaders, faith-based institutions, and pilgrimages, throughout the world. Claudia has degrees, certifications, licenses and academic credentials in archeology, theology, anthropology, history and business. She is regarded as a global leader in the application of advanced multi-media communication technology to create travel adventures in virtual reality.  The event will be on **Friday, February 23, 11:30-12:45**. We have room for 40 OLLI members. [Sign up here](https://forms.gle/vbeiZF7NKn9ZCwYr8)**.**

**Parking Notice:** Many of the handicapped spaces in our lot have a space next to them painted with "cross-hatches."  These are NOT parking spaces, but are there so that people in wheelchairs can adequately access their cars. Please do not park in these areas.

**Read and Explore with OLLI 2024**

We have launched our first of our REO 2024 special events to delve further into *Rocket Boys*by Homer Hickam and members have had a blast!  OLLI 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.
Sign up for these special events in the OLLI Office or call 864.294.2998.

***West Virginia Coal Mining History*** with Kenton Colvin, a long-time instructor at OLLI at West Virginia University. Come learn about the history of WV coal miners and their families, coalcompanies, coal barons, homes, schools, company stores and mining towns. We’ll look at government interaction, labor unions, police action, mine wars, and their impact on coal miners and their families. You’ll also hear about child labor, the value of women, company stores, payment in script, Yellow Dog Contracts, and much more! **Thursday, February 22, 3:30-5:30 via Zoom.**[**https://furman.zoom.us/j/97109706877**](https://furman.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=af3c4f8f7dbdb371355240f24&id=9e39c22d8b&e=02ca3689c0)**,**  Meeting ID 971 0970 6877

*Rocket Boys*was made into a film, ***“October Sky,”*** in 1999, featuring Jake Gyllenhaal and Laura Dern. Join film buff and OLLI instructor Judy Aten to view the film and hear a few important facts about the film. This event takes place in the theater at the **Upcountry History Museum** (540 Buncombe Street, Greenville, 29601) on **Friday, March 1 at 1 p.m.**  **Please reserve your seat by signing up in the OLLI office.** (There might even be popcorn and movie candy!)

***OLLI Happenings***

**Tuesday Lunch & Learn** for next week, **February 20, 12:30-1:15 p.m.** Come learn about ***Care Giver Stress*** with Diana Jahries, Memory Health Programs. 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!

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!

**Shi Center for Sustainable Communities Art Display Submission Call**
Furman’s Shi (Sh/aI/ - emphasis on i sound) Center for Sustainable Communities is offering a unique opportunity to showcase your art work, as well as your love and concern for nature.  The theme for this upcoming exhibit is: ***INTERSECTION: Man and Nature.***The exhibit will exclusively feature the creative works of our OLLI members.The Shi Center will utilize 11X14 black frames that are matted to an 8X10 opening which will be provided for the submissions. The art work can be oriented either in a landscape or portrait mode. Photographers can submit their digital photos directly to the Shi Center via email to maryfrances.shelato@furman.edu**.**
For the painters and sketchers, please contact Jessica Justice to bring your piece to the OLLI office to be photographed and the photo will be submitted to the Shi Center, which will then print and frame your piece, as the hanging system works exclusively with the frames they are providing. There are display cases for mediums that would require such; fiber arts, wood carving, etc.
The theme of ***Intersection: Man and Nature*** is meant to encompass a variety of viewpoints and approaches to the nature that surrounds us and is meant to inspire, not restrict. **The exhibit will kick off with a reception at the Shi Center for the artists and a tour of the facilities on March 20th at 4 - 5:30 p.m.**Submission forms with additional information can be found at the link below and may be submitted to the OLLI office or the Shi Center by **February 27.**  [Art Submission Form Here](https://www.furman.edu/osher-lifelong-learning-institute/member-resources/forms-policies/). Let’s help bring OLLI talents to the Shi Center!

**Euchre anyone?** That’s right. OLLI is looking to start a Euchre (**yoo**·kr) SIG. If you have played this card game that is quite popular in the Midwest, and have reinstituted the SIG to allow for a time for fellow Euchre enthusiasts to play at the Herring Center. Mark your calendar and plan to play at their next gathering, **Friday, February 23, HC113 from 1pm – 3pm**. (Note: The Euchre SIG meets on the second and fourth Fridays of each month during each term.)  Please contact Carol Williams with questions or to let her know of your interest!

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.

The OLLI SIG, **Theater of the Spoken Word,**will do the Readers Theater production of *'Echoes in the Chambers of the Heart'.* Auditions will be 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., March 19 HC104. Everyone is invited to try out. The Show will be 6:30 p.m., April 22 HC110. For more information contact Bill Burns, talsydon437@gmail.com

**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.

***Furman Features***

**Furman’s Symphonic Band** will perform a *Winter Conc*ert 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.

Catch a Furman focused PBS Documentary Screening, *Learning Wild* on **February 18, 5 p.m. in Younts Conference Center.**
The documentary spotlights a semester-long program called Wild Semester.  Furman students spend three months in a ghost town in the Gila National Forest in New Mexico (hence New Mexico PBS). It shows the students learning wilderness conservation skills and interviews alumni who went through the program and now work in conservation.  The screening is free and opening to the public. Watch a trailer [HERE.](https://vimeo.com/showcase/10915616)

Enjoy a night at the theatre while you support students!
**Furman Theatre** will present ***Screentime,***a new play by Margaret Rose Caterisano on **February 20-24 at 7:30 p.m. and February 25 at 2:00 p.m. at The Furman Playhouse.**Arlene and Zoee are employed by Dolores as part of a PR company. Their job this weekend is to run a flooring convention for the PR Firm’s top (and only) client at the Phoenix Resort in Atlanta. The problem for Arlene is that her boss Dolores is also her aunt, and it gets hard to separate the obligation to family from the obligation to employer. As Dolores’ demands become more and more intolerable, mischief, romance, and technology all collide in this blend of old-world sensibilities with a new world style.

[**Purchase Tickets HERE!**](https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?ticketing=futa)

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

The **Herring Chamber Ensemble of the Greenville Chorale**is excited to present its **26th Annual Winter Concert February 25, 2024 at 3p.m.**The ensemble will present selections from BACH to BILLY JOEL. Selections will also highlight works of several internationally-renowned and Greenville local composers, Mark Kilstofte and Dan Forrest. Hear the extraordinary sounds of this 24-voice ensemble in the beauty of Furman’s Daniel Chapel. **Discounted tickets for OLLI members can be purchased through the OLLI office, $32.**

**Greenville Symphony Orchestra** has a full slate of events to enjoy! Visit their website [HERE](https://www.greenvillesymphony.org/) for details and tickets.
**Wednesday, February 28 5:30 pm***Symphony Insig*hts at Sigal Music Museum, FREE admission. Meet conductor Gary Robinson and soloist Caroline Robinson to learn all about the music and history behind the Greenville Symphony's "Everything Old is New Again" Gunter Theatre concerts.

**Saturday March 2, 7:30 pm and Sunday March 3, 3:00 pm** the Greenville Symphony Orchestra presents *"Everything Old is New Again"* at Gunter Theatre.

**Jocassee Lake Tours has a spring adventure tour planned!**
**THE FASCINATING HISTORY OF OCONEE BELLS**
The Oconee Bell, once called “the most interesting plant in America,” shares a fascinating history with early explorers of the Jocassee Gorges.   Learn who these adventurers were and why early botanists spent nearly a century seeking out this elusive wildflower. Join us for a classroom presentation, followed by a 3 hour pontoon tour of Lake Jocassee to find the Oconee Bell in its native habitat, deep in the wild terrain of the Jocassee Gorges. Join in this event on March 8, 11am-3pm (includes 1 hour classroom presentation in the Holcombe Room at Devils Fork State Park - 161 Holcombe Circle, Salem SC 29676)
Price: $65 per person- (minimum of 6, maximum of 24 people. Rain dates will be planned. Call 864-280-5501 to reserve your spot.