***OLLI Notes
February 9, 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.**

**Mark Your Calendar:**OLLI@Furman will be open and running on a regular class schedule for Presidents' Day, Monday, February 19, 202

The OLLI@Furman Spring 24 Brochure is posted on our website [HERE!](https://furman.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=af3c4f8f7dbdb371355240f24&id=8d29d25047&e=f4a84492f6) Hard copies have been mailed, on the lookout in your mailbox! Hardcopies are available in the office. Registration will begin on Tuesday, February 20 @ 8 a.m. for course package holders and Thursday, February 22 @ 8 a.m. for single course purchasers.

**Spring Course Brochure Updates**
**Class Cancellations**
*HFE 583*Case Scenarios Tues.@10:45 a.m.*SNM1101* Space through Science and Science Fiction Mon.@10:45 a.m.

**Room Change:**

*PPG1353*Art of Handling Tough Conversations moved to HC113

**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

Parking in Handicap

**Remember to wear your name tag!**It helps your classmates, instructors and staff become familiar with our members and gives you access around Furman's campus. Missing a name tag? Stop by the OLLI office and check the name tag boxes for yours or place you name on the signup sheet to have one made for you.

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 16**
Market Basket - 1 spot
**February 23**
Lennon, the Mobster and the Lawyer - Many spots
Personal Power and Influence - 4 spots
SHI Center - 1 spot

**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://forms.gle/YPwhqazFiEeJY9VE9)**.**

***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://www.furman.edu/osher-lifelong-learning-institute/instructor-resources/olli-instructor-grant-application-form/) 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**.

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

**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, coal companies, 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>, Meeting ID 971 0970 6877

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://www.cbs.com/shows/video/igIniOMFmVxYU_N8_rHQP9eL2Az6ufkb/)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 Happenings***

**Tuesday Lunch & Learn** for next week, **February 13, 12:30-1:15 p.m.** come learn about ***Racial Economic Disparities in the City of Greenville***, Dr. Ken Kolb, Professor of Sociology, 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!

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!

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.

**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***

**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://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/y2v23gr/lp/91dfa77a-d3d7-4a78-a659-46cdc25a7965?mode=preview&source_id=d6788bf0-3e74-46ab-b134-1eaf4e4eaa33&source_type=em&c=).

**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)

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

First Baptist Church Greenville is thrilled to welcome the internationally acclaimed St. Olaf Choir with Anton Armstrong, Conductor for a choral concert TONIGHT, **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://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-olaf-choir-at-first-baptist-greenville-greenville-tickets-741734145797?aff=oddtdtcreator)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://www.templeofisrael.org/musiconsunday) 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=bc7fd0ee65&e=2b19719a99)for information.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.
**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!