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# Osher Lifelong Learning Institute OLLI at Granite State College

July/August 2007 Newsletter



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## Our OLLI's Three – and Moving Forward!

Congratulations to all members of OLLI at Granite State College!

I am extremely pleased to announce that the Bernard Osher Foundation has renewed our grant for a Fourth Year. It's a great accolade for OLLI -- and the credit and kudos belong to each and every single one of you. Thanks so much for your continued enthusiasm, involvement and hard work that has enabled us to reach our third birthday almost 450 members strong!

Our next giant step forward -- applying for an endowment from the Osher Foundation -- requires a number of things, the first of which is **an active membership of 500**. My question is not "Can We Make this Number?" but rather "When?" The answer to the first question is undeniably yes! The answer to the second is up to us all, encouraging friends, neighbors, relatives, even strangers, to join OLLI for the serious fun we all know so well.

We've been busy planning and creating a genuinely terrific Fall Session for all three sites--you'll discover lots of exciting new classes along with the return of some of our favorite presenters. Catalogs will be mailed in mid August and classes begin September 24th.

I look forward to seeing many of you soon at our Fall Preview/Open House events (August 29 in Manchester, September 5 in Exeter, September 6 in Concord) and thereafter in class. Thanks for everything!

*Virginia Martin, OLLI Project Director*

## Flying Through Time with Ed Brouder

On a beautiful summer day, June 29, 2007, 35 people attended a most enjoyable illustrated presentation on "Flying Through Time," the history of aviation in Manchester and the evolution of Grenier Field and the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport by Edward W. Brouder, the "traffic guy" at Manchester's WZID radio station.

The attendees at this OLLI lecture, held at Bethany Chapel in Manchester, also enjoyed a homemade lunch prepared and served by the church staff.

Ed Brouder, author of the 434-page book *Manchester's Airport: Flying Through Time* delighted the audience with stories of the first hot-air balloons and planes to land in Manchester, taking his listeners through the military years, the political fights and the successful endeavors of community leaders who persevered in helping Manchester establish what is clearly one of the finest regional airports for a small city and a gateway for travelers to the Granite State.

Following the presentation, Ed answered questions posed by the audience and hosted a lively discussion. He also had copies of his book available for purchase and was happy to autograph them. Those in attendance felt strongly that the program ought to be repeated by OLLI at a future date.

*Bob Steiner, Publicity Committee*

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## Sunday Cruise to Appledore

Early Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 30 Granite State OLLI members and guests accompanied by six UNH Marine Docents boarded the UNH research vessel R/V Gulf Challenger for a trip to Appledore Island, one of the nine beautiful Isles of Shoals off the coast of Maine and New Hampshire. Picture-perfect weather and friendly knowledgeable docents made this a day to remember. On the trip to Appledore, the Docents pointed out interesting historical sites along the banks of the Piscataqua River and presented on-board plankton and intertidal organism programs. An added treat was the sighting of harbor and gray seals sunning themselves on the rocks at Duck Island.

Once on Appledore, participants enjoyed the rugged beauty of the island and had the choice of taking a nature tour, an Appledore history tour (including a visit to Celia Thaxter's garden) or sitting in a charming gazebo for a more relaxing Isles of Shoals history presentation. Everyone got a chance to choose two of the options, enjoying bag lunches in between. The day was made even more exciting by the many nesting gulls that made it clear that visitors were not welcome. The gulls did allow occasional glimpses of fluffy, newly hatched chicks. A tour of the Shoals Marine Lab added to a most exciting day and gave a glimpse into the life of an undergraduate student studying the marine world

At the end of the day, a tired but happy group returned to Portsmouth, just avoiding the thunderstorms. The group is extremely grateful to the wonderful UNH Marine Docents lead by Arnie Silverstone and Anne Beattie as well as the captain and crew for making the day so memorable.

*Dottie Nelson, Curriculum Committee*

## FALL 2007 CATALOGS!

Watch for your copy of the fall catalog. Expect delivery in mid-August. Plan to register early for the courses you wish to attend.

## Fall 2007 – Seacoast

Want to learn how to build a stone wall? See and hear a brand new, but classical European church organ? How about a politician's view of the NH Presidential Primary? "Exit Strategies" is the name of the presentation to be given by a local attorney. Any ideas of what it is all about? (Hint: the attorney does a lot of estate work.) These are but a few of the dozen Seacoast OLLI programs planned for this fall.

### Seacoast Libraries

By late summer, all OLLI members will have received their fall catalogs. The challenge is then to get these wonderful booklets into the hands of the potential OLLI members in the area. Seacoast libraries have become a key component of Seacoast OLLI's network. Impressed with the quality of OLLI programs, local library directors are quite happy to keep catalogs on display. Tell your friends where the catalogs await them. Even better, pick up a couple at your library and give them to friends.

### Retired Educators

New Hampshire's retired educators are well-organized, active and inquisitive. While many OLLI members are former educators, we are looking forward to "getting the word out" to hundreds more. Seacoast OLLI members hope to speak with the Southeast Retired Teachers group at Portsmouth Country Club this fall. The presentation had better be well done...we don't want any detentions for sloppy homework preparation!

*Jeff Hillier, Co-Chair Seacoast OLLI Committee*

### Sneak Preview

In the fall semester, the Seacoast region will be offering a book discussion class based on *Collapse* by Jared Diamond, about environmental decision-making that led to disaster for the people of the region. The discussion leader is Elaine Emery who led this spring's discussions of *The Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln*.

*Elaine Emery, Seacoast OLLI Committee*

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## Senior Resource Festival

On June 27, the OLLI Publicity Committee participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Resource Festival for Seniors held at the William Cashin Senior Activity Center in Manchester. There were dozens of exhibits offering products and services for seniors. Almost 300 seniors visited the Resource Festival.

One of our OLLI members, Yvonne Cote, won the Festival's top prize (\$50 cash) for collecting the greatest number of colored game pieces during the day. Congratulations, Yvonne!

Members of the OLLI Speakers Bureau welcomed visitors and enlightened them as to the benefits of joining OLLI. We thank those who hosted the OLLI display table: Peter Braen, Phoebe Stone, Jim Eddinger, Jean McGiffin and Norma Bolduc.

OLLI awarded a gift of one year's free membership plus free tuition for one fall course to Frances L. Dusseault of Goffstown whose name was drawn at the end of the day.

*Norma Bolduc, Publicity Committee*

## OLLI Speakers Bureau

The Speakers Bureau is a sub-committee of the Publicity Committee, coordinated by Sue Staples. Volunteers are available for speaking engagements before civic organizations and men's or women's groups. If you know of any organization looking for a speaker, contact the OLLI office at (603) 513-1377.

*Sue Staples, OLLI Speakers Bureau*

## Volunteers Needed – We Can't Do it Without You!

Please join us to help during new member/class registration. Specifically, we need (reasonably) computer-savvy members to help in the Concord office during the registration season, from **August 14-September 19**.

If you can spare some time to help during this period, (generally, Tuesdays-Thursdays) for one or more 3-hour "shifts" morning or afternoon,

answering the phone and entering data into the computer (with training, of course), please call Martha Clapp (Concord, 227-9915), Margaret Wiggin (Manchester, 668-6423) or Joan Gillis (OLLI office, 513-1378) to schedule your slot to HELP. You can help us GROW!

*Additionally*, volunteer opportunities are available on the Speakers Bureau, the Curriculum Committee and the Publicity Committee. Please contact the OLLI office (603) 513-1377 if you are interested in assisting in any of these areas.

## A Sincere Thanks to Barbara Grant

As many of you already know, Barbara Grant recently left the OLLI staff to accept a new position as Administrative Assistant for Concord Learning Center at GSC. While we are delighted for Barbara, members and presenters will undoubtedly miss her friendly and helpful ways.

It was just three years ago that the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Granite State College began. As OLLI's first Project Director, it was my job to hire an assistant to work with me and the organizing volunteers to get this program launched. In addition to skills and experience, I needed a "team player" with great people skills, a sense of humor and an adventurous spirit. And that's Barbara!

From setting up the first OLLI office to organizing the introductory programs to helping give shape and substance to an ever-changing endeavor, Barbara demonstrated her team spirit, patience, and ability to laugh many, many times. Her expertise in film and her creativity in general have been great benefits to the program. Above all, in her role as an OLLI staff member, Barbara treated everyone with consistent warmth and respect.

We are fortunate that Barbara will continue with OLLI as a member and a newsletter volunteer. As we "gear up" for the excitement and challenges of "Year Four," let's all wish Barbara the best in her new job and appreciate her significant contributions to OLLI. I know I always will.

*Sue Staples, OLLI Speakers Bureau*

**Questions?? Ideas?? Let us hear from you!**

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## **OLLI 2007 Fall Preview/Open Houses**

**JOIN US - Bring a Friend!**

### **Concord**

**Date:** Thursday, September 6th

**Time:** 1-3 PM

**Location:** Granite State College  
8 Old Suncook Road

### **The Seacoast**

**Date:** Wednesday, September 5th

**Time:** 10 AM - Noon

**Location:** Christ Church.  
43 Pine Street, Exeter

### **Manchester**

**Date:** Wednesday, August 29th

**Time:** 2-4 PM

**Location:** Parish of the Transfiguration,  
corner of Kelley and Alsace Streets

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