



News from Concord OLLI

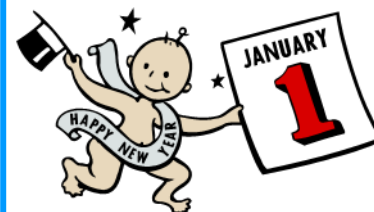
In Search of Lincoln – Man and Myth by Ginny Gerseny



Joanna Henderson will teach her Abraham Lincoln course at GSC Concord on Thursday afternoons beginning January 6th, 13th and 20th, from 1:30-3:30 pm. The snow date is Jan. 27.

To register for this course, you may call Christina Link at the office, 513 -1377. Be sure you have your Visa card available when you make the call. The tuition is \$20.00. Or you may mail your reservation to the OLLI Office, Granite State College, 8 Old Suncook Rd. Concord, NH 03301, and enclose a check for \$20 made out to OLLI.

Concord Calendar



Coming Up In Jan

Happy New Year
In Search of Lincoln

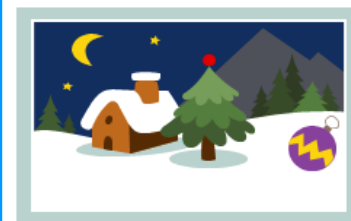
Committee Meetings:

Central	Jan 10
Steering	Jan 12
Curriculum	Jan 19

Coming Up In Feb

OBBU Railroads
Dining Out

Newsletter photos
by Paul Basham



All Aboard!



It's all aboard for the Railroad OBBU on Monday February 7th. We will meet at Horseshoe Pond place at 9:30 am.

Mr. Christopher Morgan, the administrator of the Rail and Travel Committee for the State of New Hampshire will be speaking to us in the morning along with Peter Darness, owner of the New England Southern Railway Co. Inc. Mr. Morgan will speak on passenger service, and Mr. Darness will tell us about freight railroads. The afternoon program will be short presentations of many fascinating parts of railroading.

To get to Horseshoe Pond Place, go to the end of North Main Street (where the Kimball Art School is) and turn right. Immediately, Commercial Drive will be on your right. Follow Commercial Drive to the end, then turn left. You will see the big sign for Horseshoe Pond Place on your left. The Community Room is at the far end of the building, with a sign at the door.

Call or write to the OLLI Office to register. You can use Visa, Master Card or Discovery Card for a telephone registration, or, after you register with Christina you may send a check (payable to OLLI) to Granite State College, OLLI, 8 Old Suncook Road, Concord NH 03301.

OLLI at GSC MISSION STATEMENT

Build a vibrant and sustainable member-driven organization that creates and provides intellectually stimulating lifelong-learning opportunities for NH residents 50 and above.

Farewell and best wishes



The new year will be a year of change in New Hampshire and also in our own program. January 7 is the last day of work for our OLLI director, Virginia Martin. After taking an Elderhostel course and exploring a bit, Virginia decided she is ready for a new adventure in her life and she is moving to Santa Fe, New Mexico. While leading OLLI, she developed Conway as a new site, assisted Claremont in opening a site this spring, increased membership and has continued to support an increase in the number and quality of our classes. One of the first things she did for her new “retirement” is to register for the Renaissance program - the senior learning program in Santa Fe. Virginia has been an ambassador for our program in the community, and her energy and enthusiasm will be missed. Enjoy the Land of Enchantment, Virginia, and keep in touch.



Semester Lengthened Save the dates!

Because of the number of courses offered in the spring term, we are extending the semester by two weeks to May 27! There are courses on photography, health, Great Decisions, writing, and politics, to pick a few. Plus we are starting a new program called Lunch and Learn. Bring a lunch or buy one at Heritage Heights’ cafeteria, eat while listening to a speaker, and get to know some new friends. We have a number of talks on Concord history, but there are other topics as well. And Ginny Gerseny has put together some Out and Abouts and a Luncheon at the Concord Country Club. We tried to get courses for varied interests, varied lengths of courses, and some active courses. There should be something for everyone!



This Is Your Time



The Curriculum Committee is beginning its work for the Fall 2011 semester. If you have an idea for a course, have heard a good speaker or attended an interesting workshop, let the Curriculum Committee know. Do you have a passion or interest that you can share? Gather as much information as you can about your planned program and contact Jean Robbins, co-chair of the Curriculum Committee at jsrob-bins@comcast.net. With your input we will continue to build a good program.

Anyone for Bridge?

The OLLI Bridge Group meets on Monday from 1 - 3:30 at the Horseshoe Pond Place Community Room. We are a social bridge group who vary in our bridge playing ability. Luckily we have Bob, who is our resident expert. We welcome any players at any time. No commitment needed, we just fill the tables as we come. Come join us and try it out. If you need more information or directions, call Stu Russell at 225-0567, email him at stuartruss@gmail.com, or Peg Fargo at 226-4574 (email- pfargo@hotmail.com).



The Lunar Eclipse and OLLI by Paul Basham

It is now Monday, December 20, and tonight is the longest night of the year, the winter solstice, which will coincide with the lunar eclipse when the shadow of the earth will pass over the face of the moon. In fact, the lunar eclipse is expected to start at 1:32 am on Tuesday morning, December 21, and the moon will be totally in the earth's shadow by 2:40 am and will last for 72 minutes.



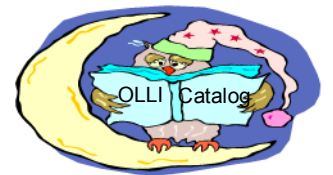
What does this have to do with OLLI? All of this precise information about the winter solstice and the lunar eclipse has been gathered in past years by inquisitive people who were "learning for the fun of it," which is the motto of OLLI. Century after century, sky gazers have been studying astronomical events and have been compiling data upon data for no other reason than they enjoy doing it. This is why we line up to enroll in OLLI courses, because we enjoy learning.

OLLI has 105 courses scheduled for the spring in five different New Hampshire locations. The Seacoast has 21; Manchester, 29; Conway, 21; Concord, 29; and now there will be five in Claremont, a new location. The courses will include topics of literature, politics, science, art, history, antiques, current events, finances, health, gardening, computers, films, creative writing, photography and much more. Keep alert for the catalog which will come out early in February 2011.

I plan to get up at 2 am tomorrow to view the lunar eclipse and I will continue writing this article on Tuesday morning.

It is now 8 am on Tuesday morning, December 21. Yes, I got up last night, (or early this morning) at 2 am. The outside temperature was 21 degrees. I dressed warmly and went outdoors. The sky was overcast, but there were occasional breaks in the clouds that allowed me to see the moon, the light of which was already partly blocked by the shadow of the earth. It is calculated that the speed of the earth's shadow across the moon is 2,300 miles per hour, but from our perspective the shadow moves so slowly. I stayed until the moon was totally in the earth's shadow. By using my binoculars, I could detect a reddish rusty glow on the darkened moon, even through the misty overcast.

A lunar eclipse smack-dab in the middle of the winter solstice is extremely rare and it has occurred exactly as it was predicted. This brings me back to OLLI. The OLLI courses are very original and downright positive. It may be a long time before some of these courses are offered again so we must take advantage of them in this moment of time. We may not have to get up at 2 am to take a class but we may have to make some sacrifice to participate in a course. While the hours of daylight are now going to increase and the nights will be shorter, there will still be just 24 hours each day. So let's make use of the time we have to enroll in some OLLI courses this spring, just for the fun of learning.

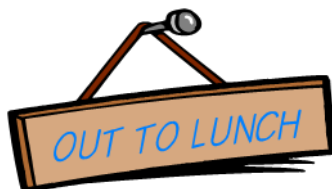


Dining Out with OLLI

Dear Diners,

We will resume our luncheons in February, 2011. If you want to be included in our Dining Out emails and have not been on our email list in 2010, please contact Bobbi Boley at b.boleyn@comcast.net or phone at 603-226-0525 and you will receive the monthly emails about our restaurant luncheons that will occur on the second Wednesday of each month, beginning in February.

Bobbi Boley
Dining Out Coordinator



Winter OLLI Courses and Events by Paul Basham

In Search of Lincoln – Man and Myth

Three Thursdays, 1/6 -1/20 at the Granite State College, Concord \$20
Instructor: Joanna Henderson who teaches in several lifelong learning programs

OLLI Brown Bag University: All Aboard for Trains \$25

Monday, 2/7, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm at Horseshoe Pond Place Community Room, Concord
Step back 50 years when we were all riding the rails.
Bring your own lunch. Beverages and desserts will be provided.

DanzaRa Dance

Three Thursdays 1/6 to 1/20, 10:00 – 11:00 am at Granite State College, Conway \$15
Set your dancing feet free with gentle Meditative Movements and African Healing dance
Instructor: Lisa Holcomb

Mah Jongg, a game from ancient China

Three Fridays 2/11 – 2/25, 10:00 – 11:30 am at Granite State College, Conway \$15
Learn to play Mah Jongg, a game with four people using 152 tiles of Chinese symbols.
Instructor; Carol Fish, who states that Mah Jongg is a wonderful stimulating activity.

Gentle Yoga that Moves You, Two Tuesdays, 1/11 & 1/25 9:30 – 11:30 am \$10

at the Yoga Shack, 288 Old Bartlett Rd., Kearsarge
This class combines breathing, movement, stretching, meditation, good music and fun.
Instructor and owner of Yoga Shack: Jean Lee

The following free events are in the Conway area:

Flatbread Lunch & Unique North Conway Tour

Wed., January 19 noon, at the Flatbread Pizza Co., Eastern Slope Plaza, North Conway
(Lunch at your own expense)

Tuckerman Brewing Company Tour

Saturday, January 29 at 2:45 pm, 64 Hobbs St., Conway

Snowshoeing

Friday, Feb. 11 & 18 from noon to 1 pm
GSC Conway, 53 Technology Lane, Conway
Dress for the weather and bring your own snowshoes

**Please call the OLLI Office to register
Concord at 513-1377 or Conway at 447-3970**



Give a friend the gift of lifelong learning.
Recruit a new member in 2011