



## News from Concord OLLI

### OLLI Appledore Island Discovery Cruise by Paul Basham

The Gulf Challenger ship plied through a thick fog on the Atlantic Ocean on June 13 to Appledore Island with 30 persons on an OLLI trip to learn about the nature and history of the Isles of Shoals.



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**Concord Calendar**  
Summer has arrived!

### **Coming Up In July**

Dining Out July 14

### **Committee Meetings:**

Steering July 14

Curriculum July 21

Central July 12

### **Coming Up In August**

OBBU Aug 3

Fall Catalogs Mid Aug

Fall Prevue Aug 31

### **Coming Up In Sept**

Fall Classes Begin



### **Concord OLLI honors Martha Clapp** by Peg Fargo



When it comes time each year to recommend a volunteer for special recognition at the OLLI staff recognition event, Concord has had no shortage of candidates. Our volunteers are special people indeed, and they are exemplified in our choice this year.

Martha Clapp, one of the voices of OLLI, has been an office volunteer for several years. She has a kind, thoughtful, humorous manner when she talks on the phone to OLLI members and has learned to answer questions and help callers answer those questions they haven't even thought of yet.

Martha is from Massachusetts, and moved to Concord in 2001 to be near her daughter and two granddaughters. Her interests are many - knitting, sewing, quilting and a love of music top the list. She plays bass clarinet in not one, but two local bands - the Hopkinton Town Band and the Kearsarge Community Band.

Martha keeps on volunteering at OLLI 'because of the great people I've met', she says with a twinkly grin.

Our heartfelt thanks to Martha for the hours of volunteer time and for the commitment to our OLLI.

**“Cruisin’ Down the River” by Ginny Gerseny**

**OBBU** It’s OLLI Brown Bag University time, and on Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be cruising down rivers all over the world. Our point of departure will be The Conservation Center of the Forest Society on Portsmouth Street.

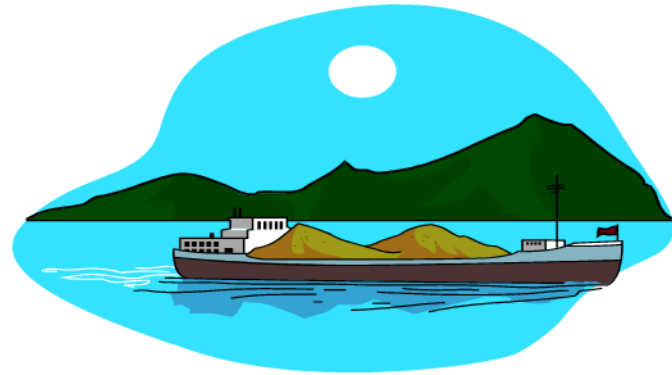
Our day begins at 9:30 am, and will end about 3pm. On our cruise you will learn about rivers in literature, rivers in music, the geology of rivers, the geography of rivers, and a very special slide show of the “Big Ditch” also known as the inland river way.

As usual with OBBU, you bring your brown bag lunch, and OLLI provides beverages, snacks at the morning break and dessert for lunch. All this and more for \$25.00. If you have never visited the Conservation Center this day will be a treat. The building is set in a forest, and after the meeting you may take some of their nature trails or go down to the Merrimack river.

Please call the office (513-1377) to reserve your place if you wish to pay by credit card. To pay by check, (payable to OLLI) mail your check to OLLI, Granite State College, 8 Old Suncook Road, Concord, NH 03301.

We are limited to 50 attendees and the deadline for reservations is July 29.

Directions: At the top of Loudon Road hill, where the National Guard headquarters are, turn left on Hazen Drive. Turn left on East Side Drive, go to Portsmouth Street, turn left onto Portsmouth Street until you come to the Conservation Center.  
Handicap parking is available close to the building; others will park in the large parking lot.



**Save the Date for Another OLLI “Get Together”**  
**by Ginny Gerseny**

It is not until August 31 - but save the date for our **fall Prevue** Party. Members will have received their catalogs earlier in the month, and of course registration for courses can be made at the office as soon as you have the catalog, but at the prevue you will be able to meet and hear many of the presenters, and you can register then. Again, the party will be at Pleasant View Retirement, 227 Pleasant Street. Valets will be available to bring drivers of cars from the lower parking to the front door.

More from  
Appledore Island



Appledore Island, with its rugged granite shoreline, was originally named Hog Island, but the name was changed to be more attractive to tourists who flocked to the island for the healthy sea air in the company of noted authors and artists. But the island, by any name, is a treasure of magnificent nature and fascinating marine history.

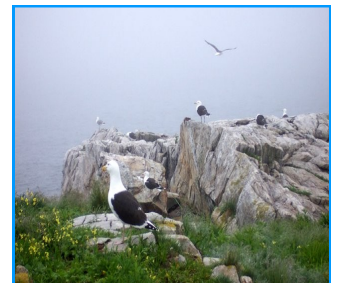


The island archaeologists showed us artifacts that have been discovered from as far back as 3,000 years when Native Americans came to the island to harvest gull eggs and catch the abundant fish. Europeans living on the island in the mid 1600's left coins, remnants of tobacco pipes and broken pottery that were uncovered by diligent students of archaeology.



We visited the flower garden of Celia Thaxter (1835 - 1894) who published her famous book "An Island Garden". We were given a chart that described 97 different flowers in the garden.

Upon arriving on the island we were greeted by screaming sea gulls protecting their newly hatched chicks. Several gulls ventured to dive bomb us as we hiked over the island trails.



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### **"Telling OLLI's Story" by Paul Basham**

Ginger Lever was the presenter of a workshop on strategic marketing and communication held at the Granite State College in Manchester on June 22 that focused on "Telling OLLI's Story". With about 30 persons in attendance, there was a lively discussion on ways to get out the message that OLLI is a place for senior adults to learn for the fun of it. Everyone agreed that OLLI, with its four locations in Concord, Conway, Manchester and the Seacoast, must not be kept a secret.

Several persons explained how they first heard about OLLI and a recurring theme was "a friend told me". Ginger emphasized the importance of relationships which are built on trust. She then showed an impressive video that focused on the overload of messages we all receive on radio, TV, Internet, face book, twitter, etc. etc. and the bottom line is that the most effective messages are still "Word of Mouth".

Ginger quoted the following statistics from OLLI's April 2010 newsletter: courses taught, 87; registrations processed, 1281; number of members taking a course, 442; most courses taken by one person, 13. She commended OLLI on our progress and she liked hearing about the goals we have established for ourselves.

In highlighting the value of good communication, Ginger quoted Archie Bunker from All in the Family, "The reason you don't understand me Edith is because I'm talking to you in English and you are listening in dingbat". Then Ginger asked: "When you are talking to someone, how do you know they are listening?"

The hour and a half session was over in 15 minutes and we all left promising we would tell a friend about OLLI.

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### **OLLI Great Bay Cruise by Paul Basham**

The OLLI trip up the Piscataqua River on a rainy day from New Castle into the interior of Great Bay took place on June 6 with 30 persons on board the Gulf Challenger ship operated by the University of New Hampshire.

The purpose of the cruise was to learn about the environment of the Great Bay Estuary and the plants and animals that live there. We took a sample of the water at the river's mouth and compared it with the water in the bay regarding temperature, transparency, salinity and other factors.

The Piscataqua River is just 12 miles long, but it has one of the swiftest tidal currents of all navigable rivers on earth. There are about five other rivers that flow into the Great Bay and according to Native American legend, the word "Piscataqua" means the place of separation. Coming up the river, travelers in canoes would separate to go up the various rivers to the location of different villages.

Although I brought along my binoculars, I spent more time looking through a microscope at a sample of river water filled with "millions" of protozoan. These small creatures are vital in sustaining life since they are at the bottom of the food chain.

In spite of the rain, all the people on the cruise were good sports and were prepared for the weather. One crew member said, "There is no such thing as bad weather, only unprepared people."



### OLLI Dining Out group by Bobbi Boley

Greetings, diners, from your OLLI Dining Out group. We just had a most delicious lunch at Damian's On The River in New Boston. Eighteen of us gathered at this lovely restaurant that opened their lunch doors just for us. If any of you wish to dine there on your own, please call in advance for hours of service and reservations: 603-497-8888.

Our July 14th, Wednesday, lunch will be at the Colby Hill Inn in Henniker. They are opening their dining room just for our group. We will be ordering off a fixed price menu that will include salad, main dish and dessert as well as coffee or tea for a price of \$20.00 per person plus tax and gratuity. If you choose to order wine or a soft drink that is an extra charge. The main dish will be an abbreviated list of their regular dinner meals (which could include hot salmon, hot chicken, vegetarian, and a pork choice). We will be ordering off this menu and receive separate checks.

Please let me know by July 7th if you plan to attend, so I can notify the Colby Hill Inn.

The Colby Hill Inn is located at 33 The Oaks, Henniker, New Hampshire. Their phone # is 603-428-3281. Their web site is [www.colbyhillinn.com](http://www.colbyhillinn.com). From Concord you can get there by taking Highway 89 going left at Exit 5 onto Highway 202/9. Take the Henniker Exit and turn left; at four way intersection in the heart of town, go right onto Western Ave. Go right on Oak to the Colby Hill Inn on your left. If you need a ride please call Bobbi Boley at 226-0525.



### OLLI Story by Ginny Gerseny

A large Midwestern corporation was losing thousands of dollars on the mechanical failure of a large turbine. The huge machine vibrated so severely it could not be used. The company employed one of the world's most respected technical engineers.

After listening to the turbine run, the engineer climbed a ladder and placed a chalk mark on the side of the turbine. "Mill 1/20,000 of an inch from that spot" he said. The work was done. The turbine was turned on and the vibration was gone!

The company's executives were aghast when they received a \$10,000 bill, and fired off this message to the engineer:

"Bill appears to be excessive. All this for a chalk mark. Please itemize."

The bill was returned, itemized.

"Making chalk mark on turbine \$ 5.00  
Knowing where to make the chalk mark \$9,995.00"

This is the story of why we go to OLLI. It's the learning and the knowing that are important. No matter how many degrees we have earned, there is always a need to know more, so we know where to make the chalk mark.



### **Anyone for Bridge?**

The OLLI Bridge group plays every Monday from 2-4 at the Baker Free Library on South Street in Bow. We play at an intermediate level, currently have 2-3 tables and always welcome new players. If you are interested, stop in and join us or call Stu Russell at 225-0567 - email [stuartruss@gmail.com](mailto:stuartruss@gmail.com) or Peg Fargo at 226-4574 - email [pfargo@hotmail.com](mailto:pfargo@hotmail.com).

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