

News from Concord OLLI

The OLLI Field Trip to the Portsmouth Athenaeum By Paul Basham

The Portsmouth Athenaeum, incorporated in 1817 and located in the Market Square of historic downtown Portsmouth, was the site of an OLLI field trip on April 7 with about 15 persons present.

Tom Hardiman directed a tour of the non-profit membership library and museum which contains 40,000 volumes and old



Photo of our OLLI field trip to the Portsmouth Athenaeum on April 7. Our tour guide, Tom Hardiman, is in the center.

documents of maritime history and culture. The building was once the offices of an insurance company that insured ships, many of which sailed out of Portsmouth during colonial times. The idea of a membership library originated with Benjamin Franklin and the Portsmouth Athenaeum is one of only 13 that continue to operate in United States. The Athenaeum, whose name is derived from Athena, the Greek goddess of wisdom, is an archive of manuscripts and paintings related to New Hampshire's ship building past. There was a model of a ship named "The Witch of the Waves" that was known to have sailed from Canton to London in ninety days. During the tour I looked in a book with a roster of all the passengers that were on the Mayflower and there was no one on board named Basham. My ancestors must have come later.

OLLI On Television By Paul Basham

Twenty OLLI'ers went on an "Out and About" field trip to the WMUR TV Station in Manchester on April 15. Kaitlyn Funk was the tour guide as they visited the studios where TV Channel 9 news and other programs are produced. They saw up close some of the TV personalities and they got to see themselves projected on the screen giving a pretend

weather report. They now have a new respect for all the elaborate equipment and the 110 TV employees who work behind the scenes in bringing to us our evening news.



Concord Calendar

Spring classes in session

Coming Up In May

On two Tuesdays, May 4 & 11, 1 pm to 3 pm, Karolina Bodner will describe life today in Pakistan's Peshawar Region on the Khyber Pass. She will make use of videos, photos and music in her presentation.

On Wednesday, May 5, at 11 am Lee Wilder from the Geological Survey Group of the NH Department of Environmental Services will give a brief overview of New Hampshire's geology, past, present and future.

On Wednesday, May 5, from 3 pm to 4:30 pm Warren Summers will describe the daily life of a typical Civil War soldier based on his studies of the Civil War during the last three decades. He will tell the story of the war from the perspective of both the South and the North in the bloody conflict that pierced the heart of our nation.

Coming Up In June

June 7 Strategic Communications



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The OLLI field trip to the Concord Monitor on 3/19/10 By Paul Basham

Geordie Wilson (right) publisher of the newspaper, conducted the tour. He said the paper carriers travel about 4,000 miles each day in delivering the Monitor throughout the circulation area. About 20 people were on the field trip.



OLLI e-mail By Ginny Gerseny

As we are always looking for ways to streamline our expenses, and as our activities increase we have more need to send messages to our members, we have become concerned about our US postage expenses.

We do not have an email address for about a third of our Concord members, and we wonder if this is because they do not have email or do not want inappropriate e-mails.

Also, we wonder if the mysteries of the computer make these members hesitant to get involved with any part of it. We might be able to provide one-on-one e-mail instruction. If so, please call the office (513-1377) and report your interest in this.

If you will trust us with your e-mail address, we promise that you will receive nothing from OLLI except an office newsletter, a Concord newsletter, an online catalog and invitations and announcements meant directly for you. We do not release e-mail addresses to any outside agency.

We hope that you will notify christina.link@granite.edu stating you are sending an e-mail address released for OLLI use. Thank you.

Ready for lunch?

For all those who love to go out to lunch, join the Diners Group at Johnson's Dairy Barn on Route 4 - a couple of miles past Epsom - towards Portsmouth on May 12 at 11:30. This wonderful family restaurant specializes in fried fish, has an extensive menu and amazing ice cream. We will order off the menu and separate checks are provided. Johnson's would like to have the table set up so please respond to our organizer, Bobbi Boley, by May 6. Call her at 226-0525 or email her at b.boleyn@comcast.net.



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