



News from Concord OLLI

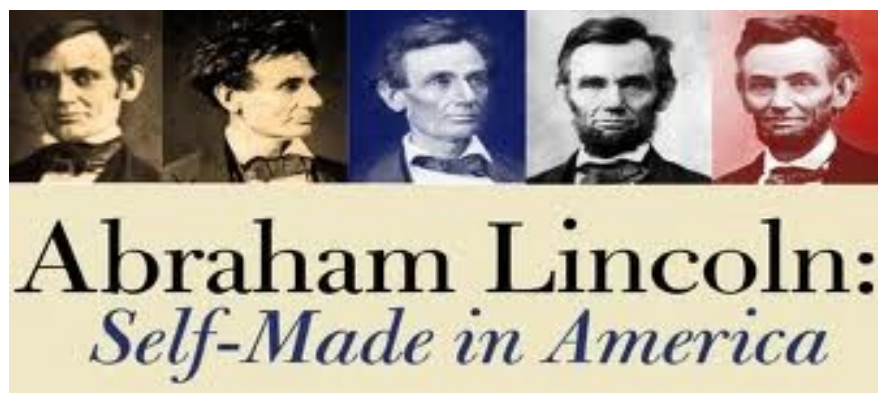
In Search of Lincoln – Man and Myth by Ginny Gerseny

For the first time in Concord we are offering a class in January! Joanna Henderson taught a class about Abigail Adams several years ago, and some of her students asked us to contact her for another class. She 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.

This course will examine the myths embedded in the historical images surrounding Abraham Lincoln which have been presented by his most important biographers. These images are: Savior of the Union, the Great Emancipator, Man of the People, and one of the first self-made men in America. Lincoln turned into a god after his death and remains today a major icon. We will look at the reality and myths of how this president is held in the American memory.

Joanna Henderson has taught at Wheaton College, Babson College and Colby-Sawyer, where she was a dean. Since she retired, she is especially interested in teaching American Studies senior courses which she has done at Colby-Sawyer, New England College and Granite State College.

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 Dec

Happy Holidays

Committee Meetings:

Central	Dec/None
Steering	Dec/None
Curriculum	Dec/None

Coming Up In Jan

A special program is being offered "In Search of Lincoln".

Coming Up In Feb

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Newsletter photos
by Paul Basham



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.

Concord's OLLI wants to "Learn the Membership" by Michael Bujnowski



"Learn the Membership"



As a member driven organization, OLLI is committed to "learning the membership" so you can have the type of programs that will get you excited. You can help by completing a two minute questionnaire. This will help us jump start our efforts to offer you the most interesting and stimulating courses and programs possible. If you have not received your questionnaire or need any assistance please contact mbujnowski@comcast.net or call 224.2593.



We are about members and need your two minutes to succeed.





OLLI who?

Have you ever wondered?

The office has published answers to the most frequent OLLI questions. You can read the answers through our very own web site <http://olli.granite.edu/> by clicking FAQs (Frequently asked questions)

What does "OLLI" stand for?
Who/What is OLLI?
What does OLLI at GSC "do"?
What is OLLI at GSC's mission?
How did OLLI at GSC get started?
How does OLLI at GSC support itself?
Are there other OLLIs in New Hampshire?
What kinds of classes are offered?
Do I have to be a member to take OLLI classes?
How do I become a member?
Are there prerequisites?
How much do classes cost?

How can I get a course catalog?
What if I can't afford the classes?
Can members take classes in all locations?
When are classes offered?
Are there classes outside of the two regular sessions?
Are there social events in addition to the classes?
What if I want to volunteer?
Who teaches for OLLI?
What if I want to teach a class?
What is the focus of OLLI?
What is the structure of the OLLI organization? GSC?

Something new!

Save the dates! During the spring semester, a new OLLI program will begin. **LUNCH & LEARN** will meet on seven Wednesdays for lunch at Heritage Heights (bring your own or purchase at the cafeteria) and a talk about widely varying topics. Learn the history of the Concord Coach; hear about the Currier Museum from one the docents; imagine what Penacook would be like if the Rolfe Barn had not been saved. Seven sessions will be held about these and other topics.

Search for them in the "Spring 2011" catalog. Then come and take part in this new OLLI program where you can eat, meet other OLLI members and learn together.

Also --

Any suggestions of presenters and/or topics are welcomed by the Curriculum Committee. Contact Bill Stone wstone1@comcast.net 603-228-1150 or Jean Robbins jrobbins@comcast.net 603-715-5507.



It's Railroad Time at OLLI in Concord by Ginny Gerseny

Pack up your memories and come to the **Railroad OLLI Brown Bag University** on Monday February 7. We will meet at Horseshoe Pond Place Community Room at 9:30 am, to step back 50 years when we all were riding the rails. During the morning our conductors will be Bob Steiner, an OLLI member for Manchester who is a railroad buff par excellence! We also expect Peter Darness, the Owner-Manager of New England Southern Railway. He will speak about his company and will also tell us some news about the Concord Passenger Railway Authority.

After we have our brown bag lunches plus beverages and dessert that our Refreshment Committee will be serving, we have a variety of talks about the Hospital Train, the Orphan Train, The destroyed Concord Station House, "Is it cabooses or cabeese?" Those Railway Barons and The Train that Lays Its Own Track!

The fee for the full day is \$25. You may register any time buy calling the office and charging the fee to Visa, or sending a check made out to OLLI to OLLI Office, Granite State College, 8 Old Suncook Rd. Concord NH.



**Next Stop
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Feb 7, 2011**

Dining Out with OLLI



Dear Diners,

Ten of us enjoyed a delicious November lunch at The Covered Bridge Restaurant in Contoocook. It was the last lunch of 2010. We will continue our luncheon schedule in February, 2011. Have a joyful holiday season. See you next February.

Sincerely,

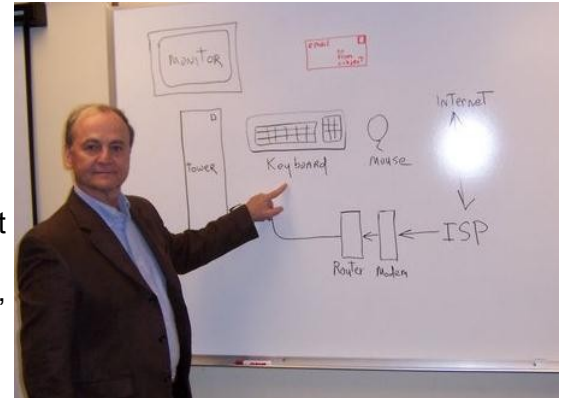
Bobbi Boley
Dining Out Coordinator
OLLI



COMPUTERS - PC100: by Paul Basham

I was so glad I signed up for the OLLI computer course taught by Michael Bujnowski because I was introduced to more ways to enjoy and manage my computer. I had been using just a fraction of my computer's capacity and I increased my computer skills to a new level.

Michael Bujnowski has developed and taught computer management seminars worldwide and has been an Adjunct Instructor at the NH Career Institute. Now retired after 35 years in the computer business, he is sharing his expertise with computer novices like me. He was assisted in the class by Don Goduti who is retired after 45 years in financial and operations management with vast international experience.



I was among 12 persons in the four session course and we all were at different stages in our understanding of computers. This reminded me of my childhood when I attended a one room school house with students in different grades. But just like the one room school teacher, Michael was very patient and he knew how to address each student according to his/her acquaintance with the computer.

After the first class that focused on the anatomy of a computer and all the strange jargon that sounded like a foreign language, we were glad that in the next session we were all seated at a computer. There was one computer for every student. As Michael and Don circulated around the room, they answered questions like, "How do I turn this thing on?" to "Can I send an E-Mail to my cousin from this computer?" or "What is surfing the web all about?"

By the end of the course, students who wanted to configure their first computer or upgrade their old one could do so at an attractive discount offered through Michael's former employer, Hewlett-Packard.

Michael taught us how to get free training on-line from the HP Learning center and how to keep our computers humming. What impressed me was that we had 100% attendance in the first three sessions and in the last session there was just one person absent. He might have been out shopping for a new computer.



OLLI at the Pipe Organ by Paul Basham

Warren Geissinger was the guest organist at the "OLLI Out and About" Organ Recital held at the Wesley United Methodist Church of Concord on Friday, November 12. There was an overflowing attendance in the large sanctuary as Virginia Gerseny welcomed everyone and gave some interesting background about the pipe organ, which was dedicated on Easter Sunday of 1965. She then introduced Geissinger, who proceeded to demonstrate the various sounds and tones of the organ; from the sweet, delicate music of the flute to the low-pitched bass that seemed to vibrate the rafters of the church, much to the delight of the audience.

Prior to the start of the formal recital, Geissinger talked about some of the selections he would be playing, which included the "Cathedral Prelude" and "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by J. S. Bach, "Simple Gifts" by Russel Widner, "Amazing Grace" by John Newton and arranged by George Shearing and "Chorale III" by Ceasar Franck. The ten pieces he played all used the full range of notes and variety of tones he had demonstrated earlier. His final selection was a heart-stopping rendition of Charles Widor's "Toccata from Symphony V" which used the full capacity of the organ.

Geissinger is a graduate of West Chester State College with a major in music. His graduate work was at Temple University and Union Theological Seminary of Sacred Music. After serving as a bombardier during World War II, he taught music for 40 years. His skill on the pipe organ with its wide range of melodies and his love for music were clearly evident and the audience responded with an enthusiastic standing ovation.



Warren Geissinger at the organ.