

# OUTLOOK

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## Spring Term Update

Coming SOON

Still thinking about taking another course or two? The following courses have plenty of available space and time to register so why not take another look?

- April 5 Quantum Computing - What Is It and Why Does It Matter?
- April 6 Independence Corrupted: How America's Judges Really Make Their Decisions
- April 6 Lighting the Way for Airmail: "...nor Gloom of Night"
- April 9 Racial Reconciliation and Reparations After George Floyd
- April 10 Bridge for Your Brain 3
- April 13 Paris Noir: Bricktop, Baker and Porter
- April 14 Things R Better Than U Think
- April 19 GDP: More Important than Happiness?
- April 20 Child of Exile: "The Little Prince" in New York
- April 26 John Winant: War Hero, Governor, Statesman
- April 27 Net Persuasion
- April 28 Current Events: Here, There and Everywhere
- April 28 Science Fiction and Getting Old
- April 29 Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream
- April 30 Cutting the Cord: Watching TV Without Cable or Satellite
- May 3 Poetry for Non-Poets
- May 4 Cod: Could This Fish Have Changed the World?
- May 4 Remembering the Holocaust: Memory and Prevention
- May 5 Three Great Novels about Art
- May 10 Howard Zahniser: America's Unknown Champion of the Wilderness
- May 10 People's History of Portland's Historic Old Port
- May 11 Best Books, Favorites and Sleepers of 2021

Other courses may also still have seats, so be sure to check the online catalog for all available opportunities to enroll.

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## CONSIDER OLLI

*Submitted by Margaret Adams, Class of 2013*

On a beautiful sunny St. Patrick's Day, the Development Team began with comments about the various shades of green attire teasing about "real" Irish or just bluffing for the day.

As the meeting started, a news alert from CNBC proclaimed, "IRS: Wednesday is the 'official payment date' for \$1,400 stimulus checks."

The team's discussion then focused on how we might present a challenge to the OLLI family. Have you, as many of us have, had the thought you might be in a position to use this unexpected gain to the advantage of helping others? Think of how you can have the most the impact.

**ENTER OLLI.** Everyone is aware a donation to OLLI supports the program in so many ways. Members' contributions promote member investment that in turn promotes program growth and long-term sustainability. Donations in any amount work immediately to maintain affordable membership dues and class fees, supplement scholarship funds and build the program's capacity to provide excellent member service for years to come.

It's really easy to do. Visit the OLLI website and click on "[Donations and Scholarships](#)" for information about your donation options. Or call the OLLI office at 603-513-1377 for more information. We look forward to hearing from you.

*Learning for the Fun of It*

# THE HALL STREET JOURNAL.

THE LATEST NEWS

FROM THE OLLI OFFICE, 25 HALL STREET, CONCORD

*Submitted by Jane Fletcher, Interim Program Director*

## **The Rearview Mirror**

I couldn't help but peek at the message I'd written in this column April 2020, as we entered into 'COVID times. It began with this: *"I have a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore."* What a difference a year makes! In April 2021 we may very well be *on the yellow brick road* back home! Or more precisely the *Shots in Arms Highway* back home.

I am pleased to report that Granite State College is optimistic. A plan to "return from remote" is in the final stages of development and should be approved and available soon. The Granite State College plan will guide OLLI programming through a transition phase back to the classroom with contingencies built in to address the potential for swings in the COVID climate in NH.

Meanwhile Granite State College has offered strong support to college/OLLI staff during the pandemic. We have been fully equipped with technology (equipment, software and systems) and offered an opportunity to enhance our remote workstations with office equipment that we may not have otherwise had.

With the help of President Rubenstein and Vice President Shawney, both of whom are OLLI members, solutions for the Conway and Seacoast sites are being developed. Meetings have been scheduled in April to discuss shared classroom space with local community colleges. Best options for portable, lightweight, easy-to-use classroom equipment (laptops, speakers, projectors, screens, etc.) are being researched for purchase.

The search for a full-time OLLI Program Director has resumed. The position has been posted with an eye towards filling it by July 1, the beginning of the new fiscal year. For more information or to apply please visit: <https://jobs.usnh.edu/postings/39301>.

We are very fortunate in that the OLLI Program Director reports to the Vice President of Finance and Administration at Granite State College. This reporting line affords us the opportunity to be nimbler in times of seemingly ever-active change.

Road conditions seem to be improving with better weather, OLLI members. Here's hoping that the "pot-holes" of 2020 are in the rear-view mirror!

## **OLLI To Participate in NH Gives**



*Submitted by Mike Baker, Cochair, Development Team*

The OLLI Development Team announced that OLLI will once again participate in the annual New Hampshire Gives program in June. Hosted by the NH Center for Nonprofits, NH Gives is the state's largest day-of-giving initiative which encourages Granite Staters to give back to the nonprofits that give so much to our communities. For OLLI members this is an opportunity to raise both significant dollars for the program and to broaden awareness of OLLI across the state. NH Gives begins on June 8, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. and ends on June 9 at 5:00 p.m.

OLLI members and friends of OLLI can donate to NH Gives in one of two ways: you can simply tap the link on any online NH Gives document which will be sent to all members before June 8 or, if you prefer, just write a check to OLLI at Granite State College and indicate NH Gives in the memo.

Watch for more information on how to participate in this vibrant program.

## **Spring Term Still has More No-Cost OLLI Programs**

**April 12** - Palliative Care Adds Life:  
Lunch and Learn

**May 14** - HomeFit - Making Your Home  
Safe and Livable for All

Free programs require registration at least 2 days before start. [Click here](#) to go right to the sign-in page.

### **Master Calendar**

**We've developed a calendar listing classes, events and meetings. Full disclosure! It's only going to be as accurate as the people who submit event and meeting data to Outlook. Click the title to view it.**

# NUGGETS OF KNOWLEDGE

Submitted by Jacki Fogarty, Editor

Nuggets of knowledge – more valuable than gold and, through OLLI, easy to find. In March, the term was fully underway with Spring term courses and a number of free educational programs. I went out and asked a few members to tell me just one thing they learned from attending any one of those programs. Here are some of those nuggets of knowledge from OLLI members who attended.

## LEARNING FOR THE FUN OF IT – IT'S PURE GOLD!

### Exuberance! Understanding the Arts of India

Betsy Holmes, Presenter

**Chris Porter:** To sum this up in a single thought, I'd say that the intersection of religion and art in India is considerable. It's impossible to study Indian art, especially in earlier centuries, without some understanding of the religious influences that prevailed in those eras.

**Lillian Carter:** I have seen many images of the Ganesh God but didn't know the history of it. I also enjoyed learning how fabrics were hand painted and how jewelry was made.



### Elections Matter

Claira Monier, Presenter

**Regina McMonagle:** Claira discussed Social Security viability very specifically into 9 distinct options and since Social security is an important issue for seniors, she encouraged us to meet with candidates to find out what their plan is to keep it funded.

### Ambassadorial Ambitions

Kelly Bryer, Presenter

**Frederick Chenevert:** I have lived in New Hampshire since 1974 and over the years visited many of the places that make our state unique. However, as I listened to the overview of how the Ambassador program puts real New Hampshire people in direct contact with visitors, I realized I could be a valued resource. I could become a spokesperson; sharing with pride all that our state has and in a way send someone home with a wonderful memory of this place we call home.

**Leslie:** I am new to OLLI classes and I registered for the Granite State Ambassador (GSA) presentation out of curiosity. The presenter, Kelly gave such an enthusiastic overview of the program that I have decided to take the Certification Training beginning March 30<sup>th</sup>! The real value here is that OLLI has made possible valuable GSA outreach services to the energetic lifelong learners of OLLI. The GSA Program offers volunteers an opportunity for exciting exploration while giving back to our wonderful state.

**Eileen Jasie:** I signed up for the Lunch and Learn to obtain information on what exactly a Granite State Ambassador does, and the biggest take-away for me was learning what a terrific resource [NHGSA's website](#) is for anyone interested in learning about what's going on in our great state, whether a resident OR visitor.



### Making Peace With Food

Jessica O'Connell, Presenter

**Carolyn Scattergood:** One of the things I learned from this class really didn't have much to do with food itself but the fact that many Hannaford stores (and I'm sure many other supermarket companies) have resident nutritionists who are willing to consult with customers. I made peace with food long ago so what was presented was a validation of what I already knew. During the Q & A at the end I commented about how Hannaford helps those who are cooking small portions by selling individual produce items (carrots, celery stalks, asparagus etc.). I asked about offering smaller potatoes (not in a bag) and was told to just ask someone in the department. I did that the next time I went to the store and they were happy to oblige.

### Immigration Redux: Meaning of the Biden Victory

George Bruno, Presenter

**Gary Bennett:** There were a couple of things that I was surprised by and/or did not know.

- I was quite surprised that there are so many different kinds of temporary visas
- I was really surprised that 20%-30% of our medical professionals are born outside of the US, but when one stops to think about in how many circumstances you see them, it really should be no real surprise.
- When we oldsters have always been taught to be honest and keep ones word, I was shocked and disappointed that Renta Filippi really put his life on the line to help the US Immigration officials break up the "coyotes" for the promise they would let him stay in the US, only to have them default on their promise.



## WHAT OLLI IS ALL ABOUT

# Picking the Right Soil

Submitted by Jan Gagne, Class of 2012

Last October Master Gardner Linda Browne of Bedford presented at a Mug 'n' Muffin on



Container Fun. She offered ideas and suggestions about how to make colorful containers that would extend

the color around your yard or in your house. Attendees learned about how to pick a planter, types of plants that can be included, balance of color, soil, and care to enjoy your planter for a longer period.

Attendees from the October session asked for another Zoom event where Linda could share information about picking the right soil. On April 30 Manchester will host Linda from 1:00-2:30 p.m. on Zoom.



Linda Browne demonstrates the use of color

Linda will discuss how to start a perennial garden, how to pick the right kinds of soil composition and the types of perennials you might choose for your garden.

All OLLI members are invited to join us! Email [janetgagne20@yahoo.com](mailto:janetgagne20@yahoo.com) by April 28 to register for this event. An email will be sent on April 29 with the Zoom information.



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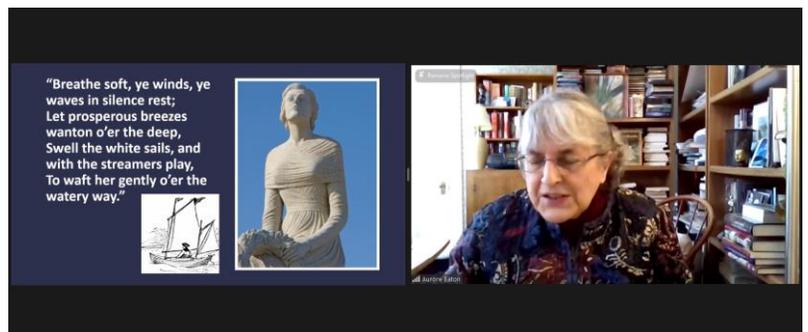
OLLI's Facebook presence has grown over the last several months as has the quality and creativity of the posts from the Facebook team. Lise Juliani heads the talented team including Sandy O'Neill, Gail DeGoosh, Jan Gagne and Glenn Meyers. Posts have progressed from simple graphics to sophisticated slideshows and videos. At the same time, the number of followers on Facebook has grown from 260 two years ago to over 425. Click the link above to see for yourself. And be proud of what you see!

## Zoom Classes Can be Beautiful

Submitted by Jacki Fogarty, Class of 2012

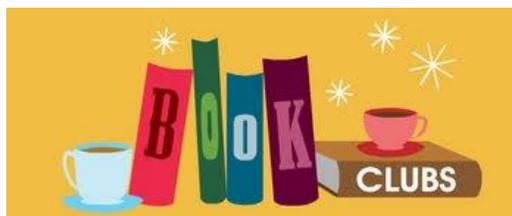
OLLI members have grown increasingly appreciative of the progress shown by presenters in their use of Zoom to offer their classes. PowerPoints and other displays have become more striking and some presenters have successfully mastered the use of short video clips to illustrate their presentations.

Below, Aurore Eaton's presentation on the Marine Monument at Hampton Beach featured beautiful photographs of the monument and historical pictures of the heroes featured.



Paul Brogan's 3-session class featured clips from five decades of Doris Day's illustrious career from movies to music to her television show to awards presentations. And, for good measure, Paul added personal photographs of Miss Day with him and his family.





## Concord Chapter Chats

Meets second Monday of each month at 12:30 p.m.

Submitted by Mary Davies, Class of 2007

Please join us via Zoom even if you haven't attended any of our meetings in the past. You must have an invitation with a link to the meeting in order to attend. If you're interested, email Mary Davies at [marbob75@yahoo.com](mailto:marbob75@yahoo.com) by 11:00 a.m. on the Monday of the meeting.

### April 12 *A Woman Is No Man* by Etaf Rum

Discussion leader: Martha Walsh

This is the story of three generations of Palestinian women who have been oppressed by their culture. Isra was born in Palestine but brought to America in an arranged marriage. Deya is a high school senior dreaming of college but her grandmother wants her to marry in their culture. Traditions, secrets, shame, loneliness and depression are themes in this look at the life of conservative Arab women living in the U.S.

### May 10 *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig

Discussion leader: Andrea Douglas

Nora Seed is unhappy with her life and decides to end it. She wakes up in the Midnight Library, a magical space between life and death where she can examine infinite choices and possibilities and in balancing choices and regrets find ways to embrace life.

### June 14 *The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline

Discussion leader: Mary Davies

The novel starts in a London prison in 1840 and follows two young women sent on a crowded convict ship to an Australian penal colony. This historical fiction also tells the story of an 8-year-old Aboriginal girl adopted by white colonists as a "curiosity."

### July 12 *Perestroika in Paris* by Jane Smiley

Discussion leader: TBD

## Seacoast Fresh Reads

Submitted by John Russell, Class of 2014

Fresh Reads is what was formerly called the Seacoast Political Book Club. We changed our name to reflect our expanding the books we read beyond politics into other areas. In April we will read *The Splendid and the Vile* by Erik Larson and in May *Cod: A Biography of the Fish that Changed the World* by Mark Kurlansky.

**April 19** *The Splendid and the Vile* covers a two-year period during World War II and shows, in cinematic detail, how Winston Churchill taught the British people "the art of being fearless." It is a story of political brinkmanship, but it's also an intimate domestic drama, set against the backdrop of Churchill's prime-ministerial country home, Chequers; his wartime retreat, Ditchley, where he and his entourage go when the moon is brightest and the bombing threat is highest, and, of course, 10 Downing Street in London.

**May 17** *Cod* is the biography of a single species of fish, but it may as well be a world history with this humble fish as its recurring main character. Cod, it turns out, is the reason Europeans set sail across the Atlantic, and it is the only reason they could. As we make our way through the centuries of cod history, we also find a delicious legacy of recipes, and the tragic story of environmental failure, of depleted fishing stocks where once their numbers were legendary. In this lovely, thoughtful history, Mark Kurlansky ponders the question: is the fish that changed the world forever changed by the world's folly?

Fresh Reads meets the third Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. If you would like to join, please contact John Russell at [russelljohn@comcast.net](mailto:russelljohn@comcast.net).

## Manchester Book Group

Submitted by Mike Baker, Class of 2011

The Manchester Book Group will meet on Monday, April 19 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. Contact Mike Baker at [mbmikebaker0@gmail.com](mailto:mbmikebaker0@gmail.com) for a zoom link to join the meeting,



## HAPPY HOUR ON THE SEACOAST

Submitted by Sandy O'Neill, class of 2013

Seacoast OLLI members are invited to join a happy hour on Zoom at 5:00 p.m. on April 15. Even though the due date for federal taxes has been extended to May 17, there is a good probability that many OLLI members have already filed and are ready to celebrate.

An email will be sent out to all Seacoast members inviting them to this get-together. Look for the email, concoct your favorite beverage and get ready to share any tax tips and update your neighbors about how you have been spending your time.



# Chair's Chat

*Submitted by Bill Faulkner, Class of 2010, Steering Committee Chair*

**On your behalf**, volunteers Dee Angwin, Su Bennett, Phyllis Benoit, Sue Bergoffen, Pat Boyle-Steed, Judy Edwards, Jacki Fogarty, Donna Frost, Cindy Graham, Bob Jones, Bob Muzerall, and Sandy O'Neill, working with Program Manager Laurie Galletta, serve on the statewide Curriculum Council and arrange/approve/schedule the many course offerings throughout the year. They are supported by others at our four sites.

**On your behalf**, Su Bennett, Pat Boyle-Steed, Cindy Graham, and Jacki Fogarty lead and are the contact persons for our sites' Central Committees, supported by Jane Fletcher and Tessa McDonnell. They unselfishly and effectively dedicate innumerable hours to maintaining and improving your OLLI opportunities and experience.

On March 15th, in the Halfway Pointers email, volunteers Pam Robinson, Linda Laros, Kathy Cassano, Beth Wagner, Jacki Fogarty, Judi Hess and Joanne Hanninen were recognized for advancing OLLI's recruitment goals. You, too, may help spread the positive news. P.S. Volunteering should be fun, a way to engage with other interesting people for mutual benefit.

## Seacoast Has a Writing Opportunity for You!

*Sandy O'Neill, Class of 2013*

Do you enjoy writing? Have you benefited from OLLI classes and social events? Do you have an hour a month to spare? If you can answer "Yes" to those questions, the Seacoast site could use your skills and enthusiasm.

The Seacoast Central Committee would like to launch a monthly article in OLLI Outlook highlighting decisions made by committees and updating the OLLI public to the class and social activities that have taken place in the previous month as planned by the Seacoast.

OLLI at Granite State College has made great strides to become a statewide program for all our members, yet each site still has its own unique flavor. Please consider helping the Seacoast let other OLLI members know about that unique Seacoast flavor that we possess. Contact Sandy O'Neill at [sandy\\_oneill@comcast.net](mailto:sandy_oneill@comcast.net) for more information about this opportunity.

Do you wonder what your Steering representatives talk about in their monthly meetings? Here are agenda highlights from the March 22 meeting:

1. Shared Leadership
  - a. It appears we will have a new Program Director by June 30. Let's clarify what it means to us.
2. Strategic Plan
  - a. Further fleshing out of the approved 3-year goals.
3. Staff proposals
  - a. membership benefits
  - b. complimentary programs
  - c. social events
4. Membership initiatives
  - a. Should we reconstitute a Membership Committee?
5. Staff Reports
6. Site Reports

I close by asking a favor of you. Today or tomorrow, ask a friend (or even a first-time acquaintance) if he/she is an OLLI member, and then ask why (why not?). I think you will enjoy your conversation, sharing about OLLI. You may even bring us one step closer to our Plan's membership goal of 1400 members.

And, thank you!

*Bill Faulkner*

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*Steering Committee meetings are held on the Zoom platform and give members the opportunity to observe our governance structure firsthand. The next OLLI Steering Committee will meet on April 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. All are welcome (of course, only delegates may vote)! Contact Bill Faulkner at [123Bill456@comcast.net](mailto:123Bill456@comcast.net) for a Zoom invitation.*



# April Calendar

All meetings are by Zoom unless otherwise noted.



## Concord

Mondays, April 5, 12, 19, 26  
Friday, April 9  
Monday, April 12  
Monday, April 12  
Thursdays, April 8, 22  
Thursday, April 15  
Friday, April 16  
Friday, April 23

Concord Movie Club – 3:00 p.m. (Marty Bender, contact)  
Concord Membership Committee – 10:30 a.m. (Jacki Fogarty, contact)  
Concord Central Committee – 10:00 a.m. (Jacki Fogarty, contact)  
Concord Book Club – 12:30 p.m. (Mary Davies, contact)  
Concord Writers Club – 1:00 p.m. (Marilyn Astell, contact)  
Concord Game Day – 1:00 p.m. (Jacki Fogarty, contact)  
Concord Curriculum Committee – 10:00 a.m. (Donna Frost, contact)  
Concord Mug ‘n’ Muffin – 1:00 p.m. (Jacki Fogarty, contact)

## Conway

Wednesday, April 14

Conway Central Committee – 10:00 a.m. (Cindy Graham, contact)

## Manchester

Friday, April 9  
Monday, April 19  
Friday, April 23  
Friday, April 30

Manchester Curriculum Committee – 10:00 a.m. (Dee Angwin, Bob Jones, contacts)  
Manchester Book Club – 10:00 a.m. (Mike Baker, contact)  
Manchester Central Committee – 10:00 a.m. (Su Bennett, contact)  
Manchester Mug ‘n’ Muffin – Picking the Right Soil – 1:00 p.m. (Jan Gagne, contact)

## Seacoast

Thursday, April 8  
Thursday, April 15  
Monday, April 19  
Wednesday, April 21

Seacoast Curriculum Committee – 1:00 p.m. (Sandy O’Neill, contact)  
Seacoast Happy Tax Day Happy Hour – 5:00 p.m. (Tessa McDonnell, contact)  
Seacoast Fresh Reads – 1:00 p.m. (John Russell, contact)  
Seacoast Central Committee – 10:00 a.m. (Pat Boyle-Steed, contact)

## Statewide Meetings and Events

Monday, April 26

Steering Committee – 10:00 a.m. (Bill Faulkner, contact)

## Looking Ahead

Friday, May 21

Curriculum Council – 1:00 p.m. (Laurie Galletta, contact)



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Jacki G. Fogarty, Editor

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