

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Newsletter

January 2013



OLL I

at American University Washington DC



January

4: Board Meeting, 10:30 am, TBC

Lecture Series, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in January: [See our speaker series.](#)

Catalog Clarifications

We are thrilled that the catalogs went out and many people have received them.

A few small changes:
338 Following Economic Policy will be held Wednesday mornings at the Temple Baptist Church.

340 Globalization will be held Tuesday mornings at the Temple Baptist Church.

744 How World War II Happened: Decisions, Decisions will be held Monday mornings at River Road.

We did not include the **reading list** this time although most reading requirements are

Letter from the Board Chair, Linda Miller

2013 promises to be another spectacular year at OLLI at AU.

The spring semester catalog is out and we have the usual amazing panoply of course offerings---- some 75 of them to be exact! Another good sign is that our SHORTS program for February has not only finally hit its stride, but we are going to have to hold a lottery for places in a few of the classes! We are truly a hungry bunch when it comes to gobbling up courses, and it is hard to keep pace with the growing demand. We are indeed trying...

expanding beyond the Temple Baptist Church and forever exploring new opportunities for lectures, course formats, trips, teaching venues, and OLLI Ops.

As you are aware, this coming semester will be our trial run at the 4-H Center. It is our hope that the new venue will prove easy to negotiate--- and park at--- and that we can expand further in the 2013 fall term. Please, please do not reject courses there out of hand: give it a try and let us know what you think. That's true, of course, with the course offerings as well; if you don't get a first choice, try a second. It's amazing how many of us have discovered that even an English major can learn in a physics class--- speaking personally of course!

And to this happy new year message, one final thought: we are trying mightily to expand the participation of our members beyond the handful that people our committees. Please give some thought to where you might be willing to help out. Committees include Curriculum (which recruits and vets SGL's); Social (which plans our parties, open houses, lunches, etc); Investment (which oversees our GROWING endowment); Development (which is creating that endowment); Membership, Personnel, Administration, Speakers, Trippers, and others which come and go or others which need to be created. If you haven't talked yourself into leading a class yet, why not start by joining a committee?

Happy new year to everyone and I wish you health and happiness in 2013.

--Linda Miller



included in the descriptions in the catalog and online. They will be in your registration letter as well.

John Radner at Politics and Prose

New study group leader, John Radner will be speaking at Politics and Prose on February 2 at 6 pm about his book *Johnson and Boswell: A Biography of Friendship*, published by Yale. John will be teaching a class on Orwell for OLLI in the Spring.

OLLI SGL Donations

Many thanks to Study Group leaders Irwin Lebow, Dave Palmeter, Phil Schwartz, Barbara Coleman, Susan Willens and Mark Zweig for their donations to OLLI.

Condolences

We mourn the loss of long-time OLLI members Lucille Frohling and Jeanne Talpers.

OLLI Shorts

The OLLI Shorts acceptance letters are almost in the mail. Those people who did not get in this time will be receiving a refund next week.

Nomination & Election Committee

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OLLI Trippers

On Saturday December 1, 2012 twenty-six curious and art-loving OLLI members traveled to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond, VA.

While we went specifically to see an exhibit of glass works by Dale Chihuly, everyone explored the whole



museum and found it charming and full of wonderful works of art. The bus ride was a nice opportunity to talk and get to know each other and a good time was had by all!

This trip was coordinated by **Liz Nicholas**. We are delighted that Liz has consented to be our new trip coordinator (and we neglected to give her proper acknowledgment in the catalog). If you have suggestions for interesting excursions, do email her at liznicholas@earthlink.net.

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February

12, 14, 19, 21: SGL Training Course- 10-11:50 am, Temple Baptist Church (TBC)

21: Open House, 1 pm with special speaker **Don Bliss** to speak on the Politics of Mark Twain, TBC

26: Study group leader (SGL), study group representative (SGR) meeting- 10-11:50 am, TBC

27: SGL/SGR meeting- 10-11:50 am, 4H

28: SGL/SGR meeting- 10-11:50 am, River Rd.

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Many thanks to Study Group leaders **Van Ooms** and **Stan Weiss** for contributing their class gifts to OLLI.

OLLI Chamber Music Players

OLLI Chamber Music Players welcome new members especially

Letter from the Board Chair, Linda Miller

OLLI (almost) has a new home!! Thanks to the unflagging vision and perseverance of long-time OLLI member and former board chair Ray Rasenberger and our Executive Director, Anne Wallace, it looks like we are close to a deal with American University for a campus home for OLLI. Hopefully, potentially, and.... now, probably, we will be moving into the Washington College of Law building at 4801 Mass Ave NW. We hope the date is as early as the fall of 2015, and have as yet to negotiate a contract and/or price, BUT.... AU has identified us publicly as one of very few potential occupiers of that space. Imagine a building with parking, a cafeteria, and a vast assortment of classrooms, lecture rooms, and social gathering areas. This is definitely progress and, after nearly 30 years in the desert, shines a bright light on our future.



More good news and a giant **"THANK YOU"** to all who gave; we raised more than \$20,000 in annual giving! It is an all-time high and a tribute to the enthusiasm, support and encouragement that we continue to hear from OLLI's members despite the limitations we have been living with over the past many years.

I am thinking BIG! It starts with getting rid of the need for a lottery with more classes and space, and then goes to easy access (like elevators!) for everyone, and having a place to meet and greet, to clean classrooms with microphones that work (and that doesn't even touch the restrooms...)

We still have lots of work to do. The rent will be considerably more than we are paying now, so we are growing the Friends of OLLI Fund as best we can--- and the annual giving number is a great down payment. We are also adding more staff (a third person for Anne and Lena), hoping to earn another grant from Osher, and looking for other ways ---- sponsorships, grants, contributions, legacy giving, etc----to secure our future. Right now it feels like that future is closely tied to AU and to continued and mutually rewarding collaboration with the various schools and their deans.

It feels like a great place to be!

strings. Our next meeting is Friday, February 22, 6 to 7:30. Nancy Snider, AU Music Dept. Director, is our coach.

Contact
mhorne9008@verizon.net
if interested.

Hexagon 2013: Political Satire - All Proceeds to ALS Association

One of our members has asked that we publicize Hexagon Theaters 2013 production of *A Raucous Caucus* performances on March 1-6 at the Montgomery College Cultural Arts Center at 7995 Georgia Ave. Silver Spring, MD 20910 and March 21-23 at the Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre at 125 South Old Glebe Rd. Arlington, VA 22204

For more information go to their website at www.hexagon.org or call 202.333.SHOW.

OLLI Thanks

Thanks to **Martha Horne** for organizing another great January Speaker Series. Thanks to **Bob Coe** for his work organizing the OLLI Shorts. Special thanks to the study group leaders who led Shorts. Also thanks to **Barbara Rollinson** who is coordinating finding study group representatives.

Happy Spring semester to everyone; now all we need is Spring!

--Linda Miller

Welcome Margaret and Mary Fran

We're delighted that **Margaret Haffey** is joining us. She'll be providing AV/tech support for OLLI at TBC during the Spring semester prior to doing graduate work.

Additionally, **Mary Fran Miklitsch** is currently assisting in the office. An long time friend of both Anne and Lena, she is providing much needed administrative support. She has had a successful career in graphic design (including OLLI publications) and is now chasing and carpooling two wonderful children.

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Botanic Gardens Field Trip: March 8 at 1:30

Join us for a tour of the U.S. Botanic Garden's Conservatory. The tour will be one hour in length and will include a short history of the Botanic

Thanks in advance to those of you who volunteer to be SGRs!

Thanks to ...

... these people who helped with our registration mailing organized by **Jaleh Labib**.

Patricia Bruck
Hanne Caraher
Anne-Claude D'Agostino
Ruth Darmstadter
Sue Edson
Di Elkin
Elizabeth Gillbanks
Margaret Haffey
Earl Hall
Erika Latchis
Don Quayle
Gloria Rall
Luz Riches
Lisa Roney
Joan Rooks
Clare Sponis

OLLI Members in Art Exhibit

OLLI members Marguerite Beck-Rex and Ed Goldin are among the featured artists in The Chevy Chase Citizens Association's "Exhibition Celebrating Artists in Our Community." The opening reception is Tues., Feb. 19, 6:30 to 7:30 pm, at the Gallery Lounge, Chevy Chase Community Center, 5601 Connecticut Ave. NW

Memorial Service

A memorial service will be held for Christopher Van Hollen at the Friends

Garden, the US Exploring Expedition and many fabulous plant stories. We will venture from the moist rainforest, through the orchid and medicinal houses, dry out in World Desert, take a quick run through Hawaii and learn about a number of rare and endangered species. We can only take **15 people so email our trip coordinator, Liz Nicholas with your name to: liznicholas@earthlink.net** as soon as you can for this special opportunity. The group will meet at the Gardens and will receive instructions where to meet. Going by Metro is the best way to get there.

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PARTICIPANTS NEEDED!

I am a Georgetown University PhD student currently looking for participants who are:

- Native speakers of English with limited experience with foreign languages OR
- Native speakers of English who read, write, speak, and hear English and Spanish regularly
- Age 60 or older
- Comfortable with computers; i.e., can type with two fingers and use a mouse, no need to be a proficient user of particular programs.

I need people like you to help me complete my dissertation by participating in a study on foreign language learning in older adults. The study consists of three sessions, each 1-2 hours long. You will be compensated for participation. Sessions will take place on Georgetown's campus or in a public location convenient to you. To find out more about participation in the study, contact me (Jessica Cox) at jgc48@georgetown.edu or (302) 354-7122, or Dr. Cristina Sanz at sanzc@georgetown.edu. This is an ongoing project; we can accommodate your schedule.

Mystery Book Club

A new mystery book club will hold its first meeting on Thursday, March 14 at the River Road Unitarian Church at noon and every other week thereafter. Please contact Barbara Coleman, mickeybc6@gmail.com or Susan Greif, Susangreif@gmail.com if you are interested in joining.

OLLI Players In Search of Writers

Meeting House, 2111
Florida Ave. on Friday,
Feb. 22 at 2 pm followed
by a reception at the
Cosmos Club.

There isn't a class this semester, but we'd still like to put on a staged reading this spring. If you are interested in helping write the script, please contact Carol Light (clightdc@hotmail.com). The script will be inspired by a well known modern play about the criminal justice system.

If we can get a usable script, there will be a separate casting call for performers.

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March

Join us Friday March 8th at 12noon for coffee and cake to send Lena off on her new path! All are welcome.

8: Botanical Gardens Field Trip, 1:30 pm

15: Study Group Representative Luncheon, 12:15 pm, TBC

18: Special Free Chopin Concert by Yuliya Gorenman, 1-2:15 pm, Katzen Arts Center Recital Hall

22: Curriculum Committee Meeting, 1 pm, TBC

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Letter from the Board Chair, Linda Miller

Spring Forward; Look Back: A Tribute to Lena on Leaving OLLI

We are all digesting the news that Lena's departure from OLLI is imminent. She indeed has greener pastures: her husband is running for DC Council, her son is home from college to help, her life is abuzz with activity; and her options for the future are endless.



Lena spent seven amazingly fruitful years with OLLI, helping to shape what has become a true institution of higher learning. As staff to the Curriculum Committee--- along with her myriad other duties, Lena and Anne have nurtured a small, independent non-profit organization, at once homeless and woefully underfunded, into a membership of nearly 1000 education-hungry retirees, offerings of 75 first-rate classes, and a community resource that at times feels more like a party than a school. They have made Study Group Leaders out of a tattered band of merry men and women, many of whom had never thought of themselves as class-room teachers or leaders, and who have blossomed into a broad bouquet of historians, scientists, artists, musicians, philosophers, analysts, sociologists, anthropologists, mathematicians and English teachers.

Through it all, Lena has remained at heart an artist. She is a creator and has literally and figuratively left her creative mark on OLLI. Her illustrations throughout our catalogues and mailings and her thoughtful and emotive works everywhere around OLLI are in part legacy and in part a reminder that creativity and change go hand in hand.

I believe there is not a soul at OLLI who will not miss Lena's sweet presence, thoughtful insights, and unflagging willingness to help anyone anywhere anytime. And I know that everyone joins me in wishing her well, letting her know how much she will be missed, and most importantly, assuring her that we would all love to help and support her in whatever is next. Change is a good thing, and it is upon us all.

Don't be a stranger, Lena!

--Linda Miller

Many Thanks

Selma Rosenthal and her team did a terrific job of holding our study group leader training session this month.

To **Elizabeth Gillbanks** for days of dutiful alphabetizing at our office. She really helps us to organize ourselves.

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Board of Directors Election

Although the nominations and election committee has finalized its slate of nominees for spring, members may still petition to be put on the ballot for voting in April. Petitions are available at Temple Baptist Church or in the office, and must be signed by 20 current OLLI members and returned to the office not later than Friday March 15th. At the same time, a small bio (approximately 10 sentences) and a 2" x 3" (passport size) picture will need to be given to the office for inclusion on the information sent to all members prior to the election.

Yuliya Gorenman in all-Chopin piano recital

March 23, 2013 (Saturday) at 8 pm
"The Gorenman Piano Project: Chopin Edition"

Chopin: Barcarolle, Sonata No. 2 in B flat minor, Four Ballades

American University
Katzen Performing Arts Center
Information and tickets:
<http://american.tix.com/Event.asp?Event=530085>
Abramson Family Recital Hall
4400 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20016

Box Office: 202-885-3634; 202-885-3634, kac@american.edu
Open 11:00 to 5:00, Mon-Sat (and 1 hr before any event)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pB0BFhfixxA>

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April

5: Study Group
Leader Appreciation
Luncheon,
noon, Butler Board
Room

5: Board Meeting,
1:30 pm, Temple
Baptist Church (TBC)

23: Annual Meeting,
12:15 pm, TBC

17: Fall Proposals
Due

19: Curriculum
Committee Meeting,
1 pm, TBC

Amalfi Music & Arts Festival

OLL I members and friends are invited to attend an Insiders' Tour at the Amalfi Coast Music & Arts Festival, Maiori, Italy July 17 - July 25, 2013, lead by Bruce Eisen an OLL I opera instructor. Come explore this magnificent area of the Mediterranean and join

Letter from the Board Chair, Linda Miller

WELCOME TONY!

Charles Anthony ("Tony") Long has joined the OLL I staff as the Curriculum Coordinator---- the first of two recruits to fulfill the new office configuration. Under Anne's supervision, Tony's portfolio will be wholly Curriculum: the committee, SGL's and SGR's, the course catalogue, registration, the training course, etc,... the whole gamut from planning to execution. If you have not met or introduced yourself to Tony, please find a moment to do so. You will see how fortunate we are to have him: he's talented, highly recommended, experienced, devoted to education and teaching (especially seniors), and he's FUN!



Next to come is the Program Coordinator, whose job description makes him or her staff for all other programs/functions: committees, the newsletter, OLL I Ops and OLL I Trips, office administration (phones, supplies, correspondence, computers, etc), volunteer recruitment, parties and luncheons, and on and on.

The new configuration will allow Anne to move "up" to many of the opportunities which have been (necessarily) been given short shrift. Anne's portfolio will focus on AU and it's multitude of challenges: recruiting professors and programs for OLL I, actualizing our pending space option at AU, liaising with the President and deans, etc. She will also be much more community-focused, reaching out to foundations and other resources for grants, sponsorships, and other creative investments in OLL I, as well as helping to identify major givers to the Friends of OLL I Fund.

It is indeed exciting to be looking forward to more great OLL I semesters and, most especially, to a new home with space to expand our offerings and enable greater personal and social exchange. We are also looking to expand volunteer participation among our members and will be growing existing committees and adding new ones.

Our future is tied--- as ever it has been--- to continuing to refresh and replenish our pool of SGL's and the diversity of our offerings. Naomi

opera singers, painters and renowned professors of music and art for an array of festival concerts and stimulating lectures. To learn more and to register, see: www.amalfi-festival.org

Heller has graciously agreed to follow David Palmetter as Curriculum Committee chair, and as she works systematically to expand her committee, I hope all of you will consider yourselves deputized to recruit and recommend potential SGL's. The search should be broad, both inside and outside of OLLI; and new ideas should be vetted with Naomi and/or Tony and Anne.

A great present and a great future are a great combination!

Linda Miller

Book Fair

Could OLLI members who have recently published books contact Martha Home at mhome9008@verizon.net? We are considering an OLLI Book Fair.

Thanks from Lena

Greetings all:
I was very moved by my wonderful goodbye party. I really enjoyed my years at OLLI and thank you lots for all your help and friendship.

Curriculum Committee

We are starting work on the fall 2013 curriculum and welcome new proposals. Study group leaders may download [proposal forms](#) and send them in to the office at olli@american.edu. Please also feel free to consult the members of the curriculum committee in the area in which you have interest, or [Dave Palmetter](#), the Chair of the committee or Naomi Heller, the incoming curriculum chair.

Curriculum Committee

100: Politics, Law & Government

Sid Booth

200: Psychology, Sociology, & Culture

Andrea Meyerhoff

300: Economics

Betsy White

400: Biology, Physics, Chemistry, and Math

Ed Goldin & Barbara Searle

500: Art & Music

Art: Naomi Heller Music: Alan Frey

600: Literature & Language

Phyllis Homes

700: History & Geography

Bob Coe

800: Religion & Philosophy

Mel Hurwitz

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Fall 2013

**Fall semester 2013
will begin on
Wednesday 25
September.**

May

3: Board Meeting,
12:30pm, TBC

**16: AU SIS presents
Third Thursday
Films: "David Wants
to Fly," refreshments**
6pm, screening
6:30pm, Wechsler
Theater, Mary
Graydon Center

**21: Curriculum
Committee Meeting,**
2pm, TBC

22: Spring Fling, 4-
6pm, Marriott, 5151
Pooks Hill Road,
Bethesda. **You must
RSVP to the OLLI
office by May 15.**

We're Moving!

The OLLI office is moving twice this summer. Our first move happens on May 31 to the Brandywine Bldg,

Letter from the Board Chair, Linda Miller

Precis of Annual Meeting

On April 22, we held what I hope will be the first of many formal Annual Meetings -- a report to the membership on the state of OLLI at AU. An Annual Meeting conforms to the law regarding 501(c)(3) charitable organizations, as well as provides an opportunity for good old-fashioned "straight talk" to and with members.

We had a good Q and A following the report, with lots of suggestions, comments and questions ... and NO discussion of parking! I think we all left the meeting sparked by new ideas and feeling more informed about OLLI. For those who missed it, I offer this summary.



Current State: A Year of Accomplishment and Progress

We noted the explosion in numbers -- of members (over 900 this year alone), classes and SGLs, participating AU departments and schools, and teaching venues (now 6 including 4-H) -- all within the past few years.

We recognized the "stabilization" of the relationship with TBC (along with the loss of use on Fridays at TBC), the staff additions of Mary Fran Miklitsch and Tony Long ("the god-sends"), and the new management structure (a fully-dedicated Curriculum Coordinator, a Program Coordinator to manage all non-curriculum related activities and committees, and an Executive Director with an expanded focus on the external community of AU and foundations, as well as potential sponsors and benefactors).

We applauded the new and now public commitment from AU and the promise of AU's expanded commitment and its promise of a permanent, AU-based home for OLLI -- with special thanks to Ray Rasenberger's perseverance.

And finally, we reported on the excellent financial shape OLLI is in due to careful stewardship by the board over the past years. We currently have a budget close to \$400,000, with approximately 75% going to salary, benefits and rent, and an annual surplus we are banking for

and the second happens on August 16 to the 6th floor of Brandywine where we will remain for at least the next couple of years.

Thank You!

We're grateful to Study Group Leader **John Poole** for contributing his class gift to OLLI.

Cool Poems for Hot Days

Back by popular demand! Yes, this summer OLLI poetry buffs are getting together again to read fabulous poetry and write poems of their own. Text: David Lehman's *The Best American Poetry, 2012* (including poems by Ann Carson, Billy Collins, Jane Hershfield, Marie Howe, Robert Pinsky, and 70 others). Beginning in early June, "Cool Poems" will meet at Ginny Finch's place near Van Ness metro every other Tues. afternoon, 2-3:30. RSVP to Ginny at ginnyvne@yahoo.com and she'll send you more details.

Condolences

Enrique Lerdaу passed away on April 22. He remained an active Study Group Leader through the beginning of

future space needs. We have a \$1 million endowment held at AU, paying out approximately \$50,000/year (a rolling average of 5% of principle), and eligibility to apply to the Osher Foundation for a second, similar grant as we approach 1000 members. We also noted the Friends of OLLI Fund has more than \$700,000 invested in diversified mutual funds comprised of fixed income and equity securities and hopefully growing to fund a new OLLI home.

Challenges in the Coming Year(s)

We noted our biggest challenge is defining the cost and structure of future space at AU and having a team in place with an experienced pro bono lawyer set to begin the rigorous negotiations ahead of us. We also talked about the unique quality of the relationship OLLI -- as an independent organization -- shares with AU, noting that nearly all other OLLIs are owned and run by their university sponsor.

The second, and more immediate, challenge OLLI faces is finding space for the 90 classes(!) we currently have scheduled. We also recognized the need to replenish and to grow our SGL pool through continuing recruitment and outreach -- a responsibility of all members.

Finally, we noted the looming need for a capital campaign and expanded fund raising to meet future needs. (We are sitting pretty for the present, but, oh my, what is ahead of us!)

We ended with a salute and thanks to the board, the committee chairs, the SGLs, Anne, and so many others who have given endless time and energy to OLLI.

Post Script

At the Annual Meeting, I also had the opportunity to talk of some of the things that I felt were left undone this year (creating a membership category for mid-semester joiners and finishing a planned giving brochure well underway). I also wanted to remind the membership of what OLLI is beyond classes, an issue near and dear to my heart. As we move forward in growth and pace, I hope we will always keep in mind that OLLI is not just about classes. It is a place where many find support, new friends, and shared interests. It is a home of belonging and camaraderie for the newly bereaved, retired, or re-located. It is a happy place with a strong social component -- values that I hope we are willing to actualize as we plan for the exciting and promising future ahead of us.

Being chair has been an honor. Thank you.

Linda

Curriculum Committee Brown Bag Lunches

The OLLI Curriculum Committee's first ever "brown bag" lunch meetings with OLLI members, held at TBC a couple of weeks ago, produced an encouraging turn out of potential Study Group Leaders and a few course proposals for consideration for the upcoming Fall and Spring semesters.

this semester and will be greatly missed.

Phyllis Homes's husband, Joe, died in early April.

Ellie O'Toole's husband John passed away this spring as well.

The Committee scheduled the meetings as a new device to reach out to OLLI members who are thinking about suggesting a new course or leading a course for OLLI but are unsure how to do so.

We found the brown bag experience so useful for OLLI learners and committee members alike that it was decided to offer these sessions in each future semester so that potential SGLs will have time to utilize what they learn from the sessions as they develop their proposals. The lunches will be scheduled earlier in future semesters.

Finally, the Curriculum Committee is eager to hear about your proposal for a course at any time. We can be reached through the OLLI office.

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We've Moved! (Once!)

The OLLI office moved June 1 to Suite 512 in the Brandywine Bldg (4000 Brandywine St. NW). Our second move happens on August 16 to Suite 600 of the Brandywine Bldg., where we will remain for at least the next couple of years.

Sept. 9 Trip to the Barnes Foundation, Philadelphia

Join other OLLI members for a trip to the Barnes Foundation's new location in downtown Philadelphia for a tour of "one of the world's leading collections of French Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings." Your visit begins with a special 30-minute introduction to the collection and Dr. Barnes's unique approach to displaying art. Then, enjoy time in the gallery with a complimentary audio guide for each group member.

Trip to Cuba??

The OLLI office has recently come across an exciting trip to Cuba sponsored by Road Scholars. We have spoken to folks who have taken this trip and they said it was wonderful. Not only that but Road Scholar will donate to our OLLI for each member that participates. At this point we are trying to get a sense of how many of our members would like to participate. They are looking at a week in February 2014. The cost is around \$4,000. Can you please email the office if you are interested...OLLI@american.edu.

Thanks

OLL I Players Play Reading



Players

OLL I Players will meet on Thursdays, beginning June 27th, at 1:00 pm to read plays aloud. This summer, we'll be reading a Moliere, an Oscar Wilde, and some contemporary one-act plays.

Each session lasts about two hours and is on a "come when you can basis." Participants will be notified of the time and place of the readings and asked to respond if they will attend (so we know when

everyone has arrived and can start). Participants can either print out the readings at home or if desired pay for copies at commercial rates.

Please email Carol Light at clightdc@hotmail.com if you would like to be on this summer's play reading invite list.

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at American University Washington DC



Good News and Congratulations!

Phyllis Homes' daughter, A.M. Homes, won the prestigious Women's Prize for fiction for her most recent novel *May We Be Forgiven*.

Condolences

OLL I members Shirley Rudney and Joan Benesch died in June. We send our condolences to her family and friends.

Trip to Cuba???

We have received a number of responses regarding interest in an exciting trip to Cuba sponsored by Road Scholars. We have spoken to folks who have taken this trip and they said it was wonderful. Not only that but Road Scholar will donate to our OLL I for each member that participates. If 20 OLL I members sign up, Road Scholars will make a donation to OLL I. They are looking at a week in February 2014. The

Catalogs are on the move and online!

The Fall catalog has been bulk mailed and posted online. **Registration for the Fall is now open. Registration will remain open until Thursday, August 29.** The office will **process registrations on Friday, August 30.** Classes begin Wednesday, September 25 except where noted.

Contact Information

In preparation for the Fall Semester and an overhaul of our database, please log in online to make sure your contact information is correct, including your address; email; telephone number; and your emergency contact's name, relationship and telephone number. Also, **we are asking for cell phone numbers on our application this fall.**

September Trip to the Barnes Foundation

Join other OLL I members for a trip on Monday, September 9, to the Barnes Foundation's new location in downtown Philadelphia. The cost is \$60, which includes the bus, entrance fee, and audio tour. The bus departs at 7:30 am and returns around 5:30 pm. Download [the flier with more information and a registration/release form](#). Mail the form and payment by August 30.

OLL I Ops

We want to share information on potential OLL I Opportunities for the Fall. In an upcoming newsletter we will provide instructions on how to indicate your interest. Then we will convene planning meetings for each group.

Theatre Lovers

Washington is blessed with many wonderful theatre groups in DC, Virginia and Maryland. If you love theater, but enjoy it even more in company, please help form an OLL I group for theatre-going.

Urban Hikers and City Walkers

Explore outdoor Washington with other OLL I members. Hikes and walks will explore different areas of Washington and local trails of varying degrees of challenge. Hikers who register would receive detailed

cost is around \$4,000.
If you are interested
and have not notified
us, please email the
office.

information about the hike approximately one week prior to each
scheduled hike date.

Biking

Members of the group will agree on a day of the week, a time of day,
and the characteristics all routes must have. The group will decide
whether to ride in moderate traffic or limit themselves to bike paths.
They also will adopt rules for the rides. Members will volunteer to lead
rides, choosing the date and route.

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OLLISGL in Corcoran Exhibit

Study Group Leader Rose Mosner is among the featured artists in the exhibition "Cherishing The Legacy," Sept. 11-29, at the Corcoran College of Art + Design. The opening is from 6:00-8:00 pm on Wed., Sept. 11.

If you plan on using AU Bender Library

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Bring your driver's license. American University's Bender Library is beginning to enforce its policy to require valid identification for any transaction at the library. We will provide Bender Library with a list of OLLI members after registration is finalized.

Condolences

We've just received notice of former SGL **David Nalle's** death. **Clyde "Ev" Shorey** and

Cuba Trip Deadline

We are working with Road Scholar to offer an OLLI members-only trip to Cuba. The trip is *The Cuban Art Revolution: Meeting the Artists and People of Cuba*, from Feb. 12 to Feb. 20, 2014. The double occupancy price is \$3,795 and the single occupancy price is \$4,245. Details are available on [Road Scholar's site](#).

In order to book an OLLI members-only trip we must have 16 to 24 members commit to the trip by close of business, Wed., Aug. 21.

To commit, send us an [email](#) stating that you want to join the trip. On Aug. 21, if we have 16 or more interested members, you will be required to make a \$75 non-refundable deposit (payable to OLLI) by Aug. 28.

September Trip to the Barnes Foundation is FULL

We have filled our trip to the Barnes Foundation in September.

Office Address Correction

The OLLI office's address was listed incorrectly in the Fall Catalog. It is 4000 Brandywine St. NW.

Changes to Fall Study Group Schedules

Larry Heilman's class 723: The Evolution of Meso-American Culture will now **begin on Thursday, October 3.**

Changes to Fall Study Group Books

Please remember that books may be purchased at Politics & Prose for a 20% discount and at American University's bookstore for a 10% discount. There are a number of book changes for the following Study Groups:

113 Executive Power and Statesmanship: Members do not need to purchase the *Taming the Prince* book. SGL will provide xeroxed copies of required sections.

259 Communication Choices and Consequences: Members should buy 1988 edition of book, *Connecting*, from Amazon.com. (This book is not available at Politics & Prose or AU bookstore.)

724 Democracy in the Age of Jackson: Members should buy *The Age*

Fred Walton both passed away this summer. We send our condolences to their families and friends.

of Jackson from Amazon.com. (This book is not available at Politics & Prose or AU bookstore.)

686 Enjoying African-American Literature: There are four required books for this class that will be available at Politics & Prose and the AU bookstore:

- *Lost in the City* by Edward P. Jones
- *Drinking Coffee Elsewhere* by ZZ Packer
- *The Beautiful Things that Heaven Bears* by Dinaw Mengestu
- *Inns and Outs* by Caleen Sinette Jennings

795 Imperial Russia: Members will need to purchase *Russia and the Soviet Union: A Historical Introduction from the Kievan State to the Present* by John M. Thompson. Earlier editions are fine.

803 Ancient Greek Roots of Modern Science: *Theories of the Universe* can be purchased on Amazon.com.

826 The Message of the Holy Quran: SGL will have book available first day of class for discounted cost of \$20.

NOTE: If you are purchasing your books from Politics & Prose, the books you purchase may have different ISBN numbers than the ISBN numbers listed in the catalog or online. These changes have been cleared with the various Study Group Leaders, and unless a specific edition of a book is required, you can purchase books with different ISBN numbers.

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Be Respectful

Please do not attend classes for which you are not registered. Many classes are oversubscribed. Members on the waiting list are offered spots in order by the OLLI office.

Parking Update

OLL I is adding 6 new **handicap** parking spaces to the church lot. The six center spots will be marked as such. **Only those members with a current permit, and our SGL's (who have another permit) are allowed to park in the church lot.** Please abide by these rules.

Fall 2013 Lecture Series

The Tuesday Lecture Series has been posted to the website. You can view the entire series or download a PDF of the series from the [OLL I website](#).

If you plan on

Letter from the Board Chair, Phil Schwartz



Welcome to the Fall semester! We are beginning this semester with a record number of members, classes, Study Group Leaders and Representatives. Fortunately, our Curriculum Committee, chaired last year by David Palmetter and this year by Naomi Heller, made an extraordinary effort to solicit ideas for new classes and you responded overwhelmingly.

We are primarily a volunteer organization; our successes to date have been because of you. How we respond to the challenges of growth is also in your hands.

We also are trying to extend opportunities for you to participate in other activities with several new OLL I Ops. (See below.) Our administrative staff continues to be headed by Executive Director Anne Wallace. Our Curriculum Coordinator is Tony Long and our Program Coordinator is Mary Fran Miklitsch. They are doing an excellent job of finding the space we need and handling the logistics of getting everyone into their classes. Please thank them whenever you get the chance.

Please make sure you know which day your classes start and their locations. Please let me know if you have any ideas about how to make our OLL I even better. Have a great semester!

Phil Schwartz,
Chair, Board of Directors

Annual CAFB Food Drive

For the past few years OLL I members have been supporting an important and worthwhile cause -- The CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK (CAFB). Please bring canned or non-perishable food to Temple Baptist Church from Monday, Oct. 21 through Thursday, Oct. 24. If you wish to contribute by writing a check, please mail it to: Selma Rosenthal, 4201 Cathedral Ave. NW #822 E, Washington DC 20016. All funds will be forwarded to the CAFB at once.

Bring your driver's license. American University's Bender Library is beginning to enforce its policy to require valid identification for any transaction at the library. We have provided Bender Library with a list of this semester's OLLI members.

Nancy Roman, President and CEO of the Capital Area Food Bank, will speak to OLLI members on Oct. 22, as part of our Fall Tuesday Lecture Series. **Thank you very much for your generosity!**

OLLI Ops

Three new OLLI Ops are starting this semester.

Urban Hikers and City Walkers

Ray Johnston has offered to lead a group of members in exploring local trails and outdoor wonders in and around Washington. If you are interested in joining this group, please email [Ray](#).

Biking

Bob Hausman will head a group of OLLI members biking in the metropolitan area. Members will agree on a day of the week, a time, and the characteristics of all routes (e.g., amount of traffic, in town or out, etc.). Members will volunteer to lead routes, including choosing the route and date. If you are interested in joining this group, please email [Bob](#).

Theatre Lovers

Does the idea of attending a play with other OLLI members appeal to you? Helen Schwartz has volunteered to find a show and help arrange a group of members to attend together. Want to know more? Email [Helen](#).

Other OLLI Ops

Do you have an idea for an OLLI Op? Why not reach out to members to find others who share your interest or avocation. If you would like to start an OLLI Op, email [Mary Fran](#) in the OLLI Office. The more the merrier!

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Annual Food Drive

Support the **Capital Area Food Bank** by bringing canned or non-perishable food to Temple Baptist Church from Oct. 21-24.

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OLLII Lectures

The OLLI Speaker Committee is seeking speaker recommendations. Please fill out the form [online](#) or pick up a copy at class sites.

Members of the committee are Martha Horne, *chair*, Tina Fried Heller, Ken Guenther, Stan Newman, Alice Weinstein and Susan Willens.

Letter from the Board Chair, Phil Schwartz



Well, we are off and running as we begin our 32nd year of operations at OLLI. This semester, we are offering 85 courses at five separate locations and about 890 members have registered so far. Our outstanding staff has been working frantically to assure that all classes and events are up and running as smoothly as possible.

I hope you are enjoying the opportunity to learn with our remarkable study group leaders and the special group of adults who share your desire to make learning an integral part of their lives.

If you would like to participate even more, please visit our website (see below), read below about the OLLI Ops, or contact Mary Fran Miklitsch at the OLLI office. In addition to our classes, there are guest lectures, trips, hikes, evenings at the theater, and more. Think about starting a group if you have an interest others might share. I encourage you to participate to the extent that works best for you - and enjoy!

Phil Schwartz, Chair of the Board

Study Group Brainstorming Brown Bag Lunches

Have you had an idea for a study group you'd like to lead but never got it down on paper? Now is the time.

The Curriculum Committee would like to learn what courses you would like OLLI to offer that are not being offered now, and -- very important -- where we might find Study Group Leaders for them. Do you know of people who you think would make great study group leaders, but who are unsure about what kind of study group to offer, or whether they have the qualifications? We would like to have the chance to speak with them about what the job entails and about the help OLLI offers to those who undertake to lead a group.

We invite you to meet with the Curriculum Committee at a "brown bag" lunch, with coffee and dessert provided by OLLI, at the Temple Baptist Church. We'll be splitting into subject matter groups (listed below) to discuss possible courses and SGLs from noon to 1 p.m. on Thurs., Oct.

OLLI Ops Hiking and Biking

About 25 members have joined the Hiking Group. They went on their first 3-mile hike on Roosevelt Island. They will be organizing additional hikes in the upcoming weeks. If you are interested in joining the group, email [Ray Johnston](mailto:Ray.Johnston).

We are still wondering about bike riders in our midst...if interested contact [Mary Fran](mailto:Mary.Fran) in the office.

OLLI Ops Artist Group?

Are you a serious artist? If you are interested in meeting once a month to discuss your work, share ideas, etc., please email [Rose Mosner](mailto:Rose.Mosner).

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A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow
by Washington Irving,

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SUBJECT MATTER AREAS:

100's: Politics, Law, and Government -- Sid Booth
200's: Psychology, Sociology, & Culture -- Beneva Weintraub
300's: Economics -- Betsy White
400's: Biology, Physics, Chemistry, & Math -- Barbara Searle and Ed Goldin
500's: Visual Arts -- Naomi Heller
500's: Music -- Alan Frey
600's: Literature & Language -- Phyllis Homes and Sandy Leibowitz
700's: History & Geography -- Bob Coe
800's: Philosophy & Religion -- Mel Hurwitz

Naomi Heller, Chair, Curriculum Committee

OLLI Ops Theatre-Going Group

The OLLI Theatre-Going Group invites you to join us for our first play, *The Argument* by Alexandra Gersten-Vassilos at Theatre J, Sunday, Nov. 3 at 3:00 pm. See www.theatrej.org for more info. The drama chronicles Sophie, a charming, vibrant artist, and Phillip, a loyal, solid businessman, as a 40-something couple whose new relationship is rocked when Sophie learns she is pregnant.

Please send your check for \$30 per ticket (made payable to OLLI) to Cynthia Chase, 3654 Upton St. NW, Washington DC 20008. Checks are due Fri., Oct. 11 to get the group discount. Non-OLLI members welcome. Sorry, no refunds are possible. www.theatrej.org for more info.

Our second play is an edgy comedy entitled *Appropriate* by Branden Jacobs-Jenkins, at Woolly Mammoth Theatre, Sunday matinee at 2 pm, Nov. 17. Tickets cost \$38 each. In this searing and audacious comic drama, the estranged members of the Lafayette family return to Arkansas, and their crumbling old plantation home, to settle the accounts of their recently deceased patriarch. Sorting through mementos and junk, they discover a gruesome relic that sends the family spiraling into a dark history of repressed memories and family secrets.

Please send checks (payable to OLLI) for \$38 per ticket by Fri., Nov. 1 to Cynthia Chase, 3654 Upton St NW, Washington, DC 20008. Sorry, no refunds are possible. See <http://www.woollymammoth.net/performance/appropriate> for more info.

If you have any questions or suggestions for the Theatre Group, please email [Helen Schwartz](mailto:Helen.Schwartz).

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Pulitzer Prize- Winning Author Visits OLLI Class

On October 22, Edward P. Jones, winner of the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for literature and winner of a MacArthur Foundation genius grant, visited OLLI's class, Enjoying Contemporary African-American Literature. Mr. Jones graciously answered the class' many questions about his stories, his life growing up in Washington, DC, and the creative process that led to his authorship of *Lost in the City*, a collection of stories that illuminate the lives of people in Washington and the neighborhoods of the city that most OLLI members have encountered briefly, if at all. It was a lively discussion that enhanced our understanding and appreciation of Mr. Jones' work. How did we persuade Mr. Jones to visit? Chalk it up to beginner's luck.

Letter from the Board Chair, Phil Schwartz



I hope you have all been enjoying your study groups at OLLI this semester. Those of you who attended the Town Meeting on October 29, heard an excellent presentation from Mary Fran Miklitsch, OLLI Program Director, describing the new registration process which we hope to have in place in time for the next semester.

For those of you who missed it, I'd like to give you a short summary.

In previous semesters, some members who requested 3 study groups received 3, some received 2, some received 1, and some received none. The goal of the new lottery is to assign study groups more equitably.

- As in the past, members may register online or by submitting the paper registration form to the OLLI office by hand or by mail.
- A member will indicate how many total study groups she/he wants to take -- 1, 2, or 3.
- A member may list up to 6 study groups she/he is interested in taking, in order of her/his preference. There will be no "alternates" as in the past. However, a member may list among her/his preferences any study groups she/he would like to take if she/he isn't assigned a higher preference(s).
- As in the past, all members registering will be randomly assigned a number for processing.
- As many members as possible will be assigned one study group before any member is assigned a second study group. If a member's first choice is open, she/he will be assigned to that study group. If a member's first choice is oversubscribed, the computer logic will waitlist the member for that study group, then assign her/his second choice, and so on, before moving to the next member.
- As many members as possible will be assigned a second study group before any member is assigned a third study group.
- As in the past, if a member requests a study group or Study Group Leader and has taken that particular study group or Study Group Leader within the last two semesters, the member will be added to the waitlist if the study group is oversubscribed.

Ellen Siegler

Online Study Group Feedback

Please visit the OLLI homepage (olli-dc.org) and click on the link to provide feedback for any Study Group you are attending. Constructive feedback for our Study Groups helps the Study Group Leaders, the Curriculum Committee, and the office staff.

OLLI Lectures

Click [here](#) to view the OLLI Lecture Series. If you want to suggest a speaker for the Series, please fill out the form [online](#) or pick up a copy at class sites.

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- The computer logic will not assign a member to a second or third study group at the same day and time as a study group to which she/he is already assigned.
- We will no longer maintain a waitlist from semester to semester.

The new lottery design is part of an overhaul of our database and website, which are very outdated and are not working as they should. We aim to have the new systems up and running for next semester's registration. Ample time has been built into the schedule to allow for thorough testing before we go live.

Thanks for your participation in OLLI and for your assistance as we implement a system that will give everyone a better chance of taking part.

Regards,
Phil Schwartz, Chair of the OLLI Board

Land of the Sirens: Art & Music on Italy's Amalfi Coast!



Insiders' Tour for Opera Lovers to the Amalfi Coast Music & Arts Festival, Maiori, Italy

*Lead by Bruce Eisen, instructor of opera
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OLLI Ops Theatre-Going Group

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gruesome relic that sends the family spiraling into a dark history of repressed memories and family secrets. **Checks due by November 8, made out to OLLI and sent to Cynthia Chase at 3654 Upton St NW, Wash DC 20008. Sorry, no refunds possible.**

In December, we're partnering with Footlights DC to go on **Saturday, December 7 at 3:00 pm** to the Studio Theatre. This popular venue is presenting the first two plays in Richard Nelson's quartet of plays about the Apple siblings and their extended family. Set at successive meals over the course of four years, the tensions and compromises, affections and resentments of the Apple Family's personal lives play out against a rapidly changing America. The first play is ***That Hopey Changey Thing***. It's 7 pm on the eve of Obama's first midterm election, and Barbara's hosting dinner for the family at her Rhinebeck, NY home. Over the course of a meal, the Apples delve into lost family history, the social meaning of manners, and the fragile state of the American body politic. Tickets cost **\$35** each. **Please send your check by November 15, made out to OLLI and addressed to Cynthia Chase at 3654 Upton St NW, Wash DC 20008. Sorry, no refunds possible.**

OLLI Directory Errata

A few members were inadvertently left out of the Fall 2013 OLLI Directory:

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Gianni Lounge, Mary Graydon Center, Room 200

A community dialogue led by University Librarian, Nancy Davenport.

For more information, visit: www.american.edu/spexs/btsa

Muslim Journeys: American Stories

Book discussion series at American University Library

Professor Randa Serhan, Director of Arab World Studies, discussion leader.

November 7: *A Quiet Revolution* by Leila Ahmed

November 14: *The Butterfly Mosque: A Young American Woman's Journey to Love and Islam* by G. Willow Wilson

6:00pm, Training & Events Room, AU Library First Floor

Middle Eastern fare served at each event.

RSVP is required. Email LibEvents@american.edu

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OLLI Shorts Reminder

The deadline for registration for OLLI Shorts is December 18th. Download the [Shorts catalog with registration form](#).

Thank You ...

... to **Ben Boley, Irwin Lebow, Barbara Negri Oppen and Stan Weiss** who donated their class gifts to OLLI. Thanks very much.

OLLI Directory Errata

A few additional members were inadvertently left out of the Fall 2013 OLLI Directory:

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Letter from the Board Chair, Phil Schwartz



At the same time we are completing the OLLI courses for the Fall 2013 semester, we are planning for the Spring 2014 term. On Friday, I attended a meeting of the Curriculum Committee, chaired by Naomi Heller. Also attending were the OLLI members who oversee the eight academic fields that comprise all of OLLI's courses. (You can refer to the catalog for a list of the

members who oversee each subject.) During an intense two hour discussion, these Committee members reviewed and approved 92 courses for Spring 2014, an all-time high for OLLI.

These courses include some of the most amazing titles and outstanding Study Group Leaders you could imagine -- and, I would bet, a few courses you could not imagine. When the catalog is distributed at the end of the year, I am certain that you will find many subjects that interest you. Don't miss out on these fascinating opportunities for learning!

Your chance to sign-up for courses will be from Mon.,

Jan. 6 to Mon., Feb. 3. The lottery is on Tues., Feb. 4. On Thur. Feb 6th registration will re-open.** We strongly encourage you to register on-line but hard copy registration will also be available. So, enjoy whatever courses you have remaining this semester, have a happy Holiday Season, and start thinking about next semester.

Also, you have until close of business **Thursday 5 December to pay and RSVP for our holiday party** on Tuesday 10 December at RRUUC.

Sincerely,

Phil Schwartz, Chairman of the OLLI Board of Directors

****Registration for the Spring semester will be different than in years past. We will be sending out another email with how it will be different toward the end of the month.**

January 2014 Lecture Series

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For more details, contact:
music@amalfi-festival.org or
301-587-6189.

The January 2014 Lecture Series is now available online. You can download a [PDF of the January Lectures](#) or you can visit the [OLLI website](#) to review them.

Annual Civil War Trip



Photo by Sarel Kromer

On October 29, more than 30 OLLI members joined Study Group Leader Chris Bradley for a tour of the 3rd Battle of Winchester, 1864 of the Civil War. The tour was led by Ed Bearss, military historian and Chief Historian Emeritus of the National Park Service, leads this popular tour. Bearss, 90, shared his wealth of knowledge on the Civil War. The group also toured a museum at the site. As usual, the trip received great reviews from the attendees.

OLLI Play-going and You!

On November 17 eight OLLI members found the play *Appropriate* at the Woolly Mammoth Theater both powerful and thought provoking. After the show five of us discussed the play and got to know each other over dinner. It was a great evening and we especially enjoyed the social interaction with our fellow OLLI members." Review from Alice Goodman

Here's how to join us for our next theatre foray with reduced-price tickets. We are partnering with Footlights-DC to attend Studio Theatre's *That Hopey-Changey Thing* for Saturday matinee, December 7, at \$35 per ticket. Post-show discussion included. Reserve with Robin Larkin at 240-669-6300 or robinlarkin@comcast.net.

In the play, the extended Apple family meets on the night of mid-term elections 2010-current events meet family currents!

The Ever Living Tree by Grace Lebow

Upcoming Exhibit at River Road Unitarian Universalist Church,

Bethesda, Maryland

January 6 - February 14, 2014

Reception: January 5, 3:00-5:00 P.M.

Please RSVP: gracelebow@comcast.net



Grace Lebow says, "I have always believed that I was graced with a creative spirit. I feel blessed in this later stage of life to have the chance to express this creative bent in my painting."

Grace's late-life career as an artist began in 1999 in preparation for retirement as co-director of Aging Network Services. At that time Grace began her formal art studies with classes in drawing and painting at the Washington Studio School. Since then, she has taken workshops and classes in the D.C. Metro area, in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, and at the Yellow Barn at Glen Echo. Grace's work can be viewed at her website at Gracelebow.com.

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