



The News

Bringing OLLI Home to You

Season 2, #6 - February 21, 2022



WELCOME to our 260 new OLLI at Ringling College members who joined our OLLI community during the winter term. We look forward to getting to know you and encourage you to take advantage of ALL the Ringling College Museum Campus has to offer. We hope you are enjoying our winter courses and that you will invite your friends and family to join you on campus in the spring. We are grateful to have you in our OLLI community!

It's Almost Spring!

OLLI's spring semester is just around the corner. The course catalog is online (click the catalog image below to view).

Spring Semester:

March 14 - May 27, 2022

Registration:

Gold Members: February 22

Silver Members and Not-Yet Members: March 1

[Register here](#) or by calling the office at 941-309-5111.

Stay Curious. Stay Connected.



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We are also thrilled that **Virginia Shearer**, Executive Director of the Sarasota Art Museum, will also now lead our Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) and Studio + Digital Arts (S+DA) programs. In a recent message to the OLLI community, Virginia pledged to "work with our staff and volunteers to realize the original vision for our Museum Campus--to create an unparalleled center of learning and exploration for people of all ages and backgrounds. By working as one team, we can leverage our talents, offerings, and resources to best serve our community."

For more about Virginia, read Ringling College's press release from July 2021 [here](#).

February, Short but Filled...

An old adage states that January is for dreamers and February is for doers. The shortest month of the year is chock full of heritage celebrations and love. February 2022 has already seen the celebration of Chinese New Year (4720, the Year of the Tiger symbolizes bravery, wisdom, and strength) and the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing,

Watch Your Step

Have you visited Arn lately? Dave has, and he's here to share his takeaways.

Read Dave's essay [here](#).

And don't forget to listen to Dave Landsperger's podcast *Two Old Bucks* on Apple, Spotify, and Google. To make Dave easy to find, click [here](#).



Do you have a topic you would love to share with lifelong learners?

OLLI would be pleased to welcome you to the **instructional team**. Course proposals for the fall semester are due by May 1, 2022. For more information about proposals or to chat with someone about teaching at OLLI, please email Jeff Ryder, Curriculum Committee Chair, at july4writer@gmail.com.



OLLI's third *Listening to Women* series has been a huge success! The seven-part SOLD-OUT series has highlighted the achievements of women in both commerce and the Arts.



KUDOS to the *Listening to Women* team - Holly Freedman, team leader; Victoria Eckl, Louise Gallagher, Bev Harms, Victoria Kasdan, Terry

China, which has showcased the dedication and determination of athletes from all over the world.

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February is also **Black History Month**, a time to honor and focus our attention on African Americans' achievements and legacy.

"Black History Month shouldn't be treated as though it is somehow separate from our collective American history, not somehow just boiled down to a compilation of greatest hits from the March on Washington, or from some of our sports heroes," President Barack Obama said in a 2016 speech. "It's about the lived, shared experience of all African Americans, high and low, famous and obscure, and how those experiences have shaped and challenged and ultimately strengthened America. It's about taking an unvarnished look at the past so we can create a better future. It's a reminder of where we as a country have been so that we know where we need to go."

Locally, the Manasota chapter of **ASALH** (the Association for the Study of African American Life and History), is offering a virtual festival during February, focusing on Black health and wellness, its legacy and future. You still have time to focus in on this festival and its important message by clicking [here](#).

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The Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC) recently launched its virtual "Searchable Museum," which allows online visits to a physical exhibit space, artifacts, and stories. Visit it [here](#).

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And finally, *Country Living Magazine* has an interesting list of February fetes. You can see their list [here](#).

Winter Semester Offerings

As OLLI's winter semester winds down, you still have time to catch some exciting events and classes. Call the office at 941-309-5111 to register for these events.

- **Street Art, Graffiti, and Art on the Margins** - Dr. Andre Krauss, February 25, 12:30-3:30 pm (Online)

Rixse, Tobie van der Vorm, and Lois Watson. You continue to inspire and wow us with the accomplished and brilliant women you bring to OLLI!

To the speakers and moderators, we appreciate ALL that you bring to the stage! This semester's presenters and moderators include Liz Walker, Francine Achbar, Marie Johnson Colbert, Sigrid Olsen, Michelle Carter, Felecia Jett, Marion Black-Ruffin, Kathie Westpheling, Victoria Kasdan, Lena Cambis, Natalie Helm, Cheeko Matsusaka, Betsy Hudson Traba, Alma M. Grocki, Leslie Butterfield, Judith Levine, Sheila McKoy, Dasha Reich, Jada Wing Hang Poon, Vivian Owen, Katerina Mullen, and Zifeng Zhuo.

Well done, ladies!

Sarasota Art Museum

Jazz Thursdays
Every Second Thursday
5:30 - 8:30 PM
Sarasota Art Museum (SAM)
FREE for Museum Members
\$20 Not-Yet Members

Mark your calendar for live jazz at Sarasota Art Museum, hosted by the **Jazz Club of Sarasota!** Join us every second Thursday from 5:30 – 8:30 pm for music, drinks, and art on the Marcy & Michael Klein Plaza. Sip on refreshing cocktails and enjoy small bites in the Bistro. Each month features a different style of jazz, from straight-ahead to free jazz, bebop to swing, and so much more.

Next Jazz Thursday: March 10, 2022.

Stay up-to-date with Sarasota Art Museum's offerings [here](#).

- **Celebrating Florida's Wild Wonders**, March 11, 2022, (Museum Campus): Inspired by the book *The Wilder Heart of Florida* (2021), this full-day event offers a unique opportunity to learn about many of Florida's natural treasures. Using the arts as our vantage point via evocative prose, poetry, painting, photography, architecture, and film, this event will engage your heart and mind in celebrating and safeguarding our precious wild wonders. Click [here](#) for details.
- **Florida Listening Tour** - Art Levy, Thursday, February 24, 3-4:30 pm (Online)
- **State, Local, and National Campaigns: The Civil Rights Movement in Florida** - J. Michael Butler, Wednesday, March 2, 2:30-3:45 pm (Online)
- **Misha and the Wolves** (2021), CONNECTIONS Film Series, Monday, February 28, 2:30-4:30 pm (Museum Campus)



Studio + Digital Arts also has classes available through May 2022, including **The Full Figure in Clay**, with visiting artist Phillippe Faraut, beginning March 11. Judy Levine offers **Memory Keeper: 3D Assemblage**, beginning March 14. View the S+DA catalog and register [here](#).

OLLI Membership Committee:

Tom Miller, Chair; Marion Richter, Jay Richter, Gary Reinmuth, Anne Perry Moore, Dave Landsperger, Vicki Eckl, Millie Finkel; Rhonda Stapleton, Membership and Community Education Coordinator

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your gift to make the most impact on OLLI programming. Visit [here](#) and enter your employer's name to find out if your company has a matching gift program. Have questions? Feel free to call the [Office for Advancement](#) any time at 941-309-4733.



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