



The News

Bringing OLLI Home to You

Season 2, #7 - April 27, 2022

Celebrating Change

Dear OLLI Friends,

This spring has brought new beginnings to Sarasota. Days are longer, the sun is brighter, and our city has come alive.

Ringling College of Art and Design has welcomed Dr. Phyllis Brown as the new Director of our OLLI. She brings more than 30 years of administrative and teaching experience in higher education and a commitment to lifelong learning.

Sheila Reed will now assume the role of Assistant Director of OLLI. We thank her for serving as the Interim Director during the difficult times of the pandemic.

Rhonda Stapleton leaves OLLI to become Executive Assistant to Virginia Shearer, Executive Director of the Sarasota Art Museum. Rhonda was instrumental in the development of this newsletter and also helped grow our membership through outreach efforts.

Meghan Burrows will expand her roles in the front OLLI office by coordinating this newsletter from draft to publication. Meghan brings creative writing expertise and computer skills to her new task.

We remain optimistic that we will grow as a community. The good news is that masks are no longer required for in-person classes at OLLI. We nonetheless respect everyone's choice to wear a mask if they so choose.

Please spread the word to your friends, new neighbors, and anyone near or far about what you have gained from OLLI.

Cheers to our glorious spring!



NATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH

(March 2022) - A Look Back...

Women Providing Healing and Promoting Hope

March was an unusual National Women's Month. We watched as Ukrainian women picked up rifles to fight for their country while others rushed to harbor their families as they fled the violence.

April also brought monumental change to our country's judiciary. The Washington Post heralded it this way, "Four women on the Supreme Court would bring historic, near gender parity for an institution long dominated by White men."

Consider [these nine podcasts](#) that examine U.S. women's history!

Spring For Learning!

Lectures indicated with an asterisk are only on Zoom:

Monday, May 16 • 3-4 pm - **Jews of Florida: Centuries of Stories***

Thursday, May 18 • 2:30-3:30 pm - **Juneteenth: The Destruction of Slavery in the Civil War ***
(Free to Gold Members. Pre-registration required.)

Wednesday, May 25 • 3-4:30 pm - **Presidents in Crisis: Their Response, Resolve, Leadership***

Fees: \$12 **Gold Members**, \$15 **Silver Members** & General Admission

Monday, June 6 • 5-6 pm - **Beer: Lecture and Tasting Session**

Wednesday, June 8 • 5-6 pm - **Wine: Lecture and Tasting Session**

Fees: \$49 per session per person.

Friday, May 27 • 2-3:30 pm - **Gallery Tour (Ringling College Galleries)**

Free to Members!

[Register here](#) through our website, or call the OLLI office at 941-309-5111 to learn more. *We look forward to seeing you!*



Dave's Tribute to the ordinary



is anything *but* ordinary!

Dave shares some insights into the women in his life.

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

Don't forget to listen to Dave Landsperger's podcast "Two Old Bucks." Find it [here](#).

National Poetry Month

National Poetry Month is an April favorite for those of you who love the rhythm of words and the meaning found in short bursts of language.

On *Poem in Your Pocket Day*, people celebrate by selecting a poem, carrying it with them, and sharing it with others throughout the day wherever they go.

Join us in celebrating on April 29!

Click [here](#) to find out more!

Stay Curious.
Stay Connected.



Spring Term: March 14-May 27, 2022
Ringling College Continuing Studies





Installation view of *Daniel Lind-Ramos: Las Tres Marias*

Photo: Ryan Gamma



Want to teach for OLLI?

We invite you to consider the valuable contribution you can make outside of your role as a student. Share your interests, passions and knowledge with other OLLI students by teaching a course for us!

For questions, please contact Jeff Ryder of the Curriculum Committee by email: july4writer@gmail.com

Sarasota Art Museum

Live Jazz 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 music at Sarasota Art Museum, hosted by the **Jazz Club of Sarasota!** Join us 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: May 12

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

OLLI Membership Committee:

Tom Miller (Chair), Marion Richter, Jay Richter, Gary Reinmuth, Dave Landsperger, Anne Perry Moore, Jan Parker, Vicki Eckl, Millie Finkel, and Meghan Burrows.

Stay connected with our updates and share yours! Email: mburrows@ringling.edu

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Class registration and membership only cover a portion of what it takes to deliver quality programming at OLLI. That's why we depend on your gifts each year to help us continue the tradition of providing a wide array of class offerings and special events. Many companies sponsor matching gift programs and will match charitable contributions made by their employees or retirees. You can double or triple the amount of your gift to make the most impact on OLLI programming.

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