



The News

Bringing OLLI Home to You

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Looking Forward to Fall

Dear OLLI Friends,

Summer in Sarasota is a daily cycle of rain, thunder, and rain again. But, as Dolly Parton once said, "The way I see it, if you want to see the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain."

Without classes, there has been a palpable void since the Spring term ended in early June. OLLI members have shared how they miss intellectual engagements and coming together as a community.

We are excited that our Fall term will begin in a couple of weeks. [The OLLI catalog is now online here!](#)

More than 50 classes will be offered in person at the Ringling College Museum Campus and on Zoom. There are new courses in every area of study to keep you both cognitively and physically fit. Engage in "Improv Brain Games." Join our new "Mystery Book Club." Try our "Science Wednesdays," "History Thursdays," or our "Wellness Fridays" classes. Special lectures are also planned throughout the term.

Coming Together Again

Join us for the **OLLI Fall Preview at 1 pm on Sept. 8 in McGuire Hall (next to the Bistro)**. It will be a wonderful opportunity to reunite with friends, meet instructors, and register for classes. Instructors will provide stimulating previews of their upcoming courses. Come and meet our new director, Dr. Phyllis Brown.

Stay Curious. Stay Connected.



Fall Term: Sept. 28-Nov. 18, 2022
Ringling College Continuing Studies
www.OLLi.atRinglingCollege.org



Greetings from our OLLI director: Dr. Phyllis Brown

Welcome to Fall in Sarasota! It is going to be a great OLLI year.

In my short time as director, I have witnessed first-hand how important volunteers are



Call 941-309-5111 to register for this FREE event, or register yourself [here](#).

Before the Fall Preview, join us for our first **TEAM OLLI Volunteer Committee Meet-Up at 11:30 am in the SHS Alumni Auditorium.**

Participants will learn about the many ways they can support our programs beyond the classroom. Bring a friend!

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Greetings from Tom

Welcome back!

Our OLLI opens for classes on Wednesday, Sept. 28, and we are truly excited! It's back to learning, schmoozing, teaching, volunteering, listening, talking, and all the fun things we do at our OLLI.

Kudos to Jeff Ryder for hosting the "Behind the Scenes" previews at the OLLI Summer Movie Series. Members enjoyed the classic films *Chicago*, *Moonstruck*, and *North by Northwest*. Be on the lookout for more classic movies hosted by Jeff.

There is also interest in a monthly trivia night at the Bistro. Stay tuned for more information.

Enjoy your experience at OLLI? Please let your friends know about us. Most new members come from referrals. You have the power to help grow our membership.

Thanks,

Tom Miller, Membership Chair

Join the OLLI Tech Team!

In a two-hour session, we'll teach you all you need to know to be a hero!

This group will assist in training our instructors on using classroom equipment. They will also come to the aid of an instructor if they experience technical difficulties during their class.

If you have a little time and a big desire to help the OLLI community, call **Alan Freedman at 845-**

to the success and sustainability of OLLI at Ringling College.

In this message, I will highlight and acknowledge the work of our many volunteers, who give their time and talents to OLLI.

- Our volunteer instructors are the heart of the many educational programs we offer, spending hours preparing course materials to engage their students with interactive activities and stimulating discussions.
- This year, volunteers reviewed more than 20 OLLI websites to give us ideas on ways to improve our online presence.
- This summer, our movie series for members was coordinated and organized by volunteers.
- Office volunteers provide many hours of support and do myriad tasks, including answering phones, helping with course registrations, proofreading, and reaching out to members and other volunteers.
- The monthly e-newsletter is volunteer-driven. They write stories, edit copy, and solicit articles from members.
- Volunteers also act as greeters at OLLI events and activities.
- Outreach is critical to attracting new members and volunteers are eager to share their OLLI experience with others.

All of these efforts make our OLLI experiences gratifying and fun. As we continue to grow our programs, many opportunities are available. Below are committees that could use your help:

- **Community Outreach** — Help spread the word about OLLI throughout Sarasota and Manatee counties.
- **Curriculum Committee** — Committee members review course proposals, conduct instructor orientation, review instructor evaluations and serve as mentors to new instructors.
- **Membership Committee** — Help plan and implement activities that build, attract, and retain members.
- **Office Assistants** — An opportunity to volunteer at the "nerve center" – OLLI's main office.
- **OLLI Volunteer Committee** — Volunteers support programs and events as greeters and registering guests, etc.

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- **Shared Interest Groups (SIGs)** — SIGs foster a sense of community by allowing members to engage with others who share a common interest.
- **Social Media** — Help is needed to write posts for events and courses, and to create videos for our Facebook page.
- **Tech Team** — Committee members train and assist new and returning instructors on how to navigate the Crestron computer system.

For more information about how you can volunteer, visit our **NEW OLLI** website [here](#).

In closing, I want to thank all the volunteers who make a difference and help us provide an array of lifelong learning experiences year-round.

Yours in Lifelong Learning,

Phyllis



Sarasota Art Museum

A new exhibition is opening!
Steven and William Ladd:
Lead With a Laugh

September 4, 2022 - February 5, 2023

Steven and William Ladd create collaboratively, pulling from childhood stories and experiences to transform materials, such as textiles and beads, into microcosms of memory.

Underpinning Steven and William Ladd's imaginative creations are their three core principles:

- **Spend your life doing what you love.**
- **Be focused and disciplined.**
- **Collaborate.**

Read more about this exhibition [here!](#)

IF I REST, I RUST.

Our in-house sage Dave shares some insights into his life. Interesting, now that life quickens for many of us, he continues to recognize what is important.



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

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





IMPORTANT DATES:

- Tuesday, Sept. 6: Registration opens for OLLI Gold Members.
- Thursday, September 8: Instructor Welcome, Team OLLI Volunteer Meet-Up, and the OLLI Fall Preview.
- Tuesday, Sept. 13: Registration opens for OLLI Silver Members.
- Wednesday, Sept. 28: The Fall term begins.

OLLI Membership Committee:

Tom Miller (Chair) and the newsletter staff: Marion Richter, Dave Landsperger, Gary Reinmuth; Members: Anne Perry Moore, Jan Parker, Jay Richter, Vicki Eckl, Millie Finkel, and Meghan Burrows (OLLI staff).

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, special events, and the supporting technology. 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. 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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