



The News

Bringing OLLI Home to You

Season 2, #10 - November 29, 2022

Dear OLLI Friends,

Sarasota autumn?

Yes, there is one.

If you haven't noticed, we have had a beautiful and glorious fall! Days are definitely cooler and drier now. There are longer nights. We may have only memories of changing colors, but now we can finally cheer the end of hurricane season. Autumn in Sarasota is a lovely time to enjoy what our bounteous area brings.

We are grateful, as well, this time of year, that our city continues to embrace its beauty, including a new gem, The Bay, which opened to huge acclaim. We now have our own Central Park, a Great Lawn. A place for all ages. Visit it, take a walk, and smile.

This is also a good time to acknowledge what we have learned and how we've changed. According to the November OLLI National Resource Center newsletter:

"With the slow retreat of the pandemic, OLLIs are opening back up to more in-person socialization. Opportunities for professional development and networking are shifting back to in-person events, too. Still, we are forever changed. Online modalities are now better understood and widely utilized by older adults. That is a good thing. We can be thankful for this benefit at the same time we are grateful for the renewed in-person togetherness coming back into our Institutes."

We thank you for filling our fall classes. We are not back yet to our highest levels of enrollment,



Winter is here!

OLLI's winter semester is just around the corner. The course catalog is online [here](#).

Winter Semester:

January 9th - March 3rd

Registration Dates:

Gold Members: November 29th

Silver Members: December 6th

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

but at OLLI at Ringling College, we continue to offer programs that matter to you. Our fall term received rave reviews for its cornucopia of literature, health, history, current events, science, art, music, and health classes. Our halls still brim with intellectual repartee and true engagement. We continually strive to provide a place that is true to our motto, "Stay Curious. Stay Connected."

We also say welcome back to our winter residents. We look forward to you filling our halls and all of us becoming reacquainted. What is striking is that we often meet people who moved here in 2020 or 2021 who still feel like newcomers.

Our winter term begins on Jan. 9 with more than 80 courses scheduled. Don't forget that some courses fill up fast, which makes Gold membership (\$85) and early registration a real perk. A Gold membership also includes free lectures.

Most of our area was spared the brunt of Hurricane Ian's ravage, but there are still piles of debris, blue tarps, and enough disruption to remind us of our close call.

One way to show your gratitude is to remember the less fortunate in our community. Please consider donating to a local charity, such as:

All Faiths Food Bank
allfaithsfoodbank.org

The Suncoast Disaster Recovery Fund
<https://www.cfsarasota.org>

Meals on Wheels
mealsonwheelsofsarasota.org

Second Change Last Opportunity
<https://secondchancelastopportunity.org>

We Love Our Volunteers!

Thank you to the many OLLI at Ringling College volunteers who have completed their



SAVE THE DATE

OLLI WINTER PREVIEW

FREE TO ATTEND • PLEASE RSVP • BRING A FRIEND

December 2nd • 1 – 3:30 pm
Thomas McGuire Hall at Sarasota Art Museum

Meet instructors, register for classes, and renew your membership.

Join us for the **OLLI Winter Preview at 1pm on December 2nd in Thomas McGuire Hall** (next to the Bistro).

Our Fall Preview was an unqualified success and we are pleased to reprise this informative and entertaining program. Several instructors will provide stimulating previews of their upcoming courses. Come and see for yourself. We know it will whet your appetites!

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

What, Me Worry?

Our in-house essayist Dave Landsperger shares insights into his life, pre- and post-Ian as he experiences permanent relocation from Pittsburgh, coupled with an impending hurricane and dreaded downsizing. Is he unflappable? Um...



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

training. Volunteering is a great way to meet new friends, stay active, and make a difference in your community.

If you would like to volunteer with OLLI, check out our rewarding opportunities and complete the volunteer application for the OLLI [here](#) and the human resources application [here](#).

(Please note that both applications are needed!)

We are happy to match your skills and experience with a task that fits your schedule. **For more information, contact Meghan Burrows at 941-309-5111.**

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](#).

Sarasota Art Museum

Sarasota Art Museum, our OLLI at Ringling College home, has world-class exhibitions on view and many exciting activities. Thank you to the Museum's Executive Director Virginia Shearer, for increasing the accessibility of the Museum for all ages.

Click [here](#) for the Museum website to view all upcoming events. Don't forget to check out the SHOP or have lunch at the infamous Bistro with a friend.

Thank you to the Ladd brothers, for infusing joy, remembrance, and soul into our current exhibit, throughout which they use textiles and beads to tell stories of their experiences and childhoods. The Ladds will return on Dec. 8 if you haven't had the pleasure. Don't miss them!

OLLI Membership Committee:

Tom Miller, Chair; Marion Richter, Jay Richter, Gary Reinmuth, Anne Perry Moore, Dave Landsperger, Vicki Eckl, Millie Finkel; Meghan Burrows (staff)

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