

# The News

## Bringing OLLI Home to You

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### Bringing OLLI Home for the Holidays!

Dear OLLI Members and Friends,

No matter how and where you celebrate this holiday season, we at OLLI at Ringling College wish you all the very best. In this season of joy, especially after the trials of the past several years, we are grateful and hopeful we can gather again and celebrate. OLLI staff and instructors cannot wait to get into high gear when we resume and reconnect with our students on Jan. 9.

Thank you to Sandra Moulin for hosting our OLLI Winter Preview on Dec. 2, which drew rave reviews. Presenting OLLI instructors piqued the interest of everyone who attended to learn about our wide variety of course offerings.

And here's some great news! Our Gold Member registration saw more classes reach capacity quicker than ever before. A happy result was that Jeff Ryder and Joe Cucci graciously added another section to each of their fully subscribed courses. The

### Greetings from Dr. Phyllis C. Brown, our OLLI Director!

Dear OLLI Community,

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our members, volunteers, instructors, and donors for your outstanding contributions and support of OLLI in 2022.

Without you, OLLI would not exist. Each of you has made a tremendous difference in the revitalization of our program. We had a great fall semester because of you!

This time, we're on track to have an outstanding winter semester also because of you! **So far, we have more than 955 registrations.** We anticipate that number will increase. In addition, we have our **Listening to Women** series, the Susan Samelson Lecture, and CONNECTIONS film series, some of our signature programs that we are excited to offer next year.

I wish you Happy Holidays and a wonderful New Year!

additions included Jeff's **1970s Films Part 3** on Fridays, 1-2:20 pm, and Joe's **OLLI Movie Club** on Tuesdays, 3-4:20 pm.

A few thoughts to ponder...

*Did you know that research shows that writing is good for your mental health?*

Consider taking one of our excellent writing courses such as **Write Away**, **Writers Workshop**, and **Writing Memoirs from Music**, which are all in-person classes at the Museum Campus. **Writing a Legacy Letter** and **Memoir Plus**, meanwhile, are both offered online via Zoom.

Collaborative writing courses are proven to enrich your experiences and are a great way to start a new year and recharge.

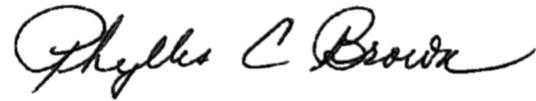
Or join us for these exciting course and programs... **Science Wednesdays**, **History Thursdays**, **Wellness Fridays**, or **CONNECTIONS - the Documentary Film Series**.

And don't forget that our successful and insightful **Listening to Women** series begins on Thursday, Jan. 26. This six-session series features 15 women and one robot whose innovations and accomplishments in a variety of fields are having an impact and influencing lives locally and globally.

Click [here](#) to register.

You can also view the catalog online because you just never know what other

Yours in Lifelong Learning,



## Spotlight on Nanette Crist

Anne Perry Moore, a newsletter staff member, posed three questions to one of our newest instructors so that OLLI members could learn about Nanette and why she created her first course, **Seeing Yourself in Pictures: Reimagining Famous Artwork**. Nanette's class runs Jan. 11-Feb. 1 (Wednesdays), 11 am-12:20 pm.

*Tell us about yourself...*

I grew up in Panama City, in the Florida panhandle, a place known more for its

great classes or lectures you missed or that now strike your fancy! Click [here](#) to view our catalog.

Don't forget you can also register by phone, at 941-309-5111, or in person in the Mann Reception Area (Room 105) at Sarasota Art Museum.

And finally, please consider including OLLI at Ringling College in your end-of-year giving plans. Add us to your list of **Qualified Charitable Distributions** from your Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) or employer match. We are grateful for whatever you donate.

**Remember** to spread the news about OLLI at Ringling College and how it helps you "Stay Curious!" and "Stay Connected!" You are our best advertisers. Tell your friends and new neighbors!

Be well. Be safe.

We toast you! And here's to a wonderful 2023!



### **Introducing OLLI's Social Media and Design Assistant**

beautiful beaches than its arts and culture. And yet that's where my love of art began. I took an art history class in high school with a teacher who was passionate about art despite having never been to a museum. Today I enjoy sharing the love of art she instilled in me. I volunteer as a docent at Sarasota Art Museum and co-lead public art walking tours with Judy Levine and Stephenie Frasher. This class will be my first foray into the classroom as an instructor.

#### ***Would you explain what your course will be about?***

Traditionally, the world of art - and thus art history - has focused on works created by Western European white men. As a result, the world's most iconic artworks reflect white male perspectives. Today, diverse artists are "flipping the script" on these narratives by replacing white men with women, people of color, and people of different ethnicities and sexual orientations. Think *Washington Crossing the Delaware* with a Black woman leading the way or *Olympia* with a gay Indian man in place of the courtesan. Each session will include either a Zoom session or a video so we can hear from some of these artists directly.

#### ***What led you to offer this course?***

Hello! My name is **Valeria Fernandez**. I am a senior majoring in Visual Studies at Ringling College of Art and Design. I am passionate about the arts and am working towards a career in the field. I am currently OLLI's Social Media and Design Assistant, promoting OLLI on platforms such as Facebook and Instagram.

Since joining the OLLI team, I've had the opportunity to meet some incredible people who have interesting experiences to share. I am looking forward to my time at OLLI and hope to learn more about this incredible community.

If you would like to keep up to date with OLLI, be sure to like and follow the Facebook [here](#) and Instagram page [here](#) - posts are made there once a week!

### **Sarasota Art Museum**

Sarasota Art Museum, our OLLI at Ringling College home, has world-class exhibitions on view and many exciting activities.

Click [here](#) for the Museum website to view all upcoming events. Don't forget to check out the Shop for unique holiday gifts for the whole family or have lunch at the scrumptious Bistro with a friend.

You've probably heard the expression, "If a tree falls in a forest and nobody hears it, does it make a sound?" The same question comes to mind when I think about learning about a topic that excites me and not sharing that newfound knowledge. And so, I landed upon the idea to create a class on this subject. I'm looking forward to sharing what I've learned with you and to hearing your thoughts.



### **Give the Gift of OLLI!**

Lifelong learning can change someone's life. If you know someone who is newly retired, struggling with change, or searching for identity, consider giving them the gift of an OLLI

membership. For only \$25, you can gift someone an OLLI membership for a year and introduce them to wonderful possibilities.

Also, please consider an end-of-the-year charitable donation to our OLLI. It will truly help all that OLLI is and is trying to become.

We thank our OLLI for a rewarding and exciting experience this year, and we look forward to 2023.

You can easily stay up to date with Sarasota Art Museum's latest exhibits, concerts, talks, and family events. There are Weekly Highlights Tours each Wednesday and Friday at 11 am.

Our best from the Membership Committee.

**Tom Miller, Membership Chair**



## Make the Most of Your Giving

Do you know if your former company matches philanthropic giving?

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](#) at (941) 309 - 4733.

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