CONSTRUCTION AT CRAIG STUDENT LIVING IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH

Craig Student Living is undergoing construction over the next few months. This will result in some parking spots being cordoned off and handicapped spots being relocated. Allow extra time for parking and utilize the OLLI Overflow Lot, if you are able, to leave spots closer for those with difficulty walking. When exiting the Overflow Lot, drive slowly to protect people walking to their cars. Refer to this map to see the affected areas.

FIRST TIME PEER LEADER BUILDS CONFIDENCE THROUGH ART
by Debbie Vermette

When I first joined OLLI four years ago, I would never have dreamed I’d become a Peer Leader. As I met other members and took wonderful classes, where Peer Leaders shared their passions, a thought started going through my head that maybe I could lead a class, too. In all honesty it took a few years to get up the nerve to actually hit the “submit” button on the course proposal page of the OLLI website. Then I contemplated the variety of collage projects I could share, and I had a great time gathering materials. The week before my first class, however, I got the jitters and thought to myself: WHY did I ever say I’d do this?!

Now, after just three classes (see photo), I can report proudly that I LOVE it! Yes, I was nervous at the start, but the OLLI members in my class are wonderful, I’ve already made new friends, and I’ve gained some more confidence in the bargain!

OLLI SUMMER '18 MUSEUM TRIP

Truth and Beauty: The Pre-Raphaelites and the Old Masters

Pre-Trip Lecture: June 27, 1-2:30pm, Craig Hall Gordon 1
Bus Trip to Museum: June 30, 7:45am to 8pm

In the Revolutionary year of 1848, seven young Englishmen, including William Holman Hunt, John Everett Millais, and Dante Gabriel Rossetti, banded together to reject bloodless Victorian art in favor of the simplicity, spirituality, and beauty of early Renaissance art in Italy and the Netherlands. The San Francisco Legion of Honor’s exhibit Truth and Beauty: The Pre-Raphaelites and the Old Masters explores this transformation featuring lions of the era, like Fra Angelico, Botticelli, and Rossetti’s Monna Vanna (pictured).

A pre-trip lecture will be offered by Professor Emerita Dolores Mitchell, who has taught 19th Century European art and published research on the topic. She’ll talk about how these artists painted increasingly lush, intricate works with dark psychological undertones. Using wives and mistresses as models, they created archetypal images of women as either redeemers or as femme fatales. Sign-ups are now available at our secure online registration form! Sign up soon to reserve your seat for this fascinating exhibit.
OLLI MENTORING INITIATIVE SEEKING NEW LEADS

by Roy Cook

Over the past two years the OLLI mentoring program has grown from 8 to nearly 70 mentors—all OLLI members with backgrounds and experience ranging from teaching and nursing to software development and mechanical engineering. Since that time, our mentors have paired up with students in the College of Business and also with reentry students who’ve come back to continue their education after long gaps.

We are eager to reach out to other areas of the University, and we're seeking your help. I know many of our members are alumni of CSU, Chico and may have an “in” with a department or college. If you know a staff member or professor who might be interested, please contact me with their information. I'll talk to them about the possibility of making a brief announcement in their class, as we've done successfully in other classes. We’ve got a number of great references, if helpful. You'll find me at 123rsc@gmail.com. Interested in becoming a mentor? I'd be glad to talk with you about that, too!

FALL COURSE PROPOSALS DUE MARCH 7

Members find meaning through leading

We know our members learn for the love of it. We also know our volunteer instructors teach for the love of it. Whether you’ve led a class in the past or could be convinced to lead one for the first time, we hope you’ll consider submitting a course proposal for the fall semester. You can find our online proposal form on the Peer Leader Resources page of the OLLI website, along with a wealth of helpful information for both new and veteran Peer Leaders. Fall term proposals are due March 7.

One more thing…word-of-mouth is our best recruiting tool! If you know someone who is really smart, interesting, passionate about teaching, or just plain cool, tell them about this opportunity. We’d love to know them!

OLLI CLASS EXPANDS TO SYCAMORE GLEN

Open to the Public

Long-time Poetry for Pleasure Peer Leader Jim Kirks has moved to Sycamore Glen Senior Community and he is spreading the word about the pleasures of lifelong learning at his new home. Jim is now offering a weekend poetry class at the facility, giving OLLI members an alternative option and offering his new neighbors the chance to join in. Following the format of Jim’s Chico classes, members will bring in poems of their choice to share and discuss. The next meeting is Saturday, Feb. 24 from 2-3pm at Sycamore Glen Senior Community located at 1199 Diablo Avenue. Please direct all questions to Jim at jameskirks1199@gmail.com.

REMEMBERING

Aubrey (Ted) Beall

Born in 1919 in Hagerstown, Maryland, Aubrey, who was better known by his middle name, Ted, moved to Arizona and So. California before coming to Butte County in 1948. In retirement, Ted and Helen, his wife of 65 years, enjoyed traveling with the Elderhostel Program. In his later years, he relished discussions of current events and politics in the longtime OLLI Cracker Barrel class. A celebration of life ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, Mar. 17, at 2 pm at the Oroville First United Methodist Church. See full obituary.
Persis Sturges
Popular OLLI Peer Leader and adventurer Persis Sturges was born in Upland, CA in 1921. She received her doctorate in Experimental Psychology at the University of Washington and began a 20-year career at CSU, Chico starting in 1964, where she was the first woman faculty member in the Psychology Department. Persis was recognized as a prominent educational psychology researcher and was published in many journals. In fact she was among the first faculty to be awarded the Professional Achievement Honor at CSU, Chico. OLLI remembers Persis best as a tireless traveler. In 2007 she led a group of members to Cambodia and Vietnam. In 2009 she led OLLI to the former Yugoslavia. At the age of 91, she later took members to Africa. Persis led the Armchair Traveler class, still popular with OLLI members. Persis is survived by her two daughters Jean and Nancy, her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and her many friends. See full obituary.

SPRING 2018 CALENDAR
Mark your calendars!

March 7 ......................... Fall 2018 Course Proposals Due 
March 7 ....................... General Meeting at Chico Masonic Family Center 
March 19-23 ............... Spring Break (Office Closed/No Classes) 
March 30 ...................... Cesar Chaves Holiday (Office Closed/No Classes)
April 12-15 ................. Play Festival at the Blue Room Theatre
April 18 ....................... Annual Business Meeting
May 9 ......................... Spring Luncheon
May 11 ....................... Spring Classes End

HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

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