NO CLASSES OVER SPRING BREAK: MARCH 19-23

COMMUNITY-SPONSORED CLASS ON WATER, WATER, WATER!
Tuesday, March 13, 10:30am to 12pm, Gordon 1.

These late rains will help, but they do little to solve our perpetual need for more water in California. Capitalizing on our community partnerships to bring more learning to OLLI, Cal Water is offering a one-time class next week on water conservation. In Water Conservation 101, Peer Leader Kyle Ramey, conservation coordinator for Cal Water, will introduce the larger ideas of water supply and demand, the differences between residential and commercial water use, conservation fixture standards, and the reasoning behind the push to conserve when we’re not in drought conditions. Information about high efficiency water saving devices and rebate programs will also be shared. Plus giveaways!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER?
Sneak Peek!

The summer semester at OLLI offers a diverse range of classes and activities, whether you want to meander across medieval England from the edge of your chair or learn kayaking on actual water. Would you consider joining others for lunch and a game of cribbage? Or do you prefer to sit quietly, practicing your new drawing skills? Maybe you’d rather learn to meditate? Possibly join a group that loves to go to local theater? The summer schedule will be posted online before the end of March. We can’t wait to share it with you!

2017-18 OLLI BUSINESS & TOWN HALL MEETING
Save the Date: Wednesday, April 18, from 11:30am to 1pm, Chico Masonic Family Ctr.

Join us for a light lunch, to mingle with friends, and to learn more about key issues facing OLLI this year. We’ll follow with a deeper discussion on where we’re headed and how best to get there. OLLI’s Annual Business Meeting offers members a forum for understanding how OLLI operates. Did you know that membership fees cover only half of OLLI expenses? Did you know the actual cost per member for running OLLI is $296? Are you aware that office volunteers alone provided more than 3,000 service hours last year?

We’ll be sending out a special e-bulletin next week with a copy of the proposed 2018-19 budget, plus highlights from our Shaping the Future survey showing key areas where members want to see OLLI focus its resources. We hope you’ll find this information interesting, and we especially hope you’ll join us for another annual business meeting in April!
**FACULTY-LED DESIGN WORKSHOP MARCH 15**

Play Festival gets boost from campus designers

With grant dollars this year from the CSU, Chico University Foundation, the OLLI Play Festival is getting guidance from theater experts on campus and in the community. On **March 15, from 3-5pm at the Wismer Theater**, faculty members Mallory Prucha (costume designer) and Brian Redfern (scenic designer) will lead a **(free) workshop on the role of the design team within a theatrical production**. *(Photo: CSU, Chico faculty member Matty Miller, center, conducts Directors’ Workshop last fall)*

Specifically, Prucha and Redfern, along with student designers, will talk about their experiences on the Theater Department’s spring play, *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*—for which members can [purchase tickets to the performance](#). Read this [write-up](#) about CSU, Chico’s spring play (also at Wismer Theater). The theater is located in the Performing Arts Center, Rm 134, on the CSU, Chico campus.

**HELP WANTED: BACKSTAGE CREW FOR APRIL FESTIVAL**

**By Rachel Jablon**

Have you ever wondered what happens backstage? That’s where I first volunteered for the OLLI Play Festival, and it was a great way to support the actors and directors and become a part of the theater experience—without having to perform! This year, more than 30 actors, writers, and directors are participating in the 2018 festival, slated for the Blue Room Theater April 12-15. **We are looking for 5 volunteers** to help us place props and furniture on stage for the six short comedies. A one week commitment is required from April 9 (includes dress rehearsals) to April 15. Please contact me directly for more information at rjablon@ucsc.edu.

**BUS 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

Pre-trip lecture by Professor Emerita Dolores Mitchell, who has taught 19th Century European art and published research on the topic. Dolores shared a preview of her talk at the OLLI General Meeting on Mar. 7. She spoke of the lush, intricate works that were created, with wives and mistresses as models. **Sign-ups are now available on our secure online registration form!** Sign up soon!

**MAKING FRIENDS THE OLLI WAY**

**By Susan Levine**

OLLI is the perfect venue in which to make new friends. All it takes is intention and some courage. Here’s a recent example that I thought was worth sharing. Longtime OLLI member Carla Dunham was waiting for class to start earlier this fall, when a woman sat down near her. Carla started a conversation and learned the woman was new to Chico and was attending the OLLI class because at the urging of her daughter. They had a nice chat, and it occurred to Carla later that she should extend a lunch invitation the next time she saw her new friend in class. She did, and Carla, her husband Jerry, and the newcomer had lunch together and discovered they have much in common. Because Carla went the extra mile to reach out to someone she didn’t know, that person felt included, and they all gained a friend. For those of you who read my urgings in this direction a month ago, please remember, “nothing ventured, nothing gained.” Thank you, Dunhams, for following through on a hunch and making a difference in doing so!
SPRING 2018 CALENDAR

Mark your calendars!

March 7 .................. Fall 2018 Course Proposals Due!
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?

If you have something to say, a photo to share, or a question to pose to the editor, you can submit information using our new “OLLI Newsletter Submission” form.

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