Weekly Update
May 18–22
...And don’t forget,

MANY HANDS, LIGHT WORK—MAKING VOLUNTEERING MORE MEANINGFUL

Volunteer recruitment event to showcase how OLLI works—and how you make the difference!

More than 200 members indicated an interest in volunteering for OLLI, and we realized we weren’t prepared to receive them. It made us reconsider our approach to recruiting volunteers, one that better considers personal interests and skills. By asking more questions up front, we’re finding it easier to connect volunteers to areas of need within the organization.

OLLI needs more hands to maintain the kind of dynamic programming members appreciate. And there’s something for everyone—from helping to recruit new peer leaders, to serving on a play selection committee. But we need to ask first: “What would you like to do?”

Come experience our volunteer renaissance and give us a chance to help you make these essential connections between volunteer service and OLLI’s greatest areas of need. Plus, lunch is on us!

RUMMAGE SALE DONATIONS BOOST ANNUAL FUND

Armchair Travelers give away trip memorabilia to raise money for OLLI

Peer Leader Sue Monroe hardly lacks for great ideas, so when she called the OLLI office with an uncommon proposal, she got the go-ahead to get creative. Armchair Traveler features presentations from OLLI world travelers’ personal vacation archives. Along with thousands of photos and videos, Sue presumed many travelers also collected memorabilia—She was right!

In sum, Armchair Traverlers donated $250 towards the Annual Fund deficit, making it easier for us to reach our goal by end of fiscal year, June 30. Plus, an added bonus for some: closets are cleared of stuff for which usefulness has expired! Thanks to Sue, Nancy Gipson, Mary Brashears, and Nancy Fern for their creative input and leadership of this long-running, ever-popular class—and related endeavors!
SAN FRANCISCO BUS TRIP—SEATS STILL AVAILABLE

400 years of artistic production by many of the world’s greatest painters

Local art historian Dolores Mitchell will deliver a pre-trip lecture on Monday, May 18, from 1-2:30pm, at the Chico New Thought Center. This special preview is designed to brief members who are traveling by chartered bus to the de Young Museum in San Francisco on May 20. Mitchell will offer background and insights about some of the iconic paintings on view at the de Young.

Want to attend either or both? There’s still room. Call the OLLI office at 898-6679.

OLLI PLAY FESTIVAL AUDITIONS

Auditions coming up May 26 and 27 (see Calendar, below). Seeking Directors and Actors!

As a reader for the selection committee of the new OLLI Play Festival, I can say with confidence the seven plays selected are funny and, frankly, another testimony to hidden OLLI talent awaiting discovery. The Play Festival Committee is assembling a group of writers, directors, actors, and back-stage creatives, who are rediscovering their theatrical chops. Some are even signing up for the first time!

Pam Loyd and her team have created an environment that is playful, safe, and is bringing people together in new ways not always possible in the traditional classroom setting. Please consider a role of some kind—on stage or behind the scenes—and be part of something special. Scripts are available electronically, if you’d like to preview one or more of the comic plays selected.

For more information contact Festival Chairwoman Pam Loyd at (530) 809-0080 or pamloyd@icloud.com.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

May 18 Pre-Trip Lecture on de Young Exhibit, 1-2:30pm, Chico New Thought Center. Seats available.
May 19 A/V Training for Summer Peer Leaders. Stop in anytime from 9-3pm, Gordon 1, Craig Hall
May 20 San Francisco Bus Trip to de Young Museum. Tickets still available. Call the office 898-6679!
May 20 Peer Leader pre-registration (opens 9am)
May 21 Summer 2015 Class Preview, 10am-12pm, Chico Masonic Family Center
May 22 Class Registration (opens 9am) at olli.csuchico.edu
May 26 Play Festival Auditions, 10am-12:30pm or 1:30-4:30pm, Gordon 1 at Craig Hall
May 27 Play Festival Auditions, 1:30-4:30pm (afternoon only), Gordon 1 at Craig Hall
May 27 Volunteer Connections Faire, 11am-1pm, Chico Masonic Family Center. Find your match!
June 1 Summer Classes Begin
June 25, 26, 27, 28 OLLI Play Festival, Blue Room Theater
June 26 Summer 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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