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*OLLI Notes
April 26, 2024***

**OLLI Office hours are
Monday-Thursday 8:30 - 5 p.m. and
Friday 8:30 - 4 p.m. Contact the office at
864-294-2998.**

Check out the [OLLI Summer24 Brochure](https://furman.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=af3c4f8f7dbdb371355240f24&id=e8cee8884e&e=2b19719a99)**on our website!**
Printed copies of the brochure are available in the OLLI office.
Registration begins **Tuesday, May 7 at 8 a.m.**for all. Summer courses last 4 weeks and there are free Friday Bonus Events as well. No membership fee is required for summer, so it's a great time to invite your friends to join us.
**PLEASE NOTE:** The following courses are **cancelled**for the Summer term.
*HFE583*Worst Case Scenarios (Thursday 10 a.m.)
*HFE504* Anthony's Intermediate Hiking (Friday 8:30 a.m.)

Thank you to everyone who wore their purple and donated to the **OLLI Faculty Enrichment Fund on Dins Day**!  We raised more than $4,000 for the OLLI Faculty Enrichment Fund, an endowed fund that provides research dollars for Furman professors and brings new courses back to OLLI.

***OLLI Special Event
Greenville Symphony Orchestra***

**Thursday, May 2, 3:15 pm in Herring Center Manly Lobby,**
Enjoy a music learning opportunity  with Les Hicken and Erik Franklin as they discuss their upcoming concerts with the GSO, *"With the Wind."* There will be two concert events of "*With the Wind"*onSunday, May 5, 3:00 pm and 7:30 pm, Gunter Theater.

***Let's Celebrate at the
OLLI YEAR-END CELEBRATION LUNCHEON!***

**Tuesday, May 14, 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM**
This year’s theme is *“OLLI Travels”*
$25 per person
Younts Conference Center

Celebrate another great year of OLLI@Furman at our annual Spring Luncheon! We will recognize incoming and outgoing Council members and of course, enjoy time with OLLI members before the summer is upon us. OLLI Member, Vito Fiore will be our emcee for this fun annual event!  This is a special time for OLLI members to come together and we hope you will join us!
Doors open at 11:30 for fellowship
(one wine ticket for each guest and cash bar available).
Enjoy a buffet Italian Pisa lunch at noon.
Dietary Restrictions? Contact Heidi Wright or call her at 864.294.2997 and let her know how we can accommodate you!
Stop by or call the OLLI office (864.294.2998.)to reserve your  Luncheon tickets, $25/per person and can be paid by cash, check payable to Furman University or credit card.
 **RSVP by Monday, May 6!**

**The nominating committee of the OLLI Council is pleased to announce the following candidate slate of nominees:**
*VP of Finance and Administration:*
*Albert Wargo*
*At Large Representatives:*
*Betsy Forbush*
*Ron Tullis*

The Slate will be voted on at the annual luncheon. Questions? Contact Nancy Kennedy.

[Senior Leaders Greenville](https://furman.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=af3c4f8f7dbdb371355240f24&id=c8667d3856&e=2b19719a99) is an OLLI program and we are looking to fill Class 10! This is a year-long program (meets one Friday a month) that gives you the opportunity to learn more about the Greenville community and its successes and challenges. Graduates leave the program as more informed voters and better-equipped volunteers. Questions? See Nancy or Heidi in the OLLI office.

[Learn more and apply HERE.](https://furman.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=af3c4f8f7dbdb371355240f24&id=fd6662e7f8&e=2b19719a99)

There is room for you in the following Bonus Events on **Friday, May 3!
Please CALL the OLLI office at 864.294.2998 to register.**
The Great Depression, 10 a.m.- Noon on Zoom - plenty of spots
Hidden Gems of America's National Park System 1-3 p.m. on Zoom - plenty of spots
Bloom Time on Lake Jocassee - 3 spots, 10 a.m.- 1p.m. $55 fee plus $5 parking
Refugees in the Upstate 1 - 2:45 p.m. - 7 spots

The **Course Proposal Deadline** for the Fall 24 semester is **April 29th**. Use the following [website link](https://www.furman.edu/osher-lifelong-learning-institute/instructor-resources/course-proposal-form/)to complete the course proposal form. Have questions? Contact Alex Fagan in the office.

**An Ode to OLLI Contest!**
To commemorate the 2023/24 Year we are launching a poetry contest for our membership. Using only the words that appear in this newsletter, craft an original poem of up to 75 words. Unlike an [erasure poem](https://poets.org/glossary/erasure), the words do not have to appear in the order they’re found — mix and match how you please. Any English word appearing anywhere in today’s newsletter is fair game, including those in this contest announcement. If a word appears once, you can only use it once.
"The pen is the tongue of the mind." -Horace
Happy writing!

**The rules:**
Submit your poem by May 6th to
Jessica Justicevia email or in office delivery.

* Include a title + author’s name in your submission. Titles are an exception to the rule, and do not need to pull words from the newsletter.
* Poems — excluding title and author’s name — must be 75 words or less.
* While we’ve placed a pretty big limitation on your poem’s words, the form + direction is up to you — and we can’t wait to see what you all come up with.
* Submissions down to a group of finalists based on style, originality, artistic quality, and creativity. Finalists will be announced in an upcoming newsletter, and we’ll ask our readers to vote for their favorite poem. We’ll feature the winner’s poem in our OLLILife news magazine.
* Pro tip: To make the process easier on yourself, we recommend printing out today’s issue, highlighting the words you find most interesting, and crossing them out as you include them in your poem.
* Don’t forget to keep track of your articles (words like “the” or “and”).

**Looking to spruce up your Spring wardrobe with some OLLI @ Furman gear?**  We have just the thing for you!  Please click the following link to visit the [OLLI @ Furman Lands End Store](https://business.landsend.com/store/olli_furman/) and select from a variety of men’s, women’s, and accessory items. You can also call in to place your order by calling 800-819-2689, reference account #4571176. Please note that upon selection of item and size a logo charge will be added to your order.
 We are excited to have the return of this option as many members have enjoyed personalizing gear in years past. Be sure to stop by the OLLI office and show off your new OLLI swag.

***OLLI Happenings***

**Tuesday Lunch & Learn for April 30, 12:30-1:15 p.m. HC110**
Learn about *VisitGreenvilleSC Unveiled: Tourism and How You Can Be A Local Champion*with Michelle Guevara, Director of Destination Experiences at VisitGreenvilleSC**.**These sessions are open to the public and are a super way to share the OLLI “experience.” Invite your friends!
**OLLI enjoyed a visit from Appalachian Area Agency on Aging**recently, at our Lunch & Learn series and we have further details to share regarding the services available to seniors. AAAon Agency can assist with Respite Care Payment Assistance, Insurance Counseling, Abuse & Neglect and Disability Assessment. You may call 864.242.9733 or email adrc@scacog.org for more information.

**Does the idea of talking Math and Physics sound fun to you? Or perhaps, Biology and Chemistry are more your speed?** If so, we have just the SIGs for you!  Please come to an interest meeting to learn more about the **Mathematics and Physics Discussion SIG** and the **Biology and Chemistry Discussion SIG** on **Wednesday May 1 at 12:30 p.m., HC113**.  We will review the idea behind these new SIGs, discuss timing of meetings, etc. in order to get things in place for a Fall kickoff.  If you are interested but can't make the meeting, please contactBill Mawby.

**The OLLI Singers** and friends will present familiar show tunes from the Golden Era of the American musical theatre in the Herring Center Lobby on **Wednesday May 1 at 12:15**.
Come hang out, join in, and support the OLLI Singers! For further information about The OLLI Singers, contact Laura Becker at LLB3130@gmail.com

**SAVE THE DATE** for the **OLLI Consort Recorder SIG's**performance on **Monday, May 6 at 12:15**in the Manly Lobby of the Herring Center.

**The OLLI Chimes**will present their end of the year program on **Wednesday, May 8 at 12:15** in theManly Lobby of the Herring Center. This eighteen ringer ensemble rehearses each week for ninety minutes in preparation for their final program. Among the pieces to be presented will be arrangements of *"Scarborough Fair," “Come Thou Fount,"* and the Irish tune *“Kedron.*” A tradition of this group is to present a variety of cookies to entice you to stay and listen to them ring.  Please join us for this year ending celebration and gain calories as the chimes ring!

**German Speaking Special Interest Group. Are you interested in practicing your german speaking skills?** Do you feel that conversation would help consolidate what you already know and help move towards actually being able to use your language skills? Medical studies that suggest learning a second language is very cognitively beneficial!  **We are investigating if there is interest in forming a new SIG group for this purpose. Please reply to**[Jessica Justice](http://jessica.justice@furman.edu)**if you would be interested in this new group.**

***Furman Features***

The Shi Institute for Sustainable Communities will host its first annual **Furman Farm Day from 9:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 27.** Please join in for a special morning with a variety of opportunities to learn about gardening with our favorite farm manager Bruce Adams and do a little work to ensure the farm has a great summer season. Refreshments will be served. Dress is farm casual; dress to get your hands dirty! RSVP to maryfrances.shelato@furman.edu

***What's Happening in Greenville***

The**Greenville Chorale** is excited to present its Annual Spring Concert on **April 28, 2024 at 3 p.m.** at Greenville’s First Baptist Church. The Chorale will present a concert of memory and affirmation dedicated to all those whom we have loved and lost.  Selections will feature the exquisite Duruflé Requiem with guest soloist and Greenville native mezzo-soprano Elizabeth Bishop. The Chorale will also perform some famous arrangements of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Charles Tompkins will be our guest organist. You won’t want to miss this powerful afternoon of music. **Discounted tickets for OLLI members**can be purchased through the OLLI office.

Four musical friends are presenting a concert featuring the music of French jazz pianist, Claude Bolling on **Sunday April 28 @ 2 pm, First Presbyterian Church Greenville Chapel** "Suite for Cello and Jazz Trio" has 6 movements in wildly different styles, with playful juxtaposition of classical and jazz/blues idioms. There is even a movement called "Gallop" designed to be a musical impression of riding a horse! All performers (Cris Lee on cello, Sarah Wannamaker on piano, Dr. Chris Davis on drumset, David Warlick on bass) teach at local colleges and universities. 40 minutes, **no admission fee**. 200 W Washington Street, Greenville. Free parking in church parking lots and in Richardson Street parking garage.

**The Greenville Symphony Orchestra**
**Saturday, May 4, 7:00 pm**, GSO is presenting*"Star Wars: A New Hope"*in concert at the Bon Secours Wellness Arena! Enjoy the movie on a huge screen, with the amazing John Williams score performed live by the Greenville Symphony Orchestra!

The GSO will also present a **surprise performance at the *Artisphere Festival on*Saturday May 11 in the early afternoon!

Foothills Philharmonic “Pops” Concert Saturday, May 4 at 7 p.m.**You never know what will happen at a Foothills Pops Concert. Darth Vader might command the podium – or E.T. arrive by tricycle. And always the music will be memorable. Favorites you’ll recognize. Can you name the tunes? Bring your grandkids to the Instrument Petting Zoo at 6pm before the concert where they can try instruments with teachers to assist them and win a chance to conduct the orchestra’s final piece. **Saturday May 4 at 7pm.** Riverside Baptist Church, 1249 Suber Rd, Greer, [**foothillsphilharmonic.org**](https://furman.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=af3c4f8f7dbdb371355240f24&id=fae5ee1eca&e=2b19719a99) –  **FREE!**

**Greenville Jewish Film Fest will host a movie event, a**showing of *Four Winters,* a film of Jewish Partisan Resistance and Bravery during WWII on**Sunday, May 5, 4 p.m., Camelot Cinemas. $18 adults, price includes film, popcorn, and fountain drink.**Although the Nazis seized and killed millions of Jews during World War II, they failed to capture 25,000 who escaped to the forests of Eastern Europe. Instead of simply hiding, these young men and women - many of them teenagers - banded together to fight back, carrying out deadly acts of sabotage, staging ambushes, and waging clandestine warfare against the Nazis and their collaborators. This film tells the inspiring story of how these innocent young adults transformed into guerrilla soldiers, surviving - and ultimately triumphing - against extraordinary odds.