***OLLI Notes*
*June 7, 2024***

**OLLI Office Hours
Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
864-294-2998**

We've had a great kickoff to our summer term, with more than 600 participating. It's been great to see many of you, and we look forward to those who are taking an OLLI break when you return this fall!

There is room for you in these Summer Friday Bonus Events!
**Please CALL the OLLI office at 864.294.2998 to register.**

**June 14**
A Photographer's Paradise on Roan Mountain -7am-7pm -7 spots
Negotiating and Evaluating Websites - 10-11:30am - 13 spots
A World War II Story through Sketches (Zoom) - 10-11:30am - many spots
Catholic Charities - Community Program Awareness - 10am-Noon - 11 spots
QPR: Learn How to Ask A Difficult Question - 1-4pm - 10 spots

**June 21**
Global Refugee Crisis and the Local Response - 10am-Noon -many spots
How AI/Disinformation Could Impact the 2024 Election -1-3pm -many spots
Key Things to Know about Home and Car Insurance - 1-3pm - 11 spots

***OLLI Travel***

Come learn more about
OLLI’s **Tennessee Presidential Tour**
which will take place **October 23 – 27, 2024**.
 Local guide Chumley Cope of Explore Up Close will join us to share an **informative overview on Tuesday, June 11 at 11:30 a.m.**, HC110 to share details.  If you are interested but cannot make the meeting on Tuesday, please stop by the OLLI office or contact Nancy Kennedy. **Registration will be open following the Interest Meeting on June 11.**  Following is a glimpse…

What's the perfect warm-up to this year's November elections?!  **The Tennessee Presidential Tour, October 23 - 27.**  Join local guide Chumley Cope (Explore Up Close) and OLLI staff on a bus tour "canvassing" swaths of the beautiful Volunteer State.  We will uncover stories of US Presidents who made their marks in Tennessee, or were significantly connected to the state by some means.  Our driving route will showcase Tennessee geography, including the great Tennessee River Valley; the Cumberland Plateau; the hills and dales of Middle Tennessee; and Nashville's Cumberland Hills.  We'll spend our overnights in Chattanooga (1); Franklin (2); and Oak Ridge (1).

 Our tour will be limited to 24 participants.  Fun, festive, informative, and timely.  Just another "week" in the life of OLLI at Furman!  Please join us.

**The OLLI@Furman Travel Committee is working
on a trip just for you!**
**Signature City New Orleans, Louisiana**
**February 2-7, 2025**

With over 300 years of colorful culture under its belt, New Orleans revels in its giddy blend of European refinement and carefree effervescence, a place where virtue and vice are celebrated in equal measure. On this introduction to New Orleans, we’ve planned a full schedule of activities, so you can experience the intoxicating charms of “the Crescent City” that have long fascinated artists, writers, musicians and scholars. Experience live New Orleans jazz, and take field trips inside and outside the French Quarter and Garden District. Get perspectives on architectural and literary landmarks, and enjoy unique culinary adventures as well as the National World War II Museum.

We’ve asked Road Scholar to prepare their Signature City New Orleans experience just for us. In order to proceed, we need to ensure we have enough interest to fill the trip. That’s where you come in.
**If you are interested, let the office know by June 14.** Please contact the OLLI office at 864.294.2998 and ask to be added to the New Orleans list. Please contact **Nancy Kennedy** with questions.
Check out the trip details [**HERE!**](https://furman.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=af3c4f8f7dbdb371355240f24&id=4283fc2a87&e=2b19719a99)

***Riley Institute StraightTalk 2024 Art Display***
OLLI Artists and Photographers are being given a unique opportunity to participate in the*StraightTalk 2024 Series, presented by The Riley Institute and OLLI@Furman.*We are accepting art and photograph submissions for an art display to be presented throughout the Fall 2024 series. The submissions should relate or evoke the ideas explored in the 2024 series, ***Decision 2024: Politics in the Divided States of America.***A synopsis of StraightTalk Decision 2024 is provided [HERE.](https://furman.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=af3c4f8f7dbdb371355240f24&id=7569121651&e=2b19719a99)

There will be two different installations across campus: in Trone and OLLI in the weeks leading up to and for the length of the StraightTalk Series. On opening night at McAlister Auditorium, we will display selected works of those students and OLLI artists who are interested in speaking to the public, at a reception, about their work prior to the opening lecture in the series.

Art submissions may be delivered to the OLLI office. Photography submissions may be submitted digitally to Jessica Justice or framed pieces may be delivered to the OLLI office by June 21

***OLLI Happenings***

Thank you to the OLLI Life team and Editor Jean Hess for this wonderful final edition of **OLLI*Life*** for the 2023-24 Year! Click the link [HERE](https://furman.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=af3c4f8f7dbdb371355240f24&id=3b4ac0b6b8&e=2b19719a99)to read the edition online or stop by the OLLI office for a hard copy.

***The Photography Committee is now accepting submissions for the Crabtree Fall 24 Photography Display.***
The theme for the Fall display will be *Car Power.*
The mystique of a white T-Bird, a restored 1950s two-toned Ford, a
chrome bumper, an elegant antique headlamp. These are among the millions of cars or their parts that represent freedom, inspire
loyalty and offer an engine-revving call to the open road. Can you
capture that in a photo? Our fall Crabtree exhibit will be “Car Power” and we invite you to show the appeal of cars — whether they reside in junk yards, new lots or your garage. Your image can feature only the car — or the car with the people who love them. Please submit one jpeg with about 2040 pixels on the long side to
ollicrabtreephotos@gmail.com by August 2. Selected images will require a frame and the exhibit will open September 5. Please direct any questions via email to Linda Hosek.

***What's Happening in the Upstate***

**Chautauqua's History Comes Alive FREE Festival, *Through the Looking Glass*****begins today, June 7 – 18, 2024!**At Greenville Chautauqua this year explore the secrets and lives of a host of accomplished historic characters, portrayed by nationally acclaimed historical interpreters. From antebellum America to the Golden West, from the world of Nazi Austria to the world of American pop music, we have an image of these times, these people. On the Chautauqua stage, we will explore the truth of those images. For more information visit online at [**https://historycomesalive.org.**](https://furman.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=af3c4f8f7dbdb371355240f24&id=ad9a58b8c6&e=2b19719a99)

**The Carl Sandburg Music Festival will be held in Flat Rock on Saturday, June 8,** to celebrate Carl Sandburg's efforts to document the history of American music in his American Songbag. Sandburg spent years interviewing musicians and singers, documenting their songs, including folk, gospel, jazz and blues. Carl Sandburg said, “the American Songbag comes from the hearts and voices of thousands of men and women.” The Festival celebrates his work and the work of modern singers and songwriters to share diverse and original American music. Visit the [Website HERE](https://furman.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=af3c4f8f7dbdb371355240f24&id=8423c61565&e=2b19719a99)for details.

**Tuesday, June 11 is election day for statewide primaries in South Carolina.** If you have questions or would like additional candidate or voter information, follow the links below for details!
[candidate lookup tool](https://furman.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=af3c4f8f7dbdb371355240f24&id=c7ab12d0c0&e=2b19719a99) on Simple Civics: Greenville County
[Voting Matters](https://furman.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=af3c4f8f7dbdb371355240f24&id=ae9b4c93c6&e=2b19719a99)
[VoteGVL.com](https://furman.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=af3c4f8f7dbdb371355240f24&id=5e838a1144&e=2b19719a99)

**Warehouse Theatre**will present ***Assassins***through June 23. This production is a journey through the dark side of the American dream, Stephen Sondheim and John Weidman’s Tony-winning musical Assassins explores the lives of nine men and women who either killed (or tried to kill) one of the Presidents of the United States. From John Wilkes Booth to Lee Harvey Oswald and beyond, the stories of our country’s most successful and would-be assassins intersect in unexpected ways, creating a powerful, yet unnervingly funny look at some of the most shocking moments in US history. Visit [Warehouse Theatre](https://furman.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=af3c4f8f7dbdb371355240f24&id=c180d4716a&e=2b19719a99)[f](https://furman.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=af3c4f8f7dbdb371355240f24&id=bb28a20f1a&e=2b19719a99)or tickets and information.

The Appalachian Council of Governments in partnership with Bon Secours, LifeWise Program, is hosting ***“Jazz for Justice”*** to bring awareness to the community for **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.** This year’s event will be held on **Thursday, June 20, 2024, from 6pm to 8pm  at Senior Action**located at [3715 E N St., Ste K, Greenville, SC 29615](https://furman.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=af3c4f8f7dbdb371355240f24&id=ec1243241c&e=2b19719a99). This event is free to the public.If you have any questions or would like more information,  please call 864-242-9733 or e-mail at aplumley@scacog.org. [**Click here to register**](https://furman.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=af3c4f8f7dbdb371355240f24&id=e7c4eb7075&e=2b19719a99)

St. John in the Wilderness Episcopal Church will present, as a part of the Friends of Music Series, *The Golden Age of American Song Concert*with OLLI Member, Lori Griswold, Furman University's, Dewitt Tipton and Tenor, Matthew Ruley on **Sunday, June 23, @ 4 p.m**. in the SJW Parish Hall, 1905 Greenville Highway, Flat Rock.