Welcome back to OLLI. May 2020 be the best yet!

Taste of OLLI

Join us for Taste of OLLI tomorrow, Jan. 7, in Conway at the Burroughs & Chapin Building, 290 Allied Drive. Shop for classes, chat with instructors, and meet our partners from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. At 11, hear about new OLLI policies, spring and summer excursions, and special events we have planned.

Taste of OLLI at our Litchfield location, 14427 Ocean Highway, follows the same schedule on Thursday, Jan. 9.

Even if you are an Early Bird, join us for Taste of OLLI. You may find a class, club, or trip you simply can’t live without!

New Additions to the Spring Catalog!

Classes

Security and Social Media, S. Jackson, XCTEC 306 C01/L01
Understand the risks and uses of the various popular social media apps to make informed decisions before using social media. Learn to make and update your accounts and properly use the various platforms. Fri., 1-2, 2/14-3/13, CEC; Mon., 2-3, 2/10-3/9, LEC

Clubs

Fine Dining on the Grand Strand, M. Freudenberger
Our dining clubs have filled each semester, so Marge is starting a new one! This one is devoted to restaurants with entrees starting around $25 or more. So if you love fine dining and want to explore restaurants from Little River to Litchfield, this club is for you. Thursdays, with cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. on 1/30, 2/27, 3/26, and 4/23. XCLB 107 C01

Diners and Dives, C. Osborne, XCLB 108 C01
Fine dining too fancy? Maybe you’d rather gather at some less glamorous establishments in the area. Don’t expect Guy to join us, but we will meet the last week of each month at 6. You must RSVP by date asked and order from menu. 1/28, 2/25, 3/31, 4/30

Movie Club, A. Dyer, XCLB 109 C01
If you love to go out to the movies, but enjoy company when you do so, join other OLLI film buffs in this new club. On the last Friday of each month, they will catch an afternoon flick at Market Common. Perhaps you can all go out afterward to discuss the film.
Introducing the OLLI Member Code of Conduct

Unfortunately, we have noticed an increase in behavior that threatens the inclusivity and respect that are so important within a lifelong learning community. To insure that all OLLI students, instructors, and staff feel comfortable while in our centers and that all students have access to a positive learning environment, we are instituting a new Code of Conduct to accompany the CCU Code of Student Conduct, which is already in place.

The full Code of Conduct will be mailed to all members. The short version, below, will be posted in our classrooms. Thank you for respecting one another and creating an atmosphere where everyone feels welcome.

- Attend only the classes for which you have registered. Register in a timely manner. If you must cancel, notify staff.

- Turn cell phones off or to vibrate when entering a class or starting an excursion.

- Hold questions to the end of a lecture or class unless otherwise directed. Q & A sessions are for questions, not argument.

- Be polite.

- Be punctual.

- Be positive.

- Be gracious.

Renovations in Litchfield Nearly Done

Thanks to the patience and skill of Ron Gardner, the resourcefulness of Joe Minter, and the generosity of our donors, the Osher Foundation, and CCU, the renovations of the new space in Litchfield and all the permits and inspections have taken place. As soon as we can add furniture and technology, we will be ready to utilize the new computer classroom, lecture space, and lounge. We also hope to have the equipment so that we can broadcast from our Conway location to our Litchfield center when needed.

Excursion Reminders and Updates

Our trip to see the CCU production of “Legally Blonde” on Thursday, Feb. 20 has already filled, so we are opening a second section of that trip. Those of you who have signed up already will be going to the Rivertown Bistro (which has a capacity of 36). Those who register for the second section (XEXC 100 C34) will be going to a different location to dine before the show, either a restaurant in Conway or the Hicks Dining Hall on campus.

The deadline for registering for our May 28-31 Spy Tour of Washington, D.C. is coming up quickly. The Mayflower Hotel has been asking for a deposit to honor our reservations, so please sign up by January 31. Dr. Fitsanakis is counting on you!
OLLI Focus Groups

Would you like your voice heard? Well, we are searching for volunteers to serve on focus groups so that we can improve the two major methods of communication in OLLI.

Our OLLI Website Wants You!!

Want to add your 2 cents?? Well here’s your chance! We need some volunteers to populate a focus group about our current OLLI website. We want to know what you like about the website and what you don’t like; what you are looking for when you visit on the web, what you have trouble finding, and what you think we need to change to make it POP! We even want to know if you don’t use it and why!

One focus group will meet in Conway, January 16th at 11 a.m. and one will meet in Litchfield on January 17th at 11 a.m., so pick your date and come join us! We are looking for folks of all levels of technological sophistication. Please let Cal Wall know you want to participate by calling him at 843-349-6584 or by dropping him an email at cwall@coastal.edu by January 10th. See you there!!

OLLI Catalog and Newsletter Critique

If you would like to give suggestions for improving the OLLI catalog and newsletter, please email Carol at Osborne@coastal.edu by January 22 indicating your willingness to serve on this focus group. Meeting dates will be determined once the group is established.

Parking decals need to be updated when you register. If you are taking classes in Conway or parking in Conway for excursions, you will need a parking pass. You can get your student ID at Baxley Hall on campus once you have registered for the semester. Each semester, you should get a new expiration sticker for you ID.

New OLLI Board Member

Please extend a warm welcome to our newest board member, Joseph Fitsanakis, and a big thank you to Cathy Eroszonak, who completed her term on the OLLI Board of Advisors in December. If you are interested in serving on one of the board’s committees, please contact the appropriate chair from the list below.

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Outreach: Gloria Baretto-Kaufman gbarret1@coastal.edu
Nominating: Elazer Barnette ejbarnette@live.com

Thanks to Cathy Eroszonak for serving on the OLLI Board of Advisors!

Thanks to Joseph Fitsanakis for joining the board!

New Pop-Up Lectures

When a significant event fills the headlines, don’t you wish you had access to experts to help you understand the context and nuances associated with that news item? Don’t you long for more than soundbites and political rhetoric and posturing? We do—so we’re going to try something new at OLLI: pop-up panels.

When something newsworthy happens, and when we can secure experts who are willing to address the topic, we’re going to add a pop-up to the schedule. Right now, Iran and Iraq are in the news, so we are busy arranging a pop-up for the first week of classes. Stay tuned for more information once we get our plans in place!

Thanks to all who donated to OLLI@CCU in 2019. Charitable giving to OLLI@CCU for 2019 totaled $11,408.10, down from the $12,683.50 given in 2018, and a far cry from what is needed to sustain programming as CCU’s budget gets tighter. We are committed to keeping membership fees stable ($25 for fall, $30 for spring and $10 for summer), but expect increases in course fees beginning in the fall.
In case something slipped through, these are the changes and cancellations we have had thus far:

Conway:

- The Great Decisions lecture series in Conway is now free; originally, it was listed as $10 in the catalog.

- J. Tracy’s “Amazing, Surprising, Entertaining Films You Never Saw” has incorrect dates on pg. 27. The correct dates are 2/6 to 2/27.

- T. Cooke’s “Attracting Pollinators” has a new course code: XNAT 890 C01.

- M. Van Loan’s “Acrylic Painting Intermediate & Advanced” has a new course code: XART 129 C03.

Litchfield:

- J. Sturm’s afternoon “Basic Realism in Oil and Acrylics” has new course codes:
  - XART 148 L04 – 1/27 to 3/2
  - XART 148 L05 – 3/9 to 4/13
  - XART 148 L06 – 4/20 to 5/18

- K. Welde’s “Stained Glass” classes have been rearranged:
  - Intermediate to Advanced classes will meet during the morning sessions.
  - Beginners to Intermediate classes will meet during the afternoon sessions.

- S. Mole’s “Outdoor Fused Glass Spring Flowers!” has a new course code: XART 383 L01.

- The first meeting for “Classic Book Club” will be Thurs., 1/9 from 2 to 3:50 p.m.

We have cancelled the following courses:

Conway:

- XHIST 656 C01 – General Bernard Montgomery (1/23 to 2/20)

- XREL 751 C01 – Stone and Storm-Early Celtic Christianity (1/22 to 3/11)

Litchfield:

- XWRIT 555 L01 – Write for Fun and Profit! (3/4 to 4/8)