

Pilot Program Brings OLLI to Berkshire Residents Choosing to Age at Home

Program Will Be A National Model

A partnership between OLLI at BCC and the Villages in the Berkshires, an organization dedicated to helping persons grow older in their own homes, has been created as a model and pilot for 121 OLLI's and the 230 other "Villages" programs throughout the United States.

The OLLI Board of Directors approved the partnership with the non-profit Villages in the Berkshires at its December meeting. Villages describes its mission as enabling "people to grow older in their own homes by fostering independence, a sense of security and well-being and meaningful lives," according to Howard L. Shapiro, an OLLI member and president of Villages board of directors. OLLI board members involved with Villages as officers include: Carl Schuster, vice president; Shel Goldberg, treasurer; and Chelly Sterman, secretary. According to Shapiro, there is no Villages office at this time, "as we are an organization in development and just beginning to identify our resources."

A central Berkshire Villages will begin operations in April 2019 with 30 households.

Some 230 unique villages operate throughout the country. All, however, strive to make staying in one's home easier for people as they get older without the need to move to another living arrangement. Each Villages organization provides volunteer services

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Chaucer Instructor 'Bitten' by Medieval Bug

Profile: Mary Rogers

A year of living in Canterbury, England with her family helped to inspire OLLI instructor Mary Rogers' interest in the literature of the Middle Ages. But it was when she was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) fellowship to study Arthurian literature that she said the "medieval bug really bit me."

Following her NEH fellowship at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington, Rogers attended the Center for Medieval Studies at the University of Toronto for her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees. She was writing a dissertation on the role of women as judges in medieval narrative when she had to return home because of illness in the family. This prevented her from completing the dissertation, but she has maintained a keen interest in the topic and in medieval literature in general.

And now, thanks to that interest, OLLI members who share Rogers' fascination and curiosity about early English literature can enjoy the fruits of her scholarship in her classes. Rogers was particularly pleased to offer an OLLI course on one

of her favorite medieval texts, *Sir Gawain & the Green Knight*, to a very engaged group of students. This spring she will be teaching a course on *Chaucer's Canterbury Tales*, examining the group of stories which recount "the woe that is in marriage."

Teaching has been one of Rogers' major occupations. Following her graduation with honors in philosophy and English from the University of Toronto, Rogers, a Chicago native, moved to New Jersey where she was given a teaching assistantship at Seton Hall University (SHU) while earning a Master's degree in English there. With her Master's, Seton Hall hired her as an adjunct Professor. After 10 years of teaching at SHU, she moved with her family to Great Barrington. She began working in the Development Office at Simon's Rock and served on the Parents Advisory Committee to the Berkshire Hills Regional School District's Superintendent.

But she missed teaching and was delighted when the school district recruited her for substitute teaching and then encouraged her to begin teaching high school full time at Monument Mountain High School in Great Barrington.

After several years of teaching there, she and her family spent a year in England, where they lived in a renovated windmill overlooking Canterbury. And during her



Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales*

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President's Report

I am happy to report that OLLI continues to grow and function effectively. Our membership is at 1,212, a substantial increase over last year. As I write, the winter semester is underway, and our enrollments and class registrations are at historic highs for this term. Our class offerings continue to be of astoundingly high quality. When I discover that an acquaintance is enrolled in an OLLI class, I usually ask how it's going. Everyone reports a positive experience, as is usually true.

Of course these amazing course offerings are possible only because the Berkshires are blessed with many public spirited citizens who are willing to do the hard work of preparing and presenting a course, for only nominal consideration. It continues to amaze me how many such people our Curriculum Committee members have found.

I resettled here in Berkshire County only seven years ago, so I remember how valuable OLLI was in easing my

entrance into this community. As a newcomer, OLLI offered stimulating academic content, enriching cultural experiences and—not least—opportunities to make new friends. Even during my professional career as a government lawyer, I cannot remember belonging to any group whose members had so many diverse academic and cultural interests and such a strong commitment to improving the community.

OLLI activities can be lots of fun, especially if you have enough time on your hands to work and play together with other OLLI members. So please feel free to get involved in OLLI. Not everyone feels comfortable offering a course, but there is lots of work for committee members, mentors and other volunteers. And OLLI is once again offering the OLLI Volunteer



Leadership Academy in June. This free three-week program (one morning per week) is an introduction to OLLI and to organizational leadership generally. If you are interested, please contact me peterbluhm@icloud.com or our Executive Director, Megan Whilden mwhilden@berkshirecc.edu.

As a final note, I encourage members to use our online registration system. If you have Internet access, this is a great way to select your courses and pay the modest OLLI enrollment fee. The service to which OLLI subscribes makes the enrollment process simple and secure. You must have a unique email address to register (i.e.: not shared with your spouse), but nearly all OLLI members already have this. If you enroll online, it saves considerable staff time, and that's usually at times before a term begins which are already hectic for the staff. So please consider trying online enrollment for the spring term.

— Peter Bluhm

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Spring 2019 Class Schedule • Tuesday April 16 – Friday May 24

MONDAYS in Pittsfield

- 10:30–12:00 • M101 *Ukraine in Geopolitical Context*
- 12:30–2:00 • M102 *Demystifying Death and Dying*
- 12:45–2:15 • M103 *Today's Headlines*
- 2:30–4:30 • M104 *Abstract Art in America 1910–1942*
- 2:45–4:15 • M105 *The CIA: The Good, The Bad and the Ugly*

TUESDAYS in Great Barrington & Pittsfield

- 9:30–11:00 • T101 *The Scopes Monkey Trial: Then and Now*
- 11:15–12:45 • T102 *Emily Bronte's Wuthering Heights*
- 1:45–3:15 • T103 *Canterbury Tales: Chaucer's 14th Century Storytelling Contest*
- 3:30–5:00 • T104 *The Oedipus Cycle: The Three Theban Plays by Sophocles*
- 4:00–5:30 • T105 *Getting Hooked on Fly Fishing*

WEDNESDAYS in Williamstown & Pittsfield

- 10:30–12:00 • W101 *The Iliad*
- 10:30–12:00 • W102 *Two American Masters of the Brush: Winslow Homer and John Singer Sargent*
- 2:30–4:00 • W103 *Outsider Art (NOTE NEW TIME)*

- 1:30–3:00 • W104 *Tanglewood Preview*
- 3:15–4:45 • W105 *Uncle Joe Stalin: Not Your Average Uncle, Not Your Average Joe*
- 3:30–5:00 • W106 *Two American Masters of the Brush: Winslow Homer and John Singer Sargent*
- 3:30–5:00 • W107 *The Speed of Light*

THURSDAYS in Lenox & Pittsfield

- 8:00–9:30 • TH101 *Birding in the Berkshires*
- 10:30–12:00 • TH102 *Great Decisions 2019*
- 1:00–2:30 • TH103 *The Real Mozart*
- 3:00–4:30 • TH104 *A Walk Through Berkshire History*

FRIDAYS in Pittsfield

- 10:00–11:30 • F101 *Computer Programming and Projects for Total Beginners*
- 10:30–12:00 • F102 *Berkshire Performing Arts Previews*
- 1:00–3:00 • F103 *Our Healthcare System: What You Need to Know*
- 3:30–5:00 • F104 *Objects and Their Stories*

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in areas such as transportation, home repairs, technical assistance and call-in or visitor programs for those who live alone and have health-related issues.

While many other Villages programs offer social and educational opportunities for their members, the Berkshire Villages program will be the first to engage with our OLLI at BCC, connecting Villages members to our classes, trips, events and shared interest groups, among other activities. "People who become members of Villages in the Berkshires will be encouraged to become members of OLLI as well," if they are not already, said Shapiro.

After some exploration, OLLI at BCC and Villages in the Berkshires learned that no other villages in the country had formed a partnership with the OLLI in their community. "And, so, after discussion with both national organizations, the partnership here in the Berkshires will be a model and a pilot for this type of relationship," said Shapiro.

Under the partnership agreement, if members of "Villages in the Berkshires" become OLLI members, they will have access to classes, events and opportunities for socialization. The agreement also provides Villages access to OLLI membership, and OLLI volunteers may assist in providing services to "Villages" members.

Benefits work both ways. OLLI at BCC members will benefit under the partnership in a variety of ways, such as with transportation opportunities offered by Villages in the Berkshires to classes and programs.

Shapiro noted there are several ways to participate. "First, we are interested in OLLI members who wish to become part of the Villages in the Berkshires as household members (single or multi-member households). But equally important, we are looking for people who wish to volunteer in providing the various services offered by Villages to its members."

For more information contact Shapiro at 413-212-9948 or email hlshapiro@roadrunner.com. A Villages website will soon be completed, Shapiro said.

Jim Acosta Will Give Mona Sherman Lecture

The Mona Sherman Memorial Lecture Series enters its second decade with the appearance of CNN's Chief White House Correspondent Jim Acosta at the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center in Great Barrington on Friday, May 24, 2019. He will speak following the OLLI annual meeting.

A seasoned reporter who has covered four administrations, Acosta and his network are frequent targets of President Trump's campaign to brand journalists as "enemies of the people" and purveyors of "fake news." A fiery exchange between Acosta and Trump prompted a White House staffer to grab a microphone from the reporter and led to the charge that Acosta had "put his hands on" the young woman. The administration yanked his press pass. In a stunning rebuke, a federal judge reinstated it.

In his forthcoming book, *The Enemy of the People: A Dangerous Time to Tell the Truth in America*, Acosta takes the reader inside the briefing room and onto Air Force One. He reveals the near-constant conflict reporters face in trying to hold the Trump administration accountable for its actions and words, and the threat to America's democracy posed by Trump's hostility toward facts. Despite the challenge, Acosta said, "We must continue to do our jobs and report the news. The truth is worth the fight." His book will be released on June 11, 2019, by Harper, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers.



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The Mona Sherman Memorial Lecture Series honors the memory of former OLLI President, Mona Sherman, who passed away in 2008. Mona Sherman's husband Arthur and his family established the memorial lecture series as a remembrance of his wife and as a gift to OLLI members and the community at large as a way to generate interest in the organization. Their daughter Lisa Sharkey, a former TV news producer and now a senior creative vice president at HarperCollins, has been instrumental in arranging speakers.

For information about registering for the May 24 lecture, watch your email or check the OLLI website. The event is free for OLLI members. — **Katherine Zdeb**

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, May 24, 2019

OLLI Annual Meeting and
Mona Sherman Memorial Lecturer
Jim Acosta, CNN White House Correspondent

Peter Bluhm's Steady Hand Elevates OLLI

Editor's note

When an organization runs as smoothly as OLLI at BCC, it's easy to overlook the hard work of so many volunteers and the efforts of our executive director, Megan Whilden, who together with dedicated members ensures the value of activities and courses we offer. But perhaps most underappreciated is the service of OLLI's president, Peter Bluhm, whose term will expire at the end of this year.

Bluhm's tour at the helm of OLLI will be lauded many times before he turns the gavel over to his successor later this year, but a few key accomplishments are worth highlighting before our annual meeting in May.



PHOTO BY JON MACGRUER

For starters, under his watch membership has been growing steadily, now hovering around 1,200. Bluhm's leadership led to the development of a new, bold strategic plan whose development was guided by board member Carl Shuster. While president, Bluhm supported the Berkshires Villages program which allows elders to age in place. (We have more information about Villages in a longer article on another page of this edition).

Yet another recent highlight is Bluhm's launching of a new overseas travel adventure—a trip to Oxford and Stratford-Upon-Avon in England for a week of Shakespeare plays and touring.

And it's worth pointing out Bluhm's constant push for transparency in OLLI's complex finances—leading to his creation of an active investment committee under the guidance of OLLI's finance committee chairman Lenny Tabs. The committee and Bluhm's insistence on detailed reporting about our finances have helped members understand more clearly where our revenues come from, how our expenses are handled and how our \$2 million endowment is managed.

These, of course, are just a few highlights of his tenure, but all members can be grateful to Peter Bluhm for his commitment to OLLI's success.

In this edition you'll read a number of interesting stories, including our announcement of a new "Mid-Summer Encore" semester offering courses especially to OLLI members who escape the frigid Berkshires in winter. Get a head start on OLLI special events and learn a little about the event planners who make them happen in **Barbara Lane's** story on special events, and learn about an exciting instructor, **Mary Rogers**, who will teach a course on Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* in an article by **Sandi Rubin**. An article by **Katherine Zdeb** on our upcoming annual meeting in May will tell you a little about CNN journalist Jim Acosta, this year's Mona Sherman lecturer.

Howard Shapiro provides an overview of a pilot program which will bring OLLI activities to Berkshire residents who choose to grow older at home. This partnership between OLLI and the "Villages" program begins in April. Another Katherine Zdeb piece reports on the OLLI Leadership Academy which gets underway in June. And if you didn't already know, a year-long celebration of OLLI's 25th anniversary has begun. **Joanna Fribush** reviews a little of OLLI's history in her article on OLLI's 25th anniversary.

— **Chris Guidette**

Enroll Online – It Couldn't Be Easier

The spring semester is almost here and you'll want to enroll in many of the exciting courses available to OLLI members. If you don't already, use the online enrollment format. It's easy for you and it gives our hard-working office staff less paperwork and more time to support our programs in other ways. Here's how:

1. Go to berkshireolli.org
2. Click on "Classes."
3. Click on "How to Register for Spring 2019 Classes."
4. Then simply enroll and pay by credit card.

Do it once and you'll never register by mail or phone again.

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daughters' school holidays they traveled all over the country visiting many places associated with the literature she'd studied and taught.

Besides teaching courses in medieval literature, Rogers' serves on OLLI's literature committee and participates in the OLLI Shared Interest Group on gender issues.

She enjoys reading, volunteering in the children's room at Mason Library, exercise and yoga classes, classical music, art exhibits, movies and plays, long country walks, cooking, and perhaps most of all keeping up with the lives of her two daughters and 5 grandchildren. And oh yes, re-reading a tale of courtly love—perhaps Lancelot and Guinevere.

— **Sandi Rubin**



Volunteer Leadership Academy Takes OLLI Experience to Next Level

OLLI is looking for a few good men and women. A dozen or so will do. Theirs is the opportunity to be educated and engaged in the 2019 OLLI Volunteer Leadership Academy, a potential launching pad for increased involvement in the organization. The academy takes place June 10, 17 and 24 at Berkshire Community College.

Three half-day sessions cover OLLI's history and structure, strengths and challenges, plus marketing, fundraising and other volunteering opportunities. Applications are accepted until May 11.

Though strong by certain measures—membership numbers and a \$2 million endowment—in 2012 the board looked over its shoulder and worried. **Art Sherman** on the Governance Committee sounded the alarm: Where was the next generation of OLLI leaders?

"We were going through a leadership crisis," said former OLLI president, **Sandi Rubin**. "We couldn't get anyone to be vice president because they didn't want to become president.

Action was needed. Soon **Howard Shapiro** and the late **Larry Robbins** combined their respective expertise in non-profit management and teaching to develop the first Volunteer Leadership Academy. Their success can be seen in people and ideas. For example, the notion of sending an annual appeal letter emerged from a workgroup, Shapiro said. He added that probably 80 percent of academy graduates now sit on the board or chair committees.

Assuming a new role isn't a mandate for attendees; it just seems to flow naturally from the experience. **Monica Sinclair** found that to be true. When joining OLLI three years ago, she volunteered for the Membership Committee because she likes to bake. She's committee co-chair now, post-her academy experience. And the scope of OLLI, its role in the Osher network and its value to BCC, impressed her.

That person-to-person connection is essential according to **Chelly Serman**, coordinator of this year's program. An academy alumna herself, and subsequently board member, she emphasizes interaction, not just instruction. In small work groups people can "bounce ideas against other ideas, which helps form a bond over shared experience," she said.

Ready to take your membership to the next level? Applications for the 2019 Leadership Academy are accepted until May 11. For information on how to apply, contact the OLLI office at 413-236-2192 or email Megan Whilden at mwhilden@berkshirecc.edu. And best, it's free.

— **Katherine Zdeb**

*Members of the OLLI Volunteer Leadership Academy class of 2015 with speakers
Left to right: Bill Latimer, Sandra Rubin, Lance Serman, Lenny Tabs, Maxine Bookless, co-founder Howard Shapiro, Nancy Vale, former Williams College President Adam Falk, Carl Shuster, Chelly Serman, Lois Lenehan, Ed Neumuth, and Stuart Edelman*



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25th Anniversary of BILL and OLLI

The history of OLLI begins with BILL. Twenty-five years ago Tom and Judy Easton inspired a group of Berkshire friends to form a steering committee with the goal of offering college level courses, with no grades or exams, to retired, older people. The Eastons contacted Hank Payne, president of Williams College, and Barbara Viniar, president of Berkshire Community College, for faculty and administrative support in this endeavor. Easton recalled: "Both were extremely supportive and encouraged us to go forward. Nancy McIntire and Alexandra Warshaw became our liaisons to the colleges."

Thus, in the summer of 1994 the Berkshire Institute for Lifetime Learning was born. In the fall, Tom Easton led a convocation at BCC to introduce BILL to the community, and with a membership of 270, classes began in the spring of 1995.

As BILL's membership and classes grew, leaders began to search for ways to expand its programs and maintain its long-term financial security. Arthur and Mona Sherman and other leaders became interested in the Osher Foundation of San Francisco. This Foundation, with multi-million dollar resources, founded by Bernard Osher in 1977, supports similar adult lifelong learning programs across the country.

In 2004 the "determined Shermans" and board members started to pursue the idea of obtaining funding from the Osher Foundation and in 2007 they succeeded! We became OLLI at BCC. The requirements for grantees included becoming an official part of a sponsoring school, to which BCC agreed, using the Osher name and logo symbol, and having a membership of 500. The reward was an initial grant of \$100,000 with the possibility of further grants based on membership growth and program development. In 2009 we received a \$1 million endowment; in 2017, when our membership

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OLLI Events Are Special

OLLI's hard-working curriculum volunteers earn our applause for all the stimulating and enlightening courses they produce from a seemingly bottomless well of scholars, experts, artists and colorful personalities—and deservedly so. But OLLI members can also be grateful to the equally hard-working volunteers who arrange the many

special events that transport us to new and interesting places.

Arline Breskin, chair of OLLI's special events committee, heads up a group of event planners who organize trips from Hyde Park, NY to Boston's Kennedy Library, to the Bronx Zoo, to Jacobs Pillow, London, and more.

A few major events stand out. "The 2013 group trip to Cuba with 16 OLLI members was the best special event the committee has put on," said Breskin. "We had two amazing tour guides that tailored the trip to our interests in Cuban art, music and dance," she said.

"The funniest event started out as a near disaster," she recalled. Five days before 162 OLLI members were about to board three busses to depart for a ballet at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, an OLLI refrigerator in Breskin's garage conked out, leaving her with 162 bottles of water and no way of keeping them cool. So, with a tip from her daughter, Erica, Breskin checked

Craig's List and found a refrigerator for sale by someone who just happened to live across the street. Problem solved – no warm water for thirsty OLLI theater goers.

Breskin's committee has put together an impressive lineup of events for this year, OLLI's 25th anniversary. Here are some of the confirmed outings:

- Wednesday, May 29: bus trip to the **Boston Museum of Fine Arts**, featuring Frida Kahlo and Toulouse-Lautrec exhibits
- Thursday, June 20: an evening at **Jacobs Pillow** featuring Ballet BC
- Thursday, July 11: **Chester Theater Company** luncheon and matinee
- Tuesday, Aug. 13, **New Skete Monasteries**, featuring dog breeding & cheesecake factory
- Sunday, Oct. 13, **Barrington Stage Theatre** Brunch.

More events are in the planning stage and will be announced shortly.

Besides Chair Arlene Breskin, OLLI's Special Event Committee comprises Joan Brotman; Helene Calman; Bonnie Desrosiers; Phyllis Epstein; Marilyn Flaum; Rose Foster; Barbara Greenbaum; Barbara Hartman; Judy Keshner; Barbara Liebert; Lesley Oransky; Lenore Ruben; Carol Sabot; Turbi Smilow; Ellen Tabs; Carolyn Vandervort and Pat White.

— **Chris Guidette & Barbara Lane**



COURTESY OF THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, BOSTON

Frida Kahlo Self Portrait with Hummingbird and Thorn

(25th Anniversary continued from page 5) reached 1,000, a second \$1 million was granted.

As we celebrate our 25th anniversary of lifelong learning through BILL and OLLI, our membership is over 1,200, and the Osher endowment enables us to go forward with new programs and classes. Barbara Lane and her committee are planning a festive Gala Celebration on September 12, 2019. Save the date, details to follow. May we go from strength to strength!

— **Joanna Fribush**

OLLI is Offering Additional Summer Semester

OLLI is offering something new—a "Mid-Summer Encore"—the brainchild of OLLI members Lenny Tabs and Steve Tobin. Our traditional OLLI summer term ends in June before the Tanglewood season starts. However, we have offered comparatively little to potential OLLI members who are in the Berkshires only for the summer cultural season.

This year OLLI will offer the usual June term, and the Mid-Summer Encore semester will follow in July and August. We are planning four courses, including the ever-popular *Today's Headlines*. We will also offer *Science Conversations*, as well as a music course and a set of weekly hikes in the Berkshires. Keep your eyes peeled for more details as summer approaches.

— **Peter Bluhm**

OLLI Runs On Volunteers

Nearly 200 OLLI members generously devote time and talent to ensure our organization delivers the highest quality lifelong learning opportunities, whether in the classroom, in special events, or in our catalogs and news publications and much more. We acknowledge our volunteers with deepest gratitude. OLLI is a member run organization offering you many opportunities to enrich your experience, not only by participating in many offerings, but by volunteering to serve on our committees.

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OLLI Mentoring Holiday Party

OLLI's Mentoring for Success initiative pairs OLLI members with Berkshire Community College students to mentor and support. Both mentors and mentees came together for a festive holiday party in December at the college.

Clockwise from top left: BCC student mentee Dana Willette, OLLI mentors Richard Rosenfeld, Alan Rubin and Lance Sterman, Mentoring Committee co-chair Claudia Shuster, OLLI mentor Nathan Doctrow, OLLI mentee Don Ross and others at the dessert buffet



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