

OLLI Insider

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Hello everyone. For OLLI Summer Taste, your Curriculum Team has selected the best 25 proposals including art, history, science, music and much more. We have several new instructors and many returning favorites. Please view the Summer Taste schedule and some highlights:

A promotional graphic for OLLI Summer Taste 2023. The left side is a red vertical banner with white text and logos. The right side is a wooden board background with eight colorful, stylized illustrations of buildings and a dolphin. The red banner contains the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute logo, the text "at CSU Channel Islands Curiosity Never Retires", "SUMMER TASTE 2023", "Registration Opens May 30th", "Session Dates: June 12th - July 20th", the CSU Channel Islands logo, contact information (phone, website, email), and a QR code with the text "Please visit go.csuci.edu/olli or scan the QR code to find out more!". The illustrations on the right include a church, a house, a dolphin, and various architectural structures.

[View the Summer Taste Catalog Here](#)

- Want to know about fermented foods and flavor molecules? CI's Blake Gillespie is returning to show and tell about Chemistry in the Kitchen.
- BJ Fan and CI's Minder Chin will give two views of the incredible area of AI. BJ will ask whether AI can replace creativity. Minder will explore ChatGPT.
- CI's Amy Denton will give two classes on Iceland, the land of ice and geysers, a great prelude for an OLLI trip there in mid-July.

- The Olevin duo will return with Marc’s Paradox of Genius and Beverly’s Short Stories Performed Around the World.
- Anthony Newland, a former prison warden, will share his fascinating perspective on mass incarceration, our prison crisis and how we got there.
- Scott Jones is recruiting fellow Getty Villa docents for a live Greek theater presentation of Sophocles’ Oedipus Rex opening scenes, with costumes, special effects, and sounds.

Registration for Summer Taste begins on May 30, 2023. The Summer Taste Catalog is available on our website at [CSUCI OLLI](#)

Be a Summer TASTE Ambassador – It’s Fun! It’s Easy!

We need 25 ambassadors for Summer TASTE. As an ambassador, you will welcome your fellow OLLI students in person or on Zoom and get to know them better. Michael Trainor will let you know if there are any announcements. You will ask if there are any questions and introduce the instructor. That’s it for being an ambassador! Please contact OLLI@csuci.edu to join the fun.

Meet the 2nd OLLI student at CSUCI



Who was the 1st OLLI student at CI? We don’t know. But we do know who was the second. Tom McKiernan read a newspaper article about a new program for adult learners that was starting at a new university in Camarillo. He drove across town to the old state hospital, found Sage Hall, and met the guy who was directing this yet-to-be OLLI program – Marty Kaplan. It was 2004 when Tom signed up as student #2.

Tom grew up in south Los Angeles. As a teen, he worked as a “soda jerk” in a local pharmacy and decided to be a pharmacist. He went to USC, one of the few pharmacy schools in California. Upon graduation, he faced the Korean War draft and opted for a surgery assistant job with the US Navy in San Diego, then in Jacksonville, FL. After his Navy stint, he joined Eli Lilly and promoted pharmaceuticals in Santa Monica. Subsequently, he bought a small pharmacy in the Palisades, which grew into an area of four neighboring stores over 30 years. In 1996 he retired and settled down in Camarillo across from future Locker Park.

Tom was 95 in March and continues to enjoy OLLI classes after 18 years. He returned to in-person classes recently and renewed warm relations with his many OLLI friends. If you see Tom, wish him a “Happy Birthday” and ask him about his two decades with OLLI. Also, ask him about being an avid marathoner, running over 36 of them setting the Big Sur course record for men over 80!

OLLI Members visit the Museum of Tolerance



On January 9th, OLLI members visited the Museum of Tolerance (MOT) in Los Angeles. The MOT is the educational arm of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, an internationally renowned Jewish human rights organization. The only museum of its kind in the world, the MOT is dedicated to challenging visitors to understand the Holocaust in both historic and contemporary contexts

and confront all forms of prejudice and discrimination in our world today. The MOT depicts the heart wrenching history of Holocaust in Europe during the World War II and includes a Social Lab, an interactive forum with a focus on the major issues of intolerance that are part of daily life.

Upcoming Events:

If you are interested in attending an event, [click here](#).

Virtual Wine Seminar

Join your fellow OLLI members for a free, virtual wine seminar on Tuesday, June 6th from 10-11 AM with Pattie Ridenour. Ms. Ridenour is an Adjunct Professor in the Geosciences Department at Ventura College. She earned her Master's degree in Geography from CSU Northridge in 2007 and subsequently started teaching at Ventura College and CSU Northridge. Pattie has also achieved Level 2 of the WSET (Wine Spirits Education Trust) in 2014 and earned a Certificate of Specialty in Wine Studies at College of the Canyons in 2015. This seminar will provide a short introduction to the wine world, beginning with an abbreviated history of wine making. Attendees will then be introduced to "Old World" and "New World" wine regions and learn the similarities and differences between the philosophies of "Old" and "New." Then you'll be challenged to do a taste test on your own!

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VIRTUAL WINE SEMINAR
BY PATTIE RIDENOUR

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023
10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

OLLI MEMBERS - REGISTER TODAY!

LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAVORITE WINE
PRIOR TO OUR OLLI WINE SOCIAL ON JUNE 8TH

Free Wine Seminar



YOU'RE INVITED TO AN

OLLI Wine Social

THURSDAY JUNE 8TH, 2023
2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

IN THE LINDA DULLAM COURTYARD
BEHIND BROOME LIBRARY

RESERVATION PRICE
\$5.00

OLLI WINE GLASS
INCLUDED!

FREE PARKING

CONNECT WITH YOUR OLLI
COMMUNITY AND CI CAMPUS
LEADERSHIP, LEARN ABOUT OLLI'S
SUMMER TASTE, AND APPLY YOUR
NEW WINE KNOWLEDGE!



OLLI Wine Social

On Thursday, June 8th from 2-4 pm, put your new wine knowledge into practice at our OLLI Wine Social! This event is taking place on the CSUCI campus in the Linda Dullam Courtyard behind the library. Come connect with your OLLI community, learn about our Summer Taste offerings, meet CI Campus Leadership, and enjoy hors d'oeuvres and wine. There is a \$5 registration fee for this event to reserve your spot. Free parking in the A8 lot and a complementary OLLI wine glass are included!

Trip to Iceland

OLLI Events Team has planned a trip to Iceland in mid-July 2023. OLLI Summer taste is giving two classes on Wednesday, June 21st at the CSU Broome Library taught by popular instructor Amy Denton. Amy will talk about the environment of Iceland in the morning session and the culture of the country in the afternoon session. Join is for a “brown bag” lunch in the OLLI classroom in between sessions! The members traveling on this trip are highly encouraged to attend the classes in person so that they can meet fellow travelers ahead of the trip.



TIME FOR LUNCH

IT'S OLLI "BROWN BAG" LUNCH DAY

Wednesday, June 21, 2023



Bring your "brown bag" lunch to school and eat with your OLLI friends. Meet in the Broome Library classroom before the afternoon class begins! Eat, visit, relax, and enjoy! All OLLI students are invited!



Trips to Arabian Kingdoms and Baltic Countries:

Ann Lewin, OLLI Events Team chair, has planned a trip to three Arabian Kingdoms, namely, Qatar, United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Oman in February 2024 and a trip to the Baltic, which includes Poland, Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia in July 2024. For More information, please contact Ann at alewin@webtv.net or 805-482-3335

Trips to NOAA, Oxnard and Port of Hueneme

OLLI Events Team has planned two more local trips this summer. The first trip will be to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) facility in Oxnard on August 16, 2023. Interested OLLI members will drive themselves to the facility. The second trip will be a repeat of the May visit to the Port of Hueneme on August 17, 2023. More details will be provided about both these trips as the dates get closer.