



OLLI Insider

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Happy Holidays to OLLI Members & Friends



We hope you are ready for a winter break. After the long last 18 months of Covid, maybe you can spend it enjoying family and friends. If you have been good, Santa may even bring you something for your stocking. If you have been bad, the Grinch will steal your tree.

When you return in January, you will have an exciting lineup of courses for Spring I with instructors you know and enjoy – including Eleanor Schrader, David Parsons, Matthew Weisman and more.

Which of these Intriguing courses would you like to take?

• Seedy Secrets of Ancient Gardens	Scott Jones
• Rockin’ and Rollin’: The Earth is Shaking	Pattie Ridenour
• The American Dream: The History and Future of an Idea	Cliff Wilcox
• The Power of Theater	Beverly Olevin
• Vietnam Era Through Short Fiction	Robert Weibezahl
• The Rise of Romanticism	Katherine Zoraster

Many classes will be on Zoom, while a few will be in person. We will use the Hy-Flex hybrid In-person/Zoom presentation system at Studio Channel Islands.

Spring I classes start on January 24 and run through March 4. Registration begins on January 10 at 8:30 AM. For the complete OLLI schedule for 2022, see the OLLI Calendar on the next page.





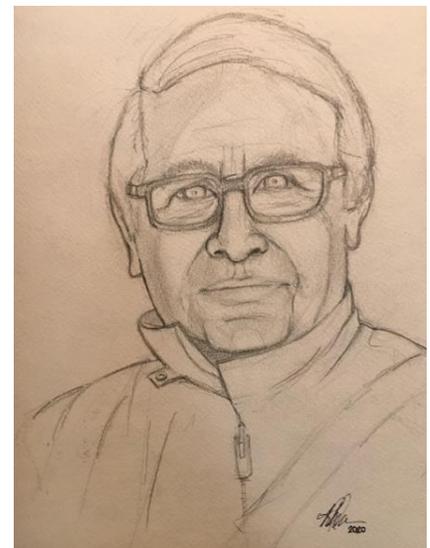
2022 OLLI CALENDAR

SESSION	CLASS DATES	REGISTRATION OPEN
Spring I	January 24 - March 4, 2022	January 10, 2022
Spring II	March 21 - April 29, 2022	March 7, 2022
Summer Taste	June 13 - July 22, 2022	May 30, 2022
Fall I	September 12 - October 21, 2022	August 29, 2022
Fall II	October 31 - December 16, 2022	October 17, 2022

Meet the artistic face of OLLI – Dick Duran

You probably know Dick from the many OLLI catalog covers he has created during the past 17 years, including our upcoming Spring I classes. Dick is “The Back of the Room Sketcher”, sitting in OLLI classes sketching whoever catches his eye.

Dick credits his artistic start to Mrs. Spencer, his art & music teacher in elementary school. After high school in 1954, he began studying art seriously at the Chouinard Art Institute in Los Angeles - at the time, one of the nation’s finest art institutes with students from around the world. Dick was guided by a life-long lesson from Mrs. Chouinard: *“All humans have a creative artist within them that they are not aware of. Our goal is to find that artist and to bring it to the forefront.”*



Dick left art ...married, family, and a career with Southern California Gas where he started as a messenger. Re-discovering his latent art talent, he became a draftsman, then architectural designer for the SoCalGas Hollywood Bureau -- renderings drawings and floor plans for home kitchens of celebrity clients. Over coffee or scotch in their kitchens, he got to know Sonny & Cher when she was pregnant with Chastity, Henry Fonda, Rock Hudson, Liberace, and many others over 16 years. He retired as a District Manager after 40 years with SoCalGas.

In 1993, he joined five artist friends to start “The Grumps” and, reminiscent of the French Impressionists gathering at Parisian cafes, met at The Cactus Patch Cafe in Moorpark to select their day’s art site. Over the years Dick has continued his love of art — in class or sitting at the Parisian cafe La Boheme du Tertre sketching. If you see Dick “The Back of the Room Sketcher”, please thank him for his many OLLI covers.

Recent Events



Eleanor Schrader recently conducted a fascinating walking tour in downtown Ventura. Stay tuned for more Walks with Eleanor in the future.

The Leonis Adobe Tour



The Leonis Adobe was built over a number of years in the middle 1800’s in what is now Calabasas, California. It is one of the best-preserved homesteads showing life at that time in Southern California and was designated a Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument in 1962.

OLLI is sponsoring a tour of the Adobe on January 22, 2022, at 10:00 AM followed by lunch. The cost is \$47 per person and is a “Drive Yourself” event.

Look for the flyer that OLLI will distribute for further information on this tour.

Gibbon Conservation Center Tour and Lecture

Join our beloved archeology instructor, Matt Curtis, on a tour of the Gibbon Conservation Center located in Santa Clarita, California? The tour will take place on March 26, 2022.

Matt will also present a one-hour Zoom lecture about gibbons before the tour, which should be exciting even if you cannot participate in the tour. The lecture is scheduled for March 12, 2022, and is open to all OLLI members.



OLLI will provide updates on the time of the lecture and detailed information on tour logistics once both events are finalized.

Be an OLLI Volunteer or Donor

Without volunteers, you would not have the Leonis Adobe tour or the courses that are being offered by OLLI during its Spring I Session. Activities such as these are arranged by Teams of volunteers, like the Curriculum or the Membership or the Communications Team, all under the OLLI Advisory Committee. OLLI needs your help to fill the team positions that are vacant. For more information or to become a team member just contact Michael Trainor by email at OLLI@csuci.edu. If you are unable to be a team member, you can also volunteer for whatever amount of time you are willing to donate.

If volunteering is not your thing, please consider making a cash donation to OLLI. Admit it – OLLI ZOOM classes have brought calm to your life during the Great Time of Covid. With your vaccine card, your mask, and your OLLI class schedule and login, you are prepared for whatever may come in 2022. All you have to do is click the link. [Donate to OLLI](#)



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