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The mission of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Arkansas (U of A) is to provide a community of adults with a lifelong learning venue that promotes intellectual and cultural growth through exploration and discussion via diverse, high quality and affordable educational programs.

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The OLLI Program Development Team annually develops stimulating programs in a variety of fascinating topic areas. Programs range from one-time lectures, tours, workshops, and day hikes to eight-week seminars or study groups. Programs are engaging, innovative, lively, hands-on, informative, and offered in a variety of settings. There are no prerequisites, no tests or exams, and no age restrictions. OLLI programs provide the ideal environment for learning.

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Along with university professors and other educators, those who facilitate OLLI programs include experienced professionals, passionate hobbyists, researchers and distinguished scholars. OLLI instructors are there both to educate and to engage, and they love sharing their knowledge, expertise and fascinating stories.

Special Events and Programs

In addition to regular programs, OLLI members enjoy the opportunity to engage in monthly social and cultural events, special programs, special interest groups, and much more. These special programs provide an opportunity to take the discussion outside the classroom, meet new people, and participate in unique experiences only offered through our institute.

On the Cover



Lindsey White, owner of BloomingGayle's Flowers and Gifts, passes out cut flowers Monday, May 5, 2025, during the "Blooming Beauties: A Hands-On Floral Workshop" class offered by OLLI. The class gave attendees a chance to learn basics of floral design while building a spring bouquet to take home.

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OLLI Membership

Benefits of an OLLI Membership

- ◆ Memberships are tax deductible.
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- ◆ Access to members only programs and courses.
- ◆ Access to member-exclusive Special Interest Groups.
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If you want to learn more about teaching opportunities with OLLI at U of A visit olli.uark.edu/participate/teach or SCAN the QR code below.



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- Wine tastings in the Tuscan countryside
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Welcome to Spring 2026 at OLLI

Spring has always been a season of curiosity and renewal at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute—and this semester feels especially meaningful.

As we gather for Spring 2026, we find ourselves on the doorstep of an important national milestone: the 250th anniversary of the United States. Throughout this guide, you'll see classes and conversations that invite us to reflect on the American story—its founding ideals, its contradictions, its creativity, and its continuing evolution. These offerings are not about memorizing dates or celebrating in the abstract; they are about understanding how history lives with us and how each generation shapes what comes next.

You'll also notice a strong spirit of movement and exploration woven throughout the semester. Whether through armchair travel, immersive cultural studies, or classes that take us beyond the classroom and into the field, OLLI continues to honor the idea that learning is not confined to a single place. Many of our members tell us that travel—both literal and intellectual—is one of the great joys of this stage of life, and Spring 2026 embraces that sense of adventure.

Just as important is our continued commitment to hands-on learning. From workshops and demonstrations to small-group experiences that encourage participation and shared discovery, these classes reflect what makes OLLI special: learning with one another, not just alongside one another. The relationships formed in these spaces—between members, instructors, and volunteers—are the heart of our community.

Having served as OLLI's director since 2016, I've had the privilege of watching this institute grow not just in size, but in purpose. What has never changed is the generosity, curiosity, and openness of our members. OLLI is more than a program guide—it is a community built on conversation, respect, and the belief that learning is a lifelong gift.

I hope you see yourself in these pages and feel inspired to join us for a spring of connection, reflection, and discovery.

Warm regards,

Josh Raney, Director, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
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Many of OLLI's programs are designed to get you moving, enjoying the great outdoors and traveling to see new things! "Programs by Category" on page 8 will give you a better idea of the more active programs available this fall.*

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Activities that require minimal effort and do not significantly elevate the heart rate or breathing. Examples include leisurely walking on flat surfaces, stretching, yoga, standing without sitting, boarding, and exiting a van or bus.

LEVEL 2 Moderate Intensity

Activities that moderately elevate the heart rate, and breathing and require good balance. Participants should have good balance and be able to walk or hike 1 – 3 miles on uneven surfaces, climb at least 2 flights of stairs, and participate in leisure recreation such as light bicycling, bowling, dancing, etc.

LEVEL 3 High Intensity

Activities that substantially increase heart rate, breathing, and energy level. Participants should have outstanding balance and an active lifestyle. Examples include hiking 4 or more miles on uneven surfaces, brisk walking, aerobics, water activities, pickleball/tennis, and other recreational sports.

OLLI Activity Levels

*All participants in programs or activities involving physical activity must annually complete an activity acknowledgement form prior to participation.

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| 2/13/26 | FRI | 9:00 AM | OLLI | BEYOND THE BALLOT: EXPLORING LOCAL OFFICES | 1 | \$34 | \$19 | 13 |
| 2/13/26 | FRI | 9:00 AM | SSC | RAIN GARDEN DESIGN | 1 | \$44 | \$29 | 13 |
| 2/16/26 | MON | 10:00 AM | FPD | MEET YOUR POLICE, FAYETTEVILLE | 1 | \$34 | \$19 | 13 |
| 2/17/26 | TUE | 10:00 AM | OLLI | PERILOUS TIMES: IMMIGRATION AND AMERICA'S FUTURE | 1 | \$34 | \$19 | 13 |
| 2/18/26 | WED | 10:00 AM | OLLI | LEARN HOW TO DEAL WITH TODAY'S NEWS | 1 | \$40 | \$25 | 13 |
| 2/19/26 | THU | 10:00 AM | OLLI | SHAKESPEARE ON FILM: TWO GREAT HAMLETS | 1 | \$40 | \$25 | 13 |
| 2/20/26 | FRI | 10:00 AM | BTV | OWNING OLD: BECOMING AS WE AGE | 1 | \$40 | \$25 | 14 |
| 2/21/26 | SAT | 11:00 AM | WRC | EXPERIENCE THE ART OF CHEESE AT WHITE RIVER CREAMERY | 1 EA | N/A | \$29 | 14 |
| 2/23/26 | MON | 10:00 AM | OLLI | GREAT DECISIONS 2026 | 8 | N/A | \$75 | 14 |
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| 2/24/26 | TUE | 1:00 PM | OLLI | SMART GIVING IN CHANGING TAX TIMES: TAX-WISE STRATEGIES FOR CHARITABLE IMPACT | 1 | \$40 | \$25 | 14 |
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| 2/25/26 | WED | 2:00 PM | OLLI | SPRING AWAKE! WAKING YOUR GARDEN UP FOR SPRING | 1 | \$40 | \$25 | 15 |
| 2/26/26 | THU | 10:00 AM | OLLI | FLYING THE B-52: COLD WAR AND VIETNAM | 1 | \$40 | \$25 | 15 |
| 2/26/26 | THU | 5:30 PM | FAR | OLLI TRIVIA NIGHT- INDIVIDUAL | 1 | \$40 | \$35 | 33 |
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| 3/7/26 | SAT | 11:00 AM | WRC | EXPERIENCE THE ART OF CHEESE AT WHITE RIVER CREAMERY | 1 | N/A | \$29 | 14 |
| 3/9/26 | MON | 10:00 AM | MCO | EXPLORING THE MARKET CENTER OF THE OZARKS | 1 | \$34 | \$19 | 17 |
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| 3/16/26 | MON | 1:00 PM | OLLI | FROM JOCKEYS TO JACKPOTS: EXPLORING OAKLAWN PARK | 1 | \$44 | \$29 | 17 |
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| 4/7/26 | TUE | 10:00 AM | SBK | A MORNING AT STONEBREAKER: BRUNCH AND TOUR | 1 | N/A | \$19 | 25 |
| 4/7/26 | TUE | 12:00 PM | VIRTUAL | PLACE, MEMORY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY (OOL) | 6 | N/A | \$55 | 25 |
| 4/7/26 | TUE | 4:00 PM | VIRTUAL | FROM LEO XIII TO LEO XIV: HISTORY OF 20TH AND 21ST CENTURY POPES (OOL) | 6 | N/A | \$55 | 26 |
| 4/8/26 | WED | 8:30 AM | BGU | CHASING WATERFALLS: MAGNOLIA, WOODS BOYS & STAHLER FALLS | 1 | \$40 (CR) \$64 (TR) | \$25 (CR) \$49 (TR) | 26 |
| 4/8/26 | WED | 10:00 AM | OLLI | DISCOVERING IRELAND: HISTORY, CULTURE, AND CONTEMPORARY LIFE | 1 | \$34 | \$19 | 26 |
| 4/9/26 | THU | 10:00 AM | VIRTUAL | A BEAUTIFUL BRAIN (OOL) | 6 | N/A | \$55 | 26 |
| 4/9/26 | THU | 10:30 AM | OLLI | SPRING TINY VASES AND WREATHS | 1 | \$60 | \$45 | 26 |
| 4/9/26 | THU | 2:00 PM | DTSI | BACK TO SCHOOL: A LOOK AT HOW EDUCATION HAS CHANGED | 1 | \$34 | \$19 | 26 |
| 4/9/26 | THU | 2:00 PM | VIRTUAL | GREAT SCIENCE STORIES (OOL) | 6 | N/A | \$55 | 26 |
| 4/10/26 | FRI | 10:00 AM | OLLI | FOLLOWING THE MISSOURI RIVER: FROM START TO FINISH | 1 | \$54 | \$39 | 27 |
| 4/10/26 | FRI | 1:00 PM | OLLI | WHAT IS THE TAO TE CHING? | 1 | \$40 | \$25 | 27 |
| 4/13/26 | MON & TUE | 1:00 PM | TSQ | EXPLORING BACKSTAGE WITH THEATRESQUARED & PRIDE AND PREJUDICE Q&A | 2 | \$40 | \$25 | 27 |
| 4/14/26 | TUE | 10:00 AM | SBK | A MORNING AT STONEBREAKER: BRUNCH AND TOUR | 1 | \$34 | \$19 | 25 |
| 4/15/26 | WED | 10:00 AM | VIRTUAL | HISTORY OF JEWS IN THE OZARKS | 1 | \$54 | \$39 | 27 |
| 4/15/26 | WED | 1:00 PM | OLLI | AMERICA 250: WOMEN'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION | 1 | \$40 | \$25 | 27 |
| 4/15/26 | WED | 2:00 PM | VIRTUAL | THE LOST GENERATION (OOL) | 6 | N/A | \$55 | 28 |
| 4/15/26 | WED | 4:00 PM | VIRTUAL | MUSIC: CONTROVERSIES AND CURIOSITIES (OOL) | 6 | N/A | \$55 | 28 |
| 4/16/26 | THU | 8:00 AM | GWCM | TRIP TO GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER MUSEUM AND APPLIANCE MUSEUM | 1 | \$60 (CR) \$84 (TR) | \$45 (CR) \$69 (TR) | 28 |

Programs at a Glance



CR = Commuter Rate | TR = Transportation Provided

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| BEGIN DATE | DAY | TIME | LOCATION | PROGRAM | SESSIONS | PUBLIC PRICE | MEMBER PRICE | PG # |
|------------|-----|----------|----------|--|----------|------------------------|------------------------|------|
| 4/16/26 | THU | 9:30 AM | OLLI | TYSON ART TOUR: BEHIND CLOSED DOORS (4/16) | 1 | N/A | \$45 | 28 |
| 4/17/26 | FRI | 2:00 PM | JS | REIMAGINING THE JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 1 | \$34 | \$19 | 29 |
| 4/18/26 | SAT | 1:00 PM | VIRTUAL | WRITING THE PERSONAL ESSAY: FINDING YOUR STORY (OOL) | 6 | N/A | \$55 | 29 |
| 4/20/26 | MON | 1:30 PM | OLLI | CAPTURING THE AWESOME: DRONE PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO | 1 | \$40 | \$25 | 29 |
| 4/21/26 | TUE | 10:00 AM | OLLI | INTRODUCTION TO ORAL HISTORY | 2 | \$40 | \$25 | 29 |
| 4/21/26 | TUE | 1:30 PM | OLLI | STORIES & SECRETS OF THE GILDED AGE: FORTUNES AND FAME | 1 | \$40 | \$25 | 29 |
| 4/21/26 | TUE | 6:00 PM | VIRTUAL | FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT AND MODERN ARCHITECTURE (OOL) | 6 | N/A | \$55 | 29 |
| 4/23/26 | THU | 10:00 AM | SNOC | THE BYZANTINE EMPIRE: ITS HISTORY & INFLUENCE TODAY | 1 | \$34 | \$19 | 30 |
| 4/27/26 | MON | 10:00 AM | OLLI | INTERACTIVE DISCUSSIONS REGARDING END OF LIFE DECISIONS | 3 | \$40 | \$25 | 30 |
| 5/1/26 | FRI | 9:00 AM | LFS | WATERFALL TREK AT LAKE FORT SMITH STATE PARK | 1 | \$40 (CR) \$64 (TR) | \$25 (CR) \$49 (TR) | 30 |
| 5/5/26 | TUE | 10:00 AM | OLLI | A BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK AT THE MYSTERY OF CASTING MOVIES | 1 | \$40 | \$25 | 30 |
| 5/5/26 | TUE | 1:00 PM | OLLI | TRAVELING SOLO | 1 | \$40 | \$25 | 31 |
| 5/6/26 | WED | 9:30 AM | OLLI | TRAIL DEVELOPMENT IN FAYETTEVILLE: FROM VISION TO REALITY | 1 | \$40 | \$25 | 31 |
| 5/7/26 | THU | 9:30 AM | OLLI | TYSON ART TOUR-BEHIND CLOSED DOORS (5/7) | 1 | N/A | \$45 | 31 |
| 5/8/26 | FRI | 10:00 AM | BUE | INTRODUCTION TO FURNITURE DESIGN AND CRAFTING BY A MASTER WOODWORKER | 1 | \$40 | \$25 | 31 |
| 5/12/26 | TUE | 1:30 PM | OLLI | STORIES & SECRETS OF THE GILDED AGE: THE DOMESTICS | 1 | \$40 | \$25 | 31 |
| 5/13/26 | WED | 10:00 AM | YRC | EXPLORE THE NEWLY EXPANDED YVONNE RICHARDSON COMMUNITY CENTER | 1 | \$34 | \$19 | 31 |
| 5/13/26 | WED | 5:00 PM | MNIC | A TASTE OF TRADITION AT MONTE NE INN CHICKEN | 1 | N/A | \$19 | 32 |
| 5/14/26 | THU | 10:00 AM | OLLI | AMERICA 250: THE SONGS OF '76: A DIFFERENT VIEW OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION | 1 | \$40 | \$25 | 32 |
| 5/18/26 | MON | 10:00 AM | ARAS | UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS MUSEUM COLLECTIONS TOUR | 1 | \$34 | \$19 | 32 |
| 5/19/26 | TUE | 2:00 PM | WMH | DISCOVER THE HEART OF WALMART: AN EXCLUSIVE TOUR OF THE NEW HOME OFFICE | 1 | N/A | \$25 (CR) \$49 (TR) | 32 |

FEB. 13 | BEYOND THE BALLOT: EXPLORING LOCAL OFFICES

DESCRIPTION: Have you ever wondered if the County Judge is an actual Judge and what exactly is a Justice of the Peace? Have you heard the term “Gerrymandering” and wondered what that term means? Jennifer Price, Director of Elections for Washington County, will explore exactly what those offices are responsible for as well as other elected offices at the County, Municipal, and School level. She will also discuss what is the definition of precincts and districts, who is responsible for determining those lines and how those impact elections. In addition to local offices, Ms. Price will explore the Primary Voting System and what changes were made for the 2026 Election Cycle.

INSTRUCTOR: Jennifer Price

DAY/DATE: Friday, 2/13/26 (1)

TIME: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

FEB. 13 | RAIN GARDEN DESIGN

DESCRIPTION: The Illinois River Watershed Partnership (IRWP) Director of Restoration Services, Annie Sales and Morgan Keeling, Associate Director, will walk you through the process of designing a rain garden that captures and filters stormwater while adding beauty and habitat to your landscape. IRWP will cover how to choose the right location, size, and plants for your site; how soil, slope, and drainage affect your design; and simple construction techniques that make installation easier and efficient at treating stormwater.

Whether you're a homeowner, landscape professional, or community volunteer, you'll leave ready to design a functional and attractive rain garden suited to Northwest Arkansas's soils and seasons. (All materials for the design program will be provided.)

INSTRUCTOR: Morgan Keeling and Annie Sales

DAY/DATE: Friday, 2/13/26 (1)

TIME: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: Sprindale SR Center

PUBLIC PRICE: \$44 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$29

FEB. 16 | MEET YOUR POLICE: INSIDE FAYETTEVILLE'S PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER

DESCRIPTION: The new headquarters of the Fayetteville Police Department opened in May of 2023. This program offers a golden opportunity to explore this state-of-the-art facility that is the focal point for public safety in our growing community. This facility has won a national award for police department concept and design.

Activity Level: 1

INSTRUCTOR: Cpl. Samuel 'Sammy' Calvillo

DAY/DATE: Monday, 2/16/26 (1)

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: Fayetteville Police Dept.

PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

FEB. 17 | PERILOUS TIMES: IMMIGRATION AND AMERICA'S FUTURE

DESCRIPTION: During the 2024 presidential campaign, millions of voters -- fueled by fears over immigration -- rallied behind a candidate who vowed to end illegal immigration and deport millions of undocumented immigrants living in our communities. Now, well into the first year of the Trump presidency, immigration has become one of the defining and most divisive issues in American politics.

Dr. William Schwab, Ph.D., and author of *Dreams Derailed*, takes immigration out of the headlines and into the classroom. Here we will dissect the administration's policies, examine the nation's tangled immigration laws, and confront the realities of mass deportation carried out by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Beyond the law and the politics, we will ask urgent questions: How will these policies reshape the economy, divide or unite communities, and redefine America's global image? And perhaps most importantly -- if we are a nation of immigrants, what happens to our character and our future when immigration itself is cast as the threat?

(Optional purchase--on your own-- Dr. Schwab's book, *Dreams Derailed*, can be purchased through UA Press with OLLI discount.)

INSTRUCTOR: William A Schwab

DAY/DATE: Tuesday, 2/17/26 (1)

TIME: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

FEB. 18 | LEARN HOW TO DEAL WITH TODAY'S NEWS

DESCRIPTION: No matter where you stand on the political spectrum, the constant stream of news and current events can feel overwhelming. Simply turning off the TV isn't enough to protect your peace of mind. In this engaging and practical session, clinical psychologist, Dr. Marty Faitak, will guide participants through understanding how stress affects the brain and body—and what to do about it.



Photo by OLLI

You'll learn effective strategies for managing the anger, anxiety, and frustration that political and social tensions can spark. Through interactive discussion and practical tools, Dr. Faitak will also show you how to have calmer, more productive conversations with people who see the world differently—including friends and family. Leave with insights and skills to stay grounded, reduce stress, and communicate with confidence, even when the issues feel intense.

INSTRUCTOR: Marty Faitak

DAY/DATE: Wednesday, 2/18/26 (1)

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$25

FEB. 19 | SHAKESPEARE ON FILM: TWO GREAT HAMLETS

DESCRIPTION: Many people believe that *Hamlet* was William Shakespeare's finest play. Join David Jolliffe, Professor Emeritus of English at the University of Arkansas, as he investigates *Hamlet* through the lens of two (both excellent) film versions: Kenneth Branagh's 1996 film (starring Branagh himself in the title role and Michael Almereyda's 2000 version (with Ethan Hawke in the title role). The two films will be



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compared and contrasted by Mr. Jolliffe, who has been teaching, directing, and acting in Shakespeare plays for the past 54 years.

INSTRUCTOR: David Jolliffe

DAY/DATE: Thursday, 2/19/26 (1)

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$25

FEB. 20 | OWNING OLD: BECOMING AS WE AGE

DESCRIPTION: Getting older is a part of living. We are aging every day, some of us more gracefully than others. In her 20+ years as a generational scholar, Judith Tavano, has studied generations from all angles and in a variety of settings. She has learned that though each generation is unique in its experiences, expectations, and behaviors, we all have one thing in common. We are all aging. Let's come together and look at what's good about aging, what's not so good, what we can change, and what we can't. Let's look backwards and forwards and together, laugh, sigh, and keep on keepin' on.

INSTRUCTOR: Judith Tavano

DAY/DATE: Friday, 2/20/26 (1)

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: BTV

PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$25

FEB. 21 | EXPERIENCE THE ART OF CHEESE AT WHITE RIVER CREAMERY

DESCRIPTION: This experience is perfect for turophiles (cheese lovers!) and anyone curious to learn more about the art of cheese. Our first stop is a behind-the-scenes look at our micro dairy. Don your booties and step inside our viewing room for a glimpse of our milking parlor and cheese-making room.

Next, we'll head up to the top pasture, where our very own cheesemonger will guide you through the wonderful world of cheese in our cozy yurt. The best way to learn about cheese is through tasting and pairing it, of course! You'll sample cheeses inspired by France, Greece, and

our own Southern traditions—come hungry, because you'll leave full and happy. After your bellies are content, we'll spend some time visiting the goats who started it all.

(Cost of meal: \$55 - on participant's own.) There are 2 date options, please choose one or the other when registering. (Current OLLI members only.)

INSTRUCTOR: Tessa McCormick

DAY/DATE: Saturday, 2/21/2026

OR 3/7/2026- (1 ea)

TIME: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

LOCATION: White River Creamery

PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$29

FEB. 23 | GREAT DECISIONS 2026

DESCRIPTION: Great Decisions (2026) is the nation's largest discussion program on world affairs. Why explore global issues alone when you can engage with fellow learners in a guided, thought-provoking setting? Each week, trained facilitators lead conversations on timely topics, including: America & the World: Trump 2.0; Trump Tariffs & the Future of the World Economy; U.S.-China Relations; Ruptured Alliances & the Risk of Nuclear Proliferation; Ukraine & the Future of European Security; Multilateral Institutions in a Changing World Order; U.S. Engagement of Africa; and The Future of Human Rights & International Law.

Participants will receive a detailed briefing book published by the Foreign Policy Association, which will provide essential context, data, and policy options.

Join OLLI for this engaging, discussion-based format that helps you better understand global challenges and your own views on them, through shared learning and civil dialogue. *Class will not meet on 3/23. (Participants must register before 2/10/26, so books may be ordered.)* (Current OLLI members only.)

INSTRUCTOR: Doug Talbott

DAY/DATE: Mondays, 2/23/26-4/20/26 (8)

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$75

FEB. 24 | SELECTION OF THE FITTEST: THE UNITED STATES MARSHALS IN AMERICAN HISTORY

DESCRIPTION: The Office of the United States Marshal is one of the oldest—and perhaps least understood—federal institutions in our nation's history. From enforcing order during the Whiskey Rebellion to pursuing justice in the Old West, from the Reconstruction era to the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine, U.S. Marshals have played a crucial role in shaping America.

Join David Kennedy, Curator of Collections & Exhibits, for an engaging, interactive session exploring how, since 1789, the Marshals have served as the “teeth” of the federal courts—the first federal law enforcement officers tasked with upholding justice and tackling the jobs no one else could.

Participants will dive into stories of political intrigue, true crime, the Founding Fathers, Civil Rights, and the Wild West through artifacts, case studies, and discussion. Learn how this dynamic agency earned its reputation as “the other duties” arm of the government—taking on everything from capturing outlaws to protecting witnesses and securing vaccines. This session offers a compelling, hands-on look at the evolution of American law enforcement and the enduring legacy of the U.S. Marshals.

INSTRUCTOR: David Kennedy

DAY/DATE: Tuesday, 2/24/26 (1)

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$44 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$29

FEB. 24 | SMART GIVING IN CHANGING TAX TIMES: TAX-WISE STRATEGIES FOR CHARITABLE IMPACT

DESCRIPTION: Charitable giving not only benefits the causes you care about but can also be a valuable part of your tax and estate planning. In this course, Jody Dilday of Arkansas Community Foundation will explore practical, tax-wise strategies to maximize your giving -- whether through gifts of cash, stock, retirement accounts, or other assets. We'll take a clear look at recent federal tax law changes under the “One Big Beautiful Bill” and how these reforms affect deductions, Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs), and overall giving opportunities. Whether you give a little or a lot, you'll walk away with practical ideas for aligning your generosity with your financial goals and values. No prior tax expertise required -- just a willing-

ness to learn how to make the most of your giving.

INSTRUCTOR: Jody Dilday

DAY/DATE: Tuesday, 2/24/26 (1)

TIME: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$25

25 | MIGRATION MADNESS: DISCOVERING THE SEASON'S BIRDING MADNESS

DESCRIPTION: Did you know that over 100 million birds fly over Northwest Arkansas each spring on their way to their northern nesting habitats? It's possible to see over 150 species of birds between the months of March and June. Join Wild Birds Unlimited Education Director Lauren Eno to learn about why, how, and where birds migrate, which species pass through the area, and how you can learn in real time what is going on in NWA migration.

INSTRUCTOR: Lauren Eno

DAY/DATE: Wednesday, 2/25/26 (1)

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$25

FEB. 25 | SPRING AWAKE! WAKING YOUR GARDEN UP FOR SPRING

DESCRIPTION: Not sure what your garden needs this spring -- or what to avoid? Join horticulturist Megan Lankford for an info-packed session that takes the guesswork out of seasonal garden care. You'll learn when and how to prune trees and shrubs, divide perennials, prevent weeds, repair hardscapes, and fertilize everything from veggie beds to orchards.

Megan brings decades of expertise, practical tips, and a passion for helping gardeners thrive. Her clear instruction and approachable style make it easy to understand what your garden needs -- and when.

Come grow with us and leave with the confidence to make your spring garden flourish.

INSTRUCTOR: Megan Lankford

DAY/DATE: Wednesday, 2/25/26 (1)

TIME: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$25

26 | FLYING THE B-52: COLD WAR AND VIETNAM

DESCRIPTION: Step into the cockpit of one of the most iconic aircraft in history with John Rownak, a former B-52 pilot who served during the Cold War and the Vietnam War. Drawing

from firsthand experience, Rownak will guide participants through the B-52's critical mission during the Cold War and its evolving role in Vietnam.

Participants will explore what it meant to live on constant "alert," ready to respond to a nuclear strike at a moment's notice. Learn how crews trained for these high-stakes missions, where the bombers were based, and how operations unfolded across Southeast Asia. Through vivid stories and mission insights, Rownak will illustrate how B-52 tactics changed in late 1972 and how those missions helped shape the war's conclusion.

This engaging session offers a rare insider's view into military aviation history—something you can't gain from books or documentaries. Join us for a unique opportunity to understand not just the aircraft, but the people, pressures, and purpose behind its missions.

INSTRUCTOR: John Rownak

DAY/DATE: Thursday, 2/26/26 (1)

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 pm

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$25

FEB. 27 | HOW MEMORIES INFORM OUR HEALTH JOURNEY

DESCRIPTION: Memory plays a powerful role in the health of older adults. As we age, long-term memories often become more vivid and accessible, shaping how we see ourselves and our life story. Positive memories can bring comfort, strengthen identity, and support emotional well-being. On the other hand, unresolved or traumatic memories may resurface and contribute to stress, anxiety, or depression.

Dr. Orié Quinn, founder of Ozark Holistic Center in Fayetteville and a frequent OLLI presenter, believes that when older adults are supported in processing and making sense of their past, it can lead to greater peace of mind, improved mood, and better physical health. In short, how we remember deeply affects how we feel and function as we grow older.

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Orié Quinn

DAY/DATE: Friday, 2/27/26 (1)

TIME: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

LOCATION: Springdale Senior Center

PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

MAR. 3 | THROUGH AN ARCHIVAL LENS: ARKANSAS OZARKS CULTURE

DESCRIPTION: For this course, participants can expect to learn about the history and cul-

ture of the Ozarks region through viewing primary source collections available for research in Special Collections at the University of Arkansas. Dr. Lauren Willette will guide participants in learning about local and regional history, culture, and folklore through short lectures, instruction in using archival materials, and hands-on experience with primary source materials.

For each meeting, participants will meet in the Special Collections Classroom in Mullins Library to view materials from collections such as the University Folklore Collection created by Mary Celestia Parlor, the Otto Ernest Rayburn Papers, the Ozark Society Records, the Ozark Fair and Craft Association Records, and more.

Participants will receive a metered code to park in the Stadium Garage on campus for the class.

INSTRUCTOR: Lauren Adams Willette

DAY/DATE: Tuesdays, 3/3/26-3/10/26 (2)

TIME: 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: Special Collections Classroom in Mullins Library (MULN 135)

PUBLIC PRICE: \$64 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$49

MAR. 3 | INTRODUCTION TO PICKLEBALL

DESCRIPTION: Learn the basics of one of the fastest-growing sports in America! Pickleball is a fun, social sport for all ages, and it's not hard to get started. Join a class taught by a Springdale Senior Center instructor and become an ace in no time!

We'll have four weekly sessions of 1.5 hours each at the Springdale Senior Center. All equipment and courts will be provided. Class space is limited to twelve, so the instructor can provide the maximum amount of instruction per participant. Ready to serve up some fun?

Open to current OLLI Members ONLY. If we experience a waitlist, a second class will be added during the month of April. **Activity Level: 3**

INSTRUCTOR: Lori Proud

DAY/DATE: Tuesdays, 3/3/26-3/24/26 (4)

TIME: 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

LOCATION: Springdale Senior Center

PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$40

MAR. 4 | COLOR UNLEASHED: A GUIDED ALCOHOL INK WORKSHOP

DESCRIPTION: Dive into the mesmerizing world of alcohol ink art! In this hands-on session, participants will explore how to create vibrant, fluid, and abstract designs using highly pigmented alcohol-based inks on non-porous surfaces like Yupo paper or ceramic tiles. Participants will experiment with techniques such as dropping and blending inks, layering colors,

masking, alcohol lifting, and controlled spraying to achieve stunning marble-like effects.

A Springdale Senior Center instructor will guide everyone, step-by-step, through each process, sharing insider tips on color flow, composition, and ink control that take months to master solo. Participants will have access to high-quality materials, expert instruction, and a supportive, creative environment that encourages play and discovery.

Whether you're a beginner looking for a fun, creative outlet or an experienced artist curious about a new medium, this workshop offers both structure and freedom -- plus the joy of connecting with others who love to make art. Leave with your own unique masterpiece and the confidence to keep exploring alcohol inks on your own!

INSTRUCTOR: Lori Proud
DAY/DATE: Wednesdays, 3/4/26-3/25/26 (4)
TIME: 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
LOCATION: Springdale Senior Center
PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$25

MAR. 4 | OZARK/ARKANSAS WRITERS BOOK CLUB

DESCRIPTION: Class members will explore Arkansas and the Ozarks through four well-written books by regional authors. Mar 4 - Alexander Blevens, *Arkansas Black*; Apr 1 - Carolyn Y. Staley, *My 60 Year Friendship with Bill Clinton*; May 6 - Nancy Hartney, *The Blue Bottle Tree*; and Jun 3 - Marylin Hayes-Martin, *Common Thread, Uncommon Woman*.

This class meets on the first Wednesday of each month. Members are expected to find their own books and to have read each title before the class meeting. (Recommended - At Pearl's

Books - mention OLLI Book Club and receive a 20% discount).

(Current OLLI Members Only)
INSTRUCTOR: Marilyn Heifner and Missy Pledger
DAY/DATE: Wednesdays, 3/4/26-6/3/26 (4)
TIME: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ
PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$25

MAR. 5 | AMERICA 250: THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION - PART 1 (1775-1777)

DESCRIPTION: Join Mike Horsman, retired educator and lifelong student of American History, to explore the early years of the War for Independence as America celebrates its 250th birthday in 2026. This class will investigate the causes of the war and the conduct of the war from Lexington & Concord to Princeton. No one gave the plucky Colonists a chance against the might of Great Britain, the dominant military in the world. Despite the long odds, the colonists achieved several important victories against the British.

We will also be joined remotely by Larry Sands, from Massachusetts, during the second session of this class to share stories of the little-known Marblehead Mariners, their leader Colonel John Glover, and their indispensable service to General George Washington in the early days of the conflict. The final six years of the war will be covered in the subsequent two semesters.

*Note: The second session (3/12) will last 2.5 hours instead of 2.

INSTRUCTOR: Mike Horsman and Larry Sands
DAY/DATE: Thursdays, 3/5/26-3/12/26 (2)
TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ
PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$25

MAR. 5 | LINE DANCING FOR EVERYONE

DESCRIPTION: Kick up your heels and join the fun -- no partner needed! In this energizing line dancing class, participants will learn choreographed steps to a variety of music styles, from country classics to pop favorites. Whether you're brand new to line dancing or just brushing up on your moves, we've got you covered. Each session starts simple and builds at your pace, so you'll feel confident and comfortable every step of the way.

Led by a friendly and experienced instructor from the Springdale Senior Center, you'll get personalized guidance, a welcoming group atmosphere, and the added joy of moving to-

gether in sync. It's not just a class -- it's a community. Along with step-by-step instruction and repetition to build muscle memory, you'll boost your coordination, improve cardiovascular health, and sharpen your mind -- all while having a blast! Our instructor will break down each routine, offering tips and encouragement in a supportive and upbeat environment.

So come for the music, stay for the smiles, and leave with a spring in your step! Let's dance, laugh, and move together -- one step at a time.

Activity Level: 1
INSTRUCTOR: Lori Proud
DAY/DATE: Thursdays, 3/5/26-3/26/26 (4)
TIME: 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
LOCATION: Springdale Senior Center
PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

MAR. 6 | HISTORIC HOMES OF FAYETTEVILLE

DESCRIPTION: Step back in time with Historian Georgena Duncan for an engaging exploration of the homes and building practices in and around Fayetteville through the 1870s. Together, we'll examine the few homes that still survive, study photographs of those long gone, and discuss the styles and materials that defined this era of local architecture. Rather than simply reading about the past, participants will actively compare building features, trace how housing styles changed over time, and discover what daily life looked like within and around these homes.

We'll explore kitchens, outhouses, barns, and other outbuildings—imagining where families kept their livestock, horses, and carriages, how they stored food and furniture, and whether closets even existed. Participants will gain insights into how builders and homeowners adapted to their environment, what their choices reveal about community life, and how construction costs shaped design. Learn from expert interpretation, shared discussion, and the chance to connect Fayetteville's history to what still stands today.

In the second session, participants will possibly tour Ridge House, the oldest house in Fayetteville, the Walker-Stone House, and the Rieff House, currently Moore's Funeral Chapel. If there is terrible weather or other unforeseen problems, the fall-back tour will be of Headquarters House, which is the Jonas Tebbets House. Travel to the tour sites will be up to the student, with further information on parking to follow.

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Georgena Duncan
DAY/DATE: Fridays, 3/6/26-3/13/26 (2)
TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ
PUBLIC PRICE: \$44 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$29



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MAR. 9 | EXPLORING THE MARKET CENTER OF THE OZARKS

DESCRIPTION: Join us for an immersive tour of the Market Center of the Ozarks in Springdale, Arkansas. This state-of-the-art facility spans 45,000 square feet and is proudly affiliated with the Northwest Arkansas Food Systems Initiative. Supported by the Walton Family Foundation, this nearly \$31 million center serves as a vibrant hub for local food, showcasing the best agricultural and artisanal offerings from the Ozarks.

Participants will enjoy a comprehensive overview of the Market Center's mission and its impact on the local food system, led by knowledgeable guides who will highlight its role in processing and preservation as well as empowering small and underserved farmers. This class is ideal for anyone interested in local foods, sustainability, or community-driven markets.

Whether you're a food enthusiast, a supporter of local businesses, or simply curious about the region, you'll leave with inspiration and valuable knowledge. **Activity Level: 1**

INSTRUCTOR: Marissa Dull and Nina Hammer

DAY/DATE: Monday, 3/9/26 (1)

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: Market Center of the Ozarks

PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

MAR. 11 | CREATING YOUR VISION BOARD

DESCRIPTION: In this hands-on vision-boarding workshop, participants will tap into their intuition and creativity to design a vibrant, mixed-media collage that reflects their deepest hopes and dreams. Using images, textures, and words, everyone will craft a visual roadmap of their intentions -- one that inspires and motivates long after the class ends.

Guided by local mixed media artist Julie Jeanene Rickard, the group will receive instruction, creative prompts, and gentle encouragement to explore freely and express boldly. Julie's warm, playful teaching style makes this experience welcoming for all, whether you're a seasoned artist or just curious.

Everyone will leave with more than a beautiful board; you'll discover a deeper connection to your own true 'visions'. (All class materials will be provided.)

INSTRUCTOR: Julie Rickard

DAY/DATE: Wednesday, 3/11/26 (1)

TIME: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$44 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$29

MAR. 13 | UNDERSTANDING THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS: THEOLOGY & HISTORY

DESCRIPTION: Join us for a two-part exploration into the rich history and distinct theology of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. We'll dive into core LDS beliefs: Jesus Christ as our Savior, the nature of God, continuing revelation, the role of prophets, eternal families, what the *Book of Mormon* is, and the plan of salvation. We'll explore how these beliefs shape Latter-day Saints practices and community life today.

This class will trace the Church's origins - from Joseph Smith's early visions and the translation of the *Book of Mormon* to the migration west and the growth of a global faith. All participants are welcome -- whether you're curious, studying religion, or seeking a greater understanding of a faith that has shaped millions of lives

INSTRUCTOR: Amanda Quinn and Orié Quinn

DAY/DATE: Fridays, 3/13/26-3/20/26 (2)

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$25

MAR. 16 | FROM JOCKEYS TO JACKPOTS: EXPLORING OAKLAWN PARK

DESCRIPTION: Step into the exciting world of Oaklawn, where Arkansas history and high-stakes racing come together! From its colorful early days filled with gangsters and professional baseball players, to its place today as one of America's premier Thoroughbred racing destinations, Oaklawn's story is as captivating as the races themselves.

In this fun and interactive session, you'll not only explore Oaklawn's rich history but also learn the best ways to experience the track. We'll show you how to read a racing program, place a winning bet, and navigate the grounds for the best views and experiences. To top it off, we'll welcome special guests who will share their personal stories and behind-the-scenes perspectives from years of racing excitement in Arkansas. Whether you're a lifelong fan, a curious first-timer, or just love a good local story, this session promises history, humor, and a whole lot of fun!

After our day in the classroom, you are invited to join us for a day at the races. This is an *optional* trip to Hot Springs for a tour of the track and a day of racing fun with our picks for winners. Details about this optional opportunity will be

discussed at the first session.

INSTRUCTOR: Tim McCarley and Alishia Ferguson

DAY/DATE: Monday, 3/16/26 (1)

TIME: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$44 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$29

MAR. 17 | AN EVENING AT GASKIN STEAKHOUSE ON EMMA

DESCRIPTION: Join us for a special dining experience at Gaskin Steakhouse on Emma -- the newest addition to Northwest Arkansas's culinary scene and already earning rave reviews. Many will recognize the Gaskin name from their beloved original location on the White River in Beaver, Arkansas. Now, owner Bert Jones brings the same menu, warm hospitality, and signature flavors to this elegant new Springdale venue.

As part of this exclusive experience, you'll enjoy a preset menu featuring Gaskin's famous Prime Rib alongside other specialties like fresh fish, pasta, and chicken -- all in a relaxed yet refined atmosphere. (Current OLLI members only.)

(Cost of Meal: \$60 -on your own.)

INSTRUCTOR: Bert Jones and Karen Smenner

DAY/DATE: Tuesday, 3/17/26 (1)

TIME: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Gaskins on Emma

PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$25

MAR. 18 | CHASING WATERFALLS: THE GLORY HOLE

DESCRIPTION: Come enjoy an adventurous full-day outing to one of Arkansas's most unique and memorable waterfalls: the Glory Hole. Home to hundreds of natural waterfalls, Arkansas comes alive during the wetter seasons—and the Glory Hole stands out as one of the most extraordinary. Here, Dismal Creek has carved a perfect round opening through an overhanging bluff, sending water plunging 30 feet through the rock to the rugged canyon below.

This challenging 1.8-mile out-and-back hike features a downhill descent to the creek and a steady uphill return, making it best suited for regularly active hikers comfortable with uneven, rocky terrain. Expect a scenic drive of approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes to reach the trailhead.

Participants are to wear comfortable clothing, shoes, bring water bottle(s), and a hiking pole. Meeting location and other information will be

sent to participants upon registration. **Activity level: 3.**

INSTRUCTOR: Josh Raney
DAY/DATE: Wednesday, 3/18/26 (1)
TIME: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
LOCATION: Ozark National Forest
PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 (CR) \$64 (TR) /
MEMBER PRICE: \$25 (CR) \$49 (TR)

MAR. 18 | STORIES & SECRETS OF THE GILDED AGE: AN INTRODUCTION

DESCRIPTION: Step into the Gilded Age: High Society, Hard Labor, and Historic Change. If you missed this series in 2023 -- or just want a refresher -- now's your chance to explore one of the most fascinating periods in American history. The Gilded Age (1877 -- 1896) was a time of rapid industrial growth, technological breakthroughs, mass immigration, and dazzling wealth for a privileged few. Beneath the surface, however, lay political corruption, labor unrest, and deep social divides.

Join Gilded Age authors Nancy Markey and Kay Adams this spring for a compelling series that brings this turbulent era to life. Rather than exploring on your own, be part of a guided experience that combines historical insight with real human stories -- from the elite of New England society to the working class that kept the wheels turning.

This first class offers an engaging introduction to the Gilded Age: its defining themes, major figures, and the forces that shaped the nation during these transformative years. Whether you're new to the topic or returning for more, you'll leave with a deeper understanding of why this era still resonates today. Each session in the series stands alone; join one, two, or all!

INSTRUCTOR: Nancy Markey and Kay Adams
DAY/DATE: Wednesday, 3/18/26 (1)
TIME: 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ
PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$25

MAR. 19 | RECYCLING GLASS INTO HUMMINGBIRD FEEDERS

DESCRIPTION: This class combines two areas close to the instructor's heart, recycling and birds. Learn to construct hummingbird feeders out of recycled glass wine bottles, spirits bottles, or any narrow-necked bottle in this fun crafts class. Susan Caple Gardner, Arkansas Master Gardener and Florist, will discuss several variations of decoration in this hands-on class. Each participant will complete a hummingbird feeder to take home. All materials will be pro-



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vided; however, you are encouraged to bring a bottle from home!

INSTRUCTOR: Susan Caple Gardner
DAY/DATE: Thursday, 3/19/26 (1)
TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ
PUBLIC PRICE: \$60 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$45

MAR. 30 | GHOSTS IN THE WHITE HOUSE: THE PEOPLE BEHIND PRESIDENTIAL SPEECHES

DESCRIPTION: Have you ever wondered who writes presidential speeches? This course traces the evolution of speechwriting from George Washington's administration to today. Yes, Hamilton helped draft Washington's Farewell Address, but no, Lincoln did not scribble the Gettysburg Address on an envelope. We will study the writing process presidents used and examine drafts from FDR, Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Carter, and George H.W. Bush. We will view clips from speeches and from former White House speechwriters describing the process.

INSTRUCTOR: Diana Carlin
DAY/DATE: Mondays, 3/30/26-5/4/26 (6)
TIME: 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
LOCATION: Virtual
PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55

MAR. 31 | SWEDEN CREEK FALLS WILDERNESS ADVENTURE WITH ANHC

DESCRIPTION: Discover one of the Ozarks' most breathtaking hidden gems on this rugged journey into the Sweden Creek Falls Natural

Area. Tucked deep within the Boston Mountains and protected by the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, this landscape features sweeping glades, towering bluffs, deep gulches, hardwood forests, and one of Arkansas's most impressive waterfalls. An ANHC representative will join us to share expert insights into the ecology, geology, and natural history of this remarkable area.

This 3.5-mile trek explores two trails, giving hikers vantage points both above and below the 81-foot Sweden Creek Falls. The route includes steep, uneven terrain, creek crossings, and a challenging descent beneath the falls. This hike is recommended only for experienced, physically active hikers with good balance, sturdy footwear, and a hiking pole.

Meeting location and other information will be sent to participants upon registration. **Activity level: 3.**

INSTRUCTOR: Josh Raney
DAY/DATE: Tuesday, 3/31/26 (1)
TIME: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
LOCATION: Ozark National Forest
PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 (CR) \$64 (TR) /
MEMBER PRICE: \$25 (CR) \$49 (TR)

MAR. 31 | THE SCOPES MONKEY TRIAL: THEN AND NOW

DESCRIPTION: In July 1925, Clarence Darrow, William Jennings Bryan, and others converged on Dayton, Tennessee, for the Scopes Monkey Trial—an eight-day clash over religion, science, public education, free speech, and textbooks, broadcast nationwide. One hundred years later, these debates continue. This course explores why the trial happened in Dayton, how Bryan and Darrow became involved, what occurred in the courtroom, whether *Inherit the Wind* reflects reality, who won and lost, and why it still matters today.

INSTRUCTOR: Douglas Mishkin
DAY/DATE: Tuesdays, 3/31/26-5/5/26 (6)
TIME: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
LOCATION: Virtual
PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55

MAR. 31 | WHICH ARE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS?

DESCRIPTION: With the passage of ACT 573 (2025), every public classroom in Arkansas—from elementary schools to universities—must now display printed copies of the Ten Commandments. This engaging course invites participants to explore the origins and meanings of these commandments as presented in *Exodus 20*, while comparing them to the alternate accounts in *Deuteronomy 5* and *Exodus 34*.

Programs in Calendar View



February 2026

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 9:00 AM Beyond the Ballot: Exploring Local Offices (OLLI) 9:00 AM Rain Garden Design (Sprindale SR Center) | 14 |
| 16 10:00 AM Meet Your Police: Inside Fayetteville's Public Safety Center (Fayetteville Police Department) | 17 10:00 AM Perilous Times: Immigration and America's Future (OLLI) | 18 10:00 AM Learn How to Deal With Today's News (OLLI) | 19 10:00 AM Shakespeare on Film: Two Great Hamlets (OLLI) 11:30 AM LWOLLI- Jacki Perry Ryan (Social)(TBD) | 20 10:00 AM Owning Old: Becoming as We Age (BTV) | 21 11:00 AM Experience the Art of Cheese at White River Creamery (White River Creamery) |
| 23 10:00 AM Great Decisions 2026 (OLLI) | 24 10:00 AM Selection of the Fittest: The United States Marshals in American History (OLLI) 1:00 PM Smart Giving in Changing Tax Times: Tax-Wise Strategies for Charitable Impact (OLLI) | 25 10:00 AM Migration Madness: Discovering the Season's Birding Madness (OLLI) 2:00 PM Spring Awake! Waking Your Garden Up for Spring (OLLI) | 26 10:00 AM Flying the B-52: Cold War and Vietnam (OLLI) 5:30 PM OLLI Trivia Night (Farrell's) | 27 2:00 PM How Memories Inform Our Health Journey (SSC) | 28 |

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OLLI at UofA

Learn more about upcoming classes and events by watching the OLLI YouTube page! There you will find short takes and exchanges with instructors about what to expect in their classes!

Programs in Calendar View



March 2026

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---|--|--|---|
| 2 10:00 AM Great Decisions 2026 (OLLI) | 3 9:30 AM Through an Archival Lens: Arkansas Ozarks Culture (MULN 135) 2:30 PM Introduction to Pickleball (Springdale Senior Center) | 4 9:30 AM Color Unleashed: A Guided Alcohol Ink Workshop (Springdale SR Center) 1:00 PM Ozark/Arkansas Authors Book Club (OLLI) | 5 10:00 AM America 250: The American Revolution - Part 1 (1775-1777) (OLLI) 1:30 PM Line Dancing for Everyone (Springdale Senior Center) | 6 10:00 AM Historical Homes of Fayetteville (OLLI) | 7 11:00 AM Exerience the Art of Cheese at White River Creamery |
| 9 10:00 AM Great Decisions 2026 (OLLI) 10:00 AM Exploring the Market Center of the Ozarks (Market Center of the Ozarks) | 10 9:30 AM Through an Archival Lens: Arkansas Ozarks Culture (MULN 135) 2:30 PM Introduction to Pickleball (Springdale Senior Center) | 11 9:30 AM Color Unleashed: A Guided Alcohol Ink Workshop (Springdale SR Center) 1:00 PM Creating Your Vision Board (OLLI) | 12 10:00 AM America 250: The American Revolution - Part 1 (1775-1777) (OLLI) 1:30 PM Line Dancing for Everyone (Springdale Senior Center) | 13 10:00 AM Historical Homes of Fayetteville (OLLI) 10:00 AM Understanding The Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter-Day Saints: Theology & History (OLLI) | 14 |
| 16 10:00 AM Great Decisions 2026 (OLLI) 1:00 PM From Jockeys to Jackpots: Exploring Oaklawn Park (OLLI) | 17 2:30 PM Introduction to Pickleball (Springdale Senior Center) 5:00 PM An Evening at Gaskins Steakhouse on Emma (Gaskins on Emma) | 18 8:30 AM Chasing Waterfalls: The Glory Hole (Ozark National Forest) 9:30 AM Color Unleashed: A Guided Alcohol Ink Workshop (Springdale SR Center) 1:30 PM Stories & Secrets of the Gilded Age - An Introduction (OLLI) | 19 10:00 AM Recycling Glass into Hummingbird Feeders (OLLI) 11:30 AM LWOLLI- Lloyd Keck (TBD) (Social) 1:30 PM Line Dancing for Everyone (Springdale Senior Center) | 20 10:00 AM Understanding The Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter-Day Saints: Theology & History (OLLI) | 21 |
| 23 | 24 2:30 PM Introduction to Pickleball (Springdale Senior Center) | 25 9:30 AM Color Unleashed: A Guided Alcohol Ink Workshop (Springdale SR Center) | 26 1:30 PM Line Dancing for Everyone (Springdale Senior Center) 5:00 PM Bourbon Tasting (Social) | 27 | 28 |
| 30 10:00 AM Great Decisions 2026 (OLLI) 2:00 PM Ghosts in the White House (V) | 31 9:00 AM Sweden Creek Falls Wilderness Adventure With ANHC (Ozark National Forest) 10:00 AM Scopes Monkey Trial (V) 11:00 AM Which Are The Ten Commandments? (OLLI) 2:00 PM Comic Book Literature (V) 5:00 PM Wine & Cheese Tasting Experience (Bloom Cheese Collective) | | | | |

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April 2026

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | <p>1 9:30 AM The History and Future of the Woolsey Homestead (OLLI HQ, then Woolsey Homestead)</p> <p>10:00 AM A History of Street Art (V)</p> <p>12:00 PM Siberia (V)</p> <p>12:30 PM How to Play Mah Jong (Springdale Senior Center)</p> <p>1:00 PM Ozark/Arkansas Authors Book Club (OLLI)</p> <p>1:00 PM Watercolor Made Simple (OLLI)</p> | <p>2</p> <p>10:00 AM Learn About NWA Land Trust and Why It's Important (OLLI)</p> <p>12:00 PM JFK's Quest for Peace (V)</p> <p>6:00 PM AI for Regular People (V)</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>4</p> |
| <p>6</p> <p>9:00 AM Step Into Wellness</p> <p>10:00 AM Great Decisions 2026 (OLLI)</p> <p>10:00 AM Violinists: Performers and Composers (V)</p> <p>1:00 PM A Future Vision For The West Fork Of The White River (OLLI)</p> <p>2:00 PM Ghosts in the White House (V)</p> | <p>7 8:15 AM Opera In The Ozarks- 75 Years of Music (Inspiration Point)</p> <p>10:00 AM Scopes Monkey Trial (V)</p> <p>10:00 AM A Morning at Stonebreaker (Stonebreaker)</p> <p>12:00 PM Place, Memory, and Environmental Psychology (V)</p> <p>2:00 PM Comic Book Literature (V)</p> <p>4:00 PM Leo XIII to Leo XIV: 20th-21st Century Popes (V)</p> | <p>8 8:30 AM Chasing Waterfalls: Magnolia, Woods Boys & Stahl Falls (Boen Gulf area of Upper Buffalo Wilderness)</p> <p>9:00 AM Step Into Wellness</p> <p>10:00 AM A History of Street Art (V)</p> <p>10:00 AM Discovering Ireland (OLLI)</p> <p>12:00 PM Siberia (V)</p> <p>12:30 PM How to Play Mah Jong (Springdale Senior Center)</p> <p>1:00 PM Watercolor Made Simple (OLLI)</p> | <p>9 10:00 AM A Beautiful Brain (V)</p> <p>10:30 AM Spring Tiny Vases and Wreaths (OLLI HQ)</p> <p>12:00 PM JFK's Quest for Peace (V)</p> <p>2:00 PM Back To School: How Education Has Changed (Don Tyson School of Innovation)</p> <p>2:00 PM Great Science Stories (V)</p> <p>6:00 PM AI for Regular People (V)</p> | <p>10</p> <p>10:00 AM Following the Missouri River: From Start to Finish (OLLI HQ)</p> <p>1:00 PM What is the Tao Te Ching? (OLLI HQ)</p> | <p>11</p> |
| <p>13</p> <p>9:00 AM Step Into Wellness</p> <p>10:00 AM Great Decisions 2026 (OLLI)</p> <p>10:00 AM Violinists: Performers and Composers (V)</p> <p>1:00 PM Exploring Backstage with TheatreSquared (TheatreSquared)</p> <p>2:00 PM Ghosts in the White House (V)</p> | <p>14 10:00 AM Scopes Monkey Trial (V)</p> <p>10:00 AM A Morning at Stonebreaker (Stonebreaker)</p> <p>12:00 PM Place, Memory, and Environmental Psychology (V)</p> <p>1:00 PM Exploring Backstage with TheatreSquared (TheatreSquared)</p> <p>2:00 PM Comic Book Literature (V)</p> <p>4:00 PM Leo XIII to Leo XIV: 20th-21st Century Popes (V)</p> | <p>15 9:00 AM Step Into Wellness</p> <p>10:00 AM A History of Street Art (V)</p> <p>10:00 AM History of Jews in the Ozarks (V)</p> <p>12:00 PM Siberia (V)</p> <p>12:30 PM How to Play Mah Jong (Springdale Senior Center)</p> <p>1:00 PM America 250 (OLLI)</p> <p>2:00 PM Lost Generation (V)</p> <p>4:00 PM Music: Controversies and Curiosities (V)</p> | <p>16 8:00 AM Trip to George Washington Carver Museum (GWC Museum)</p> <p>9:30 AM Tyson Art Tour (OLLI)</p> <p>10:00 AM A Beautiful Brain (V)</p> <p>12:00 PM JFK's Quest for Peace (V)</p> <p>2:00 PM Great Science Stories (V)</p> <p>6:00 PM AI for Regular People (V)</p> | <p>17</p> <p>2:00 PM Reimagining the Jefferson Elementary School (Jefferson School)</p> | <p>18</p> <p>1:00 PM Writing the Personal Essay: Finding Your Story (V)</p> |
| <p>20</p> <p>9:00 AM Step Into Wellness</p> <p>10:00 AM Great Decisions 2026 (OLLI)</p> <p>10:00 AM Violinists: Performers and Composers (V)</p> <p>1:30 PM Capturing the Awesome: Drone Photography & Video (OLLI)</p> <p>2:00 PM Ghosts in the White House (V)</p> | <p>21 10:00 AM Scopes Monkey Trial (V)</p> <p>10:00 AM Intro to Oral History (OLLI)</p> <p>12:00 PM Place, Memory, and Environmental Psychology (V)</p> <p>1:30 PM Stories & Secrets of the Gilded Age (OLLI)</p> <p>2:00 PM Comic Book Literature (V)</p> <p>4:00 PM Leo XIII to Leo XIV: 20th-21st Century Popes (V)</p> <p>6:00 PM Frank Lloyd Wright and Modern Architecture (V)</p> | <p>22</p> <p>9:00 AM Step Into Wellness</p> <p>10:00 AM A History of Street Art (V)</p> <p>12:00 PM Siberia (V)</p> <p>12:30 PM How to Play Mah Jong (Springdale Senior Center)</p> <p>2:00 PM Lost Generation (V)</p> <p>4:00 PM Music: Controversies and Curiosities (V)</p> | <p>23</p> <p>10:00 AM A Beautiful Brain (V)</p> <p>10:00 AM Byzantine Empire (St. Nicholas Orthodox Church)</p> <p>12:00 PM JFK's Quest for Peace (V)</p> <p>2:00 PM Great Science Stories (V)</p> <p>5:00 PM Fay. Sq. Food Tour (Social)</p> <p>6:00 PM AI for Regular People (V)</p> | <p>24</p> | <p>25</p> <p>1:00 PM Writing the Personal Essay: Finding Your Story (V)</p> |
| <p>27</p> <p>9:00 AM Step Into Wellness</p> <p>10:00 AM Violinists: Performers and Composers (V)</p> <p>10:00 AM Interactive Discussions Regarding End of Life Decisions (OLLI)</p> <p>2:00 PM Ghosts in the White House (V)</p> | <p>28</p> <p>10:00 AM Scopes Monkey Trial (V)</p> <p>10:00 AM Introduction to Oral History (OLLI)</p> <p>12:00 PM Place, Memory, and Environmental Psychology (V)</p> <p>2:00 PM Comic Book Literature (V)</p> <p>4:00 PM Leo XIII to Leo XIV: 20th-21st Century Popes (V)</p> <p>6:00 PM Frank Lloyd Wright and Modern Architecture (V)</p> | <p>29</p> <p>9:00 AM Step Into Wellness</p> <p>10:00 AM A History of Street Art (V)</p> <p>12:00 PM Siberia (V)</p> <p>12:30 PM How to Play Mah Jong (Springdale Senior Center)</p> <p>2:00 PM Lost Generation (V)</p> <p>4:00 PM Music: Controversies and Curiosities (V)</p> | <p>30</p> <p>10:00 AM A Beautiful Brain (V)</p> <p>12:00 PM JFK's Quest for Peace (V)</p> <p>2:00 PM Great Science Stories (V)</p> <p>6:00 PM AI for Regular People (V)</p> | <p>31</p> | |

Programs in Calendar View



May 2026

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 9:00 AM Waterfall Trek (Lake Fort Smith State Park) | 2 1:00 PM Writing the Personal Essay: Finding Your Story (V) |
| 4 10:00 AM Violinists: Performers and Composers (V) 10:00 AM Interactive Discussions Regarding End of Life Decisions (OLLI) 2:00 PM Ghosts in the White House (V) | 5 10:00 AM Scopes Monkey Trial (V) 10:00 AM The Mystery of Casting Movies (OLLI) 12:00 PM Place, Memory, and Environmental Psychology (V) 1:00 PM Traveling Solo (OLLI) 2:00 PM Comic Book Literature (V) 4:00 PM Leo XIII to Leo XIV: 20th-21st Century Popes (V) 6:00 PM Frank Lloyd Wright and Modern Architecture (V) | 6 9:30 AM Trail Development in Fayetteville (OLLI-lecture, Fayetteville Public Library-walking tour) 10:00 AM A History of Street Art (V) 12:00 PM Siberia (V) 1:00 PM Ozark/Arkansas Authors Book Club (OLLI) 2:00 PM Lost Generation (V) 4:00 PM Music: Controversies and Curiosities (V) | 7 9:30 AM Tyson Art Tour (OLLI) 10:00 AM A Beautiful Brain (V) 12:00 PM JFK's Quest for Peace (V) 2:00 PM Great Science Stories (V) 6:00 PM AI for Regular People (V) | 8 10:00 AM Introduction to Furniture Design and Crafting by a Master Woodworker (Buell Studio) | 9 1:00 PM Writing the Personal Essay: Finding Your Story (V) |
| 11 10:00 AM Violinists: Performers and Composers (V) 10:00 AM Interactive Discussions Regarding End of Life Decisions (OLLI) | 12 12:00 PM Place, Memory, and Environmental Psychology (V) 1:30 PM Stories & Secrets of The Gilded Age: The Domestic (OLLI) 4:00 PM Leo XIII to Leo XIV: 20th-21st Century Popes (V) 6:00 PM Frank Lloyd Wright and Modern Architecture (V) | 13 10:00 AM Explore the Newly Expanded Yvonne Richardson Community Center (Yvonne Richardson Community Center) 2:00 PM Lost Generation (V) 4:00 PM Music: Controversies and Curiosities (V) 5:00 PM A Taste of Tradition at Monte Ne Inn Chicken (Monte Ne Inn Chicken) | 14 10:00 AM A Beautiful Brain (V) 10:00 AM America 250: The Songs of '76: A Different View of the American Revolution (OLLI) 2:00 PM Great Science Stories (V) | 15 | 16 1:00 PM Writing the Personal Essay: Finding Your Story (V) |
| 18 10:00 AM University of Arkansas Museum Collections Tour (Arkansas Archeological Survey Bldg) | 19 2:00 PM Discover the Heart of Walmart: An Exclusive Tour of the New Home Office (Walmart HQ) 6:00 PM Frank Lloyd Wright and Modern Architecture (V) | 20 2:00 PM Lost Generation (V) 4:00 PM Music: Controversies and Curiosities (V) | 21 | 22 | 23 1:00 PM Writing the Personal Essay: Finding Your Story (V) |
| 25 | 26 6:00 PM Frank Lloyd Wright and Modern Architecture (V) | 27 | 28 5:30 PM Sassafras (Social) | 29 | 30 |
| June 1 | June 2 | June 3 1:00 PM Ozark/Arkansas Authors Book Club (OLLI) | June 4 | June 5 | June 6 |

Together, we'll trace the long-standing debates over how exactly the Ten Commandments are identified and numbered across Jewish, Catholic, and Protestant traditions, examining how interpretation shapes theology and practice. Through closer reading, discussion, and interactive analysis, participants will investigate not only the ancient context of these texts but also their modern implications.

Finally, the course turns to the legal and constitutional dimensions of ACT 573, analyzing the act's religious symbolism and its potential conflict with the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. Led by Dr. Spencer L. Allen, Teaching Assistant Professor in the Department of History at the University of Arkansas's Fulbright College, this course offers an intellectually rich and thought-provoking exploration of scripture, law, and the boundaries between church and state. (Box lunch provided in class fee.)

INSTRUCTOR: Spencer L. Allen
DAY/DATE: Tuesday, 3/31/26 (1)
TIME: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ
PUBLIC PRICE: \$50 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$35

MAR. 31 | COMIC BOOK LITERATURE

DESCRIPTION: Comics (blending words and pictures to tell stories) stretch from cave paintings and the Bayeux Tapestry to today's Batman and Spider-Man. Far more than superhero tales, comics are a versatile literary art form, capturing intimate and epic stories, social issues, and cultural moments through panels and word balloons. In this course, we will trace their history, explore their power, and read and discuss works including *Understanding Comics*, *Watchmen*, *Maus*, *Fun Home*, and *Persepolis*.

INSTRUCTOR: Arnold Blumberg
DAY/DATE: Tuesdays, 3/31/26-5/5/26 (6)
TIME: 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
LOCATION: Virtual
PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55

MAR. 31 | BLOOM CHEESE COLLECTIVE: WINE & CHEESE TASTING EXPERIENCE

DESCRIPTION: Join Ali Cameron -- one of the passionate duo behind Bloom Cheese Collective -- for a relaxed, hands-on wine and cheese tasting adventure. During this guided session, you'll explore the eight main styles of cheese, discover how to taste like a pro, and enjoy four thoughtfully paired wines that bring each cheese to life.



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This isn't just a tasting -- it's a conversation. You'll learn the stories behind your favorite cheeses, how to build beautiful pairings at home, and a few insider tips to impress at your next gathering. We'll guide you step by step, so you can savor, learn, and laugh along the way.

Participants will gain expert insight, access unique selections, and share the experience with fellow food lovers in a warm, welcoming space that feels like home. (Cost of Meal: \$45 -on your own.) (Current OLLI members only.)

INSTRUCTOR: Ali Cameron
DAY/DATE: Tuesday, 3/31/26 (1)
TIME: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
LOCATION: Bloom Cheese Collective
PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$25

APR. 1 | THE HISTORY AND FUTURE OF THE WOOLSEY HOMESTEAD

DESCRIPTION: Step back in time and explore one of Fayetteville's last remaining original homesteads—the Woolsey Homestead, established in the 1840s. Guided by Britin Bostick, City of Fayetteville Long Range Planner, and Melissa Evans, Landscape Architect, Urban Forester, and Park Planner, this two-part course begins with an engaging illustrated lecture that introduces participants to early Fayetteville history, the landscape that sustained the Woolsey family farm, and the family's lasting influence on the area. You'll also discover what it takes to transform a historic homestead into a public park, including the visioning, planning, and restoration work involved.

In the second half, Britin and Melissa will lead a guided site visit to the Woolsey Homestead,

where participants will tour the cabin, walk the grounds, and discuss ongoing restoration and park-planning efforts with City of Fayetteville staff.

Please note: the site includes uneven ground, a step into the cabin, and may have wet or muddy conditions. Parking onsite at Woosley Homestead (located at 629 Broyles Ave) for about 25 cars. **Activity Level: 1**

INSTRUCTOR: Britin Bostick and Melissa Evans
DAY/DATE: Wednesday, 4/1/26 (1)
TIME: 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ, then Woolsey Homestead
PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$25

APR. 1 | A HISTORY OF STREET ART

DESCRIPTION: Art in the streets (including graffiti, murals, stickers, and paste-ups) gives voice to marginalized communities, shapes urban environments, and challenges institutional norms. This course explores graffiti and street art in the U.S. and around the world, examining their histories, motivations, and social impact. Participants will consider the rise of global mural movements, efforts to preserve and present street art, and its evolving role in activism, community identity, and social change.

INSTRUCTOR: Heather Shirey
DAY/DATE: Wednesdays, 4/1/26-5/6/26 (6)
TIME: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
LOCATION: Virtual
PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55



APR. 1 | SIBERIA: RUSSIA'S FROZEN WASTELAND OR ECONOMIC HEARTLAND?

DESCRIPTION: Siberia covers three quarters of Russia's territory but is home to only a quarter of its population. Yet its role in shaping Russia as a vast and wealthy empire is profound. In this course, we will explore Siberia's economic significance, indigenous cultures, and history as a penal colony, along with its importance for climate change, environmental issues, and Russian-Chinese relations. We will also consider Siberia's role in both the rise and possible fragmentation of Russia.

INSTRUCTOR: Asya Pereltsvaig
DAY/DATE: Wednesdays, 4/1/26-5/6/26 (6)
TIME: 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
LOCATION: Virtual
PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55

APR. 1 | LEARN HOW TO PLAY MAH JONGG

DESCRIPTION: Discover the fun and challenge of Mah Jongg, a centuries-old Chinese tile game that's gaining popularity across the U.S.! This beginner-friendly course introduces the game's fascinating history and teaches official rules and strategies based on the National Mah Jongg League standards.

Participants will learn through a mix of lecture, discussion, and guided game play, all led by experienced instructors from the Springdale Senior Center. They will cover everything from tile recognition and rules to strategy and scoring, with step-by-step guidance designed for newcomers. Enjoy a supportive, social setting where you can ask questions, get hands-on help, and build your skills with fellow learners.

It's fun, social, and great for brain health. Come join us and start your Mah Jongg journey -- no experience needed!

INSTRUCTOR: Lori Proud
DAY/DATE: Wednesdays, 4/1/26-4/29/26 (5)
TIME: 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM
LOCATION: Springdale Senior Center
PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$25

APR. 1 | WATERCOLOR MADE SIMPLE

DESCRIPTION: Have you always wanted to explore the timeless beauty of watercolor painting? This welcoming, hands-on workshop is the perfect place to start. Learn fundamental techniques and enjoy experimenting with color and form as we blend basic sketching with gentle watercolor washes. Be inspired by still-life subjects such as fruit and flowers, and let your imagination guide your brush.

Led by Julie Jeannene Rickard, a local mixed media artist, this class celebrates creativity in all its forms. Julie's passion for artistic exploration will help you unlock your expressive potential, no matter your experience level.

All materials are provided - just bring your curiosity!

INSTRUCTOR: Julie Rickard
DAY/DATE: Wednesdays, 4/1/26-4/8/26 (2)
TIME: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ
PUBLIC PRICE: \$70 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55

APR. 2 | LEARN ABOUT NWA LAND TRUST AND WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

DESCRIPTION: Join Grady Spann, CEO and Executive Director of the Northwest Arkansas Land Trust, for an inspiring and informative program exploring the importance of land protection and how it directly affects our daily lives. Together, we'll look at how safeguarding land today helps ensure a healthier, more resilient Northwest Arkansas for generations to come.

Participants will learn about the practical tools available to landowners and communities who wish to create a lasting land legacy—whether through conservation easements, partnerships, or community initiatives. You'll gain a clear understanding of land protection priorities, water source protection, and the critical connections between conservation and quality of life.

This program offers actionable ways for anyone—regardless of background—to get involved and make a difference. Discover the story and mission of the Northwest Arkansas Land Trust. Leave with the knowledge, inspiration,

and tools to help protect the natural beauty and resources that sustain us all.

INSTRUCTOR: Grady Spann
DAY/DATE: Thursday, 4/2/26 (1)
TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ
PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

APR. 2 | JFK'S QUEST FOR PEACE: LESSONS FOR TURBULENT TIMES

DESCRIPTION: Throughout his 1000-day presidency, John Kennedy pursued peace through a broad spectrum of initiatives. He saw a connection between learning and leadership and sought to use military deterrence, diplomacy, and soft power in novel ways. In this course, we will explore how his character and life experiences were the origins of those efforts. We will evaluate his powers of persuasion by listening to key speeches, and we will assess his successes and failures and their relevance to today's world.

INSTRUCTOR: Charles Blum
DAY/DATE: Thursdays, 4/2/26-5/7/26 (6)
TIME: 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
LOCATION: Virtual
PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55

APR. 2 | AI FOR REGULAR PEOPLE

DESCRIPTION: Back by popular demand, this updated course offers a clear, engaging introduction to Artificial Intelligence (AI) and how it's rapidly transforming our world. From self-driving cars to chatbots and precision medicine, we will explore how AI works, where it's headed, and what it means for society. No tech experience needed—just curiosity! With fresh examples and timely updates, participants will gain a solid understanding of the opportunities and challenges AI presents today.

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Hod Lipson and Melba Kurman
DAY/DATE: Thursdays, 4/2/26-5/7/26 (6)
TIME: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Virtual
PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55

APR. 6 | STEP INTO WELLNESS - SPRING WALKING SERIES

DESCRIPTION: Join fitness expert and Wellness Recovery Coach Shari Withey for a fun and energizing 4-week walking series designed to boost your overall health through consistent movement and guided support. With decades of experience in yoga, Pilates, weight training, and more, Shari brings an encouraging and



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knowledgeable approach to every step. Each session includes at least an hour of walking on local trails, popular paths, and a few hidden gems, offering variety, scenic beauty, and the motivation to keep moving. Participants will receive a simple posture analysis and fitness assessment on the first day to help set personal goals. Over the month, you'll gain valuable insights into alignment, agility, balance, and endurance while learning how efficient movement can improve posture and overall strength. Come walk, learn, connect, and leave feeling stronger, more confident, and maybe with a new walking buddy! Locations for walks will be shared in advance of each session. **Activity Level: 2** (Current OLLI Members Only)

INSTRUCTOR: Shari Withey
DAY/DATE: Mondays & Wednesdays, 4/6/26 – 4/29/26 (8)
TIME: 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
LOCATION: Various Fayetteville Walking Trails
PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$15

APR. 6 | VIOLINISTS: PERFORMERS AND COMPOSERS

DESCRIPTION: Why do so many great violinists also become composers? This course will explore the fascinating legacy of violinist-composers, including Baroque virtuosos like Heinrich Biber, Romantic legends like Niccolò Paganini, and 20th century innovators like George Enescu and Grazyna Bacewicz. Through listening and discussing, we will examine how these artists wrote music tailored to their instruments and themselves. Taught by a professional violinist, this course offers a behind-the-strings look at how performance and composition intertwine.

INSTRUCTOR: Ilana Zaks
DAY/DATE: Mondays, 4/6/26-5/11/26 (6)
TIME: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

LOCATION: Virtual
PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55

APR. 6 | A FUTURE VISION FOR THE WEST FORK OF THE WHITE RIVER

DESCRIPTION: Learn about the vision for the West Fork of the White River and how improving water quality can enhance recreational opportunities from Alison Jumper, Director of Parks, Natural Resources, and Cultural Affairs for the City of Fayetteville. In this program, you will learn how multiple partners are working together towards improved water quality while opening up recreation on the West Fork of the White River from Brentwood to Fayetteville and beyond.

INSTRUCTOR: Alison Jumper
DAY/DATE: Monday, 4/6/26 (1)
TIME: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ
PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

APR. 7 | OPERA IN THE OZARKS- 75 YEARS OF MUSIC

DESCRIPTION: For 75 years, Opera In The Ozarks has been a premier opera training program in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Artists from around the world have come to the OIO campus for 8 weeks a year to study and perform opera in a professional environment. In 2025, OIO opened its new, state-of-the-art performing arts center. This program will provide a tour of the new theater and provide a history of the program. Guests will get a behind-the-scenes look at how a professional opera house operates.

Tour time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Meeting location and departure time will be sent to participants upon registration. Lunch will be on your own after the tour. **Activity level: 1.**
INSTRUCTOR: Chris Cathcart

DAY/DATE: Tuesday, 4/7/26 (1)
TIME: 8:15 AM – 3:30 PM
LOCATION: Inspiration Point Center
 For The Arts/ Opera In The Ozarks
PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 (CR) \$64 (TR) /
MEMBER PRICE: \$25 (CR) \$49 (TR)

APR. 7 | A MORNING AT STONEBREAKER: BRUNCH AND TOUR

DESCRIPTION: Experience the timeless charm of Markham Hill, where the former Pratt Place Inn & Barn has been thoughtfully restored into a luxury boutique hotel, restaurant, and events venue. This beautiful redevelopment honors its legacy as a beloved community gathering place, blending rustic elegance with modern design and world-class amenities.

We'll begin with a relaxing brunch in the historic house, featuring garden views and a menu crafted with global techniques that celebrate the best of local ingredients. As you dine, you'll learn about the site's remarkable transformation and the vision behind preserving its historic character while introducing new life to the property. After brunch, join us for a guided tour of the newly completed 78-room hotel, including a look at its serene pool, cozy firepit, and stunning 5,000-square-foot wedding venue. Discover how architecture, hospitality, and heritage come together to create an unforgettable destination perched atop Markham Hill.

Led by event organizer Chloe Regan, this exclusive experience offers a first look and insider insights you won't find on your own. There are 2 date options. Choose either 4/7 **OR** 4/14 when registering. (Cost of meal: \$20 - on your own.) (Current OLLI members only.)

INSTRUCTOR: Chloe Regan and Karen Smenner
DAY/DATE: Tuesday, 4/7/2026 **OR** 4/14/2026- (1)
TIME: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
LOCATION: Stonebreaker
PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

APR. 7 | PLACE, MEMORY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

DESCRIPTION: How much of who we are is shaped by the places we live and experience? This course invites reflection on the psychological and emotional relationships between people and their environments. Drawing on psychology, geography, architecture, and design, we will explore environmental psychology and how physical environments shape behavior, cognition, identity, and memory. Using place-based methods, we will discuss concepts such as place



attachment, identity, and cognitive maps. We will reflect on memory, home, trauma, displacement, and nature's role in well-being.

INSTRUCTOR: Fernanda Blanco Vidal
DAY/DATE: Tuesdays, 4/7/26-5/12/26 (6)
TIME: 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
LOCATION: Virtual
PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55

APR. 7 | FROM LEO XIII TO LEO XIV: HISTORY OF 20TH AND 21ST CENTURY POPES

DESCRIPTION: The death of Pope Francis and the election of the first US born Pope have been in the news repeatedly in the last few months, capturing the imagination of many people, including non-Catholics. Who are these men? What are their life stories? How were they similar to and different from each other? In this course, we will discuss the lives and dominant perspectives of the last ten Popes, exploring their most significant positions and their influence on world affairs.

INSTRUCTOR: Oliva Espin
DAY/DATE: Tuesdays, 4/7/26-5/12/26 (6)
TIME: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
LOCATION: Virtual
PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55

APR. 8 | CHASING WATERFALLS: MAGNOLIA, WOODS BOYS & STAHL FALLS

DESCRIPTION: Come explore one of the most dramatic waterfall clusters in the Ozarks on this rugged hiking adventure into the remote Boen Gulf drainage of the Upper Buffalo River Wilderness. Arkansas boasts more than 200 natural waterfalls, and in winter and spring these landscapes come alive—nowhere more spectacularly than where two creeks converge to form Magnolia Falls (26 ft.), Woods Boys Falls (33 ft.), and Stahl Falls (63 ft.) in a steep, secluded gorge.

This 2.1-mile round-trip trek follows an old jeep road before transitioning into a short bush-whack, creek crossings, and uneven, rocky terrain. The effort is well rewarded: seeing all three waterfalls on a single outing offers exceptional scenery for a relatively short distance. Because of the rugged footing and off-trail sections, this hike is recommended only for active, fit hikers comfortable with challenging conditions.

Meeting location and other information will be sent to participants upon registration. **Activity level: 3 (Difficult.)**

INSTRUCTOR: Josh Raney
DAY/DATE: Wednesday, 4/8/2026 (1)



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TIME: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
LOCATION: Boen Gulf area of Upper Buffalo Wilderness
PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 (CR) \$64 (TR) /
MEMBER PRICE: \$25 (CR) \$49 (TR)

APR. 8 | DISCOVERING IRELAND: HISTORY, CULTURE, AND CONTEMPORARY LIFE

DESCRIPTION: Paul Calleja, who has co-lead a teacher education program to Ireland, will guide our OLLI participants through the rich historical, cultural, and social landscape of Ireland. The program will include a focused discussion on four major Irish cities: Dublin, Cork, Limerick, and Galway. This interactive session will transport OLLI participants to the Emerald Isle, where they will learn what makes Ireland a premier destination for people from around the world. Finally, the talk will include an overview of Ireland's rich history, which has undergone rapid evolution since its independence in 1921.

INSTRUCTOR: Paul Calleja
DAY/DATE: Wednesday, 4/8/26 (1)
TIME: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ
PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

APR. 9 | A BEAUTIFUL BRAIN

DESCRIPTION: Most conversations about aging focus on lifespan, but brainspan (how long our mind stays sharp) matters more. In this course, we will explore how the brain ages and what science reveals about protecting memory, balance, and clarity. Topics include normal changes versus early dementia, neuroplasticity, nutrition, sleep, stress, social ties, and purpose.

Each session blends accessible science with self-tests and at home practices. We will also build a personalized Cognitive Health Scorecard to track habits and strengthen resilience.

INSTRUCTOR: Scott Fulton
DAY/DATE: Thursdays, 4/9/26-5/14/26 (6)
TIME: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
LOCATION: Virtual
PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55

APR. 9 | SPRING TINY VASES AND WREATHS

DESCRIPTION: Join our Master Florist and Master Gardener, Susan Caple Gardner's class, where she will share her experiences teaching basic Spring floral design. Instruction will include a completed tiny doorknob wreath and accompanying vase for each participant to take home. Supplies included in class fee.

INSTRUCTOR: Susan Caple Gardner
DAY/DATE: Thursday, 4/9/26 (1)
TIME: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ
PUBLIC PRICE: \$60 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$45

APR. 9 | BACK TO SCHOOL: A LOOK AT HOW EDUCATION HAS CHANGED

DESCRIPTION: Step back into the classroom! Join us at Don Tyson School of Innovation (DTSOI) for a special program designed for lifelong learners. Amy Harrison, Principal at DTSOI, along with participants, will explore how today's students enter and experience school differently than in years past, followed by a guided tour of both sides of our campus. Come see firsthand how education has evolved, discover what makes Don Tyson School of Innovation unique, and enjoy a walk down memory lane -- while looking ahead at the future of learning.

INSTRUCTOR: Amy Harrison
DAY/DATE: Thursday, 4/9/26 (1)
TIME: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
LOCATION: Don Tyson School of Innovation,
PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

APR. 9 | GREAT SCIENCE STORIES

DESCRIPTION: Science is full of surprises. Dyes, accidentally discovered, launched the modern pharmaceutical industry. A failed experiment opened the door to new physics. Discoveries are never just facts. They are moments of creativity, struggle, and chance with far-reaching consequences. In this course, we will explore the human side of science, tracing

breakthroughs in biology, chemistry, physics, and more. We will ask not only what was found, but how and why it matters.

INSTRUCTOR: Johnnie Hendrickson
DAY/DATE: Thursdays, 4/9/26-5/14/26 (6)
TIME: 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
LOCATION: Virtual
PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55

APR. 10 | FOLLOWING THE MISSOURI RIVER: FROM START TO FINISH

DESCRIPTION: Join author, speaker, and adventurer Dr. Larry Campbell as he brings to life his seven-week journey along the entire Missouri River—from its source in Three Forks, Montana, to its confluence with the Mississippi near St. Louis. Through maps, photos, and interactive discussion, participants will follow the river's 2,341-mile path, discovering its changing landscapes, cultures, and communities.

The session blends geography, history, and environmental insight, offering a broad look at how the river has shaped the American story—from Lewis and Clark's expedition to the present day.

This engaging class offers far more than a travelogue. By participating, you'll gain a deeper understanding of the river's ecological and cultural importance, learn practical tools for interpreting natural and historic landmarks, and see how exploration and curiosity connect us to place and time. Experience the wonders of the Missouri River and discover why Atchison, Kansas, stood out as the most memorable stop of the journey.

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Larry Campbell
DAY/DATE: Friday, 4/10/26 (1)
TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ
PUBLIC PRICE: \$54 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$39

APR. 10 | WHAT IS THE TAO TE CHING?

DESCRIPTION: Translated more than any book but the Bible, the Tao Te Ching is still largely unknown to and/or misunderstood by modern-day Westerners. It is NOT a religious text, but rather an exquisite manual for living with integrity, as useful (perhaps more?) today than it was in the Chinese world of 500 BCE. As William Martin (author/translator) says, "It makes no claim to special Divine inspiration, yet it has brought inspiration to countless millions over the centuries. It is a beautiful expression of wisdom and encouragement that arises from a clear understanding of the Way the World Works."

In this session, Dr. Larry Campbell, who has extensive experience with the Tao Te Ching, will provide an overview of the book. We will look at its background, examine briefly its possible authorship, discuss why various translations are SO different, and take a look at sample translations of various verses, and familiar passages you may never have known were from the Tao Te Ching! Time permitting, we will also explore some of the fascinating connections to Christianity and the words & wisdom of Jesus, in a book written 500 years before the time of Christ.

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Larry Campbell
DAY/DATE: Friday, 4/10/26 (1)
TIME: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ
PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$25

APR. 13 | EXPLORING BACKSTAGE WITH THEATRESQUARED & PRIDE AND PREJUDICE Q&A

DESCRIPTION: Join director of community experience, Tara Versey, for a two-part glimpse into the inner workings of TheatreSquared. Bring your walking shoes and be prepared to explore almost every nook and cranny of the building for a behind-the-scenes look at Northwest Arkansas's remarkable regional professional theatre.

After the walking tour, we will have a Q&A discussion with artistic director Bob Ford and associate artistic director Amy Herzberg, who adapted the play *Pride & Prejudice*. Fall in love again with the sparkling wit and super-charged romance of Jane Austen's beloved novel. Like the original, T2's adaptation will both delight and challenge, as Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Darcy navigate the minefields of pride, prejudice, and their undeniable attraction to each other. TheatreSquared's partnership with the Fulbright College of Arts & Sciences Department of Theatre infuses this production with new energy and fresh talent.

For part 2, the following night, you will be given the opportunity to watch the final dress rehearsal for *Pride & Prejudice* before it officially opens! (Monday-1:00 pm - 2:30 pm / Tuesday - 7:00 pm - app 10:00 pm)

INSTRUCTOR: Tara Versey and Robert Ford
DAY/DATE: Monday & Tuesday, 4/13/26-4/14/26 (2)
TIME: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
LOCATION: TheatreSquared,
PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$25

APR. 15 | HISTORY OF JEWS IN THE OZARKS

DESCRIPTION: This program will cover the history of Jews in the parts of the four states that compose the Ozarks. Dr. Mara W. Cohen Ioannides, emerita faculty at Missouri State University, whose research focus has been on Jewish communities in the Ozarks, will look back to the purchase of the Louisiana Territory through the present day and examine how the Jewish communities were founded and folded, who they were composed of, and what made them thrive and fail. It is an interesting journey that's worth knowing to better understand Ozark's history.

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Mara W. Cohen Ioannides
DAY/DATE: Wednesday, 4/15/26 (1)
TIME: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
LOCATION: Virtual
PUBLIC PRICE: \$54 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$39

APR. 15 | AMERICA 250: WOMEN'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

DESCRIPTION: In this class, Judith Tavano, nationally recognized generations scholar, will explore the vital, yet often overlooked, roles



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women played during the American Revolution across political, domestic, and creative spheres. Discover how women - American Patriots and Loyalists, British Women, and Enslaved Women - shaped the American Revolution through craft, domestic labor, espionage, and political voice. This class highlights women as activists and nurturers of wartime resilience, whose diverse perspectives and actions challenged power and helped forge a new culture for an emerging nation.

INSTRUCTOR: Judith Tavano

DAY/DATE: Wednesday, 4/15/26 (1)

TIME: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$25

APR. 15 | THE LOST GENERATION

DESCRIPTION: This course will examine the cultural transformations in thinking and living that reshaped America and Western Europe between World War I and the Great Depression. Known as the Roaring Twenties, the Jazz Age, and the Lost Generation, this period redefined values and norms. We will explore the vibrant world of 1920s Paris through F. Scott Fitzgerald's *Babylon Revisited* and *Bernice Bobs Her Hair*, Ernest Hemingway's *The Sun Also Rises*, and Gertrude Stein's *The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas*, considering the lasting legacy of the era.

INSTRUCTOR: Ferdâ Asya

DAY/DATE: Wednesdays, 4/15/26-5/20/26 (6)

TIME: 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

LOCATION: Virtual

PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55

APR. 15 | MUSIC: CONTROVERSIES AND CURIOSITIES

DESCRIPTION: Music has long provoked debate, from Beethoven and Stravinsky's bold innovations to Broadway works like *Annie Get Your Gun* and *South Pacific*, now revisited through modern concerns about race, consent, and gender. Is political correctness enriching art or erasing cultural heritage? We will also examine plagiarism and borrowing in pop and film music, with cases involving The Beatles, Pink Floyd, and Peter Dinklage. This course blends audiovisuals, anecdotes, and humor to explore music's most controversial moments.

INSTRUCTOR: Emanuel Abramovits

DAY/DATE: Wednesdays, 4/15/26-5/20/26 (6)

TIME: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

LOCATION: Virtual

PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55

APR. 16 | TRIP TO GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER MUSEUM AND APPLIANCE MUSEUM

DESCRIPTION: Discover the inspiring life of George Washington Carver at the National Museum in Diamond, Missouri, where he was born

into slavery. He later became a renowned educator and agricultural scientist at the Tuskegee Institute, and became one of America's most influential figures. The day includes the museum, an orientation film, and a hands-on activity in the peanut lab where Carver's agricultural innovations come to life.

The next stop is at the "World's Largest Small Electric Appliance Museum," which is also located in Diamond. It is a multi-room collection of over 7,000 vintage machines ranging from toasters to coffee pots, hot dog roasters, waffle irons, and hair dryers, just to name a few. It was the result of one man's fascination with the historic revolution of electrified kitchen and household goods that we now think of as commonplace. Attendees may have the privilege of a guided tour by the owner, who alone knows the history and stories that go along with the incredible collection.

Lunch at the museum is included. Please note: individuals with peanut allergies should exercise caution during the lab activity at the Carver Museum. Meeting location and other information will be sent to participants upon registration. **Activity Level: 2.**

INSTRUCTOR: Tom O'Neal

DAY/DATE: Thursday, 4/16/26 (1)

TIME: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

LOCATION: GWC Museum,

PUBLIC PRICE: \$60 (CR) \$84 (TR) /

MEMBER PRICE: \$45 (CR) \$69 (TR)

APR. 16 | TYSON ART TOUR: BEHIND CLOSED DOORS (4/16)

DESCRIPTION: This exclusive private art tour at Tyson Foods, Inc. Headquarters in Springdale offers a unique opportunity to explore an impressive collection that includes works from renowned artists like Ansel Adams, Andy Warhol, and Roy Lichtenstein. Participants will also visit the Founder's Room, providing insights into Tyson's corporate history. Since the collection isn't available for public viewing, this tour is a special experience.

The tour lasts 1.5 hours, from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Please note that transportation is provided, and commuters are not permitted. Participants will meet at OLLI Headquarters at 9:30 am, ready to leave at 9:45 am.

Activity Level: 1. (Current OLLI Members Only)

INSTRUCTOR: Archie Schaffer and Tiffany McVay

DAY/DATE: Thursday, 4/16/26 (1)

TIME: 9:30 AM - 12:45 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$45

APR. 17 | REIMAGINING THE JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

DESCRIPTION: Discover how a beloved Fayetteville landmark is finding new life and purpose. In this engaging session, Shawn and Anita Schwartzman, founders of Potter's House, will share the inspiring story of how their organization began in 1998 with a simple friendship at Jefferson Elementary—and how that connection has grown into 25 years of community impact. Participants will learn how Potter's House and the Jefferson Renewed Project Spring 26 came together to reimagine the historic Jefferson Elementary School, built in the 1930s and serving Fayetteville families until 2023.

After the presentation, participants are invited to walk through the Jefferson building with Potter's House staff, exploring classrooms and hallways soon to be transformed into spaces for connection, learning, and hope. You'll hear about plans to expand preschool, after-school, and job training programs while preserving the school's deep community roots.

Join us for a meaningful look at how history, vision, and heart are coming together to create new possibilities for South Fayetteville. **Activity Level: 1**

INSTRUCTOR: Anita & Shawn Schwartzman
DAY/DATE: Friday, 4/17/26 (1)
TIME: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
LOCATION: Jefferson School
PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

APR. 18 | WRITING THE PERSONAL ESSAY: FINDING YOUR STORY

DESCRIPTION: The personal essay, one of the oldest forms of creative nonfiction, blends storytelling, reflection, and analysis to give voice to lived experience. In this course, we will explore the personal essay as both art and self-expression. Through readings, discussion, and writing exercises, we will study elements such as narrative arc, scene-setting, and reflection. We will draft our own essays, discovering how this enduring form helps us find our voices and tell our stories with clarity.

INSTRUCTOR: Lisa Stolley
DAY/DATE: Saturdays, 4/18/26-5/23/26 (6)
TIME: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
LOCATION: Virtual
PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55

APR. 20 | CAPTURING THE AWESOME: DRONE PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO



DESCRIPTION: Discover the excitement of flight without ever leaving the ground in this introduction to drone photography and video. Licensed FAA Part 107 drone pilot Gary Ault will share some of his favorite images and clips, discuss different types of hobby drones and their costs, and explain basic safety guidelines—including the FAA TRUST test for recreational pilots and how commercial regulations differ. Weather and airspace permitting, the session will conclude with a live demo and a chance to take a drone selfie.

INSTRUCTOR: Gary Ault
DAY/DATE: Monday, 4/20/26 (1)
TIME: 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ
PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$25

APR. 21 | INTRODUCTION TO ORAL HISTORY

DESCRIPTION: Join us for a two-session, hands-on workshop series where participants will learn the practical skills and thoughtful approach needed to complete meaningful oral history interviews. Rather than just hearing about the process, you'll actively practice it—guided step-by-step by Virginia Siegel, Director of Arkansas Folk and Traditional Arts at the University of Arkansas.

In the first session, we'll explore the foundations of oral history: interviewing techniques, ethical considerations, how to develop effective questions, and how to use field recorders with confidence. Between sessions, you'll put

your new skills into action through a short "homework" assignment—recording a brief oral history with a friend or family member. In the second session, we'll come back together to reflect on your experience, discuss challenges and successes, and learn best archival practices for preserving audio interviews.

Whether you're documenting family stories or community history, you'll leave with the tools and understanding to ensure those voices are heard and preserved for generations to come.

INSTRUCTOR: Virginia Siegel
DAY/DATE: Tuesdays, 4/21/26-4/28/26 (2)
TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ
PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$25

APR. 21 | STORIES & SECRETS OF THE GILDED AGE: FORTUNES AND FAME

DESCRIPTION: If you missed this series in 2023 -- or simply want a fresh take -- this is your chance to revisit the Gilded Age, a time of breathtaking wealth, rapid industrial growth, and stark social contrasts. Between 1877 and 1896, fortunes were made -- and so were myths. While tycoons built empires, an entire working class kept the machine running behind the scenes.

In this second class of the Gilded Age series, historians and authors Nancy Markey and Kay Adams turn their attention to the Vanderbilts and other so-called Robber Barons. The Vanderbilts rose to prominence through shipping and railroads, amassing one of the greatest fortunes in American history. With that wealth came a lifestyle of extreme opulence -- lavish mansions in New York, summer 'cottages' in Newport, and estates like the iconic Biltmore in North Carolina. But their story is more than just luxury. You'll also explore their philanthropic ventures, social influence, and the legacy they left behind. Join us to unpack the power, privilege, and ambition that defined America's wealthiest families. Each session in the series stands on its own -- come for one, or stay for more!

INSTRUCTOR: Nancy Markey and Kay Adams
DAY/DATE: Tuesday, 4/21/26 (1)
TIME: 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ
PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$25

APR. 21 | FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT AND MODERN ARCHITECTURE

DESCRIPTION: Frank Lloyd Wright designed nearly 1,000 buildings and helped de-



fine modern architecture. This course explores highlights of his practice, from Prairie houses to Fallingwater and the Guggenheim Museum, alongside lesser-known projects like affordable housing and city planning. We'll examine how Wright's work reflected cultural shifts in technology, science, and politics, offering a deeper understanding of his lasting influence on architecture and modern design.

INSTRUCTOR: Jennifer Gray
DAY/DATE: Tuesdays, 4/21/26-5/26/26 (6)
TIME: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Virtual
PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$55

APR. 23 | THE BYZANTINE EMPIRE: ITS HISTORY & INFLUENCE TODAY

DESCRIPTION: The Byzantine Empire, also referred to as the Eastern Roman Empire, was the continuation of the Roman Empire centered in Constantinople (modern-day Istanbul) during late antiquity and the Middle Ages. The eastern half of the Empire survived the conditions that caused the fall of the West in the 5th century AD, and flourished until the fall of Constantinople to the Ottoman Empire in 1453. During most of its existence, the empire remained the most powerful economic, cultural, and military force in the Mediterranean world. Join us for this presentation by Fr. Paul Fuller

at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church (3171 S. 48th Street in Springdale). Following class, participants will enjoy a delicious Mediterranean meal prepared by members of the Church.

INSTRUCTOR: Fr. Paul Fuller
DAY/DATE: Thursday, 4/23/26 (1)
TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM
LOCATION: St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

APR. 27 | INTERACTIVE DISCUSSIONS REGARDING END OF LIFE DECISIONS

DESCRIPTION: Death is certain, but how we prepare for it makes all the difference. Join Dr. Fidel Davila, a retired Pulmonary and Critical Care physician, for a thoughtful, practical look at end-of-life planning.

Through guided discussion and hands-on activities, participants will learn how to communicate their wishes clearly—both verbally and through essential documents like Living Wills and Medical Power of Attorney. You'll discover what these tools mean, when they're used, and how to ensure your values guide decisions when you no longer can.

Working together in a supportive setting, you'll benefit from expert insight and shared perspectives—making a difficult topic easier to face and understand. Leave with the clarity,

confidence, and resources to begin your own plan and give peace of mind to yourself and your loved ones.

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Fidel Davila
DAY/DATE: Mondays, 4/27/26-5/11/26 (3)
TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ
PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$25

MAY 1 | WATERFALL TREK AT LAKE FORT SMITH STATE PARK

DESCRIPTION: Discover one of the most scenic spots in Lake Fort Smith State Park on this guided hike with Park Interpreter Ron Croson! Together, you'll follow a beautiful forested trail to the park's waterfall—the official starting point of the 165-mile Ozark Highlands Trail.

This fun outing is perfect for anyone who loves nature, moving water, and peaceful woodland views. The hike covers approximately 1.5 miles, making it an ideal adventure for beginners and seasoned hikers alike.

Comfortable walking shoes, water, and a hiking stick are recommended. Hike Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Meeting location and other information will be sent to participants upon registration. **Activity level: 2.**

INSTRUCTOR: Ron Croson
DAY/DATE: Friday, 5/1/26 (1)
TIME: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
LOCATION: Lake Fort Smith State Park
PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 (CR) \$64 (TR) /
MEMBER PRICE: \$25 (CR) \$49 (TR)

MAY 5 | A BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK AT THE MYSTERY OF CASTING MOVIES

DESCRIPTION: Ever wonder how movies find the perfect actors for each role? Step behind the scenes with Mark Landon Smith, Casting Director and owner of Actors Casting Agency and Smith|Fox Casting, for an insider's look at the fascinating world of film casting.

In this engaging and informative session, Mark will walk participants through every step of the casting process—from the moment a script arrives to the first day of filming. You'll learn how casting directors interpret a director's vision, what goes into auditions and callbacks, and why certain actors ultimately land the part. Through real-world examples and stories from the industry, Mark will reveal how creative decisions, collaboration, and sometimes a little serendipity shape the final cast you see on screen. Whether you're a film enthusiast, aspiring actor,



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or just curious about what happens behind the camera, this session offers a fun, eye-opening glimpse into the art and strategy of casting for the movies.

INSTRUCTOR: Mark Landon Smith
DAY/DATE: Tuesday, 5/5/26 (1)
TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ
PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$25

MAY 5 | TRAVELING SOLO

DESCRIPTION: Traveling on your own can be one of the most rewarding ways to see the world -- if you know how to prepare. This class is designed for anyone curious about solo adventures, whether it's your first trip or your fiftieth. Diane O'Neal, who has traveled to over 43 countries (solo), and Susan Cunningham, an independent travel agent, will cover practical packing strategies that lighten your load, essential safety tips to help you travel with confidence, and a curated list of travel companies and suppliers who welcome and cater to solo travelers. Expect an interactive session with real-life examples, resources, and time for Q&A so you leave feeling inspired, equipped, and ready for your next journey.

INSTRUCTOR: Diane O'Neal and Susan Cunningham
DAY/DATE: Tuesday, 5/5/26 (1)
TIME: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ
PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$25

MAY 6 | TRAIL DEVELOPMENT IN FAYETTEVILLE: FROM VISION TO REALITY

DESCRIPTION: Join Fayetteville's Active Transportation Manager, Matt Mihalevich, for an in-depth overview of the planning and development of Fayetteville's trail system. This course will cover key aspects of trail development, including funding strategies, design considerations, property acquisition, construction methods, and long-term maintenance.

Special focus will be given to Fayetteville's newest trail projects, including the Midtown Trail and the Mission Blvd. Trail, offering insights into how these additions integrate with the city's broader active transportation network.

Following the classroom session, participants will take part in a guided walking tour of the recently completed sections of the Razorback Greenway through the Ramble, providing a firsthand look at the trail design and implementation. For the walking tour portion, please wear comfortable shoes. **Activity Level: 1.**

INSTRUCTOR: Matt Mihalevich

DAY/DATE: Wednesday, 5/6/26 (1)
TIME: 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ (Lecture) Fayetteville Public Library (walking tour)
PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$25

MAY 7 | TYSON ART TOUR-BEHIND CLOSED DOORS (5/7)

DESCRIPTION: This exclusive private art tour at Tyson Foods, Inc. Headquarters in Springdale offers a unique opportunity to explore an impressive collection that includes works from renowned artists like Ansel Adams, Andy Warhol, and Roy Lichtenstein. Participants will also visit the Founder's Room, providing insights into Tyson's corporate history. Since the collection isn't available for public viewing, this tour is a special experience.

The tour lasts 1.5 hours, from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Please note that transportation is provided, and commuters are not permitted. Participants will meet at OLLI Headquarters at 9:30 am ready to leave at 9:45 am.

Activity Level: 1. (Current OLLI Members Only)
INSTRUCTOR: Archie Schaffer and Tiffany McVay
DAY/DATE: Thursday, 5/7/26 (1)
TIME: 9:30 AM - 12:45 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ
PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$45

MAY 8 | INTRODUCTION TO FURNITURE DESIGN AND CRAFTING BY A MASTER WOODWORKER

DESCRIPTION: Visit the studio of master woodworker Matt Buell. Observe as he takes you through the various steps needed to convert raw material into finely crafted furniture. Buell's unique designs feature sensible, fluid lines that flow naturally, creating a warm and organic aesthetic. Although eclectic at heart, many of his works have been characterized as mid-century modern with a subtly traditional undercurrent. Clients proudly display his works in homes, businesses, and municipal buildings such as the Fayetteville, Arkansas City Council Chambers. Buell has also been commissioned by large import companies as a freelance furniture designer, some of which you have probably seen in well-known larger chain stores.

INSTRUCTOR: Mathew Buell
DAY/DATE: Friday, 5/8/26 (1)
TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
LOCATION: Buell Studio
PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$25

MAY 12 | STORIES & SECRETS OF THE GILDED AGE: THE DOMESTICS

DESCRIPTION: If you missed this series in 2023 -- or simply want a fresh perspective -- now's your chance to revisit the Gilded Age, one of the most complex and captivating periods in American history. From 1877 to 1896, America saw explosive industrial growth, technological innovation, and immense wealth for a fortunate few. But beneath the glittering surface were the untold stories of those who made that world run.

In this third class of the series, Historians and authors Nancy Markey and Kay Adams shift the spotlight to the people who lived and labored behind the grand doors of families like the Vanderbilts, Rockefellers, and Carnegies. Much like the downstairs staff of Downton Abbey, America had its own domestic workforce -- maids, butlers, cooks, coachmen -- whose lives were defined by long hours and strict hierarchies.

Through rich storytelling and historical insight, Nancy and Kay bring to life the experiences of the working class during this era of opulence and inequality. Discover what daily life was really like for the staff who kept Gilded Age households running. While this is part of an ongoing series, each class stands alone; join us for one or many!

INSTRUCTOR: Nancy Markey and Kay Adams
DAY/DATE: Tuesday, 5/12/26 (1)
TIME: 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ
PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$25

MAY 13 | EXPLORE THE NEWLY EXPANDED YVONNE RICHARDSON COMMUNITY CENTER

DESCRIPTION: The Yvonne Richardson Community Center (YRCC) has been a cornerstone of the Fayetteville community since 1996 -- and it just got even better! Join us for a special session celebrating the Center's exciting expansion, featuring new community rooms, a hardwood gymnasium, and a fully equipped instructional kitchen.

This interactive class includes a guided tour of the upgraded facility led by YRCC Director Josh Lainfiesta, an open discussion about current and future programs, and a brief, hands-on cooking activity in the new kitchen. Whether you're a long-time supporter or new to YRCC, this is a wonderful opportunity to connect, learn, and help shape the future of this vibrant community space.

About YRCC: Founded in 1996 and named in memory of Yvonne Richardson, daughter of



former Arkansas Razorbacks Basketball Coach Nolan Richardson, the Yvonne Richardson Community Center's mission is to prepare today's youth for tomorrow's challenges by offering enriching recreational, educational, and social opportunities. While youth development remains its core focus, YRCC proudly serves people of all ages through inclusive programs and events that strengthen community connections.

INSTRUCTOR: Josh Lainfiesta and

T'Essence Long

DAY/DATE: Wednesday, 5/13/26 (1)

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: Yvonne Richardson

Community Center

PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

MAY 13 | A TASTE OF TRADITION AT MONTE NE INN CHICKEN

DESCRIPTION: Pull up a chair and savor a true Southern classic at Monte Ne Inn Chicken -- a beloved Northwest Arkansas landmark serving all-you-can-eat fried chicken and hearty sides in a cozy, home-style setting. For over 45 years, this locally owned gem has been a gathering place for those who crave simple, delicious food that "tastes like home."

During this special experience, you'll do more than just enjoy a meal -- you'll get an insider's look at what makes Monte Ne Inn so special. Owner David Myers will personally share the restaurant's rich history and time-honored cooking process, from the secret to perfectly crispy chicken to the homemade sides that keep guests coming back generation after generation.

As you dine family-style, you'll learn how Southern hospitality and tradition come together in every bite. This isn't just dinner, it's a step into local culinary heritage, guided by the people who live and breathe it every day. (Cost of meal: \$20, on your own.) (Current OLLI members only.)

INSTRUCTOR: David Myers and Karen

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DAY/DATE: Wednesday, 5/13/26 (1)

TIME: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Monte Ne Inn Chicken

PUBLIC PRICE: N/A / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

MAY 14 | AMERICA 250: THE SONGS OF '76: A DIFFERENT VIEW OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

DESCRIPTION: In this two-hour presentation, Walter Schmidt, local singer/songwriter and music teacher, will explore the history of

the American Revolution through a unique lens: the presentation and discussion of several topical songs published and sung in the colonies and Great Britain between 1763 and 1783. Listening to them now can provide a unique insight into that seminal period of American history.

Based on Oscar Brand's 1972 collection *Songs of '76: A Folksinger's History of the Revolution*, this class will explore the music that captured the spirit and struggles of the American Revolution. Participants will examine songs from three distinct stages of the era—beginning with the initial period of growing tension between the colonies and Great Britain from 1763 to 1764, continuing through the war years that began in 1765, and concluding with the Treaty of Paris in 1783 and its aftermath. Through these songs, the class will trace how music reflected and influenced the evolving emotions, politics, and hopes of a nation on the brink of independence.

Walter Schmidt, singer/songwriter & music teacher, will introduce two or three songs from each period by providing a brief historical background and then singing each song, accompanied by guitar or banjo, and providing an opportunity for brief discussion after each song.

INSTRUCTOR: Walter Schmidt

DAY/DATE: Thursday, 5/14/26 (1)

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: OLLI HQ

PUBLIC PRICE: \$40 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$25

MAY 18 | UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS MUSEUM COLLECTIONS TOUR

DESCRIPTION: The University of Arkansas Museum traces its beginnings to an early geology teaching collection, which is documented to 1873. From a modest beginning, the collections have since grown to include millions of objects across the fields of archeology, ethnology, history, geology, and zoology.

Join Laurel Lamb, one of the museum's curators, on a behind-the-scenes tour of the U of A Collections Facility. Whether you are a museum lover in general or like rocks, fossils, animals, or history more specifically, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. We will start off with a presentation about the Museum's history and present-day offerings.

After the presentation, the collections tour will begin and last approximately one hour, de-

pending on the group's interests and questions. Bring your walking shoes and get ready to explore! The group is to meet in the lobby area, just inside the entrance. **Activity Level: 1**

INSTRUCTOR: Laurel Lamb

DAY/DATE: Monday, 5/18/26 (1)

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: Arkansas Archeological Survey Bldg

PUBLIC PRICE: \$34 / **MEMBER PRICE:** \$19

5/19/25 | DISCOVER THE HEART OF WALMART: AN EXCLUSIVE TOUR OF THE NEW HOME OFFICE

DESCRIPTION: Join us for a guided tour of Walmart's stunning new Headquarters in Bentonville, Arkansas -- a one-of-a-kind experience that goes far beyond what you could see on your own. Together, we'll explore the 350-acre campus that redefines what a corporate home can be: sustainable, community-driven, and deeply rooted in the legacy of Sam Walton. Each of the twelve uniquely designed office buildings tells its own story of innovation, teamwork, and progress. Along the way, you'll learn how the architecture, outdoor spaces, and amenities embody Walmart's commitment to people and the planet. From chef-driven dining and award-winning coffee to shaded walkways and bike paths connecting the campus to downtown Bentonville, every detail reflects a balance between honoring the past and embracing the future.

This experience isn't just a tour -- it's a conversation. Our guides, who work closely with the Home Office teams, will share insider perspectives on how Walmart's culture and core values come to life here. You'll have the chance to ask questions, see sustainable design in action, and connect with others who share a passion for innovation and community impact. Come explore where ideas take root, traditions thrive, and the future of retail is being built -- right here in Bentonville.

Participants will need to bring a photo ID with them (a must) and will park in the designated 'Parking Deck H' (808 Customer Dr.) The tour will begin next door in Sam Walton Hall. Please note that, as the tour covers multiple buildings, a moderate level of mobility will be required.

Activity Level: 2 (Current OLLI members only)

INSTRUCTOR: Christi Gallagher

DAY/DATE: Tuesday, 5/19/26 (1)

TIME: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

LOCATION: Walmart HQ,

PUBLIC PRICE: NA

MEMBER PRICE: \$25 (CR) \$49 (TR)



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Enjoy a night of friendly competition and laughs for all ages, while testing your knowledge of Arkansas, pop-culture and more through unique trivia categories that span every generation! You will enjoy good food and great company as you compete for prizes and bragging rights.

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Social Activities *and* Events



OLLI Monthly Socials

The OLLI Social Event Team has been hard at work crafting a fall season full of engaging and meaningful opportunities to connect with fellow members, enjoy great food, and hear from fascinating local speakers. Whether you're new to OLLI or a familiar face, there's a seat for you at our table!



Connect beyond the classroom at our Monthly OLLI Socials, held on the fourth Thursday of each month. These relaxed gatherings are a great way to meet fellow members, enjoy good conversation, and stay engaged with the OLLI community—whether you're new or a familiar face. Save these dates (fourth Thursdays):

● **February 26 | Lambeth Lounge**

● **March 26 | Bourbon Tasting**

Enjoy an evening at Guisinger's, a cozy cocktail club near the Fayetteville Square, featuring a guided tasting of five bourbons with water and light snacks provided. Cost is \$40 per person (tax included), paid at the event. A light menu will be available for purchase. Space is limited to 20; early sign-up encouraged.

● **April 23 | Fayetteville Square Food Tour**

Explore the Fayetteville Square on a three-stop, low-intensity walking food tour. Meet at 5:30 p.m. in front of the Town Center and enjoy appetizers, a main stop for small plates or entrées, and a final stop for drinks or dessert. Participants order and pay individually (sharing encouraged). Space is limited to 12; attendees should plan to participate in all three stops.

● **May 28 | Sassafra Winery**

Space is limited for select socials. Full details, locations, and registration information will be shared in OLLI's monthly newsletter and website.



Stay current on social activities and events, follow OLLI on social media!



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Registration Opening Dates:

OLLI Members: 10:00 AM, Tuesday, February 3

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| | 2/27 | How Memories Inform | \$34 | \$19 |
| | 3/3 | Through an Archival Lens | \$64 | \$49 |
| | 3/3 | Introduction To Pickleball | N/A | \$40 |
| | 3/4 | Alcohol Ink Workshop | \$40 | \$25 |
| | 3/4 | Ozark/Arkansas WBC | N/A | \$25 |
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| | 3/5 | Line Dancing For Everyone | \$34 | \$19 |
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| | 3/16 | Exploring Oaklawn Park | \$44 | \$29 |
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| | 3/18 | Chasing Waterfalls: The Glory Hole | \$40 (CR) \$64 (TR) | \$25 (CR) \$49 (TR) |
| | 3/18 | Gilded Age Stories & Secrets: An Introduction | \$40 | \$25 |
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| | 3/30 | Ghosts In The White House(OOL) | N/A | \$55 |
| | 3/31 | Sweden Creek Falls | \$40 (CR) \$64 (TR) | \$25 (CR) \$49 (TR) |
| | 3/31 | The Scopes Monkey Trial (OOL) | N/A | \$55 |
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| | 3/31 | Comic Book Literature (OOL) | N/A | \$55 |
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