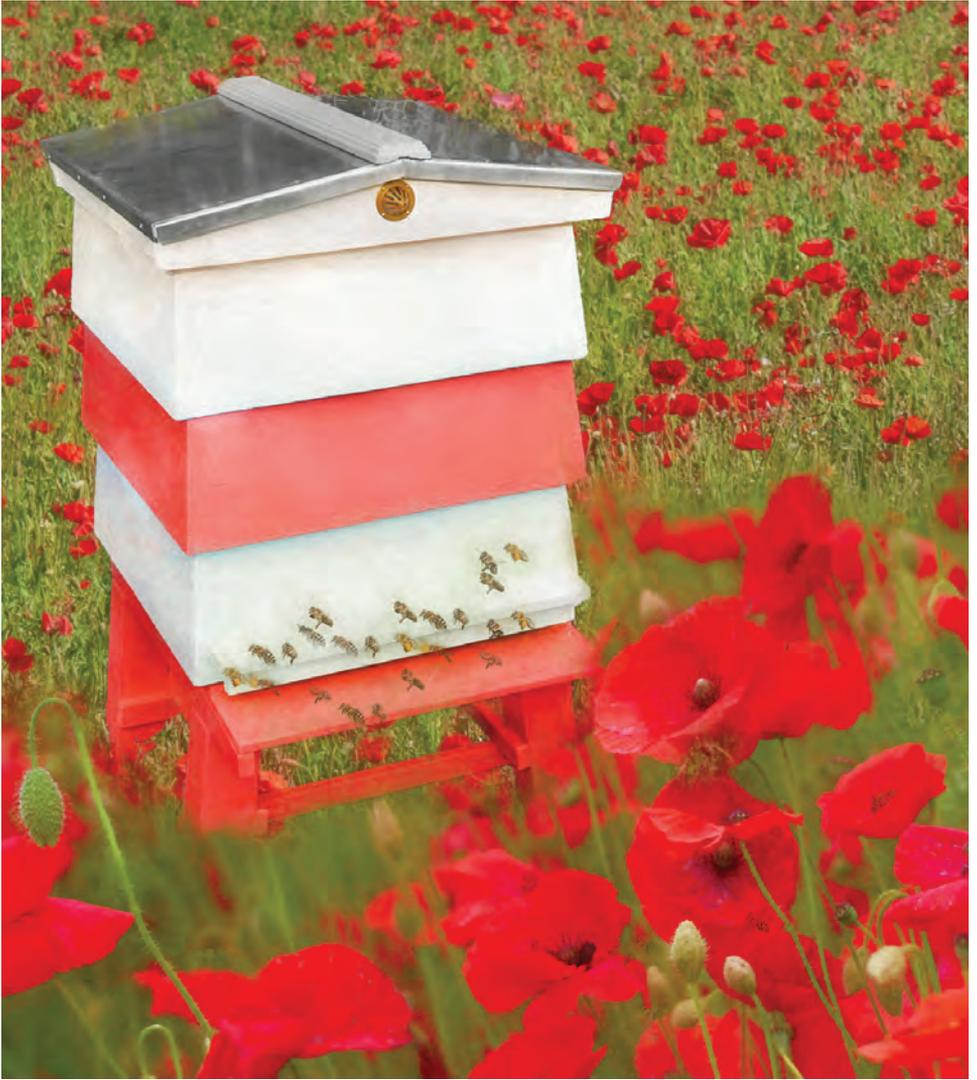


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Celebrating Community Connections

In the Rogue Valley, where agriculture plays such an important role, the beehive depicted on the cover is an apt metaphor for the kind of community engagement that results from connections formed at OLLI. For example, my own involvement on the board of Chamber Music Concerts was triggered by fellow OLLI member Milt Morgan. His enthusiasm for their extraordinary concert series was infectious.

This directory showcases community partners whose missions are particularly aligned with OLLI's in that they provide cultural, educational and/or social service programs for older adults and that also have an OLLI supporter who can elaborate on their involvement with that organization. There are hundreds of nonprofits that contribute to the quality of life we enjoy in the Rogue Valley, and I bet we could find an OLLI member who is involved with many of them, however, budget and our own volunteer resource constrain how many we can feature in these pages.

We hope that you'll be inspired by a common thread within the comments from OLLI members about the organizations they support—they receive as much or more in satisfaction as they give of their time and energy. If you are not already experiencing the rewards of community engagement, consider becoming a volunteer, patron, member or donor of a worthy nonprofit, such as one of those profiled in this directory or another whose mission best fits your interests.

Pat

Patrick Alexander
OLLI Council President



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As many OLLI members have discovered, volunteerism within OLLI and the greater community serves to amplify the stimulation and connections of our program.

Perhaps the testimonials contained in this directory will inspire you to support one of the organizations profiled or another of the many other worthy Rogue Valley nonprofits that enhance our quality of life.

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AARP Oregon, serving over 500,000 members, is a trusted, positive force for social change using the experience and leadership of our volunteer members to benefit all Oregonians as we age. We do this by informing, engaging in and advocating for practical solutions to help people attain financial and health security and by enabling all to remain valued whether at work or in community.



OLLI member Eileen (Bunny) Owen is a volunteer for AARP Oregon

Thankfully, I'm getting older during an era that is reinventing what it means to age. And I'm taking full advantage of a more age-friendly world. For example, I recently joined OLLI. The potential for stretching my mind and body energizes me and I eagerly await each term's offerings.

Around the same time, I became a volunteer for AARP's Community Action Team. I am an advocate for social and political issues that affect the aging population; help with event planning; disseminate information about health, safety, housing and transportation; facilitate connections to agencies that can help with practical life issues; and bring people together to talk and engage with others.

The missions of OLLI and AARP are synergistic: When you improve yourself, you can improve your community. And when you improve your community, you improve yourself. Perhaps the founder of AARP, Ethel Percy Andrus, said it best: "Human contribution is the essential ingredient. It is only in the giving of oneself that we truly live."

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Ashland Branch

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. The Ashland Branch participates in fundraising projects for scholarships for Southern Oregon University and Rogue Community College students and events related to public policy. These activities, along with branch meetings, interest groups and educational programs, offer opportunities for social connections and sharing of ideas.



OLLI member Elaine Hamlin is a member of AAUW Ashland

Even before I retired to Ashland 16 years ago, I planned to join AAUW and OLLI. I'm so glad I did and became active with chair and governance roles in both. What I discovered is that the deeper the involvement in an organization, the greater the rewards. With AAUW and OLLI, this not only provided a keener appreciation of the missions and projects of each, but also accelerated social connections with interesting and caring people.

When I was a counselor, most of my clients were women and teen girls, so my being an AAUW member is close to my heart. Having worked while attaining my various degrees, I know how difficult it is to attend higher education with limited resources. One of our branch's projects, our biennial Upscale ReSales, moves "good stuff" from our homes to others and augments the funds we raise for scholarships for female students at SOU and RCC. It's been rewarding to help so many women reach their educational goals.



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The Medford branch of AAUW provides an opportunity for local women and men to promote initiatives that advance gender equity through advocacy, education and research. All money raised during our annual fundraisers goes to provide college scholarships. Monthly meetings and interest groups offer informative programs that reflect AAUW's Mission of support for women and girls, as the programs also enhance the lives of our members.



OLLI member Camille Korsmo is a member of AAUW Medford

When I joined AAUW 50 years ago, the mission of that organization was to educate and enrich the lives of its members. In the intervening years, AAUW has broadened its mission to advancing equity for ALL women and girls through advocacy, education and research. After moving to Medford in 1980, two of the first things I did were to find the library and the AAUW branch. I've volunteered as AAUW branch newsletter editor, program vice-president, secretary, interest group chair, fellowship fund coordinator, and assistant to the Oregon State AAUW president.

Much as I applaud AAUW's current focus, I still want to learn and to enrich my own life. For that reason, I joined OLLI ten years ago (having heard its praises sung by a beloved friend and fellow AAUW member 20 years my senior). With the overlapping missions between AAUW and OLLI, it is no surprise to see AAUW members from both the local AAUW branches in my OLLI classes and at OLLI events.

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ashlandathome.org



Ashland At Home is a community of like-minded older adults who wish to remain active for as long as possible as they age in their own homes. Our trained volunteers are available to make it easy to arrange rides to appointments and to help with many of the everyday tasks that can become increasingly challenging as we age.



OLLI member Lucy Dobson is a member and volunteer for Ashland At Home

I began taking OLLI classes about 15 years ago, several years after moving to Ashland. It was through enthusiastic OLLI classmates that I learned about Ashland At Home (AAH). Founded in 2012, AAH is a local organization based on the “village” model of neighbors helping neighbors stay in their own homes as they age. I joined, impressed by the range of services provided to members by volunteers, such as rides, dog-walking, computer help, and grocery delivery. Members also have access to member-referred handymen and opportunities to socialize and learn. I’ve also become a volunteer, working on the Membership Committee, and really value my experience in that role, too.

Through both OLLI and Ashland At Home, I’ve had the opportunity to meet many interesting people with fascinating life stories. For those who choose to age in place, the community connections and enrichment provided by AAH and OLLI are especially valuable. Both add so immeasurably to the quality of life in the Rogue Valley!

Ashland Independent Film Festival



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ashlandfilm.org

Each year, the Ashland Independent Film Festival (AIFF) screens hundreds of films from independent filmmakers around the world to produce a festival showing over 100 selections during a five day period in April. Audience engagements with the directors and producers are a key feature. In addition, AIFF holds Varsity World Film Week each October and Best of the Fest screenings throughout the year.



OLLI member Lorraine Vail is a film screener for Ashland Independent Film Festival

I've always loved film, but the Ashland Independent Film Festival wasn't on my radar when I moved here in 2014. That changed after talking with AIFF staffers who were exhibiting at the inaugural OLLI Open House that year. I offered an OLLI class the following spring in which I selected festival films for class members to attend and facilitated post-festival discussions. That proved so much fun that I've continued the class every spring and offered an OLLI class during Varsity Film Week. As I've witnessed how deeply films have inspired and informed OLLI members, I was motivated to volunteer as a film screener for AIFF. And as is typical in the OLLI "hive", the buzz about AIFF spread beyond the students in my classes. In thanks for the increased support from OLLI members as film goes, donors and volunteers, AIFF provided a program of film shorts for our volunteer appreciation event last spring. All this, from a chance conversation at an OLLI Open House six years ago!



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ashlandnewplays.org

Ashland New Plays Festival assists playwrights in developing new works for the stage through dramatic readings and workshops throughout the year. The flagship Fall Festival is a five-day series of staged readings by world-class actors of four winning plays that have been judged in blind readings by local volunteer readers from among hundreds of submissions. Audiences engage with the winning playwrights in post-performance talkbacks.



OLLI member Carole Florian is a volunteer reader for the Ashland New Plays Festival

When my husband and I moved here in 2009 we joined OLLI right away and became readers for the Ashland New Plays Festival at about the same time. I subsequently became a group leader and editor. A love of theater led to involvement in ANPF and has also guided my choice of courses at OLLI. Some of my favorites have been those that delved more deeply into Shakespeare's plays as well as contemporary works being offered at OSF. Exploring these works in a classroom situation was not only fascinating but enormously helpful in seeing how to evaluate the new plays we were reading at ANPF.

It has been thrilling to find new works that became part of the ANPF Fall Festival and to hear them come alive, as we say, "from the page to the stage." Many of us who are ANPF readers also participate in OLLI courses; the two are such a natural fit. I can't imagine life in Ashland without them!



Senior Services Division

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ashlandseniorcenter.org

The Ashland Senior Services Division enhances the lives of seniors by promoting healthy aging, well-being, dignity and independence. We empower older adults as valued, contributing members of the community and together advocate for the diverse needs of seniors and their families. The Division offers a variety of free or low-cost programs at the Ashland Senior Center and other locations.



OLLI member Anne Bellegia is a member of the Ashland Senior Advisory Committee

After retiring from a career in healthcare communications, I became involved in a number of organizations serving older adults, including OLLI. When the Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission (APRC) sought to respond to the large and growing proportion of older adults in Ashland by restructuring the senior program, I participated in the process of developing recommendations, along with OLLI's assistant director and several fellow members. The resulting Ashland Senior Services Division (SSD) is geared towards serving a broad cross-section of the community with activities and support services, helping older residents preserve their independence. I serve on the newly formed Ashland Senior Advisory Committee, which is focused on increasing awareness of the work of the SSD, expanding program offerings, and advocating for an age-friendly Ashland.

APRC has been a long-time OLLI partner, and I have a renewed appreciation for the complexity of their work in managing a remarkable system of parks, bike paths, classes and recreational opportunities.

Britt Music & Arts Festival

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Britt Music & Arts Festival provides diverse live performances, an incomparable classical festival and dynamic education programs that create a sense of discovery and community. Since its beginnings in 1963, the Britt has grown from a two-week chamber music festival to a summer-long series of concerts in a variety of genres, including a three-week orchestra season, and year-round education and engagement programs.



OLLI member Margaret Pashko lives in Jacksonville and volunteers at Britt

After moving to Jacksonville, I wanted to volunteer in my new community. Having visited Britt in the past, getting involved with this hometown treasure seemed to be a perfect fit. My neighbors introduced me to the Britt Volunteer Coordinator and from there I was hooked. Summertime in Jacksonville comes alive thanks to the Britt Festival, and for the last five summers I have volunteered for many jobs on the Hill. The camaraderie exhibited by the Britt team is contagious, and the time spent each summer has resulted in many new friendships.

What has been particularly satisfying is connecting with many OLLI friends who also support the festival as members and volunteers. Britt and OLLI share a common mission – discovery, community and the love of learning. In a serendipitous connection between our two organizations, OLLI member and local artist, Pam Haunschild, who just created a large mural for OLLI's member lounge, also created the art used for the 2019 Fine Arts poster and Britt Fest program.

Camelot Theatre

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camelottheatre.org



Camelot Theatre produces high-quality plays, Broadway musicals and musical tributes while providing a supportive environment for professional and amateur theatre artists and technicians and training adults, teens and children in the theatre arts. It's a Southern Oregon gem located in Talent, in our 37th Season, and our 8th year in the new state-of-the-art James M. Collier Theatre Building. *It's where Broadway meets Talent.*



OLLI member Linda Anderson is Treasurer of Camelot Theatre

We moved to Ashland in 2006 for the amazing theatre and found ever so much more. OLLI was one of our first discoveries, and my husband and I have been enriched by both classes and volunteering. I like working with data and untying the story within the numbers. Because I was Treasurer at my church, others knew of my interest, and I was recruited to serve on the OLLI Council as Treasurer. But we also attended the excellent productions at Camelot Theatre. Their Board was in need of a Treasurer and it was a former OLLI Treasurer who referred them to me. I still support OLLI by extracting data from the registration system. And at Camelot, I have been able to develop tools for understanding the costs of each show. I've discovered there have been many other collaborations between OLLI and Camelot over the years. It is very satisfying to serve these organizations in a way that helps them while scratching my curiosity itch.

Chamber Music Concerts



CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERTS

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ChamberMusicConcerts.org

Founded in 1984, Chamber Music Concerts is a concert presenter dedicated to bringing world-class chamber music for the enjoyment and enrichment of the southern Oregon, northern California, and Southern Oregon University communities. The series features only the highest quality chamber groups from all over the world. In addition to concerts, CMC presents an impressive educational outreach program, which reaches diverse groups throughout the Rogue Valley.



OLLI member Bari Frimkess is on the Chamber Music Concerts Board of Directors

Prior to moving to Ashland in 1992, I played violin in a professional string quartet. Currently I play in the Rogue Valley Symphony. Whether playing or listening, orchestral and chamber music brings me great joy. I became impressed by the high caliber of ensembles that Chamber Music Concerts (CMC) brings to our area and joined the board in 2015, where I serve on the Education and Outreach Committee. Bringing CMC's ensembles to schools and retirement homes is one of the things I love most about my association with CMC.

While volunteering at the CMC booth at an OLLI Open House, I learned of OLLI's fabulous offerings and the people involved, and I decided to join. For me, OLLI and CMC are connected. Both involve broadening one's experience, exploring new sounds, thoughts and activities. There are a number of OLLI classes that expand one's musical experience, which helps attract new CMC members. We are fortunate to have both organizations in the Rogue Valley.

Community Volunteer Network

Community Volunteer Network

 A PRRS Organization

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retirement.org/about/volunteer-network

Community Volunteer Network is a nonprofit organization that provides volunteer opportunities for adults 55+ in Southern Oregon via our Foster Grandparent and RSVP programs. Volunteers mentor children, drive elderly to medical appointments, provide respite support for caregivers, navigate seniors through the Medicare maze, and counsel those going through a difficult time. We also partner with nonprofits connecting volunteers to positions that align with their passion.



OLLI member Michael Polich is a volunteer with Community Volunteer Network

The RSVP program through Community Volunteer Network has a wealth of volunteer opportunities to assist seniors. The activity with which I am involved is staffing the Jackson County information desk. We help citizens navigate the many functions performed by local governments.

It can be challenging work to address the wide range of inquiries – How do I get a marriage license? Who fixes the road in front of my house (or business)? How do I correct an erroneous tax bill? Can the county enforce the zoning for the area around my farm? And a whole host of other questions involving fire districts, veteran assistance, health programs, building permits, elections and property deeds.

This role has broadened my horizons and provided an in-depth understanding how governments work – not just the county, but also the city, state, and federal levels – another way I pursue lifelong learning beyond OLLI. It is satisfying to contribute to the local community and its people by helping to solve problems.

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The Hannon Library at Southern Oregon University provides diverse electronic and print resources to support all academic programs; provides research and technical assistance and other initiatives to foster student success; and promotes intellectual growth through a wide range of programming, events, and outreach activities such as the annual week-long Southern Oregon Arts and Research (SOAR) conference showcasing the work of students, faculty and staff.



OLLI member Rich Kaplan is a board member of Friends of Hannon Library

I became an OLLI member in fall 2005 and joined Friends of Hannon Library (FHL) at the same time. When I began teaching ethics courses at OLLI in 2006, FHL membership access to the library's print collection and online resources was instrumental in the preparation of course materials. FHL's monthly speaker series and other sponsored events are opportunities for OLLI, University and community members to gather together in a welcoming, stimulating and informative learning environment. The William Stafford Poetry Celebration held in January each year provides the opportunity for local poets, many of whom are OLLI members, to read their favorite selections by the late Oregon Poet Laureate, as well as their own original works.

Recently I joined the FHL Board and am learning how to best support the organization as an OLLI member and community representative. Hannon Library is an important intellectual resource for SOU and the region, supported by FHL membership dues and donations. OLLI members receive a discount on annual dues.



Jackson County
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Services

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The mission of the Jackson County Library District is to connect everyone to information, ideas and each other. With 15 branches, community meeting rooms, programs, outreach to homebound residents and to childcare centers, computer classes, free internet access, 24-hour online resources and a staff of experts, library services touch nearly every Jackson County resident. For information about library services and locations, visit jcls.org.



OLLI member Lenora Clark is a volunteer with Jackson County Library Services

Having spent 22 years running a small library, my first priority after moving to the Rogue Valley in 2001 was to connect with the Jackson County Library System (JCLS). I have been an active member of Friends of Phoenix Library, where I have served as a library storyteller and facilitated a mystery readers' group.

I joined OLLI in 2005 and took classes for several years before deciding to try teaching a class. My first efforts weren't that successful, but once I settled on a seminar format, mostly concentrating on mystery fiction, I can count on a small but faithful following. I use several of the JCLS branches for pleasure reading, as well as for research on bibliographies for my OLLI seminars, such as the one I plan to offer next term on U.S. historical fiction. The library is a great resource for those in my OLLI classes, since the whole group is not required to read the same book at the same time.



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Jefferson Public Radio (JPR) is a regional public radio service reaching over 1 million potential listeners in Southern Oregon and Northern California. In its new studio and performance space, JPR broadcasts programming that is not available on commercial media. It focuses on fact-based journalism and programs that stimulate civic discourse, inspire community engagement, celebrate music and foster the art of storytelling.



OLLI member Gayle Church is a volunteer with Jefferson Public Radio

Since the days of PTA and Girls Scouts, I have tried to make a difference by volunteering. After moving to the Rogue Valley, I found the missions of OLLI and JPR particularly compelling. Both provide education and entertainment to a wide and diverse population, and I have contributed my time and energy to each. I'm currently focused on supporting JPR. My role there started by working the phone banks for their fund drives, then transitioned into providing cleanup and validation of a new membership database. The database is now operational, but I still verify membership data and take pledges.

Truly, to give is to receive. I continue to be enriched by OLLI classes. And, by helping to ensure that JPR is a thriving organization, I am rewarded on a daily basis through listening to a variety of music not found elsewhere, be it classical, blues or world music, and I can also access thought-provoking local programming as well as national and international news.

League of Women Voters of Rogue Valley



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The League of Women Voters of Rogue Valley is a branch of century-old grassroots nonpartisan organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. The League envisions informed citizens participating in a fully accessible, responsive, and transparent government to achieve the common good. The League never supports or opposes any candidate or political party but takes positions on issues based on study and consensus.



OLLI member Barbara Klein is Action Chair for the League of Women Voters of Rogue Valley

I moved to Oregon already with an active history in the League of Women Voters (LWV). The local League's participation at an OLLI Open House introduced me to OLLI. With 'Lifelong Learning' in its name, OLLI is a natural partner for an organization like the League, an organization that is enmeshed in the study of issues. LWV functions in two distinctly different modes: one is ongoing party-neutral voter services and voter protection; the second is advocacy—civic action based on a wide range of in-depth studies on issues such as election reform, voter suppression, environmental concerns, healthcare, immigration, money in politics and redistricting. As the LWV of Rogue Valley board member tasked with advocacy, I am pleased that OLLI members also demonstrate such civic involvement.

Many LWV members find OLLI a perfect hub for socialization and continued learning and that working together on important missions provides meaning and purpose. Both organizations (operating via volunteer members) respect that education never grows old, even as members age.

OREGON CENTER FOR THE ARTS

AT SOUTHERN OREGON UNIVERSITY

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Oregon Center for the Arts is an academic division of Southern Oregon University that educates artist-practitioners and scholars in a diverse environment that cultivates SOU's values of creativity, collaboration, communication, and adventure. OCA also serves as a community arts presenter, partner, and producer.



OLLI member and instructor Margaret Evans is Emerita Faculty at Oregon Center for the Arts

In 2003, while a member of the SOU Music Department faculty, I came up with the idea of having each of the full-time SOU music faculty present one weekly session of an OLLI course, "Spotlight on the SOU Music Faculty." I reasoned that this would be educational for the mature learners in the Valley, let a larger segment of the public know what our students and faculty were doing, and increase attendance at SOU music events.

With these goals met and an enthusiastic response to the course, we have continued it every other spring term since, including after my retirement from SOU when I became an OLLI member. With the formation of the Oregon Center for the Arts (OCA), all SOU arts programs, including music, visual arts and theatre, are organized under one umbrella. The connections that began with these OLLI classes have expanded into collaborations with other aspects of OCA, and a devoted core of OLLI members attends and supports OCA performances and events.



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The Tony Award-Winning Oregon Shakespeare Festival (OSF) is among the oldest and largest non-profit theatres in the nation and one of the last theatres still operating in true rotating repertory, presenting its season of plays concurrently rather than consecutively. The eight-month season features exciting world premieres, Shakespeare, musicals and innovative adaptations—produced in inventive ways by a diverse company.



As You Like it (2019): Ensemble. Photo: Jenny Graham.



OLLI member Allan Anderson is the president-elect for the Tudor Guild at OSF

As the former president of OLLI and president-elect for the Tudor Guild at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival (OSF), I know that for any nonprofit to thrive, there has to be a focus on finances, both revenues and expenses. But there is a critical determinant of its success that cannot be measured in dollars and cents—its volunteer resource.

I have been astounded by the sheer numbers of volunteers who support cultural enrichment in our community. For example, OLLI's lifelong learning program is supported by almost 650 volunteers. OSF benefits from over 700 volunteers who directly support theatre operations and another 180 who volunteer for the Tudor Guild Gift Shop. A considerable number of individuals contribute their time and talents to *both* OLLI and OSF. That isn't surprising. Courses on Shakespeare's plays are frequently part of the OLLI curriculum. And throughout the OSF season, a common topic of conversation at OLLI is "What shows are you seeing?" A common response is "all of them."



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Our volunteers, faculty and staff help thousands of Jackson County residents find answers and solve problems every year, in addition to instructing ongoing programs and a selection of season-appropriate classes. We offer public education and volunteer opportunities including, but not limited to: food preservation, gardening, small farms, viticulture, pasture management, small woodlands, and 4-H. Come see what we're getting into!



OLLI member Lucy Munson is a supporter of OSU Extension Services

My husband Tim and I jumped into the lifelong learning opportunities in the Rogue Valley after retiring here. We both joined OLLI and Tim took the Master Gardener program at OSU Extension. Each provided new friendships.

While Tim was a Master Gardener for many years in the Willamette Valley, the classes at the OSU Extension provided useful information about what thrives here. Tim did the volunteer work required by the program in the vegetable garden. To learn how to best use all the produce Tim was growing we both became Master Food Preservers. Since then we have been volunteering at Seven Oaks Farm demonstrating how to use the abundant produce they grow. We value the opportunity to help people eat locally and less expensively.

I hope to take the Master Gardener classes next year and encourage anyone with either an interest in gardening or food preservation to take a look at the upcoming classes offered at OSU Extension. You can even learn about raising goats.

Lifelong Learner



Senior Tuition Waiver

The lifelong learner tuition waiver at Rogue Community College is designed to promote a lifestyle of continuous learning and personal enrichment. It is available to Oregon residents, ages 65 years and older. The waiver may be applied to up to eight credits per term for eligible classes.

Visit our website to learn more.
www.roguecc.edu – search “lifelong learner”

Students using the lifelong learner tuition waiver do not receive credit for the classes and do not pay tuition, but are responsible for course fees, books, and supplies.



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Rogue Valley Genealogical Society

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Rogue Valley Genealogical Society owns and operates the Jackson County Genealogy Library with a collection of over 19,000 items including hard to find genealogical books and materials, records, and family histories. To inform and educate the public about genealogy, DNA and local history, the society offers a wide selection of classes, interest groups and seminars, as well as regularly scheduled free programs.



OLLI member Marilyn Ayres is the Scholarship Chair of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society.

Several years before moving here, I joined the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society (RVGS) and received much appreciated help in researching my family's roots. Once here, I served on the board as Education Director and coordinated the popular Introduction to Genealogy classes offered through OLLI. I also looked for other ways that we could foster lifelong education in the community. As part of RVGS 50th anniversary year in 2016, I initiated a high school scholarship program. In addition, the society brings in renowned speakers from as far away as Ireland and from around the United States to present public genealogy seminars. RVGS now has over 800 members and enjoys partnerships with like organizations in Southern Oregon.

I became an OLLI member in 2013 and through OLLI classes, over 55 to date (I counted), I have found speakers and instructors who have given programs for RVGS. Each year we participate in the OLLI Open House and count many new RVGS members and volunteers we first met there.



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rvsymphony.org

The Rogue Valley Symphony, led by Music Director Martin Majkut, brings live performances of classical music to those living in and visiting Southern Oregon. In a season, the Symphony presents six Masterworks programs and Holiday concerts in December. Artistic excellence, music education and community engagement are at the forefront of the Symphony's mission.



OLLI member Bob Pohl is secretary of the Rogue Valley Symphony Board of Directors

My involvement with Rogue Valley Symphony and OLLI began in parallel soon after relocating to the Rogue Valley in 2000. The excellent performances of our Symphony and stimulating OLLI classes were an unexpected bonus of having retired here. My connections with both organizations deepened as I came to appreciate the Symphony's support of music education for local students in grades K-12 and OLLI's contribution to lifelong learning for older adults. In due course, both organizations tapped my business skills for their respective finance committees and boards. What I've observed is that there are many opportunities for nonprofit collaborations here, compared to larger communities. For example, Martin Majkut, conductor of Rogue Valley Symphony, provided several well-received OLLI public lectures, and when OLLI produced a first-class strategic plan several years ago, I used some of its excellent features to improve the Symphony's plan. I have derived great personal satisfaction in volunteering in and supporting these two outstanding organizations.



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ScienceWorks' mission is to be a champion of science. The organization is a dynamic leader and community resource recognized throughout Southern Oregon and Northern California for inspiring curiosity and creating meaningful science experiences for people of all ages and backgrounds.



OLLI member Cliff Edwards is the board president of ScienceWorks Hands-On Museum

I spent my career working in the field of science, so being involved with ScienceWorks Museum seemed like a natural fit. My initial association was to obtain new classroom space for a growing OLLI program, but the ScienceWorks auditorium needed improvements. OLLI supported the upgrades and began holding classes in the new venue. Since then, both organizations have benefitted from the changes.

From its inception, ScienceWorks programs were aimed at children in pre-school through elementary grades. In the recent past, the museum broadened its focus to include science education for all ages. It is also developing new and exciting exhibits. During my tenure on the Board I have worked to expand the museum's role in bringing a scientific perspective to community issues and to broaden the connection between ScienceWorks and OLLI. There are many OLLI members participating as advisors, volunteers and donors to ScienceWorks, and the museum has provided space to OLLI for classes and several successful fundraisers.

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The Senior Advisory Council (SAC) was established under the federal Older Americans Act (OAA) to advise Rogue Valley Council of Governments Senior and Disability Services (RVCOG SDS), the local Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for Jackson and Josephine Counties. SAC provides input to RVCOG SDS planning, advises on and assists with new program and service development, and advocates for the needs of seniors.



OLLI member Sandy Theis is a member of the Senior Advisory Council of RVCOG Senior & Disability Services

As just one example of my experience with the OLLI “hive”, my husband met a couple in an OLLI class when I was still working as a nurse educator. The wife, Anne, and I share backgrounds in healthcare, so my husband invited his new friends to join us for dinner. After I retired, I became an OLLI member, and dinners with this couple continued. In one conversation, Anne expressed concerns about the availability of supports for older adults, and she recruited me to join her on the Senior Advisory Council (SAC) for Rogue Valley Council of Governments’ Senior & Disability Services (RVCOG SDS). My SAC participation confirmed there is work to be done in ensuring that Oregon’s growing senior population is well-informed regarding resources for those who need assistance. A group that included the Director of RVCOG SDS organized a free, public OLLI-sponsored forum on the importance of planning for future care needs, which attracted over 400 attendees. Our educational efforts continue through OLLI classes.

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Siskiyou Singers

Siskiyou Singers is a talented audition choral group that performs a wide variety of the world's music. There are two concert series each year, in December and May. Other performance venues have included the Feast of Will, local retirement communities, and even a Rogue baseball game. Our Educational Outreach program offers dynamic interaction with students from elementary to high school.



OLLI member Sally Peterson is a vocalist and volunteer with Siskiyou Singers

I have been a part of Siskiyou Singers and OLLI for over 10 years and have been in leadership roles in both. I served on the Board of Siskiyou Singers for eight years, two as President. It has been a joy to sing with this talented group of vocalists, and very satisfying to funnel a three-decade career in education into founding the Siskiyou Singers Educational Outreach program. This program offers free concerts in local public schools, engaging students with music and sparking a lifelong appreciation of the arts. I have also enjoyed being on the receiving end of education as part the OLLI program. I am finishing my term on the OLLI Council, including serving as co-chair of OLLI's 25th Anniversary celebration. Being a part of both organizations has made me realize just how many bright, passionate, and dedicated people live in the Rogue Valley. It has been an honor to be part of talented leadership teams and organizations that enrich our community.

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OLLI member Sara Brown is a member of Soroptimist International of Ashland

The volunteer opportunities in SI Ashland and OLLI allow me to focus my energies on learning and growth at both ends of the age continuum. An Ashland Soroptimist passion is the Soroptimist Strong Girls Strong Women program in partnership with Helman Elementary School. SSGSW mentors girls in grades 2 through 5, provides after school science and environment-based programs, and career field trips. We fund programs like this, along with scholarships and grants for high school seniors, university women, and women who are the sole financial support for their families, by managing the pillow and blanket rental booth at OSF's Elizabethan Theater 6 nights a week during the outdoor season. As chair of the OLLI Curriculum Committee, I enjoy participating in the selection of courses that provide growth and stimulation for OLLI members.

There are five Soroptimist clubs in Jackson and Josephine Counties, all working to improve the lives of women and girls and all can be contacted at soroptimistRV.org.

Southern Oregon Friends of Hospice



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Southern Oregon Friends of Hospice is a community-based nonprofit committed to compassionate end-of-life care. We support and run Celia's House in Holmes Park, a residential care facility serving hospice patients and their families. We envision a community that is aware of core hospice values and every individual has access to personalized care at the end of life.



OLLI member Sarah Seybold is a volunteer with Southern Oregon Friends of Hospice

As an RN, I completed an end-of-life counselor program in San Francisco before moving to Ashland in 2002. *So many people move to the Rogue Valley in retirement, I observed, but without extended families to provide care at end of life.* I joined others to teach classes at OLLI on death and dying, and ultimately helped establish Southern Oregon Friends of Hospice, and served a term as president.

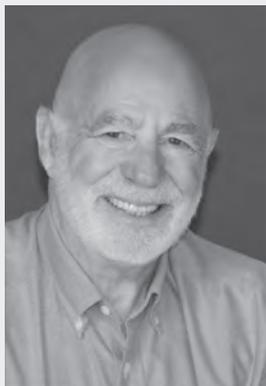
We began by creating the Hospice Unique Boutique (HUB), a place for purchasing and donating quality items. Proceeds from the HUB supported local hospice organizations and a program called COHO that offered education on end-of-life care and completing an Advance Directive. Meanwhile we searched for a facility. After extensive fundraising we purchased the Holmes Park property in Medford and added an eight-bedroom wing. In its initial year, Celia's House has supported over a hundred residents in their final journey. Celia's House relies on committed volunteers and yearly fundraising so that all income levels can be served.

Southern Oregon Repertory Singers

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Southern Oregon Repertory Singers is a seventy-member semi-professional choral ensemble under the direction of Dr. Paul French, Director of Choral Studies at Southern Oregon University.

Our repertoire is internationally diverse and includes masterworks and lesser-known choral literature from the Renaissance to contemporary periods. Now in our 34th year, in addition to performing established pieces, we also commission new works, including some by Composer-in-Residence, Jodi French.



OLLI member and instructor Dennis Read is a board member of Southern Oregon Repertory Singers

After almost fifty years of teaching at the college and university level, I took a break when I moved to Ashland four years ago. But now I'm back in the classroom at OLLI, both as a student and an instructor. Teaching is a kind of performance, one that involves immersing myself in a subject I am passionate about and finding ways to share that information and my enthusiasm with others. The connections that result between and among students, subject and instructor in the classroom are most gratifying.

A similar kind of connection is made between and among the audience, music and conductor during the four professional-level choral concerts presented by the superb Southern Oregon Repertory Singers each year. I am experiencing a different sort of gratification in furthering its contributions to the Rogue Valley as a board member. It's exciting to participate in both OLLI and Southern Oregon Repertory Singers and to play a part in their growth and vitality.

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The SOU Foundation is a private, nonprofit charitable organization. A volunteer Board of Trustees manages current-use funds as well as an endowment valued at \$32 million. Last year, the Foundation distributed more than \$5.2 million to SOU through endowment earnings as well as program support. Gifts provide opportunities for SOU students, increase access through scholarships, support academic excellence and the overall missions of SOU.



OLLI member Sue Kupillas is a member of the Board of Trustees of Southern Oregon University Foundation

I am twice blessed by my association with Southern Oregon University. I have the privilege of serving on the Board of Trustees for SOU Foundation, where I get to work with outstanding leaders in the community. It is immensely satisfying to support quality education for our youth and the work of SOUF staff as they assist donors, alumni and friends of SOU connect with the university and achieve their philanthropic goals. My second blessing comes from belonging to OLLI, where I benefit from the diverse course offerings and meeting other lifelong learners.

Since OLLI is an affiliate of SOU, there are many ways that OLLI and SOUF cross-pollinate. SOUF manages the endowment funds that OLLI has received from the Osher Foundation and has assisted OLLI in obtaining donations and grants for its operational needs and the renovation of the Ashland campus classrooms. In turn, the Osher Foundation relationship that OLLI initiated led to a direct endowment from Osher to support scholarships for reentry SOU students.

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