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MONTHLY MEETING

The Michigan Innocence Clinic

THURSDAY August 9, 2018—SVSU

8:45 am—Registration, Light Refreshments, & Silent Auction
9:30 am—Welcome & Announcements



We will be back in the Curtiss Hall Banquet Rooms to hear Michigan Innocence Clinic Assistant Director Imran Syed speaking about the work of the MIC, which was the first exclusively non-DNA innocence clinic in the country. With the proliferation of DNA innocence projects at law schools across the country, many wrongfully convicted prisoners have been able to secure their freedom through DNA tests. However, DNA evidence is not available in the vast majority of crimes. For every person able to prove his/her innocence through DNA testing, there are many more who were wrongfully convicted for crimes who do not have the benefit of DNA evidence. These are the cases the MIC was founded to focus on. In its eight-year history, the MIC has secured the release from prison of 16 innocent men and women who had been convicted of crimes they did not commit. Mr. Syed will discuss some recent cases that the MIC has handled and also speak about general factors leading to wrongful convictions.

NOTES & NEWS

SILENT AUCTION to Benefit the OLLI Memorial Garden!

Join the Memorial Garden Committee for a silent auction fundraiser before the August monthly meeting from 8:45-9:30 a.m.

Items up for bid include: *vouchers for tickets at the MCFTA, tickets to Sesame Street Live at the Dow Event Center, gift baskets, restaurant gift cards, and much, much more!*

Cash and check accepted for items, but no credit cards, please.

All proceeds will benefit the Memorial Garden gazebo project!



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IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday Aug. 7

Fall Daytrip Registration Begins for Members

Thursday Aug. 9

Fall Trip/Class Registration Opens for ALL

Wednesday Sept. 12

Monthly Meeting: FALL KICKOFF! Cancer Free with CyberKnife
By: Ascension/St. Mary's
Curtiss Hall Banquet Rooms

CHAIR'S NOTE



Hello OLLI friends,

New Chair, new article author, so here goes my first one. As some of you know, I'm a news junkie, so I thought I'd select some news to present, but only positive news. More about that later.

Before I start on a series of good news articles let me start by expressing my love and appreciation for our OLLI. I know that I echo the sentiments of many members when I say that I am so glad to have OLLI and all of its opportunities. I love that it gives me something to do with my retirement time -- but not just any old something, enjoyable somethings.



Whether I take advantage of the travel, the classes, the special interests groups, the chance to volunteer, or the monthly meeting, it gives me things to do that are interesting and good for me: Good for my mental health, good for my physical health, good for my social well-being, and good for my emotional health. The activities are the best of both worlds: fun and good for me. It's like learning that chocolate is healthy.



—Carol Gohm, Advisory Board Chair

GARDEN GAZEBO

The OLLI Memorial Garden sits north of Gilbertson Hall on campus. Nearby a pond teems with life. The garden's purpose is to provide a spot to relax, reflect, or remember a loved one who has passed on. Currently there is a bench for members to sit on.

In order to truly make this a memorial garden, the Memorial Garden Committee would like to install a 12-foot Trex® gazebo in the area that would allow them to place name plaques in memory along the structure as well as provide covered seating for members and guests to enjoy the garden.



Plans for the gazebo have been in the works for years, and the committee is looking forward to raising money so that it can finally come to fruition.

The Memorial Garden houses native Michigan plants and provides a welcome refuge for insects and birds, we hope the new gazebo will also provide a refuge for members and those passing by who wish to stop and rest for a moment.



BUTTERFLY GARDEN

If you lack green thumbs, but still want to attract fascinating butterflies and hummingbirds, you'll want to join expert Janet Macunovich, author of *8 Months of Color, Designing Your Gardens and Landscapes*, and many others, for an exciting August event to benefit OLLI's memorial garden.

The session "Hummingbird and Butterfly Gardening," listed in the Fall Catalog, will be taught by Janet Macunovich with all proceeds going directly to the OLLI Memorial Garden gazebo project.

In this session, you'll learn about adding color and other plants to a landscape to attract the butterflies, hummingbirds, and songbirds. Afterward, join Memorial Garden Committee Members for a garden tour with punch and cookies. Separate tours also available for a small fee to the garden.

Please pre-register for class and/or tour online or with the OLLI office at 989-964-4475. Both events will take place on Thursday, August 23.



CURRENT INTEREST GROUPS

- Bridge
- Buddhist Psychology
- Choral Singing
- Cross Country Skiing
- Current Events
- Cycling
- Dinner
- Esoteric Cosmology
- Euchre
- Games
- Gardening
- Guitar
- Kayaking
- Knitting
- Lunch
- Music Collegium
- Pickleball
- Ping Pong
- Recreational Biking
- Sharing the Great

- Courses
- Short Stories
- Stamp & Coin Collecting
- Theatre

For group leader contact info see: svsu.edu/olli

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Vicki Shrophe

Chair, OLLI Memorial Garden Com.

Merriam-Webster defines a memorial as: serving to preserve remembrance. We hope that, in choosing to plant a native garden, our members will experience a soothing atmosphere when visiting our garden. In deciding on the species of plants we have emphasized attracting a wide diversity of birds, butterflies, and wildlife. Native gardens will slow the rate of extinction by providing food and shelter for our native species. Additionally, we have tried to use plants you might enjoy in your own garden.

We would like to invite everyone to visit our Memorial Garden. We call it "A Pollinator's Playground." It is located behind the Health and Human Services building. Just park at the back of Lot H and follow the gravel path to our pergola. We hope you will enjoy it.



Yes, research has shown that memorials are important. But it is our use of them that is most important. We hope that using a garden full of natives will help us preserve our future at the same time as remembering our past.



MI EATS & MORE

Looking for a fun summer getaway before it's fall and the grandkids are back in school or *you're* back in school with OLLI's fall classes? Look no further than the water wonderland around you! Michigan has an amazing assortment of beaches, restaurants, and sites to offer for those that seek adventure close to home.

OLLI Director Katherine Ellison recommends Van Buren State Park in South Haven for those wishing to enjoy the warmer weather that August brings. "The beach here isn't as well-known as others along Lake Michigan, so there is plenty of space along the shore to enjoy the day. You can also go into South Haven and shop at the fun little stores or have lunch." Silver Beach County Park in St. Joseph is designated as one of the top beaches in the country with its long sandy shore and convenient concession stand, but get there early because the crowds will fill up the beach before noon.



If trying new foods is more your adventure, check out the Legs Inn in Cross Village, a seasonal Polish eatery with a view, or get a cone from the Merrill Dairy Bar in nearby Merrill, because "it just tastes better in Merrill."



Lastly, for summer sites worthy of seeing, check out www.roadsideamerica.com, which lists everything from the World's Largest Tire to the Bottle House, searchable by state or city.

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NEWSLETTER

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GROUP FOCUS: KNITTING UPDATE

The knitting interest group is under new leadership! Beth McLaughlin has taken up the needles and will be meeting with the group on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. - Noon in Gilbertson Hall outside Einstein Bros. Bagels. She intends to have the

group do knitting (of course!), field trips, and lunches together. Everyone who knits is welcome, whether a novice or experienced. Bring unfinished projects or those that you are in need of help on. Help is available as well as time for socializing too. For more information, contact Beth at 989-280-5885.



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

August is one of my favorite months. It's pretty much guaranteed to be HOT, and it's the month of my wedding anniversary. It's also the month for fall semester registration for OLLI. I look forward to seeing which classes interest people the most and what fills up the fastest. We have a very full calendar this fall! Hopefully, there will be a little something for everyone. August also means back to school at the end of the month for the grandkids as well. Take advantage of these last few weeks before school to get out there and see the city (try the new indoor marketplace in downtown Saginaw), the state (see the inside article on MI sites), or the country. Road-trip anyone? Have some fun before fall and enjoy the warm weather!



CLASS HIGHLIGHT

Free Collage

Looking for some late-summer fun? Keep cool in our air conditioning and learn to collage with paint and tools from around the house! We will use things like a potato masher, bubble wrap, cardboard, saran wrap, erasers, old books and magazines, packing tape, etc. Students will work on an art canvas and also make a book for journaling, recipes, photos, doodling or anything someone would want to keep or share. Class led by Kim Ballor.

Thursdays 8/9, 8/16, 8/23, 8/30
11 am-1pm C129
\$38 Members/\$58 Non-Members



TRIP HIGHLIGHT

Shaw Festival

Theatre lovers unite! Join us for the Shaw Festival in historic Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada! This is one of the world's great theatre companies, founded in 1962. We'll be seeing the musical *Grand Hotel*, and plays *O'Flaherty V.C.*, *Oh What a Lovely War*, and *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. We'll enjoy five meals together and lodging at the Pillar and Post Inn, a five-star country inn. Your platinum-level theatre tickets, room, 5 meals, and roundtrip bus transportation from SVSU are all included. *Passport or enhanced license needed to enter Canada.

August 14-16

Double Occupancy:
\$775 Members/
\$805 Non-Members



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