

Sherry Lubic, OLLI's Dancing Diva (continued)
by John Hammond

Following Bill's retirement in 1998, the Lubics settled in Naples, Florida. Sherry had begun to tire of contract photography and sought to explore other fields of creative expression. When Bill noticed a want ad for a dance instructor in neighboring Bonita Springs, he suggested Sherry apply. She had taught swing dancing previously in St. Louis. Now, in Florida, with that prior professional experience, Sherry applied for and got the job as a ballroom dance instructor. Seven years and three hurricanes later, the Lubics decided the Sunshine State was just too hot in summer, too crowded in winter, and they missed the change of seasons. They then chose Asheville as their permanent home. "I loved teaching dance more than anything I'd ever done, and leaving that job was the most difficult part of moving to Asheville. I even cried when I gave my notice!" says Sherry.

After settling in here, Sherry took several classes and workshops in watercolor painting. She enjoys the creativity, and today sells one-of-a-kind hand painted greeting cards through Origami Ink in Biltmore Village. But her first love remains dance. She brought that love to OLLI in 2012, where her most popular course is East Coast Swing, but to change things up she

also teaches waltz, rhumba and cha-cha. Her courses are typically full and virtually everyone who attends attests to having a great time.

In addition to teaching dance, Sherry serves on OLLI's Health and Fitness Curriculum Committee and volunteers as a class rep; she also helps with registration whenever possible. Her positive attitude, pleasant spirit and infectious personality make her a joy to be around. We hope she will help us "keep moving" long into the future.