



# General Meeting, March 16 Stevenson Event Center

## March and April Speakers

### March 16<sup>th</sup>

*Helen Mayer Harrison &  
Newton Harrison*

Among the leading pioneers of the eco-art movement, the collaborative team Helen Mayer Harrison and Newton Harrison has worked for over thirty years with biologists, ecologists, and urban planners to initiate collaborative dialogues to uncover ideas and solutions which support biodiversity and community development.

The Harrisons' concept of art embraces a breathtaking range of disciplines. They are historians, diplomats, ecologists, investigators, emissaries, and art activists. They've proposed solutions to ecological problems involving not only public discussion but extensive mapping and documentation in an art context.

Past projects have focused on watershed restoration, urban renewal, agriculture, and forestry issues, among others.

### April 20<sup>th</sup>

*Nicole Paiement & Brian Staufenbiel  
on their Spring Presentation of  
Gian Carlo Menotti's The Consul*



Lifelong Learners who remember the delightful visit of Music Professor Nicole Paiement and Lecturer Brian Staufenbeil in 2006 will be eager to see and hear them elucidate and preview the Menotti opera they

will perform at UCSC this spring.

Nicole Paiement is Director of Large Ensembles at UCSC, where she conducts the Orchestra, the full productions of opera, and the Chamber Singers.

Her collaboration with Opera Director Brian Staufenbiel has helped the Opera Theater become one of the major events of the year in the Music Department.



Brian Staufenbiel heads the opera program at UCSC in the voice dept. As a tenor he has gained recognition and critical acclaim in the US and Canada for his performances in oratorios, operas, and solo recitals. He holds a doctorate in vocal performance and literature from the Eastman School of Music.

## Call for Nominations

During our May meeting, the LLL membership will vote for positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary for the term beginning in July 2008. The nominating committee consists of Matt Miller, Bill Patterson, and Florence Orenstein. If you would like to run for one of these positions, send your name

and contact to Matt Miller at [alimat@comcast.net](mailto:alimat@comcast.net). Or phone him at 661-0398. If you would like to nominate someone else, please consult with them to make sure that they will serve if elected. The deadline for nominations is March 31, 2008.

## Summer Party at the Arboretum

June 7<sup>th</sup>

Save the Date!

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## President's Message



Recently Lifelong Learners was invited to think about how our organization and its members might play a more prominent role at UCSC. The Dean of Undergraduate Education, Bill Ladusaw wondered not only how to have LLL members feel even more welcome and recognized on campus, but also how we could bring the experiences and expertise of our lifetimes right into the classroom.

The thinking is that students would benefit from hearing about something we know about, lived through, or have deep skills in doing. It could be a historical event or period you lived through, or a project you played a role in that resulted in something significant happening, or the ability to make something beautiful or useful. It's likely that there are professors and students who would love to hear about it.

We are fortunate to have access to the many opportunities UCSC offers us, from our meeting space at Stevenson College, to the generous and fascinating presentations of leading faculty at our general meetings, our ability to audit classes, attend talks and special events, and use the athletic facilities at nominal cost.

Moreover, I have found that our Lifelong Learners organization is already highly regarded and appreciated for what we offer the University, not only because of our scholarship program to support re-entry students, but also for the contribution our presence on campus

makes to the life of the University. UCSC professors and researchers value the opportunity to address us at our general meetings, and our members who take UCSC courses often feel greatly appreciated for their contribution.

The question is, could we do more? Could we harvest all the interesting things we have learned over our productive lifetimes and make them available to the University?

One way to begin would be to survey ourselves. What are those areas about which we have deep knowledge? What experiences have we had that made a difference? In this newsletter on page 3 there is a survey form. If you fill it out, it will become part of a database of resources LLL can offer to the University. As instructors plan their classes, they could refer to this database. They could call you to see if you would consider coming to a class and talk with the students. It's completely voluntary and optional. There is no commitment other than the possibility that you might receive an invitation that you could either accept or not, as you choose.

I hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity. It's one of the privileges of reaching this stage in our lives that we have accumulated (and continue to accumulate) so much of value that has made us who we are. I've found it a great pleasure to share these things with others, especially young people. I hope you will too.

Mark Gordon

### Note

LLL membership and interest-group fees are used to support re-entry students. Regardless, we would never want fees to prevent someone from participating in our activities. To discuss fee waivers, please call Mark Gordon, 458-2208, confidentially.

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## Sharing What We Know with Students

Members of Lifelong Learners possess a lifetime of experiences, skills, talents, and expertise. Would you like to share yours with students at UCSC? You could provide the inspiration to open new possibilities in a young person's life or bring an interesting and valuable dimension to a class at the university.

We are beginning to gather data from members who'd be willing to be part of a class or meet with a student. We'd like to know what you know and are able to do. The resulting database will be offered to instructors at UCSC.

Please consider filling out the simple survey form below, and send it to Mark Gordon, 117 Scenic St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060. Alternatively, bring it to our next meeting and give it to Dusty Miller, our Membership Chair and Vice President.

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| Name   |  |             |
| Address  |  |             |
| Phone  |  | Email       |
| What areas of expertise, talent or experience would you like to share as a mentor to a student or as a speaker at a class? |  |             |
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| Is it OK for a UCSC Instructor to contact you?   |  | Yes      No |
| <i>Please use an additional sheet if you need more space.</i>  |  |             |

## Interest Group News and Activities

For the latest schedule of activities, consult the website. See page 6.

### Great Books

The first meeting of the Great Books Discussion Group will be held on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Faye Alexander, 300 Plum St. #98, Capitola, CA, phone 476-8575. At this meeting we will find the best time for members of the group for our monthly meetings. Bring a check for \$7.00, payable to UC Santa Cruz Foundation (contribution to LLL scholarship funds expected for interest group membership), plus another check for \$24.95, payable to Faye Alexander, to cover the cost of "Great Conversations 1," our paperback anthology, which will provide selections from Aeschylus, Montaigne, Pascal, Ibsen, Jung, and others.

### Discovering UCSC

We will visit the Feminist Studies Department on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. to noon. We will be hosted by Professor Bettina Aptheker, well-known activist and author of a recently published memoir "Intimate Politics: How I Grew Up Red, Fought for Free Speech, and Became a Feminist Rebel."

### Art and Architecture

On Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, we will visit the Pajaro Art Gallery in Watsonville to see eight octogenarian artists. The exhibit is called "Eight Over 80 in '08."

Honoring the life work of eight outstanding local artists over the age of eighty, this exhibition includes poetry, visual arts, and magic.

Group leader Lois feels we should support this interesting exhibit. Mary Warshaw, who curated the exhibit and is now a member of our group, will be our docent.

Go directly to the gallery at 37 Sudden Street in Watsonville at 1:00, or meet to carpool at 12:30 near the Wachovia Bank at Nob Hill shopping center, Capitola.

### Digital Photography

The Digital Photography group meets monthly at the home of Robert Franson on the last Friday of each month, from 10 a.m. to noon. We discuss our photographs and share tips and photographic experiences. Contact: Robert Franson, rfranson@cruzio.com.

### Dining Out

Our March dinners will be at Bluewater Steakhouse in Capitola, on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> and Wed, March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6:15 p.m. Bluewater Steakhouse strives to use only organic and sustainable meats, seafood, and vegetables, with no pesticides or hormones. RSVP Robert Franson, rfranson@cruzio.com.

### Wine Tasting

On March 27<sup>th</sup> we will tour and taste at the David Bruce Winery on Bear Creek Road in Los Gatos. Contact either Brooke Ewoldsen at 475-6188 or Marilyn Wingfield at marilyn2@netzero.net.

### Horticulture

Horticulture Interest Group works on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month from 9:30 to noon. We are planting, transplanting, and preparing for the big Mother's Day Sale in May. Every day is a new learning experience as we work with the staff of Cabrillo Horticulture Center, especially as Spring brings new life to the earth. New members always welcome. Call Pat McVeigh 475-9357.

## Opera Performance – March 9<sup>th</sup>

This year's *John Dizikes Music Event*, presented by Cowell College, features a concert performance of *Bluebeard's Castle*, a one-act modernist opera by Hungarian composer Béla Bartók, libretto by Béla Balázs. The opera will be sung in Hungarian (with English supertitles) by Amyrose McCue Gill (soprano) and Richard Mix (bass). *Theater Arts*

*Second Stage, UCSC. Pre-concert introductory remarks by Tyrus Miller will begin at 2:00 p.m.*

Last year, our winter classes were taught by three inspiring teachers—John Dizikes, Miriam Ellis, and David Kaun, all of whom are music-lovers. To honor and thank them, Lifelong Learners made a contribution to Cowell College's John

Dizikes Musical Event, which presents a concert every year or so.

This is a wonderful opportunity for members of Lifelong Learners to enjoy a special musical event while honoring some very special people.

The concert is free, and members of Lifelong Learners are invited to attend.

## Winter Courses

### American Women Poets of the Twentieth Century

John Dizikes, Professor Emeritus of American Studies, will lead these sessions. We are fortunate that Professor Dizikes has taught a number of classes for us. His presentation, his depth of knowledge, and his passion for the subject matter are always admired. This is an opportunity for you to have a class with a master teacher. *Dates: The first three Wednesdays in March, 10 a.m. to noon. Place: Quaker Center, 225 Rooney St., Santa Cruz.*

### Russian Music and English Literature in the Romantic Period

This extension of last year's well received course on Romanticism will be held on three Thursday afternoons, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 until 4:00 at the First Congregational Church, 900 High Street, Santa Cruz. The class will focus on British and Russian Romanticism, including prose, poetry, and music. Miriam Ellis, UCSC Lecturer Emerita in French, will lead.

We will again be in the cozy Fireside room, as we were last year. We will have a large screen TV for viewing videos and DVDs. There is limited parking at the church and additional parking at the neighboring church.

#### Note

Only LLL members may attend a course. Others are welcome to join LLL and then register for a course. If a course is not full, an LLL member can be admitted at the door upon payment of \$20. A non-member would have to pay an additional \$30 membership. Please plan to pay by check, not with cash.



### Winter Course Registration Form

Use this form to register for the winter courses. One or two people can register with this form for one or two courses. Please make **check payable to UC Santa Cruz Foundation** and **mail to: Robert Franson**, 216 National Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

Courses are \$20 each per person.

This form is also available at <http://lifelong-learners.wikispaces.com/classes>

| <i>Registrant's Name</i><br>One or two people can register for courses. | <i>Phone</i> | <i>Courses</i><br>For each person, fill in circles.  | <i>Number of Courses</i><br>selected for each person.<br>(1 or 2) | <i>Amount</i><br>(Number of courses per person × \$20) |
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### **Lifelong Learners Membership Form**

Use this form to join Lifelong Learners or renew your membership.

Please make **check payable to UC Santa Cruz Foundation** and  
**mail to UC Santa Cruz Lifelong Learners**, University Relations,  
1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95064

Enclosed is my membership contribution: \$30 Individual; \$50 Couple at same address.

I want to help LLL provide more book scholarships! I've enclosed an additional contribution of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!

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