



UCSC LIFELONG LEARNERS

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### Guest Speaker, March 15<sup>th</sup> Dean Stephen Thorsett

We will welcome Stephen Thorsett, Professor of Astronomy and Astrophysics and Dean of the Division of Physical and Biological Sciences. His talk will be titled *Rising Above the Gathering Storm: Science and Economic Development*. In 2007, an influential report, similarly titled, described the long-term economic and societal consequences faced by the United States because of its continually declining investment in science education and research. The



current economic crisis makes it even more urgent, leading the new administration in Washington to propose substantial new investments in education,

research, and infrastructure. Dean Thorsett will talk about some related initiatives at UCSC, including the innovative California Teach program for increasing the number of highly qualified secondary school math and science teachers. The one-hour talk will start at 11:15 a.m.

### Guest Speaker, April 19<sup>th</sup> Marco Barricelli, Artistic Director, Shakespeare Santa Cruz

Marco Barricelli's talk will be titled *Building a Season at Shakespeare Santa Cruz*. Their three plays this season will be *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Julius Caesar*, and *Shipwrecked! An Entertainment. The Amazing Adventures of Louis De Rougemont (as told by himself)*. Mr. Barricelli will discuss why he chose these plays, the process of developing them in a repertory format, and the impact of funding shortfalls. The last half hour will be devoted to a Q&A session with the audience.

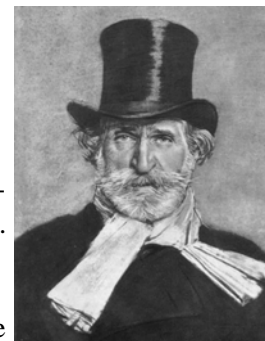
## 2009 Winter Class – Starts March 26<sup>th</sup> German Romantic Writers and their Influence. Miriam Ellis

Miriam Ellis, Lecturer in French emerita and our favorite renaissance woman, will continue her popular class on Romanticism. This year she will focus on the German romantic writers, Goethe and others. She will then discuss how French and Italian composers, including Gounod, Massenet, Thomas, Boito, and Verdi, have adapted these German texts to the operatic stage. In addition, recordings



Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

of various art songs and DVDs of the operas will illustrate basic Romantic elements in the musical interpretations.



Giuseppe Verdi

The class will meet in the lounge of the Congregational Church, 900 High Street, from 1:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon, on Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, and Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Please use the coupon on page 5 to register for this class.

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## President's Message Lifelong Learners in Interesting Times

by Mark Gordon



UCSC Lifelong Learners will be 25 years old next year. This milestone is a testimony to the many men and women who have participated over the years. LLL has always been a volunteer organization. No leader, board member, or interest group leader has ever received a penny in compensation for what they have contributed to us all. In fact, with very few exceptions, no presenter at our general meetings has received an honorarium. They all offer their knowledge, talents, and energy freely, and we are all the beneficiaries. We have stoutly insisted on volunteerism and on maintaining the lowest possible fees for membership, interest groups, courses, and social events. And even with our low fees, we still manage to offer book scholarships to many re-entering students affiliated with STARS (Services to Transfer and Reentry Students), our UCSC liaison group.

I believe that these traditions are crucial to what makes LLL so vital, and that we should preserve and honor them as we go forward.

It's not that LLL hasn't changed, however. The most notable change, of course, is our organization's size. It started with a dozen or two members in 1984; membership is now hovering around 350. We have outgrown several meeting spaces. Our expenses have increased over the years. Free meeting space is difficult to find, and food, postage, printing, and website expenses continue to grow. Moreover, as our membership has increased, just managing the bookkeeping has become a much bigger task than it used to be. We

have come to the point where we may need to think about seeking some part-time help.

As we've been thinking about all of these "interesting" challenges, we have become aware of the Bernard Osher Foundation's program in support of "Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes" on many university and college campuses. In conversations with the foundation and the university, we have learned that they offer grants to organizations just like ours. The only requirement they have for granting an endowment that would provide some permanent funding going forward is that the organization have a minimum of 500 paid members. This number, they reason, insures viability and sustainability over the long term.

If the university were to successfully apply for this grant on our behalf, we would be given time to reach 500 members. With the grant we could get book-keeping and operational help, pay for meeting spaces for courses and lectures, and use all of our current fees to increase our scholarship offerings.

We are only in the most preliminary discussions with the Osher Foundation and UCSC about this possibility. I wanted to give all our members a heads-up, and promise to keep you posted as matters unfold. In any case, no decision can be made without the approval of the membership. Should the LLL Board decide to recommend this action, there will be ample time for discussion and evaluation before a vote. Stay tuned.

## Interest Group News & Activities

### Wine Tasting Group Visits Soquel Vineyards

On a sunny afternoon in January, the wine-tasting interest group visited Soquel Vineyards. The vineyards command a grand view of Monterey Bay from high above Soquel on Glen Haven road. The roof of the winery building is of handmade Italian tiles dating from 1751.

Proprietor Peter Bargetto demonstrated the correct method of pruning grape vines. He also explained some of the intricacies of grape growing and production, as well as wine making, which made for an enlightening visit.



But the event really was about the fruit of the vine. We sampled the vineyard's Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardon-



nay, Pinot Noir, Zinfandel, and their Trinity blend. Fine wines all!



We finished with a barrel tasting of a Pinot Noir that they will bottle in the Fall.

Our thanks to Peter Bargetto for his hospitality and for making our visit so informative and so much fun.

### New Interest Groups!

Four new interest groups are being started. Please contact leaders for more information.

The **Linux** interest group will discuss, examine, and demonstrate the Linux operating system. For details, see our website (<http://lifelong-learners.wikispaces.com/Linux>) or attend the March General Meeting. Leader: Robert Lewis  
bob.l.lewis@gmail.com

The **Hiking/Walking** group will meet weekly at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesdays for a walk or a hike. We'll enjoy a brisk pace, usually for one to two hours. Sometimes we'll walk city streets; other times we'll hike in places like the Pogonip. Leader: Alice Tarail,  
alict@cruzio.com

The **Singing the American Classics** group anticipates great fun singing together with piano accompaniment provided by the group leader. We'll choose songs by popular composers like George Gershwin, Cole Porter, and Fats Waller. We'll meet weekly starting in April. Leader: Eda Balsam, ebalsam@cruzio.com

The **Science Study Group** was formed at the Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> general meeting, and 13 people signed up. Our goal is to increase our understanding of various fields of science through readings and discussions. We expect to use articles and books and, on occasion, a film sequence. The group welcomes non-scientists as well as those with a science background. Questions? Please write or call Judy Wollowitz, judy1@ebold.com, 464-3068, or Kathy Brooks, 684-2929, Kathybrooks@sbcglobal.net.

### Upcoming Interest Group Events

Events are listed on our online calendar. See "Interest Group Contacts" on pages 4 and 5 for leaders' names, phone numbers, and email addresses. Upcoming interest-group events follow.

- **Adventuring/Digital Photography:** Mon., Mar. 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. Outing to Pinnacles National Monument. Craig Miller or Robert Franson.
- **Art & Architecture:** Saturday, Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. "Assemblage + Collage + Construction" in various Santa Cruz venues. Lois Widom.

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- **Digital Photography:** Mon., Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m. at Robert Franson’s home. Subject: action photos.
- **Dining Out,** Tues., Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> and Wed. Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. Details by email. Chris Le Maistre.
- The **Film Group** will draw from the waiting list for the next series of five films, which starts on Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>. Twenty members can attend a series. First-time or repeat participants can sign up with the coupon below. First time participants in the film group will be assured a place. Some repeat signups may have to await a later series. The 20 participants for the next group will be notified by email or by phone. Jim Faris.
- **Great Books:** Thurs., Mar 5<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m. Henri Poincare’s “The Value of Science.” New members are welcome. Faye Alexander.

- The **Play Reading** group’s member choose the plays. Each month a different member is the director. Meets on Mondays. Apr 5<sup>th</sup>: *Same Time Next Year* (B. Slade); May 4<sup>th</sup>: *All My Sons* (A. Miller); June 1<sup>st</sup>: *Promises, Promises* (Neil Simon). Interested? Call Shirley Forsyth.



**Reading Circle:**  
Mon., Mar. 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m. “Regeneration” by Pat Barker. Irene Lennox. New members are welcome.

- **Volunteers In Action** is seeking additional challenges. If you know a worthy organization that needs short-term help, please email Bill. Also, we work with Helping Hands to help people with mobility limitations in adapting their home environments to their needs. We wish to extend this offer to our members. Bill Patterson.

- **Wine Tasting:** Sat., Mar. 28<sup>th</sup>, noon. Roudon-Smith Winery. \$5 tasting fee waived on purchase. Meet at Gateway for \$2 carpool. Bring lunch. Brooke Ewoldsen.

**Interest Group  
Contacts**

The active interest groups for 2009 are listed below. For details, consult our website. Groups with an asterisk (\*) are full.

**Adventuring**

Craig Miller, 426-0835  
craigsem@cruzio.com

**Art & Architecture**

Lois Widom, 423-0184  
lowidom@yahoo.com

**Creative Writing\***

Donna Love, 479-9857  
lovedonna@sbcglobal.net

**Digital Photography**

Robert Franson, 469-7042  
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**Dining Out**

Chris Le Maistre, 471-2396  
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**Discovering UCSC**

Sandy Brauner, 477-7081  
sanjan@cruzio.com

**Film**

Jim Faris, 458-1389  
jefaris@cruzio.com

**Great Books**

Faye Alexander, 476-8575  
qtpie95010@sbcglobal.net

**Horticulture**

Pat McVeigh, 475-9357  
pmcveigh@baymoon.com

**Interest Group Mail-In Registration**

If a group has limited enrolment please check with the group leader first. For more information see <http://lifelong-learners.wikispaces.com/interest-groups>

*Please make check to UC Santa Cruz Foundation and mail to Robert Franson, 216 National Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.*

A tax-deductible contribution of \$7.00/person is expected for each interest group joined. Please pay by check.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Interest Groups \_\_\_\_\_

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**Literature Discussion (Tues)\***

Virginia Law, 425-5453  
veelaw2@pacbell.net

**Literature Discussion (Thurs)\***

Joan Rose, 477-0360  
ramblingroses@yahoo.com

**Opera\***

Alice Miller, 661-0398  
alimat@comcast.net

**Play Reading**

Shirley Forsyth, 477-1796  
shirlclu@hotmail.com

**Reading Circle (books)**

Irene Lennox, 457-2690  
scotirene@yahoo.com

**Volunteers in Action**

Bill Patterson, 479-3729  
wilderwill@comcast.net

**Wine Tasting**

Brooke Ewoldsen, 475-6188  
Marilyn Wingfield  
marilynw2@netzero.net

**Writers' Group**

Shirley Forsyth, 477-1796,  
shirlclu@hotmail.com

**Spring Luncheon Festival  
May 31st – Save the Date**

LLL will hold its year-end party in the Stevenson Event Center on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, from 12:30 to 2:30, following the general meeting. Join friends for music, lunch, and good cheer! \$15.00 per person. Questions? Contact Inga Hoffman or Florence Orenstein. (Contact info in gray box on page 2.)

**New Members**

UCSC Lifelong Learners welcomes these new members:

*Ginny Schwingel, Stanley Kahn, Jill Steinberg, Margaret Baron, Patricia Christy, Cindy Haug*

**Report on the  
Questionnaire**

We received 34 responses to the questionnaire about members' satisfaction with our programs, which was circu-

lated by e-mail in January. Although that is not a large number, it is a respectable response rate for this sort of questionnaire, and the responses themselves contained a number of very good ideas. Our speakers, courses, and interest groups are all very much appreciated by our members. As well, the questionnaire responses contained numerous suggestions for speakers, courses, and new interest groups. The word on the interest groups was, "The more, the better." In fact, pretty much as a direct result of what we learned, we are starting up four new interest groups; see page 3.

It was clear from the responses that there would be support for an interest group where members could discuss current affairs. We'd like to offer this, but we need a volunteer leader. If you'd like to lead such an interest group here is your opportunity. Just let Robert Franson know (rfranson@cruzio.com).

The questionnaire also elicited complaints about the bathroom facilities and the acoustics in our meeting hall, and we continue to do what we can about those problems.

Finally, we want to thank all of the members who replied to the questionnaire. Your feedback was very helpful and much appreciated.

**German Romantic Writers and Their Influence — Mail-in Registration**

One or two people can register with this form.

*Please make check payable to UC Santa Cruz Foundation and mail to Robert Franson, 216 National Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.*

The course registration is \$20 per person.

<i>Registrant Name(s)</i>	<i>Phone(s)</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Amount</i> (\$20 per person)
One or two people can register with this form.		<i>German Romantic Writers and Their Influence.</i> Starts March 26 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Total Enclosed:</b>			<b>\$</b>



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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!

Unsure of your 2008–2009 membership status? If this Newsletter came addressed to you, you're a member.  
Questions? Contact Dusty Miller, 426-0835, [hndmiller@hotmail.com](mailto:hndmiller@hotmail.com).

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