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Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UC Santa Cruz

**General Meeting, March 18th
Stevenson College Event Center**

General Meeting Sunday, March 18th, 10 a.m. Stevenson College Event Center, UCSC

University Astronomer Sandra Faber

The History of Humanity & Future Prospects
from a Cosmic Point of View



Dr. Faber has been studying galaxy formation for over thirty years and will distill dramatic recent discoveries to present a comprehensive yet digestible account of why we are here and where we are going ... cosmically speaking.

Dr. Faber is internationally known for her seminal research in the formation and evolution of galaxies, as well as for her work in developing new astronomical facilities, including the Keck Telescope and the Wide Field Planetary Camera for the Hubble Space Telescope.

In 2009 she was given the prestigious Bower Award and Prize for Achievement in Science. Part of the citation summarizes her influence very clearly: "Sandra Faber has led a revolution in understanding the structure of the universe."

Less than one hundred years ago, astronomers did not know about galaxies or that the Milky Way is a galaxy in a vast foamy sea of galaxies. Today, astronomers have made remarkable progress in understanding how galaxies form in our expanding Universe and the crucial role that they play in how the elements we are made of were created, and how our planets and our Solar System came to be. We now know that the formation of our Milky Way is an indispensable cosmic step on the road to life as we know it.

Call for Nominations

Our organization is run by volunteers. Elections for officers are held at our May general meeting. If you are interested in serving as President, Vice President, Treasurer, or Secretary, or you wish to nominate someone to run for one of these offices, please contact Chris Le Maistre, 471-2396, clemaistre@sbcglobal.net.

Summer Party: Sat., June 9

Enjoy music, dancing, food, wine, and entertainment at our *Greeting the Summer* party: Saturday, June 9, 2012, from 4 to 7, at the Stevenson Event Center. All for \$15 per person. Please use the coupon on page 7 to register. Deadline for registration: May 25th.

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Upcoming Classes

Our classes provide opportunities for our members to delve more deeply into fascinating subjects, hear from outstanding teachers, and have fun as well: no exams, no grades, but ample opportunities to participate in discussions.

The classes vary in length, but the contribution we ask for each class is the same — \$20. Because the lecturers are not compensated (except for the pleasure of having truly interested and interesting students), your contributions are used for scholarships for re-entry and transfer students.

Please use the coupon on page 6 to sign up for classes. Filling out the coupon is your enrollment. You will not be contacted for verification. Coupon also available from <http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/classes>.

March

Two Shakespeare Plays: Shakespeare Santa Cruz

Michael Warren

This summer, world-renowned Shakespeare Santa Cruz will present three plays, two of them by Shakespeare. We are fortunate to have Michael Warren, a knowledgeable and vastly entertaining Shakespeare scholar presenting a four-session course on the plays. His Shakespeare courses in the previous two years have been enthusiastically praised by our members.

Michael Warren is an emeritus professor of literature at UCSC, and has been a consultant to Shakespeare S.C. for many years. When he was award-

ed the Alumni Association's Distinguished Teaching Award he was described as follows:

"Warren teaches his courses with a sense of humor, a love of his subjects, and a great desire to see his students learn. He strives to make Shakespeare's plays and other literature understandable, exciting, and accessible."

The plays are *Twelfth Night* and *Henry IV, Part 2*. Please read the first four acts of *Twelfth Night* before attending the first class.

The class will meet on four Tuesdays, March 6, 13, 20, and 27, from ten to noon, at the Museum of Art & History on Front Street, Santa Cruz.

April

The Upanishads (Philosophy in Ancient India)

Paul Kashap

This series of three talks will explore the ancient Indian classical treatises, *The Upanishads*. We shall discuss and articulate some of the significant concepts in the *Upanishads*, such as the self, action, knowledge, and ultimate reality. The discussions will focus on the philosophical aspect of these notions and not their religious context within Hinduism.

Paul Kashap grew up in India and studied in Bombay, Edinburgh, and Oxford before coming to the U.S. He taught in the Philosophy Departments at Brown University and UCSC be-

fore retiring. His particular interest was Spinoza, and he taught many courses on Western philosophy. He also gave lectures and seminars on Gandhi, and on the *Bhagavad Gita*.

The class will meet on three Tuesdays, April 3, 10, and 17, from 10:30 to noon, at the Museum of Art & History on Front Street, Santa Cruz.

Opera Talk

Miriam Ellis/John Dizikes

This continuing class is coordinated with the schedule of some of the Metropolitan Opera Live in HD performances shown at the Santa Cruz Cinema 9. On the Wednesday preceding the Saturday morning screening, Miriam Ellis leads a lecture–discussion about the opera. The class meets in the Museum of Art and History. Please note that the April 11 talk has been rescheduled to start at 2:30 p.m. The remaining lectures in this series are:

Massenet's *Manon*: April 4 at 11 a.m.; Verdi's *La Traviata*: April 11 at 2:30 p.m..

April General Meeting is on the fourth Sunday, April 22nd. Please mark your calendar!

Interest Groups

For more information about Interest Groups, please consult our website.

New Interest Groups

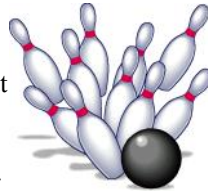
Great Books II — We are starting a second Great Books discussion group that will meet from 10 to noon on the first Wednesday of the month. The first meeting will be in April, location TBA. Using the process of “shared inquiry” fostered by the Great Books Foundation, we will discuss readings from “Great Conversations I,” including essays, plays, poems, and stories, from ancient to contemporary. If you are interested, please contact Susan Gorsky, sgorsky@sbcglobal.net, for more information about the group and about how to purchase the book.

New Yorker Nights — meets monthly in Seabright on the 2nd Thurs., 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Openings for new members. We discuss articles, fiction, poetry, and cartoons from recent *New Yorkers*. Members take turns leading discussions. Contact: Lynn Barry, BLBarry@sbcglobal.net, 464-8721

New Yorker Poetry — Each month we’ll read aloud and discuss four poems from the *New Yorker*. We will email titles to members in advance. Suggestions welcome. We will share some research on the poems with members, choosing one of the four. We’ll have on hand Mary Oliver’s classic Poetry Handbook. If there’s time we could do a little free-writing from a line or two from one of the poems, and/or share a favorite poem from another source. We meet on the 4th Friday of the month, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the De Anza Community Center, 2395 Delaware Ave. The group is open to new members. Leaders: Pegatha Hughes, hpegatha@earthlink.net, Sherry Eisen-dorf, sherrye139@gmail.com

Interest Groups with Room for More People

Bowling — We bowl at Boardwalk Bowl Tuesdays each week at 2:00 p.m. Parking is free. Leader requests that you contact her if you wish to participate. Leader: Gitta Ryle, gittale@comcast.net, 425-7736



Creative Writing I — Meets weekly (Fri. from 10 to noon) throughout the year to share members’ writings. Our members’ writing topics range from poetry, memoirs, autobiography, short stories, to a science fiction novel. Each member reads a 2½ page piece which can be part of a larger opus. The other members offer suggestions. We have enjoyed our meetings and we hope to share our fun with new members. Leader: Elaine Heyman, elaineheyman@comcast.net, 423-0513

English in Action — Members meet one-on-one as mutually arranged with UCSC-referred foreign students or spouses to help them with conversational English.



We have four students waiting for volunteers!

OLLI members meet monthly (1st Tuesday, at 1 p.m.) to share ideas for meeting with students. Leader: Karin Grobe, kgrobe@wormdoctor.org, 427-0984

For New Members

Newcomers Group — Get acquainted with new members and learn about OLLI in an informal setting. Open to those who have joined in the past two years. New-comers to Santa Cruz are especially welcome. Meetings will be held on Tuesday afternoons as needed. Time and place will be announced. Leader: Lyn Dremalis, lyndrem@comcast.net, 600-8354

Groups with Events Scheduled

Baroque Festival Interest Group. The Santa Cruz Baroque Festival (SCBF) presents music from the pre-baroque period through today with focus on 17th and 18th century repertoire. The emphasis is on small ensembles, period instruments, and unusual music. There are five concerts from February through May.

The Interest Group meets near the concert venue at 6:30 p.m. for a pre-concert talk. Interest group members will also receive occasional e-mail announcements. Although only OLLI members can join the interest group, all concert-goers are welcome at the talk. Bring your friends!

The 2012 season concerts will be held at 7:30 p.m. on March 10, March 31, April 21, and May 12, 2012. See the SCBF website for program information. Members are responsible for obtaining their own concert tickets. For more information, contact David H. Copp, dhcopp@yahoo.com, 708-2206.

Great Decisions Series — March 5, 2012, is the first of nine consecutive Monday meetings 10 to noon at the Live

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Oak Senior Center, 1777 Capitola Rd., Santa Cruz. We read the topics in the briefing book published by the Foreign Policy Association and have supplemental materials presented before our discussions. The class is full this spring. For more information you may contact one of the coordinators. If emailing, please use *OLLI Great Decisions* on the subject line. Ginger Fortier, gingerfortier@hotmail.com, 462-3434; Linda Hanson, llhsf@sbcglobal.net, 464-3484; Gwen and Richard Houk, Dgwebers1@aol.com

Other Interest Groups

Adventuring — Organizes “adventurous” outings — sometimes local, sometimes in SF Bay or Monterey Bay locations. Leader: Craig Miller, 426-0835, craigsem@cruzio.com

Amateur Chamber Musicians — The group maintains a directory of amateur chamber musicians in the Santa Cruz area who wish to be listed so that individuals can arrange rehearsals with other instrumentalists. Instrument, contact information, and self rating are entered on “Information Sheets” and then published. Information is not made public beyond the membership of the group. Leader: Merilyn Neher, 600-8576, mneher3@gmail.com

Art & Architecture — Visits places of architectural and/or artistic interest all over the Bay Area. Leader: Lois Widom, 423-0184, lowidom@yahoo.com

Bridge Group — Meets weekly on Mon. afternoon 1 – 4 p.m. for “party” (not duplicate) bridge. Leader: Mary Male, 427-2749, mmale@baymoon.com

Concept Exchange Society — Meets monthly (2nd Sun., 10:30 a.m.) to share world views. Leader: Marvin Chester, 713-5432, marvin@chesters.org, Judy Brock, 426-2372, jch.brock@sbcglobal.net

The **Conversational French** study group will begin each meeting with the reading of a selected French paragraph, followed by Q and A and discussions. We can do this in pairs or in threes and can also use the Pimsleur Method as an adjunct aid. Guest speakers will be invited, from Alliance Française and/or the UCSC faculty, and other cultural activities may be planned. Leader: L’ea Lieux, llieux@gmail.com, 425-4741

Current Affairs Discussion — Meets monthly on the 1st Wed. for an in-depth, respectful conversation about hot issues of concern. The idea is not to reach conclusions but to fully air the issue from multiple perspectives. Bring a brown-bag lunch. Leader: Mark Gordon, 458-2208, mgordon@cruzio.com

Digital Photography — Meets monthly on the 4th Monday for critiques, photo shoots, and field trips. Leaders: Cindy Margolin, crmargol@gotscopy.com, 688-8129; Jim Kenny, jkenny.santacruz@gmail.com, 600-8189.

Dining Out — We visit noteworthy local restaurants while taking the opportunity to become better acquainted. We choose restaurants which offer varied menus of good food and quiet backgrounds that



allow us to socialize and to enjoy the evening with friends. Each month it’s your option to attend or skip the dinners. You can choose Tuesday or Wednesday evening. Schedule is announced by email. Leaders: Tuesday: Myra Mahoney 421-0217, rascalsgrandma@hotmail.com, Wednesday: Cathy Pickerrell, 713-5061, cathypickerrell@yahoo.com

Discovering UCSC — Visits a different UCSC department each month, going behind the academic scenes to discover what makes the department tick. Leader: Sandy Brauner, sanjan@cruzio.com

Evening Book Discussion — Meets monthly (1st Wed., 7:00) to discuss fiction and non-fiction selected by members. Leader: Dusty Miller, 426-0835, hndmiller@hotmail.com

Exploring Santa Cruz — Meets monthly (3rd Fri., 10:00 – noon) for a walk around town or country led by a couple of forever-curious amateurs. Leaders: Lesley Franz, lesfranz@aol.com, 425-4685, and Pam Burnham, 428-2796, in2nature@aol.com

Film Seminar — The Faris’s popular Film Series is no longer part of the Interest Group program, but is still offered by the Institute. Several sessions are offered each year. New attendees are given preference. You will find details on our website at <http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/Film>.

Financial Education and Discussion — Meets 2nd Mon., 10 a.m., at Caffe Pergolesi, 418 Cedar St., Santa Cruz, to discuss pros and cons of specific financial strategies, options, investments, risk manage-

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ment & financial & protection products. Open to any member who would like to present to the group, but leader is prepared to present on the specified topics. See also the Investment Ideas Interest Group. Leader: Steve Edmonds, steve@2rs.com, 338-3106

Folk Songs — Meets 1st and 3rd Monday at 1 p.m. for group sing. Leader: Matt Miller, 661-0398, alimat@comcast.net

Great Books Discussion — Meets monthly (1st Thurs., 1:15) to discuss the classics. Leader: Faye Alexander, 476-8575, qtpie95010@sbcglobal.net

Hiking/Walking — Meets weekly (Wed., 9:30) for 1 to 2 hours of brisk walking mostly in local forests and seashores. Leader: Alice Tarail, 334-3328, alidet@cruzio.com

Horticulture — Meets weekly (Thurs., 9:30 – noon) at the Cabrillo College Horticulture Dept. to work on plantings. Leader: Pat McVeigh, 475-9357, pmcveigh@baymoon.com

Investment Ideas Discussion — Meets monthly (2nd Tues., 10:30) in Aptos. The Investment Ideas Group has established itself as a group to discuss the merits of a full variety of investments, from stocks and shares to real estate, bonds, ETFs and mutual funds, insurance, mortgages, currency, bank deposits, and foreign opportunities and investment letters. See webpage for more details. See also the Financial Education and Discussion Interest Group. Leader: Peter Andrews, 688-3545, peterandrews2000@hotmail.com

Life in 2035 (formerly *Envisioning the Future*) — What the U.S. and our region may look like in the next 25 years. We

will try to anticipate how energy, transportation, food, housing, health, security, climate, the environment, medicine, communication, etc., will appear in 2035. It is a stimulating and creative endeavor. Second Wednesday of the month. Leader: Don Hoernschemeyer, 661-0310, dh1618meyer@cruzio.com

Lunchtime Dining Out — Good food and good company by sampling interesting restaurants in the Santa Cruz area. We meet usually on the 1st Friday of the month at 12.30 p.m. Irene Lennox, scotirene@yahoo.com

New Yorker Groups. Somewhat varied in format, they all discuss readings from the *New Yorker*.

New Yorker Nights and *New Yorker* Poetry. See page 3.

Santa Cruz I Group — Leader: Virginia Law, 425-5453, veelaw2@pacbell.net

Aptos Group — Leader: Joan Rose, 477-0360, ramblingroses@yahoo.com

Capitola Group — Leader: Faye Alexander, qtpie95010@sbcglobal.net, 476-8575

Santa Cruz II Group — Leader: Helen Jones, helenjones815@gmail.com, 420-1220

Northern Lights — Films from Canada — We meet every other Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. to view and discuss films with substantial Canadian contents or connections. The interest group is full at this time, but we are maintaining a waiting list. Leaders: Bob Stamp & Robert Franson. Contact: Robert Franson, rfranson@cruzio.com.

Philosophy Discussion — Meets monthly (2nd Tues., 4:00 p.m.). Leader: Paul Seever, 440-9018, pseever@prodigy.net

Play Reading Group — Meets monthly (1st Mon., 1:30–4:30) to read plays selected by the members. Group maintains a waiting list if you wish to join. Leader: Shirley Forsyth, 477-1796, shirlclu@gmail.com

Reading Circle — Meets monthly (3rd Mon., 1:30) to discuss a mixture of modern fiction and non-fiction selected by the members. Leader: Irene Lennox, 457-2690, scotirene@yahoo.com

Reading Poetry Aloud — will meet on **Sunday, March 4th at 2:00 p.m.** at Irene Lennox's home. scotirene@yahoo.com. Leader: Joyce Keller, 426-2515, jkeller51@yahoo.com

Science Study & Discussion (Two Sections)

Science I — Meet monthly (3rd Mon., 1:00). For those with science background. Presentations, book reviews, and discussions. Leaders: Robert Wrathall, wraithall@sbcglobal.net, Kathy Brooks, kathyzbrosks@sbcglobal.net, & Claudia Clayton

Science II — Meets monthly (1st Mon). We are studying molecular biology. We listen to and discuss one or two lectures on video from The Teaching Company at each session. Leaders: Kathy Brooks, kathyzbrosks@sbcglobal.net, & Paul Seever, 440-9018, pseever@prodigy.net

Social Science Discussion — Meets monthly (3rd Tues., 2 – 4 p.m.). Specific topics to be chosen by the group from

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Summer Party: Saturday, June 9th

Registration for June 9th Summer Party
Name(s)
Phone
Please make check payable to UC REGENTS and mail to: Nancy Thomas, 3215 Churnside Lane, Santa Cruz, CA 95062 \$15 per person. Must be received by May 25 th , 2012.
Total Enclosed: \$

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member recommendations. Leader: Jan Jaffe, 684-0470, janjaffe@charter.net

Symphony Group — Attends the Santa Cruz Symphony concerts, Friday afternoon previews and receptions. Leaders: Noel and Miriam Fishman, 426-3433, nmfish10@gmail.com



Volunteers in Action — Meets on-call to be of service to fellow Osher Institute members, the UCSC campus, and other worthy organizations. Leader: Sharon Morentin, smsea@sbcglobal.net, 420-1946

What If. — A discussion group focused on alternative history. A decent body of writing exists on alternative histories and what effect different outcomes might have had on the future. The group meets once a month for about two hours at the Leaders' home or any other convenient location. See <http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/what-if> for more. Leaders: Phillip and Helen Lynch, what_if_ig@yahoo.com, 426-1837

Wine Tasting — Supports local vintners by visiting, tasting, and picnicking at their beautiful wineries. Meets monthly (usually 1st Thurs. or Fri.). Leaders: Brooke Ewoldsen, 475-6188, and Marilyn Wingfield, marilynwingfield@gmail.com



Amateur Chamber Musicians Hold Workshop

Players Terry Hanson and Phyllis Rosenblum, flute, Ann Lober, Heather Morris, Marilyn Neher, Lauren Herr, and Paul Seever, piano, Todd Newberry and Anatoly Blumen, cello, Linda Johnson and David Williams, violin, and Mira Hess, viola, gathered on January 29th to play Clementi, Tchaikovsky, J. S. Bach, Brahms, Rachmaninoff, and Mozart.



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