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A publication of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UCSC (OLLI), a UCSC Friends Group.

Published September, November, January, March, and May. OLLI at UCSC is a community of men and women from diverse educational, occupational, and geographic backgrounds who are devoted to the pursuit of learning. We enjoy spirited discussion, reading, and exploring new interests. Money raised from our activities is used to fund scholarships for re-entry students at UCSC. Editor: Steve Zaslaw, zaslaw@comcast.net.



General Meeting, Sunday, May 18th, 10 a.m.

Stevenson College Event Center, UCSC

Speaker: Prof. Helene Moglen

Topic: From Frankenstein to Facebook

Our speaker for May is University of California, Santa Cruz, Professor Emerita Helene Moglen, a literary feminist psychoanalytic critic. At UCSC, she was Professor of Literature and Dean of Humanities. She has published books in literary studies and was selected as the first woman ever to give the UCSC Emeriti Lecture, which she will reprise for us with alterations specific to our group.

Her talk, “From Frankenstein to Facebook,” will be about our ambivalent love affairs with our machines — are they empowering or imprisoning. Who is in charge? Them or us?

Drawing on Mary Shelley’s science fiction novel, Moglen will examine the relation of humanism to technology and expose psychological, social,

and political realities which the pleasures of the virtual have often collaborated to conceal. She will examine if and how machines are affecting our consciousness as well as knowledge base and our relationships to each other.

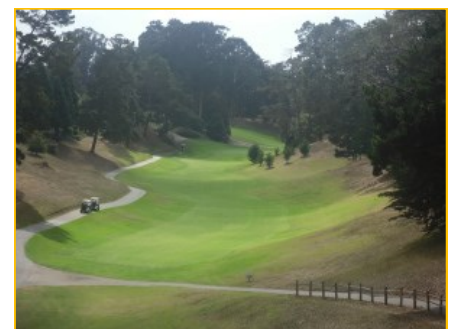


Dr. Moglen was educated at Bryn Mawr College and Yale University. She taught at New York University and SUNY before coming to UCSC in 1978. She is a member of the California Council for the Humanities and Board of Governors of the Humanities Research Institute at Irvine, and she was the recipient of a UCSC Presidential Chair in Literature.

Summer Party: Sunday, June 8

Enjoy good company, great views, music, dancing, and good food and wine at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UCSC’s *Greeting the Summer* party: Sunday, June 8, 2014, from 2 to 5 p.m., at the Seascape Golf Club, 610 Clubhouse Drive, Aptos.

Registration coupon on page 3 and online. Click on “Summer Party” near the top of our home page, <http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/> for directions or for the coupon. The charge is \$20/person. Questions? JoAnne Dlott, 227-3028, jadlott@sbcglobal.net.



OLLI Membership Contributions to Increase

The OLLI Board of Directors, after an exhaustive look at our budget projections has made the difficult decision to ask members for an increase in their Membership and Interest Group Program contributions for 2014–15.

The membership and interest-group contributions asked will be:

<i>Membership</i>	<i>Interest Group</i>
\$35.00 per member	\$35.00 per member

We know this is a substantial rise, the first in many years. However, we felt we had no alternative.

Our organization, now 850 strong, continues to grow the number of interest groups and courses we offer. Attendance at our monthly public meetings at Stevenson College has reached an average of 200. There are costs for the space, for signage, for the food and the audio-visual services. Moreover, our expenses for printing, mailing, rent, and our website have risen.

In addition we feel compelled to increase the amount of our scholarship aid to UCSC re-entry students. Their costs for books and other campus needs have mushroomed over the past several years. It has always been a great source of pride to our organization to be able to offer these scholarships which mean a great deal to the students, many of whom are facing great personal challenges in returning to college study.

Even with the increase, our rates, when compared to other OLLIs are exceptionally low. We have been able to keep them very low because, unlike OLLI organizations at other universities, our organization does not depend on a paid professional staff. Except for contributions we make to STARS and University Relations and nominal consultant expenses, we manage everything as volunteers. Our officers and board are volunteers. Our professors offer their courses and lectures without financial compensation, although for our course instructors we do make a donation in their name to a campus organization of their choice.

While we hate to raise rates, we feel the responsibility to keep our vibrant OLLI organization on a sound financial footing.

Two more points.

1. Many of us send additional donations to the Silvia Miller Scholarship fund for re-entry students. This offers a greater pool of money to use for scholarships for our wonderful students. We hope you will consider doing so.
2. For 30 years, Lifelong Learners, now the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UCSC, has always waived expected donations for any member who has financial challenges. We've always valued everyone's presence in our community, and would never want anyone to exclude themselves because of costs.

Fred

Fred DeJarlais
President

Election of Officers

Our organization is run by volunteers. Elections for officers are held at our May general meeting.

The Nominating Committee will nominate the following members who have volunteered to run for office for the 2014–2015 academic year:

President: Fred DeJarlais; Vice President: Dennis Morris; Treasurer: David Copp; and Recording Secretary: Pegatha Hughes. Other nominations will be accepted from the floor at the meeting. Before nominating someone please be sure to have their consent, which should be in writing if

they are not in attendance at the meeting.

If you wish to see a description of the duties of our officers, please see our By-Laws, which will be found at <http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/bylaws>.

Summer Party: Sunday, June 8th, 2 to 5 p.m.

The coupon is also available online, along with driving directions, from a prominent link on our home page, or go directly to <http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/party>. At the Seascapes Golf Club, 610 Clubhouse Drive, Aptos.

Registration for Sunday, June 8th Summer Party
Name(s)
Address:
<p>Please make check payable to UC REGENTS and mail to: OLLI at UCSC STARS 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95064 \$20 per person. Must be received by May 23th, 2014. Not tax deductible</p>
Total Enclosed: \$

Passwords Delayed for Accessing OLLI Online Accounts

While we are making steady progress on establishing OLLI online signups for membership, interest groups, and courses for 2014–15, the setup process is more complicated than we had hoped, and we have slowed down the pace to make sure that everyone will be able to directly access their information from our website. This is a collaborative effort with our partners at UCSC University Relations.

We had hoped to send out temporary passwords by the end of April, but

when we tested the process it showed us we hadn't allowed for the delay in listing folks online who had used US Mail to send in their registrations. This could have led to some frustrating experiences for some of our members. We've therefore decided to delay the issuing of these passwords until late June, in time for renewing membership for next year.

When you finally receive your temporary password and use it according to the instructions you will receive, you will be prompted to

change the temporary password to a permanent one that you'll use whenever you want to sign up for a new OLLI event or course in the future.

I'm sorry for getting folks hopes up with my premature announcement of impending online access. But rest assured, it will happen, in June, in time for next year's enrollment in OLLI.

Mark Gordon

Matt Miller, 1925 – 2014



Matthew Miller, a man of many gifts and talents, died of bladder cancer at his home in Aptos on Thursday, April 10. Matt was 88 years old. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Matt earned a degree in aeronautical engineering from New York University. He held 14 patents for his inventions and made significant contributions to America's space program. Among his greatest accomplishments were single-handedly building a 2 story wood and glass

home from the foundation to roof top. Matt's talent and creativity extended to the building of numerous beautiful wooden boats. Upon moving to the Santa Cruz area with his wife, Alice in 1996, Matt reached out to the community, sharing his interests and skills. As a docent at Wilder Ranch and Henry Cowell State Parks he demonstrated the use of Early American and Native American tools, engaging young and old during many special events. With his friend Bill Patterson, he built a variety of shelves and plant tables for the Cabrillo College Horticulture Department and installed home safety equipment for many seniors. From 2001 through 2003, Matt served as president of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, affiliated with UCSC. In addition to serving on the Scholarship Committee, Matt organized a folk singing group to play and sing traditional folk music. Matt loved the wind in his face and enjoyed the free-

dom of skiing, sailing and riding motorcycles. He will be remembered for his jovial good nature, his wit, warmth, intellect and generosity in sharing his many talents. Matt is survived by his wife, Alice, his son, Jon Miller, daughter, Joanna Hutchinson, three grandchildren and one great grandchild. A "Time to Remember Matt" will be held on Saturday, May 17, from 3 to 6 p.m. at Spring Lakes Park Community Room, 225 Mt. Hermon Road, Scotts Valley Loved always, Remembered forever.



The Miriam Ellis International Playhouse, May 15 – 18

Many of our members have enjoyed and benefited from Miriam Ellis's classes on the opera, musical theatre, or, most recently "From Page to Stage," a course devoted to reading significant texts and studying their interpretation in performance.

As you may know, Miriam has been directing and producing the International Playhouse (IP) for the last 11 years, and prior to that, she directed French theater for some 30 years at UCSC, where she also helped found the University Opera Theater and acted as its producer/director for many years.

Cowell College, Stevenson College, and the Dept. of Languages and Applied Linguistics at UCSC are pleased to announce "The Miriam Ellis International Playhouse," which will present its 14th season of fully-staged theater pieces from May 15 – 18 at 8:00 p.m. at the Stevenson Event Center on campus. The pro-

gram will feature works in five languages, with English supertitles. Admission is free and the public is cordially invited to attend. Parking in Cowell/Stevenson lots will be available for \$4.00 at pay stations.

This unique multilingual, multicultural program will include works in Chinese, "Three Pots of Tea," an original piece written and directed by Ting-Ting Wu; French will be represented by scenes from Marcel Pagnol's plays, "Marium" and "Fanny," directed by Miriam Ellis; in Russian, Natalya Samokhina will direct her students in a folk tale entitled "Cheburashka and Crocodile Ghenan," written by Eduard Usdensky; Hebrew music and dance, "Songs of Israel," will be performed by students under the direction of Galia Rosen; and Spanish students will offer Gabriel García Márquez's "Something Very Serious is Going to Happen in this Town," with Marta Navarro directing.



L-R: Zachary Scovel, Camille Charette and Caroline Iwamoto. Photo: Philippe Cailloux.

Thanks to the efforts of Cowell Provost Faye Crosby, community supporter and OLLI member Faye Alexander, and many other generous donors, the Playhouse now has an endowment. Over the years, this unusual program has developed a loyal following, both on and off-campus, so if you plan to attend, early arrival is advised.

For more information, please contact Lisa Leslie at 459-2054 or lmhunter@ucsc.edu.

Your Second Fifty Years. By Doree Steinmann



When fifty arrived I thought that sounded like a little old gray-haired lady! You see, I was used to the stereotype. I said to myself, "I play tennis, swim, ride my bike. I'm active physically. In fact, I really feel better today than I did 10 years ago. I really

expect to and may even live to be 100, so right now I'm entering My Second Fifty Years!"

And then 50 didn't seem so old. I realized that if I do have fifty more years to go, there's so much left to do! I have so much to learn, so much work to do, and so much playing to do, and so do you. We all may have a long way to go and much left to do. So the time to start thinking about what we're going to do with these many years we have left is *now*. Science and medicine have given us the

quantity of life today, but it's up to us to give ourselves the quality of life.

In my book I tell you about some real people who have changed careers around or after the age of 50, including myself, and maybe you can get some ideas from them and certainly some self-confidence that you're not too old to do the same! More information: tvdoree@sbcglobal.net

Doree is a past president of Lifelong Learners, now OLLI at UCSC.

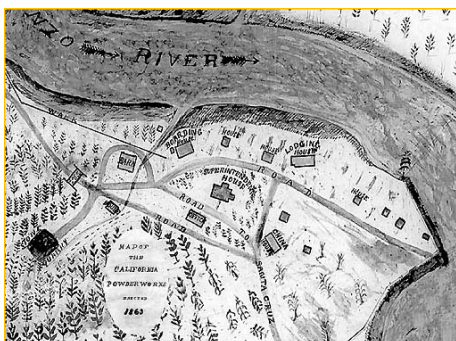
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For more information about Interest Groups, please consult our website, <http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com>. Each interest group has its own webpage. Click on the Interest Groups link at the left on that page, <http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/interest-groups>. Then click on the group you're interested in.

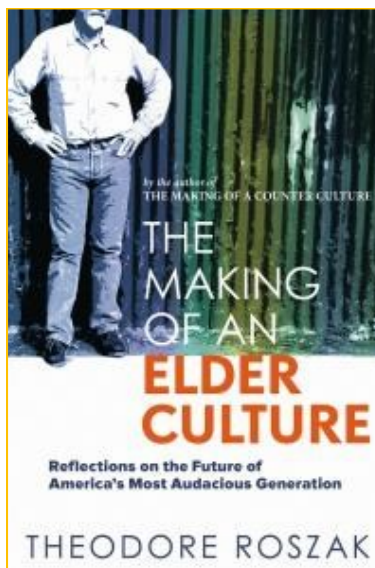
New Interest Groups

Ears in Action pairs a student with a member of our group who will listen to the student read an assigned class paper. This is a one time (or at most two time) meeting at which the student will read aloud and our member will listen and when the paper is finished perhaps ask questions about what is not understood. As a rule the student will pick up his/her errors while reading it aloud. We are not teachers, editors, or therapists; just a pair of understanding ears. Volunteers are needed for fall. If interested, please contact Florence Orenstein, 427-2380, santacruzflor@aol.com.

History of Santa Cruz — Outings will be arranged to places and museums of historical interest with knowledgeable speakers or docents. Especially designed for newcomers to our community and those who choose to walk just a little or have limited mo-



bility. Places will be arranged for about once a month with carpools if parking is limited. Sometimes a lunch place will be suggested for those who would like to participate. No specific day has been chosen but perhaps the first Monday morning of the month when possible. Email your name to be included on our announcements. Leader: Vickie Birdsall, 440-0128, vickiebirdsall@yahoo.com



Making of An Elder Culture — A new interest group called The Making of an Elder Culture is inspired by the eponymous book by Theodore Roszak, author of *The Making of a Counter Culture* (1969).

Roszak was inspired to write his latest book by our “longevity revolution” — more and more people living longer and longer, a new stage of life we have no clear vision for. He felt that as we grow older we automatically confront certain issues: redefining success, living with fewer material possessions, taking back our leisure, creating community. And signif-

icantly, he felt, these are issues that all of humanity must confront if we are to survive!

He felt we would move from “seniors” to “elders” if we explored these issues and gleaned the wisdom from our experience so that we could share it with others.

We’ll start the group this Spring, take a break in the Summer, and start again in the Fall when we’ll hold it in the new Walnut Commons Cohousing where the leader will be living. Contact Cecile Andrews at cecile@cecileandrews.com or 206-919-2614

Plein Air Painting — Get together to paint our beautiful outdoors. First meeting in July in Capitola. Contact leader for more information. Leader: Gayla Pius, gaylapius@gmail.com, 239-1834

Social Sciences Group II — A new section of the Social Sciences Discussion group is forming. Meets the second Monday of the month from 1–3 p.m. in Soquel. Leader: Ginny Schwingel, vkschwingel@sbcglobal.net, 345-2749.

Interest Groups with Events

Baroque Festival — Meets near the concert venue at 6:30 p.m. for a pre-concert talk. Saturday, **May 10**: Virtuoso Music for Baroque Flutes, 7:30 p.m. UCSC Music Center Recital Hall. See the SCBF website for program information. Members are responsible for obtaining their own concert tickets. Leader: David Copp, dhcopp@yahoo.com, 708-2206

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The Dining Out Group meets each month on the third Tuesday and Wednesday, usually at 6:30, at a selected restaurant to enjoy good food and the opportunity to socialize with fellow OLLI members. Join us at the Au Midi Restaurant & Bistro, Aptos, **May 20 or 21**, 6:30. Please contact Annette Morris if you would like to be on the mailing list. We'd love to have you join us! RSVP required. Leaders: Annette Morris, 310-375-2091, AnnettenSkeeter@aol.com, and Brenda Hillier, hillierbrenda@yahoo.com, 439-2083.

Lunching Out — Enjoy group luncheons at different restaurants in venues in the area, usually on the first Friday of the month. Suggestions of good eating places are always welcome. Lunchers are asked to keep track of what they order and pay for their meals by cash. Emails are sent out with the name of the restaurant etc., and members RSVP to Irene Lennox if they plan to attend. New participants are welcome. scotirene@yahoo.com, 457-2690

Newcomers Group — The Newcomers group meets once a month. Anyone and everyone is invited, whether you are new or not. We will talk about OLLI and its benefits and if you are new to Santa Cruz, we'll talk about that too! The meeting dates and times alternate from afternoons to evenings

Will meet Thursday, **May 29** at 7 p.m. Please email or call leader if you plan to attend. Leader: Mary Carvalho, marycarvalho@gmail.com, 332-2361

Meetings are held at Mary's house on Los Altos Ct. in Santa Cruz.

Visiting Not-for-Profit Organizations — Meets once a month to visit and learn about individual community-based organizations. Visit CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) on **May 8**, 10 a.m. If interested, contact Gabrielle. Events require RSVP. Gabrielle Stocker, gstocker2@cruzio.com, 426-0865

Interest Groups with Room for More People

Interest groups with unlimited participation frequently have events with space restrictions and places may be reserved via RSVP to group leader, first-come-first-served.

Some of the groups listed below may have room for only one or two new participants, others may have more room or may no longer have openings. Believed accurate at publication time, but please contact leaders for current information and certainly before attending first time.

Adventuring — The group goes on "adventurous" outings — sometimes local, sometimes in San Francisco Bay or Monterey Bay locations, sometimes further afield. Leader: Craig Miller, 426-0835, miller.craig@gmail.com

Art & Architecture — For over 15 years, our group has been visiting places of architectural and artistic interest all over the bay area and locally. We have been to museums, galleries, homes, public buildings, and

tours. Leader: Lois Widom, lowidom@yahoo.com, 423-0184

Beliefs Acceptance — Why we believe what we believe. Meets on the first Thursday of each month from 1:30 to 3:30 on Ponderosa Dr., Santa Cruz.. Leader: Charles Rolander, crolander@comcast.net

Building Community — Discuss what community is and how it is built. Meets weekly. Leader: Cecile Andrews, cecile@cecileandrews.com

Classical Chinese Literature and Culture — The group is led by Prof. Dale Johnson and meets on a Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 p.m. at the home of Irene Lennox (457-2690, scotirene@yahoo.com). Dates vary based on Prof. Johnson's availability. For each meeting Dale selects a piece of Chinese Literature for study and discussion. There are a few spaces for new members.

Concept Exchange Society — A group to exchange world views. A speaker makes a presentation on a topic that moves him or her. And then that topic is thrown open for discussion. The speaker may be a volunteer from within the group or from without. The important thing is that the speaker, having prepared something in advance, brings to the rest of us the benefit of considered thought. Any topic — concept — about which the volunteer has informed him or herself is acceptable; concerning, say, science, society, philosophy, art, Meets First Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at volunteer host's house. Contact: Marvin Chester, marvin@chesters.org

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Creative Writing — Meets weekly (Friday 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, 423-0513, elaineheyman@comcast.net

Discovering UCSC — Discovering UCSC visits a different UCSC department each month, to learn the latest about the dynamic academic activity taking place at this world-class institution. Leader: Sandy Brauner, sanjan@cruzio.com

Doubles Tennis — Intermediate (3.0 -3.5 level of play) doubles tennis, meets weekly, Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m., at University Terrace Park (frequently called Meder St. Park), for a friendly, spirited warmup and match of 1½ to 2 hours. The group is open to new participants. Leaders: Mary Male male@baymoon.com, and David Brick, dbrick@cruzio.com, 427-2749.

Eating Your Way to Good Health. Our plant-based food group, Eating Your Way to Good Health, second session, begins June 11th at the New Leaf Community Market meeting room at 1101 Fair Street, Santa Cruz. The group meets from 3:00 to 4:30

p.m. on June 11, July 2, August 6, September 10, and October 1.

What does it mean to eat plant-based foods? Where does plant-based protein come from? What about calcium and consuming enough vitamins and minerals? Why should we include fiber? What is the microbiome and why should it matter to human health? How is it possible that plant-based eating can be so delicious, healthful, and fun to prepare and share?

When you join the group (limited to 20 members per five month session) you will be encouraged to bring your own questions and join in the fun. We are looking forward to meeting you in June.

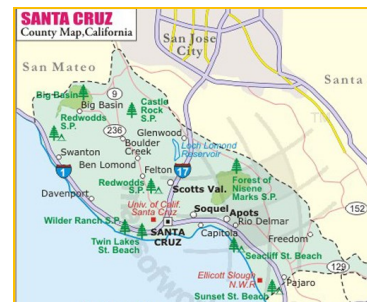
Previous members from session one are encouraged to register for session two; each session will be presented by Sandi Rechenmacher. There is so much to learn! We will give new members first choice. Those who have already participated have a good chance of being included in this summer session two.

Group facilitator: Susan Mast, plantstronginfo@gmail.com. Email Susan for sign-up, including name and phone. Moderator: Sandi Rechenmacher, simplynutritious@gmail.com.

English in Action — Volunteers meet one-on-one with foreign students to give them an opportunity to practice conversational English and ask questions about the community. Usually the meetings are once a week for an hour or so, but the time, location, and number of meetings depend

on what works for the student and the volunteer. It is not a class, but a casual conversation. This is a great opportunity for cultural exchange! We are looking for new members. Pleased contact leader if interested. Karin Grobe, kgrobe@wormdoctor.org, 427-0984

Exploring Santa Cruz County — Meets monthly (3rd Fri., 10 to noon) for a walk around town or country led by a forever-curious amateur. Leader: Lesley Franz, lesfranz@aol.com, 425-4685



Financial Education and Discussion — Meets the 2nd Monday, 10 a.m., at Caffè Pergolesi, 418 Cedar St., Santa Cruz, to discuss pros and cons of specific financial strategies, options, investments, risk management & 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. Please join us. Leader: Steve Edmonds, 338-3106, steve@2rs.com

French for French Speakers — An opportunity to use your French. Meets 1st Tuesday and 3rd Wednesday of the month, 10:30 – noon. Leader: Richard Zakarian, 713-5798, richard.zakarian.88@csun.edu

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French Peer Practice — at advanced beginner level. Our members have studied, have a foundation in the language, yet want refreshing as well as more confidence in speaking. Meets twice monthly on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday. Leader: L'ea Lieux, llieux@gmail.com, 425-4741

Great Books Discussion I — Meets monthly (first Thurs., 1:15) in Capitola to discuss the classics. There is now room for a couple of new participants. Leader: Faye Alexander, 476-8575, qtpie95010@sbcglobal.net

Great Mysteries of Life — Discussion and analysis of recent and classic works in philosophy, religion and science focused on the great mysteries of life and the universe.

Group re-opened to new participants in January, as it began new books. The group schedules and readings are at <http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/mysteries>. Leader: Steve Strasnick, steve_strasnick@comcast.net, 429-5201

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

Horticulture — Meets weekly, (Thurs., 9:30 to noon) rain or shine in the hothouse at Cabrillo College to work on plantings under the direction of the staff of the Cabrillo College



Horticulture Dept. You do not need to attend every week. Leader: Pat Mc Veigh, 566-4553, pmcveigh@baymoon.com

Mahjong — Meets on the first and third Thursday of the month at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Tom Hewett and Janet Bostrom, 440-9294. Tom Hewett, bozobostrom@gmail.com

National Theatre Live — Meets at the Del Mar Theatre approximately monthly on Sunday at 10:15 a.m. for talks preceding 11 a.m. screenings of performances of the National Theatre in London. Lisa Warshaw, 421-0998, lisawarshaw555@yahoo.com.

New Yorker Capitola Group — The group discusses fiction, non-fiction, and poetry from recent New Yorker magazines. Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in Capitola. Leader: Faye Alexander, 476-8575, qtpie95010@sbcglobal.net

New Yorker Covers & Cartoons — The group discusses covers by individual artists, and cartoons by subjects, both artists and subjects selected by the group. Meets on the third Thursday of the month, 2 to 4 p.m. in the Community Classroom at New Leaf Westside, 1101 Fair Ave., Santa

Cruz. Leader: Peter Nurkse, nurkse@gmail.com.

New Yorker Live Oak Group — Discusses fiction, non-fiction, Talk of the Town, and poetry from recent New Yorker magazines. The discussions are led by volunteers who take a selection and summarize, critique and lead the group discussion. We will share bringing snacks and have tea and coffee. Warmth, honesty and opinions are encouraged. Meets on the 1st Thursday of the month, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. on Chanticleer St. Leader: Cathy Cress, cressgcm@got.net, 831-454-6407

Reading Philip Slater's The Chrysalis Effect — Chaos and conflict worldwide are the results of global cultural metamorphosis. Conflict it engenders within every institution in the world is destroying its habitat. To survive we need unlimited communication and global communication. The interest group meets weekly on Tuesdays from 10:30 to noon at Eric's Deli (Cedar and Walnut). Cecile Andrews, cecile@cecileandrews.com

Recorder Playing — The group meets weekly to enjoy playing medieval, Renaissance, folk, and other types of music on recorders. All those who are familiar with the first 1½ octaves of any size (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) of recorder and can read music are welcome. The group meets on Tuesday afternoons, 2:30 to 4 p.m., at Mary Ann Franson's home, on National Street, Santa Cruz. Because of space considerations, the group is limited to 10 participants.

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For further information, please email Mary Ann, mfranson@cruzio.com.

Science Practioners — For those with science background. Presentations, book reviews, & discussions. We meet on the third Monday of each month at 1 p.m. Including presentation, discussion, and socializing, our sessions are usually about two hours long: Leader: Bob Wrathall, 439-0857, wraithall@sbcglobal.net

Symphony — Attend the Santa Cruz County Symphony concerts, concert previews, and become a member of the Symphony League. Season packages at reduced prices for Lifelong Learners are sold in September. Leader: Roger Knacke, rknacke@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: Bill Patterson, 479-3729, wilderwill@comcast.net

What If — A discussion group focused on the paths that were or could have been taken so we may better understand the paths ahead of us.

A decent body of writing exists on alternative histories and what effect different outcomes might have had on the future. The group meets on the first Friday of the month from 10 to noon on the east side of Santa Cruz. More on webpage. 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. Usually meets on the first Thursday or Friday of the month. Leaders: Brooke Ewoldsen, 475-6188; Marilyn Wingfield, marilynwingfield@gmail.com; Lew Feinman, lewfeinman@sbcglobal.net, Judith Feinman, judithfeinman@sbcglobal.net

Wooden Toys — Share in the excitement of crafting wooden toys for children. Become a child again, playing on your evident or hidden skills. Cars, trucks, planes, helicopters, puzzles, trains, animals will become a gift of love to children via donations to shelters, day care centers, hospitals, or organizations of your choice.

Contribute regardless of your skill level: experienced woodworker, hobbyist, or helping with painting, finishing, or assembly. There is an extensive library of patterns to share and occasionally donated wood as well. There are no rules or requirements, make one toy per month or one toy per year. Work in your own shop or ask others to work with you.

The group will meet once per month to show off our latest creation, ask for advice or assistance and share ideas. Our sole purpose is to benefit children and have some fun in the process. Please feel free to email or call me with any questions. Valerie Markham, vmarkham44@gmail.com, 650-879-9286

Other Interest Groups

Groups listed below are fully subscribed. However, openings some-

times arise, so contact group leader if you are interested.

We encourage members to form new interest groups and new sections of existing interest groups. Leaders of existing groups are often willing to give advice on how their groups run, and you can usually arrange a visit to any group to see how it operates.

Leaders are free to structure and schedule their groups as they and the participants wish. Please feel free to ask questions or express your interests to our interest-group coordinator, Bill Patterson, 479-3729, wilderwill@comcast.net.

Amateur Chamber Musicians — The group maintains a directory of amateur chamber musicians who belong to OLLI at UCSC and who wish to be listed so that individuals can arrange rehearsals with other instrumentalists. Merilyn Neher, 600-8576, mneher3@gmail.com

Bridge Group — The group meets at the Live Oak Senior Center, 1777 Capitola Rd, each Monday, 1 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$2.00 per person (facility fee) and \$1.00 for the winner's jackpot. Leader: Mary Male, mmale@baymoon.com, 427-2749

Current Affairs Discussion — Meets monthly on the 3rd Wednesday for an in-depth, respectful conversation about hot issues of concern. Leader: Mark Gordon, mgordon@cruzio.com, 408-314-4802

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Group Activities

*(Other Interest Groups
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Digital Photography — Meets monthly on the 4th Monday for critiques, photo shoots, and field trips. Leader: Cindy Margolin, crmargol@gotsky.com, 688-8129

Evening Book Discussion — Meets monthly (first Wednesday, 7:00) to discuss fiction and non-fiction selected by members. Group is closed and maintains a wait list. Leader: Dusty Miller, hndmiller@hotmail.com, 426-0835

Folk Songs — We meet at 1:00 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month to sing traditional songs, accompanied by several musical instruments. Great voice quality is not a requirement, but knowledge of folk songs is. Group is fully subscribed. Leader: Lou Rose, ramblingroses@yahoo.com, 477-0360

Great Books Discussion II — Meets monthly on the first Wednesday from noon to 2:00 in Soquel to discuss the classics. Leader: Susan Gorsky, 688-5371, sgorsky@sbcglobal.net

Great Decisions Series — Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. Published annually, the Great Decisions briefing book highlights eight of the most thought-provoking foreign policy challenges facing Americans today. This year's series, which started March 10, was fully subscribed. Leader: Margy Cottle, cottlemargy@gmail.com, 475-4446, 345-7144

Memoir Writing — Provides the opportunity to write memoirs, read them to a group, receive impressions, and listen to others. To be added to a waiting list, contact Joyce Burt, 464-3470, sandplay@ix.netcom.com

New Yorker Groups. Somewhat varied in format, they all discuss readings from *The New Yorker*. The groups below are fully subscribed.

Santa Cruz I Group— Leader: Peggy Williams, pegwil.atty@gmail.com, 476-2695

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

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

New Yorker Poetry — Each month we take delight in reading aloud and discussing poems from *The New Yorker*. Meet on the last Friday of the month. Leaders: Pegatha Hughes, pegathahughes@gmail.com, 440-9018; Sherry Eisendorf, sherrye139@gmail.com

Non-Fiction Reading — There are three sections. Leaders: Mary Carvalho, marycarvalho@gmail.com; Judy McNeely, judybookdoc@collegepathfinders.com; Fay Levinson, fayjoel@comcast.net

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

Play Reading Group — We meet on the first Monday of the month, 1:30 to 4:30, to read plays selected by the members. We are fully subscribed right now, but we maintain a waiting list. Leader: Shirley Forsyth, 477-1796, shirlclu@gmail.com

Read It Again, Sam. In the “Read It Again, Sam” group, we select a great novel, play, poem, short story, novella by consensus—and then read it twice. Group is fully subscribed. Leader: Joan Rose, ramblingroses@yahoo.com

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

Social Sciences Discussion — Meets monthly (3rd Tuesday, 2 to 4 p.m.) at the Dominican Oaks meeting room in Santa Cruz. Leader: Jan Jaffe, janjaffe@charter.net, 684-0470

If you have an interesting photo of an OLLI activity, please consider sending it to Cindy Margolin, who prepares slide shows for our September general meetings. Enjoy fame and fortune: see yourself or your friends on the big screen!
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