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General Meeting, Sunday, Nov 16<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.

**Multipurpose Room, College 9/10**

**Speaker: Barry Bowman, Professor of MCD Biology**

**Topic: Teaching College Biology**

What really happens in the classrooms and lecture halls of the university? Biology is the most popular area of study for UCSC students and Prof. Bowman has been teaching cell and molecular biology for 35 years. He will provide an overview of how teaching has and

has not changed over the years. In what ways have the students changed? How does the professor deal the tremendous increase in what we know about biology? How does technology affect the way students are taught? In the end, do we succeed in educating our students?

## President's Message

We had a large and enthusiastic group that attended our kick-off general meeting on September 21. The meeting, focused on recognizing our 30 year anniversary as lifelong learners, demonstrated the commitment OLLI members have to learning, collaborative interaction, community service ... and fun! Kudos to Jim Faris, a founder of Lifelong Learners, for his inspirational talk and his decades of service to OLLI. The meeting again illustrated the vibrant nature of our organization and the strength of our volunteer culture with 65 interest groups and leaders providing learning and social activities to our members.

At last count, OLLI membership exceeds 900. Just a few short years ago we were striving to reach 500 members, to satisfy Osher Foundation requirements for our grant. With growth, comes complexity to our volunteer-focused organization. The transition to online registration has presented particular challenges. Handling membership and interest group registrations and course sign-ups by hand became impractical as our numbers increased. Since bringing in paid staff to process these registrations would have severely impacted our budget, online processing seemed to offer a solution. Many of you know that a few potholes have

appeared to impede our progress. To fix this road to our future is my number one priority in the coming year.

Closely following our online transition issues is a search for a long-term solution to our facility problems at the Stevenson Event Center. The first priority for the use of University facilities is, of course, instructional needs. This reality has led to the conflict with our November meeting date and future conflicts are likely in the coming year. Hence, the relocation to the College 9/10 Multipurpose Room for our meeting on November 16. Our Board is committed to finding a long term solution to our meeting needs, one which will accommodate our expected growth and is convenient for our members.

We continue to seek out solutions to the parking challenges at the University. Please see elsewhere in this Newsletter a map and directions for the November meeting. And, as always, your feedback to me and other members of the Board is always appreciated.

Warm regards,

Fred DeJarlais, President

## Fall Courses

Our courses provide opportunities for our members to delve more deeply into fascinating subjects, hear from outstanding teachers, and have fun as well.

When you register for a course online, you will receive an email confirmation. But if instead you register by printing and mailing a paper form, you will not get a confirmation although you are enrolled.

### Women in the Bible and Medieval Europe Gail Greenwood

This course is the next in a series of surveys of Women in Western Civilization. It also will stand alone so if you didn't take Women in the Ancient Western World, it is not a problem. We will start with a brief review of Symbols and Images of the Goddess, followed by the Hebrew Goddesses, and Women in the Old Testament. Christianity and the women of the New Testament, as well as the development of the Christian church and its effect on women, will follow. Women both as portrayed in the Bible and women who helped develop the religion will be touched upon. Finally, we will look at the lives of Medieval women and their participation on the development of Chivalry, Nobility, and Courtly Love.

Wednesdays, October 29, November 5, 12 & 19, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Museum of Art and History.

*Women in the Bible & Medieval Europe*  
Gail Greenwood  
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### Tillie Olsen: The Writing and the Human Being: a Personal Contemplation.

Tillie Olsen, 1912–2007, was internationally known and honored for powerful, poetic writing that showed respect, profound understanding, and deep love for the lives she described, the lives of women, of working class people, and of people of color. Her books, *Tell Me a Riddle*, *Yonnonndio: From the Thirties*, *Silences*, and her essays and lectures, have been translated into twelve languages. Her work has significantly added to the understanding of creative processes and the conditions which permit imagination to flourish. For many readers she became a major force in their lives in which they saw their own stories made visible and their own struggles dignified in compressed, resonant prose.

Join us for two afternoons of conversation about Tillie and her work led by one of her daughters, Julie Olsen Edwards. You are encouraged to read the newly published collection of her short work, *Tell Me a Riddle, Requa I, and Other Works* (available at Bookshop Santa Cruz), which includes five "lost" pieces (four from the 1930s and one from the early 1970s).

Tillie's website is: [www.tillieolsen.net](http://www.tillieolsen.net). You can contact Julie at [julieoe@gmail.com](mailto:julieoe@gmail.com).

Julie Olsen Edwards, the second of Tillie's four daughters, has been on the Cabrillo College faculty since 1971. She is a writer, editor, and frequent public speaker on issues of families,

children and education, and the impacts of bias and injustice on us all.

This course will take place on Thursday, November 13 and 20, 1:30 to 3:45 p.m., at the Museum of Art and History.

*Tillie Olsen*  
Julie Olsen Edwards  
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### A Look at Modern Molecular Biology, Year 5

Four Professors from UCSC present an overview of current research topics, addressing fundamental questions about how living creatures grow and reproduce. They will also describe how discoveries in molecular biology are used to develop treatments for human diseases. A background in science is not necessary. Everyone with an interest in biology and medicine is encouraged to attend. Many of us found the first four years of this course fascinating as we learned about cutting edge research at UCSC.

The Molecular Biology Course will be offered on four consecutive Saturday mornings, beginning October 25th at 10:00 a.m. in the Physical Sciences Building, room 240, the same place as last year.

Oct. 25: Barry Bowman – Genes, Proteins and Mitochondria

Nov. 1: Melissa Jurica – RNA- the All-Purpose Molecule

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Nov. 8: Don Smith – The Achilles’ Heel of Environmental Health Research

Nov. 15: David Haussler – Genomics

**Modern Molecular Biology**  
Saturdays, Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 10:00 a.m. Physical Sciences Building, room 240

*Please register for courses online. Go to our home page and click on registration link at left. Or, mail coupon on page 10 of newsletter.*

## Upcoming January Courses

Details and registration for these courses and other upcoming courses will be announced in the December e-Newsletter and on the website at <http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/classes>

**Prof. Emeritus John Dizikes** will be discussing one of his favorite authors, **George Bernard Shaw**. We will be viewing four films and will have time for discussion. Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 20, 27, 9:30 to 12:15 at MAH.

**Prof. Bob Goff** will present **Stories of Philosophy**: Four illustrated sessions on vision, testimony, and the ethics of interpretation.

I. Ancient origins from myth and poetry: Heraclitus, Pythagoras, Sophocles, Zhuangzi, Socrates

II. Radical description: Descartes, Rembrandt, and Dr. Tulp (“The Anatomy Lesson”)

III. Radical description, cont.: Heidegger on Van Gogh’s shoes; Merleau-Ponty on Cezanne’s apples; Kandinsky and Morandi on abstraction

IV. Philosophers’ turns to folk narrative and aphorism: Hebel, Leskov, Nietzsche, Tolstoy, Brecht

Short non-technical readings will be available by e-mail prior to each session.

Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28, 10 to noon at MAH. Registration opens later in November.

## Group Activities

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 Group

**Still Life Drawing** — Draw with graphite or charcoal on sketch pads, drawing paper, or newsprint. We may follow the guidelines in Mark Kistler’s book “You Can Draw in 30

Days,” although everyone is welcome to bring other books or notes.

Leader is not a drawing teacher, but will provide objects to draw on a desk or table or window sill. Objects will include a range of complexity, and group members may bring subjects of their own, including flowers, fruit or leaves. Optionally we may review each other’s work in the group.

Will meet on the first Thursday of each month at the leader’s home on High St., from 2 to 4:30 p.m. However, the first meeting will be on the second Thursday of January 2015,

the 8th. Third Wednesday meetings are also possible. If interested contact Analydia Scoggin at [analydia36@yahoo.com](mailto:analydia36@yahoo.com) or 831-427-1052.

### Film Seminar

Jim Faris, a retired film editor from Hollywood, and his wife Paula, lead several Film Seminars each year. Each seminar meets on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. for five consecutive weeks to view and discuss films. Jim and Paula pick films that they feel illustrate good film-making techniques and will lead to good discus-

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sions. See <http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/Film>

### Interest Groups with Events Scheduled

**Art & Architecture** — For over 18 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. **Monday, November 10.** Visit the Land of Medicine Buddha. RSVP to Lois required to attend. Leader: Lois Widom, [lowidom@yahoo.com](mailto:lowidom@yahoo.com), 423-0184

**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. In **November** we're visiting Au Midi in Aptos. 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](mailto:AnnettenSkeeter@aol.com), and Brenda Hillier, [hillier-brenda@yahoo.com](mailto:hillier-brenda@yahoo.com), 439-2083.

**Lunching Out** — Enjoy group luncheons at different restaurants in the area, usually on the first Friday of the month. The first lunch of will be on **Friday, November 7.** Suggestions of good eating places are always welcome. Lunchers are asked to keep track of what they order and pay for their meals with 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](mailto:scotirene@yahoo.com), 457-2690



**Newcomers Group** — Next meeting **Monday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m.** 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 at Mary Carvalho's home: 129 Los Altos Ct., Santa Cruz. Please contact Mary if you plan to attend: 332-2361, [marycarvalho@gmail.com](mailto:marycarvalho@gmail.com).

**Visiting Not-for-Profit Organizations** — Meets once a month to visit and learn about individual community-based organizations. On **November 13** at 10:00 a.m., Resource Development Director Beth Bowman will give us a presentation on Habitat at the following location: Habitat for Humanity ReStore, 719 Swift St., Suite 62, Santa Cruz.

Events require RSVP. Gabrielle Stocker, [gstocker2@cruzio.com](mailto: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](mailto:miller.craig@gmail.com)

**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. Meryllyn Neher, 600-8576, [mneher3@gmail.com](mailto:mneher3@gmail.com)

**Art — The Joy of Painting** — Get together to paint our beautiful outdoors. Contact leader for more information. Leader: Gayla Pius, [gaylapius@gmail.com](mailto:gaylapius@gmail.com), 239-1834

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**Baroque Festival** — Meets near the concert venue at 6:30 p.m. for a pre-concert talk. See the SCBF website for program information. Members are responsible for obtaining their own concert tickets. Leader: David Copp, dhcopp@yahoo.com, 708-2206

**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. Each member serves as "host" for a weekly game at the Center, bringing light refreshments, tallies, and score pads, and coming a little early to set up. Everyone helps with cleanup. Leader: Mary Male, 427-2749, mmale@baymoon.com

**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 on the first Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at volunteer host's house. Contact: Marvin Chester, marvin@chesters.org

**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.

**Eastern Spirituality** — We read in Eastern spiritual texts describing the pursuit of self-realization through yogic meditative practices. Meets on Fridays from 1:30 – 3:30. Two different groups are offered, one on Hindu yoga and the other on Taoist yoga: Group one meets on the first and third Fridays of the month and is discussing the philosophy of Sri Aurobindo in his epic spiritual poem Savitri, after listening to a reading of one Canto each session. Group two meets on the second Friday of the month and is studying the Taoist classic Tao Te Ching by Lao Tzu. We discuss one chapter per session by analyzing the meanings of the Chinese characters and comparing different translations. Participants in either group are encouraged to meditate on a regular basis. Meetings are held in the upper Westside in Santa Cruz. New members are welcome. Email steve\_strasnick@comcast.net if interested.

**Eating Your Way to Good Health.** Our plant-based food group, Eating Your Way to Good Health, meets at the New Leaf Community Market meeting room at 1101 Fair Street, Santa Cruz.

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

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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.

Wednesdays, 3–4:30 p.m. Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 18, April 15, May 20, 2015.

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. Please contact leader if interested. Karin Grobe, kgrobe@wormdoctor.org, 427-0984. Emails answered promptly, return phone calls may take longer when Leader is out of town.

**Exploring Santa Cruz County** — Meets alternate months (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 Wednesday at 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

**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. The group currently has room for one additional member. Leader: Lou Rose, ramblingroses@yahoo.com, 477-0360

**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

**French Peer Practice** — French Peer Practice Group, an intermediate level, meets twice monthly on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday. Our members have a foundation in the language, yet want refreshing and more confidence in speaking. Meetings are at 337 Majors Street, from 10:30 to noon, the home of Le'a and Larry Gale. Our format is watching/speaking with French video/audio lessons, followed by informal conversation. We have one, at times, two French speakers joining us, which is

helpful and fun! Leader: L'ea Lieux, Larry Gale, 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. Please contact leader if interested. Leader: Faye Alexander, 476-8575, qtpie95010@sbcglobal.net

**Great Books Discussion II** — Meets monthly to discuss the classics. We have openings for 3 or 4 new members. 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. Provided is a DVD, background information, current data, and policy options for each issue. Meetings are held in the Live Oak Senior Center, starting in 2015. Schedule to be announced. Leader: Margy Cottle, cottlemargy@gmail.com, 475-4446, 345-7144

**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

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**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

**How it Works: Santa Cruz** — Delves into all the facets that make Santa Cruz work: the infrastructure of Santa Cruz County/City. We will have a different guest lecture each month and learn about public safety, human/health services, education, local government, criminal justice, agribusiness, the environment, arts and culture, transportation and more. Meets in Aptos the third Wednesday of the month, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Leader: Jennifer Balboni, 831-227-5915, JenniferBalboni@yahoo.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

**Making of An Elder Culture** — This group is inspired by the title of a book of that name by Theodore Roszak, whom many remember for his book in 1969 called *The Making of a Counter Culture*.

The counter culture is now the elder culture! Roszak felt that as we grow older we automatically confront certain issues: redefining success, living with fewer material possessions, tak-

ing back our time, creating community. And significantly, he felt, these are issues that all of humanity must confront.

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 discuss these issues and find ways to communicate our wisdom. (Meeting with some younger people, such as high school students, is one idea that emerged.)

Meets weekly on Tuesday, 10:30 to noon, in the new Walnut Commons Cohousing. Contact Cecile Andrews at cecile@cecileandrews.com or 206-919-2614.

**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 Poetry** — Reads aloud and discusses poems from *The New Yorker*. Leaders: Pegatha Hughes, pegathahughes@gmail.com, 440-9018; Sherry Eisendorf, sherrye139@gmail.com

**New Yorker Santa Cruz I Group** — Group members are interested in reading literature as well as in analyzing the techniques that authors and poets use to communicate their ideas. Our discussions of poetry, short stories, and occasional essays related to literature also shed light on our differing viewpoints and how those viewpoints have been shaped by our life experiences. Meets monthly at 2 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from September through June. Leader: Peggy Williams, peg-wil.atty@gmail.com, 476-2695

**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

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**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](mailto: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. For further information, please email Mary Ann, [mfranson@cruzio.com](mailto:mfranson@cruzio.com).



**Santa Cruz History** — Outings will be arranged to places and museums of historic 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 mobility. 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. Times and places will vary and be communicated by email. Email your name to be included on our announcements. Leader: Vickie Birdsall, 440-0128, [vickiebirdsall@yahoo.com](mailto:vickiebirdsall@yahoo.com)

**Science Practitioners** — For those with science background. Presentations, book reviews, & discussions. We meet on the third Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Including presentation, discussion, and socializing, our sessions are usually about two hours long. Leader: Bob Wrathall, 439-0857, [wrathall@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wrathall@sbcglobal.net)

**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](mailto:vkschwingel@sbcglobal.net), 345-2749.

**Symphony** — Attend five Santa Cruz Symphony concerts at the Civic Center, three concert previews, and become a member of the Symphony League. Leader: Roger Knacke, [rknacke@gmail.com](mailto:rknacke@gmail.com)

**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, 426-1837, [what.if.alternative.history@gmail.com](mailto:what.if.alternative.history@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:marilynwingfield@gmail.com); Lew Feinman, [lewfeinman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lewfeinman@sbcglobal.net), Judith Feinman, [judithfeinman@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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. 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.

Please feel free to email or call me with any questions. Valerie Markham, [vmarkham44@gmail.com](mailto:vmarkham44@gmail.com), 650-879-9286

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## Other Interest Groups

Groups listed below are fully subscribed. However, openings sometimes 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, Peter Nurkse, nurkse@gmail.com, 429-8493.

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

**Digital Photography** — Meets monthly Monday for critiques, photo shoots, and field trips. We want to start a second group. You don't need to be an expert. All you need is a large screen TV that can be connected to a computer. Contact leader if interested. Leader: Cindy Margolin, crmargol@gotscopy.com, 688-8129

**Ears in Action** pairs a student with a member of our group who will listen to the student read an assigned class paper. We listen and ask clarifying questions for two papers over the quarter. We are not teachers, editors, or therapists; just a pair of understanding ears. Florence Orenstein, 427-2380, santacruzflors@aol.com.

**Evening Book Discussion** — Meets monthly to discuss fiction and non-fiction selected by members. Waiting list. Leader: Dusty Miller, hndmiller@hotmail.com, 426-0835

**Memoir Writing** — Provides the opportunity to write memoirs, read them to a group, receive impressions, and listen to others. Waiting list. Leader: Joyce Burt, 464-3470, sandplay@ix.netcom.com

**New Yorker Groups.** Discuss readings from *The New Yorker*.

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

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

**Non-Fiction Reading** — There are three sections. Leaders: Mary Carvalho, marycarvalho@gmail.com; Judy McNeely, judybookdoc@collegepathfinders.com; Fay Levinson, fayjoe1@comcast.net. Mary Carvalho will gladly assist anyone interested in starting another reading group. Email her or call: 332-2361.

**Philosophy Discussion** — Meets monthly (2nd Tuesday, 4 p.m.). Membership limited to 15. Leaders: Paul Seever, 440-9018, pseever@prodigy.net and Jay Stoffer, jaystoffer8@gmail.com, 310-923-3099

**Play Reading Group** — Wait list. Leader: Shirley Forsyth, 477-1796, shirlclu@gmail.com

**Read It Again, Sam.** We select a great novel, play, poem, short story, novella and 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. Wait-listed. Leader: Irene Lennox, scotirene@yahoo.com, 457-2690

**Social Sciences Discussion I** — The group is closed but has a waiting list. Dusty Miller, 426-0835, hndmiller@hotmail.com

## Member Publishes Book

OLLI member Sherry Halperin has published a book titled "Rescue Me, He's Wearing A Moose Hat: And 40 Other Dates After 50." It's a comedy about a widow who rediscovers who she is by dating 40 unusual or fascinating men. Sherry reports that it has been released on all e-platforms and is available in hard copy, and that it's been optioned for a film. For more information, contact Sherry at 310-990-9323 or SherryHalperin@aol.com.





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