News from OLLI at UCSC
December 2012

There is no general meeting in December. The next general meeting will be January 20; our speaker will be Charles Hedrick, UCSC professor of classical studies.

New Interest Group

Reading Walden:
How Thoreau Can Change Our Lives

We'll read Walden aloud together, pausing to talk about the text whenever someone wants to. This is meant to be a personal response to this great work -- focusing on what Thoreau tells us about how to live our lives. No
background necessary! No one will play an "expert" role! We'll focus on understanding -- together -- the tremendous significance of Thoreau's work. To build stronger continuity, we'll will meet every other week. When we finish reading Walden, we'll start over!

We will meet Wednesdays, 12:30 to 2:00. First meetings: December 5 and 19, or as arranged with interested parties. Contact Cecile for more info. Cecile Andrews, 206-919-2614, cecile@cecileandrews.com.

Other Interest Groups with December Meetings or Events

Science Study Interest Groups

There are two groups, one for people with a science background, one for those without.

- The Science Study Group for Lifelong Learners with no science background meets monthly on the first Monday from 1 - 3 p.m. We have recently finished a set of meetings on Molecular Biology and Genetics and are in the process of planning our topic(s) for the coming year, depending on members' interests. The level of materials we use is that of a college freshman course. Next meeting, Monday, December 3. Kathy Brooks, 684-2929, kathyzbrooks@sbcglobal.net.

- The science study group for people with some science or technology background explores a variety of topics in different fields. We meet in Scotts Valley on the third Monday at 1 p.m. On Monday, December 17, the group will discuss the reality of low energy nuclear reactions (otherwise known as cold fusion). All are welcome but please email leader Bob Wrathall, wrathall@sbcglobal.net, as there is a lot of on-line material to read.
Wine Tasting Group

The Wine Tasting Group supports local wineries by visiting, tasting, and purchasing their wines. We meet monthly to tour and talk with vintners about the wine making process. We taste and picnic at the wineries and occasionally lunch at a local restaurant. On **Friday, December 7**, at 1:00 p.m., we’ll meet at Sones Cellars, 334-B Ingalls St., Santa Cruz (behind Kelly's Bakery). Tasting Fee: $3. There are several places in the area for lunch before or after. Marilyn Wingfield, marilynlwingfield@gmail.com; Brooke Ewoldsen, 475-6188; Lew Feinman, lewfeinman@sbcglobal.net.

For more on our interest groups, consult our website at [http://ucsc-osopher.wikispaces.com](http://ucsc-osopher.wikispaces.com) or download the November Newsletter.

Visit to de Young Museum -- Art & Architecture Group

On **Tuesday, December 11**, the Art & Architecture Group will meet at 8:30 at the Gateway Plaza, 650 River Street, Santa Cruz ([map](http://maps.google.com)), to carpool to the de Young museum.

We plan to see two exhibits, The William S. Paley Collection: A Taste for Modernism and Rudolf Nureyev: A Life in Dance.

Please RSVP to Lois Widom, LoWidom@yahoo.com.