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Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UC Santa Cruz
General Meeting, May 20th
Stevenson College Event Center

General Meeting Sunday, May 20th, 10 a.m. Stevenson College Event Center, UCSC

Mark Hylkema, Ph.D.

**Topic: The Castroville Mammoth Project and
Search for the First People of the Americas**

Recently, the excavation of a Colombian Mammoth in the artichoke fields of Castroville has allowed us to see into the world that existed in the Monterey Bay region at the end of the Great Ice Age (Pleistocene). The disappearances of many different species of Rancho La Brea Mega-fauna, including mammoths, giant sloths, horses, camels, mastodons, saber-tooth cats, and other creatures, is coincident with the first archaeological evidence of human arrivals into the Americas. Did the early Paleo-Indians extirpate these species, or did abrupt climate changes account

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Summer Party: Saturday, June 9

Details and registration coupon on page 2.

Nomination of and Voting for Office Holders

At the May general meeting those in attendance will be asked to vote on a slate of office-holders for the coming year. Helen Jones has agreed to coordinate the nomination process. The current office holders are prepared to continue in their current roles and are subsequently being nominated. The nominees are: Chris Le Maistre, President; Harry Hanson, Vice-president; David Copp, Treasurer; and Nancy Thomas, Recording Secretary. Backgrounds of the nominees are: Chris Le Maistre is currently serving as President and had previously served on the Board in varying capacities; He retired from UCSC in 2010 where he managed the Center for Adaptive Optics. Harry Hanson has a background in law and recently retired from practicing in that field in San Mateo. David Copp has served as our treasurer since 2009. He retired in the Santa Cruz area after a career with Bell Labs in the East. Nancy Thomas has been a member of our OLLI for some years. She too has worked within the legal profession, most recently as an executive administrative assistant to a presiding judge in San Jose. The slate has Board approval.

Please contact Helen Jones (420-1220, helenjones815@gmail.com) if you wish to nominate any other UCSC OLLI member for one of the above the positions. The membership is asked to vote on the officers at the May meeting. The election is carried by a simple majority of the members attending that meeting.

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 25th, 2012.

Total Enclosed: \$

Enjoy music, dancing, food, wine, and entertainment at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UCSC's *Greeting the Summer* party: Saturday, June 9th, 2012, from 4 to 7, at the Stevenson Event Center. All for \$15 per person. Use coupon at left to register. **Deadline for registration: May 25th.**

Interest Groups

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

Interest Groups with Room for More People

Other groups may also have openings. Some groups have unlimited membership.

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. Leaders: Pegatha Hughes, hpegatha@earthlink.net, 600-7925, and Sherry Eisendorf, sherrye139@gmail.com

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

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. Newcomers to Santa Cruz are especially welcome. Meetings will be held on Tuesday afternoons as needed. Time and place will be announced. Leader: Lyn Dremalis 600-8354, lyndrem@comcast.net,

Interest Group With Event Scheduled

Amateur Chamber Musicians — June 16, 4:30 p.m. Afternoon Musicale. Old Mill at Monteville mobile home park. Contact Marilyn for details and directions.



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

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Interest Groups

are entered on “information sheets” and then published. Information is not made public beyond the membership of the group. Leader: Merilyn Neher, mneher3@gmail.com, 600-8576

The Other Interest Groups

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

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

Baroque Festival Interest Group. One concert remains this year, on May 12. For more information, contact David H. Copp, 708-2206, dhcopp@yahoo.com

Bridge Group — Meets weekly on Monday afternoon 1 to 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, and Judy Brock, 426-2372, jch.brock@sbcglobal.net

The **Conversational French** study group begins each meeting with the reading of a selected French paragraph, followed by Q and A and discussions. We may do this in pairs or

in threes and may also use the Pimsleur Method as an adjunct aid. Guest speakers are 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 Wednesday 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@gotmsky.com, 688-8129, and 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, rascalsgrandma@hotmail.com, 421-0217; Wednesday:

Cathy Pickerrell, cathypickerrell@yahoo.com, 713-5061

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

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

Evening Book Discussion — Meets monthly (1st Wednesday, 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 to 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, in2nature@aol.com, 428-2796

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>.

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

Great Books Discussion II — Leader: Susan Gorsky, 688-5371, sgorsky@sbcglobal.net

Great Decisions Series — 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 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

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, alidet@cruzio.com

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

Investment Ideas Discussion — Meets monthly (2nd Tuesday, 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

Lunchtime Dining Out — We enjoy 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* Poetry. See page 2.

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

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

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

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

Northern Lights — Films from Canada — Met regularly to view and discuss films with substantial Canadian contents or connections but is done for this academic year. Leaders: Bob Stamp & Robert Franson. Contact: Robert Franson, rfranson@cruzio.com.

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

Play Reading Group — Meets monthly (1st Monday 1:30 to 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 Monday, 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 — We read poets such as Billy Collins, Mary Oliver, Ezra Pound, Byron, Keats,

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May Speaker, Mark Hylkema (continued from page 1)

for their demise? Join archaeologist and Castroville Mammoth Project Director Mark Hylkema in a discussion of the findings and a review of current archaeological thinking regarding the populating of the Americas.

Mark Hylkema is a State archaeologist with 30 years experience in California archaeology and Native American culture. He has interacted with many different tribal communities, particularly in central and northern California. He did his graduate research on the archaeology of the San Mateo and Santa Cruz County coast and has directed excavations throughout the greater San Francisco and Monterey Bay areas. He works full time as the Santa Cruz District Archaeologist for California State Parks managing cultural resources in an area stretching from San Francisco to the Pajaro River; and has taught undergraduate and graduate classes at Santa Clara University, University of California at Santa Cruz, De Anza College, Ohlone College, Cabrillo College, and Foothill College. A native of Mountain View and Los Altos, he currently resides in Sunnyvale.

Interest Groups

and many more. Leader: Joyce Keller, jkeller51@yahoo.com, 426-2515

Science Study & Discussion (Two Sections)

Science I — Meet monthly (3rd Monday, 1 p.m.). For those with science background. Presentations, book reviews, and discussions. Leaders: Robert Wrathall, wraithall@sbcglobal.net, Kathy Brooks, kathybrooks@sbcglobal.net, and 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, kathybrooks@sbcglobal.net, and Paul Seever, pseever@prodigy.net, 440-9018

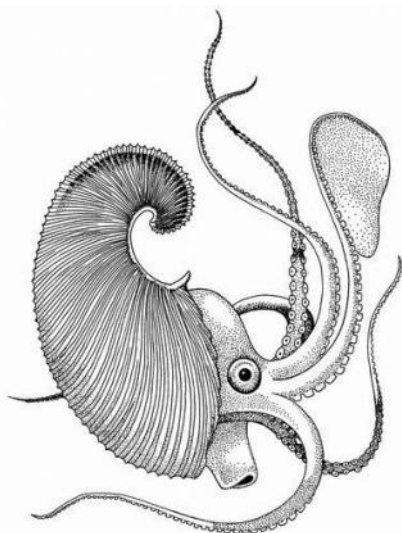
Social Science Discussion — Meets monthly (3rd Tuesday, 2 to 4 p.m.). Specific topics to be chosen by the group from member recommendations. Leader: Jan Jaffe, 684-0470, janjaffe@charter.net

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: Bill Patterson, 479-3729, wilderwill@comcast.net

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 Thursday or Friday). Leaders: Brooke Ewoldsen, 475-6188, and Marilyn Wingfield, marilynwingfield@gmail.com



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