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Larkspur Park, behind the Bend Senior Center

## OLLI Member Potluck Picnic—Come One, Come All!

Enjoy a full afternoon of OLLI on Tuesday, September 11! After attending the lecture, *Born Free? The Role of Zoos in America*, with speaker Nolan Harvey of the High Desert Museum, stay right where you are. The OLLI fall kick-off picnic starts at 4:00 p.m. in Larkspur Park, which is located right behind the Bend Senior Center. We will welcome our new members and introduce everyone

to the 2007-08 programs while socializing and enjoying good food. We have divided members according to last names and request you bring the following: A-C appetizers; D-K salads; L-R entrees; and S-Z desserts. **New members are our guests and are not asked to bring anything.** OLLI will provide beverages and table service. There are covered picnic tables. Bring your own lawn chair if you wish. You can bring your dish to the 2:00 p.m. presentation since we have permission to store items in the refrigerator in the kitchen at the senior center until picnic time.

**Tuesday, September 11, 4:00 p.m. (Larkspur Park)**

*See flyer for details.*

## Geology Course Continues after Summer Hiatus

Four sessions remain in the series that uses the *Teaching Company Great Courses, The Nature of Earth: An Introduction to Geology*. In each class, two thirty minute lectures by the course instructor Professor John J. Renton of West Virginia University are presented. There is ample time for group discussion and consideration of any added resources provided or suggested by class participants. While Jim Hammond is on vacation, Erich Voester will fill in as facilitator. The remaining dates and subjects are:

September 13: Faults and Joints; Earthquakes

September 20: Damage from Earthquakes; Seismology

September 27: The formation of Mountains; Orogenic Styles

October 4: Economic Geology of Coal; Economic Geology of Petroleum

All sessions are at 10:00 a.m. in the Chandler Building classroom.

## Are You Receiving OLLI's Weekly Eminders?

Each week OLLI sends an e-mail with the following week's offerings and announcements. We have updated our format which includes color and underlined links you can access by clicking on them. If you would like to receive these Eminders, give us a call with your e-mail address, or send us an e-mail and ask to be added to our Emitter list.

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## Upcoming Presentations



Dr. Elizabeth Wayland Barber

cognitive science to show how stories of real events have turned into myths by regular processes.

Barber is a professor of linguistics and archeology at Occidental College, California. She received her B.A. from Bryn Mawr and her M.A. and Ph.D. from Yale University. Together with her husband, Dr. Paul Barber, she has written her most recent book, *When They Severed Earth from Sky: How the Human Mind Shapes Myth* (Princeton, January 2005).

Wednesday, September 5, 10:00 a.m. (Chandler building)

### Born Free? The Role of Zoos in America

What are the roles of zoos today? Are there good reasons for keeping animals in cages for our entertainment? Why do zoos need more and not less of our support and attention? Why have zoos at all? What's in store for the High Desert Museum? **Nolan Harvey**, who has been in the zoo business for thirty years, working with wildlife from insects to great whales, has the answers. He is Wildlife Curator at the High

### First Wednesday Recorded Lecture: How the Human Mind Shapes Myth

**Dr. Elizabeth Wayland Barber** shows how myths can transmit real information in non-literate societies, preserving it for millennia. The Klamath Indians, for example, preserved the story of the creation of Oregon's Crater Lake for nearly 8,000 years. Recent Studies of how our brains work have helped Barber deduce the characteristic principles by which such tales both develop and degrade through time. She uses modern

Desert Museum and will discuss how zoos have changed over the last dozen years, what changes might lay ahead, and how the High Desert Museum program for wildlife is unique and fitting for this area.

Nolan has worked in zoos and in the field with all kinds of wildlife. His last big project before coming to Bend was getting Keiko the killer whale ready for transport from Mexico City to Newport, Oregon prior to relocation and release in Iceland. He will speak at the Bend Senior Center on September 11 at 2:00 p.m., just before the new member picnic. Come to hear the presentation and stay for the picnic. We can promise good stories from Nolan and good food from OLLI members.

**Tuesday, September 11,  
2:00 p.m. (Bend Senior Center)**  
*See flyer for details.*



Keiko the killer whale checking in on Nolan Harvey

## Study and Discussion Groups

### First Tuesday Social Luncheon

Meets the first Tuesday of every month at 11:30 a.m. To reserve a space, contact Gail at 617-4663 or [gailm@uoregon.edu](mailto:gailm@uoregon.edu).

**September 4:** Crossings at The Riverhouse

Contact: Harlie Peterson, [harliepete@hotmail.com](mailto:harliepete@hotmail.com)

### Discussing Science

Meets the first and third Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

**Topics for September 7 and September 21: TBA**

Chandler Building  
Contact: Harlie Peterson, [harliepete@hotmail.com](mailto:harliepete@hotmail.com)

### Geology Course

Meets Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. **September 13:** Faults and Joints; Earthquakes. **September 20:** Damage from Earthquakes; Seismology. **September 27:** The Formation of Mountains; Orogenic Styles

Chandler Building  
Contact: Gail Merydith, [gailm@uoregon.edu](mailto:gailm@uoregon.edu)

### Thinking Allowed

Meets the second and fourth Monday of every month at 1:30 p.m. **Topics for September 10 and September 24: TBA**

Chandler Building  
Coordinator: Ruth Burleigh

### Thinking Allowed II at Touchmark

Meetings will resume in October.

Coordinator: Helen Vandervort, [helenv@bendcable.com](mailto:helenv@bendcable.com)

## Outside of OLLI

### UO and COCC Friday Distinguished Lectures

The Distinguished Lectures will continue this fall beginning October 4. Watch the October newsletter for titles, speakers, dates and times.

### Sisters Folk Festival

A three-day celebration of traditional American music from blues to bluegrass. For more information call (541) 549-1322 or visit <http://www.sistersfolkfestival.com>

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 7-9

### Sisters Jazz Festival

Three days of music with ten great bands. For more information call (541) 549-1322 or visit <http://www.sistersjazzfestival.com>

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 14-16



The stage at the 2006 Sisters Fok Festival

### Bend Film Festival Coming in October!

The schedule of films is to be released in September. Let us know if you would like to join other OLLI members in attending this event.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 11-14



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**Committee Meetings**

(Open to all members. Times and dates subject to change)

**Governing Council Meeting**

Friday, September 21,  
10:00 a.m. President: Mort  
Perle, 388-3376

**Program Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, September 25,  
1:15 p.m. Chair: Helen Pruitt  
382-7827

**Hospitality**

TBD

**Membership Outreach**

Chair: Judy Clinton, 317-8472

**Governing Council**

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