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### **Dutch Masters: The Age of Rembrandt Continues**

OLLI began a study group based on this Teaching Company "Great Course" on November 14 and it continues in December. Dutch painting of the seventeenth century is often referred to as the 'Golden Age' of Dutch art. It was the age of Rembrandt van Rijn, Frans Hals and Johannes Vermeer. This course will introduce you to the art of 17<sup>th</sup>-century Holland. It traces the development of this renowned, independent school of painting, and the development of the new society reflected in that art. The course concludes with the achievements of Holland's greatest and most versatile genius, Rembrandt, whose range of work—including his remarkable etchings—claims the final seven lectures.

**Wednesdays, December 12 and 19, 10:00 a.m. (Chandler building)** See flyer for details.

### **Spotlight on Larry Weinberg**

This month we make honorable mention of Larry for his help and assistance to OLLI. Some of his many contributions include:

- Program Committee member since he joined in 2005
- Film Series—started by Larry. He continues to set up and host films twice a month
- Field trips to: Humane Society (lecture and trip); High Desert Badlands; Natural Plants of Bend (lecture and walk); and John Day Fossil Beds
- Coordinated speakers for lectures: *Travel Medicine* with Stu Garrett; *Plant Adaptation and Response to Snow* (*Snow White and the Seven Lodgepoles*) with Reid

Schuller; *Connect K-20* with Linda Johnson; and *Adventure Travel for the Young at Heart* with Joanne Dalsass

- Technology help creating the photo CD and assisting Mary Cope's *Novice on Safari* presentation



Larry Weinberg and friend

Larry is also an active volunteer outside of OLLI. His community volunteering includes walking dogs for the Central Oregon Humane Society and work with the Deschutes Basin Land Trust. In fact, the Land Trust named Larry volunteer of the year for 2007.

The Land Trust commentary includes, "As you gaze upon the beautiful wildflowers and interesting grasses of Indian

### **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 which 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 at [ctrinfo@uoregon.edu](mailto:ctrinfo@uoregon.edu) and ask to be added to our Emitter list.

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## Spotlight...continued

Ford Meadow and Camp Polk Meadow, you may not notice what is missing...thanks to Larry. Larry has been working tirelessly...to eradicate noxious weeds, especially thistle and mullein. His hard work has made a big difference on both of these Preserves."

Congratulations Larry, and thank you for all that you do!

### A Memorable Field Trip

By Harlie Peterson

It seems like yesterday, but Thursday morning, Sept 27, several OLLI members traveled to

the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in Portland to see the display of *Body Worlds 3*. This is a traveling exhibition of preserved human bodies and body parts that are prepared using a technique called "plastination" to reveal inner anatomical structures. Its purpose and mission is the education of laymen about the human body, leading to better health awareness.

Grammarians may say there's no such thing as "very unique," but *Body Worlds* comes pretty

close. Looking at the arteries surrounding the liver, for example, is something I could never have imagined. Especially interesting to me was a separate room devoted to the development of the fetus from conception to just before birth.

We took a slightly longer way home along the Columbia River. Watching the full moon turn the Columbia into a gold and silver sinuous stream made a beautiful ending to a long day which one member called a once in a lifetime experience.

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## Upcoming Presentations

### First Wednesday Recorded Lecture: *The Blank Slate: The Modern Denial of Human Nature*

In *The Blank Slate: The Modern Denial of Human Nature*, evolutionary psychologist and linguistic theorist, Dr. Stephen Pinker, explores the idea of human nature and its moral, emotional, and political colorings. He argues that the dogma that the mind has no innate traits—a doctrine held by many intellectuals during the past century—denies our common humanity and our individual preferences.

**Wednesday, December 5,  
10:00 a.m. (Chandler Building)**

### The Romance and Vitality of Our Landfill

**Tim Schimke**, Deschutes County Solid Waste Department Director, will describe the living biosphere that is the County Landfill in southeast Bend. Leachate, recycling, hazardous waste, and an interest in generating electricity from methane are among the issues on his agenda. Bring your questions and concerns to Tim. **Tim Schimke** has a Masters degree in the field of environmental management.

**Tuesday, December 11,  
2:00 p.m. (Bend Senior Center)**

*See flyer for details.*

### Sudoku Strategies

If you can count to nine, you are already trained for this puzzle. OLLI member **Jim Horton** claims he has a method that anybody can use to get in on this interesting new game. Use it to pass the time on boring rides, waiting in doctors' offices or airline lounges. You will be pleased with your success and will impress your friends. Bring a pencil, a large eraser, and your head.

**Tuesday and Wednesday,  
December 18 and 19, 2:00 p.m.  
each day (BSC)**

## Film Series hosted by Larry Weinberg

### Adam's Rib

Friday, December 14, 1:00 p.m.

It's time for a classic Spencer Tracy/Katherine Hepburn get together: *Adam's Rib*, a 1949 film directed by George Cukor. Well received upon its release, the film is now considered a classic romantic comedy. Judy Holliday, who went on to fame in the 1950 film *Born Yesterday*, received her first substantial role in this film. In *Adam's Rib* prosecutor Adam Bonner (Tracy) is assigned the case against a woman (Holliday) who tried to scare her adulterous husband (Tom Ewell) by shooting him repeatedly. Bonner's wife, Amanda (Hepburn), also a lawyer, decides to defend the woman in court. As the two use every technique they know to win the case, the courtroom tension carries over into the couple's household. It's a battle of the sexes as well as a battle of the lawyers. Come enjoy the fun.

### Lawrence of Arabia, Part I

Friday, December 28, 1:00 p.m.

For December and January, we continue our examination of the Middle East as portrayed in the cinema. The classic 1962 film, *Lawrence of Arabia*, shows the actions of T. E. Lawrence as he worked with the Arabs to help overthrow the Ottoman yoke during World War I. The film was well received; however, there is considerable disagreement over how accurately Lawrence and the other principal characters are portrayed. The Middle East problems of today have many roots in the events depicted in the film, and in the aftermath of World War I. Therefore this film offers us more than just a film experience. As the film is quite long (227 minutes) we will view one part in December and the second part in January.

### New Location for 2007-2008:

Terrace Lodge, Touchmark at Mt. Bachelor Village

A Touchmark map can be found online at:

<http://touchmarkbend.com/tbor-SITE-MAP-BIG.htm>.

### Membership Directory Update

The OLLI office is beginning the process of updating the directory for the 2007–2008 membership year.

Our last directory was compiled in December of 2006; if you have changed your e-mail address or phone number please call the UO Continuing Education office at 800-824-2714 to update your listing. If you wish to opt out of the directory, please let us know that as well.

## Discussion and Study 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).

**December 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.

**December 7 and 21:** Global Warming

Chandler Building

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

### Thinking Allowed:

Meets the second and fourth Monday of every month at 1:30 p.m.

**December 10:** Topics TBA

**December 24:** Holiday

Chandler building

Coordinator: Ruth Burleigh

### Thinking Allowed II at Touchmark

Meets the first and third Mondays at 10:00 a.m.

**December 3 and 17:** Moral Dilemmas: Is "Do Unto Others" Written in Our Genes?

Touchmark at Mt. Bachelor Village

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



**Calendar of Committee Meetings**

(All OLLI members welcome, meeting dates and times subject to change)

**Governing Council Meeting**

Friday, December 21,  
10:00 a.m.

President: Mort Perle,  
388-3376

**Program Committee Meeting**

Monday, December 17,  
1:15 p.m.

Chair: Helen Pruitt 382-7827

**Hospitality**

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