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Larkspur Park, behind the Bend Senior Center

## Annual OLLI Membership Picnic

Thursday, September 4, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Larkspur Park located behind the Bend Senior Center)

Come one, come all to the second annual OLLI potluck picnic! We will welcome our new members and the Program Committee will introduce the theme for the 2008–9 programs. Members of the Governing Council will be contacting you regarding the details. OLLI will provide beverages and table service. You won't want to miss this very enjoyable social gathering with great food.

## Are You Receiving OLLI's Weekly E-minders?

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 e-minders, give us a call with your e-mail address, or send us an e-mail and ask to be added to our e-minder list.

### Look for the Silver Sage Coupon Icon

This Silver Sage Coupon icon: **SSC** will be included in the course descriptions and calendar listings of the events that require Silver Sage Coupons. For details check enclosed insert.

## Tapes on Loan from Members

We have a few tapes and DVDs on loan from OLLI members that you can check out to view this summer. These include the Complementary and Alternative Medicine series that was shown in May. For a list of available titles, contact Gail in the OLLI office, 617-4663 or [gailm@uoregon.edu](mailto:gailm@uoregon.edu).

## Calling all Indie Film fans

The Fifth Annual Bend Film Festival is coming October 9–12. If you are interested in getting together with other OLLI members to discuss and attend the films, give Gail a call, 617-4663 or e-mail [gailm@uoregon.edu](mailto:gailm@uoregon.edu) and let her know of your interest.

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## OUTSIDE OF OLLI-UO

OLLI-UO members are invited to attend an Oregon Council for the Humanities Chautauqua lecture.

**Obsidian: History through the Volcanic Glass Window**  
**Friday, August 1, 7:00 p.m.**  
Sunriver Nature Center, 57245 River Rd., Sunriver

Dennis Jenkins, Museum of Natural and Cultural History, University of Oregon

Flows of obsidian, a natural glass produced by many volcanoes in Oregon, contain a unique chemical signature that enables archaeologists to trace artifacts back to the volcano of origin. Obsidian is also an unstable mineral that begins absorbing molecular water soon after a fresh surface is exposed to the atmosphere, a process that produces a "hydration clock" that tells the age of each artifact and flake.

Obsidian artifacts yield a treasure trove of information about prehistoric lifeways and the development of sociopolitical areas in central Oregon across fifteen thousand years of prehistory. Archaeologist Dennis Jenkins presents a fascinating look at the trail of information left by this beautiful volcanic glass.

Contact: Nancy Flood,  
593-4442

## Upcoming Presentations

**Forests and Fire: Strange but Necessary Bedfellows**  
**Monday, August 11, 2:00 p.m. (Bend Senior Center)**

Forests have been evolving with the fire from the beginning. However, human activities have interfered with the natural fire cycles to the point that our forests have lost much of their natural resiliency to recover from the fires that inevitably occur. As a fire ecologist for the Nature Conservancy and the US Forest Service, **Amy Waltz** coordinates a collaborative group of agencies and organizations, representing both the government and private sectors that try to identify restoration and management strategies to return the fire risks of the Deschutes National Forest to those that existed prior to man's intervention. She will discuss with us the scientific concepts of fire ecology, technical aspects of the modeling that guides the group in formulating its recommendations, and possible impacts of climate change on the forest fire regime. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) play a major role in the analysis. Amy will show us how GIS information can be used for the modeling that the group needs in order to study the forest. Please join us for an informative look at a fascinating topic that has clear applications in the forests we enjoy.

Amy Waltz is an employee with the Nature Conservancy in Bend. Her position is cost-shared with the US Forest Service. She is thus in the unique position of bridging between the non-profit conservation world and the federal government. Amy came to Bend in 2005 to take her current post as coordinator of a collaborative group working to advise the Forest Service on management priorities. She has a BS in biology from Wake Forest University and a PhD in ecology from Northern Arizona University. Prior to her move to Bend, Amy taught at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon.

### Why Good Ideas Go Bad

**Wednesday, August 27, 6:00 p.m.**

**(Environmental Center, 16 NW Kansas, Bend)**

Patterns often shape our actions while simultaneously defeating our aims. **Peter Senge**, a professor at MIT, published a book titled, *The Fifth Discipline: The Art and Practice of the Learning Organization* that examines why many firms appear to be dysfunctional but still are thriving. This talk focuses on "systems thinking" using the theme Why Good Ideas Go Bad. Many "well planned" ideas fail to consider time-delayed feedback loops that characterize complex systems. Senge's approach can be applied to many areas: public policy decisions, family matters, and sustainability. We will examine the concepts of systems thinking and patterns we follow that may be self-defeating. If there is enough interest, this discussion may continue with a short course.

**Larry Weinberg** is a retired Boeing Associate Technical Fellow who worked in the area of environmental management. He holds a PhD in mathematics as well as a JD in law. As part of his work for Boeing, he investigated the topics of environmental systems management and sustainability and possible tools for modeling these subjects. In Bend, Larry volunteers with several non-profit organizations and serves on the Board of Directors for the Deschutes Land Trust.

### Renewals, New Memberships, Questions

Renewals and membership application may be mailed to:

OLLI-UO, Central Oregon Site  
1227 University of Oregon  
Eugene, OR 97403-1277

Or you may drop them by the  
OLLI-CO office: 1027 NW  
Trenton, Bend

Questions? Call Gail at 617-4663.

## Coming in Fall: Writing Your Life Story **SSC**

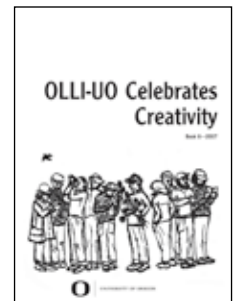
**Tuesdays, September 16–October 7, 10:30 a.m. noon**

In September and October OLLI-UO member **David Newman**, a professional journalist from Eugene, will lead a four-week workshop giving members the opportunity to write, assemble, or polish written accounts of their life stories. Writers of all skill levels are welcome to participate and learn how to skillfully shape a life narrative.

Each session will consist of a lecture by the instructor, reading of material written by the participants and examples presented by the instructor, and periodic in-class writing assignments. Additional homework assignments will be assigned as a way to encourage and stimulate each participant to either continue or establish a regular writing pattern.

Participants will also explore the possibilities of publishing some of the writing generated in the workshop in the *OLLI-UO Creates* anthology, or submitting work to a national publication, the *2009 LLI Review, the Annual Journal of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes*.

OLLI-CO members are invited to join their Eugene-Springfield peers for this teleconference workshop. Enrollment is limited, please call (800) 824-2714 by September 5 to reserve your place.



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## 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).

**August 5:** Crossings Restaurant at The Riverhouse

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

### Discussing Science **SSC**

Meets the first and third Fridays at 1:00 p.m.

**August 1:** Topic TBA

**August 15:** Topic TBA

Chandler Building

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

### Film Series at Touchmark

Will resume in the fall

Contact: Larry Weinberg, [larry101@bendbroadband.com](mailto:larry101@bendbroadband.com)

### Joy of Science DVD course

Will resume in the fall

Contact: Bob Clautice, [bclautice@bendbroadband.com](mailto:bclautice@bendbroadband.com)

### Thinking Allowed

Will resume in the fall

Coordinator: Ruth Burleigh

### Thinking Allowed II at Touchmark

Will resume in the fall

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



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## Calendar of Committee Meetings

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

### Governing Council Meeting

Friday, August 15, 10:00 a.m.  
President: Mort Perle, 388-3376

### Program Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 26, 1:15 p.m.  
Chair: Helen Pruitt 382-7827

### Hospitality

2008 Chair: TBD

### Membership Outreach

2008 Chair: TBD

### Newsletter Coordinator

Mary Cope, 317-5753

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