



THE OLLI FORUM

*“Tell me,
and I will forget;
show me,
and I may remember;
but involve me,
and I’ll understand”*

Harvey Mackay

Back in Time - Discovering Northern Arizona’s Volcanoes with OLLI

Bright and early on Saturday, July 19, 44 students of life journeyed north with Terry Steinborn to learn about the San Francisco Volcanic Field which covers an 18,000-square-mile area in Flagstaff. Many in the group had taken the OLLI class Volcanoes and Volcanology, while others who had an interest in geology joined the group for the day.

We headed north via 89 in a comfortable air-conditioned bus, learning as we travelled. One of the first impressive facts was about the Bradshaw Mountains. This volcano, right in our neighborhood, is 1.8 billion years old. Who knew that!

En route, Terry helped the group become aware that the building of roads and highways created cross sections of lava flows. This allowed the budding geologist in all of us to see limestone, sandstone and basalt formations. Also, with our new insights and education, hills were no longer just hills; they were lava domes, stratovolcanoes, and cinder cones.

Along the way we saw the inside of a cinder cone. This was thanks to the Arizona Department of Transportation, which is excavating some of the cinder cones for use in road construction and in winter road traction after a snowfall.

Midmorning, we reached the San Francisco Volcanic Field, our destination. This area is the site of the eruption that produced Sunset Crater, a very large cinder cone, about 900 years ago. By the way, San Francisco Volcanic Field is still active!

One of the highlights of the trip was the Lava Flow Trail at Sunset Crater National Park. Here, we followed a winding trail through lava flows and cinder fields at the base of Sunset Crater. This is a one-mile loop through an amazing volcanic landscape – it looks like you are on another planet. Many in the group took advantage of this perfect photo opportunity.

After a picnic lunch break, we headed to Sunset Crater Visitors Center to see the interactive exhibits, samples of different types of volcanic rock, and even a chance to create our own earthquake. Last but not least, many purchased a memento of the day, a postcard or a book on volcanoes from the bookshop.

A tired but richly educated group arrived, on time, back in Prescott thinking about their next OLLI trip.

*submitted by
Roseann & Matt
Lukaszewski*



Terry Steinborn pointing out geological features

Your Evaluations Evaluated

Have you ever wondered what happens to those evaluation forms you fill out at the end of each group? Well, we can tell you what happened to those turned in at the end of the Spring 2 session. Jeff Nimeshein, Vice Chair of the Curriculum Committee, took all 396 evaluation forms and spent many, many hours tabulating every rating you marked, and recording and organizing every comment you wrote. The results, along with Jeff's comments and analyses, are now being reviewed by Governing Council and the Curriculum and Facilitators Committees to determine how best to use the data you provided. Jeff's report is pages long, but here are just a few of the interesting results.

93.8% of you gave your group experience an Excellent (77.2%) or Good (16.6%) rating.

Only one person gave his/her group experience a Bad rating, and only six people rated it Poor, a total of 1.7% for those two categories.

The positive comments ranged from, "Good discussion" to "The facilitator was kind."

The negative comments ranged from, "Some individuals dominated the class" to "Poor heating in Sharlot Hall Museum."

On the 396 forms, you listed 73 study groups you would be interested in, some new ones and some previous ones you want more of.

One of Jeff's observations was that while OLLI has a large majority of female members, the facilitators are split almost 50-50, male/female.

Another observation was while discussion was important in most groups, it sometimes took a back seat to a highly knowledgeable facilitator teaching a particular subject.

So, the next time you fill out one of those evaluation forms, remember that Jeff may be out there waiting, ready to plug your ratings and comments into one of his charts!
Ron Woerner



IMPORTANT DATES

- The Fall 2 Schedule will start arriving in mailboxes the week of September 29
- October 20: start of Fall 2
- November 24 - 28: no classes
- December 9: Holiday Gathering

Welcome to all our new members for Fall 1, 2008 - we had a wonderful time at the orientation session!

A DAY AT THE OPERA

We are excited about a new offering at OLLI. The New York Metropolitan Opera Company presents live HD performances at various theaters in the Phoenix area. OLLI would like to invite you to join our adventure to Scottsdale on Saturday, February 7, 2009 for the performance of Lucia Di Lammermoor. Two very talented performers, Anna Netrebko and Rolando Villazon will star, and Marco Armiliato will conduct. The performance starts at 10:00am.

The charge for round-trip van transportation and the ticket to the theater will be \$65.00 for members and \$70.00 for non-members. We will have lunch afterwards (at your expense) and chat about our impression of our day at the opera.

Please let the office know if you are interested. (If enough people are interested, we may be able to get a bus.)
Louise Schloss



New Member Orientation
August 27

Introducing Classes R Us

Dean Bailey became intrigued with the idea of group facilitation (Classes R Us) in a facilitators training session. Finding no DVD presenting his idea he crafted "The Future Hydrogen Society" class (the Spring 2 session) in a group facilitation format. With the huge amount of information on the Internet on all sides of this subject his basic idea was to form a workshop among the students after identifying major aspects of this energy problem. Dean says, "In the first session, we discussed the overall problem and identified each aspect that needed study and reporting, and set up the workshop groups. Volunteers (with encouragement for some of the more shy members) formed groups of 3-5 members. Conveniently, we needed four groups for the 6-week session to cover weeks 2, 3, 4 and 5. The last week (6) we used to summarize the session's discussions." How did this new format work? Dean says, "The format worked very well, and the class participation added excitement and full dialog from nearly all the members. There was very positive feedback on the class survey and most of the participants wanted to do it again."

Since there was such great feedback, Dean is offering for Fall II session a continuation class on Energy Independence. Dean states, "As before, the students will determine the aspects to study in the first session. We will continue to use the 'groups.' It really helps us retain what we learn!"

Are you intrigued by a particular subject that you wish to know more about? Want to facilitate but the preparation seems daunting? Consider using a Classes R Us group learning format. Contact either Dean or Sally to learn more or how to present your idea. We now have facilitator mentoring as well as training where Dean got his great idea.

*Submitted by
Dean Bailey
Sally Landes – Curriculum Chair*

**Weather Policy
OLLI classes follow
the same weather
policy as the Yavapai
College campus. If
Yavapai College closes
the campus due to
weather, OLLI classes
are also cancelled.
Please listen to local
radio stations, such
as KPPV 106.7FM
and KNOT 99.1FM,
or the Yavapai Col-
lege website at [http://
www2.yc.edu/](http://www2.yc.edu/) for up
to date information.**

**Listen in
to the
OLLI CORNER
feature of the
Yavapai College
Radio Hour
on KJZA - FM 89.5
and
FM 90.1
Every third weekend of
the month, 4 - 5 p.m.,
Saturday and Sunday.**

**Announcing a policy
change on refunds for
field trips:**

**Cancellations seven
days before day trip
date: cost minus \$10
will be refunded. No re-
fund will be made with-
in 7 days of trip unless
a replacement can be
found or if other terms
are specified in the trip
announcement.**

New 2008-2009 Governing Council meets

The new, 2008-2009 OLLI Governing Council met for its first meeting on Monday, July 21st. The first order of business for the new Council was to elect its own officers, a major procedural change from previous years, required by the new OLLI by-laws adopted in January of this year. Elected to the Chair position was Bob Kane, and to the Vice Chair, Nikki Krause. Council Member Lydia Garrett volunteered to continue her work as scribe for the Council, while OLLI member Linn Sampson volunteered to continue her work as bookkeeper. These generous offers were well received by all Council members, knowing the importance of this work.

After the necessary housekeeping duties were completed, the Council began to look ahead to the coming school year and the challenges presented. Foremost is our financial condition during this trying economic period. The Council will have to wrestle with the budget, balancing our expenditures against a possible decline in income next year because of the poor economy.

Secondly, this summer's annual meeting in June was devoted to discovering what other social activities the membership wants over and above the usual Christmas dance and summer picnic events. Many new ideas for social events, ranging from more lunch and dinner events to bowling, dancing and board game playing were gathered. These new desires present the Council with challenges deciding where these activities fit in the OLLI format, and how OLLI can best serve the members' many ideas.

All of the Council members' critical thinking and decision making skills, learned in a previous working life, will be re-tested as these and other events present themselves. Recognizing the work to be done, the Council adjourned in high spirits, eager to tackle the new year.

Bob Kane

The OLLI Fall Kick Off was great fun. The weather was beautiful, and there were cards, games, kayaking, lots of visiting, and WONDERFUL food. Thanks to all who attended!



Betty Royal volunteering in the office



Rudy Arena and Emil Borgers playing cards at the Fall Kickoff

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