

SUMMER

2026

New excursion locations include:

BorgWarner, Daimler Trucks North America, The Cheese Wheel, WYFF4 and more!

New course titles include:

Repurpose a Vintage Window into Home Décor; Dolomites: Nature's Masterpiece; Four Seasons in the Garden; How to Overcome Shoulder Pain; Vice Presidents of the USA from Adams to Vance; Discovering Portugal; Anne Hutchinson: Fighter for Religious Freedom and more!

Different ways to participate this term:

In-person courses at the Cheezem Education Center and Keowee Key Activity Center, evening courses at the Cheezem Education Center, Osher Online courses that allow you to participate from home, and Outdoor Adventures and Day Trips

Registration opens

June 15, 2026

Register in person, by phone, by mail or online at:
www.olliatclemson.org

The Cheezem Education Center is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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CONSTRUCTING AMERICA'S IDENTITIES



Exploring the *people, places, and ideas* that shaped the American Revolution in South Carolina. This series is generously supported by the SC250 Commission.



JUNE 2

Dr. John Garrison Marks



Thy Will Be Done: George Washington's Legacy of Slavery and the Fight for American Memory

JUNE 9

Dr. Rod Andrew



The Life and Times of General Andrew Pickens

JUNE 23

Dr. Jim Picuch



Three Peoples, One King: Loyalists, Indians & Slaves in the New South, 1775-1782

JULY 7

Carl Borick



Backcountry Resistance: South Carolina's Militia and the Fight for American Independence

JULY 21

Dr. Alan Pell Crawford



This Fierce People: The Untold Story of America's Revolutionary War in the South



OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE



Department of **HISTORIC PROPERTIES**



LECTURES
5:45 PM

TOURS
Tours to follow after lecture



LOCATION
Charles K. Cheezem Education Center
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
100 Thomas Green Boulevard
Clemson, SC 29631



ADMISSION
\$35 PER EVENT
OR \$150 FOR THE SERIES

Doors open at 5:15 PM

To learn more and purchase tickets, visit: clemsonuniversityadvancement.swoogo.com/2026brickbybrick



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Your support helps OLLI at Clemson University continue providing engaging courses, special events, and lifelong learning opportunities for our vibrant community.

\$ ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$65



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WIN ONE OF TWO
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Special Events



Lifelong Learning



A Vibrant Community

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THE '55 EXCHANGE: Clemson Tradition with a Sweet Twist

Clemson University's '55 Exchange continues to bring generations of Tigers together through creativity, mentorship, and hands-on learning experiences. This summer, OLLI participants can enjoy a special excursion, *Here's the Scoop! Creating a New Ice Cream Flavor*, where guests will work in teams to invent, manufacture, and sample a unique signature Clemson ice cream flavor—just like the innovative students of the '55 Exchange program. During the two-hour experience, participants will discover the art of small-batch ice cream making while enjoying a fun and collaborative Clemson tradition. Register early—space is limited for this sweet Clemson experience! Further details on page 14.

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OLLI at Clemson University

ANNUAL MEETING

Save the Date

Guest presenter: Trent Allen - author of *There's Something in These Hills*



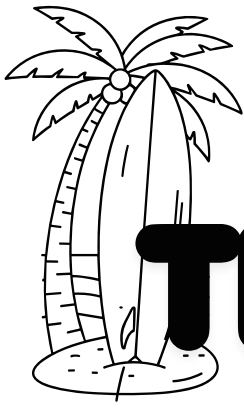
Date: June 17, 2026



Time: At 3:00 PM

Kite Hill Brewing Co.
150 Thomas Green Blvd.
Clemson





free programs **THIS SUMMER**

The following activities are open to all current OLLI Members and those with an interest in joining OLLI. **All programs are free but require registration.** Please call 864-633-5242 to register.



New and Returning Member Orientation

Wednesday, July 8 | 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. | Cheezem Education Center

Whether you're new to Clemson OLLI or returning from a hiatus, this orientation illustrates how OLLI ticks, who is who and how you can be part of your regional lifelong learning program! Refreshments provided.

Aging and Life Satisfaction

Friday, July 10 | 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. | Cheezem Education Center

This presentation will focus on aging and life satisfaction, especially as they relate to mental health. Information on various mental health concerns will be presented alongside lifestyle factors that may contribute to overall satisfaction and quality of life.

Lynne Cory, PhD, LPC, and LCMHC, has been in the mental health field for 10 years and is licensed in South Carolina and North Carolina. She became a counselor based on the realization that individuals carry knowledge and beliefs about themselves that, at times and for various reasons, they are unable to access. Her belief is that through the counseling process, including empowerment and authenticity, clients may increase self-awareness and insight, and experience peace. Lynne is the owner and therapist at Simply Empowered Counseling Center.

Run, Hide, Fight: Active Threat/Targeted Violence Preparedness and Awareness

Tuesday, July 14 | 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. | Cheezem Education Center

This interactive lecture style program presented by **Clemson University law enforcement instructors** trained in the areas of police tactical response and individual safety protocols. Featuring the "Run, Hide, Fight" model developed through the Department of Homeland Security, the presentation utilizes professionally scripted public service videos and covers the nationally endorsed response principles.

South Carolina Ports: Economic Engine of the South

Tuesday, July 14 | 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. | Cheezem Education Center

Have you ever wondered how a seaport operates or how South Carolina ports help attract new business investment to the State? Charleston Harbor serves as the centerpiece of the Lowcountry's beauty, and an economic engine for the State of South Carolina. And what role does the Inland Port, located in Greer near

the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport, play in the export of thousands of cars from BMW? The State Ports Authority is home to the 8th largest container port in the country and generates more than 250,000 jobs and \$45 billion in economic activity each year. **Mike Hoffman**, Director of Inland Ports, will discuss the challenges and successes of the state ports.

Keep Your Memory Sharp

Tuesday, July 28 | 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. | Cheezem Education Center

In recent years, research has confirmed various non-medicine methods you can use to improve your brain health and help avoid memory loss. Join this course to learn about the five ways you and your loved ones can make lifestyle changes that can improve brain and body health. Suggestions include making changes to exercise, diet, sleep, cognitive "exercise," and avoiding stress. We'll practice some activities during this 45-minute class followed by time for questions about the brain and memory. **Warning:** increasing your brain health may lead to side effects including a healthier heart, weight loss, and increased sleep and energy.

Eunice Lehmacher is a licensed medical social worker who has been offering psychotherapy and teaching classes on mental health in Oconee and Pickens County for over two decades. Eunice, who is a former high school teacher and has extensive training in teaching adults, teaches classes that include discussions and participatory practices during the class. Eunice and her family have lived in Clemson since 2002 and she has served as a social worker for Oconee Memorial Hospital, owned her own private practice and now works for So Calm Mental Health services where she provides counseling for residents of The Barclay and Clemson Heritage in Clemson.

Internet Fraud and Scam Prevention

Wednesday, August 12 | 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. | Cheezem Education Center

Online scams are becoming more sophisticated. In this course, you'll learn how scammers use email, text messages, phone calls, and even artificial intelligence to create convincing and personalized attacks. We'll break down common tricks scammers use and give you practical strategies to protect your personal information. You'll leave better equipped to avoid scams and help protect your friends and family, too.

Dr. Kelly Caine is a Professor in the School of Computing at Clemson with expertise in cybersecurity, privacy, human-computer interaction, and designing technology for older adults. She is passionate about helping people stay safe online.

Activity Levels for Active Programs

Activity level rankings are provided for courses as appropriate; please consider your needs and abilities when registering for a specific program.

MODERATELY ACTIVE
These programs consist of some physical activity, such as equal parts walking and riding, sitting, or stopping.



ACTIVE

These programs require a fair amount of physical fitness and may require you to be active for up to three hours at a time. Many programs in the active category may require up to a mile of walking before taking a break and will likely cause you to break a bit of a sweat.



MODERATELY CHALLENGING

These programs require a good deal of physical fitness and more physical activity. These programs may require, for example, a lot of walking on uneven terrain and/or up and down hills for long periods of time.



CHALLENGING

These programs are for those who are comfortable with more strenuous activities, such as hiking for several miles on uneven terrain.



WHERE IN THE WORLD WILL OLLI GO?

Up-to-date details for all travel programs can be found on the OLLI website, and you can pick up a flyer for each trip at the Cheezem Education Center. Bookings are taken by the individual travel companies; contact the specific company for questions and arrangements.

TRAVEL 2026

Alaska: Call of the Wild

7 Days – August 6 to 12, 2026 | By Premier World Discovery

Discover the wild beauty of America’s Last Frontier on this unforgettable journey through Alaska.

Double Occupancy: \$6,025 per person, includes roundtrip airfare from Greenville with \$100 booking discount

Single Occupancy: \$7,450 per person, includes roundtrip airfare from Greenville with \$100 booking discount

Activity Level: Active



Alpine Swiss Villages and Rails

9 Days – September 14 to 22, 2026 | By Premier World Discovery

Experience the breathtaking beauty of Switzerland on this immersive journey through its iconic alpine villages and dramatic landscapes.

Double Occupancy: \$5,799 per person, includes roundtrip airfare from Greenville with \$100 booking discount

Single Occupancy: \$6,749 per person, includes roundtrip airfare from Greenville with \$100 booking discount

Activity Level: Challenging

TRAVEL 2027

Croatia & Its Islands

12 Days – April 21 to May 2, 2027 | By Collette

Tour highlights include Zagreb, Stone Gate, Šibenik, Cathedral of St. James, Krka National Park, 7-night Adriatic Cruise, Split, Trogir, Bol, Stari Grad, Hvar, Biševo Blue Cave, Vis, Korcula, Mljet National Park, Pelješac Peninsula, and Dubrovnik.

Rates vary depending on ship cabin preference, includes roundtrip airfare from Greenville.

Activity Level: Active



OLLI Corps: Culture, Conversation, and Community in Morocco

10 Days – March 21 to 30, 2027 | By Discover Corps

Uncover the bustling medinas and colorful markets of Fès, Rabat, and Marrakech; meet with pioneering organizations empowering Morocco women and protecting the environment; dive headfirst into Moroccan culture with cooking lessons and food tours; engage with rural Amazigh communities nestled in the High Atlas Mountains; and learn a variety of traditional arts from locals, from tile making to calligraphy.

Double Occupancy: \$4,495 per person, does not include airfare

Single Occupancy: \$5,390 per person, does not include airfare

Activity Level: Challenging

Discovering Scotland

9 Days – September 5 to 14, 2027 | By As You Like It Tours

Immerse yourself in the historic splendor of Edinburgh and the breathtaking beauty of the Scottish Highlands on this exclusive tour for Clemson OLLI members only. Experience small group travel at its best with a maximum of 16 OLLI participants. Days are full but never frantic and allow flexibility according to your interests. As You Like It! Registrants may participate in pre-tour travel workshops at Clemson OLLI with Jean Spearman, local tour company owner. Her highly credentialed concierge Scottish tour guide/travel partner will join us remotely for each session. While this trip is rated Moderately Active, additional "challenge by choice" optional hiking activities are available.

Double Occupancy: \$5,650 per person, does not include airfare or trip insurance

Single Occupancy: \$6,300 per person, does not include airfare or trip insurance

Activity Level: Moderately Active



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Please note: Date indicates first session meeting only

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Code of Conduct

FOR MEMBERS AND INSTRUCTORS OF OLLI AT CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

OLLI at CU is a community of intellectually active mature adults. Membership entails mutual respect among members and instructors as they pursue knowledge and explore individual interests. Failure to treat ideas, viewpoints, the classroom environment and interests of other members of the community with respect and civility compromises the intellectual climate at OLLI, and cannot be tolerated. The OLLI administration and volunteer leadership are responsible for ensuring that the Code of Conduct is being followed in all OLLI-sponsored programs.

This OLLI at CU Code of Conduct is congruent with that for students at Clemson University (<https://www.clemson.edu/studentaffairs/find-support/ds/student-handbook.html>) in promoting behavior that enables enlightened discourse among individuals.

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Osher Online™

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School of Professional Studies

The following courses are offered to Clemson OLLI Members as part of the national Osher Online project, bringing stellar presenters to OLLIs across the country. Each course is offered **live via Zoom** – plan to participate from the comfort of home! Each session will include Members from several different

OLLIs; each OLLI is limited to 13 seats per course. Each course is comprised of six 90-minute sessions and will offer generous question and answer periods. Before each course, participants will be contacted by the Osher Online staff at Northwestern University with further instructions.


New! Discovering Portugal

6 Tuesdays, July 7 to August 11 | 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. | Tuition: \$59 

This course explores how Portugal, a small nation, played an outsized role in world history. We will examine its fifteenth- and sixteenth-century maritime expansion, its central role in the transatlantic slave trade, and its rise from a fringe region of the Roman Empire to an independent kingdom and global empire stretching from Brazil to Japan. We will also trace Portugal's decline, its twentieth-century dictatorship, and the lasting impact of this history on Portuguese identity and culture today. Along the way, we will explore Portugal's landscapes, art, architecture, and food, and consider why the country has become an increasingly popular destination for American travelers.

Alison Roberts is a journalist with nearly four decades of experience, reporting in her native UK and later internationally for English-language outlets including the BBC, NPR, and Bloomberg News. Her work covers politics, finance, sports, and the arts. She has edited or contributed to a dozen guidebooks and provided online updates for *Fodor's*, *Time Out*, and other publishers. Now based in Portugal, she is writing a history of the country and has explored it extensively from north to south.


New! Horticulture A-Z

6 Tuesdays, July 7 to August 11 | 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. | Tuition: \$59 

In this course, we will explore a wide range of horticultural practices with something to offer no matter our experience level or where we live. We will cover container gardening, aquatic gardens, ornamental and fruiting plants, bonsai, landscape design, and pest management. Each week, we will focus on a theme and examine design ideas, plant choices, and long-term care practices for success. Whether we garden on 10 acres or in an apartment, we will find plenty to learn and enjoy in horticulture.

Chris Baker has worked in horticulture for 15 years, including as a horticulturist at the National Aquarium in Baltimore and as Curator of Bonsai at the Chicago Botanic Garden. He focuses on the use and benefits of native plant species and sound, eco-friendly horticultural practices. Baker studied with bonsai master Torho Suzuki at the Daiju-en Nursery in Japan. He is President of the North American Bonsai Federation and a board member of the World Bonsai Friendship Federation.

New! Revolutionary Echoes in Washington DC


6 Thursdays, July 9 to August 13 | 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. | Tuition: \$59 

The Declaration of Independence is a pivotal American document, not just for eighteenth-century revolutionaries, but for people throughout US history. This course will explore how individuals in Washington, D.C. used the Declaration and its ideas after independence was won. From the capital city's planners to Union soldiers who defended Washington amid civil war, many evoked the Declaration to support their causes and shape a capital city. Spotlighting museum artifacts from the Albert H. Small Washingtoniana Collection, this course will cover D.C.'s early history through 1876, the nation's first centennial celebration.

Kasey Sease, PhD, is Curator of the Albert H. Small Washingtoniana Collection at The George Washington University Museum and The Textile Museum in Washington, D.C. Beyond developing exhibitions and activating the

collection, she programs the Albert H. Small Center for National Capital Area Studies. A former Managing Editor of Washington History, Kasey holds degrees from the College of William and Mary (PhD, MA, history) and the University of Virginia (BA, history and government).


New! The Indispensable Founder: George Washington

6 Mondays, July 13 to August 17 | 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. | Tuition: \$59 

As America celebrates 250 years of independence, this course will examine the indispensable founder, George Washington. We will explore Washington's life and political leadership as well as his work as a farmer, entrepreneur, and architect. We will also review the groundbreaking work of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association (MVLA) which has owned and managed George Washington's Mount Vernon since 1858. In that year, an intrepid group of women (who had no right to vote or own property) came together to save George Washington's home, after both the Federal Government and Commonwealth of Virginia had refused to help. MVLA formation marked the birth of the historic preservation movement.

Anne “Dede” Neal Petri was elected the 24th Regent of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association (MVLA) in 2024. The MVLA, founded in 1858, is responsible for the management and preservation of George Washington's Mount Vernon. The MVLA mission is to educate the world about the leadership and character of George Washington in order to inspire future generations. Petri received her undergraduate degree in American history and literature from Harvard College and her law degree from Harvard Law School.


New! Hindu Traditions: Ritual, Knowledge, Devotion

6 Wednesdays, July 15 to August 19 | 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. | Tuition: \$59 

This course provides an introduction to Hindu traditions from classical to contemporary times, focusing on ritual, knowledge, and devotion. We will explore Hinduism's South Asian and Vedic roots, the concept of dharma, major deities and their narratives, and the six major schools of Hindu philosophy. We will also examine the role of bhakti (devotion), as well as sacred spaces, temples, pilgrimage, and the idea of divine presence in Hindu religious life.

Eileen Goddard is a Ph.D. candidate in Religious Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and lectures on Indian and Asian religious traditions at UCSB and the University of Houston. Her research focuses on soteriology and embodiment in the sixteenth-century Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇava Kṛṣṇa tradition, as well as comparative studies of Yoga, Advaita Vedānta, Śrīvaiṣṇava, and Pāñcarātra traditions.

New! The Digital Shift: How Computing Remade Media

6 Mondays, July 20 to August 24 | 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. | Tuition: \$59 

The music we stream, the photos we swipe through, the real time news we consume, the books we read or listen to – all have been radically reshaped by digital technology. This course will explore how media is created, stored, and experienced in a digitized world. We will unpack fundamentals like text files, encoding and decoding, pixels, and algorithms in clear, easy-to-understand ways – no prior computer knowledge needed. Each session will focus on a different medium, comparing its analog origins with its contemporary digital version. We will also consider the impact of Generative AI and speculate on future trends. Topics will include text (books, e-books, news portals), images (photography and movies), music, video games, social media, and media ownership (physical media, streaming, and copyrights).

Rafael Davis Portela is a PhD candidate in Latin American History at the Graduate Center, CUNY. His research examines the history of computing and technology, especially how they shaped and were shaped by economy. His dissertation traces Microsoft's expansion in Brazil, the rise of the Brazilian computing industry, and resulting tensions between the US and Brazilian governments. Beyond history, Portela is passionate about programming and digital tools and has taught university researchers how to use computing in their own work.


New! Protecting Yourself as a Patient

6 Tuesdays, July 21 to August 25 | 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. | Tuition: \$59 

This course provides practical knowledge for staying safe while navigating today's complex healthcare system. We will examine common forms of preventable medical harm, including medication errors, infections, surgical complications, patient care accidents, and diagnostic mistakes. Through presentations, videos, and discussions, patient safety experts and advocates will share strategies, resources, and insights to help protect ourselves and our loved ones.

Hardeep Singh, MD, is a Professor of Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and a leader in quality and safety research focused on reducing diagnostic errors, improving health information technology, and transforming health care systems. His work has informed major patient-safety initiatives and policy reports from organizations including the National Academy of Medicine, CDC, OECD, and WHO. He has received prestigious awards for his pioneering work, including the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers and John M. Eisenberg Patient Safety and Quality Award for Individual Lifetime Achievement.

New! History of Signs: How Signs Tell America's Story

6 Fridays, July 24 to August 28 | 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. | Tuition: \$59 

Explore 100 years of American history through objects often taken for granted in everyday life: signs. Led by the American Sign Museum (ASM) staff, this course introduces the Museum's origins and features a conversation with ASM's founder about why signs matter. We will examine how signs have evolved due to trends in commerce and technology. We will also explore case studies of three major food companies who used signage to shape their brands. In the final session, we will take a virtual visit to ASM's neon shop to see how a neon sign is made.

The **American Sign Museum** (Cincinnati, Ohio) covers more than 100 years of American sign history and displays more than 800 signs and artifacts, making it the most comprehensive museum of its kind. With a mission to educate the community about the history of the sign industry and its significant contribution to commerce and the American landscape, the Museum is organized to preserve, archive and display a historical collection of signs in their many types and forms.

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DAY and HALF-DAY TRIPS

New! Here's the Scoop! Creating a New Ice Cream Flavor

Wednesday, July 15 | 12:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. | Departs from the Cheezem Education Center | Tuition: \$59

During this two-hour experience participants will learn about making small batch ice cream just like the creative students at the '55 Exchange. Participants will be separated into groups to create a new and unique, signature Clemson Ice Cream flavor that they will manufacture and sample at the conclusion of the event.

High Tea with Ella Lorton, a Dear Friend of the Clemson Family

Wednesday, July 15 | 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m | Participants will meet at the Inn at Magnolia Hill, Pendleton | Tuition: \$50

The Clemson area is filled with exciting history. Miss Ella Lorton (Sheri Belk), a historical figure from the 1860s, would like to share that history by inviting OLLI members to her Pendleton home for a high tea and conversation. Over tea and treats, guests will listen to Miss Lorton's thoughts and journal entries written during the Great Conflict, The Civil War. Miss Lorton is directly connected with the Anna Maria and Thomas Green Clemson family and participants will tour the historic Pendleton property following the program. The theme for this event is the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolutionary War.

New! Inside Daimler Truck North America: Gaffney Facility Tour

Thursday, July 23 | 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. | Departs from the Cheezem Education Center | Tuition: \$79

This tour of Daimler Truck North America in Gaffney, South Carolina offers a firsthand look at one of the leading manufacturers in the commercial transportation industry. Visitors will explore advanced logistics and manufacturing operations, gaining insight into how innovative technologies, precision engineering, and sustainability practices come together to support the production and distribution of heavy-duty trucks and components. The experience highlights the company's role in keeping goods moving across North America while showcasing the scale, efficiency, and teamwork behind modern industrial operations. Following the tour, we will stop for an own-your-own lunch break before heading back to Clemson.

New! Tour BorgWarner: Delivering Innovative and Sustainable Mobility Solutions

Thursday, July 30 | 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. | Departs from the Cheezem Education Center | Tuition: \$49

Come visit BorgWarner in Seneca and learn about its transformation and growth over the last 25 years. BorgWarner is a leading global automotive supplier that designs and manufactures components for combustion, hybrid, and electric vehicles (EVs). The BorgWarner Seneca Plant located in Seneca, SC since 1985 is one of the largest and most significant manufacturing employers in Oconee County.

New! A Tour of the Upcountry History Museum with Naomi Gerakios Mucci

Thursday, July 30 | 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. | Departs from the Cheezem Education Center | Tuition: \$59

Join us at the Upcountry History Museum in Greenville, South Carolina, for an unforgettable journey into the heart of the American Revolution through the acclaimed *Upcountry Road to Freedom: Upstate South Carolina During the American Revolution* exhibit with Executive Director and Chief Curator of Clemson University's Historic Properties, Naomi Gerakios Mucci. This special guided tour offers a rare opportunity to explore the people, conflicts, and revolutionary spirit that shaped the Upstate during one of the most pivotal eras in American history. Naomi will offer expert insight on the exhibit that brought Clemson University and the Upcountry History Museum together in partnership. From powerful artifacts and immersive displays to compelling stories of patriotism, sacrifice, and resilience, this experience is perfect for history enthusiasts, students, and anyone eager to connect with the rich heritage of the Upcountry. Don't miss this unique chance to step back in time and discover the revolutionary legacy that helped define our nation.

New! Taste the World of Cheese

Thursday, August 6 | 8:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. | Departs from the Cheezem Education Center | Tuition: \$79

This tour of The Cheese Wheel in Greenville, SC will include a tour of the shop, a history of cheese-making, charcuterie-making, cheese production, and specific cheese tastes. The second part will include a tasting of five artisan cheeses with a description of those tastes and history. Following the tour, we will stop for an own-your-own lunch break before heading back to Clemson.

Modern Hat-Making Experience at R. Cappelli Hats 🚶 🚌

Thursday, August 13 | 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. | Departs from the Cheezem Education Center | Tuition: \$125

Discover the art of contemporary hat design with a personalized visit to R. Cappelli Hats. This hands-on, unique group experience blends creativity, fashion, and fun as you design your own custom headwear in a relaxed, social setting. Start by choosing your style—from cabbies and minimalist wide-brims to newsboy. Then, select your fabric, from 700 options of textiles in a range of colors and textures. Finally, get professionally sized to ensure your hat fits just right. Refreshments will be served during this event. Hats will be available for picking up within 10 days.

New! Lights, Camera, Action: WYFF4 Studio Tour 🚶 🚌

Wednesday, August 19 | 10:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. | Departs from the Cheezem Education Center | Tuition: \$59

Tour the WYFF4 News Studio and get a behind-the-scenes look at how local television news is produced! During this exciting excursion, participants will explore the studio, learn about broadcasting, journalism, weather forecasting, and camera operations, and see where anchors deliver the daily news. Students will have the opportunity to meet media professionals, discover how stories are created and shared with the community, and gain insight into careers in television and communications. This interactive experience offers a fun and educational look into the fast-paced world of news production.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Wild Mushroom Foray 🚶

Friday, July 10 | 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. | Clemson Experimental Forest, Pendleton | Tuition: \$45.00

Wondering what to do with a free afternoon in the woods? Look no further. Join us for a fun mushroom hunt!

Discover edible, poisonous, and medicinal mushrooms. Learn how they grow and explore their role in nature. After foraging, we'll identify our finds and discuss them. You'll take home edible mushrooms and learn how to cook them for a tasty meal. Bring your lunch and join the adventure!

Olga Katic grew up mushroom hunting in Bosnia and Hercegovina, learning to cook her finds on a wood stove with her family. Today, she owns Mushroom Mountain, producing edible and medicinal mushroom spawn, extracts, and honey under the Mycomatrix brand. Mushroom Mountain also offers a Wild Mushroom Food Safety Certification Program, recognized by health departments in seven states and endorsed by the FDA.



COURSES

Weaving Kudzu Basketry

2 Mondays, July 6 and 13 | 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. | Nancy Basket's Studio, Walhalla | Tuition: \$100 all supplies included

Kudzu vines, leaves, and roots are good for basketry, clothing, paper, food, and medicine. Bales of kudzu can even be harvested for building material! In this class, participants will enjoy discussion, hands-on projects, and discover the diversity of each part of the vine. We'll split kudzu, tie two pervasive vine rings together, and weave a basket using a random freeform technique. The second week a ribbed egg basket from kudzu and other pervasive vines will be made.

Artist and Storyteller **Nancy Basket** has worked with pine needles and kudzu for more than 40 years.

Jeffrey Epstein: Naked Truth

6 Mondays, July 6 to August 10 | 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. | Hybrid Classroom (Via Zoom or In Person at the Cheezem Education Center) | Tuition: \$69

Despite the efforts by Republican and Democratic administrations to hide the truth of Jeffrey Epstein's life, much is known about his endeavors. In this journey, we will separate the fact from fiction, the signal from noise. We will see that Epstein was more than a child sexual predator. We will discover how he provided a variety of services to many of the most powerful men on the planet during 40 years of deceit. We will realize, much to our chagrin, that Epstein, far from being an exception, is the "way of the world."

John Powers is a writer and director of narrative and documentary stories. He is a graduate of the University of Southern California with an MFA and BFA in Drama. He began his career as a screenwriter. Later, he returned to performing arts as a producer and presenter of theater and other cultural events. Recently, he has returned to filmmaking, producing several movies. He has published fiction and non-fiction works. He has taught for several universities and colleges in their lifelong learning programs.

Intermediate Tai Chi

6 Tuesdays, July 7 to August 11 | 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. | Cheezem Education Center | Tuition: \$119

Tai Chi (Taijiquan) is practiced widely around the world and is renowned as a system of training that enhances health, balance and well-being through a series of postures that are practiced slowly, with attention to alignment and relaxed movement. While many of the concepts go back to ancient times, the first complete forms are credited to the Chen Village in China (from the 1700s). The Tai Chi form known as "Tai Chi 24" will be taught form by form. The instructor will explain basic yet very important principles e.g., rooting, sung (relaxation), and six directions. **At the instructor's request, students must have taken at least three sessions of OLLI's Tai Chi course before signing up for Intermediate Tai Chi. Any exception must have instructor's permission.**

Gary Carbone spent 35 years studying Tai Chi (Taijiquan), Xingyiquan, Bagua Zhang, Yiquan, Shaolin Kung Fu and Isshin Ryu Karate and is a seventh-generation lineage holder from Master Chen Jun Hao of Taiyuan, Shanxi Province, China. He loves sharing these arts with others.

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New! Four Seasons in the Garden

4 Wednesdays, July 8 to 29 | 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. | Cheezem Education Center | Tuition: \$49

This course will consist of four classes, each one focusing on a single season. For each season, we will consider seven gardens. The gardens are about six years old. Photos of individual plants and garden areas from 2025 will be used. The gardens include approximately 500 different kinds of perennials, shrubs, and trees suitable for the Upstate. Many of the plants are native to the Southeast. The gardens include a variety of habitats, both sunny and shady. Each presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer session. Class members will have the opportunity to ask questions about their own gardens. A plant list with common names and botanical names accompanied by some cultural information will be provided.

As a professional garden designer for 45 years, **Tom Pellett** designed gardens in Austin, Greensboro, Memphis, north Mississippi and east Arkansas. He has been filling sketchbooks for more than 50 years and painting with watercolors for about 25 years. Tom's gardens have been featured in several books and periodicals. His bachelor's degree came from the California College of Art.

Qigong

5 Wednesdays, July 8 to August 5 | 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. | Cheezem Education Center | Tuition: \$59

Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) incorporates five elements—Metal, Water, Wood, Fire, and Earth— into its approach to health and wellness. When combined with specific movement and breathing techniques, this practice becomes Qigong. The movements in Qigong target various body systems and promote overall health, acting as a holistic tonic for the body. The practice ranges from stationary movements to more dynamic stepping patterns, allowing you to engage in slow, meditative practices for balance or more vigorous movements for an anaerobic workout.

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Philosophy Plus: *Early Modern Philosophy: Descartes and the Rationalists*

6 Thursdays, July 9 to August 13 | 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. | Cheezem Education Center | Tuition: \$49

This discussion group, now in its 21st year, is Clemson OLLI's longest running offering. Participants spend the first portion of class watching a video lecture, which leads to the lively discussion that follows. Videos are available to registrants anytime; each discussion is freestanding. Owing to the wide interests within the group, digressions are frequent. Summer 2026 topic is a continuation of *Early Modern Philosophy: Descartes and the Rationalists*.

Video lectures feature **James D. Reed**, Professor of Philosophy at the Metropolitan State University of Denver. A discussion group member leads the conversation.

The War to End All Wars: The First World War in the Ypres Salient

3 Mondays, July 13 to July 27 | 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. | Keowee Key Activity Center | Tuition: \$39

Europeans commonly refer to the First World War as the "Great War." To many Americans it is virtually unknown, yet it was one of the bloodiest conflicts in history and one whose memory is deeply etched into the European, and specifically Belgian, cultural psyches. The Great War was the first truly global conflict and involved 26 countries, but the military theater this course will emphasize – the Ypres Salient – was smaller in area than Oconee and Pickens counties. For four years this part of Belgium's "Flanders Fields" was a literal corpse factory, accounting for nearly 10 percent of all military deaths. We examine the roots of a conflict that no one wanted but sensed was inevitable; a war that was expected to be over in a month but lasted more than four years; and more importantly, a war that, far from being the "war to end all wars," set the stage for even greater horrors to come. Nearly every significant world event since WWI and its aftermath – the collapse of czarist Russia and the rise of the Soviet Union, the Great Depression, World War II, the Cold War, the emergence of the European Union, the Middle East crisis (including the rise of ISIS) –has its roots in the "Great War."

For 14 years **Stephen Wainscott** led a month-long study abroad program to Belgium where students learned about the First World War and visited numerous military sites in the West Flanders region and in France. He has also led a senior group on a tour of the area.

New! Vice Presidents of the USA from Adams to Vance

3 Tuesdays, July 14 to 28 | 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. | Hybrid Classroom (Via Zoom or In Person at the Cheezem Education Center) | Tuition: \$39

This course explores the lives and legacies of the Vice Presidents of the United States, from John Adams to J.D. Vance. Through concise biographies, students will examine how each vice president was elected, their key achievements, and the challenges they faced in office. The course also highlights lesser-known facts and engaging trivia about all 50 vice presidents, offering a comprehensive and accessible look at one of the nation's most often overlooked roles in government.

Russ Hutchins is a retired public-school administrator. He holds an Ed.S. in school administration from Pittsburg State University, Kansas, and teaches for OLLI at The University of Kansas, OLLI at The University of West Virginia, and CALL at the College of Charleston.

New! Introduction to Woodturning

Session A: Tuesday, July 14 | Session B: Tuesday, July 28 | 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. | Eagles Nest Art Center, Salem | Tuition: \$50

OLLI is proud to partner with Keowee Krafters, a nonprofit Maker Space for crafts, artisans, and skills.

Start your journey into the exciting and rewarding craft of woodturning! This introductory class taught by our Master Woodturning instructor Wells Doty will provide you with the knowledge and skills to safely operate one of our newly acquired mini lathes to make a simple round mallet using the 'spindle turning' technique. With this foundational class you can then move on to other project classes including bowl turning, pen turning, segmented turning, and more.

Wells Doty's journey with woodturning began in the 1980s on a "Shopsmith," but his passion truly ignited in 2006 after attending an OLLI course led by Warren Carpenter. Since then, he has dedicated himself to mastering the craft through numerous seminars and advanced classes, eventually becoming a pillar of the local woodworking community.

Painting on Glass

Tuesday, July 14 | 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. | Cheezem Education Center | Tuition: \$19

Developed in 9th-century Germany, the art of glass painting reached its peak in the 17th century - think of all those painted windows in Gothic cathedrals. In this hands-on class, we will explore techniques such as preparing glass for painting, transferring a picture to a glass frame, and painting the glass. We will discuss the type of strokes necessary for the best presentation of the image, how to design pictures and paint on any glass using acrylic paint. A supply list will be provided upon registration.

Vickie Bagwell is a retired RN that has had an interest and dabbled in art since the age of 12. Having taken classes in acrylic, oil, and watercolor painting, she now teaches watercolor, acrylic, and painting on glass classes throughout the community including The Arts Center of Clemson.

New! Pots Full of Possibilities

Wednesday, July 15 | 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. | Cheezem Education Center | Tuition: \$19

Join Clemson Extension and OLLI for an engaging Container Gardening Workshop designed to help gardeners successfully grow vegetables and ornamentals in containers. Whether you have a small patio, limited yard space, or simply want to add color and productivity to your outdoor spaces, this workshop will provide practical tips and techniques for creating thriving container gardens. Participants will learn how to select appropriate containers and growing media, use proper planting techniques, and design container arrangements. The program will also cover essential maintenance practices, common pest issues and management strategies to keep container gardens healthy throughout the season. This workshop is ideal for beginners and experienced gardeners who want to expand their gardening skills and enjoy successful container plantings at home.

Briana Naumuk graduated from Clemson University in 2022 with a degree in horticulture and joined Clemson Extension in April 2023. With a background in both greenhouse production and landscaping, she enjoys helping

others grow and maintain healthy plants and landscapes. She serves Oconee County and Pickens County by providing a variety of educational programs and consistent horticultural resources for homeowners, gardeners, and growers. She is dedicated to sharing practical, research-based information with the communities she serves.

New! The War of 1812: A Closer Look

Wednesday, July 15 | 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. | Cheezem Education Center | Tuition: \$19

Note: Presenting via Zoom as part of the Smithsonian Associates program.

Historian **Richard Bell** argues that the War of 1812 is one of the most misunderstood conflicts in American history, often overshadowed by the American Revolution and the Civil War. He contends the war was highly significant, shaping the nation politically, socially, and militarily. Fought across multiple fronts, including Washington, D.C., it involved internal divisions, slavery, and Native American resistance, linking it to both the Revolution and the Civil War. Although the war ended inconclusively, it strengthened U.S. independence, earned international respect, and fostered a stronger sense of national identity. At the same time, it reinforced states' rights ideology in the South and encouraged American expansionism. Bell also highlights the heavy human cost of the war, focusing on the experiences of soldiers, laborers, enslaved African Americans, and Native Americans whose stories are often overlooked.

New! Barn Quilt Workshop

Thursday and Friday, July 16 and 17 | 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. | Eagles Nest Art Center, Salem | Tuition: \$130

OLLI is proud to partner with Keowee Krafters, a nonprofit Maker Space for crafts, artisans, and skills.

Create your own personalized 3' x 3' Barn Quilt for home, office or even a barn for that matter! You start with a provided primed and framed plywood panel, learn how to draw a published pattern or design your own, then paint it with the supplied vivid outdoor colors, seal it and you go home with an envy-worthy showpiece ready to be mounted in a prominent place. All materials, tools and paint are provided in this two-day class.

Tammy Holbrook brings over 30 years of educational experience to the Keowee Krafters community. Before co-founding MakeKeowee, Tammy dedicated three decades to teaching home economics and crafts to middle and high school students, fostering creativity in the next generation. Tammy has been painting barn quilts for over a decade and has been sharing this specialized craft through teaching for the last two years. Her passion for the art form is deeply personal; she painted her very first barn quilt in memory of her father shortly after his passing. That original piece still hangs on the family barn today, serving as a testament to the lasting beauty and emotional connection found in handmade art.

New! How to Overcome Shoulder Pain

Friday, July 17 | 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. | Cheezem Education Center | Tuition: \$19

Through an interactive presentation, attendees of this course will learn the common causes of shoulder problems, the keys to achieving lasting relief, and how to return to their favorite activities without medications, injections, or surgery.

Tim Varghese is a physical therapist and founder of Movement Solutions. He received his Doctor of Physical Therapy from the Medical College of Georgia and is a board certified orthopedic clinical specialist.

Cooking with Mushrooms

Tuesday, July 21 | 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | Cheezem Education Center | Tuition: \$50

Ever see exotic cultivated or wild mushrooms in the grocery store but don't have a clue how to cook them? Did you know that mushrooms are very nutritious and are actually a superfood? Join this class and learn how to prepare mushrooms as a main or side dish. Participants will learn about the most commonly cultivated and wild mushrooms in the Upstate and what these delicacies offer the culinary world.

Olga Katic grew up mushroom hunting with relatives in Bosnia and Hercegovina. Her grandpa would discard the ones he thought were not edible. The rest, they would cook on a wood stove. Fast forward to today: Olga is the proud owner of Mushroom Mountain that produces mushroom spawn for many different edible and medicinal varieties. They also make several different medicinal mushroom extracts and medicinal mushroom honeys under the name

Mycomatrix. Mushroom Mountain also runs a Wild Mushroom Food Safety Certification Program, accepted by Health Departments of seven states and counting and endorsed by the Food and Drug Administration.

New! Dolomites: Nature's Masterpiece

2 Wednesdays, July 22 and 29 | 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. | Cheezem Education Center | Tuition: \$29

By watching the 2026 winter Olympics, especially the events taking place in Cortina, we were exposed to a new less known Italian gem to learn about and explore. So, move over Tuscany, Amalfi Coast and Rome! The Dolomites wish to show off their treasures. The Dolomites, a UNESCO World Heritage site located in northeastern Italy, are a stunning mountain range in the Alps, famous for jagged, pale-colored limestone peaks. Spanning three regions, this area offers dramatic scenery, flower-filled meadows, crystal clear lakes, and rich cultural blends of Italian, German, and Ladin traditions. The class will cover its geological history, geography, culture and history of its people, songs and legends, and the special flora and fauna of the region.

Marina Viotto Joyce is a native of Italy who moved to the United States 51 years ago. She returns to Italy to visit her family and friends once a year, giving her an opportunity to keep an eye on the constantly changing society.

New! Breaking News! How to Use AI without Compromising Online Safety and Privacy

Thursday, July 23 | 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. | Cheezem Education Center | Tuition: \$19

Are you interested in using Artificial Intelligence (AI)? Chances are, you're already using it! Dr. Bart will explain how AI systems are (re)shaping the Internet, and how you can use this new technology to your advantage without compromising your online safety and privacy. As a key example, the lecture will discuss POPROX News, a free, AI-powered daily newsletter that delivers a list of Associated Press news stories personally curated for each individual reader. This newsletter is helping researchers study crucial questions surrounding AI-driven personalization and news summarization. By the end of this talk, you will get an opportunity to try out this new AI innovation and help contribute to AI research.

Bart Knijnenburg is a professor in Human-Centered Computing at Clemson University. He has two decades of research experience in the domain of Artificial Intelligence (AI), with a focus on the social and societal consequences of AI systems.

New! Anne Hutchinson: Fighter for Religious Freedom 

Thursday, July 23 | 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. | Cheezem Education Center | Tuition: \$19

Note: Presenting via Zoom as part of the Smithsonian Associates program.

Anne Hutchinson can be regarded as the founding mother of religious freedom in America, says historian and author **Fred Zilian**. In the 1630s, her outspoken theological views brought her into conflict with the Puritan leadership of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Tried for sedition and heresy in 1637–38, she was excommunicated from the church and banished from the colony—an extraordinary punishment for a woman in early New England. Zilian traces Hutchinson's life and legacy, beginning with her early years in England, her marriage, and her journey to New England. The lecture explores the religious meetings that led to her prosecution, the dramatic civil and church trials that sealed her fate, and her banishment and settlement on Aquidneck Island in Rhode Island. Zilian then turns to her later years in New Amsterdam and her enduring legacy as a powerful voice for conscience, dissent, and religious liberty in early America.

New! Repurpose a Vintage Window into Home Décor

Tuesday, July 28 | 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. | Cheezem Education Center | Tuition: \$75 includes all supplies

Repurpose a vintage window into a charming, functional and pretty home décor that can be used outside or inside spaces. You can hang it on a wall in your living room, hall, or on the front porch. In this class you will learn how to apply floral transfers onto a vintage window and install the hanging hardware. All you will need to bring to the class is your desire to have fun, to learn, your patience, and a little creativity. All supplies are provided.

Carla T. Poirier has been doing arts and crafts her whole life. She has taught art classes, participated in craft sales and sells her artwork at a local bookstore on Ram Cat Alley. She makes greeting cards, name tags, book markers,

wreaths, decorates and refurbishes chairs, creates holiday items from wood scraps and other items. She believes in recycling, repurposing, and reusing items. She volunteers at Friends of the Library, is a board member of Blue Ridge Arts Center, and the executive director for Keep Oconee Beautiful Association.

New! Ready, Aim, Independence: Arms of the American Revolution 

Wednesday, July 29 | 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. | Cheezem Education Center | Tuition: \$19

Note: Presenting via Zoom as part of the Smithsonian Associates program.

Both sides in the American Revolution knew the importance of firearms, artillery, and swords in making war. From the familiar “Brown Bess” flintlock musket to the innovative breech-loading Ferguson rifle, and from smuggled French guns to domestically made swords, Revolutionary-era weapons teach us a lot about how people experienced the war and the ways in which the Patriots and the British sought to win by supplying weapons as much as by actually fighting with them. **Kenneth Cohen**, the National Museum of American History’s curator of early America, examines how each side strove to supply their forces with weapons that could help them win the war. He explores how these arms illuminate new dimensions of the American Revolution, telling a larger story about the lives of ordinary men, advances in technology, and the web of trade in which it all happened.

New! Developing the South: A Brief History of Economic Development in the American South

Monday, August 3 | 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. | Cheezem Education Center | Tuition: \$19

In 1938, President Franklin Roosevelt told a conference on Economic Conditions in the South that “the South presents right now the nation’s no. 1 economic problem.” Chronic poverty afflicted both black and white southerners, many of whom still lived in the countryside or small towns and struggled to make ends meet as sharecroppers, tenant farmers, or as textile workers. In the decades since, the South has arguably been transformed. Yet historians and social scientists question the degree to which economic development has changed the South. This course provides an overview of how the South’s economy has developed since the Civil War and introduces different approaches and questions such as who benefits from economic development and who bears the costs.

Dr. Andrew Harrison Baker is a Lecturer of History at Clemson University. His research focuses on the post-World War II American South. He has published articles on the history of the modern South, and he is currently preparing a book manuscript focusing on political and economic change in Greenville, South Carolina since World War II. He teaches courses on American History and occasionally works with graduate students interested in southern history topics.

New! Get Your Garden Ready for Fall

Wednesday, August 5 | 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. | Cheezem Education Center | Tuition: \$19

Prepare your garden for a healthy and productive next season in this practical fall gardening course. Learn how to clean up garden beds, improve soil health, plant cool-weather crops, protect plants from colder temperatures, and plan ahead for spring. Perfect for beginners and experienced gardeners alike, this course will give you the tools and confidence to keep your garden thriving year-round.

Susan Bynum has been a Master Gardener since 2004 and worked for Millcreek Greenhouses in Columbia, SC for 13 years. She is now happily playing with Cherry Street Market Place in downtown Seneca, designing landscapes and containers.

Coiling Pine Needle Basketry

2 Thursdays, August 6 and 13 | 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. | Nancy Basket’s Studio, Walhalla | Tuition: \$100 includes all supplies

Come sew bundles of South Carolina Long Leaf pine needles into baskets of beauty! In this course, participants will make a small pine needle bowl shaped basket the first week. The basket can be bigger the second week or you can use the same technique and use split kudzu vines for a second basket. Learn about other materials while in the 100-year-old kudzu bale barn.

Artist and Storyteller **Nancy Basket** has worked with pine needles and kudzu for more than 40 years.

Self Defense for Women

Thursday, August 6 | 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. | Cheezem Education Center | Tuition: \$39

The Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) Women's Self-Defense program provides a truly holistic approach to self-defense education, supporting the necessity of continuous learning to provide realistic options for each population as they go through life. This course enables participants through hands-on training and teaches them how to take an active role in their own self-defense and psychological well-being. Nationally certified instructors provide students with information on physical and non-physical defense options as well as insight into the mindset of an attacker.

This course instruction is facilitated by certified **R.A.D. instructors** supported by a network of dedicated professionals who honor one another's student through their unique Lifetime Return and Practice Policy.

New! How Much Should Be Guaranteed? The Retirement Question Most People Never Get Answered

Wednesday, August 12 | 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. | Cheezem Education Center | Tuition: \$19

During the course, we will discuss types of investments that are guaranteed (cd's, etc) and their pros/cons and types of investments that are not guaranteed and their pros/cons.

Since 2003, **David Chudyk**, Certified Financial Planner™ has been helping clients make the right financial decisions for the reasons that are important to them. Chudyk believes that "how we handle our money should positively impact our lives and the lives of those around us.

New! Junk Art - Repurposed Items Turned into a Conversational Piece

Wednesday, August 12 | 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. | Cheezem Education Center | Tuition: \$60 includes all supplies

You will create a fun, funky, or whimsical owl. You will paint a piece of wood or leave it natural. You will then attach repurposed pieces to it, such as wood, tools, screws, jewelry, cans, bottle caps, feathers, ribbon, flowers, or fabric to decorate your piece. What you use is all up to you. Your final piece will make a great conversational piece or gift. All supplies are provided. Please bring a glue gun if you have one.

Carla T. Poirier has been doing arts and crafts her whole life. She has taught art classes, participated in craft sales and sells her artwork at a local bookstore on Ram Cat Alley. She makes greeting cards, name tags, book markers, wreaths, decorates and refurbishes chairs, creates holiday items from wood scraps and other items. She believes in recycling, repurposing, and reusing items. She volunteers at Friends of the Library, is a board member of Blue Ridge Arts Center, and is the executive director for Keep Oconee Beautiful Association.



SHARED INTEREST GROUP (SIG) MEETINGS

Participation in Shared Interest Groups is free and open to current OLLI Members; contact the Group Facilitator for more information.

Art Group

Every Monday | 1:00 p.m.
Cheezem Education Center
Facilitator: Diana Carnes (dianacmail@aol.com)

Backgammon Group

Every Wednesday | 10:00 a.m.
Cheezem Education Center
Facilitator: Glen Moulder (gmoulder41@gmail.com)

Beginning Mah Jongg

Every Wednesday | 1:00 p.m.
Cheezem Education Center
Facilitator: Sharon Williamson (sharoncw59@att.net)

Blues Guitar Circle

Every Monday | 10:00 a.m.
Cheezem Education Center
Facilitator: Chris Sally (chrissally999@yahoo.com)
Group is currently at capacity. Contact the facilitator before attending.

Book Club

1st Friday Each Month | 10:00 a.m.
Cheezem Education Center
Facilitator: Maureen Williamson (williamsonmj@att.net)

Bridge Group

Every Monday and Thursday | 10:00 a.m.
Cheezem Education Center
Facilitator: Peg Mahan (pmah2209@gmail.com)

Bunco

Last Wednesday Each Month | 1:00 p.m.
Everlan (Patrick Square)
Facilitator: Carol Helander (antiqueguy@gmail.com)

Euchre

2nd and 3rd Monday Each Month | 1:00 p.m.
Cheezem Education Center
Facilitator: C.E. Addis (cedaddis@aol.com)

Gaming Unplugged

2nd and 4th Tuesday Each Month | 10:00 a.m.
Cheezem Education Center
Facilitator: Randy Cox (randycoxclmson@yahoo.com)

Gardening Group

1st Wednesday Each Month | 3:00 p.m.
Cheezem Education Center
Facilitator: Susan Creamer (smcreamer@gmail.com)

Long Distance Grandparenting

3rd Wednesday Each Month | 2:00 p.m.
Cheezem Education Center
Facilitator: Di Ucci (diucciauthor@gmail.com)

Mah Jongg - Intermediate to Advanced

Every Tuesday | 12:30 p.m.
Cheezem Education Center
Facilitator: Janice Dieter (dieterjw@yahoo.com)

Needles and Threads

Every Wednesday | 1:30 p.m.
Cheezem Education Center
Facilitator: Nan Jones (jones4927@bellsouth.net)

Pickleball

Every Friday
Nettles Park (Clemson)
Facilitator: Lauris and Mary Jane Ames
(mames10579@aol.com, laurisames@aol.com)
Time varies; reach out to the facilitators to confirm.

Second-Time-Around Musicians

1st and 3rd Thursday Each Month | 1:00 p.m.
Cheezem Education Center
Facilitator: Bob Moir (bobmoir@facilitator4hire.com)

Trivia

4th Friday Each Month | 11:00 a.m.
Cheezem Education Center
Facilitator: Skip Eisiminger (esterli2@bellsouth.net)

Watercolor Group

Every Thursday | 1:00 p.m.
Cheezem Education Center
Facilitator: Trish Davis (trishkaydavis@gmail.com)

Writers Groups

Group 1:

1st and 3rd Friday Each Month | 10:00 a.m.
Cheezem Education Center
Group is currently at capacity. Contact the facilitator before attending.
Facilitator: Paula Appling (upst8hiker@gmail.com)

Group 2:

2nd and 4th Thursday Each Month | 1:00 p.m.
Cheezem Education Center
Contact the facilitator before attending.
Facilitator: Darrell Yardley (darrellyardley@gmail.com)

Thank *you* from



Dear Member,

First, thank you for being a valued part of OLLI at Clemson and for embracing lifelong learning and exploration here in Upstate South Carolina and beyond. Your curiosity, engagement, and enthusiasm inspire everything we do.

At OLLI, we are proud to offer a diverse range of classes, excursions, travel opportunities, and shared interest groups—all shaped by your feedback and participation. Your involvement helps us continue to grow and provide meaningful experiences for our community of learners.

As a member, you may also wish to help sustain OLLI's mission through a financial contribution. We are deeply grateful to our donors, whose generosity supports both our daily operations and our long-term stability. When considering a gift, many members ask about the two ways to give:

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) Endowment – Supports OLLI's long-term operational funding in honor of Provost Robert Jones. Our goal is to reach \$50,000, and thanks to generous donors, we have already raised \$32,660.

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Every gift—**no matter the amount**—makes a lasting difference in ensuring that OLLI continues to thrive for years to come.

To make your contribution, please visit iamatiger.clemson.edu/giving/olli or contact our office, 864-633-5242, for more information. Together, we can continue to make OLLI at Clemson a vibrant home for lifelong learners.

With gratitude,

Mary Brock
Director
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)
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Questions?

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Please complete this form, even if you think we have this information on file.

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How did you hear about us? _____

Gender: Female Male Date of Birth (Month, Year): _____

Catalog Format: Email Catalog U.S. Mail Catalog

Email Communication: Yes No

Your name, mailing and email addresses will be published in the password-protected online OLLI Member directory. Check this box if you would like to opt out of the directory.

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

Please note: Each member of a couple must submit a separate form to ensure proper registration.

Annual Membership Fee (Memberships purchased now are valid through June 30, 2027.)

I am a NEW OLLI member and paying my first membership fee (\$65) \$ _____

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If you are unsure about your membership status, please call the OLLI office at 864-633-5242.

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Course Name: _____ Tuition: \$ _____

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Donation

Please accept this gift to the Clemson University Foundation on behalf of OLLI at Clemson University.

Please note that 100% of your gift goes to OLLI. Gift: \$ _____

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Check enclosed (payable to OLLI at Clemson University)

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4 Easy Ways to Register

- Online: www.olliatclemson.org, click the link “online registration” (credit card payment only)
- By Phone: 864-633-5242 (credit card payment only)
- By Mail: 100 Thomas Green Blvd. Clemson, SC 29631 (check or credit card payment)
- In Person at the Cheezem Education Center, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (cash, check or credit card payment)

Refund/Cancellation

If you must cancel your registration in an OLLI course, a full or partial refund may be available to you. Our current refund procedures are listed on our website, www.olliatclemson.org, under the registration policies tab. All Members are encouraged to review this information when registering.

If an OLLI course is cancelled, you will receive a full refund. Payments made by cash and check will be refunded as course credit in your OLLI account; payments made by credit card will be refunded to the credit card.

Wait List

If the course you have requested has filled prior to receiving your registration, you will automatically be placed on a waiting list for the course. Should space become available, you will be contacted and given the opportunity to enroll. You will not be charged for the course until you are enrolled.

Liability Waivers

OLLI members who are enrolled in higher risk courses may be required to sign Waiver and Release of Liability Forms before participating. For more information, visit our website, www.olliatclemson.org.

Accessibility

OLLI at Clemson University is committed to an inclusive and accessible environment for all OLLI Members, and as a Clemson University Institute, follows the spirit of Student Accessibility Services, which can be found at www.clemson.edu/academics/studentaccess. If you have questions about accessibility for a course, please contact the OLLI office at olli@clemson.edu or 864-633-5242; all correspondence will be confidential.

Graduate Research

On occasion, Clemson University faculty and students are interested in working with OLLI Members on research projects specific to engaged aging. Opportunities to participate in such studies will be announced to the OLLI membership via the weekly e-newsletter, and your personal involvement is entirely at your discretion. We do not share your contact information with any group or individual.

Membership Fees

A nonrefundable membership is required to participate in OLLI Courses and activities. The OLLI Member Year begins July 1 and ends June 30 of each year. The membership fee for a full year is \$65; a half-year membership (January to June) is \$40.

Scholarships

Financial assistance may be available for current OLLI Members; for more information, visit our website, www.olliatclemson.org.

Inclement Weather

OLLI follows the Clemson University inclement weather policy. When Clemson University is closed due to inclement weather, all OLLI activities are cancelled or postponed to a later date.

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