



Here's the Complete Spring '09 Schedule

Here's the Spring schedule, with dates, times, and venues included. The schedule also appears at www.boisestate.edu/osher. You can call and sign up for offerings now. Note that some items have restricted enrollment. The brochure will be out in December.

Signature Events Jan. 14 & 15

Don't forget the two Osher Signature Events scheduled for January. These are repeated from the last newsletter, but we expect these two events to be so special we want to make sure you know about them so you can put them on your schedule.

Celebration for the Spirit



Jim Ogle and Chuck Smith
January 14, 2009; 8:00 pm
Boise State University's Special Events Center;



Cost: \$15

Join us for a dazzling performance ranging from Jazz to Stravinsky. Local artists including Boise's renowned jazz pianist Chuck Smith and his trio, followed by Jim Ogle, Emeritus Conductor of the Boise Philharmonic, directing a select orchestra performing Stravinsky's *The Soldier's Tale*, which will be enhanced by narration and dance.

Celebration for the Mind



Dr. Jim Weatherby and Dr. Stephanie Witt
January 15, 2009; 10:00 am-Noon
Summit Room, Boise Centre on the Grove;



Cost: \$10

In a format similar to that made popular by journalist Fred Friendly, co-moderators Dr. Stephanie Witt and Dr. Jim Weatherby will present questions to a panel of former policy makers, academicians and journalists. The hypothetical scenarios, featuring dilemmas drawn from real life, will be developed around major ethical, legal and public policy questions, and will confront the participants with conflicts that clash with legitimate values. Panelists include Pam Ahrens, Keith Allred, Elizabeth Fredrickson, Margaret Henbest, Bruce Newcomb, Dan Popkey, Betsy Russell, and Steve Shaw.

Sign up for these soon if you're interested. We are pleased to be able to offer any remaining tickets to the public beginning December 15. The events are made possible due to the generous support of the Bernard Osher Foundation.

Osher Signature Events	
Celebration for the Spirit (see description to the right)	Jan. 14, 8pm; BSU Special Events Center; \$15
Celebration for the Mind (see description to the right)	Jan. 15, 10am-noon; Boise Centre on the Grove, Summit Room; \$10
Courses	
Shelton Woods: The Evolution of Islam: The emergence of Al Qaeda	Jan. 22, 29, Feb. 5, 10am-noon; The Flicks Theater, 646 Fulton St.; \$35
Carol Martin: Charles Dickens' <i>Bleak House</i>	Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, 10am-noon; BSU Foundation Conf. Rm., 2225 University Dr.; \$55
Lee Ann Turner: Classical Mythology in the Visual Arts	Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 10am-noon; The Flicks Theater, 646 Fulton St.; \$45
Jacky O'Connor: Hollywood and Broadway	Feb. 19, 26, Mar. 5, 12, 10am-noon; Marriott TownePlace Suites, 1455 S. Capitol Blvd.; \$45
Greg Raymond: The Punic Wars	Feb. 25, Mar. 4, 11, 18, 10am-noon; The Flicks Theater, 646 Fulton St.; \$45
Ted Judd: Wines of the World	Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Apr. 6, 1-3pm; Tavern Wine Market, 3073 S. Bown Way; \$65
Ken Miller and others: Alternative/Renewable Energy, with field trips	Mar. 26, Apr. 2, 9, 16, 10am-noon; Idaho Power Bldg., 1221 W. Idaho St.; \$45
Jill Gill: America in Black and White—Race and Politics	Apr. 13, 20, 27, May 4, 10am-noon; Marriott TownePlace Suites, 1455 S. Capitol Blvd.; \$45
Mary Stieglitz: Great Photography with a Digital Camera	May 5, 7, 12, 14, 1-3 pm; BSU Foundation Conf. Rm., 2225 University Dr.; \$55
Lectures	
Rod House: Field experience to Idaho History Archives	Mar. 16 or 23 (offered twice), 10am-noon; Idaho State Historical Society, 2205 Old Penitentiary Rd.
Christina Bruce-Bennion: Destination Boise—Refugee Resettlement	Apr. 1, 10am-noon; BSU Albertsons Library, McCain Rm. (2nd Floor)
Michelle Sabick: Engineering the Human Body	Apr. 8, 10am-noon; BSU Student Union, Ballroom A
Anne Spencer: Genetic Testing	Apr. 15, 10am-noon; BSU Student Union, Farnsworth Room
Cindy Busch: The Boise Watershed	Apr. 22, 9am-noon; Boise Watershed Environmental Education Center, 11818 Joplin Rd.
Special Events	
Evening at the Discovery Center	Mar. 10, 7-8:30pm; Discovery Center of Idaho, 131 Myrtle St.; \$15
Evening at the Races	May 19, 4pm; Les Bois Race Track, Idaho Fairgrounds, Chinden & Glenwood; \$40



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Help Us Get to 500 Members

It has become evident that our best source of new Osher members is word of mouth. Please consider telling your friends about the Institute. We are still hoping to reach the 500-member level by the end of 2009, which will help qualify us for a \$1 million endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation. This endowment will further guarantee our future, so pass the word.

My Favorite (Revised) Things

This was reportedly sung by Julie Andrews at an AARP function celebrating her sixty-ninth birthday:

Botox and nose drops and needles for knitting,
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,
These are a few of my favorite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses,
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,
These are a few of my favorite things.

When the pipes leak, when the bones creak,
When the knees go bad,
I simply remember my favorite things,

And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring,
These are a few of my favorite things.

Back pain, confused brains and no need for sinned',
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,
When we remember our favorite things.

When the joints ache, when the hips break,
When the eyes grow dim,
Then I remember the great life I've had,
And then I don't feel so bad.



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www.boisestate.edu/osher

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Resources Available via the Bernard Osher Foundation

The Bernard Osher Foundation, the umbrella organization under which the Boise State Osher Lifelong Learning Institute falls, has a huge number of resources available on the web. If you go to the main Bernard Osher Foundation site, www.osherfoundation.org,



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you will see a summary of the various charitable efforts going on in the Foundation, of which we and the other OLLIs are but one category. You can find a list of all of the OLLIs in the U.S. (about 120 at last count).

If you check the national resource center for OLLIs, at www.usm.maine.edu/olli/national/, you will find a large number of resources aimed at helping the various local institutes start up, manage their affairs, and call up vari-

ous other resources aimed at helping them. If you want to look at individual OLLIs around the country, you can hit the "Find an OLLI Near You" tab, or go to www.usm.maine.edu/olli/national/map.jsp, where individual OLLIs in each state are shown, along with a web address for each, where available.

If you decide you want to drill down further, you can examine the offerings and activities of these individual OLLIs. You will find that some of them are relatively huge, have been operating for years, and have large slates of offerings.

There's really much more that can be examined in this way than can be related in a short newsletter article. Check some of it out for yourself.