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# Annual Meeting will be May 7

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute's Annual Meeting will be Thursday, May 7, at 9:30 a.m. at the Best Western Executive Plaza. The event features comments from the President and the election of officers and board members. Light refreshments will be served prior to the meeting. All members are invited to attend.

The election will be based on the list of candidates at right presented by Nominating Committee Chair Al Gourджи. Other members of the Nominating Committee are Morgan Edwards, Sue Leong, John Moreno and Fran Weinstein. Nominations also are permitted from the floor.

The Annual Meeting precedes the opening session in a regular Thursday morning lecture series, "Performing Arts Treasures at Our Doorstep." Scheduled for 10 a.m., this first presentation is titled "Gilbert and Sullivan – Alive." *For a listing of topics for this lecture series, see page 7.*

Mark your calendar  
**OSHER FALL KICKOFF**  
Thursday, September 3 (before Labor Day)  
10 a.m., Best Western Executive Plaza  
*Food for mind and body*  
• Information tables  
• Registration for lectures, classes, activities  
*Program to be announced*

## Candidates for Officer and Board Election

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Shelley Perlove, Ph.D., has been called a distinguished scholar, teacher, and public speaker. She has received two Distinguished Faculty Awards and has written more than 25 articles, book chapters, and seven exhibition catalogues and books on sixteenth and seventeenth-century art and architecture. She was invited some years ago to lecture on Rembrandt and John Donne at the Netherlands Institute for the Arts and Sciences.

Her chief areas of expertise include the Italian sculptor and architect Gianlorenzo Bernini, and the Dutch painter Rembrandt. She is the author of *Bernini and the Idealization of Death: the Blessed Ludovica Albertoni and the Altieri Chapel*, published by Penn State University Press; the book was recognized by the Gustav Arlt Humanities Book award.

Her e-mail address is <asperlove@umich.edu>.

## Rembrandt is April 14 topic

Shelley Perlove, Professor of Art History in the Department of Literature, Philosophy, and the Arts at U-M–Dearborn, will speak in Osher Lifelong Learning Institute’s Distinguished Lecture Series April 14. Her topic is “Rembrandt’s Imaginative Reconstructions of the Jerusalem Temple.”

The talk will be at 10 a.m. at the Best Western Executive Plaza, 2900 Jackson Avenue, Ann Arbor. This lecture replaces a cancelled appearance by Philip H. Power.

Her most recent book, *Rembrandt’s Faith: Church and Temple in the Dutch Golden Age*, written with Larry Silver, is scheduled to appear in May through Penn State University Press. This book studies more than 200 works of art in all media by Rembrandt and already has been cited as an outstanding book by the prestigious Weiss-Brown Newberry Award. The lecture topic is derived from this upcoming publication.

Dr. Perlove currently is working on an exhibition, “Rembrandt’s Images of Jesus,” which will open at the Louvre in 2011 and travel to the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the Detroit Institute of Arts. Professor Perlove has led art and architecture study tours to Europe every May for the past 17 years.

## Re-imagining the Kelsey May 12

### Kelsey director to speak

The director of U-M’s Kelsey Museum of Archaeology will speak on “Re-imagining the Kelsey–2004-2010” in OLLI’s Distinguished Lecture Series at 10 a.m. May 12 in the Best Western Executive Plaza. This presentation anticipates the opening of the museum’s new William E. Upjohn Exhibit Wing in October.

Museum Director Sharon C. Herbert has served as chair and professor in the Department of Classical Studies and as Director of the Interdepartmental Program in Classical Art and Archaeology. Her research specialties include Hellenistic Egypt and the Near East and ancient ceramics. She has directed excavations in Italy, Greece, Israel and Egypt. Her current research involves identifying continuing traces of Phoenician culture in the material record of the Hellenistic era and centers on northern Israel, the hinterland of the ancient Phoenician city of Tyre.

Professor Herbert has received many honors, including the John H. D’Arms award for graduate mentorship and the Michigan Association of Governing Boards of State Universities Distinguished Faculty Award. She holds the Pedley Collegiate Chair in Classical Archaeology and is recipient of grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Geographic Society. She has served as the Joukowski lecturer for the Archaeological Institute of America and this year is the Institute’s distinguished Norton Lecturer.

This presentation replaces a scheduled talk by James D. Steward, who assumes a position at Princeton University May 1.

Construction has been completed on the exterior of the new William E. Upjohn Exhibit Wing. For internet views of construction in progress, go to <<http://www.lsa.umich.edu/kelsey/>> and click on “View photos of our construction project.”



## *Grand Rapids, Detroit trips remain open*

Osher members can still register for two trips remaining in Osher's revitalized Travel Program this academic year. Payment deadlines of April 5 and May 28 respectively apply:

**Tuesday, April 28 — Meyer May Home (by Frank Lloyd Wright) and New Grand Rapids Art Museum**  
Cost \$55. Payment deadline April 5

**Friday, June 19 — Riverwalk and Detroit River Cruise on the Diamond Jack**  
Cost \$50. Payment deadline May 28

Contact the Osher office for information about travel arrangements and required forms: (734) 998-9351 or <GerMedOLL@umich.edu>.

## *Classes begin on May 4*

Osher Program Coordinator Ann Tai notes that classes for the new term begin May 4 and end by August 28. Class catalogs were scheduled for mailing March 23.

# *Two 'After 5' programs are still available*

Two programs remain in Osher's 'After 5:00' series this academic year. These sessions are held in late afternoons or early evenings to better accommodate schedules of pre-retirees. Osher members and guests are welcome. Registrations are still being accepted for these programs. Fees apply; Osher members receive a discount. Contact the Osher office for more information: (734) 998-9351 or <GerMedOLL@umich.edu>.

The date for "Attending a Traditional Tea Ceremony to Gain an Understanding of Japanese Culture" is April 26. The Tea Master, Mrs. Kora, will be in Japan on the originally scheduled date.

"Armchair Travel with Osher Colleagues: Ecuador" program will be Thursday, May 7. Presenters will be Dr. Hugo Quiroz and Margaret Lindman.

Details on the remaining 'After 5:00' programs for this year:

**Attending a Traditional Tea Ceremony to Gain an Understanding of Japanese Culture:** Sunday, April 26, at 4 p.m. and concluding by 5:30 p.m. at 113 East Liberty Street.

**Armchair Travel with Osher Colleagues: Ecuador:** 7 p.m., Thursday, May 7 at the Turner Senior Resource Center

# *Performing Arts Treasures*

OLLI's final Thursday six-week lecture series, "Performing Arts Treasures at Our Doorstep," runs May 7 - June 11.

• **May 7 – Gilbert and Sullivan–Alive.** The U-M Gilbert and Sullivan Society is one of the most highly respected G&S companies in the country, having performed every show in the G&S canon. Its "Pretty Committee" (repertory group) will perform and provide historical background.

• **May 14 – The Bard in the Arb and Tennessee in Moscow.** Professor Kate Mendeloff and Dramaturg Leonara Ivanitsky share the stage and whet our interest in the Residential College summer Shakespeare traveling performances in the U-M Arboretum. Their illustrated presentation also will include their experiences in Moscow where U-M students performed to acclaim.

• **May 21 – Michigan's Own Shakespeare Festival.** U-M Professor John Neville-Andrews will show illustrations and describe this gem's history and the summer's upcoming performances.

• **May 28 – Aaron Dworkin Presents Sphinx.** The Sphinx Organization envisions a world in which classical music reflects cultural diversity and plays a role in the everyday lives of youth.

• **June 4 – Sing Out in Style.** A representative group from the famed Ann Arbor Cantata Singers will perform music illustrating the transition from Renaissance to Baroque. Under direction of Warren Puffer Jones, the group's high quality, semi-professional singers offer concerts throughout the community.

• **June 11 – A Perfect Way to End the Year at OLLI.** The Saline Fiddlers astound audiences with their polished performances every time they take the stage. All students are from Saline High School. The full ensemble will perform.

All programs are at 10 a.m. at Best Western Executive Plaza, 2900 Jackson Avenue, Ann Arbor. Additional information is given in a flyer available at the Osher Office: Call (734) 998-9351 or e-mail <GerMedOLL@umich.edu>.

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