2019 Annual Members' Meeting

Come to our annual Members’ Meeting on Monday April 29. The meeting begins at 2 p.m. but come at 1:30 p.m. to first enjoy socializing with members and instructors at the Instructors Appreciation Reception. See Instructor Appreciation Reception below.

The meeting agenda includes the election of new board members. The slate of the nominees will be sent to you in mid-April. Watch for an email with detailed information coming soon.

This event will be held in Legacy Hall at 4301 New Town Avenue. We look forward to seeing you there!

Instructor Appreciation
**Reception**

Join us for our Spring Instructor Appreciation Reception on Monday, April 29th, 2019. Held in Legacy Hall at 4301 New Town Avenue, we will be recognizing all of our instructors and their hard work! Socialize with other instructors and members from 1:30 - 2:00 pm. Come and show your appreciation to the instructors who give so freely of their time and talent.

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**Still Time**

There is still time to sign-up for one to eight of our 160 courses and unlimited one-time lectures and activities including the Town and Gown Noon Lecture Series.

The following courses are not fully subscribed as yet:

- An Engagement/Interaction of Life's Experiences/Situations and How We React from Day to Day
- Behavioral Finance: How Common Biases Lead to Bad Investment Decisions
- Cabin Fever: The Fascinating Story of an American Archetype
- Critical Thinking: Never Too Late to Learn!
- Demystifying the Stock Market - How to Become a Confident Investor
- Developing a Photographic You Got to Know When to Hold 'em, Know When to Fold 'em...
- The Ideal of the Gentleman: A Mirror Held Up to the Condition of Paradise
- The Wisest American: Ralph Waldo Emerson and the American Wisdom Tradition
- The Joy of Downsizing: Living Only with What You Love
- Eminently Suitable: The Surprising Story of the Modern Suit as a Classical Work of Art
- Emerging from Resistance: Origins of the Virginia
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Browse the course offerings on the registration site to see the open courses.

### Cancelled Course

"The New Art of Zentangle" has been cancelled due to illness of the instructor.

### Catalog Updates

- “Emerging from Resistance: Origins of the Virginia Community College System” will be held in Thomas Nelson Community College, Room 100M (not Room 304)
- “Aging Smartly, Aging Successfully” will be held in the W&M Integrated Science Center, Room 3280
- “Eastern Religions: An Overview” will be held in W&M School of Education, Room 2030, for only TWO sessions (4/11 & 4/18)
- “The Road to Broadway” runs through April 24 (not April 10)
for a total of 5 sessions. There will **NOT** be a session on April 3.

- “The Life of Major General James Lawson Kemper” is **cancelled** (originally scheduled for Monday, April 22)
- "The New Art of Zentangle" is **cancelled** due to illness of the instructor.

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**Volunteers Wanted**

Do you realize that virtually everything our Institute is, and does, and can be is accomplished by volunteers? (We have two fulltime and three part time members on staff)

We are in need of people who will:

- Write brief articles about instructors and members for this newsletter.
- Take photos of classes and activities for use in this newsletter, our Facebook, and to accompany news releases to public media.
- Assist the setup of classrooms.
- Help the Hospitality Committee at special events.
- Aid the Program Committee identify courses and instructors.
- Assist in the office during registration periods.
- Sell advertising in our course catalogs.

To volunteer, contact Scherry Barra, Institute Director at (757) 221-1506 or osher@wm.edu.

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**Student Instructor**

*By Mary Meagher, PR and Marketing Committee*

Meet Jessica Laury, a first-time instructor who is a William & Mary senior studying Biology. She hails
from Texas but also spent time in Colorado.

I asked her, “What brought you to W&M?” She said while visiting colleges with my Dad “on every campus visit he and I counted what we called a ‘coffee cup-to-smile ratio,’ as a crude way to measure friendliness and happiness of the students. William & Mary blew that measurement out of the water. The students we met here during and after the campus tour were kind, helpful and quirky. I fell in love with this campus and community and knew I had found my academic home.”

I also asked, “Why did you volunteer to teach a course for us?” Jessica, who has a lifelong love of biology and physiology, said she wants to help demystify new technologies in the field of bioengineering (or Synthetic Biology). Her lecture, entitled, “Editing Evolution: The Techniques and Potential of Synthetic Biology,” was designed to provide easy to understand information about applications of this DNA-editing science. Jessica’s goal is for “Osher members to feel like they have a better understanding of the science that we have going on in the background right now. I also hope they get excited about what we can accomplish using this technology!”

She further explained that the “student-Osher teaching partnerships are an excellent way for students to practice talking about their research to the general public. It is incredibly important for students to be able to communicate their ideas and theories to diverse audiences. It’s exciting, engaging and challenging practice that will make us stronger community members and better academics.”
W&M Student-Osher instructor Jessica Laury and her “pal,” Estes. Photo by Mary Meagher

Currently, Jessica is deciding which scholarship offer to accept for a Master’s in Epidemiology program. We thank her for making some sense about what could be seen as a very complicated subject. And we hope other students see the value in becoming instructors here at the Osher Institute at William & Mary.
Take the FREE Bus

Your membership includes transport on WATA’s Green Line Shuttle. The Green Line Shuttle departs from W&M’s Kaplan Arena at the corner of Brooks and Compton Streets approximately every 30 minutes, on the hour and half hour, and runs a continuous loop around campus with stops closer to Andrews Hall, Integrated Science Center, Morton Hall, Sadler Center, Small Hall, Swem Library, Ewell Hall, and Tucker Hall. Just show your nametag when you board the bus. Click on the bus schedule for more details.

Past President Still Engaged

By Gordon Bratz, PR and Marketing Committee

John Marsh, past president of CWA

A president of our former “self”—the Christopher Wren Association (CWA)—from 2005 to 2006, is both an advocate of lifelong learning, irrespective of the title, and an ardent student of classes in American history, world history and all manner of art, music and literature.

John Marsh grew up here. His father was on the W&M faculty. John graduated W&M in 1955 and Yale Medical School in 1959. A successful career in medicine followed at Yale Medical School, principally devoted to cancer research and
treatments. He returned to Williamsburg in 1999 and became adjunct Clinical Professor of Medicine at VCU until 2001 when he plunged into volunteering to serve the goals of CWA.

He was on CWA’s Board from 2001 to 2006 and taught four courses in the years 2008 to 2012. He said. “I volunteered to serve CWA out of loyalty to its purpose; I knew its founders, Wayne and Ruth Kernoodle. And I wanted to learn more about America’s history, culture and politics.

He said he enjoyed his duties on the Board and in the classroom, especially the satisfaction of “giving back“ by volunteering. When pressed further about the benefits he derived from his association with CWA, he mentioned several. “I also enjoyed the mental stimulation and fulfillment that the courses brought me, they satisfied my curious nature; I was enlivened by the social interactions the classes and lectures generated; and, by getting up and getting going to my classes I kept at physically active too. But the most significant benefit of membership for me was that I simply got a kick out of being a student, and being with other students.”

When asked whether there were any negatives he leaned back and said earnestly, “there certainly were; I never could take all the classes each semester that I wanted to take.”

The World Series: Here in Williamsburg


Paul went to his first major league baseball game in 1963. He has since seen 115 Hall of Famers play, attended play-off games and World Series among several other baseball-related events, and has been a
season ticket holder with the Orioles and the Nationals.

Check out our members' team spirit in the video below!

Click here to watch "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" video

Say Thank You


Their support helped to pay for the production and distribution of
In honor and memory of co-founders Wayne and Ruth Kernodle and their dedication to the inception of the Christopher Wren Association, an engraved brick will be donated and installed in the new Elizabeth & T. C. Clark ’22 Plaza at the W&M Alumni house once the Alumni House expansion is complete in 2020!

**Reminders:**

Be sure your mailing address is correct in your online registration site profile to ensure receipt of your catalog! (Catalogs...