Osher Makes History!

While our longtime instructor, Bill Riffer, loves to teach about history, on March 23, 2020 he MADE HISTORY! Bill offered the first session of Osher's first ever online course on the Great Patriotic War to 175 participants. We have been receiving very positive feedback from our membership. With the decision by W&M to close the campus to the public for the remainder of the spring semester the university very quickly upgraded their Zoom license to Zoom PRO to allow all faculty and staff to set up course content to deliver to W&M students online. We reached out to Bill Riffer to see if he would be willing to give it a try for our members. The Osher staff and Bill did some scrambling to learn this tool quickly and I will say we were learning some of it "OJT!" We are in touch with other instructors who had been scheduled to
teach Osher courses this spring to see of their interest in going "online." We would hope to reschedule other courses when the university allows the campus to reopen to the public. Time frames on this are unknown at this point. More information to come. We thank you for your willingness to take on this lifelong learning challenge.

In the meantime, stay well.

Scherry Barra
Director

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**W&M Closes Campus to the Public**

By now you are aware of William & Mary's decision to cancel in-person classes on campus thru the remainder of the semester and the university closed its doors to the public. The university remains open and as many staff as possible are working from home. We hope that you are doing well, finding ways to engage and getting some fresh air as weather comes into the spring season. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate the unprecedented events of our world right now.

While this is not the semester we envisioned with a shared social experience, we are thankful to live in such an era that allows for technological connectivity. Osher programs around the country have come together to provide online content, and we are working with our Auxiliary partners to share content as well. We have been sending mailings out approximately twice a week with resources you can join online that include lectures, concerts and notification of courses we are converting to online. If you have any recommendations or sources for content, please forward them via osher@wm.edu.

We hope to reschedule spring courses when the university and federal agencies feel it is safe for us to reconvene regular activities.

The entire Osher team remains available via email and phone remotely so please reach out if you need anything.

We encourage you to continue monitoring www.wm.edu/coronavirus for the most up to date information about William & Mary’s response to the pandemic.

The Osher Team
(Ann, Carrie, Debby, Phoebe and Scherry)
Instructor Appreciation Reception CANCELLED

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 precautions, we will be cancelling our instructor appreciation reception that was scheduled for Monday, April 27. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our instructors, whether they were able to deliver their course or not. We appreciate all your efforts to provide quality education for our members.

Spring 2020 Instructors

Allburn, Sean  
Avioli, Georgianna  
Bado, Fran  
Bales, Jacob  
Bales, Jim  
Bates, Lisa  
Belcher, James  
Boren, Paul  
Brotherton, Dawn  
Burstein, Nancy  
Burton, John  
Butler, Michael  
Buxton, Wake  
Caboy, Michael  
Carlson, Daniel  
Cerini, Carolyn  
Chase, Rick  
Clement, Stephen  
Cobb, Judith  
Collier, Mike  
Collins, Christopher  
Conrad, Sheila  
Corwin, Richard  
Cross, Joe  
Cummings, Doug  
Dana, Suzanne  
de Vulpillieres, Anne  
Leasure, Judith  
LeBolt, Wendy  
Leeds, Mary  
Liu, Ying  
Lorence, Diana  
Lorence, Michael  
Lynch, John  
Mangini, Flavio  
Markus, Glenn  
McMahon, Edward  
McPherson, Karen  
Menaquale, Sandy  
Miley, John  
Milligan, Frank  
Monroe, Mark  
Morford, James  
Neilson, Clifford  
Nienhuis, Terry  
Ober, Kit  
Oderisi, Helen  
Parker, Dawn  
Parsons, Ronda  
Partee, Linda  
Perry, Brad  
Perry, Jim  
Pincus, Linda  
Polderman, Jacob  
Prince, Steve
de Vulpillieres, Didier
Delano, John
DeRise, George
Dodenhoff, Donna
Dodson, William
Dorson, John
Dugan, Patrick
Dunnigan, Lynda
Eckhardt, Kathy
Edwards, Jack
Evans, Ted
Faustina, Arleen Cerbone
Fetsko, Bill
Fitzgerald, Bernie
Forrest, Jeanne
Foster, Feather
Fowler, Margaret
Fragapane, Carmen
Fraser, Ruth
Funkhouser, Ray
Gaske, Dan
Ghosh, Indira
Ghosh, Shubir
Grant, Art
Green, Nate
Greenia, George
Guiliano, Elizabeth
Hartman, Rhiannon
Hatfield, Amber
Hathaway, Janice
Hickok, John
Hildenbrand, Mark
Holmes, David
Hopkinson, David
Hosman, Kim
Jackson, Edward
James, Clayton
James, Susan
Jenks, Michael
Joyce, Donnah
Kane, Diane
Karnes, Carrie
Puttre, Melissa
Reagan, Keith
Reddin, Rosanne
Redmond, Thomas
Reynolds, Barbara
Rhodes, Bill
Richardson, Michael
Riffer, Bill
Roche, Eugene
Rogers, John
Rublein, Patricia
Scheiderer, Chris
Schilling, Donald
Sell, Joseph
Shafer, Ron
Shaia, Frank
Siewert, Bryan
Shelby, Mark
Sherman, Carol
Sherman, Dan
Shoemaker, James
Smith, Linda
Smith, Mark
Spencer, Bob
Stephan, Sandra
Storer, Greg
Stimpson, Peter
Stockmeyer, Paul
Stowe, Carolyn
Streiff, John
Taddeo, Judith
Thomas, Karen
Thomas, Tina
Thompson, Thomas
Thorson, Eric
Trichler, David
Trott, Barry
van Elburg, William
White, Forrest
White, Thomas
Whiting, Sally
Williams, Leland
Kendall, Donna  Williams, Phoebe
Killblane, Richard  Willner, Dana
Krantz, Bill  Winters, Glenn
Krantz, Ken  Wulf, Karin
La Fiandra, Carlo  Younger, Marilyn
Lamb, Tom  Zahavi-Ely, Naama
Langhorst, Scott  Zervakis, Neely
Lashley, Dana

**Osher Board Member Voting**

Our Annual Meeting originally scheduled as an in person event on April 27 will not be held as planned. In place of that meeting, members will receive a proxy type survey to elect or nominate board members for the coming year.

**Learning New Skills**

Osher members enjoying some of our activities earlier this semester (from left to right): They learned how to play guitar with Kim Hosman, how to draw portraits with Steve Price and how to walk for fitness with Ray Funkhouser.

**Update Your Mailing Address**

Now is the time to update us on any changes to your mailing addresses. We are starting to plan our fall semester and want to ensure that you receive your catalog when it comes out later this summer. For any questions on how to update your information you can call us at 757-221-1506 or email us at osher@wm.edu
Some Scenes From Our Courses

From left to right, Bill Fetsko, Sandy Menaquale, Judith Leasure.

Our instructors brought a vast array of interesting topics to our Spring semester, from political cartoons, to China's history and geography, to using the color wheel in art.

Read WRL Books On Your Tablet or Phone

Now is the perfect time to catch up on all the books you've been meaning to read! While the Williamsburg Regional Library is closed, it does provide a great option to help you accomplish your reading goals! You can download an app, named Libby, to your iPad or phone to read or listen to books from WRL. For more information regarding this wonderful resource, click the button below!

Looking For Some Book Recommendations?

Here are some suggestions that you can find online at www.wrl.org:

Marjie Harris, member and part of our program committee recommends:

Don't Make Me Pull Over by Richard Ratay and One Summer America, 1927 by Bill Bryson

You might also want to read some of the great books featured in our Wren Readers courses this semester:

Warlight by Michael Ondaatje

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
Annual Member Survey

Our Annual Member Survey will be coming out in May. Be sure to look for it in your emails and provide your feedback which enable us to continue to improve our program and meet your needs.

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What's New at W&M

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