

## The Osher News January 2022

### Time to Go Back to Class!

**Welcome to Spring 2022! Classes begin on January 31!**  
Here is some important information regarding the new semester.

#### **Not Too Late:**

Starting January 4, our registration re-opened. If you haven't registered yet or would like to add courses. Click [here](#) to access the site.

#### **Wait Lists:**

You will be notified by email after the lottery runs if you have been added to the wait list of any classes you requested during the course request period. Emails will be sent to you by December 31, 2021. You may call the office to remove yourself from a wait list or add yourself to a waitlist beginning at 8am on Tuesday, January 4.

#### **Cancellation and Refund Policy:**

The deadline for a refund of the membership fee is the first day of the semester. For Spring 2022 semester, the refund deadline is January 31, 2022. Please send a written request with a brief explanation of why you are cancelling to [osher@wm.edu](mailto:osher@wm.edu).

**Cancellation Processing Fee:** A \$10 for regular membership and \$5 for associate membership fee will be

#### **Vaccination Verification:**

**Booster shots are now required by W&M in order to be considered fully vaccinated.**

All Osher members participating in in-person classes meeting at W&M and off-campus locations, are required to be fully vaccinated. **All members must complete their vaccination verification by January 10, 2022.**

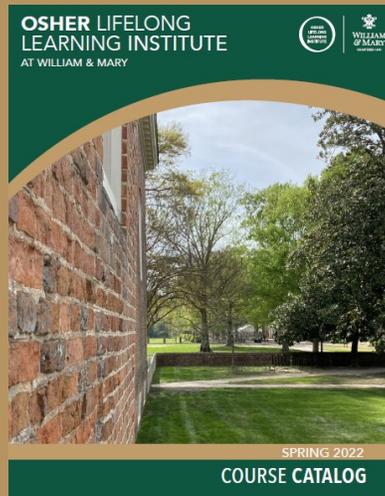
#### **How to Verify Your Vaccination Status:**

Connect to a zoom session and verify your vaccination status with a university team member virtually. You can connect to any of the sessions listed below to verify.

We expect these verification sessions to be quick and easy ways for you to show your vaccination card. Please know that no advance appointment is needed for the zoom sessions - simply join the zoom session of your choice from the list below. If you have any questions, please contact the Osher office at 757-221-1506.

charged for all cancellations. Special Event fees are non-refundable after purchase. No refunds for cancellations will be given beginning February 1, 2022.

**Name tags will only be issued to members who have verified vaccination status.** Name tags will be emailed approximately 2 weeks prior to the start of classes. Please DO NOT call the Osher Office to check on your name tag until after **January 24** if you have not received it by email.



**Zoom Sessions to Join**  
Simply click on the link below to join a zoom session anytime during the window of time listed (for example, if a session is 12noon-2pm, you may join at 12noon, 12.15pm, 12.42pm, 1.56pm, whatever time works for you within that specified window).

**[Monday, January 10 anytime between 1.30pm and 3.30pm](#)**

W&M will process refunds for the spring semester to members who were signed up for in-person classes who do not provide proof of vaccination by the end of the day on January 10th. Alternatively, members unable to provide vaccination verification by the deadline may be able to attend classes offered virtually only.

**Thank you for your partnership in working to help keep our W&M community Healthy Together.**

## Catalog Corrections

Some changes have been made to the calendar already. You can find those changes listed [here](#).

## Meet Our Special Interest Groups (SIG's) New Groups This Spring!

### Animal Friends

Animal Friends is an action/discussion group for everyone who loves animals.

We share information and discuss animal-related events, issues, and resources in Greater Williamsburg. Its members have a common bond of love and caring for their pets and are passionate about the

### Sharing the WOW

Prerequisite Course: An Engagement/Interaction of Life's Experiences / Situations and How We React From Day to Day

Many have commented that they wish we had more time to share, inspire, and keep the momentum going. This gave birth to SHARING THE WOW. Bringing us back together on a

### Williamsburg Area Genealogy Society (WAGS)

Interested in genealogy and family history? Join us!

For the past two years, our group has met once a month to share our successes and brick walls, made local field trips to research libraries and other facilities, found new friends, and had a lot of fun along the way.

humane treatment of all animals in our area. Animal Friends has an active 800+ member Facebook presence. We plan monthly meetings on animal related topics including topics such as vet care, cat and dog programs, small critters, training, grooming, breeds, rescues and shelters, support groups, legislative initiatives, and more.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this active group of animal lovers, email our host, Williamsburg's very own Pet Reporter, at [animalfriends@cox.net](mailto:animalfriends@cox.net).

monthly basis to enhance our initial objective of putting the WOW back into our lives. Or maybe, more importantly, sharing our thoughts, experiences, and situations with one another. One situation feeds another, and one solution is contagious. All of a sudden, the factor is popping up all over. It will be like a real homecoming! Remember the MAGIC lies in the sharing.

If you are interested in keeping the WOW factor in your life, send an email to [badofran@gmail.com](mailto:badofran@gmail.com).

Whether you are an experienced genealogical researcher or a beginner, we would love to have you join!

If interested in joining this group, email [wags1607@yahoo.com](mailto:wags1607@yahoo.com)



## Happy Birthday, Osher!

Our first classes were offered in January, 1991. Sadly, the pandemic prevented us from celebrating our 30th anniversary this past year, but plans are in the works to throw a party later this year. We are looking forward to celebrating with you and will give you more information the closer we get.



## CHANGES TO EXPECT Parking Permits for Spring 2022 Semester ACT NOW, IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY!

**If you purchased a parking pass for the Fall 2021 semester, you DO NOT need to purchase another for the Spring 2022 semester. 2021-2022 parking permits expire on August 31, 2022.**

If you did not purchase a parking pass for the Fall Semester and will need to do so for the spring, please note that the time frame to purchase your pass is limited and listed in the course catalog. Here are the details:

- **You will be able to complete a parking form as a part of the online registration process December 13-17 ONLY and this will be the only time that you can pay by credit card for your parking permit.** Beginning on December 18, ONLY PAPER FORMS will be available for use to purchase a permit (please use the page from your catalog or print

from the Osher website).

- **All Parking Forms are due BEFORE January 10, 2022.** You may mail them in to Osher following the directions on the top of the Parking Form. There is no credit card option for mail in forms, **checks should be made payable to "William & Mary" and attached to your Parking Form.**
- **Hang tags may be picked up from the Osher office ONLY DURING the week of January 24-28 and ONLY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 1pm and 3pm. Please make arrangements accordingly.**
- **Parking Forms will not be accepted by Osher beginning on January 10, 2022. If these deadlines are missed, then you will need to purchase your pass directly at the Parking Services Office on the main campus. The next available window to purchase your hang tag through Osher will not be until the Summer 2022 registration period.**

Thank you for planning for these deadlines in advance. We apologize for any inconvenience.

## Seeking Volunteers for Spring 2022

If you are interested in being a host or class assistant or helping in the office, please let us know! If you are new, and not sure what those roles require, we will be holding training sessions before the semester begins. To sign up or ask questions, please call us 757-221-1506 or email us at [osher@wm.edu](mailto:osher@wm.edu). **Training sessions will be held between January 18-25, 2022.**



## Plan Ahead When Visiting the Osher Office

The Osher staff will be supporting both online classes via Zoom as well as in-person classes again this semester while we work to replace vacant positions within the Osher staff itself. That means that we don't always have someone available to assist you if you're stopping by during the peak times before classes are scheduled to begin for the morning or afternoon (8.45am-9.45am and 12.45pm-2.15pm).

To help, we encourage you to visit the office during non-peak times or email us at [osher@wm.edu](mailto:osher@wm.edu) for assistance. You're also able to reach us by calling 757-221-1506 and leaving a message and we will return your call. Thanks so much for your continued patience as we return to a full schedule with extra COVID protocols in place following the previous virtual only format.

## Local Arts Scene

The Kimball Theatre reopened in September 2021 after an extended closure during COVID. If you enjoy visiting the theatre, check out their calendar of events [here](#).

The Muscarelle Museum on the W&M campus has also



celebrated a reopening during the fall of 2021. Learn more about the art on exhibit and special events [here](#).

## Martin Luther King Day

The Osher Office will be **closed on January 17, 2022** in honor of **Martin Luther King Day**. We will reopen on January 18.

If you would like to learn more about Martin Luther King, Jr. and his memorial in Washington, D.C., **consider enrolling in Public Art Speaks to a Culture with Ed Jackson, Tuesday 1:30-3:30pm on 2/22/2022**. An overview of the creation of our nation's capital city. Explore monuments in America's history: a landscape of memories etched in stone or forged in bronze, with embedded stories of the past. The King Memorial joins the ranks of memorable landmarks. What is (or should be) the role or purpose of monuments and memorials? Can monuments and memorials speak of the past and/or the future?

## Indoor Mask Reminder

Please continue to wear your masks in class. Per William & Mary Health & Safety guidelines, everyone is required to wear masks indoors in public spaces through the end of the spring 2022 semester.

<p><b>Masks are required in indoor shared spaces.</b></p>  <p>Please visit W&amp;M's Path Forward site for more health and safety guidelines.</p> 	<p></p> <p>PLEASE</p> <p><b>No Eating or Drinking</b></p> 	<p><b>To enter this building and in all shared spaces you must:</b></p>  <p>Wear a face mask.</p> <p><b>Remember to:</b></p>  <p>Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.</p>  <p>Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.</p>
 <b>WILLIAM &amp; MARY</b> <i>Healthy Together.</i>		

## Reminder: Who Do I Call?



Just a friendly reminder that, if there are problems in any classroom, please contact the Osher office – not staff at facility.

You can reach us 757-221-1506 by using the phone in the classroom.

## Osher Institute Policies

## Refund Policy

Please note that the Osher Institute at William & Mary fees are membership fees. They are used to cover overall expenses of operating our lifelong learning program in a given semester and are not directly related to the number of courses you may take (i.e., there are no “per course” fees, and therefore, no “per course” refunds).

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## Inclement Weather Policy

The Osher Institute at W&M will cancel courses, activities, events, and/or training for weather if William & Mary University Events and Activities are canceled. A notice will be on the Osher Institute at W&M office voice mail (757-221-1506).

**Please note, you will not be personally contacted.**



## Guest Policy

Osher Institute at W&M courses, one-time lectures, and activities (including Town & Gown Noon Lecture Series) are intended for Osher members. A member’s guest may attend a course or an activity once (one single 2-hour session on one single date), only if the course is not fully subscribed. Local guests must be considering joining the Osher Institute at W&M. Please contact the Osher office regarding guests you may be interested in bringing. The Osher office will be able to tell you if your guest request is approved. Please be prepared to share guest contact information, as it must be provided prior to any guest attending.

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