After a year of significant transition, we are thrilled to launch our 2019-2020 year and introduce you to our new staff members. As of the publishing of this newsletter, our team of three for the Center for Lifetime Study is settling in and gearing up for an excellent year of offerings for BULLI.

We hope you will join us at one of our two registration events to renew your membership (or learn more about BULLI memberships!), socialize, and meet our team. The first is in Braselton, on August 14 and the second is in Gainesville on August 15. See page 4 for more information. You can register for any class at either event. Also, if you cannot make it to a registration event, you may contact us or stop by the BULLI House at 424 Academy St. Priority registration is open through August 23.

Dr. Tim Bryant joined our team as Executive Coordinator for the Center for Lifetime Study. Dr. Bryant most recently comes to Brenau from Mount Joseph University in Cincinnati, Ohio where he established the Center for Ethical Leadership. With over 20 plus years in higher education, Dr. Bryant will be responsible for coordinating all aspects of the Center for Lifetime Study. This, of course, includes fostering the growth of our cornerstone BULLI program as well as collaborating with faculty across the university to develop continuing education opportunities for area professionals.

Among Dr. Bryant’s priorities this year will be working with the BULLI board and BULLI members on developing a strategic plan for BULLI.

Dr. Bryant states, “BULLI members have been truly generous in sharing their expressions of hospitality these first few months. The event planners and volunteers have been excellent.

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The BULLI office has moved. We are now at 424 Academy St., directly across the parking lot from our old location. Please drop by and say hello!
Over 20 years ago, a group of Hall County residents gathered in the Wilson Room of the John W. Jacobs Jr. Building to talk about the idea of a lifelong learning program at Brenau. The group included local visionaries and business leaders, lifelong Gainesville residents and individuals who were new to the area.

Some of the attendees had visited lifelong learning programs in other places. Others had attended Elderhostel programs throughout the country and had experienced firsthand the benefits of lifelong learning. All of them, however, were dedicated to the idea of creating a unique opportunity for learning at Brenau University.

From their dedication, BULLI was born.

WE INVITE YOU TO BECOME A PART OF THE BULLI FAMILY.

Special Interest Groups

BULLI also has special interest groups that make the lifelong learning experience richer. BULLI members can choose from:

- **BULLI Hiking Club**
  Members hike throughout Northeast Georgia. Each hike is graded for difficulty and most outings end up with the hikers enjoying lunch together. To join the group, email Spencer Dreischarf at jsdreischarf@charter.net.

- **BULLI Bards**
  The Bards is a poetry group that meets regularly so that members can read and share poetry and hone their poetry skills. If you are interested, call Bill Early at 678.450.2867.

- **Dinner Together**
  Would you like to enjoy dinner, Dutch treat, in the company of BULLI friends? This dining-out group meets on the third Thursday of each month at restaurants in the area. Members sign up to serve as host for the month of their choice. Information is emailed to all membership via E-bits.

- **BULLI Reads**
  Our book club members gather to discuss their favorite fiction and nonfiction books at 4:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month, except December and July, in room 115 of Brenau’s Trustee Library. Our members volunteer to be discussion group leaders. BULLI members are invited to share in conversations about books and to enjoy the fellowship of other reading enthusiasts. For details, contact Virginia Hale at halev@earthlink.net.

- **BULLI Art Group**
  For those of you into creating art, or those of you who would like to hone your skills, the BULLI Art Group meets on the first Friday of the month at various locations. For more information, call Jill Haack at 770.530.5304.

So what are you waiting for? Join BULLI Today!
THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER?

BULLI is open to anyone who is interested in becoming a member. Members become part of a vibrant learning community. BULLI is supported through its membership fees. The membership fee for the full year is $135. Membership gets you exclusive access to BULLI courses and includes the following benefits:

- Opportunity to enroll in classes
- Discounted membership at the Brenau Fitness Center
- Library privileges (including computer use) at the Brenau Trustee Library
- Field trips and international trips
- Curriculum catalog each term (fall, winter, spring, summer)
- E-Bits email newsletter

HOW DO I REGISTER FOR CLASSES?

You may register in person at the BULLI House and Braselton Town Hall or by mail or fax. Our fax number is 770.531.2054.

BRASELTON | TUESDAY, AUG. 14
El Centinela Mexican Restaurant
6072 Highway 53, Braselton 30517
4 P.M. — SOCIAL GATHERING & REGISTRATION

If you are unable to attend the Braselton registration meeting, you can drop by the Braselton Town Hall through Friday, Aug. 23, or contact Braselton Town Manager Jennifer Scott at 706.654.5720. You may also contact the Center for Lifetime Study at 770-531-3175.

GAINESVILLE | THURSDAY, AUG. 15
Whalen Auditorium, Brenau East
1001 Chestnut Drive SE
3:30 P.M. – SOCIAL GATHERING
4 P.M. – REGISTRATION

You also can register at the new BULLI House at 424 Academy St. between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. through Friday, Aug. 23. You may also fax your registration forms to 770.531.2054. Call the BULLI Office at 770.538.4705 or drop by today!

Registration on a space-available basis will be accepted after the official registration of August 23, but those registering after will not receive priority consideration in assigning classes. Registrants who do not get in a desired course will receive a refund in the form of a voucher that can be used another term of the school year or for any class in the current term that is not already filled.

BULLI COURSES | FALL TERM
SEPT. 30 – NOV. 8, 2019

BULLI courses are noncredit, have no exams and no prerequisites. You may take as many six-week courses as you wish for $40 per course. Shorter courses are priced based on course length. Instructors include university professors, community experts and qualified BULLI members who enjoy sharing their knowledge and skills with others. Courses are held at various locations on the Brenau campus and at Braselton town facilities.

For more information, call 770.538.4705 or visit www.brenau.edu/lifetimestudy
Monday 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
This class will examine six periods of music and art, discovering the differences and similarities between their structures during those specific time periods. Was the music of Bach detailed and technical because he wrote his music to be performed in a Gothic cathedral? How are Mozart’s symphonies linked to Jacque-Louis David’s painting of Napoleon Bonaparte? How is the music of Debussy linked to the paintings of Claude Monet and Edouard Manet? Was Stravinsky inspired to write his sensuous Rite of Spring because of a painting he loved? Join us as we listen to some of the most beautiful music and view the most breath-taking paintings, sculptures and other forms of art in the last 400 years.

Steve Coldiron returns to BULLI for a fascinating class exploring the relationship of art and music. Steve’s musical knowledge is broad, with expertise in the classics, opera and jazz. For over 30 years, he has been involved with church music and has been at Gainesville First Baptist since 2007. As his BULLI fans know, Steve brings impressive musical knowledge into the classroom, along with an equally impressive sense of humor. Beautiful music, art, and laughter — a stimulating learning experience for everyone.

LUTHER, LUDWIG AND OBERAMMERGAU
Monday 1 – 2:30 p.m.
This course will examine the lives and far-reaching significance in theology and the arts of both Martin Luther (1483-1546) and King Ludwig II of Bavaria (1845-1886). They then will be considered in light of the Oberammergau Passion Play, first performed in 1634, and its importance in the spiritual atmosphere of Germany.

Dr. Ted Garner has been on the faculty and staff of Brenau University since 2003. He has worked in radio and television management, production and broadcasting since 1978. Currently, he serves as the Brenau University College of Business & Communication’s director of media services with educational, engineering and production responsibilities. His research is in culture and linguistics as a part of immigration and organizational communication theory. In connection to this research, he lectures in Switzerland and Germany. He holds a B.S. in theology (Biology), Ph.D. in philosophy (Medical Ethics) and has done post-graduate studies in organizational Communication.
FIELDS OF GOLD: AGRITOURISM AND OTHER LOCAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Monday 2:45 – 4:15 p.m.

At the first meeting of this agritourism class, members will learn more about the Gainesville Atlanta Botanical Gardens from Director Mildred Fockele. In following weeks, members will visit a vineyard, a bonsai designer’s nursery, a blueberry farm, the Dahlonega Gold Museum and a mead producer. Class members are invited to meet at the BULLI House parking lot if they wish to carpool. There will be an $11 class fee for entry fees for two venues.

Back by popular demand, two previous fall agritourism classes have been quite successful and enjoyed by all. The BULLI Curriculum Committee asked Virginia Hale to design a field trip class for 2019 and here it is. If you enjoy socializing with other BULLI members as you learn about fun area outings, this class is for you.

TUESDAY

RELATIONSHIP IS KEY: A COMPARATIVE EXPLORATION OF ISLAM AND CHRISTIANITY

Tuesday 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

This course will focus on comparative religion — mainly Christianity and Islam — where the core beliefs and key concepts of both religions will be examined, presented and elaborated on so as to identify the similarities and differences. Six key concepts from both religions will be presented to serve as a window through which to gain an understanding of what each belief system stands for. These include God, Christianity and Islam, sacred text, salvation, Jesus and Muhammed, and beauty. The instructors will take a descriptive approach by presenting mainstream understanding of these two religions by relying on works by known scholars from each religion. In addition, they will each present their own perspective and how their understanding of these concepts has shaped and influenced the evolution of their personal beliefs.

WRITE YOUR MEMOIRS: MAKE IT HAPPEN

Tuesday 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Is a memoirs class for you?

Have you always wanted to write the story of your life, but never had any idea how to get started? Have you started writing those stories, but don’t know how to organize them? Are your children/ grandchildren bugging you to write your stories? Do you feel

Khalid Ibrahim is the co-founder and president of ON Language. He has an undergraduate degree in English language and Arabic translation, an M.A. in applied linguistics/teaching English to speakers of other languages, and is currently working on his doctoral dissertation at Anaheim University in TESOL. Khalid has more than 10 years of experience teaching English and Arabic as second and foreign languages and has also worked as a translator/interpreter with the United Nations and the U.S. Army in Iraq.

Dr. Stuart Higginbotham is the rector at Grace Episcopal Church in Gainesville, Georgia. A parish priest for almost 12 years, Stuart has deep roots in the Christian contemplative tradition. He received his B.S. in Biology from Lyon College, his Master of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary, and his Doctor of Ministry from the School of Theology at the University of the South. He is also an adjunct staff teacher for the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation. He is a co-editor and contributor for Contemplation and Community: A Gathering of Fresh Voices for a Living Tradition, which explores the way a deep practice of prayer grounds parish ministry, Biblical studies, personal spiritual growth, social activism, environmental stewardship and organizational development.
nobody cares about your stories?
No matter where you fit, you’ll get practical hands-on experience in this six-session class led by award-winning author Fran Stewart. If you’ve already taken the previous memoirs class Fran taught for BULLI, rest assured that there will be new information, new exercises and new experiences in this one. If you’re new to these classes, get ready to accomplish a lot!

Fran Stewart brings not only a love of writing but a lifetime of journaling as a part of her memoir-writing skill set. Author of 22 published books, including 15 mysteries, a writer’s workbook and most recently her beekeeping memoir, Fran believes firmly in the need to “tell our stories.” She’s been leading interactive memoirs workshops for the past two years through libraries in Gwinnett County and in Auburn, Georgia.

THE SECRETS OF HANDWRITING
Tuesday 2:45 – 4:45 p.m.
Did you know that your handwriting is a brain print? Just like no two fingerprints are the same, your handwriting is unique. Handwriting reveals hidden secrets. Join us as we explore our handwriting and the handwriting of famous and infamous people. We will study forensic handwriting cases, delve into ransom notes and serial killer stories and solve mysteries together every class. Along the way, you are guaranteed to learn things about yourself that you never knew before.

Abigail Cutchshaw is a Gainesville native and mother of five children. She works as an early interventionist with Babies Can’t Wait and has taught popular classes for BULLI on smiling and laughter.

WEDNESDAY
GENTLE YOGA
Wednesday 9 – 10:30 a.m.
Come join us for a calming, stress-relieving session, designed to gently stretch and strengthen the body. We will learn basic poses, flows and practice balance poses, all in an encouraging, relaxed setting. Come experience the amazing benefits of yoga with us.

Carie Corry is a registered yoga teacher who has been teaching for over eight years. She specializes in gentle, restorative yoga.

AN INTRODUCTION TO CHINESE CULTURE & HISTORY
Wednesday 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Have you always been interested in learning more about the culture, history and art of the oldest continually existing civilization on our planet? Join us as we learn from visiting professors from Anhui Normal University more about the richness and beauty of their homeland. You will even learn some conversational Chinese phrases on this artistic and cultural journey!

Professors Wu Ying and Wang Yu are members of the English Department in the School of Foreign Studies at Anhui Normal University. They will be at Brenau for the fall term as part of Brenau’s ongoing partnership with Anhui Normal University.

HISTORY OF THE CRUSADES: BETWEEN CONFLICT AND COEXISTENCE
Wednesday 1 – 2:30 p.m.
This class will focus mainly on the European incursions into the Middle East and the efforts to recover and retain control of the city of Jerusalem. But it will also explore other targets of crusades, such as Spain, the Baltic region and other Christians. A central theme of the course will be to highlight different perspectives and motivations, analyzing how contemporaries reacted to the crusade phenomenon. Our discussion will focus on and emphasize the complexity, contradictions, irony and differing levels of commitment evident over the many centuries of the crusades.

Dr. Jonas Kauffeldt is an associate professor of history at the University of North Georgia’s Gainesville campus. He earned a Ph.D. from Florida State University in 2006 and specializes in the history of the Modern Middle East.

THURSDAY
BIRDS IN THE GARDEN
Thursday 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
This class will jump into the lives of the birds that live in our garden. We will work on capturing the creatures that help the garden survive and flourish. They are so important and intertwined together. We will work with color pencils and watercolors to achieve the union of them together in the garden.

Jill Haack has a B.A. in graphic design from Eastern Illinois University and an M.S. in graphic arts. She teaches classes at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens – Gainesville and to private students, young and old. She has taught several classes for BULLI and leads the BULLI Art Group.

GAINESVILLE WATER TREATMENT AND TOURS
Thursday 1 – 2:30 p.m.
This class will be three classroom days and three field trip days discussing
and touring the water and wastewater treatment plants operated by the City of Gainesville. The class will see the Lakeside Water Treatment Plant, the Flat Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Linwood Wastewater Treatment Plant. We will discuss the regulations, technologies and environmental and public health benefits of these facilities. The tours will be “user-friendly” but some walking will be required.

Linda MacGregor is back to teach another compelling course on Gainesville’s water. She holds a bachelor’s degree in environmental and water resources engineering from Vanderbilt University and is a licensed Professional Engineer. She has worked in the “water” business for 35 years – first 20-plus years as a consulting engineer and for 10 years with the State of Georgia as the Watershed Protection Chief and for the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority. Since February 2016 she has been the Director of Water Resources for the City of Gainesville responsible for water, wastewater and stormwater.

MORE HIDDEN FIGURES: WOMEN IN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY PART 2

Thursday 2:45 – 4:15 p.m.

Did you know that one of the pioneers of forensic investigation was a woman who made dollhouse miniatures? Or that one of the outstanding mathematical minds of the late 19th century taught herself to read because the family governess didn’t think a gentlewoman would need to learn? We will explore the lives and accomplishments of several women — some known, some obscure — who have contributed to advances in technology, mathematics and the sciences. We’ll learn about Nobel Prize winners and about women who toiled in the shadows of great men. You do not need to have attended Part 1 to enjoy this course.

During the 28 years that Denise Lee worked with programmers and engineers as a technical writer, she developed an interest in women in computers. She has been researching the topic in more detail since her retirement and is excited to share what she has discovered with others. Denise has been a teacher and trainer since before graduating from the University of Georgia. She holds a B.A. and an M.A. in English and completed coursework for a doctorate in adult education.

SHORT COURSE

LIVING HISTORY IN THE MUSEUM

Three Sessions

THURSDAYS, OCT. 3, 10 & 17

9 – 10:30 a.m.

This class will give an inside look at what many BULLI students are already familiar with: the educational offerings of museums, specifically tours, living history and museum theater. This behind the scenes examination will show how, why and who are developing popular and engaging programming, specifically at the Northeast Georgia History Center.

Glen Kyle has worked in the museum
field for two decades, which has allowed him to pursue his love of history in both the public and academic spheres. He holds a B.A. and M.A. in history from the University of North Georgia. His primary areas of interest include military history of all eras but primarily antebellum U.S. and World War II, as well as the general history of the medieval period. He is currently executive director of the Northeast Georgia History Center and also teaches classes for the University of North Georgia and BULLI.

Wimberly’s Roots is an interactive teaching kitchen where you’ll learn professional cooking techniques from Chef Huff that will benefit participants in their home kitchens. There are no prerequisites to take this course. A food supply fee of $30 is due on the first day of class. Wimberly’s Roots is in The Wimberly Center, 163 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Winder.

NOTE: We will offer two identical classes to accommodate expected enrollment. There must be a minimum of eight participants in each class for both; otherwise, the classes will be combined and will meet on the day with the largest enrollment. Max class size of each is 16. These classes may fill early, so participants should register promptly. Be sure to specify your preferred day of the week (Tuesday or Thursday) on your registration form.

Chef Huff is back for this very fun course. He is a Winder native who received a bachelor’s degree in health and exercise science from Furman University. He then attended Johnson and Wales University, finishing in the top of his Culinary Arts graduating class. After recently teaching culinary at Sims Academy and Lanier Technical College, John now shares his culinary and nutrition passion with his community.

THURSDAY

DOING HISTORY

Thursday 2:45 – 4:15 p.m.

Have you “done” history since high school or college? A retired high school history teacher, Dot McAlvin, continues to be amazed at the number of adults who tell her “I love history now, but I didn’t like it in school.” You are probably doing a lot more history (and liking it) than school classroom time afforded you. This course looks at the historical adventure from the personal and local, seeking ways to fit it into a larger context, and sometimes just letting its stories carry us along. The course consists of these six parts: Letters and Family Memoir (Dot McAlvin); Using Local Historical Archives (Charlotte Mealor); The Documentation Adventure for...
Historical Landmark Designation (Carol Tanner); When Railroads Made Our Towns — The Gainesville to Monroe, Midland Railway (Charles Locke); Journalism, the “First Draft of History” (Mike and Alex Buffington, The Jackson Herald). The sixth session will be a bonus presentation: “Doing History from a World View. Primary Resources and What They Tell Us about First Contact Between Europeans and Native Americans” (Ken Johnston, Northeast Georgia History Center). There is a $7 cost for the museum component, to be collected at tour time, at the last class session.

BEHIND THE CURTAIN: THE WORLD OF COMMUNITY THEATER

Six Sessions
Thursdays, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Have you always been curious about what happens backstage? Do you dream of maybe one day being in a show? This course will take you on a tour behind the scenes, show you how to do your own stage make-up, give ideas for DIY costumes, introduce you to acting techniques, and provide an overall introduction to the world of theatre. Even if you want to stay an audience member and have no interest in stepping on stage, this course will help you appreciate theatre productions at a whole new level. There may be a possibility to visit a rehearsal of a local community theatre show or bring some actors to the classroom.

Sloane Meyer is an educator, historian and spirited lecturer who has been on stage and screen since she was a child. You may be familiar with her from her Victorian lectures but that’s just the tip of the iceberg. Dancing since she was 8, a thespian since she was 13, Sloane has been honing her theatrical skills all of her life. She has done professional theater all over the United States including Off Broadway, learned how to sew the old-fashioned way (her mama taught her) and shows her skills by creating competition-winning costumes. She is part of a local all-female vocal group and just last year founded a new Jackson County theater company called Rogue Spirit.

SHORT COURSES

MONDAY

GEOLOGY AND CLIMATE THROUGH TIME IN GEORGIA

Three sessions – Cost $30
Mondays, Oct. 14 & 21
1 – 2:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 25 Field Trip

This program combines insights that the instructor presented in Roadside Geology of Georgia with his more recent learning about climate. It examines Georgia’s changing climates through geologic time and how that has influenced its rocks, landscape, and mineral deposits. The program illustrates how climate is always changing, and that scientists agree both on what drives those changes and on how Earth has managed to stay in a habitable climate range. This provides a context for understanding the current climate change, its effects on Georgia, and the possibilities for nonpartisan action. The class includes a field trip to an outcrop on Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road and Stone Mountain Park ($20 vehicle pass cost to be shared by carpooling).

Dr. Bill Witherspoon holds a Ph.D. in geology from the University of Tennessee. He was a geologist and educator from 1997-2004 at Fernbank Science Center, Georgia, Outstanding Earth Science Teacher in 2007, and a past president of Georgia Geological Society. Dr. Witherspoon is co-author of “Roadside Geology of Georgia,” has presented more than 100 public programs as retiree and author, is an over-62 student at Georgia Tech studying climate science and economics, and an active volunteer with Citizens Climate Lobby.

WEDNESDAY

CANNABIS PRODUCTION AND ITS MANY USES

Four sessions – Cost $40
Wednesdays, Oct. 2, 9, 16 & 23
1 – 2:30 p.m.

Cannabis, hemp, marijuana, THC, CBD, what’s the difference, and what’s legal? This year the Georgia General Assembly passed two bills pertaining to hemp farming and low THC oil. House Bill 213 enacts the “Georgia Hemp Farming Act” to authorize academic research of hemp and provide for licensing and permit requirements for hemp growers and hemp processors. House Bill 314, also known as “Georgia’s Hope Act,” addresses the growth, production, manufacture and dispensation of low THC oil. We’ll hear from four presenters in the areas of hemp farming, medical uses and legislation pertaining to these bills. Course facilitated by BULLI member Peg Sheffield.

Oct. 2 – “Industrial Hemp Production for Georgia”

Dr. Timothy Coolong, associate professor in the University of Georgia’s Horticulture Department, is leading up the extension and production responsibilities for industrial hemp to be grown in Georgia.

Oct. 9 – “Uses of Medical Marijuana - An Oncologist’s Perspective”

Dr. Andrew Johnson, medical oncologist with Longstreet Clinic, will discuss current uses of medical marijuana, including but not limited to
pain management, nausea and appetite loss. He will help us understand how cannabinoids and tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in marijuana work to make a difference in the lives of many who suffer from these symptoms.

Oct. 16 – “Bringing Hemp into The Modern World”

Matthew Johnson, a doctoral student working on his Ph.D. in Plant Breeding Genetics and Genomics, is currently working on hemp cultivar development and genetic research at the University of Georgia.

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