

# OSURA News



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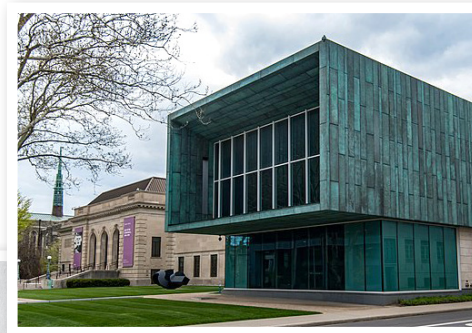
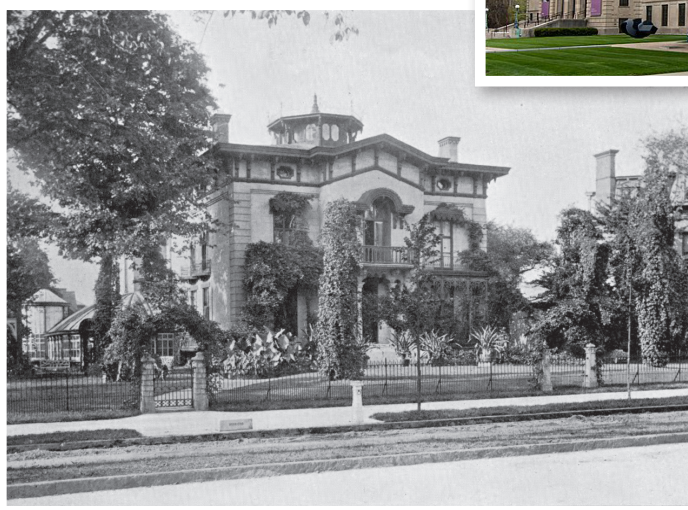
## Columbus Museum of Art

By Nancy Wardwell

There was a time when East Broad Street was the Park Avenue of Columbus. In the 19th and early 20th century it was a boulevard, lined with mansions of wealthy bankers, lawyers, politicians, and successful merchants of dry goods, coal, railroads and canals.

One of those homes was built in 1840 by Francis Sessions, who derived his fortune from several sources including dry goods and street cars. When Sessions died in 1892 he left the magnificent house and funds to form the Columbus Gallery of Fine Art and continue the “Columbus Art School” he had founded in 1879. In 1928 the house was demolished – but in just a short time the site became home to the Columbus Museum of Art, opening on January 22, 1931.

Sessions House, 478 East Broad



Columbus Art School, which became Columbus College of Art and Design, is one of the oldest private colleges of art and design in the United States. It has remained adjacent to the Columbus Museum of Art.

COMA has collected and exhibited American and European modern and contemporary art, folk art, glass art and photography. If you grew up in Columbus in the '50s you might have had piano recitals in the auditorium of the museum. (You might even have slipped out between

appearances, crossed Broad Street to the Vernor's store for a quick ginger ale) or even had a Saturday drawing class from Joseph Canzani himself!

In 2007 the museum undertook a massive reconstruction and expansion, now called “Center for Creativity.”

The 18,000 sq. ft. space opened in 2011. Looking a lot like a weathered copper shoebox and seeming incongruous to the 1931 Museum building, inside the new galleries

blend with the original galleries and hallways – and add gathering spaces and places for workshops.

Columbus embarrassed itself with reactions to the 1984 Lichtenstein “Brushstrokes in Flight” sculpture now at the John Glenn Airport – but the current exhibit in a Center for Creativity gallery is reason enough to visit – as is the “Forward Together” exhibit from the Collection of Donna and Larry James. Do go!

There is ample parking. A trip to this gem of Columbus is interesting and uplifting – and on Sunday admission is free. Do go!

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## FROM: The President



Gemma McLuckie

Hello,

I have taken on a modern design goal: Maximalism. This new trend is about as anti-Marie Kondo as I can get. Forget sorting and tossing. Embrace accumulating and piling.

One expert declares maximalism is “decadence, excess and extravagance.” Another opines, “For me, it’s not about too much stuff in a space — it’s about creating a bold and interesting mix for the eye to enjoy.”

I did not realize my style was so high-end. The main hallway in my house is a bright coral, and one living room wall is black. It sounds like a Halloween set, but it truly does work. I have three metal sculptures — a heron, a peacock, and a flamingo — on the hearth. A 19th century chaise rests in the corner of the living room. My bedroom is yellow with a sea blue ceiling. I plan to hang wallpaper featuring Barbie in my laundry room (what better place to celebrate fashion?). Well, you get the picture.

What does my lust to hang Barbie wallpaper have to do with OSURA? I believe our association also is maximalist. We are extravagant in seeking new members. We are excessive in caring for one another. The board and committees and special interest groups all work hard to bring together a bold and interesting mix. Events get us out in society to make contacts, to learn something new, or to practice abilities we already have.

To accomplish our outstanding calendar of events, OSURA needs willing hands in all diverse ways. Take a look at the OSURA News and the [osura.osu.edu](http://osura.osu.edu) website for groups that might interest you. You certainly will be welcome!

A last note: Please vote this month for future OSURA leaders.

Sincerely,

**Gemma McLuckie**

President of OSURA

## OSURA Fall Conference

SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

FAWCETT EVENT CENTER

# Update

*While other prices are going up, the cost to attend the conference will not....it will remain at \$30.*

Optional tours this year will include the WOSU Headquarters, the Arne Slettebak Planetarium at OSU, and a combined tour of the Optometry and Dentistry facilities. Choose one and the extra cost will be \$10.

# Welcome

## NEW OSURA MEMBERS

February-December 2021

Valerie Mann-Jiles  
Mary Maloney  
Karen Nekervis  
Tina Pursglove  
Barbara Preston  
Lisa Hodge  
Shirley Gaddis  
Regina Harper  
David Tovey  
Christine Scarcello  
John Moore

Gene Batey  
Reinhard Gahbauer  
Natalie Wittman  
Thomas Terry  
Susan Cull  
Arleen Robinson  
Donna Hobart  
Cathy Tatum  
Sharon Hunsley  
Paul Post  
Robert Corbin  
Sharon Walton  
Karen Feasel

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Nicola Eyre  
Dennis Hoobler  
Melissa Woodard  
Ruby Stewart  
Janet Gatto  
Sandra Bryan  
Joanne Lynn  
Nancy Hudson  
Cynthia O'Connor

## FROM BENEFITS COMMITTEE | ELDER CARE

By Meg Teaford

### Telehealth Programming

The March 2022 AARP Bulletin had a few short paragraphs that Medicare is going to support more Telehealth programming. Based on usage during the pandemic, Medicare will expand the use of on-line mental health services in 2022. The new features include covering the cost of mental health services delivered by phone such as counseling and therapy services for substance abuse. This will help those older adults who do not have adequate internet access. Telehealth visits provided by rural health clinics will also be covered.

So what do we mean by Telehealth and how does it differ from telemedicine? Telehealth is a wide range of services that can be used to deliver health care virtually.

- Telemedicine is one of these methods and involves 2-way real time conference between a health care provider and a patient/caregiver. These are the video calls usually using either a smart phone or a computer.
- Mobile health can include the patient self-monitoring such things as temperature or blood pressure and then transferring the data using a mobile device or computer. It can also include the ability of the patient to get test results directly or the use of a medical alert button that transmits data directly to health care workers.

#### Why use telemedicine?

For older adults, telemedicine can be a godsend because it means fewer trips outside the home going to a medical center or hospital. It can greatly cut into the transportation barriers that make it hard for older adults to see their health care professionals. In the past two years, such virtual visits mean less exposure to COVID-19 or other illnesses. Often, it means being able to see a health care professional faster, less waiting time for an appointment. Finally, it can reduce costs.

Of course, there are some difficulties, and the first is using the technology; even the more sophisticated users are sometimes baffled by different computer systems. How do I unmute? How do I turn on the video? All this takes time and practice. We can't just decide that the technical pieces are easy to understand. Some matters, frankly, might be better handled by a phone call.

In addition, video calls can be frustrating for those hard of hearing or with low vision. Closed captioning might be an option and zooming in on the video might help with vision difficulties, but the patient needs to know about those features.

These difficulties can be overcome and make telemedicine easier for older patients to use.



# Calendar of Events

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### May 3 (Tuesday) Benefits Committee

**Time/Place:** 9:30 a.m.,  
Longaberger Alumni House

### May 10 (Tuesday) Board Meeting

**Time/Place:** 9:30 a.m.,  
Longaberger Alumni House

### May 23 (Monday) Cultural Arts/Travel Committee

**Time/Place:** 10 a.m.,  
Longaberger Alumni House

### May 25 (Wednesday) Membership Committee

**Time/Place:** 10 a.m.,  
Longaberger Alumni House

## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

### May 12 (Thursday) Photo Society

**Program:** Important discussion of the continued existence of the OSU Photographic Society

**Member Theme:** Three photos that illustrate one of the following elements of photography: (a) line, (b) composition, or (c) depth of field.

**Time/Place:** 5:15 p.m. reception; 6 p.m. dinner; 7 p.m. program; OSU Faculty Club. You MUST make reservations for dinner by calling 614-292-2262 by May 9.

**Cost:** On your own

**Arranger:** Nancy Verber (nwverber@gmail.com – Photographic Society SIG)

### May 19 (Thursday) Lunch Bunch – Peace of Cherry Blossoms

OSURA member Marlinda S. Iyer, along with Eric Neubauer, will introduce the International Volunteer Organization's work, including creation of Peace Gardens and sponsorship of Columbus's first Cherry

Blossom Festival patterned after and linked to the national festival in Washington, DC.

**Time/Place:** 11:15 a.m., MCL Cafeteria, Kingsdale  
**Cost:** On your own, order through cafeteria line starting at 11:15 a.m., program at approximately 12 noon.

**Contact Person:** Gemma McLuckie  
(mcluckiegemma@gmail.com – Social Committee)

### May 21 (Saturday) Walking/Hiking Group

#### Challenge Level 2-4

Join us as we experience Spring in full bloom along the trails at Blendon Woods, 4265 E. Dublin-Granville Rd, Westerville. Everyone welcome.

**Time/Place:** 11 a.m., meet at the Nature Center  
**Arranger:** Hallan Noltimier (noltimier.2@osu.edu – Walking/Hiking SIG)

### May 26 (Thursday) Dinner Series

Larry Inks, Clinical Associate Professor of Management and Human Resources in the Fisher College of Business, will discuss the role of social capital in our work and lives during the challenges of the COVID pandemic. He'll also make suggestions related to restoring social capital as a defining cultural characteristic.

**Time/Place:** 5:15 p.m. reception, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. lecture; OSU Faculty Club

**Cost:** \$35 (service charge included)

**Registration Deadline:** Register at osura.osu.edu or call 614-292-2281 by May 23.

**Arranger:** Carol Newcomb (newcomb.28@osu.edu – Dinner Series SIG)

### Book Club

*The Guest List*, by Lucy Foley, is our last book and *You Are There* play before our summer hiatus. Six people (despicable, unhappy), a wedding-away venue (remote island), an impending violent storm, and an uninvited guest/body create this whodunit of a "locked room" (island) mystery. Who doesn't wish the couple well? Why? No in-person meeting is planned.

**Arranger:** Lee Hill (hill.30@osu.edu – Book Club SIG)

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### May 20 (Friday) BalletMet – Director's Choice – A Collection of Short Ballets

**Challenge Level 2**  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Presenting five ballets in one performance. Featuring an excerpt from *After the Rain* by Christopher Wheeldon, Balanchine's classic *Tschaikovsky Pas de Deux*, Benjamin Millepied's *Appassionata*, Kyle Abraham's *When We Take Flight*, and a brand new work by internationally acclaimed Francesca Harper.

**Time/Place:** Box office opens at 9:30 a.m. Seating is general, so plan to arrive early for best seats. Performance begins at 11 a.m., Davidson Theatre, 77 S. High St.

**Cost:** \$24.50 (admission ticket)

**Registration/Refund Deadline:** Register at osura.alumni.osu.edu or call 614-292-2281 by May 12. Credit card preferred. Tickets will be held at Will Call.

**Arranger:** Marilyn Blackwell (blackwell.4@osu.edu – Cultural Arts Committee)

### July 20 (Wednesday) Union Terminal and the Great American Ball Park & Museum Tour

Cincinnati, OH

**Challenge Level 3**  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

We will tour Union Terminal train station, Rotunda and Cat Walk and make it to Eden Park for a box lunch. Our last stop will be a tour of the Great American Ball Park and Museum.

**Meet by:** 7:15 a.m., Tremont Center (Tremont Road, opposite Upper Arlington Library); bus leaves promptly at 7:30 a.m.

**Return:** approximately 6:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$84; cost includes tour fees, box lunch, motor coach transportation, snacks, tips

**Registration/Refund Deadline:** Register at osura.osu.edu or call 614-292-2281 by July 13.

**Arrangers:** Jessica Pritchard and Cindy Giles (jjpritch6@gmail.com – Travel Committee)



## Upcoming Events

Look for more information in future newsletters.

**June 16 (Thursday) OSURA Annual Meeting**

**September 21 (Wednesday) OSURA Annual Conference**



## Registration Instructions

### 1. Registrations requiring payment:

Registrations can be made by going on-line to [osura.osu.edu](https://osura.osu.edu) or by calling **614-292-2281** or **1-800-762-5646**.

Your registration is not complete until payment is made, so have your credit card ready. Checks are no longer being accepted.

### 2. Registrations NOT requiring payment:

Registrations will be made through the Arranger's email provided in the description of the event.

## CHALLENGE LEVELS

- 1 Light** – may include a few stairs.
- 2 Moderate** – may include a few sets of stairs.
- 3 Moderate +** – may include climbing many stairs and/or uneven terrain.
- 4 High** – may include lots of walking, climbing stairs, hilly walkways and/or extended weather exposure.

## Welcome New Retirees

**Joellen Blackston**

Ross Heart Hospital

**Karen J. Jones-Price**

Specialty Care Network

**David Owen Yablok**

Medicine



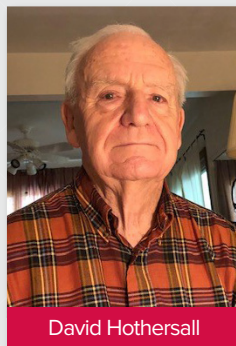
## Meet David Hothersall!

I was born in Longridge, a small village, near Liverpool in the north of England.

(Of course, I am a lifelong Liverpool Football Club supporter.) I attended a private (public) school until 1953 when my father was transferred to South Africa. At the University of the Witwatersrand, I earned honors and a master's degree in psychology and became a junior lecturer in 1964. That year I earned a scholarship to return to England and study psychology at the University of London. In 1965 my advisor 'brain drained' to the University of Tennessee with his research group. There I received a United States Public Health Service pre-doctoral fellowship and earned a PhD in 1968.

While in Tennessee, my wife Lesley taught in the Head Start Program for the Knoxville Public Schools. We planned to return to England but after giving a colloquium at Ohio State, I was surprised and very pleased to be offered a position as an Assistant Professor at Ohio State.

I joined the faculty of the department of psychology in 1968 and attained the rank of Full Professor in October 1976. My research interests were learning and applied animal behavior. Teaching responsibilities included introduction to psychology, the history



David Hothersall

of psychology and comparative psychology. For me, teaching was always a rewarding experience. One memorable event involved Trick or Treat. Two of my graduate students disguised themselves as children, knocked on my door and were given (by me) treats. The next morning, I found the treats on my office desk!

In 1990, I was appointed Director of the University Honors Program and held that position until 1998. With the support of the Associate Director Dr. Mabel Freeman, a dedicated staff, an administrative commitment to recruiting outstanding students, the enthusiastic support of President Gee and an enhanced merit scholarship program, the Honors Program was an exciting place to be. I returned to the department of psychology until my retirement in July 1998.

In retirement, I have kept busy. I volunteered at a local community garden and enjoyed it. Additionally, I have continued to teach undergraduate and graduate courses on the history of psychology and to work on a book on the history of psychology. (The fifth edition will be published in March 2022 by Cambridge University Press.)

As a speaker in the Alumni Association's Faculty Speaker's Program, I gave numerous talks on the history of Ohio State to Alumni Clubs. Club members are intensely loyal and committed to Ohio State. Meeting them in Ohio and out of state was a great pleasure.

We have tried to cope with the virus by vaccinations, mask wearing and social distancing. It has been difficult. I found on-line (remote) teaching to be very challenging. Nevertheless, I have continued to enjoy reading, writing, public speaking, exercising at McConnell Heart Health Center -- and the programs of the OSU Retirees Association.



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## The March Lunch Bunch was packed!

Steven D'Ambrosio entertained the crowd at the March 17 Lunch Bunch with tales and photos of his visit to Manitoba to view polar bears and learn about their lives along the shores of Hudson Bay. D'Ambrosio, professor emeritus in the College of Medicine and a former president of OSURA, traveled with Natural Habitat Adventures last October.

Some 50 people were on hand to enjoy the first in-person Lunch Bunch in two years. The organizers are getting back on schedule with programs at MCL Cafeteria in Upper Arlington on third Thursdays, with occasional breaks. Check the newsletter each month for details.





## FROM: The Benefits Committee

### STRS News

By Jerry Newsom

Members of the STRS defined benefit plan who retired before July 2018 will see a larger pension every month starting on the anniversary of their retirement date next fiscal year. The increase is 3% of what their first pension payment was. If your retirement anniversary is in the spring, you'll have to wait until Spring 2023 to see your increase, and here's why. Teacher A retired on 1 July 2010 and teacher B retired on 1 June 2010. Each got COLAs on the anniversary month of their retirement. When COLAs were

suspended, teacher A got their last COLA in July 2016 and teacher B got their last COLA on June 2017. Teacher A has gone 11 months longer without a COLA than teacher B, so it's only fair that A gets the new COLA 11 months before B.

The legislature does not allow an increase unless an external actuary determines that it "does not materially impair the fiscal integrity of the retirement system," and thanks to the strong investment returns last fiscal year, the actuary agreed. The Board considered more generous increases to benefits, but they failed to get the actuary's approval and hence were

dropped. The Board agreed to revisit further increases in benefits each year. However, their consultants could easily say the Board has to lower its present assumed 7% return on investments, which would make STRS finances look worse and make it less likely that the actuary would approve an increase next year. There's always hope, but another year of strong investment returns would be needed. As of the end of February, the fund had returned +3% since July 2021. The time when the actuary will approve an annual 2% COLA looks well in the future, and of course the payment of the 3% COLAs next year pushes the resumption of annual COLAs further into the future.

### OPERS News

By Darian Torrance

The OPERS Board of Trustees met on March 15-16, 2022. Highlights from the meeting include:

- The Board voted to fill the Board vacancy for miscellaneous employees with Stewart Smith, finance director for the Columbus Metropolitan Library.
- After a presentation by Craig Hallermann, internal actuary at OPERS, the Board voted to approve the transfer of \$765,098,269 to the Healthcare Rate Stabilization Fund. As of December 31, 2021, the total Health Care Fund was \$13,774,679,045. The stabilization fund acts as a built-in margin to reduce funding risk.
- Paul Greff, OPERS Chief Investment Officer (CIO), and Prabu Kumaran, OPERS Fund Manager, presented changes to the Investments Policies for the Defined Benefit (DB fund) and Health Care Trust Fund. The Board voted to approve these changes, which will improve clarity and consistency across the policies.
- OPERS has received several calls

Actual Performance (net)	Market Value (\$000)	2021 (2-QTRS)	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
PERS	105,051,540	8.8%	26.6%	11.3%	11.0%	8.9%
Rank (gross)*			62	43	44	38
STRS	94,832,216	11.4%	29.1%	12.5%	12.2%	9.8%
Police & Fire	18,461,070	10.8%	27.8%	10.4%	10.6%	8.9%
SERS	17,773,696	9.4%	26.8%	11.6%	11.5%	9.2%
HPRS	1,112,191	11.1%	33.8%	12.7%	11.9%	8.9%

for divestment from investments in Russia by statewide political offices, as well as the Ohio Retirement Study Council. After discussion, the Board approved a new Russia Divestment Policy. "OPERS staff will maintain a Russia Divestment Procedure to identify Russian Investments and divest of existing investments in a manner consistent with the Board's fiduciary duty." Currently, the investment in Russia is \$117 million dollars, which is a very small portion of the \$125 billion portfolio.

- Craig Svendsen, consultant with NEPC investment consulting firm, presented 2021 investment returns for Ohio public funds, including OPERS (DB Fund only), STRS, OP&F, SERS and HPRS. "All plans outperformed their actuarial assumed return over the trailing 10 years."

- Medical and prescription drug claims incurred prior to 2022 continue to be paid by Medical Mutual (through 2022) and Express Scripts (through June 2022).
- As of November 2021, more than 21,000 OPERS plan participants filed 68,133 claims related to COVID-19. The plan paid \$30.8 million in COVID-19 claims.
- Paul Greff, OPERS CIO and John Blue, OPERS Lead Portfolio Manager, reported that a Gold Portfolio will be added to the Opportunistic Asset Class in the Defined Benefit and Health Care funds. The portfolio, which will be managed by internal OPERS staff, will be funded with \$200 million. It will be launched in the first half of 2022. They reported that "Gold has posted returns that are competitive with both stocks and treasury bonds over the last 20 years."





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