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Public Art on Campus

By Nancy Wardwell

As you know, there is an open invitation for suggested topics for this page of our newsletter. No less than Meg Teaford, a past president and most

recent recipient of the OSU Outstanding Service Award, has suggested a great one: Public Art on Campus!

In short, public art is art in PUBLIC places – accessible to the public! Public art can encompass murals, sculptures, memorials, and even moldings and reliefs found on buildings. Think of the two oldest buildings on the Oval – the whole façade of Hayes Hall – and the other Frank Packard masterpiece, Orton Hall!

Actually, the history of public art in the United States is surprisingly short. Of course, there are the 19th century town-square monuments, but they are political in that they represent specific events and heroes – but the approach to public art changed radically in the 1970s with a new

alliance between artists – and urban regeneration!

Lurking in our computers (Oh Art Community Files) is a map designed for a project in conjunction with OSU Transportation and Parking Services and Oh Art that locates public art installations near university bus stops. It includes the name of the work and its creator. When Meg suggested this topic, I thought immediately of that black sculpture as you cross the river to Cannon Drive at or near Drake Union. The note: “Sculpture by River. This sculpture is a personal adventure. Guess for yourself.” Still an enigma!!!

There is a helpful site – “Six Spots to find art on campus” in which the more important works are identified and located.

Among other works that grace our campus is “Breakers” outside Arps Hall – a white angular work by David Black, OSU Professor Emeritus. Professor Black has another sculpture “North Shore” located in Chadwick Arboretum – and there are the four classic columns at Knowlton Hall, and at the Galbreath Equine Trauma Center, a horse sculptured by John Rodgers Garton, DVM.

To ensure that new art will flourish, Ohio has joined 28 other states and territories participating in “Percent for Art Legislation” that provides, in Ohio at least, 1% of the total appropriation for new and renovated buildings for art! Be sure that at Ohio State the representative Campus Art and Memorials Committee has been formed, process and procedures are in place, and new works – are in the works!

Artwork	Artist	Location
Modern Head	Roy Lichtenstein	Between Smith and McPherson Labs
Celebration Drum Circle	Bill and Mary Muchen	RPAC
Garden of Constants	Barbara Grygutis Zook	Dreese Labs
Steel Connections	Students	Hitchcock Hall
Ohio Union Relief*	From old Union	Ohio Union 12th Avenue
Annabelle the Praying Mantis	Pat Belisle	Chadwick Arboretum
Groundswell – SE Ohio	Maya Lin	Wexner Center
Jesse Owens – Celebration	Curtis Patterson	Ohio Stadium

**Two were added: Native Americans and James Thurber*

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From the Archives

President's Letter August 2017

On July 1, 2017 I assumed the office of President of The Ohio State University Retirees Association (OSURA), the office you elected me to serve until the same date in 2018. I eagerly anticipate the challenges of this position and certainly hope that I can function to your level of expectation and more.

OSURA is a tremendous organization. Its rich history is amplified by the many, varied activities and benefits which are arranged for its members, keeping the promise to continue these, and adding more programs in the future. A favorite saying around OSURA is "We have something for everyone." It is our intent to have you select OSURA as your retirement hub and link to The Ohio State University during your many years in this golden period.

I joined OSURA four years ago after I glanced over one of its monthly newsletters for members. I was intrigued by the cultural and educational events and the trips offered to its members, all for an annual fee of \$25. I learned that OSURA covers most areas of interest for retirees and spouses. It closely monitors and offers suggestions on pensions and health care benefits to our retirement agencies (e.g., STRS, OPERS) and regularly reports on these activities to our membership. OSURA provides information on most day-to-day aspects of retirement (e.g., facilities, legal, health, discounts) through the newsletter, email communication, and the one full-day, comprehensive Annual Conference/Meeting in the fall of each year. The many cultural events of OSURA provide a wide spectrum of entertainment (e.g., plays, ballet, music, opera) covering the varied interests of our members. For those who have retained the passion for learning from their university days, OSURA provides two or more lectures a month on a variety of interesting topics and often with an accompanying lunch or dinner to add some relaxation and socialization to the event.

OSURA offers a tax seminar yearly, well in advance of the tax due-date. The Health and Wellness group arranges 2-3 lecture-seminars (2-3 hours each) annually on topics of interest selected by our members. The Hiking/Walking group meets monthly for an informative walk in our locale, led by a renowned geologist. The 4-6 trips each year have included Canada by Rail, Scandinavia, Chicago tour, National Great Lakes Museum in Toledo, Cleveland's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Christmas Story House and more. Christmas and Spring potluck luncheons with entertainment are fun for all.

Needless to say, I had little to do with this legacy and I'm simply standing on the shoulders of the prior 33 presidents and the hundreds of former and current Executive Board and Committee Members. I will address the remarkable achievements of the immediate past president (Shirley F. McCoy) in my next letter.

For the honor and privilege of having the opportunity to serve as your president over the next year,

I remain sincerely yours,

Carl V. Leier

OSURA Executive Board

Ed. Note: It is always great to see Dr. Leier still participating in the programs OSURA does so well!



Public Art on Campus



Garden of Constants or the Numbers Garden

By Barbara Grygutis, located near Dreese Laboratory

Annabelle the Praying Mantis
is located in Chadwick Arboretum and Gardens at the corner of Olentangy River Road and Woody Hayes Drive



Celebration Drum Circle

By Bill and Mary Muchen located on 17th Avenue outside the Recreation and Physical Education Center

Calendar of Events

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

August 2 (Tuesday) Benefits Committee

Time/Place: 9:15 a.m.,
Longaberger Alumni House

August 9 (Tuesday) Board Meeting

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

August 24 (Wednesday) Membership Committee

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

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

August 18 (Thursday) Lunch Bunch

OSU's Most Famous Murderer: Professor James Howard Snook. Former University Archivist Raimund Goerler will discuss the case of murder against Professor James Howard Snook in 1929. It was a sensational case that drew a national audience.

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 noon.

Arranger: Raimund Goerler (goerler.1@osu.edu – Social Committee)

Book Club

The OSURA Book Club is on summer hiatus until September. Our September book will be *The Code Breaker*, by Walter Isaacson, which describes the intense search into the code of gene editing which holds the possibility of many wonders in medicine.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

August 25 (Thursday) La Comedia – The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

765 West Central – Springboro, OH

Challenge Level 2

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

NEW

This play is a winner of the Tony and the Drama Desk Awards for Best Book....and has charmed many across the country with its effortless wit and humor. This bee is one unforgettable experience. www.lacomedia.com

Meet by: 8:30 a.m., Tremont Center (Tremont Road, opposite Upper Arlington Library)

Return: approximately 5 p.m.

Cost: \$80; cost includes buffet lunch, the show admission, transportation, snacks, tips.
Registration/Refund Deadline: Register at osu.edu or call 614-292-2281 by August 4.

Arrangers: Jessica Pritchard and Alabelle Zghoul (alabelle.zghoul@gmail.com – Travel Committee)

September 21 (Wednesday) 2022 OSURA Annual Fall Conference

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Time/Place: 8 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.,
Fawcett Event Center, 2400
Olentangy River Road

Cost: \$30 members – includes continental breakfast and lunch; \$10 extra for optional tours
Registration Deadline: September 14 – Register at osura.alumni.osu.edu, or call 614-292-2281 (1-800-762-5646).

Parking: Free

Arranger: Sally Dellinger
(Conference Committee)

September 29 (Thursday) Fort Recovery & Garst Museum Tour

Fort Recovery & Greenville, OH

Challenge Level 3

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Fort Recovery Museum & Battle Tour, fortrecoverystatemuseum@yahoo.com. Lunch at Montage Café and on to Garst Museum, a historical museum that include The National Annie Oakley Center, Crossroads of Destiny, Keepers of Freedom, Douglas Dickey Exhibit, Lowell Thomas...with Lawrence and Beyond, and The Story of Longtown. <https://www.garstmuseum.org>

Meet by: 7:30 a.m., Tremont Center (Tremont Road, opposite Upper Arlington Library)

Return: approximately 6 p.m.

Cost: \$74; cost includes museum admissions, lunch, transportation, snacks, tips.

Registration/Refund Deadline: Register at osu.edu or call 614-292-2281 by September 15.

Arrangers: Alabelle Zghoul and Jessica Pritchard (jjpritch6@gmail.com – Travel Committee)

Registration Instructions

- 1. Registrations requiring payment:** Registrations can be made by going on-line to 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.



OSURA Spotlight

Meet **Glenn C. Himes**!

My adventure of life began on a west central Indiana farm. I have fond memories of rural America in the 1930s and 40s. All aspects and challenges in agriculture captured my interest, and as a kid I never doubted that it was my vocational calling in life. After graduating in a high school class of 24 students, I enrolled in Purdue University in the fall of 1947. During my four years at Purdue, I met the love of my life, Carmen, and we were married following our graduations.

The next four years, during the Korean conflict, were spent in the U.S. Air Force. With the help of the G.I. Bill, we returned to Purdue University for Masters' degrees. Then after four years of agriculture-related work with Eli Lilly, we were on our way to The Ohio State University to enroll in the PhD program in the Department of Agricultural Economics. When that was completed, I was offered, and wisely accepted, a teaching/research position in the Department in 1964.

I found advising, teaching, and counseling students very rewarding. They talked, I listened, and we worked together at taking their thinking one step further. I enjoyed teaching and advising students; it was a good fit for me. Through the years, students often gathered around our table for a meal, whether spontaneous or planned. During those early years, I moved from assistant professor to full professor and from 1982 to 1985, I served as Associate Chairman of the undergraduate program in the Department of Agricultural Economics.

My teaching included both undergraduate and graduate courses. One of my students, Molly Caren, who donated the farm land for the Farm Science Review near London, Ohio, enrolled in The OSU Program 60. How my students so enjoyed her in class!!! At about the same time, computer-assisted instruction was an emerging teaching tool. I used this technology to teach Economic Principles. It was well received by the students. Agribusiness representatives often provided real-world content to the classroom discussions in several courses.

I coached The OSU/NAMA (National Agribusiness Marketing Association) student marketing team for the national competition for 20 years. Each team had the task of creating a new or modified agribusiness product to present as a marketing plan to a panel of judges.



Carmen and Glenn Himes

I also had the opportunity to serve as Director of the Ohio Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) program for agricultural professionals. The two-year national and international travel and study program emphasized the role of leadership in their work and their lives. One of the crown-jewel experiences, before retiring in 1995, was directing an OSU study abroad student group to The Czech Republic; a super program!

I received the Alfred J. Wright Award for service to students in 1969 and the Outstanding Teaching Award, for fewer than 10 years of teaching, from the American Agricultural Economics Association in 1974. Another surprise came when I received The Towers

Recognition of Contributions to student organizations in the College of Agriculture in 1987, and ten years later, the Sphinx and Mortar Board outstanding Faculty/Staff Award in 1997. Then in 2015, I received the Meritorious Service Award, College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, Alumni Society, The OSU. The Department of Agricultural Economics established the Glenn C. Himes undergraduate scholarship fund shortly before I retired. Former students, faculty, friends, family, agribusinesses, and organizations contributed to the fund. Glenn and Carmen decided to "pay forward" as Woody Hayes stated, and made a significant donation to reach a fully endowed scholarship amount that permits awarding a scholarship for many more years. As a teacher one is never quite sure where your influence starts and stops!

Now in the autumn of our lives, our three loving daughters, sons-in-law, and eight grandchildren continually fill our hearts with joy and wonderment as they grow in their academics and service to others. Adding to that joy are two precious great-grandchildren, our church family and its outreach, trips abroad with friends, and summer gatherings with homemade ice cream.

One of the unexpected and priceless gifts of teaching at OSU has been the many visits, calls, and letters from students I advised and taught through the years in the Department of Agricultural Economics. Carmen and I continue to enjoy them in retirement.

We are both project oriented and keep "making sawdust" in the home workshop, creating gifts for the family. In retirement we have enjoyed and benefited from the numerous OSURA activities such as the fall conferences. We especially remember one OSURA trip "Desert Canyons & Casinos". The trip was great and so were the OSU friends on the trip with us. The Thursday evening Faculty club dinners and programs have been excellent as well. Our "platter" remains full.

To Your Health

Summer 2022 is proving to be one of the hottest in recent history, making water intake more important than ever. Medline Plus offers useful information.

Dehydration is a condition caused by the loss of too much fluid from the body. It happens when you are losing more fluids than you are taking in, and your body does not have enough fluids to work properly.

What causes dehydration?

You can become dehydrated because of:

- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Sweating too much
- Fever
- Not drinking enough

Who is at risk for dehydration?

Certain people have a higher risk of dehydration:

- Older adults. Some people lose their sense of thirst as they age, so they don't drink enough fluids.
- People with chronic illnesses that cause them to urinate or sweat more often, such as diabetes, cystic fibrosis, or kidney problems
- People who take medicines that cause them to urinate or sweat more
- People who exercise or work outdoors during hot weather

What are the symptoms of dehydration?

In adults, the symptoms of dehydration include:

- Feeling very thirsty
- Dry mouth
- Urinating and sweating less than usual
- Dark-colored urine
- Dry skin
- Feeling tired
- Dizziness

What are the treatments for dehydration?

The treatment for dehydration is to replace the fluids and electrolytes that you have lost. For mild cases, you may just need to drink lots of water. If you lost electrolytes, sports drinks may help. There are also oral rehydration solutions for children. You can buy those without a prescription.

Severe cases may be treated with intravenous (IV) fluids with salt in a hospital.

Can dehydration be prevented?

The key to preventing dehydration is making sure that you get enough fluids:

- Drink enough water every day. Each person's needs can be different, so ask your health care provider how much you should be drinking each day.
- If you are exercising in the heat and losing a lot of minerals in sweat, sports drinks can be helpful.
- Avoid drinks that have sugar and caffeine.
- Drink extra fluids when the weather is hot or when you are sick.

Information provided on MedlinePlus

In Memoriam

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FROM: The Benefits Committee

OPERS News

By Darian Torrance

OPERS recently released its *Annual Comprehensive Financial Report* for the period ending 12/31/2021. This report contains detailed information about the status of OPERS financial position and operations. I encourage you to take time to read through this very comprehensive report. To access the report, click on the following link: [OPERS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report](#).

STRS News

By Jerry Newsom

At every STRS Board meeting, we're anxious to hear how the investments are doing. The preliminary return for May was +0.52%, making the total return for the first 11 months of the fiscal year +0.71%. The poor performance of the stock market in June makes a negative return for FY 2022 likely. But the important point is that investment returns in FY 2021 were 22% above the assumed return of 7% (used for planning purposes) but are likely to be 7% below the assumed value in FY 2022. The net for the last two years is fine, but a down year in FY 2023 would not be good.

Other items of interest: Something an observer might easily never consider but which major organizations need to plan for is a "Disaster Recovery" plan. STRS has maintained a site in Westerville for decades, where they could continue to operate should their building in downtown Columbus suddenly become unavailable. They have now upgraded to a system that can be operating from just about anywhere. In spite of concerns about many teachers leaving the profession, as of May the number of applications to retire was 17% less than a year ago. The STRS Board finalized the healthcare premiums for 2023, with the great majority of participants seeing a drop in their monthly premiums. The current Vice Chair of the Board, Carol Correthers, becomes Chair in September, with active teacher Dale Price becoming the new Vice Chair. The three newly-elected Board members take their seats then also. A Boston College study concluded that about 42% of STRS' current unfunded liability is attributed to less stringent oversight of Ohio public pensions prior to 1968. STRS has been criticized that their investments in "Alternatives" are ill-advised because of a lack of transparency and high fees; I've been encouraging STRS to publicize the fact that Alternative investments pretty consistently produce higher returns than the rest of the portfolio after fees are deducted, and STRS is a leader in trying to get the rules changed to increase transparency.

The OSURA Book Club— Indulge Near and Far

We're Free and Stress Free!



- ✓ No dues – we're cheap
- ✓ No book reports – thank goodness!
- ✓ Participate as much or as little as you like in-person or via the emailed You Are There page each month
- ✓ Even if you didn't finish the book, you can still join the discussion and fun

What's not to like! Join today!

Contact Lee Hill (SIG Leader) at hill.30@osu.edu



**The Ohio State University Retirees Assn.
Customer Service**
Longaberger Alumni House
2200 Olentangy River Road
Columbus, Ohio 43210

Conference Registration is Open

Register Now!

**Whether your interest lies in science,
space, politics, music, or healthwe've got it all.**

The entire program is described in the June Newsletter.

Remember, there are two ways to register:

- 1** Go on-line to <https://osura.osu.edu> and find the event registration link –
OR
- 2** Contact the Engagement Center at the Alumni Association to register and pay over the phone at either **614-292-2281** or **1-800-762-5646**. Registration is not complete until payment is made, so have your credit card at the ready.

See you on the 21st of September.