Ruth Wilson’s fine, multifaceted mind

Ruth Wilson taught form analysis and the history of music at UWM long before she started making regular visits to The Hefter Conference Center, located on the southwest corner of Lake Drive and Hartford Avenue.

Now, as an Osher member who has long enjoyed taking French and Italian classes via Special Interest Group offerings, Ruth looks forward to times spent with old friends and new acquaintances each time she steps through the doorway of the first floor of this masterfully renovated mansion. It’s here, in the Hefter Center Dining Room, where she refines her language skills and abilities.

Silvana Kukuljan, who practically started the Italian Department for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UWM after she retired from teaching for Milwaukee Public Schools, is a teacher at Osher, thanks to Ruth. The two met when Ruth was a volunteer in Silvana’s MPS classroom.

After Silvana retired, Ruth invited her to visit the Osher Italian class. Silvana was a guest for all of ten minutes when she decided she would look into Ruth’s suggestion that she would make a good fit as the teacher. That was 15 years ago, and Silvana is still leading her dedicated Osher class.

For Ruth, “Learning Italian makes it possible to talk to people you couldn’t talk to otherwise.”

Ruth observes accurately that, as is the case with many foreign languages, there’s little difference in some words while others are completely different.

Ruth not only secured the instructor but most often is in the company of her two dear friends, Carl Rank, her assistant, who hadn’t studied Italian but had wanted to do so, and Helen Wrabetz, whom she met in a School of Continuing Education Italian class offered on campus a few years back.

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The leaves are falling, the temperatures are dropping and we’re heavily into our fall 2010 Osher program. Our Short Course Program offers a variety of selections from Potpourri to King Arthur, the Great Lakes and the Golden Triangle of India. Tours include the Soldiers Home Historical District and Old World Wisconsin. We had our fall luncheon on October 8th and plans are underway for our Holiday reception later in the year. Planning for the spring 2011 program has begun and we’re looking forward to an interesting, stimulating and diverse program.

We’re also making progress in filling positions on committees and the Board. Linda Nolan is our new head of the Leadership and Development committee and we have several volunteers for committee positions. However, that’s only the beginning. We need more of you to take up committee positions and to help us achieve the goals we outlined in our 3 Year Strategic plan. Come join us!!

One final but sad note, I regret to inform you that our past president and current American Civil War course coordinator, Ted Ulman, passed away this past week. Ted was a true gentleman and he, and his wife Pat, were integral parts of the Osher family. Ted will be missed.

— David Kelling

**Spring Short Course Catalog**

The catalog will be mailed to current members the week of January 9th. If you haven’t received a catalog by the end of January, please call the Osher office 414-227-3222 so we can mail one to you. Please read the catalog as we have made some changes to class registration deadlines.
Special Interest Group Notes
November-December, 2010

For more information about Special Interest groups, call the Group Coordinator.

Interest Groups are held at two locations:
UWM Hefter Conference Center, 3271 N. Lake Drive (Hefter)
Shorewood Public Library, lower level, 3920 N. Murray Ave. (SPL)

BOOK GROUP:
Cathy Morris-Nelson 414-352-2839
Third Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (SPL)
Nov. 16 “The Help” by Kathryn Stockett

COMPUTER USERS’ GROUP:
Peter Lee 414-202-6312
Every Friday, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. (SPL)

EARTH WISDOM:
Dale Olen 262- 255-3628
Second and fourth Wednesday
10:30a.m.-12:00p.m. (Hefter)

FRENCH:
Prof. Martine Meyer 414-964-3717
Every Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. (Hefter)
At this time the French Interest Group is not taking new members. It has reached capacity. The office is taking names for a wait list. Call 414-227-3222.

GERMAN:
Valerie Brumder, 414-352-4506
Second and fourth Tuesday 1:00-2:30 p.m. (Hefter)

ITALIAN:
Silvana Kukuljan 414-332-4427
Every Tuesday, 12:00–1:15p.m. (Hefter)
At this time the Italian Interest Group is not taking new members. It has reached capacity. The Osher office is taking names for a wait list. Call 414-227-3222.

SPANISH:
Tony LoBue 414-364-4936
Every Thursday, 9:30 – 11:30a.m. (Hefter)

SPANISH CONVERSATION:
Simon Arenzon 262-242-2035
Every Tuesday, 9:30-11:30a.m. (Hefter)

HISTORY:
Marilyn Walker 414-332-8255
Second & Fourth Wednesdays
9:00–10:00 a.m. (Hefter)
“Dancing in the Dark” by Morris Dickstein
Nov. 10: pp 215-310
Dec. 8: pp 311-356

GOLD STAR MYSTERIES:
Beverly DeWeese 414-332-7306
First Thursdays, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. (Hefter)
Nov. 4 “The Last Child” by John Hart
“Judas Child” by Carol O’Connell
Gold Star Mystery Group will NOT meet December and January. Monthly meetings will be held February through November. THIS IS A CHANGE IN THE REGULAR SCHEDULE.
**Out and About ---**

Notes from the Executive Director:

⇒ Hope to see many of you at the Holiday Gala, Wednesday, December 8. See enclosed flyer.

⇒ There are still opportunities to serve on Osher committees. Put your talents to use by volunteering and making Osher even better.

Cathleen Sanders
Executive Director

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**Ruth Wilson**

She encourages older adults who are considering joining Osher to “look to see what you have to offer and what appeals to you.” By example, her life reflects how sharing learning opportunities with friends can enhance the experiences she has as an Osher member.

Ruth’s curious nature has served her well throughout her life. Although she was born in Chicago and grew up in Evanston and Lake Bluff, Illinois, she has lived in Milwaukee since 1942. Her husband, whom she describes as “a very brilliant physicist,” died in 1986.

As a child, she initially played the violin. In the 1950’s, when the viola player left Ruth’s chamber music group, Ruth says, “I thought it was up to me to take her place. I’ve never gone back.” The 96-year-old musician has played violin or viola for well over 80 years. Ruth noted that she started playing the violin in her early teens, which is late for serious musicians.

Earlier this year, after she took a fall during her customary two-mile stroll, she was surprised that her fingers responded so well when she started practicing the viola again.

Good friends encourage her when they visit. “Sometimes Father Mike Zeps comes with his violin and we play duets,” she said. She plans to get back to playing quartets in the near future.

Ruth doesn’t hesitate when asked if she has a favorite composer. “I love almost anything Brahms,” she said. “He wrote only three quartets. I wish that he’d written more.”

Her friend, Helen, confirms that Ruth’s appetite for learning is robust, even when she’s dining. “Don’t expect to get through a meal with her without some sort of language dictionary popping out.”

She is pleased that her granddaughter is teaching English at Shorewood High School. “The habit of studying comes down the line,” she said.

Indeed it does.

By Cathy Prescher
A Tribute to Ted
— By Darlene Roberts

Where to begin? How does one pay homage to a man like Ted Ulman, also known as Teddy to family and close friends? He was tall, a “big guy,” who loved history, the arts, travel, his family and riding his bike. I often saw Ted biking on Downer Avenue and along Lake Park, ready to chat, enjoying the outdoors.

Ted had a wonderful sense of humor and a fine intellect. He loved teaching the video course on the Civil War. Ted was past president of the UWM Guild/Osher. He was a very involved and devoted member.

Ted is a man to remember: a man who will be missed by his family, friends, the staff at the Prospect Eye Clinic, the merchants on Downer Avenue, and other assorted folks he met on his interesting and colorful journey through life.

In closing, Ted, thank you for the memories.

UWM Awarded $1 Million Osher Lifelong Learning Endowment

It’s official! The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UWM finally received the $1 million endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation on September 18. The funds recognize our Institute’s success and sustainability, and will support continued growth of quality educational activities for many years to come.

“We are thrilled and thankful for this amazing honor,” says Cathie Sanders, Osher’s executive director.

“Thanks to the support of the Bernard Osher Foundation, we can continue to develop exceptional learning opportunities for our members.”

Milwaukee’s Osher Institute, as you may recall, was established in 1982 as the Guild for Learning in Retirement. Several years ago, the organization changed its name to the Guild for Lifelong Learning. Three years ago, as a part of the endowment process, the name was changed to the current Osher Lifelong Learning. Whatever the name, the program continues to offer exceptional educational opportunities. As a result, membership has grown from its 26 founding members to the current total of over 560 members.

The Bernard Osher Foundation supports a growing national network of lifelong learning institutes that provide non-credit educational programs for older adults at 119 colleges and universities. It is a philanthropic organization founded in 1977 and headquartered in San Francisco. At present, we are the only Osher Institute in the State of Wisconsin, as the Institute in Madison decided not to continue its relationship with the Osher Foundation this past spring.

The $1 million endowment was immediately placed in an account managed by the University of Wisconsin System Foundation. We anticipate an annual return of $35-$40 thousand annually. Realizing that we will not have access to those funds for another year, the Osher Foundation also issued a bridge grant of $50 thousand dollars to help cover our operating costs during that period. One other hopeful bit of news from the Osher Foundation is that if our membership reaches the 1,000 mark, they will award us an additional $1 million gift. So, by all means, keep recruiting your friends to join us!
# November, 2010

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- **Sunday, Nov. 21, 2:00 GO EXPLORE: Boulevard Theater (C)**
- **9:00 Leadership and Development Committee Meeting (M)**
- **Thanksgiving**
- **UNIVERSITY CLOSED**

**Saturday, Nov. 6, 2-4PM**

**GO EXPLORE: “Treasures of Milwaukee Public Library**
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The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) offers area residents a variety of unique educational experiences. Unless otherwise indicated, events are free. For a full schedule of UWM events, you can go to www.uwm.edu. Click on the “Quicklinks” button at the top of the page and go to Event Calendar. In the meantime, here’s a sampling of events to whet your appetite.

**Art**

**Woven Images 2010**
*Tuesday, November 9—Thursday, December 23. Opening reception 5-7pm, Thursday, November 11. INOVA/Zelazo Center, 2419 E. Kenwood Blvd.*


Contact: Kyoung Ae Cho, cho@uwm.edu.

**Artists Now! Lecture—Jon Rappleye: After Eden**
*Wednesday, November 17, 7:00pm Arts Center Lecture Hall, 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd.*

Jon Rappleye’s drawings depict fantastical worlds populated by familiar animals, exotic creatures and strange hybrid phenomena. Biological structures and functions are reanimated, exploring ecological issues and evoking a dream world landscape. In his talk he will address the evolution of his work, explorations of his imagery in various media (including a ceramics residency at the JMKAC Arts Industry program and various printmaking residencies) and the balance between addressing important issues and utilizing escape in his work.

Contact: Michael Passmore, passmom@uwm.edu, 414-229-6052.

**Dance**

**New Dancemakers: In the Flesh**
*Thursday, December 9-Sunday, December 12; 5-6pm, 7-8pm and 9-10pm Mitchell Hall, 3203 N. Downer Ave., Room 254.*

A festival atmosphere surrounds the 25 undergraduate choreographers working on the themes of gender and identity. Choreographers explore these themes through their refined understanding of their bodies and are prepared to wear their emotions on their sleeves.

Tickets: $12 general/$10 seniors, faculty and alumni
Contact: Luc Vanier, vanier@uwm.edu, 414-229-2773

**Music**

**UWM Jazz & Youth Jazz Ensembles with special guest Chris Vadala**
*Sunday, November 7; 7:30pm Helen Bader Concert Hall, 2419 E. Kenwood Blvd.*

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Tickets: $12 general/$10 seniors, faculty and alumni.
Contact: Curt Hanrahan, hanraha6@uwm.edu

**Symphony Orchestra Concert with UWM Choirs**
*Saturday, November 13; 7:30pm Helen Bader Concert Hall, 2419 E. Kenwood Blvd.*

The Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Professor Margery Deutsch, will present its annual concert with the UWM Choirs.

Tickets: $10 general/$7 seniors and UWM students, faculty and alumni.
Contact: Box office, 414-229-4308
### UWM OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING
#### JULY-SEPTEMBER 2011

**Income:**
- Membership Dues: $10,055.00
- Short Courses, Net: 9,723.00
- Luncheons: 0.00
- Sale of Merchandise: 0.00
- Contributions: 281.00

**Total Income:** 20,059.00

**Expenses:**
- Salaries: 6,844.89
- Benefits: 1,802.48
- Travel/Training: 341.41
- Telephone: 0.00
- Rental Space/Parking: 5.00
- Professional Services: 2,085.00
- Training/Development: 0.00
- Printing/Duplication: 1,520.53
- Furniture and Equipment: 0.00
- Office Supplies: 0.00
- Postage: 668.68
- Memberships: 0.00
- Advertising & Notices: 1,728.17
- Conference/Workshop: 1,997.50
- Osher Discounts: 1,829.20
- Miscellaneous: 450.96

**Total Expenses:** 19,273.82

**Balance:** 785.18

125,577.67

**$126,362.85**

If you have questions about these figures, please contact Cathie or Kim for clarification.
Make a Difference at MPS

Do you want to help Milwaukee’s children succeed? The 55+ Tutoring Program is your chance to directly help the students of Milwaukee Public Schools.

No tutoring experience necessary. Seasoned tutors are matched with beginning tutors to shadow and support them, and tutor training sessions are held throughout the school year. Tutors from all different backgrounds and walks of life are encouraged to volunteer. Tutors will be assigned to a particular school, so they can build lasting relationships with the students and teachers.

Tutoring is not your only option with the 55+ Tutoring Program. You could recruit potential volunteer tutors, work with Master Tutors to train and support volunteer tutors, and place the tutors who will provide MPS students with the academic tools they need to succeed.

The 55+ Tutoring Program is coordinated by RSVP, a service organization for individuals 55+ who help build the capacity and further the mission of local schools and non-profit organizations. The 55+ Tutoring Program is a program of RSVP and MPS.

For more information, call (414)220-8649 or email sgarrett@interfaithmilw.org

Focus on Conservation

November 13-14, 2010 at the Leopold Center in Baraboo, Wisconsin.

The Land Ethic Leaders program aims to get people talking about their relationship to the land. Following in the footsteps of Aldo Leopold, participants in the Land Ethic Leaders program will develop a personal land ethic through observation, participation, and reflection. The program will be held in the same Wisconsin landscape that inspired Leopold, along the Wisconsin River near Baraboo.

Facilitated discussions about climate change, pollution, extinction and overpopulation will help participants explore and reaffirm their beliefs and values, deepening their commitment to conservation and their communities. Participants will also take part in outdoor activities, engage with a community of peers from all walks of life, and learn about Aldo Leopold’s legacy.

Land Ethic Leaders encourages participants to use the tools and techniques they learned at the program to plan an event or series of activities relating to conservation. In this way, Land Ethic Leaders can share their ideas and knowledge with family, co-workers, students and friends. Land Ethic Leaders is sponsored by the Aldo Leopold Foundation.

For more information call (608)355-0279 ext. 25 or visit www.aldoleopold.org/greenfire/lel.html
Potential New Members Event

The Membership Committee is planning an event for potential Osher members. Do you know someone who might enjoy Osher? Let us know and we will send them a special invitation with the date, time and location. Just email sceosher@uwm.edu or call 414-227-3222 with their information.

Special Interest Groups

Enrollment in special interest groups continues to increase. As a matter of fact, the Italian and French groups have reached capacity. The office is taking names for a wait list for each of these groups. We are also looking for members that would be interested in being a facilitator for a beginning Italian and/or French Interest Group. Call Cathie Sanders at 414-227-3366.
Welcome

New Members

Mathilde Alter
Richard Beverly
Adele Borouchoff
Kathleen Brehmer
Donalda Case
Jim Castle
Henry Davis
Judith Davis
Nola Dick
Patrick Dillon
Anne Dowling
Thallis H Drake
David Erdman
Debra Franzke
Colleen Golomski
William Griffiths
Jeanne Hahn
Diana Hankes
Elinor Ihlenfeldt
Joanne Johnson
Steve Johnstone
Gregory Kedrowski
Patricia Kornfeld
Karen Kramer
Mary Kay Kuhfittig
Mary Laan
Sue Lindl
Johanna Lopez
John Markel
Patricia Mc Mahon
Mary Ann McClain
Marsha McQuillian
Walter Mead
Patti Meerschaert
Robert Meerschaert
Dana Michaels
Jeanne Miller
Joan O'Brien
Barbara Pack
Michael Perse
Sue Perse
Bonnie Rappaport
Sara Rehring
Charles Reynolds
Fausta Reynolds
Nona Rowen
Doris Jean Sanders
Jan Schumacher
Ronald Smith
Marcia Vandenhuvel
Carol Waskovitch
Barbara Weber
Lavern Zimmerman