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## MONTHLY MEETING

### Port Austin's Castle on the Lake

Wednesday, November 11, 2020  
ONLINE

**This Monthly Meeting Sponsored by:**  
*The Port Austin Reef Light Association with Support from the Glancy Foundation*



For decades, lighthouses played a valuable role to Michigan's shipping industries. Hundreds of lighthouses were manned by men and women providing our ships guidance in the dark night and during blustery Michigan weather to avoid danger and distress. Join us for this monthly meeting to view one of these majestic structures, Port Austin's Reef Lighthouse. Climb over 120 stairs without leaving the comfort of your home to view the progress of this long-standing restoration project. View the exterior craftsmanship of this beauty while hearing stories of history and preservation. Jody Glancy, VP of the Port Austin Reef Lighthouse Association will join us after the virtual tour for a question and answer session. *Must RSVP/register online at [svsu.edu/olli](http://svsu.edu/olli) for access via Zoom. Free for members. Renew your membership today! [Svsu.edu/olli](http://Svsu.edu/olli)*

## NOTES & NEWS

- OLLI continues to strive to keep everyone engaged, for a complete list of up to date programming and events, please check our website or call the office. For community events, please check online for information.
- Throughout November, view the virtual exhibit by Mark Belchenko, Detroit-area sculptor, at [marshalfredericks.org](http://marshalfredericks.org) Free.
- Don't forget to vote on November 3 if you have not already done so absentee. You can find a sample of your ballot at [mvic.sos.state.mi.us/PublicBallot](http://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/PublicBallot)
- Registration for November/December OLLI classes begins immediately! Give us a call today to sign up!

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## OLLI FAQ

SVSU OLLI went on its first international trip in 2005 to the Stratford Festival in Canada.

## IMPORTANT DATES

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| Wednesday, November 11 | Monthly Meeting: Port Austin's Castle on the Lake: The Port Austin Reef Lighthouse<br><i>Online</i> |
| Wednesday, December 9  | Monthly Meeting: Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland: 75 Years of Christmas<br><i>Online</i>             |
| Wednesday, January 13  | Monthly Meeting: Winterfest!  |

## CHAIR'S NOTE



Over the past months I have attended several OLLI events and am amazed at how our members seem to have a fantastic grasp on life. I have

cruised on the Saginaw River from Bay City to the Bay, learned to make pretzels at the Bavarian Inn, walked the streets of Midland learning about the architecture of Alden B. Dow, listened to music around the fire pit as we enjoyed ice cream at our first ever ice cream social, and enjoyed a wonderful event at the Midland Center for the Arts with almost 100 other OLLI members. In addition to attending in person, I have talked with many members about the local adventures they have enjoyed and the fun they are having attending either in person or virtual classes offered for our members. Some of our interest groups, like kayaking and bicycling, have been active too. Certainly, OLLI is operating differently than it has from the past, but our SVSU/OLLI is alive and well. These fun times combined with the smiles and laughter that are being shared with each other is just what is needed to get us through these unexpected and challenging times. Thanks to all our leaders, both staff and volunteer, for your hard work.

A special thanks from your advisory board to the over 800 of you that have renewed your membership for this year. If you have not done so yet, please get your renewal in by the end of the year. Also, if you have renewed please remind your friends that might have overlooked renewing that it is *extremely* important to renew now. It only costs a few dollars, but is very important right now to guarantee that OLLI continues in the new year with a strong membership base.

If you have a really fantastic experience with OLLI let me know. Thanks, OLLI, for keeping our sense of humor strong and giving us something that brings joy and laughter to all of us.

—Roger Spann, Advisory Board Chair

## SELF SCREEN

We remain vigilant in keeping members safe and offering an option for everyone—face-to-face, virtual via Zoom, and livestreams. Take another look at our monthly programming and see if one of these options fits *your* comfort zone. Meanwhile, keep the Cardinal 5 in mind and know that OLLI will be following the plan:

1. DAILY HEALTH SELF-SCREENING
2. MASKS / FACE COVERINGS
3. PHYSICAL / SOCIAL DISTANCING
4. HAND WASHING / SANITIZING
5. BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS



ALL OLLI programming requires participants to fill out the online self screening form (or sign a paper form) agreeing that they have no symptoms of illness before attending a class or local adventure. You can find a link to the form on our website at [svsu.edu/olli](https://svsu.edu/olli) Please fill out a new form each day that you participate.

## OLLI CARES

You may have already joined us for a class or local adventure in person or online. We wanted to THANK YOU for your participation and support of OLLI. We have been receiving a great deal of feedback from this programming and wanted to share a few points with you, based off member concerns or questions.

First, OLLI plans all programs with current health guidelines and SVSU standards in mind. As a result, face to face classes are socially distanced and require masks, while local adventures are socially distanced whenever possible and masks required indoors (highly recommended outdoors).

Likewise, all meals on local adventures have the option of being boxed for those who do not feel comfortable eating together or inside a restaurant. Please let OLLI staff know the day before if you prefer this option.

We trust that all OLLI members will respect each other's space and right to socialize with those whom they feel comfortable.

## OLLI SNAPSHOT

The OLLI cycling interest group riding along the Pere Marquette Trail and enjoying the fall colors on October 5th.



*Do you have a great picture of an OLLI program or activity?*

Email it to

[keelliso@svsu.edu](mailto:keelliso@svsu.edu) for a chance at appearing in an upcoming newsletter!



## INSTRUCTOR FOCUS

The Professors Szilagyi



A life-long love of books led us to meet while working at Barnes and Noble. After working together for several years, we realized that we were a perfect match.

**Chrissie:** My historical interests are of a wide range: anything from Classical Europe to Colonial America and the lives of women throughout human history. I am also a bit of a political junkie. When I am not reading, writing, or teaching history, I dive into my Star Trek fandom in lots of different ways, including co-hosting Infinite Diversity, a podcast on the United Federation of Podcasts.

**Jason:** My historical interests are also wide ranging: the ancient and modern Middle East, history of the Holocaust, the World Wars. I also enjoy horror and science fiction movies, collecting and painting models, visiting historical sites and museums, reading works of history and fiction, and Star Wars. When I have some down time, I play historically based games.

We also like to tend the gardens in our yard, finding new plants to add each year.

Most of all, we love teaching. The opportunity to present and discuss history with interested students (like OLLI members) is one we can never pass up. Please follow our ongoing historical work at [historywiththeszilagyis.org](http://historywiththeszilagyis.org)

## DEER DAY

Most Michiganders are familiar with “Deer Day,” the unofficial November holiday marking the opening day of deer hunting with a rifle. Some schools in northern Michigan even observe this day as a holiday and take the day off (since regular attendance would be so sparse it could not be counted as an official school day!) How did Deer Day start?

When Michigan was a lumbering state, people who came here soon realized how plentiful the deer population was in the Great Lakes State. Soon “market hunters” began limitless taking of venison for sale in out of state markets. Often discarding large portions of the animal and only using desirable cuts, market hunters were soon criticized by Michigan’s growing population of sportsmen. For every 4000 deer that sportsman hunted, market hunters took another 66,000 in 1880.

In 1875 the Michigan Sportsman Association was founded and took up the question of responsible deer management. After much pressure on the legislature, the MSA managed to get laws passed that first outlawed the sale of Michigan venison outside of Michigan, then in 1895 created the formal “Deer Day” and rifle season of November 1 through 25, with a limit on the number of deer that could be hunted and a required license to do so.

Deer management in Michigan only improved from there with a more scientific approach beginning in the 1920s. See [Michigan.gov/dnr](http://Michigan.gov/dnr) for more.

## ADVISORY BOARD

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## NEW WOODWORKING INTEREST GROUP



Is poplar your passion? Maple your mentor? Do you pine for pine? If you have an interest in wood and woodworking, check out this new OLLI interest group. Looking to bring together both beginners and avid hobbyists, topics discussed will cover everything woodworking from start to finish. If you’d like to learn more or join this group, talk to group organizer William Lang at 989-391-4112.

## NEWSLETTER

“The Adventurer” is published monthly for SVSU-OLLI members at Saginaw Valley State University. Reprints of this newsletter may be obtained by calling 989.964.4475.

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## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone that has complimented OLLI on our fall programming so far and all the hard work we are doing. We appreciate the recognition, which makes all this hard work pay off. I also wanted to let you know that, while we will be continuing a monthly electronic newsletter, you will only receive paper copies when there is a new schedule coming out. We are doing this for a couple of reasons. First, this will allow us to save on some of the cost of printing and mailing the newsletters. Additionally, as you may have noticed, these newsletters are coming to you in the mail at the very last moment. This is to allow for the most up to date programming, but you may be wondering why your October newsletter is full of November programs! Electronic mail is *definitely* more timely. Thanks for your continued support!



## CLASS HIGHLIGHT

### (175/175v) The Pilgrims Landing

This November will mark the four hundredth anniversary of the Pilgrims' arrival at Cape Cod. Then they sailed across Cape Cod Bay, landing at what is today Plymouth on December 26, 1620, opening one of the most dramatic and precedent setting chapters in our history. Although Plymouth before long would be passed in political, economic, and military significance by later British colonies, it established principles on this side of the Atlantic which never will lose their relevance. To varying degrees these still are valued in this country today, but they must be renewed and strengthened by each generation.

**Instructor: John Pafford**  
**Mondays • 11/2-11/23**  
**10 a.m.-Noon • TT Board Room/  
Livestream**  
**Price: \$33 for members**

## TRAVEL HIGHLIGHT

### (30) Owosso Adventure

Begin the day with Piper Brewer, executive director of the Shiawassee Arts Center, on a tour of the facility. We will learn about the organization's mission, special collections, exhibitions, and Owosso history. After this behind the scenes tour, meet at the Wrought Iron Grill for lunch. At the DeVries Nature Conservatory, learn more about the conservatory, view one of the most extensive carriage and sleigh collections in the Midwest, and enjoy an exploratory wagon ride to learn more about the grounds while watching for resident bald eagles. This local adventure includes Arts Center tour, lunch at Wrought Iron Grill, and DeVries admission and wagon ride. *Space limited to 10 participants.*

**Friday, 11/6 • 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**  
**Member Price: \$55**

Renew Your OLLI Membership Today!



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