



Institute for Continued Learning Digest

Welcome to the 63rd Edition of the ICL Senioritis

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ICL Update:

- **ICL Board Meeting: Thursday, June 10, 2021 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM** (changed from June 8th) On [Zoom](#).

Message from the Curriculum Committee:

The Curriculum Committee 2020-2021 wishes to thank you for your support of our programs last semester. Your comments from the survey provided valuable data that will be used in our planning for the upcoming Fall and Spring semesters. A lot of planning went into the transition to Zoom, not only providing a balanced educational program, but training our classmates in the use of the technology. Most of all, the Curriculum Committee has learned that we have the talent and determination to meet an unexpected challenge.

We are awaiting the next Board meeting to approve the Curriculum Committee 2021-2022. We have attempted to integrate many voices into our decision-making by providing expertise in a variety of areas of education. We have also to submit our edited Policies and Procedures to the Board for approval. You can find these documents on Google Docs.

Your comments in the survey were encouraging and so appreciated. We remain committed to providing excellence in continuing education to the Willamette University community.

Dru Johnson and Judy Gram, Co-Directors, Curriculum Committee

Willamette University Update:

Letter from Carol Long to the ICL Board, dated March 21, 2021 (with permission to publish):

Thanks for reaching out!

You are right that we are not fully certain about operations for the Fall at this point. We are aiming to have primarily in-person instruction in Fall, but it is not yet clear whether there will be distancing, masking, etc. in terms of protocols... and of course this depends in part on the State and County regulations.

That said, we hope that ICL can return. It will likely be at least May (after we get through commencement.. and not clear yet what that will look like either!), before we will have clear guidance for ICL.

Please do feel free to reach out with any questions or thoughts.....

I sit with the ROC, and they are aware of the need for this decision....

I hope you and your colleagues are doing well. The newsletter is testament to all of your continuing engagement and activities!

All the best, Carol

Handy Links:

- [Link to ZOOM classes, Board meetings, Coffees, Happy Hour, etc.](#)
- [Calendar](#): Classes, etc.
- [Schedule Reports](#)
- [Recorded Classes!](#) More recordings are available in the [password protected area](#) for members only. Others are not available at all without permission from the presenter.
- [Zoom Help](#) - Find tips, FAQ, and other resources available on the ICL Website

Missing ICL Friends?

Join us for...

- [Tuesday morning Coffee Hour](#): 10 AM every Tuesday.
- [Virtual Happy Hour](#) on Fridays at 4:30 PM.
- [ICL Wine Club](#). Every third Monday at 4:30 PM..

Hallie Ford Museum of Art - New Exhibit: [Dale Chihuly: Cylinders, Macchia, and Venetians](#)

June 5 – August 28, 2021

Dale Chihuly (American, born 1941) is an internationally recognized Seattle glass artist who helped revolutionize the studio glass movement in the 1960s and 1970s, co-founded the Pilchuck Glass School in 1971 in Stanwood, WA., and who has pushed the boundaries of the glass medium to new heights of

In a more recent communication, Carol added:

We are planning for a campus return to work in early August, so before that time I should have some news for ICL.



[Library Summer Reading Club](#)

The [Salem Public Library](#) has Summer Reading Clubs to encourage readers and listeners of all ages - children, teens, and adults - to enjoy reading throughout the summer. Prizes and activities encourage participants to read for enjoyment, increase confidence, and read a variety of genres.

The Salem Public Library also offers a listening club for pre-readers and their parents to encourage the continued development of early literacy skills that babies, toddlers and preschoolers need in order to become readers. Reading is the most important skill needed for all other lifelong learning.

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

[The Oregon Bee Atlas](#)

Although we estimate there are at least 630 species of bees in Oregon, there has never been a concerted survey of the State's bees. Without even a checklist of species, it is very difficult to know whether the health of Oregon bees is improving or declining. The Oregon Bee Atlas represents the first steps towards confronting the gulf in our knowledge about the bees of Oregon.

What is the [Oregon Bee Atlas](#)?

Mission statement: The Oregon Bee Atlas Master Melittologist Program trains and equips citizen scientists to: a) create and maintain a comprehensive and publicly accessible inventory of the state's native bees and their plant-host preferences, b) to educate Oregonians on the State's bee biodiversity and c) to conduct an on-going survey of native bee populations in order to assess their health.

Bee sure to watch the [YouTube video by Oregon Field Guide about Oregon bees.](#)

The Oregon Bee Project

Oregon has a unique landscape of gardens, croplands, natural areas, and forests that help support and maintain approximately 500 species of bees. The State of Oregon is diligently working to maintain these pollinator species that are integral to the food supply and the natural environment around us.

artistic skill and technical virtuosity since the 1980s.

2 Places in Oregon designated [International Dark Sky Locations](#)

- [Sunriver designated first International Dark Sky Place in Oregon](#) designation in August 2020
- [Prineville Reservoir State Park](#): designation in May 2021

In case you missed it:

- [A girl pushed a bear](#) over a wall to save her dogs.
- [Man Backflips Down Steep Sand Bank at Cape Kiwanda](#) (Pacific City, OR)
- [Company Creates Giant "Wave" Inside Building \(or not?\)](#)

[Eagle Cap Wilderness Wallowa Mountains Mule Packer](#)

(YouTube video 6:51)

[Tick encounters are expected to be frequent. Here's what to know.](#)

Finding Your Inner Artist

For more information, visit:

- [Arts for the Aging](#)
- [National Center for Creative Aging](#)
- [Encore Creativity for Older Adults](#)
- [The Artful Aging Resource Guide](#)

[Ten Most Photogenic Gardens in the World](#)

This Month in US History

- 1876 Custer's Last Stand during the Battle of the Little bighorn

Initiated in 2017, the Oregon Bee Project is a cooperative effort between the Oregon Department of Agriculture, the Oregon State University Extension Service, the Oregon Department of Forestry, and a diverse set of stakeholders who are actively engaged in caring for our bees.

[Visit The Oregon Bee Project](#)

June 8 was World Oceans Day...

So whether you are a regular beachcomber or just an occasional visitor, even small habit changes can have a big impact on keeping our planet's waterways healthy. After all, oceans cover 72% of the planet and produce half of the globe's oxygen. They also regulate weather and absorb carbon dioxide, not to mention provide us with food, medicine, transportation and those relaxing beach days. Here are some ideas for helping the oceans:

- Cut back on electricity and fuel use. These combat ocean acidification.
- Use reef-friendly brands of sunscreen. Check for 'beach safe' or 'reef safe' on the label. Traditional sunscreens can cause extensive damage to coral reefs due to the buildup in the water around popular swimming destinations.
- Toss old medications responsibly. Do not flush them or throw them in the trash. Our medications affect sea life negatively. Pharmacies and doctors' offices will often take them.
- Limit single-use plastics. It is estimated that 8 million tons of plastic trash end up in oceans each year.

Slang word to know: "Cheugy"

"It's not quite 'basic', which can describe someone who is a conformist or perhaps generic in their tastes, and it's not quite 'uncool'. It's not embarrassing or even always negative. Cheugy (pronounced chew-gee) can be used, broadly, to describe someone who is out of date or trying too hard. And while a lot of cheugy things are associated with millennial women, the term can be applied to anyone of any gender and any age.

[New York Times](#)

Why the Handshake?

While we await the return of the handshake, did you know that it dates back as far as the ninth century BCE? A stone relief shows the Assyrian King Salmanser III clasping hands with a Babylonian ruler. It is believed that the handshake was the act of an alliance. The poet Homer used the handshake in his epic *The Iliad* and the *Odyssey* to show mutual trust. Coins in ancient Rome also depicted handshakes of friendship or maybe loyalty. Handshakes appear in the funerary art of the ancient Greco-Roman world where they are believed to have indicated a farewell between the living and the dead. Other studies suggest that it was mostly used to show greeting, parting and agreements. It was also associated with marriages. Hands clasped together demonstrated a mutual bond. It remains a significant way to connect with people and, despite the pandemic, it is anticipated it will return because of this.



- 1885 French gift of the Statue of Liberty arrives in New York City
- 1910 The first Father's Day is celebrated in Spokane, Washington
- 1919 19th Amendment passes guaranteeing women the right to vote
- 1934 Donald Duck makes first film appears in *The Wise Little Hen*
- Legendary baseball player, Babe Ruth, retires
- 1938 Superman appears for the first time in D.C. comics
- 1948 Columbia records unveils its new long-playing phonograph record, the 33 1/3
- 1969 Robert F. Kennedy is assassinated
- 1972 Five men arrested for breaking into Watergate DNC headquarters
- 1975 The summer blockbuster movie "Jaws" is released
- 1980 CNN launched first 24-hour news tv station
- 1982 Graceland opens to public after Presley's death
- 2002 Department of Homeland Security formed
- 2009 The World Health Organization declares H1N1, the "swine flu" as a global pandemic
- 2013 Edward Snowden revealed as person who leaked information about the NSA

Questions?

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