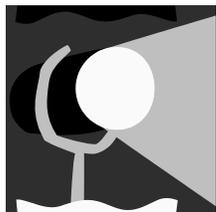


Academy for Lifelong Learning

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Volunteer Spotlight *Nancy Groesz*



Nancy Groesz mutually joined ALL with her close friend Fria Rogers in the winter of 2009. Nancy was immediately enamored by the caliber of presenters, vast array of topics, and the camaraderie palpable among other wisdom seekers. Most notable about this spotlighted volunteer is her friendliness and enthusiasm, whatever the task is.

Joining the ARTS strand several years back, Art Bervin eased her way in by already lining up her first presenter, Emery Castle, an ALL founder. Two years ago, Nancy became the ARTS coordinator. Working as a team, the strand members search for artistes, averaging ten per term, either locally or out of town. Volunteers are able to do most of their class arranging via the computer.

Nancy thanks former and current Advisory Council and Curriculum Committee members, past presenters, and two newspapers for her leads. Lately, her Dutch husband Jerry (Gerard) has been sleuthing alongside her, to expand ALL's roster of speakers. Case in point, Jerry alerted his wife that Oregon's poet laureate, Paulann Petersen was reciting her poetry in Portland the spring of 2013. Nancy approached Petersen prior to her appearance, with an ALL Schedule of Classes. During the book signing, the poet graciously accepted the academy's invitation.

ALL's number of technicians was declining last year, thus Nancy phoned Bonnie Napier, a friend she had made while attending classes. Bonnie was already immersed in other facets of ALL, though agreed on the spot to become a technician.

Nancy's background includes seven years with Meals on Wheels, eight years as a caregiver for developmentally disabled adults residing in group homes, and vocalizing her entire life. She has performed in a multitude of choirs, and managed a professional ensemble for three years.

She resides with her husband, Jerry, and their athletic rescue dog, Emma. The family consists of daughter, Lisa, and son, Josh. Lisa is a clinical psychologist in the Bay Area. Josh is a counselor at Clark College in Washington, married to the former Chrissy Wittcke, and together the proud parents of angelic Mia, the first grandchild.

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A Cordial Invitation to Get More Involved in ALL

You enjoy the classes and the socials, but do you know how to enjoy ALL even more?

Become involved behind the scenes! It's the best way to get to know other members and have a great time working together.

- **The ALL Advisory Council:**
12 – 15 members, meet monthly, but not in July or August, serve one or two three-year terms. Determine policy, clarify issues, solve problems, and serve on one of the Council Committees.
- **The Curriculum Committee:**
About five members on each of the five strands (Arts, Issues and Ideas, Science, Humanities, and World Cultures). Meet three times a term. Plan the curriculum: invite speakers, get course info for the Schedule of Classes, and introduce speakers.
- **The Facilities Committee:**
Presently six members. These are the technical folks that set up and operate the classroom equipment. There is one planning meeting held prior to each term.
- **Other Opportunities:**
Sometimes there is a short-term project on which you could work. ALL's needs evolve, and things come up. ALL needs a pool of people who may be available.

You are not expected to know how to do each job at the start. All needs people who are willing to learn and contribute. There will be orientation from the beginning and mentoring along the way. ALL has grown from 41 members in 2002 to over 350 in 2014. With the exception of a paid Program Coordinator, ALL is totally run by volunteers.

Sounds great! What do I do?
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Corvallis, OR 97331-6303

Or bring it to an ALL class and give it to the class host or to a member with a green, yellow, or blue dot on their name tag.