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News and Updates from the Fresno State OLLI

Hi from Jill!

It looks like our region is beginning to slowly reopen some businesses effective Monday, May 25. We urge our members to use caution and follow all established safety protocols, because we care about you and want you to be well!

At Fresno State, we expect to continue working from home through the end of July, and perhaps longer, as the university prepares for an online Fall semester.

The Fresno County Department of Public Health reports daily on county COVID-19 cases, and if you are interested, you can view their dashboard [HERE](#).

It's Memorial Day on Monday, when we pause to remember the men and women who have lost their lives serving this nation in the military. Perhaps the most recent loss in the valley was Army Specialist Juan Covarrubios of Hanford, who was killed March 11, 2020 when his unit was attacked by rockets at Camp Taji in Iraq.

We remember all the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice. We remember.

Jill

Jill Wagner is the Executive Director of the Fresno State OLLI

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It's Fresno State Corn Time!



Sales of the sweet, fabulous, famous Fresno State corn begin **Monday, May 25** at 8 a.m. at the Gibson Farm Market on Chestnut, just south of Barstow.

Only one family member per group will be admitted to the market to collect corn. Customers must wear face masks and are asked to use sanitizer before selecting corn - and no shucking, peeling, or returning corn to the bins. Corn is 50 cents an ear.

"Corn Only" lines are offered outside the store where you can pick up prebagged corn - 10 ears for \$7. Prepare for a wait - wear a sun hat and bring water. They expect to have plenty of corn through September!

Rue & Gwen Gibson Farm Market
5368 N Chestnut Ave. in Fresno
Summer Hours: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Call (559) 278-4511

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Poppies Galore! NASA's Landsat 8 satellite captured this year's poppy bloom in southern California. It was extra bright due to late spring rains, and fewer people trampling the delicate State flowers. View the photos [HERE](#).

Cellist Yo-Yo Ma plays a special Bach concert on Sunday, May 24 at 12 p.m. PST live on YouTube. The concert is a memorial for those we have lost in the pandemic and a tribute to the resilience of our communities. Click [HERE](#) to watch. If you miss the live concert, you'll be able to view it at any time on his YouTube channel.

If you want to **write more or be encouraged to write**, OLLI member Rosalia Cordero-Gonzalez recommends SheWrites (click [HERE](#)) or Booksie (click [HERE](#)) and both are free to use.

If you've been spiffing up your house, you may be interested to see some **European castles!**

Versailles click [HERE](#)
Buckingham Palace click [HERE](#)
Edinburgh Castle click [HERE](#)
Royal Palace of Caserta click [HERE](#)

Advisory Council Profiles Dawn Diestelkamp

It's little wonder that Advisory Council member Dawn Diestelkamp is attracted to OLLI's diverse course offerings. She knows how variety spices life after putting her microbiology degree to work as a clinical laboratory technician; learning data processing early; obtaining two master's degrees (in public and business administration); and help bring Fresno County courts into the Information Age.



Dawn brought that experience and enthusiasm for learning to the OLLI Advisory Council in 2017 because she enjoys “being involved in planning and inspiring people to continue” lifelong learning.

She's been an OLLI member since 2013 because “continuing to learn and grow is an imperative in life to stay mentally sharp and engaged with the fast pace of the modern world.” In addition, Dawn says, OLLI members “possess hundreds of years of combined knowledge in a myriad of subjects that can be shared and add to the enrichment of life.”

Dawn wants “to see OLLI get back on the growth track after this challenging period and continue to progress toward being one of the most successful OLLI programs in existence.”

Each week we profile a member of the Fresno State OLLI Advisory Council. Profiles are written by member Lanny Larson, who also serves on the OLLI Advisory Council.