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Lisa Quinn, School Programs Coordinator, Kennedy Museum

## Behind the Scenes of "Collections Collected: The University Collects and Athens Collects Miniatures"

A project by Mark Dion with the Kennedy Museum of Art.

"Collections Collected" is a collaborative project between Kennedy Museum of Art and the School of Art, displaying collections of objects from selected Ohio University departmental collections and collections of miniatures and small objects from the Athens community. 9/24-11/29 at the KENNEDY MUSEUM OF ART.

**Lisa Quinn** joined the staff of the Kennedy Museum of Art in August, 2006, and is responsible for scheduling tours for museum exhibitions and assisting the Curator of Education in the implementation of education programs. Lisa has 20 years of experience in arts administration. She served as Public Relations Director at Victory Gardens Theater and The Theatre School, DePaul University, in Chicago and was the Education Director at The Dairy Barn Arts Center in Athens, Ohio, for seven years. Lisa holds a BFA in Painting from the University of Iowa and is an alumnus of Ohio University's master in art education program. She has served on the Ohio Arts Council's Artists in Residence panel for four years and has administrated several Artists in the Schools Residencies.

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**Thursday**  
**October 15, 2009**  
**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

### Luncheon Menu

*PASTA BUFFET:*  
*Fresh Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings*  
*Chef's Selection of Pasta*  
*Marinara Sauce*  
*Alfredo Sauce*  
*Rolls & Butter*  
*Assorted Cakes/Fruit*  
*Beverages*



**BALLROOM**

**\$14.00**

**RESERVATIONS** must be made to attend the luncheon. You **MUST** call Ruth Nostrant at 593-5194 by **Friday, October 9**. You may pay by cash or by check made payable to OU Emeriti.

You can add your name(s) to the Regular Attendees List and not have to call each month unless you cannot attend. Please note that **each September we start a new Regular Attendees Roster**, so if you want to be on that list, contact Ruth. There is no carryover from the past year's list.

## A Message From The President - ED BAUM



Hi,

The big public policy topic currently is health care and health care reform. President Obama appeared on five talk shows on Sunday, on Letterman, and seemingly all over our radio and television reporting. We have the Baucus proposal, a variety of house proposals, and suggestions ranging from “what we have is just great, change nothing” to “let’s enroll everyone in a single payer system based on Medicare.”

Closer to home we hear concerns about our own health care insurance. The rising cost of medical care and the small amount set aside under STRS to help with our health care have resulted in a realization that the health care subsidy pool will run out in seven years or so unless something is done. This is also true of the other four public pension systems in Ohio (e.g., OPERS). Each of them has provided a state body, The Ohio Retirement Study Council, with a plan how they can best meet the shortfall in their own system.

The STRS board has proposed the following: first, enrolling STRS health care retirees into either a Medical Mutual plan (for those with only Part B of Medicare) or an Aetna Advantage Plan (for those with both Parts A and B). This is designed to save money to participants as well as cost less for more benefits. This will take place on January 1 and you should be receiving information on this shortly.

Second, an increase in the contributions of both those not yet retired and boards of education (or university trustees) an additional .5 % increase in contribution each over the next five years (2.5 % for each faculty, 2.5 % for employers).

Third, a reduction in the COLA from 3% to 2% (this is more designed to protect the basic pension system’s viability rather than be health related).

There are other elements, but these are those most likely to affect you.

Ted Foster is president of the Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees (OCHER) which is closely monitoring these and other proposals (see the item immediately below). Watch this space for future developments.

*Ed*

### The Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees (OCHER) meeting on September 15, 2009: Health Care and Health Care Financing

OCHER's September meeting focused on health care and health care financing for STRS retirees. The meeting emphasized that a group of changes will affect the health insurance options, costs, and benefits for STRS retirees for 2010. On the whole, those changes will mean better coverage in some areas without reductions in coverage elsewhere, particularly for those who are eligible for Medicare parts A and B. Open enrollment in health care programs is, as always, from November 1 through November 24. STRS will be sending out materials about the options available and this is a year you might want to read them especially carefully. In addition, STRS will be holding meetings in a number of places in Ohio. There will be meetings in Athens on November 2, 2009 in the Ohio University Inn at 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m. Both the 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. meetings are for STRS retirees who are enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B. The 5 p.m. meeting is for those who are enrolled in Part A only, Part B only, or family accounts that include Medicare and non-Medicare enrollees. You must register to attend these meetings. You can register by calling 1-888-227-7877 or filling out the on-line registration form at [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org).

In addition to the significant changes for 2010 there are likely to be changes in STRS health care plans in 2011 and beyond. Those future changes depend on the federal health care reform measures as well as Ohio's decisions about the funding of its various pension systems.

Finally, one immediate change that will affect STRS members slightly is the Internal Revenue Service's decision that each Medicare enrollee will need to make their Medicare payments directly to IRS after an IRS billing. STRS will continue to subsidize those payments at the same rate based on years of service, so there will be no out-of-pocket change in the amount STRS retirees will pay. The net result will be an increase in the monthly check from STRS to each of us for the amount of the subsidy for Medicare which we will need to accumulate to make our Medicare payments to STRS.

*Ted Foster*

## IN MEMORIAM



**George Cohen**, 88, died August 18 in Oakland, CA where he had moved in 2003 to be near his son, Andrew.

George grew up in Providence, RI, showed artistic talent at an early age and attended weekend classes at the RI School of Design as a schoolboy. He volunteered for the Army Air Corps during WWII and served in India, Egypt, Tunisia and Italy with the 316th Fighter Squadron. Returning from army service, he again attended the RI School of Design, where he received his bachelor of fine arts degree in 1948. He had a long career as a commercial graphic artist and calligrapher. He spent the last 25 years of his working life as the art director of the Learning Resources Dept. at Ohio University and received emeritus status upon retirement. He then devoted himself to painting and the study of history.

He was predeceased in 2001 by his wife of 54 years, Lillian. He is survived by 2 sons, a daughter and 3 grandchildren.



**Peggy M. Miller**, 78, passed away suddenly August 31 following complications developed after surgery.

Peggy graduated with honors from Iowa State University in 1953 and moved to Beirut, Lebanon, where she taught at Beirut College for Women. There she met and married Richard Miller. She received a master's degree in education and, later, an MBA from Rochester Institute of Technology. In 1984 they moved to Athens, where she received a PhD in Higher Education and began a teaching career in Ohio University's School of Business

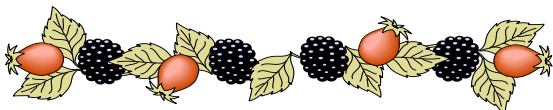
In 2008, she was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Richard. She is survived by 3 daughters, a granddaughter and 2 sisters.



**Hollis C. Chen**, 73, died September 9 of complications of pneumonia. He was born in China near the start of the Second Sino-Japanese War. At age 13 he escaped with 2 younger brothers from Mainland China to Taiwan during the Chinese Communist Revolution.

He earned his academic degrees from National Taiwan University, Ohio University and Syracuse University, before returning to OU to teach in the College of Engineering. He taught at OU from 1967 to 2005. He served as interim chairman 1984-86, received several Outstanding Teacher awards from his students, and in 1990 won a Faculty Excellence award from his colleagues. He has many published works.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Donna. He is survived by 1 daughter, 1 son, 4 grandchildren, his mother, 2 sisters and 3 brothers.



### RECOLLECTIONS

The **Ohio University Professors Emeriti Club** met October 21, 1971. Following are items of interest taken from minutes of that meeting.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$71.87.

New member, Miss LaTourette, was welcomed.

Memorials were read to Miss June Southworth and Carrol Widows. (Memorials to George Parks and Miss Vivian Roberts are to be read at the next meeting.)

A discussion of having a speaker or other type of program for future meetings resulted in a decision to "give it a try."

A decision was also made to try the buffet line at future meetings, the service leaving something to be desired.

*Chuck Carlson, Historian*

### MEMBERSHIP

To date the Emeriti Association has received dues from 9 new life-time members and more than 100 annual members.

### WELCOME!

*Zinny Bond, Membership*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>OCTOBER</b>				1 Emeriti Volunteers <i>Emeriti Park Kennedy Museum Inside/Outside Talks</i>	2	3
4	5	6 Emeriti Volunteer - <i>Dairy Barn</i>	7 Emeriti Volunteer- <i>Kennedy Museum</i>	8 Emeriti Volunteers <i>Emeriti Park</i>  AFAN Lunch Meeting	9	10
11	12	13 Emeriti Volunteer - <i>Dairy Barn</i>	14 Emeriti Volunteer- <i>Kennedy Museum</i>  OUWC Dinner Meeting	15 Emeriti Volunteers <i>Emeriti Park</i>  <b>EMERITI LUNCH</b>	16	17
18	19	20 Emeriti Volunteer- <i>Dairy Barn</i>	21 Emeriti Volunteer- <i>Kennedy Museum</i>	22 Emeriti Volunteers <i>Emeriti Park</i>	23	24
25 Kennedy Museum <i>Falling Water Trip</i>	26	27 Emeriti Volunteer- <i>Dairy Barn</i>	28 Emeriti Volunteer- <i>Kennedy Museum</i>	29 Emeriti Volunteers <i>Emeriti Park</i>	30	31

**UPCOMING  
EMERITI LUNCHEON PROGRAMS**

**November 19: Views from Ohio University**  
*Provost Pam Benoit*

**December 17: Christmas Music**  
*In memory of Vera Smith*

**Executive Board Discussion  
September 17, 2009**

- OCHER
- Athens Village
- Emeriti Park
- Programs
- Friend of Emeriti
- Membership: 497

**RECOLLECTIONS**

From the Archives of the  
Department of Incidental Intelligence

It was a grand and glorious day for football and the Ohio University Bobcats traveled to Huntington, West Virginia, to challenge the Thundering Herd of Marshall University.

This backyard brawl turned into a defensive struggle. Ohio University held a nervous 7-6 lead well into the fourth quarter. Marshall held the ball and was driving into Bobcat land. Marshall then sent in a deceptively secret weapon - a player with a broken arm. He promptly kicked a field goal and Marshall won 9-7. Oh, the humility of being beaten by a wounded warrior with a Thunder Toe.

*(Ed Russ)*

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