



Ohio University Emeriti Association

March 20, 2025 Luncheon

Before introducing our main speaker, David Thomas informed Emeriti members that election of the Emeriti Association board members and officers would occur at the April luncheon. All current officers/board members have agreed to serve an additional one-year term, but anyone wishing to nominate themselves or another Emeriti Association member for an office are invited to do so. They can contact David (thomasda@ohio.edu) with their nominations.

Marty Tuck reminded members that the Dairy Barn was seeking volunteers from the Emeriti Association to help with the summer Quilt National Exhibit by assisting at the exhibition reception desk on Wednesdays, most likely beginning around mid-day. Those willing to participate should contact Marty (tuck@ohio.edu). Marty also reported that the executive board had decided that luncheons next year would remain at the Ohio University Inn (2nd floor ballroom) and follow the same monthly pattern as this year, that is September, October, December, February, March, and April. Finally, Marty noted that the plaque to replace the non-functional kiosk at Emeriti Park had arrived and was waiting installation.

This month's speaker Barbara "Scout" Ery, Artistic Director of the Paper Circle art studio in Nelsonville. This is an organization that promotes preservation, advancement and celebration of paper and book arts. Paper Circle began with Sara Gilfert of Athens. On a trip to Japan in 1980, Sara, accompanying her husband Jim (Ohio University faculty member) who was teaching at Chubu University, became an apprentice with paper maker Kazuhiko Ando. Working with this world-famous artist, Sara learned and fell in love with the art of Japanese hand paper making, and after returning to Ohio, she founded Paper Circle.

Sadly, Sara passed away in March 2024, but after more than twenty years of operation, in 2003, Paper Circle was incorporated as a non-profit arts organization. It offers workshops and maintains a retail location in Nelsonville that is open Tuesday through Friday 11am-3pm. The group makes paper, one sheet at a time, following a strict process developed over the years. Papers, supplies, and books are available at the shop in Nelsonville. Paper samples were presented and discussed, including a detailed explanation of paper made from mulberry plants. Some of its programs have been supported by grants from the Ohio Arts Council, but it mainly relies on its sales, donations, and income from its workshops.

After numerous questions, the luncheon was concluded at 12:55pm. The next and final Emeriti luncheon for the 2024-25 academic year will be held April 17th at the OU Inn at 11:30am. Details will follow. (Reported by Drew McDaniel, Edited by Marty Tuck)



Barbara (Scout) Ery



Products

journals, notecard, stationery, gift tags,
garlands, samples

o-gami, kozo, rag, cotton, hemp, paste
papers, marbled paper



Paper

We are a small non-profit arts organization,
workshops, artist residencies, exhibitions

We are a production studio,
o-gami paper and artists papers.

Modern /traditional

Western and Eastern styles

Equipment, research, experience

Resources, Magic

