

# News from the Technology Lab: Talking AI and More!

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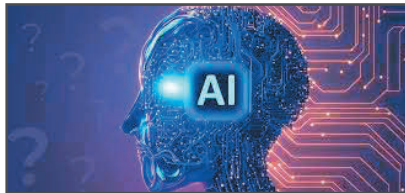


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A few weeks ago, my home wi-fi suddenly stopped working. I couldn't get email, get to the web using my smartphone, tablet or computer, or even turn on my smart TV. If I had been able to time travel back 40 years from that morning, it wouldn't have been a problem because none of these disabled devices or services would have existed for the general public.

That's how much the technology in our lives has changed in that relatively short amount of time. Think of what life would be like if there were no internet, web, or the hundreds of computerized devices available to connect to a vast and diverse amount of data. This was a wave of change most of us have watched happen.

Futurists say we are on the cusp of another huge technological change. When we use our devices, there will be an invisible smart something else between us and our devices that we don't have to directly command, and that will make tasks easier in a variety of ways. And this is not in some far-distant future. It's rarely labeled, so you may not realize it, but AI is already part of our computing lives.



- Recommendations. When you go to your Netflix, YouTube or other streaming or social media accounts, AI keeps a record of what you choose to watch or listen to so it can send you more of the same.
- Voice assistants like Alexa, Siri and Cortana respond to your voice commands, answer your questions, and perform simple tasks.
- Smart assistants in home smart devices use smart thermostats to adjust home temperatures, and smart refrigerators can create shopping lists.
- Facial recognition can unlock our smart phone and internet accounts.
- If you're job hunting, AI in a great many cases screens resumes and determines who gets interviewed.
- Voice recognition lets us speak texts and email instead of writing them.

That's today, but what about the future? Louise Soe, a former CalPoly Pomona Information Technology

professor and current OLLI member, will offer a class about the different kinds of this new technology, including Chat GPT, which was recently released to the general public.

Will AI take over our jobs or even our lives, or will it become another extraordinary tool that makes life easier for us? Sign up for **Artificial Intelligence & ChatGPT: The Good, the Bad, and the Unknowable!** and hear the pros and cons.

→ See registration page for class days and times

## OLLI Members and Art

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2023 OLLI Art show such a success. The annual Art Show, which is organized by OLLI volunteers, features art created by talented OLLI members. Visitors to this year's Art Show enjoyed the display of a variety of media, including photography, painting, basketry, mixed media, and jewelry. This was the 16th year for the annual Art Show which was held in the campus Design Department Gallery from November 1-4, with an Artist Reception and sale of art on Saturday November 4.

A special thanks to the OLLI members who helped make the show such a success, including the Artists, Organizers, and Photographers.

Art Show Organizers: Claudia Kaneshiro, Yesmean Rihbany, Becky Low.

Art Show set up and Helpers: Carolyn Sabol, Bill Lindsay, Tim McCall, Terry Komisak.

Photographers: Howard Watkins, Catherine Paez

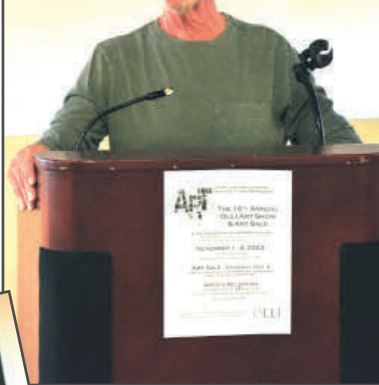
Participating Artists: more than 50 talented members, and a display honoring 3 members who died in the last year; Patricia Woods, Ladd Terry and Dr. Edgar Moran.



# OLLI Members Celebrate Art 2023



Glenn Libby and Robin Alpers, cardmaker!



Mike Daniel



Photographer Howard Watkins



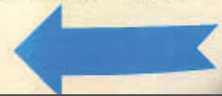
Watercolor students, Bill Lindsay, -> Claudia Kaneshiro



Bruce Hatch - Mike Daniel



OLLI Art Show in the  
Design Gallery  
Open 11:00 - 2:00



In memory of Ladd Terry, Edgar Moran, Patricia Woods

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