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The ELI Weekly

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Santa Fe Arts Festival

Arts and outdoors!

This coming Saturday, April 9th, we will be staying here in Gainesville for the 42nd Annual **Santa Fe Spring Arts Festival**.

The Spring Arts Festival is the oldest annual arts festival tradition in North Central Florida. The festival will have singing, dancing (from around the world!), art, and jewelry from the around the United States. Often, the jewelry and art aren't too expensive and they make great souvenirs to send home! Last year, over 100,000 people attended the festival. Don't miss out on your chance to experience this tradition and beautiful historic Gainesville!

If you would like to join the ELI, meet at the Norman Garage at 11:00 am on Saturday. The cost is FREE. You only need money for what you would like to buy. We will take the bus since downtown is so close and parking can be difficult. Please sign up on the Activities Board by 3pm Thursday if you would like to go.

Be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes.

Join us; it's a fantastic day of browsing, entertainment, and a great variety of food!

Notes from the Office

- **Library Fines and Infirmary Fees**—Since we're coming closer to the end of the semester, we just want to remind you that now is a good time to think about clearing up any fees and fines that you might have with the university. **If there are any outstanding balances owed**, we won't be able to release any of your academic information or certificates to you.

The Next Trip

Can you believe that the end of the semester is almost upon us? Next weekend, we will be holding our **End-of-Semester Barbecue!** Details will be on the Activities Board and in Next Week's *Weekly*.

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from April 8-14:

Students:
April 8: Rodrigo Martin
April 11: Natalia Fuentes
April 12: Emily Siu

Staff:

April 12: Thomas Dolce

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Manners

*Q: Which is better to call a teacher...
Mr./Mrs. name, teacher, or professor?*

A: Here at the ELI, none of the above. We use first names. If the teacher has no doctorate, then Mr./Ms *Last* name is okay, but it's generally too formal for us here. Professor or Doctor *Last* name is okay if the teacher does have a doctorate. "Teacher" is not generally appropriate for adults. That's what we usually use when we are small children. However, there are a few ELI teachers who don't mind if you use this one.

Q: What do Americans do after retirement?

A: Lots of different things. Some get part time jobs just to keep busy, some travel, some play a lot of golf, and some rest. My own parents went to Disney World to live.

Q: Do I have to dress up when I go to a club?

A: Depends on the club. Ask somebody who generally goes to the one you're interested in.

Grammar

Q: When can you use connectors between sentences?

A: Whenever you need to show the connection between two ideas. Connectors generally show addition, contrast, cause/effect, or condition.

Q: What's the difference between until and 'til?

A: It's the same word, just shortened. We use the short form usually in conversation. We use the full word in formal writing or formal speech. Interestingly, there is also a newer written form of 'til that is becoming more acceptable: *till*.

Student Voices Deadline

This is the last week, everyone! Steve wants to let you know that the deadline

for *Student Voices* submissions is fast approaching. We would like to have everything in by Friday, April 8th. Submissions can include any student work that you might like to see in print. You can submit your entries for the *Voices* to Steve at sflocks@ufl.edu. Let's see what you can come up with!

Quote of the Week

We change, whether we like it or not.
Ralph Waldo Emerson



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