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# OLLI E-News

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## ALERT

> **LOUDOUN OPEN HOUSE.** 11:00-1:00 Tue, Apr 1, Loudoun site ([map](#)). All are welcome.

## REMINDERS

> **COURSES STILL OPEN.** You can sign up for courses that are not closed. See [this article](#).  
 > **LOUDOUN CLASSES:** Start Mon, Apr 7. OLLI members can attend classes as long as space is available. [Loudoun catalog](#). Walk-in registration on site 9:00 to noon Mon, Mar 31.

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## THE SPRING TERM EXCITES

*From the executive director*



By [Thom Clement](#), Executive Director

**DESPITE THE CHILL IN THE AIR**, the excitement of the spring season was evident at Tallwood and Reston this week.

- The joy of appreciating talent and song permeated the air as the award-winning vocalists from Mason presented a "Music Sampler."
- Dennis Ross had the audience spellbound as he made the case for revitalizing the art of statecraft in "America and the World."
- OLLI members had a real treat as Ben Gold introduced the California Gold Rush "fever" at Lake Anne.

As I visited both locations, I saw energized learners in heated discussions about current events, trying their hands in sketching and writing poetry and learning about "Gentlemen Songsters." One member remarked after a Tuesday class, "That was worth the \$350 all by itself!"

I'm sure we'll continue to be impressed as the spring term unfolds. Don't forget to thank our instructors and speakers with enthusiasm. And let's not forget to show our tremendous appreciation to the OLLI members who spend so much time organizing these wonderful classes!

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## CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD ANNOUNCED

*Recommendation from the Nominating Committee*

**THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS PLEASED TO RECOMMEND** to the membership the slate of nominees as candidates to fill six openings for three-year terms, 2008-2011, on the OLLI Board of Directors. In random order, the nominees are: Kathie West, Jack Underhill, Roxanne Cramer, Bob Persell, Ben Gold, Kathleen Meyer, David Mason and Manuel Pablo.

OLLI's Procedures and Guidelines for the Nominating Committee also allow for nominations by petition. To be added to the ballot, a petition candidate must receive written support from at least one percent of the membership, or eight

members. Petition nominations must be received by the Nominating Committee by Fri, Apr 11. Any such nomination may be submitted to Nominating Committee Chair Bob Bohall or any member of the committee.

Nominating Committee: Bob Bohall, Brenda Cheadle, Abbie Edwards, Paul Howard, Cloe Ingram, Ann Wagner

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## IT'S A MATTER OF UP, NOT DOWN

*Good stuff in good condition wanted for silent auction*



By Debbie Halverson, Membership Committee Chair

**WE'VE ASKED YOU TO CONSIDER** what you might give for the silent auction and offered some ideas in last week's article that we hope will inspire you to discover what you personally might offer.

When we had the yard sale in the fall, we encouraged everyone to clear out their closets, clean their cupboards and even the garage, and give us the rejects. A typical price on those goods was \$2.00. (It's OK to let your garages and attics collect stuff again because we already have a date scheduled for this year's yard sale.) That \$2.00 price was used to get rid of the stuff and make lots of money by selling in volume. Hagglers had their way with us as we moved the original prices down to whatever the market could accept.

But today we are talking "auction." And at auctions the prices hopefully move up, not down. The items for sale are such that they are wanted by more than a few persons, and so we begin the price at its fair value and trust the buyers will want the item so much they will be willing to pay more for it. While the "Mona Lisa" is not available for our auction, more than one of you might be willing to bid the price up on another piece of art to get it over your mantle. We want good stuff, in good condition. And if it doesn't sell, you get to take it back home.

My point is, look at what you think someone would be willing to stretch his wallet to procure and you have a good candidate for our silent auction. And let us also hope that our buyers will realize that their generosity will benefit the Friends of OLLI Fund that benefits us all.

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## HELP WANTED

*Graphic artist and layout specialist*



**THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE HAS AN OPENING** for a graphic artist and layout specialist to help design our various print publications. Hours are very flexible. Successful applicant will receive the much-coveted "OLLI -- VOL," lanyard shown above and undying gratitude in compensation. Please apply to the committee chair, [Gordon Canyock](#).

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## CLASS CHANGES

#701, AMERICAN PERSPECTIVES (Church of the Good Shepherd)	#901, THURSDAY AFTERNOON SPEAKER SERIES (Lake Anne Church)
<p>The last two lectures in the series will switch dates because one of our lecturers had to bow out. The lecture on "The Israel-Palestine Dilemma: The Role of U.S. Diplomacy" will be moved to Thu, May 15, our concluding class. Our new speaker will be Ambassador Sam Lewis, a career ambassador who served as U.S. Ambassador to Israel during both the Carter and Reagan administrations.</p> <p>The lecture on the spread of nuclear weapons by Ambassador Norman Wulf, originally scheduled for May 15, will be moved back to May 8.</p>	<p>Due to unanticipated personal commitments of the speaker, the presentation "United States Assistance to Refugees," scheduled for Thu, Apr 3, has been canceled and will be presented during the summer term.</p> <p>The presentations scheduled for Thu, Apr 10 and Apr 17, have been switched. Dick Cheadle's class, "General George Armstrong Custer at Little Bighorn: Myth vs. Fact," will now be presented on Thu, Apr 10, and Ben Gold's class, "The Brown Water Navy in Vietnam," will now be presented on Thu, Apr 17.</p>

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## HISTORY CLUB

### MEETS WED, APR 2

**THE HISTORY CLUB WILL MEET** at Tallwood from 2:00 to 3:30 on Wed, Apr 2, when OLLI's Don Ferrett will discuss the French role in the early struggle of European powers for control of North America.

OLLI members and guests are always welcome at any of the club's meetings.

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### HOW TO EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS ABOUT OLLI Questions/Comments/Suggestions

#### PUBLICLY:

Email your "Letter to the Editor" (see [recent sample](#)) or "Letter to Ms. Ollie Ettakit" (see [recent sample](#)) to the [editor](#). **Anonymous submissions are acceptable if you provide contact information so we can verify that you are an OLLI member.** Whenever an official response to a letter to the editor is clearly appropriate, the editor will obtain and publish the OLLI response in the same issue so members will have more complete information and a balanced picture of the matter.

#### PRIVATELY:

- Contact any [Board member](#), [committee or resource group chair](#), or the [executive director](#);
- Send an email to the entire Board (email the [editor](#) or the [office](#) to have your message forwarded to all members of the Board);
- Submit a suggestion [online](#) or in the box in the Tallwood social room; or
- Contact the office by [email](#) or phone (703-503-3384).

## WALKING/HIKING SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

*First meeting*



**THE FIRST MEETING** of the Walking/Hiking Special Interest Group will be held at 1:00, Wed, Apr 2, in TA-2. All OLLI members interested in walking are welcome, and their input is appreciated. We hope to set up several hiking trips in the spring if people are interested in doing so outside of OLLI class time. We need to ascertain when/where/who, etc.

If you cannot attend and would like to give input in advance or to be on the notification list for any future hikes, contact Doris Bloch or Sherry Hart.

## CENTER FOR THE ARTS

*Arts and music events at Mason,  
Mar 28-Apr 6*



By Jan Bohall, *OLLI E-News* Staff Writer

**FOR TICKETS**, call 1-888-945-2468 (phone orders are handled by [tickets.com](#)) or visit the Center for the Arts Box Office, Tue-Sat, 10:00-6:00. More info on tickets at the [CFA tickets page](#).



Helsingborg Symphony  
Sun, Mar 30



Chanticleer  
Fri, Apr 4

#### GMU Dance Gala

*The program features "Gloria" by Mark Morris, "Eight Jelly Rolls" by Twyla Tharp and "Reach" by Patrick Corbin.*  
Fri, Mar 28, and Sat, Mar 29, at 8:00  
Admission: \$12

#### Thomas Brawley Memorial Chamber Concert

**Featuring GMU faculty Professor Brawley, a long-time faculty member, will be honored in a recital featuring faculty members, some of whom have taught at**

#### [Helsingborg Symphony Orchestra](#)

**The Eroica Effect Andrew Manze, conductor**  
*The program will open with Mozart's Overture to "The Magic Flute." Manze will describe a brief history*

<p>seniors/students, \$20 other adults Concert Hall</p>	<p>OLLI. Performers will include Chair James Gardner, Linda Monson, Anna Balakerskaia, Edwin Johonnott, Loren Stephenson, Peter Haase and Larry Snitzler. Sun, Mar 30, at 3:00 Admission: Free, no tickets required Harris Theater</p>	<p>of Beethoven's "Eroica," with musical excerpts, and the orchestra will then perform the symphony in its entirety. Sun, Mar 30, at 7:00 Admission: \$50, \$42, \$25 Concert Hall Come early at 6:15 for a free artistic discussion in the Grand Tier Lobby.</p>	
<p><b>April Fool's Day Chamber Ensembles</b> featuring Mason students Tue, Apr 1, at 7:00 Admission: Free, no tickets required Harris Theater</p>	<p><b>GMU Symphony Orchestra Music for Medicine Concert</b> <i>in partnership with The Medical Society of Northern Virginia</i> Thu, Apr 3, at 8:00 Admission: Seniors/students \$10, other adults \$15 Concert Hall</p>	<p><b>30th Anniversary Program Chanticleer</b> <i>My Spirit Sang All Day</i> This male choral ensemble returns with works by Palestrina, Byrd and Mahler, traditional folk songs, spirituals, plainsong and chant. Their 12 voices range from countertenor to bass, to commemorate 30 years of performance. Fri, Apr 4, at 8:00 Admission: \$44, \$36, \$22 Concert Hall</p>	
<p><b>The Acting Company Moby Dick Rehearsed</b> by Orson Welles This play within a play draws parallels between vengeance-</p>	<p><b>GMU Saxophone Ensemble</b> Sun, Apr 6, at 3:00 Admission: Free, no tickets required Harris Theater</p>	<p><b>GMU Percussion Ensemble</b> Sun, Apr 6, at 7:00 Admission: Free, no tickets required Harris Theater</p>	<p><b>The Acting Company The Tempest</b> by William Shakespeare The characters include an embittered magician marooned on an</p>

<p>obsessed King Lear and Captain Ahab. Without the aid of sets or costumes, cast and crew bring to life the pursuit of the great white whale. Sat, Apr 5, at 8:00 Admission: \$34, \$26, \$17 Concert Hall</p>			<p>isle in the New World. He plots vengeance on his enemies but eventually comes to reconciliation and forgiveness, in what is seen by some as a poignant farewell by Shakespeare to the theater. Sun, Apr 6, at 7:00 Admission: \$34, \$26, \$17 Concert Hall</p>
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**MASON HIGHLIGHTS**

Other Mason events



By Barbara Kyriakakis, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

- **Cinema Series** – *I am Legend*, Sat, Mar 29, 6:00, 9:00 and midnight, JC Cinema; \$1.00 with Mason ID.
- **Music Department Recitals** – Joe Diliberti, oboe, Sun, Mar 30, 3:00, Harris Theater; Ben Pereyra, viola, Sun, Mar 30, 8:00, Harris Theater; Allen Smithson and David Anderson, horns, Mon, Mar 31, 6:00, Harris Theater. Free.
- **New Media Speaker Series** – "The Simple Declarative Sentence in a New Media World," presented by Kevin Klose, Pres., National Public Radio. Mon, Mar 31, noon to 1:15, Dewberry Hall South, Johnson Center.
- **Biodefense Speaker Series Presents Richard Danzig** – "Biological Terrorism: Threat and Response in a Globalized World." Dr. Danzig is the Nunn Prize Fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a senior fellow at The CNA Corporation, and a consultant to the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security. He has served as Secretary of the Navy and



in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense. He was awarded the Defense Distinguished Public Service Award in 1981, 1997 and 2001. Mon, Mar 31, 6:00 to 7:00, Johnson Center, Dewberry Hall South. Refreshments served afterward.

- **CEIE Distinguished Lecture Series** – "Wastewater Management and Water Quality in the DC Area," Stuart Freudberg, Metropolitan Council of Governments, Tue, Apr 1, 7:45 to 8:45, 163 Research I.

- **Luis Alberto Urrea Reading** – 2005 Pulitzer Prize finalist for nonfiction, member of the Latino Literature Hall of Fame, and critically acclaimed author of 11 books. Wed, Apr 9, 7:30, Concert Hall.

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

### *Non-class events at OLLI for the next two weeks*

The following list covering the next two weeks is extracted for your convenience from the master calendar maintained by the office (see the [Forecast of Non-Class Events](#) for more details, including active links to more information on certain events, and to view the actual OLLI online calendar used by the office).

*Note: Board, committee, resource-group and 'membership-type' meetings/events below are **highlighted in bold**. OLLI members are welcome at all Board, committee and resource-group meetings (except during executive sessions).*

Friday Mar 28 9:30am Drama Club - TA-3  
 9:30am Photography Club - TA-1  
 10am Recorder Group - TA-2  
 10am Italian Club - Annex  
**10:30am New Member Coffee - Annex**  
 10:30am Loudoun Book Club - Cascades Library  
**11:30am Board of Directors Mtg - TA-1**  
 12:30pm Loudoun Luncheon Out - The Dock restaurant  
 1pm 952-Spec Event-Witchcraft - TA-1  
 1:30pm Homer, Etc. Book Club - TA-Annex  
 Monday Mar 31 9am Loudoun Walk-in Registration, 9-12 - Sterling  
 1pm Lake Anne Bridge Club  
 Tuesday Apr 1 11am Loudoun Open House - Sterling  
**Wednesday Apr 2 10am Spec Events Res Grp Mtg - TA-2**  
 1:30pm Bridge Club - TA-3  
 2pm History Club - TA-1  
 Thursday Apr 3 11am Fiction Writers Club - Kings Park Library  
 Friday Apr 4 9am 953-Spec Event- Freer Gallery - Bus Trip - Fair Oaks  
 9:30am Drama Club - TA-3  
 10am Italian Club - TA-Annex

10am Recorder Group - TA-2  
 1:30pm Homer, Etc. Book Club - TA-Annex  
 Monday Apr 7 Loudoun SPRING TERM Begins  
 1pm Lake Anne Bridge Club  
 Wednesday Apr 9 1:30pm Bridge Club - TA-3  
 2pm 954-Spec Event-Solar System - TA-1  
 Friday Apr 11 9:30am Drama Club - TA-3  
 10am Italian Club - TA-Annex  
 10am Recorder Group - TA-2  
**10am Finance Comm Mtg - TA-1**  
 1pm 955-Spec Event-Knothole to History - TA-1  
 1:30pm Homer, Etc. Book Club - TA-Annex



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**Submissions.** We encourage members to submit news items, articles and photos for this newsletter; deadline to the editor is 7:00 PM Wed (Mon for letters to the editor for which an OLLI response is appropriate) for that week's issue. Please limit articles to about 250 words. Submit material to Editor Rod Zumbro (email [rzumbro@gmu.edu](mailto:rzumbro@gmu.edu), phone 703-569-2750); email strongly preferred.

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