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**ALERT: SUMMER CATALOG AVAILABLE ONLINE SOON!** By early next week, the summer catalog will be available [online](#) for your review and tentative course selections.

**REMINDER: ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NEXT FRIDAY.** May 8, 10:00, Tallwood. Meet the Board candidates, enjoy the picnic, bid at the Silent Auction. [Remember to vote.](#)

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**SUMMER SCHEDULE CHANGES COMING**

*From the executive director*



By [Thom Clement](#), Executive Director

**THE CATALOG FOR OUR SUMMER TERM (JUN 23-JUL 31) IS FINISHED.**

You can view it online soon, and you should receive a printed catalog via mail by Mon, May 18. You can begin to register on Wed, May 20. We've made several improvements to our online registration system, and I will begin to describe them to you in next week's *OLLI E-News*.

Please note that there have been some changes to the time slots and also, times for courses vary at the different locations. Here is a summary of the changes.

Tallwood	Reston	Loudoun
<p>In order to partially alleviate the pain of sharing parking space with the Fairfax Pool next door, classes at Tallwood will be scheduled as follows on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30-11:00: One class only.</li> <li>• 11:30-1:00: Two classes.</li> </ul>	<p>Classes are scheduled as follows on Tuesdays and Thursdays.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:00-11:30: Two classes.</li> <li>• 2:00-3:30: Two classes.</li> </ul> <p>Note: On Wednesdays, there are two Reston course activities scheduled off-site.</p>	<p>Classes are scheduled as follows on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:30-noon: Two classes.</li> <li>• 1:00-2:30: Two classes.</li> </ul> <p>Note: There are special activities on two dates at noon.</p>

**It is more important than ever to read the course descriptions carefully to note the locations, the day of the week, and the time slot.** The charts on pages 30 and 31 of the printed catalog give the complete picture of courses at all three locations. As always, your biggest problem will be choosing from such a great array of possibilities!

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### THREE DEPARTING DIRECTORS

*Total of 18 years of service to OLLI*



By [Rod Zumbro](#), OLLI E-News Editor, Board member

**THREE LONGTIME MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS** will be leaving the Board soon, each after six consecutive years as director. As you may know, OLLI has term limits: according to its bylaws, no individual can serve more than two consecutive terms, and then there must be a two-year absence from the Board before the individual may serve again as a director.



*Left to right (alphabetically): Gordon Canyock, Pat Carroll, RoseMary Gustin.*

- **Gordon Canyock** has been Communications Committee chair for the past five years and has previously served as treasurer, Finance Committee chair, secretary, and Facilities Committee chair.

- **Pat Carroll** has been president since August 2007 and has previously served as vice president, treasurer, Finance Committee chair, Long Range Planning Committee chair, and Facilities Committee chair.

- **RoseMary Gustin** has been a member of the Program Review Committee for the past five years and has previously served as Science, Health & Technology Resource Group chair and as a member of the Program Committee.

On behalf of the Board and the membership, I'd like to express OLLI's deep appreciation to Gordon, Pat and RoseMary and to thank them for their long, dedicated service to our Institute in leadership positions.

### SILENT AUCTION UPDATE

*Things to remember*



By [Kathie West](#), Board member

**WHEN YOU ARRIVE ON MAY 8 FOR THE SILENT AUCTION**, here are some things to remember--



1. At the colored posts in the center circle behind the Tallwood office ("Solomon's Loop"), pick up your blue card with your name and bidding number on it. Look for Doris Bloch.
2. The 50/50 raffle will be at the same place: buy one ticket for \$1 or six tickets for \$5. The winning ticket will receive half of the money and Friends of OLLI will get the other half.
3. When you bid, you will put your bidder number, name and phone number on the bid sheet. **DO NOT LOSE YOUR NUMBER.**
4. The Silent Auction doors close at 1:30. The winning bid numbers, not names, will be posted before 2:00.
5. At 2:00 please come and pay for your items with cash, check (payable to OLLI) or credit card (Visa and Mastercard only).
6. Also enjoy the entertainment and the food. Have fun and help OLLI.

### HISTORY CLUB

**THE OLLI HISTORY CLUB WILL MEET** on Wed, May 6, at Tallwood from 2:00 to 3:30. Two presentations are scheduled--

- Glenn Cassidy, who was stationed at Fort Monroe, will discuss this fort that played a major role in the Civil War when General McClellan used it as a base to launch his attack on Richmond.
- Bob Persell will discuss Bevin Alexander's controversial book, *How the South Could Have Won the Civil War.*

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

Submitted by History Club Coordinator Bob Persell.

### POETRY AT OLLI -- Poetry Reading by OLLI's Own



**THE POETS AT OLLI WILL HOLD THEIR 11TH POETRY READING** at Tallwood on Wed, May 6, from 2:00 to 3:00. This is Special Event 963, "Poetry Reading by OLLI's Own."

Ten OLLI poets of the OLLI Poetry Workshop will read their works, and anyone else who wants to use the open mike is welcome to read not more than three original poems, not more than one page each.

**Everyone is invited. Come and support this creative part of the OLLI community.**

**OLLI MEMBER MIKE McNAMARA** recently was awarded an Honorable Mention in the category, "A Poem with a Point of View," by The Poetry Society of Virginia. More than 1,800 entries were submitted in this annual contest. Following is Mike's award-winning poem.

**Closure**

*This liquid hiss of closure  
Here, in some place few ever knew before—  
A gentleness in such quiet contrast  
To yesterday's explosions and small arms rasps,  
The brute noise of abrupt engagements,  
Faded now, beyond immediate concerns and care.*

*This closure, though, will still reverberate in time;  
Long past the sound of this long war,  
As this almost quiet zipper shuts  
On the silence within  
This black, rubber bag.*

-- Michael J. McNamara

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

*A forum for members to voice their views on OLLI matters*  
**WE WILL PUBLISH** your brief letters about OLLI and, if a response seems appropriate, we will include an OLLI response from the executive director or the applicable officer or committee chair in the same issue. Submit your letter via [email to the editor](#) or submit it as a "letter to the editor" via the [online suggestion box](#) or the suggestion box in the Tallwood Social Room. To be published in a given Friday's issue, the editor must receive the letter no later than 7:00 pm on Monday so that any applicable OLLI response can also be published. Letters can be published anonymously but you must include your name and email address or phone number so we can verify that you are an OLLI member.

*Two members comment on the signs*



*Left: signs, looking away from the office, photo by John West.  
Right, reverse of signs, looking toward the office, photo by Gordon Canyock.*

Spring has sprung.  
The grass has riz.  
I like the Burma Shave  
signs as they is!  
-- Tom Hady, OLLI  
member

Like the clever OLLI E-News "April Fools' Day  
Surprise," the "Burma Shave" signs at Tallwood  
provide a little cheer to lift our spirits in these "bad  
news" times.  
-- Doug Hill, OLLI member

**KEY CONTACT INFORMATION**

*How to contact OLLI*

**HERE IS A READY REFERENCE** on how to contact OLLI. For email addresses and phone numbers not listed below, please consult the online Membership Directory (log in to [Member Portal](#)).

- President: Pat Carroll ([email](#))
- Executive Director: [Thom Clement](#), phone 703-503-7866
- [OLLI Office](#), phone 703-503-3384
- Tallwood Administrator/OLLI Registrar: [Maria Buczek](#), phone 703-503-3384
- Board members: See [Organization page](#) (to send an email to the entire Board, send it to the [office](#) or the [OLLI E-News editor](#), and your message will be forwarded to all members of the Board)
- Committee chairs, resource-group chairs: See [Organization page](#)
- Suggestions: [Online suggestion box](#)
- Letters to the editor or letters to Ms. Ollie Ettakit (etiquette matters): OLLI E-News Editor [Rod Zumbro](#), phone 703-569-2750

## MASON ARTS AND MUSIC

Upcoming Mason performances, May 1-10



By Jan Bohall, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

**FOR TICKETS**, call 1-888-945-2468 (phone orders are handled by [tickets.com](http://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](http://CFA tickets page).

**GMU Players #3 Say Goodnight Gracie By Ralph Pape**  
 Fri, May 1, Sat, May 2, 8:00  
 Sat, May 2, Sun, May 3, 2:00  
 This comedy-drama captures a generation at a turning point in 1976. Five high school friends from the 60s in New York's East Village gather for their reunion and reminisce about good times. Idealistic, they have difficulty coming to terms with the uncertain 70s.  
**Note: The Saturday matinee is OLLI Special Event #960.**  
 Admission: \$8 seniors/students, \$12 other adults  
 Stay for a post-performance discussion with the director and members of the company.  
 TheaterSpace  
 (Lower level of Performing Arts Bldg, adjacent to Concert Hall. From Level 2 of Parking Deck take the bridge. Enter first door on the left and follow hallway; go through the gray doors and downstairs).

**Staged Reading at Old Town Hall Sponsored by Theater of the First Amendment and Fall for the Book Five Variations on the Art of Aphrodite**  
 Fri, May 1, 7:30  
 This play, by Hayley Rushing, is the 2007 winner of Mason's Theater of the First Amendment's First Light Mentoring Program and Competition for High School Playwrights. Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of love and beauty, examines the many incarnations of love in this modern look at mythological relationships. The performance is part of City of Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts.  
 Admission: Free, no tickets required  
 Old Town Hall  
 3999 University Drive in Fairfax City

**Mason Dance Company May Concert**  
 Fri, May 1, Sat, May 2, 8:00  
 This is the third concert of the Company this season, which features modern dance performed by a company of talented dancers at the

<p><b>Fairfax Symphony Orchestra</b>  <b>Christopher Zimmerman,</b>  <b>conducting</b>  <b>Chee-Vun, violin</b>          Sat, May 2, 8:00          The program will include Haydn's Symphony No. 39 in G minor, Bodorova's <i>Concerto dei Fiori</i> and Shostakovich's Symphony No. 10. This performance brings the sixth and last guest conductor, finalists for music director to succeed William Hudson. Christopher Zimmerman is currently the music director of the Hartt Symphony (Hartford, CN) and the Symphony of Southeast Texas. He has degrees from Yale and the University of Michigan.          Admission: \$55, \$35, \$25          Concert Hall          Come to a free, pre-concert lecture at 7:00 on Grand Tier III.</p>	<p>start of their professional careers.          Admission: \$10 seniors/students/staff          Harris Theater</p> <p><b>2009 GMU Music Scholarship Concert</b>  <b>Featuring University Symphony Orchestra, Choirs &amp; Concerto Soloists</b>          Sun, May 3, 7:00          Prof. Anthony Maiello will conduct the Symphony Orchestra and Dr. Lisa Billingham will lead the Chorale and Chamber Singers. They will perform <i>Carmina Burana</i> by Carl Orff. Winners of the 2009 Department of Music Concerto Competition will perform works by J. S. Bach, Dvorák, Hummel, Ibert, Mascagni and Saint-Saens.          Admission: \$15 seniors/students, \$20 other adults          Concert Hall</p>
<p><b>Ten-Minute Play Festival</b>          Fri, May 8, Sat, May 9, 8:00          Admission: Free, no tickets required          TheaterSpace          (Lower level of Performing Arts Bldg, adjacent to Concert Hall. From Level 2 of Parking Deck take the bridge. Enter first door on the left and follow hallway; go through the gray doors and downstairs).</p> <p><b>GMU Opera Recital</b>          Sat, May 9, 8:00          Admission: \$15 senior/student, \$20 other adult          Harris Theater</p>	<p><b>Natalie MacMasters</b>          (Previously scheduled March 7)          Sat, May 9, 8:00          This performer delivers high-energy exuberance in fiddle music in her native Cape Breton (Nova Scotia) traditions. She combines Celtic, bluegrass and contemporary acoustic music with jazz, rock and classical.          Admission: \$44, \$36, \$22          Family Friendly: Children 12 and under, half price with an adult          Concert Hall          Come at 7:15 for a free artistic discussion on Grand Tier III.</p>

## MASON HIGHLIGHTS

*Other Mason events*



By Helen Ackerman, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

- **Toastmasters Spring Conference:** Featuring educational training sessions, District 27 Speech Evaluation Contest, and the District 27 International Speech Contest. Sat, May 2, 9:00 to 6:00, SUB II Ballroom.
- **Piano Recital:** Aaro Keipi, Sun, May 3, 1:00. Harris Theater.
- **Post Socialist Film Series:** *The World*. Poor men and women rely on theme-park consumerism to eke out a living in contemporary China. Tue, May 5, at 7:00. Johnson Center, Cinema.
- **Violin Recital:** Sujin Kim, Sat, May 9, 11:00. Harris Theater.
- **Music Honors Recital:** Featuring selected student performers. Sun, May 10, 3:00. Harris Theater.
- **Panel Discussion:** "The Roots & Future Prospect of Militant Islam in Somalia" (view [pdf flyer](#)). Featuring Dr. Wallace Warfield, Hussein Yusuf, Dr. Terrence Lyons, Dr. Jamie Price and Mahdi Abdi, Executive Director of the East Africa Policy Institute. Wed, May 13, 6:30 to 8:30. Arlington, Truland Building, Room 555. Please RSVP to Hussein Yusuf, [hyusuf@gmu.edu](mailto:hyusuf@gmu.edu), Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution.

**Editor's note.** We welcome OLLI member Helen Ackerman as one of our regular contributors. Helen volunteered to take over the job of researching events at Mason that might be of interest to OLLI members for our "Mason Highlights" column.

## 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 [Upcoming Non-Class Events](#) to view the real-time 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).*

- Fri May 1 10am Recorder Consort - TA-2
- 10am **Reston "Meet the Candidates"** - Lake Anne
- 10am Drama Club - TA-3
- 11am Homer Group - Social Room Annex
- 3:30pm Special Event 962 - Carmina and Illuminare - Fairfax Town Hall
- Tue May 5 11am Knitting and Needlework Club - Lake Anne
- 11am Fiction Writers Club - Kings Park Library
- Wed May 6 10am **Special Events Resource Group Meeting** - TA-2
- 1:30pm Bridge Club - TA-3
- 2pm History Club - TA-1
- 2pm Special Event 963 - Poetry Reading by OLLI's Own - TA-2
- Fri May 8 **Silent Auction and Picnic/Cookout** - Tallwood
- 10am **Annual Membership Meeting** - TA-1
- Sat May 9 12:30pm OLLI Personal Computer User Group
- Tue May 12 11am Knitting and Needlework Club - Lake Anne
- Wed May 13 1:30pm Book Club - TA-2
- 1:30pm Bridge Club - TA-3
- 2pm Special Event 964 - Riding with the Grey Ghost - TA-1
- 2pm **Science, Technology & Health Resource Group Meeting** - Annex
- Fri May 15 **Spring Term Ends**
- 10am Recorder Consort - TA-2
- 10am Drama Club - TA-3
- 10am **Planning Committee Meeting** - TA-1
- 10am Special Event 965 - Riding with the Grey Ghost - Bus Trip
- 11am Homer Group - Social Room Annex

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- **Submissions.** We encourage members to submit news items, articles and photos for this newsletter. **The deadline to the editor is 7:00 pm Wed** (7:00 pm Mon for letters to the editor for which an OLLI response is appropriate) for that week's issue; **submissions earlier in the week are strongly encouraged and greatly appreciated.** Please limit articles to about 250 words. Submit material via email to Editor Rod Zumbro (email [rzumbro@gmu.edu](mailto:rzumbro@gmu.edu)).
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