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- > **TRIP TALES NEEDED.** If you can give one this fall, please contact Virlinda Snyder soon.
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SUMMER 2009 CATALOG IS IN THE MAIL

From the executive director



By [Thom Clement](#), Executive Director

I HOPE YOU HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO CHECK OUT the exciting summer course offerings via our Web site link to the catalog. For those of you who are eagerly awaiting the hard copy, it's in the mail, and you should be receiving it within the next week.

Let me take this opportunity to recognize the hard work and dedication of Catalog Editor Jan Bohall (*photo at right*). Jan has spent countless hours poring over each draft of the catalog for the last seven years. Most of the improvements and enhancements that you have seen have come as a result of her creativity and persistence. Beginning with the fall 2009 catalog, Mary Jane Steele will take over as editor. I know I speak for all of us when I say, THANK YOU, JAN!



Jan Bohall

Registration for the summer term begins on Wed, May 20. You'll be excited to see many improvements to the online registration system such as the "Calendar View" that allows you to see your selected courses in a chart that shows day of the week and the time slot. I'll tell you about more of the improvements in next week's E-News!

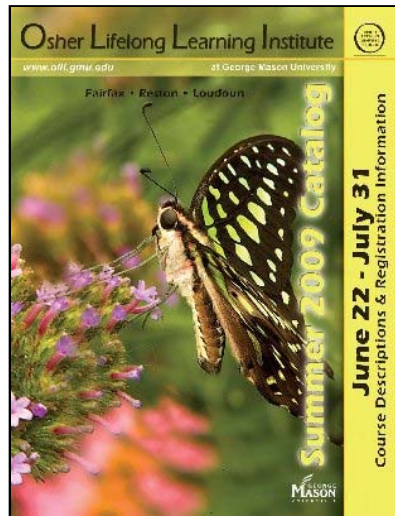
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PROGRAM CORNER

Summer Preview #1: Tallwood



By Kathryn Russell, Program Committee Chair



Our summer catalog (now [online](#) courtesy of Webmaster John West and Assistant Webmaster Michael Coyne) features a beautiful cover photo by Dan Feighery.

YOU NEED NOT WAIT FOR THE NEW SUMMER CATALOG TO ARRIVE in your mailbox. Instead, sit down with a cup of tea and browse through the online version on the OLLI Website. Better make that two cups of tea. You'll find a truly sumptuous feast here. The summer term features many single presentations and lectures in addition to multi-class offerings. This flexible format makes it easy for you to plan your OLLI classes around family outings, vacations, and time with grandchildren.

Many ever-popular Mason professors are returning this summer, among them Dr. Rick Davis, with his "Art of the Translator" (F404). Several professors offer a multi-discipline approach to art, history, economics, and philosophy--

- Dr. Robert DeCaroli's "Introduction to Buddhism and Early Buddhist Art" (F102)
- Dr. Carol Mattusch's "Pompeii and the Roman Villa" (F308)
- Dr. Carrie Meyer's "Prosperity and Depression on the Family Farm" (F307)
- Dr. Martin Cohen's "History and Film" (F405 and F406)
- Dr. Rose Cherubin's "Sex and Gender in Ancient Greece" (F601)

We are also most fortunate this summer to welcome back many of our outstanding OLLI instructors, and we're delighted to add a few new teachers as

well. Be sure to check out some of the fascinating titles, such as "Charles Darwin and His Big Idea" (F301), "SPYCRAFT" (F806), and "After the Flush" (F809). And don't forget about "Bob Ryan on Global Warming" (F803). Finally, if you want to sharpen or develop new skills in your retirement, consider the courses on photography (F101), storytelling (F407), or poetry (F401).

Time to grab a pencil and start jotting down your favorite titles. The smorgasbord of OLLI summer courses is, indeed, a bounteous one.

Next week: A look at the Reston and Loudoun offerings.

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AUDIOVISUAL UPDATES AT ALL SITES

New equipment available



By Paul Howard, Audiovisual Support Committee Co-chair

SINCE THE WINTER TERM, THE TOM SWIFT SQUAD has been busy relocating sound equipment to provide microphones and public address systems for use by instructors in our two classrooms in Loudoun/Sterling. A CD player and a high-quality, portable stereo sound system were acquired for Loudoun's music appreciation classes.

A funding allocation from Friends of OLLI permitted purchase of improvements to the public-address equipment and wireless microphones used when Tallwood classes are held at remote locations. A new microphone mixer allows, for example, each participant in a panel discussion to have his or her own microphone, and OLLI's Drama Club to record a radio play. The new equipment's first use will be supplying background music for the picnic following the annual meeting at Tallwood today (May 8).

Reston classes are enjoying a new laptop computer that replaces a five-year-old laptop with a defective keyboard. A new, high-resolution video projector for room two replaces an obsolete unit. A tabletop lectern is also in place for Reston classes. These Reston upgrades were funded by OLLI's equipment-replacement budget.

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SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & HEALTH

Resource Group meets Wed at 2:00

THE SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND HEALTH RESOURCE GROUP will meet on Wed, May 13, at 2:00 in the social room annex at Tallwood. We will be finalizing the fall program for these subject areas and planning for future terms.

Anyone with ideas for classes, or with interest and/or expertise in any aspect of science, technology or health, is welcome to attend this meeting.

Or if you want to provide the Resource Group with some feedback on previous classes in these subject areas ... or are just curious about how a resource group operates, please do join us. All are welcome!

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OLLI BOOK CLUB



THE OLLI BOOK CLUB will meet at 1:30 on Wed, May 13, at Tallwood. The book for discussion is *Suite Française* by Irene Nemirovsky. It is a novel composed in 1941-1942 about the German occupation of France but not discovered until over 60 years later by the author's daughters. ([Read book summary and media reviews.](#))

All OLLI members are welcome.

Submitted by OLLI Book Club Co-Coordinator Ceda McGrew.

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MASTERS SWIMMING AT MASON

Member Rosalyn Schanzer wins medals

ONE OF OUR NEWER MEMBERS RECENTLY PARTICIPATED at George Mason University in a highly competitive Masters swim meet with more than 500 participants from the Northeastern Seaboard. Rosalyn Schanzer (*photo at right*), who joined OLLI four months ago, won medals in four individual women's events in her age group (listed below) and also in three relays.



Congratulations to Roz on her swimming achievements!



- First place in the 1,650-yard freestyle with a time in the top ten in the United States this year. (Note. This is a distance of almost one mile.)
- Second place in the 500-yard freestyle.
- Second place in the 200-yard freestyle.
- Third place in the 100-yard freestyle.

-- Read more about Roz's adventures on her [biography page](#).

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COMPUTER CLUB MEETS TOMORROW

THE OLLI COMPUTER CLUB FOR WINDOWS COMPUTER USERS will meet in TA-1 from 12:30 to 3:30 tomorrow--Sat, May 9. We meet jointly with another local computer group, the Washington Area Computer User Group. Come for refreshments in the social room starting at 12:30 and introductions and a Question-and-Answer session starting at 1:00.

<p>MEETING TOPIC: A Little PC Cleaning Pays Off</p>	<p>COMPUTER CLINIC: Help with Hardware, Software <i>Clinic Location--Social Room Annex</i></p>
<p> In addition to physically cleaning your PC, a little occasional effort scrubbing its operating system, hard drive, applications, and data files will pay off with improved performance, reliability, and system life. Gabe Goldberg will describe and demonstrate easy cleanup steps and highlight two books about PC housekeeping.</p> <p>Gabe's presentation will be broadcast (video and audio) to the folks participating in the Computer Clinic in the annex.</p>	<p>This meeting features our computer clinic. You must call in advance (see ground rules here) to discuss your computer's symptoms or to advise what hardware or software you'd like help installing or troubleshooting. You must bring these system components: CPU, keyboard, mouse, power cable, networking cable (RJ45). Monitors will be available on-site; however, if your trouble is related to video performance, you should bring your monitor.</p> <p>Note: Troubleshooting services are available only for dues-paid members of one of the two computer user groups.</p> 

- Submitted by Computer Club Coordinator Paul Howard.
- Web site of the OLLI Computer Club:
<http://www.olligmu.org/~opcug/index.html>.

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DEPARTMENTS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A forum for members to voice their views on OLLI matters

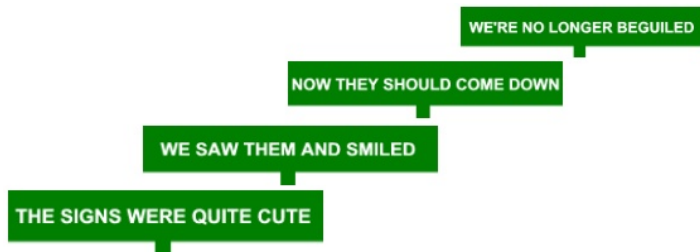
WE WILL PUBLISH your brief letters about OLLI and, if a response seems appropriate, we will include an OLLI response from the executive director or the applicable officer or committee chair in the same issue. Submit your letter via [email to the editor](#) or submit it as a "letter to the editor" via 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 have the final say on the signs

Dear Editor:

In the most recent edition of the *OLLI E-News* (truly, a fine publication!), member Janice Dewire took exception to the Burma Shave-type signs in one of the Tallwood garden areas. Apart from cost, the signs "make no sense" to her. Is it possible that Janice is one of our rare *underage* members, having never seen a set of Burma Shave signs along non-Interstate highways? If so, I encourage her to view examples of the more than 600 signs (from 1927 to 1963) at [this site](#). For those who can't get enough of Burma-Shave jingles, the complete series from the book *The Verse by the Side of the Road* is available at [this site](#).

-- John Meier, OLLI member



Poem from OLLI member Roxanne Cramer; signs by the editor.

Editor's note. This concludes our extended coverage of the Burma Shave signs at Tallwood. We leave it to the executive director and the Dirty Knee Club to decide if and when to take down the signs.

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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

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MASON ARTS AND MUSIC

Upcoming Mason performances, May 8-17



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](#).

<p>Ten-Minute Play Festival Fri, May 8, Sat, May 9, 8:00 Admission: Free, no tickets required TheaterSpace <i>(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).</i></p>	<p>Natalie MacMasters (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</p>
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<p>GMU Opera Recital Sat, May 9, 8:00 Admission: \$15 senior/student, \$20 other adult Harris Theater</p> <p>2009 GMU Honors Recital Featuring selected Student Performers Sun, May 10, 3:00 Admission: Free, no tickets required Harris Theater</p>	<p>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> <p>Korean Studies Center Performance Sun, May 17, 7:00 Admission: No information available at press time Harris Theater</p>
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MASON HIGHLIGHTS

Other Mason events



By Helen Ackerman, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

- **Piano Recital: Jiji Park** – Fri, May 8, 5:00, Harris Theater.
- **Piano Recital: Rachel Wall** – Fri, May 8, 7:00, Performing Arts Building, Choral Room.
- **Voice Recital: Felix Polendey** – Sat, May 9, 1:00, Harris Theater.
- **Piano Recital: Min Son** – Sun, May 10, 8:00, Harris Theater.
- **Book Donation Drive** – Bring textbooks and others to raise funds for African schools. Mon, May 11, Tue, May 12, 10:00 to 2:00, Johnson Center Atrium, Fairfax Campus. Info: Center for Leadership and Community Engagement, phone 703-993-2900.
- **Farmers' Market** – Sweet treats, Amish eggs, dairy and produce. Wed, May 13, 11:30 to 3:30, Johnson Center, North Plaza.
- **Corporate Governance and Ethics Symposium** – The Second Annual Conference on Corporate Governance and Fraud Prevention, May 30, 8:00 to 5:00, Research I, Room 163. Registration fee, \$175.
- **Diversity Scholarship Golf Classic** – Fri, Jun 12, 8:30 am, South Riding Golfer's Club, South Riding.

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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 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, Tech & 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
- Mon May 18 9:30am F601 - Topics in Philosophy - Make-up Class - TA-1
- Tue May 19 9:30am F303 - Local Railroads - Make-up Class Pt. 1 - TA-3
10am Teacher Feedback Session - TA-2
11am Knitting and Needlework Club - Lake Anne
11am Fiction Writer's Club - King's Park Library
11:30am F303 - Local Railroads - Make-up Class Pt. 2 - TA-3
- Wed May 20 7:45am Special Event 966 - Madison, Montpelier, Palladio and More - Bus Trip
10am Bridge Club - TA-3
1pm **OLLI-Loudoun Membership Meeting** - Loudoun RM 232
- Fri May 22 9:30am Photography Club - TA-1
10am Recorder Consort - TA-2
10am Drama Club - TA-3
10:30am Classic Fiction Book Club - Cascades Library
11am Homer Group - Social Room Annex
- Mon May 25 **Memorial Day** - OLLI Office Closed

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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).
- **Read the latest issue early.** The new weekly issue of *OLLI E-News* is posted to the OLLI Web site Thursday evening. Read it by visiting <http://www.olligmu.edu/pubs.htm#enews>, where you will find a list of the last 12 issues; click the latest issue listed.
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