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Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University



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ALERTS

- > **DIRECTOR RESIGNS.** Paul Howard, appointed July 2007 to a term ending June 2009, resigned from the Board of Directors effective May 16. The vacancy will be filled by an OLLI member appointed by the president and approved by the Board.
- > **BOARD ELECTION.** Six new directors were elected. Details in latest [president's message](#).

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- > **SUMMER REGISTRATION CONTINUES THROUGH WED, MAY 28.**

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"Tallwood" near George Mason campus
Lake Anne in Reston
George Mason campus in Loudoun
- *Clubs
History, Book, Writers, Bridge,
Walking, Investments, Music...
- *Special Events
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musical performances
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- *Warm, welcoming environment with many opportunities to be involved

Front and back of new OLLI business card

WE HAVE SOMETHING GREAT HERE AT OLLI, and we don't want to keep it a secret. There are thousands of retirees in Northern Virginia who would be very interested in what our OLLI has to offer. Word of mouth will always be the most effective tool for sharing so I encourage each current OLLI member to engage friends and neighbors in discussions about the benefits and joys of learning through OLLI at Mason. If you haven't picked up any of our new wallet-sized OLLI business cards (images shown above), please stop by the Tallwood office, and we'll give you some to use.

We are making plans for direct mailings to coordinate with our fall 2008

registration time in August. We are also interested in running small ads or announcements in local newsletters and papers. If you are a member of a homeowners' association that produces a regular newsletter that includes such announcements, please send contact information to me [via email](#), and I'll get the information to them at the appropriate time.

Several OLLI members will be representing us at the Viva Vienna fair over Memorial Day weekend – Sun and Mon, May 25 and 26. Stop by if you get a chance! Details are on the [Viva Vienna Web site](#).

Remember – IT'S TIME TO SPREAD THE WORD!

MASON ANNOUNCES A FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

Inauguration of an annual event



By Eileen and Charles Duggan, OLLI members

ON JUNE 12, 2008, SOMETHING EXCITING WILL HAPPEN for the first time on the George Mason campus – the inauguration of the "**Mason Festival of the Arts**," an annual summer performing arts event right here on Mason's Fairfax campus.

The festival will have something to offer everyone. There will be two dramatic plays, performances by the Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra, Fairfax Symphony Orchestra, Fairfax Choral Society, and World Children's Choir, the world premier of an opera, and a film festival.

The Mason Festival of the Arts lasts for three weekends; each Saturday and Sunday will be filled with both ticketed and free events. A community arts weekend is planned with exhibitors' booths, fine art for sale, and food vendors; a Festival Café will operate every weekend 4:00-7:00 in the lobby of the Center for the Arts. The annual First Light Festival has been incorporated in the program, and OLLI's Drama Club will once again be participating. More on that in the coming weeks.

So, mark the Festival on your calendar for the last three weekends in June. *OLLI E-News* will give you more specific details about the various events and OLLI's involvement over the next few weeks.

Web site: [The Mason Festival of the Arts](#)

ON YOUR MARK, GET READY...

Four months left to train



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



CALLING ALL OLLI SENIOR OLYMPIANS: The next Northern Virginia Senior Olympics starts four months from now, Sat, Sep 20, and runs through Thu, Oct 2. You have plenty of time to do some practicing and get ready for your events!

OLLI members have regularly had fun and won medals at the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics (see links below to *OLLI E-News* articles with photos). Competition among one's peers is exciting, and there are events at these Olympics for just about everyone -- some are athletic and others are strictly non-athletic. Most athletic events are in five-year or ten-year age groups so you don't have to worry about competing against significantly younger folks.

Here's a sampling of events (not a complete list).

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track & field <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dashes (50, 100, 200 meters) • Runs (400, 800 meters) • Walks (800 & 1600 meters, 3 miles) • Discus; shot put • Long jump (standing and running) • Swimming (50 yards freestyle, breaststroke and back stroke; 1/2 mile) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ten-pin bowling • Basketball (3x3; free throw) • Tennis (doubles, mixed doubles) • Pickle-ball • Backgammon; chess; cribbage; duplicate bridge • Bait casting; golf; miniature golf; frisbee throw; horseshoes; shuffleball • Eight-ball pool; table tennis
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For complete information including rules, schedule, registration and event locations, see the [Northern Virginia Senior Olympics Website](#).

OLLI E-News articles about--

- [2007 OLLI Olympians](#)
- [2006 OLLI Olympians](#)

DRAMA CLUB TO PRESENT A MARK TWAIN STORY

"The Man That Corrupted Hadleyburg"

THE OLLI DRAMA CLUB WILL PRESENT "The Man That Corrupted Hadleyburg," a play from the story by Mark Twain. The play will be presented in TA-3 at 10:30 on Fri, May 30, by the OLLI Players.



Come and see a cast of your peers present this moving and interesting story set in 1900 in the small town of Hadleyburg. The play stars the famous OLLI group of actors – including Eileen and Charles Duggan, Carolyn Sanders, Manny Pablo, Karen Hauser, Bob Greenspan, Alan Wenberg, Thelma Weiner, Roxanne Cramer and many others. The director is Kathie West with set design by Carolyn Sanders.

Come and enjoy an hour of a famous Mark Twain short story brought to life.

TWO NOTICES FROM THE OFFICE

TALLWOOD OFFICE HOURS	REGISTRATION PROCESS REMINDER
<p>The OLLI office will be open for business from 9:00 until 12 noon when classes are not in session. When scheduling meetings, please hold them during these morning hours.</p> <p>Contact the OLLI office at 703-503-3384 if you need to schedule a meeting or activity.</p>	<p>The OLLI Board of Directors approved a "randomized" process for registration that has now been in use for the past four terms. Using this system, all members who list a course as priority "1" have an equal chance of getting into the course if the number of registrants is greater than the space available. You no longer need to worry about standing in line to be among the first ones to register. The registration system will assign a number to each registrant and sort them randomly after the registration period is closed. Normally there are only a few courses in which we must put people on a "wait list" due to lack of seating space. When a course is held at the Church of Good Shepherd, there are no seating space limitations.</p>

DEPARTMENTS

EYE ON RESTON

News for Restonites



By Sharon Gilman, OLLI E-News Staff Writer



THE SPRING TERM OF CLASSES HAS ENDED, BUT we can reflect back on many very good courses. There were 17 courses offered, and many rave reviews were heard. Many of our Reston members registered for multiple courses. In fact there was a total registration of 397 indicating the strong support the courses received.

Registration has begun for the summer program. We hope you are pleased with the course offerings. Reston's fall schedule is almost complete, and we are excited about the variety of programs that are going to be offered. If you won't be around for the summer program keep your eyes open for the fall schedule!

Several of our members have asked about the possibility of establishing a "Knitting Club." If you have interest in a Knitting Club, please contact Sheila Gold.

The Reston Bridge Club will not be meeting during the summer but will start up again in the fall.

Photo of OLLI Reston sign outside the church by Stan Schretter.

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MASON HIGHLIGHTS

Events at nearby Mason



By Barbara Kyriakakis, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

- **Recital** - Northern Virginia Music Teachers Association Honor Recital. Sun, May 25, 2:00, Concert Hall, Grand Tier III.
- **Conference** - The Humanities and Technology Camp ([THATCamp](#)), sponsored by the Center for History and New Media, Sat, May 31, 9:00 to 5:00, and Sun, Jun 1, 9:00 to 2:30, 163 Research I. Free.

• **Life-Planning Seminar Series** – "Reduce Your Risk of Memory Loss" (exercise and strategies for enhancing and promoting memory health), presented by Nancy Dezan, Executive Director, Alzheimer's Family Day Center. Wed, Jun 4, 12:00 to 1:00, SUB II, Rooms 3-4. Free. Open to OLLI members. Call Patrice Winter at 703-993-1802 for more information.

• **University Life Diversity Scholarship Golf Classic** – Fri, Jun 13, South Riding Golfer's Club. Open to OLLI members. Must register. Fees listed on registration site.

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LOUDOUN LINES (FOR ALL OLLI MEMBERS!)

A summer trip downtown



By Sharon Gilman, OLLI E-News Staff Writer



(left, Museum of Women in the Arts; right, Textile Museum)

ON FRI, JUL 11, OLLI LOUDOUN PARTICIPANTS – AND OTHER

INTERESTED OLLI MEMBERS – can tour the Museum of Women in the Arts and the Textile Museum downtown. The bus will leave the Loudoun campus at 9:00 and arrive at the Museum of Women in the Arts at 10:00 for a docent-led tour of the permanent exhibits with time to see current exhibits afterwards (these include a quilt exhibit and an exhibit with collections of current museum board members).

Lunch will be on your own in the Café at noon, and then the group will leave for a docent-led tour of the Textile Museum. Current exhibits are "Blue" that explores this color on textiles across time and place, and "The Finishing Touch: Accessories from the Bolivian Highlands," which includes woven or knitted belts, bags, and other items.

The bus will return to and arrive at Loudoun about 4:00. The cost of this tour is \$49, including the bus, driver's tip, and entrance fee to two museums. There are still spaces available for this tour; registration has already begun. Interested persons should call Madeline Lynn at 703-993-4488 or [send her an email](#).

Web links--

[National Museum of Women in the Arts](#)

[Textile Museum](#)

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](#) 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	May 23	9:30am	Drama Club - TA-3
		9:30am	Photography Club - TA-1
		10am	Recorder Group - TA-2
		10am	Homer, Etc. Book Club - TA-Annex
		10:30am	Classic Fiction Book Club - Cascades Library
Wednesday	May 28		SUMMER TERM Registration Ends
		10am	Investment Forum - TA-1
		10am	Bridge Club - TA-3
Friday	May 30	9:30am	Drama Club - TA-3
		10am	Recorder Group - TA-2
		10am	Homer, Etc. Book Club - TA-Annex
		10:30-11:30am	OLLI Players presents "The Man That Corrupted Hadleyburg" - TA-3
Monday	Jun 2	10am	Bridge Club - TA-3
Wednesday	Jun 4	10am	Spec Events Res Grp Mtg - TA-2
		10am	Investment Forum - TA-1
Thursday	Jun 5	10am	Communications Committee Mtg - TA-1
Friday	Jun 6	9:30am	Drama Club - TA-3
		10am	Recorder Group - TA-2
		10am	Homer, Etc. Book Club - TA-Annex

OBITUARY: RUSS CURRAN

OLLI member and regular Tallwood office volunteer

On Wed, May 21, 2008 at Fair Oaks Hospital: Russell W. Curran, beloved husband of Karla Curran of Fairfax City, VA. Devoted father of Colleen Stoker and her husband Joshua of Christiansburg, VA, and Kyle Curran of

Radford, VA. Step-father of Benjamin Martin of Richmond, VA, and Matthew Martin of Fairfax City, VA.

Friends may call at the EVERLY FUNERAL HOME, 10565 Main St., Fairfax, VA, on Fri, May 23, 2008 from 6 to 8 p.m. A memorial service will be held on Sat, May 24, at 11:30 a.m. at Fairfax United Methodist Church, 10300 Stratford Ave., Fairfax, VA. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), 4210 Roberts Rd., Fairfax, VA 22032.

[Source: *The Washington Post* death notices at <http://tinyurl.com/6cwcm4>.]

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Rod Zumbro
Editor

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Karen Hamilton
Deputy Editor

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