



# OLLI E-News

The electronic newsletter for members of the  
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University



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**BOARD MEETING ON TUESDAY.** The new OLLI [Board of Directors](#) will meet at 11:00 on Tue, Jun 9, to elect the OLLI president, vice president, treasurer and secretary for this coming year. It should not be a lengthy meeting. All members are invited to attend.

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## OLLI RECORDER CONSORT HAS BIG LIBRARY BOOKING

*From the executive director*



By [Thom Clement](#), Executive Director



*Recorder Consort members (left to right): Mike McNamara, Bob McLean, Connie Greenspan, Louise McLean, Steve Montague, Leslie Vandivere, Jayne Hart, Karen Wilson, Karen Holmfeld, Jo-Anne Plavchan, and the writer. Photo by Dick Hart.*

**T**HE OLLI RECORDER CONSORT PLAYED A CONCERT at the Pohick Regional Library on Sun, May 31, to an enthusiastic audience, many of whom were children. In addition to a group of familiar children's songs, the concert's playlist included patriotic songs as well as music from the medieval through modern periods of Western music.

Jayne Hart directed the group while Mike McNamara narrated the program and Connie Greenspan led the children in animating *Itsy Bitsy Spider*. I enjoyed playing with the group and also had an opportunity to describe OLLI to the audience and distribute information about our Institute. A fun time was had by all!

If you would like to join this lively group, get out your recorder and come to the regular 10:00 Friday practices at Tallwood. Or if you do not play but would like to learn, plan to take lessons during the fall term; new participants are always welcome!

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## OLLIWOOD GARDENS IN MAY

*A photo slideshow*



Four photos by Gordon Canyock of OLLIwood gardens and gardeners; slideshow by the editor.

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## THE GENERATIONS PLAYS

Support your OLLI thespians on Jun 20



By [Kathie West](#), OLLI Players Coordinator

**T**HE OLLI PLAYERS ARE AGAIN DIRECTING AND PERFORMING in The Generations Plays, to be presented in the Theater Space at George Mason University on Sat, Jun 20, at 2:00. These are staged readings of four one-act plays (about 15 minutes in length), two written by OLLI members and two written by students in middle school and high school. This year the OLLI plays came from our winter course called "The Generations Playwriting Project."

The OLLI plays are *Molly's Valentine* by Nancy Jarvis and *I'd Rather See You In Your Grave* by Sharon Roslund. All four plays are being directed by members of OLLI Players: Sharon Donovan, Carolyn Sanders, Susanne Zumbro, and the writer. OLLI performers are Gordon Canyock, Roxanne

Cramer, Joe Fulton, Linda George, Bob Greenspan, Joyce Hellems, Paulette Lichtman-Panzer, Jane McCulloch, Bob Osborn and the writer (student performers are from Acting For Young People).

These will be a treat for all to see. Admission is free. Come early to get a seat as last year it was standing room only! We hope to see you there to support your OLLI thespians and the [Mason Summer Festival](#).

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## OLLI BOOK CLUB

*One True Thing* by Anna Quindlen

**THE OLLI BOOK CLUB** will meet at 10:00 on Wed, Jun 10, at Tallwood. The book for discussion is *One True Thing* by Anna Quindlen.

All OLLI members are welcome.

Submitted by OLLI Book Club Co-Coordinator Ceda McGrew.



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## WALKING GROUP VISITS BLUEBELLS

*A walk in the park*



The Tallwood Walking Group visits the Virginia bluebells at Bull Run Regional Park this spring.

*Photos by Don Allen; slideshow by the editor.*

Contributed by Sherry Hart of the Tallwood Walking Group. For more information on the Walking Group, see this [recent article](#).

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**DEPARTMENTS**

**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**

*Mason performances Jun 5-14*



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](#).



**Doc Nix and Friends**

Sat, Jun 6, 8:00

Join Doc Nix, Matt Nolan and a company of musicians, dancers, video artists and DJs for an evening of improvisational performance and state-of-the-art video and gaming technology.

Admission: \$10 seniors/students, \$15 other adults

Concert Hall

Come early at 7:15 for a pre-performance discussion with Doc Nix and Matt Nolan.

**Roland Dyens, guitar  
Pure Guitar Indulgence**

Sun, Jun 7, 3:00

The internationally acclaimed French composer, virtuoso guitarist and chair of the Guitar Department at the prestigious *Conservatoire Nationale de Paris* will inspire you with his passionate classical guitar performance.

Admission: \$30

Concert Hall

See [this pdf flyer](#) for an opportunity to attend Master Classes with Monsieur Dyens.

**McLean Symphony**

*Sounds and Sights of America!*

**Music, Words and Images from American History**

**Dingwall Fleary, Music Director**

**Roger Mudd, Concert Host and Narrator**

Sun, Jun 14, 3:00

Journalist-broadcaster Roger Mudd will narrate Tom Sawyer's *Saturday* in this Flag Day concert. The McLean Symphony will perform *Battle Hymn of the Republic* or *Testament of Freedom* from writings of Thomas Jefferson, featuring the Voce Chamber Singers. The program will include *Armed Forces Salute*, the traditional *Clementine*, and Duke Ellington's *Harlem*.

Roger Mudd will sign copies of his memoir, *The Place to Be: Washington, CBS and the Glory Days of Television News*.

Admission: \$10 seniors/students, \$15 other adults

Concert Hall

Come early at 2:15 for a pre-performance discussion with Mr. Fleary and Mr. Mudd in Grand Tier III.

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**MASON HIGHLIGHTS**

*Other Mason events*



By Helen Ackerman, *OLLI E-News* Staff Writer

- **Summer Social.** Join Mason staff and students for free food and friendly chat. Wed, Jun 10, 3:00 to 5:00, Johnson Center, Bistro.
- **Vendor Opportunity Fair.** A chance to see the latest ecofriendly products for home and business and learn what Mason is doing to go green. Thu, Jun 11, 10:00 to 1:30, Johnson Center, Dewberry Hall. Free.
- **Diversity Scholarship Golf Classic.** Fri, Jun 12, 8:30, South Riding Golfer's Club, South Riding.

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

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

**T**HE 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 Jun 5	10am	Recorder Consort - TA-2
	10am	Drama Club - TA-3
	11am	Homer Group - Social Room Annex
	<b>4pm</b>	<b>OLLI/Reston Picnic - Al &amp; Alice Roe's home, Vienna</b>
Mon Jun 8	10am	Bridge Club - TA-3
Tue Jun 9	10:30am	Knitting and Needlework Club - Lake Anne Coffee Shop
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Board of Directors Meeting - TA-1</b>
Wed Jun 10	10am	Book Club - TA-2
Fri Jun 12	10am	Recorder Consort - TA-2
	10am	Drama Club - TA-3
	10am	Travel Club - TA-1
	11am	Homer Group - Social Room Annex
Mon Jun 15	10am	Bridge Club - TA-3
Tue Jun 16	10:30am	Knitting and Needlework Club - Lake Anne Coffee Shop
Fri Jun 19	10am	Recorder Consort - TA-2
	10am	Drama Club - TA-3
	10am	Travel Club - TA-1
	11am	Homer Group - Social Room Annex

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- **About this newsletter.** OLLI's weekly newsletter, *OLLI E-News*, is emailed to current OLLI members with email addresses on Fridays. When classes are in session, printed copies of this newsletter are distributed in classrooms. Comments, suggestions or complaints? Please contact Editor [Rod Zumbro](#) or Communications Committee Chair [Gordon Canyock](#).
- **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)).
- **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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