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> OLLI OPEN HOUSES NEXT WEEK! Come, bring your friends and neighbors to introduce them to OLLI: Tue, Sep 9 (Tallwood); Wed, Sep 10 (Loudoun); Thu, Sep 11 (Reston). [More.](#)
> OLLI AT BURKE CENTRE FESTIVAL: 10:00-5:00 Sat, Sep 13 (Wine Garden, live music 5-9 pm), and 11:00-5:00 Sun, Sep 14. Visit our booth and spread the word! See [this Web page](#).

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FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS, JOIN OLLI!

From the executive director



By [Thom Clement](#), Executive Director

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED SOME EVIDENCE of our efforts to recruit new members for OLLI at Mason this month. In case you have missed something, I thought I would provide you with some details. Since May, the following efforts have come to fruition:

- New full-color OLLI brochures – "Great minds never stop learning"
- New OLLI business cards, with the benefits of OLLI printed on the back
- Articles in all of the *Connection* newspapers – "Osher Lifelong Learning: The New Retirement"
- Announcements of registration in the *Connection* and *Fairfax Times* newspapers
- A quarter-page ad in the September *Beacon* newspaper for people ages 50+
- Additional promotional copies of a redesigned Fall 2008 catalog with full-color cover
- Direct mailing to 3,500 local Mason alumni, ages 60+, of an OLLI post card – "It's Your Retirement; Use it Wisely"
- Open Houses at all three OLLI locations: Sep 9 for Tallwood/Fairfax, Sep 10 for Loudoun, and Sep 11 for Reston

Thank you to all OLLI members who have made these efforts come to pass. We're looking forward to meeting lots of new people for the Fall 2008 term!

CLOSED FALL COURSES

The majority of courses are still open



By [Ann Hartmann](#), Tallwood Site Administrator/OLLI Registrar

YOU SHOULD SOON RECEIVE YOUR CONFIRMATION LETTER showing the courses in which you have been enrolled. Most courses are not full, and it's not too late to sign up ... preferably online (see note below) or otherwise by filling in a Change of Schedule Request form available in the Tallwood social room or by [emailing](#) or calling the office (703-503-3384) with your request.

Here is the list of closed courses and events for the fall term. All other courses are still available for you to sign up.

CLOSED FALL COURSES AND EVENTS

COURSES	
101 – Impressionism, Post Impressionism and 20th Century	403 – A Close Reading of <i>The Odyssey</i>
102 – Perceiving Art	406 – Readers' Theater
105 – Music Sampler	408 – Classic Film Festival
201 – An Economics Potpourri	703 – Public Policy Roundtable
301 – History of Globalization	902 – Intro to the Alexander Technique
302 – China: History and Culture	
305 – Abe Lincoln & U.S. History	SPECIAL EVENTS
307 – Russia Study Group	954 – Stratford Hall Plantation
308 – World War II: Untold Stories	955 – The Supreme Court
	961 – Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob

Note: You are encouraged to add or withdraw from courses using the online registration system at the [OLLI Registration Portal](#); after logging in, click the Courses menu and select Withdraw. You may also update your personal data, address, phone number or email through the system.

You must first create a user account before attempting changes.

Please contact the staff by [email](#) or phone (703-503-3384) for assistance in setting up your user account ... or go to the [Registration Portal](#) and click the Tutorial as shown here to view a step-by-step, easy-to-understand explanation.



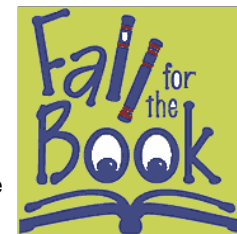
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THE FALL FOR THE BOOK FESTIVAL WILL BE STARTING SOON!

Coming Sep 21-26



By Paulette Lichtman-Panzer, OLLI member, Fall for the Book Board member



MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the six-day Fall for the Book Festival running from Sep 21–26. What could be more enjoyable than seeing many of your favorite authors up close and personal and having an opportunity to ask them questions? The festival celebrates literature, learning, all types of books (both fiction and nonfiction), poetry, and plays.

A very short list of the prime-time authors includes novelists [Chinua Achebe](#), [Sue Miller](#), and Pulitzer Prize-winner [Michael Cunningham](#). You can meet former Virginia Governor [Linwood Holton](#), who wrote his memoir, *Opportunity Time*. For poetry lovers, there are a host of events throughout the program's six days. To see the complete list of daytime and evening events just visit the Festival's [Web site](#). **And the best part – all events are free.**

This year, two events will be held at OLLI--

- At the Loudoun campus on Tue, Sep 23, at 1:30 novelist and legal scholar [Garrett Epps](#) will discuss his best seller, *The Shad Treatment*.
- At Tallwood on Wed, Sep 24, at 2:00 you can hear [George Norfleet](#) who wrote *A Pilot's Journey: Memoirs of a Tuskegee Airman*, *Curtis Christopher Robinson*.

OLLI has arranged for buses to get you to several of the on campus events so you don't have to worry about parking. Here is the bus schedule--

- Tue, Sep 23, Lincoln Historians Morning Session (including [Daniel Mark Epstein](#)), 10:00-12:30: bus from Tallwood at 9:15
- Tue, Sep 23, Lincoln Historians Afternoon Session (including [Michael Beschloss](#)), 1:30-5:00: bus from Tallwood at 12:45
- Fri, Sep 26, [Harvey Frommer](#), sports historian and journalist, 2:00: bus from Tallwood at 1:15

If you have any questions, you can contact me via [email](#) or telephone.

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REGISTRATION AND COURSE CONFLICTS

Your help is needed



By Bob Lawshe, Philosophy/Ethics/Religion Resource Group Co-Chair and Kathryn Russell, Program Committee Chair

ANOTHER OLLI REGISTRATION HAS NOW COME AND GONE, and we have made our class selections. If you're like us, you probably had to make some hard decisions, especially if, again like us, you wanted to take two courses that met at the same time like Kathryn's *Taming of the Shrew* and Catherine Weir's "Perceiving Art," being offered this fall term. Wouldn't it be nice if some of these foregone classes could be offered again? That almost never seems to happen. Well we're trying to do something about that. We need your help in identifying classes you would like to see offered again. We understand that not all classes can be offered again, but it's worth trying to see if we can get some of them repeated.

So we would like you to let us know of any courses you would have liked to take but for one reason or another were unable to do so, e.g., conflicts with other courses you were taking or teaching, wrong day of the week, not enough time to get from Lake Anne to Tallwood between classes, your cat was ill, etc. You get the idea.

There is no need to restrict yourself to just this past registration. You can look over prior catalogs to refresh your memory by clicking [here](#) – OLLI's Document Storage – and scrolling down to OLLI Catalogs. That's how I found Brenda Cheadle's "Mental Calisthenics: Metaphorical Thinking", an excellent course last offered in the spring of 2006. You can contact us by email.

We'll let you and the resource group chairs know the results after you tell us what you'd like to see offered again. Thanks!

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EXHIBIT IN SOCIAL ROOM ANNEX

See the work of the OLLI Photography Club



Some of photos on exhibit in annex. *Photo by Dan Feighery.*

LAST SUMMER SOME OLLI MEMBERS expressed interest in a photography club. After more than 30 members responded to a notice in *OLLI E-News*, an initial meeting was held in August. Now each month members of the OLLI Photography Club gather to hear presentations on different aspects of the art and science of this pastime -- one of the most popular retirement hobbies in our country.

Some club members use pocket-sized, point-and-shoot cameras, and others use single-lens reflex cameras. Most of the cameras are digital, but a few members still use 35mm slide film. At the *OLLI E-News* editor's suggestion, each month the club selects a photo to be published as "Photo of the Month" in our newsletter.

The culmination of this successful first year is an exhibition of the work of OLLI Photography Club members in the Tallwood social room annex. The 28 framed photographs in the exhibition reflect a range of interests and include pictures taken around the house, at nearby locations, and on trips to far away places. Stop in the annex anytime during the fall term to see what your fellow OLLI members are up to.

More photos by club members can be seen on the club's [Web site](#). During the fall, the club meets at Tallwood from 9:30 to 11:30 on Sep 26, Oct 24, Nov 20 and Dec 18. All OLLI members are welcome at club meetings.

Contributed by Dan Feighery

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MORE LUCKY BIDDERS CLAIM THEIR WINNINGS

Field notes from two August Silent Auction events



By Carolyn Sanders (left) and Doris Bloch (right), OLLI members

"SILENT" MAY BE THE WORD FOR OLLI'S SUCCESSFUL AUCTION, but it is the last word that should be applied to the Bridge Brunch hosted by Gordon Canyock and his lucky paying guests on Tue, Aug 5. A great time was had by all, and the sounds of chatting and laughter surely were heard all the way from Judy and Gordon's lovely home all the way to Tallwood. Judy Canyock is Gordon's long-suffering wife and hidden treasure. She provided a three-course brunch of absolutely delicious food; Gordon did pour the wine and mimosas and supposedly helped set up the tables and chairs for some friendly competitive bridge. It was a great day.

THE PLEASANT SOUNDS OF OLLI CAMARADERIE were heard again when seven Silent Auction participants claimed their much-anticipated reward of Spanish tapas and wine. The tapas party was held in mid-August at the Burke home of Paulette and Stan Lichtman-Panzer. The event more than met expectations as guests were treated to not just appetizers but also a complete dinner of delightful treats -- from sangria and Spanish wine served on the outdoor patio along with almonds, aioli with crudities, and baguette slices with Serrano ham ... to a series of main-course dishes featuring mussels, pork, calamari, Spanish carrot salad, and olives ... and to a finale of homemade flan and almond cake. There was soft, soothing Spanish guitar music in the background to keep the conversation (for the most part in English, not Español) flowing easily among the happily congenial group. Thank you to the Lichtman-Panzers for all their culinary efforts and for providing a memorable Silent Auction offering.

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MUSIC TO OUR EARS...



OLLI MEMBERS WHO LISTEN TO MUSIC OR WATCH VIDEO in Tallwood's TA-1 classroom will soon notice a big improvement in sound. Thanks to the generous donation of two speakers by OLLI member Bill Teer, the low sounds are bassier and the high tones have more crispness.

Tom Swift squad members Manny Pablo and John West expertly installed the speakers during our break. The enhanced sound will complement the sharper images of the new LCD projector paid for by

donations to the Friends of OLLI.

Thanks to Bill, Manny, John, and all contributors to the Friends of OLLI.

-- [Thom Clement](#), Executive Director

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BOOK CLUB

Daughter of Fortune by Isabel Allende



THE OLLI BOOK CLUB will be meeting at Tallwood on Wed, Sep 10, at 10:00. The book for discussion is *Daughter of Fortune* by Isabel Allende. It is the story of a young woman raised in Chile who migrates to California during the Gold Rush.

All OLLI members are welcome.

Related Web link: [Book summary and media reviews](#)

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HOW TO EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS ABOUT OLLI

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.
- Attend monthly meetings of your Board of Directors and make your views known during the period for public comments.

PRIVATELY:

- Contact any [Board member](#), [committee or resource group chair](#), or the [executive director](#);
- Send an email to the entire Board (directors are listed on the [Organization page](#), and email addresses are listed in the online [Membership Directory](#) ... or you are welcome to 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).

DEPARTMENTS

PROFILE

New Board member David Mason



By Barbara Kyriakakis, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

DAVID MASON IS A UNIQUE MAN with a remarkably avant-garde approach to life.

"I don't think about goals," he says, in answer to my question about his future. "I think about outcomes. I look at the 'so what' in life. If you want to climb Mt. Everest, I say 'so what?...so what will it mean to you to do that? What will the outcome be?' Looking for outcomes leads to goals."

Born in Franklin, Indiana, David moved to Alabama with his family in his early years then to Waycross, Georgia, where he graduated from high school, and from there went on to receive a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Industrial Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. As a government retiree, he is presently enjoying the outcome of an eclectic career (U.S. Army officer, information technology executive, electric power engineer, college instructor, entrepreneur, government executive, Realtor) by spending time with his wife and family, taking pleasure in his community and its surroundings, and traveling to England where he and his wife, Mo, have a second home. His hobbies include skiing, shooting, SCUBA diving, ballroom dancing, and participating in church activities.

David joined OLLI in 2005 and became a board member in June of 2008. He likes the interpersonal relationships formed at OLLI as much as the educational opportunities that OLLI offers. He taught an OLLI class called "Famous Trials" and is himself rather famous in the OLLI community, or shall I say, infamous. He played Juan, the Argentinean gigolo in *Daze of our Lives*, an OLLI Readers' Theater presentation at George Mason's 2007 First Light Festival.

David's greatest challenge in life was "getting it back in order" after the death of his first wife. He considers himself outgoing and innovative, and he has no



great fears other than, like most people, being incapacitated in old age. His fondest memories are of skiing with his children in Colorado, and, of course, the memories he is now creating with his second wife and five grandchildren.

Photo of David by Kathie West

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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 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	Sep 5	10am	Recorder Group - TA-2
		10:30am	Homer, etc - Tallwood Annex
Tuesday	Sep 9	10am	Tallwood Open House - Tallwood
Wednesday	Sep 10	9:30am	Drama Club - TA-1
		10am	Loudoun Open House - Loudoun Campus
		10am	Book Club at Tallwood - TA-2
		10am	Bridge Club - TA-3
Thursday	Sep 11	10am	Reston Open House - Lake Anne
Friday	Sep 12	10am	Travel Group
		10am	Recorder Group - TA-2
		10:30am	Homer, etc - Tallwood Annex
Monday	Sep 15		FALL08 Term Begins
Wednesday	Sep 17	1pm	Membership Committee Meeting - TA-Annex
		1:30pm	Bridge Club - TA-3
		2pm	Genealogy Club - TA-1
Friday	Sep 19	9:30am	Drama Club - TA-3
		10am	Recorder Group - TA-2
		10am	New Member Coffee - TA- Annex
		11am	Board of Directors Meeting - TA-1
		1:30pm	Homer, etc. - TA- Annex

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MASON HIGHLIGHTS

Events at nearby Mason



By Barbara Kyriakakis, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

- **Human Resources Workshop** - "All You Need to Know About Savings Bonds," Wed, Sep 10, 1:00, 161 Research I. Free, but you must [register](#).
- **Counterinsurgency Panel Presentation** - "Improvised Explosive Devices, Insurgency Warfare and U.S. National Security" by Dr. Burl Self. Wed, Sep 10, 5:00 to 8:00, Johnson Center, Dewberry Hall South. Phone 703-993-1210.
- **Cinema Series** – [You Don't Mess With the Zohan](#), Thu, Sep 11, 6:00 and 9:00; [Sex and the City](#), Fri and Sat, Sep 12 and 13, 6:00 and 9:00, JC Cinema. Free with Mason ID.
- **Faculty Showcase Recital** – Fri, Sep 12, 8:00, Harris Theater. Free. [Music Department](#) 703-993-1380.



Dr. Michelle Marks, Vision Series speaker

- **The Vision Series** - "The Young and the Restless: How Generation Y is Changing Our Workforce," presented by Michelle Marks, Associate Professor of Management, Mon, Sep 15, 7:00, Concert Hall, free but [tickets required](#). Dr. Marks will discuss the character-shaping events and perspectives that distinguish four generations in today's workplace, and the socio-economic conditions that make generational clashes more likely now than in previous times. Each Vision Series lecture is followed by an informal reception with the speaker.
- **Public Choice Seminar** – "Understanding Crude Oil Prices" ([online pdf paper](#)) by James Hamilton, UC San Diego, Tue, Sep 16, Carow Hall, 4:00 to 5:15.
- **Astronomy Observing Session** – Wed, Sept 17, 8:00, Observatory, Research I.

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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, phone 703-569-2750); email strongly preferred.

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