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> **SUBMISSIONS FOR OLLI E-NEWS.** For next week's issue (Sep 18) and thereafter, please submit all articles, notices and photos for *OLLI E-News* to Editor [Rod Zumbro](#).
 > **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.** The Board will meet at 10:00 on Fri, Sep 18, at Tallwood. All OLLI members are invited to attend.
 > **GEORGE MASON AQUATICS AND FITNESS CENTER FEE INCREASE.** The fees for OLLI members are going up to \$250 per year (from \$175) on Oct 6. If you renew before that date, your membership will be extended by a year at the old rate. (*Thanks to OLLI member Caroline Herrick for the tip.*)

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ONLY AT OLLI!

From the executive director



By [Thom Clement](#), Executive Director

THE "BACK-TO-SCHOOL" EXCITEMENT is palpable at OLLI! Along with the first few cool, crisp days that tease us in early September, we anticipate a fall term filled with wonderful courses and activities at all three OLLI locations!

I counted 84 courses on the schedule page, page 43 of our fall catalog. Some are for small groups, some are "megacourses."

Some are hands-on workshops, others are pure lecture. In just about every subject, there is a wide range and diversity of offerings: from ancient to recent history; from practical to theoretical philosophy; from whimsical to controversial topics.

Where else could you choose from a selection of courses that includes "Beekeeping" and "Messianic Prophecies of the Hebrew Scriptures"? Where else would you face the dilemma of a choice between "Disasters at Sea" and "U.S. Forest Sustainability"? How about "Shakespeare's Coriolanus" and "Bridge Refresher"? **ONLY AT OLLI!**

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CLOSED FALL COURSES

Most courses are still open



By [Maria Buczek](#), OLLI Registrar

YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED YOUR EMAIL

Y CONFIRMATION 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 in the office or by [emailing](#) the office 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

Fairfax Courses

- F101 The Wonderful World of the Symphony Orchestra
- F102 Music Sampler
- F103 Beyond Beginning Ballroom Dance
- F104 Watercolor Painting
- F106 Sketching Workshop
- F201 An Economics Potpourri
- F301 The Seat of War: Abraham Lincoln's Washington
- F302 World War II and Beyond: Untold Stories
- F305 Irish History: Fintan the Wise to Fianna Fail
- F307 A Brief History of Mankind
- F309 Aspects of Australia, the "Sunburnt Country"
- F401 From Page to Stage
- F402 Readers' Theater
- F403 A Close Reading of Virgil's Aeneid
- F406 Portrait of the Artist as A Young Man Lectures
- F601 The New Atheism
- F602 The Christian Church: The First 200 Years
- F701 Foreign Policy Roundtable
- F703 The Israeli—Palestinian Conflict

Loudoun Courses

- L114 Drawing with Colored Pencils

Reston Courses

- R112 Documentary, Travel and Street Photography
- R412 Literary Roundtable
- R902 Bridge Refresher

Special Events

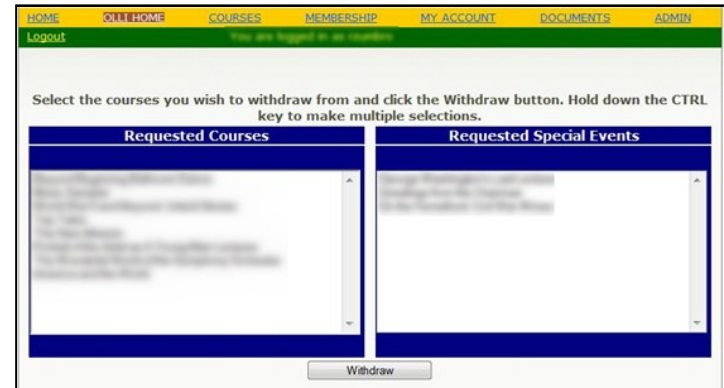
- F960 Culpeper in the Civil War, Part II
- F963 The Supreme Court
- F967 Abraham Lincoln's Washington City

CHANGES TO COURSES

Loudoun course L708, The New Yorker: A Round Table Discussion, will be held on Monday (not Thursday) mornings at 10:30; new coordinator is Nancy Robinson.

- F704 What's in the Daily News?
- F804 Muscles in Motion

Note: You are encouraged to add or withdraw from courses using the online registration system at the [Member Portal](#). **To add a course:** after logging in, click the Courses menu and select Register/Add Course; on the OLLI Registration Page, select the desired course(s), and click Submit. **To withdraw from a course:** after logging in, click the Courses menu and select Drop a Course; on the Withdraw page, select the course or special event from which you want to withdraw, and then click the Withdraw button at the bottom (see sample image below):



Remember that you may also update your personal info such as postal address, phone number, email address and license tag through the system (click Membership/Edit Personal Info).

You must first create a user account before attempting changes. Follow the instructions on the Member Portal. Please contact the staff by [email](#) or phone (703-503-3384) if you need assistance in setting up your user account.

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PROGRAM CORNER

Undersubscribed special events for fall



By Kathryn Russell, Program Committee Chair

Finally we've all made those tough choices of fall courses, and registration is complete. However, you may find that your schedule looks a little sparse and that you have some free time for more OLLI activities. Or you may have been wait-listed for an event. If so, consider the dazzling array of Special Events that you might have overlooked. Some of the undersubscribed ones are absolute gems that you wouldn't want to miss.

I hope you've taken note of "Fall for the Book" activities. Every year Mason organizes this celebration of writers and their works -- over 130 authors this year. We have coordinated with Mason to support three of these events during the festival week, Sep 21-26. Mason provides bus service from OLLI to two of the events: "Understanding Obama: Three Views" (F974) and "Freedom without Walls: The Presidents" (F975). A third, "On the Homefront: Civil War Wives" (F976), will be held at OLLI. These opportunities to hear writers speak about writing are always richly rewarding and well worth our time -- and they're free.

If you usually attend Tallwood, consider going to Reston or Loudoun for one of the Special Events. It's easy to get to both locations, and the Special Events don't present traffic problems as they are generally held in the morning or early afternoon. You can enjoy "Concert of Songs You Love" (R968) in the spacious sanctuary at the Reston site. Loudoun, too, offers some very attractive one-time events in that beautiful facility:

- "A Life of My Own: Meeting Eleanor Roosevelt" (L969)
- "Land of the Midnight Sun, Norway" (L970)
- "Discussion with Elderhostel Ambassador" (L971)
- "A Storytelling Performance" (L972)

In addition, Loudoun program planners have arranged a bus trip to the Library of Congress for a special guided tour of the Geography and Map Division (L973).

At the Tallwood site, too, you can find more undersubscribed Special Events that are well worth a second look. "Brass Rubbing" (F966) offers historical background and instruction about the techniques of rubbing brasses, and you'll have an opportunity to create a rubbing to hang on your

wall. Then get better acquainted with GMU in "What is Mason Doing for People with Disabilities?" (F965). In "Speak Up for a Child" (F957), learn about Fairfax County's CASA program, which provides essential services for abused and neglected children. Finally, what could be more fun than a trip to the National Zoo (F953)? This one includes more than just views of cute pandas, as visitors will learn about the habitats of threatened or endangered species.

You'll want to read more about all these enticing events in the catalog. Special Events, because they are single presentations, require a minimum of time commitment. Best of all, they provide unique opportunities to get acquainted with new ideas and topics. To add a Special Event, simply go to the OLLI Website and find "Register/Add course" on the Log-in page under the pull-down menu "Courses." Or you can fill out one of the "add" forms in the office. Now get prepared for a fall term that is certain to entertain, to enlighten, and to delight.

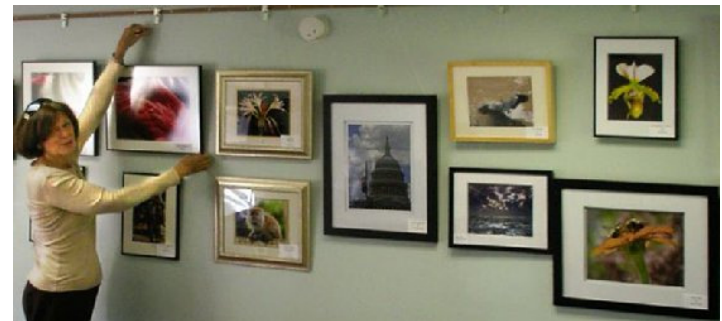
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EXHIBIT IN SOCIAL ROOM ANNEX

See the work of the OLLI Photography Club



By Dan Feighery, OLLI Photography Club Coordinator



Some of the photos on exhibit in the annex. *Photo by the writer.*

MEMBERS OF THE OLLI PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB hung their third annual Fall Photography Exposition in the Tallwood annex last Thu and Fri,

Sep 3 and 4. The 22 photographs in this year's exposition include several taken while members traveled abroad as well as others taken locally. The first comment by the Executive Director when he walked into the room Friday morning was **WOW!** All OLLI members are invited to stop by to see these exquisite images, which will be on display through the fall term.

In the photo above, Anita Ohlhausen makes final adjustments on Friday morning. Contributing OLLI members are Don Allen, Nick Cirillo, Joe Ellis, Lorrin Garson, Tom Hady, Anita Ohlhausen, Roz Schanzer, Steve Schanzer, Stan Schretter, Ed Parker and Jack Underhill, and the writer.

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OLLI PC USER GROUP MEETING

Presentations about wireless networking, TV/PC convergence



By [Paul Howard](#), OLLI PC User Group Coordinator

THE OLLI PC USER GROUP WILL MEET at 1:00 on Sat, Sep 19, at Tallwood. Chuck Roberts will present a "Learn 30" session about wireless home networking, which has now evolved into a commodity business for several companies like Cisco through Linksys, Geek Squad and Best Buy stores. What are the basics for connecting a few devices like computers and printers and then sharing an Internet connection? What equipment is required and how is it all connected? After it's installed, how do you secure your network to prevent drive-by hacking or to protect your identity and your private personal data? Chuck will tie this discussion into our TV/PC Convergence theme by describing how you connect multiple Tivos to your network and move recordings between receivers so you can watch any recorded program on any Tivo.

Rod Zumbro will discuss how you can watch Netflix movies on your TV with Netflix-enabled devices such as a digital video player and some Blu-Ray disc players, game consoles, digital video recorders, home theater systems and HDTVs. Netflix streaming allows you to watch some 12,000 movies and TV shows (free with regular Netflix subscriptions) of the 100,000 DVDs available from Netflix via postal mail. Rod has a Blu-Ray disc player connected to a small bridge device that accesses his home's wireless network. Rod will explain equipment options and set-up, Netflix

streaming, picture and sound quality, picture size, etc.

Geof Goodrum will demonstrate watching TV shows and movies for free over the Internet from such sites as Fancast and Hulu. This is a great way to catch up on TV shows you (or your video recorder) might have missed. If you are a member of online video services such as Netflix, you can also watch selected movies on your PC over the Internet.

Finally, I will demonstrate and discuss how you can watch and record over-the-air broadcasts or cable TV on your personal computer..

Related Web link: [OLLI PC User Group's Web site](#)

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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: Emmett Fenlon ([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, Sep 11-20





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>Faculty Artist Series Faculty Showcase Recital Fri, Sep 11, 8:00</p> <p>The George Mason music faculty, including some who have taught at OLLI, open their fall musical season with this recital. Featured will be the world premiere of the <i>Dhirling Whirlish Phantasy</i> for solo piano by faculty composer Glenn Smith, performed by Linda Apple Monson. Other musicians will include pianist Anna Balakerskaia, violinist Zino Bogachek, trumpeter Dennis Edelbrock, saxophonist Timothy Roberts and guitarist Larry Snitzler. Admission: Free, no tickets required Harris Theater</p>	<p>Fairfax Symphony Orchestra Christopher Zimmerman, conductor Sat, Sep 12, 8:00</p> <p>This opening concert of the group's 53rd season, and welcoming Maestro Zimmerman, will feature Bernstein's Symphonic Dances from <i>West Side Story</i>; Elgar's Introduction and Allegro for Strings; and Stravinsky's <i>Rite of Spring</i>. Admission: \$25 + Free student tickets available until Sep 11 Concert Hall Come early at 7:00 for a free, pre-concert lecture on Grand Tier III.</p>
<p>A "Grand" Piano Celebration Jean Carrington Cook Memorial Scholarship Concert featuring Mason's Piano Faculty and Scholarship Students Sun, Sep 20, 3:00</p> <p>This celebration features familiar outstanding George Mason faculty performers and their students.</p>	<p>Keyboard Conversations® with Jeffrey Siegel Chopin for Lovers! Sun, Sep 20, 7:00</p> <p>Pianist Jeffrey Siegel continues his "concerts with commentary" series, this season to honor the 200th anniversary of the birth of Chopin. In this first of four concerts,</p>

Faculty performers will include Dr. Linda Apple Monson, Dr. Anna Balakerskaia, Dr. Richard Novak (tenor) and Prof. Zino Bogachek. Eight scholarship student performers will include Min Son, a piano student of Dr. Monson who was the recipient of a 2009 scholarship donated by OLLI to the School of Music.
Admission: \$10 seniors, \$15 other adults, free for students
Concert Hall
A reception immediately follows on Grand Tier III.

he explores the romantic side of Chopin, performing the E-Flat Waltz, the touching *Farewell Waltz*, the dreamy Larghetto, Op. 21, some Preludes from Op. 28 and the *Fantasy Impromptu*.
Admission: \$38, \$30, \$19
Concert Hall
Family Friendly: Youth grade 12 and under, half-price with an adult (Note change from *age 12* and under last season).

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MASON HIGHLIGHTS

Other Mason events



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

- **Cinema Series:** *Sin Nombre*. A Honduran teenager reunites with her father, hoping for a new life in the U.S. Wed, Sep 16, 6:00 and 9:00. Johnson Center, Cinema. Mason students w/ID, free; Mason faculty and staff w/ID, \$1; general public, \$3.
- **Fall for the Book Film Screening:** *Smoke Signals*. A 1998 film based on Sherman Alexie's book *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven*. Alexie will receive the Mason Award on Sep 22. Wed, Sep 16, 6:00. Johnson Center, Cinema. Free.
- **Cinema Series:** *Motorcycle Diaries*. A gorgeously filmed movie of a road trip taken through South America by a young Che Guevara, which inspired his later political action. Fri, Sep 18, 6:00 and 9:00; Sat, Sep. 19, 6:00 and 9:00; Sun, Sep 20, 3:00 and 6:00. Johnson Center, Cinema. Mason students w/ID, free; Mason faculty and staff w/ID, \$1; general public, \$3.

- **Artsbus:** Spend a day in the Big Apple with no traffic hassles. The [Artsbus](#) leaves from in front of the Finley Building for an all-day trip to New York on Sat, Sep 19, 6:00 a.m., returning at 12:30 a.m. Sun, Sep 20. Open to Mason students, faculty, staff and the community. \$65. Center for the Arts box office, (703) 993-8888.
- **Fall for the Book Preview Event:** Truro Used Book Sale. Sat, Sep 19 and Sun, Sep 20, 9:00 to 5:00. [Truro Church](#), Fairfax.
- **Fall for the Book:** A wide variety of literary events both on campus and close by begins Mon, Sep 21. Check Web site: <http://www.fallforthebook.org/events.php> for details.

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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 Sep 11 10am Recorder Consort - TA-2
 10am Travel Club - TA-1
 11am Homer Group - Social Room Annex
- Mon Sep 14 10am Communications Committee Meeting - TA-2**
- Tue Sep 15 10:30am Knitting and Needlework Club - Lake Anne
 Coffee Shop
- Wed Sep 16 10am Investment Forum - TA-1
 10am Bridge Club - TA-3
 10:30am Special Event - F951, Tour of the Workhouse Arts Center - Lorton
- Fri Sep 18 10am Recorder Consort - TA-2
10am Board of Directors Meeting - TA-1
 11am Homer Group - Social Room Annex
 1pm OLLI Volunteer Reception - Church of Good Shepherd
- Sat Sep 19 12:30pm OLLI Personal Computer User Group

- Mon Sep 21 Fall Term Begins**
- Tue Sep 22 11am Knitting and Needlework Club - Lake Anne
 Coffee Shop
 12:45pm Special Event - F974, Understanding Obama (Fall for the Book) - GMU
- Wed Sep 23 1:45pm Bridge Club - TA-3
 2pm Special Event - F952, George Washington's Last Lecture - TA-1
- Thu Sep 24 12:45pm Special Event - F975, Freedom Without Walls (FFTB) - GMU
- Fri Sep 25 Loudoun Let's Eat Out - Clyde's Willow Creek Farm - Time TBD
- 9am Bus Trip - F953, Let's Spend a Day at the Zoo! - National Zoo
 9am Recorder Lessons - TA-3
 9:30am Photography Club - TA-1
 10am Drama Club - TA-3
- 10am New Member Coffee - Annex**
- 10am Recorder Consort - TA-2
 10:30am Classic Fiction Book Club - Cascades Library
 11am Homer Group - Social Room Annex
 1pm Special Event - F976, Civil War Wives (FFTB) - Tallwood

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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).
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