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A WIDER SCOPE OF ACTIVITY BEGINS AT OLLI

Fridays at OLLI



By Debbie Halverson, Membership Committee chair

IT WASN'T THAT LONG AGO, probably two years, that on Fridays at Tallwood, only staff were present and only in the mornings. Nothing was available for members.

Today what a difference! We have several clubs meeting; the Homer discussion group meets on Fridays; we have special events on Fridays. The arrival of the full-time executive director created a situation in which the social room, the bathrooms and the A/V equipment could be available to the members 9 to 5 every day. Finally we have been using our wonderful facility to fuller advantage.

And we will try to use it better. We've been trying to get more programming set up for Friday afternoons, and we now have a schedule of events for the fall, even beyond the end of term, when you can come to Tallwood on a Friday afternoon and expect something to be happening. Some such events will be more serious than others, and they should satisfy a variety of needs. Here is the schedule; we will promote each event the week prior to its happening.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oct 12: Peace Corps 50+ Presentation • Oct 17: Flu Shot Clinic • Oct 26: Preparation for yard sale • Nov 2: Special Event 967, The Great Society Subway: A History of the Washington Metro • Nov 9: Movie, Daughter from Danang • Nov 16: Special Event 969, Meet Virginia's Poet Laureate • Nov 23: Thanksgiving weekend, office closed • Nov 30: Movie, Catherine the Great • Dec 7: Holiday Party (at International Country Club) • Dec 14: Movie, Helen of Troy |
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In addition, in an effort to enlarge social connections among our members, we will shortly be polling you on your interest in getting together in informal special interest groups. What we have in mind is creating categories of names, lists of people who might wish to create a gourmet cooking group, or perhaps a group of folks who like to travel; several members have suggested forming a singles' group where they can call one another to join them in a movie or dinner;

guys might like company for sporting events. Just finding out who at OLLI would like to join such groups would enable participants to meet outside of OLLI to pursue their chosen interests. We think many of you, especially those who live alone, would find this opportunity appealing. Our job is to help make it happen.

I've mentioned a few categories of activity; do let me know if you can think of others to include in the poll.

UPDATE

Three items of interest



By [Dick Chobot](#), Executive Director

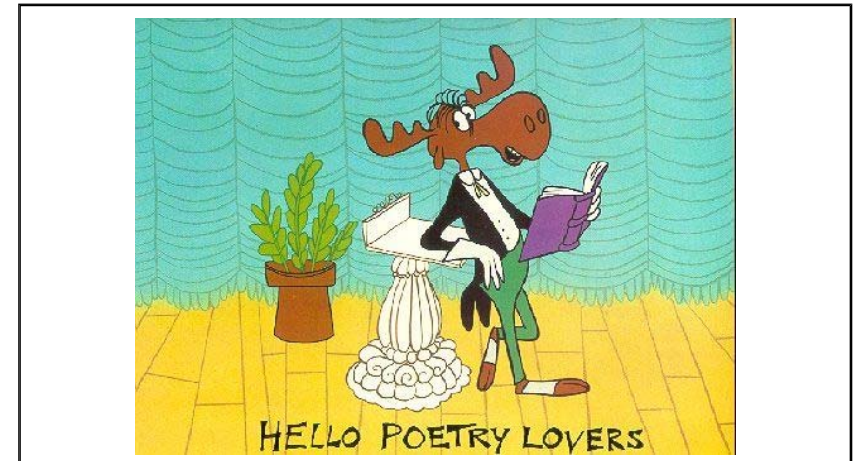
- **FLU SHOTS.** Remember, the clinic will be held next Friday, the 19th, from 1:00 - 5:00 at Tallwood. More than 100 members have signed up. We can still accommodate more. If you wish to add your name to the list see the office staff. (Read [details](#) about the clinic.)

- **PARKING.** Remember, we are trying to hold the spaces in front of Tallwood for members with mobility issues. If this does not include you, please consider the pool lot. If you need a reserved space because of mobility or health issues, please call the office and we will arrange a space for you. Thanks.

- **CLASS PASS.** Invite a friend to attend a class at OLLI. If you would like a Class Pass, please see the office staff. Please do not use a Class Pass in a session that you know to be full or closed. Thanks.

CALLING ALL POETS

Poetry reading open to readers from the audience



ALL IN THE OLLI COMMUNITY are welcome at a poetry reading by the Poetry Workshop on Wed, Oct 31 (please hold any comments about broomsticks or witches), at 2:00 in TA-1.

Members of the workshop will read their work, poems of humor and sadness, both pithy and lengthy, glimpses of life and memories. They will then open the mike to the audience, and welcome first-time or experienced poets who want to read their poems. Non-workshop readers are asked to contact Mike McNamara or Jan Bohall about their wish to read.

This is Special Event 966 in the Fall Catalog, but everyone is welcome whether or not you have registered.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

A new feature, courtesy of the Photography Club



Photo of the month, by Stan Schretter

OLLI PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB NEWS: The OLLI Photography Club meets at Tallwood on the fourth Friday of the month at 9:30. The next meeting will be on Oct 26.

The September meeting included a presentation by Dan Feighery to demystify the relationship of size of the lens opening, duration of the exposure, and the part of the resulting picture that will appear to be in focus. Club members also reviewed photographs they had submitted for online display.

Those images can be seen by any interested at

<http://www.pbase.com/olligmuphoto>, under--

- The "Members Gallery" (used for peer review during club meetings), and
- "Monthly Critiques" (used for online critiques made by selected local photographers).

Club members are also now selecting a Photo of the Month to be published in *OLLI E-News*. The September selection shown above is a photograph called "Fishing at Daybreak" taken by Stan Schretter at Bethany, Delaware.

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COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, SUGGESTIONS ABOUT OLLI?

HERE'S HOW to express your views--

• **Publicly** (if you would like your comments published in this newsletter): Email your "Letter to the Editor" or "Letter to Ms. Ollie Ettakit" 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 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.

• **Privately--**

- Contact any [Board member](#), [committee or resource group chair](#), or the [executive director](#);
- Send an email to the entire Board (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 on one of the "parking lots for ideas" in classrooms; or
- Contact the office by [email](#) or phone (703-503-3384).

MASON FILM FESTIVAL

More info now available at the festival's Website

DON'T FORGET THE MASON FILM FESTIVAL, Oct 19-21, being held at the Johnson Center Cinema on Mason's Fairfax campus. Senior ticket prices are \$20 for the entire event or \$10 for one day. Free parking is located in lot K on the campus.

Please contact Jane Tombes (atombes@cox.net or 703-319-1888) or Mason's Jim Maiwurm (jmaiwur1@gmu.edu or 703-303-4144) if you would like to help with tickets, ushering, or the Friday evening reception – and receive a free ticket for the entire weekend.

For more information, including daily schedule and details about some of the films, see the [Mason Film Festival Website](#).

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YARD SALE UPDATE

Read all about it



By Bob Lawshe, Board member

Giant Yard Sale

October 27th 9am-2pm

Find your Sought after Treasures

Toys, Books, Clothes, Kitchen
Goods, Gardening Tools, Doll
Furniture, and other collectibles

4210 Roberts Rd.
Fairfax, 22032

THE FIRST-EVER OLLI YARD SALE is just around the corner, and the excitement is building!

• **Where will the sale be?** The "front" OLLI parking lot. Buyer parking will be in the pool lot.

• **What's for Sale?** Treasures you have lying around the house, including household items, tools, books, prints, games, sports stuff, bicycles, posters, small (i.e., easily carried by one person) items of, say, outdoor furniture, cookware, kitchen stuff (dishes, utensils, etc.), toys, clothes (from kid's to adult's, including T-shirts in good repair, no missing buttons, holes, etc.), collectible items, doll furniture, musical instruments, plants and pots, cat collars, etc. You get the idea. If you have questions about an item, please just ask. Sorry, no computer equipment, sofas, beds, armchairs, etc., and nothing that's broken.



• **When and where do I drop stuff off?** Items may be dropped off in TA-1 on Fri, Oct 26, between 9:00 and 3:30. If you need to (i.e., you live a long way away and don't usually come to Tallwood on Friday), you can drop them off on Thu, Oct 25, after 3:30, or earlier by special arrangement; just ask Debbie or Bob.

• **What do I need to do before I drop items off?** Make sure they are clean and in working order. Clothes should be arranged by type, i.e., kid's, men's, women's, etc., and by size.

• **How will they be priced?** All items will have a small round sticker with the price displayed. You should mark your items with a price. Stickers will be available in TA-1 on Friday. If you can't figure out a price, we'll do it for you. An exception is that paperback books will go for 50 cents and hardbacks for 1 dollar.

• **What's needed?**

• Plastic grocery bags – you can drop them off in the marked box in the Tallwood social room.

• Publicity – Posters are available for placing in appropriate places to help advertise the sale. In fact, you can just print all the posters you need by clicking on this page on our Website: <http://www.oli.gmu.edu/yardsaleimg.jpg>.

• Oh yes, you are, and your treasures, of course. Lots of volunteer positions are still open. You can sign up on the sheet in the social room or email Bob Lawshe (rlawshe@cox.net) to volunteer. Do not get left out. And don't forget to come shopping for some super deals!

• **Why are we doing this?** To benefit the Friends of OLLI fund which helps support OLLI's operations, primarily "capital expenditures" (e.g., classroom A/V equipment) and George Mason scholarships.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE: TOWN MEETING IS COMING!

All members encouraged to attend



By Debbie Halverson, Membership Committee chair

THE THIRD ANNUAL OLLI TOWN MEETING is scheduled for Fri, Nov 2, at 10:00 at Tallwood. All members are encouraged to attend.

Preliminary to that is the creation of the topics to be addressed. As you recall, the format includes a panel of Board members that will bring you up to date on matters regarding administration, budget and other issues involving governance that should concern you.

Then we break into discussion groups where you can kick around ideas about where and how you think we need to improve. For both aspects of the meeting, we need you to let us, in this case me, know what is on your mind. So, send your suggestions to me (email: Debbyhalv@aol.com) within the next several weeks so I can throw your ideas into the mix.

And if participating in stimulating talk isn't enough to get you to the meeting, maybe our phenomenal hospitality committee's goodies will help.



TOWN MEETING

OLLI'S SPECIAL FORCES

Kathie West, co-chair of the Literature, Language and Theater Resource Group



By Elizabeth Crawford, OLLI E-News staff writer

ALTHOUGH THE TALLWOOD SECTION OF ROBERTS ROAD does not yet shine with the bright lights of Broadway, theater is thriving at OLLI, thanks in large part to Kathie West.



Formerly an actress in Pittsburgh, founder and director of the New Vintage Players based at the Hollin Hall Senior Center, and drama teacher and director in Fairfax County high schools, Kathie has been co-chair of the Literature, Language and Theater Resource Group for the past two years.

In addition to planning courses and recruiting instructors with co-chairs Doris Bloch and Jane Tombes, Kathie has taught several courses, including the ever popular "Readers' Theater." Currently, she and Bill Rita are teaching a course based on his play about Aaron Burr's daughter, Theodosia. Students are learning the history of the period and reading and critiquing his play, contributing, it is hoped, to its eventual publication or performance.

Kathie invites everyone to join the Drama Club, which meets every Friday at Tallwood. Members learn stage direction, movement, dramatic reading and improvisation. Soon they will work on *Generations*, a not-yet-performed play by Bill Strauss of *Capitol Steps*.

Kathie enjoys working with OLLI members because they are "willing to try anything." Anyone who remembers the Rudolph the Arthritic Reindeer skit from the 2005 holiday party can testify that this is true. Helen Anderson, one of Kathie's students, has aptly described Kathie's contribution to OLLI: "She does wonderful stuff."

Photo of Kathie by Gordon Canyock

OPEN LETTER ABOUT A COURSE

"One of the best courses"

THE FOLLOWING LETTER was sent by OLLI member Bill Sprecher to Executive Director Dick Chobot. We are publishing it with the author's permission because we thought it may be of interest to other OLLI members. We encourage others to provide comments about courses they liked because such [feedback](#) is useful for the Program Committee, resource groups, instructors and coordinators.

One of the best courses I've attended at OLLI finished today. That course – "The War," Ken Burns' documentary on World War II – sparked many memories for me. My older brother has confirmed that he and I were listening to a radio show when it was interrupted by an announcement that the Japanese had attacked Pearl Harbor – Dec 7, 1941. I remember our Victory Garden on the edge of town and the day President Roosevelt died.

The class, which was moderated by Phil True, loosened the memories and emotions of many men and women. Several people in the class reminisced about their "home front" experiences. Several World War II veterans described the ordeals and horrors of that conflict. Some of them verged on tears as their memories found expression in that classroom.

Tribute is due to at least three people. Phil True both guided the

discussions and fostered intimate glimpses of wartime life. Pat Callahan and Mark Jones of WETA-TV were outstanding in their organization of and dedication to the class. They were the compelling force. I understand they spent many hours reviewing the Burns film in order to select film segments that would capture the essence of America's fight for freedom and liberty. They deserve our accolades.

I'm a volunteer with the General George C. Marshall International Center (Dodona Manor), which is located in Leesburg, Virginia. General Marshall purchased Dodona Manor as a family home in early 1941. Today, it is a restored tribute to one of this country's greatest military leaders and statesmen. Dodona Manor is open to the public, and I urge anyone interested in World War II to visit Leesburg.

RELATED WEBSITE

For more information about Dodona Manor, see its Website at <http://www.georgecmarshall.org/>.

EVENTS AT THE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

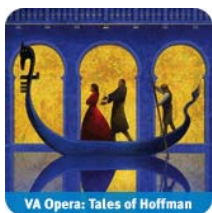
Arts and music events at Mason, Oct 12-21



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](#).



Virginia Opera Series
The Tales of Hoffmann

Offenbach's opera deals with the forces of mysticism versus enlightenment. A young poet in a tavern with friends relates stories of his three great loves, Olympia, Antonia and Giulietta, and evil geniuses who thwart his intentions. Hoffmann, despairing, is rescued by the muse of poetry who revives his romantic soul. The opera will be sung in French with English supertitles.

Note: The Sunday performance is an OLLI special event (See Fall Catalog, page 27).

Fri, Oct 12, at 8:00

Sun, Oct 14 at 2:00

Admission: \$86, \$72, \$44—Fri

\$94, \$78, \$48—Sun

Concert Hall

Come early at 7:15 and at 1:15 for a free artistic discussion in the Grand Tier Lobby.

GMU Players #1

As Bees in Honey Drown

Thu, Fri, Sat, Oct 18, 19, 20, at 8:00

Matinee Sat, Oct 20, at 2:00

Also Thu, Fri, Sat, Oct 25, 26, 27, at 8:00

Matinees Sat-Sun, Oct 27-28, at 2:00

Admission: \$8 seniors/students, \$12 other adults

Harris Theater

Leon Bates

Gershwin on Broadway

with vocalists Louise Toppin and Robert Mack

Said to be one of America's leading pianists, Mr. Bates will bring his genius to us in the immortal Broadway classics of Gershwin, including favorites from hit shows *Lady Be Good*, *Funny Face*, *Strike Up the Band* and *Girl Crazy*.

Fri, Oct 19, at 8:00

Admission: \$40, \$32, \$20

Family friendly: Children 12 and under, half price with an adult

Concert Hall

Come early at 7:15 for a free artistic discussion in the Grand Tier Lobby.



Fairfax Symphony Orchestra

featuring Alon Goldstein, piano

Mr. Goldstein, who was born in Israel, will play the demanding Third Piano Concerto of Prokofiev, the Russian and Ludmilla Overture by Glinka and Pictures at an Exhibition by Mussorgsky/Ravel.

Sat, Oct 20, at 8:00

Admission: \$55, \$45, \$35, \$25

Concert Hall

GMU Symphony Orchestra

and Chamber Orchestra
Leonard Slatkin, Guest Conductor
 Sun, Oct 21, at 3:00
 Admission: \$10 seniors/students, \$15 other adults
 Concert Hall

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MASON HIGHLIGHTS

Other events at Mason



By Barbara Kyriakakis, OLLI E-News assistant editor

- **Moments of Truth: Public and Private Ethics in the Age of New Media** - Speakers: J. Beckwith Burr, Partner in the Wilmer Hale Law Firm, and Jules Polonetsky, Chief Privacy Officer with American Online, Inc. Mon, Oct 15, 3:00 to 4:30 in the Concert Hall Lobby.
- **Disarming Terror: On the Trail of an Arms-Trade Magnate** – This lecture features the release of the book *Merchant of Death*, which chronicles the inner workings of Russian arms dealer Victor Bout's transnational arms-trade organization. Tue, Oct 16, at 3:00 at the Arlington Original Building, Rm 244. The authors will be available to sign copies of the book. Space limited. RSVP at tracc@gmu.edu.
- **Cinema Series** - *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*, 6:00 and 9:00, Fri and Sat, Oct 19 and 20. Free with Mason ID. JC Cinema.
- **Library Workshops** – Introduction to Library Research. Learn the basic elements of the research process and the GMU library system. Mon, Oct 22, 3:00 to 4:30, JC Library Rm 228.
- **Maestros in action**—vintage videos of eminent conductors. Watch short excerpts of rehearsals and performances by prominent conductors of the mid-twentieth century ... Sergiu Celibidache, Arturo Toscanini, Leonard Bernstein, and others. Fri, Oct 26, 1:30 to 2:25, JC Library Rm 228.
- **Center for Social Science Research Lecture** – "On the Eve of the Election: The Immigrant Issue and the Challenge to Virginia's Communities." Thu, Nov 1, 7:30 in Dewberry Hall North, JC. Speakers are drawn from the faith community, from academics versed in questions of economic development, and from human service administrators.

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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 [OLLI Staff Forecast of Non-Class Events](#) for more details and to view the actual OLLI online calendar used by the office). *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 executive sessions).*

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| Friday | Oct 12 | 9:30am | Spec Event 961 Wineries - Bus Departs Fair Oak Mall Lot 44 |
| | | 10am | Italian Conversation Club Org. Meeting - Annex |
| | | 10am | Recorder Group - TA-2 |
| | | 10am | Program Committee meeting - TA-1 |
| | | 1pm | Peace Corps 50+ Presentation - Tallwood |
| | | 1:30pm | Homer Etc. Book Club - Annex |
| Sunday | Oct 14 | 2pm | Spec Event 962- VA Opera, <i>The Tales of Hoffmann</i> - GMU- Center for the Arts |
| Monday | Oct 15 | 1pm | Lake Anne Bridge Club - Lake Anne Church |
| Tuesday | Oct 16 | 8:15am | Reston Walking Group - Lake Anne Plaza |
| | | 9:30am | Finance Comm meeting - TA-2 |
| Wednesday | Oct 17 | 1:30pm | Bridge - TA-3 |
| | | 2pm | Genealogy Club - TA-2 |
| | | 2pm | Facilitator Workshop - Annex |
| | | 2pm | Spec Event 963-Where 100,00 Fell - TA-1 |
| Friday | Oct 19 | 9:30am | Drama Club |
| | | 10am | Recorder Group - TA-2 |
| | | 1pm | Flu shot clinic - TA-1 & Annex |
| | | 1:30pm | Homer Etc. Book Club - TA-3 |
| Monday | Oct 22 | 1pm | Lake Anne Bridge Club - Lake Anne Church |
| Tuesday | Oct 23 | 8:15am | Reston Walking Group - Lake Anne Plaza |
| Wednesday | Oct 24 | 1:30pm | Bridge - TA-3 |
| | | 2pm | Facilitator Workshop - Annex |
| | | 3:30pm | Board of Directors meeting - TA-1 |
| Friday | Oct 26 | | Yard Sale Drop Off |
| | | 9:30am | Drama Club |
| | | 9:30am | Photography Club - TA-1 |
| | | 10am | Classic Fiction Book Club - Reston Regional Library |
| | | 10am | Recorder Group - TA-2 |

1:30pm Homer Etc. Book Club - Annex
Saturday Oct 27 Yard Sale - Tallwood

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Submissions. We encourage members to submit 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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