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- > **NEW TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES.** An OLLI National Resource Center/Semester at Sea alliance offers learning experiences to OLLI members; see announcements [one \(pdf\)](#) and [two](#).

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21ST CENTURY COMMUNICATIONS FOR OLLI

From the executive director



By [Thom Clement](#), Executive Director

PERHAPS YOU REALIZE, AND PERHAPS YOU DON'T, but as you read this article in *OLLI E-News* you are taking advantage of a truly unique vehicle for communications in the field of lifelong learning. At OLLI-Mason, we sometimes take for granted our outstanding communications. When I arrived here in January 2008, it was evident that the tremendous spirit of volunteerism was responsible for OLLI's outstanding program as well as its operations. I decided to write an article for *The LLI Review*, the annual journal of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes' National Resource Center. Volume 4, Fall 2009, is now available [online \(pdf\)](#). We also have a few hard copies available in each location. If you borrow a copy, just remember to return it so that other members can enjoy it.

The article that I wrote, entitled "Twenty-first Century Communications for OLLI," is on pages 67-72, [extracted here \(pdf\)](#), and features quotes by many individuals who have been responsible for the development of various communication vehicles over the years at OLLI-Mason. We can all be truly proud of these accomplishments, but we are always striving for new improvements. As I state in the conclusion of the article, "*The journey to improve communication will continue to be both challenging and fun.*"

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PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Selected by the OLLI Photography Club





"Summer Lake" by Rita Leake.

To view OTHER PHOTOS by members of the OLLI Photography Club, visit the club's [Web site](#).

FAIRFAX CITY FALL FESTIVAL

Lots of interest in OLLI's program



By Carole Richard, Booth Coordinator



Crowds at the Fall Festival in Fairfax City on a prettier day.

OLLI NEVER CEASES TO AMAZE ME, especially how its members inspire others to join. Saturday, October 10, was Fairfax City Fall Festival Day. It was a day filled with intermittent rain, high winds and continually falling temperature. At our booth, staffed by Beverly George, Mel Goldfarb, Sherry Hart, Manny Pablo, Gail Sullivan and Jack Underhill, more people signed up for catalogs—22 to be exact—than at any of the other booths that I have coordinated.

I had invited representatives from Mason's Friends of Music and Friends of the Center for the Arts to join our table; while they had many interested visitors, I have to admit in all modesty that OLLI stole the show. The many comments about OLLI included—

- "I have been hearing about you from a friend."
- "Do you have a photography group?"
- "I just retired, and you sound like my sort of group."
- "Oh great, you have courses on languages, history, travel, and health."

It was so much fun to be able to point to specific courses whenever someone asked whether our program included a particular subject area. OLLI has it covered. Well done, resource groups!

Heartfelt thanks go to Ernestine and Benny Meyer who brought the tent, chairs, table and "stuff" to the site and helped Manny and me set up ... and to Jack Underhill who helped me dismantle things and put them in his van for returning to Tallwood.

Carole Richard was elected to the Board this spring; her Board term expires June 2012. You can read Carole's biography at [this page](#).

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FAREWELL TO THE TOMBES

Two key OLLI volunteers are moving away

THE EDITOR ASKED AVERETT AND JANE TOMBES, OLLI members since early 2004, to share with their OLLI colleagues some thoughts as they prepare to move to the 'slower pace' of Richmond, Virginia. Here is Jane's letter.

Ave and I are leaving Vienna, Virginia, at the end of this month and will move to the Richmond area to be closer to our large family (three sons and nine grandkids there and a daughter and two grandkids in Raleigh). I lived in Richmond for several years before college, and we both received our undergraduate degrees from the University of Richmond, so we know the city well. We have already talked with the director of the University of Richmond's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and feel that the program there will be compatible with our interests.



After Ave retired from New Mexico State University, he and I returned to Northern Virginia to start a consulting company. During that time, I also became involved with the fund-raising support group for Mason's Great Performances series, Friends of the Center for the Arts. As a result, Ave joined OLLI before I did.

However, Susanne Zumbro convinced me to join Readers' Theater, and after one session, I was hooked. Having had considerable experience in acting and directing over the years, I was delighted to know that I could try my hand at that old game once again. In the meantime, Ave began working with fellow scientifically minded OLLI members and eventually took over the job of finding lecturers for the Science, Technology and Health Resource Group. Then I agreed to help the Literature, Language and Theater Resource Group as a co-chair.

We both will miss the Washington area and especially the OLLI program -- one that has grown considerably since we joined. If you are new at OLLI, you are very lucky. You will find wonderful courses and very good friends. Ave and I know because we are very sad to leave both.
-- Jane Tombes

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OLLI PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

*Meets Fri, Oct 23, at 9:30
Topic: Making images tack sharp*

DURING THE OCTOBER MEETING OF THE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB (9:30 next Friday, October 23, at Tallwood), photographer John Naman will focus on practical ways to make images tack sharp. John, a member of the Northern Virginia Photographic Society, has been assessing the techniques that lead to sharp, high-resolution photos. His presentation will include printing techniques, the relationship between contrast and resolution, and ways shooters can customize their personal shooting techniques.

Would you like to learn a few secrets about how to find and use the "sweet spot" on your cameras and lenses, enabling you to create better photos? All OLLI members are welcome at this and every meeting of the Photography Club. Attendees will reap the benefits of John's intensive research into the techniques of camera handling, lens control, and Photoshop editing that promote sharper images. He will also tell us how to deal with some of the impediments to success, ranging from motion blur to lenses that "go soft" at the edges. Hope to see you there!

Contributed by Photography Club Coordinator Dan Feighery.

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MARILYN ECKERT

Message regarding the late OLLI member from her family

"Marilyn passed away on October 4, 2009. She was a much beloved mother, grandmother, mentor, teacher, friend, physician and philanthropist. Her memorial service as a celebration of her life is scheduled for St. David's Episcopal Church, 19917 Ashburn Rd., Ashburn, VA, on November 7, 2009 at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers the family is asking that contributions be made in her honor to St. David's Church in support of her work there for the poor of Loudoun County, to benefit Interfaith Relief of Loudoun County.

Thank you all for your kind thoughts, prayers, calls, visits, and cards which helped her through her last months. We are grateful for her 83 awesome years with us and her many contributions to her family and friends."

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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](#) (**Note:** 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

MASON ARTS AND MUSIC

Upcoming Mason performances, Oct 16-25



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>Virginia Opera La Bohème</p>	<p>GMU Wind Symphony Fall Concert with Special Guests: Fairfax Wind Symphony and Flutopia Tue, Oct 20, 8:00 Admission: \$10 seniors, \$15 other adults, students free Concert Hall</p>	<p>GMU Players Mainstage #1 Ah, Wilderness written by Eugene O'Neill directed by Howard Vincent Kurtz Thu, Oct 22, Fri, Oct 23, Sat, Oct 24, 8:00 Sat, Oct 24, 2:00 Also Oct 29, 30, 31, 8:00</p>
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Fri, Oct 16, 8:00; Sun,
Oct 18, 2:00

Puccini's dramatic score is enhanced by the romantic tragedy of struggling young artists in this well-loved work. Rodolfo and Mimi find their love, but her failing health and their poverty threaten their lives together. Sung in Italian with English supertitles. Admission: Fri, \$86, \$72, \$44; Sun, \$98, \$80, \$48 Concert Hall

Come at 7:15 for a free artistic discussion on Grand Tier III.

L. A. Theatre Works
War of the Worlds and
The Lost World
Fri, Oct 23, 8:00
America's premier radio theater company recreates Orson Welles' chilling broadcast of *War of the Worlds* from 1938,

Jazz Combos Recital
Tue, Oct 20, 8:00
Admission: Free
Grand Tier III

Oct 31, Nov 1, 2:00
This comedy, a departure for O'Neill, is set in an idyllic Connecticut town in 1906 and gives a glimpse of small-town family values, teenage angst and young love. Richard Miller, a young poet who rebels against the conformity of his middle-class life, is intent on exploring the mysteries of life through forbidden pleasures.

(Note: The Oct 24 performance is OLLI [Special Event F961](#). You are invited to stay for a post-performance discussion with the director and members of the company.)

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

TheaterSpace (Lower level of Performing Arts Bldg, next to Black Box Theater. From Level 2 of Parking Deck take the bridge. Enter first door on left and follow hallway; go through gray doors and down stairs.)

GMU Opera Review
An Evening of
American One-Act
Operas
Fri, Oct 23, Sat, Oct 24,
8:00
Two operas will be presented, *Gallantry* by Douglas Moore and *The*

Shaolin Warriors
Sat, Oct 24, 8:00
Sun, Oct 25, 4:00

followed by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's comedy, *The Lost World*, the story of a hair-raising scientific expedition into the Amazon.

Admission: \$36, \$28, \$18

Concert Hall

Come at 7:15 for a free artistic discussion on Grand Tier III.

Telephone by Gian Carlo Menotti.

Admission: \$15 seniors/students, \$20 other adults
Harris Theater



The group brings the skill, dramatic movement and imagery of the ancient art of Chinese Kung Fu to the stage. The artists are trained from a very young age in mental and physical exercises and are known for their discipline and ferocious martial arts skills.

Admission: \$44, \$36, \$22

Family Friendly: Youth grade 12 and under, half-price with an adult. **(Note change from "age 12 and under" last season.)**

Concert Hall

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MASON HIGHLIGHTS

Other Mason events



By Helen Ackerman, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

- **Voice Recital: Ann Marie White.** Sat, Oct 17, 7:00. St. George's United Methodist Church, Fairfax. Free. For more information, call the Music Department, 703-993-1380.
- **Women Entrepreneurs as Peacemakers: Panel Discussion.** Meet with Dorothy Tuma, President of the *Women's Center for Job Creation*, Minnesota and Uganda; Marga C. Fripp, Art Marketing Coach and President, *Empowered Women International*, VA; and Barbara Moller, President of *Paper to Pearls*, VA. Tue, Oct 20, 4:30. Johnson Center, Room F. Free.
- **Cinema Series: *Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince*.** Fri, Oct 23, 6:00 and 9:00, Sat, Oct 24, 6:00 and 9:00, Sun, Oct 25, 3:00 and 6:00. Johnson Center, Cinema. Mason students w/ID, free; Mason faculty and staff w/ID, \$1; general public, \$3.
- **Concert: Mason Combined Chorale.** Sun, Oct 25, 7:00. Providence Presbyterian Church, 9019 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Free. [Directions](#).
- **Freedom Without Walls: Berlin Wall Photographs.** Natasha Muller, a Mason art history student, presents a collection of Library of Congress photos from *Look* magazine of the construction of the Berlin Wall. One of several events at Mason to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. Mon, Oct 26, to Tue, Nov. 3. Johnson Center, Room 116. Free.
- **Judaism, Monotheism, and the Political: Panel Discussion.** In this symposium, a panel of leading scholars of Jewish philosophy and political thought will address the question of the relationship between Judaic monotheism and the political. Wed, Oct 28, 3:00-5:30. Research I, Room 163. [Read more](#), including backgrounds of the six panelists.

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, with direct Web links added when available. 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 Oct 16 9am Recorder Lessons - TA-3
 10am Drama Club - TA-3
 10am Recorder Consort - TA-2
 11am Homer Group - Social Room Annex
 1pm Special Event - F958, [The World's 10 Greatest Ocean Liners](#) - Tallwood
 1pm Flu Shot Clinic - TA-1 and Annex
 Sat Oct 17 1pm [OLLI PC Users Group](#) (OPCUG) - Tallwood
 Tue Oct 20 11am Knitting and Needlework Club
 Wed Oct 21 1:45pm Bridge Club - TA-3
 2pm Special Event - F959, [It Smiles Even in its Tears](#), Lecture - Tallwood
 Thu Oct 22 1pm - Special Event - L970, [Land of the Midnight Sun](#) - Loudoun
 Fri Oct 23 8am - Special Event - F960, [It Smiles Even in its Tears](#), Bus Trip
 9am Recorder Lessons - TA-3
 9:30am [Photography Club](#) - TA-1
 10am Drama Club - TA-3
 10am Recorder Consort - TA-2
 10am Special Event - R968, [Concert of Songs You Love](#) - Lake Anne
 10am [Board of Directors Retreat](#) - ICAR
 10:30am Classic Fiction Book Club - Cascades Library
 11am Homer Group - Social Room Annex
 Sat Oct 24 2pm - Special Event - F961, [Eugene O'Neill's Ah, Wilderness!](#) - GMU TheaterSpace
 Tue Oct 27 11am Knitting and Needlework Club - Lake Anne Church
 Wed Oct 28 12pm Special Event - L971, [Discussion with Elderhostel](#) - Loudoun
 1:45pm Bridge Club - TA-3
 2pm Special Event - F962, [Fall Prevention](#) - Tallwood
 Fri Oct 30 9am Recorder Lessons - TA-3
 10am Drama Club - TA-3
 10am Recorder Consort - TA-2
 10am Special Event - F963, [The Supreme Court](#) - Bus Trip
 11am Homer Group - Social Room Annex
 12:30pm Loudoun Let's Eat Out - Time and Location to be Announced
 1pm Special Event - F964, [Tea Seminar and Tasting](#) - Tallwood

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