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

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NEW OSHER GIFT

From the president



By Emmett Fenlon, President



Barbro & Bernard Osher

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY to share with you some great news. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University has been given a \$25,000 one-time gift from the Osher Foundation.

Because of the current difficult economy, Bernard and Barbro Osher have decided to give each of the 120 Osher lifelong learning programs such a gift to enable the institutes to maintain their present level of programs.

We are most appreciative of the generosity and support from Mr. and Mrs. Osher.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! THE OLLI TOWN HALL MEETING COMETH!

From the executive director

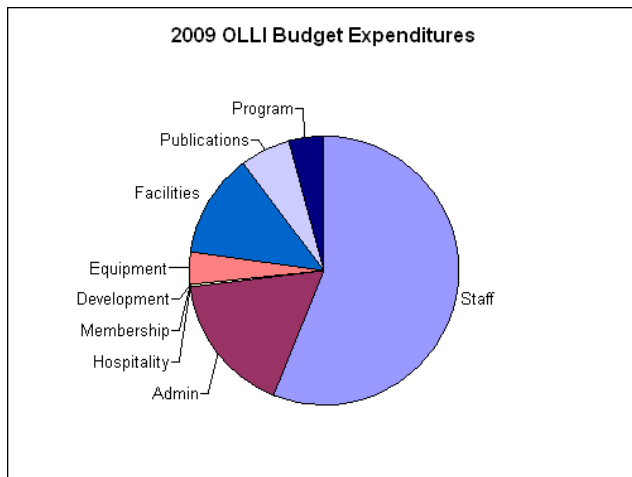
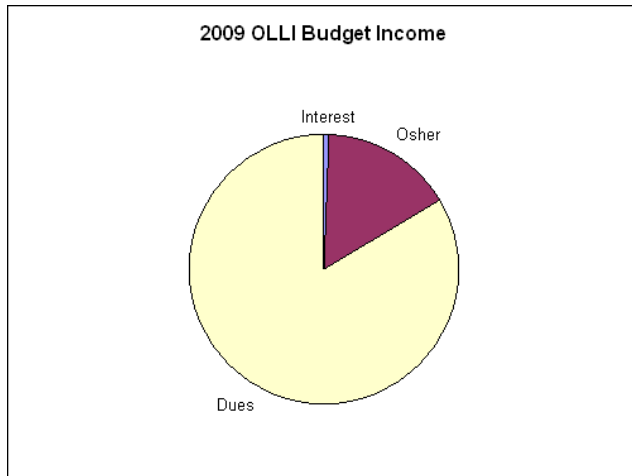


By [Thom Clement](#), Executive Director

AS OUR OLLI HAS GROWN to a total of almost 900 members, one of our challenges is to listen to your questions and suggestions and use them to guide our program and operations. If you're reading this article, then you are already using the best tool we have for two-way communication – the *OLLI E-News*. However, for those who prefer live interaction, we will have a Town Hall Meeting at Tallwood next Friday, November 6, from 10:00 until approximately 11:30. Refreshments will be provided by the Hospitality Committee following the meeting.

After welcoming remarks from President Emmett Fenlon, I will present the draft of our budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2010. Our Board of Directors informally accepted this draft at its September meeting but the Board's official approval of the 2010 budget is planned for its November 20 meeting. The budget is our way of projecting income (primarily from dues and the Osher Foundation) and expenditures. Our 2009 budget consisted of income and

expenditures of approximately \$330,000 (see charts below).



The bad news is that due to the dramatic reduction in the value of our Osher Endowment, we are expecting to receive about \$15,000 less in income from that source in 2010, with annual income in future years dependent on the market conditions for investments. The good news is that the Osher Foundation has

announced a one-time gift of \$25,000, which we hope to receive in the near future.

The budget that is approved by our Board of Directors will need to adequately support the expectations and needs of OLLI members while keeping membership dues as low as possible.

I will also present a summary of the outcomes of the OLLI "Advance" (planning retreat) which took place on October 23. Please come prepared to ask questions and make suggestions.

BOARD RETREAT

A day with colleagues at a scenic site



By [Rod Zumbro](#), Board member



Point of View: left, a lovely place for lunch under the trees; right, a house full of rooms for discussions.

LAST FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, all but two of the 18 Board members plus four past presidents and the Program Committee chair drove to Mason's scenic site on Mason Neck named Point of View for the first Board retreat since January 2007.

After an introduction by Executive Director Thom Clement and Dave Buczek (Maria's husband, a professional facilitator providing his services at no charge to OLLI), we broke into small groups for four 25-minute sessions during which we presented our ideas on ways to improve OLLI in the pre-chosen areas of organization, membership, facilities, and program. Following lunch (which attendees, not OLLI, paid for), we met in a final two-hour session to review ideas presented during the breakout sessions.

There was discussion about establishing one or more ad hoc task forces to develop recommendations for the Board in some of the areas addressed during the day. At the end of the day we had a three-minute Board meeting during which we voted unanimously to re-establish the Facilities Committee.

Thom will provide a summary of the outcomes of the retreat at next Friday's Town Hall Meeting.

TRIP TO CULPEPER

Guided by Ranger Michael Kelly



By Tom Hady, OLLI member



Top: Ranger Michael Kelly telling OLLI members about the Civil War activity near the railroad station in Culpeper; bottom: OLLI members in front of the

Culpeper railroad station at the beginning of the trip. Photos by the writer.

ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, A BUSLOAD OF OLLI MEMBERS

traveled to Culpeper, Virginia, with Ranger Michael Kelly of the National Park Service to learn about the Civil War activity in that part of Virginia. Culpeper, it turns out, was one of the most active locations in the War, serving as winter quarters for one or the other army each year and the site of a number of battles.

Our stops included the railroad depot, site of a cavalry fight; Kelly's Ford, site of another battle; the Graffiti House at Brandy Station; and a number of other sites. With the combination of Michael Kelly's detailed knowledge and interesting descriptions and Special Events Resource Group Chair Florence Adler's attention to the arrangements, the participants agreed they had a good time and learned a lot. That was despite an occasional light rain--better weather than most of his trips, Michael pointed out!

HELP WANTED

Someone with Web-page experience

HAVE YOU CREATED A PERSONAL OR FAMILY HOME PAGE ON THE WEB? Did you make changes to Web pages in a former job or activity? Do you have the curiosity and desire to learn more about how Web sites work and how to design and build them?

The OLLI Web team has an opportunity for an interested member or two to help construct and maintain the Web site for the next Silent Auction. You'll begin with small projects to build experience and confidence, and OLLI's Web designers and maintainers will provide online guidance and assistance along the way. (You'll need a personal computer with high-speed Internet access. We'll help you download and install the free software we use.)

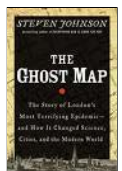
For more information, or if you're ready to volunteer now, contact Communications Committee Chair [Gordon Canyock](#).

HISTORY CLUB

Topic: The story of London's cholera epidemic in 1854

THE OLLI HISTORY CLUB WILL MEET on Wednesday, November 4, at Tallwood from 2:00 to 3:30. This week we're pleased that OLLI's Bob Bohall will review Steven Johnson's [The Ghost Map: The Story of London's Most Terrifying Epidemic -- And How it Changed Science, Cities, and the Modern World](#). This timely topic relates the story of London's cholera epidemic in 1854.

OLLI members and guests are always welcome at any of the club's meetings. Bring a friend.



Submitted by Bob Persell, History Club Coordinator.

OLLI SPIRITWEAR

Order sweatshirts, shirts, caps and tote bags with the OLLI/Mason logo at any time directly from the vendor for delivery to your home. Use [this Web site](#); click on "OLLI-GMU Store" to see the pictures, then click on each item to see more details. *Note: the pictures do not show our logo but it will be embroidered on the items that you order.*



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

EYE ON RESTON

OLLI member Ben Gold to speak about the Supreme Court

RESTON PRESENTS...
ISSUES OF THE COURT
 Jointly produced by Reston Association & Reston Community Center

Join Supreme Court docent, Bennett Gold as he shares his insights into how the Court operates and how cases are selected. He will present historic thumbnail sketches and anecdotes of the 17 Chief Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court and discuss the composition of the current Court and the issues they will likely face.

RESTON PRESENTS... highlights the work of Reston residents. If you would like to learn how to become a presenter, contact Zuril at RCC 703-476-4500 or Ashleigh at RA 703-435-6577.

FREE
 All ages welcome.

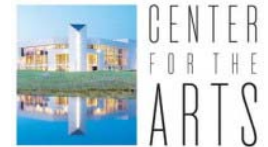
Monday, Nov. 9, 2009 • 7 - 9 p.m.
 Reston Community Center at Lake Anne
 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston VA

MASON ARTS AND MUSIC


Upcoming Mason performances, Oct 30-Nov 8



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>GMU Players Mainstage #1 Ah, Wilderness written by Eugene O'Neill directed by Howard Vincent Kurtz Fri, Oct 30, Sat, Oct 31, 8:00 Sat, Oct 31, Sun, Nov 1, 2:00</p>	 <p>MOMIX</p>	<p>Faculty Artist Series Kelly Ker-Hackleman, piano Martin Hackleman, horn Tue, Nov 3, 8:00 Kelly Ker-Hackleman is well known to OLLI members in the Music Sampler class. This recital, given with her</p>
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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.

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.)

Best of Momix
Sat, Oct 31, 8:00
Choreographer/director Moses Pendleton has led these dancers through works of "delightful inventiveness and physical beauty," including floating them through extraterrestrial terrains and hurling them like baseballs. This collection offers unpredictable and sometimes bizarre performances.

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

husband Martin, will include music arranged for horn and piano, and a trio for soprano, horn and piano (with Kathryn Hearden, soprano). The second half will feature a piece for two horns and another for two horns and piano (with Teresa Bosch, horn).

Admission: Free, no ticket required
Harris Theater

The King's Singers



Fri, Nov 6, 8:00
One of Britain's great musical institutions, this group is celebrated for

Virsky Ukranian National Dance Company



Sat, Nov 7, 2:00 and 8:00

Circo Aereo Espresso



Sun, Nov 8, 4:00
This "theater without words" from Finland is

their commitment to perfection in blend, balance and intonation. The sextet sings medieval to Renaissance music, lieder to folk, classical to pop and jazz, all a *cappella*.

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

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

This folk ensemble is known for its dance prowess, infectious enthusiasm and vibrantly colored costumes. The Cossack warriors show their acrobatic skills and swordplay while female dancers glide gracefully across the stage, to celebrate their homeland with humor and optimism.

Admission: \$46, \$38, \$23
Family friendly: Youth grade 12 and under, half-price with an adult. **(Note change from "age 12 and under" last season.)**

Concert Hall
Come 45 minutes early for either performance for a free artistic discussion on Grand Tier III.

recognized throughout Europe as a pioneer of the New Circus. Making its American debut this season, it mixes juggling and aerial work with cabaret theater, street performance, movement and humor. [Web site](#) (includes a video).

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
Come at 3:15 for a free artistic discussion on Grand Tier III.

MASON HIGHLIGHTS

Other Mason events



By Helen Ackerman, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

- **Ah, Wilderness! Exhibit.** Photographs, playbills, scripts, production and technical notes and other materials from various productions of Eugene O'Neill's only comedy *Ah, Wilderness!* Fri, Oct 30, to Fri, Nov 20. Fenwick Library, 2nd floor, A Wing. Free.
- **Understanding Islam Lecture Series: The Prophet Muhammadsa.** Second in a five-week lecture series promoting peace, diversity, and understanding about the teachings of Islam. Sat, Oct 31, 4:30 to 6:30. Innovation Hall, Room 103. Free.



- **Fall 2009 WWII Remembrance.** Mon, Nov 2. Both of the following events are free, open to the public.
 - The first two episodes of the 2001 television miniseries [Band of Brothers](#) will be shown at 1400 hours (2:00) in the Johnson Center Cinema.
 - At 1900 (7:00) a panel discussion with World War II veterans will be conducted at the Harris Theater.
- **Civil Society and Democracy and Egypt: Lecture.** Dr. Ahmed Fathi Sorour, Speaker of the Egyptian Parliament, will speak. Sponsored by the Office of the Provost. Tue, Nov 3, 10:30 to 12:00. Mason Hall, Meese Conference Room. Free.
- **Health Administration & Policy Seminar Series: The Patient-Centered Medical Home Model.** Dr. Mai Pham, Center for Studying Health System Change, discusses the key questions policymakers should focus on when designing and evaluating medical home initiatives. Tue, Nov 3, 12:00. SUB I, Room B.

Veteran's Day Luncheon

George Mason University Veteran's Day Luncheon is being held from 11:45 to 1:30 on Wed, Nov 11, in the Concert Hall, Lobby. All Mason-associated veterans, including OLLI-member veterans, are encouraged to attend this business-casual lunch in celebration of Veteran's Day. Guest speaker is [Lieutenant General Claude M. "Mick" Kicklighter](#), U.S. Army (Ret.). RSVP to Captain Nathan Whitten at nwhitten@gmu.edu or 703-993-2709.

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 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 - Location to be Announced
- 1pm Special Event - F964, [Tea Seminar and Tasting](#) - Tallwood
- Tue Nov 3 11am Knitting and Needlework Club - Lake Anne Church
- 1pm Special Event - L972, [Storytelling Performance](#) - Loudoun
- Wed Nov 4 1pm Cooking Club Planning Meeting - TA-2
- 1:45pm Special Events Resource Group Meeting - Annex**
- 1:45pm Bridge Club - TA-3
- 2pm Special Event - F965, [Disabilities at Mason](#) - TA-2
- 2pm History Club - TA-1
- Fri Nov 6 9am Recorder Lessons - TA-3
- 10am Town Hall Meeting - TA-1**
- Tue Nov 10 11am Knitting and Needlework Club - Lake Anne Church
- Wed Nov 11 1:45pm Book Club at Tallwood - TA-2
- 1:45pm Bridge Club - TA-3
- 2pm Special Event - F966, [Brass Rubbing](#) - Tallwood
- Fri Nov 13 Fall Term Ends**
- 8:30am Special Event - F967, [Abraham Lincoln's Washington City](#) - Bus Trip
- 9am Recorder Lessons - TA-3
- 10am Travel Club - TA-1
- 10am Drama Club - TA-3
- 10am Recorder Consort - TA-2
- 10:30am Special Event - L973, [Tour Geography and Map Divisions](#) - Library of Congress
- 11am Homer Group - Social Room Annex

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