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**OLLI Arts Open House for Fairfax Creative Aging Festival, With Kick-Off by Board of Supervisors Chair Sharon Bulova and Virginia Delegate Ken Plum, May 29.**  
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## June 12, 2015

**Editor of the Week:  
John Nash**

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## Alerts & Notices

"Everyone talks about the weather but no one does anything about it," said Charles Dudley Warner. Well, if you attend the special presentation on weather by WJLA TV's Brian van de Graaff, you may learn why this may or may not be true. He will clue you into all sorts of weather forecasting methods and discuss some of the horrific weather patterns being seen worldwide. There's still space in the June 24 presentation at Tallwood, 9:40 am, Class F814, so sign up now.



For the next two weeks, it is particularly important that submissions be made by the Tuesday at 6 deadline.

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## OLLI Celebrates the Arts



**By Alice Slayton Clark**

If you did not attend the OLLI Arts Open House on Friday, May 29, you missed the show! OLLI's best and brightest came together to showcase creative arts as part of Fairfax County's Creative Aging Festival.

Hazy skies kept the temperatures at bay, but the talent was hot as musical groups, artists and poets converged for a smorgasbord of sight and sound. Members of the Poetry Workshop provided stirring renditions of their verses, while the Photography Club, Crafts and Conversation, Sketching and Drawing, and Watercolors delighted with their visual arts. And if music has charms to soothe the savage beast, then all were content as the Recorder Consort, Singing for Fun, and Tallwood Trio delighted participants with tunes and tones.

The event was punctuated with brief presentations by OLLI supporters and luminaries VA Delegate Ken Plum and Fairfax County Chairman Sharon Bulova. "We were happy to participate in the Creative Arts Festival and share the work of our talented members with the community, elected officials and fellow OLLI participants," remarked OLLI President Glenn Kamber. All the while, the OLLI Development Committee orchestrated one blockbuster of a bake sale that not only was delicious but it netted more than \$500 for Friends of OLLI.

According to Pablo Picasso, "Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up." Well, Pablo, our members certainly demonstrated May 29 that art flourishes well into adulthood at OLLI.

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## E-News Proofreaders Wanted



**By Sheri Siesseger,  
E-News Editorial Team Member**

As an *E-News* editor, I have been continually amazed by our proofreaders. Each of them finds something different that needs fixing or another look. But

we currently have only two people filling this important role, so *E-News* is seeking an additional proofreader. The duties of this position include reviewing all content for spelling, grammar, punctuation, syntax, and clarity. On the weeks that we publish, the editor submits the *E-News* draft to proofreaders no later than 6:00 Wednesday. The proofreaders return suggested changes to the editor by 10:00 Thursday.

If you are interested in volunteering for this task or would like more information, please contact us at [ollinewseditor@gmail.com](mailto:ollinewseditor@gmail.com). A bonus to proofing is that you get a sneak peek at the weekly OLLI news!

We'd like to thank John West for his many years of service as an *E-News* proofreader. He was one of the original *E-News* team, and we miss his insights.

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## OLLI Bake Sale: A Fundraiser Winner for Friends of OLLI Projects and Fun for All



**By Lesley Bubenhofer  
Development Committee Chair**

The Friends of OLLI bake sale on May 29 at the Fairfax Creative Aging Festival event at Tallwood was a "spectacular" success. Thanks to talented, hardworking, and generous contributors and some very lucky customers who enjoyed lots of fabulous "goodies," the bake sale produced a profit of \$571 for Friends of OLLI. And it was a lovely, very enjoyable event.

Many thanks to those who contributed and gave so generously of their time and effort and skills: Toni Acton, Florence Adler, Michelle Blandburg, Suzanne Brooks, Lesley Bubenhofer, Alice Slayton Clark, Mary Cocker, Beverly George, Peg O'Brien, Karen Nash, Eleanor Pascale, Martha Powers, Roslyn Schmidt, Susan Todenoft, Rita Way, Thelma Weiner, and Doris Weisman.



We plan to have more bake sales and hope you will be able to join us and enjoy some mighty tasty treats.

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## Audiovisual Support Committee Needs You!



**By Paul Howard, Audiovisual Support Committee Chair**

Interested in technology? Then learn with us! OLLI's Audiovisual Support Committee (a.k.a. The Tom Swift Squad) seeks additional volunteers to help ensure the smooth employment of OLLI's audiovisual resources. Our primary mission is to help instructors, liaisons and staff with any audiovisual issues that might arise during the classes we attend. Our team is learning to use the LifeSize videoconferencing systems that offer the ability to share classes and meetings between OLLI locations.

We'll be meeting at 1:45 on Wednesday, June 17, in TA-1. We'll offer hands-on training on our classroom audiovisual equipment, discuss future activities, and improvements to our equipment and operational methods.

Please let me know if you're planning to attend, or would like to become a "Swiftie" even if you can't come to this meeting. Contact me by email: [poward@gmu.edu](mailto:poward@gmu.edu) (preferred) or phone (703-860-9246).

For more information on the Audiovisual Support Committee, see its web page: <http://www.olligmu.org/~finforum/private/olliav/avsupportcomm.html>

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## Honor Flight Fall Preview

Coming up this fall to celebrate Veterans' Day, Martha Powers is planning an event that focuses on the Honor Flight program. If you didn't know, this is a privately-funded national program whereby World War II veterans are flown into Washington, DC, and given a tour of the WWII Memorial. Preliminary planning for this OLLI event

includes a film describing this important journey for these veterans, saluted as "the Greatest Generation" by Tom Brokaw.



If you would like to participate in an Honor Flight this summer or fall, you can join many other local residents who welcome each flight to Dulles or Reagan National airports. It's an experience like none you've ever had! You can find the schedule of Honor Flights and sign up at the website <http://heroeswelcomeiad.com/2015-schedule-2/>. If you have questions about participating, please contact OLLI member John Nash, [inash2@cox.net](mailto:inash2@cox.net).

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## Meet Multi-Talented Martha Powers, New OLLI Board Member

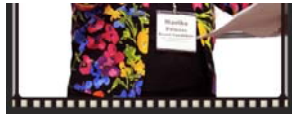


**By Sheri Siesseger, E-News Editorial Team Member**

You should recognize both the name and face of newly elected Board member Martha Powers. She has been a significant presence at OLLI-Mason since joining in January 2013, and her photo has appeared often in this newsletter! Since her arrival at OLLI, Martha has jumped in with both feet. In addition to co-chairing the Member Services Committee and serving as chair of the Liaison Sub-Committee, she is co-editor of the summer 2015 course catalog



(Publications Committee), participates in the Poetry Workshop, hams it up with the OLLI Players, and writes frequently for *E-News*. If that's not enough, she is also a member of the Outreach, Hospitality and Development committees, is a volunteer note taker at Board meetings, and has coordinated and taught many OLLI classes and events. Between-term events are a pet project and Martha would like to see these expand.



Clearly she has gained significant insights into the OLLI community that will position her well to become a valuable member of the OLLI Board.

Born in Washington, DC, Martha has lived in the area most of her life, primarily in northern Virginia. Her first career was in music. She initially played piano, following in the footsteps of her mother, a concert pianist/organist. As a student at Annandale High School, Martha switched to percussion. She won a US Navy Band scholarship and studied performance on percussion instruments at Indiana University and received her bachelor's degree from American University. She once performed with the Navy Band and has been a freelance musician at Wolf Trap and the Kennedy Center. An MBA in marketing from Virginia Tech led to a career change that offered steadier work. Her experience includes advertising and product development. Specializing in mail-order catalogs, she turned the AARP Pharmacy Service catalog into a money maker. Martha also served as VP for marketing for the Internet retail pharmacy Rx.com.

Martha's husband, Larry Gomberg, is still working, though he plans to join OLLI. He enjoys visits to some of Martha's one-time classes and the Poetry Workshop. Initiative apparently runs in the family—he'd like to start an OLLI poker club, presumably for bragging rights! Favorite pastimes for Martha and Larry include the word game Super Big Boggle and playing with their 17-year-old cat Dipper.

Dipper, as well as the couple's previous cats, was adopted from an animal shelter. Dipper arrived in the household shortly after the loss of their 20-year-old cat—a sad event that prompted Martha to found Operation Happy Sock ([ohappysock.blogspot.com](http://ohappysock.blogspot.com)). Happy Sock recruits volunteers to make and deliver socks containing polyfill and a pinch of catnip. The effort is now 10 years old and has distributed an estimated 500,000 catnip sock toys to cats in animal shelters in the US and other countries.

Martha admits to an impatient nature, and she would like to see the Board push its agenda faster! She would also like to bolster OLLI-Mason's financial situation. With fundraising in her background, she probably has some ideas in mind! Despite its challenges, she loves Tallwood and is pleased that the facility will continue to be home to OLLI for the foreseeable future.

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## Computer Club



*By Paul Howard, Computer Club Coordinator*

The Computer Club (OLLI Personal Computer User Group, or OPCUG) will meet with its partner, the Potomac Area Technology and Computer Society (PATACS), Saturday, June 20 at Tallwood. Join us at 12:30 for soft drinks and socializing in the social room. Presentations will begin at 1:00. This month's offerings will include the following:

### Switching from PC to Mac, Presentation By Lorrin Garson

Why would someone switch from PCs to Apple computers? In terms of functionality, how do PCs compare with Macs? What about price, support, repairs, software availability, backup and recovery, user interfaces, culture...? What about moving files from PC to Mac? Which changes are the most challenging? How painful is switching? What about mixed PC/Mac environments? What about the social implications of switching? Learn about the experience of one family's move from PCs to Macs.

Lorrin Garson had a long career in technical publishing of chemical information. His presentations to our computer groups are famous for their thorough research and clarity in explaining topics such as cryptography, encryption of personal data, cloud storage and the origins of personal computers.

**Learn 30:** OLLI member Dave Mason will discuss using an array of technology to enable work and contact 'on the move' without needing a luggage cart to haul it all around. Learn about employing Windows 8.1 tablets, cloud computing, and Bluetooth for keyboards, mice, and HDMI.

**PC Clinic** - Get hands-on help with your computer problems from PATACS & OPCUG experts. Bring in your computer, and we'll help you lose the 'blues' - system slowdowns, unwanted programs, virus, and malware. We can help install new RAM, optical drives, hard disks, and software. Be sure to read the Clinic Rules - <http://patacs.org/clinicpat.html>.

**See full details on this meeting by [clicking here](#).** For information on the Computer Club, see the [OPCUG website](#). OPCUG dues of \$5 for 2015 will be collected at this meeting.

**Can't make the meeting in person?** Dues paid club members may attend via Zoom's cloud meeting service, beginning at 12:45. Send a message to

[webinarhosts@patacs.org](mailto:webinarhosts@patacs.org) if you plan to attend in this way. Join from PC, Mac, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/236378320>.

For information on the Computer Club, see the [OPCUG website](#).

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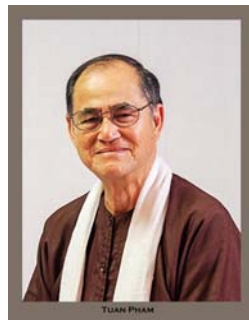
## Photography Club



*By Robert Kelberg, Photography Club Member*

On Friday, June 12, 9:30 am, Tuan Pham, a juried photographic artist, will give a presentation to the OLLI Photography Club in TA-1. Tuan Pham spoke at our club in November 1912. He is back today with another one-of-a-kind presentation entitled *Beauty of Imperfection*. He will share with us his Zen approach to photography and his collection of images taken in and around the Washington metropolitan area that cameras often overlook.

Tuan is a member of the Northern Virginia Photographic Society (NVPS) and Getting It Right in the Camera (GRC). He learned photography largely by reading books and occasional workshops on creative vision from Joseph Miller and Freeman Patterson, among others. He also draws inspiration from the works of photographers John Daido Roshi, Minor White, Japanese *haiku* Master Matsuo Basho, and above all, from Buddhist teaching on "skillful attention," also known as seeing.



All OLLI members are welcome.

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## Poet's Corner

*Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop*

### Southern Cotton

*(inspired by an OLLI class)*

I see bales on docks  
 docks behind them  
 sweat and blood and locks  
 see the New York merchants  
 nodding at their desks  
 planters in hock  
 manufacturers and banks  
 moving fortunes  
 on which sit  
 women and children

hear black hitchhikers  
 on Vanderbilt's parkway say  
 we paid his way  
 and paved it

Oh there was risk  
 The planters and the bankers  
 took risk  
 We took risk say  
 ghosts of slaves  
 who didn't survive the trip

Or did

I see Robert Morris  
 who financed some of this  
 some of that  
 and the American Revolution  
 in debtor's prison  
 victim of risk

Ed Sattler

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## Arts & Music at George Mason





**Performances, next ten days**

*By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer*

For tickets for either CFA or Hylton, call 1-888-945-2468, buy tickets online through the event calendar (see links below), or visit the venue's box office. For more information see the CFA [ticket page](#) or the Hylton [ticket purchase page](#).

**At the Fairfax Campus Venues**  
**No Performances Scheduled**

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**Mason Student and Faculty Performances**  
 (see [music.gmu.edu](http://music.gmu.edu) for additional student recitals)  
**No Performances Scheduled**

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**At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)**

**2nd Annual Juried Art Show**  
 May 17 - June 28  
 Buchanan Partners Art Gallery  
 Buchanan Partners Art Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00 - 6:00, Thu., 10:00 - 8:00 and two hours before performances.  
 Admission: Free.

**Dance Etc. School of the Arts: 34th Spring Concert**  
 Sat, June 13, 7:00  
 Sun, June 14, 2:00  
 Merchant Hall  
 Admission: \$20.

**School of Classical & Creative Dance: Carnival of the Animals**  
 Sat, Jun 20, 4:00  
 Gregory Family Theater

Admission: \$15.

**Stage Door Dance Recital**  
 Sun, Jun 21, 2:00  
 Merchant Hall  
 Admission: \$20.

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For further details on any of the above events, please see the CFA [event calendar](#) and the Hylton Center [event calendar](#)

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**Meetings & Clubs**

The following list covering the next two weeks is extracted for your convenience from the master online calendar maintained by the office, with direct web links added when available. The list is accurate as of mid-week but to check anytime for the latest information, please view the latest forecast of upcoming events on our website (News/[OLLI Calendar](#)). *Note: All OLLI members are welcome at, and encouraged to attend, meetings of the Board of Directors, committees and resource groups, Kickoff Coffees, etc. (bolded below).*

Sat Jun 13	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Mon Jun 15	10:00am	What's in the Daily News-TA-1
	10:00am	Bridge Club-TA-3
Tue Jun 16	10:00am	Mah Jongg Club-TA-2
	10:00am	Knitting and Needlework Club-Panera, Herndon
Wed Jun 17	1:45pm	<b>A/V Committee-TA-1</b>
Fri Jun 19	10:00am	Craft and Conversation-Cottage
	11:00am	<b>Board of Directors Meeting-TA-1</b> Homer etc-Annex
Sat Jun 20	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
	1:00pm	Computer Club-TA-1
Mon Jun 22	10:00am	What's in the Daily News-TA-1
	10:00am	Bridge Club-TA-3
Tue Jun 23		

	10:00am	Knitting and Needlework Club–Panera, Herndon
	11:05am	<b>Loudoun Program Planning–RM 205</b>
Fri Jun 26	9:00am	Recorder Consort–TA-3
	9:30am	Travel Club–TA-2
	10:00am	Craft and Conversation–Cottage
	10:00am	Classic Fiction Book Club–Loudoun Cascade Library
	11:00am	Homer, etc–Annex
	12:00pm	Photography Club–TA-1

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