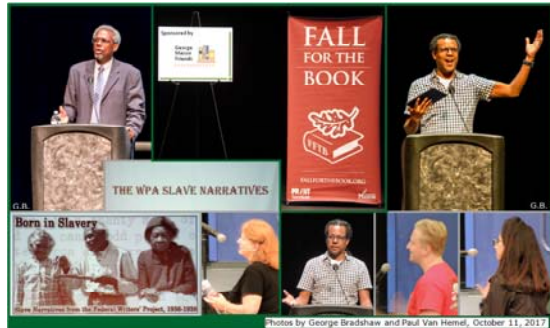


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*Dr. Spencer Crew, Clarence Robinson Professor at Mason, Discusses His Research on the Slave Narratives Project of the Works Progress Administration (WPA), and Colson Whitehead Discusses and Reads from His Pulitzer Prize-Winning Novel, The Underground Railroad, at Event 952, Fall for the Book Festival, Harris Theatre, October 11*

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### Alerts & Notices

**Reminder:** Computer Club meeting Saturday, October 21 (tomorrow), Tallwood; 12:30 (social) and 1:00 (program). For details, click [here](#).

Veterans in panel discussion on Cuban missile crisis, Tuesday, October 24, 2:00 in Fenwick Library's main reading room. Refreshments provided; no need to register.



OLLI's annual holiday party, Friday, December 1, noon to 3:00 at International Country Club, 13200 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. Fee: \$38; register for Event 1107. Click on party icon at left; choose chicken or pasta lunch entree.

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### Humanities and Social Sciences Program Planning Committee



**By Johnnie Hicks and Camille Hodges, Humanities and Social Sciences Planning Committee Co-Chairs**

The OLLI Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) Program Planning Committee is working on a number of 2018 courses which focus on current social, political, and international issues. We would love to know of OLLI members who may have background experiences in these fields, or who may know of someone who does. Of particular interest are topics related to: "Recent Changes in Domestic and Foreign Policies;" "Escalation of Disputes into International Conflicts;" and "U.S.-Russian Relations: Past, Present, and Future." We are also interested in topics on U.S. relations with Mexico, China, and other nations with whom we share economic, security, and other interests.

As always, our committee welcomes suggestions about any courses you would like to see offered! We encourage you to attend one of our committee meetings, or just contact one of us at any time.

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### Friends of OLLI Fundraiser

**OLLI Annual Registration Fee Raffle Returns**



**By Lesley Bubenhofer, Development Committee Chair**

Are you feeling lucky? Now is an opportunity to give yourself a chance to be the lucky winner of a wonderful gift and provide support for Friends of OLLI, too.

Purchase OLLI annual registration fee raffle tickets, and you could be the winner of your next annual OLLI

registration fee renewal. The winner may also choose to gift the annual registration fee (value \$425.00) to a family member or friend.

Raffle tickets are being sold from now until December 1, 2017. The drawing of the winner's name will be conducted at the OLLI Holiday Party on December 1, at the International Country Club. The annual registration fee raffle winner does not need to be present.

Annual registration fee raffle ticket prices are: 1 ticket for \$5, 3 tickets for \$10, 7 tickets for \$20.

Raffle tickets are being sold by Development Committee members before and after many classes, at OLLI events, and as announced. If you cannot locate a raffle ticket seller, contact Development Committee chair Lesley Bubenhofer at [labubenhof@verizon.net](mailto:labubenhof@verizon.net). We will ensure that you get the tickets you want to purchase.

GOOD LUCK!

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**Mason's School of Theater and School of Music Proudly Present *The Gondoliers***



*By Norma Jean Reck, Theater Lovers' Group Coordinator*

You are invited to join the Theater Lovers' Group to attend a performance of *The Gondoliers* at the Center for the Arts Concert Hall on Sunday, October 29, at 4:00. *The Gondoliers*, written by Gilbert and Sullivan, premiered at the Savoy Theatre in 1889, where it ran for a record 554 performances, closing in 1891. It was performed at a command performance for Queen Victoria and the royal family at Windsor Castle in 1891, the only Gilbert and Sullivan opera to be so honored.

*The Gondoliers*, a comic opera set in Venice, wittily and humorously satirizes class distinctions. The hilarity starts when a gaggle of gondoliers is told that one of them is the heir to the throne of Barataria. The question is, "Which one?, due to an error of identity that was made when they were young. This musical theater piece delights as it subtly lampoons the tribulations of governing and romance.

You – and your guests – can enjoy the bubbling champagne quality of the libretto, subtle satire, and humorous melodies for \$15, senior rate. You can purchase your tickets at the Center for the Arts Concert Hall box office, online, or by phone 888-945-2468.

Optional treat – we'll go for dessert nearby after the performance. Please email Norma at [nireck@cs.com](mailto:nireck@cs.com) to let me know that you will be joining us.

Questions? Email [nireck@cs.com](mailto:nireck@cs.com).

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**Photo of the Month**



The October 2017 Photo of the Month theme was Silhouettes. We selected John Olsen's photo "Harbor Sunrise," which may also be viewed at [this page](#). To view other photos by members of the Photography Club, visit the club's photo [website](#).

*-- By Angela Talaber, Photography Club Coordinator*

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**Poet's Corner**

*Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop*

**My Island Path**

On island path I chose before  
for exercise along the shore,  
no other restless soul in view  
just starfish gilding ocean's floor.

A splash disturbs the breezeless blue  
a school of flying fish debut;  
I see them splatter, skim and spray,  
then leave stage left as if on cue.

I slow to witness their display,  
then up my pace and turn away;  
the trail bends left and starts to rise  
through sea-grape trees in full bouquet.

White gems in clusters tantalize

bright hummingbirds and butterflies;  
the sight relieves my jaundiced eyes,  
my well-worn path can still surprise.

Mary Saily

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## Arts & Music at George Mason



**Performances, October 20 through October 30**

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

For tickets for either Center for the Arts (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

#### Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: *Night of the Musical Tsars*

Sat, Oct 21, 8:00  
Concert Hall  
Admission: \$65, \$53, \$39.

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### Mason Student & Faculty Performances

(see [music.gmu.edu](http://music.gmu.edu) for additional student recitals)

#### New Sound Collective

Sat, Oct 21, 8:00  
Harris Theatre  
Admission: free.

#### Mark Irchai: Senior Piano Recital

Sun, Oct 22, 7:00  
Harris Theatre  
Admission: free.

#### Jazz Combos

Wed, Oct 25, 8:00  
deLaski 3001  
Admission: free.

#### Mason's Schools of Music and Theater: *The Gondoliers*

Thu, Oct 26 - Sat, Oct 28, 8:00  
Sat, Oct 28, 2:00  
Sun, Oct 29, 4:00

Concert Hall  
Admission: Adults, \$30; seniors, \$15.

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### At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

#### Gallery Exhibit: *Iconographic Visions, Works by Julia Dzikiewicz and Michael Fischerkeller*

Sep 12 - Oct 21  
The Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00 - 6:00, Thu, 10:00 - 8:00 and two hours before performances.  
For more information, visit <https://cvpa.gmu.edu/gands>.  
Buchanan Partners Art Gallery

#### Manassas Ballet Theatre: *The Legend Of Sleepy Hollow*

Fri, Oct 20, and Sat, Oct 21, 7:30  
Sun, Oct 22, 3:00  
Merchant Hall  
Admission: \$65, \$55, \$45, \$35, \$25.

#### Prince William Little Theatre: *The Diary of Anne Frank*

Fri, Oct 20, and Sat, Oct 21, 8:00  
Sun, Oct 22, 2:00  
Fri, Oct 27, and Sat, Oct 28, 8:00  
Sun, Oct 29, 2:00  
Gregory Family Theater  
Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$17.

#### Gallery Exhibit: *War and Recovery*

##### Works by Martin J. Cervantez

Oct 24 - Dec 2  
The Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00 - 6:00, Thu, 10:00 - 8:00 and two hours before performances.  
For more information, visit <https://cvpa.gmu.edu/gands>.  
Gallery receptions open only to Friends of the Hylton Center. Contact Jacque Connor at 703-993-7150 or [jconnor8@gmu.edu](mailto:jconnor8@gmu.edu) for more information.  
Buchanan Partners Art Gallery  
Admission: Free.

#### Manassas Symphony Orchestra: *Silver Celebration*

Sat, Oct 28, 7:30  
Merchant Hall  
Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$16.

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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 any time 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 Oct 21	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
	1:00pm	Computer Club-TA-1
Wed Oct 25	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
	1:45pm	Spanish Club-TA-2
Fri Oct 27	9:15am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation-Annex
	10:00am	Theater Lovers' Club-TA-1
	11:00am	Classic Literature Club-TA-2
	11:00am	Homer, etc.-Annex
	12:00pm	Photography Club-TA-3
Sat Oct 28	1:00pm	Chess Club-Annex
	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Wed Nov 1	1:30pm	Mah Jongg Club-TA-2
	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
	1:45pm	<b>Special Event Committee-Annex</b>
	2:15pm	History Club-TA-1

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**Deadline** - 6:00 Tuesday for that week's issue (6:00 Monday for letters to the editor); early submissions are greatly appreciated. Please limit articles to about 250 words.

**Note:** You can view past issues of OLLI E-News on the DocStore. To search the content of issues, use Search Our Site or put your search term in Google followed by "site:olli.gmu.edu/" without the quotes.

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