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Veterans Day Celebration, Tallwood, November 10

November 17, 2017

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Alerts & Notices

- Registration for the OLLI winter term begins Friday, December 1, and ends Friday, December 8, at noon.
- OLLI offices are closed November 20–24 for Thanksgiving holiday; reopening Monday, November 27.

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Veterans Look Back on the Cuban Missile Crisis



By Jennifer Disano, Executive Director

OLLI is delighted to feature the following article by **Jessica Clark**, Mason University Libraries Development & Communications Officer, about a program the libraries did with OLLI members.



On Tuesday, October 24, the University Libraries hosted a special "Talking to History" event, featuring veterans looking back on their experiences during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

This event, which was recorded to become part of the Libraries' Oral History Program, was funded by the special project grant the Libraries received from the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). Ray Beery, Garrett Cochran, and Bob Persell, three OLLI members who were veterans of the Cuban Missile Crisis, participated in a panel discussion moderated by Martin J. Sherwin, also a veteran and University Professor of History at Mason. A fourth OLLI member, Eric Henderson, will record a separate remembrance to be added to the collection.



Professor Sherwin
Photo by Bob Vay

The Libraries' [Oral History Program](#) (OHP) records and preserves oral histories documenting personal perspectives about moments of historical importance, communities in the Northern Virginia region, and the history of George Mason University. Established in 1999, the OHP has conducted over 200 interviews and continues to add to the collections, which are housed in the Libraries' Special Collections Research Center.



Bob Persell, Garrett Cochran, Ray Beery
Photo by Bob Vay

The Libraries are honored to be the repository of these veterans' memories of this pivotal moment in U.S. history during October 1962. They have a range of experience among them—Air Force intelligence officer, Air Force captain, junior officer on a destroyer, and CIA agents—and the audience of 45 enjoyed hearing their stories and remembrances as well as their reflections on what this event meant historically and what parallels may be drawn for our current international relations climate.

After the panel discussion, attendees visited the [Special Collections Research Center](#) to view Cuban missile crisis-related items on display, including photographs, publications, and official correspondence, such as a telegraph from October 26, 1962, regarding the U.S. naval blockade of Cuba and the photographs, negatives, and contact sheets from Oliver Atkins, a prominent photographer who worked for the *Saturday Evening Post*.

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Thank You to Our OLLI Veterans



By Martha Powers, Event Coordinator and Board Member

On Friday, November 10, we honored OLLI's veterans with a salute by the Fairfax County Police, an original poem by OLLI member Mike Mc Namara, recognition of all veterans present, and a screening of the PBS documentary "Fly Girls." MCs included Martha Powers, Jim Dunphy, and Dave Talaber. Sixteen OLLI-member veterans attended; the photos below capture the spirit of the event.



Photos by Lou Mazzatenta November 10

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Lost It? Probably Found It!



By Jim Dunphy, Lost and Found Coordinator and Member Services Committee

The OLLI lost and found box, located in the Social Room, is now full to overflowing. Think you might have lost something? You need to check the box soonest, for with the term ending, we will be donating any remaining items to Goodwill on December 13.

Last checked there were clothing, notebooks, cups, and a whole lot of other things. So check your closets before checking the lost and found box before it all goes away!

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Photo of the Month



The November 2017 Photo of the Month theme was "Have Fun With It." We selected George Bradshaw's photo "Mother Earth, Washington Harbour," 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

Post-Labor-Day Pantoum

Caroline McNeil

September's here, the end of summer's here,
 post-season at the lake.
 True, waves still lap the shore and sparkle near
 the dock and still they softly break

along the shore, post-season at the lake.
 But the drifting dragon flies
 are gone, and though the waves still softly break,
 no fireflies remain to hypnotize.

September's here, and the drifting dragon flies,
 have gone the way of summer ease,
 and fireflies no longer hypnotize,
 no longer catch the evening's breeze.

But we can catch the last of summer's ease,
 can let these days flow through us.
 Like the trees that filter evening's breeze,
 we filter days, which never were more glorious

than these, when waves still sparkle near,
 when the end of summer's here.

*The pantoum is a verse form of Malay origin,
 with rhyme and line repetitions*

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Obituary

William Borghesani

William Borghesani, former long-time OLLI member, died on October 25, 2017. A member from 2004 to 2017, he was interested in current events and enjoyed various outdoor activities. Memorial services will be held for him on November 18, 2017, at 1:00 at Church of the Nativity, 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, Virginia 22015. More information is available at [this link](#).

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Arts & Music at George Mason



Performances, November 17 through December 4
 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

Doug Varone and Dancers

Sat, Nov 18, 8:00
 Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company.
 Concert Hall
 Admission: \$48, \$41, \$29.

Concurso de Tinku (Bolivian folkloric dance)

Sun, Nov 19, 4:30
 Concert Hall
 Admission: \$20.

Chanticleer: A Chanticleer Christmas

Sat, Nov 25, 8:00
 Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company.
 Concert Hall
 Admission: \$55, \$47, \$33.

Virginia Opera: The Girl of the Golden West

Sat, Dec 2, 8:00
 Sun, Dec 3, 2:00
 Pre-performance discussion: Dr. Glenn Winter.
 Concert Hall
 Admission: \$110, \$90, \$54.

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Mason Student & Faculty Performances

(see music.gmu.edu for additional student recitals)

The Pillowman

Thu, Nov 16–Sat, Nov 18, 8:00
 Sat, Nov 18, 2017, and Sun, Nov 19, 2:00
 TheaterSpace
 Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$10.

National Jazz Workshop All-Star Jazz Orchestra

Sun, Nov 19, 3:00
deLaski 3001
Admission: Free.

Hurricane Relief Concert

Sun, Nov 19, 6:30
deLaski 3001
Admission: Advance, \$5; at door, \$7.

Mason Jazz Vocal Night

Mon, Nov 20, 8:00
Concert Hall
Admission: Adults, \$12; seniors, \$8.

Jazz Combos Concert

Wed, Nov 29, 8:00
deLaski 3001
Admission: Free.

Mason Opera: Engelbert Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel*

Fri, Dec 1, 8:00
Sat, Dec 2, 3:00
Harris Theatre
Sun, Dec 3, 2:00 and 5:00
Old Town Hall, Fairfax
Admission: Adults, \$12; seniors, \$8.

Jazz Combos/Latin American Ensemble Concert

Wed, Nov 29, 8:00
deLaski 3001
Admission: Free.

Guitar Ensemble Concert

Sat, Dec 2, 8:00
deLaski 3001
Admission: Free.

Baroque Ensemble Concert

Mon, Dec 4, 8:00
deLaski 3001
Admission: Free.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

**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 are open only to Friends of the Hylton Center. Contact Jacque Connor at 703-993-7150 or jconnor8@gmu.edu for more information.
Buchanan Partners Art Gallery.

Nobuntu

Fri, Nov 17, 8:00
Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company.
Merchant Hall
Admission: \$46, \$39, \$28.

Youth Orchestras of Prince William

Sun, Nov 19, 3:00
Merchant Hall
Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$12.

Virginia National Ballet: *The Nutcracker*

Fri, Nov 24, 2:00 and 7:00
Merchant Hall
Admission: Adults, \$35; seniors, \$30.

Northern Virginia Ballet: *The Nutcracker*

Sat, Nov 25, 2:00 and 6:00
Merchant Hall
Admission: Adults, \$35; seniors, \$25.

Chanticleer: *A Chanticleer Christmas*

Sun, Nov 26, 2:00
Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company.
Concert Hall
Admission: \$55, \$47, \$33.

InTune Music Studios: *Winter Recital*

Sin, Nov 26, 1:00 and 4:00
Gregory Family Theater
Admission: Adults, \$10; seniors, \$5.

Paul Anka

Fri, Dec 1, 9:00
Merchant Hall
Admission: \$100, \$80, \$60.

Manassas Symphony Orchestra: *Silver Passport*

Sat, Dec 2, 4:30
Merchant Hall
Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$16.

Asaph Dance Ensemble: *Clara's Christmas*

Sun, Dec 3, 3:30 and 7:30
Merchant Hall
Admission: Adults, \$30; seniors, \$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 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 Nov 18	10:30am 1:00pm	Tai Chi Club-TA-3 Computer Club-TA-1
Mon Nov 27	10:00am	What's in the Daily News-TA-1
Tue Nov 28	9:30am 10:00am	Annex Art-Annex Spanish Club-TA-2
We Nov 29	10:00am 10:30am	Bridge Club-TA-3 Tom Crooker Investment Forum-TA-1

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About OLLI E-News

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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.

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