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Volunteers in the OLLI Office at Tallwood: (Left to Right) Sue Reinhard, Toni Acton, Rita Way

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Alerts & Notices

Don't forget to sign up for the Between Term Events, among them 1007BT Current Transportation Issues in Virginia on Monday, December 7, from 10 to 11:30. Senator David Marsden, who represents the 37th district in the Virginia Senate, will talk about current transportation issues affecting all Virginians, especially those in Northern Virginia.

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LRI/OLLI Founder Kathryn Brooks



By Carol Henderson, E-News Contributing Writer

As OLLI heads toward its 25th anniversary next year, it seems appropriate to remember some of our early movers and shakers. Here's a piece about LRI/OLLI founder Kathryn Brooks.

Learning in Retirement Institute founder **Kathryn Brooks** was 85 when the Institute opened for classes in 1991. Eight years earlier, as chair of the education committee of the county Commission on Aging, she had been assigned the task of creating an education program for retired people.

By 1990 she had persuaded more than two dozen community leaders to back the Institute. She had also persuaded numerous state legislators to help convince an initially reluctant George Mason University to support it. She served as LRI's first president and taught several courses. She was honored by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in appreciation for her community and educational achievements and received the Golden Rule Award from J.C. Penney Co. for establishing LRI.



A 1991 *Golden Gazette* article noted that Kathryn swam a mile on her 85th birthday, something she had accomplished on each of her later birthdays. Perhaps that was one of the secrets of her amazing activism. Beverly George

remembers her quick wit and her strong feminism.

Another characteristic was her perseverance. She raised four children, went back to college in midlife, receiving both bachelor's and master's degrees from American University, started teaching high school in Arlington in her late fifties, learned to swim when she was 69 and, in support of the Equal Rights Amendment, swam a mile more than once and walked from Alexandria to Richmond.

Initially the location for LRI's first classes at Mason's Commerce II building was called the Kathryn Brooks Center. LRI moved to Tallwood, and in 2008 the Tallwood facility was named the Kathryn Brooks Education Center at Tallwood.

The first of a series of lectures honoring Kathryn was attended by one hundred people. Kathryn Brooks passed away the following year, 1996. Further information about Kathryn, including a video, is at <http://olli.gmu.edu/founder-kathryn-brooks-1906-1996/>.

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Fun Facts to Celebrate OLLI's 25th Anniversary



By Ray Beery, Member, Board of Directors

Founding member Audrey Markham-Sullivan reminds us that having the George Mason University president's wife (Joanne Johnson) teach a class on literature led to the university giving the Institute space at Tallwood.



OLLI will celebrate its 25th year of classes for seniors in 2016. We'll be publishing fun facts and interesting milestones about the Institute each week that OLLI E-News is published from now through the end of the fall term, 2016.

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Inside OLLI-Mason

OLLI Photography Club: Opportunities for Creativity and Learning



By Susan Van Hemel, E-News Contributing Writer and Photography Club Member



Do you like to take pictures? Have a new camera you're trying to figure out? The OLLI Photography Club is the place for you! The club has been active since at least 2007, according to Dan Feighery, the founder and current coordinator. We welcome any and all OLLI members with an interest in photography, from those wanting to take better snapshots to advanced hobbyist photographers.

The club meets twice a month at Tallwood. On the second Friday we have a meeting with a speaker, usually a noted photographer/ photography teacher from the DC metro area. Presentations range widely across photographic specialties and techniques, and many speakers offer opportunities to sign up for their classes, workshops, and field trips.

At these meetings we also vote to select a "Photo of the Month" from entries submitted by club members. The winning photos appear in OLLI E-News, and all entries can be viewed at our online gallery, <http://www.pbase.com/olliqumphoto/>.

On the third Friday of most months we arrange field trips by carpool from Tallwood to local sites that provide great photographic opportunities, like Washington, D.C., monuments and public buildings, the McKee-Beshers Wildlife Management Area (acres of sunflowers!), the Franciscan Monastery, and Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens. On the fourth Friday there is a technical meeting, where members gather to discuss technical issues, critique photos, and share problem-solving ideas.

Club members also have two photography exhibits at Tallwood each year (typically in the fall and winter terms), and have often provided illustrations for OLLI E-News articles. We invite you to view our fall 2015 exhibit, now hanging in the social room annex.

We encourage you to attend a meeting, meet our members, and hear an interesting presentation!



Photos by Susan Van Hemel, Sep 3, 2015

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Photo of the Month



We selected George Bradshaw's photo "Flower Power," 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 Dan Feighery, Photography Club Coordinator

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Chemo

How wonderful!

The profile of this
 Portrait by Jan van der Meer van Delft,
 Now seated across our breakfast table, is
 The woman I've loved for over sixty years:
 Transformed from that earlier art, now
 With a Dutch, close-fitting white cap, that
 Only wants one great, pearl earring
 To be just slightly more
 Than
 Immortally lovely.

Michael J. Mc Namara

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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 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

Sat, Sep 19, 8:00

Beethoven: "Coriolanus" Overture

Beethoven: Piano Concerto No.5 "Emperor"

-Alon Goldstein, piano

Beethoven: Symphony No. 5

Concert Hall

Admission: \$58, \$46, \$34.

Keyboard Conversations® with Jeffrey Siegel: Music of Joyous Celebration!

Sun, Sep 20, 7:00

Concert Hall

Admission: \$40, \$34, \$24.

An Evening with Bernadette Peters

Sat, Sep 26, 8:00

This performance is part of the ARTS by George! benefit.

Concert Hall

Admission: \$100, \$85, \$60.

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Mason Student & Faculty Performances

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

Megan Neal, Doctoral Flute Recital

Sat, Sep 19, 3:00

Harris Theatre

Admission: Free

Adam Rothenberg, Doctoral Composition Recital

Sat, Sep 19, 7:00

Harris Theatre

Admission: Free

Grand Piano Celebration

Sun, Sep 20, 3:00

Featuring Dr. Linda Apple Monson and Dr. Anna Balakerskaia, duo-pianists; Phil Snedecor, trumpet; and faculty and student colleagues.

Concert Hall

Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$15.

Brian Binder, Graduate Trumpet Recital

Sun, Sep 27, 4:00

deLaski 3001

Admission: Free

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At the Hylton Center

The Story of E.A.T. (Experiments in Art and Technology)

Aug 17 - Oct 4

Buchanan Partners Art Gallery

Buchanan Partners Art Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00 -

6:00, Thur., 10:00 - 8:00 and two hours before performances.

Gallery Reception: Thurs, Sept 17 from 6:00 to 8:00. RSVP to

jconnor8@gmu.edu.

Admission: Free.

The Midtown Men

Sat, Sep 19, 8:00

Featuring the original Broadway cast of the Jersey Boys.

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$54, \$46, \$32.

Kevin Johnson: ventriloquist

Sun, Sep 20, 2:00 and 4:00

Merchant Hall

Admission: Adults, \$15; children, \$5.

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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 Sep 19	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
	1:00 pm	Computer Club-TA-1
Tue Sep 22	10:00am	Knitting and Needlework Club-Panera, Herndon
Wed Sep 23	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
Fri Sep 25	9:00am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	10:00am	Classic Fiction Book Club-cascades Library
	10:00am	Craft and Conversation-Cottage
	11:00am	Classic Literature Club-TA-2
	11:00am	Homer, etc-ED office
	12:00pm	Photography Club (F)
	12:00pm	Religious Studies Club-N/A
1:00pm	Program Committee-TA-2	
Sat Sep 26	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Tue Sep 29	10:00am	Knitting and Needlework Club-Panera, Herndon
Wed Sep 30	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
	1:45pm	Spanish Club-N/A
Fri Oct 2	9:00am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	10:00am	Craft and Conversation-Cottage
	11:00am	Classic Literature Club-TA-2
	11:00am	Homer, etc-Annex

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