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Photos by Paul Van Hemel January 10, 2017

**Annex Art Club Members Bill Parsons and Mike Hilert Refine Personal Artworks, Tallwood, January 10**

## January 13, 2017

Editor of the Week: Paul Van Hemel

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### Alerts & Notices

- New Class Offering for Winter Term 2017: F658 "Family History Research and Analysis."** Tuesdays from 11:50–1:15pm, from Jan 17–Jan 24 (two sessions).
- If you did not receive a confirmation of your schedule yet, please contact the OLLI office: 703-503-3384 or [olli@gmu.edu](mailto:olli@gmu.edu).
- If you want to drop classes before term, please do so now by contacting the office. You can add classes by registering at the OLLI [member portal](#).

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### Computer Club

**3rd Saturday, January 21**  
**Audio for Everybody Using Audacity;**  
**Apps for Language Learning**



By [Paul Howard](#), **OPCUG Program Chair**

The Computer Club (OLLI Personal Computer User Group, or OPCUG) will meet with its partner, the Potomac Area Technology and Computer Society (PATACS), on Saturday, January 21 at Tallwood. Join us at 12:30 for soft drinks and socializing in the social room. Program activities begin at 1:00.

#### Audio for Everybody Presented by Tom Gutnick

If you have a computer, you have much of what you need for a recording studio. Want to know how to create a podcast, or convert your vinyl or cassette collection to digital? We'll start by looking at the fundamentals of digital audio, then we'll explain hardware (e.g., microphones), demystify MP3 files, and

finally show how you can use Audacity for audio editing. (Audacity, available for Windows, Linux, and MacOS, is free open-source software, widely used because of its rich feature set and relative ease of use.)

Tom Gutnick first learned about audio engineering at his college radio station, and now uses his computer-based home recording studio for projects such as producing radio advertising spots.

**Learn in 30: Apps for Language Learning Presented by Leti Labell**

Trying to learn a new language or regain the language you learned in high school? Perhaps you're just trying to remain fluent in a language you've already learned. Of the hundreds of apps for your smartphone or tablet to help with your language training, how can you tell which are useful, and which are a waste of time? Leti will discuss a variety of language apps, giving the pros and cons, and comparing the features. She will also demonstrate her favorite apps.

Leti Labell is an OLLI member and PATACS member with a lifelong love of computers. She is currently learning to speak Italian, using many iPhone apps as well as a variety of other methods.

**See full details on this meeting by [clicking here](#).** For information on the computer club, see the [OPCUG website](#). OPCUG dues of \$5 for 2017 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/916975581> (Zoom Meeting ID: 916 975 581).

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**Don Your Don Ho!**

Put on your Hawaiian shirt and join us for our Ice Cream Social and Hawaiian Luau on Friday, February 10, from 1:00-3:00 in TA-1. (The snow date is Friday, February 24, same time and place.) We'll have ice cream, fresh pineapple, and lots of surprises!

OLLI's annual talent show will be held during this party, and we're looking for new acts (no repeats from



the 2012-2015 shows, please). Hawaii-themed acts are preferred, but not required. If you'd like to be part of the show, please email our MC, Manny Pablo, at [fredpablo@cox.net](mailto:fredpablo@cox.net) with a description of your act.



We'll also debut a new Hawaii bingo quiz game created just for this occasion. This is your chance to show off your knowledge of trivia related to our 50th state, and to win an unusual Hawaiian prize. Space is limited, so please sign up at the OLLI [member portal](#) for event #1102.

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**Recycle Your Prescription Bottles at OLLI!**



*By Martha Powers, OLLI Vice President*

During the first three weeks of the winter term (Jan 17-Feb 3), Member Services is going to be offering a prescription-bottle recycling program. Please bring your empty bottles (must have caps), preferably with the labels removed (most peel off easily). Large or small, with caps (either child-resistant or not) —all are welcome. You can deposit your donations in the box provided in the social room, on the desk next to the front door.

The bottles will be collected regularly by Member Services Committee volunteer Ginge Sivigny, who is the mastermind behind our new recycling project. She'll be taking the bottles to Burke Presbyterian Church, which is donating them to Matthew 25 Ministries ([www.M25M.org](http://www.M25M.org)). This worthy charity (accredited by the BBB and favorably reviewed by Charity Navigator) will ship the bottles to needy countries or recycle them in the US.

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**Poet's Corner**

*Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop*

**Ka-Bunk Tick**

Ka-BUNK tick, ka-BUNK tick  
 The steady rhythmic whacking  
 Of objects in the dishwasher  
 Whose steadiness is lacking.

Ka-BUNK tick, ka-BUNK tick  
 I open the contraption  
 To find the two offending plates  
 And move them out of action.

Ka-TICK wock, ka-TICK wock  
 My sanity is waning  
 I cannot write a poem today  
 That's what these words are 'splaining.

*Martha E. Powers*

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**Arts & Music at George Mason**  
 Performances, Jan 13 through Jan 23



*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**

**Aquila Theatre: *Murder on the Nile***

Sun, Jan 22, 4:00  
 Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company.  
 Concert Hall  
 Admission: \$44, \$37, \$26.

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**Mason Student & 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)**

**Four Seasons Active Adult Community Exhibition: *Visual Expressions***

Dec 12 - Jan 29, 2017  
 Buchanan Partners Art Gallery  
 The 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 Etcetera School of the Arts: *36th Annual Winter Concert***

Sat, Jan 14, 2017 at 7:00  
 Gregory Family Theater  
 Admission: \$20.

**Center for the Arts Pied Piper Theatre's: *Disney's Mulan, Jr.***

Sat, Jan 14, 2:00 and 7:00  
 Sun, Jan 15, 3:00  
 Merchant Hall  
 Admission: Adults \$20; children, \$15.

**Aquila Theatre: *Murder on the Nile***

Sat, Jan 21, 8:00  
 Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company.  
 Merchant Hall  
 Admission: \$44, \$37, \$26.

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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 Jan 14	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Wed Jan 18	1:30pm	Mah Jongg Club-TA-2
	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
Thu Jan 19	2:15pm	Reston Book Club-Rm 117 UCP
Fri Jan 20	9:30am	Craft and Conversation Group-Annex
	11:00am 1:00pm	Homer, etc.-Annex Dr. Who Club-TA-3
Sat Jan 21	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
	1:00pm	Computer Club-TA-1
Wed Jan 25	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
	1:45pm	Spanish Club-TA-2
Fri Jan 27	9:15am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation-Annex
	10:00am	<b>Board of Directors Meeting-TA-1</b>
	11:00am	Classic Literature Club-TA-2
	11:00am 12:00pm	Homer, etc.-Annex Photography Club-TA-3

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## About OLLI E-News

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**Submissions.** Members are encouraged to submit letters to the editor, letters to Ms. Ollie Ettakit (on etiquette matters), OLLI-related news items, articles and photos. Submit material to: [ollinewseditor@gmail.com](mailto:ollinewseditor@gmail.com).

**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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