

[Print a condensed .pdf](#) copy of this newsletter, two web pages per sheet of paper.



[Website](#) [What's New](#) [Catalog](#) [DocStore](#) [Facebook](#) [Officials](#) [Member Portal](#) [Contact Us](#)



Flowers and plants, some shown here, were in focus recently when the OLLI Photo Club's monthly trip destination was the U.S. Botanic Garden. The Photo Club meets the second Friday of each month with a field trip the following third Friday. All OLLI members are welcome. Photos by trip participants.

**March 17, 2017**

Editor of the Week: Jean Boltz



## Table of Contents

- [Alerts & Notices](#)
- [Congratulations, Winter Program Stars](#)
- [OLLI Members: Be a Candidate for the Board of Directors](#)
- [Volunteer for the Dirty Knee Club](#)
- [Aufmerksamkeit!](#)

- [Spread the Word About OLLI!](#)
- [Photo of the Month](#)
- [Poet's Corner](#)
- [Arts & Music at George Mason](#)
- [Meetings & Clubs](#)
- [About OLLI E-News](#)

## Alerts & Notices

- Reminder: Computer Club meeting Saturday, March 18, at Tallwood; click [here](#) for details.
- Spring term begins Monday, March 20, and ends Friday, May 12.
- New member coffee, Friday, March 24, in TA-1 at Tallwood, 10:00. Register for Event 1105.

[Back to Top of Page](#)

## Congratulations, Winter Program Stars



By Ray Beery, President

Please join me in thanking these 58 members who taught and facilitated courses last term. I am proud to add their names to the President's List for Volunteer Appreciation.

**Don Allen, Melvin Axilbund, Michelle Blandburg, Jan Bohall, James Boyter, Leo Brennan, Ann Campbell, Karen Carter, Dorsey Chescavage, Caroline Cochran, Lou Coglianesse, Roxanne Cramer, John Dalby, Jan Dewire, Patrick Diehl, Dan Feighery, Emmett Fenlon, Pamela Garcia, Conrad Geller, Ligia Glass, Ben Gold, Sheila Gold, Steven Goldman, Suzanne Goldstein, Stephen Greenhouse, Susann Hamilton, Elizabeth Hammer, Carol Henderson, David Heymsfeld, Johnnie Hicks, Edward Janusz, Fred Kaiser, Richard Kennedy, Mirtha King, Jean Klaus, Beth Lambert, Alana Lukes, Mike McNamara, Jeff Milstein, Katie Mitchell, Michael Nephew, William Parsons, Martha Powers, Jeff Rosendhal, Nancy Scheeler, Stan Schretter, Karen Singer, Marvin Singer, Alvin Smuzynski, Russell Stone, Joel Ticknor, Joelle Torreele,**

Mark Weinstein, Catherine Weir, Kathie West, Barbara Wilan, Richard Wilan, Elisabeth Wolpert.

[Back to Top of Page](#)

## OLLI Members: Be a Candidate for the Board of Directors



*By Terri Feldmayer, Chair, Nominating Committee*

Have you enjoyed some amazing classes? Have you had a chance to meet new people in the various clubs and activities? Have you enjoyed coffee and cookies just about everywhere? If so, sounds like you are a fan of OLLI.

Do you think outside the box? Do you have a head for figures? Do you love public relations and working with the public and GMU administration? Do you want to use your professional or personal skills to impact a terrific organization? Then you may consider becoming a candidate for the 2017 OLLI Board of Directors election.



The Board elections will be held May 5-19. Candidates for open positions must be identified this month (March) so they can become known to the membership in April. If you are interested in being a candidate for this year's Board of Directors election, please contact me, and I will be delighted to answer any questions you may have. Contact: Terri Feldmayer, 793-725-9627, or via email at [Tfeldmayer@gmail.com](mailto:Tfeldmayer@gmail.com).

OLLI' has grown dramatically over the last several years. Your contribution can help us meet the exciting new challenges and opportunities this growth presents. Remember...it's YOUR OLLI!

[Back to Top of Page](#)

## Volunteer for the Dirty Knee Club



*By Evan Douple, Member, Dirty Knee Club*

Do you enjoy gardening? Would you like to learn more about pruning, watering, feeding, and the overall care of trees and plants? Would you like to learn which plants thrive in certain soils or in our Virginia climate zone? Or would you like to just get outdoors more often and volunteer for OLLI while getting some healthy exercise?

If your answer is yes to any of the above, you might want to consider joining the OLLI Landscaping Committee, fondly referred to as the Dirty Knee Club, or the DKC. If you found yourself admiring some of the nine named gardens and some of the colorful and interesting trees and shrubs on the Tallwood campus, then you were



observing the results of the efforts of about 15 DKC members. Working as a team, they all come together to address landscaping issues on a few work days called call-ups, primarily in the spring and fall. During the summer, DKC members partner in pairs to form a team to water, weed, and maintain the gardens during the growing season. Each two-member team is assigned one week about every five weeks. The next call-up will be in April.

To see a book on the history and horticultural magic of the DKC, click [this link](#).

If interested, contact coordinators Sigrid Carlson ([bigsig@cox.net](mailto:bigsig@cox.net)) or Sally Berman ([skberman77@gmail.com](mailto:skberman77@gmail.com)) for more information. And remember, gardening expertise is not required (however, you will gain some), but willingness to get a dirty knee is!

[Back to Top of Page](#)

## Aufmerksamkeit!



**By Michael Kastle, Member, Loudoun Program Planning Group**

If you have not noticed, there is a German theme to some of the classes at Loudoun this semester, and this will be continued in the Summer Semester. Lederhosen and dirndls are optional. Please look for these classes:

- L115 German Romanticism in Art
- L425 Movies with a German Accent
- L428 German Expressionism in Film
- 959 Charlemagne
- 970 Life is a You-Know-What, Ol' Chum: Come and See Cabaret
- 978 Lunch at Euro Bistro Restaurant
- 1102 Kaffe and Kuchen—Köstlich!

[Back to Top of Page](#)

## Spread the Word About OLLI!



**By Dave Ryan, Outreach Committee Chair**

To revive an old ad slogan, "Reach out and touch someone!"

The 2016 member survey showed that most want OLLI to grow. Advertisements, open houses, and newspaper stories are important, but OLLI members are the organization's best communicators. "Friends telling friends" is vital, with members personally recruiting friends and acquaintances by showing them the rewards of OLLI.

The OLLI Board is dedicating itself to helping members with personal recruitment efforts in the following ways:

-- **Stocking OLLI classrooms and offices with OLLI business cards, brochures, catalogs, and other informative materials.** Many OLLI members

have found it convenient to carry business cards in their wallets and purses, always at the ready when a conversation about OLLI arises. I also keep in my car a couple of course catalogs, the best public relations tool we have. Whether the catalogs are up to date or not, people can't believe that a relatively small nonprofit can offer such a large and diverse program.

-- **Encouraging members to invite non-members to sample a class or event.**

We have a long-standing policy allowing nonmembers to sample two classes for free. Just check beforehand with the Tallwood office (703-503-3384 or [olli@gmu.edu](mailto:olli@gmu.edu)) to make sure there's space.

-- **Encouraging members to submit articles to their homeowner-association newsletters expressing what OLLI means to them.** The Outreach Committee

has a generic article that you can customize for your local situation. For a copy of the "Outreach Letter for Members' HOAs," go to "forms and other docs" under "Docstore" on the OLLI website ([olli.gmu.edu](http://olli.gmu.edu)) or click the following link: [Forms & Other Docs](#). For more information, please contact Dave Ryan at [dryan6@gmu.edu](mailto:dryan6@gmu.edu) or phone 703-593-1008.

[Back to Top of Page](#)

## Photo of the Month



The March 2017 Photo-of-the-Month theme was Cityscapes. We selected **Carolyn Kazemi's** photo "Reflections," which may also be viewed at [this page](#). To view other photos by members of the Photography Club, visit the club's photo [website](#).

-- Submitted by **Angela Talaber, Photography Club Coordinator**

[Back to Top of Page](#)

---

## Poet's Corner

*Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop*

### The Sleeping Garden Awakes

Far below the cold hard earth  
 The tiny seed sleeps soundly.  
 It waits its turn, not ready to wake  
 The sun above shines softly.

Slowly, the sun warms the air  
 The air then warms the earth.

New life begins where there seemed none  
 The hard crust crumbles and softens.

The warmth begins to reach down deeper  
 Wake up all tiny creatures!  
 It's time to turn the hard earth soft  
 To help the infant sleepers.

Wake up! Wake up! It's time to grow  
 Reach up to find the sunshine.  
 From small hard seed to tiny green shoots  
 The new plant breaks the surface.

It's not alone, but one of many.  
 Who knew there were such numbers.  
 But not the same, each one unique  
 In size and shape and color.

We're here! The happy flowers shout,  
 We're tall and short with many hues,  
 Our faces true to who we are.  
 The lovely garden, our happy home.

Gail Zander

[Back to Top of Page](#)

---

## Arts & Music at George Mason



**Performances, Mar 17 through Mar 27**

**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**

**Danú: St. Patrick's Day Celebration**

Fri, Mar 17, 8:00  
 Pre-performance discussion: Benny McCarthy, an original member of Danú.  
 Concert Hall  
 Admission: \$50, \$43, \$30.

**Tu Bhi Nachle 2017: Indian Classical and Fusion Dance Competition**

Sat, Mar 18, 6:00  
 Harris Theatre  
 Admission: \$20.

**Russian National Ballet Theatre: Chopiniana and Carmen**

Sat, Mar 18, 8:00  
 Pre-performance discussion: Alexander Daev, company ballet master.  
 Concert Hall  
 Admission: \$56, \$48, \$34.

**Russian National Ballet Theatre: The Sleeping Beauty**

Sun, Mar 19, 4:00  
 Pre-performance discussion: Alexander Daev, company ballet master.  
 Concert Hall  
 Admission: \$56, \$48, \$34.

**Korean Art Songs Concert**

Sun, Mar 19, 5:00  
 Harris Theatre  
 Admission: \$20.

**Virginia Opera: Turandot**

Sat, Mar 25, 8:00  
 Sun, Mar 26, 2:00  
 Pre-performance discussion: Glenn Winters, Dr. Opera.  
 Concert Hall  
 Admission: \$110, \$90, \$54.

[Back to Top of Page](#)

**Mason Student & Faculty Performances**

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

**Mason Symphony Orchestra & Virginia Chamber Orchestra**

Wed, Mar 22, 8:00  
 Concert Hall  
 Admission: Adults, \$12; seniors, \$8.

**Faculty Artist Series: Dr. Amy Horn**

Sat, Mar 25, 3:00  
 Harris Theatre  
 Admission: Free.

**Faculty Artist Series: John Kilkenny**

Sun, Mar 26, 3:00  
 Harris Theatre  
 Admission: Free.

[Back to Top of Page](#)

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

**Gallery Exhibit: Betty Ganley: Petals and Reflections**

Mar 7 - Apr 15  
 The Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00 - 6:00, Thu, 10:00 - 8:00  
 and two hours before performances.  
 Buchanan Partners Art Gallery  
 Admission: Free.

**Russian National Ballet Theatre: Giselle**

Fri, Mar 17, 8:00  
 Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company.  
 Merchant Hall  
 Admission: \$56, \$48, \$34.

**Prince William Little Theatre: Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike**

Fri, Mar 17, and Sat, Mar 18, 8:00  
 Sun, Mar 19, 2:00  
 Fri, Mar 24, and Sat, Mar 25, 8:00  
 Sun, Mar 26, 2:00

Gregory Family Theater  
Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$17.

**Manassas Chorale: *Voices United: Honor and Majesty***

Sat, Mar 18, 7:30  
Merchant Hall  
Admission: \$20, \$18.

**The Jason Bishop Show: *Magic***

Sat, Mar 25, 8:00  
Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company.  
Merchant Hall  
Admission: \$48, \$41, \$29.

**Piedmont Symphony Orchestra: *Beethoven's 9th***

Sun, Mar 26, 3:00  
Merchant Hall  
Admission: \$50, \$40, \$30.

[Back to Top of Page](#)

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

[Back to Top of Page](#)

## 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 Mar 18	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
	1:00pm	Computer Club-TA-1
Wed Mar 22	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
Thu Mar 23	2:15pm	Reston Book Club-UCP
Fri Mar 24	9:15am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation-Annex
	11:00am	Classic Literature Club-TA-2
	11:00am	Homer, etc.-Annex
Fri Mar 24	12:00pm	Photography Club-TA-3
	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Sat Mar 26	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Wed Mar 30	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
	9:15am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
Fri Mar 31	9:30am	Craft and Conversation-Annex
	10:00am	<b>Reston Program Planning Committee -Hunter Woods Rm. 1</b>
	10:00am	Theater Lovers Club-TA-1
	11:00am	Classic Literature Club-TA-2
	1:00pm	<b>Art &amp; Literature Program Planning Group -TA-1</b>

[Back to Top of Page](#)

## About OLLI E-News

OLLI E-News was created by Rod Zumbro, who served as its editor from 2005 to 2013.

### Editorial Staff

Chief Editor: Paul Van Hemel

Technical Editor: Irene Osterman

Associate Editor: Sheri Siesseger

Weekly Editorial Team: Jean Boltz, John Nash, Sheri Siesseger, Leslie Vandivere, Paul Van Hemel

Proofreaders: Rebecca Jann, Lorna Moran, Susan Van Hemel, Polly Johnsen

Backup Chief Editor: Alice Slayton Clark

**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.

[Back to Top of Page](#)

---