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Photos by Emily Clarke, May 12, 2017

OLLI Event: Trip to Cold War Museum, Vint Hill Winery, and Old Bust Head Brewery, May 12

May 26, 2017

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Alerts & Notices

- Volunteers are needed for the OLLI booth at Celebrate Fairfax! festival: Available times are Friday, June 9, 6 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, June 10, 10 a.m. to midnight; and Sunday, June 11, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Contact [Dave Ryan](#); for details, click [here](#).
- The OLLI office will be closed May 29 for the Memorial Day holiday.
- All OLLI members are welcome at the meeting of the Board of Directors on Friday, June 2, 10 a.m., in TA-1 at Tallwood.

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OLLI Board says GRAZIE to Our Wonderful Staff



By Martha Powers, Vice President

On May 12, the OLLI Board of Directors gave a thank-you lunch to our dedicated and amazing staffers. Following Michelle Blandburg's inspired theme of "That's Amore!," we enjoyed pizza, gorgeous fresh salads (made by Board members), and unbelievably sumptuous desserts (courtesy of Katheen Pablo). Manny Pablo appeared as Dean Martin; Bill Taylor and Michelle Blandburg oversaw an Italian trivia bingo game; and the group enjoyed videos about Sophia Loren, Lady and the Tramp, and spaghetti growing on trees. Each staff member received a personalized goodie bag as a take-home gift.



Photos by Stan Schretter, May 12, 2017

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Ask Uncle Olli



By Uncle Olli, Etiquette Consultant, Driving Consultant, and everything in between

Uncle Olli has lived long enough that people often ask him various questions, including ones in the matter of etiquette. He is approachable (to take nothing away from Miss Ollie Ettakit) and welcomes your queries: ask Uncle Olli at ollinewseditor@gmail.com. He is embarrassed by nothing!

Question: You're going to answer me whether I ask or not, aren't you? OK, then. What's the third Golden Rule of OLLI?

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Uncle Olli: Glad you asked: Clean up and put your trash in the trash can. You learned this in Kindergarten (didn't you?). Mother is having tea in the Social Room. Pick up your cup, grab a cookie, and join her.

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OLLI Latin Class on Ancient Medicine



By Alana Lukes, Instructor

At the Latin II class meeting on May 11 in the social room annex at Tallwood, OLLI member Rita Way delivered a presentation on ancient medicine, especially during Greek and Roman times. The class had just finished a unit on the practice of medicine in Alexandria, Egypt, during Roman times. The picture, taken by OLLI member and class participant Meta Martin, shows Rita and me, class instructor Alana Lukes.



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Photo of the Month



The May 2017 Photo of the Month theme was "Something you see every day." We selected David Gundry's photo "Light from Below," 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

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Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Cleaning House

Thrilled at last to be retired
and never, ever be required
to wear a business suit or rise
at six a.m. to darkened skies.

I said good-bye to piles of clothes
and threw away confining hose
slacks and shirts, scarves and tops
I gave to thrifts and homeless shops.

When the month-long job was done
I felt my new life had begun
and viewed my closet with delight
like stealing daylight from the night
so clean and bright, so sparse and spare
for hipper styles I'll dare to wear.

But looking at the highest shelf,
I suddenly felt not myself
Bewildered why I didn't choose
To rid my life of all those shoes –
I counted more than 30 pairs
Of high heels worn to fine affairs.

A memory from years gone by
seductive sight, I can't deny
in four-inch heels and mini skirt
walking tall, no ache or hurt.

My mood went through a downward shift
I must confess I felt adrift
lost in thoughts of younger me
and times that could no longer be.

I shook myself – what a fool!
determinedly I grabbed a stool
cleared dusty boxes, one by one
while pond'ring all the things I'd done
until the vexing shoes were cast
into the garbage bags, tied fast.

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Except a lovely bridal pair
stored with a dress I'll never wear.

--by Mary Saily

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Arts & Music at George Mason



Performances, May 26 through June 12

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

United Hands: *dancing piano*

Fri, May 26, 7:00
Harris Theatre
Admission: \$20.

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Mason Student & Faculty Performances

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

No performances scheduled.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Gallery Exhibit: *Gilbert and Sullivan Memorabilia*

Apr 18–May 27

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/qands>.

Buchanan Partners Art Gallery

Admission: Free.

Manassas Ballet Theatre: *Romeo and Juliet*

Fri, May 19, and Sat, May 20, 7:30

Sun, May 21, 3:00

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$65, \$55, \$45, \$35, \$25.

Old Bridge Chamber Orchestra: *American Symphonic Masterpieces*

Sat, May 27, 7:30

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$20.

Academy of Russian Ballet

Sun, May 28, 3:00

Merchant Hall

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

Manassas Chorale: *Earth, Sea, and Sky*

Fri, Jun 2, 7:30

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$20, \$18.

Gainesville Ballet School: *Spring Recital*

Sat, Jun 3, 3:00

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$20.

Dance 4 U: *Spring Dance Recital*

Sat, Jun 3, 7:00

Gregory Family Theater

Admission: Adults, \$15; seniors, \$12.

Axial Dance: Under the Big Top

Sun, Jun 4, 1:30
 Gregory Family Theater
 Admission: \$10.

Boyle School of Irish Dance: Spring Recital

Sun, Jun 4, 6:00
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: \$12.

Gallery Exhibit: Sacred Feminine

Jun 6–Jul 15
 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 Reception: Thu, Jun 15, 6:00–8:00. Wines by Fabblioli Cellars. Gallery Receptions are free and open to the public, but an RSVP is required. RSVP to spavia@gmu.edu.
 Buchanan Partners Art Gallery
 Admission: Free.

National Poetry Contest Reading: Heroes' Voices

Wed, Jun 7, 7:30
 Gregory Family Theater
 Admission: Free.

PowerWorx Dance: Power of Dance

Sun, Jun 11, 6:30
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: \$15.

Dance, Etc.: Spring Concert

Sat, Jun 17, 1:00 and 7:00
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: \$20.

Virginia Dance Center: Dancing in Neverland

Sun, Jun 18, 12:00 and 4:30
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: \$18.

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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 May 27	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
Tue May 30	9:30am	Annex Art–Annex
Wed May 31	10:00am	Bridge Club–TA-3
	10:00am 10:30am	Social Events Committee–Annex Tom Crooker Investment Forum–TA-1
Fri Jun 2	9:15am	Recorder Consort–TA-3
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation–Annex
	10:00am	Board of Directors Meeting–TA-1
	11:00am 1:00pm	Homer, etc.–Annex Dr. Who Club–TA-1
Sat Jun 3	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
Mon Jun 5	10:00am	What's in the Daily News, cont'd.–TA-1
	10:00am	Mah Jongg Club–Annex
Tue Jun 6	9:30am	Annex Art–Annex
Wed Jun 7	10:00am	Bridge Club–TA-3
	10:30am	Tom Crooker Investment Forum–TA-1
Thu Jun 8	10:00am	Loudoun Program Planning–Suite 130 Rm. 101
Fri Jun 9	9:15am	Recorder Consort–TA-3
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation–Annex
	9:30am	Photography Club–TA-1
	11:00am	Homer, etc. –Annex

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ollienewseditor@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.

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