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Photos by Stephanie Trachtenberg, October 4, 2017

*Suigetsu Matsumoto, Certified Calligraphy Instructor, Leads Class During OLLI Course on Aspects of Japanese Culture and Society, October 4*

## October 13, 2017

**Editor of the Week: Leslie Vandivere**

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## Alerts & Notices

- Board of Directors Meeting, Friday, October 20, 10:00–Noon, Rose Gallery, Reston Community Center Lake Anne. All OLLI Members Welcome.
- Reston Chili Cook-Off, Friday, October 20, 12:30–2:30, Rose Gallery, Reston Community Center Lake Anne; "State of the Commonwealth" Address by Delegate Ken Plum. Register for Special Event 1105.

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## OLLI Players Perform Vaudeville Show



*By Kathie West, Loudoun Coordinator and OLLI Players Member*

The OLLI Players have completed their 50th performance with a rousing vaudeville show called "Young at Heart." We performed at OLLI, but our last performance was at Paul Springs retirement center. As usual, with people our age, some were unavailable, but we mustered on with substitute thespians. It was a rousing success, with a wonderful group of



residents and even the kitchen help attending! We even talked with a man who worked for Bernard Osher's father; what a small world! We have gained and lost members as we have gone on, but we are still enjoying the performances and the people that we meet. As you can see, we have no inhibitions and we love it.



Photos by Stephanie Trachtenberg, October 2017

Our next performance will be at Bull Run Library on October 26. We are working on a play called "These are the Daze of our Lives." It was written by OLLI gals and was performed at George Mason about seven years ago. We have added to it and changed it a bit, but it is still great.

By coincidence, a former OLLI president, Charles Duggan, is directing it at Ashby Ponds. We do have fun and want to keep you updated on our journey.

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## Enhance Your OLLI Experience! Join the Special Events Committee!



By **Rita Way**, *Special Events Committee Chair*

OLLI's fall term is in full swing and by now you have had a taste of the wonderful courses and programs offered to the membership.

Want to experience another wonderful dimension of our organization? Become a Special Events Committee member and see how we "tick." Help plan and coordinate

the wonderful one-time lectures and trips you all enjoy, and get a first-hand look at upcoming classes. It just takes a few hours of your time each month and, if you are new to OLLI, this is a wonderful opportunity to meet more members and staff.

If interested in joining, or for more details, please contact [ritaway27@gmail.com](mailto:ritaway27@gmail.com)

We hope to welcome you with open arms at our next committee meeting in January 2018.



Photo by Stephanie Trachtenberg

Photo by Lou Mazalenski

Photo by John Adams

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## The Tom Swift Squad Needs You!

*Interested in technology? Learn with us!*



By **Paul Howard**, *Audiovisual Support Committee Chair*

OLLI's Audiovisual Support Committee (a.k.a. The Tom Swift Squad) seeks additional volunteers to help ensure the smooth employment of OLLI's audiovisual resources. Our primary mission is to help instructors, liaisons, and staff with any audiovisual issues that might arise during the classes we attend.

**We'll be meeting at 2:00 on Wednesday, October 18, in TA-1.** Our activities for this meeting will include training on OLLI's AV equipment used in classrooms and remote locations. We'll be discussing future equipment arrangements and reviewing our materials for volunteer and staff training.

**Please let me know if you're planning to attend** or would like to become a "Swiftie" even if you can't attend this meeting. Contact me by [email](#) (preferred) or

phone (703-860-9246).

For more information on the Audiovisual Support Committee, see its [web page](#).

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## Ms. Ollie Ettakit



*Answers to your pressing questions about OLLI etiquette*

**By Ms. Ollie Ettakit,  
OLLI E-News Manners Expert**

Ms. Ollie Ettakit,

In regard to dropping a class, it would be wonderful if the registration software allowed one to drop a class after the registration period has ended.

Mark Grimley

*Dear Mr. Grimley,*

*Ms. Ettakit is grateful for your helpful suggestion. The current version of the registration software does not, as you know, include that capability, but it will be considered as an addition the next time the software is upgraded. In the meantime, you can electronically drop a course by means of a brief email to the OLLI registrar, Shannon Morrow ([ollireq@gmu.edu](mailto:ollireq@gmu.edu)), although it requires perhaps a bit more effort to specify the course you wish to drop than, for example, a simple selection of a checkbox to drop it. You can instead, of course, stop in the office to request the drop. Thank you.*

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## Computer Club



**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, October 21, at Tallwood. Join us at 12:30 for socializing in the Annex. Program activities begin at 1:00 in TA-1.

### **Technology and Your Library: What Is and What's on the Way**

Fairfax County Public Library Technology Director Margaret Kositch and FCPL Internet Architect Steve Walker will present an overview of current and future technology at the public library. Topics include:

1. Online resources that you can get from your PC, tablet, or smartphone.
2. Technology that empowers 200K unique library customers a month.
3. Niche technology services offered at branch locations and offsite venues.
4. Behind-the-scenes technologies that help library staff get things done.
5. On the horizon: new catalog system with features such as the ability to receive texts about your holds, and an easier way to recommend purchases; online training; and circulating laptops and hotspots.

Margaret Kositch, a northern Virginia native, has degrees from the University of Virginia and the University of California at Berkeley. She has been at Fairfax County Public Library since 2006.

Steve Walker, a native of Ontario, Canada, has lived in Fairfax County since 1988. His technology career and interests cover PC building/network configuration, graphic design, and web design, development, and publishing.

### **Learn in 30: Microsoft's Edge Browser – Leti Labell**

Edge is the web browser included in Windows 10, replacing Internet Explorer as the default web browser. This lecture is an overview of the capabilities of Edge, and a tutorial on how to use the various functions. You may have your own "favorite" browser, but here's your chance to learn about an alternative.

Leti Labell is an OLLI and PATACS member with a lifelong love of computers. She has an MS in computer science, and is a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP).

**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, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/952305326> (meeting ID: 952 305 326).

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## Poet's Corner

*Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop*

### 0500

At the airport the first redeyes and transatlantic flights are on glide paths to landing. TSA and Customs agents eagerly anticipate shift change. Food vendors replace chairs, wipe tables and counters, brew American coffee, stir oatmeal, fry bacon and sausage in preparation for an onslaught of customers hungry for breakfast. Floor polishers swing their last arcs on gleaming concourses.

Across the neighborhood fences, toilets flush, water streams as early bird commuters begin another day. Microwaves and toasters are pressed into service. Fridge doors slam. Engines are cranked. Sedans and SUVs head for the main arteries.

Outside backyard squirrels unfurl their bushy tails, scratch their fleas. Chipmunks stretch and yawn. Birds untuck their heads, flitter, take note of the weather. Our resident cardinal loudly, persistently outcalls all his rivals.

In my bedroom retired people check the time, mumble good morning, adjust their positions, plump their pillows and go back to sleep until the lawn care workers arrive.

Carolyn F. Wyatt

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## Arts & Music at George Mason



**Performances, Oct 13 through Oct 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

#### **Pilobolus: *Shadowland***

Fri, Oct 13, 8:00  
Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company  
Concert Hall  
Admission: \$48, \$41, \$29.

#### **Tango Buenos Aires: *The Spirit of Argentina***

Sat, Oct 14, 8:00  
Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company  
Concert Hall  
Admission: \$50, \$43, \$30.

#### **Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: *Night of the Musical Tsars***

Sat, Oct 21, 8:00  
Concert Hall  
Admission: \$65, \$53, \$39.

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### Mason Student & Faculty Performances

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

#### **Faculty Artist Showcase**

Sun, Oct 15, 3:00  
Harris Theatre  
Admission: free.

**Mason Wind Symphony with Fairfax Wind Symphony**

Mon, Oct 16, 8:00  
 Concert Hall  
 Admission: Adults, \$12; seniors, \$8.

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

**Gallery Exhibit: Iconographic Visions, Works by Julia Dzikiewicz and Michael Fischerkeller**

Continues through Oct 21  
 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>.  
 Buchanan Partners Art Gallery.

**Mason Fringe: Dead Man's Cell Phone**

Thu, Oct 12 and Sat, Oct 14, 8:00  
 Gregory Family Theater  
 Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$10.

**Mason Fringe: 1984**

Fri, Oct 13, 8:00 and Sat, Oct 14, 2:00  
 Gregory Family Theater  
 Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$10.

**Tango Buenos Aires: The Spirit of Argentina**

Fri, Oct 13, 8:00  
 Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company  
 Merchant Hall  
 Admission: \$50, \$43, \$30.

**Manassas Chorale: A Hylton Home Companion II**

Sat, Oct 14, 7:30  
 Merchant Hall  
 Admission: \$20, \$18.

**Keyboard Conversations® with Jeffrey Siegel: The Longevity of the Short Piece!**

Sun, Oct 15, 2:00

An interactive Q&A will conclude this program.  
 Merchant Hall  
 Admission: \$42, \$36, \$25.

**Manassas Ballet Theatre: The Legend Of Sleepy Hollow**

Fri, Oct 20, 2017 and Sat, Oct 21, 7:30  
 Sun, Oct 22, 3:00  
 Merchant Hall  
 Admission: \$65, \$55, \$45, \$35, \$25.

**Prince William Little Theatre: The Diary of Anne Frank**

Fri, Oct 20, 2017 and Sat, Oct 21, 8:00  
 Sun, Oct 22, 2:00  
 Fri, Oct 27, 2017 and Sat, Oct 28, 8:00  
 Sun, Oct 29, 2:00  
 Gregory Family Theater  
 Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$17.

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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 Oct 14	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Wed Oct 18		

	1:30pm	Mah Jongg Club-TA-2
	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
	2:00pm	<b>A/V Committee Meeting-TA-1</b>
Thu Oct 19	2:15pm	Reston Book Club-UCP
Fri Oct 20	9:15am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation-Annex
	10:00am	<b>Board of Directors-Reston Rose Gallery</b>
	11:00am	Classic Literature Club-TA-2
	11:00am	Homer, etc.-Annex
	1:00pm	Dr. Who Club-TA-3
	1:00pm	Chess Club-Annex
Sat Oct 21	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
	1:00pm	Computer Club-TA-1
Wed Oct 25	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
	1:45pm	Spanish Club-TA-2
Fri Oct 27	9:15am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation-Annex
	10:00am	Theater Lovers' Club-TA-1
	11:00am	Classic Literature Club-TA-2
	11:00am	Homer, etc.-Annex
	12:00pm	Photography Club-TA-3
	1:00pm	Chess Club-Annex

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## About OLLI E-News

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

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(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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