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Photos by John Acton, October 13, 2017

*Twenty-six Members on a Winery Trip in Loudoun County, October 13;
After Lunch at the Grandale Vintner's Table Restaurant, a Bus
Breakdown Left Them Walking (Uphill!) the Last Mile*

November 3, 2017

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Alerts & Notices

Members are encouraged to bring a guest to the OLLI Annual Veterans Day Celebration. The event takes place Friday, November 10, 1:00-2:30 in TA-1. The film *Fly Girls*, the story of female pilots during WWII, will be featured. Register for special event 989.

Reminder: Chances to win the OLLI membership raffle sponsored by the Friends of OLLI will be sold now through December 1. Look for members of the Development Committee selling tickets at OLLI classes and events. Ticket prices are one for \$5, three for \$10, and seven for \$20.

Program planning for the summer 2018 term will soon be underway. Please be thinking about course ideas, and watch next week's *E-News* for more details.

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Be an Ambassador for OLLI



By Jennifer Disano, Executive Director

Do you know the most frequently-cited source of information that leads people to become members of OLLI? You may not be surprised that it is other members who want to share their enjoyment of the OLLI experience.

We encourage you to let your friends and acquaintances know about the types of OLLI classes and events that you find engaging, and about how much you appreciate your interaction with other members in volunteering or other

activities. You can help our membership grow and sustain the OLLI programs that you find stimulating.

An important part of your reaching out to your contacts is to give them something printed to tell them about OLLI and remind them of the opportunity. Specifically, you can pick up OLLI business cards and brochures, in classrooms, social areas, or the office. We try to keep these supplies available for you, but if you find they need replenishing, please let us know.

While you are picking up cards or brochures, you might want to take several. A great way to spread the word about OLLI is to ask, when you visit a doctor or dentist, if you might leave some cards and brochures in the waiting room. That can give you a chance to tell the doctor or dentist about OLLI and increase awareness of opportunities he or she might want to note to other patients. Thanks for helping keep OLLI on people's radar in the community!

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US Capitol Tour, October 27



By Ed Marion, OLLI Member

The US Capitol tour deserves to become one of our more popular events. On October 27, tour guide Walter Todenhoft skillfully reviewed the history of the building's construction for 43 OLLI members. He also explained how the use of the Capitol's many chambers evolved over time, interspersing amusing facts and anecdotal vignettes about famous persons.

We stood inside the basement "crypt," surrounded by massive sandstone foundation columns supporting the floors and huge dome above. We visited the original Supreme Court chamber. We explored the rotunda,



occasionally used as a ceremonial space, with its walls and ceiling embellished with many colorful scenes.



Photos by Ed Marion, October 27, 2017

The tour concluded in the National Statuary Hall, originally called the "Old Hall of the House."

Special thanks to OLLI coordinator Ann Youngren for organizing this special event on such a pleasant fall morning.

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OLLI Day Trip to Luray, October 20



By Carolyn Kramer, Trip Coordinator

On Friday, October 20, 22 OLLI members boarded a bus and headed out to Luray Caverns and Luray Valley Museum, with lunch at the Mimslyn Inn. At the Caverns, we were greeted by Rod Graves, owner and senior vice president of Luray Caverns Corp. Those who have visited Luray Caverns in the past did not likely have the in-depth tour that we enjoyed that day. He gave us a deluxe 90-minute tour that detailed the history of the Caverns, including fascinating geological information and personal stories about the Caverns and his family's involvement for nearly 110 years. He truly has a passion for the preservation of this place.



Next we paused for lunch at the Mimslyn Inn's Circa '31 Room. Open since May 1931, the inn has changed ownership since those early days and was renovated in 2008. Our tasty



buffet lunch included soup, salads, entrees, sides, and desserts.



Photos by Emily Clarke, October 20, 2017

Our third stop was the Luray Valley Museum, where Rod Graves treated us to a 90-minute tour of the site. He and his wife arrange, assemble, and label the stunning displays. The museum is a treasure trove of artifacts that celebrate the Shenandoah Valley, its early inhabitants, and their culture. The museum is indeed a wonderful legacy.

Yes, it was quite a busy day, but one full of learning experiences, fellowship, and fun. And isn't that what OLLI is all about?

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Remember a Veteran; Sponsor a Wreath



By **Martha Powers, Board Member**

Each year over one million wreaths are placed on veterans' graves at military cemeteries around the country by volunteers with Wreaths Across America (WAA). Please watch this brief video to learn what WAA is all about: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GC6BtKwKaUY>.

This year OLLI has established its own WAA effort with an eye toward increasing the number of wreaths placed at **Quantico National Cemetery**. Arlington has more than adequate coverage, but Quantico struggles—and we can make a difference. **Your \$15 donation sponsors one wreath**, and **for every two wreaths OLLI sponsors, WAA will donate a third wreath.**



On Friday, November 10, at our Veterans Day event, we will be accepting



Photo by John Olsen

donations by **cash or check** (payable to Wreaths Across America) from **12:00 –12:45 in TA-1** and after the event ends at 3:00. Your check would also be welcome at the OLLI office anytime through the **cut-off date, Friday, November 17 at NOON**. (Please keep in mind that the office is only open from 9:00–12:00 after the fall term ends.)

A group of OLLI members will place wreaths at Quantico on Saturday, December 16, and you are welcome to join us. We have permission to place wreaths donated by OLLI members at **specific Quantico graves upon request**. For more details about OLLI's WAA program, please email Martha Powers at marthapowers@verizon.net.

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Yellowstone's
Great Prismatic Spring
alone
surrounded by
swarms of people
eyes
mesmerized
taking a dip into
impressionistic
surreal beauty
along the crusty edges
of the intense turquoise blue

scalding basin
 golds, oranges, greens, blues
 swarms of pigmented
 microorganisms
 at home in
 extreme heat
 a wooden walkway
 separating life
 ephemeral beauty below
 barely
 visible at times
 in the steamy mist
 the surrounding landscape
 another universe
 mysterious
 captivating
 unknown

Jean Klaus

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Arts & Music at George Mason



Performances, November 3 through November 13

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

The Martial Artists and Acrobats of Tianjin: *China Soul*

Fri, Nov 3, and Sat, Nov 4, 8:00

Sat, Nov 4, 2:00

Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company.

Concert Hall

Admission: \$50, \$43, \$30.

Michael Burgos: *The Eulogy*

Fri, Nov 3, 8:00

TheaterSpace

Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$10.

Keyboard Conversations® with Jeffrey Siegel:

A French Musical Feast!

Sun, Nov 5, 7:00

Concert Hall

Admission: \$42, \$36, \$25.

Aquila Theatre: *Hamlet*

Sun, Nov 12, 7:00

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 for additional student recitals)

Mason Fall Choral Invitational Concert: *Peace, Freedom & Light*

Sun, Nov 5, 3:00

Concert Hall

Admission: Adults, \$12; seniors, \$8.

Percussion Ensemble Concert

Sun, Nov 5, 8:00
deLaski 3001
Admission: Free.

Fall New Dances

Thu, Nov 9, - Sat, Nov 11, 8:00
Fri, Nov 10, 2:00
Harris Theatre
Admission: Adults, \$15; seniors, \$10.

Mason Wind Symphony & Symphonic Band Concert

Thu, Nov 9, 8:00
Concert Hall
Admission: Adults, \$12; seniors, \$8.

Mason School of Music: Jazz 4 Justice

Sat, Nov 11, 8:00
Concert Hall
Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$15.

Vocal Pops A Capella Concert

Sun, Nov 12, 4:00
Harris Theatre
Admission: Free.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Gallery Exhibit: War and Recovery

Works by Martin J. Cervantez

Continues through Dec 2
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

American Roots Series: Ben Hunter and Joe Seamons

Thu, Nov 9, 8:00

Gregory Family Theater
Admission: \$25, \$30 day of performance.

Mason School of Music: Jazz 4 Justice

Fri, Nov 10, 8:00
Merchant Hall
Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$15.

American Festival Pops: Salute to Veterans: A Concert for All Ages

Sat, Nov 11, 4:00
Merchant Hall
Admission: Adults, \$15; veterans, free.

The Martial Artists and Acrobats of Tianjin

Sun, Nov 12, 2:00
Merchant Hall
Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company.
Admission: \$50, \$43, \$30.

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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 any time 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 Nov 4	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Wed Nov 8	1:30pm	Tallwood Book Club-TA-1
	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
	1:45pm	Spanish Club-TA-2
Thu Nov 9	2:15pm	Reston Book Club-UCP
Fri Nov 10	9:15am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation-Annex
	9:30am	Photography Club-TA-1
	11:00am	Classic Literature Club-TA-2
	11:00am	Homer, etc.-Annex
	1:00pm	Dr. Who Club-TA-2
Sat Nov 11	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Mon Nov 13	10:00am	What's in the Daily News, cont'd-TA-1
Tue Nov 14	9:30am	Annex Art-Annex
	10:00am	Loudoun Program Planning Group Meeting
Wed Nov 15	10:00am	Bridge Club-TA-3
	10:00am	Mah Jongg Club-TA-2
	10:00am	Social Events Committee-Annex
	10:30am	Tom Crooker Investment Forum-TA-1
	12:00pm	Program Committee-TA-1
	1:00pm	A/V Committee-TA-3
Fri Nov 17	9:15am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation-Annex
	10:00am	Board of Directors Meeting-TA-1
	11:00am	Homer, etc.-Annex

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About OLLI E-News

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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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