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Photos by Paul Van Hemel, May 26, 2018

Tallwood Looks Trim and Fit After Major Maintenance and Tree Trimming, and the Ongoing Efforts of the Dirty Knee Club

June 1, 2018

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Alerts & Notices

- Priority registration for summer term ended May 23, but you can still register for courses that are not full, and there are many courses with space available. Check the May 30 *OLLI E-Blast* for changed/canceled classes.
- Summer term begins June 18.
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published June 15; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, June 12, at 6:00.
- Executive Director Jennifer Disano is seeking your inputs for an academic paper for the American Society on Aging. If you wish to contribute, send your submission to jdisano@gmu.edu by July 2. For more information, click [here](#) and scroll to May 20 entry.

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Bob Ryan is Visiting OLLI!



By Martha Powers, Board Member

Once again, Stephanie Trachtenberg has relentlessly pursued a celebrity – and nabbed him for us! Bob Ryan retired as chief meteorologist for WJLA Channel 7 in 2013 and was also The Today Show's first on-air meteorologist. He'll be talking about climate change, as well as



the history of predicting weather. He'll be at Fairfax Lord of Life on Wednesday, July 11th, at 9:40.



Sign up for F802 "Weather and Climate" today!

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Major Addition to Religious Studies Summer Program at Loudoun



By Steve Goldman, Program Chair for Religious Programming

Our Religious Studies summer program at Loudoun welcomes a world-renowned scholar of Islam for the course [L608 Jesus and Mary in the Muslim Tradition](#). Mason Professor Abdulaziz Sachedina's presentation will be on June 20 at 9:40. This session is not listed in the course catalog because it is a late addition to our summer program.

Dr. Sachedina is a prolific writer and his publications include: *Islamic Messianism* (State University of New York, 1980); *Human Rights and the Conflicts of Culture*, co-authored (University of South Carolina, 1988) *The Just Ruler in Shiite Islam* (Oxford University Press, 1988); *The Prolegomena to the Qur'an* (Oxford University Press, 1998), *The Islamic Roots of Democratic Pluralism* (Oxford University Press, 2002), *Islamic Biomedical Ethics: Theory and Application* (Oxford University Press, February 2009), *Islam and the Challenge of Human Rights* (Oxford University Press, September 2009), in addition to numerous articles in academic journals (see <https://religious.gmu.edu/people/asachedi>).

We offer our gratitude to Dr. Sachedina for his willingness to support OLLI's Religious Studies program. This certainly is a session that our Loudoun members will wish to attend. To register, please [click here](#).

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The Past Under Our Feet



By Stephanie Trachtenberg, OLLI Member

This is a photo of a stone hearth discovered in a recent excavation in the Lorton area. Christopher Sperling, a senior archeologist with Fairfax County, will share with us some exciting discoveries in the Lorton area.



Please join him for a lecture on July 17th at 11:50 to learn about what is beneath us! Register for F801, The Archaeology of the 18th Century at Old Colchester Park and Preserve in Lorton.

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Bring Your Family Members to OLLI for Movies and Popcorn!



By Martha Powers, Board Member

Are your family members mystified about "that OLLI thing" that you keep talking about? Well, here's your chance to give them a taste of OLLI this summer!

You will have two opportunities to bring grandkids and other family members to Tallwood to see a family-friendly movie (with popcorn) in TA-1:

[Secondhand Lions, Friday, 1:00-3:00, June 22*](#) – This 2003 coming-of-age film stars Michael Caine and Robert Duvall as the eccentric uncles of a young boy who comes to live with them – and their aging lion. You can view the movie trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ebkrm7u44UI>. Class

#1202BT

* **NOTE:** *Rescheduled from June 14*

[First Position, Friday, 1:00-3:00, July 20](#) – This 2011 documentary follows six young ballet dancers preparing for the Youth America Grand Prix in New York, a competition for dancers ages 9–19. We'll have an update about the dancers and where they are today. You can view the movie trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vdnj-u3oiYI>. Class #F905

Please join us for these top-notch movies and a chance to share an OLLI experience with others! Click the titles above for more information or to register!

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Primavera in Winter

Resting on the old
 Wooden bench,
 Near our great cherry tree,
 Its boughs
 Spring loaded with blossoms.
 Suddenly, in a great
 Gust of wind,
 Pink and white spirals
 Burst outward
 Enveloping us
 Like last year's snow, but
 Fragrant, warm
 And so very, very
 Welcome.

Mike Mc Namara

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Arts & Music at George Mason



Performances, June through June 18

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

No performances scheduled.

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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: *CINZA* by Javier Padilla
 Apr 24 - Jun 2.

Manassas Chorale: *The Amazing Eighties!*
 Fri, Jun 1, 7:30
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: Adults \$20; seniors \$18.

Virginia National Ballet: *5-Year Anniversary Spring Recital*
 Sat, Jun 2, 3:00

Merchant Hall
Admission: \$25.

Boyle School of Irish Dance Spring Performance

Sun, Jun 3, 6:00
Merchant Hall
Admission: \$12.

Gallery Exhibit: *Vivid Transmissions*

Jun 5 - Jul 21
Gallery Reception: Thu, June 14, 6:00
The gallery receptions are free and open to the public, but an RSVP is required. RSVP to smeyer3@gmu.edu
Buchanan Partners Art Gallery

Showcase Dance Studio: *Celebration*

Sat, Jun 9, 1:00 and 6:00
Merchant Hall
Admission: \$22.

Powerworx Dance: *Elements of Power*

Sun, Jun 10, 3:00
Merchant Hall
Admission: \$15.

Heroes' Voices National Poetry Contest Reading

Wed, Jun 13, 7:30
Gregory Family Theater
Admission: Free.

Dance Etcetera School of the Arts: *37th Annual Spring Concert*

Sat, Jun 16, 7:00
Sun, Jun 17, 2:00
Merchant Hall
Admission: \$20.

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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 Jun 2	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
Mon Jun 4	10:00am	What's in the Daily News–TA-1
Tue Jun 5	9:30am	Annex Art–Annex
	10:00am	Loudoun Program Planning Group–Rm 208
Wed Jun 6	10:00am	Bridge Club–TA-3
	10:00am	Mah Jongg Club–TA-2
	10:30am	Tom Crooker Investment Forum–Lord of Life
Fri Jun 8	9:15am	Recorder Consort–TA-3
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation–Annex
	9:30am	Photography Club–TA-1
	11:00am	Homer, etc.–Annex
Sat Jun 9	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
Mon Jun 11	10:00am	What's in the Daily News–TA-1
Tue Jun 12	9:30am	Annex Art–Annex
	10:00am	Spanish Club–TA-2
Wed Jun 13	10:00am	Bridge Club–TA-3
	10:00am	Tallwood Book Club–TA-2
	10:30am	Tom Crooker Investment Forum–TA-1
Fri Jun 15	9:15am	Recorder Consort–TA-3
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation–Annex
	11:00am	Homer, etc.–Annex
	1:00pm	Dr. Who Club–TA-3

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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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