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Fourth Annual Veterans Day Celebration, Tallwood, November 9 (Photos by David Talaber [DT] and Paul Van Hemel [PVH])

November 16, 2018

Editor of the Week: Paul Van Hemel

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Alerts & Notices

- OLLI is closed November 19-23 for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Priority registration for 2019 winter term begins Friday, November 30, at 9:00, and ends on Friday, December 7, at noon. Winter term begins January 22.
- Annual holiday party, Tuesday, December 4, 11:30 to 2:30 at the Country Club of Fairfax. Fee \$38 per person; lunch choice chicken, pasta, or soup and salad. Registration deadline is Monday, November 26.
- Development Committee members are selling raffle tickets for the annual OLLI registration fee raffle between now and December 4; watch for them at classes and events.
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published November 30; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, November 27, at 6:00.

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Upcoming Meeting for Literature, Theater, and Writing/Languages Program Planning Group

Wednesday, December 5, 12:30-2:00 – TA-1



By Rala Stone, Literature, Theater, and Writing/Languages Program Planning Group Co-Chair

The Literature, Theater, and Writing/Languages Program Planning Group is proud of the variety and the quality of the courses we offer. In order to continue to maintain and improve our offerings, we depend on input from all those who are interested in and take these courses. **Your feedback and suggestions are essential if we are to continue to provide excellent programming of interest to you, our Members.**

Please join us on Wednesday, December 5, at 12:30 at Tallwood. You will have the opportunity to meet with other OLLI members who share your interest and will have the pleasure and satisfaction of being a part of the planning process.

If you cannot attend the meeting and have comments, suggestions, or feedback that you would like to share, please contact one of the following co-chairs:

- Nancy Scheeler - nscheeler@verizon.net
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Thank you!

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Celebrate the Holidays with OLLI's Theater Lovers' Groups



By Norma Jean Reck, Theater Lovers' Group Coordinator



Both Theater Lovers' Groups (TLG) – Fairfax and Reston – got off to a lively start. Members of both Fairfax and Reston TLG have planned a variety of theater activities that are open to all OLLI members. So, consider yourself invited. Calling all OLLI members who usher: Please join us on November 30 for lunch. (See details below.) To all OLLI members: Your family, friends, and guests are always welcome to attend TLG events with you. We try to arrange car pools and an optional dinner after the theater.

The following TLG events are scheduled through December into January:

Friday, November 30: Holiday Lunch at Hamrock's, 3950 Chain Bridge Road, 12:30 to 2:30. (Ushers: TLG ushers want to meet other OLLI ushers and compare notes.) Reservations required.

Saturday, December 1: 2:00 matinee of *Cry It Out* at Studio Theater, 1501 14th Street, NW DC 20005. For half-price ticket, phone Melissa at 202-232-7267, ext. 512, or email Melissa at mcarter@studiotheatre.org; tell her you are with OLLI TLG with Linda to get the discount. Hurry, there are about four tickets left. Also email me njreck@cs.com so I can plan carpools and an optional dinner.

Saturday, December 8: Broadway-Rockette-style holiday musical; Encore Theatrical 4:00 matinee production of *An Invitation to Christmas*, at NoVa Community College Ernst Theater in Annandale (free parking in Lot B). Senior tickets \$19-\$23, depending on seat location. For tickets, phone 703-222-5511 or go online at www.encore-tap.org, and email me if you want to join dinner at a nearby restaurant.

Wednesday, December 12: One-day bus trip to New York City. Catch a show or do your own thing. Email me njreck@cs.com for details.

Saturday, December 15: 2:00 matinee of *A Civil War Christmas* at 1st Stage Tysons, Spring Hill and Greensboro Drive. Senior tickets \$36; phone 703-854-1856 or go online at 1ststageTysons.org/. Optional dinner.

Saturday, January 5: 2:00 matinee of the musical *Billy Elliott* at Signature Theater, 4200 Campbell Avenue, Arlington, VA 22206 (Shirlington). Phone 703-820-9771 or go online at signature-theater.org.

For more information, email me njreck@cs.com.

Meet you at the theater!

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Spanish Culture and Conversation: Memoirs of the Amazon



By Ligia Glass, Spanish Culture and Conversation Instructor

The Spanish Culture and Conversation class ended its fall term on November 6 with a very interesting and informative presentation, "Memoirs of the Amazon," given by Dr. Carmen Figueroa, Professor Emeritus, Northern Virginia Community College. Dr. Figueroa lived in Napa Rul, a community in the Ecuadorian Amazon, learning about the Quechua language, the food, their religious practices, and their culture in general. OLLI students were delighted with her slide presentation, anecdotes, and



personal stories.

A delicious breakfast/brunch was served to complete a very enjoyable day.

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The Almost Perfect Story with Skip Bromley



By George Bradshaw, OLLI Member

The OLLI-Mason "About Us" page says "Enjoy learning with no homework..." This eight-week course, I must report, in one instance did not adhere to the "no homework" policy. Nevertheless, Skip Bromley's students appear more than happy to forgive him the oversight. With a perceptive analysis of popular films, Mr. Bromley reminded us of the mythology underlying our culture, the wisdom it imparts, and the results that can be achieved when we recognize its fundamental truths. He accomplishes this with wonderfully personal and entertaining stories, delivered as a most skilled actor with distinctive style.

And what did we learn? That an Almost Perfect Story follows a hero on a journey from his home, circling through mortal dangers and, with loving support, returning home once again – ending where the journey began. It is reflective of Joseph Campbell's monomyth "The Hero's Journey" in his book *The Hero with a Thousand Faces*. Mr. Bromley showed us that the journeys of heroes are all around us, if we just take the time to look... and learn. What a wonderful and inspiring course! (Photo by George Bradshaw)



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Photo of the Month

The November 2018 Photo of the Month theme was Have Fun With It. We selected George Bradshaw's photo "Silly Humans," 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

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Carrying Water

In Nepal women carry water
up steep stony mountains

All over the known world
women like pack animals

Carry water to drink, cook,
to wash bodies, clothes

Water from streams, rivers
wellsprings and standpipes

In earthen jars, jerry cans
plastic jugs, metal basins

They carry life-sustaining water
on their heads, on their backs

Even in our land of wealth and plenty
Women carry water.

Carolyn F. Wyatt

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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances, November 16 through November 26



By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

For tickets for either Center for the Arts Concert Hall (CFA) or Hylton Center, 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 Center [ticket purchase page](#).

At the Fairfax Campus Venues

Spectrum Dance Theater: *A Rap On Race*

Fri, Nov 16, 8:00

6:30 Spoken Word presented by The Mason Black Student Alliance and Student Involvement in the Center for the Arts Lobby

7:15 Pre-performance discussion by Wendi Manuel-Scott, presenting "*Bodies in Protest*," in which she explores the many ways black bodies (and bodies of color) resist racial oppression.

Concert Hall

Admission: \$48, \$41, \$29.

Aquila Theatre: *Frankenstein*

Sun, Nov 18, 7:00

Pre-performance discussion with Kristin Samuelian, Department of English.
 Concert Hall
 Admission: \$44, \$37, \$26.

Chanticleer: *A Chanticleer Christmas*

Sat, Nov 24, 8:00
 Pre-performance discussion with a member of the company.
 Concert Hall
 Admission: \$55, \$47, \$33.

Mutts Gone Nuts

Sun, Nov 25, 1:00 and 4:00
 Concert Hall
 Admission: Adults, \$15; children, \$10.

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Mason Student & Faculty Performances

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

Opera Scenes Recital

Fri Nov 16, 3:00
 deLaski Performing Arts Building, A323
 Admission: Free.

Machinal

Thu - Sat, Nov 15 - 17, 8:00
 Sat, Nov 17 and Sun, Nov 18, 2:00
 deLaski A105, TheaterSpace
 Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$10.

George Pope Flute Recital

Sat, Nov 17, 1:00
 deLaski Performing Arts Building, 3001
 Admission: Free.

George Pope Flute Masterclass

Sat, Nov 17, 2:30
 deLaski Performing Arts Building, 3001
 Admission: Free.

Jazz 4 Justice

Sat, Nov 17, 8:00
 Concert Hall
 Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$15.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Gallery Exhibit: *Hidden Narratives*

Oct 30 - Dec 15
 Buchanan Partners Art Gallery
 The Buchanan Partners Art Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00-6:00, and two hours before each performance.

Jazz 4 Justice

Fri, Nov 16, 8:00
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$15.

Aquila Theatre: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

Sat, Nov 17, 8:00
 Pre-performance discussion with a member of the company.
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: \$44, \$37, \$26.

Northern Virginia Ballet: *Nutcracker Tea with Clara*

Sun, Nov 18, 1:00 and 3:30
 Hylton Performing Arts Center, Lovey Hammel Lounge
 Admission: \$50.

Virginia National Ballet: *The Nutcracker*

Fri, Nov 23, 2:00 and 7:00
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: \$37.

Northern Virginia Ballet: *The Nutcracker*

Sat, Nov 24, 2:00 and 6:00
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: Adults, \$35; seniors, \$25.

Silver Tones: *Big Band Holiday Swing!*

Sat, Nov 24, 2:00
 Gregory Family Theater
 Admission: Adults, \$22; seniors, \$18.

InTune Music Studio: *Winter Recital*

Sun, Nov 25, 1:00 and 4:00
 Gregory Family Theater
 Admission: \$10.

Chanticleer: *A Chanticleer Christmas*

Sun, Nov 25, 2:00
 Pre-performance discussion with Fred Scott.
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: \$55, \$47, \$33.

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For further details on any of the above events, 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 for the most up-to-date information, please view the latest forecast of coming 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, kick-off coffees, etc.*

Sat Nov 17	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
	1:00pm	Computer Club–TA-1
Mon Nov 26	10:00am	What's in the Daily News, Cont'd–TA-1
Tue Nov 27	9:30am	Annex Arts–Annex
	10:00am	Spanish Club–TA-2
Wed Nov 28	10:00am	Bridge Club–TA-3
	10:30am	Tom Crooker Investment Forum–TA-1
Fri Nov 30	9:15am	Recorder Consort–TA-3
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation–Annex
	10:00am	Theater Lovers Club–TA-1
	11:00am	Homer, etc.–Annex

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

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Deadline: Tuesday, 6:00, for that week's issue (Monday, 6:00, 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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