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A Sample of Mason Grounds Staff Support of OLLI: Expert Landscaping to Divert Water after Recent Renovation to Tallwood Main Parking Lot, Capped by Creation of a Stunning Haven for Bees and Butterflies.

October 4, 2019

Editor of the Week: John Nash

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Alerts & Notices

- *Reminder:* Dr. Anne Holton, Interim President of George Mason University, will speak at OLLI on October 8, at 2:15 as part of F653 Education Series. Her topic will be Equipping Students for Life Beyond High School. One class in the series (October 22) conflicts with a class in F703, but attendance at Dr. Holton's presentation is encouraged.
- OLLI Board of Directors meeting will be held Friday, October 18, 10:00, at United Christian Parish in Reston. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- OLLI chili fall festival will be Friday, October 18, 12:30-2:00, at UCP in Reston, following the Board of Directors meeting. Register at [this link](#).
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, October 11; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, October 8, at 6:00.

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Ethnic Eats! – Lunches in October



By Leti Labell, OLLI member

Do you love to eat? Are you interested in learning about foods from other cultures? *Ethnic Eats* is an OLLI club that meets for lunch on a regular basis to explore new cuisines and ethnic restaurants that are in abundance in our region.

In October we're meeting at **Breakers Korean Bar-B-Q** in Fairfax. This restaurant is in Fair City Mall, next to the Cinema Arts Theatre. The food is cooked for you at the table, and you can eat all you want from a variety of meats and side dishes. (If you have dietary restrictions, they will cook your meat in the kitchen and bring it to you.) There will be two

luncheons: **Wednesday, October 9**, and **Friday, October 11**. Both luncheons will begin at 11:30.

If you're interested, send me an email at leti@verizon.net and you will receive more information.

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An Honor Flight Invitation



By John Nash, E-News Editor

Would you like to join a group of enthusiastic people welcoming some of our veterans to the nation's capital? If so, keep reading!

The Honor Flight is a national organization originally designed to bring World War II veterans from across the country to Washington, DC, to visit the WWII Memorial created in their honor. In the last few years, as the availability of physically capable WWII veterans has declined, the shift has been to honor Korean and Vietnam veterans with the same recognition. Honor Flights come to both Dulles and Reagan airports, mainly in the spring and fall to enjoy the more hospitable Washington weather.

As the veterans disembark into the airports, volunteers and local supporters – often numbering more than 200 people – welcome them with flags, cheering and – yes – even kisses! The men and women arriving are genuinely moved by this welcome as they and their assigned guardians weave their way through welcoming line to the buses that take them into Washington, DC, and the monuments tour.

I would like to invite OLLI members to join me on Saturday, Oct 12, to help greet the Honor Flight from New York. This is a small Honor Flight consisting of 30 people. The flight arrives at 11:00 so we would meet at Tallwood to depart at 9:30 by carpool for Dulles International Airport. Those who wish to drive separately may do so but I will need to know

to arrange for free parking passes. After the event, I'll be glad to show those who are interested the Dulles USO facility, after which those of us who would like



can go for lunch at Mission Barbeque in Chantilly.

If you would like to participate in welcoming this Honor Flight, please contact me at jnash2@cox.net no later than Wednesday, October 9. I think you'll enjoy the experience!

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Tallwood Book Club Meeting



By Ceda McGrew, Tallwood Book Club Coordinator

The Tallwood Book Club will meet on Wednesday, October 9 at 1:30 in TA-2. The book for discussion is *An American Marriage* by American author Tahari Jones. It is the story of a young middle-class African American couple from Atlanta whose lives are forever changed when the husband is wrongly convicted of a heinous crime. All OLLI members are welcome.

The reading selection for November 13 is *Exit West* by Moshin Hamid.

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Reston Book Club Meeting October 17



By Nancy Scheeler and Luci Martel, Reston Book Club Coordinators

The Reston Book Club will meet on Thursday, October 17, 2019, 2:15, at the United Christian Parish in Reston. The book selection is *Asymmetry*, a debut novel by Lisa Halliday. Told in three compelling sections, the book explores the imbalances that spark and sustain many dramatic human relations: inequities in age, power, talent, wealth, fame, geography, and justice.

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Loss

Nothing's more than sad
Can be, so dead-centered, like the

Absolute mark of a master-sniper's sight
 Followed to some smooth-punched hole:
 On a paper outline, or maybe,
 Some other, dimensional target.

Sad's neither always nor forever though,
 Nor I suppose for all;
 But offhand, or prone, it's
 Like some long-ranged shot
 That someone ought only to keep,
 Know, and remember from
 Some important match
 That's past, and only keep it so.

Mike Mc Namara

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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances, October 4 through October 14



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

Navy Band Chamber Concert

Fri, Oct 4, 6:00
 Harris Theatre
 Admission: Free.

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Fri, Oct 4, 8:00
 Concert Hall
 Admission: \$25.

The Four Italian Tenors: *Viva Italia!*

Sat, Oct 5, 8:00
 Concert Hall
 A pre-performance discussion begins 45 minutes prior to the performance on Monson Grand Tier.
 Admission: \$55, \$47, \$33.

Peter Rabbit Tales

Sun, Oct 6, 1:00
 Concert Hall
 Admission: \$20 Adults; \$15 children.

Virginia Opera: *Tosca*

Sat, Oct 12, 8:00 and Sun, Oct 13, 2:00
 Concert Hall
 A pre-performance discussion begins 45 minutes prior to the performance on Monson Grand Tier.
 Admission: \$110, \$70, \$40.

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Mason Student and Faculty Performances

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

Mason Wind Symphony with Fairfax Wind Symphony

Tue, Oct 8, 8:00
 Concert Hall
 Admission: \$12 Adults; \$8 seniors; \$5 youth.

Faculty Artist Showcase Recital

Sunday, Oct 13, 3:00
 Harris Theatre
 Admission: Free.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Gallery Exhibit: Lory Ivey Alexander

Sep 10–Oct 26
 Buchanan Partners Art Gallery
 The Buchanan Partners Art Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00-6:00.

Admission: Free.

The Second City

Fri, Oct 4, 8:00
Merchant Hall

A pre-performance discussion begins one hour prior to the performance in Merchant Hall. Post-performance, join us at 10:00 in the Gregory Family Theater for a free, lively After Hours Improv session, featuring George Mason University's premier improv troupe, The Mason Improv Association.

Admission: \$46, \$39, \$28.

Keyboard Conversations® with Jeffrey Siegel: *Spellbinding Bach*

Sat, Oct 5, 2:00
Merchant Hall

Admission: \$44, \$37, \$26.

Lightwire Theater Company: *Moon Mouse, A Space Odyssey*

Sun, Oct 6, 1:00 and 4:00
Merchant Hall

Admission: \$20 Adults; \$15 children.

Prince William Little Theatre: *Judgment at Nuremberg*

Fri, Oct 11 and Sat, Oct 12, 8:00
Sun, Oct 13, 2:00
Fri, Oct 18 and Sat, Oct 19, 8:00
Sun, Oct 20, 2:00

Gregory Family Theater

Admission: \$20 Adults; \$17 seniors.

Manassas Chorale: *Broadway's Best*

Sat, Oct 12, 7:30
Merchant Hall

Admission: \$20, \$18.

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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. (bolded below).

Sat Oct 5	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
Mon Oct 7	1:15pm	Catalog Meeting–TA-2
Wed Oct 9	1:30pm	Tallwood Book Club–TA-2
	1:45pm	Bridge Club–TA-3
	2:00pm	Finance Committee Meeting–TA-1
Fri Oct 11	9:15am	Recorder Consort–TA-3
	9:30am	Photography Club–TA-1
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation Group–Annex
	11:00am	Classic Literature Club–TA-2
	11:00am	Homer, etc.–Annex
Sat Oct 12	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
Mon Oct 14	2:00pm	Science, Technology, and Health Program Planning Group Meeting–TA-2
Wed Oct 16	1:00pm	Audiovisual Committee Meeting–TA-1
	1:30pm	Mah Jongg Club–Annex
	1:45pm	Bridge Club–TA-3
	1:45pm	Spanish Club–TA-2
Thu Oct 17	2:15pm	Reston Book Club–Room 117 UCP
Fri Oct 18	9:15am	Recorder Consort–TA-3
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation Group–Annex
	10:00am	Board of Directors Meeting–Room 113 UCP
	11:00am	Classic Literature Club–TA-2
	11:00am	Homer, etc.–Annex
	11:30am	Cooking Club–Home of Toni Acton
	12:30pm	Chili Fall Festival–Room 113-115 UCP
Sat Oct 19	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
	1:00pm	Personal Computer User Group–TA-1

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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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