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*Toni Acton Hosts Grab 'n' Gab Coffee Klatch with Several Instructors Previewing Their Fall-Term Courses, August 20*

## August 28, 2020

Editor of the Week: John Nash

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### Alerts & Notices

- Fall term is September 21 – November 13. Although priority registration ended August 26, registration continues on a space-available basis. To view the fall catalog online, [click here](#); for access to registration, click [this link](#).
- Since catalog production, a few classes have been changed, canceled, or added. A complete listing is available [here](#).
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, September 11; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, September 8, at 6:00.

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### From the Desk of the Executive Director



*By Jennifer Disano, Executive Director*

In turbulent times we rely on anchors in our life to give us normalcy. To so many members, OLLI is a life anchor designed to support social engagement, intellectual exploration, and creativity. OLLI is also where our friends are, and staying in contact with friends during these trying times is core to personal well-being. Knowing this, when COVID-19 hit our community, the leadership of OLLI had one goal—keep the program going! And we did. Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of our selfless volunteers and dedicated staff, this fall we

enter into our third term of remote learning...and the program is just as strong, diverse, and vibrant as ever. With over 140 courses and more than 20 clubs to choose from, there really is something for everyone!

We're very proud of these successes and of our world-class program but none of this would be possible without your commitment to OLLI which is most appreciated. Your continued efforts to recruit new members and your steadfast renewals of annual dues keep OLLI solvent, secure staff retention, and provide for the future of our organization. Thank you for maintaining OLLI as an anchor in all our lives as we weather the storm together.

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## Pass on the Good Word



*By Rosemary Lubinski, Outreach Committee Chair*

If you didn't have a chance to do it yet, there is still time to pass on the good word about OLLI to your friends and family. Your positive experiences at OLLI are the best advertising we have. You can tell your friends about the wide variety of interesting programs, the social opportunities, the ease of using Zoom to access programs in the comfort of home, and right now the bargain price of first-time membership. Remember that since our programming is online, membership can be extended to those who live farther away. So, in your next phone call, text, email, or other contact, please pass on the good word about OLLI. Your friends can see our fall catalog at <https://olli.gmu.edu/2020fallcatalog/>.

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## Amateur Photographers: Here's How You Can Shine



*By John Nash, E-News Editor*

We all take pictures and at some point wish they had come out better. Some of us in the OLLI Photo Club (OPC) have been in that situation many times but, thanks to the photo club, members have many ways to improve their photographic skills.

In addition to monthly meetings, OPC members have several opportunities to take and submit their pictures for critique and display. Discussions of pictures give different perspectives on photos, including technical camera settings that often confuse new photographers.

Below are examples of members' photographs where the challenge is to take and submit a picture each week. This encourages the photographer's creativity and technical expertise, both of which can improve with practice. You can view all of the OPC Galleries at <https://olliphotoclubgmu.smugmug.com/>.

No matter if you have a point-and-shoot camera, a cell-phone camera, or a complicated digital single lens reflex, you'll find the OPC can be a helpful way of improving your picture-taking ability. But you must be a member, so plan to join the OLLI Photo Club during this fall registration. The photo club is one of your OLLI membership benefits!



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## Zoom in to Enlarge Images



*By Paul Van Hemel, OLLI E-News Editor*



If you want a closer look at images in *E-News*, you can zoom in to enlarge them. If you are a PC (personal computer) user, just hold down the Ctrl key on your keyboard while rolling the mouse scroll wheel up to enlarge the image; you can use the Ctrl key and roll the scroll wheel in the opposite direction to reduce the image again.

If you are a Macintosh or other Apple computer user, simply hold the Command key while pressing the plus key (+) to zoom in, or the minus key (-) to zoom out. If you prefer using the trackpad, with gesture support enabled in settings, place two fingers on the trackpad, then push the fingers away from each other to zoom in or move your fingers closer together to zoom out.

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## Poet's Corner

*Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop*

Shimmering satin  
 Perfumed air promising bliss  
 Daylight comes too soon

*Gail Zander*

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## Arts & Music at George Mason



*By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer*

Although Mason's campus is shut down, online entertainment continues for us to access and enjoy. Dr. Linda Apple Monson produces a periodic "Notes from the Director." This email is full of interesting online performances by the students and faculty of the School of Music. If you would like to receive these bulletins, just send an email to Brianna Schoen at [bschoen@gmu.edu](mailto:bschoen@gmu.edu). Also, the

Center for the Arts has a website [Mason Arts at Home](#), which has a calendar of online events.

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## Meetings & Clubs

**Please note:** Physical meetings for clubs and activities are canceled until further notice in accordance with Mason's guidelines. OLLI is conducting its classes and activities online. Refer to the university's [coronavirus website](#) for official university updates and check the [OLLI Calendar](#) for revised information.

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 (online), meetings of the Board of Directors, committees and resource groups, kick-off coffees, etc. (bolded below).*

Sat Aug 29	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 284 531 289)
Mon Aug 31	9:30 am	What's in the Daily News?- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 825 1457 5625)
Tue Sep 1	9:30 am	Annex Art- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 836 7207 3832)
	10:00 am	<b>Reston Program Planning Group-<a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 829 1261 4549)</b>
	4:00 pm	Tai Chi Club- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 284 531 289)
Wed Sep 2	10:30 am	Tom Crooker Investment Forum- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 861 1181 9898)
	2:00 pm	Memoir and More Writing Group- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 801 645 074)
Thu Sep 3	11:50 am	All the News- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 867 6218 8571)
	1:00 pm	Member Services Committee- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 837 9982 4741)
	4:00 pm	Tai Chi Club- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 284 531 289)
Fri Sep 4	9:30 am	Craft & Conversation- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 611 234 196)
	11:00 am	Homer, etc.- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 993 949 463)
	12:00 noon	Yoga Club- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 890 2155 1445)
	2:00 pm	Cooking Club- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 989 8618 3605)
	2:00 pm	OLLI Players- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 884 4258 2820)
Sat Sep 5	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 284 531 289)
Mon Sep 7	9:30 am	What's in the Daily News?- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 825 1457 5625)

Tue Sep 8	9:30 am	Annex Art– <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 836 7207 3832)
	11:00 am	Spanish Club– <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 811 997 392)
	4:00 pm	Tai Chi Club– <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 284 531 289)
Wed Sep 9	10:30 am	Tom Crooker Investment Forum– <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 861 1181 9898)
	12:15 am	<b>Special Events Program Planning Group–<a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 524 106 880)</b>
	4:00 pm	Ethnic Eats– <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 818 8261 0637)
Thu Sep 10	10:30 am	<b>Literature, Theater, and Writing/Languages Program Planning Group–<a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 835 8030 8183)</b>
	11:50 am	All the News– <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 867 6218 8571)
	4:00 pm	Tai Chi Club– <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 284 531 289)
Fri Sep 11	9:30 am	Photography Club– <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 669 666 340)
	9:30 am	Craft & Conversation– <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 611 234 196)
	11:00 am	Homer, etc.– <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 993 949 463)
	12:00 noon	Yoga Club– <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 890 2155 1445)
	2:00 pm	Cooking Club– <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 989 8618 3605)
	2:00 pm	OLLI Players– <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 884 4258 2820)
Sat Sep 12	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club– <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 284 531 289)

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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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