Alerts & Notices

- Note: Starting in 2022, you will need to register for clubs each term (e.g., when you register for 2022 winter term). This allows OLLI to maintain current club rosters and ensures that you receive emails about your club’s activities and events.
- The next issue of OLLI E-News will be published Friday, November 5; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, November 2, at 6:00.

From the Desk of the Executive Director
Mason President Marks Anniversary and Hosts Lecture and Forum Series

By Jennifer Disano, Executive Director

The month of October marked the first year since Dr. Gregory Washington’s investiture as George Mason University’s eighth president. In celebration, Dr. Washington hosted a series of lectures and forums to discuss the "Grand Challenges" and "Issues of Our Time" which highlighted many scholars familiar to OLLI classrooms, including Dr. Stephan Crew, Dr. Guadalupe Correa-Cabrera, Dr. Steve Pearlstein, and Dr. Virginia Espina, to name a few.

These scholars shared their research on our environment, immigration policy, media, and social issues and provided their thoughts on the impact of these topics for Mason students, the United States, and the world. I encourage you to check out GMU TV at https://gmutv.gmu.edu/ to view video recordings of these terrific events. At OLLI, thanks to the tireless work of OLLI program coordinators, we are fortunate to enjoy lectures from our wonderful Mason professors as part of our regular programming.

Let Summer 2022 be Your Time to Teach at OLLI

October 29, 2021

Editor of the Week: John Nash

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If you have ever thought about volunteering to share your expertise on a subject with OLLI members, now is the time to submit your course idea(s) for our 2022 summer session. OLLI invites you to share your expertise on topics that reflect your knowledge in any area including:

- Classes with a multicultural focus
- The 4th and 5th estates (news media and social media)
- International culture and issues
- The psychology of social media.

If you have an interest in teaching any classes (via Zoom or hybrid) or have questions or ideas of your own, please contact either of the following Humanities and Social Sciences/Current Events (HSS/CE) committee chairpersons:

Camille Hodges   mimihodges4@gmail.com
Peg O'Brien   mazob@live.com

Additionally, you may fill out the course proposal form found at this link. The form will go directly to the OLLI program planners. The deadline for submitting proposals to teach during the summer 2022 session is January 28, 2022. We encourage multi-session classes. Thank you!

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**History Club November Meeting**

By Elizabeth Lambert, History Club Coordinator

The November Zoom meeting of the History Club will take place this coming Wednesday, November 3, at 4:00. Our speaker is Elva Card, OLLI member and teacher, who will give us a brief history of Korea and discuss that country’s modern divided situation. As Elva aptly describes Korea’s place: “It is sometimes called a shrimp caught between two whales.” The two whales, of course, are China and Japan.

Elva’s particular interest in Korea began with a three-week teacher seminar in Korea that included lectures at Yonsei University and a tour of South Korea. Based on her experiences and ongoing studies of Korea, Elva’s presentation will shed light on a country that is unique in many ways. It is, indeed, timely; we hope you will join us on November 3.

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**Boo to You!...and Halloween, too!**

By John Nash, E-News Editor

We know the line from Percy Bysshe Shelley’s *Ode to the West Wind*: “O, Wind! If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?” Let’s paraphrase that a bit: “O, Leaves! If Fall comes, can Halloween be far behind?”

Halloween is this Sunday and the weather in our area promises to be good for bringing out all those ghosts and goblins and trick ‘r treaters. This is one of my favorite holidays as it is for many people. Statistics show that over the past years Halloween has grown in importance as a holiday celebration, with a large commercial boost from costumes, decorations, parties, and – yes – candy!

My wife always put me in charge of dispensing the treats when the doorbell rang. When confronted with a chorus of “trick ‘r treat” I’d sometimes look serious and say, “What kind of tricks can you do?” There was usually a stunned, puzzled look, but then creativity kicked in. I’ve had some Robinson cheerleaders doing cheers on my front yard, many wobbly cartwheels, and some pretty bad singing. But all laced with lots of laughter...and candy!

Once, my son and grandson dressed up as Batman and Robin and came over to trick ‘r treat us.
They were sitting in the living room when I went to answer the doorbell. There was a little guy all dressed up as Batman. “Wow! You look great! But I’ve got the real Batman in my house!” He looked around me, saw my son still in costume, and shot right past me into the house! Fortunately, his parents were nearby, laughing, so there was only a fleeting moment of panic of having a young child enter my house unaccompanied!

Sadly, my neighborhood has “matured” and there are fewer trick ‘r treaters that come out now. So if you see a tall, gray-haired guy behind a Covid mask saying “trick ‘r treat,” give him some candy or something stronger! But don’t expect a trick…those days are over!

Have a safe and Happy Halloween!

Poet’s Corner

Wouldn’t that be a pity
She fears me
minute me
a speck
to her mammoth magnitude
All I ask is a drop or two
of blood
just a morsel of life force
Surely a creature
of her majesty
can bestow
an imperceptible nod
to the sanctity of others’
humble existence
That I may ply myself
on her beneficence
I wait poised on a lonely branch
arms extended in supplication
hoping she passes
skims a hand in my direction
so I may latch on
burrow in
suck my fill
Till I need her no more
and drop engorged
to a well-won slumber
What’s that you say?
She could suffer from a disease I transfer
blossoming into a bullseye

Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances, October 29 through November 8

By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

Mason’s campuses are in the process of reopening. Limited programs at both Fairfax and Manassas campuses, along with virtual performances, are available 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. Also, the Center for the Arts has a website Mason Arts at Home, which has a calendar of online events and access to many past performances. Information can also be found at CFA ticket purchase page, Center for the Arts YouTube Channel, or the Hylton ticket purchase page.

At the Fairfax Campus Venues

Jerusalem Quartet, Strings
Sun, Nov 7, 4:00
Concert Hall
Admission: $60, $51, $36, half-price for youth through grade 12.

Mason Student & Faculty Performances
(see music.gmu.edu for additional student recitals)

Mason School of Theater, A Concert Presentation of Footloose
Fri, Oct 29, 8:00
Sat, Oct 30, 2:00 and 8:00
Sun, Oct 31, 2:00
Concert Hall
Admission: $30 adults; $15 students, faculty/staff, and seniors.

Mason Symphony Orchestra Concert
Wed, Nov 3, 8:00
Concert Hall
Admission: $12 adults, $8 seniors, and $5 youth through grade 12.

Mason Choirs Fall Concert
Sat, Nov. 6, 4:00
Concert Hall
Admission: $12 adults, $8 seniors, and $5 youth through grade 12.

At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Gallery Exhibition: Carroll Sockwell - Grey
Continuing through Sun, Nov 14
Hylton Performing Arts Center, Buchanan Partners Art Gallery
Admission: Free.

Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra: Swingin' with the Met
Sat, Oct 30, 8:00
Merchant Hall
Admission: $46, $39, $28.

Axial Dance: Scary Talented!
Sun, Oct 31, 12:30
Large Rehearsal Hall
Admission: $14.

Somers Voice: Sistas, the Musical
Fri, Nov 5, 7:00
Sat, Nov 6, 2:00 and 7:00
Gregory Family Theater
Admission: $25.

Old Bridge Chamber Orchestra: Picture of Pictures at an Exhibition
Sat, Nov 6, 7:30
Merchant Hall
Admission: $20 adults; $15 seniors.

For further details on any of the above events, see the CFA event calendar and the Hylton Center event calendar.

Student Scholarship Spotlight Event
From Mason’s Dewberry School of Music

YOU'RE INVITED TO A STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT EVENT
Friday, November 5
12:30-2:30pm

See the value of your scholarship donation!
Enjoy short performances from different scholarship recipient students throughout the program as you meet and get to know them.

RSVP to ringle@gmu.edu by November 3 to get the Zoom link.

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. 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). The OLLI office has sent (or will send) emails with links and meeting passwords to club members; you may also log in at the member portal and click on ZOOM CLASS LINKS.

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