Watercolor Classes Highlights

By Christine Nasbitt, Watercolor Painting Instructor

This past spring, a new Introduction to Watercolor Painting class took place in room TA-1 at OLLI Fairfax. This class was offered in person and through Zoom. Color mixing and the use of brushes and washes to create exciting paintings were some of the techniques demonstrated.

This fall, the watercolor class will continue to build on the skills from the spring class; the fall class will review some of the skills and techniques shared in the spring class. Consider this class if you always wanted to try watercolor painting.

In addition, artists join together during the term with others at Dabbbling Artists and between terms at Annex Art. This fall, Dabbbling Artists will be in person; between terms, Annex Art will be Zoom only. See the fall catalog for more information.

Below are some paintings from class participants in the spring term.

Dr. Caroline Malloy, Chicago Historian, Presented an Informative Series Concerning Repatriation of Stolen Artifacts, Summer 2022

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Editor of the Week: Paul Van Hemel

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Alerts & Notices

• You should have received your catalog for fall 2022; it is available online at this link.
• Priority registration for fall 2023 begins on August 16 at 9:00. The term begins September 19.
• The next issue of OLLI E-News will be published Friday, August 19; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, August 16, at 6:00.

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Hooray for OLLI Trips!

By Carolyn Kramer, Special Events Program Planning Group Member

Over the years, many OLLI members have ventured out on a variety of OLLI day trips. If you are among those participants, you are aware of the opportunities that these excursions provide for experiencing and learning about the destinations and for forming new friendships.
For example, this spring, three trips were enjoyed by those who joined in on the jaunts to several Virginia destinations:

- In March we traveled to Stratford Hall in Westmoreland County for a spectacular and enlightening tour led by an archaeological historian and staff member at this birthplace of Robert E. Lee.
- In April we ventured to Locust Grove to tour the tiny Fort Germanna Visitor Center which documents the history and settlement of that area by German settlers in the 1700s. This stop also included an introduction to the site's archaeology center. That afternoon we toured Blandford, the Farnsley County home and studio of artists Gari and Germaine Meidans.
- Then in June, between terms, we went west to Rosemont Manor in Berryville to learn about the property's history, followed by a three-course tea and a self-guided tour of the manor's rooms, each named for a well-known person who stayed there.

If you have not yet tried an OLLI trip, you are encouraged to look into the new offerings for this fall. Look toward the back of your OLLI catalog. You just might find something that whets your curiosity!

Poet's Corner

I Have to Say

Whenever you start with "I have to say," you follow with something you don't really have to say.

Just say:

David Weiss

Obituary: William David Brewster

William David Brewster of Oak Hill, VA, member from summer 2018 to 2018, died on July 15.

At OLLI, Bill was a long-time participant in the Tim Coker Investment Forum.

Bill was drafted into the Army in 1967. He subsequently attended the Infantry Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, GA, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant; he served in that capacity and in the Army Chemical Corps until leaving the service as a first lieutenant in 1968.

Bill married Linda Brady in June 1968. He subsequently received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Fordham University. He worked in the chemical industry and later in digital telecommunications.

After moving to Oak Hill, VA, Bill belonged to the Tau Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order (Hermont, VA). His brothers and sisters from the Tau Fraternity will host a Franciscan week on August 11 from 5:00 to 7:00 at Adams Green Funeral Home at 711 Eider Street, Hermont, VA 20170.

A memorial mass will be held from 11:00 to 12:00 on August 12 at St. Joseph Catholic Church located at 700 Peachtree Street, Hermont, VA 20170. Interment will be immediately thereafter at Chestnut Grove Cemetery at 831 Doneville Road, Hermont, VA 20170.

All are welcome.

Further information is available at this link.

Computer Club

By Paul Neely

The Computer Club (OLLI Personal Computer User Group, or OPCUG) will meet with its partner, the Potomac Area Technology and Computer Society (PATACS), on Saturday, August 30, in person and via Zoom. You must observe OLLI/OPCU health protocols (see this link). Program activities begin at 1:00; the Zoom sessions usually open at 12:45.

Streaming Audio Using VLC (Video LAN Client)

- Presented by John Knudtson

This presentation covers four related topics: 1. How to prepare a Windows computer to enable VLC to receive incoming requests to listen to an audio stream. 2. How to prepare, save, and update a VLC playlist. 3. How to stream a playlist of songs using VLC (this is needed because the VLC streaming interface will play only one file at a time, even though it allows the user to specify multiple files to be played). 4. How to use a music player application such as VLC or VirtualRadio to receive streaming audio from a computer on a home network. To get started, learn in 30 Internet Radio on the Road – Safety. John demonstrated adding a station to VirtualRadio. For this meeting, he will demonstrate the capability for the audience present in Tallwood TA-1 by streaming a VLC playlist from his laptop. Bring along your smart phone with VLC or VirtualRadio installed to listen!

John Knudtson is a regular presenter at our meetings, and a prolific author of articles appearing in the PATACS Patsa newsletter.

Learn in 30 - Introduction to Advanced Menus: Windows Context Menus

- Presented by Gabe Goldberg

Though PC mics have two main buttons, people mostly use the left one. In fact, Microsoft quotes research showing that 39% of Windows users don’t use the right button at all. But almost everywhere in Windows, right-clicking displays a shortcut menu, also called a context menu, displaying actions and options available in the “context” of the object clicked. These handy actions/options can greatly improve productivity. Don't ignore powerful right-click!

Gabe Goldberg has a career as an IT professional and as a writer for AARP and other publications. He presents to groups across multiple states in his role as regional representative for OPCUG (Association for Personal Computer User Groups).

See full details on this meeting by clicking here. For information on the Computer Club, see the OPCUG Website. OPCUG dues are $5 for 2023 (see http://opcuug.org/membership.html) for details on making payment. To attend via Zoom’s cloud meeting service, beginning at 12:45, please click this link to join the meeting and use passcode 868743 (Note: enter passcode with NO spaces) or enter meeting ID 213 0941 3026 in the Zoom App and use the above passcode.
Dr. Linda Apple Manson 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 sign up at this link to stay tuned. 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 the OPA ticket purchase page, Center for the Arts YouTube Channel, or the Hyatt ticket purchase page.

At the Fairfax Campus Venues
No Events Scheduled

Mason Student and Faculty Performances
(see music@gmu.edu for additional student recitals)
No Performances Scheduled

At the Hyatt Center (Manassas Campus)
Company 360 Dance Theatre: Dreamt
Sat., Aug. 13, 2:00 and 7:00
Merchant Hall
Admission: $15, $25 senior.

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

Meetings & Clubs

Please note: Although some physical meetings for clubs and activities are canceled, some may be meeting in person or, in a hybrid mode, both in person and online. OLLI meetings and activities meeting online bear the identification “Z” in their course or event number. Refer to the university’s comprehensive website for official university updates; also, check the OLLI calendar and daily schedule email for event 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 (New 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 offices, etc. (bolded below). The OLLI office has sent (or will send) emails with links and inviting passwords to club members; you may also log in at the member portal and click on ZOOM CLASS LINKS.

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