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***The Dirty Knee Club, Co-Chaired by Sally Berman and Sigrid Carlson, Continues a Long Tradition of Landscape Maintenance at Tallwood***

## October 7, 2022

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### Alerts & Notices

- Grab 'n' Gab Coffee Klatch, Friday, October 14, 10:00-11:30, Tallwood, TA-1. All members welcome.
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, October 14; the regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, October 11, at 6:00.

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### Weekly Conversations Continue – October 12 MYSTERIES



**By Brenda Bloch-Young and Doris Bloch,  
Co-Moderators**

Continuing our Wednesday Conversations series, we (Team Bloch) will moderate a Zoom discussion on Wednesday, October 12 at 4:00, where any and every OLLI member is most welcome to join us to talk about our chosen topic: **Mysteries** (of all sorts, e.g., novels, movies, TV shows and series, podcasts, audiobooks). We foster an informal interactive experience, and we want to hear from you, OLLI members. Share your favorites. No registration needed; participation is totally open and spontaneous. Check the Daily Schedule or just use the OLLI Chat Room meeting ID.

**Mystery Novels, Movies and TV Shows:** What are you reading? Watching? Who's your favorite character or characters? Recommendations welcomed. Should OLLI provide a future class on mysteries? Is anyone currently writing a novel or have you done so in the past? Do you want to tell us a Halloween-related story? Please share with us.

Heads up for the following week's conversation: October 19: **Where In the World Would You**

## Most Like to Live?

Each week, we pre-select a topic and advertise it in the *OLLI E-News*, the *OLLI E-Blast*, and the OLLI Daily Schedule email (so it will be "in your face" and hard to miss.) If you have a suggestion for a topic that will be of interest to members, please do send it to one of us:

([Bblochyoung@gmail.com](mailto:Bblochyoung@gmail.com) or [dbloch50@hotmail.com](mailto:dbloch50@hotmail.com)). We love receiving your suggestions.

Check your Daily Schedule for the Zoom link each Wednesday and plan on some social time with Team Bloch (who are totally unrelated in case you were wondering.)

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## OLLI Walk and Talk Club News



**By Bob Heyer and Marilyn Harriman, Board Members and Walk and Talk Club Co-Chairs**

The OLLI Walk and Talk Club will take its next trail exploration to Lake Newport in Reston on Tuesday, October 11. Starting at 8:00 from Browns Chapel Park, 1686 Browns Chapel Road, walkers will navigate a 2.4-mile path. If you'd like to join us on this or future walks, contact Marilyn Harriman at [mlwharriman74@gmail.com](mailto:mlwharriman74@gmail.com) or Bob Heyer at [rheyev@verizon.net](mailto:rheyev@verizon.net).

On September 27, twelve club members found the "Hidden Pond" in the West Springfield park at the end of Greeley Boulevard, where many frogs and turtles swim daily.

The nature center in the garden provides guidance, maps, and displays of wildlife, pavilions, and trails. We ventured down the paths and found a basketball court, children's jungle gym, an amphitheater, an open field for activities, and a meandering stream to follow through narrow pathways.



Walkers, from Left to right: Bob Heyer, Mary Mudd, Emily Roudebush, Toni Acton, Drew Dunn, Helene Longden, Marilyn Harriman, Pat Pierce, Carol Esteki, and Charles Silver. Not pictured: Walkers Bonnie Nelson, Tony Harriman. (Photo by Tony Harriman, September 27, 2022)

The tracks were marked with foot-long color strips on the trees along the narrow path. We traversed up and down the rolling hills and froze at times to see the deer feeding and moving about. As we transitioned to different color paths, we had to be alert for tree roots on the path and tree markings.

It was a most pleasant and refreshing hour walk seeing the beauty of the woods and meandering stream, but we could have spent a couple of hours exploring more.

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## Computer Club

**3rd Saturday, October 15 In Person and Via Zoom  
Favorite iOS Apps and Cross-Device Synergies (Including Windows!)  
Learn in 30: Scan QR Codes for Windows Apps**



**By Paul Howard, OPCUG Program Chair**

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, October 15, in person and via Zoom. You must observe OLLI/George Mason health protocols (see [this link](#)) if attending on campus. Program activities begin at 1:00; the Zoom session usually opens at 12:45. Coffee and soft drinks will be available; details on individually packaged snacks are being worked out.

**Favorite iOS Apps and Cross-Device Synergies (Including Windows!) – presented by Gabe Goldberg**

Though iPhones/iPads come with numerous/assorted native (built-in) apps, they're also "blank slates," ready to be customized (and filled!) with one's personal selection/collection of apps. How do you find/select the (relatively) few to use from the bazillions in the app store? And how do you know how much storage and data each app is using? This presentation will explore the app store for browsing/selecting/installing apps, tour a few of Gabe's favorite apps, describe app management tools, and show some useful screen shortcuts. He will highlight apps from his iOS/iPadOS experience; most, or equivalents, are also available for Android devices. Note: everyone has their own favorite/essential apps, so be ready to mention a few of yours!

Gabe has had a long career in the software industry, including writing for AARP, industry and computer publications, and *The Washington Post*. Gabe has been an Association of Personal Computer User Groups (APCUG) advisor for more than a decade, serving as that organization's liaison with user groups in eight states.

**Learn in 30: Scan QR Codes for Windows Apps – Presented by John Krout**

This presentation will describe how to obtain, install, and effectively use a free Windows application. You will learn how to save any presentation slide as a photo file on your Windows computer rapidly using a keystroke. If the saved image contains a QR code, then you can scan the QR code in the saved image later, at your own pace, after the presentation ends.

John Krout is a frequent presenter at our meetings on a wide range of computer, technology and photography topics, and author of many articles for the *PATACS Posts* newsletter.

**See full details on this meeting by [clicking here](#).** For information on the Computer Club, see the [OPCUG Website](#). OPCUG dues are \$5 for 2022—see <http://olligmu.org/opcug/comm.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 085407 (*Note: enter passcode with NO spaces*) or enter meeting ID 885 2504 2358 in the Zoom app and use the above passcode (preferred method) or dial 301-715-8592.

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## Mason Jazz Performances in October Include Happy Hour in Reston and More



By **Darden Purcell, D.M.A., Mason Director of Jazz Studies, Jazz Voice**

I have curated a series for the Reston Town Center and Reston Community Center, booking some of the best musicians in the area! This outdoor concert series is FREE and open to the public! Concerts are presented 5:00 to 6:15 outdoors at the Reston Town Square Park on Thursdays and will run through the end of October. Join us for this ongoing concert series!

Guitarist and Mason jazz faculty member Shawn Purcell will perform Monday, October 17 at Blues Alley to mark the release of his Origin Records CD "180." Performances are at 7:00 and 9:00. The album includes ten Purcell original compositions and one standard by the great Johnny Mandel. To purchase tickets: [click here](#).

The Mason Jazz Ensemble performs its fall concert Wednesday, October 19 at 8:00 in Harris Theatre. This concert will feature outstanding soloists and will pay tribute to the great big bands of Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Dizzy Gillespie, Thad Jones, Rob McConnell and more! Tickets available at [this link](#).

**HAPPY HOUR WITH DARDEN AND FRIENDS**  
AT TOWN SQUARE PARK | FREE

**THURSDAYS | 5-6:15 PM**  
Oct 17 Unified Jazz Ensemble  
Oct 20 Raymond Mason Group (Caribbean Jazz)  
Oct 27 Charlie

**SIP & STROLL RULES**  
Patrons may Sip & Stroll within the designated footprint:  
• starting at 4PM, last call @ 5PM  
• one drink purchased from designated establishments within the footprint, and a valid open alcohol permit card provided by those establishments for Sip & Stroll

**In no event:**  
• the alcohol or the permit card be taken outside the designated footprint  
• any individual bring in or consume alcohol that violate the footprint

Visitors subject to punishment  
The footprint is patrolled by private security  
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For map, Sip & Stroll footprint, and other details

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## Let's Party!



By **Marilyn Harriman, Diversions Chair**



Join your OLLI friends for a wicked good time on Friday, October 21, 3:00-5:00 at the Tallwood campus for a fun Halloween party. Refreshments, including snacks, candy, and beverages, will be served.

Enjoy a range of entertainments:

- Visit Ariana LightningStorm, a professional palm reader, for a five-minute private reading
- Take a selfie with a celebrity, including George Washington, Audrey Hepburn, and Elvis
- Decorate a pumpkin in the Annex
- Whack a pinata for a chance at a candy stash
- Wear a costume and compete for prizes

Bring a friend or spouse!

**To sign up:** Register for event 1104 by October 19 in the [member registration portal](#).

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## Tallwood Book Club



By **Betty Ellerbee, Tallwood Book Club Coordinator**

The Tallwood Book club, which meets via Zoom at 2:30 on second Fridays, has scheduled the following books for discussion:

October 14 – *Oh William* by Elizabeth Strout  
November 11 – *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro  
December 9 – *My Antonia* by Willa Cather  
January 13 – *Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks  
February 10 – *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood.

Event links will appear in the OLLI Daily-Schedule email. Join us.

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## Poet's Corner

*Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop*

### A fall flourish

The first brave yellow leaf

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Pirouetting gliding  
to land on the ground  
Getting a front row seat  
Awaiting the soloists and clusters  
Who would soon show off their own  
acrobatics

Here's the marks

9.0 for innovative route  
9.5 for enchanting collaborations  
8.8 for dramatic landing  
10.0 for pure pleasure

A fall flourish  
before settling down  
to rest together

*Susan Rexroad*

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## Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances, October 7 through October 17

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



Current vaccination policy for the Center for the Arts and Hylton Performing Arts Center is summarized as follows:

Audience members are not currently required to show proof of vaccination, or a negative COVID-19 test result for most events **except** when required by the event organizer or artist. If proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test result is required for a specific event, it will be indicated on the webpage with event details.

Specific requirements are detailed and any future policy changes may be found here: <https://cfa.gmu.edu/plan-your-visit/vaccination-policy>.

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 sign up at [this link to stay in touch](#). 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](#).

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### At the Fairfax Campus Venues

#### Virginia Opera: *The Valkyrie*

Sat, Oct 8, 8:00  
Sun, Oct 9, 2:00  
Concert Hall  
Admission: \$110, \$70, \$40.

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### Mason Student and Faculty Performances

(see [music.gmu.edu](https://music.gmu.edu) for additional student recitals)

#### New Sound Collective Concert

Fri, Oct 7, 8:00  
deLaski Performing Arts Building, 3001, de Laski Rehearsal Room  
Admission: Free.

#### Symphony Orchestra Concert

Wed, Oct 12, 8:00  
Concert Hall  
Admission: Adult \$12, senior \$8.

**Fall Choral Festival Concert**

Sat, Oct 15, 4:00  
 Concert Hall  
 Admission: Free.

**Faculty Artist Showcase**

Sun, Oct 16, 3:00  
 Harris Theatre  
 Admission: Free.

**Mason Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band**

Mon, Oct 17, 8:00  
 Concert Hall  
 Admission: Adult \$12, senior \$8.

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Continues through Nov 6  
 Hylton Performing Arts Center, Buchanan Partners Art Gallery  
 Admission: Free.

**Naseebo Lal! Pakistani Folk Singer**

Fri, Oct 7, 7:30  
 Merchant Hall  
 Admission: \$29 to \$250.

**Manassas Chorale: Broadway in Manassas!**

Sat, Oct 8, 7:30  
 Merchant Hall  
 Admission: \$25, \$23.

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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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**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 events and activities meeting online bear the identification "Z" in their course or event number (except clubs; you may need to check the [OLLI calendar](#) and daily schedule email for location and other event information). Refer to the university's [coronavirus website](#) for official university updates.

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.*

Sat Oct 8	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club
Mon Oct 10	9:30 am	What's in the Daily News?
Tue Oct 11	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Wed Oct 12	1:45 pm	Bridge Club
	1:45 pm	Spanish Club
	4:00 pm	Mah Jongg Club
	4:00 pm	Conversations with Brenda and Doris
	6:00 pm	Ethnic Eats Club
Thu Oct 13	4:00 pm	Reston Book Club
	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Fri Oct 14	9:15 am	Recorder Consort
	9:30 am	Photography Club
	9:30 am	Craft and Conversation
	10:00 am	Grab 'n' Gab Coffee Klatch
	11:00 am	Classic Literature Club
	11:00 am	Homer, etc.
	11:30 am	Cooking Club
	2:30 pm	Tallwood Book Club
Sat Oct 15	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club
	1:00 pm	Personal Computer User Group
Mon Oct 17	9:30 am	What's in the Daily News?
Tue Oct 18	4:00 pm	Spanish Club
	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Wed Oct 19	1:45 pm	Bridge Club
	1:45 pm	Mah Jongg Club
	2:00 pm	Memoir and More Writing Group
Thu Oct 20	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Fri Oct 21	9:15 am	Recorder Consort
	9:30 am	Craft and Conversation
	10:00 am	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b>
	11:00 am	Classic Literature Club

	11:00 am	Homer, etc.
	3:00 pm	OLLI Halloween Social
Sat Oct 22	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club

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## About *OLLI E-News*

*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.

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