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A July course taught by Michael McGregor, M.A. History, provided an informative comparison of congressional hearings on Watergate and on the January 6 attack on the Capitol

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Alerts & Notices

- The OLLI office will be closed for summer break from July 29-August 13. This will affect any in-person activities that might otherwise be held at Tallwood during the period.
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, July 28; the regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, July 25, at 6:00.

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Historic Summer Lunch al Fresco at Tallwood—2010



By Doris Bloch, Co-Founder of the OLLI Cooking Club



Does the site look familiar to you? This photo was taken on a summer's day in the breezeway outside the Tallwood office. It portrays some of the original members of the OLLI Cooking Club about to enjoy the "fruits" of their labors. The majority of the cooks portrayed here are no longer members of the club, but the fifth person from the left is the late Debby Halverson, the co-founder of the group. Paulette Lichtman-Panzer (third from right) and Doris Bloch (far right, co-founder) are still members. Not sure if any others in the photo are still involved. The food looks delicious, doesn't it?

The OLLI Cooking Club has undergone a lot of changes over the years. Currently we meet on a Friday once a month in members' homes to share a potluck lunch with an organizing theme. For instance, a recent theme was French cuisine. About 10 members gathered to share dishes, recipes, and an enjoyable afternoon. Leadership of the club has recently been passed from Ute Christoph-Hill to Colleen Tuddenham. Please contact Colleen (ctuddenham@gmail.com) if you would like more information on future luncheon plans.

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Photo of the Month



The July 2023 Photo of the Month theme was Long Exposure. We selected Ed Marion's photo "Difficult Run," which may also be viewed at [this page](#). To view other photos by members of the Photography Club, visit the club's photo [website](#).

-- By John Olsen and Edward Marion, Photography Club Co-Coordinator

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Wednesday Team Bloch Conversation – July 26



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

Continuing our Wednesday Conversations series, Team Bloch (Brenda Bloch-Young and Doris Bloch) will moderate a Zoom discussion on July 26 at 4:00. Our chosen topic this week, as suggested by Betty Ellerbee, is "Things I Never Learned and Don't Intend to Either!"

Everyone has a few things that they never learned and we either regret or rejoice in those gaps. Maybe you didn't have time or resources or the opportunity early on. This is your chance to air them, share them, and perhaps let regrets go. Or was there some reason why you scoffed at the "need" to learn a certain skill, while others insisted on engaging in that skill? Examples to get our conversation going: playing tennis, playing the piano, learning to waltz, cooking gourmet fare, writing poetry, running a marathon, writing HTML code. Why is your interest in those subjects no longer alive or pressing? This is an open-ended topic for our conversations! (There will be NO recordings of our shared confessions, so feel free to tell us all about it.) We would love to hear from you and to share your ideas with others in our conversational hour.

Check your daily schedule for the Zoom link on Wednesdays and plan on some social time with Team Bloch. Note: there will be no scheduled Wednesday conversations while OLLI is closed, July 29 to August 13.

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Dear Muse,

Can my computer be better at couplets
than a human with paper and pen?
Adept at composing a sonnet or two,
perfect words to convey love once again?

Can AI truly best us in meter,
in assonance, simile, and more?
Will a robot emerge to replace us
in endrhyme, volta, metaphor?

But content will evermore matter,
experience will bring a new twist,
grace and style will prevail and ultimately
we humans will find what's been missed.

jan bohall

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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances July 21 through August 1



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](#).

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.

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At the Fairfax Campus Venues

No performances scheduled

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Mason Student and Faculty Performances

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

No Performances Scheduled

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

No Performances Scheduled

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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

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. 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 Jul 22	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club
Mon Jul 24	10:00 am	Bridge Club
Tue Jul 25	1:00 pm 4:30 pm	Stay Active and Independent for Life Tai Chi Club
Wed Jul 26	11:00 am 2:00 pm 4:00 pm	Spanish Club Memoir and More Writing Group Conversations with Doris & Brenda
Thu Jul 27	4:30 pm 6:00 pm	Tai Chi Club Ethnic Eats Club
Fri Jul 28	9:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 noon 1:00 pm	Mah Jongg Club Craft and Conversation Homer, etc. Photography Club Stay Active and Independent for Life
Sat Jul 29	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club
Mon Jul 31	9:30 am 11:00 am	What's in the Daily News? Poetry Reading Club
Tue Aug 1	9:30 am 10:00 am 1:00 pm 4:30 pm	Annex Art Walk & Talk Club Stay Active and Independent for Life Tai Chi Club
Wed Aug 2	4:00 pm 4:00 pm	Mah Jongg Club Spanish Club
Thu Aug 3	11:50 am 4:30 pm	All the News Tai Chi Club
Fri Aug 4	11:00 am 1:00 pm	Homer, etc. Stay Active and Independent for Life
Sat Aug 5	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club

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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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