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Dr. Peter Henriques, Mason Emeritus Professor of History, Analyzes George Washington's Drive to Become Commander of the American Revolutionary War Army: Large Class in TA-1, April 10.

April 19, 2024

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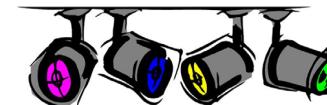
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Alerts & Notices

- **Reminder:** Personal Computer User Group meeting, 3rd Saturday, April 20, Tallwood TA-1 and via Zoom, 1:00.
- **Reminder:** Mason Jazz Ensemble at Blues Alley: Tuesday April 23, 7:00 1073 Wisconsin Avenue NW, Washington DC 20007. \$25—[Click here](#).
- Grab 'n' Gab coffee klatch for new and continuing members, Friday, April 26, Tallwood Annex, 10:00-11:30.
- Annual Business meeting and meet the Board candidates event, Tallwood TA-1, Friday, May 3, 10:00. All members welcome.
- Cinco de Mayo celebration and picnic, Friday, May 3, Tallwood, TA-1 12:00-2:00. All members welcome.
- The next issue of OLLI E-News will be published Friday, April 26; the regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, April 23, at 6:00.

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Theater Lovers' Group Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunity



By Norma Jean Reck, Coordinator, Theater Lovers' Group

On Wednesday, April 24, at 4:00, the Theater Lovers' Group (TLG) will meet Castleton Festival Co-founder via Zoom.

Co-founder Dietlinde Maazel will be on hand to tell us the wonderful story of the founding of Castleton Festival in Castleton, Virginia, located in the lush, green, rolling hills of nearby Rappahannock County. You might be surprised to learn about the diversity of musical and theatrical offerings available to us a mere hour's drive from Fairfax. Look for the link in OLLI's daily schedule under Theater Lovers' Group (TLG) club meeting. Open to all OLLI members.

On Sunday, May 5, at 2:00, TLG will see *The Heiress of Hawtrey Hall* performed by City of Fairfax Theater Company.

Who doesn't love an English Regency romantic comedy, especially when it was written by a young local playwright? Giggle out loud at the humorous escapades of insistent suitors and meddling family members that Heiress Grace Coventry deals with as she protects her beloved Hawtrey Hall and fights for financial independence. Dinner after the show. Group ticket price TBD. Email Norma at njreck@cs.com for more information or to sign up.

Needed: Theatrical Audio Describers Volunteers; Training Provided Free, See Shows for Free

Contact Marianne Metz at themelodylingers@gmail.com for more information and to sign up for auditions in April.

The Metropolitan Washington Ear, Inc. (MWE), a non-profit organization, provides reading and information services for the blind and visually impaired throughout the DMV area, and specifically to major theaters. During

the month of April, they are seeking volunteers to audition to be Audio Describers (AD). Those selected will go through AD training the weekend of May 31.

Theatrical Audio Describers learn to verbally describe visual aspects of a performance such as sets, costumes, and action on the stage that help the visually challenged to "see" the play as well as hear it. ADs are volunteer positions. Tickets to shows are free.

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Wednesday Team Bloch Conversation—April 24



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

Continuing our Wednesday Conversations series, Team Bloch (Brenda Bloch-Young and Doris Bloch) will moderate the OLLI Zoom discussion on April 24 at 4:00.

The topic for April 24: **Memories of O.J. Simpson.** How did you react when you heard the news of O.J.'s death? Do you remember the coverage of the white Ford Bronco being chased on LA freeways? And the trial that seemed to go on forever? Seems that 150 million Americans watched the verdict announced on TV. There have been several news articles on what we learned or should have learned from that verdict.

Join us Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 on the 24/7 Chat Line to share your thoughts.

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Recycling Eclipse-Viewing Glasses



By Doris Bloch, Program Committee Co-Chair

Did you know that eclipse glasses can be recycled? Astronomers Without Borders is collecting them and distributing them to other continents for future eclipse viewing, especially in areas where there is little funding to purchase the glasses for the populace.

If you still have those glasses and would like to donate them, there is now a labeled collection box in the Tallwood social room to receive them. Please deposit them by April 25, so we can get them to the collection site while they are still preparing distribution lots. Thank you.

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Photo of the Month



The April 2024 Photo of the Month theme was Planes, Trains, and Automobiles. We selected John Olsen's photo "Blue Angels," 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's Back
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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Our Passage

in my new yard
sits an ancient
chipped Buddha
half-buried and
overgrown with ivy

how many families
have watched the flowers
around that statue
bloom bold
then fade away

what is it like to kneel
half submerged
under crisp moon rises
embedded in creeping moss
thru rolling decades

in the shrill dark
can it hear the deep dirt
and sense the pressure
that time and rust
wreak on all
our proud structures

maybe we should
have remained
savanna wanderers
with itchy feet
leaving only
rocky foot tracks
to mark our passage

– Valerie Horton

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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances April 19 through April 29



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. You can also 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 information on 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

Small Island Big Song

Sat, Apr 20, 8:00

A pre-performance discussion will take place in the Center for the Arts, 45 minutes prior to curtain.
Concert Hall
Admission: \$48, \$41, \$29.

The Okee Dokee Brothers

Sun, Apr 21, 10:30 and 1:00

Concert Hall
Admission: \$15.

Bamberg Symphony with H el ene Grimaud

Sat, Apr 27, 8:00

A pre-performance discussion will take place in the Center for the Arts, 45 minutes prior to curtain.
Concert Hall
Admission: \$65, \$65, \$45.

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Mason Student and Faculty Performances

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

Mason School of Theater: *1,001 Plays*

Fri, Apr 19, 7:00

Virtual Event

Register at: <https://signup.e2ma.net/signup/1980442/1912540/>.

Mason Opera, Spring 2024: Mozart's *The Impresario* and Steven Stucky's *The Classical Style: An Opera (of Sorts)*

Fri, Apr 19, 8:00

Sat, Apr 20, 2:00 and 8:00

Sun, Apr 21, 3:00

Harris Theatre

Admission: \$20 Adult, \$15 Senior.

Mason Wind Symphony Concert: *The Blue Marble: An Earth Concertvation Experience*

Thu, Apr 25, 6:30 to 9:30

6:30-7:45 Sustainability Marketplace Opens to the Public 6:30-7:30 Pre-Concert Discussion: Mission eARTH – A call to action for artists and audiences in Earth Conservation

8:00-9:30 Wind Symphony Concert

Concert Hall

Admission: \$12 Adult, \$8 Senior.

Mason School of Dance: *Spring: Dance Innovations*

Fri, Apr 26, 2:00 and 8:00

Sat, Apr 27, 2:00 and 8:00

Harris Theatre

Admission: \$20 Adult, \$16 Senior.

Mason Symphony Orchestra: *Concerto Competition Winners Concert*

Fri, Apr 26, 8:00

Concert Hall

Admission: \$20 Adult, \$15 Senior.

Mason School of Theater Concert Presentation: *Once Upon a Mattress*

Fri, Apr 26, 8:00

Sat, Apr 27, 8:00

Sun, Apr 28, 2:00

deLaski Performing Arts Building, A105, TheaterSpace

Admission: \$20 Adult, \$10 Senior.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

The United States Army Band: *Red, White, and Blue*

Fri, Apr 19, 7:30

Merchant Hall

Admission: Free on a first-come, first-served basis, with doors opening at 7:00.

Frank Solivan and Dirty Kitchen

Sat, Apr 20, 5:00 and 8:00
 Gregory Family Theater
 Admission: \$30.

Virginia National Ballet: Led Zeppelin

Sat, Apr 20, 7:00
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: \$45, \$40, \$35.

Ordway Ballet: Whodunnit? A Murder Mystery Ballet

Sun, Apr 21, 1:00 and 5:00
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: \$30, \$27, \$24 Adult; \$28, \$25, \$22 Senior.

Matinee Idylls: Bridging the Gap

Wed, Apr 24; Lunch, 12:30, Concert 1:30
 Gregory Family Theater
 Lunch, concert, and dessert reception: \$65
 Concert and dessert reception only: \$40.

The Hylton Performing Arts Center's 14th Anniversary Gala

Sat, Apr 27
 6:00 Reception in the Didlake Grand Foyer
 7:30 Dinner, Honoree Tribute, and Auction
 9:00 to 11:00 Desserts and drinks
 Admission: \$350.

The New Dominion Choraliers Ceili: An Irish Music Festival

Sun, Apr 28, 5:00
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: \$50.

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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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**Don't count the days,
 Make the days count!**

Meetings & Clubs

Please note: OLLI Meetings and Clubs may currently take place in several formats: some are in person only, some are online only, and some are hybrid, meaning that they take place in person and are accessible online simultaneously. 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 Apr 20	10:30 am 1:00 pm	Tai Chi Club – online Personal Computer User Group
Mon Apr 22	9:30 am 4:00 pm	What's in the Daily News? – online Family History/Genealogy Club – online
Tue Apr 23	1:00 pm 4:30 pm	Stay Active and Independent for Life – online Tai Chi Club
Wed Apr 24	1:45 pm 1:45 pm 4:00 pm 4:00 pm	Bridge Club Spanish Club Theater Lovers' Group – online Conversation with Team Bloch – online
Thu Apr 25	4:00 pm 4:30 pm	Reston Book Club – online Tai Chi Club – online
Fri Apr 26	9:30 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 noon 1:00 pm	Mah Jongg Club Crafts and Conversation Grab 'n' Gab Coffee Klatch Classic Literature Club – online Homer, etc. – online Photography Club Stay Active and Independent for Life – online
Sat Apr 27	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club – online
Mon Apr 29	9:30 am	What's in the Daily News? – online
Tue Apr 30	1:00 pm 4:30 pm	Stay Active and Independent for Life – online Tai Chi Club – online
Wed May 1	1:30 pm 1:45 pm 2:00 pm 4:00 pm 4:00 pm 4:00 pm 4:00 pm	Board Game Club Bridge Club Memoir and More Writing Group – online Mah Jongg Club – online History Club – online Spanish Club – online Conversation with Team Bloch – online
Thu May 2	11:50 am 4:30 pm 6:00 pm	All the News Tai Chi Club – online Ethnic Eats Club – online
Fri May 3	10:00 am 1:00 pm 1:00 pm 2:30 pm	Annual Business Meeting Cinco de Mayo Celebration Stay Active and Independent for Life – online Caregivers Group – online

Sat May 4	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club – online
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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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