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Photos by Paul Van Hemel, October 11, 2024

Board Member and Member Services Chair Toni Acton Hosts an Informal Coffee Klatsch for New and Continuing Members, October 11

October 18, 2024

Editor of the Week: Paul Van Hemel

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Alerts & Notices

- OLLI Personal Computer User Group 3rd Saturday meeting is October 19 (tomorrow) in person and via Zoom; check the Friday-Saturday OLLI daily schedule email for the link and other information.
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, October 25; the regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, October 22, at 6:00.

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Did you know that men over the age of 75 have the highest suicide rate? If you or someone you know are feeling depressed, hopeless, or having thoughts of suicide, tell a healthcare provider, talk to a friend, call the Suicide Prevention Hotline. It's as easy as dialing 988.

(From the Healthcare Advisory Workgroup)

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Photo of the Month



The October 2024 Photo of the Month theme was Nature/Landscapes. We selected Ed Marion's photo "Great Falls," 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 Ed Marion, Photography Club Coordinators

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Upcoming New Theater Outing and Theater Exhibit Plus Tour



By Norma Jean Reck, Coordinator, Theater Lovers' Group

NEW! On Saturday, November 9, Theater Lovers' will attend the 2pm matinee of Fiddler on the Roof, performed by the Reston Community Players at Center Stage in Reston. Who doesn't want to sing and dance along when they hear If I Were a Rich Man or Sunrise, Sunset? Set in 1905 in a small town near Kiev, Fiddler is a heartwarming (and heartbreaking) story of dairyman Teyve and his wife Golda and their efforts to see their five daughters married. Tickets are going fast. Senior tickets are \$27 (including fees). Go online to <http://www.restonplayers.org> to purchase your tickets ASAP. Let Norma know if you will join us for the show and lunch before the show TBD.

The "Change We Want to See": Artists and Social Transformation is being exhibited in Fenwick Library at Mason. On Wednesday, December 4, OLLI will be given a tour of the exhibit, which will

be followed by a private tour of selected theater, art, and music artifacts contained in the various Special Collections held by the library but not on display. The exhibit shows Zelda Fishandler's papers from archives at Arena Stage, posters of the international tour of George and Ira Gershwin's Porgy and Bess, and visual art and design relevant to protest and social justice movements from 1968 to 2022. Sign up for Group A 10-12 or Group B 1-3.

To sign up or for more information, email me at njreck@cs.com.

Editor's note: At the author's request, all words are published unedited, exactly as submitted.

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Sloths [Translated from Pilosa]

So the two-footed call us. Some of them
roam the jungle never realizing we are
observing them with scorn, disgust.

They see us and don't see us
mistaking our mossy green backs
for bird nests.

The knowing ones believe we are lazy,
useless, hence they disdain torpid comrades
as slothful. They made it a mortal sin.

Ha! We sloths perform vital work
even as we lounge among the leafy branches.
We sloths protect the world.

Each time we make our weekly descent
to defecate, the fabric of worldness is rent,
a catastrophe occurs.

The two-footed ones ignore that once
we were huge powerful beasts who
roamed the Earth at will. So beautiful

were we that the gods' jealousy was aroused.
In their wrath they cursed us, reduced
us to our current modesty, banished us

to live in trees, caused us to host

green algae nourishing their sloth moth
messengers and condemned us
to protect the world.

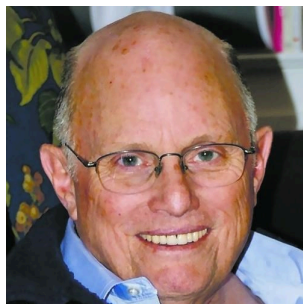
–Carolyn F. Wyatt

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Obituary: Dr. Edward Koenigsberg

Long-time OLLI member Dr. Edward Koenigsberg, M.D., died on October 10, 2024. He received undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Maryland and maintained a private practice in pediatrics for several years. He had a long career in the Air Force and the federal government.

In retirement, he audited classes at George Mason University before joining OLLI. His OLLI friends will miss his insights and wit. His funeral was held October 13, with interment at King David Memorial Gardens. Memorial donations can be made to the [American Cancer Society](#). Further information is available at [this link](#).



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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances, October 18 through October 27



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 the CFA ticket page link 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

Fairfax Symphony: Bernstein & Copland

Sat, Oct 19, 8:00

Harris Theatre

Admission: \$65, \$55, \$40.

Laurie Berkner Band

Sun, Oct 20, 3:00

Concert Hall

Admission: \$40, \$30, \$20.

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Mason Student and Faculty Performances

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

Dewberry School of Music Faculty Artist Showcase

Sun, Oct 20, 3:00

Harris Theatre

Admission: Free.

Mason Opera Scenes, Fall 2024

Mon, Oct 21, 7:30

Fairfax Old Town Hall

3999 University Dr, Fairfax, VA 22030

Admission: Free.

Wind Chamber Ensemble

Wed, Oct 23, 8:00

Harris Theatre

Admission: Free.

Mason Jazz Ensemble

Thu, Oct 24, 8:00

Harris Theatre

Admission: \$15 Adult, \$10 Senior.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Manassas Ballet Theatre: *Dracula*

Fri, Oct 18, 7:30
Sat, Oct 19, 7:30
Sun, Oct 20, 3:00
Merchant Hall

Admission: \$75, \$65, \$55, \$45.

American Roots Series: *Balsam Range*

Sat, Oct 19, 5:00 and 8:00
Gregory Family Theater
Admission: \$30.

Villalobos Brothers

Sat, Oct 26, 8:00
Merchant Hall
Admission: \$48, \$41, \$29.

Manassas Symphony Orchestra: *Prisms*

Sun, Oct 27, 3:30
Merchant Hall
Admission: \$30.

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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: 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. 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 19	10:30 am 1:00 pm	Tai Chi Club – online Personal Computer User Group
Mon Oct 21	4:00 pm 4:00 pm	Family History/Genealogy Club – online Chair Yoga and More – online
Tue Oct 22	1:00 pm 4:00 pm 4:30 pm	Stay Active and Independent for Life – online Mah Jongg Club – online Tai Chi Club – online
Wed Oct 23	12:00 noon 1:30 pm 1:30 pm 1:45 pm 4:00 pm 4:00 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online Bridge Club Dabbling Artists Club Spanish Club Theater Lovers' Group – online Conversation with Team Bloch – online
Thu Oct 24	1:00 pm 4:30 pm	Stay Active and Independent for Life – online Tai Chi Club – online
Fri Oct 25	9:30 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 noon 12:00 noon	Crafts and Conversation Classic Literature Club – online Homer, etc. – online Photography Club Chair Yoga and More – online
Sat Oct 26	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club – online
Mon Oct 28	4:00 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online
Tue Oct 29	1:00 pm 2:00 pm 4:30 pm	Stay Active and Independent for Life – online Chair Yoga and More – online Tai Chi Club – online
Wed Oct 30	12:00 noon 1:30 pm 1:30 pm 2:00 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online Board Game Club Bridge Club Memoir and More Writing Group – online
Thu Oct 31	1:00 pm 3:00 pm 4:30 pm	Stay Active and Independent for Life – online Chair Yoga and More – online Tai Chi Club – online
Fri Nov 1	10:00 am 12:00 noon 12:30 pm	Annual Town Hall Meeting Chair Yoga and More – online Oktoberfest at OLLI Mason
Sat Nov 2	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.

Note: You can view past issues of *OLLI E-News* on the DocStore. To search the content of issues, use Search Our Site or put your search term in Google followed by "site:olli.gmu.edu/" without the quotes.

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