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**OLLI Excursion to 62nd Annual Woodlawn Needlework Show, Early March 2025; See Article Below**

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### Alerts & Notices

- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, April 11; the regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, April 8, at 6:00.

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### Notes from the Nominating Committee on Nominations by Petition



**By Norma Jean Reck, Chairperson, Nominating Committee**

In addition to the Director candidates identified by the Nominating Committee for the 2025 Board of Directors elections, OLLI's *Bylaws* allow for additional nominations by petition. The guidelines for petition nominations are set out on pages 31 and 32 of OLLI's *Policies and Procedures Manual* (P&P Manual), Appendix A. Director Nomination and Election Process. You can find OLLI's P&P Manual by going online to OLLI's website at [olli.gmu.edu](http://olli.gmu.edu).

#### Who can file a nomination petition to run for Director for OLLI's 2025 Board of Directors?

Any qualified OLLI member can file a nomination petition to run for Director. The required qualifications are addressed on page 31 in the P&P Manual, Appendix A. Qualifications for a Director.

#### What is required in filing a nomination petition?

1. The petitioner must get the signatures of 45 OLLI members, along with their contact information, i.e., email address and phone number.
2. The petitioner must provide a candidate statement of no more than 400 words, which is to include biographical information, work experience and expertise, and OLLI involvement.
3. The petitioner must present the 45 signatures and candidate statement to the Nominating Committee by emailing them to Chairperson Norma Jean Reck at [njreck@cs.com](mailto:njreck@cs.com) no later than Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

#### When is the deadline to submit a nomination petition?

The deadline for submitting the requisite signatures and statement is Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

#### When will the election be held?

Staff will conduct the online election beginning at noon on Friday, May 2, 2025, and ending at

noon on Friday, May 16, 2025.

#### **When will the elected Directors be announced?**

The newly elected Directors will be announced in the afternoon on Friday, May 16, 2025.

If you have any questions or need more information, please email me at [njreck@cs.com](mailto:njreck@cs.com).

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## A Visit to Woodlawn



*By Carolyn Kramer, Excursions Committee Trip Coordinator*

In early March, a group of OLLI members enjoyed a between-term excursion to the 62nd annual Woodlawn Needlework Show (see photos above). After a lunch hosted by Nelly's Needlers, the group had ample time to explore the eight rooms of the mansion where nearly 600 projects were on display. The exhibits included stunning examples of counted cross stitch, crewel, needlepoint, smocking, and more. A number of attendees were treated to an excellent mid-afternoon guided and narrated tour that provided much fascinating information about the history of the mansion, the various needling techniques, and fibers. In all, it was a fine way to spend a day with OLLI acquaintances in a creative and historic setting.

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## You're Invited to a Dance Party

*By Marilyn Harriman, Diversions Chair*

It's time to put on your dancing shoes! Come dressed in your favorite retro threads, or come as you are in 2025 and enjoy the sounds of the 1950s, '60s, and '70s at our dance party on April 25 from 1:00-3:00. TA-1 at Tallwood will be transformed into a dance hall with all the familiar accessories—a wall to stand against, chairs for chatting with friends, a dance area, and a snack table.

D.J. Captain Dave will spin the platters while we reminisce, listen, and, if you'd like, dance to the tunes we rocked and strolled to when we were a bit younger.

The Diversions Committee will provide refreshments—party food like you used to eat—and drink—liquid thirst quenchers.

If you haven't registered yet and want to join the party, register through your [member portal](#) for

event #1102F. There is no cost, but we need to know how many are coming to plan for the food and drinks.

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## Don't Miss Seeing 'The Tempest' at Mason with OLLI's Theater Lovers' This Saturday



By **Norma Jean Reck, Coordinator, Theater Lovers' Group**

OLLI's Theater Lovers' Group (TLG) will attend the 2pm matinee performance of Mason's School of Theater's 'The Tempest' this Saturday, April 5. Senior tickets are \$15. Purchase tickets by phoning 703-993-8888 (Harris Theater) or by going online to [cfatix@gmu.edu](mailto:cfatix@gmu.edu). Optional dinner at Oh George after the show. Email me at [njreck@cs.com](mailto:njreck@cs.com) to sign up with TLG.



Adapted and directed by Rick Davis, Dean of Visual and Performing Arts, The Tempest is set in an alternative universe of virtual reality. Prospero, Duke of Milan who has been banished with his daughter to a remote island, uses magic to shipwreck his malevolent brother and his accomplices to exact revenge on them. In the end, Prospero weighs his need for revenge against a quest for peace.

It will be a riveting and memorable musical performance.

*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*

### Morning Wish

Waking up at dawn  
Moonbeams on the lawn  
Peace and tranquility  
A world with stability

On a distant shore  
Shattered by war  
Life, art, culture  
Destroyed

Humbly I pray

For a peaceful way  
To restore the day  
With laughter and joy

A new dawn of peace  
-Chitra Mohla

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## Early April 2025 Mason Jazz Concerts



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

Mason's Reva and Sid Dewberry Family School of Music is hosting several jazz concerts this spring, and we hope OLLI members will attend and enjoy them. Listed below are three upcoming events in early-to-mid April. Later ones will be announced in subsequent issues of E-News. Please join us!

### Jazz Workshop: Wednesday, Apr 9, 8:00

Harris Theatre  
Free and open to the public; no tickets or registration required  
For more details, click [this link](#).



The Jazz Workshop explores the intersection of improvisation and composition in a medium-size jazz ensemble. Come experience a taste of 21st-century jazz by the next generation of jazz musicians in the "Changing of the Guard."

### Mason Jazz Vocal Night: Monday, Apr 14, 8:00

Center for the Arts  
Tickets: Click [this link](#).

Join Dr. Darden Purcell, the Mason Jazz Voice Studio, and the DOWNBEAT award-winning Mason Jazz Vocal Ensemble for an evening of swinging standards, Latin American songs, and classic hits from the Great American Songbook. Featuring our rhythm section of Paul Bratcher (piano), Nareg Boghosian (guitar), Ponnya Min (bass), Clay Cottis (drums) and Raven Wilson (percussion)!



### Jazz Combos/Braddock Road Brass Band: Tuesday, Apr 15

Center for the Arts  
Free and open to the public; no tickets or registration required

For more details, click [this link](#).

Combo Italia/Combo 336 (directed by Dr. Shawn Purcell) and the Braddock Road Brass Band (directed by Graham Breedlove) perform their spring 2025 concert!



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## Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances, April 4 through April 14



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

#### Center for the Arts, Concert Hall

Pre-performance discussions will take place in Monson Grand Tier, which is located on the third level of the Concert Hall, 45 minutes prior to curtain. As seating is limited, a livestream will also be available on screens in the main lobby.

### Cirque Mechanics: *Pedal Punk Acrobatics*

Sat, Apr 5, 2:00 and 8:00  
Pre-performance discussion.  
Concert Hall  
Admission: \$55, \$47, \$33.

### Moon Mouse: *A Space Odyssey*

Sun, Apr 6, 1:00 and 4:00  
Concert Hall  
Admission: \$15.

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### Mason Student and Faculty Performances

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

#### *The Tempest*

Fri, Apr 4, 7:30  
Sat, Apr 5, 2:00 and 7:30  
Sun, Apr 6, 2:00  
Harris Theatre  
Admission: \$30 Adult, \$15 Senior.

#### School of Music Jazz Workshop

Wed, Apr 9, 8:00  
Harris Theatre  
Admission: Free.

#### Chorale Broadway Showcase 2025: *A Choral Tribute to Disney Magic*

Fri, Apr 11, 8:00  
Sat, Apr 12, 2:00  
Center for the Arts  
Admission: \$20 Adult, \$15 Senior.

#### Jazz Vocal Night

Mon, Apr 14, 8:00  
Center for the Arts  
Admission: \$15 Adult, \$10 Senior.

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### At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)



**Old Bridge Chamber Orchestra: *Illuminare, Songs of Light and Life***

Sat, Apr 5, 7:00  
 Merchant Hall  
 Admission: \$35, \$30, \$25 Adult; \$30, \$25, \$20 Senior.

**Mountain Stage hosted by Kathy Mattea: Contemporary Folk, Blues, Country, and More**

Sun, Apr 6, 7:00  
 Merchant Hall  
 Admission: \$70, \$55, \$40.

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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., **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 5	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club – online
Mon Apr 7	9:30 am	What's in the Daily News? – online
	4:00 pm	Family History/Genealogy Club – online
	4:00 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online
Tue Apr 8	1:00 pm	Stay Active and Independent for Life – online
	2:00 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online

	4:00 pm	Mah Jongg Club – online
	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club – online
Wed Apr 9	11:50 am	Investment Forum
	12:00 noon	Chair Yoga and More – online
	1:30 pm	Board Games Club
	1:30 pm	Bridge Club
	1:45 pm	Spanish Club
Thu Apr 10	1:00 pm	Stay Active and Independent for Life – online
	3:00 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online
	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club – online
Fri Apr 11	9:30 am	Photography Club
	9:30 am	Crafts and Conversation
	11:00 am	Homer, etc. – online
	11:30 am	Cooking Club
	12:00 noon	Chair Yoga and More – online
	2:00 pm	Classic Literature Club – online
	2:30 pm	Tallwood Book Club – online
Sat Apr 12	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club – online
Mon Apr 14	9:30 am	What's in the Daily News? – online
	4:00 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online
Tue Apr 15	1:00 pm	Stay Active and Independent for Life – online
	2:00 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online
	3:45 pm	Caregivers Support Group – online
	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club – online
Wed Apr 16	11:50 am	Investment Forum
	12:00 noon	Chair Yoga and More – online
	1:30 pm	Board Game Club
	1:30 pm	Bridge Club
	1:30 pm	Dabbling Artists Club
	2:00 pm	Memoir and More Writing Group – online
	4:00 pm	Spanish Club – online
	4:00 pm	Conversation with Team Bloch – online
Thu Apr 17	1:00 pm	Stay Active and Independent for Life – online
	3:00 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online
	4:00 pm	Literary Fiction Book Club – online
	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club – online
Fri Apr 18	9:30 am	Crafts and Conversation
	10:00 am	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b>
	10:00 am	Mah Jongg Club
	11:00 am	Homer, etc. – online
	12:00 noon	Chair Yoga and More – online
	2:00 pm	Classic Literature Club – online
Sat Apr 19	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club – online
	1:00 pm	Personal Computer User Group

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## About **OLLI E-News**

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