

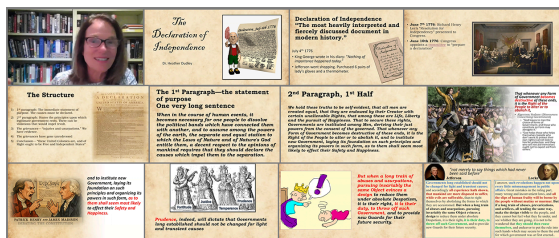
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Dr. Heather Dudley presented a detailed review of the writing of the Declaration of Independence, 2025 summer term

July 18, 2025

Editor of the Week: Paul Van Hemel

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Alerts & Notices

- **Reminder:** OLLI Personal Computer Club meeting in person at Tallwood and via Zoom at 1:00 on July 19 (tomorrow). The Zoom session opens at 12:45.
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, July 25; the regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, July 22, at 6:00.

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Tallwood Book Club



By Betty Ellerbee, Tallwood Book Club Coordinator

Reader's choice will be the topic of discussion at the August Zoom meeting of the Tallwood Book Club. Members will pick a book they especially want to read and will share a brief synopsis of the book and why they liked it...or didn't. And whether they think everyone should read it for future discussions.

We will meet at our regularly appointed time, 2:30, on Friday, August 8.

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Member Achievement

OLLI member Margie Wildblood has published a memoir available on Amazon at [this link](#). She thanks OLLI members of the Writer's Workshop, Memoir and More Writing Group, and Poetry Workshop for their support, feedback, and suggestions.

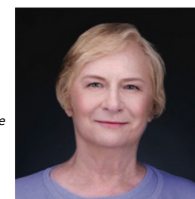
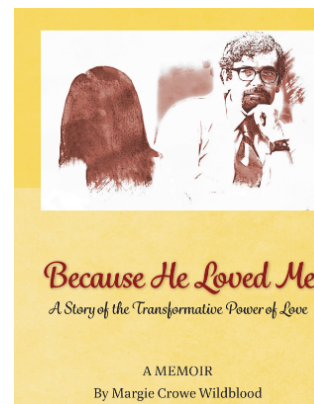


PHOTO BY KEVIN D. ELWELL

Fairytales, Prince Charming, happily-ever-afters filled Margie's girlhood dreams. Her love story blossoms in college when she meets a kind, inspirational-and married-professor

who changes her life. Frightened by their growing attraction, he sets boundaries, tells her to find someone her age. A few years later, she does meet a younger man and falls in love. When their marriage ends, Margie gives up her fairytale fantasies. She accepts she will be alone the rest of her life. Then a letter arrives. . .

At times heart-breaking, at other times full of joy.



About the Author

Margie Crowe Wildblood grew up in a log cabin in southwest Virginia. The youngest of six children and the first college graduate in her family, she holds degrees in English and Psychology from Radford University and in Counseling from Purdue University. Since she retired from Northern Virginia Community College as a counselor and faculty member, she moderates writing workshops with Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University.

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Adjusting to New Heights

My new Hoka sneakers

absorb shock
my well-used feet
no longer want to

The extra cush comforts
squawking knots
that've breached
my left sole

Its delicate plane
was no match for
persistent protuberances
who demand
the respect of age

I've accommodated them
with high-rise sneakers
reminiscent of my platform
"Marshmallow" shoes
from the 1970's
except now
the audacious height of
these blaring white soles
feels like a megaphone
announcing

"Old lady coming through."

My husband
the optimist
says my sneakers
are all the rage
notes I'm gaining
on him in height
He doesn't need
to stoop as much to kiss
barefoot five-foot, five-inch me

-- Susan Rexroad

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Photo of the Month

The July 2025 Photo of the Month theme was birds in flight, birds of prey. We selected two photos as winners. First place was Lynn Cline's Egrets (three white birds, one holding a snake), shown immediately below and which may also be viewed at [this page](#).



The runner up was Ed Marion's photo of a swallow family in a nest, taken at Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens shown below, and 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-Coordinators

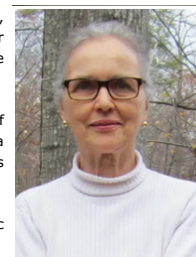
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Obituary: Margaret Downes Andino

Former member Margaret Andino of Fairfax, who joined OLLI in the spring term of 2001, died June 18, 2025. Born January 8, 1936, she worked for George Mason University for twenty years in the Department of Public Administration, the Page Program, and the Honors Program. She enjoyed playing the piano and was an avid gardener.

Margaret viewed civic engagement as an individual responsibility and an essential duty of citizenship. She was co-chair of the Fairfax County Park Authority and also served as a director on the Fairfax County Water Authority. She especially enjoyed her service as president of the Kings Park West Civic Association.

At her request, in lieu of flowers, please consider supporting WETA or your local public radio station in her memory. More information is available at [this link](#).



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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances July 18 through July 26



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
(25-26 Season subscriptions to Great Performances now on sale)

No performances

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Mason Student and Faculty Performances

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

No performances

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus) Prince William Little Theatre: <i>Hairspray, The Broadway Musical</i> Fri, Jul 18, 8:00 Sat, Jul 19, 2:00 and 7:00 Sun, Jul 20, 2:00 Gregory Family Theater Admission: \$30 Adult, \$24 Senior. The Creative and Performing Arts Center: <i>Space School Musical</i> Sat, Jul 26, 10:00 and 2:00 Gregory Family Theater Admission: Free. Back to Top of Page			
For further details on any of the above events, see the CFA event calendar and the Hylton Center event calendar . Back to Top of Page			

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. *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 19	10:30 am 1:00 pm	Tai Chi Club – online Personal Computer User Group
Mon Jul 21	9:30 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 4:00 pm	What's in the Daily News? – online Board Game Club Bridge Club Chair Yoga and More – online
Tue Jul 22	2:00 pm 2:00 pm 4:30 pm	Caregivers Support Group – online Chair Yoga and More – online Tai Chi Club – online
Wed Jul 23	11:50 am 12:00 noon 2:00 pm 4:00 pm	Investment Forum Chair Yoga and More – online Memoir and More Writing Group – online Theater Lovers' Group – online
Thu Jul 24	3:00 pm 4:30 pm 6:00 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online Tai Chi Club – online Ethnic Eats – online

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	10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 noon	Mah Jongg Club Homer, etc. – online Chair Yoga and More – online	
Sat Jul 26	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club – online	
Mon Jul 28	9:30 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 4:00 pm 4:00 pm	What's in the Daily News? – online Board Game Club Bridge Club Family History/Genealogy – online Chair Yoga and More – online	
Tue Jul 29	2:00 pm 4:00 pm 4:30 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online Mah Jongg Club – online Tai Chi Club – online	
Wed Jul 30	11:50 am 12:00 noon 1:30 pm	Investment Forum Chair Yoga and More – online Dabbling Artists – online	
Thu Jul 31	3:00 pm 4:30 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online Tai Chi Club – online	
Fri Aug 1	9:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 noon	Crafts and Conversation Mah Jongg Club Chair Yoga and More – online	
Sat Aug 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.

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