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Photos by Paul Van Hemel, October 10, 2025

**Second Annual OLLI Oktoberfest Hosted October 10
by Diversions Chair Marilyn Harriman**

October 17, 2025

Editor of the Week: David Gundry

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Alerts & Notices

- Reminder: the OLLI Personal Computer User Group will meet in person at Tallwood, Saturday, October 18 (tomorrow), and via Zoom. The Zoom session starts at 12:45.
- The next issue of OLLI E-News will be published Friday, October 24; the regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, October 21, at 6:00.

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From the Desk of the Executive Director

Volunteer Highlights



Let's give our volunteers some love! The OLLI Mason program would not be possible without the dedication of hundreds of volunteers, some of whom have been volunteering for 5, 10, or even more years!

We invite you to nominate a volunteer for special recognition. Please email ollied@gmu.edu with your suggestion(s) including a description of their role(s) at OLLI, and bonus points for a photo. Each month we'll select one volunteer to highlight in the E-News.

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Potential French Club at OLLI? Please Reply If Interested



By Doris Bloch, Program Planning Committee Co-Chair

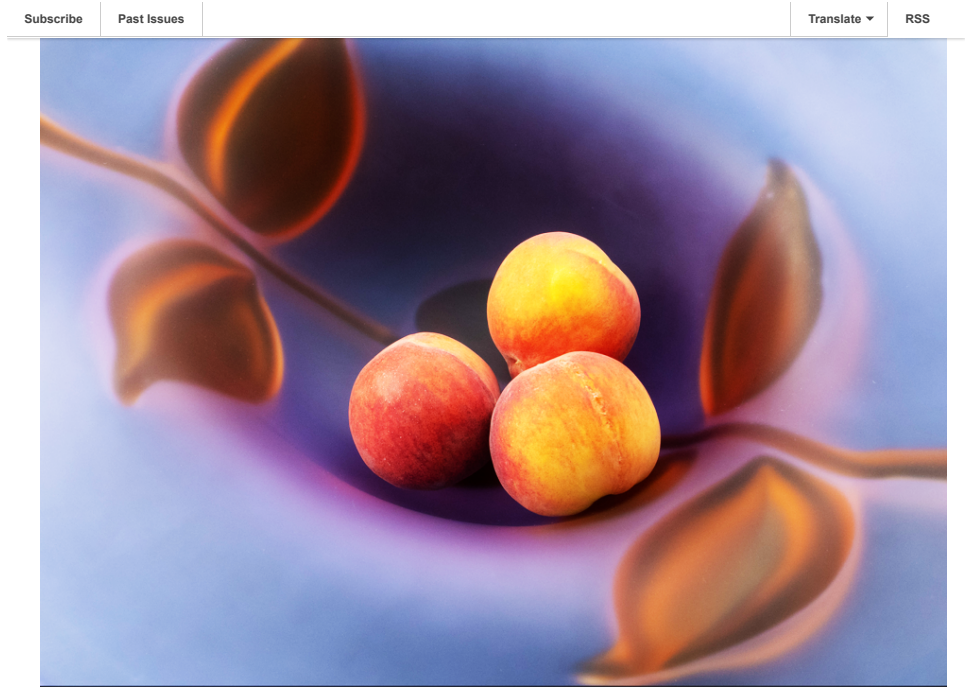
Parlez-vous Francais? Many of our OLLI members are very cosmopolitan, speaking multiple foreign languages, and often have much experience with the French language and culture. Are you perhaps interested in practicing or refreshing your French conversation at OLLI?

OLLI has a functioning Spanish Club, but not a French Club. We have had requests for a French course, but we haven't yet found an instructor willing to teach. However, a feasible alternative might be a French Conversation Club, meeting twice a month, to accommodate French speakers on an advanced beginner or intermediate level.

My own French is limited to about five words, so I am not qualified to coordinate the group, but I am willing to get the club started, assuming there is sufficient interest. Please reply to olliclub@gmu.edu if you would like to hear more about this effort. If enough members reply, the next step would be to set up an initial interest group meeting, perhaps in mid-November. Thank you in advance. (Merci d'avance.)

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Photo of the Month



The October 2025 Photo of the Month theme was Still Life. We selected Edward Marion's photo "Peach Bowl," 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, Photography Club Coordinator

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Poet's Corner

Moments

They come and go
Long ones, short ones
Pleasant ones wretched ones
Memorable ones forgettable ones
Most have little traction
This one does

Fifty years ago this June
Moved in two doors from you
Had the same first name and
Same birthday, you with a five-year start
You a high school teacher
me a federal worker
Become best buddies

Half a century of moments passed
Three weeks ago, you passed
What moments will rise to celebrate your life

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

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Winter '79, Saturday night after dark
Many inches had fallen
Two fathers, two sleds
Carving up snowy streets
Behaving like a couple of kids
Absent parental supervision
A night never to be repeated

Thanks for all the moments of
fun, laughter and love

—Bill Sinclair

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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances October 17 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 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

(25-26 Season subscriptions to Great Performances, and tickets for individual performances, are now on sale)

The Magic of Rob Lake
RESCHEDULED to April 19.

Laurie Berkner Band
Sat, Oct 18 at 11:00 and 3:00
Concert Hall
Admission: \$45, \$35, \$24. Meet and Greet after 3:00 performance, \$66 per family of up to 4.

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago
Sat, Oct 25, 8:00
A pre-performance discussion begins one hour prior to the performance.
Concert Hall
Admission: \$65, \$56, \$41.

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Mason Student and Faculty Performances

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

Mason Opera Scenes Performance: Fall 2025
Mon, Oct 20, 8:00
Concert Hall
Admission: Free.

Mason Jazz Ensemble Concert: Fall 2025
Thu, Oct 23, 8:00
Concert Hall

Faculty Artist Showcase Recital
Sun, Oct 26, 3:00
Concert Hall
Admission: Free.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Prince William Little Theatre: *The Woman in Black*
Fri, Oct 17, 8:00
Sat, Oct 18, 7:00
Sun, Oct 19, 2:00
Gregory Family Theater
Admission: \$30 Adult, \$25 Senior.

Manassas Ballet Theatre: *Frankenstein*
Fri, Oct 17, 7:30
Sat, Oct 18, 7:30
Sun, Oct 19, 3:00
Merchant Hall
Admission: \$81, \$71, \$60, \$50, \$40.

Chatham County Line
Sat, Oct 25, 5:00.
A pre-performance discussion begins one hour prior to the performance.
Gregory Family Theater
Admission: \$35.

Manassas Symphony Orchestra: *Romantic Impressions*
Sat, Oct 25, 7:30
Merchant Hall
Admission: \$35.

Time for Three (Hylton Presents)
Sun, Oct 26, 2:00.
A pre-performance discussion begins one hour prior to the performance.
Merchant Hall
Admission: \$53, \$46, \$34.

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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. *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.*

Mon Oct 20	9:30 am 4:00 pm 4:00 pm	What's in the Daily News? – online Family History/Genealogy Club – online Chair Yoga and More – online
Tue Oct 21	2:00 pm 4:00 pm 4:30 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online Mah Jongg Club – online Tai Chi Club – online
Wed Oct 22	11:50 am 12:00 noon 1:30 pm 1:30 pm 1:30 pm 4:00 pm 4:00 pm	Investment Forum Chair Yoga and More – online Board Game Club Bridge Club Dabbling Artists Spanish Club – online Theater Lovers' Group – online
Thu Oct 23	3:00 pm 4:30 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online Tai Chi Club – online
Fri Oct 24	9:00 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 noon 2:00 pm	Mason Sarcopenia Study Photography Club Crafts and Conversation Homer, etc. – online Chair Yoga and More – online Classic Literature Club – online
Sat Oct 25	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club – online
Mon Oct 27	9:30 am 4:00 pm	What's in the Daily News? – online Chair Yoga and More – online
Tue Oct 28	2:00 pm 3:45 pm 4:30 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online Caregivers Support Group – online Tai Chi Club – online
Wed Oct 29	11:50 am 12:00 noon 1:30 pm 1:30 pm 2:00 pm 4:00 pm	Investment Forum Chair Yoga and More – online Board Game Club Bridge Club Memoir and More Writing Group – online Conversations with Team Bloch – online
Thu Oct 30	11:50 am 3:00 pm 4:30 pm	All the News Chair Yoga and More – online Tai Chi Club – online
Fri Oct 31	9:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 noon 2:00 pm	Crafts and Conversation Mah Jongg Club Homer, etc. – online Chair Yoga and More – online Classic Literature Club – online
Sat Nov 1	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club – online

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