

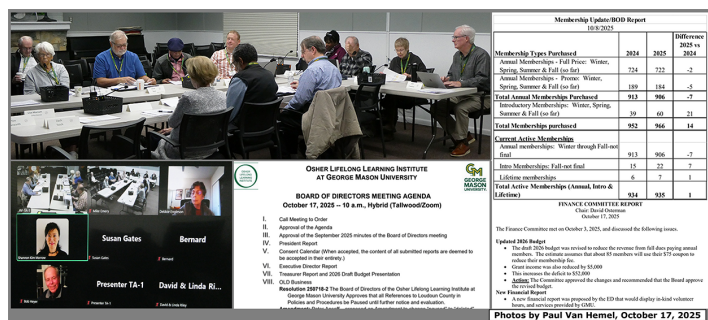
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Board of Directors Meeting, via Zoom and In Person at Tallwood, October 17

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Alerts & Notices

- The recently updated *OLLI Mason Member Handbook* is available on the OLLI Mason website at [this link](#).
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, October 31; the regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, October 28, at 6:00.

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From the Desk of the Executive Director

OLLI Mason Artist in Residence



**By Lisa Mariam,
Executive Director**

We are thrilled to be hosting an artist in residence at OLLI Mason! Brianna Camp is a recent School of Art graduate and the latest recipient of College of Visual and Performing Arts Young Alumni Commissioning Grant. She will be producing a series of paintings entitled *Flare: Finding a Sense of Place in the Chronically Ill Body*. Brianna's large-scale oil paintings will be accompanied by documentary photographs and poetry that explores her personal experiences with chronic illness and aims to reflect on pain and healing.

Brianna will be offering artist talks, demonstrations, and a tour of the exhibition to OLLI members. Please feel free to stop by the cottage to meet her and see the work in progress.



Brianna at Work in the Cottage

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Don't Miss the Holiday Party, the Biggest Event of the Season!

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Have you registered for OLLI Mason's biggest social event of the season, the annual holiday party? If not, you won't want to miss it! Join fellow members and guests at 11:30, Tuesday, December 2, at the Country Club of Fairfax for lunch, a cash bar, socializing, entertainment, and door prizes.

This year, George Mason University will treat us to the seasonal sounds of winter as we mingle and eat lunch. Door prizes will be announced after lunch is served.

Lunch choices include chicken marsala, pasta primavera, or broccoli salad with grilled chicken. All meals include a beverage and dessert. When you register, you'll be asked to indicate your entrée choice and pay \$50 on the OLLI member portal: Event #1204F. Registration ends on Friday, November 14. OLLI members are welcome to bring a guest.



Our annual party at the country club is a festive and uplifting time when we break bread together and enjoy each other's company after fall courses conclude. Come out and have a good time on December 2!

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Theater Potpourri Class Presents Conversations with Local Playwrights



By Norma Jean Reck, Coordinator, Theater Lovers' Group

October 28: Meet Good Shepherd Players Director

Founded in 1981, the Good Shepherd Players is a community theater group that produces plays, musicals, cabarets, other theatrical performances, and at least one Broadway style musical each year. On Tuesday, October 28 at 11:50 a.m., Director Nancy Lavallee will join Theater Lovers via Zoom to tell us how their group employs creativity to bring theater to life in a most delightful way.



November 4: Meet a StageCoach Theater Company Playwright

On Tuesday, November 4, at 11:50 a.m. via Zoom, Theater Lovers will be treated to another local playwright of a different genre: of the StageCoach Theater Company. Aaron is a prolific playwright with more than 30 scripts for mysteries and children's stories to his credit. He is known for his original scripts and authentic approach to the art of acting. Besides playwrighting, he directs

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NO CLASS ON NOVEMBER 11. OLLI IS CLOSED.

November 18: Meet Hexagon Players

Their tagline should be: Let us entertain you! They will be at Tallwood in person ready to perform original skits with lots of music, fun, laughter and political satire. Plan to be there! More details to follow. Stay tuned.



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

BIG SCARE

Minding my own business in my suburban home
I got a very scary call on the telephone.
The guy on the line from the Sheriff's office, said he
had a warrant for my arrest for a missed court decree.
He said I signed a subpoena back in June, you see—
Now they need a signature to prove it was me.
Of course I hadn't signed any such thing—
This was so outrageous, I almost started laughing.
He said I'd need over eight thousand to pay my bail bond.
My husband, listening in, thought for sure I'd been conned.
They were to send deputies to our house, then lock me in jail
Up to seventy-two hours if I didn't pay bail.
So, with fear and trembling, I hung up the phone.
No one called back; no deputies came to my home.
We were so glad we didn't fall for this scam—
We sure learned a lesson from this potential flimflam!

—Joan Lunsford

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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances October 23 through 26

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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.

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 Jazz Ensemble Concert: Fall 2025

Thu, Oct 23, 8:00

Concert Hall

Admission: \$19 Adult, \$14 Senior.

Dewberry School of Music Faculty Artist Showcase Recital 2025

Sunday, Oct 26 at 3:00

Concert Hall

Admission: Free and Open to the Public.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

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*, Thomas Pandolfi, Piano

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).

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*

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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	
Mon Nov 3	1:30 pm 4:00 pm 4:00 pm	What's in the Daily News? – online Family History/Genealogy Club – online Chair Yoga and More – online	
Tue Nov 4	2:00 pm 4:00 pm 4:30 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online Mah Jongg Club – online Tai Chi Club – online	
Wed Nov 5	12:00 noon 1:30 pm 1:30 pm 1:30 pm 4:00 pm 4:00 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online Board Game Club Bridge Club Dabbling Artists Club History Club – online Spanish Club – online	
Thu Nov 6	11:50 am 3:00 pm 4:00 pm 4:30 pm	All the News Chair Yoga and More – online Literary Book Club – online Tai Chi Club – online	
Fri Nov 7	10:00 am	Town Hall Meeting	
Sat Nov 8	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club – online	

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