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Photos by Paul Van Hemel, April 10, 2026

**Photography Club Members Tom Simpson and John Olsen Presented a Talk on Travel Photography Based on 2024 and 2025 Trips to Oslo, Bergen, and the Fjords of Norway: Tallwood, April 10, 2026**

## April 17, 2026

Editor of the Week: Chitra Mohla

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### Alerts & Notices

- The next issue of OLLI E-News will be published Friday, April 24; the regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, April 21, at 6:00.

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### 1207E Bus Excursion to VA Holocaust Museum on May 21- Open to Friends and Relatives



**By Gay Alper, Trip Coordinator**

**How is the VA Holocaust Museum different than the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in DC?**

The museum in Richmond is one of only several places in the country that offers an interactive opportunity to speak with a survivor.

In their Dimensions in Testimony theater, attendees will be enabled to have a conversation with a pre-recorded video image of a Holocaust survivor—a cutting-edge exhibit.

**This organized bus trip will be canceled if there are not at least 25 people registered by April 30;** click this link for the [member portal](#) to register.

**Coordinator: Gay Alper**

**Thursday, 8:45 – 5:00, May 21**

**Bus Trip**

**Limit: 30**

**Fee: \$87 includes museum admission**

**The bus will leave promptly at 9:00** from the Fairfax Swimming Pool parking lot (4200 Roberts Rd., Fairfax, VA). On arrival we will visit the Dimensions in Testimony theater and hear the story of a Holocaust survivor. Participants can ask questions to her "hologram" which is a pre-recorded video interview, made to look 3D. We will break for lunch in a room at the museum. *Participants must pre-order and pre-pay online for lunch which will be delivered from a nearby designated restaurant to the lunchroom.* (Registrants will be contacted with details by the coordinator prior to the excursion.)

We will then view a short video and meet Rena Berlin, currently a museum docent.

Rena Berlin taught our OLLI winter-term class, 'Learning About the Holocaust in Today's World, Part One,' followed by Part 2 for spring term. Rena, or a 2nd docent will lead us on a tour of the museum. The bus will depart the museum at approximately 3:30.

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### Computer Club

**Windows 11 Keyboard Shortcuts**

By [Paul Howard](#), OPCUG Program Chair

The Computer Club (OLLI Personal Computer User Group, or OPCUG) will meet with its partner, the Potomac Area Technology and Computer Society (PATACS), on Saturday, April 18 (tomorrow), in person and via Zoom. The Zoom session opens at 12:45 (Zoom link below).

*2026 Consumer Electronics Show (CES) and More—Presented by Rob Pegoraro (Editor's Note: Information is updated below.)*

Sights and Sounds: What's new in the world of consumer electronics and related technology?

- My changing tech toolset: how I changed out notetaking apps only weeks before CES, the only way I regularly apply AI to my work, and my decision to fire Intuit from tax-prep work.
- A year and change of Trump 2.0 tech policy: control-freakery at the Federal Communication Commission (FCC), dereliction of duty in Congress, and more thrilling news about the state of technology policy these days.
- My sense of where self-driving cars are heading: I've now taken rides in Waymo, Zoox and Tesla vehicles without a human at the wheel, but that doesn't mean I'm universally sold on the concept.
- Whither the *Washington Post*: what it's been like to watch the mothership steered onto the rocks, and how I've been going in finding replacement sources for local news.

Rob Pegoraro tries to make sense of computers, consumer electronics, telecom services, the Internet, software and other things that beep or blink through reporting, reviewing and analysis. You can find him at *PCMag*, *Fast Company*, *Wirecutter*, and many other outlets. From 1999 to 2011, he was the *Washington Post's* tech columnist. He once received a single-word e-mail from Steve Jobs and may be the only person to have written for both *Reader's Digest* and *Boing Boing*.

*Learn in 30: Windows 11 Keyboard Shortcuts—Presented by Frank Fota* Want to move faster and work smarter in Windows 11? Join us for an interactive presentation by PATACS Director at Large Frank Fota, who will demonstrate the power of keyboard shortcuts. You'll discover how simple key combinations can streamline your daily workflow, minimize mouse use, and boost productivity across common tasks—from window management and desktop navigation to file organization and system controls.

This guided session organizes essential shortcuts into practical, easy-to-learn categories, helping you build lasting muscle memory for effortless efficiency. Whether you're a casual user or a power user in the making, you'll leave with tools to make Windows 11 feel faster, smoother, and tailor-made for you.

**See full details on this meeting by [clicking here](#).** For information on the Computer Club, see the [OPCUG Website](#). OPCUG dues are \$5 and are now due for 2026 (and 2025, if you didn't get around to paying earlier!)—see <http://olligmu.org/opcug/comm.html> for details on making payment.

To attend via Zoom's cloud meeting service, beginning at 12:45, please click:

<https://olligmu-org.zoom.us/j/87181894687?pwd=jesj4agXUEcbKuJLWcx9ACTgISnrCF.1> to join the meeting and use passcode 468224. (Note: enter passcode with NO spaces) or enter meeting ID 871 8189 4687 in the Zoom app and use the above passcode (preferred method).

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The April 2026 Photo of the Month theme was **Basic Elements of Composition-Color**: Submit photos with a dominant color theme, such as blue, red, or gold. We selected Ed Marion's photo "Hello Sunshine: Red Winged Blackbird 2026," 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 [Lynne Cline](#), Photography Club Coordinators

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## Poet's Corner

*Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop*

### Port of Call

As a young man I sailed the horizons.  
In the quiet harbors Calliope would sing.  
I longed to join in chorus  
but my ship had a schedule to keep.

Gulls and years rode the ensuing gale.  
In the windless lulls  
her dampened whisper still sounded.

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Oh Queen of Muses!  
 At long last I am the Captain!  
 Which course will I steer  
 to truly heed your call?

—Daniel J. Gore

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## Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances April 17 through April 27



By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

The College of Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA) has several web sites of performances, talks etc.

[CFA ticket purchase page](#)

[Center for the Arts YouTube channel](#)

[Hylton ticket purchase page](#)

The new <https://masonartsimplified.gmu.edu/>

[music.calendar.gmu.edu/](https://music.calendar.gmu.edu/)

[theater.calendar.gmu.edu/](https://theater.calendar.gmu.edu/)

[dance.calendar.gmu.edu](https://dance.calendar.gmu.edu/)

[masonexhibitions.org/](https://masonexhibitions.org/)

and if you miss a live performance, there is a pay-per-view for many: <https://cfa.gmu.edu/events/paid-digital-performances>. 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 above) or visit the venue's box office.

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

No performances

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### Fairfax and Arlington Campuses Visual Arts

(details can be found at <https://www.masonexhibitions.org/>)

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Mason Exhibitions, Arlington Campus

### **Voices Held in Earth: Mary Bowron's Silent Witnesses**

Through April 24, 2026

School of Art & Design 1st Floor Lobby  
 Fairfax Campus

### **Living the Prescription**

Through May 8, 2026

Founders Gallery, Arlington Campus

### **Paper as Politic**

Gillespie Gallery, School of Art and Design

April 13–23, 2026

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### Mason Student and Faculty Performances

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

### **Mason Bands Anniversary Concert: 55 Years of Mason Bands**

Fri, Apr 17, 7:30

Center for the Arts

Admission: \$24 Adult, \$19 Senior.

### **George Mason School of Theater: *Airness***

Fri, Apr 17, 7:30

Sat, Apr 18, 2:00 and 7:30

Sun, Apr 19, 2:00

deLaski Performing Arts Building, A105, TheaterSpace

Admission: \$19 Adult, \$9 Senior.

### **Shawn Purcell Jazz Combos and Steel Pan Ensemble Concert**

Mon, Apr 20, 8:00

Center for the Arts

Admission: Free.

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### At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

### **The U.S. Army Concert Band**

Fri, Apr 17, 7:30

Merchant Hall

Admission: Free.

### **Ordway Ballet: *The Wizard of Oz***

Sat, Apr 18, 1:00 and 5:00

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**TheaterWorks USA: *Click, Clack, Moo***  
 Sun, Apr 19, 1:00 and 4:00  
 (4:00 performance is sensory-friendly.)  
 Merchant Hall  
 Admission: \$24.

**VISUAL ARTS**

**Kevin Jones: *Reflections in Black and White***  
 Buchanan Partners Art Gallery  
 Hylton Performing Arts Center  
 Through June 20, 10:00

**Offerings to the Potomac: *Acknowledging Indigenous Place***  
 Through May 15, 2026  
 Buchanan Hall Atrium Gallery, Manassas Campus

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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.*

Annual Meeting Annual Garden Party and Picnic Annual Meeting Annual Garden Party and Picnic

Sat Apr 18	10:30 am 1:00 pm	Tai Chi Club – online OLLI Personal Computer User Group
Mon Apr 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 Apr 21	2:00 pm 4:00 pm 4:30 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online Mah Jongg Club – online Tai Chi Club – online

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	1:30 pm 1:30 pm 4:00 pm 4:00 pm	Board Game Club Bridge Club Spanish Page Turner Club – online Theater Lovers’ Group – online
Thu Apr 23	11:50 am 3:00 pm 4:00 pm 4:30 pm	All the News Chair Yoga and More – online Literary Fiction Book Club – online Tai Chi Club – online
Fri Apr 24	9:30 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 noon 2:00 pm 4:00 pm	Photography Club Crafts and Conversation Mah Jongg Club Homer, etc. Chair Yoga and More – online Classic Literature Club – online French Conversation and Happy Hour – online
Sat Apr 25	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club – online
Mon Apr 27	9:30 am 4:00 pm	What’s in the Daily News? – online Chair Yoga and More – online
Tue Apr 28	2:00 pm 3:45 pm 4:30 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online Caregivers Support Group – online Tai Chi Club – online
Wed Apr 29	11:50 am 12:00 noon 1:30 pm 1:30 pm 1:30 pm 2:00 pm	Investment Forum Chair Yoga and More – online Board Game Club Bridge Club OLLI Artists Club Memoir and More Writing Group
Thu Apr 30	11:50 am 3:00 pm 4:30 pm 6:00 pm	All the News Chair Yoga and More – online Tai Chi Club – online Ethnic Eats Club – online
Fri May 1	10:00 am 1:00 pm	<b>Annual Meeting</b> Annual Garden Party and Picnic
Sat May 2	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club – online

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