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Photos by Paul Van Hemel, September 17, 2026

Activities/Clubs/Committees Fair, With Kick-Off Coffee, at Tallwood, September 17

October 2, 2026

Editor of the Week: David Gundry

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- The next issue of OLLI E-News will be published Friday, October 9; the regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, October 6, at 6:00

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From the Desk of the Executive Director Join OLLI in Creating a Community Mural



By Lisa Mariam, Executive Director

It's Not Too Late to Join – [Click here](#) to sign up to reserve your space

OLLI at George Mason University is inviting community members of all ages to pick up a paintbrush and help create a new public mural celebrating lifelong learning, creativity, and community.

Community Paint Days

October 9 & 11 | 10:00 – 4:00
(Rain dates: October 16 & 18)

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Personal Purpose, Meaningful Connections, Gardening



By John McAndrew, Board Member

We are seeking two additional Landscaping Committee members; no experience is necessary.

Six volunteers form the Landscaping Committee (a.k.a. the Dirty Knee Club) to maintain the gardens at OLLI's Tallwood campus, but two will be leaving this year. We enjoy working together to keep the flower beds thriving, as well as having lunches and other outings.

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OLLI Mason Publicity in the Fairfax Golden Gazette



By Paul Howard, OLLI Board Member and Former President

A friend from my computer group recently sent my contact information to the editor of a Fairfax County publication for senior citizens, and I was interviewed by the editor of the Golden Gazette for their September 2026 issue. Here's a link to the result: [click here](#).

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Poet's Corner

Class Critique

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

We hunt for meaning in each other's poems,
musing over metaphors, pondering punctuation

and line breaks.

We generously praise the well-turned phrase,
couplets laced with internal rhyme, an apt title

(like mine).

We offer suggestions for consideration;
an open invitation that's always well-meant
so as not to offend or completely up-end.

Still ... (calls the volta)

it's a sort of soft-pedaling on one's psyche,
a tender trampling; wandering eyes

traipsing across your neatly typed page
rearranging words like furniture
in your house, straightening thoughts

doesn't fit.

Alas –
sometimes quite necessary.

–Lisa Szymanski

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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances October 3 through October 18



By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

The College of Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA) has several web sites for performances, talks etc. For tickets for either Center for the Arts Concert Hall (CFA) or Hylton Center, call 1-888-945-2468.

[CFA ticket purchase page](#)

[Center for the Arts YouTube channel https://us.list-manage.com/XJlfXOoEURg?e=c895636f39&c2id=e5e7b8527d8920b348ce98ee38141e3d](https://us.list-manage.com/XJlfXOoEURg?e=c895636f39&c2id=e5e7b8527d8920b348ce98ee38141e3d)

[Hylton ticket purchase page](#)

[The new https://masonartsamplified.gmu.edu/](https://masonartsamplified.gmu.edu/)

music.calendar.gmu.edu/

theater.calendar.gmu.edu/

dance.calendar.gmu.edu

masonexhibitions.org/

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

Jeff Goldblum and the Mildred Snitzer Orchestra
Sat, Oct 3, 8:30

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)[RS](#)[Back to Top of Page](#)**Visual Arts: Fairfax, Manassas, and Arlington Campuses**(details can be found at <https://www.masonexhibitions.org/>)***In Her Image***

Through Oct 31

Buchanan Partners Art Gallery

Hylton Performing Arts Center

As You Were

Through Nov 11

Gillespie Gallery of Art

Art and Design Building

Fairfax Campus

What Remains?: *The Vietnam War and Its Reckoning*

Through Nov 21

Arlington Campus

Shaping Space

Through Nov 4

Fenwick Gallery

Fairfax Campus

Across The Commonwealth

Through Dec 5

Patriot Perspectives Gallery

Johnson Center

Fairfax Campus

The Art of Seeing - Student Exhibition

Through Dec 5

CVPA Dean's Suite

Fairfax Campus

[Back to Top of Page](#)**Mason Student and Faculty Performances**(see music.gmu.edu for additional student recitals)[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)[RS](#)

Concert Hall

Admission: Adults \$20; Seniors \$15.

[Back to Top of Page](#)**At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)****American Roots Series: *Nothin' Fancy***

Sat, Oct 3, 5:00 and 8:00

Gregory Family Theater

Admission: \$35.

Complexions Contemporary Ballet

Sun, Oct 4, 2:00

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$65, \$55, \$45.

Prince William Little Theatre: *Man of La Mancha*

Fri, Oct 9, 8:00

Sat, Oct 10, 2:00 and 7:00

Sun, Oct 11, 2:00

Fri, Oct 16, 8:00

Sat, Oct 17, 2:00 and 7:00

Sun, Oct 18, 2:00

Gregory Family Theater

Admission: Adults 26; Seniors \$26.

Manassas Chorale: *Let Freedom Ring!*

Sat, Oct 10, 7:30

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$30, \$28.

KC Dance Center: *Kollywood Nights*

Sun, Oct 11, 5:30

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$30.

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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.*

Sat Oct 3	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club – online
Mon Oct 5	9:30 am	What's in the Daily News? – online
	4:00 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online
Tue Oct 6	2:00 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online
	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club – online
Wed Oct 7	12:00 noon	Chair Yoga and More – online
	1:30 pm	Board Game Club
	1:30 pm	Bridge Club
	4:00 pm	History Club – online
	4:00 pm	Spanish Club – online
Thu Oct 8	3:00 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online
	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club – online
Fri Oct 9	9:30 am	Crafts and Conversation – hybrid
	9:30am	Photography Club – hybrid
	10:00 am	Mah Jongg Club
	11:00 am	Homer, etc.
	11:30 am	Cooking Club – off site
	12:00 noon	Chair Yoga and More – online
	1:30 pm	French Conversation – online
	2:00 pm	Classic Literature Club – online
	2:30 pm	Tallwood Book Club – online
Sat Oct 10	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club – online
Mon Oct 12	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 Oct 13	2:00 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online
	3:45 pm	Caregivers Support Group – online
	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club – online

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	1:30 pm	Board Game Club
	1:30 pm	Bridge Club
	2:00 pm	Memoir and More Writing Group – online
	4:00 pm	Spanish Page Turners Club – online
Thu Oct 15	11:50 am	All the News
	3:00 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online
	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club – online
	6:00 pm	Ethnic Eats Club – online
Fri Oct 16	9:30 am	Crafts and Conversation
	10:00 am	Board of Directors Meeting
	10:00 am	Mah Jongg Club – online
	10:00 am	Game On: Talking Sports – online
	11:00 am	Homer, etc. – online
	12:00 noon	Chair Yoga and More – online
	12:30 pm	Oktoberfest
	2:00 pm	Classic Literature Club – online
Sat Oct 17	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club – online
	1:00 pm	Personal Computer User Group – hybrid

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About OLLI E-News

OLLI E-News was created by Rod Zumbro, who served as its editor from 2005 to 2013.

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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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