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OLLI Teacher Appreciation Reception, Apr 7, 2015

## April 17, 2015

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### Alerts & Notices

The OLLI Valentine party has been rescheduled for Fri, May 22. The party will be an ice cream social from 1:00-3:00 in TA-1. Registration will open soon.

Reminder: the event to celebrate George Heatley's life is on Sat, Apr 18, from 2:00 to 5:00 at "The Surge", at the corner of Westmoreland Street and Kirby Road in McLean (1988 Kirby Rd.). If you need to RSVP, please e-mail Cecile Heatley at: [cecileheatley@gmail.com](mailto:cecileheatley@gmail.com).

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### OLLI Courses in the Making



By Kathryn Russell, Program Committee Co-Chair

Now that we're in the middle of the fabulous spring term, this is a good time to reflect on how all these wonderful courses we're attending actually come about. Each term we enjoy great benefits from a stunning array of courses, special events and ongoing activities. This spring term features nearly 150 of these learning and social opportunities. Each year we have about 400 choices to make as we fill our calendars.

These opportunities begin with ideas generated by many OLLI members. For example, you may come up with an idea inspired by a class you're currently taking. You may discover a fascinating idea in the media or some other source. Or perhaps you're thinking of teaching a class or leading a discussion. When you come up with a good idea for future terms, let our program planners know.

The ideas we collect go to program planning groups that meet periodically to transform ideas into courses. Then we're ready for the process of developing the courses:

- Many volunteer coordinators contact potential instructors.
- Courses are approved by program planners, Program Associate Beth Davis, and the Executive Director.
- Class coordinators help develop the courses by continuing to work with instructors and staff.
- Course descriptions are completed, and the catalog is compiled by other volunteers.

As you can see, many volunteers are required to help put together this program that we cherish. We invite you to come along and join in the process of program making. There are lots of ways to take part. One easy way to become involved is to attend one of the program planning group meetings that are held periodically. I know you'll enjoy the camaraderie and exchange of ideas. Look for announcements of these meetings in *E-News*. For more information contact one of the program planning leaders listed in the front of the OLLI catalog or Program Committee co-chairs: Kathryn Russell, [kathrynrussell@verizon.net](mailto:kathrynrussell@verizon.net) and Russell Stone, [rstone@american.edu](mailto:rstone@american.edu)  
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## A Thank You to George Mason at Teacher Appreciation and Scholarship Awards Ceremony



**By Alice Slayton Clark, Communications Associate/Registrar**

Though stormy outside, the weather did not cloud the radiant mood inside the

Center for the Arts as the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute celebrated its annual teacher appreciation and student scholarship awards ceremony April 7. OLLI members and instructors gathered with Mason department heads and scholarship award recipients to give thanks to all who contributed to another fine year of academic excellence at OLLI.

"Whenever a society values learning, investing in it at all levels, then that community thrives," said Mason President Angel Cabrera with respect to OLLI's programming for its membership. And thrive, OLLI does. Last year alone, OLLI exceeded programming expectations, with over 450 instructors/speakers for 400 classes over four terms. OLLI Executive Director Jennifer Disano spotlighted the accomplishments of several instructors and programming volunteers. "Good teachers and good courses are the reason why so many people join and stay at OLLI," she said.

In his keynote address, President Cabrera lavished praise on the Friends of OLLI donors for channeling scholarship money to the Mason departments that provided teachers for OLLI classrooms. In all, 23 Mason students were awarded \$16,500 in scholarship monies from Friends of OLLI. "OLLI is not only investing in its own learning, but also so future generations can make their whole potential come true," President Cabrera said. According to longstanding donors Garrett and Janet Cochran, there is no better use of the Friends of OLLI Fund than for scholarships to Mason students. It is a small way of giving back to Mason for sending teachers to OLLI.

Christian Koudelka, chosen by the Volgenau School of Engineering for his work to enhance computer imaging for the treatment and diagnosis of aneurysms, said the OLLI award is "very exciting" because it helps him defray the costs of college. Christian says he does not have the time to handle a paid job along with his heavy course load and lab work. Theater major Justin Sumblin offered a similar message, noting that the OLLI scholarship helps him to pursue his dream of being an actor performing on Broadway. Other recipients shared similar thoughts. As they juggle research projects, leadership responsibilities and social work along with a busy course schedule, they have little time for a paid job to help offset educational expenses. They are all grateful for the OLLI awards.

OLLI President Glenn Kamber concluded that the day's events would not be possible without 24 years of close bonds between OLLI and George Mason. Whether it is teachers in the classroom, facility support, or scholarships for Mason students, "OLLI cannot be more grateful for the close synergies forged between us," he said.

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## You Are Invited to Submit E-News Photos



**By Paul Van Hemel, E-News Photo Editor**

Would you like to see a broader scope of photos used for the picture at the top of each issue of *OLLI E-News*? You are encouraged to be alert to opportunities to capture OLLI photos that can be of interest to our readers. Subjects might be OLLI special events, demonstrations or activities in classes or clubs, prominent speakers, meetings, OLLI campus happenings, or other highlights of OLLI life.

To be prepared to snap a picture or two, you can just use your cell-phone camera, although other cameras are fine, too. To submit something, simply send one or more photos to <mailto:ollienewseditor@gmail.com>, and be sure to provide the name of the photographer, the date the photo was taken, and a few words to identify the event, class, or other subject of the photo. (Sometimes, you might want to include a brief write-up that could be an *E-News* article, and the photo could be an accompaniment to the article, with you as author, rather than a candidate for the picture at the top of an *E-News* issue.)

We welcome your photo submissions! Of course, we cannot guarantee that all photos will be published, but if you persist in sending submissions when others stop, the chances of yours being selected are increased. So activate your shutter!

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## And the Winners Are...



**By Martha Powers, Member Services Co-Chair and Poetry Workshop Member**

The Poetry Society of Virginia recently notified the winners in its prestigious annual poetry contest for 2015. From 1,883 entries in 25 categories, four OLLI members walked off with one award each.

Mike Mc Namara won second prize for his "The Liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, on January 27th, 1945" in a category that focuses on poems about an historic event between 1925 and 1992. Mike is co-moderator (with Jan Bohall) of the Poetry Workshop.

Conrad Geller's "Sons" took second place in the category for poems honoring fathers and/or their sacrifices. Connie is well known for his sense of humor and acting ability, and for the many courses he has taught at the Loudoun site.

Barry Berkey won second honorable mention for his poem "Don't Worry: Dial 1-800-WeLoveYou" in the category A Poem with a Point of View. He is a former member of the Poetry Workshop,

Martha Powers picked up first honorable mention for her "Retirement Community Senryu" in the lyric poem category. Martha had never written a poem until a year ago when she attended OLLI's annual poetry reading and immediately joined the Poetry Workshop.

Looks like poetry is thriving at OLLI!

Please come to OLLI's next poetry reading on Fri, May 29!

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## An Invitation from Mason's School of Music

**By Courtney Buvid, George Mason College of Visual and Performing Arts**

Please join us as George Mason's University Chorale presents: *A Broadway Showcase* at the Hylton Performing Arts Center. Hear songs from *How to Succeed in Business*, *Mamma Mia*, and highlights from *Jersey Boys*. Come to the show either Fri, Apr 17 at 8:00 or Sat, Apr 18 at 3:00 or 8:00. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. For more information or to buy tickets, visit the Hylton Performing Arts Center website by clicking [here](#).

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## A Visit to the Lincoln and National WWII Memorials

**By Karen Murphy, OLLI Member**

On Friday, April 10, James Percoco, a public sculpture expert and Lincoln historian, led OLLI members on a monument tour on the National Mall. At the Lincoln Memorial, Percoco shared from his extensive knowledge of Lincoln the significance and the construction of the memorial. Moving towards the WWII Memorial the group paused at both the Korean and Vietnam Veterans Memorials for reflection and further insights from Percoco.



The visit ended at the WWII Memorial. Percoco enriched the tour by focusing on the



symbolism of the memorial. He also explained the specific construction planning of the WWII Memorial so that the view of the Washington Monument from the Lincoln Memorial would not be obstructed.

*Photos by Tom Hady*

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## Photo of the Month



The April Photo of the Month theme was "Reflections." We selected Edward Marion's photo "Monte Carlo Casino in Monaco" 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 Dan Feighery, Photography Club Coordinator**

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## Poet's Corner

*Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop*

### Lonely

Button but no  
buttonhole

shoe without  
shoelace

snow without shadow  
shadow less substance

peanut butter without jelly  
eggs without ham

Ms Essence searching for  
Mr Extravagance

sun without sunshine  
sunshine without moonshine

**Tony Rounds**

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## Arts & Music at George Mason



**Performances, next ten days**

*By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer*

For tickets for either CFA or Hylton, call 1-888-945-2468, 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 [ticket purchase page](#).

### At the Fairfax Campus Venues

**Russian National Ballet Theatre: *Cinderella***

Sat, Apr 18, 8:00  
Pre-performance discussion: member of the company.  
Concert Hall  
Admission: \$56, \$48, \$34.

**Russian National Ballet Theatre: *Sleeping Beauty***

Sun, Apr 19, 4:00  
Pre-performance discussion: member of the company.  
Concert Hall

Admission: \$56, \$48, \$34.

**BBC Concert Orchestra**

Fri, Apr 24, 8:00  
Ravel: *Le Tombeau de Couperin*  
Ravel: Piano Concerto in G major  
Walton: *Crown Imperial*  
Vaughn Williams: Norfolk Rhapsody No. 1 in E minor  
Britten: Variations and Fugue on a Theme of Purcell  
Pre-performance discussion: member of the company  
Concert Hall  
Admission: \$60, \$51, \$36.

**Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra: *An Evening with Doc Severinsen***

Sat, Apr 25, 8:00  
Concert Hall  
Admission: \$50, \$43, \$30.

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**Mason Student & Faculty Performances**

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

**University Choral: *Broadway Showcase***

Fri, Apr 17, and Sat, Apr 18, 8:00  
Sat, Apr 18, 3:00  
Gregory Family Theater  
Admission: Adults, \$15; seniors, \$5.

**Mason Wind Symphony & Symphonic Band Concert**

Tue, Apr 21, 8:00  
Concert Hall  
Admission: Adults, \$10; seniors, \$5.

**Jazz Combos/Afro-Cuban Ensemble Concert**

Wed, Apr 22, 8:00  
de Laski 3001  
Admission: Free

**Chamber Music Concert**

Thu, Apr 23, 8:00  
de Laski 3001  
Admission: Free

**Mason Opera: *Gilbert & Sullivan's Pirates of Penzance***

Fri, Apr 24, and Sat, Apr 25, 8:00  
Sat, Apr 25, 2:00  
Sun, Apr 26, 3:00  
Pre-performance discussion: 7:15 on Apr 24 in the Choral Room  
Harris Theatre  
Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$15.

**The Annual Ten-Minute Play Festival**

Fri, Apr 24, and Sat, Apr 25, 8:00  
Sat, Apr 25, 2:00  
TheaterSpace  
Admission: Adults, \$15; seniors, \$10.

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**At the Hylton Center**

**Mason School of Art Selected Faculty Exhibit**

Continues through Mon, Apr 20  
Buchanan Partners Art Gallery  
Buchanan Partners Art Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00 - 6:00, Thu, 10:00 - 8:00 and two hours before performances.  
Admission: Free.

**Asaph Dance: *Civil War Letters***

Fri, Apr 17, 8:00  
Merchant Hall  
Admission: Adults, \$30; seniors, \$20.

**Keyboard Conversations with Jeffrey Siegel: *Popular Piano Classics***

Sun, Apr 19, 4:00  
Merchant Hall  
Admission: \$40, \$34, \$24.

**Manassas Senior Center Art Exhibit**

Tue, Apr 21 - May 10  
Buchanan Partners Art Gallery  
Gallery Reception: Thurs, May 7 from 6:00 to 8:00. RSVP to Hylton@gmu.edu.  
Admission: Free.

**Pied Piper Theatre: *Shrek the Musical***

Presented by Center for the Arts at the Candy Factory  
Sat, Apr 24, 2:00 and 7:00  
Sun, Apr 25, 3:00  
Merchant Hall  
Admission: Adults, \$15; children, \$12.

**New Dominion Choraliers: *A Broadway Adventure***

Sat, Apr 25, 7:30  
Sun, Apr 26, 3:30  
Gregory Family Theater  
Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$15.

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For further details on any of the above events, please see the CFA [event calendar](#) and the Hylton Center [event calendar](#)

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**Meetings & Clubs**

The following list covering the next two weeks is extracted for your convenience from the master online calendar maintained by the office, with direct web links added when available. The list is accurate as of mid-week but to check anytime for the latest information, please view the latest forecast of upcoming events on our website (News/[OLLI Calendar](#)). *Note: All OLLI members are welcome at, and encouraged to attend, meetings of the Board of*

Directors, committees and resource groups, Kickoff Coffees, etc. (**bolded** below).

Sat Apr 18	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
	1:00pm	Personal Computer User Group-TA-1
Tue Apr 21	10:00am	Knitting and Needlework Club-Panera, Herndon
Wed Apr 22	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
Fri Apr 24	9:00am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	9:30am	Travel Club-Cottage
	10:00am	Classic Fiction Book Club-Cascades Library
	11:00am	Classic Literature Club-TA-2
	11:00am	Homer etc-Annex
	12:00pm	Photography Club-TA-1
Sat Apr 25	10:30pm	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Tue Apr 28	10:00am	Knitting and Needlework Club-Panera, Herndon
Wed Apr 29	1:30pm	Memoir Writing Group- Cottage
	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
Fri May 1	10:00am	Craft and Conversation-Cottage
	10:00am	Annual Meeting and Picnic-TA-1

## About **OLLI E-News**

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**Submissions.** Members are encouraged to submit letters to the editor, letters to Ms. Ollie Ettakit (on etiquette matters), OLLI-related news items, articles and photos. Submit material to: [ollinewseditor@gmail.com](mailto:ollinewseditor@gmail.com).

**Deadline** – 6:00 pm Tuesday for that week's issue (6:00 pm Monday for letters to the editor); early submissions are greatly appreciated. Please limit articles to about 250 words.

**Note:** You can view past issues of *OLLI E-News* on the DocStore. To search the content of issues, use Search Our Site or put your search term in Google followed by "site:olli.gmu.edu/" without the quotes.

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