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*Captured Screens from Event 1103 Coffee Klatch July 24, 2020; Unique Presentations by OLLI Players Featuring Sequential Performances/Interactions in Virtual Meeting*

## July 31, 2020

Editor of the Week: David Gundry

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### Alerts & Notices

- OLLI will be closed for summer break August 3-14. Staff will return to work remotely Monday, August 17.
- The OLLI Fall Term catalog is online [here](#) now. Priority registration will begin August 18 and end August 26.
- Fall term is September 21 – November 13.
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, August 14; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, August 11, at 6:00.
- *Correction:* In the *OLLI E-News* issue dated July 24, the article *Theater Tidbits* incorrectly rendered the names of two Wolf Trap summer offerings. They should have appeared as "Virtual Happy Hours" and "Drive In" musical shows, with the formal names bearing initial capital letters indicating that they are official Wolf Trap offerings.

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### From the Desk of the Executive Director



*By Jennifer Disano, Executive Director*

On January 28, OLLI provided drinks and pizza for Mason facilities personnel—the plumbers, electricians, carpenters, HVAC mechanics, and grounds crew that maintain Tallwood. Our usual May picnic for the facilities team and other Mason folks that support OLLI was canceled by COVID. We missed our annual opportunity to shake hands and say thanks. Here are some images of facilities folks picking up pizzas and drinks for each shop. They were so happy!



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## Computer Club

*3rd Saturday, August 15 via Zoom  
The Carrington Event  
Routine Computer Maintenance*



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, August 15 via Zoom. Program activities begin at 1:00.

The Carrington Event, presented by Brian Slawski. In the summer of 1859, an especially powerful sun storm unleashed effects experienced across the span of the earth. The Carrington Event, as it's now commonly known, transfixed public attention and also elicited greater understanding of the relationship between the earth and the sun, and of the risks that solar storms can pose to electrical infrastructure. This eclectic talk discusses the Carrington Event itself, the physical phenomena involved, its historical and scientific context, and the implications of the event for the present day.

Brian Slawski serves as Vice President and Programs Chair of the Burke Historical Society. He has worked as a utility patent examiner at the US Patent and Trademark Office since 2007. Before that, he worked in Charlottesville as an engineer for a start-up developing a new vapor deposition process. He holds a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Virginia.

*Learn in 30: Routine Computer Maintenance*, presented by Lorrin Garson. Is routine maintenance necessary? How often? Should backup be part of regular maintenance? What about software updates? Do you need anti-malware software? How full is your disk drive and does that matter? Is your computer running hot? What about those dust bunnies, ventilation, and cable discipline? Do you need to lubricate the bearings in your hard drive? Should you replace your old computer if it still works?

See full details on this meeting by [clicking here](#). For information on the Computer Club, see the [OPCUG website](#). OPCUG dues are \$5 for 2020—see <http://olligmu.org/opcug/comm.html> for details on making payment.

Attend via Zoom's cloud meeting service, beginning at 12:45. Please click the following link to join the webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/93730244342> or enter this Webinar ID from 'Join' in the Zoom app: 937 3024 4342.

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## Poet's Corner

*Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop*

### Yesteryear

By Chitra Mohla

Through the misty veil of yesteryear  
Sepia colored images appear  
Floating into the cerebral hemisphere;

Sancho the sullen donkey  
We greeted with glee  
Came with a saddle  
Stubbornly refused a straddle;

Playing in the bamboo grove  
Nature's treasure trove  
Bumblebee lives in memoriam  
We buried in a leafy praetorium;

A pair of white bunnies  
Fluffy, funny, fuzzy  
Magically grew to twenty  
Cuddly kits had us in a tizzy;

Rover, boisterous, bouncy  
White tail, wagging proudly  
Romped around us wildly  
Hours of playful jollity;

Childhood images of rapture!

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## Arts & Music at George Mason



By [Shelly Gersten](#), OLLI E-News Staff Writer

Although Mason's campus is shut down, online entertainment continues for us to access and enjoy. Dr. Linda Apple Monson produces a periodic "Notes from the Director." This email is full of interesting online performances by the students and faculty of the School of Music. If you would like to receive these bulletins, just send an email to Brianna Schoen at [bschoen@gmu.edu](mailto:bschoen@gmu.edu). Also, the Center for the Arts has a website [Mason Arts at Home](#) which has a calendar of online events.

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## Meetings & Clubs

**Please note:** Physical meetings for clubs and activities are canceled until further notice in accordance with Mason's guidelines. OLLI is conducting its classes and activities online. Refer to the university's [coronavirus website](#) for official university updates and check the [OLLI Calendar](#) for revised information.

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 for the most up-to-date information, please view the latest forecast of coming events on our website (News/[OLLI Calendar](#)). *Note: All OLLI members are welcome at, and encouraged to attend (online), meetings of the Board of Directors, committees and resource groups, kick-off coffees, etc.*

Sat Aug 1	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club-- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 284 531 289)
Mon Aug 3	9:30 am	What's in the Daily News?-- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 825 1457 5625)
Tue Aug 4	9:30 am	Annex Art-- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 836 7207 3832)
	4:00 pm	Tai Chi Club-- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 284 531 289)
Wed Aug 5	10:30 am	The Tom Crooker Investment Forum-- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 861 1181 9898)
	2:00 pm	Memoir and More Writing Group-- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 801 645 074)
	4:00 pm	Ethnic Eats-- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 818 8261 0637)
Thu Aug 6	4:00 pm	Tai Chi Club-- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 284 531 289)
Fri Aug 7	9:30 am	Craft & Conversation-- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 611 234 196)
	11:00 am	Homer, etc.-- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 993 949 463)
	2:00 pm	Cooking Club-- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 989 8618 3605)
Sat Aug 8	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club-- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 284 531 289)
Mon Aug 10	9:30 am	What's in the Daily News?-- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 825 1457 5625)
Tue Aug 11	9:30 am	Annex Art-- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 836 7207 3832)
	4:00 pm	Tai Chi Club-- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 284 531 289)
Wed Aug 12	10:30 am	The Tom Crooker Investment Forum-- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 861 1181 9898)
Thu Aug 13	4:00 pm	Tai Chi Club-- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 284 531 289)
Fri Aug 14	9:30 am	Photo Club-- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 669 666 340)
	9:30 am	Craft & Conversation-- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 611 234 196)
	11:00 am	Homer, etc.-- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 993 949 463)
	2:00 pm	Cooking Club-- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 989 8618 3605)
Sat Aug 15	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club-- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 284 531 289)
	1:00 pm	Personal Computer User Group-- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 937 3024 4342)

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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.

**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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