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Tallwood Ramp Begins to Take Shape, July 22

July 30, 2021

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Alerts & Notices

- OLLI will be closed August 1-14 for summer break.
- Priority registration for fall term is August 16 at 9:00 through August 24 at noon. Fall term begins September 20.
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, August 13; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, August 10, at 6:00.

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Yes, You Can Teach at OLLI!



By Camille Hodges, Humanities and Social Sciences, Current Events Program Planning Group Co-chair

OLLI invites you to share your expertise on topics that reflect your knowledge in any area. Currently, OLLI members have expressed the desire to have classes on the following topics:

- Cultural linguistics
- Comparing education in America with other countries
- Faith Ringgold and her visualization of African American history
- Historical pros and cons of vaccinations

If you have an interest in teaching any of these requested classes via Zoom or hybrid, have questions, or ideas of your own, please contact either of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Current Events (HSS/CE) program planning group chairpersons:

Camille Hodges mimihodges4@gmail.com or Peg O'Brien mazob@live.com. Or you may fill out the course proposal form found at <https://olli.gmu.edu/olli-course-proposal-form/>.

If you are interested in teaching at OLLI, there are resources available to assist you. The OLLI

website has an instructor resources page at [this link](#). At this resources page, you can find helpful information including:

- an instructor information brochure
- a teacher’s manual with in-depth teaching tips for new and experienced instructors
- an instructor’s video tutorial on how to use Zoom
- classroom discussion tips
- OLLI PowerPoint advice and a PowerPoint graphics tutorial
- Mason library teaching resources available to instructors
- an optional feedback form for instructors
- course proposal form templates
- tips for writing catalog descriptions
- other forms and materials to assist instructors.

Take the challenge and teach!

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Sign Up for Two Fall Performances by OLLI Players



By Kathie West, OLLI Players Director

As you look toward fall registration (August 16-24), don't neglect to sign up for two OLLI Players performances.

- *The Haunted Carousel* premieres on October 15. In the 1890s a child disappeared from the carousel. Do you know who he is?
- *Starlight Flight 1-17* premieres on November 17. A passenger killed 20 years ago resurfaces. Who is he?

Both are ghost stories that have music, costumes, and sound effects. The actors are all dedicated members of OLLI Players and have mastered Zoom performances. Spoilers will appear in the September and October issues of *E-News*. Keep an eye open for them.

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Tallwood Book Club



By Betty Ellerbee, Tallwood Book Club Coordinator

The Tallwood Book Club’s next two monthly Zoom meetings will be held on the second Friday of each month from 2:30 to 4:00. The book to be discussed on Friday, August 13, is Isabel Allende’s *The Long Petal of the Sea*. *The Friend* by Sigrid Nunez will be discussed on Friday, September 10.

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

The Poem Speaks

Please
read me.

Though I bleed on the page,
wring my hands,
impose pathetically
on the imagination,

read me.

Though I crawl shamelessly,
an insult to dignity,
dangle and sprawl,
an outrage to decency,

read me.

Though I be an un-brave moan of a poem,
a squeak at worst,
a hoarse and hackneyed plea at best,

read me.

Test and sneer if you must,
jeer and discard in disgust,
but read me.

Please read me.

And for such favor,
what shall you receive in return?
Why, heartburn! Heartburn!

Some things are certain.

Ed Sadtler

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Arts & Music at George Mason

No Performances until September





By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

Virtual Performances

Although Mason’s Fairfax campus is shut down, online entertainment and events at the Hylton Center continue for us to access and enjoy (<https://hylton.calendar.gmu.edu/>). 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. 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.

All Mason Arts & Music events are postponed until September.

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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. 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, 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 the [member portal](#) and click on ZOOM CLASS LINKS.*

Sat Jul 31	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club
Mon Aug 2	9:30 am	What’s in the Daily News?
Tue Aug 3	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Wed Aug 4	10:00 am	Mah Jongg Club
Thu Aug 5	11:50 am	All the News
	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Fri Aug 6	9:30 am	Craft and Conversation
Sat Aug 7	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club
Mon Aug 9	9:30 am	What’s in the Daily News?
Tue Aug 10	11:00 am	Spanish Club
	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Wed Aug 11	2:00 pm	Memoir and More Writing Group

Thu Aug 12	11:50 am	All the News
	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Fri Aug 13	9:30 am	Craft and Conversation
	11:30 am	Cooking Club
	2:30 pm	Tallwood Book Club
Sat Aug 14	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club

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About OLLI E-News

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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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