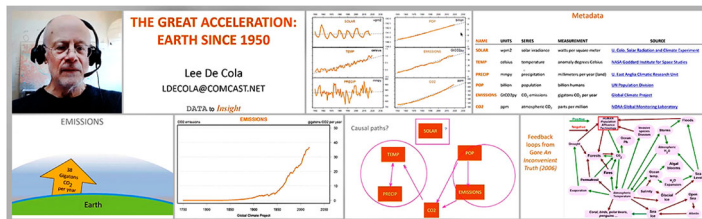


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Alerts & Notices

The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, July 8; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, July 5, at 6:00.

The OLLI office will be closed and no OLLI classes are scheduled on Monday, July 4, for the Independence Day holiday.

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What are OLLI Program Planning Groups and What do they Do?



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

I'm so happy you asked! The OLLI program planning groups are OLLI member volunteers responsible for reviewing and selecting course proposals each quarter. There are ten program planning groups, each responsible for a specific topic. You will find them listed in the Table of Contents of each OLLI catalog. The members meet regularly to brainstorm ideas for course presentations, discuss possible presenters, create courses, and contact instructors for possible future classes. In addition, each program planning group reviews course proposals submitted independently by interested persons who desire to share their expertise. Courses are discussed and confirmed by program associates who keep track of classes and determine their scheduling.

Who can join a Program Planning Group? Anyone interested in supporting a particular course topic may join a program planning group. We rely on personal and professional contacts and on the ability to encourage people to present courses at OLLI. Program planning group members often work together to create, support, or present a class. Program planning groups are currently meeting via Zoom.

Keep in mind that no presenter receives monetary compensation for teaching at OLLI Mason. Therefore, we are extremely grateful for each of our instructors.

For information regarding joining the Humanities and Social Sciences/Current Events Program Planning Group, contact: Camille Hodges mimihodges4@gmail.com or Peggy O'Brien mazob@live.com.

For other OLLI program planning group information contact staff program associates: smorrow4@gmu.edu or nklein4@gmu.edu. Thank you.

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Another Successful Community Outreach Program



By Dan Feighery, Photography Club Member, and Edward Marion, Photography Club Co-Coordinator

On June 22, three OLLI Photography Club members installed an extensive display of Senior Olympics photographs taken by club members at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center in Arlington. Shown in the photo at the left is facility manager Teresa Taylor with Photography Club coordinators Ed Marion and John Olsen in front of one of two arrays of photographs mounted at the center.



Why do we find sports photography so

appealing? It's the anticipation of capturing that single fleeting moment in the action when a bat connects with a ball, or while a person soars through the air performing the running long jump, and in recording their determination to succeed in the heat of the action.

The OLLI Photography Club welcomes persons who either have an interest in sports, or who desire to improve and build upon their photography skills, to join us when we photograph upcoming Northern Virginia



Senior Olympics events scheduled between September 10 - 24. If you would like to join us, contact Photography Club coordinators John Olsen (jgolsen12@gmail.com) or Ed Marion (edwardmarion5102@gmail.com). Additional information can be found at the club's website <https://olli.gmu.edu/photography-club-overview/> and the information site for the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics <https://nvso.us/>.



Club Outreach Part 2: On June 28, one of us (Ed Marion) and club member George Bradshaw installed an exhibit of more Senior Olympics photos taken by the Photography Club at Oak Marr Recreation Center in Oakton (illustration below). Special thanks to Megan Baker, Oak Marr manager, for graciously supporting us.



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Tallwood Book Club July Meeting



By Betty Ellerbee, Tallwood Book Club Coordinator

The Tallwood Book Club will hold its July Zoom meeting on July 8 at 2:30. The July book for discussion is *Susan, Nina, Linda and Cokie* by Janet Napoli.

The August selection is *The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi.

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Share Your Life Stories with "Gen-Z"



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

Dr. Spencer Crew is looking for a few OLLI members to work with his "History of the Family" fall course. Those of us who experienced intergenerational dialogue with his students in previous years found it personally rewarding.

This collaboration would require at least two meetings with two students assigned to you by Dr. Crew. If you are interested in sharing your life stories with university students during the fall 2022 (September-December) term, please contact him at the following e-mail address: srcrew@gmu.edu. He will respond to you with details about the class.

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

A Bridge of Sighs Cannot Span An Ocean of Despair

Jack Underhill

**"...Looking at a dogwood does not make you
a blossom. Nor can a bridge of sighs span an
ocean of despair. For that, you need oars." Devon Balwit**

Over a million Americans
Have died of a mysterious virus
In the past two years—
more than died in the tragedy of
World War II.

Many elderly have been walled
Off from their children and grandchildren
Losing the loving touch of
Those they love.

Perhaps one in four has a friend
Or relative who was sick or has passed
And millions face depression.

It is not the young and vigorous
Who are gone, but the sick
And the old are most vulnerable.
The people of color in tough neighborhoods
Those America forgot
And who have borne the brunt of poverty
And homelessness.

A bridge of sighs cannot span an ocean of despair.
Rather we must put our faith in a
Renewed commitment to become
The people that we could be.

We can attack poverty, loneliness, and inequality

And restore a sense of purpose as a nation
So that more, not just the few, can
Share the American dream.

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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances July 1 through July 11



By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

Current vaccination policy for the Center for the Arts and Hylton Performing Arts Center is summarized as follows:

Audience members are not currently required to show proof of vaccination or a negative Covid-19 test result for most events **except** when required by the event organizer or artist. If proof of vaccination or a negative Covid-19 test result is required for a specific event, it will be indicated on the webpage with event details. **Face coverings continue to be required at all events.**

Specific requirements are detailed and any future policy changes may be found here: <https://cfa.gmu.edu/plan-your-visit/vaccination-policy>.

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 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. Information can also be found at [CFA ticket purchase page](#), [Center for the Arts YouTube Channel](#), or the [Hylton ticket purchase page](#).

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At the Fairfax Campus Venues

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Mason Student and Faculty Performances

(see music.gmu.edu for additional student recitals)

No Events Scheduled

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Mason 50th FilmFest: A League of Their Own (1992)

Fri, Jul 1, 7:00
Gregory Family Theater
Admission: Free.

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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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*It does not matter how slowly you go,
as long as you don't stop. Confucius*

Meetings & Clubs

Please note: Although some physical meetings for clubs and activities are canceled, some may be meeting in person or, in a hybrid mode, both in person and online. OLLI events and activities meeting online bear the identification "Z" in their course or event number. Refer to the university's [coronavirus website](#) for official university updates; also, check the [OLLI calendar](#) and daily schedule email for 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 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 2	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club
Mon Jul 4	Holiday	OLLI Office Closed
Tue Jul 5	4:00 pm 4:30 pm	Spanish Club Tai Chi Club
Thu Jul 7	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Fri Jul 8	9:15 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am 11:30 am 2:30 pm	Recorder Consort Photography Club Craft and Conversation Homer, etc. Cooking Club Tallwood Book Club
Sat Jul 9	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club
Mon Jul 11	10:00 am 4:00 pm	Spanish Club Mah Jongg Club
Tue Jul 12	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Wed Jul 13	2:00 pm	Memoir and More Writing Group
Thu Jul 14	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Fri Jul 15	9:15 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Recorder Consort Craft and Conversation Board of Directors Meeting Homer, etc.
Sat Jul 16	10:30 am 1:00 pm	Tai Chi Club Personal Computer User Group

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