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*OLLI 5th Annual Veterans Day Celebration, Tallwood, November 8
 (see article below)*

November 15, 2019

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Alerts & Notices

- The Computer Club meets Saturday, November 15 (tomorrow!) in TA-1 at 1:45. Note the time, which is later than usual because there is a catered lunch for members at 12:30 in the Annex, which you are welcome to join.
- OLLI will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday from November 23 to December 1.
- Winter term priority registration begins December 2 at 9:00 am and ends December 10 at noon. Expect your catalog to arrive before Thanksgiving.
- Missing something? Check the lost and found boxes in the Tallwood social room, Lord of Life coat closet, or ask the site assistants at Loudoun or Reston. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of the term.
- *Reminder:* China Town Hall 2019 will be convened by George Mason University and the National Committee on China-US Relations from 5:45-8:00 on Monday, November 18. For more information [click here](#).
- *Reminder:* Upcoming Mason Jazz Concerts for fall 2019 include the Jazz Combos/Latin American Ensemble November 18, 8:00 ([click here](#) for details) and the Mason Jazz Vocal Night November 25, 8:00 ([click here](#) to order tickets).
- OLLI's holiday party is Wednesday, December 4, 11:30-2:30, at the Country Club of Fairfax. Register for event 1107 by clicking this [member portal link](#); fee is \$38.
- The next *OLLI E-News* will be published November 22. Regular submission deadline is Tuesday, November 19 by 6:00 pm.

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WANTED: Poetry and Prose for OLLI Ink 2020!



By Caroline McNeil, Editor, OLLI Ink

OLLI writers—beginners and experienced—take note: *OLLI Ink* is now accepting submissions, including poems, fiction, personal essays, and memoirs, for its 2020 edition.

Now moving into its tenth year, *OLLI Ink* is a well-established publication whose contributors come from a wide spectrum of OLLI members, including, but not limited to, those enrolled in writing workshops. It is distributed each spring at the annual picnic and at all three OLLI campuses.

Please send your entries, and/or any questions to: Caroline McNeil at caromcneil@gmail.com or 703-231-4730.

Contributions are welcome **starting now** through the end of February.

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Veterans Day Event Held November 8



By Jim Dunphy, OLLI Annual Veterans Day Celebration Coordinator

OLLI's 5th annual Veterans Day commemoration honored veterans in a special event on November 8. As the participants, bundled up against the cold, came to Tallwood for the event, they were serenaded by the George Mason Fife and Drum Corps, playing a medley of patriotic and revolutionary airs.

Once inside the warmth of TA-1, the City of Fairfax Honor Guard posted the colors and their vocalist provided an excellent rendition of the National Anthem. We started the salute to veterans with a medley of service songs and asked veterans of each service to stand and be recognized when their respective service's song was played.

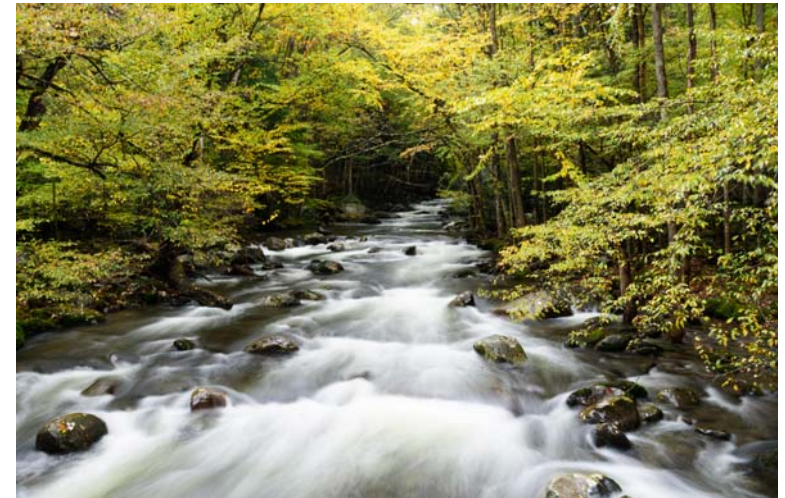
As we do each year, we gave a special salute to OLLI's two WWII veterans, Chester Myslicki and Adrian Pelzner. The theme this year was the Vietnam War. Several veterans of that conflict provided information about their service in-country or the contiguous waters and were received with rousing applause.

To cap off the event, we viewed a video dealing with the items left behind at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the effect these had not only on the friends and family of those whose names are on the wall, but also on those who visit the memorial. Everyone in attendance was very moved by this film.

It is OLLI's honor to recognize and salute those among us who have served the nation in uniform. We look forward to another such salute in November of 2020.

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Photo of the Month



The November 2019 Photo of the Month theme was Play with Liquids. We selected John Olsen's photo "Water in Motion," 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 Angela Talaber, Photography Club Coordinator

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

The Beauty of Traveling

Conceptualization

When you first plan a trip, you decide where to go.

You look at guides, or perhaps you already know.

You see pictures of places you long to visit,

So you sign up for a tour and then you commit.

Anticipation

Then you wait, the excitement builds, you pack.

Finally the day comes, you hope all is on track.

You hop on a plane, a boat or a car,

Arriving at last—why, here you are!

Realization

You visit sights you've never seen before,

Get out your camera, take pictures galore.

Eat exotic foods, sleep on strange beds,

Before you know it, you're back at the homestead.

Joan Lunsford

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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances, November 15 through November 25



By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

For tickets for either Center for the Arts Concert Hall (CFA) or Hylton Center, 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 Center [ticket purchase page](#).

At the Fairfax Campus Venues

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: *Nostalgic Nights*

Sat, Nov 16, 8:00

Harris Theatre

A pre-performance discussion begins at 7:00.

Admission: \$30, \$45, \$55.

Virginia Opera: *Il Postino*

Sat, Nov 16, 8:00

Sun, Nov 17, 2:00

Concert Hall

A pre-performance discussion begins on the Monson Grand Tier 45 minutes prior to the performance.

Admission: \$110, \$70, \$40.

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Fri, Nov 22, 8:00

Concert Hall

A pre-performance discussion begins on Monson Grand Tier 45 minutes prior to the performance.

Admission: \$48, \$41, \$29.

Aquila Theatre: *George Orwell's 1984*

Sat, Nov 23, 8:00

Concert Hall

A pre-performance discussion begins on Monson Grand Tier 45 minutes prior to the performance.

Admission: \$44, \$37, \$26.

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Mason Student and Faculty Performances

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

The Mason Players Staged Reading Series: *Hir*

Fri, Nov 15, 3:00

deLaski Performing Arts Building, A105, TheaterSpace

Admission: Free.

Trumpet Studio Recital

Fri, Nov 15, 7:30

deLaski Performing Arts Building, 3001

Admission: Free.

GMU Tuba and Euphonium Ensemble Concert

Sat, Nov 16, 3:00

deLaski Performing Arts Building, 3001

Admission: Free.

University Choirs Concert

Sun, Nov 17, 4:00

Harris Theatre
Admission: Free.

Brass Ensemble Concert

Mon, Nov 18, 6:00
Harris Theatre
Admission: Free.

Jazz Combos/Latin American Ensemble Concert

Mon, Nov 18, 8:00
deLaski Performing Arts Building, 3001
Admission: Free.

Studio Series: *Twelfth Night*

Thu, Nov 21 to Sat, Nov 23, 8:00
Sat, Nov 23 and Sun, Nov 24, 2:00
deLaski Performing Arts Building, A105, TheaterSpace
Admission: \$20 Adults; \$10 seniors.

Guitar Ensemble Concert

Sat, Nov 23, 8:00
Harris Theatre
Admission: Free.

Harp Masterclass

Sun, Nov 24, 2:00
deLaski Performing Arts Building, A323
Admission: Free.

Combined Flute Choir Concert

Sun, Nov 24, 7:00
deLaski Performing Arts Building, 3001
Admission: Free.

Mason Jazz Vocal Night

Mon, Nov 25, 8:00
Concert Hall
Admission: \$12 Adults; \$8 seniors.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Gallery Exhibit: *Exploring Identity with Women Veterans*

Continues to Dec 7
Buchanan Partners Art Gallery
The Buchanan Partners Art Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00-6:00
Admission: Free.

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Fri, Nov 15, 8:00
Merchant Hall
A pre-performance discussion begins in Merchant Hall one hour prior to the performance.
Admission: \$48, \$41, \$29.

Youth Orchestras of Prince William: *New Beginnings*

Sat, Nov 16, 2:00
Gregory Family Theater
Admission: \$10.

Circo Comedia

Sun, Nov 17, 1:00 and 4:00
Merchant Hall
Admission: \$15 Adults; \$10 children.

Northern Virginia Ballet: *The Nutcracker*

Sat, Nov 23, 2:00 and 6:00
Sat, Nov 30, 2:00 and 6:00
Merchant Hall
Admission: \$35 Adults; \$25 seniors.

Nutcracker Tea with Clara and Friends

Sun, Nov 24, 1:00 and 3:30
Small Rehearsal studio
Admission: \$60.

Aquila Theatre: *The Odyssey*

Sun, Nov 24, 7:00
Merchant Hall
A pre-performance discussion begins one hour prior to the performance in the Buchanan Partners Art Gallery.
Admission: \$44, \$37, \$26.

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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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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 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).*

Sat Nov 16	10:30am 1:45pm	Tai Chi Club–TA-3 Personal Computer User Group–TA-1
Mon Nov 18	9:30am	What's in the Daily News–TA-1
Tue Nov 19	9:30am	Annex Art–Annex
Wed Nov 20	10:00am 10:00am 10:30am 1:00pm	Bridge Club–TA-3 Mah Jongg Club–Annex Tom Crooker Investment Forum–TA-1 Audiovisual Committee Meeting–TA-3
Thu Nov 21	10:00am	Special Events Program Planning Group–Annex
Fri Nov 22	9:15am 9:30am 11:00am 11:30am 12:00noon	Recorder Consort–TA-3 Craft and Conversation Group–Annex Homer, etc.–Annex Cooking Club–Home of Susan Towne Photography Club–TA-3
Sat Nov 23	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
OLLI Closed for Thanksgiving break November 23–December 1		

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About OLLI E-News

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ollinewseditor@gmail.com.

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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