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*John Nash and Martha Powers Host November 13 Event to Honor All Veterans, with Special Focus on OLLI's World War II Veterans
 Chester Myslicki and Adrian Pelzner*

November 20, 2020

Editor of the Week: John Nash

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Alerts & Notices

- *Reminder:* The OLLI Personal Computer User Group (OPCUG) meets Saturday, November 21 (tomorrow) at 1:00, via Zoom (click [this link](#) to join the webinar).
- *Reminder:* The OLLI annual holiday party is Wednesday, December 2, at 10:30. Register for the special event 1107 Holiday Party on the OLLI [member portal](#).
- The winter-term catalog is out, and it is available online at [this link](#). Priority registration for the term begins November 30 at 9:00 and ends December 8 at noon. Winter term begins January 25.
- OLLI will be closed for Thanksgiving break November 22-29. Clubs and groups will not meet.
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, December 4; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, December 1, at 6:00.

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You'll Shoot Your Eye Out: A Prelude to the Movie A Christmas Story



By Martha Powers, OLLI Member

Enjoy a film preview event, Friday, December 11, 10:00.

Ever since its release in 1983, the classic comedy film "A Christmas Story" has been an annual celebration of the holidays. Traditionally, it is screened for 24 hours on TBS and TNT, starting at 8:00 (TBS) and 9:00 (TNT) on Christmas Eve.

Based upon anecdotes written by Jean Shepherd about his childhood in Cleveland's west side in the 1940s, the movie recalls a young boy's yearning for a Red Ryder air rifle, his visit to a department store Santa Claus, and the fate of the family's turkey dinner. This movie pre-view class at 10:00 on Friday, December 11, will refer to certain features in the movie, but not reveal enough detail to ruin your viewing of it.

We will learn more about versatile Jean Shepherd, the actors in the movie, trivia and goofs, and the far-ranging music soundtrack. Join us for a fast-paced slideshow that shows what has made this highly rated movie a timeless tradition for millions of Americans.

Martha Powers has renewed her OLLI membership and is again enjoying friends and classes, thanks to the wonders of Zoom. She resides in Lake Frederick, VA, and loves sharing movies with friends.

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History Club Announcement



By Beth Lambert, History Club Coordinator

The December Zoom meeting of the History Club will take place on **Wednesday, December 2, at 10:00** (note time). We are fortunate in having Pat McGinty speaking about a World War II B-24 bomber, the "Lady be Good." After a bombing mission on Naples, the plane and its pilot went down as it headed for home base in Northern Libya. The exact location of the wreck, presumed to be in the Mediterranean Sea, became a mystery to be solved in 1958 when it was discovered 440 miles inland.

The account Pat will tell us is one of "confusion, miscommunication, and attempts at survival." This presentation is a fascinating story with which to conclude our fall meetings. The History Club will not meet again until February, so take advantage of this opportunity to be informed and entertained. All OLLI members are invited to History Club meetings—discover us without having to travel to Fairfax!

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An Invitation from Mason's Friends of Theater



By Norma Jean Reck, Theater Lovers' Group Coordinator



George Mason University's Friends of the Theater joyfully invite you and a guest for a

Holidays Around the World Celebration

Sunday, Dec. 20, 3:00 - 5:15 p.m.

Join the Friends for a fun, free virtual party!

- Enjoy scenes from *A Christmas Carol-1933* written by Mason's own Frank Robinson and performed by talented Mason students,
- Join Maestro Joe Walsh for a rousing sing-a-long with carols and music from around the world,
- Delight in holiday readings to get you in a festive mood,
- Meet new friends who also love theater,
- Share your favorite holiday memory or tradition.

RSVP no later than Tuesday, Dec. 15, to Alice Magelssen-Green at 703-993-1593 or amagelss@gmu.edu or alumni.gmu.edu/theaterholiday

The Friends of Theater is an all-volunteer organization that supports Mason's School of Theater students through fund-raising and community outreach. For information on the Friends of Theater and School of Theater please visit theater.gmu.edu.

This event will be recorded. All participants consent to filming by attending the event.



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OLLI Celebrates Veterans Day



By John Nash, E-News Editor

Almost 50 OLLI members enjoyed the annual Veterans Day Program this year. One of the highlights was when Martha Powers, who originally initiated the celebration six years ago, introduced special guests Chester Myslicki and Adrian Pelzner, both of whom served in World War II. With the assistance of his niece, Chester, who turned 100 years old this October, watched the program on Zoom, occasionally smiling. Adrian Pelzner offered some reminiscences from that time, while Sally Wallace, Jim Dunphy's widow, recalled Jim's love of OLLI.

The program included a presentation by Gordon Sumner, a retired Army officer and now president/CEO of Veterans Moving Forward, an organization that provides service dogs to qualified veterans. Gordon pointed out the value of service dogs to despondent veterans, often giving them something to care for and helping to reduce veteran suicides

Attendees also were eligible for donations from local businesses. Each participant received a gift card from Mission Barbeque for a free sandwich; Brion's Grill provided a \$25 gift card; University Theaters donated five theater passes and University Sonoco Auto Services contributed four free safety inspections and two oil/filter changes. It's nice to support those who support OLLI.



The program concluded with a brief recognition of the 75th Anniversary of D-Day, the landing at Normandy and the beginning of the liberation of Europe. We always thank our veterans and especially those men and women who served in World War II. Truly, they are The Greatest Generation!

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Photography Club



*By John Olsen and Edward Marion
Photography Club Co-Coordinators*

The OLLI Photo Club (OPC) will meet, via Zoom of course, on Friday, November 27, at noon. This is the "technical" meeting each fourth Friday where attendees can discuss photographic issues as well as review member photos taken during the month. All OLLI members are welcome to join the OPC; it's a benefit of your membership. Zoom codes for the meeting are Meeting ID: 559 666 340; Pass code: 746 862.



Come enjoy a couple of hours discussing photography rather than fighting Black Friday crowds! This is definitely a lot more fun!

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Photo of the Month



The November 2020 Photo of the Month theme was *Feathers*. We selected John Olsen's photo "Long Feathery Plumes of the Great Egret," 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 John Olsen and Ed Marion, Photography Club Coordinators

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Chill

Chill
Falling leaves
Darkness coming early
Foxes' coats thickening up
Flowers bid farewell for now
Ah but here come my camellias
Shades of pink now dare the frost

Leaves will fall and slowly form many piles
 Children play outside catching the last rays of warmth
 So we close summer and open the opportunities of autumn

Sally Sibley

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Arts & Music at George Mason
 Performances, November 20 through December 7



By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

Virtual Performances

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. 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](#) or the [Hylton ticket purchase page](#).

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At the Fairfax Campus Venues

Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center: David Shifrin, clarinet

Sun, Nov 22, 7:00
[Register](#)

A Chanticleer Christmas

Sat, Dec 5, 8:00
[Buy Access Pass](#)

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Mason Student and Faculty Performances

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

Rita Porfiris: Chamber Music and Composition Masterclass

Fri, Nov 20, 4:30

[Watch the masterclass](#)

Jazz4Justice

Fri, Nov 20, 8:00
[Register](#)

Emily Foster: Oboe Masterclass

Sat, Nov 21, 10:00
[Register](#)

Mason School of Theater: Mason Players’ Originals

Sat, Nov 21, 7:00 and 8:00
[Register](#)

An Evening of Arias

Mon, Nov 23, 7:30
[Watch the livestream](#)

Michael McIntosh Percussion Masterclass

Mon, Nov 30, 12:30
[Watch the livestream](#)

Aundi Marie Moore: Vocal Masterclass

Tue, Dec 1, 3:00
 Check music calendar at [this link](#)

Dr. Michael Nickens: Band Masterclass

Tue, Dec 1, 4:30
 Check music calendar at [this link](#)

Marcellus Brown: Band Masterclass

Thu, Dec 3, 4:30
 Check music calendar at [this link](#)

Mason School of Theater: *Alabaster*

Fri, Dec 4, 8:00
[Register](#)

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Hylton at Home Story Corner: *Because*

Sat, Nov 21, 10:30
<https://hylton.calendar.gmu.edu/?cal=cvpa-hpac-cvpa-mason-arts-at-home-hpac&viewtype=list>

Manassas Ballet Theatre Artist Chat: *The Nutcracker*

Thu, Dec 3, 7:00

Admission: \$25 at [online ticket platform](#)

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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

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 Nov 21	10:30 am 1:00 pm	Tai Chi Club Personal Computer User Group
Mon Nov 30	9:30 am 11:00 am	What’s in the Daily News? Poetry Club
Tue Dec 1	9:30 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm	Annex Art Spanish Club Tai Chi Club
Wed Dec 2	10:00 am 10:00 am	Mah Jongg Club History Club

	10:30 am	Tom Crooker Investment Forum
	10:30 am	Annual Holiday Party
Thu Dec 3	11:50 am 4:00 pm	All the News Tai Chi Club
Fri Dec 4	9:30 am 11:00 am	Craft & Conversation Homer, etc.
Sat Dec 5	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.

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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