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**Meet The Artists:  
 Beverly Cosham**  
 Accompanied by Howard Breitbart  
 Presented by Reston Community Center and  
 Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

**Beverly Cosham, Cabaret Singer and Actress,  
 September 30 in Performance Live and Streamed on  
 the Reston Community Center Facebook Page, with  
 Accompanist Howard Breitbart**

**October 8, 2021**

Editor of the Week: Paul Van Hemel

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**Alerts & Notices**

- Meeting of the Board of Directors, Friday, October 15, 10:00; via Zoom. All members welcome; emailed Daily Schedule provides link and details.
- OLLI Players performance, *The Haunted Carousel*, Friday, October 15, 2:00–3:00. Emailed Daily Schedule provides link and details.
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, October 15; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, October 12, at 6:00.

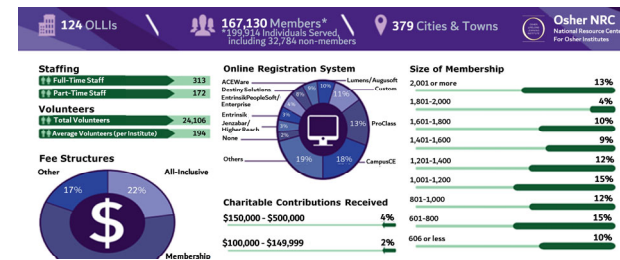
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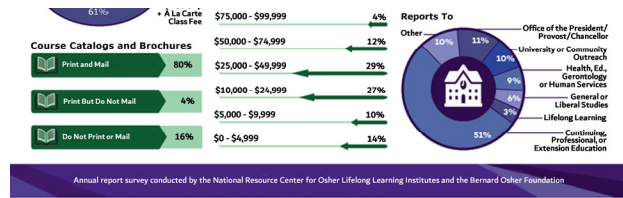
**From the Desk of the Executive Director  
 Getting the Most Out of Your OLLI Membership**



By Jennifer Disano, Executive Director

At the 2018 National Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Annual Conference in North Carolina, National Resource Center (NRC) Director Steve Thaxton remarked, "If you've been to one OLLI, you've been to one OLLI." This adorable quip rings true! Of the [125 OLLIs](#) across the country, each is unique—offering homegrown amazing courses, fun social events, and its unique fee structure. Most OLLIs are formally a part of a university and fall under the purview of an academic department or continuing education. Of the 125 OLLIs, OLLI Mason is one of only five 501(c)(3) non-profit affiliates, which are self-governing. The Osher National Resource Center graphic below (*Editor's Note: You can zoom in and out on a close-up view by rotating your mouse scroll wheel while holding down the Ctrl key [or Cmd + and CMD - on a Mac]*) illustrates how varied OLLIs are across the network.\*





Many OLLIs charge a nominal membership fee with added per-class fees, which quickly increase overall out-of-pocket expense to their members. At OLLI Mason, you enjoy a smorgasbord of courses with no added fees and an archive of recorded classes, plus many [university privileges](#) such as College of Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA) performance discounts, library access, and a special low-cost annual parking pass. OLLI Mason boasts a robust staff and an unprecedented number of volunteers involved with everything from Board service to member services, teaching, and program building. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to OLLI Mason. Your membership and volunteer efforts keep OLLI Mason a standout Institute across the national scene.

\*124 OLLIs at the time of the printing of this graphic. Now there are 125 OLLIs.

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## Computer Club

**3rd Saturday, October 16 via Zoom**  
**Computers to the Moon**  
**Life Expectancy of Mac Computers**



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, October 16 via Zoom. Program activities begin at 1:00.

*Computers to the Moon* – Presented by Mark Schulman. How did the United States manage to land on the moon in the 1960s at a time when PCs didn't exist, and computers were the size of a warehouse? This session examines the history of computers aboard early US spacecraft, leading to the monumental effort to create a computer capable of landing a spacecraft on the moon. While it's easy to believe today that computers back then were primitive playthings, it turns out that ingenious, driven engineers and software developers, even half a century ago, could accomplish amazing things. In this session, you'll learn what they created and how it worked.

Mark Schulman spent his career as an instructor and software designer. He has taught a wide range of programming courses for major corporations and worked on large software development projects. He currently manages the information technology department for a small company that does clinical drug trials, as well as the computers for a small medical practice. His major "geek" interest these days is the computer technology that made the moon landings possible in the

1960s. He lives near Orlando, Florida.

*Learn in 30: Life Expectancy of Mac Computers* – Presented by Lorrin Garson. Knowing how long to keep a computer and when to replace it invariably comes to "it depends." So, on what does it depend? There are many factors—e.g., (a) age of the computer, (b) the manufacturer's warranty and willingness to repair, (c) security issues, (d) a need for more computing power, (e) compatibility of essential applications with the operating system, (f) budget. Also discussed will be the life expectancy of hard disk drives and solid-state drives, which are components likely to fail first. Although the presentation is focused on Apple computers, many of the factors apply to PC/Windows computers as well.

Lorrin is a regular speaker at OPCUG/PATACS sessions on a wide variety of computer and scientific topics.

**See full details on this meeting by [clicking here](#).** For information on the Computer Club, see the [OPCUG Website](#). OPCUG dues are \$5 for 2021—see <http://olliamu.org/opcug/comm.html> for details on making payment.

Attend via Zoom's cloud meeting service, beginning at 1:00. Please click [this link](#) to join the meeting and use passcode 458615 or enter meeting ID 846 0789 9770 in the Zoom app and use the above passcode.

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## Poet's Corner

*Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop*

### Fresh Air BnB

Someone has been sleeping  
in my newly mulched bed  
though I don't know who;  
the smooth, packed down indentation  
provided no clues.  
Shallow holes and scrabbles  
in the mulch suggested that the visitor  
was looking for breakfast.

Whoever it was vacated the place  
before I got out of bed;  
Who could the Fresh Air BnB  
snoozer-by-night be?  
Although I'm not adverse  
to providing hospitality,  
I must keep in mind  
the perils of curiosity.

In the woods  
quite near to me.

Humans have reported seeing foxes, raccoons, a feral cat and, Heavens to Murgatroyd, a skunk family. If any of these creatures is actually boarding with me, it's about time I started charging a fee.

Sandy Myles

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## Arts & Music at George Mason

*Performances, October 8 through October 18*



By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

Mason's campuses are in the process of reopening. Limited programs at both Fairfax and Manassas campuses, along with virtual performances, are available 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 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

#### The Magic of Bill Blagg Live!

Sat, Oct 16, 7:00  
[Concert Hall](#)  
 Admission: \$15.

#### Sphinx Virtuosi

Sun, Oct 17, 3:00  
[Concert Hall](#)  
 Admission: \$48, \$41, \$28.

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### Mason Student & Faculty Performances

(see [music.gmu.edu](http://music.gmu.edu) for additional student recitals)

### The Mason Players' Originals!

Fri, Oct 8, 8:00  
 Virtual Event at  
<https://cfa.calendar.gmu.edu/the-mason-players-39-originals/>

### Dewberry Artist Series: Mason Music Faculty

Sun, Oct 10, 3:00  
 Concert Hall  
 Admission: Free.

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### At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

#### Gallery Exhibition: *Changing Landscapes: The Digital Age, Encroachment, and Eventual Outcomes*

Through Sun, Oct 10  
 Hylton Performing Arts Center, Buchanan Partners Art Gallery  
 Admission: Free.

#### Gallery Exhibition: *Carroll Sockwell - Grey*

Tue, Oct 12 through Sun, Nov 14  
 Hylton Performing Arts Center, Buchanan Partners Art Gallery  
 Admission: Free.

#### Prince William Little Theatre: *Dial "M" for Murder*

Fri, Oct 8 and 15, 8:00  
 Sat, Oct 9 and 16, 8:00  
 Sun, Oct 10 and 17, 2:00  
 Gregory Family Theater  
 Admission: \$20 Adults; \$17 seniors.

#### Manassas Chorale: *The Roaring Twenties - Then and Now*

Sat, Oct 9, 7:30  
 Merchant Hall  
 Admission: \$23, \$25.

#### Keyboard Conversations® with Jeffrey Siegel: *Classics Declassified*

Sun, Oct 10, 2:00  
 Merchant Hall  
 Admission: \$48, \$41, \$29.

#### Manassas Ballet Theatre: *Dracula*

Fri, Oct 15, 7:30  
 Sat, Oct 16, 7:30  
 Sun, Oct 17, 3:00

Merchant Hall  
Admission: \$65, \$55, \$45, \$35, \$25.

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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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## Free Music at Fairfax Old Town Hall



**By Linda H. Harber, OLLI Member and Friends of Music at Mason President**

Please join some talented students from Mason’s Dewberry School of Music at these two upcoming events at Fairfax Old Town Hall:

- Wednesday, October 13 at 7:00—Mason Strings Concert
- Wednesday, December 8 at 7:00—Mason Woodwinds Concert

Please attend and support the great live music performances by Mason’s talented students. Your attendance means a lot to them! Thanks so much!

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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 Oct 9	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club
Tue Oct 12	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club

Wed Oct 13	2:00 pm 4:00 pm	Memoir and More Writing Group Spanish Club
Thu Oct 14	1:15 pm 4:30 pm	<b>Science, Technology, and Health Program Planning Group Meeting</b> Tai Chi Club
Fri Oct 15	9:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 2:00 pm	Craft and Conversation <b>Board of Directors Meeting</b> Classic Literature Club Homer, etc. Chatroom: A Dozen Big Ideas OLLI Players: <i>The Haunted Carousel</i>
Sat Oct 16	10:30 am 1:00 pm	Tai Chi Club Personal Computer User Group Meeting
Tue Oct 19	4:00 pm 4:30 pm	<b>Reston Program Planning Group Meeting</b> Tai Chi Club
Wed Oct 20	4:00 pm 6:00 pm	Mah Jongg Club Ethnic Eats Club
Thu Oct 21	4:00 pm 4:30 pm	Reston Book Club Tai Chi Club
Fri Oct 22	9:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 noon	Craft and Conversation Grab 'n' Gab Coffee Klatch Classic Literature Club Homer, etc. Photography Club
Sat Oct 23	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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