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Photos by Paul Van Hemel, October 14, 2022

**Member Services Chair Toni Acton Hosts  
Coffee Klatch, Tallwood, October 14**

## October 21, 2022

Editor of the Week: Paul Van Hemel

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### Alerts & Notices

- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, October 28; the regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, October 25, at 6:00.

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### From the Desk of the Executive Director Conversations With Friends



*By Jennifer Disano, Executive Director*

Think back to how you heard about OLLI. What drew your attention? Did you attend a guest lecture? Did you see an ad in the local paper or the Mason marquee on Braddock road? Did you search "lifelong learning near me" on the internet? More than likely, a friend told you about OLLI and their testimonial captured your attention. Since OLLI's inception, conversations with friends have proven to be our best outreach tool. As you know, the pandemic limited many opportunities for you to be with friends. It certainly has been a quite a while since many of us have gotten together with our friends. Indeed, we miss each other. In the spirit of rekindling friendships and making new friends, I encourage you to invite someone you know to lunch or grab a cup of coffee and share how OLLI has enhanced your life experience. You will enjoy a lovely visit, and your friend may be very interested to try OLLI for the first time.

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### Halloween Party 2022 Today



*By Marilyn Harriman, Diversions Committee Chair*

Today's the day! It's time to mingle and party with your OLLI friends at Tallwood. Enjoy spooky eats and sugary treats! Bring a friend or spouse and be prepared to have a wicked good time. Costumes encouraged.

**When:** Today, October 21

**Time:** 3:00-5:00

**Location:** 4210 Roberts Road, Fairfax: TA-1, annex, coffee room, and outside courtyard

**Entertainments:**

- Private palm readings from Ariana Lightningstorm
- Costume contest
- Gift card prizes
- Piñata
- Pumpkin decorating
- Photo opportunities with celebrities



Sign up for event 1104 in the [member portal](#) and join the fun.

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## Weekly Conversations – October 26 Death Cafes



**By Brenda Bloch-Young and Doris Bloch,  
Co-Moderators**

Continuing our Wednesday Conversations series, we (Team Bloch) will moderate a Zoom discussion on Wednesday October 26 at 4:00, where every OLLI member is most welcome to join us to talk about our chosen topic for this week: **Death Cafes**. We encourage an informal interactive exchange, and we want to hear from you, OLLI members. Share your favorites. No sign-ups needed; participation is totally ad hoc.

Are you familiar with Death Cafes? Have you attended a Death Cafe? Actually, it is often informative and interesting to participate. Join us next Wednesday afternoon to share your experience or learn more. The concept began with "cafe mortels," created in 2004 by Swiss sociologist and anthropologist Bernard Crettaz. The events were adapted and popularized as "death cafés" by Jon Underwood, who held the first one in the basement of his London home. Pre-COVID, the events were in person, always including a beverage and cake. In the age of Zoom, it is possible to attend a Death Cafe across the country and the world by merely registering online.

Heads up for the following week's conversation: November 2: **Daylight Savings Time** – Pros and Cons and projections for the future of DST.

Each week, we pre-select a topic and advertise it in the *OLLI E-News*, the *OLLI E-Blast* and/or *Communicator*, and the OLLI Daily Schedule email (so it will be "in your face" and hard to miss). If you have a suggestion for a topic that will be of interest to members, please do send it to one of us: ([Bblochyoung@gmail.com](mailto:Bblochyoung@gmail.com) or [dbloch50@hotmail.com](mailto:dbloch50@hotmail.com)).

Check your Daily Schedule for the Zoom link each Wednesday and plan on some social time with Team Bloch.

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## Washington and Old Dominion (W&OD) Trail Walk and Talk



**By Marilyn Harriman and Bob Heyer,  
OLLI Walk & Talk Co-Chairs**

Phyllis Krochmal led club members on an invigorating 60-minute W&OD Trail walk on October 18. Starting at the Vienna Community Center on a sunny, chilly morning, the walkers headed east down the old Washington and Old Dominion Railroad tracks trail. They spotted deer among the trees, the city's official monument to LOVE, the old railway station, and a refurbished caboose.

The asphalt path is buried amongst the tall trees full of Kudzu vines, making the path well protected and surrounded by the beauty of changing autumn leaves at this time of year. The trail itself stretches 52 miles from Purcellville through Leesburg to Arlington. The club hopes to cover most of the course over time.

Afterward, several group members enjoyed coffee and breakfast treats at the Caffe Amouri. The chatter was loud, and time was equal to the walk; worth cutting OLLI class for the camaraderie!

Upcoming walks include a walk led by Carol Esteki at Seneca Regional Park, 9:00, in Great Falls, on Friday, October 28; and a walk led by Debby Mossberg on Fairfax trails, starting on Prosperity Avenue, 8:00, in Fairfax, on October 31. To sign up and learn more details, register for the club through the OLLI [member portal](#) or phone the main office at 703-503-3384.

Walkers also need to RSVP with a cellphone number to one of the club co-chairs for each walk to let us know we can expect you on a specific walk day. This is so we know to look for you and can contact you in case of walk schedule changes.

Marilyn Harriman: [mlwharriman74@gmail.com](mailto:mlwharriman74@gmail.com)

Bob Heyer: [rheyew64@gmail.com](mailto:rheyew64@gmail.com)

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Standing: Gay Alper, Carol Esteki, Yen Tra, Emily Roudebush, Joan Carey  
Sitting: Lila Goldstein, Phyllis Krochmal, Marilyn Harriman, Tony Harriman  
Photo by Bob Heyer, October 2022

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## Photo of the Month



The October 2022 Photo of the Month theme was open (not specified). We selected George Bradshaw's photo "Eastern State Penitentiary," taken at Eastern State Penitentiary Museum in Philadelphia, 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

### Story Retelling

The ocean conveys a certain fascination  
With its perennial ebb and flow  
For one who first glimpsed its waves  
As an adult, touched by their eternal nature,  
Steady, reliable, ongoing. They kiss the shore  
With regularity.  
We scan beyond the breakers  
For dolphin fins, and only now and then find them,  
Reciprocal leaping in the delight of each other  
And in the coolness of early morning.  
We often return, drawn by a story  
Forever retold.

*jan bohall  
Fall 2022*

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## Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances, October 21 through October 31



**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.

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

No scheduled events.

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### Mason Student and Faculty Performances

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

#### Mason Opera Scenes

Fri, Oct 21, 3:00  
Harris Theatre  
Admission: Free.

#### Mason School of Theater: *Head Over Heels*

Thu, Oct 27, 8:00  
Fri, Oct 28, 8:00  
Sat, Oct 29, 2:00  
Sat, Oct 29, 8:00  
Sun, Oct 30, 2:00  
Admission: \$35 General Public, \$15 Students, Staff, Seniors, Groups

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### At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

#### Gallery Exhibit: Bennie Herron: *Zero and One*

Through Nov 6  
Hylton Performing Arts Center, Buchanan Partners Art Gallery  
Admission: Free.

#### Prince William Little Theatre: *Peter and the Starcatcher*

Fri, Oct 21, 8:00  
Sat, Oct 22 at 2:00  
Sat, Oct 22, 8:00  
Sun, Oct 23, 2:00  
Gregory Family Theater  
Admission: Adult \$20, senior \$17, youth \$13.

#### Manassas Symphony Orchestra: *Celebrations*

Sat, Oct 22, 7:30  
Merchant Hall  
Admission: \$25.

#### Mummenschanz Theater Troupe

Sun, Oct 23, 7:00  
Merchant Hall  
Admission: \$50, \$43, \$30.

#### United States Navy Concert Band

Fri, Oct 28, 7:30  
Merchant Hall  
Admission: Free.

#### Aida Cuevas: Mariachi and Vocal Forms

Sat, Oct 29, 8:00  
Merchant Hall  
Admission: \$50, \$43, \$30.

#### Farruquito: Flamenco

Sun, Oct 30, 7:00  
Merchant Hall  
Admission: \$50, \$43, \$30.

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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:** 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 (except clubs; you may need to check the [OLLI calendar](#) and daily schedule email for location and other event information). Refer to the university's [coronavirus website](#) for official university updates.

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. 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 22	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club
Mon Oct 24	9:30 am	What's in the Daily News?
Tue Oct 25	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Wed Oct 26	1:45 pm 1:45 pm 4:00 pm 4:00 pm	Bridge Club Spanish Club Mah Jongg Club Theater Lovers' Group
Thu Oct 27	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Fri Oct 28	9:15 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Recorder Consort Craft and Conversation Classic Literature Club

	11:00 am	Homer, etc.
	12:00 noon	Photography Club
Sat Oct 29	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club
Mon Oct 31	9:30 am	What's in the Daily News?
Tue Nov 1	4:00 pm	Spanish Club
	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Wed Nov 2	1:45 pm	Bridge Club
	1:45 pm	Mah Jongg Club
	4:00 pm	History Club
Thu Nov 3	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Fri Nov 4	10:00 am	Annual Town Hall Meeting
Sat Nov 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.

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