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F7052 - Pundits, Polls and Politics! The '24 Election!
Douglas Stowell
Spring 2024-Apr 29th

State	Current	Trump	Biden	Other
Alabama	11	11	0	0
Arizona	10	10	0	0
Georgia	16	16	0	0
Michigan	16	16	0	0
North Carolina	15	15	0	0
Ohio	18	18	0	0
Texas	14	14	0	0
TOTAL	100	232	306	238

Douglas Stowell, member of OLLI at Furman University, addressed pundits, polls, and politics in projections on the 2024 election; April 29

June 28, 2024

Editor of the Week: Paul Van Hemel

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Alerts & Notices

- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, July 5; the regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, July 2, at 6:00.

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From the Art and Music Program Planners—Summer Art Classes



By Christine Narbut, Art and Music Program Planning Group Co-Chair

The summer term started this week and there is a great selection of Art classes to consider.

A Painter Always Paints Himself: A History of Self-Portraits, Part Two (Part 1 not required)
Mondays, June 24 – July 15, 11:50, via Zoom

Dabbling Artists *hybrid*

There are four different sessions of Dabbling Artists listed in the catalog. In Art and Music, the five-session hybrid class—which meets on Thursdays, 11:50–1:15 – July 11, 18, 25; and August 1—will be the last of the Dabbling Artists classes as it transitions into the Dabbling Artists Club.

This summer, the Dabbling Artists Club will meet every other Friday from 9:30-11:30 July 19; August 2, 16, 30; and September 13, 27. Dabbling Artists come together to share visual art skills and ideas in painting, drawing, pen and ink or color pencil sketches, pastels, or mixed media. We meet in person at Fairfax in TA-3 and via Zoom. Join the class and/or club to share this creative time with your OLLI friends.



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Some Programs Cannot Come to OLLI, But We Can Go to Them



By Camille Hodges, Humanities and Social Sciences/Current Events Co-Chair, and Diversity Advisory Group Co-Chair

OLLI is looking for presenters with expertise regarding American Indian history. Meanwhile...

Indigenous Voices of the Americas Celebrating the National Museum of the American Indian. **June 26–July 1, 2024**

From the website <https://festival.si.edu>: "At the 2024 Smithsonian Folklife Festival on the National Mall, Indigenous artists and makers, professional chefs and home cooks, musicians, dancers, athletes, and storytellers will demonstrate the depth of multigenerational traditions as well as new, innovative approaches to cultural expression.

Join a circle of celebration with stories, songs, and dance. Experience ancestral foods like the Three Sisters (beans, corn, and squash) and inventive, sustainable cuisine. Learn stories that underlie Indigenous sports and games. Hear how Indigenous youth are reclaiming their languages through spoken-word and hip-hop. Explore traditional arts that flourish in their connections to place and environmental knowledge."

Keep in mind that it's hot in late June and early July! Those of us who have attended these festivals know it's worth the trip, but don't do too much in one day. Take your grandkids, bottled water, snacks, wear a hat, and enjoy. Thanks!

Editor's Note: This article appeared in the last issue of E-News; it is repeated here to encourage your participation in celebrating the National Museum of the American Indian.

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Upcoming Theater Lovers Outings and Trip



By Norma Jean Reck, Theater Lovers' Group Coordinator

TLG to see Hair

Due to popular request, Theater Lovers' Group (TLG) members and our always welcome guests will see the Sunday 2 PM matinee performance of Hair at Signature Theater on Sunday, July 7, followed by dinner at Eugenia. You and your guests are invited to join us for a delightful afternoon of fun and fabulous cuisine. To purchase your tickets, either phone Signature box office at 703-820-9771 or go online sigtheatre.org ASAP. There are a few tickets left. Please email me if you want to join our fabulous group for dinner so I can make the necessary reservations.

TLG Goes to Contemporary American Theater Festival

On Wednesday, July 10, Theater Lovers and guests will carpool to Shepherdstown, West Virginia, to see Tornado Tastes Like Autumn Sting and Parts 1 and 2 of What Will Happen to All That Beauty, with supper at the theater at intermission. We will stay overnight at the Hampton Inn and Suites in Charles Town, 10 miles from Shepherdstown. Group rate is \$159. To make a reservation, phone Devin at 304-725-2200 or email her at devin.bonievich@hilton.com. Tell her you are with OLLI Theater Group. Free breakfast, wifi, restaurants, etc.

On Thursday, July 11, we will meet for a lecture and then see *Enough to let the Light In*, after which we will meet for dinner before departing for home.

We need two more people to sign up to get the discount rate of \$212 for the tickets. If interested, please email Norma at njreck@cs.com ASAP.

TLG to Hold Luncheon-Planning Meeting

On Wednesday, July 24, TLG will meet at Hamrock's for a luncheon meeting to plan for upcoming events as well as plays the upcoming 2024-2025 theater season. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend and your show suggestions. Details to be announced shortly.

Editor's Note: Article unedited and as submitted, at the request of the author

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Wednesday Team Bloch Conversation—July 3



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

Continuing our Wednesday Conversations series, Team Bloch (Brenda Bloch-Young and Doris Bloch) will moderate a Zoom discussion on July 3 at 4:00. Our topic for July 3 is **Inflation – Is It Tamed or Still Out of Control?**

While the data suggest inflation is down, is that what you are experiencing? Insurance is rising dramatically. A haircut, going out to eat, the cost of a repair and other services seem to be increasing. How do we explain this disconnect? Why are we skeptical of the data?

Feel free to join in with us on Zoom using the 24/7 Chat Line login. Our conversations usually run about an hour, and we encourage you to participate. Everyone gets an opportunity to share their opinions and we all learn a lot.

Team Bloch (consisting of Brenda Bloch-Young and Doris Bloch) conducts the Wednesday Conversation every week at 4:00, but there is no need to register or otherwise commit to joining in advance. It's all done ad hoc. We welcome your thoughts and insights.

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

In America

Not one
not ten
not hundreds
not thousands
but millions
of men, women, and children
should be marching
the labyrinth
the length and breadth of our land
with signs saying

**We demand
better gun governance.**

But if not millions
if not thousands
if not hundreds
if not ten
then one person
one man, woman, or child
should be marching.

- Ed Sadtler

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Workhouse Arts Center Fireworks Event



By Christine Cimino, Workhouse Arts Center Director of Marketing and Communications

The Workhouse Arts Center is presenting our annual *FireWorks* event on Saturday evening, June 29 (tomorrow), 6:00-10:00. This year we have several fun activities to enjoy including lawn games, performances from local music and dance groups, kids' activities, ...and fireworks!

Information with details is available at the following link:
[Workhouse Fireworks — Workhouse Arts Center](#).

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WORKHOUSE ARTS CENTER PRESENTS
FireWorks
SATURDAY JUNE 29
6 - 10 PM

Bring a chair or a blanket to relax on the lawn and enjoy a breathtaking display of vibrant colors, brilliant lights, and ground-shaking explosions, while also providing amazing and fun entertainment for all ages!

- Our DJ leads the party on the Workhouse Quad with special performances from local music and dance groups
- Food trucks and beverage options (food, soft drinks, craft beer, and wine available for a la carte purchase)
- And much more!

You can also splurge on a VIP ticket and enjoy an indoor lounge, buffet dining, reserved outdoor seating for fireworks viewing, and more.

Price starts at \$40 PER VEHICLE in advance; \$45 on-site

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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances June 28 through June 29



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. You can also 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](#).

Dr. Linda Apple Monson produces a periodic "Notes from the Director." This email is full of information on 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.

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At the Fairfax Campus Venues

Mason Jazz Camp Performances

Fri, Jun 28, 3:30 – Student Showcase
Concert Hall
Admission: Free.

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Mason Student and Faculty Performances

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

No Performances

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)**ARTfactory's Pied Piper Theatre:*****SpongeBob SquarePants The Musical***

Fri, Jun 28, 7:00
Sat, Jun 29, 2:00 and 7:00
Gregory Family Theater
Admission: \$25 Adult, \$20 Senior, Student.

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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: OLLI Meetings and Clubs may currently take place in several formats: some are in person only, some are online only, and some are hybrid, meaning that they take place in person and are accessible online simultaneously. 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., **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 Jun 29	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club – online
Mon Jul 1	9:30 am	What's in the Daily News? – online
	10:00 am	Bridge Club
	4:00 pm	Family History/Genealogy Club – online
Tue Jul 2	1:00 pm	Stay Active and Independent for Life – online
	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club – online
Wed Jul 3	4:00 pm	Spanish Club – online
	4:00 pm	Conversation with Team Bloch – online
Thu Jul 4	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club – online
Fri Jul 5	9:30 am	Mah Jongg Club
	9:30 am	Crafts and Conversation
	9:30 am	Dabbling Artists Club
	11:00 am	Homer, etc. – online
	1:00 pm	Stay Active and Independent for Life – online
Sat Jul 6	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club – online
Mon Jul 8	9:30 am	What's in the Daily News? – online
	10:00 am	Board Game Club
	10:00 am	Bridge Club
Tue Jul 9	1:00 pm	Stay Active and Independent for Life – online
	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club – online
Wed Jul 10	2:00 pm	Memoir and More Writing Group – online
	4:00 pm	Mah Jongg Club – online
	4:00 pm	Conversation with Team Bloch – online
Thu Jul 11	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club – online
Fri Jul 12	9:30 am	Photography Club
	9:30 am	Crafts and Conversation
	10:00 am	Spanish Club
	11:00 am	Homer, etc. – online
	11:30 am	Cooking Club
	1:00 pm	Stay Active and Independent for Life – online
	2:30 pm	Tallwood Book Club – online
	2:30 pm	Caregivers Support Group – online
	Sat Jul 13	10:30 am

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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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