

## January LLI Forum

**Tuesday, January 11, 2011, at 10 a.m.**  
**(Social Time at 9:30 a.m.)**

***Remembering the Battle of Little Bighorn:  
The Untold Story of Custer's Last Stand***

On June 25, 1876, the last soldiers of George Armstrong Custer were killed at the Little Bighorn River. This battle in Montana is considered to be the best known and most controversial episode in the history of western Indian wars. But what really happened in the viewpoint of the Indian tribes who fought there? Herman J. Viola, Ph.D. in American history and curator emeritus of the Smithsonian National History Museum, will share his research based on Indian oral history, drawings by Indian participants, archaeological evidence, diaries, and government records. A nationally recognized authority on the history of the American West, Dr. Viola developed two major exhibitions at the Smithsonian: "Magnificent Voyagers" and "Seeds of Change"; he is the author of *Exploring the West*, *After Columbus*, *Warrior Artists*, and *The North American Indians*. His latest book about Custer and the Little Bighorn was selected by the Book of the Month Club, the Quality Paperback Club, and also by the history club. History will come alive in this exciting lecture, where legends and tales will be exposed to the meticulous research of a great American scholar.

**Please Note:** *Parking is in the pay parking garage (\$1/hour). Parking in the B and C lots is by permit only.*



**Reminder**  
**No Forum is scheduled**  
**for December.**

## LLI's Holiday Luncheon



**Cash Bar 11:00 a.m.**  
**Luncheon at noon**

The 2010 LLI Holiday Luncheon Committee is looking forward to seeing everyone who signed up for our annual gathering. Ken Smith, a local singer/songwriter/guitarist, will return to entertain us with holiday songs and lead us in a sing-along.

Don't forget toys for the children. This is voluntary but if you wish to participate please bring a new non-gift-wrapped toy for children of the women in Bethany House, an organization that provides help for abused women and children.

### Lunch Bunch

John Bogart bogartje@cox.net

The Lunch Bunch **will not meet in December**. Hope to see everyone at the Fairfax Country club for the Holiday Luncheon. Reservations have been made at the **Silverado Restaurant**, one of Annandale's most popular restaurants, following the **January 11, 2011 Forum**.

# Calendar of Events

## December 2010

- 3 Winter Update deadline
- 7 LLI Holiday Luncheon
- 10 LLI Board meeting
- 13 Winter update mailing

## Dec. 22, 2010 – Jan. 2, 2011

- NOVA winter break
- LLI office closed

## January 2011

- 11 Forum
- 14 February Newsletter deadline
- 14 LLI Board meeting
- 24 February Newsletter mailing

## February 2011

- 1 Forum
- 11 LLI Board Meeting
- 11 March Newsletter deadline
- 21 March Newsletter mailing



## IMPORTANT:

### Report Address Changes

Laura Charron, Administrator

To be assured of receiving important notices concerning classes and trips, **please remember** to notify the LLI office as soon as possible of a new e-mail address as well as a change in mailing address and/or telephone number. Notify the office by phone at 703-503-0600, or e-mail at [llinova@juno.com](mailto:llinova@juno.com).

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## Members

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*Welcome, New Members! We hope you will participate in our classes and volunteer your time and talent.*

## New Members

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## Seeking Forum Topics/Speakers

Your Forum Committee welcomes suggestions about topics and speakers that would have widespread appeal for future Forums. Please contact Joseph Pincus at 703-569-0973 or send email to [joseph@pincus.org](mailto:joseph@pincus.org). If we cannot use your idea for a Forum, we will pass along the information to the LLI curriculum committee.

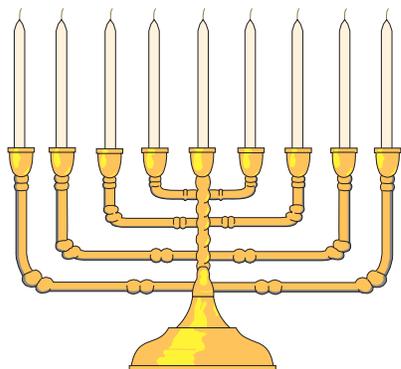


## President's Message

**A**bout the time you receive this, you will be getting your Winter-Spring Course Program in the mail. You will notice a few changes as we have revamped the appearance. One objective is to make it more readable and usable; therefore, the introductory material in the front is in paragraph form rather than columns. The biographies of the speakers often got lost, so they now are placed within the material for the course to make each more accessible. These changes also improve the editing process, allowing us to compile the catalogue as a unit in one Word document rather than piecemeal conversion to other formats. Another advantage is the reduced size and this will save several hundred dollars in printing costs.

Even more gratifying than the improved appearance and functionality and reduced cost is the process by which it came about. Mary Underwood spent a year understanding the entire process. Gina Trapp and Salli Wise spent six years performing the editorial functions. As they progressed, they made significant improvements. Each had decided to leave these positions to take on activities in other areas of their lives, but wished to make one more effort to improve and simplify the entire process to assist the work of their successors. Sometimes as one is winding down a job function there might be a temptation to coast, but instead these people solicited the help of Lois Czapiewski and others and set about improving the entire layout and process.

*Paul Hopler*

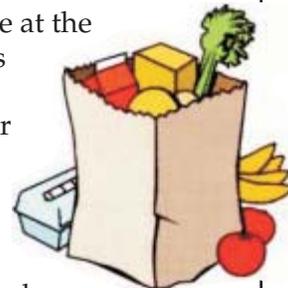


# Happy Hanukkah

## Community Outreach

Betty Lee Thatcher 703-354-8154  
Carol Weber, caroljeanweber@hotmail.com

The next food collection will be at the January 2011 Forum as there is not a December Forum. In January, Jane Jones will deliver our donations to United Community Ministries. Since 1969, United Community Ministries (UCM) has been serving low-income families and individuals along Fairfax County's Route 1 corridor. Programs include the Bell Learning Center, the Back Porch Thrift Shop, a workforce development center, emergency assistance (that provides a food bank and financial assistance), and a healthy families program. As with the other non-profits in the county, food needs grow as the number of needy clients increases.



Current food needs are peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti and sauce, macaroni and cheese, rice, cereal, beans, stage 3 baby foods, dry milk, canned fruit/vegetables/spam/tuna fish/beef stew and hearty soups. As always, we appreciate your generous donations.



## Membership Renewal Reminder

The mailing label on each newsletter includes your membership renewal date. You must renew and be a member in good standing in order to register for courses and to participate in LLI's many other activities. Complete the membership form (last page in the current course catalog), check "renewal," indicate any new information, and mail it to the LLI office with a check in the amount of \$110 for each person wishing to continue membership with LLI.



**It is important to include the form with your check, for ease in crediting your membership renewal in our database.**

# Special Interest Groups

## Proposed New Special Interest Groups if enough interest develops

**SPANISH CONVERSATION:** It is proposed to establish a new Special Interest Group for Spanish Conversation, provided enough interest is shown. It would consist, perhaps, of monthly sessions to practice speaking Spanish in a conversation setting. If you have an interest in such a Program, please call or email Merry Macke, 703-451-3248, [merry.macke@verizon.net](mailto:merry.macke@verizon.net). Occasionally there will be a need for a volunteer to lead some sessions.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** An interest has also been expressed by a few LLI members in forming a new Photography Special Interest Group. Meeting topics would consist, perhaps, of monthly discussions of such as picture taking tips (composition etc.), tips on the using a camera, downloading pictures from a camera to a computer, editing photos on a computer, etc. If you have an interest joining this group, call or email Peter Schwarzkopf, 703-998-0769, [pschwarzkopf@verizon.net](mailto:pschwarzkopf@verizon.net). We also need volunteers to lead the topic discussion at the monthly meetings.



## LLI Arts & Smarts

Donna Trogler, 703-751-8932  
[DTrogler@aol.com](mailto:DTrogler@aol.com)

### HOW DEEP IS THE OCEAN? — HOW BIG ARE THE FISH? — WHAT EXOTIC CREATURES LIVE THERE?

All these questions and many more will be answered if YOU join Arts and Smarts for a fascinating and enlightening docent-led tour of the Smithsonian Natural History Museum's **OCEANS EXHIBIT**. We also will meet for lunch at 12:30 p.m. at a place to be determined. Guests are welcome.

**Place:** Smithsonian Natural History Museum – meet in the Rotunda at the Exhibit entrance

**Date/Time:** Saturday, December 4 at 1:30 p.m.

RSVP to Donna Trogler or Doug Johnson at [dejlli@yahoo.com](mailto:dejlli@yahoo.com)

*Deadline for the  
January Winter Update  
is December 3, 2010.*



## LLI Bridge Group

Bob or Merry Huley 703-534-4819 or  
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### December and January Play Dates

— In December, we will play on **Thursday, December 9**, and **Wednesday, December 15**. In the New Year, we will play on **Wednesday, January 12**, and **Wednesday, January 26**. Location: Mason District Government Center. **Time:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring a bag lunch.

You do not need a partner because we rotate partners so you will play with everyone. We are always looking for new players, and all levels of players are welcome in this very friendly game. Please call or email Bob Huley, if you would like to attend (or for more information) so that we can provide sufficient card tables.

**Recent Results** — On October 20, the top four players were Merry Huley, Jessica Burmester, Bob Huley, and Sid Sachs. On November 3, the top four finishers were Mary Underwood, Bob Huley, Merry Huley, and Nancy Sherman. Congratulations to all.



## LLI Community Theater

Norma Hughes, 703-960-6279  
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“Hosts” are needed for upcoming plays this fall and winter. Please see the list of theater offerings previously sent via e-mail to interested members and select one that you would like to “host”. Decide the matinee performance date, gather details for obtaining tickets, theater location, and a potential nearby restaurant for either before (brunch) or after theater socializing. If you would like to receive the list of the plays and are interested in being a host, please contact Norma Hughes who will provide the information for notifying other members of the chosen play, the date and other details.



## LLI Current Events Group

Marion Jacknow, 703-698-8702  
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The Current Events Group meets monthly for continued interesting and educational discussions. Topics reflect the current social, political and worldly events surrounding the time of the meeting. Please join us to share your ideas and/or to learn more about current events — whatever is your pleasure.

**Date/Time:** Friday, December 3, 2010, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

**Place:** Mason District Governmental Center, Small Conference Room, 6507 Columbia Pike Annandale, VA 22003. For more information, contact Marion Jacknow.



### **LLI Favorite Books Club**

Connie Fullerton, 703-764-3779  
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The Favorite Books Club will not meet in December.

Do plan to join us on **January 20, 2011**, when we'll revisit the lovely "To Kill a Mockingbird."



### **LLI French Conversation Group**

Sally Reynolds, 703-352-7494  
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The French Conversationalists will not meet in December. We will resume our regular monthly meetings in January. Details will be in the January Winter Update.

In the spirit of the season, AI Brothers and the French Conversationalists send the following greeting: *Le Groupe de Français vous souhaite un Joyeux Noël et un Bon Hanouka. Et surtout, une Bonne Année pleine de santé, de succès, de tranquillité et du bonheur à profusion à tous les membres et au corps enseignant de LLI.*

(The French Group wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah! And above all, a Happy New Year, full of health, success, tranquility, and much happiness to all members and faculty of LLI.)



### **LLI Gourmands**

Mary Underwood, 703-329-8391  
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Fifteen Gourmands dined at Bistro Open Kitchen on October 7, an event planned by Sally Reynolds and Anne Austin. The November Gourmand lunch, planned by Mindy Rojhan, was at Bonefish Restaurant in Centreville. The Gourmands will not meet in December; they are encouraged to attend the LLI Holiday Luncheon on December 7. Virginia Fernbach has scheduled the January event at Maizbon, 6244-K Little River Turnpike, Alexandria on **Thursday, January 27**, at 12 noon. Maizbon offers authentic Afghan cuisine and kabobs. If you wish to attend this lunch, please contact Virginia at *lvfern@aol.com* or call 703-751-8369 by January 17.

**LLI Wine Tasting Sub-Group** — Anne Austin, 703-569-5994, *abbaustin@aol.com*

This group meets quarterly. Future dates will be announced in the newsletter or at a Forum. Contact Anne if you wish to be included on the mailing list.



### **LLI Nimble Fingers**

Bev Portman 703-560-6740  
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The December meeting is scheduled for **Friday, December 10**, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the Small Conference Room of the Mason District Governmental Center. Bring a small needlecraft project of any type to work on. For more information, contact Bev Portman.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The day of the week and the time of day for this group is changing starting in JANUARY 2011. Information regarding this change will be in the January newsletter and on the LLI website. Watch for the details next month.



### **LLI Walkabouts**

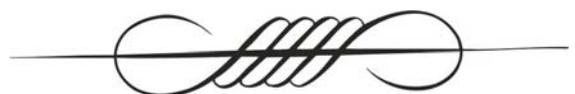
Merry Macke, 703-451-3248, cell phone:  
1-978-505-9506  
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Schedule for November and December. Meet at noon for one-hour walk.

**November 26** — The walk will start at the Workhouse Arts Center near Occoquan. Take 95 South to Exit 160. Go north on Rt. 123, and pass Occoquan Park. The next light will be at Lorton Rd; turn left. Take an immediate right into the Workhouse Arts Center complex. Park in the first parking lot. We will proceed north on the CCT. After the walk, people might want to walk through the studios and purchase some Christmas presents.

**December 10** — CCT on the W&OD Trail. Take I-66 to Rt. 123 North and then take the second left by a traffic light on Hunter Mill Rd. Follow this road until it intersects with Hunter Station Rd. and park in the parking lot there. We will walk south on the W&OD Trail and turn into Tamarack Park. Since the trail goes to the Dulles Access Rd., we will not be able to walk this total distance.

**December 17** — (Note change of date — to avoid interfering with holiday plans.) This will be a local walk at Lake Accotink Park. Come in to the park through the Highland entrance, and park in the first parking lot on the left. We will walk on the southwest side of the lake. On our return, we can stop at Merry's house for hot cocoa.



## Upcoming Tours by the Trip Committee

**October 7–11, 2011** — APPALACHIA CULTURE & INTERNATIONAL STORYTELLING FESTIVAL.

Space is still available for this 2011 tour. A deposit of \$125 is needed by **December 1, 2010**; this is earlier than for most LLI tours because hotel accommodations are quite limited in Eastern Tennessee and we must make the commitment far in advance to get the required hotel space. Your total cost of \$827–\$997 includes all lodging, meals (except one lunch at the festival), baggage handling, guides, all venue costs, transportation and gratuities. The balance is not due until August 2011. If the minimum number of travelers is not reached by the deadline, the trip may be cancelled. Please contact Barbara Woods, [bwoodscgc@hotmail.com](mailto:bwoodscgc@hotmail.com), 703-569-1278, if you wish to participate in this trip.

### Baltic Cruise

Our fabulous trip on Oceania's Marina, a new ship that carries only 1250 passengers, will be from **June 20 to July 1, 2011**. We will visit Stockholm, Helsinki, St. Petersburg (2 days), Tallin, Riga, Visby, Gdansk, Ronne, Berlin and finish in Copenhagen. Remaining cabins start at \$ 5,400, which includes all shipboard meals and roundtrip airfare from Dulles. Non-LLI people are welcome to join us. We also have a single lady who is looking for a cabin mate. Contact Terry Brittain at [terry\\_brittain@cox.net](mailto:terry_brittain@cox.net), 703-425-8240 or Doug Johnson at [dejlli@yahoo.com](mailto:dejlli@yahoo.com), 703-628-3115.

### Volunteer Opportunities

Merry Macke, 703-451-3248, [merry.macke@verizon.net](mailto:merry.macke@verizon.net)

LLI needs your help. Please evaluate these opportunities to contribute your time and energy; then choose one and join the fun! Contact the designated person for more information..

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**Speaker Forum Committee:** Joseph Pincus, 703-569-0973, [joseph@pincus.org](mailto:joseph@pincus.org)

## Enrolling for Winter/Spring 2011 Courses

As mentioned above, if you haven't already received your course catalog for the Winter/Spring 2011 term, you should receive it soon. Please take some time to look through the catalog, select your courses, and return your registration form as quickly as possible, perhaps before you leave town or receive guests for the holidays. The earlier you mail in your registration form, the better your chances of getting into the classes you wish to take.

It is important that you prioritize your selections so that we take into consideration which courses are most important to you. Please remember to do so. And don't forget to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope so that we may return your form to you after the registration process is completed.

### Cancellations Due to Inclement Weather

If the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) cancel school for the day due to inclement weather or other emergency, all LLI classes, Forums, and other activities, except trips, are cancelled regardless of class location. LLI morning classes are cancelled if the FCPS announces a 2-hour delay in class openings; LLI afternoon classes are cancelled if the FCPS announces early dismissal. Trips are cancelled at the discretion of the trip leader.



### Humor Corner

"The aging process could be slowed down if it had to work its way through Congress." — *Author unknown*

"My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be."

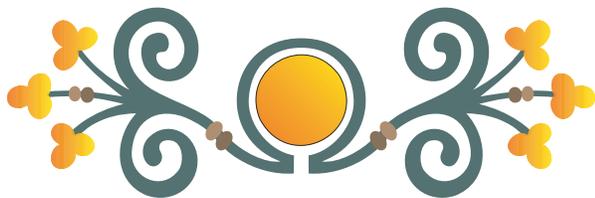
# From the LLI Scrapbook



LLI President Paul Hopley thanks Ms. Barbara Ferguson for her informative discussion of Islam at November's forum.



Barbara Ferguson, Washington Bureau chief of Arab News.



## LLI French Conversation Group

At their September meeting, the LLI French conversationalists were treated to an opportunity to practice their French with a native speaker. Marie Delorme, Lois Czapiewski's longtime friend who was visiting from Montréal, extended her stay by one day for the sole purpose of coming to class to meet the group. Pictured here (l. to r.) are Shirley Lytle, Tania Moser, Nell Wu, Clara Manders, Penny Timbers, Lois Czapiewski, Marie Delorme (la "Québécoise"), and Al Brothers. Unfortunately, class coordinator Sally Reynolds and a few other members were not in attendance that day. Taking the picture was group member Yung Wu.

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