

February LLI Forum

Tuesday, February 1, 2011, at 10 a.m.
(Social Time at 9:30 a.m.)

The Dynamic Growth of the Smithsonian Associates: Accomplishments, Opportunities, Future Plans

Barbara Tuceling, Director of the Smithsonian Institution's Associate and Resident Associate Programs, will give an insider's look into one of the nation's foremost educational experiences. For 35 years, Ms. Tuceling has been working with the Smithsonian to pioneer new and innovative courses and membership expansion. What have been some of the biggest management challenges? How is the vast, diverse curriculum put together? What does she view as some of the highlights of her tenure as director and what have been some of the controversies? How is the Smithsonian doing financially with its monthly magazine and the array of daytime and evening single session lectures and multi-session courses and tours? Above all, Barbara Tuceling will discuss Smithsonian plans for the future and opportunities for volunteers.

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



Campus Parking for the Handicapped

NVCC does not issue special permits for using the parking spaces designated for the handicapped on the Annandale campus. Appropriate parking permits issued by any state and the District of Columbia are honored. The permit must be properly displayed and used only by the person or persons to whom it is issued.



Celebrate Valentine's Day Early at LLI's

Annual Valentine's Day Open House

Hosted by the LLI Poetry Group
 led by Richard Risk

Friday, February 11
2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Little River United Church of Christ, Social Hall

Across from the main entrance to NVCC's Annandale campus

Poetry, music and light refreshments

Bring your own favorites to read or just come and enjoy the fun!



Lunch Bunch

John Bogart bogartje@cox.net

Following the February 1 Forum, join the Lunch Bunch at the **Hunan West Restaurant** in the Kings Park Center, 8938 Burke Lake Rd, Springfield. Phone 703-425-1704. Our LLI group enjoyed their Chinese food last year.

Directions from NOVA: Turn left onto Wakefield Chapel Rd., then right onto Braddock Rd. Turn left onto Burke Lake Rd. The shopping center is on the right.

Calendar of Events

February 2011

- 1 Forum
- 11 Valentine's Day Open House
- 11 LLI Board Meeting
- 11 March Newsletter deadline
- 21 March Newsletter mailing

March 2011

- 1 Forum
- 11 LLI Board Meeting
- 11 April Newsletter deadline
- 21 Newsletter mailing
- 22 Day Trip: The Garrett Family of Baltimore

April 2011

- 5 Forum
- 8 LLI Board Meeting
- 8 May Newsletter deadline
- 18 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.

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

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In Memoriam

Former LLI member **Bob Barton** passed away December 2010.

LLI 2011 Scholarship News

Thank you, generous LLI members, for helping us reach our goal of raising \$9,000 for this year's student scholarships. As of December 31, 2010, we had received 126 checks from members totaling \$9,270. This will allow us to make the planned awards.

The scholarships are currently being advertised widely on the Annandale campus. There are fliers on notice-boards throughout the campus. Students have received emails; faculty members have also received emails and have been encouraged to advise their best and brightest students to apply; and the deans of the various departments have been told about the scholarships in meetings organized by Dr Bruce Mann, Dean of Liberal Arts, who is our active and very helpful campus coordinator. The closing date for receipt of completed applications is March 14, i.e. the first day after Spring Break; hence students have the entire Spring Break to finalize their applications.

Applications include essays in which students discuss their achievements to date, both in academic and leadership capacities. Also, they are asked to explain their short and long-term career goals. Applicants for the academic scholarships are required to demonstrate financial need; leadership scholarships are awarded to students with outstanding leadership and academic skills, but are not need-based. We will interview the top applicants in early April and will keep you informed of our decisions.

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.

Community Outreach

Betty Lee Thatcher 703-354-8154
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The Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) is a community-based nonprofit organization that provides supplemental groceries to Arlington neighbors in need. AFAC currently distributes groceries each week to over 1,200 families. Nearly 40 percent of the people they serve are children. In this especially difficult economy, their current needs include **hot and cold low-sugar cereals, pasta (dry packaged), canned meats such as tuna, salmon or chicken, corned beef hash and chili, low-sodium soups, and canned tomato sauces.** In addition, AFAC uses hundreds of **paper and plastic grocery bags** each week, so if you have some extra ones, feel free to donate those as well. Gina Trapp has volunteered to deliver our donations following the February 1 Forum. As you know, food pantries around the area have been hard hit by the increased need for help for people who have lost jobs and are unable to find new ones. In August, there were about 70,000 unemployed in Northern Virginia and last year about 17 million households in the U.S. were without enough food for at least part of the year. LLI's contributions to local food pantries continue to be very much needed and appreciated.



Volunteer Opportunities

Merry Macke, 703-451-3248, 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..

Volunteer Coordinator: Merry Macke, 703-451-3248, merry.macke@verizon.net

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Special Interest Groups

Proposed New Special Interest Groups

SPANISH CONVERSATION: If you are interested in joining a proposed new Special Interest Group for Spanish Conversation, please contact Merry Macke, 703-451-3248 or merry.macke@verizon.net. Monthly sessions may consist of practice speaking Spanish in a conversational setting. Occasionally there will be a need for a volunteer to lead some sessions.

PHOTOGRAPHY: If you are interested in forming a new Photography Special Interest Group, please contact Peter Schwarzkopf, 703-998-0769 or pschwarzkopf@verizon.net. Monthly meetings may consist of topics such as picture taking tips (composition, etc.), tips on using a camera, downloading pictures from a camera to a computer, editing photos on a computer, etc. Volunteers are also needed to lead the monthly topic discussion.



LLI Arts & Smarts

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No museum trips are scheduled for February.



LLI Bridge Group

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January Play Date — 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.

*Deadline for the
March newsletter
is February 11, 2011.*



LLI Community Theater

Norma Hughes, 703-960-6279
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Sheri Masek and Pat Harrison are hosting a February theater event on **Sunday, February 6** at 2:30 p.m.: *The Seagull* by Anton Chekhov, performed by The Arlington Players, is a slice of life drama set in the Russian countryside at the end of the 19th century. The cast is described as dissatisfied with their lives and all desire different things.

Location: The Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 125 S. Old Glebe Road, Arlington. Senior tickets (60+) are \$12.00; each person is responsible for purchasing their own. See the website www.thearlingtonplayers.org for ticket information and directions to the theater. Prior to the performance, Sheri and Pat will arrange for us to gather for lunch and socializing at the Pines of Florence restaurant, 3811 Fairfax Drive, Arlington. It is an easy driving distance to the theater and street parking on Sundays is not a problem.

Please inform either of the hosts by **February 1**, if you plan to attend so arrangements can be made with the restaurant. Sheri (afsheri@msn.com; 703-9712107) or Pat (pjharris80@msn.com; 703-550-7530). This information will also be sent by e-mail to members on the Theater list.



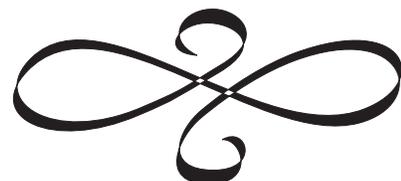
LLI Current Events Group

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, February 4**, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

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





LLI Favorite Books Club

Connie Fullerton, 703-764-3779
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Date/Time: Thursday, February 17,
11:30 a.m.,

Place: Mason District Gov. Center, Columbia Pike
(Small Conference Room)

This month we'll discuss "Olive Kitteridge" by Elizabeth Strout, the winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 2009. The book, a series of tales, placed in a coastal town in Maine, tells the life story of Olive Kitteridge, who is in each story. Olive isn't a nice person; she's moody, judgmental, angry and outspoken. As we get to know her, however, we find sparks of deep compassion and love. There are complicated, though not always admirable, folks in this book and their stories are full of sadness and loss. With its focus on sharp reality, it's often a painful, though strong and gratifying, book to read. Come join us!



LLI French Conversation Group

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The French Group will meet
Tuesday, February 15 at 10:00
a.m. in the Small Conference Room
at the Mason District Government
Center at 10:00 a.m.. LLI members
interested in joining should contact Sally Reynolds.



LLI Gourmands

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In January, the Gourmands dined at Maizbon, which featured Afghan cuisine and kabobs. Beverly Harris has scheduled the February event for **Thursday, February 24** at noon at the VIRGINIA KITCHEN in Herndon. The restaurant was featured in the WETA Program "Breakfast in Washington." Please contact Beverly at 703-437-5140 or beverh@verizon.net if you wish to attend and/or for additional information.

No one has stepped forward to plan a March event. Unless an LLI member volunteers to plan a lunch by February 9 (in time to get into the March newsletter), there will be no event in March. Please contact Mary Underwood at the above e-mail address or phone number if you are interested.



LLI Nimble Fingers

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The day of the week and the
time of day have changed from

2010; Nimble Fingers meets monthly on the second Wednesday mornings during 2011. The February meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 9, 10:00 a.m. (2 hours), 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 Winter-Spring 2011 course catalog incorrectly indicates the starting time and length of our meeting. We have reserved our space for a full two hours, but feel free to arrive late or leave early if you need to.



LLI Walkabouts

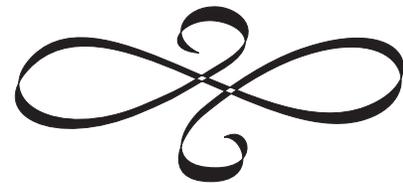
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Please note that times have changed from the 2nd and 4th Fridays, to the 1st and 3rd Fridays. (to avoid interfering with the Board meetings on the 2nd Fridays)

PLEASE NOTE: If the weather is below 40 degrees or very windy, walks are cancelled.

February 4: Eakin Community Park. Take Prosperity Ave. north from Little River Turnpike. The Park is on the right — second dip on the right. We will walk west.

February 18: Colvin Run Section, Map 9 of 10. Take Leesburg Pike (Rte 7) north and pass Beulah Rd. on your left. Turn right at the light at Colvin Run Rd. then left into the parking lot at Colvin Mill Park by the mill. We will be walking east by Colvin Run.



Humor Corner

"To me old age is always 15
years older than I am."

— Bernard Baruch

Space Available in the Following Classes

Tea Presentation and Tasting: A Focus on Japanese Teas (1 Session)

If you'd like to learn about Japanese teas their history, health benefits, and wonderful flavors join Chef and Tea Specialist Laurie Bell for a fascinating class at her home on Friday, May 20. Laurie provides some wonderful teas to sample, paired with some appropriately matching "goodies!" Her classes are not only educational and fun, but tasty, and everyone leaves with some samples to take home. For more information, refer to **Course 11W37A** in the Winter/Spring catalog. If you would like to participate, please notify the coordinator, Gina Trapp, at 703-522-7528 or gtrapp_26@msn.com, and the Administrator, Laura Charron, at 703-503-0600 or lauragcharron@aol.com.

Great Decisions (8 Sessions Feb. 10 – March 31)

Space is available in Great Decisions, Course 22W31P, meeting for eight weeks on Thursdays, 1:30 p.m., at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church. Based on articles in a booklet published by the Foreign Policy Association, each session covers a different topic. The topics for this Winter/Spring session are: Rebuilding Haiti; American National Security Since 9/11; The Horn of Africa; Banks, Governments and Debt Crises; Germany's Ascendancy; Sanctions and Non-proliferation; The Caucasus; and Making Sense of Multilateralism.

Each session begins with a 30-minute video of a discussion of the topic by notable experts, followed by a 1-hour class discussion on the subject led by LLI member volunteers. There is a \$20 charge to cover the purchase of the Foreign Policy Association Booklets and the DVD. If interested, contact Peter B. Schwarzkopf, 703-998-0769 or pschwarzkopf@verizon.net.

Study Travel 2012 Travels

It's time to start planning our 2012 trip. The first meeting will be in Seminar Rooms C & D of the Ernst Cultural Center immediately following the February 1 Forum. Please bring ideas regarding places you would like to visit. Some early suggestions are Spain, Portugal, Morocco and the Florida Everglades.

For you procrastinators, there is still time (until March 1) to sign up for the **Baltic Cruise**.

Winter-Spring Catalog Updates

11W09P — English History: Part 11. Class dates are changed to Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 27; and April 12, 19 and 26. The sessions listed in the catalog for February 1, 8, 15 and 22 have been cancelled.

11W25A — More Museum Masterpieces – The Louvre. Class dates are changed to Thursdays, January 27 and February 3.

11W39P — Make a Williamsburg Basket. Class dates are changed to April 8, 15, and 22 at the Woodlands.

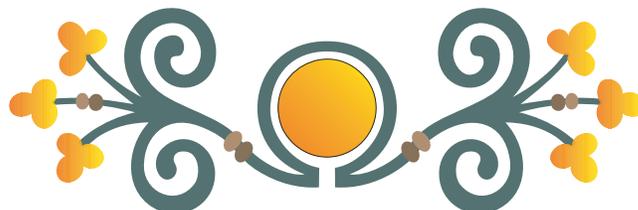
Please review the above information. If you have registered for one of the courses and the schedule change makes it necessary for you to cancel, please contact the Class Coordinator and the Administrator as soon as possible. Contact information for the Class Coordinator(s) is available in the Winter/Spring 2011 catalog under the specific course number. The Administrator, Laura Charron, may be reached at (703) 281-6189 or lauragcharron@aol.com.

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.

Help Plan the Picnic

The committee to plan the annual picnic, to be held at Fort Hunt Park, will be meeting soon. If you would like to serve on this committee, contact Bonnie Hopley at pbhopley@cox.net or 703-978-9381.

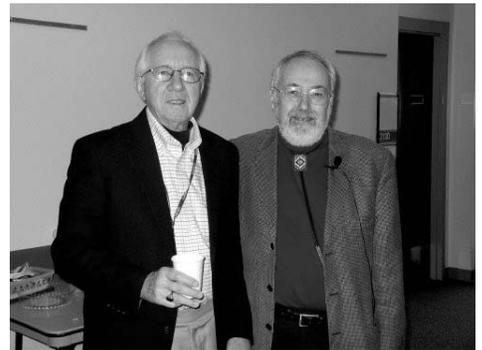


From the LLI Scrapbook

At the 2010 Holiday Luncheon



At the January Forum



Additional pictures from the
Holiday Luncheon can be found at
<http://lli.nova.org>.

LLI President Paul Hopler thanks Dr. Herman J. Viola for his informative and lively untold history of Custer's Last Stand.

LLI board member George Chalou and Dr. Herman Viola.

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