

# September LLI Forum

Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011, at 10 a.m. (Social Time at 9:30 a.m.)

Prohibition — A New Documentary Coming to Public Television



Our speaker, David Thompson, Vice-President of Cultural Programming for WETA, is the project director of public television's *Prohibition* and all WETA collaborations with Ken Burns. Mr. Thompson is well acquainted with the historical context and some of the controversies swirling around

David Thompson

American historical documentaries. What were some of the political and religious battles behind the national ban on alcohol from 1920 – 1933, sometimes referred to as "The Noble Experiment"? How did the federal and state governments' enforcement efforts foster the rampant spread of underground, organized and widespread criminal activity leading to the St. Valentine's Day massacre of 1929? What was the cultural impact of prohibition on the spread of jazz through thousands of speakeasy clubs? David Thompson has worked closely with Ken Burns in achieving several award-winning, balanced, scholarly, insightful and riveting series on American history.

## Campus Parking for the Handicapped

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### **Trip Planner Update**

As you noticed from the Calendar, LLI Trip Planners, Ginny Moser and Martie Klee, have already planned an October trip to the Scottish Rite Shrine and Meridian Hill Park in Washington, D.C. A November destination is to the Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens, of Marjorie Merriweather Post. The year ends with a visit to Richmond's Lewis Ginter Gardens where we are promised a treat of the best holiday lights anywhere.

A need still exists for people who will assist travel planning by researching trips, restaurants, and, for overnight trips, researching available motels. In addition, the program needs people to perform a few administration duties involved in trip planning. These duties may occur only once a year, providing there is enough staff to pick up the duties.



LLI members, please come forward to help Ginny and Martie continue to plan these trips for our pleasure.

*Did you know?* The Joan of Arc Statue, in Meridian Hill Park, is the only statue in Washington, D.C., that depicts a woman on horseback?



## Lunch Bunch

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Reservations for lunch after the **September 1** Forum have been made at the **Pan Am Family Restaurant,** 3051 Nutley St., Fairfax, Va., located in the Pan Am Shopping Center. Phone is (703) 560-9322. The restaurant, located next to the CVS, features a wide variety of lunch specials including a popular lamb platter that is served on Thursdays.

**Directions from NOVA:** Turn left onto Rte. 236 and then right onto Prosperity. Turn left onto Rte. 50 and then right onto Nutley. The shopping center is located on your right.

## **Calendar of Events**

#### September 2011

- 1 Forum (note Summer catalog date is incorrect)
- 9 LLI Board Meeting
- 9 October Newsletter Deadline
- **19** October Newsletter Mailing
- 20-22 Princeton NJ trip

#### October 2011

- **3** *(date is tentative)* Trip to Scottish Rite. Lunch/Tour of Meridian Park
- 4 Forum
- 7 November Newsletter Deadline
- 14 LLI Board Meeting
- 17 November 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.

#### **New Members**

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## **President's Message**

Welcome back to the Fall session. The board has remained active during the summer and met for an all-day retreat to discuss the long-range efforts of LLI. As we start a new year, we look forward to working with many of you.

A brief note on some of the issues of interest to the members:

<u>Volunteerism</u> — We keep our costs down by depending on volunteer efforts; everything from bringing in food, to working on the committees and participation on the board. We look to you for support and really need a *typistlorganizer* to put our catalogue together.

<u>**Travel</u>** — Ginny Moser, along with Martie Klee, agreed to take on the effort of travel planning, at least temporarily, and we hope you will work with them on travel planning.</u>

<u>Move</u> —We are still in transition in our office move. The school has planned to move us into new offices in the Administration building and perhaps we will be there by the time you read this.

<u>Parking</u> — This is a very difficult situation and depends on many issues. Fortunately, classes will not be in session on September 1 and LLI members may park for free, if there is space, in the garage or anywhere in student lot B. Generally the parking is better toward the end of the week, but the forum room is not often available then. We have arranged for this Forum to be on a Thursday. Other Forums will often be on a Wednesday and, hopefully, this will improve the parking situation. We have arranged for the parking garage to sell one-day parking tickets when the garage is full so you can park in the student lot. Unfortunately, they have not figured out how to do this on an hourly basis so we have to pay the \$6 rate for a full day.

**Dues** — Once again we have maintained the same rate of membership dues as we have for the past five years. Part of our expenses will be drawn from the reserve we have built up and, eventually, we will need to increase dues to cover current expenses.

<u>Member Relations</u> — We are all about our members, but while it is important, this tends to have a lower priority as we struggle with other issues. This year we started a new task force under Pat Harris and Louise Blakely to see what we can do to improve how we interact with members.

Paul Hopler

## **Community Outreach**

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During the Sept. 2010 – June 2011 period, our members very generously contributed non-perishable food and household supplies each month for many community charitable organizations. Each month our collections filled three to four grocery carts. The organizations and the person who delivered the items are listed below:

September 2010: Food for Others — Bev Portman

October: Arlington Food Assistance Network — Marianne Moerman

November: Lorton Community Action Center — Pat Harrison

December: no collection

January 2011: United Community Ministries — Jane Jones

February: Arlington's Emergency Winter Shelter — Gina Trapp

March: FACETS - Bonnie Hopler

April: Providence Presbyterian Church - Clint Hall

May: ACCA — Betty Thatcher and Carol Weber

June: Annandale Neighborhood Food Site — Carol Weber

The September 1 Forum begins our monthly food donation program. Undoubtedly, you know that most food pantries continue to experience an increase in the number of families who need emergency food supplies while monetary resources from state and local governments and donations from organized food drives continue to decrease. Our monthly donations supplement many area food pantries.

This month, our first time recipient is the **Committee for Helping Others (CHO),** organized in 1969 by churches and individuals in the Dunn Loring/Merrifield/ Oakton/Vienna areas to provide charity to those in need of goods and services unavailable through their own efforts or government assistance. CHO is open to all individuals and religious, civic and service organizations interested in improving quality of life for all in the community. In addition to operating a food closet, CHO provides family emergency assistance, a clothes closet, a furniture warehouse, transportation service and Meals on Wheels.

Current Food Needs: 2 lb. bags white rice; cooking oil; children's cereals and snacks; canned fruit and tomatoes; tomato sauce; spaghetti sauce; canned meals, e.g., ravioli, baked beans; and canned meats and fish, e.g., ham, tuna, salmon. Laura Charron will deliver the food. Thank you for your generosity.

# **Special Interest Groups**



#### LLI Arts & Smarts

Donna Trogler, 703-751-8932 DTrogler@aol.com

Late Sept: Italian Drawings from the Wolfgang Ratjen Collection, 1525-1835

#### Location: National Gallery of Art

This exhibition, a collection of 65 drawings assembled by this European private collector, shows the splendors of Italian draftsmanship from the late Renaissance to the Neoclassical era. Selections feature the works of Domenico Tintoretto, Giovanni Battista Piranesi, Canaletto and others. Giovedi Grasso (Fat Thursday) festival in Venice by Canaletto may be his finest surviving drawing.

Definite date & time will be forthcoming.



### LLI Bridge Group

Bob or Merry Huley 703-534-4819 or 703-489-9045 roberthuley@cox.net

September/October Play Dates — In September, we will play on Wednesdays, September 14 and September 21 (note a change in dates), In October, we will play on Thursday, October 6, and Wednesday, October 12 (again, note unusual dates)

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 contact Bob Huley if you would like to attend (or for more information) so that we can provide sufficient card tables.

**Catch Up Results** — On May 25, the top four players were Nelva Berend, Victoria Blackman, Nancy O'Day, and George Chalou. On June 1, the top four players were Bob Huley, Lynda Brittain and Arline Sachs tied for second, and Marie Schacher. On June 15, the top four players were Lynda Brittain, Nelva Berend, Bob Huley, and Jack Acey. On July 6, the top four players were Jack Acey, Connie Fullerton, Betty Pogerman, and Jim McCall. On July 20, the top four players were Jim McCall, Nate Rosenbaum, Raymond Burmester, and George Chalou. Finally, on August 3, the top four players were Nancy Sherman, Nancy O'Day, Elaine Cherry, and Donna Trogler. Congratulations to all.





#### LLI Community Theater

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Contact Norma Hughes if you wish to be included on the list of

members for the Theater Group. Members will receive notification of the chosen play, the date, and other details.



#### LLI Current Events Group

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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, Sept. 2, 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

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Date/Time: Thursday, Sept 15, 11:30 — 1 p.m.

**Place:** Braddock District Governmental Center, 9002 Burke Lake Rd., Burke; this is in the rear of the King's Park Library. Please note: this is now the regular location for our LLI Book Club meetings.

Sarah's Key by Titiana DeRosnay

Set in France, this historical novel alternates between the 1942 roundup of Jewish families by French authorities for deportation to Auschwitz and the present day when a transplanted American finds herself living in the former home of one of these Jewish families. We learn much about Sarah, the 10-year-old daughter of that family, and the American wife learns also of the secrets surrounding her husband's family in connection to the deportation.

> Deadline for the October newsletter is September 9, 2011.



#### LLI French Conversation Group

Sally Reynolds, 703-352-7494 saldonreyn@aol.com

Date/Time: Tuesday, September 20, 10:00 a.m. to noon

The French Conversation Group will continue to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the small Conference

Room at the Mason District Government Center. Please bring your copy of Barron's French at a Glance to the meeting. Members wishing to join should contact Sally Reynolds in case we have a last-minute change in the meeting plans.



#### LLI Gourmands

Mary Underwood, 703-329-8391 maryunderwood29@verizon.net

L'Auberge Chez François, which is becoming an

annual event. Eleanor Shubinski-Mosser and Mary Underwood arranged this lunch.

Lyn-Anne Cornelius has planned the August Gourmand lunch, which will be at the Pie-Tanza located at 1216 West Broad Street, Falls Church. It will be at noon on **Wednesday, August 24.** The restaurant serves pizza, sandwiches and salads. Please call Lyn-Anne at 703-533-8437 by August 21 if you would like to attend.

The Gourmands will go Italian again in September. Kathy Dennehy has made arrangements at Luciano Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria, 2946-G Chain Bridge Road, Oakton. The restaurant's phone number is 703-281-1748. The date and time are **Tuesday**, **September 20**, at noon. Please call Kathy at 703-273-3345 by September 18 if you wish to attend.

#### LLI Wine Tasting 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 Austin if you wish to be included on the mailing list.



#### LLI Nimble Fingers

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Date/Time: Wednesday, September 14, 10:00 a.m. — noon

**Place:** Small Conference Room of the Mason District Governmental Center

Nimble Fingers meets monthly to share an enjoyment of needlecrafts. Bring a small project to work on and perhaps learn new techniques, get help on a problem, discover a new source of supplies or classes, and chitchat with fellow LLI members. Any type of needlecraft is welcome – knitting, crochet, embroidery, cross stitch, needlepoint, etc. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at the Mason District Governmental Center. New participants are always welcome. For further information, or if you are new to the group, please contact Bev Portman.



### LLI Photography Group

Buck Myers, 703-532-3726 hbm@hbmphoto.com

Date/Time: Friday, September 9 and Wednesday, October 19, 10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

**Place:** King's Park Conference Room, King's Park Library

(The library is just past the junction of Burke Lake Road and Rolling Road, on the right. Enter at the library entrance.)

Members have a wide range of photographic abilities and interests and share a common desire to hone existing skills or learn new ones. Meetings are generally held during the third week of every month, usually on Friday, but the exact day is determined by the availability of the meeting place. Meetings center on a specific topic, area of interest or theme decided by the group. Topics to date have included "Sorting and Filing Your Digital Pictures," "Understanding Exposure," "Composition" and the photographic theme of "Reflections."

So far twenty-one persons have expressed an interest in the group and new members are always welcome. We look forward to meeting everyone and will continue to define and address the topics of greatest interest to our members.

# Merry Mac

### LLI Walkabouts

Merry Macke, 703-451-3248, cell phone: 1-978-505-9506 merry.macke@verizon.net

**Schedule:** First and third Fridays of each month at noon.

**8/19** Fairview Park. Take Rte. 50 from the Beltway going east. Take the first exit and keep to the right. Drive south and park at the Marriott Hotel on the left. People could lunch at the Marriott after the walk, which circles the professional buildings.

**9/2** Eakin Community Park. Going west on Little River Turnpike from the Beltway, take a right on Prosperity. The park is on the right about a mile or two up Prosperity. Whatever way we walked on 8/5, we will go the opposite direction this time.

**9/16** Lake Mercer. Take the Fairfax County Parkway west to South Run Recreational Center. Go south towards the Center and pass through the parking lot. Follow the road that goes in back of the Center until you see an indoor soccer gym. Park in the parking lot there. We will follow the path going into the woods southward, which is a different way to walk by the lake.

LLI Schedules				
Board Meetings	Newsletter			Forums
	Issue	Deadline	Mailing	
Sep 9	Sep	Aug 5	Aug 15	Sep 1, Thurs
Oct 14	Oct	Sep 9	Sep 19	Oct 4, Tues
Nov 11	Nov	Oct 7	Oct 17	Nov 1, Tues
Dec 9	Dec	None	None	None
Jan 13	Jan	Dec 9 *	Dec 19	Jan 11, Wed
Feb 10	Feb	Jan 6	Jan 16	Feb 1, Wed
Mar 9	Mar	Feb 10	Feb 20	Mar 13, Tues
Apr 13	Apr	Mar 9	Mar 19	Apr 4, Wed
May 11	Мау	Apr 6	Apr 16	May 2, Wed
Jun 8	Jun	May 11	May 21	Jun 6, Wed
Jul – Retreat	Jul	None	None	None
Aug – None	Aug	None	None	None
Sep 14	Sep	Aug 7	Aug 17	Sep 5, Wed
Oct 12	Oct	Sep 7	Sep 17	Oct 3, Wed
Nov 9	Nov	Oct 12	Oct 22	Nov 7, Wed
Dec 14	Dec	Nov 9	Nov 19	None
	Jan	Dec 7	Dec 17	
Dec 6	Holiday Party – Fairfax Country Club			
Dec 21–Jan 3	NOVA Winter Break			

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\* Winter Update

# Humor Corner

I felt like my body had gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for over an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

# Reminder

Our monthly newsletter is generally available on the LLI website earlier than you will receive it through the mail. In light of recent extended delivery delays by the Postal Service, you may want to keep *http://lli.nova.org* in mind. Any pictures and/or graphics will also be in color on the website.

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

LLI needs your help. Please consider contributing your time and talent by assisting in one of the areas listed below. Contact the designated person for more information.

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**Speaker Forum Committee:** Joseph Pincus, 703-569-0973, *joseph@pincus.org* 

# Study Travel — 2012 Travels

Twenty-eight travelers have signed up for the Spain/Portugal trip in May 2012 with openings still available. Contact Terry Brittain (703-425-8240 or *terry\_brittain@cox.net*) for more information.

Trip specifics plus a video are available on the web site *http://lli.nova.org*.



## 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.

Please print clearly to help ensure that your information is entered correctly. It is important to include the form with your check, for ease in crediting your membership renewal in our database.

# From the LLI Scrapbook

# At the 2011 Annual Picnic







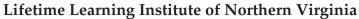




At the June Forum



LLI President Paul Hopler thanks Dr. Robert Templin, President of the ten campuses and centers of NoVA Community College for his comments at the June Forum.





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