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February LLI Forum

Ernst Cultural Center (CE), NOVA Annandale Campus Wednesday, February 7, 2018, at 10 a.m. (Social Time at 9:30 a.m.)

Opportunities, Alternatives, and Resources (OAR) Staff and Volunteers Work with Offenders to Rebuild Their Lives and Break the Cycle of Crime, and also Assist Their Families.

ach year in Fairfax County, thousands of men and women are arrested and come before the courts. What happens to these men and women in the criminal justice system? How

can they be assisted and rehabilitated to become contributing members of the community? A graduate of George Mason's Administration of Justice Bachelor of Science program and Director of Development for OAR, **Brandon Cosby**, has 19 years of involvement with offender reentry programs. OAR provides wide-ranging proven



Brandon Cosby

services before sentencing, during incarceration, and after release. OAR screens first time offenders and those convicted of misdemeanors for community-service alternatives to jail. Working closely with judges, OAR staff and volunteers prepare offenders, coordinate service placements, transportation, and training, and then follow-up with community supervisors to review job performance and resolve issues. Alternative sentencing programs help individuals make amends for harm caused, teach offenders important life-changing attitudes and skills, give many a second chance to start over without a conviction, and save taxpayers substantial money. But what is available to offenders during jail terms? Mr. Cosby will take us inside the jail to describe the skills

classes, behavior changing counseling groups, and job assistance programs provided to inmates. And after jail, OAR stays with the individual and families to assist with every aspect of reentry and break the cycle of repeat offenses.

Brandon Cosby is a dynamic leader in Fairfax County who works closely with OAR professional staff and more than 100 volunteers to make it all happen. If possible, he may invite an ex-offender to participate in a panel (if not in person, then by video) and we are likely to hear from some volunteers, including some among our LLI members. Come to the Forum for a thought-provoking look into our criminal justice network.

IMPORTANT — PARKING INFORMATION

There are new Parking Garage Procedures at NOVA. The October newsletter included a removable insert to keep in your car, to assist you on what to do and where to park. Thank you for your patience as this was a NOVA facilities directive that we must follow. This only pertains to the Parking Garage.

If no garage slots are available, a \$10 daily permit for the B lot is available in Building CA, Room 103. Parking is free after 3:45 p.m.

Unable to Attend a Class?

Due to the increase in our membership, many of our classes are heavily oversubscribed. This results in a lengthy wait-list.

If you cannot attend the class, please inform the coordinator as soon as possible so that someone on the wait-list can take your place. Please do not be a "NO SHOW." In addition, members on the wait-list often do not respond or wait until it is too late to contact another member on the list. Please be considerate in both cases.

Remember — it could be *YOU* on the wait-list next time. Thanks.

Calendar of Events

February 2018

- **7** Forum
- 7 March newsletter deadline
- 8 National Museum of the American Indian
- 9 Board meeting
- 23 Kennedy Center

- **15** NMAI Tour
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- 4 May newsletter deadline
- 13 Board meeting

March 2018

- **7** Forum
- 7 April newsletter deadline
- 9 Board meeting
- 12 National Gallery of Art



Important — Keep Your Membership Directory Current

Please remember to retain your *LLI* Handbook and Membership Directory and note in it the member's information that is provided each month on Page 2 of the newsletter. This will help keep your directory up to date with changes that occur between the annual directory issuance dates.

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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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Changes

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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.









LLI's Friendship Connection

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One of the benefits of LLI membership is making friends. We like to show support for fellow members by sending a card to anyone who is ill or has suffered a loss. If you would like a card sent to an LLI member or

spouse on behalf of the LLI membership, please contact Pat Harrison. Be sure to include sufficient information so an appropriate card may be selected.

President's Message

inter/Spring Program class registrations totaled 2,256, plus a few late requests yet to come in from new members who missed the catalog. Concern that the parking changes would impact registrations does not appear to be an issue as the totals are comparable to past programs. A wait list of 218 will be closely monitored with every effort to accommodate as many as possible. We encourage any registrants who cannot attend a class for any reason to please inform the class coordinator so waitlisted members can be seated. The new third floor parking tier kiosk will be operational when NOVACC classes begin on January 30, 2018. This was an important concession to LLI because the third floor tier is often mostly vacant on many NOVACC class days.

Catherine Aselford, the new manager of the Ernst Cultural Center, attended our January Forum to address the need for improved amplification in the rear of the Forum room. Ms. Aselford was not aware of our problem and will try to find additional speakers. Her responsibilities also include the Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center at the NVCC Alexandria Campus. Both the Ernst and Schlesinger facilities are administered separately from the NVCC academic facilities.

On a sad note, we will miss our board member Phil Myers, who passed away on December 18, 2017. Phil was in the first year of his second term on the LLI Board. Phil was a long-time member of the LLI Forum Committee responsible for the logistical arrangements. A LLI member will be appointed to fill his remaining term.

Scott Pinckney, LLI President



LLI President Scott Pinkney and January Forum speaker, Hilary Hart Falk.

Community Outreach

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e continue to "adopt" a food pantry for each of our Forums. If you are new to LLI, we hope you will consider donating each month. You will find a table in the rear of the room where you may leave your donations. Thank you.

Our February community-based non-profit is the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) that provides supplemental groceries to our Arlington neighbors in need. Since 1988, AFAC has been dedicated to its simple but critical mission of obtaining and distributing groceries, directly and free of charge, to people living in Arlington, Virginia, who cannot afford to purchase enough food to meet their basic needs. The high cost of living in our region, combined with the current economic situation, causes many families to struggle to make ends meet. Supplemental groceries from AFAC mean that families can remain in their homes, workers can stay on the job, children are ready to learn, and mothers and babies have the nutrition they need.

AFAC accepts most unopened, unexpired, and unprepared foods, including perishable items. AFAC is most in need of the following Heart Healthy items: Low Sodium products including tomatoes, canned tuna, canned beans and soups, and low sugar cereal.

AFAC depends on the help of hundreds of volunteers. Last year, volunteers donated over 40,000 hours to AFAC — that's \$1,000,000 saved in staffing costs used to feed our Arlington neighbors. Patti Volz and Lois Spinello will be delivering the food to AFAC.

Forum Refreshments

If you are unable to deliver refreshments on the day for which you have volunteered, please notify **Patty Brennan**, (703) 425-6738, or **Phil Centini**, (703) 658-1545, as soon as possible so they may make other arrangements.

Special Interest Groups



Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) SIG

Anna Dixon — njoi2day@aol.com

The District/Maryland/Virginia (DMV) region is unique in its

vast number of educational and cultural institutions situated within an easy commute. The Visual and Performing Arts SIG allows members to experience these opportunities in a way that would not be possible within the confines of a classroom. Typical activities/events include a mix of meetings with films, speakers, and member research as well as field trips that take advantage of many museums, universities, galleries and artist studios. All LLI/NOVA members are welcome to participate in any activity/event of interest. Responsibility for meetings is distributed among members who take turns suggesting, planning, announcing, and coordinating SIG meetings and events. VPA SIG Members may sign up by contacting Anna Dixon at njoi2day@aol.com.

February 8: National Museum of the American Indian, 10 a.m. — 12:30 p.m., to see the new Americans Exhibition. This exhibition tour will be led by Cecile R. Ganteaume, Associate Curator of Education. Send an email to Anna Dixon, njoi2day@aol.com, or Doug Johnson, llinovadoug@gmail.com, if you wish to participate in this outing.

February 23: Kennedy Center: Morning Coffee Concert, 11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m., featuring NSO Brahms's First Symphony. LLI/NOVA has 20 discounted (25%) orchestra tickets @ \$33.00. Tickets will be sold on a first come basis and at February's Forum. Metro to Foggy Bottom and catch the free Kennedy Center Red Bus. Purchase your tickets early so we can determine whether to get more for those interested.

March 12: National Gallery of Art, 12 p.m. — 2 p.m., Private showing for a group of 20 LLI/NOVA members. We will get an intimate look at selections from three centuries of **European** prints and drawings, unframed and without glazing. Among the artists whose works we will see are master prints and drawings by artists including Durer, Rembrandt, Blake, Kollwitz, and Picasso. Note: Visitors are seated in two rows facing viewing stands arranged on study room tables. Works of art are brought out in groups and placed on the stands. Visitors are invited to stand and get a closer look at the works. When finished viewing, the next rotation of works is substituted on the stands and the process repeats.

May TBD: National Gallery of Art, 10 a.m.: Cézanne's Portraits. There are only three stops for this exhibition (Musée d'Orsay, Paris; National Gallery of Art, DC; and the National Portrait Gallery, London). This exhibition brings together some 60 examples, drawn from collections around the world, of Cézanne's Portraits for the first exhibition devoted to the famed post-impressionist's portraits. We will have a cafeteria coffee meetup, view Cézanne's Portrait exhibition, a light snack and an optional related lecture/gallery tour.



LLI Bridge Group

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

Location: Mason District Governmental Center

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

February/March Play Dates: In February, our games are on Wednesday, February 14, and Wednesday, February 21. In March, our games are on Wednesday, March 14, and another date to be determined.

We rotate partners so you play with everyone. We are always looking for new players and all levels of players are welcome in this very friendly game. Please call Bob ((703) 534-4819), or email him (roberthuley@cox.net), if you would like to attend (or for more information) so that we can provide sufficient card tables. Bring a bag lunch.

At the December 7 game, the top four players were: Jyoti Amin, Janet Goodrich, Merry Huley, and Judy Robison. At our game on December 14, the top four were: Martin Stutsman, Janet Goodrich, Victoria Blackman, and Nate Rosenbaum. Finally, for the period July to December, the top four players were: Martin Stutsman, Janet Goodrich, Nate Rosenbaum, and Connie Fullerton. Congratulations to all.

Please remember to wear your name badge as this is now a requirement for many facilities where classes are scheduled. It is also the best way for new members to get to know others and a way for established members to welcome new members. If you have lost your badge, just contact the LLI office and they will send you a new one.



LLI Favorite Books Club

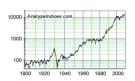
Lynne Smaldone, (703) 525-9623 — smaldonega@hotmail.com

Date/Time: Thursday, February 15 — 11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Location: Braddock District Governmental Center, 9002 Burke Lake Road (Supervisor's Meeting Room, in back of King's Park Library)

Our selection this month is *Another Brooklyn*, a novel by Jacqueline Woodson. In it, we meet August, now an adult, returning to Brooklyn to bury her father. A chance encounter on the subway unleashes poignant memories of her girlhood there. The book has been called "a lyrical, haunting exploration of family, memory, and other ties that bind us to one another and the world".

Come join us!



Financial Discussion Group

Doug Johnson — (703) 628-3115 — llinovadoug@gmail.com

Date/Time: Fridays: February 9, March 9 and April 13 — 1:30 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Location: Braddock District Governmental Center, 9002 Burke Lake Road (in back of the King's Park Library)

Come join your fellow LLI'ers as we try to figure out the market's financial matters and discuss our options. Hope to see you there.



LLI French Conversation Group

Patty & Richard Steelman — (703) 504-6866 — richardsteelman@hotmail.com

Date/Time: Tuesdays, February 6 and February 20, 10:00 a.m. — noon

Location: Top of the West at the Goodwin House Baileys, 3440 S. Jefferson St., Falls Church

Under the expert guidance of Al Brothers, we will continue to strive to improve our French language skills. After having worked our way through the well-known language series *French in Action*, we will now be reading French short stories and novels and discuss them in French during the class.



LLI Gourmands

Patti Volz — (703) 892-6124 — pattivolz@verizon.net

A NEW YEAR OF CULINARY

EXPERIENCES BEGINS! Gourmands, kick off the New Year with us at **Peter Chang Restaurant** in Arlington on Monday, February 19, at 11:30 a.m. The restaurant is located in the *Lee Harrison* Shopping Center at 2503(E) North Harrison Street. Master Chef Chang was the former head chef at the Chinese Embassy. One day in June 2003, just before his contract was up, Chang arose early and made breakfast for the ambassador, still fast asleep. The chef knew he was being watched during his final days at the embassy, so he was cautious. He and his family grabbed just enough personal items to make it look as if they were going for a walk in the park. And then they fled the embassy forever. Chang has a vision to bring authentic Chinese cuisine to the United States. Stick to the greatest hits — the bamboo fish, cumin-scented and tucked into a woven basket; the mapo tofu — and you improve your odds of getting a Szechuan meal of unparalleled lightness, depth, and punch. Other standouts include fish soup with cabbage, cilantro fish rolls, scallion bubble pancake, and dry-fried eggplant. Check out his menu and extensive website at www.peterchangarlington.com. The luncheon menu includes soup, egg roll, and entre for a fixed price. You can also order from the main menu. Please RSVP to our host Cynthia Gronvall at 734-657-7503 or

cdgronvall@yahoo.com by February 16 to reserve a seat. Separate checks are available. If you have a problem parking near the restaurant, the Safeway lot is just across the street. Hope to see you there.



Gourmands enjoying the Holiday Spirit and wonderful cuisine.

This month Patti bids a fond farewell to co-chair Nancy Kobilarcik. She and Patti made a great team for the past year and a half. Nancy is leaving LLI to pursue new dreams and we wish her well. Hopefully she'll join us at future luncheons as co-chair emeritus! As always, should you have any questions regarding the Gourmands, please contact Patti Volz at pattivolz@verizon.net.



LLI Photography Group

Buck Myers — (703) 532-3726 — hbm@hbmphoto.com

Date/Time: Friday, February 16 — 10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

Location: Braddock District Governmental Center (Braddock Hall Meeting Room), 9002 Burke Lake Road (on right hand side of the King's Park Library)

Members have a wide range of photographic abilities and interests and share a common desire to hone existing skills or learn new ones. Meetings center on a specific topic or area of interest decided by the group, and include display and discussion of photos taken by members based on a monthly theme. Recent meetings have focused on getting the most out of your camera, editing and organizing techniques for digital pictures, and photographic themes such as Creative Cropping, Patterns, Autumn Leaves and Faces. Come join the group if you have an interest in photography. New members are always welcome. Meetings are held on the third Friday of every month. *Check out some of the group's photos on the LLI website.*



LLI Walkabouts

Merry Macke, 703-852-5133, cell phone: 703-987-7751, merry.macke@gmail.com

Date/Time: Fridays — Noon — Walks are about an hour round-trip. If the temperatures are in the 30's and low 40's, give yourself a break and stay

warm inside.

January 26. Fairview Professional Park: Take I-495 towards Tysons Corner to right on Rte. 50. Take the first exit on the right and follow the signs for Fairview Park south until you see the Marriot Hotel on your left. Park there and meet in front of the Hotel.

February 9. Springfield Church of Christ, 7512 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, Virginia 22150. Continue on I-495 S. to Springfield. Take exit 57A and drive to Old Keene Mill Road. Meet in back church parking lot.

February 23. Lake Braddock: Walk around Lake Braddock by Lake Braddock High School. From Braddock Road, take Burke Lake Road, past the high school. Take a right on Lake Braddock Drive; follow the road around to Wallingford Drive, turn right and park. We will meet at the corner.

March 9. Mason District Park: 6621 Columbia Pike. Take Columbia Pike going east from Little River Turnpike (inside Beltway). Park is on the right before Sleepy Hollow Road. Take a right into the park and then right again up the hill to the parking lot by the tennis courts. We will meet there.

March 23. Roundtree Park: 3320 Annandale Road. The park is located in Falls Church on the south (right) side of Annandale Road between Gallows Road and Graham Road/Hickory Hill Road. It is somewhat hidden as you go up a hill from the direction of Gallows Road. Meet in parking lot. The path goes toward Sleepy Hollow Road.

Happy Hiking!



he Curriculum Committee has begun work on the Summer 2018 course catalog. If you would like to submit a course for consideration by the Committee, please use the Course Proposal Form, dated May 23, 2016, which you can find on the LLI website under "Member Information/Forms," or you can email Phil Centini at phil.centini@verizon.net or Gina Trapp at GTrapp_26@msn.com and they will be happy to email a current form to you. Please submit the form in Word as an email attachment. You can submit your information any time, but no later than March 5

Please don't forget to include the name and contact information for the instructor. We do not publish this information. We use it only to send the instructor a copy of the printed catalog before the semester begins. Send a copy of your completed Course Proposal Form to Phil Centini and Gina Trapp, as well as Committee Chair Doug Johnson at <code>llinovadoug@gmail.com</code>, and Space Coordinator Moe Moser at <code>mrn.moser@gmail.com</code>.

Deadline for the March newsletter is February 7.

Aging in Place Update

appy New Year to all. It's a good time to review the Aging in Place program to date and plans for the new year. Progress has been slow but steady.

An Aging in Place data base has been installed on the LLI web site with great help from Sid Sachs. It is organized in three parts, (1) WEB SITES of government agencies, non-profit organizations and other general interest web sites with aging in place content, (2) SERVICE PROVIDERS you can contact directly and (3) ALTERNATIVES TO AGING IN PLACE. Over 35 resources are contained to guide you to the services you may need and many of the web sites provide access to even more resources.

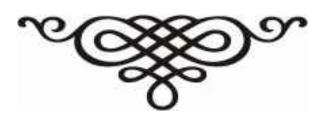
The original scope of effort has been expanded beyond identifying service providers to include LLI courses. Cathy Becker has done an exemplary job as coordinator for the courses. The first class was this past fall, "Love it or Leave it" by Jane King of AARP and a second one is scheduled for March 19, "Prepare to Care" by Carol Downs, also of AARP. Any of us may face the need to personally care for loved ones, find a professional to care for a loved one, or need care for yourself. This class will provide insight to the issues and guidance on how to solve them. If you have not registered, check with Cathy Becker to see if there is room for you.

Going forward, concentration will be on two areas:

- > The current Aging in Place data base has a lot of information, but it could be more intuitive and user friendly. I am hopeful that the new LLI web site under development will provide a better platform for these improvements.
- More classes on Aging in Place will be scheduled for LLI members. Instructors from Fairfax County, AARP and other professionals provide classes of value for our membership whether they age in place or move to a continuing care facility.

There is no need for each member to work through the aging issues by themselves. Check out the web site, come to classes and let me know of your interests.

Rick Daniels, rickdaniels63@gmail.com



Study Travel

pace is available on our 2018 primary trip, an 11-day tour of the **Dalmatian Coast**, called "**Dubrovnik to Venice**," which will depart in mid-May. The trip is open to LLI members and friends and family. If you are interested, contact our AAA travel agent, Beth Hall-Fitch.

Our second trip for 2018, a 14-day tour of the **Canadian Maritimes**, will depart in early August. This trip is also open to LLI members and friends and family, but there is only one double room left.

Detailed tour information for both trips is posted on the LLI website or you can contact Bob Huley.

During December, our members voted on their preference from among the 11 destinations proposed for our 2019 travel. The top five choices are: a Rhine River cruise from the Netherlands to Switzerland to include the Moselle River; a river cruise from the Netherlands to perhaps Vienna (Rhine, Main, and Danube Rivers); a U.S. National Parks tour, starting in the Dakotas and including Mt. Rushmore, Yellowstone, the Tetons and perhaps parks in the Southwest; a Seine River cruise from Paris to Normandy; and a Loire River cruise. The Study Travel Committee will do additional research on these destinations and provide the information to our members in February so that they can make a final selection by March.

If you are interested in participating in the selection of our 2019 trip, join the Study Travel email list. To do so, contact Bob Huley at 703-534-4819 or *roberthuley@cox.net*. In addition, we are always looking for help on the Study Travel Committee to evaluate destinations and tours for future trips and to provide the Study classes for our destinations. Please let Bob know if you are interested.

Happy Traveling!



IMPORTANT: Report Address/E-Mail/Phone Number Changes

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 email address or a change in mailing address and/or telephone number. Notify the office by phone at (703) 503-0600, or e-mail at *Ilinova.admn@gmail.com*.

In Memoriam

Richard Risk, one of the original founding members of LLI, passed away on December 28, 2017. Richard, a graduate of the University of

Missouri at Columbia, served as an officer in the U.S. Navy and then joined the Missouri

Commission on Human Rights, becoming its

Executive Director. In 1995, he retired from the Environmental Protection Agency after serving 24 years in the Civil Rights Office and the Office of Grants

Administration. Richard had a very busy and rewarding retirement. He was Director of Volunteers at Northern Virginia Community College, and taught many popular courses for LLI, ranging from *Science for Non-Scientists* and Why People Believe Weird Things to Poetry and You. He not only established the Poetry and You course, he also organized the Valentine's Day Social (now called the Spring Fling), which is now in its 14th year. Richard was a founding member of the Northern Virginia Ethical Society, and served eight years as a member of the Fairfax Area Commission on Aging, including two years as Chair. He traveled extensively, spent many hours on the tennis and pickleball courts with friends, traveled around the West on his motorcycle and co-owned a plane, among other adventures. He was a master at keeping in touch with friends and bringing people together, and had a talent for appreciating people, bringing out their best and making them feel valued. One member of his *Poetry and You* group described Richard by saying, "He made me feel as if I had a real contribution to make to the group, and was one of the kindest people I've met in LLI." A memorial service at the Ethical Society will be planned at a later date.



Longtime LLI member Philip Myers passed away on December 18, 2017. Phil, along with his wife Kathy, joined LLI in August, 2007. He was elected to the LLI Board of Directors in 2013 and was reelected in 2016. For the past several years, he handled the Forum set-up duties. He was also a member of the Study/Travel Committee and was LLI's expert on U.S.-based tours, particularly those involving the National Parks. He did extensive research for LLI's 2014 trip to the Rockies/Canadian Northwest, which both he and Kathy participated in. He also researched the 2018 trip to the Canadian Maritimes that LLI will take later this year. Phil's interest in these types of trips stemmed in part from his educational background. He earned a B.S. in Architectural Engineering from Michigan State University and an M.S. in Civil Engineering from Colorado State University. He retired after over 46 years of federal service, primarily with the Bureau of Reclamation in Washington and Montana and the Federal Emergency Management Agency in Washington, DC. Part of his federal career involved activities in the Columbia River Basin. In addition to participating in LLI activities, Phil enrolled in several credit courses at Northern Virginia Community College.

In Memoriam Notification

One of the benefits of belonging to LLI is that we make and enjoy many friends and acquaintances. So that we may express our condolences, LLI members would appreciate being notified in the sad event that we lose someone from our community. If you become aware of the passing of any LLI member, please contact Gina Trapp at *GTrapp_26@msn.com* or (703) 522-7528. She will include a notification in the following newsletter. Thank you.

Newsletter on the Web

Our monthly newsletter is generally available on the LLI website earlier than you will receive it through the mail. In cases of 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.

NVCC Newsletter

The Northern Virginia Community College,
Annandale Campus, issues an electronic
community newsletter. Goals of the newsletter
include providing information regarding activities
and events on campus and addressing
community concerns. If you would like to receive
this newsletter, send your request with your email
address to rhull@nvcc.edu.



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.

LLI Poetry Corner

My Neighbor's Christmas Tree

lies
on its side,
a vanquished Goliath,
stripped of ornament, gutterized,
and soon to be jammed,
without ceremony,
into the crusher
of a recycling
truck.

I have to drive by on my January way to class, or the store, reminded once more of how handsomely it stood in their family room, reflecting in the sliding glass doors to their deck.

"It was fun to cut," they asserted.
I agreed.

Maybe, so did the tree. There's something to be said for glory.

by Ed Sadtler

Loved Ones

They were my touchstone
My guide, my comfort, my joy
We worked together, played together,
laughed together
Now they are gone to that mysterious rest
Where I cannot yet go

And I am here to wonder
Did they know?
Did they know how much I loved them?
Do they know?

by Shirley Lytle



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