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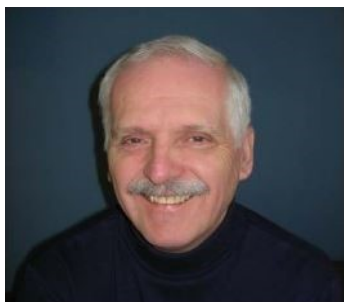
Ernst Cultural Center (CE)

NOVA Annandale Campus

LLI/NOVA Announcements at 9:50 a.m.

Forum Speaker at 10:00 a.m.

(Social Time at 9:30 a.m.)



Does Hollywood ever get it right? Film Critic Michael J. Canning reviews past and recent movies featuring scenes and stories about our Nation's Capital.

"My second career is going to the movies," claims Mike Canning, who has long been fascinated by Hollywood's foibles in portraying the Nation's Capital. He made his first visit to the flickers in Fargo, N.D., at the age of four, and never lost his fascination for American cinema. After his career as a Foreign Service officer, he returned to that topic when he began reviewing films for the monthly Hill Rag newspaper.

His 2012 book, "Hollywood on the Potomac: How the Movies View Washington, D.C.," offers the first comprehensive look at the intersection of the capital city and the movies, tracing how Washington, D.C., appears in American feature films beyond its monuments and memorials. In examining more than 50 motion pictures, he discusses how Washington has been treated as subject,

setting, or background as moviedom plays out its love-hate affair with this city.

From the idealism of "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" to the sharp wit of "Born Yesterday," the paranoia of "Seven Days in May," and the goofs in "No Exit" and many other films, Hollywood's visual images of the District make an impact on all of us, for good or ill. Canning will tell us much about the treatment and mistreatment of our city in films by showing film clips to illustrate his points.

Canning has reviewed movies for the Hill Rag for almost 20 years. He is also a freelance writer for film, public affairs, and politics, and has written often on the depiction of Washington and the U.S. Congress in American feature films.

Before his reviewing gig, which he calls "the best job in the world," Canning was a press and cultural officer with the U.S. Information Agency for 28 years. He served in eight countries on four continents before he retired in 1993. In several of those countries, he organized thematic programs based on American classic motion pictures, and developed particular interest in the cinema of Germany, Italy, Iran and Latin America.

He and his wife live on Capitol Hill surrounded by many of the scenes he writes about. Canning's web site is www.mikesflix.com. Copies of his book will be available for purchase at the Forum.



President's Message

Welcome back to our 2019-20 program year!

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There is a lot for us to catch up on.

First, on behalf of myself and other Board members, we hope you are completing a fun and productive summer. Further, we appreciate and need your support as we work together enhancing our LLI/NOVA community for another program year. Your active participation comes in many forms such as joining us on a trip, attending our monthly Forums and/or classes that spark your interest or curiosity, or simply offering a suggestion or introducing a neighbor or pal to LLI.

A bundle of work is done in the background generating and maintaining the website, producing the class catalogs, coordinating the SIGS and travel, etc. These are some of the more visible productions. However, in the background, LLI/NOVA internally manages our budget, prepares our own comprehensive financial statements, ensures strict controls and oversight of financial processes mainly under the tutelage of Loren Brandman and Bob Huley. Additionally, Loren recently recruited Rich Davis, a former GAO executive, to serve as Assistant Treasurer.

The following are just a few of the follow-ups and execution of various members' requests/suggestions as we serve as a NOVA Annandale partner and keep LLI/NOVA energized and growing.

- Scott Pinckney and Dick Robison were interviewed by Jim Person of the Fairfax County Gazette podcast featuring LLI/NOVA fall programs.

- Bonnie and Paul Hopler volunteered to coordinate lunch meetups immediately after the monthly Forums by collecting a "show of hands" at the beginning of the Forums. Getting together for lunch after the Forum was a popular event in LLI early years and we are testing the possibility of re-establishing these lunch meetups at Kilroys in the nearby Ravensworth Shopping Center.
- Pat Neri and a small committee are meeting with NOVA's new vice president of student services, Frances Villagran-Glover.
- Dick Martin and Nan Peck are ensuring greater exposure to the students of our annual scholarship program starting with student orientation.
- Joseph Pincus is having meetings with the Forum Advisory Committee to routinize the major criteria for selecting Forum speakers. For example, member recommendations were accepted for Sheriff Kincaid in October and Jay Labov in November. Sheriff Stacey Ann Kincaid is the first woman to lead the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office in its 276-year history. Jay Labov, Ph.D., directed the committee that authored *Science, Evolution, and Creationism*.

To speak the obvious, change is endemic to life and such is true for LLI/NOVA. Roughly half of our members have been members less than five years. This means that sometime what we did "in the old days" will remain there and, on the other hand, not all new ideas are good. What is critical is that we listen to all with reflection; and that we treat one another with dignity as we pursue learning experiences centered on our varied areas of passion, interest, or expertise.

Going forward for this program year we continue to invite your input and active participation.

Best, Anna



Honor Circle—Lorin Goodrich

We in LLI are so fortunate to have fellow members who are willing to devote their time and energy to providing us with quality educational opportunities. No one embodies this volunteer spirit more than Lorin Goodrich. Lorin, along with his wife, Janet, joined LLI in August 1997, just one year after LLI's inception. Shortly thereafter, he began his many years of contributions to the organization.

Lorin:

- Was elected to the Board of Directors in June 1998, initially assisting in locating classroom space.
- Served as Vice President from 1999-2001 taking on such functions as strategic planning.
- Served as LLI President from 2001-2004.
- Remained on the Board as Past President from 2004-2007.
- Was a member of the Curriculum Committee for 19 years, from 2000-2019, during which time he coordinated over 300 classes primarily taught by NOVA faculty in addition to several other subject matter expert instructors.
- Chaired the Forum Speakers Committee for two years in addition to overseeing Forum room arrangements.

- Served on the Nominating Committee, twice as Chairman and as a member four additional times.
- Served as a committee member for the holiday luncheon, annual picnic, and volunteer appreciation ceremony.

In addition to his many years of support to LLI, Lorin has on countless occasions been the “go to” man when members have needed help or advice on just about anything related to LLI. A long-time LLI member said of him, “Lorin was ‘Mr. Everything’ in the early days. His three years as President were critical to really getting the organization moving and, of course, his work on the Curriculum Committee was instrumental in getting us really ‘hooked into’ the NOVA faculty.”

When asked about his many years of service to LLI and what they have meant to him, Lorin stated, “I have always been inspired by the spirit of volunteerism among LLI members. It has been a pleasure to work with so many great people and to get to know them. I have enjoyed working with the NOVA faculty and seeing how much they enjoy offering classes for LLI. I am so pleased that Nan Peck (retired NOVA faculty and current LLI Board member) will continue and enhance LLI's relationship with current and retired NOVA faculty.”

We recognize and thank Lorin for all his contributions over the years and his willingness to lend his talents and positive spirit to LLI. We also thank Janet for all the support she has given Lorin, and in turn, the organization. We hope they both will continue to enjoy the benefits of being LLI members.

September 23 Autumn Begins



Photo by LLI/NOVA Member Dick Martin



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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Our food collection at the Sept. 4 Forum will benefit the NOVA Student Food Pantry. We donated to the pantry several times last year, and Dr. Jayatilake, its faculty adviser, was grateful for the LLI support. NOVA students include single parents who are working and studying while supporting their families, and students living independently of family or on limited income.

Non-perishable food that can be eaten at home or on campus is needed. The following items are especially useful: cereal, canned meat, peanut butter, jelly, pasta and sauce, healthy snacks, and microwaveable ready-to-eat food. These may be for the students or their children.

Thank you for your generosity each month during the 2018-19 academic year. Your donations are always put to good use for those in need.

[Click here](#) to search for contact information for Joyce Pomeroy or Betsy Pugin.

LLI CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE

Donations to our annual Children's Book Drive will be collected at the Forum on Wednesday, Oct. 2, for this year's recipient, R.E.A.D. (Read Early And Daily). The organization, which serves 235 children from birth to age 5, will provide a wish list for NEW board books and picture books. The list will be sent to members via email. Questions? [Click here](#) for contact information for Lynne Smaldone,

Fall Semester Online Class Registration

By now, we hope that most of you have completed your online registration for the Fall semester, which opened on August 12. If you haven't completed your registration yet, however, there is no rush because registration for the Fall classes will remain open until the end of the semester.

Registration Q&A's

Q. I'm having a problem with online registration. What should I do?

A. The short answer is contact us, and we will help you. You can send us an email to admin@llinova.org or to webmaster@llinova.org. You can also contact us at the LLI HelpDesk by clicking on the LLI Website HelpDesk in the Quick Connect Box on the Home Page, or you can call our LLI office at 703-323-3746 and leave a message.

Q. I registered for a class and have discovered that I cannot attend. What should I do?

A. Please **promptly** notify the class coordinator (contact information is provided in the class calendar entry) or our Administrator. That way a member on the Waitlist may be able to attend the class. Remember, if you aren't sure that you can attend a class, wait to register until you are sure, or alternatively, register as Waitlist initially to hold your place in line.

Q. I had to register as Waitlist for a class because it was already full. How will I know if I can attend?

A. You will be contacted by the class coordinator and told that your status has been changed from Waitlist to Registered and that you can attend. If you have not been contacted, please do not attend because there will be no space for you.

Q. I registered for a class that has a fee. When do I have to pay the fee?

A. Each class that has a fee has specific instructions provided in the class description on how, when, and to whom the fee must be paid. Remember, **if you register for a class with a fee, you are committing to attend that class and pay the fee.** If you cannot attend the class, you still must pay the fee unless you notify the class coordinator at least 4 days prior to the class.

Q. Will I receive a reminder for the classes for which I registered?

A. Yes. You will receive an email reminder 4-5 days prior to the class, but only for the first session of a multi-session class.

Q. How will I know if any class information has changed, e.g., date, time, or location?

A. If you are registered for a class, you will receive an email as soon as we know about the change. We will also post changed information in the News Alert box on the Home Page.

Have other questions about online registration? Then contact us as noted above, and we'll provide you with quick answers.

Scott Pinckney, Dick Robison and Jim Per- son on Fairfax County Gazette Podcast to introduce our fall programs.



[Click here](#) to listen to the Podcast



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NEW MEMBERS

We hope you will participate in our classes and volunteer your time and talent.

Catherine Chang
William Chang
Ayo Dayo
Mary Denery
Carol Fagnani

Anne Goodwin
Jane Goodwin
Steven Malone
Patricia Norris

[At any time, if you have established a member ID and password, you can go to the Member Directory to search for contact information for a current member. At the website llinova.org click on the "Member Area" and then "Member Directory."]

Help Wanted

The LLI Curriculum Committee is seeking a volunteer to coordinate classroom space for LLI offerings commencing with the Spring term planning cycle which starts in mid-September. The space coordinator works with class coordinators, other space coordinators, and contacts at LLI venues to reserve classrooms and resolve scheduling issues. If you can help, please contact the LLI curriculum committee chair, Dick Robison, at curriculum@llinova.org.



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JOIN THE TEAM FOR THE HOLIDAY PARTY

Our initial planning meeting for this year's Holiday Party will be on Monday, September 9th, at 3:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Kings Park Library. Please join us!

[Click here](#) for contact information for Bonnie Hopley or to sign up for the team.



Photo by LLI/NOVA member Mary Lu Bednarsky

Special Interest Groups

Favorite Books

Thursday, Sept. 19, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Braddock District Government Center
9002 Burke Lake Road
Supervisor's Meeting Room (behind Kings Park Library)

Our selection this month is "The Wright Brothers," a biography by David McCullough about Wilbur and Orville, the courageous brothers from Dayton, Ohio, who taught the world how to fly. In it, McCullough focuses on the human side of their story, including the little-known contributions of their sister, Katherine, without whom things might have gone very differently for them. Come join us! Lynne Smaldone

Foodies & Friends

MARK THE DATE: On September 24 Bev Portman will be hosting our Foodies & Friends luncheon. Further information and full details will be posted on the Foodies Website around the 1st of September. For questions regarding the SIG, please contact Cynthia Gronvall or Patti Volz, your coordinators.

Tabletop Games

This new SIG will continue to meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. at King's Park Library. On August 27 the new, featured game will be "Mexican Train" and on September 24, "Pub Trivia." Other games are available. Last meeting we had to apologize for laughing so loudly and promise to keep the door closed. (I think she will keep our organization in mind for the year she retires.) If you have any questions, [click here](#) to search for contact information for Mary Lu Bednarsky

Study/Travel

We had a great trip out West in June, visiting some of our national parks. [Click here](#) to read about it on the Study/Travel Program page.

Now we are looking forward to our trip in June 2020, a river cruise, "Romance of the Rhine and Mosel." Detailed trip information, including how to register, is on the Study/Travel program page (click on the link). There is still space for more travelers.

Even though 2021 seems like a long way off, we need to begin deciding where we'd like to go. You must be on the Study/Travel email list, however, to participate in the selection process. Join the list by contacting Bob Huley at studytravel@llinova.org.

In addition, we are always looking for help on the Study/Travel Committee to evaluate destinations and tours for future trips and to provide classes for our destinations. Let Bob know if you are interested.

