



# News & Views

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## Wednesday, September 7 LLI/NOVA FORUM VIA ZOOM

Social Zoom: 9:30 a.m. Announcements: 9:50 a.m. **Forum Presentation: 10:00 a.m.**  
(Click on the link in the upcoming email announcement)

### Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program



Recycling and environmentally-responsible trash disposal helps keep Fairfax County clean, healthy, and sustainable. A County representative will give us an opportunity to learn first-hand about current and emerging concerns and innovations affecting trash and recycling operations in our area.

The Solid Waste Management Program (SWMP) manages and oversees long-range planning for all refuse collection, recycling, and disposal operations within the County. Operations include the Covanta Energy/Resource Recovery Facility (also called Waste-to Energy) which combusts our trash, generating steam for electricity production; a refuse transfer station; two closed municipal solid waste landfills; a regional ash fill operated by the County; two recycling and disposal facilities; and equipment and facilities for refuse collection, disposal, and recycling operations.

SWMP deals with far reaching and difficult issues such as:

- Determining what waste goes to the Covanta facility (Waste-to-Energy) and what goes to landfill
- How various materials are recycled and repurposed
- Disposition of “hazardous material” that is left at the drop-off stations
- Glass collection and recycling challenges, particularly since glass recycling is being eliminated in many other counties including Arlington
- County growth; associated effects of climate change

Fairfax County Solid Waste Management is an active member of the community and seeks public participation in its efforts. It offers a wide array of educational programs for school-age children and adults, including Watershed Outreach and Education and Urban Forestry.

We appreciate the County taking the time to help us better understand a huge challenge affecting all urban areas.





## President’s Message

I hope you are taking full advantage of the classes and programs we are offering this summer, and bearing up well in the hot weather!

Our September 7 Forum will be via Zoom. However, we are planning to meet in person for our Forums on October 12 (moved from our usual first Wednesday of the month, October 5, which is Yom Kippur) and November 2. At our October forum, NOVA Dean of Liberal Arts and historian Jim McClellan will speak about the contributions that Native Americans made and continue to make to American culture.

To resume meetings of our Financial Discussion Special Interest Group (SIG), we must find a new leader for it. Our long-time Chair, Doug Johnson, stepped down but will work with a volunteer(s) to orient them to take over. This SIG has been an important part of LLI/NOVA’s program offering for years. It’s been popular and well attended. If you have an interest and some experience in finance and are willing to help, please contact me at [derickmalis@gmail.com](mailto:derickmalis@gmail.com).

Also, we are searching for volunteers for the Scholarship Committee (see article on next page) and for the Curriculum Committee. Getting involved is stimulating and fosters new relationships while helping our organization thrive!

Finally, this month’s shout-out goes to our Study/Travel Committee Chair Rod Dyck and his committee members who have revived our travel program, which was dormant through the pandemic. See page 3 for the article on their plans for trips. Great job, team!

Derick Malis  
LLI/NOVA President

## Help Wanted



The Curriculum Committee is seeking volunteers to coordinate classes. Duties are not difficult—working with instructors ensuring they have everything they need, introducing them on the day of class, and making sure the audio/visual support is set up. Detailed training/support is available. If you can help, contact Dick Robison at [curriculum@llinova.org](mailto:curriculum@llinova.org) or 703-440-8479. Many hands make light work!

## WELCOME New Members!

Our newest members are listed below, followed by how they learned of LLI:

- James Butler – Golden Gazette article
- Darlene Havener – friend recommended
- Juanita Illera – friend at Greenspring
- Kathleen King – info card at the library
- Renate Pawlik – friends recommended
- Barbara Ann Wollison – brochure in a shopping center

## Community Outreach



Food for Others is one of the largest emergency providers of food in Northern Virginia, and our LLI Outreach often promotes them. Their website emphasizes that “high prices are pushing working families to seek emergency food assistance.” They are currently serving about 3,000 families per week.

Food for Others invites you to join in the 9th Annual Tysons 5K and Fun Run on September 25. Your \$35 registration to run or walk at this event helps fund rice and beans, milk, or weekend food packs for children, among other things. For details about registering or to simply send a donation, click [here](#).

## LLI Scholarship Fundraising Drive



We are launching our 2022 drive to raise money for LLI scholarships for Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA)/Annandale students. Let's continue to be generous to these worthy students for

whom our financial help is so important. Our awards totaled \$12,000 in 2019, \$25,000 in 2020, and \$18,000 in 2021.

The LLI scholarship program works through the college's NOVA Foundation, which identifies ambitious students from all walks of life who need assistance in reducing the financial burden of their education. While NOVA costs significantly less than a four-year college, our scholarships provide crucial financial assistance for high-performing students to earn their degrees, transfer to a four-year institution, or enter the workforce with competitive skills - transforming and contributing to our community.

Below are samples of recipient thank you notes from students who received LLI leadership and academic scholarships:

*I wanted to take this moment to thank the LLI scholarship donor. **This means a lot to me and I am so thankful to be able to receive this scholarship.** I will use it toward my education goal...of becoming a professional dental hygienist.*

Andreina Sorto

*Thank you so much for this opportunity. Words cannot explain how happy I am right now for having the opportunity to even apply. **I will make sure to put this to good use and help others the same way I have received this help.***

Tenzin Tsega

*I am excited to learn that I was selected as a recipient of the LLI Leadership Scholarship. I am writing to thank you for your generous support...which has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. **I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.** Thank you again for your generosity and support.*  
Phung Tran



Learn more about LLI scholarships and make tax-deductible donations [here](#).

## Study Travel Program



The Study/Travel Committee's survey revealed substantial interest in restarting LLI's Study Travel Program. Of the survey respondents, 75 said they

would consider traveling with LLI in 2023, and 31 expressed interest in Ireland – the most popular destination choice. After careful review and discussion, the Committee decided to pursue trip options for:

- Ireland in May 2023. The Committee previously recommended an Ireland tour for 2021 LLI travel, but it was canceled because of the pandemic.
- Domestic travel to include viewing the total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024.

Later we will consider further travel options.

If you would like more information, click [here](#). If you have questions or comments, contact Committee Chair Rod Dyck, [rd2222@aol.com](mailto:rd2222@aol.com) or 703-328-1660.

## Special Interest Group (SIG) Meetings at a Glance

**KPL = Kings Park Library, 9002 Burke Lake Rd., Burke**

### **Bridge -- Wednesday, September 14, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m**

Mason District Governmental Center. Bring a sack lunch. All levels of players welcome.

Click on [Bridge – LLI NOVA](#) POC Bob Huley, [roberthuley@cox.net](mailto:roberthuley@cox.net)

### **Favorite Books -- Thursday, September 15, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at KPL**

"The Alice Network", historical novel by Kate Quinn. Based on a real WWI spy ring that operated in German-occupied France and Belgium. Two women--a spy and a socialite -- are brought together in a story of courage and redemption. POC Lynne Smaldone, [smaldonega@hotmail.com](mailto:smaldonega@hotmail.com).

### **Financial Discussion Group – discontinued until new leader is found.**

Please consider volunteering! Contact Derick Malis, [derickmalis@gmail.com](mailto:derickmalis@gmail.com)

### **Foodies & Friends – Thursday, September 22, 11:30 a.m. – see article below for details.**

### **Mystery Books -- Monday, September 5, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. at KPL**

Discuss "Bootlegger's Daughter" by Margaret Maron

POC Mary Lu Bednarsky, [mlbednarsky@gmail.com](mailto:mlbednarsky@gmail.com)

### **Photography – Friday, September 16, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at KPL**

New members are always welcome. Cell phone cameras are fine. Normally meets the third Friday of every month. Contact Buck Myers, [hbm@hbmphoto.com](mailto:hbm@hbmphoto.com)

### **Tabletop Games –**

**Wednesday, August 24, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. at KPL** – new game "Five Crowns" – fun & laughter

**Wednesday, September 28, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. at KPL** – "Tripoley"

POC Mary Lu Bednarsky, [mlbednarsky@gmail.com](mailto:mlbednarsky@gmail.com)

**Visual and Performing Arts** – see list of performances (including opera) LLI members can purchase for \$15 per ticket on page 6 – best deal ever! Events are at George Mason's Center for the Arts.

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## Foodies & Friends



Thursday, September 22  
11:30 a.m.

### **Trattoria Villagio**

7145 Main Street, Clifton

Trattoria Villagio combines the elegance of a Roman Trattoria with the fun and bustle of an Italian train station. Renowned for its extensive wine selection and hand-crafted pasta dishes, you'll be smiling from your first bite of salumi or fresh pasta to your last spoonful of creamy, homemade gelato! There is parking behind the building and on the street. Weather permitting, we'll eat outside on their lovely patio. There is a limit of 16 for this

event. Individual checks will be provided. See details and menu on [Trattoria Villagio's website](#). RSVP by September 16 to host Mindy Rojahn, [mindyroj@cox.net](mailto:mindyroj@cox.net) or 703 966-9889.

## Cultural Excursions

### **National Museum of the U.S. Army**



Tuesday, August 30,  
10:00 a.m.

Location:  
1775 Liberty Drive,  
Fort Belvoir

Only a few spots left in our 20-person tour! You must register by August 23, noon; click [here](#).



### Afternoon Tea with Mrs. B

Thursday, September 15, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.



(Note the NEW time – tea extended by 30 minutes)

Location: **Tea with Mrs. B**  
136 W. Jefferson Street  
Falls Church

Enjoy a delicious afternoon tea of sandwiches, scones, and desserts. Register and pay by September 7, noon. Cost is \$52 for members and \$57 for nonmember guests. POC Bonnie Hopler, [bdhopler@gmail.com](mailto:bdhopler@gmail.com).

### George Washington Masonic Memorial



Friday, October 7, 11:15 a.m.

Join us for a guided tour of this memorial, with its massive portico, beautiful rooms, and observation deck with its breathtaking view of the city of Alexandria.

Entrance fee \$18, payable at the door.

After the tour, we will stop at Panera's, 3201 Duke Street, Alexandria, for an optional lunch and socializing. Register [here](#) for the tour by October 6, noon. POC Carol Fagnani.

### Ladew Topiary Gardens



Thursday, October 13  
10:30 a.m.

**Ladew Topiary Gardens**  
3535 Jarrettsville Pike,  
Monkton, MD

Let's visit Ladew Topiary Gardens, a place of ever-changing beauty, with 22 acres of spectacular award-winning gardens and more than 100 remarkable topiaries. \$10 entrance fee, payable upon [registration](#).

At the gardens, you may purchase a ticket for a docent-led tour of the home for \$5. Lunch is available at the café. Trip Leader is Carol Fagnani.

### Hillwood Museum, DC

Tuesday, December 13, 10:00 a.m.

Tour the mansion, gardens, and this first-in-North America exhibition: "Grace of Monaco: Princess in Dior" (\$12). Register [here](#). Trip Leader is Carol Fagnani.

### Encore Learning Fall Course Preview

LLI/NOVA members are invited to take courses given at our sister organization in Arlington, Encore Learning. Starting September 12, we may register for their available fall classes. (Encore members start registering a week earlier.) There will be no membership fee for us at this time. Courses are \$55 each and are generally multi-session.

**Thursday September 1, 10:00 a.m.** LLI members may join in on Zoom for the Encore Learning Fall Course Preview, where the Encore Learning instructors briefly discuss their courses. Zoom link is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84159780997>.

Also, to check out the 37 Encore Learning courses available this fall, click [here](#).

### Encore Learning Special Event

[Indigenous Peoples: Americas to Arlington, VA](#)

**Monday, August 22, 2022, 3:00 - 4:30 PM**

Connect to this free event online via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84268052749>



### Winter Party

Wednesday, December 7  
11:00 a.m.

Please mark your calendar to attend the Winter Party at the Country Club of Fairfax!

Come join our fun planning committee! First meeting is Thursday, September 8, 2:00 p.m. For details, contact Bonnie Hopler (703-978-9381 or [bdhopler@gmail.com](mailto:bdhopler@gmail.com)).

## Visual and Performing Arts

The best deal ever! For \$15.00 (plus a \$4.00 service fee) per seat, LLI members may purchase tickets for many performances at **George Mason University Center for the Arts** on the specific dates listed below. For example, you will be able to buy a \$115-ticket to the Virginia Opera for \$15, an incredible \$100 savings for LLI members!



***Additionally, you may attend a pre-performance discussion 45 minutes prior to curtain for each of the shows below; they are held in Monson Grand Tier on the third level of the Center.***



How do you buy your \$15 tickets and choose any available seat in the house? Simply click on the LLI VPA SIG webpage [here](#), where you'll find details about the shows. Login with your LLI member ID to find the special LLI/NOVA code and when you click on the link for the show, enter the code in the "Coupon code" box. Choose any available seat from the seat map, order your tickets, and pay for them online. LLI members may buy tickets for themselves and for guests.

These are the shows and dates for which this discount applies:

**Head Over Heels** - Sunday, October 30, 2022, 2:00 p.m.

A bold new musical comedy, a laugh-out-loud love story following the escapades of a royal family on an outrageous journey to save their kingdom from extinction. Set to the music of the iconic 1980s all-female rock band The Go-Go's, including the hit songs "We Got the Beat" and Belinda Carlisle's "Heaven is a Place on Earth."

**The Silk Road** - Sunday, January 29, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

This Grammy Award-winning [Silkroad Ensemble](#), founded by cellist Yo-Yo Ma, debuts their newest program *Uplifted Voices*, which weaves a musical tapestry connecting the sounds and rhythms of indigenous North America to the World.

**Virginia Opera: Fellow Travelers** - Sunday, February 5, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

A contemporary opera by New York-based composer Gregory Spears and librettist Greg Pierce.

**Syncopated Ladies LIVE!** - Saturday, February 25, 2023, 8:00 p.m.

Viral tap dance phenomenon -- fierce all-female troupe of hoofers, with millions of online video followers. Hypnotic and rhythmic. Cutting-edge music, from pop to hip-hop to salsa.



**Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra with Bobby Floyd** - Saturday, April 8, 2023, 8:00 p.m. An evening of jazz with Northern Virginia's own Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra.

**Indigenous Enterprise** - Saturday, April 29, 2023, 8:00 p.m.

Share the heritage and culture through joyous authentic dance and song by champion dancers from Native American and Canadian tribes and Nations.