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Wednesday, October 12

LLI/NOVA FORUM at the Ernst Center

Socializing starts at 9:30 a.m. Announcements: 9:50 a.m. **Forum Presentation: 10:00 a.m.**

Please remember our 100% masking policy is still in effect.

Native America: Invisible Foundation of the Modern World



We are excited to kick off our in-person forums after a two-year hiatus and to welcome Dr. Jimmie McClellan as our October speaker. Dr. McClellan joined the NOVA faculty in 1975 and is currently the Dean of Liberal Arts for the College, and Dean of Languages, Arts, and Social Sciences for the Alexandria Campus.

His talk will be based on a lecture he gave last year at the Native American Heritage Month celebrations. For McClellan, the saga is personal. He is descended on both sides from Native Americans. Dr. McClellan says we largely ignore what humanity has gained from

the contributions of Native Americans. In his lecture he will highlight the often-unacknowledged contributions of Native Americans to our government and country. He'll describe the role they have played in advancing civilization and explore why we, as a country, too frequently ignore it. Dr. McClellan believes one of the greatest contributions of American Indians to the world may be in the area of political theory. He will outline some of the core values of the foundation of Native Americans and explain why denying Native Americans credit for their contributions became necessary to establish the myth of our country's creation. He is also likely to include many "fun facts" about the Americas' indigenous peoples.

Dr. McClellan has taught both History and Political Science at NOVA, and in particular, Native American history, for over 40 years. He has also served as Chair of the Alexandria Campus Council, Chair of the College Senate, and as President of the Virginia Community Colleges Association. He is the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Texas, the highest honor given by the university to any graduate. His interest in minorities' contributions to our country and why they have not been properly acknowledged comes from firsthand experience at the University of Texas. He has fought for minority recognition in many forms ever since. Dr. McClellan has written numerous articles and is the author of *Historical Moments: Changing Interpretations of America's Past*.

The After-Forum Lunch Bunch is Back!

The Lunch Bunch will meet after the Forum on October 12 at the Pan Am Family Restaurant, 3051 Nutley St. in Fairfax (located in the Pan Am Shopping Center). Separate checks will be provided. Paul and Bonnie Hopley will host this event and will get a count of attendees at the Forum. Contact them with any questions - 703-978-9381 or bdhopley@gmail.com.

President's Message



I hope you had a good summer and are registering for classes from the full slate listed in the [Fall Courses catalog](#). I am delighted to report our membership has risen above 300 for the first time since the onset of the pandemic!

I'd like to reinforce two items sent out in separate LLI/NOVA email messages in the last few weeks:

AARP Collaboration: AARP members were invited to join us at the following online fall classes:

1. 22FA12 Underwater Wonders: Strange and Unusual, September 21, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
2. 22FA24 Rivers of Distress: The World Water Crisis, October 18, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
3. 22FA48 Chautauqua: "The Most American of Things," December 12, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

We are hopeful this marketing campaign increases awareness of LLI/NOVA and expands our membership as AARP participants from Fairfax County (and beyond) sample our classes. With our membership down since the start of Covid, we are operating in the red, and hope not to have to raise membership fees. For more information about our AARP collaboration, contact [Debbie Cohen](#).

Deadline is October 14 for donations to the LLI/NOVA Scholarship Fund: Every fall, LLI/NOVA raises money to provide scholarships for deserving NOVA students who have demonstrated academic excellence and leadership qualities. The LLI/NOVA scholarship program operates in conjunction with the college's NOVA Foundation to select students in need of financial assistance to pursue their studies either at NOVA or at a four-year institution.

For more information or to make a tax-deductible donation online, click [here](#). You also can write a check payable to "LLI/NOVA Scholarships" and mail to:

LLI/NOVA, Attn: Scholarships
CFH Building Room 202
8333 Little River Turnpike
Annandale, VA 22003-3743

LLI/NOVA's scholarship dollars make a big difference in the lives of these students. See the testimonial from a recent scholarship recipient following this article.

I recently attended a Zoom meeting of the Virginia LLI Directors' Group. I hadn't realized that there are more than 20 such organizations throughout the state, 18 of which attended the session. Although there are differences in size, staffing, and program offerings, here are some general attributes of our sister organizations:

- Most are affiliated with a local college or university.
- Membership ranges from 200 to over 1,000.
- Many lost around 25% of their membership due to the pandemic, but are growing back (as we are).
- Some have or are considering easing their mask mandates.
- A very few are trying to offer hybrid classes (Zoom and live) but reported having technical difficulties.

Finally, I encourage our membership to participate in the Encore Learning classes that interest you. Information was emailed previously. You do not need to join Encore Learning and can participate by paying only the class fee. This offering reciprocates for LLI/NOVA allowing Encore Learning members to participate in "summer camp."

Derick Malis
LLI/NOVA President

LLI/NOVA Scholarship Impact

Andreina Sortos is a recipient of an LLI/NOVA Leadership Scholarship for the 2022-2023 academic year. Andreina lives with her mother in Springfield. Her mother is a single parent from El Salvador who has four daughters and supports the family by working as a housekeeper in local hotels.

Andreina graduated from South County High School in Lorton in 2018. Her extracurricular activities included cheerleading, soccer, painting, and drawing. While working at either part-time or full-time jobs, Andreina finds time to enjoy movies, books, and R&B music.

NOVA has been a good fit for Andreina. "It's one of the best choices I've made," she says. She is able to live with her family while taking advantage of NOVA's excellent academic quality. Additionally, the flexibility in scheduling and breadth of courses is important to her. She enjoys the opportunity to make friends in the diverse student community. During the upcoming academic year, she plans to finish her Associate Degree with a double major in interior design and dental hygiene.

In her email accepting the LLI/NOVA Leadership Scholarship, Andreina wrote, *"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 towards my education goals, so I can reach my goal of being a professional dental hygienist."*



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

- Angela Antonopolous – Cinema Arts Theatre flyer/poster
- Rene Baker
- Steve Brown – friends

- Janet Brownlee – Golden Gazette article
- Karen Byrd – neighbor
- Margaret Jewett – Golden Gazette article
- Mary Karchner – Cinema Arts Theatre
- Dottie Lydon – friends
- Susan O'Boyle – Bonnie Hople
- Jarlene Phelps – Lake Accotink event
- Dolores Potosnak – Greenspring
- Karol Quinn - friend
- Barbara Spangler – Encore Learning summer participant
- Janice Stafford – Cinema Arts and a friend
- Jim and Gail Woolwine – Encore Learning summer participants

Community Outreach

Our October collection will take place *in person* at the Forum on Wednesday, October 12.



Bonnie and Paul Hople will deliver donations to the Facets Fairfax food pantry. The Hople's have been volunteering with Facets for a long time and we applaud their willingness to continue by delivering the LLI donations after the Forum.

Facets' most needed items include oatmeal and cereal, peanut butter, jelly, peanut butter crackers, canned tuna and chicken, soup, canned fruit and vegetables, and baking supplies (oil, etc.). Cleaning supplies, such as dish and laundry detergents, disposable gloves, and garbage bags are also needed.

Monetary donations can be mailed to: Facets, 10700 Page Ave., Building B, Fairfax, VA 22030.

The Community Outreach group plans to collect again next month for another charity. If you would like to help in November, or another month when we meet in person, please contact Betsy Pugin (<mailto:betsy.pugin@gmail.com>) or Joyce Pomeroy (lj.pomeroy@gmail.com).

As always, THANK YOU! *Joyce and Betsy*

Study Travel Program – Ireland



The Study/Travel Committee is moving forward with plans for an LLI/NOVA trip to Ireland, specifically AAA/CIE's Jewels of Ireland tour, beginning on May 14, 2023.

The Trip Committee will soon send an email to all LLI/NOVA members with details and instructions for registering for this trip. As in the past, this trip will be open to LLI/NOVA members and their friends and families. While interested participants should reserve these dates on their calendars, please don't make

any flight or other arrangements until you receive the LLI/NOVA email and successfully register. Details of the trip may be found in the three-page flyer at the end of this newsletter.

The committee previously recommended this Jewels of Ireland tour for 2021 travel but it was canceled because of the pandemic. Many believe that CIE is the premier tour operator for value tours of Ireland. Members provided very positive feedback on past LLI/NOVA trips operated by CIE (2018 Dubrovnik to Venice, 2017 Scotland, and 2007 Ireland trips).

Contact Committee Chair Rod Dyck at rd2222@aol.com or 703-328-1660 if you have questions or comments.

Special Interest Group (SIG) Meetings at a Glance

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

Bridge – Wednesday, September 28, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. at George Mason Regional Library

(No bag lunch), and **Thursday, October 13, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Mason District**

Governmental Center (OK to bring a bag lunch). All levels of players are welcome.

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

Favorite Books – Thursday, October 20, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at KPL

"The Exiles," a novel by Cristina Baker Kline, about three women whose lives are bound together in 19th-century Australia and the hardships they weather together as they fight for redemption and freedom in a new society. POC Lynne Smaldone, smaldonega@hotmail.com.

Financial Discussion Group – discontinued until new leader is found.

Please consider volunteering! Contact Derick Malis, derickmalis@gmail.com

Foodies & Friends – Tuesday, October 18, 1:00 p.m. – see article below for details.

Mystery Books – Monday, October 3, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. at KPL

"Magpie Murders" by Anthony Horowitz

POC Mary Lu Bednarsky, mlbednarsky@gmail.com

Photography – Friday, October 21, 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

Tabletop Games – Wednesday, October 26, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. at KPL – "Apples to Apples"

POC Mary Lu Bednarsky, mlbednarsky@gmail.com

Visual and Performing Arts – see list of performances (including opera) LLI members can purchase for \$15 per ticket [here](#). Events are at George Mason's Center for the Arts.

Foodies & Friends



Tuesday, October 18, 1:00 p.m.

The Wine House

Old Town Plaza, 3950 University Dr., Fairfax

The Wine House is a locally owned and operated wine bar and bistro specializing in American and French dishes in downtown Fairfax. Elevating the local dining scene, The Wine House offers an imaginative, frequently updated menu, and comfortable indoor and outdoor seating. Weather permitting, we may grab a spot on the terrace for an alfresco meal. Consider trying one of the interesting quiches or crêpes, which the chef has deliciously updated. In addition to its regular lunch menu, the restaurant offers a \$25 prix fixe menu comprised of an entrée and either an appetizer or a dessert. **RSVP by October 13 to our host, Pat Harrison, pjharris80@msn.com or 703-550-7530.** Separate checks will be provided, and there is plenty of parking in the adjacent garage. The Wine House website is under reconstruction, but the menu can be accessed through sites such as Open Table. Hope to see you there!



Winter Party

Wednesday, December 7
11:00 a.m.

Please mark your calendar to attend LLI/NOVA's Winter Party at the Country Club of Fairfax! Details will be included in next month's newsletter.

Point of contact is Bonnie Hopley
(703-978-9381 or bdhopley@gmail.com)

Cultural Excursions

Full descriptions for all Cultural Excursions may be found online in the LLI/NOVA calendar [here](#). Contact Carol Fagnani, Cultural Excursions Committee Chair, with trip ideas or if you are interested in joining this committee.

George Washington Masonic Memorial



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

We will begin our guided tour by entering into the Memorial Hall through its massive portico, symbolic of the entrances of ancient Greek and Roman temples. We will

tour several beautifully presented rooms on our way to the observation deck at the top of the memorial, where we will have a great view of the City of Alexandria. Admission cost is \$18, payable on the venue's [website](#). After the tour we will stop at Panera Bread, 3201 Duke St., Alexandria, for an optional lunch. Trip Leader is Carol Fagnani.

Ladew Topiary Gardens



Thursday, October 13
10:30 a.m.

3535 Jarrettsville Pike,
Monkton, MD

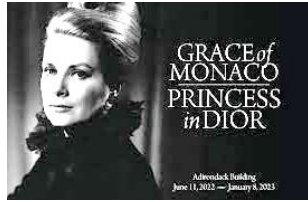
Join us for a visit to Ladew Topiary Gardens, with 22 acres of spectacular, award-winning gardens, more than 100 remarkable topiaries, a mile-long nature walk, and a native Butterfly House. The \$10 entrance fee, payable upon [registration](#), includes the gardens, nature walk, and Butterfly House. (Note that the Butterfly House is seasonal and may not be open.) 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. Explore the fashion and mementos from the legendary life of Princess Grace of Monaco. Celebrate her dedicated relationship with haute couturier Christian Dior. A horticulturist-led garden tour, the Bones of the Winter Garden, is available at 10:30. Guided tours of the mansion are at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Join us for lunch at the café at member's expense. Please register (both members and their guests) on LLI's website [here](#) so we have a head count. Cost is \$12 at the door or in advance at the Hillwood Museum [website](#).

Trip Leader is Carol Fagnani.



Children's Book Drive

This month marks the sixth year for the annual LLI Children's Book Drive. Let's make it the best one yet!

What organization are we supporting?

Our recipient this year is R.E.A.D. (Read Early And Daily). Our donations will be used to support their new program, Read With Me Baby Book Bag, which focuses on moms-to-be. R.E.A.D volunteers are now onsite at Virginia Hospital Center's outreach clinics, gifting each mom-to-be a Baby Book Bag containing five quality board books. In just six months, 224 book bags (1120 books) have been distributed.

How can you help?

R.E.A.D. is asking for NEW board books for children from birth to two years of age. See their wish list on the next page of this newsletter.



Where can you donate?

- We will be collecting books at the Forum on Wednesday, October 12.
- Between now and October 12, mail your donations to:

Lynne Smaldone
232 N. Edgewood St.
Arlington, VA 22201

(Shipping is free with Amazon Prime or with a Barnes & Noble membership).

Encore Learning Presentation

Monday, October 17, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Encore Learning, in conjunction with the Arlington Public Library system, will offer a lecture by legal expert Chuck Rosenberg, on current Department of Justice (DOJ) and FBI activities.

You have probably seen Chuck Rosenberg on TV tackling tough legal issues with national news commentators like Rachel Maddow and Chuck Todd. Rosenberg will discuss the DOJ and FBI, DOJ's election interference policy, the FBI search of Mar-a-Lago, and the ongoing investigations – what they are and how they work. Bring your questions, or send them in advance (send to info@encorelearning.net).

Advance registration is not required. This free event is open to all. You may be prompted to enter your name and email address before being admitted to the webinar. Connect to the presentation online via Zoom:

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

Or dial in by phone (for audio only):

301-715-8592, Meeting ID: 842 6805 2749.

Board Books

- *Moo, Baa, La-la-la* or other books by Sandra Boynton in English or Spanish
- *My Very First Bilingual Book* series or other books by Eric Carle in English or Spanish
- *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do You See?* or other books by Bill Martin in English or Spanish
- *I Know..* (Empowerment series) by Stephen Krensky
- *Red House, Brown Mouse* by Jane Godwin
- *Making Faces: A First Book of Emotions* by Abrams Appleseed
- *Baby Up, Baby Down: A First Book of Opposites* by Abrams Appleseed
- *Jane Cabrera's Story Time* series (nursery rhymes and songs) by Jane Cabrera
- *I Will Talk to You, Little One* by Tomie DePaola
- *Think Big, Little One* by Vashti Harrison
- *Indestructibles* series by various authors
- *Clive or Rosa* series by Jessica Spanyol
- *Hello World!* series by Jill McDonald
- *Nerdy Babies* series by Emmy Kastner
- *Baby Goes to Market* by Atinuke
- *B is for Baby* by Atinuke
- *Red Hat, Pink Boots* or *1 Smile, 10 Toes* by Nelleke Verhoeff
- *Count to LOVE!* by Andrea Pinkney
- *Up, Up, Down* by Kimberly Gee
- *Sun, Flower, Lion* by Kevin Henkes
- *A Parade of Elephants* by Kevin Henkes
- *Alphablock* or *Buildablock* or *Countablock* by Christopher Franceschelli
- *Supertruck* by Steve Savage
- *¡Chones, por favor! / Undies, Please!* by Seeboruth, Sumana
- *Hasta Las Rodillas / Up to My Knees_ El último malvavisco / The Last Marshmallow_ Que Llenara Canasta? / What Will Fit? or Circulo! Esfera! / Circle! Sphere!* by Grace Lin
- *The Feelings Book/El libro de los sentimientos* by Todd Parr
- *How Are You?/¿Cómo estás?* by [Angela Dominguez](#)
- *Mouse Paint/Pintura De Raton* Board Book by [Ellen Stoll Walsh](#)
- Any of the DK Touch and Feel series in English or Spanish
- Any of the Priddy Books series in English or Spanish
- Plastic bath books or cloth books for babies
- Lift-the-flap books for toddlers

Our mission is to ensure babies and young children have new, quality, culturally relevant books of their own that are mirrors and windows into their everyday lives and communities.



Jewels of Ireland

Explore hidden gems on the Emerald Isle

Enjoy the splendor of every corner on this leisurely Ireland tour of the essential—and the unexpected.

Trip details

Tour start
Dublin

Tour end
Dublin

15 ☀️
Days

14 🌙
Nights

24 🍴
Meals



Trip Highlights:

- Brú na Bóinne
- Belleek Pottery
- Kylemore Abbey
- Giant's Causeway
- Basket Centre
- Cliffs of Moher
- Irish Night in Dublin
- Donegal Castle
- Slieve League Cliffs

Hotels:

- The Gibson Hotel
- Kinsale Hotel & Spa
- Dingle Skellig Hotel
- Treacy's Oakwood Hotel
- Galway Bay Hotel
- Mill Park Hotel
- Maldron Hotel Belfast City
- Knightsbrook Hotel & Golf Resort
- The Croke Park Hotel

2023 Jewels of Ireland - 15 Days/14 Nights

Trip Itinerary

Day 1 Dublin City Tour | Dublin Castle

Your tour begins at 2:00 PM at your Dublin hotel. Experience a panoramic tour of the city, then visit Dublin Castle for a guided tour. Learn how the castle was the seat of power in Ireland for many centuries, and see the State Apartments, used today for official ceremonies and presidential inaugurations. Enjoy a welcome drink with your group before enjoying an evening free to dine as you wish.

Day 3 Blarney Castle | Kinsale Walking Tour

Travel to Blarney Castle; climb the winding staircase to kiss its famous stone or enjoy the gardens. Go to Kinsale, a picturesque old fishing town now known for art galleries and gourmet food. Join a local guide for a fascinating walk around its historic streets, once besieged by the Spanish Armada, before dinner in your hotel. (B, D)

Day 5 Slea Head Loop | Blasket Centre | Murphy's Ice Cream | Dingle

Set out on the Slea Head Loop, one of Ireland's most beautiful drives, through scenic ocean and mountain vistas. Visit the Blasket Centre in Dunquin to learn about the Blasket Islands, visible off the coast. Abandoned in 1954, they were once a lively outpost of traditional culture and language. Return to Dingle and visit Murphy's Ice Cream; taste their distinctive flavors like Irish Orange Marmalade, Brown Bread, and Dingle Gin. Take the rest of the day to wander and dine as you wish in this quaint seaside village. (B)

Day 7 Sheepdog Demonstration | Galway

Travel through the rounded limestone hills of the Burren to Caherconnell and watch skilled dogs round up sheep. Stop in a charming Burren village to explore independently. Head to lively Galway for a walking tour with a local guide - check out the medieval history evident in the city walls, the narrow streetscape, and Lynch's Castle. Take time to explore the charming shops and perhaps listen to some street musicians before dinner in your hotel. (B,D)

Day 9 Belleek Pottery | Donegal Castle

Travel north through County Mayo. Stop in County Fermanagh and visit Belleek Pottery to see craftspeople create their renowned fine china. Visit Donegal Castle, built by the O'Donnell chieftains in the 15th century and restored in the 1990s after falling into ruin for centuries. Enjoy free time in Donegal town before dinner in your hotel this evening. (B,D)

Day 11 Derry Walk | Giant's Causeway

Meet with a local guide for a walking tour to see Derry's medieval walls, the Diamond, and St. Columb's Cathedral. Explore the Giant's Causeway, enormous hexagonal columns formed over 60 million years ago. Travel along the scenic Nine Glens of Antrim before heading to Belfast. (B,D)

Day 2 Dublin Hop-On, Hop-Off Bus Tour | Taylors Three Rock Pub

Tour Dublin independently, on a Hop-On, Hop-Off bus tour. Plus choose a visit to one of Dublin's top attractions - Teeling Distillery, EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum, or GPO Museum. Join your group in the evening for a dinner of Irish specialties and a lively show at Taylors Three Rock Pub. (B,D)

Day 4 Killarney | Dingle

(B,D)

Day 6 Cliffs of Moher | Medieval Castle Banquet

Visit the Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum, which recalls air travel in the 1930s and 1940s. Drive to the magnificent Cliffs of Moher, soaring 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean. In the evening, head to a castle for a medieval-style banquet with traditional songs and stories. (B, D)

Day 8 Killary Harbour Catamaran Cruise | Kylemore Abbey

Drive through Connemara to Leenane for a catamaran cruise (seasonal) of Killary Harbour, Ireland's only fjord. Travel on to see Kylemore Abbey, a beautiful castle in a lakeside setting. Enjoy an evening free to explore vibrant, artistic Galway city. (B)

Day 10 Slieve League Cliffs | Triona Design Demonstration

Enjoy a coastal drive to view Slieve League, Europe's highest sea cliffs. Continue on to our CIE Tours preferred shopping partner, Triona Design Donegal Tweed Centre in Ardara; see demonstrations of spinning, weaving and knitting. Enjoy some free time to explore before returning to the hotel for dinner. (B,D)

Day 12 Titanic Belfast | Brú na Bóinne

Tour Belfast, seeing its grand Victorian buildings and discovering its rich maritime history. Visit Titanic Belfast to explore the story of the doomed ocean liner, built in the local shipyards in 1912. Head to The Cross Guns, an award-winning gastropub, for lunch. Next, visit Brú na Bóinne, where you'll learn about the 5,000-year-old burial tombs of Knowth and Newgrange in the visitor center before visiting one of the tombs. Relax over dinner with your group in your hotel. (B,L,D)

Day 13 Croke Park | Dublin

Head to Dublin, where you'll visit Croke Park, the legendary stadium where All-Ireland Football and Hurling Championships are played. Visit the GAA Museum and learn about the Gaelic Athletic Association's fascinating role in cultural, social, and sporting heritage. Take the Skyline Tour, ascending to the stadium's rooftop 44 meters above the city for amazing views of Dublin. The rest of your day is free to explore the city and dine independently. (B)

Day 15 Tour Ends in Dublin

Your tour ends after breakfast. (B) B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner >

Day 14 Independent Dublin Sightseeing

Explore Dublin independently. Guests who have not used their vouchers on Day 2 may use them today to do the Hop-On, Hop-Off bus tour and choice of attractions. Otherwise, this vibrant city is yours to discover as you like. In the evening, dine independently at your choice of one of the many restaurants or pubs that Dublin has to offer. (B)

Due to unforeseen circumstances, all hotels and visits are subject to changes until departure.

