

# Mary Washington ElderStudy

## Fall Schedule: August – December 2018

NOTE: RESERVATIONS FOR TOURS CAN NOT BE ACCEPTED PRIOR TO 7 AUGUST 2018

(as of 7 July 2018)

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| <b>Thursday</b><br>August 16<br>1pm–3pm<br>CLL                       | <b>Curriculum Committee Meeting I</b>   | The Curriculum Committee is responsible for planning the 40 plus programs that are scheduled each semester. We are always looking for that next new topic on our journey to lifelong learning. Come join us and help develop programs that are interesting and stimulating. (Sponsored by Joe Alfred)   |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>August 21<br>10am–noon<br>CLL                      | <b>The Right to Bear Arms and Gun Control - The Reach and Limits of the Second Amendment</b><br>Steve Bacon | Steve Bacon, professor of political science and international affairs at UMW, will discuss recent landmark decisions of the United States Supreme Court, specifically <i>District of Columbia v Heller</i> and <i>McDonald v City of Chicago</i> , and how they have been applied by lower courts. (Sponsored by Carolyn Sulima)  |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>August 23<br>10am–noon<br>CLL<br><b>TOUR-RSVP</b> | <b>TOUR - Bricks and Boards in the Burg</b><br>Scott Walker   | Join the Tourmaster for an 8 1/2 block walk through Fredericksburg's Historic Downtown District. See and hear about history and architecture from four different centuries in places you know something about but will be surprised to learn - and enjoy - more. Meet in the Historic Market Square, located behind the old Town Hall building at 907 Princess Anne Street. <b>RSVP required to Mary Ann Stana at mastana10@hotmail.com or 540-604-5634.</b> Limited to 35 persons. (Sponsored by Mary Ann Stana)   |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>August 28<br>10am–noon<br>CLL                      | <b>Confederates in New England</b><br>Ryan Quint  | When it comes to the Civil War, large set battles in Virginia, Tennessee, and Pennsylvania come to mind. However, the war reached every part of the nation, even up in New England. Historian Ryan Quint examines two of the more colorful incidents to occur during the war. First, in June 1863, the Battle of Portland Harbor reveals a far-fetched idea that brought a Confederate raider up to the coastline of Maine. Secondly, a year later, the Confederate raid on St. Albans, Vermont proves that even in the fall of 1864, Confederates still sought ways to change the tide of popular perception of a dwindling Confederacy. (Sponsored by Mike Redding) |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>August 29<br>11am–noon<br>CLL                    | <b>Membership Committee Meeting I</b>   | The Membership Committee handles publicity, the newsletter, maintaining the website and planning social events. Members are always welcome to attend our meetings. <b>NOTE UNUSUAL START TIME.</b> (Sponsored by Donna Lewis)   |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>August 29<br>1pm–3pm<br>CLL                      | <b>Administrative Committee Meeting I</b>   | The Administrative Committee develops policies and plans for operating the organization. It reviews governing documents, updates the Policies and Procedures, monitors finances and projects future needs, proposes the annual budget and member fees. Members are always welcome to attend our meetings. (Sponsored by John Thompson)  |

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| <b>Thursday</b><br>August 30<br>10am-noon<br>CLL | <b>A Journey to the End of the World</b><br>Mike Redding | Elder Study member Mike Redding will present photographs from his recent trip to the far end of South America, including Buenos Aires, Iguassu Falls, Patagonia, Tierra Del Fuego, Straits of Magellan, Cape Horn, Santiago and Easter Island. (Sponsored by Mike Redding) |
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| <b>Tuesday</b><br>September 4<br>10am-noon<br>CLL | <b>Sherman's Red Clay Minuet</b><br>Joe Alfred | ElderStudy member Joe Alfred will discuss Union General William Tecumseh Sherman's battles with Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston after the battle of Chattanooga. Joe will discuss the pros and cons of their tactics and the decisions that were made by President Davis and President Lincoln that determined the fate of Atlanta. (Sponsored by Joe Alfred) |
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| <b>Wednesday</b><br>September 5<br>10am-noon<br>CLL | <b>Board of Directors Meeting</b> | Board meetings are open to all ElderStudy members. Come and witness firsthand the decision-making process that ensures that ElderStudy is meeting its objectives. This is a chance for all members to suggest new ideas for the organization directly to the Board and to committee chairpersons. (Sponsored by President Jack Allison) |
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| <b>Thursday</b><br>September 6<br>10am-noon<br>CLL | <b>Growing Up as a Christian in Jordan</b><br>Siham Alfred | Dr. Siham Alfred, Germanna professor of math and ElderStudy member, will discuss her life, growing up in Jordan as a Christian in a majority Muslim country. She will provide a description of Christianity and Islam in the Middle East where both religions began. Siham will also discuss Lebanon where she was educated. (Sponsored by Joe Alfred) |
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| <b>Tuesday</b><br>September 11<br>10am-noon<br>CLL | <b>Keeping a Home Aquarium - the Perspective of a Biological Oceanographer</b><br>Michael Hydorn | Dr. Michael Hydorn, professor of chemistry at Germanna, will describe the fundamentals of keeping a saltwater or freshwater aquarium in the home. He will compare the natural ecosystems to the home aquarium and how to make them similar. Dr. Hydorn will discuss the required chemical and biochemical systems that must become established within the aquarium in order to successfully keep saltwater or freshwater fishes. Also, he will describe the protocols of fish keeping from getting started to maintaining an aquarium for many years and he will include examples of what works and what fails. (Sponsored by Randy Fennemore) |
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| <b>Wednesday</b><br>September 12<br>10am-noon<br>CLL | <b>Two Women Who Visited Stafford During the Civil War</b><br>Jane Conner | Jane Conner, Stafford historian, author and president of the Stafford Museum and Cultural Center Foundation, will discuss Princess Agnes Salm-Salm and Mary Walker. Princess Agnes Salm-Salm was an American who married a Prussian prince. They met in Washington, D.C. when Felix Salm-Salm was a mercenary serving in the Union Army. After their marriage, she followed him to various battlefields. In the camps she cared for the wounded and sick soldiers. When she was in Boscobel, a lovely Stafford home, she actually kissed President Lincoln. After the war, Agnes had an adventurous life even traveling to Mexico to save Emperor Maximilian's life. Mary Walker was an American abolitionist and Civil War surgeon. When she was at Stafford's Chatham she did not use her surgery skills but instead was asked to place dressings on the wounded after the Battle of Fredericksburg and prepare them for the trip to hospitals in D.C. Mary was even a prisoner of war in Richmond. Dr. Walker was the first and only woman to ever receive the Medal of Honor. (Sponsored by Randy Fennemore) |
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**Thursday**  
September 13  
1pm-3pm  
UMW Stafford  
Campus  
Library

**Book Group — *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann**  
Sherrill Bartholomew

With oil discovered beneath their land, the Osage Indian Nation in Oklahoma, in the 1920's, were the richest people per capital the world. But then, the Osage began to be killed off and J. Edgar Hoover, the young director of the new FBI, turned to a former Texas ranger to unravel the mystery. (Sponsored by Dot Meyers)

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**Tuesday**  
September 18  
1pm-3pm  
CLL

**The First Amendment, a Free Press and Fake News - Why Facts Matter**  
Rich Martin

Rich Martin, professor of journalism at the University of Illinois, will discuss how Americans today live in a digital, networked, social, interactive and information-rich age that can be overwhelming. We are challenged by ever-increasing numbers of players in the information arena who may – or may not – provide news that is credible and reliable. Readers and viewers distrust much of what they read, hear or see. Journalists are accused of manufacturing “fake news” when their stories run counter to positions taken by politicians and other newsmakers. For some, opinions and “alternative facts” matter more than fact-based reporting. It is a crazy time for citizens who are trying to navigate this new environment and find verifiable and trustworthy news and information that they need to make smarter decisions and engage thoughtfully in a democratic society. In this class we'll talk about how we as news consumers can improve our news literacy and learn how to distinguish between facts, fiction and opinions. (Sponsored by Carolyn Sulima)

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**Wednesday**  
September 19  
10am-noon  
Klein Theatre

**Play Discussion — *The Amish Project* by Jessica Dickey**  
Gregg Stull

Actors take the stage to inhabit the lives of the Pennsylvania Amish community brought to its knees by unimaginable tragedy. In October of 2006, a shooter entered a one room schoolhouse in the Old Order Amish community and took aim, leaving five young girls dead and five injured, before he turned the gun on himself. Playwright Jessica Dickey's fictional story exploring the aftermath of this real-life event explores the unthinkable concept of forgiveness in the face of a senseless and violent act. Standing on either side of the oft-blurred lines between fact and fiction, *The Amish Project* is a hauntingly elegant and timely study of compassion and its rightful place in today's changing world. **Tickets will be available during and after class. Box Office 540-654-1124.** The parking lot across from Klein should be reserved for ElderStudy. ElderStudy members may bring non-member guests to this session. (Sponsored by Bob and Carole Hanus)

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**Wednesday**  
September 19  
1:30pm-3pm  
Ridderhof  
Martin Gallery

**Fall UMW Gallery Tour I**  
Rosemary Jesionowski

The two tours will begin at the Ridderhof Martin Gallery and proceed to duPont Hall. ES receives a personal tour of each current exhibits by the director or curator of the UMW Galleries. You may choose to dine in the Maple Room on the fourth floor of the University Center (site of the former Chandler Hall) at a reduced rate before the tour. **NOTE UNUSUAL START TIME.** We will visit two galleries: the Ridderhof Martin Gallery and the duPont Gallery. (Sponsored by Mary Ann Stana)

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**Thursday**  
September 20  
10am-noon  
Government  
Island  
**TOUR - RSVP**

**TOUR - Government Island, a Little Park with a Lot of History**  
Maria Cannata

Walk with Maria Cannata, a Virginia Master Naturalist, through Government Island and learn about the interesting history of the quarry, some geology and the plants. Maria will point out interesting plants, talk about the impact of invasives and the changes that have occurred over the last 5 years. The walk will be about 1.5 miles on a mulched, uneven path. After the talk the picnic shelter (with bathrooms) will be available to have lunch if you are interested. The trip will be **limited to 20 persons. RSVP Imogene Treble [trebleie@gmail.com](mailto:trebleie@gmail.com) or 908-938-1663.** (Sponsored by Imogene Treble)

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**Thursday**  
September 20  
1pm-3pm  
CLL

**Curriculum Committee Meeting II**

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**Tuesday**  
September 25  
10am-noon  
CLL

**Parkinson's Disease**  
Richard Gaudio

Rich Gaudio graduated with a BS and an MS in Physical Therapy from SUNY Upstate Syracuse. After graduation Rich moved to Fredericksburg and has been practicing in the realm of rehabilitation ever since. Parkinson disease is the third leading degenerative, progressive, neurological disorder affecting adults in the US. Approximately 10 million people around the world and 1 million people in the US are currently diagnosed. An additional 60,000 people are diagnosed every year in the US. It has a ratio of 1.5 to 1, male to female and an average age of onset of 68 years old. This disease costs the US almost \$25 billion per year in healthcare costs. The reality is, despite there being no cure, the disease is very manageable and there are several programs in the US that are improving how people manage Parkinson's Disease. What we have learned about these interventions has had a profound impact on our aging population, even if they do not have Parkinson's Disease. (Sponsored by Bill Wemmerus)

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**Wednesday**  
September 26  
10am-noon  
The James  
Monroe  
Museum  
**TOUR - RSVP**

**TOUR - The James Monroe Museum**  
Lynda Allen

This program will be at the James Monroe Museum and will focus on the museum's collection of artifacts and documents related to our 5th President. The cost of the tour will be \$7.00, payable on the day of the tour and is **limited to 40 persons. RSVP by Sept 12, 2018 to Michelle Esbshade by email (preferred method) at [esbt@hotmail.com](mailto:esbt@hotmail.com) or via phone at 703-203-4113.** Weather permitting, you will be able to enjoy a brown bag lunch in the museum's garden. DIRECTIONS: Enter downtown FVA via Williams Street and turn south on Charles Street. The museum is at 908 Charles Street and will be on your right. (Sponsored by Michelle Esbshade)

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**Thursday**  
September 27  
10am-noon  
CLL

**Harriet Tubman - Hero of the North Star**  
Beth Parnicza

Beth Parnicza, historian with the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park will address the question: "What creates a hero?" Harriet Tubman was a woman who never quit. Born a slave on Maryland's Eastern Shore, she read the stars and navigated the marshes to steal herself to freedom. Dissatisfied with a freedom that did not include her loved ones, she famously broke the law in at least 13 return trips to carry her family and friends from Maryland to freedom in the North and later, Canada. Most famous for her work on the Underground Railroad, her life personified her commitment to doing right. She served as a nurse, cook and spy in the Civil War, and she participated in the Combahee River Raid in South Carolina that destroyed riverside plantations and freed 750 enslaved people. Her later career included caring for elderly African Americans and working as a suffragist. Her tireless efforts prove the power of an individual to help change the world. (Sponsored by Mike Redding)

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**Tuesday**  
October 2  
10am-12:30pm  
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**Library of Congress Preview**  
Suzanne Willis

ElderStudy member Suzanne Willis will present two DVDs to preview our tour of the Library of Congress on 25 October. DVD 1 (90 minutes): Library of Congress: Behind the Scenes at the World's Largest Library, C-Span Documentary providing the history of the institution and glimpses of some of the library's rare book, photo and map collections.

DVD 2 (47 minutes): The Real National Treasure: An Inside Look at the Library of Congress, History Channel describes the services provided by the Library of Congress and the diverse items that comprise its unrivaled collections including; books in hundreds of languages, original manuscripts, maps, photographs, films, sheet music, sound recordings and even musical instruments. The Library of Congress is at the forefront in preserving these diverse media and the various techniques it utilizes are explained and demonstrated. **NOTE UNUSUAL END TIME.** (Sponsored by Suzanne Willis)

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| <p><b>Wednesday</b><br/>October 3<br/>10am-noon<br/>National<br/>Museum of the<br/>Marine Corps<br/><b>TOUR - RSVP</b></p> | <p><b>TOUR - National Museum of the Marine Corp</b><br/>Pamela Dodson</p> | <p>A guided tour of the museum will highlight a tribute to the US Marine Corps, past, present and future using world class, interactive exhibits, artifacts, sights and sounds. <b>RSVP by Sept 19, 2018 to Michelle Esbshade by email (preferred method) at <a href="mailto:esbt@hotmail.com">esbt@hotmail.com</a> or via phone at 703-203-4113. DIRECTIONS:</b> Take exit 150 off of I-95 and to US Route 1. Turn right on US 1 and museum will be on your right - 18900 Jefferson Davis Highway. There are restaurants available at the museum. (Sponsored by Michelle Esbshade)</p> |
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| <p><b>Thursday</b><br/>October 4<br/>10am-noon<br/>CLL</p> | <p><b>Old War, New Deal - the Civilian Conservation Corps on Civil War Battlefields</b><br/>Rebekah Oakes</p> | <p>Rebekah Oakes, historian at the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, will describe how the CCC in the 1930s had a profound influence on the battlefield landscape we know and use today. She will address the question - How did this Depression era 'make work' organization help to transform battlefields into modern national spaces? (Sponsored by Mike Redding)</p> |
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| <p><b>Thursday</b><br/>October 4<br/>1pm-3pm<br/>CLL</p> | <p><b>Feng Shui for a Health Home</b><br/>Cheryl Shotwell</p> | <p>Cheryl Shotwell has practiced Feng Shui since 1995 and is a certified instructor. She is featured on FM radio B101.5 and in numerous publications. Cheryl's method is simple: realistic assessments; color therapy, balance, symbolism, lighting, clutter busting, proper intention and the understanding of frequency. Feng Shui, known as the "ancient art of placement" uses mindful choices in our environment to create harmony in our lives. (Sponsored by Michelle Esbshade)</p> |
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| <p><b>Tuesday</b><br/>October 9<br/>10am-<br/>12:30pm<br/>CLL</p> | <p><b>The Academy Awards Best Pictures - The Last Episode 2010-2014</b><br/>Gary Olsen</p> | <p>This last episode of the series wraps up the examination of the Academy Awards Best Pictures as the line-up of nominated films fittingly shows a reflection and nostalgia of the past of the Academy's existence. Films such as <i>The King's Speech</i> (2010), <i>The Artist</i> (2011), <i>The War Horse</i> (2011) and <i>Midnight In Paris</i> (2011) all show that history still provides great story ideas for contemporary audiences. <b>NOTE UNUSUAL END TIME.</b> (Sponsored by Alan Zirkle)</p> |
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| <p><b>Wednesday</b><br/>October 10<br/>10am-noon<br/>CLL</p> | <p><b>Thomas Stone - Forgotten Patriot</b><br/>Scott Hill</p> | <p>Although a signer of the Declaration of Independence and a framer of the Articles of Confederation, Thomas Stone's contributions to American History are largely forgotten. Come learn more about this unassuming Founding Father and the role he played in the creation of the United States of America. (Sponsored by Charlie Fennemore)</p> |
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| <p><b>Thursday</b><br/>October 11<br/>10am-noon<br/>CLL</p> | <p><b>Exodus - Slavery, War and the Struggle for Freedom in the Fredericksburg Region</b><br/>John Hennessy</p> | <p>John Hennessy, Chief Historian at the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, will present a look at slavery in this region - its nature and extent - and the competing efforts over decades to loosen the bonds (by slaves themselves, mostly) or strengthen them (by owners and government), culminating in the exodus of more than 10,000 men, women and children of color across the Rappahannock to freedom in 1862. He will focus both on the people and the places associated with the story. (Sponsored by Mike Redding)</p> |
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| <p><b>Thursday</b><br/>October 11<br/>1pm-3pm<br/>UMW Stafford<br/>Campus<br/>Library</p>   | <p><b>Book Group — <i>The Midnight Line</i>; A Jack Reacher Novel by Lee Child</b><br/>Bob Fredericks</p> | <p>If you are not already a fan of Jack Reacher thrillers, this new one may get you started. It is set in Wyoming, but not the Jackson Hole, Yellowstone part. Reacher is a retired Army MP officer, but that scarcely describes him. The story takes us to an aspect of the opioid drug problem, but it is much more than that. Page turner on steroids! (Sponsored by Dot Meyers)</p>  |
| <p><b>Tuesday</b><br/>October 16<br/>10am-noon<br/>CLL</p>                                  | <p><b>Odd, Unusual and Just Plain Silly Weapons</b><br/>Ben Garrett</p>                                   | <p>Ben Garrett, a retired FBI scientist, is returning to ElderStudy with a program that is both funny and sad: Flaming cats as a means of setting a castle on fire; dogs as anti-tank weapons; pigeons as carriers of anthrax-laden bombs; and my all-time favorite, "Who Me?", a US weapon intended to be used by the Chinese children, who would spray the foul-smelling mixture on Japanese soldiers. All true, even if strange. (Sponsored by Kay McKinney)</p>  |
| <p><b>Wednesday</b><br/>October 17<br/>10am-11am<br/>CLL</p>                                | <p><b>Medical Care for the Very Elderly</b><br/>Wayland Marks</p>   | <p>Dr. Marks will address the medical issues and care of individuals in their 80's and 90's, why the current approach to their medical care is unsatisfactory and what are some suggested remedies. He will review some suggestions to help individuals prepare for their 80's and 90's. (NOTE: This program is an hour-long presentation and immediately precedes our Spring General Membership Meeting) (Sponsored by Chuck Johnson)</p>   |
| <p><b>Wednesday</b><br/>October 17<br/>10am-noon<br/>CLL</p>                                | <p><b>General Membership Meeting</b></p>  | <p>This is the open forum designed to communicate directly with your fellow members, to better learn how ElderStudy works, to better understand the issues that are facing the organization, and to vote on those critical issues facing us. In addition, new members can meet and develop friendships with like-minded persons, and long-term members can renew old friendships. A delicious table of drinks and goodies makes the meeting even more enjoyable. (Sponsored by President Chuck Block)</p>  |
| <p><b>Thursday</b><br/>October 18<br/>10am-noon<br/>Visitor Center<br/><b>TOUR-RSVP</b></p> | <p><b>TOUR - Fredericksburg Hauntings Walking Tour</b><br/>Robin Nimmo</p>                                | <p>Our tour guide Robin Nimmo will describe why people say that Fredericksburg has the most history, battles and ghosts in America. Tales of lives and events, famous and infamous, will engulf participants on this leisurely-paced walk. History is incorporated into paranormal tales. <b>DIRECTIONS:</b> Meet at the Visitor's Center, 706 Caroline Street. Street parking or the parking garage is available. <b>RSVP Mary Ann Stana, mastana10@hotmail.com or 540-604-5634.</b> The tour is <b>limited to 15 persons.</b> (NOTE: Since this tour can accommodate only 15 participants, a second tour on October 23 from 1600 to 1800 has been arranged.) (Sponsored by Mary Ann Stana)</p> |
| <p><b>Thursday</b><br/>October 18<br/>1pm-3pm<br/>CLL</p>                                   | <p><b>Curriculum Committee Meeting III</b></p>  | <p>The Curriculum Committee is responsible for planning the 40 plus programs that are scheduled each semester. We are always looking for that next new topic on our journey to lifelong learning. Come join us and help develop programs that are interesting and stimulating. (Sponsored by Joe Alfred)</p>   |
| <p><b>Tuesday</b><br/>October 23<br/>10am-noon<br/>CLL</p>                                  | <p><b>Native American Story Telling</b><br/>Greg Gagnon</p>   | <p>Dr. Gagnon, an ElderStudy member and retired Indian Studies professor, will provide a general overview of the function of stories in traditional and contemporary Native American societies. He will then focus on the function of trickster stories that are common in all Native American cultures. These tricksters are supernatural beings, who are both a creator and an exemplar of bad behavior and are often malicious, amoral and downright mean. (Sponsored by Chuck Johnson)</p>   |

**Tuesday**  
October 23  
4pm-6pm  
Visitor Center  
**TOUR-RSVP**

**TOUR - Fredericksburg Hauntings Walking Tour**  
Robin Nimmo

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**Wednesday**  
October 24  
10am-noon  
UMW Bell Tower  
**TOUR**

**TOUR - Walking the Campus at UMW**  
Jonie Wilson

Joni Wilson, former Head of Landscape and Grounds, is now retired after 31 years of service to UMW. We will meet at the front of the Entrance Bell Tower. Jonie will point out unique and special trees and their benefits; as well as the new Zen Garden being created near the historic amphitheater. (Sponsored by Rose Reif)

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**Thursday**  
October 25  
8am-5:00pm  
Target parking lot, Route 17  
**TOUR-RSVP**

**TOUR - Library of Congress**  
Mark Jager

**50-member limit tour.** The Library of Congress is the nation's oldest federal cultural institution, serves as the research arm of Congress and is the largest library in the world. Our bus will leave at 8:15 am from the Warrenton Road, Route 17 Target Parking Lot and return by 5:00. Due to strict security in the Capitol District, of which LOC is a part, our bus cannot park or leave us off in front of the library. We will have about a 5+ minute walk to and from the bus to LOC. We will be given guided group tours at LOC's Jefferson Building. Our tours will start at 10:30. We will leave LOC at 3:30. During the time after our guided tours and before 3:30, we can tour on our own the various exhibitions such as *Echoes of the Great War*, Thomas Jefferson's personal library, etc. and get lunch at the LOC Madison Bldg. via the walking tunnel which connects the buildings. **RSVP to Suzanne Willis, 540-786-2196 or esmwillis1941@gmail.com no later than 31 August.** Make check for \$27 payable to Mary Washington ElderStudy. Send to Suzanne Willis at 5515 River Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22407. Suzanne will need check for confirmation. **By registering for this tour, the member releases UMW and ElderStudy from any and all claims for injury or damage as a result of the activities of this tour.** See article in newsletter for detailed information about LOC trip. (Sponsored by Suzanne Willis)

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**Wednesday**  
October 31  
10am-noon  
Klein Theatre

**Play Discussion — *Merrily We Roll Along* by Stephen Sondheim and George Furth.**  
Gregg Stull

Growing up. There is nothing more certain. For Frank, Charlie and Mary, their lives are all ahead of them—or rather, behind them—in this brilliantly conceived musical by Stephen Sondheim and George Furth. *Merrily We Roll Along* masterfully reveals, in reverse, the relationships of three best friends and their successes in life, love, friendship and all the little bumps along the way. With songs like the gorgeously heartbreaking "Not a Day Goes By" the sassily uplifting, "Old Friends" and the exquisitely lyrical "Good Thing Going" *Merrily We Roll Along* is sheer brilliance as it connects the rocky terrain between the characters' disillusioned adulthoods to their hopeful, starry-eyed youthful beginnings. **Tickets will be available during and after class. Box Office 540-654-1124.** The parking lot across from Klein should be reserved for ElderStudy. ElderStudy members may bring non-member guests to this session. (Sponsored by Bob and Carole Hanus)

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Martin Gallery  
**TOUR**

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Rosemary Jesionowski

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**Thursday**  
November 1  
10am–noon  
CLL

**George Washington - Hidden in Plain Sight**  
John Maass

Dr. John Maass of the Army Historical Office just published a book which is essentially a field guide to Washington’s footsteps in Virginia. George Washington’s lifetime connection to the state of Virginia is well known along with his visits to iconic sites in the Commonwealth. His extensive travels also brought him to other venues, many of which are commonly known but are not popularly associated with Washington. Using records of Washington’s financial accounts, along with other resources, Dr. Maass has reconstructed his lesser known travels to many sites, some of which can still be accessed today. Dr. Maass will present a guide to these places which are “hidden in plain sight.” (Sponsored by Dennis Van Derlaske)

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**Tuesday**  
November 6  
10am–  
12:30pm  
CLL

**The Origins of Cinema**  
Gary Olsen

This lecture traces the origins of moving pictures from the beginnings before film to 1907. Book author and veteran film lecturer Gary Olsen will offer insights into the infancy of cinema, including Thomas Edison’s role in the development of early film. He’ll take an especial look at George Melies’ *Trip To The Moon* (1902) and Edwin Porter’s *The Great Train Robbery* (1903). **NOTE UNUSUAL END TIME.** (Sponsored by Alan Zirkle)

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**Wednesday**  
November 7  
10am–noon  
Shannon  
Airport  
**TOUR-RSVP**

**TOUR - Shannon Air Museum**  
Gary Skinner

Fredericksburg’s Shannon Airport was founded in the 1950s by Sidney Shannon Jr. The museum at the airport had the largest collection of rare aircraft in the world at that time. **Tour is limited to 25 members.** If there is sufficient interest, we will schedule a second tour starting at 1 pm. The cost of the tour is \$5 and is paid directly to the museum. The tour ticket also provides a 15% discount for a light lunch. **RSVP by email to Mike Redding at [mgredding@verizon.net](mailto:mgredding@verizon.net) or call 540-899-3688.** Use the subject line “Shannon Air Museum” and provide the name(s) and number of people coming. You will receive a reply indicating whether or not you are in the first tour. If you are not in the first 25, you will be able to register for the second tour. **DIRECTIONS:** from I-95, take Exit 130, VA 3 east to VA 17 Business south, turn right on Shannon Airport Circle. (Sponsored by Mike Redding)

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**Wednesday**  
November 7  
1pm–3pm  
Shannon  
Airport  
**TOUR-RSVP**

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Afternoon TOUR (Sponsored by Mike Redding)

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| <p><b>Thursday</b><br/>November 8<br/>10am-noon<br/>CLL</p>                               | <p><b>Hemingway's Wives and Mary Benneky</b><br/>Elaine Flynn</p>                               | <p>We welcome Elaine back for a morning of fun and informative historical presentations. In the first hour, she will portray the four wives of Ernest Hemingway. The second hour with Molly Benneky (grandmother of Benjamin Banneker) will feature Washington DC and what was built on the land Benjamin surveyed. We will "visit" memorials to Banneker, Sojourner Truth, Rosa Parks. and Thurgood Marshall, and go "off the beaten path" to discover other notables who made their home in DC. (Sponsored by Mary Ann Stana)</p>   |
| <p><b>Thursday</b><br/>November 8<br/>1pm-3pm<br/>UMW Stafford<br/>Campus<br/>Library</p> | <p><b>Book Group — <i>Beneath A Scarlet Sky</i> by Mark Sullivan</b><br/>Kay McKinney</p>       | <p>Based on the true story of a forgotten hero, this is the triumphant, epic tale of one young man's incredible courage and resilience during one of history's darkest hours. When his family home in Milan is destroyed by Allied bombs, he joins an underground railroad helping Jews escape over the Alps. (Sponsored by Dot Meyers)</p>   |
| <p><b>Tuesday</b><br/>November 13<br/>10am-noon<br/>CLL</p>                               | <p><b>A Skip and a Jump - The Moon and Mars</b><br/>Jon Malay</p>                               | <p>Jon Malay returns to ElderStudy with two more of his science lectures, normally presented to audiences on high end cruise ships. This time, we look outward to the only two neighboring worlds we humans can realistically aspire to reach any time soon - our moon and our neighboring planet Mars. A rocket-powered hop now routinely takes astronauts and cosmonauts to the International Space Station in low Earth orbit and a skip took us to the moon almost 50 years ago. But it is going to take a very big, expensive and risky jump to finally get people to Mars. We do, however, already know a tremendous amount about both of them from our robotic and Apollo manned missions to the moon and our ongoing and planned robotic missions to Mars today. In this two-part lecture, we will take a look at the scientific knowledge of these worlds that we have today and the human exploration we hope to do in the next few decades.<br/>(Sponsored by Randy Fennemore)</p> |
| <p><b>Wednesday</b><br/>November 14<br/>10am-noon<br/>CLL</p>                             | <p><b>Arlington National Cemetery - Origins, Myths and Fact</b><br/>David Lassman</p>           | <p>Learn the real stories behind the creation of Arlington National Cemetery which often conflict with widely circulated accounts.<br/>(Sponsored by Charlie Fennemore)</p>   |
| <p><b>Thursday</b><br/>November 15<br/>11am-noon<br/>CLL</p>                              | <p><b>Membership Committee Meeting II</b></p>   | <p>The Membership Committee handles publicity, the newsletter, maintaining the website and planning social events. Members are always welcome to attend our meetings. <b>NOTE UNUSUAL START TIME.</b> (Sponsored by Donna Lewis)</p>  |
| <p><b>Tuesday</b><br/>November 20<br/>10am-noon<br/>CLL</p>                               | <p><b>Don't Let Your Family Fall Apart (Your Family's History That Is)</b><br/>Betsy Switaj</p> | <p>Newspaper clippings, letters, photographs, certificates, family Bibles and such are important keepsakes, not only to reminisce about but to pass on to future generations. These papers represent the important events in your family's history and will crumble into dust unless you take proper measures to protect them. Learn how your documents can be stabilized and protected for hundreds of years. You and your family will be able to experience the satisfaction of examining the documents knowing they are protected from any misfortune.<br/>(Sponsored by Jack Allison)</p>   |

**Tuesday**  
November 27  
10am-noon  
CLL

**My Dad in World War II**  
Joe Alfred

ElderStudy member Joe Alfred will discuss his Dad, Walt Alfred, who was Chief Bosun's Mate on Admiral Kinkaid's command ship, the USS Wasatch. The Seventh Fleet under Kinkaid engaged in the Morotai Landings as part of the Western New Guinea operations on 15 September 1944; Balikpapan as part of the Borneo operations from 26 June to 6 July 1944; and the battle of Leyte Gulf, the largest naval battle ever fought, from 19 to 29 October 1944.  
(Sponsored by Joe Alfred)

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**Tuesday**  
November 27  
1pm-3pm  
CLL

**Volunteer Medical Care Around the Globe**  
Patrick Neustatter, MD

Dr. Neustatter, a general medical practitioner and local columnist for the Free Lance Star and Front Porch, has served as a Flying Doctor in Australia as well as volunteer stints in back-country Ecuador, Haiti, South Africa and Zimbabwe. He will relate his varied and unique experiences in each locale as well as his retirement position as medical director of the Moss Free Clinic. (Sponsored by Rose Reif)

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**Wednesday**  
November 28  
1pm-3pm  
CLL

**Administrative Committee Meeting II**

The Administrative Committee develops policies and plans for operating the organization. It reviews governing documents, updates the Policies and Procedures, monitors finances and projects future needs, proposes the annual budget and member fees. Members are always welcome to attend our meetings.  
(Sponsored by John Thompson)

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**Tuesday**  
December 4  
10am-12:30pm  
CLL

**The Life and Films of D.W. Griffith**  
Gary Olsen

Join book author and veteran film lecturer Gary Olsen as he examines the films of the "Father of Cinema," David Wark Griffith, who created film as the art form we know today. Griffith almost single-handedly formulated the way movies look, developing innovations that reshaped film from simple silent shorts to sophisticated full-length feature moving pictures. **NOTE UNUSUAL END TIME**  
(Sponsored by Alan Zirkle)

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**Wednesday**  
December 5  
10am-noon  
CLL

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Board meetings are open to all ElderStudy members. Come and witness firsthand the decision-making process that ensures ElderStudy is meeting its objectives. This is a chance for all members to suggest new ideas for the organization directly to the Board and to committee chairpersons. (Sponsored by President Chuck Block)

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**Tuesday**  
December 11  
11:30am-2pm  
North Building  
UMW Stafford  
**RSVP**

**Winter Luncheon**

The ElderStudy Winter Luncheon will be held at University Hall in the North Building of the UMW Stafford Campus. Our University contact is Susan Lafayette, Office of Events and Conferences at 549-654-1234. **DIRECTIONS:** The Stafford Campus is on Route 17 north. If using Interstate 95, take Exit 133 north towards Warrenton. The North Building is next to the South Building where we usually meet. **RSVP Carolyn Sulima at [cmsulima@yahoo.com](mailto:cmsulima@yahoo.com) or Eugenia Jones at [eugenia13812@yahoo.com](mailto:eugenia13812@yahoo.com)** (Sponsored by Eugenia Jones)

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**Wednesday**  
December 12  
10am-noon  
CLL

**Election Analysis**  
Stephen Farnsworth

Dr. Stephen Farnsworth, UMW professor of political science and international affairs and director of the Center for Leadership and Media Studies, will discuss the mid-term elections and their impact on America. (Sponsored by Phil Hall)

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**Wednesday**  
December 12  
1pm-3pm  
CLL

**Blending Life's Experiences and The Blues - A Mini Concert**  
Gaye Adegbalola

Fredericksburg native and National Blues Music Award winner Gaye Adegbalola will return to ElderStudy to present a mini concert and share the ideas that inspired her originally composed music. During this two-hour session, Gaye will demonstrate just what it means to be "a modern-day griot – one responsible for keeping the oral history alive, delivering messages of empowerment and finding joy in the mundane." (Sponsored by Donna Lewis)

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**Thursday**  
December 13  
1pm-3pm  
UMW Stafford  
Campus  
Library

**Book Group — *Evicted. Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond**  
Michael Millard

Unforgettable story of eight poor Milwaukee families being evicted. "Transforms our understanding of extreme poverty and economic exploitation while providing fresh ideas for solving a devastating, uniquely American problem." (Sponsored by Dot Meyers)

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**Thursday**  
December 13  
3pm-3:30pm  
CLL

**Secure the CLL**

Secure the classroom (microphone, etc.)  
(Sponsored by Alan Zirkle)

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