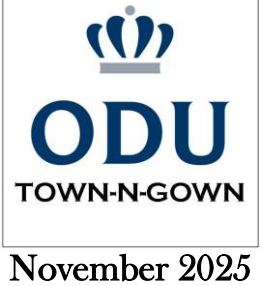


# ODU Town-N-Gown

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November 2 - Daylight Saving Time ends (*Fall Back!*)

November 8 - National STEM/STEAM Day

November 15 - National Philanthropy Day

November 30 - National Computer Security Day

November is:

Native American Heritage Month

Military Family Month

National Scholarship Month

National Gratitude Month



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## Upcoming Events / Dates to Remember

Nov 4 *ELECTION DAY - VOTE!!* (no classes)

Nov 5 *Birth of Planet Earth @ The Lê* (pg 7)

Nov 6 Veterans Day Observance (pg 6)

Nov 7-8 Fall Opera (pg 5)

Nov 7-8 *Bubble Fest: 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Arts Festival @ ODU* (pg 4)

Nov 7-11 *Commemorating and Honoring* (pg 10)

Nov 10 Happy 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday United States Marine Corps!!

Nov 11 Veterans Day

Nov 11 Town-N-Gown Board Meeting @ Webb Center

Nov 12 *Firefall @ The Lê* (pg 7)

Nov 15 *Miracle on Monarch Way* (pg 6)

Nov 19 Naval Base Tour (pg 11)

Nov 26-30 Thanksgiving Holiday Break (no classes)

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*Share the Membership Application (page 12). Help keep  
Town-N-Gown growing!!*

*Note: if your membership has lapsed, this will be your  
FINAL newsletter. ☹ Please re-new now!*

## *Around Campus*



### A MONTH of (Monarch) Savings!

Buy ONE, Get ONE!! Two tickets to your favorite sports for the price of one!! Just in time to fill your Monarch Wish List! Tickets remaining for Football, Men's Basketball, and Women's Basketball – get them before they're gone!

Friday deals through December!

Get your savings [HERE](#)

### *Congrats Monarchs!!*

**Bowl Selection Sunday is December 7 – Tune In!**

The Monarchs are bowl eligible, and the official announcement of ODU's bowl destination will take place during the NCAA Bowl Selection Show on **Sunday, December 7**. Once the matchup is revealed, ODU will receive a ticket allotment that will first be offered to **season ticket holders and donors**, followed by the general public. A **Postseason Ticket Application** will be made available immediately after the bowl selection. Check back here for the latest updates on tickets, travel packages, fan events, and everything you need to follow the Monarchs to their bowl game!

Updates [HERE](#)      All Monarch Stats [HERE](#)

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**A MONTH OF SAVINGS**

**BLACK FRIDAY**

**DEALS THROUGH DECEMBER**

**BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE**

**FOOTBALL**

NOVEMBER 13 NOVEMBER 29

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

NOVEMBER 6 NOVEMBER 11 NOVEMBER 21

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

NOVEMBER 3 NOVEMBER 7 NOVEMBER 12 NOVEMBER 23 DECEMBER 1

## ODU and New Realm Brewing Co. Debut New Lager

Few things go together like beer and live sports.

To that end, ODU's Sept. 27 football game against Liberty University at S.B. Ballard Stadium [marked] the debut of ODU Lager. This will be the second beer crafted by New Realm Brewing Co. in partnership with the University.

Like ODU Golden Ale and all other University licensed consumables, royalties from ODU Lager will directly fund student scholarships. Since ODU Golden Ale launched in August 2023, the student scholarship fund benefited from \$16,000.



ODU Lager joins an ever-growing list of licensed consumables for the University, including: ODU Golden Ale (New Realm); Big Blue Q barbecue sauce; Big Blue's Belly Rub; Red, White, & Big Blue hot sauce (The Dirty Buffalo); Ice Cream and Cake (Lolly's Creamery); Big Blue Smash Burger (Ghost Kitchen); and Monarch Morning Roast coffee (Town Center Cold Pressed).

Visit [New Realm's website](#) to see where both ODU Lager and ODU Golden Ale will be in stock.

Credit: Jeff Cunningham, ODU News

Full story [HERE](#)

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### @ The Gordon

## A Stranger on Familiar Slopes

November 20, 2025 | 12:30pm – 2:30pm | Baron & Ellin Gordon Art Galleries | Free



Join Gordon Art Galleries Curator, Jasper Waugh-Quasebarth, for a talk and walkthrough of the exhibition *River of Earth: Meaning and Material in Self-Taught Art from Appalachia*. The talk will tie together the flows of poetry, art, and coal that led to the curation of the exhibition, while focusing on the unique approaches to materials in the exhibited art and their place in Appalachian landscapes and folkways. Jasper will discuss the resonances, frictions, and conviviality that arose while curating the Gordon Self-Taught Art Collection

through a new lens. *This exhibit is on display through December 13, 2025.*

Baron & Ellin Gordon Art Galleries | 4509 Monarch Way | Parking on street or 45<sup>th</sup> Street Garage





ODU OPERA PRESENTS

# The Gift of the Magi

A chamber opera by David Conte

*Jim and Della are a young married couple determined to give each other meaningful gifts despite having no money. When they each choose to give up something precious to make the other happy, they discover that their selfless love and willingness to sacrifice for each other are the true gifts they've given each other.*



**Alijah Djanphie**  
*Della*



**Nancy Phillips**  
*Maggie*



**Paul Sealey**  
*Henry*



**Frank Veliz**  
*Jim*

Addison Maldonado, Jam Martinez, Zach Nordberg, Lars Nyman, and Oliver Sealey, **Ensemble**  
Carolina Martinez and Noel Morales, **Covers**

Analiese Guzman, Jenna Lyons, Aaron McFarlin, Ocean Robbins, Doris Taylor, **Crew**

**November 7 & 8 at 7:30 PM**

**University Theatre**

**With members of the ODU Symphony Orchestra**

**Conducted by Paul Kim and Cristina Loyola**

**\$6 STUDENTS, \$17 GENERAL ON [ODUARTSTIX.COM](https://www.oduartsstix.com)**

*Directed by*  
**Cristina Loyola**



*Fully staged and*  
**sung in English**

[TICKETS](#)



## Veterans Day Observance



The poster for Veterans Day Observance at Old Dominion University features a large American flag on the left. In the center is a portrait of Vice Admiral Doug G. Perry in his naval uniform. To the right of the portrait is a QR code with the text "Scan here to RSVP" above it. The text on the right side of the poster includes the Old Dominion University logo, the event title "★ Veterans Day ★ OBSERVANCE", the featured guest "Vice Admiral Doug G. Perry" with his titles, the date and time "Thursday, November 6, 2025 12:30 p.m.", the location "Kaufman Mall", and the inclement weather site "Webb University Center, Center Lobby". At the bottom, it says "SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION FOR VETERANS!"

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

★ Veterans Day ★  
**OBSERVANCE**

Featuring  
**Vice Admiral Doug G. Perry**  
Commander, NATO's Joint Force Command Norfolk  
Commander, U.S. 2nd Fleet  
Director, NATO's Combined Joint Operations from the Sea Centre of Excellence

Scan here to RSVP

**Thursday, November 6, 2025**  
**12:30 p.m.**  
**Kaufman Mall**  
Inclement Weather Site: Webb University Center, Center Lobby

*SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION FOR VETERANS!*



## Miracle on Monarch Way

Perfect for students, alumni, and families, this unique opportunity lets you snap memorable pictures with Big Blue in a festive holiday setting. Each session includes professional photography, and you'll receive two (2) digital copies to share with friends and family. New holiday merchandise will be featured along with kids' activities.

All ticket sales will benefit the Big Blue mascot fund.

There will also be donation boxes for food and toys that will benefit local charities.



November 15<sup>th</sup> | 11am - 3pm | University Village Bookstore | \$20 [TICKETS](#)




@ The Lê Planetarium

November 5, 2025 | 6:30pm doors open | 7pm Movie | \$4 (cash/credit/debit) at the door

*Birth of Planet Earth* tells the twisted tale of our planet's origins. Scientists now believe that our galaxy is filled with solar systems, including up to a billion planets roughly the size of our own. This film employs advanced, data-driven, cinematic-quality visualizations to explore some of the greatest questions in science today: How did Earth become a living planet in the wake of our solar system's violent birth? What does its history tell us about our chances of finding other worlds that are truly Earth-like? Narrated by: Richard Dormer



November 12, 2025 | 6:30pm doors open | 7pm Movie | \$4 (cash/credit/debit) at the door



*Firefall.* Throughout Earth's violent history, impacts from comets and asteroids have mercilessly shaped its surface. The ancient barrage continues today; from harmless meteors - those brilliant streaks in the night sky, to mountain sized boulders wandering perilously close to Earth. Terrifying and majestic, these invaders from space are capable of utter destruction yet they have delivered life-giving water and most of the organic materials necessary for life. This ceaseless Firefall is our only tangible connection to the universe beyond and is an ever-present reminder of our own humble beginnings in the hostile environment of space.



*Licensing for Firefall was made possible through a grant from Town-N-Gown.*



**Computer Security Day** (November 30<sup>th</sup>) reminds us to protect our computers. Identity theft, fraud, ransomware, and viruses constantly attack our computers. It is important to review your computer's security regularly. If you use social media, it is also a good time to review those settings as social media is another way identity thieves, viruses, and computer fraud is committed.

Keep your operating system and antivirus software up-to-date! Always use strong passwords that contain a minimum of 8 characters (many government and private agencies require up to 16 characters!). Passwords should include at least one number, a mix of lower and uppercase letters, and at least one symbol. **Keep yourself and your information protected!**





## *Around Town - Norfolk*



### TICKETS

Participating organizations:

- ❖ d'Art Center
- ❖ The Hurrah Players
- ❖ Tidewater African Cultural Center
- ❖ Teens with a Purpose



## *Around Town Portsmouth*

### Tree Lighting

November 21<sup>st</sup>

### Holiday Nights

Fridays &  
Saturdays in  
November

### Winter Wonderland

November 21<sup>st</sup>

### Snow Wonders

November 21<sup>st</sup>

More Events

[HERE](#)







Jewish Museum & Cultural Center Presents  
**L'Dor v' Dor**  
The Hampton Roads Jewish Art Journey

# LEGACY 2025

## HAMPTON ROADS JEWISH ARTISTS OF THE PAST



Guest Speaker: Mia Laufer, Ph.D.

### *Hampton Roads Jewish Artists of the Past in Context*

Join Mia Laufer, Ph.D., Irene Leache Curator of European Art at the Chrysler Museum of Art for a sneak peek at the exhibition *Legacy 2025: Jewish Artists of the Past*. Drawing on the four main themes of the exhibition—Torah, Jewish Culture, Contemporary Aesthetics, and Personal Expression—Laufer will discuss the work in the exhibition and place it into the context of art practice in late 20th century American art.

Before joining the Chrysler Museum of Art in January 2025, Mia Laufer, Ph.D. held curatorial positions at the Des Moines Art Center and the Minnesota Museum of American Art. Laufer holds a BA in Art History from New York University and an MA and Ph.D. in Art History and Archaeology from Washington University in St. Louis. Her research often explores the relationship between modern art and Jewish identity.

### Upcoming LEGACY 2025 Events:

<b>Dec. 6</b>	6:30 PM	Art Gallery Opening & Reception at the JCC - \$36
<b>Dec. 14</b>	2:00 PM	Guest Speaker Samantha Baskind, Ph.D. - \$18 <i>The Remarkable Journey of Moses Ezekiel's Norfolk Botanical Garden Artist Statues</i>

**SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 16  
4:00 PM**

**Jewish Museum & Cultural Center  
607 Effingham Street, Portsmouth**

Tickets are \$18. For more information and to purchase tickets go to [www.jewishmuseumportsmouth.org](http://www.jewishmuseumportsmouth.org) OR call 757-391-9266.

This lecture is presented in partnership with Arts + Ideas at the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater and with support from:



Go to [www.jewishmuseumportsmouth.org](http://www.jewishmuseumportsmouth.org) or call (757) 391-9266 for ticket info.

## *Around Town Virginia Beach*

# Commemorating & Honoring

Virginia Beach marks the conclusion of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War and honors America's prisoners of war and those missing in action (POW-MIA).

**Nov. 7–11, 2025**



Graphics by Jeanne Jacobs Huffman, Mission: POW-MIA

### FREE Events Include:

- **The Moving Wall**, a half-size traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Nov. 7-11, at the Virginia Beach Convention Center
- **Tidewater Veterans Day Parade**, 9 a.m., Nov. 11, starting at 16th Street and Atlantic Avenue
- **Tidewater Veterans Day Ceremony**, 11 a.m., Nov. 11, at the Tidewater Veterans Memorial, across from the Convention Center

For details, visit [VirginiaBeach.gov/VeteransWeek](https://VirginiaBeach.gov/VeteransWeek)





Welcome

*Town-N-Gown members are always welcome at the board meetings as well as attending any associated scheduled tours. The November 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting will be held in Webb Center beginning at 9:30am. Contact Jo Hayden ([jthaydn@gmail.com](mailto:jthaydn@gmail.com)) for more details and to RSVP. December board meeting will be held Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.*



# NAVAL STATION NORFOLK BUS TOURS


EXPERIENCE A GUIDED TOUR OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST  
NAVAL STATION

BOOK NOW  
OR BUY GIFT CARD

Field Air Station, the ships of the fleet, and much more. Bus departs promptly at 10:30am from the Naval Base Tour Office at 9079 Hampton Blvd.

Naval Base Tour November 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am

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*It's Time to Renew!*

Dues for 2025-2026 membership are due now!

**TOWN-N-GOWN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Membership dues are \$25.00 and include a spouse/partner (single address).

Type of Membership: (Check One) New\_\_\_\_Renewal\_\_\_\_ (*All members must renew!*)

Name(s):\_\_\_\_\_

(List both names if a dual membership)

Address:\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

(Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (*Please indicate your contact preference!*)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(Email addresses are very important for sending updates and special messages – please update TNG when you change addresses! Town-N-Gown does not share your contact information with any organizations other than the ODU Events Office to use for invitations.)

Make checks payable to **Town-N-Gown** and mail to:

Lawrence Owes

P.O. Box 51

Portsmouth, VA 23705

For questions, contact Mary Lou Speckheuer at (757) 285-2722 | [marylou110@cox.net](mailto:marylou110@cox.net)

*Thank you for your continuing support of Town-N-Gown and ODU!!*