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Secrets of Georgetown Chefs at CAG Meeting March 21

Learn the tricks of the trade from some of Georgetown's most creative chefs at the CAG meeting on Monday, March 21 from 7:00 until 8:30 at Boffi, 3320 M Street. Enjoy demonstrations and tastings by top chefs from Paolo's, Clyde's, Mie N Yu, Mate, and Sweetgreen in the stunning Boffi showroom.

Elegant Boffi kitchen models will be the backdrop for cooking demonstrations, plating, garnishing, sushi-making and cocktail-mixing. The 600 square foot showroom with glass walls and exposed brick and concrete floors was designed by architect Piero Lissoni and opened in August 2010.

Our star chefs are from the legendary and the latest Georgetown restaurants. Chef Sal from Clyde's will do a demonstration. Clyde's of Georgetown is the original American saloon. Opened in 1963, Clyde's is now a local fixture. The late-afternoon appetizer menu inspired the 1976 hit, *Afternoon Delight*, and the gold record hangs at Clyde's today.

Tom Crenshaw, the executive chef of Paolo's, will show us his "no fuss Gnocchi" with 1, 2, 3 vodka sauce. Paolo's flagship location, at N and Wisconsin, opened in 1987.



Mie n Yu's bartender, will demonstrate how to make a "Cherry Blossom" cocktail. Located on M Street, Mie n Yu

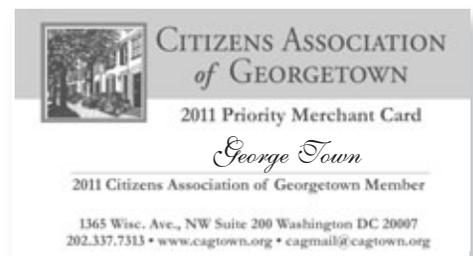
combines Silk Road cuisine with local ingredients.

Chefs from Mate on K Street will present their innovative sushi making.

So don't miss this fun and first time CAG event with the chefs of Georgetown. And some lucky members will win door prizes for restaurant gift certificates! See you at the Boffi Showroom for sips and samples on Thursday, March 21 from 7:00 to 8:30.

CAG Members Receive More Merchant Discounts in 2011

It is CAG dues renewal time and people renewing – or joining CAG for the first time — will receive discounts at 50 local businesses. "CAG Priority Merchants" offer CAG members special discounts and other benefits when you present your CAG membership card. The card, pictured here, is sent to every renewing or new member and lists CAG'S Priority Merchants. Use it two or three times, and your membership has paid for itself! To see a complete list go to www.cagtown.org.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Lovin' the Music

The Concerts in the Parks Series Valentine's Day kick off was a huge success. Thanks to John Dreyfuss for hosting us at Halcyon House and to Rebecca McCabe for her lovely performance. And thanks to everyone who sent in a wedding photo or other "image of love." They made for an amazing slide show. The Concerts Committee did a fabulous job putting together this memorable evening and now they are hard at work planning the summer concerts.

The Concerts are also funded through sponsorships. So we need your support. There are various donation levels for both businesses and individuals. Or consider taking out an ad in the Concerts Playbill which is distributed to each of the 350 - 400 concertgoers. It's a terrific way to tell Georgetown residents about your business, wish someone a happy birthday, or tell Dad happy Father's Day. Call the office to get more details.

ABC Voluntary Agreements—Why Georgetown Needs Them

There has been a lot in the local news lately about Alcoholic Beverage Control issues and Voluntary Agreements. For decades our association has worked with the city, the ANC, Georgetown restaurants, and neighbors to find the best way for the businesses and residents to co-exist. Voluntary agreements are contracts entered into by alcohol establishments that become an actual part of the liquor license. The voluntary agreement transfers with the liquor license when a new business acquires that license. These agreements can cover anything from hours of operation, to capacity limits, to noise abatement issues. The underlying idea of Voluntary Agreements is not to arbitrarily impose restrictions but to preserve a certain quality of life for all. Georgetown is a unique federally protected historic district. Residents and visitors alike have come to expect a certain vibe in the area. That is the reason businesses prosper in this community.

Several area establishments have asked the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to terminate their voluntary agreements. The latest hearing was about George. It is our understanding from the statute that these contracts may only be



BCA President Lenore Rubino, myself and Foxhall Citizens President Robert Avery at the ANC—GU Plan Meeting

terminated if there is a need due to circumstances beyond the control of the applicant or there has been a change in the neighborhood and furthermore, the termination will not have an adverse impact on the neighborhood where the establishment is located. They may not be terminated simply because one side or the other no longer likes what is in the contract. This is a condition of the liquor license. Business owners are well aware of these conditions when they are assuming the license.

We are concerned that if an entity can simply walk away from this contract it nullifies the intent of the law and jeopardizes the quality of life in Georgetown for both residents and businesses. We ask that the ABC Board carefully consider the ramifications of possible precedent setting decisions in the cases before them.

CAG Will Oppose Campus Plan at Zoning Commission Hearings

At our January 25, 2011 Board meeting the Citizens Association of Georgetown Board of Directors voted unanimously on a resolution to oppose the Georgetown University 2010-2020 Campus Plan at the Zoning Commission hearings. This vote was based on comments and letters we have received from our members.

The dates for the Zoning Commission hearings on the GU Campus Plan are scheduled for April 14, May 12 and May 16. The commission

meets in the evening. Please mark your calendars and tell all of your neighbors. This will be your chance to tell the Zoning Commission of any adverse impacts the University has on the community and on you, personally. Witnesses have a minute or two to tell their stories. It is imperative that we have a large contingent of neighbors painting a picture of day to day life near the University. We do not have a strong case without this.

We also need more money to pay for the experts we have hired to assist us with our case. Unfortunately their assistance does not come cheap. Please consider donating and explain the situation to your neighbors. Word of mouth is vital. You can donate online at www.cagtown.org and more info about the plan can be found there as well. Please send your comments or questions to us at cagmail@cagtown.org

—Jennifer Altemus

ASPECTS OF GEORGETOWN

Thoreau, Ecclesiastes and the GeorgetownForum

First Thoreau. He famously said that things are in the saddle and ride mankind. No argument there. He thought life was over-filled with mindless tasks and endless junk. He didn't know the half of it, did he? The pointless clutter aspects of life drove him into the woods to see if he could live deliberately, so that when he came to die he would not discover that he had not lived.

Most of us today are confronted, no, confounded, by devices that purport to make life easier. In fact sometimes they nearly drive us mad. Gadgets and devices are in the saddle and ride mankind. Remember when a telephone was just a pleasant way to talk to a friend? Now there are pages and pages of features and directions for its uses. Nobody today is listening to Thoreau who said: "Simplify, simplify."

About Ecclesiastes: It has, among other things, that magisterial passage that tells us that to everything there is a season. A time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance. A time to get and a time to lose. And on and on. It is truly wonderful.

Sometimes we need a time to complain. A time to rant. Thoreau would have understood how annoying it is not to be able to open packages in America these days. Now one needs tools to open a box of cereal. Mad-denning. He would have sympathized that every time a magazine comes into the house inserts fall out on to the floor: they are designed to fall out to get your attention, and you have to pick them up. Very annoying.

He would have deplored cars making left turns, which leave everyone angry and late. Take Wisconsin Avenue at the Safeway. There is always some

one wanting to make a left turn sort of backwards onto 34th Street, entirely blocking one lane, and a stopped bus blocking the other. So lines of drivers wait fuming until this sorts itself out. Why do people want to make a left turn there anyway, there must be better ways to get wherever it is those people want to go. Or maybe not.

In the grand scale of things these complaints are trivial. But we are talking about how to live, which sometimes means knowing how to navigate the details. Or how to access information. We are very big on accessing information these days. Having recently discovered a most helpful way to ask for and get information, I want to share. It is the GeorgetownForum. Ask questions and you get answers. Find the right time and place. Share. And simplify, simplify.

—Edith Schafer

How to join the GeorgetownForum

Go to www.georgetownforum.com and click the button "Join This Group." If you have a Yahoo account, just sign in, and you will receive a confirmation e-mail to activate your subscription. If you do not have a Yahoo ID you can either create one or simply send a blank e-mail to georgetownforum-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. You will then receive a confirmation e-mail and be able to join the group; however you will not be able to log in and see photos, links, and other information on the site. Signing up is as simple as that!

NEWSBYTES

Changing of the guard at **Sara's Market**: Andy and Suk Yang Johnson have decided to turn over the reins to new operator — named Andy and Sue! ...neighborhood jewelry shop, **Poppy**, is closing its doors...Jordan O'Neill has bought **Shelle's Market** — keeping the Lee's as proprietors ... Meeting rooms in the Georgetown Public Library can be reserved online at <http://dclibrary.org/services/meetingrooms> ...lots of new and exciting openings in Georgetown: **Crackle Bar** (3245 M St), has opened above Tackle Box with a beachy atmosphere complete with margaritas and lobster rolls ... **Sterling & Burke, Ltd.** (2824 Pennsylvania Ave) has opened its first-ever store in Georgetown offering English leather goods including luggage and wallets ...coming soon to Georgetown — more cupcakes: **Sprinkle Cupcakes** (3015 M St) known as the first cupcake bakery in the world is opening in early March ... **Ann Taylor Loft** is a coming back to Georgetown in early fall taking over the former Miss Sixty space...the hip clothing store **Rag & Bone** will open in the spring for the first time outside New York City in the old MAC space on M Street... **Weight Watchers** now has a weekly meeting at 9 o'clock Thursday mornings at Georgetown Lutheran Church (corner of Wisconsin & Volta) and reports say that leader Amanda is fun and dynamic .

Spreading the Love at the Concerts in the Parks Party



Elizabeth Maloy and Matt DeBole



Leslie Maysak, Laura Rawlings, Hayley Pivato, Holly Cirrito (Photo by Paul Maysak)



Rebecca McCabe

The Citizens Association of Georgetown Concerts in the Parks Series held a Valentine's Day fundraiser for the 2011 season at the beautiful Halcyon House on Prospect Street. Love was in the air and ladies and their Valentines dressed for the theme. Guests mingled in the beautiful rooms before gathering to hear fabulous local chanteuse Rebecca McCabe sing. A slide show to the music of All You Need is Love — put together by committee members Erika Donohue and Amy Kuhnert - featured wedding photos and other depictions of "Love" submitted by guests. The Ritz-Carlton Georgetown donated a gift certificate for a romantic couples massage and the lucky winning ticket holders were Tess Finnegan and husband Laurent Pavageau who are expecting their third child this spring.

Concerts in the Park founder Elizabeth Miller welcomed guests and



Betsy Cooley with concerts Co-chairs Renee Esfandiary and Elizabeth Miller

reminded everyone of the wonderful events lined up for this Summer season which begins in May. Three concerts are scheduled for May 22, June 19 and July 4 in Rose and Volta parks. The concerts are free to the public and funded by local donors and proceeds from the party.

Many thanks to Halcyon House's owner John Dreyfuss for opening his gorgeous home for the party.

—Leslie Maysak



Elizabeth Miller dancing with her husband Dan Sallick



The beginning of slide show



Jether Grewer and Paul Maysak hold their (non-winner) tickets numbered one digit before and after the winners Tess Finnegan and Laurent Pavageau. (Photo by Leslie Maysak)



Nick Kask, Erika Donahue and Marjorie Kask

Cynthia Jackson Remembered

On August 24, 2010, Georgetown lost a remarkable woman and prominent member of the black community: Cynthia Elizabeth Jackson died at the age of 86. The great-granddaughter of a slave and a fourth-generation Washingtonian, Ms. Jackson was committed to saving the oral and written histories of the African American community in Washington, particularly in Georgetown, where her own family played a significant role. She was to be interviewed for CAG's Oral History project but became too ill to participate.

Ms. Jackson was a champion of education. Having attended the Wormley School on Prospect Street (as did her grandmother, Elizabeth, two generations before) and Dunbar High School, she graduated from

Miner Teachers College in DC, and received a Masters of Education from NYU. She taught and served as guidance counselor in the DC Public School system for 35 years. A devout Catholic whose great-grandparents helped found Epiphany Catholic Church, Ms. Jackson volunteered with the church and was recognized by the Archdiocese of Washington with the Order of Merit.

A Washington Post article and a letter written by Cynthia Jackson on the occasion of her grandmother Elizabeth Jackson's 100th birthday in 1975 gives insight into the struggles of the late 19th- and early 20th-century Georgetowners and their strong will to provide more for their children. According to the Post article, young Elizabeth Jackson remembered a day in 1880 when she and her

father stood before the white woman who had owned him as a slave. The woman remarked, "She's cute, Jordan. I'd like to have her for a companion." Elizabeth never returned to the woman's home; her mother would not allow it.

Cynthia's grandmother was born August 22, 1875 and lived with her parents and three siblings in a home shared with relatives on Jefferson Street, below M. As industrial development pushed residents from the waterfront, the family moved to 27th and P, where Elizabeth lived the rest of her life. As Cynthia Jackson proved more than a century later, with so many generations of Jacksons in Georgetown, their roots were too deep to move anywhere else.

—Elizabeth Maloy

National Pinball Museum in the Heart of Georgetown

If one is old enough to remember The Who, then one may be old enough to remember the twilight, if not the zenith of the golden age of pinball. In an era of Xboxes, Gameboys, and Wii's, a visit to Georgetown's newest (and only) museum is a journey into nostalgia and the amusement arcades of yesteryear. Recently opened, the National Pinball Museum on the M Street level of Georgetown Park, comprises more than 800 machines amassed by David Silverman, the museum's curator and director.

There are four sections to the museum. After entering, one is led through three rooms with tableaus of the history of pinball, starting with its origins in 1777 as the game of bagatelle. The first tableau is of the French court playing bagatelle. The game, was named after the Comte d'Artois' similarly-named chateau in

the Bois de Boulogne, where it was first played. The second tableau, with an appropriate spongy wood floor, is a look into the cabin of a French man-of-war, with the ship's officers

***He stands like a statue
Becomes part of the machine
Feeling all the bumpers
Always playing clean
He plays by intuition
The digit counters fall***

....

*Pinball Wizard,
from the rock opera Tommy, 1969*

playing bagatelle. The third tableau is of an early pinball factory.

Next one proceeds either to a small theater with a film presentation on pinball or to static displays of pin-

ball machines through the decades. A few of these can be played for free. Only a fraction of Mr. Silverman's total collection is on display at any time, allowing for changing displays of machines by manufacturer, designer, vintage, or type.

The heart of the museum where museum-goers congregate, is the pay-for-play arcade. Several rows of machines, side-by-side in arcade fashion, attract those seeing how much of the skills of yesteryear they have retained — or newcomers trying out games popular for parents or grandparents.

Museum admission is priced for the aficionado's wallet: \$13.50, plus DC tax. Children under nine are admitted free. A yearly pass for \$80 is available. Pay-for-play costs \$1 per play.

—Walter Groszyk



Clearly visible from the Waterfront Park are the tags of graffiti vandals on the lower abutments of Key Bridge. The west-facing abutments are similarly defaced, but this is visible largely to only those recreating in the river. The individuals responsible relied on a boat for access.

Graffiti has persistently appeared on the concrete ramps to the bridge near the C&O Canal and on Water St., and the District government, which is responsible for the bridge, periodically paints it over. However, painting over the bridge abutments will be a more difficult task. Let's hope the paint is tinted to match the color of the bridge concrete, and not the gray so often used.

—Walter Groszyak

Be in the Know about What's Happening on Your Block!

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E Meetings

Winter/Spring Schedule: February 28, April 4, May 2 and May 31

The ANC agenda, including a list of all residential and commercial properties applying for concept or permit approval, is usually available the Friday prior to the meeting date. By going to the ANC2E website—www.anc2e.com—you can be informed about properties on your street.



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Neighbors Want to Keep Rose Park Path a Walkway — not a widened Bike Path

In the next several months the DC Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and the National Park Service will conduct a second Environmental Assessment and Assessment of Effects of a section of Rock Creek Park, including the 3,000 foot pedestrian path on the eastern edge of Rose Park from the M Street sidewalk to the P Street sidewalk. **This narrow walking path along the top of the hill that**

runs by the tot lot, children's play area and baseball field is in need of repair. Friends of Rose Park, Inc., ANC2E, CAG and others support its use as a community walking path for children, parents, seniors, dog lovers, and Georgetown visitors, encouraging bike riders to use the bike trail along Rock Creek Parkway. Please consider making your voice heard in support of a *pedestrian path*—e-mail <http://.parkplanning.nps.gov>.

The George Town Club

Located at the corner of Wisconsin and Dent Place, the historic George Town Club caters quietly and discretely to a membership including members of Congress, captains of industry, diplomats, and just plain folks looking for a comfortable place to dine and relax. Founded in 1966, the club has grown and flourished ever since. Its attractively furnished dining and sitting rooms are warm, inviting, and oozing with old world charm. A new bar and grill room offers a more intimate, less formal approach to enjoying a meal — requiring no tie for men, or hats for women!

The club's enthusiastic manager, Brian Armstrong, told me that the club will celebrate its 45th year with many special events, including a much looked forward to celebratory gathering in October. The club is open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, and offers music recitals, theater trips to the Kennedy Center, private parties, valet parking, and many other perks for those who are looking for a convenient and convivial place to park themselves while someone else parks their car. The membership fee varies according to age and residency, but seems to me more than reasonable compared with other similar clubs in and around the area. Brian would be happy to meet and greet anyone interested in having a look around, and I have it on good authority that the club's meals are among the best in the city. Stop by and get a true taste of metropolitan life, just a few steps away.

—V V Harrison

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A portion of the money raised by this fundraiser will be dedicated to maintaining and improving our lovely new garden and the remainder of the money will be put into the general PTA fund.

At Long Last: O & P Streets Renovation Project Breaks Ground

The long-awaited renovation of O and P Streets began on Monday, February 28th and will be completed by August 2012. The project includes a major refurbishing of the infrastructure of O & P Streets, including new water mains, storm lines, and electrical conduits, between 37th Street and Wisconsin Avenue while maintaining the historic character of the area.

There will be a public information meeting on March 9th at 6:30 pm in Hyde-Addison School, 3219 O Street.

Major utility work will be completed alongside the removal, refurbishing, and reinstallation of cobblestones, trolley tracks, bluestone curbs, and the brick sidewalks. Construction will progress in such a way as to maintain the flow of traffic in a lane. Parking will not be permitted in the block being worked on.

The G2 Metrobus Route will go on a long term detour until the project is completed. The proposed detour will introduce bus service on Q Street and Prospect Street between 35th Street and Wisconsin Avenue until May 31, 2012. To minimize the impact on the community, Metro proposes to use 37 foot buses instead of the 40 foot buses.

A Community Relations Team including CAG's Hazel Denton and Barbara and Tim Downs along with ANC Commissioners Ed Solomon and Jeff Jones will meet frequently with contractors and DDOT representatives to discuss updates and details of the project. To receive informational updates contact ANC2e commissioner Jeff Jones at Jeffrey.Jones@anc.dc.gov.

There will be a public information meeting on March 9th at 6:30 pm in Hyde-Addison School, 3219 O Street. You can also get updates at <http://fixingoandpstreets.com>

State of Georgetown Stores Report

Every January, I walk up and down the streets of Georgetown updating my database of the stores of Georgetown. I started this two years ago by simply scribbling down on a notepad every establishment on M and Wisconsin. Last year, working from an established list I could take the time to expand the scope and make sure to get all the stores on Wisconsin and M as well as those just off. Well this year I went whole hog. I gathered a list of every single establishment in Georgetown. From Le Petite Corner Store to Jean Pierre to Tony and Joes to Jack's Boathouse.

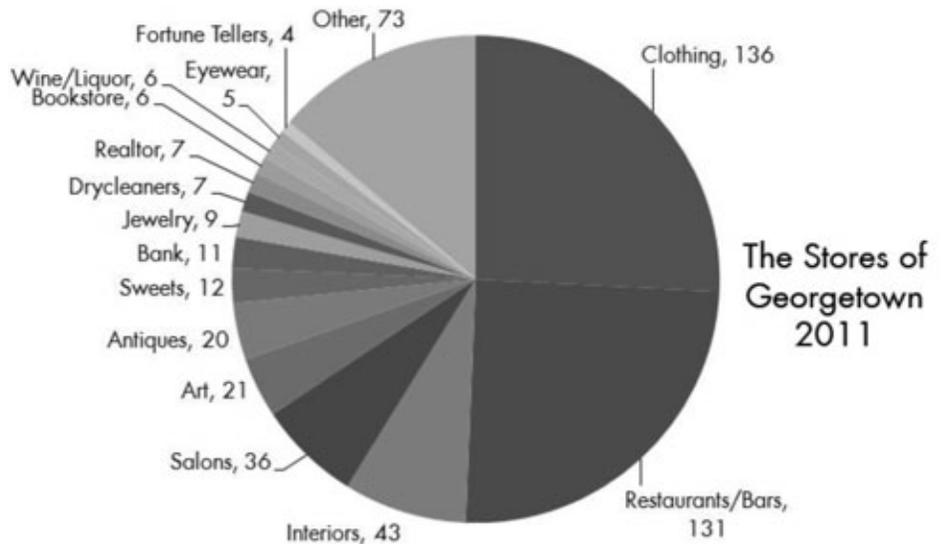
And what's the grand total? (drum role) 527. That adds exactly 100 stores over last year's tally (that doesn't mean there are 100 new stores, of course, it just means I counted 100 more. Some are new, some were just off my scope last year). Here's how those numbers break down:

Independents Vs. Chains:

I first started surveying stores in Georgetown to get a sense of just how many stores are independent and how many are chains. The first set of numbers surprised me. Of the establishments on Wisconsin and M, 70% were independent. Last year's survey found almost identical results.

As of today and including all establishments, the number is a tad higher: 73%. That makes sense, since a lot of the new stores that I captured are off of the main drag and thus more likely to be independent. Chains represent 26% of establishments. The last 1% or so are regional chains (e.g. Five Guys).

As I've done in the past, this year I looked at what those percentages look like when one considers only stores within one block of Wisconsin and M. Not surprisingly, the chain percentage goes up. However, as in past years, they still can't crack 50%. Right now, chains make up only 41% of establishments within one block of M and Wisconsin.



Openings and Closings:

2009 was a brutal year for Georgetown shops. I noted 47 closings in 2009. Last year I counted 22 new stores. Thus according to me, Georgetown suffered a net loss of about 25 stores. However, 20 of the store closings were in Georgetown Park mall and almost all of the store openings were not in the mall. So most of those net losses (i.e. vacancies) were in the mall.

2010 was better for Georgetown, although not great. I counted 43 closings in Georgetown. The mall can't be blamed quite as much this year; it only lost 16 stores (it's hard to have a lot of store closings when you don't have many stores open). That means 27 non-mall stores closed in Georgetown in 2010. (Arguably you could shave off a couple of those closings and call them "store reinventions", e.g. News Cafe->Thunder Burger or Philly Pizza->Go Fresh, but I'm counting those as one closing and one opening).

And speaking of openings, there is some good news on that front: 30 new stores opened. That's up 36% from last year. Unfortunately it still means that Georgetown had a net loss of 13 stores in 2010.

Independent stores took the brunt of the bad news last year. We lost 32 of them (13 in the mall, 19 non-mall). We gained 20 independent stores (8 mall,

12 non-mall), bringing the net loss to 12. Chains only had a net loss of one.

Store Variety

The store variety in Georgetown stayed about the same. Restaurants and clothing stores still dominate.

A new category that I added to this year's pie is the ever growing "sweets" category. We already have 12 ice cream, cupcake, or candy stores in Georgetown. That number is scheduled to tick up to 13 when Sprinkles opens. Georgetown definitely has a sweet tooth.

Summary

So as we look ahead to 2011, I think we can say that the worst is behind us. Plenty of new establishments are planned to be opened this year. While they skew heavily towards chains (e.g. Brooks Brothers, All Saints, Calvin Klein, etc.) keep in mind that there would need to be 200 more chain stores before they matched the number of independent stores we have.

Either way, it's important to remember: if you're in Georgetown you're within walking distance of over five-hundred stores, restaurants, and other establishments. No other neighborhood in the District can come even close to that sort of density.

—Christopher Mathews

CAG ARTS 2011

CAG ARTS 2011 featured the creative works of twenty-eight Georgetown artists from January 27 through February 1 at the Shops of Georgetown Park. Hundreds of people visited the exhibit which included paintings, photography, mixed media pieces and sculpture. Quite a few of the pieces sold — from a gorgeous traditional oil painting by Guy Fairlamb purchased by Katie and Dick Snowden, to photographs by the youngest artist in the group, 13-year-old Isabella Page. All the money went directly to the artists.

The caliber of the work was impressive. People said it was an eye-opener to view the enormous talent in our community and to discover the hidden genius of our neighbors. Some of the works depicted Georgetown, such as John Gerachis's water-

colors; others such as Rosie Moore's and Jane Lepscky paintings were inspired farther afield. As each artist volunteered several hours sitting with the show, they shared experiences with the other contributing artists. Shop talk ranged from favorite framers, to techniques, to preferred classes and teachers.

The show was put together by the hard-working art show committee: show coordinator Michele Banks curated and hung the show beautifully, and along with Wendy Plotkin-Mates, Elba Molina and Betsy Cooley, secured the venue, recruited the artists, and gathered the art works. And the newly expanded committee has already had a wrap-up meeting and is planning for next year. Call



the CAG office if you would like to get involved in CAG ARTS 2012.

Big thanks go to Vornado Realty Trust for generously making available the stunning side-by-side spaces for this event and to Memorable Meals who catered the well-attended opening reception on Thursday night — over 150 intrepid Georgetowners braved the snow and ice for the opening reception Thursday evening.



Watercolors by Anne Emmet and John Gerachis shared a corner



Elba Malino, Elizabeth Maloy, Bear Miller and Cherry Baumbusch get the space ready



Wendy Plotkin Mates and Elba Malina at the check out desk



Michele Banks with Barbara Downs and Marjorie Kask



Ross Ruot and friends



Rosie Moore, John Gerachis, and Jane Lepscky

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MARCH COMMUNITY EVENTS AND CALENDAR

- Sat. Mar. 5** **Woman, Love and Property Tour at Tudor Place;** tour explores the changing role of women from 1816 through modern day, highlighting artifacts and documents from the family matriarch Martha Washington; 10:30am; members \$8, nonmembers \$10; visit www.tudorplace.org for more information and registration.
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- Mon. Mar. 9** **O + P Streets Renovation Public Information meeting;** 6:30 pm; Hyde-Addison School, 3219 P Street.
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- Sat. Mar. 19** **Dumbarton Concerts Presents Volger String Quartet;** 8pm; tickets \$33, students and seniors \$29; Dumbarton Church, 3133 Dumbarton Street; call 965-2000 or visit www.dumbartonconcerts.org for more information.
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- Sat. Mar. 19** **First Day of Spring Ball at Dumbarton House;** 8-11pm; tickets \$50 per person; live music, dessert buffet, period gaming, and character re-enactors; Dumbarton House, 2715 Q Street; info@dumbarton-house.org or 337-2288 for more information.
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- Mon. Mar 21** **CAG Meeting: Secrets of Top Georgetown Chefs at Boffi;** 7-8:30pm; Enjoy demonstrations and tasting samples by chefs from Paolo's, Clyde's, Mie N Yu and Mate at the stunning Boffi showroom at 3320 M St. NW.
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- Thurs. Mar. 31** **Tudor Nights: Blossoms and Bubbly;** stroll through Yoshino Cherry Blossoms during full bloom and sip Cherry Mimosas at Tudor Place; 6-8pm; members free, nonmembers \$10; www.tudorplace.org.
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- Sat. April 2** **Dumbarton Concerts Presents Trio Solisti;** violinist, cellist, and pianist perform together; 8pm; tickets \$33, students and seniors \$29; Dumbarton Church, 3133 Dumbarton Street; call 965-2000 or visit www.dumbartonconcerts.org for more information.
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- Sat. April 2** **Canal Discoveries;** 10am; celebrate the 40th anniversary of the C&O canal as a national park with a festival along the canal by the Georgetown Visitor Center — music, door prizes, lock demonstrations, and more; visit www.canaltrust.org for more information.
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- Mon. April 4** **Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 2E) Public Meeting;** 6:30pm; Heritage Room, Georgetown Visitation, 35th & Volta Streets; agenda at www.anc2e.com; 338-7427.

Planning Ahead...Save the Date for the Summer Concerts in the Parks Sun. May 22 Sun. June 19 Sun. July 4