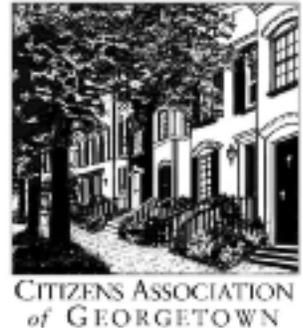


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CAG Presents Georgetown ARTS 2009 Three-day Show Features Resident Artists

The talent of Georgetown resident artists will be on view for the first time under one roof at the former Smith and Hawken space at 1209 31st Street for three days in November. The opening reception, Thursday evening, November 19 from 6 to 9, will feature Govinda Gallery owner Chris Murray talking about the history and evolution of the Georgetown art scene — drawn from his 34 years as a central presence in the ever-changing Georgetown art world.

CAG's new and unique show of more than 20 Georgetown artists will include painting, photography, sculpture, 2D and 3D mixed media. While some works will be just for display, many will be for sale. Show hours are: Thursday, November 19, from 6 to 9 pm; Friday, November 20, from noon to 8 pm; and Saturday, November 21,



Art show coordinating group (l-r): Michele Banks, Heidi Hess, Hayley Gordon Pivato, Betsy Cooley and Barbara Downs

11 am to 6 pm. CAG's Georgetown ARTS 2009 will be highlighted in the new Gallery Gaze that takes place on Friday evenings.

According to Michele Banks, coordinator of the CAG art show, the call for artists is still open. To apply — or volunteer to help — please send an email to Michele Banks at

michele.m.banks@gmail.com. CAG members Heidi Hess, Hayley Gordon Pivato, and Barbara Downs are busy lining up artists for this first-time presentation, making sure the creative works of Georgetown artists are showcased.

Join CAG November 19 to hear long time gallery owner Chris Murray's fascinating recollection of artists and galleries in Georgetown and his personal insights and stories about the artists who have been influential here.

In addition to the wine and cheese, the reception will also feature one of Georgetown's popular "designer" treats — from Georgetown Cupcake. So mark your calendar for November 19 and the subsequent show on the 20th and 21st — to see your favorite local artists — and to discover new ones in the neighborhood!

Memorable Midnight in Moscow

Security Guards! Photographers! Soloists from the Moscow Symphony! Caviar and vodka! Beautiful dresses, tuxedos and tails! Hockey stars! It all added up to a glamorous *Midnight in Moscow* as the CAG Gala drew over 400 guests to the stunning Embassy of the Russian Confederation on October 2. Mayor Adrian Fenty welcomed American and Russian guests to a VIP reception including hockey players Alex Ovechkin and Alexander Semin.

During the sumptuous buffet (by Occasions Caterers) in the gorgeous ballroom, Ambassador Sergey Kislyak welcomed the crowd and officially announced the formation of a neighborhood relationship between Georgetown and the Arbat historic district in Moscow. The communi-

ties have much in common — both neighborhoods are historic cradles of their two national capitals, they are home to many writers and artists, they both feature vibrant restaurants, galleries and boutiques and are popular tourist destinations. The Arbat is celebrating its 516th anniversary and, according to the Ambassador, is "ready to establish partnerships with CAG for cultural, business and youth cooperation."



Jennifer Altemus (left) and Jack Evans with honoree Mimsy Lindner

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As I write this, Georgetown is preparing for Halloween on a Saturday night! I love it when people go all out for the holidays. So many houses look terrifically spooky. I can't wait to see all the little kids parading up and down the streets—as well as the big “kids” on M Street. We had a meeting with the MPD to review their plans for keeping the streets secure. I hope the night is fun and safe for everyone.

A few weeks ago I attended the MPD's 2nd District awards ceremony honoring officers and Georgetown's own Sgt. Antoine received the outstanding sergeant award. It's a well deserved recognition for what is often a thankless job. CAG works closely with the police department to help keep the streets calm and safe. Our Public Safety program pays for overtime of two police officers specifically to patrol the *residential* streets. We have our own security cars patrolling at night.

CAG has pushed for stronger enforcement of the laws and logical ways to implement this. I am happy to report that 61Ds are now being issued for noise violations. A 61D is a citation for a non-violent crime that is an actual arrest and carries a fine. The person receiving the citation is not taken into custody but does have an arrest on their record. It is serious business. We are working with Chief Lanier to have 61Ds issued for other crimes such as possession of an open container of alcohol, public urination, and disorderly conduct. As it stands now, the only recourse an officer has when confronted with someone breaking these laws is to arrest them and take them in for processing. This can take up to three hours which is a long time off of the streets. We hope that the threat of a 61D will be enough of a deterrent.

The quarterly Board of Zoning Adjustment-mandated meeting, held at Georgetown University on October 15, revealed that GU is making progress on their draft of the next 10-year Campus Plan. Things had been moving slowly because of the uncertainty of the MedStar element of the plan. It has now been determined that MedStar will not request a new hospital or alternate location at this time.



My moment with Caps star Alex Ovechkin at the Gala

GU is ready to resume discussions with the community. In May, it was decided that there would be small group meetings scheduled on weeknights targeting specific elements of the plan. The meeting on November 3 will discuss off-campus issues; November 12 will address the transportation portion of the plan; and the November 16 meeting will focus on the 1789 block. All meetings will be held at Georgetown Visitation, Heritage Hall on the second floor from 6:30 until 9pm. 38th Street issues will be part of the transportation meeting. GU has also scrapped plans to build a new convocation center and, instead, hopes to increase seating capacity at McDonough Arena from 2300 to 4500. The traffic and parking implications for this change will also be considered at the November 12 transportation meeting.

Following the small group meetings there will be two identical meetings regarding all of the issues on November 18 & 19.

Our Gala at the Russian Embassy was a night to remember. Lesley Lee & I would like to extend a huge thank you to the gala committee and all of our sponsors. The event was a tremendous success thanks to their hard work and generosity.

CAG, the Georgetown BID, and the GBA are planning the 2nd annual *Merriment in Georgetown* which will be December 6, with holiday music, horse-drawn carriage rides, costumed characters, children's activities, and, of course, a chance to meet Santa. The American Girl retailer will conduct activities relating to their popular dolls. The evening will culminate with candlelight caroling at Wisconsin and M Streets. Last year was blustery but it was still a magical day. This year will be even better!

As we work on getting new traditions off the ground, we are also collecting memories of the past. A very active group of Oral History volunteers are interviewing long time residents to hear and record their personal stories. About a dozen interviews have taken place and many more are scheduled. Transcripts of these interviews will be posted on our website by the end of the year and they will also be available at the new Peabody Room when the Georgetown Library reopens. If you are interested in telling your story or in being an interviewer please call the office.

—Jennifer Altemus

Fall Gala Midnight in Moscow October 2 at the Russian Embassy *continued from page 1*



Ginny Poole, Sharron Lockword, Shaun Murphy



Guests applaud Ambassador Sergey Kislyak



Denise Cunningham and His Excellency and Mrs. Kislyak



Tim Downs, Ray Danieli, Linda Greenan, Charles DeSantos, Brenda and Charles Willoughby



Eric Crupi holds the Nathans panels as auctioneer Mark Plotkin takes bids



John Spears and Kathleen McNamara



Kevin Knarr and friends



Marc Schappell, Carol Nicholson Tom Anderson

CAG President and Gala Co-Chair Jennifer Altemus and Councilmember Jack Evans presented awards to Sis and Jack Hedden and Mimsy Lindner “who have contributed generously of their time and resources to different aspects of life in our community.”

Jack Hedden was a CAG Board Treasurer, and served on the vestry of Christ Church, on the Board of the Tudor Place Foundation, and on National Cathedral School Endowment Committee. Sis Hedden is a master of flower arranging and a cer-

tified judge for the Garden Club of America and excelled as president of the Georgetown Garden Club. She has also served on the Board of the Corcoran Gallery of Art and has been Chairman of the Board of the Corcoran College of Art and Design.

Mimsy Lindner is Georgetown’s über mom. For over ten years she has coached Georgetown kids soccer, cooked lunch for the seniors at St. Johns Church, worked with and for the homeless through the Georgetown Ministry, the Salvation Army

and other church groups. She was and is a constant presence at various schools around town like the Intown Playgroup, Little Folks, Washington International School, Potomac School, Landon and Visitation. And as the dedicated president of the Friends of Volta Park she turned the park into one of Georgetown’s true treasures.

WTOP Political Analyst Mark Plotkin was the auctioneer for a very competitive live auction featuring huge hand-painted panels from the



HSBC's Aimee Daniels and Val Volkau



Honorees Sis and Jack Hedden with their daughter Daphne Greenwood and husband Michael and grandchildren Hannah and Jon



Mayor Fenty enjoys a laugh with Alexander Semin and Alex Ovechkin



Gay Pirozzi, Tom Bryan, Mary Bergstrom, Marin Hagen, Tricia Messerschmitt, Lenore Rubino & Cathy Spencer



David and Arlene Wechsler with Kathy and David Melrod

late Nathan's restaurant, a trip to Moscow, and an intriguing scavenger hunt/dinner for thirty people. This was all in addition to the amazing silent auction put together by Annie Lou Berman and Erika Donohue.

Our lead sponsors — Aeroflot Russian Airlines, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Kathy Melrod of Georgetown Long & Foster, and HSBC Bank — were all in attendance, along with representatives from other supporting groups: Georgetown University, Georgetown University Hospital, M.C. Dean, Inc.,

Securitas Security Services USA, Inc, Western Development Corporation, Clyde's Restaurant Group, and The Georgetown Current.

A special thank you to Safeway for donating table flowers which were arranged beautifully by Constance Chatfield-Taylor and Gala Co-Chair Lesley Lee. Kudos for the magnificent buffet flowers go to Betsy Rackley and Lee Child.

Doc Scantlin and his Imperial Palms orchestra conducted the waltz contest won by Sharron and David Lockwood, with exciting competition

from Davis Kennedy and his partner, as well as Shaun Murphy with a mysterious professional dancer

Photos are available on two websites: professional photographer Greg Tinius's photos at <http://tinius-photo.com/CAG-Gala-2009>. Amateur photographer Ryan Sullivan took individual pictures of many guests. To view and order, go to Shutterfly.com and sign in using cagmail@cagtown.org as email and [caggala](#) as password.

— Betsy Cooley

ASPECTS OF GEORGETOWN

THE LIVES OF OTHERS

What do we know about our neighbors? Perhaps not much at all. Shakespeare, who knew everything, pointed out that we are merely players – by which he meant actors — in the drama of our lives, that we have our exits and our entrances and that each one in his time plays many parts. Our lives can radically change, so much that the younger self might meet in disbelief the self of later years. How did this come about, one self might ask the other in astonishment?

Here in Georgetown we often, but not always, know the people who live near us, the people who walk dogs, shop at our local stores etc. So when someone described as a reclusive elderly lady died in early October in a fire, it caught our attention. The strange thing was that no one on her block knew her. At least initially.

When her name finally surfaced it turned out to be a person I had at one time known fairly well. We had simply lost contact because of the nature of the condition she described

as agoraphobia — fear of open or public spaces. As I saw her affected by this affliction, in my naïveté, I thought I could help her. A nice walk in Georgetown would do her a world of good, I thought. Wrong. She did not want to go out, did not want to have visitors. So some years ago Nadia Stanley just sort of vanished from all of our lives.

She had an interesting background and was an interesting person. Her parents were Russian Jews living in Italy. Nadegsda Leon was born in Naples and grew up in Venice. Her mother died of appendicitis early in the Second World War. When Nadia told me of her agoraphobia she told me that her father had had it too. I felt she said this somewhat proudly, with no interest in changing or dealing with the problem. When I read in her obituary that her father had died in Auschwitz I felt a frisson of horror. Wouldn't that explain so much? A sensitive person, thrown into that world of ultimate barbarism. What dreadful knowledge people have to live with.

During the remainder of the war she was cared for by nuns and subsequently reunited with her grandmother. Traveling with her grandmother on a transatlantic crossing when she was eighteen she met diplomat Tim Stanley. She married him, had four children and became a player on the Washington social scene —girls with an Italian connection were always particularly sought after. Friendly and attractive, she tutored disadvantaged children, volunteered at the National Gallery of Art and the National Cathedral, and got a master's degree in Art History from George Washington University. She had a full life.

Tim died of pancreatic cancer in 1997. The fire that Nadia appeared to have died in was not what killed her. She had a heart attack — smoking at the time — the fallen cigarette ignited the blaze.

Everyone has a story, and many lives, but probably not quite like this one.

—Edith Schafer

NEWSBYTES

Plans are afoot to develop the **Hurt Home** at 3050 R Street into condos the **Apple Store** has received final approval for the building design from the Old Georgetown Board and it appears that construction has begun the **Embassy of Iceland** has moved to new quarters within the Embassy of Sweden's building and the embassy is awaiting permission from the District to erect a fourth flagpole on the south side of the complex **J. Chocolatier**, the new specialty chocolate shop at 1039 33rd Street is hosting a wine and chocolate pairing on November 12 from 6 until 9 lots of events going on in Georgetown as part of FotoWeek – including the façade of **FotoWeek Central** at 3338 M Street being illuminated with video projections of finalists' images from 6 pm until midnight November 6, 7, and 8 check out the handsome new website for **Volta Park**: VoltaPark.org **Bobbie Medlin**, creator of unique necklaces inspired by other cultures, has re-opened at the corner of 29th & M a new coffee, sandwich and pastry shop, **Puro Café**, is opening at 1529 Wisconsin (previously Pink November) and will have a courtyard out back.

Chancellor Rhee Speaks to Packed Crowd at Hyde-Addison

DC Schools Chancellor Michelle Rhee spoke to a standing-room-only crowd at the CAG meeting on Thursday, October 22, candidly addressing the challenges and achievements of her first two years. Prior to the meeting, which was attended by 140 people, residents toured the newly renovated Hyde-Addison Elementary School complex, escorted by “student ambassadors” — very informative and enthusiastic third and fourth graders. Principal Dana Nerenberg also welcomed residents to the stunning new complex located in the first block west of Wisconsin Avenue, between O & P streets.

Chancellor Rhee praised Principal Nerenberg for her many accomplishments at Hyde-Addison and commended her for also stepping forward to lead a ten-school collaborative in which high-performing schools work with other schools to “broaden their sphere of influence.”

Rhee said she is “thrilled with what is happening at Hyde-Addison” and added that in the midst of the political turbulence of changing the system, “we must maintain the focus on kids and student achievement.” She said “I’ll deal with the politics, so teachers can teach.”

She opened the floor to “no holds barred questions.” When asked what the best source is for new teachers she said DC should cast a broad net and lower artificial bureaucratic barriers. She said teachers are not “interchangeable widgets” and each school should have the ability to interview and choose teachers for their individual school.



Dana Nerenberg, Chancellor Rhee and Jennifer Altemus

Asked about the physical state of DC schools, she praised Allen Lew at the Office of Facilities Modernization (who was central to the Hyde renovation) for “moving more rapidly to improve the physical plants in the last two years than the previous 20



Three of the student ambassadors (front) and residents who toured the school

years combined.” Still, she said the vast majority of schools are not in good condition. Rhee said even her daughter in fifth grade comes home and says “Mommy, you’re the Chancellor — can’t you fix our bathrooms?”

When asked to give herself a performance grade, she said she still gives herself a grade of “F” after two years on the job “because grades are

based on accomplishments, not aspirations.” But she is proud that now substantially more money is going directly to schools — \$603 million as opposed to \$403 million two years ago. And she is thrilled that for the first time, as measured by the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) — “the gold standard of educational measurement” — DC 4th graders have out paced most other school districts in their growth and the District 7th graders show triple the growth of the national average.

Asked if she was concerned about the angst felt by teachers in the system, she said many teachers are excellent and “doing heroic jobs” and that when cuts must be made, as required by the recent unpredicted budget shortfalls, the decision should be — and was — made at the local school level. Rhee said that when she was appointed by Mayor Fenty the achievement gap between white and African American students was 70% and is now 50%. So there is some improvement — and that “with a second Fenty term, six years from now, continuing at this trajectory, we could have the smallest gap.” And of interest to Georgetowners especially, Rhee said she will unveil a major announcement regarding Hardy Middle School in December.

CAG President Jennifer Altemus thanked Chancellor Rhee for her straight-spoken comments, prompting a loud and appreciative round of applause for the Chancellor. Many residents lingered to chat with the Chancellor and Principal Nerenberg individually.

—Betsy Cooley

Georgetown Fall Community Clean-up

Saturday, November 14, 2009 • Everyone Welcome

The Georgetown Community Fall Clean-up, sponsored by the Citizens Association of Georgetown and Georgetown University will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2009 from 9 AM to Noon. Volunteers will gather at Volta Park (34th Street and Volta Place) for bagels, juice and coffee before spreading out to various areas of west Georgetown. All equipment will be supplied including gloves. This is a family event for everyone from the youngsters to grandparents. As always, we will have some Nifty Nippers to help with pick up and Save the World wagons for kids to gather cans for recycling. Also, it will be a great opportunity to get to know all the young Georgetown students who come to help out.

After cleaning the streets, we will return to Volta Park for a fabulous barbeque by the Georgetown Grilling Society. There are no better hamburgers to be had in all of Washington. Hot dogs, fixings and drinks will round out the fare.

The rain date (which, of course, we hope not to need) for the clean-up will be the next day, Sunday, Nov. 15th from 2-5 PM.



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High and Mighty

Sofia Owen was a young wife and mother in 1958 when she and her husband, George Hodges Owen, moved into their Georgetown house. They had met and married in Sofia's native Uruguay when George, a lawyer with the State Department, was posted there and they had lived abroad up to that point.

The Owens would live in the house about a decade before Sofia Owen turned her attention to the garden. But eventually she designed a shallow pool edged with concrete urns, fir trees along one property line and four lush fig trees that today brush up against the rear porch and produce a bit more foliage than fruit.

Then Sofia Owen happened to visit Johnson's Garden Center on Wisconsin Avenue. That was, as best she can remember, the late 1960s. And that's how there came to be four towering redwood trees in the middle of Georgetown. "They were my mistake," Owen told The Washington Post's At Home magazine last year.

To be sure, these redwoods are not the giant sequoias of the American West, the tallest trees in the world, the kind that cars can drive through. These are Metasequoia glyptostroboides, Chinese dawn redwoods, deciduous conifers whose feathery needles form a crisp pyramid as the tree pushes above its surroundings—way above.

When she bought the trees, "they were so small," said Owen, long widowed and now in her mid-80s. In this, Owen sounds like every homeowner who has ever planted a sapling not anticipating what the passage of time can do. But Owen could not have known the full growth cycle of these trees: The dawn redwood was thought to be extinct--only fossils had been found--as recently as 1941. Then a living specimen was discovered in a remote

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area of west-central China. The species may be 50 million years old (conifers were the first plants to populate the Earth, according to the U.S. National Arboretum), but it was a mere 20 years after their rediscovery that the saplings made their way to the sales floor at Johnson's. The redwoods have since become a relatively popular landscape tree. But not in Georgetown!

The growth rate of the dawn redwood is fast, some 50 feet in its first 15 to 20 years, according to tree experts. Eleven years ago Owen had an arborist assess her "mistake." The largest of the four measured 26 inches in diameter. "But they've stopped growing," Owen said. "Oh, I'm sure they've stopped."

Hmmm, last year Frido van Kesteren of Bartlett Tree Experts measured the trees again. Over the last 11 years the largest had grown to a diameter of 30-1/2 inches and topped out at around 110 feet. Again the experts: Dawn redwoods can top out at 350 to 400 feet—in a millennium or two.

Sofia Owen still lives in her home of more than 50 years. Two granddaughters share the house with her; a daughter, Georgina, and Georgina's husband, architect Outerbridge Horsey, live nearby. In a couple of weeks, Owen said, the redwoods' needles should turn red; the trees should be bare by Thanksgiving. Passersby who want to catch a glimpse of this seasonal transition might peer down the driveway between 3014 and 3018 P Street NW. Look slightly to the west—and then look up!

—Nancy McKeon



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30th Street Closed for First of Three Bridges Project

Construction has started on the Three Bridges project in Georgetown. This trio of bridges span the C&O Canal at 29th Street, 30th Street, and Thomas Jefferson Street, and are 109 years old. The crumbling concrete easily visible to pedestrians and vehicle weight limits are but two manifestations of bridges badly in need of major reconstruction.



The reconstruction will last approximately three years. The first bridge to be rebuilt is 30th Street, followed by Thomas Jefferson Street, and ending with 29th Street. The sequence of reconstruction proceeds from the least to the most complex; the complexity is based on the extent that utilities, such as water and gas lines and telecommunication conduits, need to be relocated while the existing bridge is first demolished and then re-built.

Unlike the reconstruction of the Wisconsin Avenue bridge, which remained partially open, each of these three bridges will be closed to vehicles and pedestrians while it is reconstructed. See details at <http://www.3bridges.info/>.

Reconstruction on the 30th Street bridge began in August and is scheduled to be completed next August. The deck for the 30th Street bridge

has already been removed and the roadway slabs approaching the bridge excavated. The next major step, at the end of October, will be the drilling of supports that will anchor the new deck. A new temporary pedestrian walkway over the canal was recently completed on the west side of 30th Street.

Because reconstruction of the 30th Street and Thomas Jefferson Street bridges would impede the operation of the National Park Service's canal boat, a new winter storage dry dock was constructed on the canal bed east of 31st Street. This facility and a boarding dock west of Thomas Jefferson Street will ensure that canal boat tours continue during the reconstruction of these two bridges.

—Walter Groszyk

Help Homeless People in Georgetown Find a Way Off the Streets

Did you know that at least 100 homeless people frequent the Georgetown area daily? While we are familiar with them, many of us tend to just walk by. However, instead of just walking by, we invite the residents of Georgetown to walk with a purpose.

On November 21, join the **Georgetown Ministry Center (GMC)**, a community-based organization serving the needs of the homeless in the George-

town area, on the National Mall as it raises money in Fannie Mae's Annual Help the Homeless Walkathon. In one day you can impact the lives of many by simply registering and walking on behalf of GMC.

Gunther Stern, Executive Director of GMC, says, "This is a great city-wide event....The more walkers walking for GMC, the more money we can receive from Fannie Mae."

Please gather your family and friends to support and walk on behalf of GMC. The organization relies heavily on this funding to continue its service and programs for the homeless. For more information visit www.georgetownministrycenter.org, and go to www.helpthehomelessdc.org to register and select GMC as the beneficiary.

— Shari Boyce, GMC



Back from the Brink!

CAG Transportation Chair Hazel Denton (fourth from right) celebrates the city's decision to continue Circulator Bus service on upper Wisconsin Avenue. DDOT had earlier decided to eliminate the route — until residents vehemently protested. Pictured with Hazel are (l to r) Georgetown BID President Crystal Sullivan, the BID's Alfred Corbin, Georgetown University Hospital's Regina Knox-Woods, the BID's John Wiebenson, Burleith Citizens Association President Lenore Rubino, ANC Commissioner Ed Solomon, BID Executive Director Jim Bracco, ANC Commissioner Bill Starrels; the Circulator bus driver; Mayor Adrian Fenty, DDOT's Gabe Klein; Councilman Jack Evans, and Allan Wendt.

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NOVEMBER COMMUNITY EVENTS AND CALENDAR

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- Sat., Sun. Nov. 7-8** **Dracula: A Family Musical**; 1:30 pm; the Shoppes at Georgetown Park (3222 M Street, NW), Level One; adults \$12, children \$10; call 703-271-7770 to reserve.
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- Tue. Nov. 10** **Festive Holiday Floral Designs at Tudor Place**; 7pm; workshop with designer Rance Goff on innovative centerpiece and home décor ideas; members \$10, nonmembers \$15; call 965-0400 or email tmosconi@tudorplace.org.
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- Fri. Nov. 13** **EcoFest Gala & Auction benefitting Hyde-Addison School**; 7-10pm; hosted by The House of Sweden, 2900 K Street NW; admission \$50, cash cocktails; contact co-chair Lee Murphy 277-7477 or email lmurphy@cbmove.com; visit www.hydeaddisonauction.com.
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- Tue. Nov. 17** **GU's Alliance in Local Living (ALL) meeting**; to discuss community issues with Georgetown residents and students; 6:30 pm; GU Career Center Conference Room, Leavey Center; 687-3199.
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- Wed. Nov. 18** **Intown Playgroup Open House**; 10:30am – noon; for parents and children to learn about Intown, children must be one year old by September 2010 to apply for the 2010-11 school year; 1334 29th Street; RSVP intownplaygroup@gmail.com or 337-2720.
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- Thurs. Nov 19** **Dumbarton at Dusk: Curator's Tour**; 5:30 pm or 7 pm; a special 60-minute after-hours view of the newest exhibition; \$5 per person, students free with ID; rsvp@DumbartonHouse.org or 337-2288.
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- Thurs. Nov 19** **CAG Presents: Georgetown ARTS 2009**; a show of Georgetown artist residents at the former Smith & Hawken space, 1209 31st Street (corner of 31 & M); opening reception Thursday 6-9 pm and speaker at 7:30; show continues Friday Nov. 20, noon – 8 and Saturday Nov. 21, 11-6.
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- Mon. Nov. 30** **Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 2E) Public Meeting**; 6:30 pm; Heritage Room, Georgetown Visitation, 35th & Volta Streets; agenda available at www.anc2e.com.
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- Sat. Dec. 5** **St. John's Episcopal Church Annual Greens Sale**; 10-3; holiday greens, wreaths, gifts, decorations, book signings and baked goods; 3240 O Street, Blake Hall; call 338-1796 or visit www.stjohnsgeorgetown.org.
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- Sun. Dec. 6** **Merriment in Georgetown**; 3-6 pm; Wisconsin & M Streets; free photos with Santa, strolling carolers, balloon sculptors, hot chocolate, special store and more; visit merrimentingeorgetown.com.
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