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Expert Panel Discussion and Reception: Decorating and Collecting Art for the Home

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23
RECEPTION AT 7 PM; PROGRAM AT 7:30 PM
DTR MODERN GALLERIES – 2820
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We have so many wonderful museums and galleries in Washington, but have you ever wondered how to start or curate a home art collection or how to decorate with art? Join CAG members at DTR Modern Galleries for a reception amidst fantastic art (all for sale!) as well as a panel discussion with art experts Amy Kuhnert (Murphy Kuhnert Art Consulting), Samira Farmer (Doyle Auction House) and interior designer Tricia Huntley (Huntley and Co.).

DTR Modern's Gallery Director (and former CAG staffer) Jennie Buehler maintains a vast understanding of both the gallery and museum worlds and received her Master's Degree in Exhibition Design from the Corcoran College of Art + Design. Jennie will be giving tours of the gallery and answering questions about the art before the program and will lead the panel discussion.

DTR Modern's seasoned gallery operation is the largest and most notable on the East



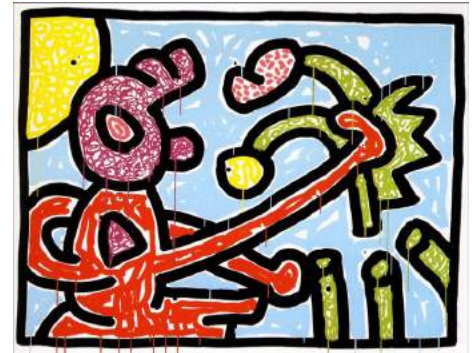
Coast, with locations in Boston, New York, Palm Beach, and Washington D.C. DTR Modern Galleries is at the forefront of the modern art marketplace by offering the most significant privately-held selection of works by modern and contemporary master artists such as: Basquiat, Botero, Chagall, Dali, Dine, Devine, Haring, Hirst, Katz, Lagemann, Lichtenstein, Longo, Mars, Matisse, Miro, Murakami, Picasso, Quinn, Slonem, Warhol, Wesselmann and Verbikey. By placing 20th Century Masters within the reach of art lovers of all levels, DTR Modern Galleries

works to build collections of corporate and private collectors ranging from new enthusiasts to serious connoisseurs.

This very special CAG evening is open to CAG members only as space is limited. Please email cagmail@cagtown.org to be placed on the attendee list. Only those members on the list at the door that evening will be admitted, so mark your calendar and respond promptly!

Many thanks to Jennie and DTR Modern for graciously hosting CAG members.

For more information please visit:
cagtown.org/meetings, dtrmodern.com, huntley-andcompany.com, www.murphykuhnert.com/services/doyle.com



FROM ME TO YOU... IT'S TIME TO RENEW

Lisa Koches, *Membership Chair*

In Georgetown, February brings bundled up pedestrians, ice-skating on the Waterfront, and hot toddies at the bars. For CAG, it means the beginning of our annual membership drive. In the next few weeks, you will receive a membership solicitation letter in the mail. The letter describes the dedicated work of CAG and the benefits of belonging to our wonderful organization. A membership form will accompany the letter, making it easy for you to join or renew in CAG.

Was one of your resolutions to become less of a procrastinator? Then this is the perfect place to start. Send in your membership dues now! Don't wait until the first CAG event when you question "Have I paid my dues for 2017?" CAG dues are extremely reasonable and truly help make Georgetown a vibrant, safe place to live. For a mere \$75 family membership, CAG sponsors free community meetings and summer concert series, operates the Public Safety program, and contributes to maintaining the beautiful trees in our village — as well as much more. If for some reason you lose the membership

form, you can always download it from our website or pay online at www.cagtown.org/membership. We hope that all existing members renew to support CAG in 2017. And we also hope that you convince families who have never belonged to CAG to join this year.

It is worth every penny!

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- Henry David Thoreau

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President's LETTER

CAG's year end of 2016 has been a wonderful success from a financial perspective. Our fundraising initiative developed by Victoria Rixey and Tara Sakraida Parker, called Friends of CAG, exceeded our expectations. The program doubled our projected year end donations, thereby creating carry-over funds that will place CAG's 2017 proposed budget on a very sound foundation.

Not all the news is positive. In December, Mayor Muriel Bowser stood firm on her decision to proceed with modified plans for Hyde-Addison School which will eliminate separate gymnasium and cafeteria spaces. Instead the new plans show one multi-use room that will be located underground with inadequate natural light. While renovation proceeds, the students will need to travel

across town using "swing space" nearly four miles from Hyde-Addison, reducing the time that young children will be able to learn and play. This decision as well as some aspects of the plan are unpopular with many parents and neighbors of the school.

Now in 2017, we have other challenges. President-elect Donald Trump was sworn in as the 45th president on January 20th. Incoming cabinet members could have an adverse impact on Georgetown if they choose to live here, but it is not likely that they are going to put up with the traffic and congestion that comes with living in Georgetown. It could be worse if cabinet members were to decide to reside here with secret service police occupying scarce parking spaces, but I think that will be unlikely.



CAG has many programs planned for early 2017, including a special art showing for CAG members only being hosted by DTR Modern Galleries, and a fundraiser for Concerts in the Parks. Dates and locations will be provided in the near future.

Bob vom Eigen, PRESIDENT

KATHLEEN GRAFF: A FORCE FOR GOOD

CAG regrets the passing last year of Kathy Graff, who served as CAG president 1986-1989. A committed citizen (and CAG's first woman president in several decades), Kathy left her mark on our community and on CAG, as longtime Board member Richard Hinds recalls:



I was on the Board of CAG and a supporter of Kathy in certain differences of opinion with other members of the Board over issues long since forgotten. But I strongly recall Kathy being a strong advocate for Georgetown on several fronts, including the effort to restore the market house on M Street as a public market instead of a collection of fast food shops. She was also very active in championing the creation of a Waterfront Park which ultimately came to fruition years later.

She was a force for good and I recall at the end of her Presidency the DC City Council commended her service as President of CAG and as I recall set forth in some detail her successes. Kathy was definitely a force for good in Georgetown and we have lost a respected leader of the community."

UPCOMING CAG MEETINGS

DTR Presents: A Special Showing for CAG Members Only

Thursday, February 23

Reception at 7pm, program at 7:30pm

DTR Modern Galleries – 2820 Pennsylvania Ave

Keep Georgetown Beautiful: Rats, Trash, and Recycling

March community meeting
Date and location TBD

Legacy Society Induction

May – date and location TBD

Special recognition for those who have committed to recognizing CAG in their wills. For more information, see

www.cagtown.org/plannedgiving

Watch for announcements and updates on
cagtown.org/meetings and
facebook.com/georgetowncitizens

GEORGETOWN *Voices*

Diversity Celebrated

Hazel Denton

Shortly after the Election, I traveled to New York. The unexpected outcome made me much more aware of what it is I appreciate about my adopted country.

In New York we sat down to the family Thanksgiving dinner — from Egypt, Jamaica, and myself from England.

The family home had a Qur'an on the side table; when I visited my cousins, the meal began with a blessing in Hebrew; and I came back in time to make the Sunday evening Mass at Holy Trinity.

Thank you, America.



RENEW MY CAG MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017!

CAG dues are tax-deductible

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I would like to volunteer to help! My areas of interest are: ☐ Historic Preservation & Zoning ☐ Programs

☐ Concerts in the Parks ☐ Membership Outreach ☐ Traffic & Parking ☐ ABC Issues

☐ Trees ☐ Publications/Newsletter ☐ Trash & Rats ☐ Oral History ☐ Art Show

☐ Public Safety Committee or Block Captain ☐ Graphic Design ☐ Board ☐ Gala

☐ Other: _____

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☐ \$55 Individual Resident

☐ \$75 Family Resident

☐ \$75 Business or Associate *(non-voting)*

☐ \$10 Student *(non-voting)*

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MILE ONE: Work Underway on the C&O Canal

Lauren Boston, *Georgetown Heritage*

For some, it's your running path. Others, a place to take visitors. Maybe it's your Sunday oasis, or just an old photograph in a shoebox from a 4th grade field trip.

Georgetown's one-mile section of the C&O Canal means a lot of things to a lot of people, and it's finally getting the love and attention it deserves.

For that, we have Georgetown Heritage to thank—and many of you. The new nonprofit partner of the C&O Canal was created by community leaders to partner with NPS to restore, revitalize and reimagine the first mile of the canal.

Thanks to support from so many, this 18-month restoration is already underway—perhaps made most obvious by the lack of water in the canal. In October, Georgetown Heritage, NPS and the Georgetown Business Improvement District (BID) drained the canal during a restoration kick-off event. That afternoon, we also said goodbye to the old Georgetown canal boat as it was towed by mules one last time to make way for a new boat in the Spring of 2018.

If you've walked past the canal recently, you've seen the work being done around Locks 3 and 4, both of which need major repair. The construction work may look unsightly, but to us, it's beautiful. Beautiful because it represents the future of the C&O Canal, and the potential we have to turn this historic section of Georgetown into an unparalleled linear park for the city. A place that is inviting, inclusive and inspiring.

Almost two centuries after its inception, it's easy to forget that the C&O Canal was revolutionary. Stretching 184 miles west from Georgetown, the project brought to life George Washington's vision to open up the country to the west—connecting our port town to goods and materials that supported a local industrial economy unique to the region.

Now it's time to bring a new vision to life; one that honors the Canal's origin story while also writing its next chapter.

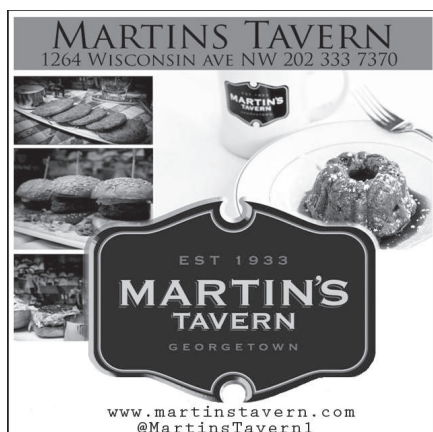
So what's next? Georgetown Heritage is just a few weeks away from selecting a design firm to lead the activation of the C&O Canal by creating a Master Plan that will serve as a road map during the restoration.

Throughout this process, we must also remember that this is your Canal, and we want to hear what you think, too. If you have any ideas for the restoration, please contact Georgetown Heritage's new Executive Director, Alison Greenberg, at agreenberg@georgetownheritage.org.



Have a wonderful memory or story about your experiences on the Canal? Send them to the Georgetown BID's Communications Director, Lauren Boston, at lboston@georgetowndc.com.

Each month, we'll provide an update on the restoration as we unlock the potential of our beloved C&O Canal. For more information, visit www.georgetownheritage.org.



FIRST, NOTIFY YOUR NEIGHBORS!

Georgetowners Must Now Notify Neighbors of Proposed Alterations

David Maloney, DC Office of Planning

For years CAG volunteers have worked with DC government officials to put in place a law that requires owners of property in Georgetown who are planning alterations to notify immediate neighbors. The lack of notice to immediate neighbors, and affected ANCs, of the applications being filed has for years deprived our neighbors and our ANC of a meaningful early opportunity to participate in the hearing process. Below is a statement by the DC Office of Planning. CAG looks forward to tracking and monitoring the public notice placard law now in effect.

Pamla Moore, CAG Board

Georgetown residents will soon begin to see public notices of project applications posted on homes and shops in the neighborhood. Owners planning to build onto their homes, and businesses making changes such as storefront alterations or new signs, will be following new public notice requirements enacted by the DC Council in 2014. The new rules went into effect on October 1 of last year, and District agencies are gradually integrating them into their processing of construction permit applications. CAG worked with Council member Jack Evans to help get these improved notice requirements enacted.

Georgetown became the city's first historic district in 1950, and since that time, all exterior construction visible from the neighborhood's public streets and alleys has been reviewed by the Old Georgetown Board of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts. Exterior work that is not visible from public space is reviewed by the District's Historic Preservation Review Board. The design advice of these boards helps to protect the historic character and ambience of Georgetown.

Beginning with projects scheduled for the February meeting of the Old Georgetown Board, owners proposing exterior construction are required to post public information placards. The green-bordered placards describe the nature of the proposed work, and must be posted in plain view of the public. They also give contact and website addresses for those seeking more information. Project applicants must make a copy of their project plans available to the owners of confronting or abutting properties upon request.

The Historic Preservation Office (HPO) in the DC Office of Planning, which administers the referral of applications to the Old Georgetown Board, began distributing notice placards and instructions to permit applicants in January. They are the same type of placards that have been used in the city's other historic districts since March 2014. In the upcoming months, HPO will begin to post project plans on its website and to assist owners with notification letters to adjacent neighbors.

EcoTip

SMART POWER STRIP

Computers, fax machines, monitors, answering machines, TVs, and other electronics suck energy out of electrical sockets even when they are turned off. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, electric appliances use 40% of their energy when they are turned off. Cut that, and your energy bill, by plugging your electronics into an energy-saving power strip (<http://amzn.to/2b94EYH>).

Round & about

A raft of new businesses arrived in Georgetown in 2016 and a few old favorites departed as well (sniff, sniff **Five Guys**). For lovers of coffee, donuts and bagels (or simits), Georgetown now can add **Peet's**, **Grace St. Coffee**, **District Donuts**, and (soon) **Blue Bottle Coffee** to our already caffeinated routes through the neighborhood. Francophiles welcomed **Laduree**, and soon **Boulangerie Christophe** will join our butter-packed list of French bakeries along with **Beard Papa's** for cream puffs.

New restaurants included local chain **&pizza** in the former Five Guys (and Au Pied du Cochon for you old-timers) space, **Bar a Vin**, a spin off from **Chez Billy Sud** located next door (now the only location of CB, sud or nord), and **Flavio** in the former Paper Moon space. **Zannchi** opened where Yummi Seafood vacated and **Bangkok Joe's** returned in a new incarnation. **Sweetgreen** will soon open its second Georgetown outpost on Wisconsin near **Soul Cycle** (how convenient!)

Longtime beloved boutique **The Phoenix** has opened a pop-up shop in the **P Street Gallerie** space while the original location is expanded and renovated—they will be returning to that space in February. Another neighborhood favorite, **Ella Rue** (consignments, designer overstock, hand-made jewelry) has opened their second location at the MGM Grand hotel at the National Harbor complex.

And also new to Georgetown...

- Ledbury
- SUNdeVICH
- Kit & Ace
- Escape Room
- Aesop
- Mykita
- Rene Ruiz
- COS
- Brilliant Earth
- Church
- &Other Stories (Ampersands are big this year!)
- Tuckernuck
- Jaco
- Curio
- Lilly Pulitzer
- Sovereign

... and many more.

For a complete list, addresses and descriptions check out: www.georgetowndc.com.

LOWER GEORGETOWN: A Construction Zone in 2017

Walter Groszyk

Five major infrastructure-related projects will be underway in lower Georgetown this year:

Rehabilitation of Key Bridge. This two-year project began in September. The contractor will utilize barges moored in the river to undertake repair of deteriorating concrete sections of the bridge. Sidewalk and roadway repairs will also be done, and the bridge abutments graffiti-proofed.

Demolition and reconstruction of the 31st Street bridge over the C&O Canal. This is the last of the five vehicle bridges over the

Canal to be rebuilt. Before work begins, a public briefing on the project will be held at the Georgetown BID at the end of January.

Rehabilitation of the Pennsylvania Avenue Bridge. The current bridge is 100 years old. The extensive reconstruction will necessitate detouring westbound Pennsylvania Ave. traffic onto 26th St., and then to M St. Detours will start in the spring.

Utility conduits and vaults on Water and K Streets. Pepco contractors began this project in July, and work continues in the area on Water Street between 34th and Potomac

Streets. The installation of new conduit pipe for electric lines, and subsurface equipment vaults will progress eastward to K Street, and thence to 29th Street.

Reconstruction of Locks 3 and 4 on the C&O Canal. Work began in the fall, and is currently underway principally at lock 4 (west of Thomas Jefferson Street), and the canal walls just west of Lock 4. The reconstruction of the basin between Locks 3 and 4 represents the major portion of the project, and has yet to begin in earnest.



Pepco's contractors busy at work at 34th and Water streets. For most of the past six months, Water Street is reduced to two lanes, and sidewalks are closed, because of the size of the work zone.



Ongoing work at Key Bridge.



The foreground shows repair work underway at and near Lock #4.

CAG LEGACY SOCIETY TO HONOR FIRST INDUCTEES

Victoria Rixey, Chair, Planned Giving & Gifts

This spring at the Citizens Association of Georgetown's Annual Meeting in May we will recognize special members who have remembered CAG in their wills. Our association has made an effort in the past year to ensure the future of our association by starting to secure these legacy gifts.

Each and every member of our Board of Directors has made this commitment, and we hope many of our loyal members will do the same. This will be the first annual induction into CAG's Legacy Society, so please, if you have made a bequest to CAG, let us know about it by calling or writing to Victoria Rixey at 202-577-5356 or vrixey@cagtown.org. We want to be certain you are recognized.

SUMMER CONCERTS PLANS ARE HEATING UP

Erin Mullan, *Concerts Co-Chair*

It's cold outside, but CAG's Concerts in the Parks committee is warming up for summer! Plans for the annual kickoff party are underway – proceeds from this event help underwrite the costs of the concerts, which are free and open to the public. More details about the party will be coming soon.

This year's concerts are scheduled for:

- Sunday, May 21 in Volta Park
- Sunday, June 18 in Volta Park
- Sunday, July 9 in Rose Park

If you are interested in joining the concerts committee, sponsoring the concerts, or advertising in the program, contact amylooney@cagtown.org or visit www.cagtown.org/concerts.

The Concerts series continue to draw ever-larger crowds of families and friends of all ages from the Georgetown community and beyond, offering great bands, fun family activities, treats, and food trucks. This season promises to be among the best thanks to the generosity of our loyal sponsors and the dedication of our hard-working committee, including: Jennifer Axmacher, Kelly Doolan, Renee Esfandiary, Megan Friday, Luisita Guanlao, Jessica Heywood, Louise Jacob, Kathleen Jenkins, Michelle Korsmo, Amy Kuhnert, Amy Looney, Leslie Maysak, Elizabeth Miller, Erin Mullan, Tina Nadler, Tara Sakraida Parker, Ginny Poole, Jennie Reno, Colman Riddell, Erin Sobanski, Dorothy Williams, and Trish Yan.

WHO'S YOUR COMMISSIONER?



Our ANC 2E commissioners were sworn in Monday, January 2 at the Convention Center. The commissioners are elected for 2 year terms. ANC2E is divided into eight Single Member Districts (SMDs), each represented by a commissioner:

2E01 Ed Solomon	2E04 Mara Goldman	2E07 Monica L. Roaché
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CELEBRATING BETSY

CAG colleagues and friends of Betsy Cooley convened at the historic George Town Club Friday, January 13th to celebrate Betsy's career and achievements as CAG's Executive Director as well as her recent retirement at the end of 2016 after thirteen years in her position. Former CAG Presidents Ray Kukulski,

Barbara Downs and Pamla Moore toasted Betsy as well as current and former board members, ANC Commissioners Rick Murphy, Ed Solomon and Joe Gibbons, and many friends and well-wishers including representatives of many of the community organizations Betsy has worked with over her illustrious career.

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The Georgetown Dish/
Judith Beerman*



Jennifer Romm, Betsy Cooley, and Bob vom Eigen



Bryan Benitz, Cathy Kerkam, Walter Groszyk, Constance Chatfield-Taylor, and Joe Gibbons



Jennifer Romm and Betsy Cooley

CITIZENS INVITED TO COME WALK THE BEAT

OFFICER ATKINS AIMS TO BRING BACK OLD-SCHOOL COMMUNITY POLICING

Local MPD Officer Antonial Atkins is inviting Georgetowners to join him on the beat. The community cop's new initiative would allow groups of residents to "walk a footbeat" with MPD officers and officials. These citizen tours of duty would last approximately 30 minutes.

Atkins hopes to hold the first tours as soon as the weather gets warmer, starting on Saturdays and then expanding to bi-weekly or monthly sessions, with staggered times and shifts to allow more cops and citizens to get involved. The first sessions would probably take in the Rose Park area, scene of heightened tensions between dog-walkers and police last spring.

"This will allow Officers to meet and greet some proactive community residents and business leaders to foster better relationships with each other. It would be a great opportunity to better relationships, strengthen ties, share crime tips, and point out things in the community that could result in a future crime," says Atkins.

On each tour, officers would point out car doors left unlocked, valuables inside vehicles, bikes left unattended, and similar sights known to increase the risk of crime. "This would also be a great opportunity to let residents know how technology has changed the way the community can protect themselves and how MPD use it in a transparent way," added Atkins.

Walking the beat together would also help the area's many new officers and new residents get to know each other. Atkins hopes this would lead to greater information-sharing between residents and law enforcement, that could help prevent future crime.

The "walk the beat" initiative has the support of MPD 2D Commander Melvin Gresham, who told Atkins, "This is a very good idea. Let's start it as soon as possible."

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Tuesdays, Wednesdays **Tax Assistance at the Georgetown Library** 3260 R Street at 1pm. From February 1 through April 18, meet with a qualified AARP tax aide at your local library to help answer your tax questions and prepare your 2016 income tax filing. For more information and to find other sites offering tax assistance, please visit dclibrary.org/incometax.

Sun Feb 12 **St John's Concert Series: Voces8** 5pm at St Johns Episcopal Church, 3240 O Street. The British vocal ensemble makes its Washington debut. This versatile ensemble, consisting of "Eight beautifully integrated solo voices," (BBC Music Magazine) promises to deliver a captivating performance. www.stjohnsgeorgetown.org

Thu Feb 23 **CAG Meeting: DTR Modern Galleries Presents a Special Art Showing for CAG Members** at 2820 Pennsylvania Ave. Tickets required. Reception at 7pm, program at 7:30pm. For more information, visit cagtown.org/meetings or contact cagmail@cagtown.org or 337-7313.

Mon Feb 27 **ANC 2E March Meeting** at Georgetown Visitation, 6:30pm. Heritage Room, Main Building, 35th St at Volta Place NW. www.anc2e.com/meetings.html

PLANNING AHEAD

Thur Mar 23 **Tudor Nights: Paw Prints** at Tudor Place, 6:30-8:30pm. From livestock to hunting dogs to doves, animals have thrived for two centuries at Tudor Place. Join us for cocktails and animal tales, as well as art and objects of special interest to pet lovers. Ages 21+. Admission includes wine, beer, soft drinks, and appetizers. Tudor Nights, offered four times a year, are free for Individual and Family members. www.tudorplace.org/programs

Mon Apr 3 **ANC 2E April Meeting** at Georgetown Visitation, 6:30pm. Heritage Room, Main Building, 35th St at Volta Place NW. www.anc2e.com/meetings.html

Sat Apr 8 **Dumbarton Concerts: Attend a free masterclass with Imani Winds** at 10am, Dumbarton United Methodist Church, 3133 Dumbarton Street. This special event provides music lovers with a rare opportunity to witness the interaction between gifted students and great artists as they examine and explore the arts of performance on the highest level. www.dumbartonconcerts.org

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