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RECOLLECTIONS OF GEORGETOWN: CAG ORAL HISTORY PANEL AT CITY TAVERN CLUB MARCH 23

Please join CAG at the historic City Tavern Club, 3206 M Street, for an evening filled with well-deserved salutes to significant Georgetowners and their role in the history of Georgetown. Tom Birch will moderate a fascinating panel including Ellen Charles, Billy Martin, and Sarah Satterlee Yerkes. These Georgetowners will tell their stories and share their memories.



Ellen Charles beside portrait of herself as a girl with her grandmother, Marjorie Merriweather Post

The multi-faceted Ellen Charles talks about her famous grandmother, Marjorie Merriweather Post, and recalls championing her legacy at the famous Hillwood Museum. Ellen also talks about her newer leadership role at Tudor Place, as well as renovating her own art and antique-filled home on 31st Street.

*Wednesday, March 23
Reception at 7pm, Program at 7:30pm
City Tavern Club, 3206 M St NW*



Fourth-generation owner Billy Martin, at the venerable bar of historic Martin's Tavern

Billy Martin tells how Martin's Tavern was founded by his great-grandfather, who purchased the property on the corner of Wisconsin and N Street in 1933 and transformed the building from a Greek delicatessen into the Tavern. It looks almost identical today as it did when it officially opened its doors in 1934. Billy is the fourth generation Martin to operate the tavern and has stories of spies, famous proposals (namely JFK and Jackie), and how almost every American president from Truman to George W. Bush has eaten in one of the booths.



Former Q Street resident, multi-talented Sarah Satterlee Yerkes, at home

Architect Sarah Yerkes, an indomitable nonagenarian, moved to Washington with her first husband "in the spring of 1945, just before the bomb dropped." Sarah is an architect, painter and sculptor, and she talks about Georgetown life from mid-20th century onward, the development of the Watergate properties and the Kennedy Center, regular concerts at Dumbarton Oaks, and raising a family in a "Cook's Row" house on Q Street.

The City Tavern Club at 3206 M Street is hosting the evening, which begins with a reception at 7pm, followed by the program from 7:30–8:30.

ABOUT THE ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

CAG's Oral History Project, under the direction of Cathy Farrell, the committee chair, collects and records a "living" history of Georgetown as related in individual interviews with people who have lived and/or worked here. The project documents the history of our Georgetown community, people, and places as experienced, remembered, and articulated by residents.

The transcripts of these interviews are available on our website and are being added to the Peabody Room at the Georgetown Library. This compendium of primary history is available to researchers, residents, and the general public — and will undoubtedly be of special interest to families and descendants of the interviewees.

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- Henry David Thoreau

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President's LETTER

March Madness

Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow early last month, which according to the fable means we will have an early arrival of spring. I hope this omen will prove to be reliable because the cold, wet, and icy weather is depressing. What we need is some bright sunny days with late March cherry blossoms to lift our spirits! Concerts in the Parks will commence in May to carry us through to the summer vacation months.

On March 23, CAG's oral history program will be held at the City Tavern Club. The reception begins at 7pm, with the program to follow at 7:30pm. This is one of my favorite events. We learn from people who have lived their lives in Georgetown. There is much wisdom to be shared, and marvelous storytelling about life in Georgetown. ANC Commissioner Tom Birch will moderate the panel of speakers, who include Ellen Charles, Billy Martin, and Sarah Satterlee Yerkes.

The CAG committees have been busy covering historic preservation, aircraft noise, public safety, ABC alcohol licensing, and DC Water's permeable infrastructure plans. The program committee organizes these public meetings during the fall, winter, and spring.

The West Heating Plant project met a

buzz saw at a recent meeting of the Old Georgetown Board, which took the position that the building should not be demolished and that its components should be preserved as much as possible. As a practical matter, that aspiration is not likely to be realized. The building is contaminated with environmental hazards, and major modifications, including windows, would be needed to create livable residential units.

The DC Fair Skies Coalition has filed a response to the Federal Aviation Administration's motion to dismiss the case on procedural issues. The facts are that the FAA did not perform an environmental assessment on the first LAZIR route for departures to the north of Reagan National in 2011, and FAA's 2013 environmental assessment of other departure routes was not disclosed to any representatives of the communities that had been attending meetings with the FAA and the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority in 2014 and 2015. Planes have been taking off over Georgetown and adjoining communities since the spring of 2015. In July 2015, the FAA conceded that the departure route was disruptive to these communities, and announced that they would study alternative routes over the Potomac River. That process will take between 18 and 24 months to approve, and the DC Fair Skies Coalition will seek to have an older departure route, called the 328 Radial, that would be less disruptive than the current LAZIR route.

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board's hearing on the Georgetown Moratorium Zone was February 24. CAG, ANC2E, and the Georgetown BID have agreed to eliminate the Moratorium Zone when it expires in April, and have created a Settlement Agreement Template that will set conditions for



applicants for restaurant licenses that will deal with noise, hours of operation, and cleanup issues, among others. There will be no cap on the number of licenses that can be granted. Those who would like to offer comments should submit written statements by 4pm on March 4. (email at abra@dc.gov)

Bob vom Eigen, PRESIDENT

UPCOMING CAG MEETINGS

RECOLLECTIONS OF GEORGETOWN:

Panel of Oral History Interviewees

Date: Wednesday, March 23

Time: 7–8:30pm

Place: City Tavern Club, 3206 M St NW

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CANAL?

Date: Tuesday, April 19

Time: 7–8:30pm

Location: Pinestripes, 1064 Wisconsin Ave.

CAG ANNUAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, May 24

Time: 7–8:30pm

Place: Georgetown Visitation, 1523 35th St.



ANC commissioner Ed Solomon and Bob vom Eigen with MWAA representatives David Mould and Mike Jeck at the January 27th Aircraft Noise meeting hosted by CAG.

Aspects of Georgetown:

A BRIGHT SPOT IN A MURKY WORLD

EDITH SCHAFFER

The mindless brutality of the killing of many people in Paris in November shook us to the core. How does one deal with this kind of senseless inflicting of pain by blood thirsty gunmen in a culture that has lost its bearings. It was a big leap backward for civilization.

But here's what happened next. A leader emerged on our block who said we must get to know each other so we can forge bonds that might be needed in dire times. We must have community. So we put together a block party whose sole purpose was to get to know each other. It turned out to be wildly successful, achieving not only its original purpose but many other good things as well.

Who knew that a single block in Georgetown contained so many outstanding, interesting and talented people? It was kind of like the High Table at Oxford, a thicket of intellectuals and achievers. We gazed at our charming and successful guests with unfeigned admiration. For instance: we had an economist with the IMF, the director of the Textile Museum and his wife who is also a textile expert, the chief administrator at the Renwick, an investment banker, several lawyers, a young and beautiful trauma surgeon at GW who looked to be 18 but must be a bit older to do what she does, the founder and then director of the Environmental Film Festival, a lawyer turned artist, an international conflict resolution person, an entrepreneur focused on education and building local communities, and on and on.

This could have happened in many parts of our unique and multifaceted city, you say. Maybe. But it happened in Georgetown, and that just seems appropriate.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2037: MEDSTAR AND GU DRAFT 20-YEAR EXPANSION PLAN

JENNIFER ALTEMUS, *Georgetown Community Partnership Steering Committee*

At GU MedStar's request, the Georgetown Community Partnership (GCP) Steering Committee has agreed to accelerate its drafting of the university's next campus plan. The university hopes to file a finalized 20-year plan with the DC Zoning Commission by the end of the summer.

MedStar wants to move forward with its plans to renovate and expand the aging hospital building. All parties have agreed that it is in everyone's best interests to submit a new 20-year campus plan early rather than try to amend the current plan, which expires next year. Since the hospital is on the campus, it must be included in the GU Campus Plan. The first draft of the 2017-2037 Campus Plan is anticipated to be available to the entire community in April.

The Zoning Commission's intent in regulating campus facilities is to promote well-planned and designed educational campuses, encourage long-term facilities planning, minimize negative impacts on the surrounding residential areas, and provide consistency and transparency in the campus planning process.

In 2012, Georgetown University committed

to a five-year campus plan and also agreed to engage in a comprehensive master planning process that would develop a consensus 20-year plan. Through the GCP, the university has been engaging community and city leaders in its master planning and neighborhood quality-of-life initiatives. The process seems to be working. The Partnership's goal in the upcoming plan is to not reinvent the wheel: its roadmap will be the current five-year plan. The Partnership will pay special attention to MedStar's expansion plans, transportation issues, enrollment numbers, and physical space planning, and it will build into the plan a structured check-in procedure with the Zoning Commission at certain points over the next two decades.

The university's goals are to create new, high-quality green spaces, a more developed residential living-learning community, and a more pedestrian-friendly campus. The Partnership sees these goals as helping to reduce any negative impacts the university might have on the residential community. MedStar's goal is to update its outdated infrastructure. The hospital plans to start by building a significant addition that will house its new Emergency Department, along with other facilities. You can see Medstar's plans on its website www.BuildingMedicalExcellence.com

WELCOME YOUR NEIGHBORS!

LISA KOCHES, *Membership Chair*

When I first moved into Georgetown, I realized that although I knew the area, I did not know many people. This is often the case with newcomers who become Georgetown residents. And from my experience, it is not always easy to break into this close-knit community.

This is where the Citizens Association can help. As a member of CAG, you can be an ambassador. When you see a new neighbor, reach out and extend a warm welcome to Georgetown. If you notice new faces at a CAG event, introduce yourself and thank them for attending. A little warmth and hospitality goes a long way.

During the coming year, CAG hopes to make new members feel more integrated into our wonderful association. We are planning socials for new members, mentoring at events, and a neighborhood outreach program. Consider volunteering for the CAG Membership Committee ... you can share the benefits of CAG membership and create new friendships as well. To volunteer, please contact the CAG office at 202-337-7313 or by email at cagmail@cagtown.org

Welcome your new neighbors and spread the good word of CAG!

JOIN THE GEORGETOWNFORUM LISTSERV

Stay up to date on the latest happenings and neighborly conversations!

The GeorgetownForum is a "digital community bulletin board" that provides a way to discuss local issues and common interests with other Georgetowners. You can:

- identify and recommend local businesses and services
- find lost pets
- share upcoming events
- send out safety and crime information
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The forum is hosted by Yahoo Groups, but you don't need a Yahoo email address to join.

HOW TO JOIN

Go to www.georgetownforum.com

Click "Join Group"

If you already have a Yahoo ID, you can sign in with it on the Yahoo website, or create a new ID on this page.

(You can also join by sending an email to georgetownforum-subscribe@yahoogroups.com, but you'll have fewer options to manage your settings and preferences.)

Once you have joined, you can:

- Post new messages — either through the Yahoo website or by sending an email to georgetownforum@yahoogroups.com
- Reply to messages individually or "reply all" to respond to everyone on the message board
- You can also specify how often you want to receive forum messages — either individually in real time, or in a combined daily "Digest"

Learn more at www.cagtown.org/georgetownforum

SPRING IS ON THE WAY!

BETSY EMES, Chair, Trees for Georgetown

Spring is on the way, bringing with it Trees for Georgetown's spring planting! This year we will be planting 58 new trees. We are introducing some new species, which we always try to do, including Chinquapin oak (*quercus meuhlenbergii*), bald cypress (*taxodium distichum*) and Carolina silverbell (*halesia*).

Casey Trees has again been contracted to plant our trees, in early March, weather permitting. Every tree box will be taken down to sidewalk level (including surrounds), all plantings removed, soil ameliorated with organic mulch and topsoil, and trees mulched and watered if needed. Stakes will be used only if necessary, and ooze tubes (watering devices) will be installed around each tree. Finally, regulation wrought iron fences will be custom installed around each tree box.

We are counting on all our neighbors to take care of Georgetown's street trees, especially the newly planted ones, watering at least once a week with 25 gallons of water and keeping them mulched (2-3 inches only). We also ask that no plantings be installed until after new trees are in the ground for two, or preferably three, years.

To learn more about Trees for Georgetown and how to support the program, visit our website www.cagtown.org/trees.

Many thanks to all who have helped to keep Trees for Georgetown growing. We're looking forward to a green spring!



THANK YOU, BID CLEAN TEAM

The dedicated crew from Georgetown BID's 10-person Clean Team worked hard through the January snow storm to clear sidewalks, handicap ramps, crosswalks, bus stops, pedestrian bridges, and fire hydrants.

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RESIDENTS SOUND OFF AGAINST AIRPLANE NOISE AT CAG COMMUNITY MEETING

LOUISE JACOB, CAG Communications Manager

Angry Georgetowners packed a CAG meeting to discuss the growing airplane noise over their homes caused by the change in flight paths at Reagan Airport.

They were joined by representatives from neighboring communities who've teamed up to form the DC Fair Skies Coalition, which is fighting the new flight rules that send thunderous planes that wake residents as early as 5:10am and continue to roar over residential areas until late night.

The January 27 meeting was opened by CAG president Bob vom Eigen, who spoke about how the noise is "impacting our quality of life." Then ANC2E commissioner Ed Solomon, saying it is a "complex issue," brought the audience up to date on the roundtable meetings that have been taking place for several months between the FAA, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA), community representatives, and elected officials from Ward 2 and northern Virginia.

Under the new LAZIR departure route, planes no longer fly over the center of the Potomac river. They now follow a more direct route, taking them over residential areas mostly on the DC side of the river.

CAG legal counsel Richard Hinds explained that after residents learned of the new route last spring, the coalition was quickly formed, and managed to file a suit just within the legal deadline. The FAA has now filed to



Nearly 100 people attended CAG's January community meeting about increased aircraft noise

dismiss our suit, claiming it was "not timely" — although residents were not aware of the 2013 environmental assessment that included authorization for the change.

"Our position is that this new LAZIR route is illegal and our solution is to go back to the old route," said Hinds.

Representing the MWAA were David Mould and Mike Jeck, who took the podium to brief residents on the history of the different flight paths in and out of Reagan, pointing out that Reagan and Dulles are the only two airports in the country run by the federal government.

While noise complaints from northern Virginia have reportedly decreased over the last few years, complaints from DC residents are rising rapidly. Not only does the new route allow a one mile deviation on either side — as one audience member pointed out, to much laughter, "that could take a plane over the White House!" — but the planes often now start as early as 5:10am and carry

on roaring, often until 1 or 2am the next morning.

During questions, many in the audience asked, "Why can't it be the way it used to be?" There was also confusion over why the new technology can't be used on the old route. The MWAA representatives explained that they "don't make the rules, we just carry them out". Every three years, Congress considers FAA authorization, and new exceptions and changes are usually included in those bills.

The FAA was originally expected to send representatives to the community meeting, but later declined because residents from northern Virginia would not be attending.



Thanks to Suzanne Simon (shown above right) and Chaia Farm to Taco, who cooked delicious tacos at the meeting.



WHAT THE ZONING CHANGES MEAN FOR GEORGETOWN

CHRISTOPHER MATHEWS, CAG Board

After almost a decade of debate, the DC Zoning Commission has approved a raft of changes to the zoning code. This wide-ranging action brings a code that was originally written in the 1950s squarely up to date. For Georgetown, two key changes could have the most impact: corner stores and accessory dwellings.

Corner Stores

Corner stores like Scheele's and Sara's are a critical part of the appeal of living in Georgetown, but they only exist where they are due to grandfathering. Under the previous zoning code, if a corner store closed, unless a new store opened on the site shortly after, the grandfathering would expire and no new store would be allowed.

This potentially had real consequences. When the future of Scheele's was in doubt due to the Scheele family putting the building up for sale, it was never an option for the store to simply pick up and move across the street. The



Scheeles Market at Dumbarton and 29th Street

grandfathering wasn't portable. If a store lost its lease, it couldn't simply move to another building unless that building was already zoned commercial, and only a few small pockets in the side streets of Georgetown are zoned commercial.

The new rules loosen the general prohibition on commercial activity in residential zones. You can now open a corner store in any property literally on a corner. Some conditions apply, but the main one is that there cannot be more than three other corner stores within 500 feet and it cannot be within 750 feet of M

Street or Wisconsin Avenue.

That last condition is meant to ensure that corner stores serve the local neighborhood and not become an extension of the existing commercial areas.

Admittedly, these rules will not allow many new stores to pop up in the side streets of Georgetown. But the idea isn't necessarily to add more corner stores; it is to make it easier for new stores to open if existing stores close.

Accessory Dwellings

Right now throughout Georgetown there are scores of "English Basement" apartments, and the like. They provide extra income for the homeowners and more affordable housing for the tenants.

But most of them are illegal.

Under the old code, in Georgetown, the only way to have a legal basement apartment was to have had the apartment continuously since the 50s. Few qualified. Technically you could get a variance to get an apartment approved, but variances are nearly impossible to obtain. So most didn't bother and just rented illegally.

This is bad for several reasons. Most of all, it means tenants are living in apartments that have not necessarily been brought up to code. They could be living in death traps.

The new rules provide that in Georgetown you can have an accessory apartment in your house (or in a separate structure on your property) without having to get a variance. By providing an avenue for landlords to comply and still keep the apartment, the new rules will hopefully result in more apartments being inspected and improved.

To obtain approval under the new code, the homeowner needs to live in the house. This is designed to prevent houses from being turned into mini apartment buildings, which some fear would bring unwanted noise and disruption. The idea is that a homeowner living

in the house will not tolerate a noisy tenant, so the neighbors won't have to tolerate it either.

The second condition is that homeowners must apply for a special exception, which is far easier to obtain than a variance. To get a variance, you need to demonstrate that you have some unique condition or situation that would make it an incredible burden to comply with the existing regulations. For a special exception, the burden is shifted to the people objecting to your proposal, who must demonstrate that the change would create an undue burden on them.

There are other changes, such as rules related to setbacks, but these two elements have the most potential to essentially legalize two phenomena that are quintessentially Georgetown.

*Christopher Mathews, a CAG Board member, writes the **Georgetown Metropolitan** blog offering neighborhood news and general information for Georgetown residents.*



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TOWN/GOWN ACTIVITIES

CAG works constantly with Georgetown University, the Police Department, and other community groups on student-related issues

CONCERTS IN THE PARKS KICK-OFF PARTY APRIL 14 AT GYPSY SALLY'S VINYL LOUNGE

HANNAH ISLES, *Concerts Committee Chair*

Don your Levi's and meet us on Thursday, April 14th at 7pm. Concerts in the Parks sponsor Gypsy Sally's is generously opening Vinyl Lounge for some old school dive bar nostalgia. The Kick-Off Party committee, chaired by Erin Mullan, Amy Looney, and Dabney Jewell, has a really fun evening planned complete with bar snacks, cans of PBR, and an old school rock and roll band. Not to worry – for those less nostalgic, there will be offerings beyond canned beer! We

hope you will join the party and help support concerts in the Parks. Formal invitations will hit your email box soon!

CAG's Concerts in the Parks is Georgetown's favorite summer concert series, is free and open to the public. All proceeds from the kick-off party help pay for these family-friendly concerts in our beautiful neighborhood parks. Concerts dates are May 22nd, June 19th (Fathers' Day), and July 10th.

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EcoTIP

Small steps . . .

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— LEE CHILD
Georgetown Garden Club

ROUND

Beard Papas has opened its cream puff bakery store on Wisconsin Avenue ... Belgian bistro and beer bar **The Sovereign** has taken over the old Blue Gin space ... **Dandelion Patch**, the luxury stationery boutique that printed countless Georgetown invitations and announcements, have closed their Georgetown branch ... Arlington county funding for a feasibility study may bring the proposed **Georgetown–Rosslyn gondola** one step closer to reality.

WHITHER THE DEMOLITION OF THE WEST HEATING PLANT?

WALTER GROSZYK

The West Heating Plant (WHP) owners have begun a two-track process to secure District government approval for the Plant's demolition. The first track involves filing an application for a permit to demolish the existing structure; the second is the submission of designs for a replacement building.

This two-track process is necessitated by DC law, which specifies that even if demolition of a historic structure (such as the WHP) is approved, the District will not issue a demolition permit until it also issues a construction permit for a new building on the site.

In the first week of February, both the ANC and the Old Georgetown Board (OGB) reviewed the demolition application along with two designs for a new residential building. The designs had been presented at the community meeting convened by CAG in December.

While the first design would retain one wall from the original WHP building, the second design is an original by award-winning architect David Adjaye. This design evokes classical elements, with a lower, rectangular plinth, topped by a recessed pavilion. The predominant façade material is a blue/grey-colored marble.

At both meetings, CAG endorsed the application for a demolition permit, and generally supported the second, original design. CAG's position is consistent with the overwhelming preference of residents who attended the community meeting.

The ANC, on a 6-2 vote, did not support the application for a demolition permit. The ANC resolution sets out several issues that it wants reviewing bodies to consider, but does not take a position on how those issues should be resolved. The ANC also voiced concern about the height and massing of Adjaye's new design.

The OGB also voted to oppose demolition, and expressed its preference for the first design, which would retain the west façade of the WHP (facing 29th Street) and replace the other sides with a ceramic screen that would mimic the appearance of the current structure.

The differing positions taken by CAG, the ANC, and the OGB at this stage will likely reflect the range of positions taken by others going forward. These positions on the demolition application are not dispositive, as only the Mayor's Agent, after hearing from all interested parties, is charged with determining whether the demolition application should be approved.

In that context, it is instructive to look at the history of two other controversial applications for demolition. The first, in 2002, was for a limited demolition of the Corcoran Gallery to allow for a Frank Gehry designed addition, and different units of DC government took opposing positions. The Historic Preservation Review Board opposed the demolition, while the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities and the Office of Planning supported the application.

More recently, an application for demolition of an underground structure at the McMillan Park Reservoir was contested, to the extent that opponents hired their own structural engineer. (The WHP and the Reservoir are the only historic "structures" — in contrast to "buildings" — for which developers have sought demolition.)

In his determination approving demolition at the reservoir, the Mayor's Agent noted the testimony of one party appearing in support of demolition: "[T]his is such a difficult project. There are so many masters, so many forces, so many people, even the people who testified in opposition had different points of view as to what they like and don't like about this project, and what's the future."



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A BITE OF THE APPLE

VV HARRISON

There was great joy in Georgetown, even more than in Mudville, when the Apple Store opened on Wisconsin Avenue in 2010. It took many months of architectural trials and tribulations before the store was up and running, but once the doors were opened, people streamed in to buy the latest Apple products.

I recently stopped in to get some information about an iPad that had been given to me several Christmases ago. The message that appeared on the screen said the iPad was locked. A very nice young man whose name was Josh said he could unlock it for me in a jiffy. All I had to do was to answer a security question. Who was the first celebrity you ever met? I said I no idea. The next question was the last four digits of the credit card I used to purchase the item. I said I had no idea. It was a gift.

My niece gave it to me, but she was in France. "Oh dear" came Josh's reply "we might have a problem here, if we can't find the answer to one of the questions, we may not be able to unlock the system."

"Oh dear," I said, "but this is not an atomic secret, there must be a way." I was then handed off to another assistant who asked where the iPad had been purchased. I said Charleston, South Carolina, and within minutes he had contacted the Apple Store there, found the credit card number, and in the blink of an eye, my iPad was unlocked and ready for business.

The people who work in the Georgetown store are truly amazing. They are polite, smart, and extraordinarily patient. They give individual tutorials and group workshops, and answer all questions regarding their various products, including computers, iPads, Apple Watches, and iPhones. My bite of the Apple was a great one. Hope yours is the same.



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MARCH COMMUNITY EVENTS AND CALENDAR

- Tue Mar 1** **DC Public Schools PK3-8 applications due.** Results released April 1, enrollment begins April 1. dcps.dc.gov/page/my-school-dc-lottery
- Thu Mar 10** **March Madness at Tudor House.** Inner jocks meet inner history geeks at this lively cocktail evening centered on the sporting life at Tudor Place. 6:30–8:30pm. Ages 21+. Tickets \$20, free for members. www.tudorplace.org/events
- Sat Mar 12** **Goldstein-Peled-Fitterstein Trio at Dumbarton Concerts.** 8pm. Tickets \$35, Students/Seniors \$30. Pianist Alon Goldstein, cellist Amit Peled, and clarinetist Alex Fitterstein. Program includes Beethoven - Piano Trio in B-flat major, Op. 11, the Brahms – Clarinet Trio in A minor, Op. 114 and Ernest Bloch — From Jewish Life for cello and piano (1924). www.dumbartonconcerts.org/tickets
- Sun Mar 13** **Daylight Saving Time** — set your clocks forward one hour!
- Thurs Mar 17** **Georgetown Book Club.** 7:30–9pm, Georgetown Library, R St. The March meeting will discuss the 2014 winner of the Man Booker Prize for Fiction, Richard Flanagan's *The Narrow Road to the Deep North*.
- Sat Mar 19** **9th Annual Eggstravaganza! at Tudor Place.** 10am–12pm. Join the Easter Bunny for a special day as children of all ages enjoy an Egg Hunt (10:30 am) and thrilling Egg Roll Contest (10:45 am) down the grand South Lawn. For each child attending, bring a basket, spoon, and hard-boiled egg. www.tudorplace.org/events
- Sun Mar 20** **Vernal (Spring) Equinox**
- Wed Mar 23** **CAG Meeting: Recollections of Georgetown — Panel of CAG Oral History Interviewees.** City Tavern Club, 3206 M St. Reception at 7pm, program at 7:30pm. www.cagtown.org/meetings
- Thurs Mar 24** **Adult Coloring.** 6:30pm–8:30, Georgetown Library, R St. A springtime series of relaxed coloring sessions for adults. Open to all. For more information, email julia.strusienski@dc.gov
- Sun Mar 27** **Easter**

PLANNING AHEAD

- Sun Apr 3** **Georgetown Concert Series — Canadian Brass.** 5pm. St. John's Church, 3240 O St. "These are the men who put brass music on the map with their unbeatable blend of virtuosity, spontaneity and humor" (*The Washington Post*). Tickets \$40, reception follows. www.stjohnsgeorgetown.org or 202-338-1796.
- Mon Apr 4** **ANC 2E April Meeting** at Georgetown Visitation, 6:30pm. Heritage Room, 2nd Fl, Main Building. 35th St at Volta Place NW. www.anc2e.com/meetings.html
- Mon Apr 18** **Tax Day**
- Tue Apr 19** **CAG Monthly Meeting: What's Happening at the Canal?** Panel discussion with representatives from Georgetown Heritage, Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historic Park, and the Georgetown BID. Reception at 7pm; program at 7:30pm, at Pinstripes, 1064 Wisconsin Ave.
- Sat Apr 23** **Georgetown House Tour.** Patrons Party: Wednesday, April 20. House Tour and Tea: Saturday, April 23. www.georgetownhousetour.com
- Sat May 7** **Georgetown Garden Tour 2016.** 10am–5pm. Tickets \$35 before April 28, \$40 after. Afternoon tea included in ticket price. www.georgetowngardenclubdc.org



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