

Published
Since 1983

Gary & Diana Ditto's Newsletter

Summer 2020

About a Pitcher and More

A Conversation with Inge Mauger

by Antoinette Kranenburg

The stainless steel pitcher is simple and bold, its distinct design the work of Arne Jacobson, noted Danish architect and designer. Sitting out on a side table by the front door, it caught Gary Ditto's eye. After decades of use, its handle had fallen off. Inge Mauger explained she very much wanted to have it repaired and had gone by all the shops, but could not find any place to fix it. "I know someone who can fix it," realized Gary, "Steven Cohen!"



A retired naval architect, Steven Cohen is an amateur metal worker with a workshop at his nearby Kensington home. As a child, Steven was tutored by an experienced, old world machinist, who could repair anything. Sure enough, Mr. Cohen was kind enough to help out and devised a way to reattach the handle. Inge Mauger is very pleased to have her striking pitcher back in use.

Inge Mauger was born and raised in Denmark, so her affinity for Danish sleek modern design comes as no surprise. Arne Jacobson was the architect of the SAS Royal Hotel in Copenhagen, which opened in 1960. Jacobson designed the Hotel inside and out, including all the furnishings, from the salt and pepper shakers to the iconic Swan, Egg and Drop chairs.

— Continued on page 2

Long & Foster Real Estate, Inc.
Bethesda Gateway Office
4650 East-West Highway
Bethesda, MD 20814
301-907-7600

THE DITTO GROUP
experience • knowledge • community



Gary Ditto 301-215-6834
Diana Ditto 301-215-6904
gd@thedittogroup.com
diana@thedittogroup.com
www.thedittogroup.com

—*Inge Mauger continued*

Inge is the eldest of five children, with two brothers and two sisters. She grew up on Langeland, an island 25 miles long and 14 miles wide. “It was the countryside, by ferry to Kiel in Germany was an hour away.”

During the Second World War as a young child “We could see the sky lit up with the bombing” of Lübeck and Kiel across the Baltic Sea. The sky glittered with strips of foil dropped down from Allied aircraft to interrupt enemy radar.

Inge went to college in Copenhagen for 3½ years to become a dietitian, living in the hospital dormitory. After graduating she spent a year in London training at St. Thomas Hospital in 1960-61.

She came to Washington, DC in 1965 through the Denmark American Foundation, as a trainee with the Washington Hospital Center. She worked at the old Children’s Hospital on 13th Street NW between V and W, which was by then old and outdated.

She enjoyed working with her black colleagues, but outside of work, life was segregated and socializing was separate. She went to a black friend’s wedding at a Baptist church on a hot day and remembers the fan said, “Vote for Barry.”

There were a lot of foreign professionals in Washington for study and internships. “Everybody knew everybody, we met at parties.” That is how she met Anthony Mauger from England, a cancer researcher at the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Interestingly, Anthony had lived in the United States before as a young boy. In 1940 Britain arranged with the United States to send over boys in case Britain would be over run, so that some young men would be saved to come back after the war and rebuild Britain.

Anthony, born in 1932, had a cousin in New Hope, Pennsylvania, the landscape and portrait painter, John Folinsbee, a member of the New Hope arts community. That is with whom John and his sister, age 8 and 6, went to live in 1940. Folinsbee painted a beautiful portrait of Anthony Mauger as a young boy, shortly after his arrival. The siblings’ stay turned in to five years.

QUESTION: Would you like to receive the Ditto Group’s newsletter by email? Send your request to gary@thedittogroup.com.

After the war Anthony went back to his parents in England, studied organic chemistry at University of Nottingham. He returned to the United States to do cancer research at NIH.

Inge and Anthony Mauger married in Copenhagen and lived in an apartment on Grubb Road and then bought a house off Georgia Avenue just north of the Beltway in 1972. At that time Holy Cross Hospital and Wheaton Plaza were out in the country. Inge remembers I-270 was a two-lane country road.

Inge loved Kensington’s small and unusual specialty stores and moved to the Town in 1985. They found a house built in 1958 by a carpenter and his wife for their own family. It suited their modern tastes beautifully.



Anthony Mauger, age 8, by John Folinsbee

Correction:

Nora Caplan, the first librarian of Noyes Children’s Library, was misnamed in the spring newsletter. We thank Linda Nishioka for alerting us.

Gary and Diana Ditto’s Newsletter welcomes ideas and news items from community members. We are grateful to Inge Mauger for sharing her experiences. The editor is Antoinette Kranenburg of Kensington, assisted by Cherry Wunderlich.

2020 Year to Date

This has been a year that will remain in our collective consciousness, but real estate sales in our community have remained strong. Many sellers, for good reasons, have withheld their properties from the market and the pool of purchasers has only grown larger. Hence, every house offered for sale has quickly attracted response from multiple buyers. The Ditto Group has been very active helping buyers and sellers during this trying time.

* = we represented the buyer



9701 Connecticut Ave
Kensington/Larchmont
Knolls
* Sold - \$900,000



4402 Franklin St
Kensington/Parkwood
Sold - \$850,000



4325 Dresden St
Kensington/Chevy Chase
View
Sold - \$770,000



9637 E. Bexhill Dr
Kensington/Rock Creek
Hills
Sold - \$729,000



4603 Franklin St
Kensington/Parkwood
Sold - \$699,000



9830 Capitol View Ave
Silver Spring/Capitol View
Park
Sold - \$679,000



4501 Everett St
Kensington/Parkwood
Sold - \$640,500



3121 Plyers Mill Rd
Kensington/Oakland
Terrace
Offered at- \$590,000



2801 Jennings Rd
Kensington/Oakland
Terrace
Offered at- \$549,000



2504 Jennings Rd
Silver Spring/Stephen
Knolls
Sold - \$539,000



3113 Homewood Pkwy
Kensington/Homewood
Active - \$539,000



2423 St. Alberts Terr
Brookville/Manor Oaks
* Sold - \$489,000



10220 Day Ave
Kensington/Homewood
Sold - \$476,500



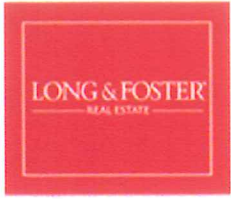
10211 Montgomery Ave
Kensington/Kensington
Sold - \$465,000



13511 Turkey Branch Pkwy
Rockville/Wheaton Woods
* Sold - \$440,000



4007 Denfeld Ave
Kensington/Rock Creek
Palisades
Sold - \$405,000



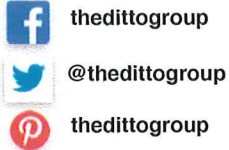
**Long & Foster Real Estate,
Inc.**
Gary & Diana Ditto
Bethesda Gateway Office
4650 East West Highway

**PRSRT STD
U.S. Postage
PAID
Suburban MD**

CHRISTIE'S
INTERNATIONAL REAL ESTATE

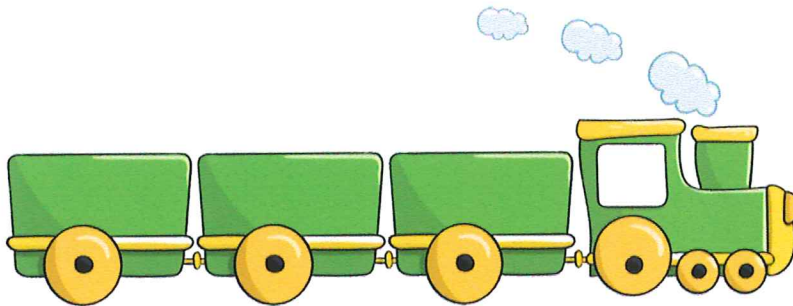


Direct: 301-215-6834
Website: www.thedittogroup.com
Bethesda Gateway Office: 301-907-7600



Train Show Postponed Till 2021

The Covid-19 pandemic is forcing the cancellation of the 2020 Train Show. The National Capital Trackers, Town of Kensington, The Ditto Group, Noyes Children’s Library Foundation and the Kensington Historical Society are all sad that the show will not go on this year, but we feel that it is important for everyone to remain safe during this uncertain time. We are all committed to getting the trains back on track in 2021 on Saturday, September 11 and Sunday, September 12.



Lost Keys???

Has anyone visited Grandfather Mountain in North Carolina recently? We received a phone call from someone who found a set of keys on a hiking trail on Grandfather Mountain. The keys have a Ditto Group key chain attached, which is why they reached out to us. If these keys are yours, please call us at (301)215-6834 and we will put you in touch with the individual who found the keys.

