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Gary & Diana Ditto's Newsletter

Summer 2013

Paint the Town 2013

Art Exhibition and Plein Air Event
Kensington Town Hall/Armory, Labor Day Weekend



Kensington Station 2013, acrylic by Debra Halprin

Original art by Montgomery County artists will be on display and for sale at the annual "Paint the Town" Exhibition, presented by the Montgomery County Art Association and the Town of Kensington. Meet the artists in person at the reception Saturday evening, August 31st, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Show hours are Saturday, August 31st and Sunday, September 1st, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Monday, September 2nd 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Admission is free. For more visit www.MontgomeryArt.org or call 301-260-9701.

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Coming Events in the Community.*

The Ditto Group Real Estate Activity

 For Sale 3502 Kensington Court Kensington/Kensington List Price - \$729,000	 For Sale 9201 East Parkhill Drive Bethesda/Parkview List Price - \$719,000	 For Sale 10610 Nash Place Kensington/Kensington List Price - \$495,000	 UNDER CONTRACT 3707 Calvert Place Kensington/Kensington List Price - \$579,000	 UNDER CONTRACT 11418 Grandview Avenue Wheaton/Wheaton Hills List Price - \$429,000
 UNDER CONTRACT 9904 Woodland Drive Silver Spring/Forest Glen List Price - \$435,000	 UNDER CONTRACT 3109 Virginia Avenue Silver Spring/Capitol View Park List Price - \$330,000	 UNDER CONTRACT 2524 Forest Glen Road Silver Spring/PT Wheaton OUT List Price - \$315,000	 SOLD 3820 Washington Street Kensington/Kensington Settled Price - \$820,000	 SOLD 3926 Prospect Street Kensington/Kensington Settled Price - \$800,000
 SOLD 3205 Coquelin Terrace Chevy Chase/Rock Creek Knolls Settled Price - \$785,000	 SOLD 5339 Strathmore Avenue Kensington/Strathmore Place Settled Price - \$746,500	 SOLD 9212 Cedarcrest Drive Bethesda/Cedarcrest Settled Price - \$750,000	 SOLD 3301 Coquelin Terrace Chevy Chase/Rock Creek Knolls Settled Price - \$740,000	 For Sale 4505 Saul Road Kensington/Parkwood Settled Price - \$759,000
 SOLD 4413 Glenridge Street Kensington/Parkwood Settled Price - \$743,000				

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Trees for the Future

Local Non Profit Plants Trees World Wide

In the seventies, Dave and Grace Deppner volunteered with the Peace Corps in the Philippines and were struck by the devastating effects of overgrazing and deforestation on rural communities. Working with community leaders in nearby villages, the Deppners revitalized degraded lands by providing farmers with tree seed, technical training, and on-site planning assistance.

After returning from overseas they continued working with rural community leaders, providing information, seeds, and training materials, communicating by mail.

After years of working informally, the late Dave Deppner and his wife Grace created Trees for The Future as non-profit organization in 1989. Based in Silver Spring, Trees for the Future has helped communities in 19 countries in Asia, Africa and South America, plant millions of trees, restoring life to degraded or abandoned land.

Trees for the Future helps to create sustainable and productive communities, by teaching and empowering rural groups to grow sustainable, renewable forests.

Ethiopia Coordinator, Gabriel Buttram, explains that planting trees improves the environment as well as people's livelihood.

Fast growing trees serve multiple goals. Trees rebuild the soil by creating pathways for air and water with their roots in compacted soil and by putting nutrients back. Some trees can be coppiced - cut back to create hedgerows - and provide firewood, animal habitat and fodder, fruit and nuts, as well as collecting and filtering water.

In Ethiopia one of the trees grown is the Moringa tree, or cabbage tree, which has edible leaves. Women's groups are empowered to plant, produce, process, and sell its products.

Visit www.treesforthefuture.org for more information.



Kensington 8K Race

Saturday, September 21, 2013

The **20th Annual Kensington 8K Race, 2 Mile Challenge & 1K Fun Run** has something for everyone in the family. The 8K is a challenging race through Old Town Kensington and Rock Creek Park. The route combines hills and flats and is a great training run for the experienced runner, a touchstone event for the intermediate runner, and a milestone for the beginning runner. Adult and younger runners really enjoy the 2 mile challenge and 1K fun run.

Race proceeds support academic and extracurricular programs at Kensington Parkwood Elementary, North Bethesda Middle, and Walter Johnson High Schools. Register online or volunteer at www.kensington8k.org



Noyes Children's Library 120th Birthday Reading Club

Young readers and read-to-me'ers are invited to read 120 books during 2013, the Noyes Library's 120th birthday year!

Pick up your reading log at the Noyes Library or a Noyes Children's Library Foundation event, or download one at www.noyeslibraryfoundation.org. The awards ceremony and festivities at Noyes and the Kensington Town Hall are planned for Saturday, October 12, 2013.

The Noyes Children's Library Foundation is conducting a major campaign to fund a renovation for Noyes that will provide universal accessibility, essential structural updates, and additional space within the historic footprint of the building.

From Dittos:

Homeowners, please take note of the **new Maryland Smoke Detector Law**, which took effect July 1, 2013. New requirements include that by January 1, 2018, battery alarms must be sealed, long-life battery smoke alarms with a silence/hush button feature. This feature allows the alarm to be silenced without removing the batteries.

Kensington Heights Picnic Saturday, August 10, 2013, Noon

Bring the family and get together with friends and neighbors for the Kensington Heights Citizen Association's (KHCA) annual potluck picnic. Bring a dish to share - the KHCA will supply burgers and hot dogs, chips and soda. Kensington Heights Park, Wayne Goldstein Playground, at St Paul Street and McComas Avenue.

Summer Concert Series

Saturdays, 10 to 11 a.m.
Howard Avenue Park

Enjoy live music every Saturday morning through September in Howard Avenue Park across from the Kensington Train Station Farmers' Market. Music ranges from bluegrass, folk and pop music to Brazilian jazz.

July 27	Silver Creek (the O'Malleys)
August 3	Blue Book Value
August 10	Side By Side (Doris Justis & Sean McGhee)
August 17	2 nd Story Band
August 24	Dede Wyland
August 31	Carlos Munhoz
September 7	Ruthie Logsdon & Greg Hardin
September 14	Ellen Cherry
September 21	20895 with Drew Holland & friends
September 28	Garrett Park Musician's Club

More details at www.kensingtonhistory.org.



Free Wine Tasting Old Town Market

Fridays, 5 to 8 p.m.

Appreciate tasting a selection of fine wines and the expertise of a sommelier every Friday at Old Town Market, 5 to 8 p.m. Compare wines from a wide range of regions, varieties and prices. For the best experience bring your own glass, otherwise plastic cups are supplied. At the first Tasting on July 3rd many enjoyed light fare, live music, and olive oil tasting, along with 6 great wines.

The Old Town Market also features delicious soups, baked goods, salads and sandwiches. Hours are 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Monday to Saturday and 8:00-a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday. The free wine tastings are for anyone 21 or older. For updates check Old Town Market on Facebook. The address is 10251 Kensington Parkway, Kensington; phone: 240-293-2113.

Kensington Morning

Enjoy a delightful video portrait of the Town of Kensington, our community and history – **Kensington Morning**, created by the Ditto Group, is posted at www.thedittogroup.com.

E-Mail Updates from The Ditto Group—

Sign up for either or both of these updates:

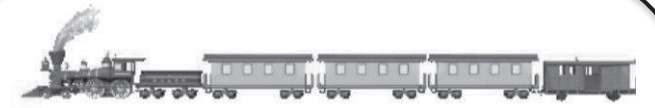
- Our Monthly Sold Reports, sent via e-mail
- Our weekly "Open House" e-mail

You choose what to sign up for and you can always unsubscribe. Sign up on our home page:

www.thedittogroup.com.

For dates and news of more events, be sure to visit the Community Activities Calendar on the web site: www.thedittogroup.com

Gary and Diana Ditto's Newsletter welcomes ideas and news items from community members. The editor is Antoinette Kranenburg of Kensington, assisted by Cherry Wunderlich. Thanks to Debra Halprin for her painting.



All Aboard Kensington!!

Kensington Town Hall, September 7 and 8, 2013

All Aboard Kensington!! brings the fabulous model trains of the National Capital Trackers back to the Kensington Town Hall the weekend after Labor Day. Mark your calendar: Saturday and Sunday, September 7 and 8, 2013, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. This homegrown family event celebrates Kensington's railroad history with an elaborate "O" gauge model train lay out assembled and operated by the National Capitol Trackers. Railroad operations across the country are brought to life, as model trains travel through imaginative and often amusing scenery from cities, small towns and the countryside.

All Aboard!! is great fun for the whole family and benefits the Noyes Children's Library Foundation and the Kensington Historical Society, two Kensington non-profits that are so important to our community. *All Aboard!!* is sponsored by Gary and Diana Ditto and the Town of Kensington. Plan to bring the family! For updates check www.thedittogroup.com.

See you at The Kensington Labor Day Parade & Festival!

Monday, September 2, 2013

