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# Gary Ditto's Newsletter

MARCH 1994

## HELPING THE COMMUNITY *Profile of an Artist*

A beautiful full-color greeting card depicting the Noyes Children's Library in Kensington is helping raise the funds needed each year for the library. Artist Judy Hank Henn, the creator of the cameo shown on the card, moved to Kensington five years ago. She loves the uniqueness of the town and its homey wood frame library with the owl design over the door. Noyes Library, she comments, "looks different every season." She has one of the closest views, because she and her family live in a Queen Anne house nearby.

Judy has also been active in other efforts to raise funds for the library, which has received national attention as the first public library in the Washington area and now the only one devoted totally to children. In addition to the greeting cards, she also designed the T-shirts that raise funds for the nonprofit Noyes Library Foundation. And she has created a banner to represent Kensington.

Judy suggested the slogan that was chosen as the theme for the Kensington Centennial:

*Where the train still stops  
And the people still walk.*

Judy has been involved in art in many ways. The daughter of an Air Force pilot, she met her husband while working on her master's degree at Harvard. She has designed furniture and now particularly enjoys creating paintings of houses and gardens. Historical and local scenes are her favorite subjects. So is Cape May, which gives her a special sense of time and place.

Her paintings are on display at the Noyes Children's Library. The greeting cards are also available there as well as at Johnson's Flower and Garden Center in Kensington. The T-Shirts are available at Bonjour Kids.

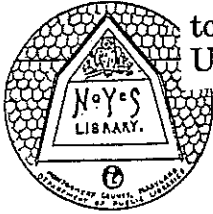
In addition to her efforts on behalf of the Noyes Library and her adopted town of Kensington, Judy is busy renovating her home and raising her family. As she looks

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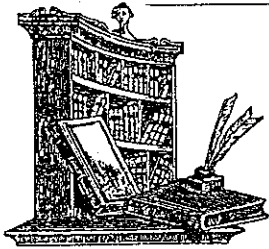


to the future, one possibility might be to illustrate children's books. Until then, she is just enjoying the people and activities of Kensington. 1.

(Many thanks to Judy Whitehurst for gathering information for this and other newsletter articles.)

## Happy 125th!

Kensington neighbor and Holy Cross Academy graduate Regina Guay called recently to tell us that the Academy will celebrate its 125th Anniversary on April 23rd. Founded in the District of Columbia, the all-girls school moved to Kensington in the 1970's. Regina also told us about the school's founding and history; we'll share the story in a future newsletter.



## A Book From the "Korners"

Nearly 2 years ago George Woolley and four other Kensington business people met at American Country Crafts to discuss how to help Kensington and the people who work and live there. They started a nonprofit organization, the Kensington Korner Business District Association. The KKBDA group has grown rapidly. It has sponsored events that resulted in substantial donations to the Muscular Dystrophy Association and flood relief in the midwest.

Today the Kensington Korner Business District Association has 85 members and produces and distributes a directory to homes and businesses in the area. KKBDA has sponsored a moon bounce, an indoor-outdoor craft fair, and other fundraising activities during Kensington's Labor Day celebrations.

The association also plans to take part in the Centennial Celebration events. One of its special projects is a limited edition book on the history of the Town of Kensington. With photographs and maps from 1894 to the present, this 96-page hardcover collector's edition will also include information on the Town's history. To order the book, write to the KKBDA, 10590 Metropolitan Avenue, Kensington 20895-2606. For orders postmarked by March 31, the special advance price is \$10.45 (includes tax), with proceeds going for the Kensington Centennial. During April and May, the price will be \$16.75.

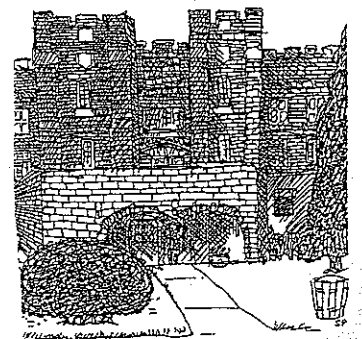
If you'd like to find out more about KKBDA, call George Woolley, President, at 949-8811 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## From Armory to Town Hall to Community Center

The big brick building on Mitchell Street in the center of the Town of Kensington has had different functions over the years. In an earlier newsletter, we described its beginnings as a National Guard Armory in 1927, its service as the home of the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department, and its transformation in the 1970's to Kensington's Town Hall. It still is the Town Hall, but its name has changed to reflect its ever-widening role in the community. Now called the Kensington Community Center, this statuesque building serves a wide array of groups and purposes.

Dance groups, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts—to name just a few of the community groups—hold meetings and functions there. The spacious room upstairs has been turned into an art gallery for the "Paint the Town" competitions. Other possibilities are also in the works. A bridge league will be setting up a schedule. A lunch program for senior citizens is another possibility. And in March, the Center is hosting the Town Talent Show, one of the Centennial Celebration events.

Plans are also under way to upgrade the interior and to add more lights outside. And at any time, the Town offices downstairs can keep you posted about the events going on in the community.



Drawing  
by  
Sara  
Phang

## An Evening of Folk Music To Benefit BYS

Parent educator, youth teacher and counselor, songwriter, and singer —Rob Guttenberg has many talents, which he brings to his work for Bethesda Youth Services. The students and families of Tilden, Westland, and Bethesda-Chevy Chase and Walter Johnson High Schools all benefit from the many BYS education, prevention, and counseling services.

Each year Rob organizes a benefit folk concert, bringing performers from near and far. Featured this year along with Rob and his friends will be David Roth, Seattle folk singer who combines a beautiful voice with humor and inspiration, and Ann Louise White, a Baltimore-area singer.

This year's folk concert takes place Friday, April 8 at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church starting at 7:30 p.m. Seven local corporations have generously offered matching funds, so each \$10 ticket will actually raise nearly triple that amount to support the BYS programs.



## Paws for a Cause

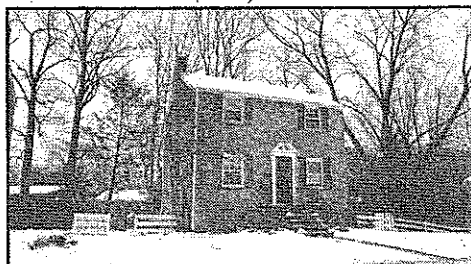


The volunteers for Pets on Wheels bring their friendly dogs and cats to people living in nursing homes, group homes, and other facilities throughout Montgomery County. Pets on Wheels is one of the many creative services offered by the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County.

You can support the Pets on Wheels program by taking part in the 3rd annual "Paws for a Cause" dog walk on May 14 from 10 to noon at Summit Hall Farm Park in Gaithersburg. To find out more about Paws for a Cause, call MHA at 424-0656 and ask for Judy Miller at extension 104.

**Walk for MS.** Some of our neighbors have been greatly helped by the services of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. This year's MS Walk, from Avenel to Glen Echo Park, takes place Sunday April 10. Call 703-ADS-1001.

**SOLD**  
\$212,500



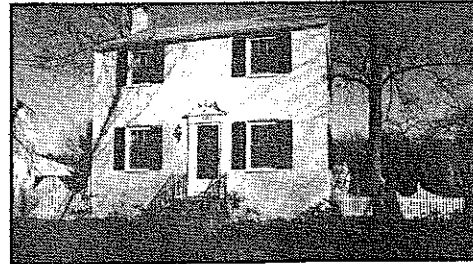
4403 Ambler Drive, Kensington  
Colonial w/Rec Rm, 2nd Bath. Scr  
Porch off Kitchen. Listed by Julia  
Donatelli. Sold by Gary Ditto.

**UNDER CONTRACT**



10111 Wildwood Road, Kensington  
The most improved Cape.  
I've ever seen in Parkwood.

**SOLD**  
\$218,000



4407 Ambler, Kensington  
Colonial in Exc Cond.  
Two New Baths, Refinished Floors,  
Newly Painted Inside and Outside.

## Circle Manor Nursing Home

on Carroll Place in Kensington  
Presents



## 7th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 2 at 11 a.m.

1,500 hidden plastic eggs, all colors,  
and stuffed with treats. The Easter  
Bunny will be there, too! Raffle,  
Easter Baskets, Snacks, and Gifts

*All are welcome!*

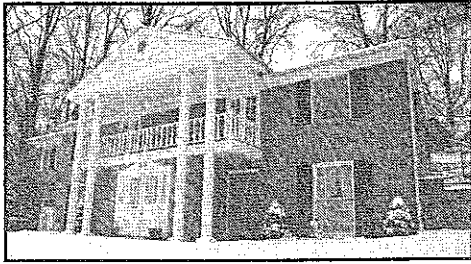
## Cards and Bingo on a Saturday Afternoon

It's that time of year again!  
Springtime!

Holy Cross Sisters Guild presents  
their annual *Card and Bingo Party*  
benefiting St. Angela's Hall  
Retirement Home in Kensington.

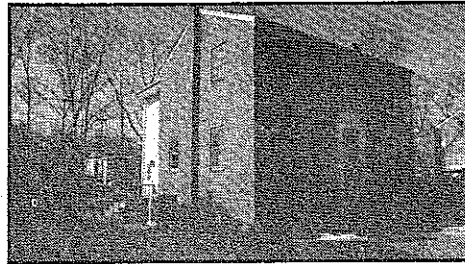
The big day will be Saturday,  
April 9 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Holy  
Cross Academy at 4920 Strathmore  
Avenue. There will be table prizes,  
door prizes, and a special drawing.  
Whether bridge, canasta, or some  
other game is your favorite, now is  
the time to organize your tables for  
either a "scheduled" game or a fun  
game. There will also be plenty of  
room and plenty of prizes for bingo  
players. Come and meet friends and  
socialize. For more information, call  
Regina Guay at 942-3287.

**FOR SALE**  
**\$419,000**



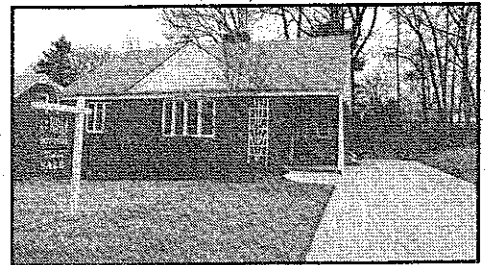
9601 Barroll Lane  
Kensington  
Large Elegant Home in Excellent  
Condition. 2 FP, Family Room,  
Sitting Rm, 4 BR,3 BA,Florida Rm.

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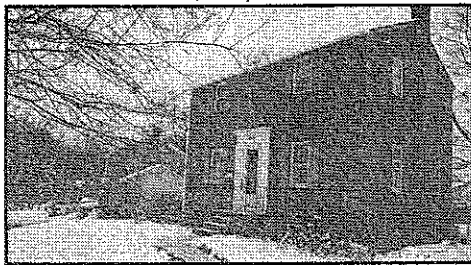
4424 Ambler Drive, Kensington  
Expanded Colonial. Liv Rm w/ FP,  
Fam Rm w/ FP,  
Master Suite w/ FP, Exc Cond.

**FOR SALE**  
**\$229,900**



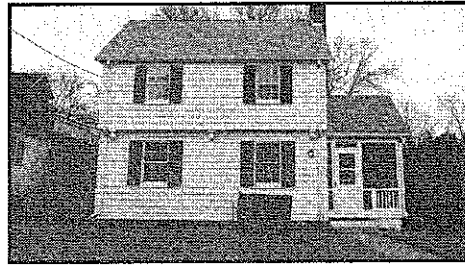
9914 Thornwood Road, Kensington  
Brick Ranch in Great Condition.  
Liv Rm w/ FP, Rec Rm w/ Wood  
Stove, Wonderful Back Yard.

**FOR SALE**  
**\$219,000**



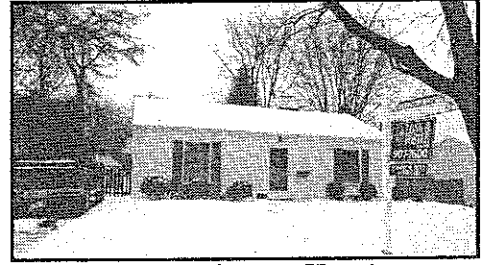
4415 Ambler Drive  
Kensington  
Brick Colonial  
in Perfect Condition.  
Fenced, Level Back Yard.

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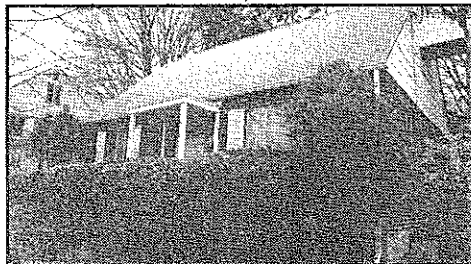
3507 Dupont Ave, Kensington  
Colonial w/ New Kitchen,  
Refinished Floors. Newly Painted.

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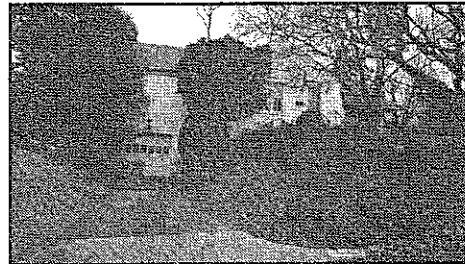
4110 Warner Street, Kensington  
Renovated Ranch w/ Patio&  
Pvt Back Yard. 2 BR,Liv Rm w/FP.

**FOR SALE**  
**\$179,900**



10105 Ashwood Drive, Kensington  
Brick Cape w/ 4-Year-Old Kitchen.  
Private Back Yard.

**UNDER CONTRACT**



4615 Roxbury Drive, Bethesda  
Oversized Ranch w/ Large Lot.  
Great Family Home.

**UNDER CONTRACT**



4622 Saul Road, Kensington  
Large Colonial w/ Expanded Attic,  
FamRm,Daylight Basemt,Rec Rm.

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