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Gary Ditto's Newsletter

FALL 1995

A Caring Community Shows Its Support

Like others, Katie Wheatley is back in school this fall. Last year as a single parent, she worked two part-time jobs to support her two little girls while studying nursing at Montgomery College. This fall her tuition, books and fees are paid for by the Janice Roberts Saunders, R.N., Memorial Nursing Endowment.

Wheatley, the first recipient of the scholarship, was chosen from among many applicants. A second-year student in the nursing program, she holds a 3.38 grade point average. Janice Roberts graduated from the same program in 1983. Now the endowment in her honor "...will reach out and help nursing students year after year," says her mother, Mary Lou Roberts.

If you live in Kensington, you are probably aware of the community effort to establish the endowment in honor of the nurse who was murdered in March of 1993.

One hundred invited guests attended the scholarship ceremony held August 10th. There, Katie Wheatley was presented with a check for \$2,700. To her the award was "... a really wonderful gesture that those who were affected by this tragedy chose to help themselves heal by helping those who follow in Janice's footsteps."

The drive to create the memorial fund began last year with \$2,500 in seed money donated by Janice's husband, Michael Saunders. Now, the fund has surpassed its

\$50,000 goal. What sent the fund "over the top," according to Mary Lou Roberts, was a donation of 200 prints of "The Stitching Nurse" by P. Buckley Moss, the artist Janice Roberts Saunders most admired. All 200 prints sold, raising about \$15,000. They hang in galleries, businesses, and private homes, locally and across the country. More prints are available at the Artful Framers in Olney and Thames Fine Arts Galleries in Frederick and Mt. Airy.

Individuals and businesses in the Kensington area contributed extensively with direct donations, by buying prints, and through offering their service to the effort. Miller's Framing of Kensington donated the matting for the prints. The Kensington Mailboxes Etc contributed by



The Stitching Nurse by P. Buckley Moss

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packing and shipping the prints to buyers all over the United States at no charge. Janice's mother calls the local business community, as well as the many other donors, "unbelievably generous."

Janice grew up in Kensington. Her childhood home is near Rock Creek Park. She attended elementary school and high school here. During her twenties she decided to become a nurse. She settled with her husband Michael in Virginia but continued to commute to Kensington to see her mother before going on to her work as a private duty nurse in the Layhill area.

"The endowment has become a symbol of how the community came together to transform a tragedy into a lasting tribute," read the invitations to the presentation of Janice Roberts Saunders, R.N., Memorial Nursing Fund. Each year from now on, the fund will make a positive difference in the life of a future nurse.

-Kendra Fanconi

Coming Events at the Library

Take a trip to the Kensington Park Library this month--there is a lot going on! Look for the familiar face of Library Associate Patricia Reynolds of Parkwood Drive to lend a helping hand.

FOR THE CHILDREN:

Oct. 12	10:30 am
	2 yrs.
Oct. 18	7:00 pm
	3-8 yrs.
Oct. 19	10:30 am
Oct..26	10:30 am
	3-5 yrs.

Time for Twos Stories, songs and fingerplays.

Family Halloween Puppet theater, stories and songs. Come in costume if you wish.

Pre-school Films Four short films about Autumn. Stretch and fingerplays, too.

Family Halloween Repeat of the program above. Come in costume if you wish.

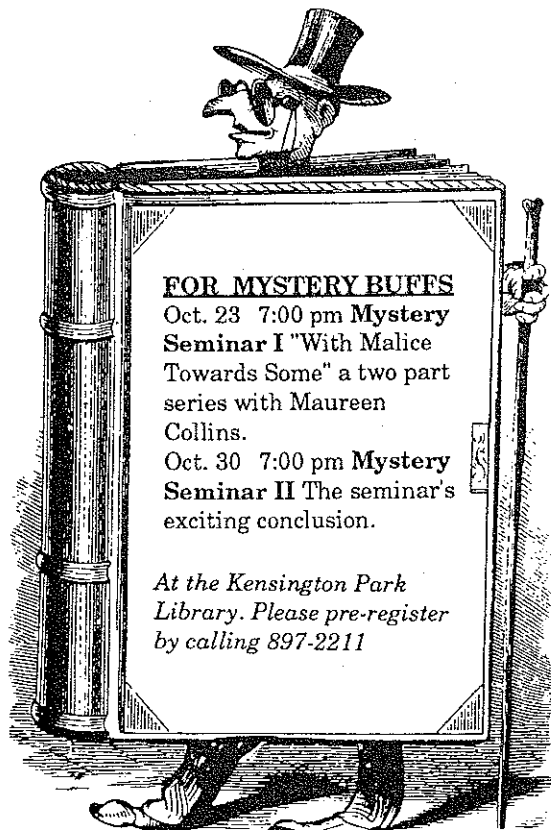


FOR MOMS AND DADS

Oct. 16	7:00 pm
Nov. 6	7:00 pm

Parenting Workshop "Creative Discipline: Limit-Setting with Love" with Irene Shere, Director of the Early Childhood Consultation Center.

Parenting Workshop. "Self-Esteem & Children: How To Improve Your Child's Self Esteem" with Eugene Ridberg, PhD, psychologist.



Take Grandcare of Our Community's Kids

Over 55?
 Enjoy children?
 Looking for a part-time job?
 Need flexible hours?

We Need You!

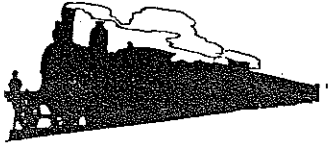


Interages, the Montgomery County Intergenerational Resource Center, is looking for seniors to staff a variety of child care programs, while helping foster friendships between the younger and older generations. GRANDCARE is a non-profit award winning program now in its eighth year.

Training Session: October 24, 25 and 26

For more information or to pre-register for training, call Harolyn B. Cohen at 949-3551

**A Trip into the Past
Can Be in Your Future**



Discover the lost age of steam railroading. Take a free ride on a miniature steam train, pulled by a coal-burning locomotive, through Leakin Park in Baltimore. The Chesapeake and Allegheny Steam Preservation Society, a nonprofit organization, sponsors the rides through the park the second Sunday of October and November between 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., weather permitting. Bill Bell of Kensington is the society's Secretary. Leakin Park is near Baltimore Beltway (695) exits 16 and 17. Enter the park from Windsor Mill Road, two blocks east of Forest Park Avenue. Call 410-448-0730 for a recorded message with general information.

SQUIRREL SUNDAY



**AT
WOODEND**

October 15th
1:00 - 3:00pm

Did you know that squirrels can jump up to six feet, leap between trees eight feet apart, run as fast as 19 miles an hour, and swim up to a mile?

Learn how to attract squirrels to your garden — or *repel them* — with squirrel-o-phile Iris Rothman, then take a squirrel whirl around Woodend trails, nibble on squirrel snacks, and watch as video squirrel stars navigate a high-flying obstacle course. Store up on fun facts and squirrel cakes. A bushy-tailed bushel of fun!

Audubon Naturalist Society
at Woodend
8940 Jones Mill Rd.
Chevy Chase
652-3606

Spotlight on Local Artists

Check out the local art scene at the Kensington Park Library. This month showcases the sculpture of Irith Brody and painting and collage art from Stephanie Rico. Brody's work won Best of Show at the Maryland State Fair as well as the Grand Champion for Sculpture in the Montgomery County Fair. She studies at the Maryland College of Art and Design and the Corcoran School of Art. Experiments with texture and bold colors characterize Stephanie Rico's mixed media display. Rico works part-time in the community as a teacher for the *Art Horizons After School Program*.

Gary Ditto Honored by MCAR

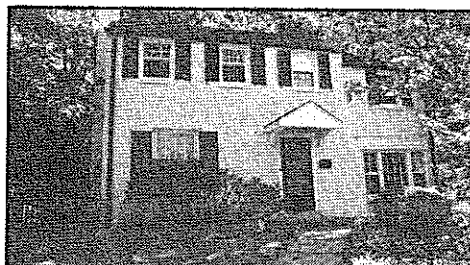
This spring I was pleased to receive several honors from the Montgomery County Association of Realtors. These included recognition for being in the top 1% of all realtors for residential transactions for 1994, the top 1% for residential resales, and the MCAR Platinum Award.

I was also honored to be elected to the MCAR Board of Directors for a two-year term. This organization has about 5,500 members. The Board welcomes your ideas and suggestions on how we can better serve you.

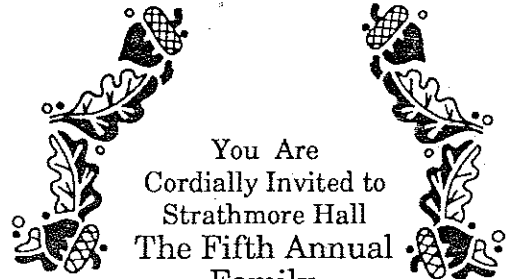
I continue to find the Kensington area to be a wonderful place to live and raise my family. If you have any questions about the communities in this area or any aspect of real estate, please give me a call.

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6108 Wynwood Road, Bethesda
Charming Colonial.
3 BR, 2.5 BA, LR, DN, Fam Rm,
New Rec Rm in Lower Level



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Cordially Invited to
Strathmore Hall
The Fifth Annual
Family
Festival Day

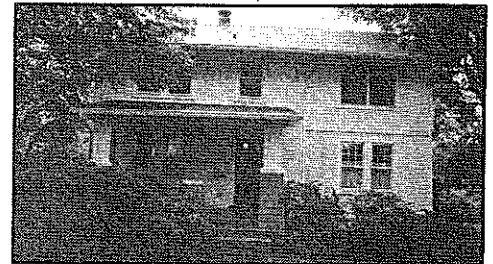
When: Sunday October 15th,
11am-4pm
Where: Off Rockville Pike, near
Grosvenor Metro

A friendly fest of food and fun with an educational twist — health, safety and citizenship info for the whole family. And no trip to Strathmore would be complete without an exploration of the fine art on display in the historic hall and a stroll across the sprawling lawns.

Acres of enjoyment!
If you have never seen Strathmore Hall, this is your chance!

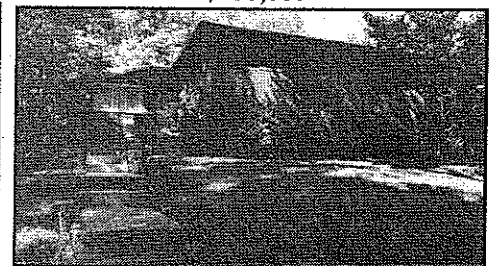


**FOR SALE
\$259,000**



14 Williams Street, Rockville
Charming Colonial. 5 min. walk to Metro. LR, DR, Kit, FamRm opens to Deck & Yard, Office, Master BR w/ Sitting Rm, 2 add BRs, 2.5 BA

**FOR SALE
\$189,000**



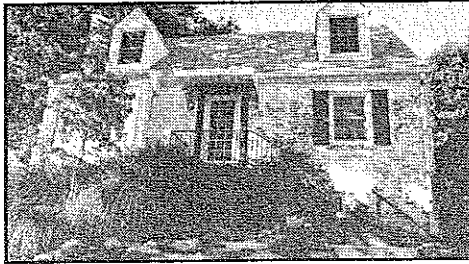
5109 Flanders Avenue, Kensington
Well-Maintained 4 BR Rambler.
TS Kit, Liv Rm w/ FP, DR,
RR w/ FP, Private Yard, and More

FOR SALE
\$315,000



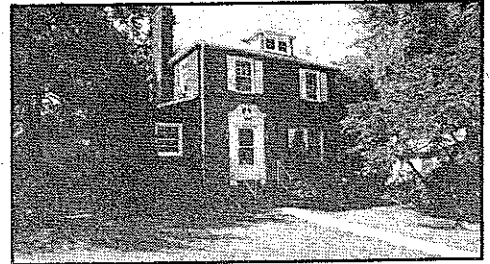
9606 Dewmar Lane, Kensington
Exceptional Split Level!
Fabulous new TS Kit,
Rec Rm w/FP, LR, DR, 4 BR, 3 BA.

FOR SALE
\$269,000



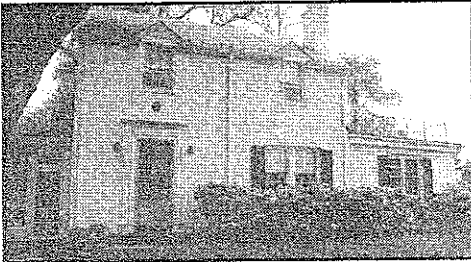
4623 Edgefield Road, Bethesda
Fabulous Cape!
LR w/ FP, DR, Kit, 3 BR, Rec Rm,
Hdwd Floors, Pvt Fenced Bk Yd.

FOR SALE
\$175,000



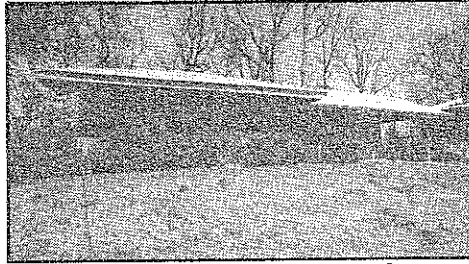
9100 Warren Street, Silver Spring
Charming Colonial
on Wooded Corner Lot
LR, DR, Kit, Den, RR, 3 BR, 1.5 BA.

FOR SALE
\$235,000



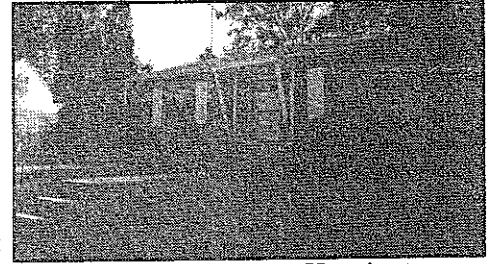
3905 Everett Street, Kensington
Wonderful All Brick Colonial!
LR w/ FP, Din Rm, 1st Flr Den, Kit,
Screened Porch, 3 BR, 2 BA.

FOR SALE
\$379,000



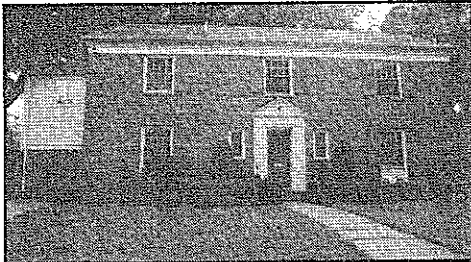
5805 Lenox Road, Bethesda
Updated Ranch w/ RefnHdwd Flrs.
Spacious & Very Open. LR w/ FP,
Din Rm, Kit, 4 BR, 3 BA, RR w/ FP.

FOR SALE
\$169,900



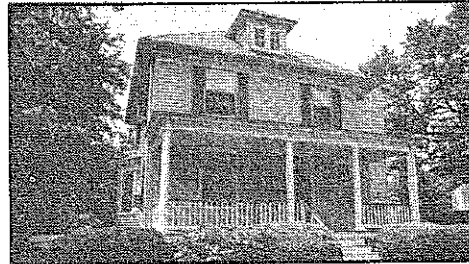
4410 Everett Street, Kensington
Huge Corner Lot, Refn Hdwd Flors,
2 BR, 2 BA, Rec Rm.
Convenient to Everything.

FOR SALE
\$539,000



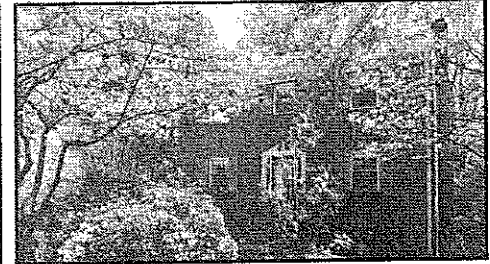
9913 Bexhill Drive, Kensington
Spacious & Open Ctr Hall Colonial.
Pvt Master Suite w/SittingRoom &
Mod BA, Lg BRs, LR w/FP, FamRm
Open to Patio, TS Kit, Much More!

FOR SALE
\$299,000



10608 Saint Paul Street, Kensington
Turn of Cent Colonial w/Ofc/ Studio
Addtn, Fam Rm w/FP, Lg Liv Rm,
DR,Kit, 4 BR, 2 BA, Huge Pvt Yard.

FOR SALE
\$359,000



3404 Kent Street, Kensington
Terrific Colonial w/ 4 BR,
LR w/ FP, DR, Kit, Scr Porch, Ofc,
Walk-Out Lower Level, FR w/ FP.

*Each of the homes pictured in this
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