

Gary Ditto's Newsletter

May-June 2008

Kensington Celebrates the Day of the Book

Authors and local booksellers displayed tables and shelves of fiction, history, poetry, memoirs, and many other works along Howard Avenue in Old Town Kensington all afternoon on April 27, for Kensington's Fourth Annual Street Festival to celebrate the International Day of the Book.

Musicians and storytellers joined the festivities, enjoyed by people of all ages, from leisure readers to avid collectors, children to seniors. The day featured live music by J.P. McDermott & Western Bop, as well as Esther Haymes and Keith Grimes.

At one booth, children created and decorated their own books. Activities also



Looking out from Flinn Park, across the street from the Kensington Post Office. Drawing by Sara Phang.

included storytelling by the Twinbrook Tellers and an open-mic tent where writers and poets shared their works. Visitors received colorful bookmarks from the Washington Metropolitan Artists' Society (wmartists.com); its members include local artists Sandra Cepaitis and Debra Halprin, among others.

The Washington Antiquarian Booksellers Association sponsored a tent as well, where attendees browsed and purchased new and used books.

Kensington's Day of the Book, started by local booksellers in Kensington, was inspired by a popular event in Barcelona, Spain where people exchange a book for a rose noting that "a rose is for love, a book is forever."

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Introducing Kensington's Bookshops



All Books Considered

www.allbooksconsidered.com
301-929-0036

All Books Considered has more than 25,000 old, used, rare, and out-of-print books in stock on its shelves. In addition to modern library books, it has large numbers of reference books on antiques, history, military, espionage, metaphysics, world religions, and Americana, offered for collectors, scholars, and readers. Additional major collections are online though not in the shop.

Founded 10 years ago and owned by Donald Ramsey, All Books Considered is open from noon to 5 p.m. seven days a week. It's located on Antique Row, at 10408 Montgomery Avenue near the Kensington Post Office.

Kensington Row Bookshop

www.kensingtonrowbookshop.com
301-949-9416

The bookshop inside the red and blue building at 3786 Howard Avenue offers books, art and photography exhibits, and many kinds of clubs, groups, and special events. Walking through the shop's cosy rooms gives the feel of being in someone's home. The artworks, postcards, and greeting cards include notecards with Kensington scenes by historic preservation artist Joan Zwack. Special events include author readings, poetry events, live music, book clubs, and art groups.

The bookshop is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

Osiris Books

www.osirisbooks.org
301-530-7399

The homey rooms of Osiris Books are filled with books on all subjects, as well as vintage furniture, plus art prints for the home library. The shop has a big window opening onto the park, where, says owner Beth Youkel, you often can see deer among the trees.

Osiris Books is located at 4233 Howard Avenue, Suite E, in Kensington west of Connecticut Avenue. Look for the small sign and arrow pointing up the hill to parking and Osiris Books, behind the building with the big letters 4233 on the front. Osiris Books is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. till 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday from Noon till 5:30 p.m.

Volunteer Tutors Needed for Literacy Council



The Literacy Council of Montgomery County had an informative exhibit at Kensington's Day of the Book Festival. Founded in 1963, this nonprofit organization trains and supports volunteer tutors, who help adults with reading, writing, and basic conversational English. The volunteers give free tutoring to individuals and small groups. The learners range in age from 18 to 93.

The volunteer tutors are employed fulltime, are retired, or are stay-at-home parents who desire to share their time to help others increase their literacy skills. LCMC provides the tools and training to new tutors. LCMC matches each tutor with a student or small group of students at a time and location convenient to the tutor.

The Literacy Council now has over 200 people on its waiting list for tutors, and seeks additional tutors to serve them. Become a volunteer literacy tutor and teach an adult to read, write, or speak English. No foreign language skills are necessary. Tutors typically meet with students in libraries or community centers.

Tutor orientations will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25 at the Gaithersburg Library; and at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1 at the Rockville Library.

To find out more, call 301-610-0030
or e-mail info@literacycouncilmcmd.org.
Or visit www.literacycouncilmcmd.org

Interages Tutoring Program Needs Summer Volunteers

Interages, Montgomery County's nonprofit intergenerational resource center, seeks volunteer tutors for children during the summer of 2008. For more information, contact Sara Cartmill, 301-949-3551, ext. 19, or e-mail Cartmill@interagesmd.org. To find out more about the tutoring and other Interages programs, visit www.interagesmd.org.

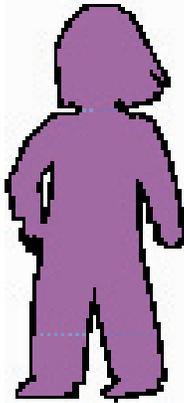


New Hours for Café 1894

Café 1894 on Armory Avenue in Kensington is now open Tuesday and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m., on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., and on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The dinner menu includes varied entrees as well as soups and salad. For details visit www.cafe1894.com.

Gary Ditto's Newsletter welcomes ideas and news items from community members. The writers and editors are from Kensington Communications. The drawing on page 1 is by Sara Pham.

New Nursery School in Town



Temple Emanuel Early Childhood Education Center looks forward to welcoming students ages 20 months to 5 years old in September 2008. The preschool's Reggio-inspired curriculum will foster curiosity and love of learning in a rich environment based on best practices in Jewish early childhood education.

The program offers a full-time year-round program, as well as part-time options, a summer program, and parent-toddler classes. Applications are now being accepted for the fall of 2008.

For more information please contact Madeline Lowitz Gold, Director of Early Childhood Education, at Madeline@TempleEmanuelmd.org or 301-942-2000.

J.T.'s Restaurant Reviews

by Jonathan (J.T.) Burton — Buyer Specialist for Gary H. Ditto



Wheaton is home to countless authentic restaurants with a family feel. When I was growing up in Kensington, my parents often took me to restaurants in Wheaton. They liked the ease of parking, relative inexpensiveness of the meals, and, most importantly, the good food.

Christina's of Wheaton is no exception. The interior is warm and welcoming. The pristine white tablecloths and soft Italian music set the scene for a wonderful dining experience.

Families flock to the early-bird specials that include a salad, entrée, and dessert for a very affordable price. This family-friendly restaurant boasts some of the most tender calamari in the area. The scents waft in from the kitchen...marsala and picatta sauce hand crafted by owner Nick Konpos. The occasional special of veal osso buco is worth the trip. The veal braised with carrots and onions has a wonderful presentation as the meat falls off the bone.

Nick loves to do table visits to make sure everyone is enjoying their experience at his restaurant. This tasty Italian Restaurant in the heart of Wheaton is absolutely a diamond in the rough. Open 7 days a week. Hours are 11-3 and 5-10 Monday-Thursday, 11-3 and 5-11 on Friday, 4-11 p.m. on Saturday, and 12 noon-9 p.m. on Sunday. **Located at 2666 University Blvd. (301) 942-4137.**

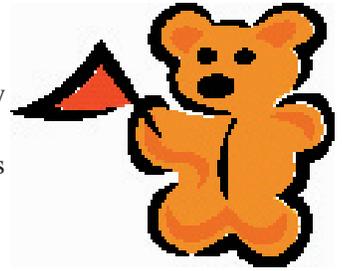
Special Events at the Kensington Park Library

The Annual Teddy Bear Picnic

Saturday, June 7, 2008

11 a.m.

Bring your Teddy Bear and enjoy stories, a picnic, and film. We provide cookies and juice for this traditional community event for young children ages 3 through kindergarten.



Magician at the Library

Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at 7 p.m.

"Catch the Reading Bug" at our summer reading kickoff! Amazing magician Josh Norris surprises with tricks from his magic suitcase. For children ages 4 through elementary school.

MOMS Club's May Meeting

To Feature Guest Speaker from PEP

The Kensington Park MOMS Club invites moms to attend the monthly meeting Wednesday, May 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Kensington Park Library, 4201 Knowles Avenue, Kensington.

A speaker from PEP, the Parent Encouragement Program, will present a parenting class on Diffusing Sibling Rivalry. The goal is the development of stronger, more encouraging families, through systematic education, skill training, and support. This class will discuss how sibling fighting, teasing and bickering can be very challenging to parents. Learn why children fight and what you can do to help children develop better relationships and to fight less often.

The MOMS Club is national support group for mothers who primarily stay at home with their children. This MOMS club is open to moms whose children are zoned to attend Kensington Parkwood Elementary School and Garrett Park Elementary School. The group's activities include trips to parks, lunch and coffee get-togethers, playgroups and more. More information is available at www.kensingtonparkmoms.com or you may e-mail to kpmomsclub@yahoo.com.



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

www.garyditto.com

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Bethesda/Lybrook
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4312 Puller Drive
Kensington/Kensington Estates
For Sale - \$1,325,000



3817 Lawrence Avenue
Kensington/N. Kensington
For Sale - \$847,999



9608 Carriage Road
Kensington/Rock Creek Highlands
For Sale - \$799,000



9810 La Duke Drive
Kensington/Rock Creek Hills
For Sale - \$799,000



10509 Parkwood Drive
Kensington/Kensington Estates
For Sale - \$799,000 - AS IS



3414 Wake Drive
Kensington/Kensington
For Sale - \$619,000



10563 Scaggsville Road
Laurel/Poe Estates
\$599,000



10006 McKenney Avenue
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For Sale - \$425,000



10046 Pratt Place
Silver Spring/Capitol View Park
For Sale - \$425,000

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10115 Parkwood Terrace
Bethesda, MD
List Price - \$630,000

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List Price - \$549,500

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