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# Gary & Diana Ditto's Newsletter

## *All Aboard for Kensington!*

by Antoinette Kranenburg



There is no resisting Kensington's own model train show. And who would want to?

This charming homegrown event makes everyone smile, young and old, first-time visitors and those who have come to every show, starting in 2011.

The train show is a benefit for two wonderful Kensington community organizations — the Kensington Historical Society and the Noyes Children's Library.

Sponsored by the Ditto Group and the Town of Kensington, the model train show steams into Kensington's Town Hall the weekend after Labor Day each year, since 2011, when Kensington celebrated the 120th anniversary of our historical train station.

Gary Ditto remembers selling Christmas trees at St. Paul's with Emily Tagilia on a cold overcast day, when she mentioned that her husband was at a train show at the College Park Aviation Museum. That is what sparked the idea for a train show in Kensington, a perfect fit for Kensington's history and a true community event.

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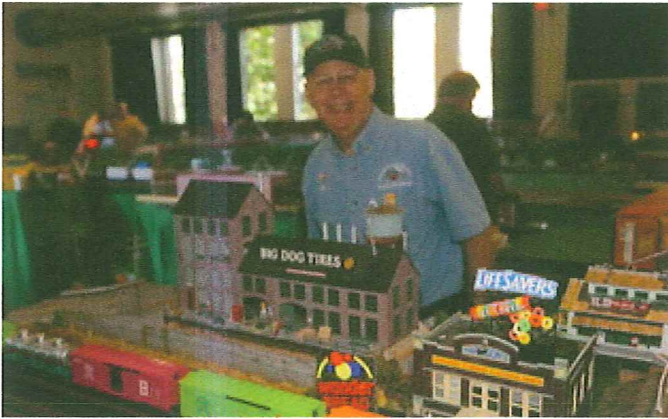
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The show takes many dedicated volunteers. The National Capital Trackers set up the elaborate layout and ran the trains. The Kensington Historical Society (KHS) and the Noyes Foundation dedicated many hours to make the event possible and contributed the music by The Dixieland Express, Sisters Uke and Friends, and Matthew Dodd. JennyCakes contributed cookies for KHS to sell. Scout Troop 439 valiantly manned the hot dog and snow cone stand in spite of the intense rain.



On Saturday and Sunday starting at 11 a.m., Town Hall was packed with children of all ages mesmerized by the trains, meeting neighbors, and enjoying the scene. The rain may actually have helped.

"It was a magical weekend, pixie dust everywhere," shared Gary Ditto. "There were layers of smiles hour after hour, all day long."

Attendance was the best ever on a Sunday at the Train Show. That meant over \$3,100 each was donated to Noyes Children's Library and to the Kensington Historical Society. The show brought joy and delight to children, parents, grandparents, and train enthusiasts.



Congratulations and many thanks to everyone who came, volunteered, and enjoyed this year's fabulous show. Save the date for next year: the weekend after Labor Day, September 7 and 8, 2019!!



## Kensington Cabin

### Re-Opening and Dedication

Saturday, October 20, 2018, 2 - 4 p.m.

10000 Kensington Parkway

Come celebrate the re-opening and dedication of the *Mayor Jayne H. Plank Kensington Cabin*. Built in 1934, the historic cabin has been renovated extensively and is once again available for public use. Join Montgomery Parks for a ribbon cutting, community bike parade, cabin tours, old-fashioned lawn games, costumed historical figures, cake, and more!

## The 25th Annual Kensington 8K Race

Saturday, September 22, 2018, 8:30 a.m.



The Kensington 8K race, 2-mile challenge and 1K run celebrates its 25th year! For 25 years, the Kensington 8K Race has been a favorite DC area fall race - a fun, fast event with beauty, challenge, and excitement.

The Kensington 8K is known throughout the DC Area as a true community race — parents and kids cheering on each other and welcomed visitors running through our Town and Rock Creek Park.

The race proceeds benefit four local schools: Kensington Parkwood ES, North Bethesda MS, Silver Creek MS, and Walter Johnson HS. Since 2009 more than \$200,000 has been raised!

Go to [www.kensington8k.org](http://www.kensington8k.org) for more information and registration.



## Opera in the Circle

Saturday, September 22, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Free, Rain or Shine

Warner Circle Park, 10231 Carroll Place, Kensington

The Friends of Warner Circle are hosting an evening of opera in the park. Acclaimed conductor **Giovanni Reggioli** will lead the musical performances!!

Enjoy romantic arias, duets, and trios from operas by Puccini, Verdi, Mozart and others. This special event is not to be missed. Bring your friends and family, and don't forget your chairs, blankets, and picnics. This is a FREE, rain or shine event, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Warner Circle Park.

## Author Scott D. Seligman

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Kensington Town Hall, 7 p.m.

All are welcome at the Kensington Historical Society's October meeting, when Author **Scott D. Seligman** will discuss his book that centers on events nearly 100 years ago: *The Third Degree: The Triple Murder That Shook Washington and Changed American Criminal Justice*. Part murder mystery, part courtroom drama, and part landmark legal case, *The Third Degree* is the true story of a young man's abuse by Washington police, and seven-year journey through the legal system, which culminated in a Supreme Court ruling by Justice Louis Brandeis, that set the stage for the Miranda warning many years later.

The program is free.

## Scottish Country Dancing at NIH

Mondays, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Are you looking for a fun way to get some exercise and keep your brain active? You can learn Scottish Country Dancing at nearby NIH on Monday evenings.

A social dancing style that bears some resemblance to American square dance, Scottish Country Dancing is livelier than the English country dances familiar from Jane Austen movies. The NIH Monday night class is part of the Washington DC branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. Area groups sponsor dances throughout the year where you can put your new skills to enjoyable use.



The class meets on Monday nights from 7:30 to 9:30 in the Aerobics and Dance building (T-39) on the NIH campus.

For more information, see the Washington area website: [www.rscds-greaterdc.org](http://www.rscds-greaterdc.org) and check out the classes page. A beginner's series of 6 classes will start in October.

Gary and Diana Ditto's Newsletter welcomes ideas and news items from community members. We are grateful to Robert Salow for sharing his train show photos. The editor is Antoinette Kranenburg of Kensington, assisted by Cherry Wunderlich.

## Coming Up in Kensington:

Sept. 22—25th Kensington 8K Race

Sept. 22—Opera in the Circle

Oct. 5 & 6—NeedleChasers of Chevy Chase Quilt Show

Oct. 7—KVFD Open House

Oct. 13—WCCC Art & Craft Fair

Oct. 16—Author Scott D. Seligman, KHS meeting

Oct. 20—Kensington Cabin Re-Opening and Dedication

Oct. 21—Gala Craft Fair & Explore Kensington Day

Oct. 22—Opening Night, Sweeney Todd

Oct. 27—Pumpkin Rock N Roll

Oct. 27 & 28—WCCC Treasure Trove & Used Book Sale

## Sponsored by the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase

7931 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase

### Art and Craft Fair

Saturday, October 13, 2018

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Over 40 local artisans will exhibit and sell unique handmade items: jewelry and accessories, painted glassware, fused glass creations, pottery, wool purses, baby and toddler clothes, quilts, sweaters, oil and watercolor paintings, note cards, painted furniture, and many more beautiful items.

Admission and parking are free. A light breakfast and lunch will be served!

### Treasure Trove and Used Book Sale

October 27 and 28, 2018

Come and find your treasure among over 1000 fiction biographies, history, and more.

Saturday, October 27, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, October 28, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

These events benefit local charities and the WCCC Building Preservation Fund. Please visit [www.wccmaryland.org](http://www.wccmaryland.org), e-mail [info@wccmaryland.org](mailto:info@wccmaryland.org), or call 301-652-8480 for more information.

## Kensington Volunteer Fire Department Annual Open House!

Sunday October 7, 2018, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

10620 Connecticut Avenue, Kensington

Firefighter and apparatus demonstrations, face painting, clowns, climbing wall, gift basket raffle, blood pressure checks, fire prevention, 911 simulator, fire safety house, station tours, car seat checks! For more information call 301-929-8000.

## Just Around the Block Quilt Show

Presented by NeedleChasers of Chevy Chase  
Kensington Town Hall

Friday, October 5, 2018 - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, October 6, 2018 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission is \$7 and includes readmission. Free for children under 12. Parking is free. Credit cards are accepted. More information at [www.needlechasers.org](http://www.needlechasers.org).





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### The Ditto Group Real Estate Activity



**10005 Kensington Pkwy**  
Kensington/Kensington  
Under Contract  
List Price - \$964,000



**10108 Frederick Ave**  
Kensington/Kensington  
Active - \$ 870,000



**4014 Dunnel Ln**  
Kensington/Byeford  
Active - \$ 859,000



**9508 E. Bexhill Dr**  
Kensington/Rock Creek Hills  
Under Contract  
List Price - \$828,000



**4101 Glenridge St**  
Kensington/Chevy Chase  
View  
Sold - \$800,000



**4000 Wexford Dr**  
Kensington/Rock Creek  
Palisades  
Active - \$ 695,000



**5113 Flanders Ave**  
Kensington/Garrett Park  
Estates  
Active - \$ 635,000



**4206 Brookfield Dr**  
Kensington/Kensington Estates  
Active - \$ 619,000



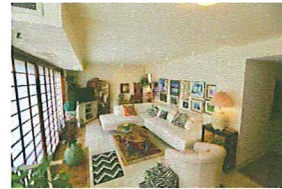
**9912 E. Bexhill Dr**  
Kensington/Rock Creek Hills  
Under Contract  
List Price - \$610,000



**3917 Denfeld Ave**  
Kensington/Rock Creek  
Palisades  
Active - \$ 550,000



**11015 Glueck Ln**  
Kensington/North Kensington  
Active - \$ 489,000



**9900 Georgia Ave**  
#27-417  
Silver Spring/  
Americana Finmark  
Active - \$ 259,000



**2911 Barker St**  
Silver Spring/Capitol  
View Park  
Coming Soon