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Kensington Cabin 1934

KENSINGTON CABIN 75th ANNIVERSARY KHS MEETING

NOVEMBER 10, 2009
7:00 p.m. Refreshments
7:30 p.m. Lecture

By Barbara Scharman



Kensington Cabin 2009

Come and see a presentation about the history of the little cabin in the park on Kensington Parkway, presented by Jamie Kuhns, Senior Historian, Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The Kensington Cabin was dedicated in October, 1934, having been built by County workers under the Civil Works Administration Program. It was used for many recreational and social functions until its closing in 1992. We hope, it will be renovated and will be open for use soon.

Did you or your children ever attend classes or events in the Cabin? Bring any photos or written material, which we can display at the meeting if you like, or just tell us what you remember

about this recreational facility. Please contact Yvonne Gurney (301-942-2639, ygurney@verizon.net) or Barbara Scharman (301-946-8132, bjmscharman@msn.com) with your items to share. Refreshments will include a 75th Birthday Cake for the cabin and, of course, our usual coffee

and cider at 7:00 p.m., lecture at 7:30 p.m. followed by the business meeting including election of officers.

Kensington Town Hall/Armory. Lower Level, 3710 Mitchell Street at Armory Avenue.

Concept Plan for Warner Circle Approved by County Planners

By John Doherty

A concept plan for relocating thirty county park staff to Warner Circle has been given the go-ahead by the Montgomery County Planning Board, laying the groundwork for preservation of the circa 1894 Brainard Warner Mansion and its 4.5 acres of parkland in the Kensington Historic District.

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ANTIQUES ROAD SHOW ~ KENSINGTON STYLE! *What a Success!*

We had another wonderful turnout for our Roadshow which included a lively panel discussion by the experts, moderated by Gary Ditto. This year we were pleased to have evaluations by Mahbod Faroosh of the Textile and Rug



Mr. Faroosh explains the history and value of the piece.

Museum on Metropolitan Avenue, Benedict Hastings of Hastings and Associates, Carol Silverman of Chelsea Antiques, Dale Sorenson of Dale Sorenson Appraisals, Jill Rotter of Jill & Company Country Antiques, Diane Solomon of Diane's Antiques, and Deb Sagerholm of Marco Polo's Treasures. They were aided by Margaret and Susan

Goldsborough of Goldsborough Glynn Antiques & Decorative Arts, Beth Youkel of Osiris Books, Elisenda Sola-Sole of Kensington Row Bookshop, Lori Chaikin of Sparrows, and Kate Taylor-Fine of the The Hope Chest. We'd also like to thank our myriad of member and community volunteers for this event: Nick Logan, Al Lacey, Sig Doherty, Steve Cohen, Janet Barnes, Debbi Hammack, Detta Voesar, John Doherty, Toni Ward, Sue Mathias, as well as Victorian Room docents Madge Darneille and Ann Scherer! And most definitely, thanks to the Town for the use of the hall.



ELECTION AND BYLAWS AT NOVEMBER 10TH MEETING

We will be holding our election at the November 10 meeting and Janet Barnes has presented the following slate from the nominating committee. Nominations will be taken from the floor with approval by the nominee.

President, Julie O'Malley
Vice President, Steve Cohen
Recording Secretary, Sheila Dunne
Corresponding Secretary, Janet Barnes
Treasurer, Detta Voesar
Directors at Large: Sue Mathias, Trammell Maury, and Elisenda Sola-Sole

As reported previously, we will be voting on changes to our By-Laws. A copy of the changes is on the KHS website and copies will be available at the meeting. To obtain a copy, please get in touch with Detta Voesar at 301-949-1059.

Strathmore Authors Tea

At the November 17th *Strathmore Authors Tea*, one of the featured speakers will be Emily Robinson, talking about the history book "The Spirit of Methodism in Kensington 1885-2007," written by a team of St. Paul's members. The book will be available at that venue and also at our November 10 Society meeting, price \$25.

Reservations required for Strathmore Tea call 301-581-5108

2010 CALENDARS AVAILABLE

This year's calendar suggests a new way to look at Kensington, as shown by its title: *Kensington ~ A Green Perspective*. You're in for a surprise if you haven't seen it yet!

Thanks to KHS members Detta Voesar and Katie Rangos, calendars have been distributed to the membership. Additional copies may be purchased for \$5.00 at the Town Hall, Prevention of Blindness, Kensington Pharmacy and Kensington Row Bookshop, and at our November 10th meeting, or call Julie at 301-942-8933.

Welcome New Members!

Mary Balintfy
 Karin Bristow
 Erin Farrish
 David Hussong
 Carole Richardson
 Cecile Poupard-Toner & Charles Toner
 Virginia Ventura
 Mary Wigmore

No meeting in December or January. The date and program for the KHS winter meeting will be in the next newsletter. Invitations for the Holiday Party will be mailed to the membership.

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BENEFACTORS: Macon Construction (Carl Mahaney), Long and Foster Realtors (Gary Ditto); **PATRONS:** Samuel S. Case Cabinetmakers, Kensington Pharmacy, Knowles Printing, Safeway; **SUPPORTERS:** State Delegate Al Carr, Amicus, Chesapeake Framing, David Gregg Tree Services, Hardware City, Johnson's, Jubilee Assoc. of MD, Kensington Caboose, Kensington Row Bookshop, Kitchen & Tile Classics, Logan's Automotive, Mizell Lumber & Hardware, Moose, Green & Korom, P.A., Osiris Books, Patrick realty Co, Sparrow's, Sub*Urban Trading Company, Textile & Rug Museum and Susan I. Wranik Associates

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The unanimous (3-0) vote followed a briefing by Legacy Open Space Manager Brenda Sandberg and architect David Bell to the Board members, who greeted with enthusiasm the idea for rehabilitating the Warner Manor and building a low-scale free-standing office building behind it. The height of this building would be lower than the Carriage House and would be connected with a two story glass connector to the Manor. The office building and Manor would house the park department's Planning, Cultural Resource, and Archeology staff, currently occupying rented space in Silver Spring. The addition would echo features of the Manor House and the Carriage House—both of which would remain essentially unchanged but receive safety and other interior upgrades. The plans include a small additional, oval building where the demolition of the nursing

wing will occur. This room will be available to the community.

The trees and landscaped grounds would be maintained as a public park and open space for community use; the circa 1955 nursing home wing would be demolished. Follow the link below for the concept documents: www.montgomeryplanningboard.org/agenda/2009/documents/20090924_Warner_Circle_Concept_000.pdf A copy will be available at our November 10th meeting.

Kensington Mayor Peter Fosselman testified before the Board in favor of the plan, which had been reviewed at a Town Council meeting in September. Helen Wilkes and I also spoke in favor on behalf of the Kensington Historical Society, Kensington Land Trust, and Citizens United to Save the Circle. The next step will be the drafting of detailed architectural plans.

Kensington Sector Plan Update

On October first, the Planning Board received and reviewed the final draft of our Sector Plan. The Mayor presented testimony on the Town's Resolution of support of the Sector Plan. He clarified that the Town wanted review of any structure over 50 feet, and was opposed to any references in the Sector Plan which would change the single school cluster. As noted before, the Society presented testimony on the Historic Preservation portion of this Plan. See www.kensingtonhistory.org. The Planning Board has now sent their draft on to the County Council for review and the public hearing will likely be held in early January. (The County Executive has 60 days to review the Plan and issue a report.) The Plan can be seen at: <http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/viewer.shtm>, <http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/kensington/documents/finalpbdproductionversion.pdf>

DONATIONS TO KHS

Two photos: House being moved from the corner of Mitchell St. and Armory Ave. to 10409 Armory Avenue, now used as a Manse for the St. Paul's Methodist Church; Armory Avenue shopping strip in the 1960's.

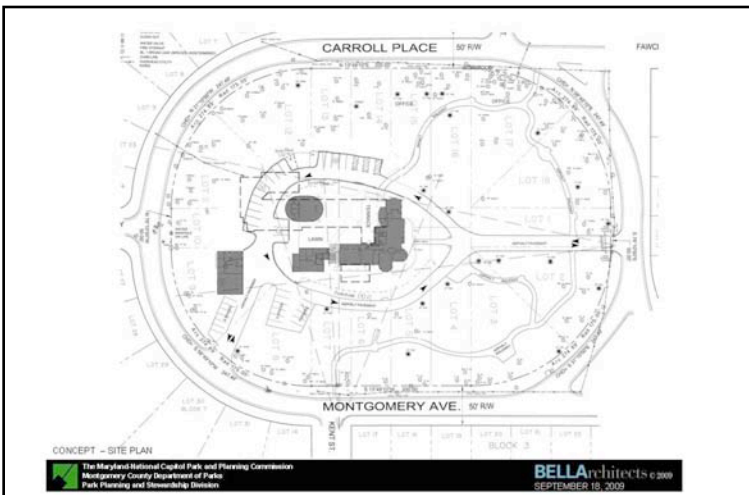
From Bill and Trammell Maury

The Ray Book: A Family of Central Kentucky 1705-1993
by Ann Tyson Sipes.

From Lawrence Ray

Photos and oral history.

From George Burton and Toni Ward



Warner Plan, Planning Board website

DID YOU SEE THIS???



Our thanks to the *Gary Ditto Newsletter* and Antoinette Kranenburg for a great article, "Kensington on Foot, Walking into History," which highlighted our Walking Tour. We also appreciate the heads up for folks about our meeting celebrating the Kensington Cabin's 75th Anniversary, November 10th!

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with the election of the 2010 officers.
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KENSINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

Annual dues January 1 through December 31, _____ (year)

Let us know if you would like to be active on our Board of Directors: info@kensingtonhistory.com
Please send completed form to KHS, PO. Box 453, Kensington, MD 20895

INDIVIDUAL Membership \$ 20
FAMILY Membership \$ 25
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Society.

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