



# ABOUT TOWN

## *Kensington Historical Society News*

### KHS FALL PROGRAMS

OCTOBER 21<sup>st</sup>, WEDNESDAY, 7 pm.

Octagon Room. St. Paul's United Methodist Church,

10401 Armory Avenue across from the Kensington Town Hall parking lot.

KHS will be joining the Friends of the Kensington Park Library to enjoy a presentation by

Dorothy Pugh and Karen Lottes, authors of *IN SEARCH OF MARYLAND GHOSTS:*

*MONTGOMERY COUNTY*. These short story authors share a mutual love of history and ghost lore. According to Schiffer Publishing, the two have worked together to promote an appreciation of local history through the paranormal and what it reveals about our past. This could certainly put you in the mood for Halloween!

NOVEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>, TUESDAY, 7 pm.

Town Hall, Lower Level, 3710 Mitchell St., Kensington

James Rada Jr. will discuss his new book *THE LAST TO FALL: THE 1922 MARCH, BATTLES, & DEATHS OF U.S. MARINES AT GETTYSBURG* (written with Richard Fulton)

In 1922, the largest army since the Civil War marched through Montgomery County on its way to Gettysburg to re-fight the Civil War. On both the march to and return from Gettysburg, the Marines stayed overnight in Bethesda (on the Corby Estate) and in North Gaithersburg.

Their week-long march allowed them to interact with the public along the way and seek out any living Civil War veterans to invite to the maneuvers. Tragically, two marines in this group would die on the battlefield when their bi-plane crashed as part of the military exercises in Gettysburg.

Please join us on Nov 17th for this fascinating story of the "second battle" of Gettysburg.

Photos will bring this to life. Mr. Rada will be available to sign his book and will have copies for sale.

The meeting will be at the Town Hall and is open to the public. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 7 pm and the Program will start at 7:30, followed by the business meeting..

### KHS ELECTIONS TO BE HELD at NOVEMBER 17th MEETING.

Nominations are being sought for Officer positions including President, Vice President, Secretary/Operations Officer and Treasurer. Elections will be held at the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Each elected Officer will hold office for two (2) years, commencing at the beginning of the calendar year. Officer responsibilities are outlined below. If you are interested in self-nominating or submitting a nomination, please e-mail KHS Board Member Leanne Pfautz at [peoplespfautz@gmail.com](mailto:peoplespfautz@gmail.com).

**President:** The President presides at all meetings of the Society membership and executes all instruments requiring the legal and financial commitments of the Society, and performs such other duties as are incidental to the proper administration of the Society. The President is the principal spokesperson for the Society.

**Vice President:** The Vice President assists the President and in the absence of the President, acts as the President pro tem.

**Secretary/Operations Officer:** The Secretary/Operations Officer is the President's principal deputy for the internal operations of the Society. The Secretary/Operations Officer ensures that a true record is kept of the proceedings of all meetings of the Society. The Secretary/Operations Officer assists the Chair in any matter related to the internal operations of the Society, including preparing agendas and overseeing work plans for At-Large Members.

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*Special thanks to Julie and TJ O'Malley for hosting our Spring Party!*

### TOWN HALL DISPLAYS

Every wonder what happened to the toys from the Isabelle Barr Collection? Did you know that at one time the Town had a museum on the main floor where the elevator, lobby and bathrooms now exist? The museum was a display of toys used in the Barbelle Creative Center for Children which closed in the late seventies. Isabelle Barr donated some of her collection to the Town and the museum was created. When an elevator was required for accessibility, that area of the Town Hall had to be reconstructed and the museum space vanished. The toys were then put into storage by the Town and later given to the Kensington Historical Society. Since that time Society members have been spotlighting the collection by making displays for the Noyes Library as well as the Kensington Park Library.

More recently, Mary Buckingham and Sigrid Doherty have been creating delightful scenarios in a display cabinet in the Town's lobby to the left of the main entrance. Please make it a point to stop in and enjoy them anytime the Town Hall is open: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm weekdays, or during evening meetings.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Society has a place for you! We have one-time events (Train Show), recurring needs (socials), weekly options (working with our photographs, toy collection), computer work on our upcoming grant project. Talk to one of our members, or email [info@kensingtonhistory.org](mailto:info@kensingtonhistory.org).

**ELECTIONS Continued**

Treasurer: The Treasurer has responsibility for managing the funds of the Society under the direction of the President. The Treasurer keeps a full and accurate account of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Society. He or she is bonded and deposits all moneys and other valuables in the name of and to the credit of the Society. The Treasurer disburses funds of the Society. The Treasurer provides the President and membership an account of all transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Society. The Treasurer provides periodic financial reports to the President for timely review of the Society's fiscal condition. Finally, the Treasurer ensures that an audit of the Society financials is performed annually.

**KHS CONCERTS**

Rain caused us to reschedule three concerts to October. The following is the complete list of upcoming concerts. We hope the weather will cooperate! The Concerts are held from June to October, Saturday mornings from 10 to 11 in the Howard Avenue Park across from the Train Station Farmers' Market.

- Sept. 5 GP Jams ~ Eclectic folk pop
- Sept. 12 Ruthie & Greg Hardin (of Ruthie & the Wranglers)  
~ Country
- Sept. 19 Janine Wilson & Max Evan ~ Rock/roots/blues
- Sept. 26 Angie & Carlos Munhoz ~ Brazilian jazz
- Oct. 3 Scrub Pines ~ Traditional Americana
- Oct. 10 2nd Story Band ~ Folk, blues, alternative & world beat
- Oct. 17 ellen cherry ~ Spunky pop

We are enjoying the new Park plantings and looking forward to next year with a new arbor to shade the performers! The Town's Greenscape Committee has created gardens of native plants and herbs and the Town has planted three new trees (a fourth to come). Be on the lookout for the grand arrival of the Town of Kensington Rose! The planned arbor has been approved! Our thanks to the Town and the Greenscape Committee.

**KHS ARCHIVES**

We love our volunteers. Come by and see what gems are in the Historical Society Archives. Bring in some photos to share and have scanned. Help us sort and identify photos. Can you file, type or help create displays? Can you help at our events? Don't forget, KHS is approved for SSL (Student Service Learning) hours and a wonderful place for your children to learn about the history of the Town.



**MONTGOMERY MODERN BOOK LAUNCH PARTY**

The Montgomery County Planning Department, part of the Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission, is hosting a book launch party for the new book, **MONTGOMERY MODERN: MODERN ARCHITECTURE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND, 1930-1979** by Clare Kelly. The free event on Friday, October 30 from 7 pm to 9 pm at The Writer's Center (4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda, MD) is sponsored by the Planning Department's Historic Preservation Office. Ms. Kelly will give a presentation and attendees will have an opportunity to purchase a signed book. RSVP's are encouraged but not required. **Clare Kelly, Planning Dept.** 301-563-3402.

**THE KHS 2016 CALENDAR IS HERE**

Take a peek at mid-century Kensington.

Stop by our KHS table on Labor Day and say "Hello!"

Calendars are free to members(\$5.00)

Pick up a Kensington Mug (\$5.00)



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

Dr. Stefanie Gilbert & Todd Hahn

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR MEMBERSHIPS!

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## KHS AWARDED GRANT!

The Society has been awarded a grant from the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission to create a mobile web Walking Tour. This is a brand new venture for the Society and we will be looking for volunteers (please email [info@kensingtonhistory.org](mailto:info@kensingtonhistory.org) to inquire).

KHS plans to hire an experienced mobile website developer to lead our volunteers who will be gathering information and photos from our archives to create the database. The mobile website will be an expanded version of our paper booklet The Kensington Walking Tour and will be available for all to access on their phones.



### SUMMER VOLUNTEER

This year we had a very committed volunteer, Erin Monahan, a history major. She was in our offices three days a week sharing her time with us researching and gathering material in preparation for our creation of a mobile web Walking Tour. The photo shows Erin receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from Society President, Julie O'Malley at the KHS Board meeting. We wish her well as she returns to college!

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

### MOVIE NIGHTS

Activities begin at 5, movie starts at sundown, St. Paul Park at Plyers Mill Rd.

AUGUST 29<sup>th</sup>: THE LION KING: SEPTEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>, FROZEN

### AUTHOR TALKS

The Kensington Park Friends of the Library is sponsoring two Author Talks at the Kensington Town Hall, 3710 Mitchell Street.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm: Jeanne Pettenati, author of GALILEO'S JOURNAL: 1609-1610. The father of modern science comes alive for elementary and middle school students during an interactive presentation based on Galileo's Journal: 1609-1610. Children will learn about Galileo and his life and times, Galileo's scientific experiments, and his most amazing discoveries in astronomy.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 7 pm: Leslie Maitland, author of CROSSING THE BORDERS OF TIME, A True Story of War, Exile, and Love Reclaimed. This investigative reporter tells both a journalist's vivid depiction of a world at war and a daughter's pursuit of a haunting question: what had become of the handsome Frenchman whose picture her mother continued to treasure almost 50 years after they parted?

### ANNUAL 8K RACE

SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>, details at [www.kensington8k.org](http://www.kensington8k.org). Proceeds support Kensington/Parkwood ES, North Bethesda MS, and Walter Johnson HS.

### FALL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup>, 11am to 4 pm. Help inaugurate a new Festival in Town! Howard Avenue will be the scene for crafts, food trucks, antique offerings, music and more! Presented by the Kensington Business District Association (KBDA) and the Old Town Kensington Merchants Association (OTKMA).

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