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Artist Felisa Federman with  
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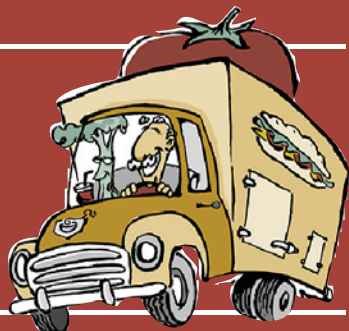
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## WELLBEING

# Support 'Walkabout Abilities'

## Annual event benefits the Abilities Network.

BY SUSAN BELFORD  
THE ALMANAC

Where do you turn when, out of the blue, your child or family member has an epileptic seizure? Is there someone to ask if a loved one with disabilities needs to become self-supporting? Where can someone with an autistic child find support? The Abilities Network offers solutions to all these problems and more. The 6th annual "Walkabout Abilities" will be held on Sunday, Sept. 30 to raise funds for the contributions that the Abilities Network makes to families in the area and across the United States.

Sam and Lisa Coleman discovered the Abilities Network several years ago when their son Riley who was 7 years old had the first of many seizures and then was consequently diagnosed with epilepsy — a disorder that no one in his family had ever had. Sam Coleman describes how devastating the diagnosis was to their family: "We felt as if we were in a dark hole — and did not know where to turn or what to do. We knew nothing about epilepsy. We needed information, support and education. We were afraid to let him out of our sight."

Riley, who attends Bells Mill Elementary School in Potomac is vibrant, athletic and has a drive for success. He loves to play all sports but basketball is his favorite. He also plays flag football, soccer and takes karate and he wants to play football when he gets old enough. In other words, Riley is a normal boy who is constantly on the go.

"The Abilities Network gave us all kinds of practical information," said Coleman. They provided us with a library of information, doctors that we could talk to and other parents who could give us support and advice on how to best help our son. We wanted to keep his life as normal as possible. The Abilities Network helped us to realize that Riley can do everything and anything.

They taught us how to advise and work with the

schools, coaches and activity sponsors. We feel fortunate because Bells Mill Elementary has been just phenomenal. The staff has been exceptionally caring and concerned about him."

Coleman is encouraging the Potomac area community to come out to the WalkAbout Abilities on Sept. 30. The 1.5 mile Family Fun walk will take place on the grounds of Baltimore's Goucher College. The event will feature breakfast and other refreshments — including Baskin Robbins ice cream donated by Coleman who owns a Baskin Robbins store, a DJ, entertainment and activities for children of all ages. Registration is from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., the event runs from 9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and activities will take place from 12 – 1 p.m. General registration is \$15 for adults and children 12 and over, \$10 for children 11 and under. Children 3 and under are free. Sponsorships are available and donations are welcome. Information, registration and directions are available at [www.walkaboutabilities.com](http://www.walkaboutabilities.com). Participants will receive a T-shirt, goodie bag and sponsor gift bags.

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"My goal is to create awareness about the Abilities Network and to raise funds to support the unique services that they provide," Coleman said. "They are a magnificent organization, and I'm afraid that too few people have ever heard of them. Last year, over 300 people attended. In five years, we have raised more than \$325,000. This year, the Baltimore Raven Mascot Poe, and Raven players Terrance Cody and Laquan Williams will be attending. These two football players, along



Sam Coleman and his son Riley.

with the Ravens organization have supported the walk throughout the years. We will also have a silent auction with outstanding auction items."

The Abilities Network is a non-profit 501-c3 organization that provides customized services to children, adults and seniors to promote more inclusive communities. The members of this organization "see abilities, not disabilities." Its six main programs are: Autism Services, Community and Employment Partners, Epilepsy Services (in partnership with the Epilepsy Foundation of the Chesapeake Region – EFCR), Healthy Families Baltimore County, Project ACT - All Children Together, and Senior Services. Find out more about its work at [www.abilitiesnetwork.org](http://www.abilitiesnetwork.org).

## 'Potomac Days at the Crossroads' To Be Auctioned

**Artist Carol Dyer creates historical vision of Offutt's Crossroads.**

BY SUSAN BELFORD  
THE ALMANAC

Carol Dyer has created numerous paintings of life at the turn of the century in Annapolis, Washington D.C., Bethany Beach, Rehobeth and across the nation — and now she has produced "Potomac Days at the Crossroads" — painting her vision of what the River and Falls Roads intersection was like in a simpler time when it was named Offutt's Crossroads and folks traveled by horse and buggy and bicycles built for two, three or even four. This folk-art original is being auctioned from Sept. 5 through Oct. 20 by silent bids placed at the Art Gallery of Potomac. The winner will be announced during Potomac Days and the painting will be awarded the evening of Oct. 20 at the Potomac Arts Night.

"A year ago, I decided to create a painting about Potomac Days," said Dyer. "I contacted Elie Pissara-Cain who discussed the history with me and showed me all of Potomac's historic landmarks. I took photos and created this 'Potomac Days' painting." Potomac Days is a 30-year-old community tradition that celebrates and honors Potomac and its organizations, businesses and citizens. The parade, carnival and business fair will take place this year on Oct. 20 and will begin at 10 a.m.

Dyer focuses her painting on life in Potomac around 1880, when it was named Offutt's Crossroads. She displays a scene of a parade marching through the crossroads with historic Potomac landmarks surrounding the activities. She includes the splen-



**Carol Dyer**

dor of the Potomac Hunt Club, the C&O Canal Museum, the Canal Barge, the Glen Mill, the original Avenel Equestrian Center, Offutt's Beer Parlor (now Mitch and Bill's), The Perry Store, the Happy Pickle (now the office of WC & AN Miller/Long and Foster Real Estate), Saint Gabriel's Church (burned down), Potomac Methodist Church, Old Angler's Inn and her version of Potomac's one-room school house. The painting contains the village blacksmith and the wheel maker. The trolley is coming through, the Comet Band is playing, horses are frolicking in the pasture and children and parents are celebrating Potomac Days with balloons and by watching the parade — much as done today.

"Welcome to the heart of old Potomac Village where River Road and Falls Road cross. Please enjoy this painting and read it like a book," said Dyer. Indeed, the painting is a reflection of the history of Potomac — and gives one the opportunity to reflect on the changes that have taken place in and around Potomac Village. "I think one of Potomac's businesses, banks or restaurants may want the original," said the artist. "Other Potomac residents and businesses may want to purchase the giclée on canvas and paper. These prints will be available in



**"Potomac Days at the Crossroads" by Carol Dyer.**

the Art Gallery of Potomac in October."

Terri Cunningham, one of the gallery's resident artists explains the value of the painting: "Carol's painting is the only one of Potomac that I can remember being done from a historical perspective. The Surrey sold prints of the old map of Potomac with pen and ink drawings of Potomac landmarks around the border. I believe that was 30 or 40 years ago. This is a unique opportunity to have this original painting by Carol, who is considered one of the most important historical folk artists in the country."

Dyer is one of 10 resident artists in the Art Gallery of Potomac, recently re-located along the Glenolden Road side of the Potomac Village Shopping Center at 9945 Falls Road in Potomac. Dyer, originally from Boston, took only one art lesson at the Boston Museum of Fine Art when she was a child. In 1970, she began her career as a professional painter. She focused on scenes from the Delmarva Peninsula, creating nostalgic paintings of family beach vacations. Her next endeavor was the "Splendor of

Washington" series. Dyer said, "The capital's famous buildings are displayed as they appeared at the turn of the century with imaginative illustrations and stories of the people who lived in the city during those times. The series now numbers some three dozen scenes at different times of the year and celebrating most national holidays. These paintings are distributed as prints and greeting cards that are sent by most Washingtonians with Christmas and special occasion greetings."

Dyer also continues to create a new Delmarva scene each year.

For the past few years, she was commissioned by the Mystic Seaport Museum to create a "Port Cities Collection" — paintings of famous seaports at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Some of her latest paintings are Tidewater Days, Historic Annapolis Days Passed, The Steamship Savannah, and the Parade of Lights in Charleston.

Her collection can be viewed in the book "Album of American Traditions," published by Mystic Seaport. In the book, Dyer details her technique for creating her appealing folk art. This book, her note cards and paintings can all be purchased at the Art Gallery of Potomac.

Dyer is currently creating a painting of "Family Days at Glen Echo Park." Visit [www.caroldyerartwork.com](http://www.caroldyerartwork.com), e-mail [caroldyerart@aol.com](mailto:caroldyerart@aol.com) or call 240-669-7555. To place a bid for "Potomac Days at the Crossroads," go by the Art Gallery of Potomac. They are open Wednesday through Sunday from noon-4 p.m.

## New Exhibitors on Display at Art Gallery of Potomac

**Spotlight on photography, metal sculpture and mixed media.**

BY SUSAN BELFORD  
THE ALMANAC

Every month, the Art Gallery of Potomac welcomes guest artists to display their talents in their new space in the Potomac Village Shopping Center. From Sept. 4 – 30, Evelyn Jacob's photography and Nancy Frankel's metal sculptures will be in the limelight along with mixed media art by resident artist Felisa Federman.

An opening reception will be held on Friday, Sept.

7 from 6 – 9 p.m. An artist's talk will be featured at 2 p.m. on Sept. 30.

Potomac's Jacob first became interested in photography while in graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania. Fifteen years ago, she committed herself to serious photography and devoted herself to creating photographs from nature. "Where can we encounter mystery, visual interest and emotional riches in the natural world? An answer, I found, can be in very ordinary places, which when explored in depth can lead to unexpected pleasures and rewards," she said.

Therefore, her photographs help the viewer to see the wonders of nature in a unique manner. As the artist explained, "I have come to think of such ordinary places as hidden worlds. We do not see their



**Art Gallery of Potomac's featured artists are Felisa Federman, Nancy Frankel and Evelyn Jacob.**

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## PEOPLE

# Entrepreneur Brian Rubin Inspires

## Despite Asperger's syndrome, Rubin creates award-winning business.

BY SUSAN BELFORD  
THE ALMANAC

**B**rian Rubin of Potomac lives by the philosophy of Winston Churchill: "Never, never, never quit." His mother, an elementary school teacher taught him to keep trying, no matter how difficult the task. In spite of a diagnosis at age 34 of Asperger's syndrome and a lifetime of struggling in the classroom and in the social world, he has become a successful entrepreneur.

Rubin is the owner of Maryland Hydroponics, an award-winning business which supplies a wide range of products needed for hydroponic gardening — growing vegetables and plants with water and nutrients instead of soil.

Rubin attended Lake Normandy Elementary, Hoover Middle and Churchill High School, graduating in 1986. He attended Frostburg State University in a program for special needs students.

His school journey was both challenging and frustrating. School psychologists and staff thought he might be dyslexic and/or possess a number of other learning disabilities yet his IQ placed him in the gifted range. For Rubin, it was a relief when he was finally diagnosed with high-functioning autism — or Asperger's syndrome in 2002.

Rubin became interested in plants at the age of 10 when his family visited Disney's Epcot Center. He observed plants growing without soil and was fascinated. When they returned home, he learned as much as he could about hydroponic gardening and created his own home nursery. He moved to the Netherlands for 10 years where he honed his gardening skills and ran a small coffee shop called the Twilight Zone in Amsterdam. When he returned to the U.S., he was finally identified as having Asperger's syndrome. With the help of the Department of Rehabilitation Services (DORS), he enrolled in RISE (Reach Indepen-

dence Through Self-Employment) — a program for disabled individuals who have a desire to start their own businesses but need direction and support.

"Through DORS, I met the most important mentor of my life — Dusty Rhodes. With his help, I was able to take classes that taught me how to develop a business plan and how to interact with and hire people to help me. Accountants, lawyers and bankers need to be sensitive to the unique aspects of Asperger's syndrome. I've still been in contact with Dusty over the last 10 years."

Rubin launched Maryland Hydroponics in 2003. Within six months, he had outgrown the space. "Business has grown each year and we have expanded to three stores — one in Laurel, one in Falls Church, Va. and one in Negril, Jamaica. Some of our items include water filtration systems, HID lighting, hydro systems, American medicinal art glass vaporizers and one of the largest liquid organic plant food selections on the east coast," he said. One motto of his business is that they offer the "Lowest Guaranteed Prices on Planet Earth." Supplies can be purchased in the store or on the internet at [www.dhydro.com](http://www.dhydro.com).

For the first 24 months while opening his business, Rubin worked 100-hour work weeks. The business grew from a 700-square-foot business space to 4,900. He has twice been honored by the State of Maryland as "Maryland Small Business Owner with a Disability" for 2006 and 2007. The Progressive Gardening Trade Association gave Maryland Hydroponics an award for best TV commercial in 2004, 2005 and 2007.

In his spare time, Rubin enjoys his family, friends, cooking and travel. He is also giving back as a member of the board of directors of the Itineris Foundation. Itineris is a non-profit organization which serves adults with autism in the Baltimore region by providing community-based services to adults with autism spec-



**Brian Rubin**

trum disorders. Ruben also supports Camp Fantastic as a sponsor for the kick-off cook-out given by the Olney Rotary Club for the children and the doctors and nurses from NIH who provide treatment for the youngsters at the camp. Camp Fantastic is a week-long camp for children with cancer. He is also an avid gardener. His azalea gardens are featured on a local garden tour every year.

Rubin's mother now has a new motto: "If you have a problem, find a solution." Rubin's solution was to discover a passion — and start a company doing what he loved. After working hard, Maryland Hydroponics has become both a successful business and an ongoing hobby.

Maryland Hydroponics Falls Church is located at 1061 B West Broad Street in Falls Church, Va. Phone: 866-DC-HYDRO. The Maryland location is 10051 North 2nd Street in Laurel. Phone: 1-301-490-9236. The Jamaican location is Maryland Hydroponics Express, Negril, West End Westmoreland, Jamaica. Phone: 876-485-0713. This store carries a smaller selection as well as smaller sized bottles of plant food.

## THIS WEEK IN POTOMAC

— COMPILED BY KEN MOORE

## Zoning Rewrite Project

Montgomery County planners have been revising sections of the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance since 2010. Planners seek to rewrite the Zoning Code — last rewritten in 1977 and 1,200 pages long — to modernize antiquated, redundant zoning regulations and create new tools to help achieve goals in community plans, according to the Montgomery County Planning Department.

Next Tuesday, Sept. 11, the County Council will hold public hearings at 1:30 on Transit Proximity Definitions in Commercial and Residential zones; Established Building Line Clarification, Density Transfer from C-2 to CBD Zones and Accessory Apartments Amendments.

To testify, call the County Council at 240-777-7803.

"The revised code — which will be considered by the Planning Board in a number of

work sessions before going to the County Council for review ... is expected to reduce the number of zones, clarify what uses are permitted in each zone, and rethink 1950s-era commercial strips and office parks," according to Planning Board officials.

Download the draft at [www.zoningmontgomery.org](http://www.zoningmontgomery.org).

## Fill the Boot

Montgomery County firefighters raised money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association as part of the national "Fill the Boot" Campaign.

Money raised from the three-day fundraising event, which began last Wednesday Aug. 29, stays local and helps support 400 families in Montgomery County, according to Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service.

Before this year's event, Montgomery County Firefighters had raised \$1.8 million since the county began participating in the cause in 1984. In 2012, the International Association

of Fire Fighters raised \$28 million for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, according to the fire service. MDA is a volunteer health agency working to defeat more than 40 forms of Muscular Dystrophy through programs of worldwide research, comprehensive services and professional and public health education.

Proceeds help local services and research programs, including a week-long summer camp for children, support groups and local clinics.

Stop by any fire station, including Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department on 8001 River Road, with donations.

## Potomac's Got Talent

The Potomac Community Center will kickoff its new season with a new talent show to be held in conjunction with the Potomac Family Fun Fest on Friday, Sept. 28 from 4-9 p.m. at the Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road.

"Does your family, or your child, have a tal-

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# Three Artists Featured

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promise until we slow down and look carefully, but once we do immerse ourselves in them, they seem to open up worlds of possibilities."

Frankel has four metal sculptures on display. Frankel learned to weld in a local bicycle shop in Germany and realized that her passion was working in metals. She explained that welding tools have changed radically since she started: "I am still in love with metals and the creation of pieces." She grew up in New Jersey, graduated from Temple University and completed her graduate work at Columbia University and then studied with Hans Hoffman, a famous painter from Greenwich Village. She now has studios in both Laurel and Kensington.

For this show, she has provided four of her art works. "Waterfalls," "Impromptu," "Whimsy" and "Growth." These metal sculptures are contemporary pieces which reflect the balance of nature and yet some of the more whimsical moments in life.

"I created 'Growth' after participating in a plein air tour in Europe with many Russian artists," said Frankel. "They were celebrating the 30th year of freedom from the Turks. This piece represents the growth of their country after their freedom."

Resident artist Federman's newest creations are also on display this month. Born in Argentina, Federman has resided in Potomac for 21 years. She also teaches art and Spanish throughout the area.

Federman combines oils, acrylics and fiber materials to create striking contemporary pieces of art. Her colors are bright and lively — and her art contains much of her culture. Her background is in weaving and she brings these skills into her "Vagon" 1 and 2 which "looks a little like a train," said Federman.

Come by the new location of the Art Gallery of Potomac to see these three artists as well as the art



"Growth" — a metal sculpture by Nancy Frankel.

works by the other nine resident artists. All the art on display is for sale. The new gallery is located behind the Verizon store, next to Big Wheel Bikes in the back of the Potomac Village Shopping Center — just down from Tally Ho. The gallery's regular hours are Wednesday through Sunday noon-4 p.m., or by appointment. Call 301-299-6042 #2. Visit [www.theartgalleryofpotomac.com](http://www.theartgalleryofpotomac.com).

## LET'S TALK Real Estate



by Michael Matese

### The Appraiser and What He Does

Home appraisals might be more accurately described as "home evaluations". Appraisals are an essential part of the home sale process, from both the buyer and the seller's end, and are invaluable tools to keep firmly in hand before an offer ever hits the table. Many sellers have an appraisal completed before the home is listed, in order to get a working grasp of current home value trends in the market and establish a baseline for the asking price. It is important to keep a few key pieces of information in mind when having an appraisal performed on your house. First, both appraisers and their appraisals vary—so make sure to find a reputable, experienced, reliable appraiser in your area to perform your home's appraisal. Three different appraisals by three different appraisers might give you three different ideas about your home's value—and while you definitely don't want an appraiser who lowballs your home's value and causes you to ask for a price lower than your home is worth, likewise you don't want an appraiser who overinflates your home's value, making your asking price higher than what the market will bear and keeps your home languishing without a potential buyer in sight. The most accurate appraisal is one that is neither too high, nor too low—a realistic evaluation of what the home is worth, versus what the market will bear that results in a home being sold with a reasonable profit to the seller in an expedient amount of time. An appraiser's document is only as valuable as their expertise and reliability, and in a profession that's not strictly regulated, you want to ensure that you've not paid a fee to a flight-by-night appraiser whose evaluation of your home's value isn't worth the paper it's printed on. Ask your Realtor® to point you in the direction of a reputable home appraiser, and screen the appraiser thoroughly before contracting their services. With just a little extra effort on your part, your home's most accurate asking price could be just a phone call away! Things to ask an appraiser before contracting their services include:

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## June 2012 Sales in \$800,000s

**1** 9333 Falls Chapel Way, Potomac — \$880,000



**2** 11505 Karen Drive, Potomac — \$862,000



**3** 10 Over Ridge Court, Potomac — \$855,000

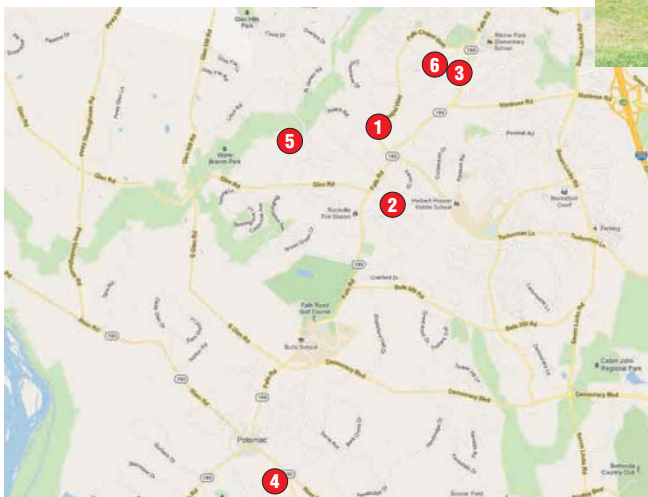


**4** 9616 Accord Drive, Potomac — \$855,000



**6** 13 Cold Spring Court, Potomac — \$844,000

**5** 11921 Ledgerock Court, Potomac — \$849,000



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<b>4</b> 9616 ACCORD DR .....	4	2	2	POTOMAC	.....	\$855,000	Detached	0.49	20854	CONCORD	06/25/12
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# HOME SALES

In July 2012, 47 Potomac homes sold between \$3,275,000-\$410,000.

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9206 BELMART RD	5	4	3	POTOMAC	\$3,275,000	Detached	3.30	20854
8805 TWIN CREEK CT	6	6	3	POTOMAC	\$2,500,000	Detached	2.00	20854
10839 PLEASANT HILL DR	6	6	1	POTOMAC	\$2,350,000	Detached	2.09	20854
9900 RIVER VIEW CT	6	7	2	POTOMAC	\$2,050,000	Detached	1.94	20854
12500 PARK POTOMAC AVE #702 S	3	3	1	POTOMAC	\$1,725,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		20854
8605 WHITE POST CT	5	4	1	POTOMAC	\$1,700,000	Detached	0.48	20854
12500 PARK POTOMAC AVE #707	3	3	1	POTOMAC	\$1,699,900	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		20854
11209 GREENBRIAR PRESERVE LN	5	5	1	POTOMAC	\$1,675,000	Detached	0.79	20854
4 BEMAN WOODS CT	5	5	2	POTOMAC	\$1,600,000	Detached	0.24	20854
12705 TRAVILAH RD	4	4	1	POTOMAC	\$1,350,000	Detached	2.03	20854
21 MASTERS CT	5	4	1	POTOMAC	\$1,305,000	Detached	0.59	20854
10101 COUNSELMAN RD	5	4	1	POTOMAC	\$1,298,000	Detached	1.24	20854
10101 GARDEN WAY	6	4	0	POTOMAC	\$1,280,000	Detached	2.02	20854
8305 RIVER FALLS DR	6	4	1	POTOMAC	\$1,275,000	Detached	0.34	20854
10034 CARMELITA DR	5	5	1	POTOMAC	\$1,165,000	Detached	0.59	20854
9411 TURNBERRY DR	3	3	1	POTOMAC	\$1,140,000	Townhouse	0.13	20854
10909 PICASSO LN	4	4	1	POTOMAC	\$1,068,000	Detached	1.49	20854
11825 WINTERSET TER	5	4	1	POTOMAC	\$1,050,000	Detached	0.38	20854
11000 DOBBINS DR	5	4	1	POTOMAC	\$1,049,000	Detached	2.06	20854
12224 SELINE WAY	5	4	1	POTOMAC	\$1,041,918	Detached	0.25	20854
9617 PINKNEY CT	4	3	1	POTOMAC	\$1,030,000	Detached	0.67	20854
10404 WINDSOR VIEW DR	5	4	1	POTOMAC	\$1,000,000	Detached	0.38	20854
9200 SPRINKLEWOOD LN	4	3	2	POTOMAC	\$975,000	Detached	0.31	20854
8501 TIMBER HILL LN	6	4	1	POTOMAC	\$930,000	Detached	0.61	20854
12713 HUNTING HORN CT	4	3	1	POTOMAC	\$915,000	Detached	0.24	20854
10804 HILLBROOKE LN	4	3	1	POTOMAC	\$899,900	Detached	0.18	20854
12323 OVERPOND WAY	5	3	2	POTOMAC	\$895,000	Detached	0.25	20854
8121 BUCKSPARK LN E	4	3	1	POTOMAC	\$888,000	Detached	0.29	20854
12112 REACH WAY	4	3	3	POTOMAC	\$858,000	Detached	0.31	20854
11013 HAISLIP CT	4	3	1	POTOMAC	\$850,000	Detached	0.32	20854
10903 OLD COACH RD	4	2	1	POTOMAC	\$825,000	Detached	0.21	20854
8122 TUCKERMAN LN	5	3	1	POTOMAC	\$800,000	Detached	0.24	20854
11701 KAREN DR	4	3	0	POTOMAC	\$765,000	Detached	0.46	20854
11704 BUNNELL CT N	6	3	1	POTOMAC	\$750,000	Detached	0.23	20854
8019 GRAND TETON DR	3	3	1	POTOMAC	\$735,000	Detached	0.32	20854
13300 SUNNY BROOKE PL	3	3	1	POTOMAC	\$719,000	Townhouse	0.08	20854
11530 GLEN RD S	4	2	0	POTOMAC	\$712,000	Detached	2.00	20854
7711 WHITERIM TER	3	3	1	POTOMAC	\$712,000	Townhouse	0.08	20854
12204 ESPALIER PL	5	2	1	POTOMAC	\$700,000	Detached	0.25	20854
8620 FALLS RD	3	3	0	POTOMAC	\$680,000	Detached	0.61	20854
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21 TRAILRIDGE CT	4	3	0	ROCKVILLE	\$660,000	Detached	0.37	20854
12001 GREENLEAF AVE	4	3	0	POTOMAC	\$650,000	Detached	0.24	20854
8301 RAYMOND LN	4	2	1	POTOMAC	\$615,000	Detached	0.21	20854
8519 POSTOAK RD	5	2	1	POTOMAC	\$535,000	Detached	0.21	20854
7506 CODDLE HARBOR LN	3	2	2	POTOMAC	\$477,200	Townhouse	0.05	20854
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## Churchill Field Hockey Wins Opener

One season removed from reaching the 4A West Region championship game, the Churchill field hockey team opened the 2012 campaign with a 7-0 home victory against Wheaton on Aug. 31.

Jenn Shim led the Bulldogs with three goals and added an assist. Annie Moshyedi scored a pair of goals and Mary Lee Lawrence and Clare Nolan each had one. Catherine Roberts, Christina Michaels and Catherine Nardi each had an assist.

“The Wheaton girls played tough the entire game,” Churchill head coach Cay Miller wrote in an email. “They’ve got heart. [Head coach] Alex Helberg is making good things happen over there. Wheaton is only getting better.”

Churchill will travel to face Einstein at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 5, and the Bulldogs will face Bethesda-Chevy Chase on Sept. 12 at B-CC in a rematch of last year’s region final.

## Churchill Football Shuts Out Kennedy

The Churchill football team defeated Kennedy, 34-0, on Aug. 31 to open its 2012 season.

The Bulldogs, last year’s 4A West Region runner-up, amassed 285 yards and four touchdowns on the ground. Quarterback Jonathan Lee carried 10 times for 117 yards and two scores. Jake Longenecker rushed six times for 71 yards and a score, Blake Dove carried seven times for 46 yards and Juwan Hamelin scored a rushing touchdown.

Lee completed 6 of 11 passes for 78 yards and was intercepted once. Dominique Williams caught four passes for 75 yards. Defensively, Adrien Bossogo-

Egoume led Churchill with five tackles and two sacks. Blake Dove and Will Sickels each had four tackles. Joseph Dennis, Aaron Wiggins and Sickels each had one sack and Jack Norman had an interception.

Churchill’s home opener is at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 7 against Whitman.

## Wootton Football Beats Whitman

The Wootton football team traveled to Whitman and defeated the Vikings, 15-3, on Aug. 31. It was the Patriots’ first win in a season opener since Wootton defeated Walter Johnson in the 2006 opener.

For Whitman, it was the Vikings first season-opening loss since falling to Northwest in 2008. Quarterback Kevin McGowan completed 10 of 26 passes for 121 yards and was intercepted three times. Nicholas Newsham caught five passes for 90 yards. Zac Morton carried 15 times for 48 yards.

A 40-yard field goal by Zachary Snyder accounted for Whitman’s offense.

Wootton will host Kennedy at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 7. Whitman will travel to face Churchill at 6:30 p.m. on Friday.

## Whitman Boys’, Girls’ Soccer Win

The Whitman boys’ and girls’ soccer teams opened their 2012 seasons with victories on Sept. 1. The boys defeated Mt. St. Joe’s, 3-1, at Churchill High School. The girls traveled to Rockville and beat the Rams, 9-0.

The boys will travel to Rockville at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 5. The girls traveled to face Clarksburg on Sept. 4, after the Almanac’s deadline. They will host Poolesville at 7 p.m. on Sept. 13.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

### SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to [almanac@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:almanac@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

The following students from Colgate University were recipients of the Dean’s Award for academic excellence during the 2012 spring term at Colgate University.

A member of the Colgate class of 2014, **Rebecca Faith Murphy** of

Potomac is studying history and middle eastern studies and Islamic civilizations. Murphy is a graduate of Winston Churchill High School.

A member of the Colgate class of 2014, **Christopher Daniel Neumann** of Potomac is studying international relations. Neumann is a graduate of Landon School.

A member of the Colgate class of 2014, **Caitlin Elizabeth Zolet** of Potomac is studying mathematical eco-

nomics. Zolet is a graduate of Thomas S. Wootton High School.

A member of the Colgate class of 2014, **Madeline Aikins Tennis** of Potomac is studying peace and conflict studies. Tennis is a graduate of The Holton-Arms School.

A member of the Colgate class of 2015, **Juliane Viktoria Wiese** of Potomac is studying philosophy. Wiese is a graduate of The Academy of the Holy Cross.



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Jenn Shim, seen during a preseason practice, scored three goals for the Churchill field hockey team during its season-opening win against Wheaton on Aug. 31.



PHOTO BY LISA BARBER

## Summer Training

Meredith-Wynn Barber of Potomac, 10th grade student at Walt Whitman High School and member of the Whitman Crew Team, trained this summer with the Sarasota Crew team, which is the Florida State Champion rowing team.



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## Cooking on Labor Day

Jeremy Rosenthal grills hotdogs and hamburgers for golfers at the Falls Road Golf Course.



# THIS WEEK IN POTOMAC

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event that you'd like to show off? Our community talent show is the perfect place to try!" according to the Potomac Community Center. "We're looking for individuals and groups to show off their talents (singers, bands, musicians, anything) and compete for prizes at our talent show."

See [www.potomacsgottalent.com](http://www.potomacsgottalent.com) to sign up and describe your act.

Call the Potomac Community Center at 240-777-6960 for more information about the Potomac's Got Talent competition.

Family Fun Fest is open to the entire community — members, non-members and families with youth or adults of all ages. The event will include carnival rides, an obstacle course and wrecking ball, the Squeals on Wheels Petting Zoo, music from Electric Entertainment and the Potomac's Got Talent event.

## Club Friday

The Potomac Community Center's program begins its 22<sup>nd</sup> year at the Community Center on Oct. 5, 2012, the week after Family Fun Fest (see above).

Activities for students in third through sixth grades include basketball, bingo, dances, ping pong, gym hockey, soccer, crafts, movies and special theme nights.

The weekly evening event takes place from 7-9 p.m., and the Center will open the snack bar at 6:30 p.m.

Online registration is underway at <https://www.recweb.montgomerycountymd.gov>

After Hours meets the first Friday of every month from 9:15 to 11 p.m., and also runs through March 1, 2013.

The program is available for sixth through eighth grade students.

Call the Potomac Community Center at 240-777-6960.

## MLK Auditions

Montgomery County seeks performers for the 2013 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration scheduled Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013 at the Music Center at Strathmore.

The MLK Commemorative Committee will hold three-minute auditions on Friday, Sept. 14 at Montgomery College in Rockville, Room 124 of the Musical Building, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. The committee is interested in musicians, dancers and performers for spoken word and skits.

E-mail [mlkcelebration@hotmail.com](mailto:mlkcelebration@hotmail.com) to reserve an audition time.

For more information, e-mail Susan Peevy at [mlkcelebration@hotmail.com](mailto:mlkcelebration@hotmail.com) or Yvonne Stephens of Montgomery College's Office of Equity and Diversity at [Yvonne.stephens@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:Yvonne.stephens@montgomerycollege.edu) or 240-567-4203.

## Great Falls Stewards

The Park Service and Canal Trust seek volunteers to come to Historic Great Falls Tavern on Sept. 22 and Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers, 12 and older, will paint, rake, clean and clear debris from the Tav-

ern and the surrounding areas.

For more information or to sign up, contact Becky Curtis at 301-745-8889, or email her at [volunteer@canaltrust.org](mailto:volunteer@canaltrust.org).

High school students can receive Student Service Learning hours.

## Live and Learn

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, which also serves the Potomac area, will partner with Live and Learn Bethesda to offer classes and programs to the community. Some of the fall programs include legal and financial planning for elders, ballroom dancing for beginners, a discussion of "The Secrets of Washington D.C." with author Ronald Kessler, a discussion of "Famous KGB Spies: Where Are They Now?" with former KGB General Oleg Kaulgin, and a lecture series on aging in the community.

The BCC-Regional Services Center also partners with Suburban Hospital, Washington Oasis and the Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery and the Bethesda Urban Partnership and other organizations to present programs and classes to the community. Visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/bcc](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/bcc) and [www.liveandlearnbethesda.org](http://www.liveandlearnbethesda.org) or call Live and Learn Bethesda at 301-740-6150.

## Hall of Fame

Montgomery County's Office of Human Rights seeks nominations for its Seventh Hall of Fame, to celebrate individuals whose

ongoing work, service and contributions have positively impacted human and civil rights in the county.

The induction ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 28 from 3-5 p.m. at the BlackRock Center for the Arts in Germantown.

Nominations are available online or by calling the Office of Human Rights at 240-777-8456. See [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/humanrights](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/humanrights).

The deadline for submissions is Sept. 10, 2012.

## Honoring WWII Veterans

World War II veterans will be honored Wednesday, Sept. 19 at the Silver Spring Civic Building at One Veterans Plaza. County Executive Isiah Leggett, Council President Roger Berliner and the County Council will lead ceremonies starting at 10:30 a.m.

Speakers will include veterans who served in various aspects of World War II.

The county's public cable television channel will simulcast the event live. In addition, the PEG Network will be recording the stories of many of the veterans for a documentary that will first be shown on Veterans Day.

Montgomery Honors WW II Vets event organizers seek contact with more veterans. Call 240-777-7929.

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Great Results!

Is what I feel – wherever I feel it, cancer or middle age? Is what I feel worthy of a mention to my oncologist or merely yours truly looking for trouble? Moreover, Is the pain/discomfort I feel in my chest (between my lungs) par for the course of treatment I'm on and characteristic of the disease with which I've been diagnosed, or is it completely unrelated and not at all noteworthy (dare I say, normal)? Or is this a repeat of a symptom I've experienced previously? Once the pain represented a tumor growing in my lungs (bad news); another time, the same pain was scar tissue growing over tumors that had shrunk (great news). (Scar tissue, as my oncologist explained to me, is similar to the scab that eventually forms over a skinned knee and is a sign of healing.) In each case, however, the identical symptom had two very different causes: one good, one bad. Ergo my confusion now. Is what I feel good, bad, or shall I remain indifferent?

And if I remain indifferent, how do I remain indifferent about the most important thing in my life: my health/diagnosis/prognosis? However, stressing about unconfirmed complications seems itself an unnecessary complication and one to be avoided. Where's the benefit in making myself sick (see 8/29/2012 column: "Diagnosed But Not Sick") simply because I have a terminal disease? Then again, if I am to remain proactive with respect to my care and feeding, I must advocate for myself and not allow time to pass when pain and suffering need not occur. I don't want to worry myself sick, but nor do I suppose that neglecting myself dead serves any particular purpose either. As Curly Howard of The Three Stooges said: "I'm too young to die, too handsome; well, too young, anyway." My feelings exactly.

Not only has the same pain-in-my-chest symptom led to opposite interpretations, it has also caused me to wonder if what I've felt was real or imagined (see 8/22/2012 column: "Life in the Cancer Lane") and typical of the roller-coaster existence that becomes "normal" for cancer patients. The dilemma is, I don't want to make something out of nothing any more than I want to make nothing out of something. Nor do I ever want to be damned, but with some days/certain symptoms, I feel as if I'm damned if I do and damned if I don't. Still, I can live with it: I have lived with it, but it certainly doesn't make me feel like I've mastered it.

Even writing a column about it (cancer, and the emotional confusion it causes) seems like I'm bringing unnecessary attention to a condition (some condition) with which I'm forced to live, but a condition any cancer/terminal patient still living would be happy to endure: life. And let me be clear: I am not complaining. I am "introspecting" into the peculiarities and perplexities of living a life for which I had no preparation, no experience and zero indication – until the biopsy confirmed it, that my life, as I had previously known it and expected it to be, was officially over. Not literally, but figuratively. Yet another conundrum.

Making the best of a bad situation, that's how I roll (I'm a Red Sox fan after all). Some days are easier than others, some symptoms/treatments/results are better than others. And some columns make more sense than others. But that's cancer for you: an equal opportunity "screw-upper."

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# CityDance Premieres Fresh Visions

**O**n Saturday, Sept. 8 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 9 at 3 p.m., the CityDance staff and faculty will grace the newly opened CityDance Studio Theater at Strathmore with an evening of artistry and dance in the show "FRESH VISIONS: under one umbrella." This inaugural CityDance faculty show will premiere multiple original works and showcase current works in a 90-minute performance.

The performers in this show, the CityDance faculty and staff, work hard to teach and enrich the lives of CityDance School & Conservatory's students year round. "FRESH VISIONS: under one umbrella" is an opportunity for these choreographers, dancers and educators to share their artistry with challenging and complex contemporary, classical and fusion works. Faculty and staff participating in the show will have the opportunity to work on production elements ranging from lighting to costuming to staging.

Sarah Ewing, coordinator of "FRESH VISIONS," who recently showcased original work at the Boston Contemporary Dance Festival, will be premiering an original piece.

Other CityDance faculty and staff presenting works are Juliana Calderon, Ivy Chow, Junichi Fukuda, Kaitlin Madzellan, Robert

Priore, Michelle Sarson, Elizabeth Terschuur, Monique Walker and Daniel H. Zook.

Tickets for "FRESH VISIONS: under one umbrella" are \$15 and can be purchased online at [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org) or by calling 301-581-5100.

**CITYDANCE PROVIDES** arts education, professional dance training and performances throughout the D.C. metropolitan area including the Center at Strathmore in North Bethesda, where its Conservatory trains young dancers for professional careers; the Center at DC Dance Collective; The Madeira School in McLean, as well as many other area public, private and Charter Schools.

CityDance's community programs, located at 17 sites across the region, provide free performances, after-school programs and summer camps to over 15,000 students a year in the region's most under-resourced neighborhoods and schools. In November 2011, CityDance opened the CityDance Studio Theater at Strathmore and welcomed Christopher K. Morgan and Artists as its inaugural resident professional dance company. CityDance was the 2010 winner of the DC Mayor's Arts Award for Outstanding Contribution to Arts Education.



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CityDance faculty member Junichi Fukuda.

The CityDance Center at Strathmore offers dance education for students of all ages and levels. With classes and camps for children, youth and adults, plus the Conservatory/Select Program for advanced dancers ages 11-19, CityDance is committed to providing students with quality dance education that nurtures the relationships between

young dancers and professional artists. CityDance provides its young dancers with opportunities to work with professional artists from around the globe in order to facilitate personal, professional, and artistic growth, while integrating the next generation of dancers into the professional dance world.

## CALENDAR

Email events to [almanac@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:almanac@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos encouraged.

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 8

**Book Sale.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Dr. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter. Most hardbacks \$1 and paperbacks \$.50. Look for the large collection of children's books and tapes.

**English Language Conversation Club.** 3 p.m. Join in practicing and improving your spoken English with the help of volunteers leading discussions. 2 hours. Drop-in. No registration required. Meets every Saturday unless otherwise announced.

**Yellow Barn.** The selected works of Julia Latein-Kimmig and Maya Ormsby in "The Way We See It" will be featured at the Yellow Barn Art Gallery in Glen Echo Park. The exhibit is open from noon-5 p.m. Contact the Yellow Barn Gallery, at 301-371-5593.

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 9

**Voices of the River.** Noon-2 p.m. Come to an art exhibit featuring the work of local artists. Join Judy Welles, author of Cabin John, as she explains the history of the Potomac River and C&O canal community and the mystery behind Cabin John. At River Center at Lock 8, 7906 Riverside Dr. Contact Anne Sundermann at [sundermann@potomac.org](mailto:sundermann@potomac.org).

**Half Marathon.** 7 a.m. Run from Rockville to Bethesda. Showcases Montgomery County's park system. Sponsored by Montgomery County Road Runners Club. Visit [www.mcrrc.org](http://www.mcrrc.org).

**Yellow Barn.** The selected works of Julia Latein-Kimmig and Maya Ormsby in "The Way We See It" will be featured at the Yellow Barn Art Gallery in Glen Echo Park. The exhibit is open from noon-5 p.m. A reception for the artists will be held from 3-5 p.m. Contact the Yellow Barn Gallery, at 301-371-5593.

### MONDAY/SEPT. 10

**Be Social.** While most children learn the skills of social thinking intuitively, many children have great difficulties with this process. Attend this workshop to learn about a dynamic approach focusing on social learning. Call Early Intervention Therapy at 301-468-9343.

### WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 12

**Jeff Antoniuk.** 7:30 p.m. known as a co-founder of Unified Jazz Ensemble, now sax man Jeff Antoniuk brings his forward-thinking band The Jazz Update to the Mansion. \$15. At the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. Call 301-581-5100 or visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org).

### FRIDAY/SEPT. 14

**Gallery Reception.** 6-9 p.m. The Trawick Prize, downtown Bethesda's annual juried arts competition awards: Bethesda Contemporary Art Awards. The exhibition features the Trawick Prize finalists runs through Sept. 29, at Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E. Call 301-215-6660 or visit [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org).

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 15

**Cabin John Kids Run** at the Cabin

John Regional Park in Potomac, Westlake Drive. Free for runners 18 and under. One mile run, half-mile run and quarter mile young run offered. Registration is race-day only. Visit [www.mcrrc.org](http://www.mcrrc.org)

**Free Gym Classes.** 2-5 p.m. Families and children are welcome to learn more about My Gym classes, parties, camps and more. Deals and specials are available for those who sign up during the Open Houses. Enrolled members welcome at Open Houses with a non-member friend. Socks are required for the grown-ups.

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 16

**Waltz Dance.** 2:45-3:30 p.m. Join for Waltz Dancing lessons and workshops, and social dancing from 3:30-6 p.m. in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, featuring the ensemble Blue Bamboo playing a lively mix of folk waltzes with a few other couple dances, including Hambo, Schottische, Swing, Tango, and Polka. \$10. Call 202-238-0230 or visit [www.WaltzTimeDances.org](http://www.WaltzTimeDances.org).

**Washington Family Dance.** 3-5 p.m. The Bumper Car Pavillion at Glen Echo Park. \$5 for ages 4 and older. No dancing experience is necessary — the dances are taught for ages 4 and up. Visit [www.fsgw.org](http://www.fsgw.org) or contact Penelope Weinberger at [dance@fsgw.org](mailto:dance@fsgw.org) or 301-315-9461.

### WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 19

**Potomac Chamber of Commerce Networking** at Normandie Farm, 4-6 p.m., 10710 Falls Rd. \$10 for chamber members; non-members \$15. Cash bar. Normandie Farm providing hors d'ouerves. Call 301-299-2170

**Book Club.** 1 p.m. Potomac Library

## Ongoing

### THIRD TUESDAY

**Mommy & Me (& Daddy, Too).** 10 a.m. to noon. At Rockville Town Square. Meet for a morning out with active learning and creative play at all your favorite stores — lunch specials, story time, arts & crafts, sing-alongs, prizes and more. Visit <http://rockvilletownsquare.com/events/mommy-and-me>. Sept. 18 and Oct. 16: located on The Plaza; Nov. 20 and Dec. 18: located in The Library, First Floor.

### FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAY/SEPT. 7 & 21

**Event for Children.** Free entertainment and crafts for children in the Atrium of Cabin John Mall. Intersection of Tuckerman Lane and Seven Locks Road. Visit [www.shopcabinjohn.com](http://www.shopcabinjohn.com), email [info@shopcabinjohn.com](mailto:info@shopcabinjohn.com) or call 240-779-8000.

### SEPT. 1-29

**Art Exhibition.** The Trawick Prize, downtown Bethesda's annual juried arts competition awards: Bethesda Contemporary Art Awards. The exhibition featuring The Trawick Prize finalists will be held from at Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E. Call 301-215-6660 or visit [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org).

### THROUGH SEPT. 16

**Wings of Fancy - Live Butterfly and Caterpillar Exhibit.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily. See hundreds of African, Asian, Costa Rican, and North American butterflies flying freely inside a Conservatory. \$6 adults; \$4 ages 3-12; or purchase a "Frequent Visitor Pass" and enjoy unlimited return visits this season. Groups of 15 or more by appointment only, call 301-962-1467 for reservations or visit [www.brooksidegardens.org](http://www.brooksidegardens.org). Brookside Gardens South Conservatory, 1500 Glenallan Ave.

### THURSDAYS THROUGH OCTOBER

**Potomac Farmers Market.** 2-6:30 p.m. Organized by Montgomery County at Potomac United Methodist Church, 9908 South Glen Rd., at the corner of Falls Road and Democracy Boulevard. Call 301-792-6054.

Adult Book Club. "Back When We Were Grownups" by Anne Tyler. Ask for the book at the Circulation Desk. No registration required. New members welcome.

**Eric Scott.** 7:30 p.m. Singer-songwriter Eric Scott and his band combine the storyteller's art and the rock-and-roller's drive. \$15. At the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. Call 301-581-5100 or visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org).

### THURSDAY/SEPT. 20

**Book Talk.** 11 a.m. Photographer Ann Stevens and writer Giles Kelly, will speak on their new book "Diplomatic Gardens of Washington" to Rock Spring Garden Club. Admission free with an optional \$5 lunch. At Little Falls Presbyterian Church, 6025 Little Falls Rd. RSVP by Sept. 13. Email [jgoulden@verizon.net](mailto:jgoulden@verizon.net) or call 703-533-2942.

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