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Margaret Gray, wearing her warm panda hat, is clearing her driveway on N. Abington Street in the middle of the white out conditions on Thursday, March 5.

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# Kenmore Students Put Art on the Table

Seventh Grade Art students create designer tables for gallery show and sale.

By VERONICA BRUNO  
THE CONNECTION

## Details

With power tools and the gift of color, Kenmore Middle school art students designed and constructed 39 coffee tables that went on display in the gallery space in Arlington's Ballston Mall.

"It was really cool. There were these people that I don't really know come to admire the things I created in my school," Ryah Aziz said as she explained the excitement of participating in her gallery show opening. The public was invited to the artist reception and students from the class had an opportunity to network among potential buyers and admirers.

Jeffrey Wilson, Kenmore's art teacher, explained the process that went into the project. Students

The Table Mania catalog and short film on the process can be viewed on the school's web site: <http://www.apsva.us/domain/1742>

worked with color studies to create notecards and designed the tables based on these individual shapes. "The color studies were based on the concept of color, light, layers, overlapping, and contrast," Wilson said.

The seventh graders completed their project with power tools. With basic power drills and jigsaws, designer coffee tables were brought to life. And each student had a particular concept that inspired

his or her piece.

Simon Alemu was stirred by his country flag of Ethiopia and explained his thought process: "I was

**"I think it was inspiring."**

— Giovanni Congelio, on working with guest artist Howard Smith on the school project and exhibit.

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Twelve-year-old Giovanni Congelio, an aspiring car designer and engineer, shows off his contribution.



Seventh-grader Emma Wosje points to her colorful table art on display. The students utilized power tools for the construction element of their completed design.



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# Death Knell for the Artisphere?

Where the Artisphere went wrong.

BY VERNON MILES  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he County Manager Barbara Donnellan has finally made the recommendation to put the Artisphere down after five years of its limping through budget seasons. Tasked with finding a way of saving the financially hemorrhaging arts center, Donnellan warned the County Board in December that Artisphere's future was in jeopardy, and followed through with listing the Artisphere as one of the optional cuts in the proposed Fiscal Year 2016 County Manager Budget, released Feb. 19.

"The idea of the Artisphere closing is part of the options," said Diana Sun, Arlington County's director of communications. "The board has asked for \$4.1 million in options, and those optional cuts are a part of what we're looking at right now."

The Artisphere's annual operating budget is \$3.4 million. While the center brings in \$1.2 million in revenue through event rentals, ticket sales, and support from the local Rosslyn Business Improvement District, that leaves \$2.2 million each year to be paid directly in tax support. Most of that funding was largely out of the budget for the Arlington Arts and Cultural Affairs, and according to County Manager's Budget, some of those funds would be restored to Arlington Arts and Cultural Affairs to be reinvested more strategically.

The Artisphere's funding runs through June 2015, the last day of the planned FY 2015 funding. At that point, the County Board will be required to vote on whether or not to continue funding the Artisphere, which presents a few challenges.

According to Karen Vasquez, the former director of Cultural Affairs, the building is plagued by some substantial operating costs, including \$1.2 million "just to open the doors and turn on the lights", meaning all of the costs just to operate an empty building, which might be what the county winds up paying. To separate from their lease with Monday Properties six years before it is set to expire, the county will be required to file a 12-month notification, which would take place in June. With discussions between the County Board and Monday Properties impending, a spokesperson for the real estate investment firm declined to comment. If no deal can be reached, the county may be paying to heat and light an empty building.

Vasquez warned that, although the Artisphere is in the site "rent free," the county would still be responsible for these basic costs at the site.



County Manager Barbara Donnellan has placed the Artisphere in Rosslyn on her budget proposal's list of optional cuts.

"No one will be in that space," said Vasquez, "but we'd still have to keep it heated."

As part of her recommendation to close the Artisphere, Donnellan suggested that

**"It matters a lot when you go into something like this that you have a realistic business plan. People who open a real business don't expect to break even by year five or six."**

— County Board Chair Mary Hynes

the county could sub-lease the 60,000-square-foot building or could attempt to

return it to Monday Properties. The site plan conditions stipulate that the property must be used for arts or cultural use, which limits the sub-leasing options. Given the difficulties Vasquez said Monday Properties was having in finding an occupant before Artisphere moved into the location, returning the property before the mandated 12 months could be problematic as well.

In many ways, the Artisphere was doomed before it ever opened. The Artisphere cost \$7 million in initial building costs and had to request an \$800,000 addition to their annual operating budget of \$3 million. That investment was hoped to be recuperated by an estimated attendance of anywhere between 250,000 to 300,000 attendees. In fiscal year 2012, the

Artisphere had a total of 55,607 attendees, or 18.5 percent of the anticipated visitation. In her presentation to the County Board in December, Donnellan cited national and regional shifts, particularly Base Realignment and Closure, or BRAC, as the primary source of the faulty projections. Vasquez agreed that the national economic downturn and BRAC both took heavy chunks out of the expected attendance at the Artisphere.

"When the idea was first proposed, there were a number of properties on the books, slated to be developed, that would have been completed by the time the Artisphere would have opened," said Vasquez. "But those [projects] didn't open. The basic economy was people pulling back and people having less entertainment dollars, and the numbers of people that were expected weren't in Rosslyn."

But Vasquez also noted that a larger part of this fault rests squarely on the absurdly high numbers the project was sold with. Vasquez noted that, for comparison purposes, that Sidney Harman Hall in Washington D.C. only reaches an annual attendance of around 75,000 visitors annually. The Arthur M. Sackler Gallery and the National Museum of African Art in D.C. each received less than 250,000 visitors in 2014. At 300,000 visitors, the Artisphere would have had to be on par with the Freer Gallery of Art.

"Before the bust, I think people were overly optimistic," said County Board Chair Mary Hynes. "It matters a lot when you go into something like this that you have a realistic business plan. People who open a real business don't expect to break even by year five or six."

Other, smaller issues continued to make the Artisphere's development as a gallery problematic. Much of the interior of the building is open space, which makes hosting simultaneous events nearly impossible because the spaces are difficult to separate. Open spaces are also expensive to keep heated, which adds to the gallery's sizable maintenance costs. Hynes also noted that the building's electrical infrastructure makes it impossible to light and heat just a part of the building for an event; the whole building is lit and heated or none of it is.

"In hindsight, most agree that we probably opened a little bit too early," said Vasquez. "We had not hired an executive director and the staff was fairly small. There were basic operational infrastructure that were not in place. Hindsight would tell us there were things that should have been done prior to that opening."

The center's planned director, Jon Palmer Claridge, left before the facility's opening when he said it became clear that the Artisphere would not shape up into what had been planned.

While County Board members John Vihstadt, J. Walter Tejada, and Jay Fisette

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PHOTOS BY RICHARD MUMFORD

Two views of Four Mile Run on Thursday, March 5.

## The End of Winter?



**In North Arlington:  
Table was set.  
Nobody came.**

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MICHAEL  
MCMORROW  
THE CONNECTION

**A robin sits on a limb,  
feathers fluffed up, to  
protect itself from the  
20 degree temperatures  
in the middle of the  
blizzard of March 5.**



PHOTO BY SHIRLEY L. RUHE/THE CONNECTION

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The **Arlington County Police Department and Sheriff's Office** is warning the public about a missed jury duty telephone scam targeting County residents. The victim was accused of failing to appear for jury duty and a warrant for their arrest was to be issued unless a fine is paid. The suspect asked for a "good faith" payment to be made immediately with a debit card and PIN number. If you receive a call of this nature,

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#### FEB. 1-APRIL 15

**Free Tax Preparation.** Tuesday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 North Quincy St., Arlington. Tuesday, 1:15-7:45 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Columbia Pike Branch Library, 816 South Walter Reed Drive. For taxpayers

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#### TUESDAY/FEB. 10-APRIL 10 Native Plant Sale Preorders.

Beginning February 10-April 10, Long Branch Nature Center will offer a selection of plants accustomed to local climate and wildlife, including natives for sun to shade, even deer resistant plants. Pre-ordering plants is a good idea. Some of those available are: Dutchman's breeches, Virginia bluebells, spiderwort,

whitewood aster and more. Pick up Friday, April 24 from 3-6 p.m. and Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. - noon at Long Branch Nature Center. Visit [parks.arlingtonva.us/locations/long-branch-nature-center-park](http://parks.arlingtonva.us/locations/long-branch-nature-center-park).

#### SATURDAY/MARCH 14

**Arlington County Board Meeting.** 8:30 a.m. at 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 300. Visit [countyboard.arlingtonva.us](http://countyboard.arlingtonva.us).

**Preparing a Vegetable Garden.** 9:30-11 a.m. at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St., Arlington. VCE Master Gardeners of Alexandria/Arlington will present a program on Preparing the Vegetable Garden. Free, open to the public, but advance registration is requested at [mgmv.org](http://mgmv.org). Call 703-228-

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**Annual Stream Cleanup.** 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. at various Arlington Parks. County Park Rangers are seeking volunteers for their 26th Annual Stream Cleanup. Bring waterproof boots and work gloves. Email [parkrangers@arlingtonva.us](mailto:parkrangers@arlingtonva.us) or call 703-525-0168.

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**ESL Placement Exams.** 9 a.m. or 6 p.m. at Syphax Education Center, 2110 Washington Blvd. #106, Arlington. Arlington Public Schools' REEP Program is giving placement exams for the March 30-June 19, 2015 English (ESL) classes. Exams are free. Classes have tuition. Call 703-228-4200 or visit [www.apsva.us/reep](http://www.apsva.us/reep) for more.



## NEWS

### Doctor Sentenced in Oxycodone Conspiracy

Derron McRae Simon, 45, of Arlington was sentenced March 6 to 180 months in prison, followed by six years of supervised release for his role in an oxycodone conspiracy.

Dana J. Boente, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; and Andrew G. McCabe, Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI's Washington Field Office, made the announcement after sentencing by U.S. District Judge Leonie M. Brinkema.

Simon, a medical doctor, pleaded guilty on Dec. 18, 2014. In a statement of facts filed with the plea agreement, Simon admitted that during the course of the conspiracy, he wrote and sold numerous prescriptions for oxycodone and other controlled substances, and knew that these prescriptions were not for a legitimate medical purpose and were beyond the bounds of medical practice. Simon was responsible for the distribution of at least 11,000 oxycodone 30 mg pills, according to federal officials.

### Foundation Launched in Jennifer Lawson's Honor

On the one-year anniversary of Jennifer Lawson's death on Feb. 24, 2014, the Jennifer Bush-Lawson Foundation officially was launched in her memory to ensure access quality prenatal and postnatal care for mothers and infants.

The Arlington mother of three was killed in an accident when she was struck by a passing dump truck while loading her youngest child into her car seat in front of her son's school. Her husband, Neal Lawson, founded the Jennifer Bush-Lawson Foundation ([www.jb-lf.org](http://www.jb-lf.org)).

The JB-LF is built on the belief that every mother and every child deserves equal access to prenatal and postnatal healthcare services to ensure a healthy start in life. Despite being an accomplished athlete living a healthy lifestyle, Jennifer Lawson struggled with difficult pregnancies and premature births, but was fortunate to have excellent healthcare that resulted in the healthy recoveries for all three of her children.

The JB-LF provides funding for access to medical services, counseling and support for economically vulnerable mothers-to-be, newborn babies and postpartum mothers who don't have the means or resources to start their journey on solid footing.

## SCHOOL NOTES

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**Lili Bekele** graduated from Stevenson University (Owings Mills, Md.) in December 2014.

**Sarah Katherine Sondheim** was named to the president's list at Clemson University (Clemson, S.C.) for the fall 2014 semester. Sondheim is majoring in early childhood education.

**Daniel Scholl** recently completed a wilderness expedition starting in Lander, Wyo., with the National Outdoor Leadership School. Scholl's Semester in the Rockies course was split into four sections where 12 students and a group of instructors accompanied him.

**Kyle Bell** was named to the Marist College (Poughkeepsie, N.Y.) dean's list for fall 2014 semester. Bell is a member

of the class of 2017 and is majoring in fashion merchandising.

**John Lewis** has been named to the Emerson College (Boston, Mass.) dean's list for the fall 2014 semester. Lewis is majoring in film production.

**Margaret Klappert Stewart** was one of 71 students participating in The Sophomore Experience at Wofford College (Spartanburg, S.C.). The event was held in January 2015 in Charlotte, N.C. Stewart is the daughter of Edward and Shelley Stewart.

**Matthew Olocco**, a freshman in the College of Biological Sciences, has been named to the 2014 fall semester dean's list at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.

**Emma Spence**, a fourth-year student in the industrial design program in RIT's College of Imaging Arts and Sci-

ences, made the dean's list for the fall 2014-2015 semester.

**Michael Grieg** was selected as a Falcon Scholar by the Falcon Foundation. That selection provided him with a scholarship to attend one of seven Air Force Academy prep schools in the U.S. Grieg chose Randolph-Macon Academy, and upon his arrival there began the optional flight training program. On Feb. 3, Grieg flew his first solo flight in a Cessna 172 aircraft at Front Royal-Warren County Airport.

**Shujing Hu** has been named to the fall 2014 dean's list at the University of South Carolina Upstate.

The **Yorktown High School Symphonic Band and Percussion Ensemble** have been invited to perform at the 2015 Music for All National

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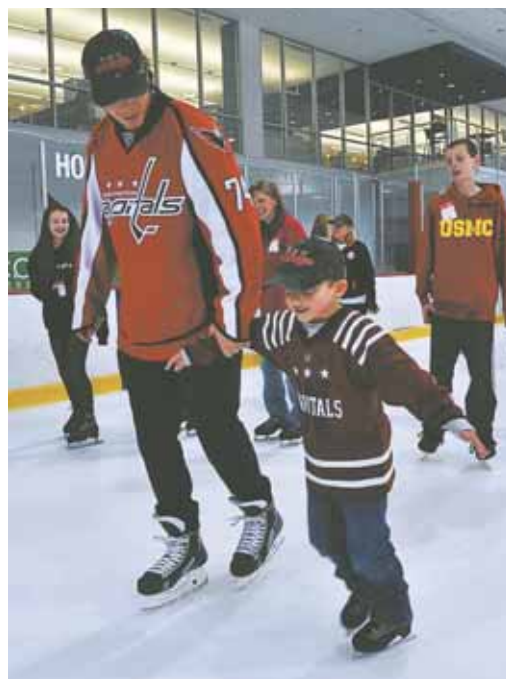


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### Supporting TAPS

Washington Capitals defenseman John Carlson skates with a child who has found healing through TAPS. The Washington Capitals hosted more than 150 children and adults who are assisted by the program during a skating party at Kettler Capitals Iceplex on Feb. 24 to launch the 2014-15 Courage Caps campaign. A non-profit organization, TAPS provides comfort and care for anyone who is grieving the death of someone who died while serving in the military. Courage Caps and T-shirts will be sold for \$20 online at [WashingtonCaps.com](http://WashingtonCaps.com), at the Washington Capitals Team Store at Kettler Capitals Iceplex and at the Team Store and at stands throughout Verizon Center during Capitals home games.

Virginia Hospital Center Foundation and Arlington Pediatric Center are strategic partners in carrying out the vision of the JB-LF. To learn more about Jennifer Bush-Lawson, support the JB-LF and access information about events and programs, visit [www.jb-lf.org](http://www.jb-lf.org).

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## Small Step on Road to Ethics Reform

BY ADAM P. EBBIN  
STATE SENATOR (D-30)



Virginians deserve to know that their leaders are ethical and honest, both from their actions and the rules that govern those actions. For the second year in a row, the General Assembly has taken a small step in the right direction, but our Commonwealth needs real and substantive change.

Elected office is a sacred trust — and when politicians abuse that trust, they corrode the foundation of our democracy. Unfortunately, the past few years have been extremely corrosive. Former Governor Bob McDonnell faces two years in prison for public corruption. Former Delegate Phil Hamilton is serving a nine-and-a-half-year sentence for bribery and extortion. Over the last two years, federal investigations have become all too common — and while those investigations have not always led to charges, the events that provoked them still leave a bad taste in voters' mouths.

It's little wonder, then, that faith in state government is so low. In a survey taken shortly after the McDonnell conviction, Roanoke College found that 74 percent of Virginians believed the former governor's illegal actions were "fairly typical behavior for elected officials." Another survey found that almost two-thirds of Virginians deem our political culture to be, at best, only "somewhat honest and ethical."

Virginians have every reason to feel disappointed. This crisis of faith was brought on by a few bad actors, but their choices affect us all. Most legislators have done nothing wrong, but that does not change our responsibility to

fix things. That means we must pass meaningful ethics reform.

For two years, the General Assembly has promised to do exactly that — and for two years, we've come up short.

### COMMENTARY

Last year's bill made progress by capping certain gifts, significantly tightening disclosure requirements, and establishing a permanent ethics advisory council, but we should have done much more. On the Senate floor, I offered 14 amendments to strengthen the legislation; most of these were rejected, and I left Richmond determined to try again in 2015.

In some ways, 2015 has been a better year. We did make important changes — but in several respects, the 2015 ethics omnibus bill will actually move us backwards. The legislation imposes a flat \$100 cap on the value of gifts that lobbyists can give to officials. That new limit applies not just to politicians, but to members of their families, as well; it also ends a blanket exemption for "intangible" gifts like travel. But while last year's bill capped the aggregate value of gifts, this year's version merely caps the value of any single gift. In that sense, we're actually loosening the requirements and removing a safeguard we passed just 12 months ago.

Similarly, the bill reconstitutes last year's ethics advisory council along new, slightly stronger lines — but it also removes non-legislative "citizen" members who would have brought an outsider's critical eye to the stan-

dards set for elected officials.

Overall, the bill is a classic example of "two steps forward, one step back." It does not offer the kind of major reform Virginians expect.

It didn't have to be this way. Had the General Assembly chosen a different path, we could easily have enacted real change. At the start of session, I and other Democrats called for tough new reforms; my bill SB1289, for instance, would have given us a truly independent

ethics commission with real investigative and enforcement powers. Unfortunately, these good ideas did not survive the many legislative edits and rewrites this bill experienced, resulting in a final omnibus bill that was very different than most of the bills that were combined to create it in the first place.

Still, there is one last hope this year for real progress. Governor McAuliffe has been a strong and consistent advocate for real reform. The governor could still offer judicious amendments to address the bill's many shortcomings. If he does, I will be urging my colleagues to support those changes when we reconvene in April. If the job is still not completed when we adjourn, I have every intention of continuing this fight next year. Virginians need to have confidence in their leaders. Politicians need to honor the wishes of those they represent. I plan to keep working on ethics reform until both of those standards are met.

I am active on Twitter @AdamEbbin and Facebook at [www.facebook.com/EbbinCampaign](http://www.facebook.com/EbbinCampaign). I can also be reached by email at [district30@senate.virginia.gov](mailto:district30@senate.virginia.gov).

It is my continued honor to represent the citizens of the 30<sup>th</sup> Senate District.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Beyond Politics

To the Editor:

It should be obvious to Arlingtonians now, nearing the end of a very demanding winter, that a planned renovation of the water distribution system within the confines of the county is necessary. Many neighborhoods have seen county crews working late at night on water line break related issues. Extensive repair work was done in my Crystal City neighborhood.

I see the Democratic party is making schools (and other infrastructure needs like water) a politically managed issue with the appointment of John Milliken, County Board chair from the 1980s to head the task force for planning public facilities. You don't need political or lawyers whose law firms represent private financial interests to plan what is needed. You do need citizens and knowledgeable county and schools staff (the school system is half the county) to discuss and agree to objectives, the general means to get there, and how to pay for it.

One party rules in Arlington, even with John Vihstadt on the County Board. I suggest broader representation of the community is needed and people who understand infrastructure as well as the business side.

County officials double the propaganda side with tax money through the published county newspaper that is distributed at no cost to the Arlington Democratic Party.

Look, I even have friends who are Democrats. But let's move forward and recognize when politics is too much of the method, and not competence.

Kevin Chisholm  
Arlington

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#### Lunches for Workers

The Rev. Mark Suriano, associate minister at Rock Spring UCC, dishes out black beans and rice on Feb. 10 to about 40 day laborers in the Shirlington Employment and Education Center (SEEC). The SEEC program, sponsored by Arlington County, was established in 2000 to connect day laborers with potential employers. Several additional Arlington churches regularly provide lunches to the workers at the pavilion on S. Nelson Street. They include Our Lady Queen of Peace, St. Anthony's Catholic Church, The Church of the Covenant and Good Spoon Korean church. Andres Tobar is executive director of the SEEC program.

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Lori Rottenberg is "God" (dressed in white at back left).

## 'Children of Eden' on Stage

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington hosts Chalice Theatre.**

BY EDEN BROWN  
THE CONNECTION

Chalice Theatre of Arlington is presenting the musical "Children of Eden" through March 15. Never on Broadway, but often performed in local theatre groups, this musical by Stephen Schwartz, who also wrote the better known musicals "Godspell" and "Pippin," is about family. Chalice Theatre, founded in 1997, is a community theatre program of the creative arts ministry of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington which is also about family. There are 56 actors, actresses, costumers, designers, or tech crew in the musical, many of them related to each other in real life.

### Details

"Children of Eden" continues through March 15. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on March 13 and 14, and at 3 p.m. on March 14 and 15. See [www.uucava.org](http://www.uucava.org) for more information.

Chalice theatre will also present "Wit," a Pulitzer Prize winning drama on April 17 and 18.

"We kind of grew up doing theatre productions here, as a family," said Margot Rottenberg. Her mother, Lori Rottenberg, plays "God" — a different mother figure — in the production. Margot Rottenberg took the year off due to commitments as a senior at Yorktown, and Lori Rottenberg took two years off before returning this year. Some actors are in their 12th Chalice production, and some are young middle-schoolers just starting out. Several of the show's stars are professional performance artists. Barbara Buzzell, who was volunteering at the refreshment table during intermission, said her daughter, Jane Schwartz, was in the play as young "Adam" and again as "Storyteller." Buzzell said she tends to be a bit of an introvert, and joining the theatre group became a wonderful social activity for her family and allowed them to meet new people and have fun. Her comment is reflected in Jane's program note where she notes this is her seventh Chalice production, and that she'd like to thank her mother and sister for their support, love, and ... transportation.



Cast members with their photos in the reception area.

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Alex Koren as Japheth and Anna Phillips-Brown as Yonah.



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## ONGOING

**“Kid Victory.”** Through March 22, 7:30 p.m. at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. From John Kander and Greg Pierce comes a new musical about coming home and breaking out. Buy tickets online, at the Box Office or by calling 703-820 9771. Visit [www.signature-theatre.org](http://www.signature-theatre.org).

### “Much Ado About Nothing.”

Through March 22, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday; Sunday, 2 p.m. at Synetic Theater, 1800 S. Bell St., Crystal City, Arlington. Directed by Paata Tsikurishvili and choreographed by Irina Tsikurishvili, this is one of Shakespeare’s best-loved comedies, set in 1950’s Las Vegas. \$35 and up. Student tickets start at \$20. Senior citizens and military receive \$5 off. Group discounts are available. Tickets available at [synetictheater.org](http://synetictheater.org) or by calling 866-811-4111.

**Linda Lowery Exhibit.** Through March 28, 5-8 p.m. at Gallery Underground, 2100 Crystal Drive, Suite 2120-A. Artist Linda Lowery has been painting crying babies in a unique, loose style for several years, resulting in her solo art exhibition “Screaming Babies.” Visit [www.galleryunderground.org](http://www.galleryunderground.org).

### Family and Teen Skate Nights.

Through March 28 at The Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 300 N. Park Drive. The evenings start with Family Skating from 6:30-9 p.m. and close with Teen Nights from 9-10:45 p.m., for middle and high school students. \$2 per person/\$3 skate rental. Visit [parks.arlingtonva.us/kids-events/roller-skating-nights-skate-parties-thomas-jefferson-for-more](http://parks.arlingtonva.us/kids-events/roller-skating-nights-skate-parties-thomas-jefferson-for-more).

**“The Founding Sisters.”** Through March 29, 1-4 p.m. at the Arlington Historical Museum, 1805 South Arlington Ridge Road, until March 29, 2015. 2015 marks Marymount University’s 65th anniversary in Arlington. The Arlington Historical Museum at the Hume School is opening several mini-exhibits during the winter to honor Arlington’s home university. Marymount students curated the exhibits. The winning exhibit is on the Catholic Order, the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, which founded Marymount in 1950. Designed by Emma Enkhsaikhan, Dalia Faris, Amy Lawton and Apasrin Suvanasai, “The Founding Sisters” exhibit features information about the founders as well as photos and artifacts from Marymount’s early years. Visit [www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org).

**Photo Exhibition.** Through April 6. 10 a.m.-9 pm; Tuesday and Wednesday, 1-9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Cherrydale Branch Library, 2190 Military Road, Arlington. “The Roof of the World: Photos of Nepal by Kenneth Chadwick.” Free. Call 703-228-6330.

**Crystal City 5K.** Fridays in April, 6:30 p.m. at 2121 Crystal Drive. Crystal City hosts this after-work race. Runners will receive deals from participating establishments. Each of the four races is \$20, or run all four for \$60. Visit [www.runpacers.com/race/crystal-run-5k-fridays/](http://www.runpacers.com/race/crystal-run-5k-fridays/).

**LGBT & Straight Friends Social.** Tuesdays. Happy Hour, 3 p.m.-7 p.m.; Mikey’s “Bar A” Video Wall, 7 p.m.; start time at 8 p.m. IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. IOTA Club & Cafe has designated every Tuesday

LGBT & Straight Friends Social Night for those 21 years and older. Free. Visit [www.iotaclubandcafe.com](http://www.iotaclubandcafe.com).

**Open Mic Comedy.** Wednesdays 8-10 p.m. at Ri Ra Irish Pub, 2915 Wilson Blvd. Doors open at 7 p.m. 21 and up only. Free show, \$25 cash prize for best joke. Call 703-248-9888 or visit [www.RiRa.com/Arlington](http://www.RiRa.com/Arlington) for more.

**Invasive Plants Removal.** Work parties are held every month to keep the parks free of destructive invasive plants. Teens, adults and families welcome. Every second Sunday of the month 2-4:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road; call 703-228-3403. Every third Sunday of the month 2-5 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road; call 703-228-6535 or visit [registration.arlingtonva.us](http://registration.arlingtonva.us). Free, no registration required.

**Poetry Series.** 6-8 p.m. second Sunday of the month at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Hosted by poet Miles David Moore. Featured artists share their poetry followed by open readings. Free. Visit [www.iotaclubandcafe.com](http://www.iotaclubandcafe.com) or call 703-522-8340.

**Open Mic Nite.** 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m. every Wednesday at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Sign-up times are 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Bring instruments, fans and friends. Featured musicians perform from 9:30-10 p.m. Visit [www.iotaclubandcafe.com](http://www.iotaclubandcafe.com) or call 703-522-8340.

**Karaoke.** 8 p.m. on the first Sunday every month at Galaxy Hut, 2711 Wilson Blvd. Visit [www.galaxyhut.com](http://www.galaxyhut.com) or call 703-525-8646.

**Pub Quiz.** 8 p.m. every Sunday at Whitlow’s on Wilson, 2854 Wilson Blvd. Prizes for first place. Free. Visit [www.whitlows.com](http://www.whitlows.com) or call 703-276-9693.

**Storytime.** Mondays and Fridays, 10:30-11:00 a.m. at Kinder Haus Toys, 1220 N. Fillmore St. Storytime with Ms. Laura. Call 703-527-5929.

**Lego Club.** Monthly on the first Wednesday. 4-5 p.m. Glencarlyn Branch Library, 300 South Kensington St. No registration required. Call 703-228-6548.

**Family Nights.** 7-9 p.m. on the first Friday of the month at Arlington Mill Community Center. E-mail DPR-YouthandFamily@arlingtonva.us. or call Emily Thrasher at 703-228-4773.

## CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**Theatre Classes.** Encore Stage & Studio is holding classes and mini camps for children in grades K-8 at on Saturdays at Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road and Tuesdays and Wednesdays after-school at Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive. Visit [www.encorestageva.org](http://www.encorestageva.org) for a list of classes.

**Synetic Theater.** Synetic Studio, 2155 Crystal City Plaza Arcade T-19, Arlington. Synetic offers an introduction to physical theater, acting and dance that inspire students to creativity. Classes include programs for elementary, middle and high school students, as well as adults. Discounted packages and payment plans are available. Visit [www.synetictheater.org/studio](http://www.synetictheater.org/studio) or call 703-824-8060.

**Teen Camp Summer Intensive.** June 22-July 1, 9 a.m., at the Synetic Studio. Eight days of actor training and new play development led by Synetic teaching artists and DC theatre professionals, culminating in the production of Star Force, a physical musical theatre parody of everyone’s favorite intergalactic space odyssey. Register at [www.synetictheater.org](http://www.synetictheater.org).

**Youth and Teen Winter Fitness Programs.** Winter speed and explosion workshops at Swanson

## Coming ‘Soon’ at Signature

World premiere musical explores possibility of life and love and deferred dreams.

By STEVE HIBBARD  
THE CONNECTION

Directed by Matthew Gardiner, Signature Theater is presenting the world premiere of the musical, “Soon” by Nick Blaemire.

The action centers around the hottest summer in human history and, in a few months, all water on earth will evaporate. In response, 20-something Charlie has taken to her couch with only her beloved possessions: peanut butter, Wolf Blitzer and Herschel, the fish. Her mother, roommate and sometimes-boyfriend all attempt to persuade her to leave her apartment and enjoy life. However, as Charlie’s memories take over, more complicated reasons for her hibernation emerge as she confronts her deferred dreams and considers the possibility of life and love just outside her door.

The show features Alex Brightman as Jonah; Natascia Diaz as Adrienne; Jessica Hershberg as Charlie; and Joshua Morgan.

Jessica Hershberg’s character, Charlie, is a 20-something baker living in the East Village of New York City with her roommate Stephen. “She’s grounded, pragmatic, and as much as she likes to hide it, quite sensitive,” Hershberg said.

She said what’s challenging about this piece and what makes it the most exciting is that it’s layered, complex, nuanced and deeply human.

“Without giving any spoilers, things are not always as they appear in our show, and so as the actor you have to do a lot of work sorting the truth out for yourself, and for your character,” Hershberg said.

“I hope the audience leaves feeling excited and hopeful about the future of musical theatre! We can tell insightful, deep, complicated stories that are just as nuanced as a straight play’s that also employ music — which touches our souls like nothing else can,” she added.

Alex Brightman plays Jonah, a highly personable, sarcastic, charming, and financially well-off heir to a grocery store delivery chain.

“His life comes with few hurdles, and when he meets Charlie, he is fascinated by the woman inside the girl. He falls for her immediately and sees in her a cause worth fighting for,” he said.



PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER MUELLER

**Jessica Hershberg and Alex Brightman star in the world premiere musical “Soon” at Signature Theatre through April 26.**

This musical is a mix of naturalism, hyperrealism, and surrealism and it was a challenge to balance it all, he said.

“On a more personal note, I rarely play a love interest, and it is a new experience for me,” Brightman said. “Going from playing mostly quirky side characters to playing a romantic lead is a fun leap with its own unique challenges ... like making a pretty girl fall for me every night.”

He adds that the play is thinking-person’s play. “I hope that audiences will be moved by a story that is complex and heartfelt,” he said. “Theatre is an escape, and I hope the audiences feel that we have taken them away for an hour and a half and presented them with a story that will give them something to think and talk about for the ride home and beyond.”

“Soon” runs through April 26 at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington. Performances are Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. For tickets, call the Signature Box Office at 703-820-9771 or visit [www.signature-theatre.org](http://www.signature-theatre.org).

Middle School will focus on mental preparation, speed, explosion, agility, fitness and conditioning training.

Teens ages 13-19 can take advantage of programs focused on baseball and softball. Ages 9-13 will enjoy a more generalized program. The key objective of workshops is to ensure that every athlete is challenged in an intense and fun atmosphere that will enable them to learn and maximize their performance and to achieve peak condition. For full time and session dates or to register visit <http://www.registration.arlingtonva.us> and use activity code 720515.

## WEDNESDAYS IN MARCH

**Spark Speed.** 6-9 p.m. at 2345 Crystal Drive Parking Garage - G4 Level. Register today for the Wednesday Night Spins in March and the Phoenix Derby in May. These events are great for experienced athletes, beginners and for those looking to do something fun and active. Register at [www.bikereg.com/crystal-citywednesday-night-sprints](http://www.bikereg.com/crystal-citywednesday-night-sprints)

## THURSDAY/MARCH 12

**Cultural Arlington Happy Hour.** 5-

7 p.m. at Northside Social, 3211 Wilson Blvd. Times Square’s Director of Public Art Sherry Dobbin will discuss the relationship between art and public space at a Cultural Arlington art-talk. Free admission. Visit [www.arlingtonarts.org](http://www.arlingtonarts.org).

**Arlington Historical Society.** 7-9 p.m. at Marymount University, Rowley G127, 2807 N. Glebe Road, Arlington. “The Road to Happiness: The Origins of the George Washington Memorial Parkway,” with David Lassman. Visit [www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org).



## FRIDAY/MARCH 13

**Anniversary Celebration.** 6:30 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 North Westmoreland St., Arlington. The store celebrates its fourth anniversary with a party and wine tasting. Visit [www.onemorepagebooks.com](http://www.onemorepagebooks.com) or call 703-300-9746.

**Wakefield Jazz Café.** 6:30-9:30 p.m. at The Wakefield Black Box Theatre, 1325 S Dinwiddie St. The Wakefield Jazz ensemble will join local jazz musician Brian Lanier for the 2nd Annual Jazz Cafe. Silent auction starting at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. Visit <http://wakefieldband.org/jazz-cafe-silent-auction/>.

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MARCH 13-14

**Children of Eden,** 7:30 p.m. at Chalice Theatre, Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd., Arlington. From Stephen Schwartz, the composer of *Wicked*, *Godspell* and *Pippin*, comes a beautiful re-telling of the most ancient of stories; humankind's struggle to understand the source of creation and the meaning of life. \$15-\$20. Visit [www.coe-uucava.eventbrite.com](http://www.coe-uucava.eventbrite.com) or [www.uucava.org](http://www.uucava.org) for more.

## MARCH 13-19

### Independent Film Screening.

Various times at AMC Loews Shirlington 7, 2772 South Randolph St. In a limited screening engagement, documentary "Matt Shepard is a Friend of Mine" will run in Arlington. Tickets start at \$8.30 for children. Visit <http://mattshepardisafriendofmine.com/>.

## SATURDAY/MARCH 14

**An Hour of Worship.** 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church, 1815 N Quincy St. Donations at this fundraiser will provide scholarships to students in Belize where education is not free. The concert will feature the music of Robert "Sn{hgieÖ Stocks, the Trinity worship team and local musicians. Contact Carole Turner at 703-536-5600 or [tpccarole.turner@verizon.net](mailto:tpccarole.turner@verizon.net).

**Monte Carlo Night.** 7 p.m. at Ronald Reagan National Airport, Historic Terminal "A." Proceeds from this event support Leadership Arlington's mission and Youth Program. The evening features activities from a silent auction benefiting the Leadership Arlington Youth Program to Monte Carlo casino-style gaming tables. \$185, by Feb. 28; \$225 begins March 1. Tickets may be purchased at [www.leadershiparlington.org](http://www.leadershiparlington.org).

**The Three B's for Three.** 7:30 p.m. Rosslyn Spectrum Theatre at Artisphere, 1611 North Kent Street, Arlington. Combinations of three featuring the piano trios of Beethoven and Brahms and a collaboration with Bowen McCauley Dance. Choreographer Lucy Bowen McCauley premieres a new creation for the National Chamber Ensemble set to one of J.S. Bach's Chaconne in D minor. Purchase tickets at 888-841-2787 or visit [www.nationalchamberensemble.org](http://www.nationalchamberensemble.org) for more.

**House Concert Series.** 7:30 p.m. Arlington-based IBIS Chamber Music presents concerts in private homes, followed by a reception. Proceeds fund community concerts. \$25, limited space. Email [susan@ibischambermusic.org](mailto:susan@ibischambermusic.org) or call 703-755-0960 for reservations. Visit [ibischambermusic.org](http://ibischambermusic.org) for more.

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MARCH 14-15

**Children of Eden,** 3 p.m. at Chalice Theatre, Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington

Blvd., Arlington. From Stephen Schwartz, the composer of *Wicked*, *Godspell* and *Pippin*, comes a beautiful re-telling of the most ancient of stories; humankind's struggle to understand the source of creation and the meaning of life. \$15-\$20. Visit [www.coe-uucava.eventbrite.com](http://www.coe-uucava.eventbrite.com) or [www.uucava.org](http://www.uucava.org) for more.

**American Girl Fashion Show.** At the Sheraton Pentagon City, 900 South Orme St., Arlington. The Junior League of Northern Virginia presents "Styles of Today and Yesterday," for girls and their families, friends and favorite dolls. Attendees will enjoy refreshments, enter to win door prizes and learn how clothing has changed over the years to reflect history, culture and girls' individual styles. Individual tickets are \$35-\$50 or purchase a group package starting at \$115, along with exclusive American Girl merchandise. Sales of tickets and merchandise support the JLN's community programs. Contact Devan Willemsen at 614-406-1759 or [AmericanGirlFS@jlnv.org](mailto:AmericanGirlFS@jlnv.org).

## SUNDAY/MARCH 15

**Young Adult Author Panel.** 3 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 North Westmoreland St., Arlington. One More Page books hosts a Young Adult author panel featuring Leah Cypess, Lisa Maxwell, and Caroline Tung Richmond. Visit [www.onemorepagebooks.com](http://www.onemorepagebooks.com) or call 703-300-9746.

## WEDNESDAY/MARCH 18

**Cocktails and Clay.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Studio296 2100 Crystal Drive. Studio296 presents an adults-only ceramics workshop over drinks included in ticket-price. \$25 per person or free for Military, veterans and spouses. Register at: [www.studio296.org](http://www.studio296.org).

## THURSDAY/MARCH 19

**Ikebana for Beginners.** 11 a.m. at Little Falls Presbyterian Church's Friendship Hall, 6025 Little Falls Road, Arlington. Sheila Advani instructs new learners in the Sogetsu School of Ikebana and free style floral arrangement. Free, open to the public. An optional lunch follows for \$5. Sponsored by the Rock Spring Garden Club. Make reservations at 703 532-1959 or [rockspringgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:rockspringgardenclub@gmail.com). Visit [www.rockspringgardenclub.com](http://www.rockspringgardenclub.com).

## THURSDAYS-SATURDAY/MARCH 19-21

**Murder on Prom Night and A Tale of Two Zip Codes.** Thursdays and Fridays, 7:30 p.m.; 2:30, Saturdays, at Gunston Theatre One, 2700 S Lang St., Arlington. ArtStream's Arlington Inclusive Theatre Company, is an

acting company designed for adults with intellectual disabilities. ArtStream performances challenge their audiences to look beyond the disability. Step into a high school where everyone is a suspect in "Murder on Prom Night," and then swap 4-G coverage for some good country living in "A Tale of Two Zip Codes." Two original, inclusive musicals. Call 301-565-4567 or visit [www.art-stream.org](http://www.art-stream.org) for more.

## SATURDAY/MARCH 21

**Kids Create!** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Studio296 2100 Crystal Drive. Children ages 3-10 can participate in instructor-directed patriotic-themed art project. Proceeds will benefit nonprofit veteran service organization 296 project. \$20 per student, free for military dependents. Register at [www.studio296.org](http://www.studio296.org).

**6th Annual Move Me Festival.** 1-5 p.m. at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road, Arlington. Move Me is a family-friendly celebration of the arts and culture, promoting healthy lifestyles through movement and the arts, and featuring performances and artistic activities by local arts partners. Free. Visit [www.bmdc.org](http://www.bmdc.org) for more.

**Author Event.** 2 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 North Westmoreland St., Arlington. Children's author and Northern Virginia resident Moira Rose Donohue chats about "Kangaroo to the Rescue!" Visit [www.onemorepagebooks.com](http://www.onemorepagebooks.com) or call 703-300-9746.

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MARCH 21-22

**Tossed and Found,** 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sunday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 251 18th St. S, Arlington. The Junior League of Washington's Tossed and Found is an annual weekend sale that provides many families in the community with quality, gently-used household goods at bargain prices. Visit [www.crystallcity.org](http://www.crystallcity.org) or [www.jlw.org](http://www.jlw.org).

## SUNDAY/MARCH 22

**Sci-Fi Author Panel.** 1:30 p.m. at David M. Brown Planetarium, 1426 N. Quincy Street. Four science fiction and fantasy writers will discuss the use of science in their work. Catherine Asaro, Tom Doyle, Ed Lerner and Alan Smale will participate in a panel moderated by Tom Schaad, host of "Fast Forward." Tickets are \$4 and up. [www.friendsoftheplanetarium.org/event/86/](http://www.friendsoftheplanetarium.org/event/86/).

**Author Event.** 2 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 North Westmoreland St., Arlington. Miriam Polli discusses and signs her debut novel, "In a Vertigo of Silence," a multigenerational novel about a line of women whose lives are wrapped in a long-held secret. Call 703-300-9746 or visit [onemorepagebooks.com](http://onemorepagebooks.com).

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# Kenmore Students Put Art on the Table

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thinking about contrast and the significance of the colors of nature. I tried to balance it all out.”

Giovani Congelio had a less specific theme to his concept and instead choose to develop a more abstract idea: “I like my table because it’s crazy, kind of random.”

Although Wilson’s class has worked on a table project before, he decided to build on the notion this year and he focused on the more technical aspects of the work. Aziz enjoyed the opportunity to work with tools when it came time to cut her table: “I don’t really have much experience with woodshop and power tools. I found that experience was very beneficial. It turned out pretty well in the end.”

Students also got a chance to work with a professional artist. Howard Smith, a local graphic artist, worked with them as they created their digital pages for the catalog. He also assisted the seventh graders with composition and their conceptual designs. Congelio appreciated the extra help and described meeting Smith: “I think it was inspiring.”

Some of the students took their artwork to the next level and offered their tables for sale to the public. To date, three of them have been sold, including tables by



**Art student Simon Alemu shows off the entire designer coffee table display. Jeffrey Wilson’s seventh graders created individual table designs for the Table Mania showcase, which has moved back to the art space at Kenmore Middle School.**

Noah Jeffries, Lamia Kaiser, and Jiji Maghoub.

All tables can be viewed at the online catalog. Students also created a short film to document the project. Both the catalog and the video are available on the school web site. The exhibit is currently on display at Kenmore.



**Evelyn Melendez-Quintanilla and Jiji Maghoub (left) with Maisum Qadri, Emma Wosje, Lena Smith, and Ryan Bloom (right) stand by their table designs. Jiji Maghoub’s piece sold to the public.**

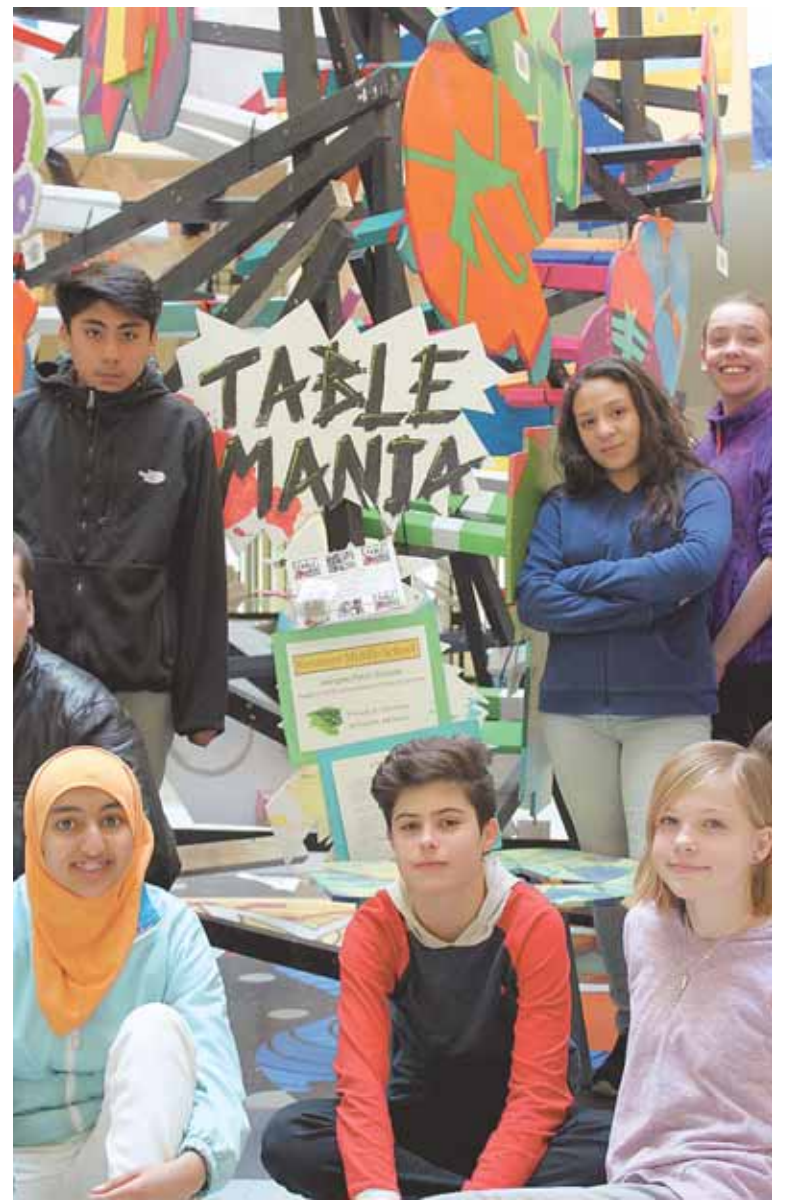
Wilson explained how much the students enjoyed the complete process: “You have an idea and you try to make that idea come to life. Whatever it takes to solve it and build it and get the idea realized is a really great process and I wanted every student to have that experience.”



**Maisum Qadri was excited to show her creation, “Spark of Hope,” which was inspired by the movie, “Lion King.”**



**Kenmore student Ryah Aziz sits next to her designer table. Aziz used earth tones and conceptualized her table from the shape of the wood in her design.**



**Kenmore Middle School students including Maisum Qadri, Lena Smith, Jackie Mejia, and Kara Kavarovics, designed and created original coffee tables that were displayed in the gallery space at Ballston Mall.**

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# Where Artisphere Went Wrong

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expressed support for Donnellan’s proposal to close the Artisphere, Hynes emphasized that a final decision hasn’t been made and the board is continuing to explore various options. Vasquez says she understands the necessity of the decision, but says the public is quick to forget the good work that happened there.

“It’s been easily thrown about in a political discussion and by members of the public,” said Vasquez. “It’s been looked down upon as a vanity project and equally derisive terms, and that’s not telling the whole story.  
There are a lot of reasons it’s not as successful as it could have been, but it was unique, and it’s a shame that it is closing.”

## HOME SALES

In January 2015, 146 Arlington homes sold between \$2,300,000-\$40,000. This week’s list represents those homes sold in the \$475,000-\$241,000 range. For the complete list, visit [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com)

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1220N. FILLMORE ST #PH03	1	1	0		ARLINGTON	\$465,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22201
851 GLEBE RD N #901	1	1	0		ARLINGTON	\$465,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22203
3313 5TH ST S #3313	2	2	0		ARLINGTON	\$452,500	Townhouse		22204
820 POLLARD ST #616	2	1	0		ARLINGTON	\$450,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22203
2100 LEE HWY #416	2	2	0		ARLINGTON	\$440,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22201
3242 STAFFORD ST S	2	2	0		ARLINGTON	\$439,000	Townhouse		22206
1124 FREDERICK ST S	2	1	0		ARLINGTON	\$436,500	Detached	0.28	22204
1021 GARFIELD ST N #312	1	1	0		ARLINGTON	\$435,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22201
4854 28TH ST S #A	2	2	0		ARLINGTON	\$423,000	Townhouse		22206
3409 WILSON BLVD #603	1	1	0		ARLINGTON	\$419,900	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22201
1609 BARTON ST #26	2	2	1		ARLINGTON	\$415,000	Townhouse		22204
1200 NASH ST N #238	1	1	0		ARLINGTON	\$415,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22209
72 BEDFORD ST #72B	2	2	0		ARLINGTON	\$411,000	Townhouse		22201
1800 WILSON BLVD #242	1	1	0		ARLINGTON	\$410,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22201
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Washington-Lee senior Sophie Hatcher placed fifth in the all-around at the VHSL individual state meet. Fairfax's Rachel Barborek finished first, followed by Hickory's Haley Cole, Marshall's Morgan Stahl and Cox's Mary Munitz.



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Yorktown sophomore Olivia Zavrel tied for 10th on bars with a score of 9.075 at the VHSL individual state gymnastics meet.

## W-L Gymnast Hatcher Places Fifth at States in All-Around

### Yorktown sophomore Mitrovich earns all-state on bars, beam.

BY JON ROETMAN  
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In 2012, Washington-Lee gymnast Sophie Hatcher was a freshman in awe of teammate Mary Lynn Clark, who won state championships that year on bars and vault.

Clark scored 9.9 in each event, her bars score at the time tying the state record. Hatcher was part of a W-L squad that finished state runner-up in the team competition that year, but doubted she would ever experience the type of individual glory Clark had achieved.

Three years later, Hatcher made multiple trips to the medal stand at states, putting the finishing touches on a successful senior

season.

Hatcher medaled in the all-around, placing fifth with a score of 37.325 at the VHSL individual state meet on March 8 at Patriot High School. She also medaled on floor, placing third with a score of 9.55, and vault, tying for fifth with a score of 9.6.

"In my freshman and sophomore year, we had Mary Lynn Clark, who was amazing," Hatcher said. "She would get 9.9s at states. ... It's really exciting to be able to

actually place in the state meet. As a freshman, I don't think I ever thought that I would be able to get there. It's just really

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— W-L senior Sophie Hatcher

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Hatcher finished 12th on beam (9.15) and

14th on bars (9.025).

Hatcher's performance at states capped a stellar ending to her four-year high school career.

On Feb. 2, Hatcher won the Conference 6 all-around title with a score of 37.625, including vault and floor championships.

Nine days after finishing atop the most competitive

conference in the 6A North region, Hatcher won the regional all-around championship

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Yorktown sophomore Juliette Mitrovich earned all-state honors on bars and beam at the VHSL individual state gymnastics meet on March 8 at Patriot High School.



Washington-Lee senior Sophie Hatcher goes through her floor routine during the VHSL individual state gymnastics meet on March 8 at Patriot High School.



Washington-Lee senior Annie Hatcher tied for 10th on vault with a score of 9.55 at the VHSL individual state gymnastics meet.



# SCHOOLS

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Festival. The 24th annual Festival will take place in Indianapolis, March 12-14. The Yorktown High School Symphonic Band and the Yorktown High School Percussion Ensemble, under the direction of Brian Bersh, were selected to perform by a panel of music educators by recorded audition. Recent accolades for the Yorktown music department include being named a GRAMMY Signature Schools semi-finalist for outstanding commitment to music education in 2014 and receiving The Blue Ribbon School Award in 2013 from the Virginia Music Educators Association. The Yorktown Band was named a

2014 Honor Band, the highest honor that can be bestowed upon bands by the Virginia Band & Orchestra Directors Association. Additionally, both the Symphonic Band and Percussion Ensemble received Gold Ratings and Adjudicator Awards for their participation in the Worldstrides Heritage Music Festival in Nashville this past April. The Yorktown Music Program received the Festival Sweepstakes Award for Top Overall Program at the Nashville festival.

**Cassandra Ford** and **Aliya Rakhmetova** were named to the dean's list for fall 2014 at Merrimack College (North Andover, Mass.).

**Bayard B. Roberts** was named to the dean's list during the spring 2014 semester at St. Lawrence University (Canton, N.Y.). Roberts, a member of the class of 2016, is majoring in mathematics. Roberts attended St. Mark's School.

**Ryan RisCassi** was named to the dean's list at Brevard College (Brevard, N.C.) for the fall semester of the 2014-2015 academic year.

**Joseph Reda** was awarded an Associate in Arts degree by Centenary College (Hackettstown, N.J.) at its winter commencement.

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**Senior trips:** Monday, March 23, Frederick Douglas National Memorial Site, \$8; Tuesday, March 24, American Ballet Theatre, The Kennedy Center, \$66; Wednesday, March 25, Lincoln's assassination artifacts, Ford's Theatre, \$6; Friday, March 27, to DEA Museum, Arl., \$6; Saturday, March 28, Eastern Market, D.C., \$7. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

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**Women's heart health**, Thursday, March 26, 2 p.m., Arlington Mill. Free. Register, 703-228-7369.

# Hatcher Places Fifth

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with an even better score — 37.65.

"I'm proud of myself for having two really good meets in a row at conferences and regionals," Hatcher said, "... and I'm proud to get fifth [in the] all-around here, too."

Yorktown's Juliette Mitrovich also earned more than one trip to the medal stand at states. The sophomore earned all-state on bars (seventh, 9.15) and beam (tied for seventh, 9.275).

"For both bars and beam, I was very pleased with my performance!" Mitrovich wrote in an email. "There were some skills that I knew were not the best in my routine and I knew I could have done them better, but no one is perfect, especially in gymnastics."

Mitrovich tied for ninth on floor (9.3).

Washington-Lee's Annie Hatcher and Jennifer Laredo, and Yorktown's Olivia Zavrel and Sophie Zidlicky also competed at states.

Annie Hatcher tied for 10th on vault (9.55) and 13th on floor (9.225). Laredo tied for 34th on beam (8.475).

Zavrel tied for 10th on bars

(9.075) and Zidlicky finished 34th on vault (8.95).

Fairfax senior Rachel Barborek won the all-around championship with a score of 38.7, including first-place finishes on bars, beam and floor. She became the first Fairfax County gymnast to win the all-around state title since Herndon's Maria Hayden accomplished the feat in 2010.

Barborek competed in the all-around as an alternate after Yorktown freshman Bella Kane scratched due to a knee injury she suffered during a club meet. Kane qualified for states with a runner-up finish in the all-around at regionals. "I heard that Rachel did really well, and I'm really happy for her," Kane wrote in an email. "That was great for her to end her last meet with a win, especially because she is a senior. I am extremely upset about missing the state meet, but I know in the next years of high school there will be other chances to compete at the meet and represent Yorktown."

The individual competition was originally scheduled for Feb. 21, but the VHSL postponed the meet three times due to inclement weather concerns.



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## How Lucky Am I



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

You'll note there's no question mark after the "I." If any grammatical mark, there could be an exclamation point, but that's overstating my reaction a bit. I am not referring to the usual happy-lucky-grateful to be alive sentiment I regularly express in this space; no, this is micro more than macro. What I am specifically referring to is the winter weather and its predictable effects on appointments: cancellations in general, chemotherapy cancellations to be Kenny-column specific.

Yesterday, March 5, the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area received approximately six inches of snow, give or take, complicated further by the previous days' ever-unpopular "wintry mix." Ergo, governments and schools were closed and many lives were put on hold, for a day at least, as many activities/appointments were likely to be re-scheduled. All well and good, mostly, except when you're a "terminal" cancer patient and your chemotherapy infusion (your presumptive life-saving/sustaining treatment) is to be administered that day – then it's not so good. Then your life passes before you even faster than when your oncologist first advised you of your extremely unexpected, abbreviated life expectancy/prognosis (for me, it was "13 months to two years").

Fortunately, Thursdays are not my chemotherapy day; Fridays are. But what brought this column's subject into focus was a call I received Thursday evening from the Infusion Center providing me/patients with a special inclement-weather phone number to call to find out if the Center would be open the next day, what hours, etc. This was the first time – in six years of non-stop treatment – when I was given such a specific number/circumstance to call. Previously, I would have simply called the Center or "cell-phoned" my oncology nurse (I have his number on speed dial), to learn of any closures or delays. But, and this is the luck I referred to in the title, never had I experienced any weather-related/affected reason to stress/call. Never experienced the anxiety of wondering, worrying and waiting to learn if my hoped-for, life-saving treatment could go in as scheduled.

Now, whether skipping/delaying treatment really matters in the medical world's reality, I can tell you this: in my world, the patient's world, it seems like it matters an awful lot. Rescheduling feels like you're losing days of your life. What little I know (and it's very little; it's mostly what I feel and think) is that any change in frequency, duration, reduction in medicine and/or protocol, all of which so far has kept me alive way past my original expiration date, can't be a good thing, certainly not a preferred thing; again, in my head, anyway.

And it's these feelings that can complicate the cancer experience: knowing what to make of things externally, and of course, internally. Controlling one's emotions so as not to exacerbate an already difficult situation is my macro cross to bear. However, sometimes small things can weaken that resolve. After six years, I should know better, and usually I do. But receiving that phone call last evening was a reminder of how fortunate and yet sort of clueless I've been about what has happened to other patients and what hasn't happened to me.

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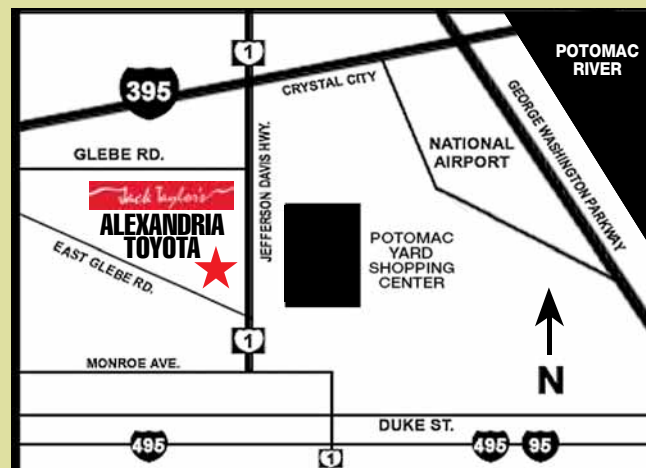


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# Luxury Apartments Popping Up

Renters want resort-like amenities and access to transportation.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

After a long, hard day at work, Jordan Coleman comes home to a large apartment with modern amenities, including a 24-hour concierge, ample living space, a state-of-the-art fitness center and a pool. The apartment features high-end appliances and finishes as well as an open, flowing layout and large walk-in closets. Coleman — a lawyer and Capitol Hill staffer — shares the pricey rent with a friend. The complex is owned by Avalon, which has properties in Arlington, Fairfax, Herndon, Falls Church, Tysons Corner and Vienna, Virginia, as well as Bethesda, Maryland, and Washington.

The demand for high-end apartments in the Washington, D.C., area is high, with rents soaring over the \$7,000 mark. There are some who say the luxurious living spaces and carefree lifestyles are worth the extra money.

"There are two kinds of people who would be inclined to spend that kind of money in

the luxury rental market," said David Freishtat, who teaches in the Masters in Real Estate Development program at the University of Maryland and practices law in Potomac, Md. "First there are fairly successful, young people who buddy up and share an apartment with two or three friends. They can afford to spend 35-40 percent of take home pay in housing. They don't spend much on food because they don't have a family to feed," he said.

"Empty-nesters who've sold their homes and decided to downsize are also inclined to rent high-end apartments. If they bought their house 20-30 years ago and sold it recently, they're flush with cash," said Freishtat. "They might be looking to buy a house in Florida or Arizona where there's no income tax, but for the year and a half until they make that decision they're going to live in a nice apartment because they've always lived in a nice house so they're adaptable to those kinds of apartments."

"The trade off in these buildings is that they are in great neighborhoods," said Coleman. "They're new construction and



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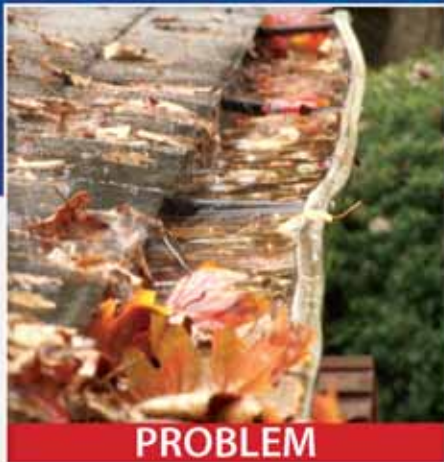
Luxury apartment communities like the Gramercy at Metropolitan Park in Arlington offer easy access to public transportation and close proximity to restaurants and shops.

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Also at Reston Town Center is The Metropolitan, owned by Kettler, a real estate development firm based in McLean, Va., and which manages apartments throughout Northern Virginia. Residents at some of the firm's properties pay more than \$7,000 a month for features such as 17-foot ceilings, floor-to-ceiling windows, wood flooring and ceramic tile bathrooms.

Kettler is also putting the finishing touches on The Acadia, a 411-unit, high-rise luxury apartment building in the Metropolitan Park section of Arlington, Va., and plans to begin leasing units this spring. In October, the firm will begin construction on m.flats Crystal City. It will be Kettler's sixth property in the Pentagon-Crystal City neighborhood in Arlington.

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**Easy access to public transportation and close proximity to restaurants and shops attract residents to luxury apartments communities like The Harrison at Reston Town Center in Reston.**



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**Luxury apartment communities like Midtown Alexandria Station offer amenities that help simplify life for busy professionals and empty nesters alike.**

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# His and Hers: Special Spaces

Addition pulls together styles and overcomes challenges.

BY JOHN BYRD

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On the face of it, adding a two-level structure to a 30-year-old brick house is not especially difficult. Essentially, Vienna homeowners Al Dobson and his wife Joan Davanzo each have a pet project — a spacious first level garage to house sport cars, motorcycles and '60s rock for him; a lovely sunroom comprised of floor-to-ceiling window walls for her.

Knock out the existing screen porch; slightly expand the footprint for the garage; sun room goes on top embracing the rear deck and pool; and, Bingo, it's done.

Yet as anyone who has lived in the Fairfax County for a while knows, no project is without complications, and add to this the problems of an unlevel grade, set-back restrictions, strict rules on structures with lots of glass and the owner's desire to preserve all the surrounding trees, and suddenly there are the makings of an intricate engineering challenge — the sort of brain-buster most contractors wouldn't attempt to unravel.

That's how it all started with this deceptively understated Vienna addition: several contractors told Dobson and Davanzo they couldn't have the amount of glass in the sunroom they were looking for; county rules regarding glass and where it can be positioned are rigorously enforced; and then, too, the glass must be "braced" to resist winds that otherwise might cause it to implode — a requirement which inevitably reduces sightlines.

"County rules on glass in new construction have been in place for over a decade," said David Foster, president of Foster Remodeling Solutions, the contractor the couple hired to execute the project. "Because of some tricky complications, a lot of contractors stay out of the sunroom arena — so it's become somewhat specialized."

What several contractors plainly told Joan Davanzo, nevertheless, was that her dream project — as she envisioned it — simply couldn't be built.

"We were told the windows couldn't be as low to the floor, nor as close to the corner as we wanted," Davanzo said. "Since I had particularly liked the openness of the old screen porch the sunroom was to replace, this was discouraging."

By contrast, Davanzo said, Foster began addressing the project's technical hurdles from the first meeting.

"His experience was palpable," said Al Dobson, 70, who has had several previous encounters with remodelers. "The first consideration — which he pointed out im-

mediately — was how to develop a site plan that would satisfy the county, but also give us a sustainable result that allows the aesthetic effects we were seeking."

Part of the assignment would also entail a plan for preserving mature trees on the property's eastern side.

**THE GARAGE**, which would house Dobson's collectible motorized vehicles, needed a footprint of some 400 square feet, the contractor determined; the sunroom, one level up, would be plenty spacious at slightly over 200 square feet. Hence, Foster's "stacked" pyramidal design not only satisfies family "use" requirements, but also allows the "growing room" needed for an entire grove of mature trees bordering the property's perimeter.

The plan was, of course, partly predicated on lowering the lot's existing grade some five feet, enough to carve out a foundation for the garage and create driveway access.

The foundation also figures prominently in an innovative engineering solution that gives the couple the amount of glass they had been seeking in the sunroom.

To meet the county's wind-bracing requirements, Foster and team designed a narrow-gauge, all-steel framework for the sunroom's many large glass panels which is anchored all the way down to the concrete foundation itself.

Though not visible to the naked eye, the infrastructure allowed designers to extend windows to within a few feet of the floor and mere inches from the corner of the room.

"Our dogs can even look out the windows," Joan Davanzo said. "The design gives us a really a stunning view in all directions."

But, surely, a nearly all-glass room must be quite cold in the winter?

"All the windows are Low-E Argon-filled double pane — state of the art thermal resistance," Foster said.

To reinforce the comforting insularity, however, the contractor applied thermally-resistant spray foam behind the wall sur-



Al Dobson and his new spacious garage to house his sport car, motorcycles and '60s rock memorabilia.



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The sun porch solution emphasizes views. Windows are insulated and wind-resistant.

faces — and drilled holes in the steel columns to accommodate an added infusion.

"It's all about creating a tight structure," Foster said. "That's what keeps outside temperatures out."

On the other hand, the sunroom feature Davanzo most appreciates this time of year is how fluidly it opens to spring's balmy breezes. All the windows are casement-style which can be independently adjusted to let in cross breezes. Overhead, two skylights open electronically — and individually. The skylights are also equipped with electric blinds and rain sensors.

The room's interior design scheme, which Davanzo developed in conjunction with Foster, reflects a number of favored owner lifestyle preferences. The golden duotone teakwood floor — comprised of a framed rectangular perimeter traversed with diagonal slats — is a pattern the couple came upon in their travels in Italy. The tongue-and-groove ceiling and warm sea-foam green wall color, likewise, were chosen to

highlight a verdant visual continuum that recalls childhood adventures in the country.

The new sunroom is accessible through an adjacent family room separated by three French doors which Davanzo mostly leaves open.

"This is where I spend most of my time when I'm at home," she said.

For Al Dobson, the favored hang-out now is his "man cave" garage which houses a Corvette, his Italian motorcycle and a sound system that plays choice sounds of the '50s and '60s.

A racing enthusiast who participates in time trials at Summit Point, Dobson wanted a room that speaks to his passion for motor sports. Underfoot, PVC tiles in an iconic checkerboard pattern set the tone for a private retreat decorated with '60s movie posters and other period memorabilia.

"It's a really peaceful spot to just relax," Dobson said. "That's what this process was always for, so I'm glad we pursued it."



Keda Nupen with his partner Paolo Trindade of Nupen Lighting.



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From left: Laverne Terry discussed the Capital Bike Share program with Trina Alcorn, an Arlington resident who attended the event along with her daughter, Amelia.



From left: Arlington residents Bill and Linda Smith receive advice from Keda Nupen of Nupen Lighting. Nupen works with Grow Landscapes, a landscaping company for private/residential and commercial lawn maintenance.

The Arlington Car-Free Diet "Game Wheel" promoted the car-free diet initiative — using other forms of transportation (metro, bus, capital bike share and carpooling). Participants who answered a question correctly on the game wheel from one of the categories received a prize.



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# Home Improvements Earn Awards

Four Sun Design remodeling projects named Washington-area “Contractor of the Year” winners.

BY JOHN BYRD

It’s been a good year for Sun Design Remodeling.

In January, the full-service design/build remodeler won four “Contractor of the Year” awards from the Washington, D.C. chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI). Then, in February, an already locally-honored gourmet kitchen was named category best (“kitchen above \$150k”) in the 10-state southeastern region.

Winning projects include: a rear elevation poolside recreation solution; a French Country gourmet kitchen (the southeastern regional winner); an open kitchen plan in a traditional interior style; and a lower-level build-out to designed for use by three generations.

## French Country Kitchen Is Local and Regional COTY winner: Residential Kitchen Over \$120,000

For Dr. Rick Layfield and his wife Kelly Layfield, the search for their dream kitchen started shortly after they purchased their 3,700-square-foot, four-bedroom home in Clifton eight years ago.

“The kitchen suite was a primary selling point,” Kelly Layfield said of the 400-square-foot room.

But she found the rear of the house dark and dated. Sightlines to the children’s backyard play areas were not well-aligned. And there was a visually obstructive bulkhead over the primary food preparation zone.

Also, the pentagon-shaped food preparation island and dining counter wasn’t well suited for in-kitchen dining. And the corner breakfast area was cramped — making it hard to access a door to the back porch which used to be a pathway to the family’s outdoor grill.

Fortunately, Kelly Layfield’s first meeting with designer John Benson was productive from the start. He proposed a rectangular food preparation island with a granite surface, parallel with the two corners of the cook’s work zones.

Benson also helped Layfield explore the lighter, more textured hues she had been seeking: marble subway tile wall covering; surfaces in Granite Bianco Antico; white cabinets with glass facings; and an oven backsplash in a white quatrefoil tiling. The coffers, likewise, are delineated in a white and grey duotone.

“This is just the balance I was looking for,” Layfield said. “It feels like home.”



PHOTO BY BRYAN BURRIS

**With its private entrance, fully operative kitchenette and dining table for four, the new lower level allows Tina’s mother, Kay, to host bridge parties for friends independent of any other household activities.**



PHOTO BY MITRO HOOD

**BEST RESIDENTIAL KITCHEN: Sun Design’s winning kitchen solution takes full advantage of a 13’ cathedral ceiling with a two-level window wall. Owner Melynda Britt says the space is much better organized, yet more accessible — perfect for entertaining.**

## Open Floorplan Defines Casual But Elegant Kitchen Residential Kitchen; \$80k to \$120k; COTY Honorable Mention

Steve and Melynda Britt’s four-bedroom colonial in Vienna offered considerable charms when the couple purchased it 10 years ago.

There was a nicely finished library and living room, a formal dining room and a sizable family room in the back half of the house with a 13-foot cathedral ceiling framing a lovely view of mature landscaping.

For Melynda Britt, the larger goal was a kitchen footprint that offered an efficient work space — integrated with the surrounding great room.

“Since the emphasis was on a more intelligent use of limited square footage,” Sun Design’s Duroske said, “we thought custom-built-ins would help create better coordi-

nated work zones.”

Critiquing the kitchen now, Britt is amazed at how much more effectively the solution works on several fronts: The food preparation island protects the cook’s work triangle, and is positioned for easy service to the family room; the beverage station, an effective space divider, is accessible from both the breakfast area and family room; the coffee bar is situated between doors leading to the dining room and the breakfast room, out of the chef’s way; the kitchen’s mosaic tile flooring has been replaced by a refinished hardwood flooring.

“We can now comfortably entertain 20-25 guests,” Britt said. “Better yet, the space is really warm and comfortable.”

## Finished Lower Level Offers Multi-Gen Family Solution COTY Honorable Mention

Eric Park and his wife Tina, both physicians, were already quite busy 10 years ago when they purchased a 3,400-square-foot two-level neo-colonial in Falls Church.

“Our plan all along was to create a family home,” Tina Park said. “We saw the lower level eventually playing a part in our daily lives, but were only using it for storage. It wasn’t until my mother began regularly helping us with the girls that we began looking at the house more closely.”

At first Park’s mother, Kay, would stay in the guest room, but gradually everyone started looking at ways to increase available privacy.

It’s at this point that Sun Design Remodeling enters the story.

“A basement conversion is challenging,” said Sun Design’s Liz Lee-Sint, who guided the Park project from concept to completion, “especially when it’s going to be mainstreamed with the rest of the house.”

For Kay, the top priority was a suite with all the features of independent living, including a private entrance, a comfortable master suite and a fully functional kitchenette with dining for four.

On a separate note, the Parks envisioned a 195-square-foot family fitness center and a children’s play zone with custom built-ins.

Describing the finished décor as “modern Asian contemporary,” Tina Park stressed simple lines, soft tones and open visuals.

“It’s really the nicest place in the house now,” Park said. “And it satisfies so many different needs that it’s become our main gathering place.”

## House and grounds reconciliation judged this year’s best Exterior Solution/COTY Grand award winner

As Monte Zaben tells it, the rear elevation to his 8,300-square-foot colonial in Fredericksburg was so sun-exposed it was uncomfortable sitting by the pool he had just installed the year before.

After researching several options, however, he stumbled on Sun Design’s portfolio of indoor-outdoor solutions, and set up a meeting.

Combining an extended radius that steps down to the pool with vaulted entrance way, the structure’s architecture is welcoming.

Tapered craftsman-style piers support a seam metal roof. Inside, three distinct activity zones flow together: an open-air lounge; a cozy poolside vista with a pair of wicker chairs; and an outdoor kitchen equipped with a traditional grill, a power burner and refrigerators. A second level grilling deck is now, likewise, under roof.

Happy with the outcome, Zaben said he enjoys the outdoor kitchen so much he was out grilling one of his specialties this past January. “We make regular use of the outdoor space on just about every seasonable day,” he adds. “It’s very much a part of our lives now.”

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213 South Royal Street



508 South Fairfax Street



519 South Lee Street

# Alexandria Celebrates Virginia Garden Week

Old Town Alexandria was in 1946 the third city in the country to create a historic district to preserve its downtown. Today it has 4,000 buildings with a historic designation, according to the garden tour information.

The Virginia Historic Garden Tour on April 18 is a walking tour in Old Town including five row houses with courtyard gardens in this preserved area, and refreshments at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

In addition to the private properties featured, the tour ticket allows access to The Carlyle House Historic Park, Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden, George Mason's Gunston Hall and George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens. The tour is hosted by The Garden Club of Alexandria and Hunting Creek Garden Club.

The Virginia Historic Garden Tour is an 8-day event that stretches across the Commonwealth. Each spring visitors are welcomed to over 250 of Virginia's most beautiful gardens, homes and historic landmarks. For a complete list of tours, see [www.vagardenweek.org](http://www.vagardenweek.org). All descriptions from Virginia Historic Garden Week.

## 213 South Royal Street

This Federal-style house was probably built by Thomas Davy, a merchant, around 1834. The house has a more modest history than many of its regal neighbors on Royal, Duke and Prince Streets, though its rooms are rich with the history of the sail makers, coopers, china merchants and other tradesmen listed in the city's 1850 census

## Details

Virginia Historic Garden Week celebration comes to the Alexandria area April 18, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$45 per person, \$25 for single-site tickets. Tickets may be purchased on tour day at any of the homes and at the Alexandria Visitors Center. Advance Tickets are \$40 at the Alexandria Visitors Center, 221 King St. or [www.vagardenweek.org](http://www.vagardenweek.org).

as residing on the block. By 1850, two separate families lived on the property. Well into the 20th century, the house was still used as a multi-family residence and fell into disrepair. Previous owners undertook major renovations in the 1990s and were able to keep much of the original trim and some of the original hardwood floors. The garden is shaded by a magnificent red oak that was planted soon after the Civil War and is one of the largest trees in the area today. Hydrangeas, camellias, rhododendron, crepe myrtles and wisteria decorate the garden.

## 212 Prince Street, Garden Only.

Behind 212 Prince Street, the house on the left side of the "Double Dwelling" at 212-214 Prince Street, is a lovely garden. The current owners, who have lived at 212 for 12 years, completed an extensive renovation of the rear garden in 2008, adding a goldfish pond, a heated swimming pool with a whirlpool on the side, and enlarging the "pool house" in the back corner of the lot. Originally built as one of the first rental properties in Alexandria, the house was transferred to the daughter of the original builder, William Hartshorne, in 1794. She was married to Mordecai Miller, a prosperous Quaker merchant, who leased the property to a commercial bakery in 1811. Kenneth Brown and Stacey Becker, owners.

## 214 Prince Street

The lot was first purchased by William Hartshorne in 1774 upon his arrival in Alexandria from Philadelphia. After the Revolutionary War, Hartshorne built an investment property for merchants and renters in 1786. Originally Hartshorne designed the dwellings for merchants and others who used the first floor as shops or offices and lived with their families above. Original hardwood floors remain throughout the house. The current owners have remodeled the kitchen and bathrooms,

added the backyard lap pool and finished the attic space. Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Sopko

## 519 South Lee Street

Built around 1800 as a two-story frame house by Alexander Veitch, the home was sold to George Noble Lyles in 1803. The original house had one bedroom and was confined to the footprint of the existing living room, kitchen and dining room areas. The heavy brass lockset on the living room closet is from the original entry door. A rear addition was added by 1921. Additions made in 1942 include the living room fireplace, a kitchen and a screened porch. The current owners completed extensive renovations in 2006. A focal point of the patio is the unique wall plaque depicting John Tradescant (1608-1662), gardener to King Charles II. The home enjoys a beautiful vista of the Lee Street Park and Potomac River.

## 508 South Fairfax Street

This restored carriage house has an interesting history. Its nucleus was built in 1801-07 as a horse stable. By 1852 it had evolved into a handsome brick carriage house of "fair dimension." Remodeled in 1874, the building was owned by a wealthy banker and his wife, a direct descendant of Thomas Jefferson. In 1992, the present owner constructed the front addition. At the front gates a delightful scene unfolds, from ornamental hornbeams along the left wall to a front pergola draped with clematis. Gardens are filled with spirea, autumn fern, hellebores, peonies and heuchera.

## 217 Gibbon Street

This historic residence, built in 1790, is purported to be the home of Robert Fulton while he secured a patent for his steamboat. The brick, detached house still has the original dentil moldings on the exterior. Other historic features include the wide-wood floors, interior moldings, window glass, and

the original mechanical doorbell, restored by the current owners. The French doors at the back of the dining room were installed in 1902. The doors are said to be from the White House, reclaimed after a renovation under President Theodore Roosevelt. The dining room and kitchen both open onto a brick-walled garden with climbing hydrangea, established crepe myrtles and dogwoods, and plantings of hellebores, azaleas, ferns and daffodils. The garden's rear gate exits on to an original cobblestone alley.



PHOTO BY DONNA MOULTON

**The self-drive garden tour in Fairfax Station and Clifton in Fairfax County features four private homes with gardens and two stables in all.**

## Clifton and Fairfax Station, Tuesday, April 21

Wooded hills, wildlife and elegant equestrian estates describe Clifton-Fairfax Station. The Clifton Historic District, registered as a Virginia Historic Landmark, was a Civil War railroad stop and is filled with shops, memorable restaurants and restored homes. Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, tended to soldiers after the Battle of Second Manassas at St. Mary's Church and the historic Fairfax Station, now a Railroad Museum.

Advance Ticket Sales: \$30  
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