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# CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWS & NOTES

Notes from the President

By Lisa Patterson-Troike

#### 2015 Membership Drive

Happy Holidays! The DCA has started its 2015 Membership drive and we need your support! The DCA Board is made up of a group of volunteers who are residents of Darnestown. That's right -- volunteers who do not get paid for their countless hours devoted to helping the people of Darnestown. Your dues help finance: printing and mailing of this quarterly Little Acorn newsletter, organizing our DCA Spring Social, Hoedown and Tree Lighting social events, maintaining and mowing around our "Welcome to Darnestown" sign and Champion Tree, purchasing flags for our roadside flag program, optimizing utility performance with Pepco, Verizon, Comcast and others, sewer/development/roads in harmony with master plan/zoning laws, emailing alerts regarding matters important to Darnestown and much, much, more. Please see the 2015 DCA Membership Form on page 4 in this Little Acorn. Without your support, Darnestown would not be the wonderful community it is today!

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## DARNESTOWN TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY!

Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 6:15 pm

Darnestown Heritage Park

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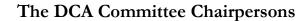




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#### **Annual Tree Lighting December 14<sup>th</sup>**

The DCA Annual Tree Lighting is set for Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm. We hope a white bearded visitor in a red suit will fly in with his sleigh and reindeer for a visit at 6:30 pm. The festivities will take place at our Heritage Park located next to Harris Teeter. Hot chocolate, cookies and entertainment will be provided. Guaranteed to be a fun time in snow, rain or shine - kids and adults of all ages are welcome. Come celebrate the magic of the season with us!

#### **Maryland Questers**

I was invited by Maryland State Questers President and Darnestown resident, Bettye Wolfe, to join the Captain John #517 and Potomac #10 Questers at C&O Canal Lockhouse #10 on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Questers is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving American history for future generations through donating existing structures, artifacts and memorials. Founded in 1944, it has grown to include 43 states and 2 Canadian provinces. The local Captain John Questers contribution project is the C&O Canal Trust. The Trust works in partnership with the National Park Service to protect, restore and promote the C&O Canal. Did you know that the canal is 184.5 miles long with over 1,300 historical structures and runs from Cumberland, Maryland to Georgetown Washington, DC? The Trust has restored and furnished six lockhouses that can be used by the public. Check out <a href="https://www.canaltrust.org/quarters/">www.canaltrust.org/quarters/</a> to book your stay in a lockhouse that is over 170 Local residents are interested in years old. forming a Darnestown Questers. Stay tuned -- you will hear more in the March 2015 issue of The Little Acorn.

# Little Acorn.

#### 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Hoedown a Success!

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the Hoedown on Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. We had one of the biggest crowds on record - 170! The weather cooperated and we had a warm and beautiful evening with cowboy boot-clad dancers and moonlit hayrides. Smokey Glen Farm did a fabulous job, as always, with the food and Our country dance caller, Mac atmosphere. McCall, was able to "tame" the wild crowd and teach them the difference between their right and left feet. By the end of the night, most dancers actually looked like they knew how to square dance! It seemed as though the crowd really needed a night out on the town. Everyone came with a grin and left with an even bigger smile. Thanks again for making the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Hoedown another one for the books!



## Quote of the Quarter

"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness?"

~ John Steinbeck



## DCA Membership Information



Dear Darnestown Neighbor:

The Darnestown Civic Association (DCA) will begin a new fiscal year on **January 1, 2015**. As a paid DCA member, you are empowered to vote at Town Meetings and your support enables the DCA's participation in numerous issues affecting our area.

More importantly, your support helps to provide important financial backing for the DCA's ongoing expenses and interests, including but not necessarily limited to:

- The Little Acorn, our quarterly newsletter mailed to all Darnestown residents
- Biennial telephone directory
- DCA Spring Social, Hoedown, Tree Lighting and Town Meeting gatherings
- Darnestown community entrance sign and Champion Tree Park maintenance
- DCA Web Site www.darnestowncivic.org
- American flags for our roadside holiday flag program
- Email alerts: Events, lost/found pets, safety/crime notification and more
- Monitoring of issues that impact Darnestown: power and telephone reliability, village development, zoning, public safety, cell towers, Montgomery County Master Plans, road construction and safety, hiking/biking trails, deer population, Agricultural Reserve and environmental issues; to name a few
- Maintenance of the DCA "Contingency Legal Fund," money for legal battles against major issues that could negatively impact the quality of life in Darnestown

Annual dues are \$35. For residents who wish to contribute more, we have additional giving levels including the new Acorn program at \$150 (Acorn donors have choice of a Darnestown bottle of wine or a Darne' Good cookbook!), the Sponsor program at \$100 and the Friend of Darnestown program at \$50. All paid 2015 members will be listed in an upcoming issue of *The Little Acorn*.

Darnestown is a very special place. The DCA is committed to keeping the residential, commercial, and road development in balance to preserve this place we call home. We are always looking for volunteers to help with our many issues. Please feel free to contact us to see how you can help. Our Executive Board usually meets on the last Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the DCA office located at 14132B Darnestown Road.

Please use the attached form to remit your dues. As always, thank you for your support!

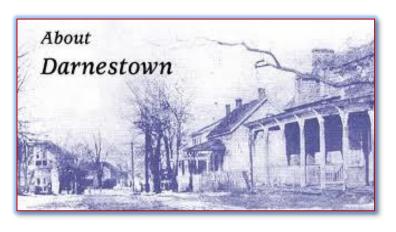
Lisa Patterson-Troike. President( 301-548-0999)	and	Art Slesinger. Chairman

If you've misplaced or did not receive this notice in the mail, feel free to use this section with your payment.

Make check payable to Darnestown Civic Association (DCA), and mail to:

#### Darnestown Civic Association, 15711 Pagano Lane, Darnestown, MD 20874

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Route 28, Darnestown looking west; late 1880's **Courtesy Montgomery Historical Society** 

Several years ago, The Little Acorn was honored to run a series of informational articles detailing the history of our charming town. It's always enlightening to revisit our past, and with new neighbors arriving every year, we thought that this would be a great time to run our historical series again. Here now, is Part Four of the series. Enjoy!

## The History of Darnestown



#### **PLEASANT HILLS**

**Part Four** 

One of Darnestown's fist landowners was Ninian Beall, a tavern keeper. In 1763 - 1765, his first daughter, Ruth Beall, and her husband, Charles Gassaway, built one of the earliest houses in Darnestown, a large brick house called Pleasant Hills, on property known as Mount Pleasant. The house, which today is located on Kelley Farm Drive in the center of the Spring Meadows community, is on the Maryland Historic Registry. At one time, Charles Gasssaway owned as much as 1,700 acres. Gassaway, who was well-respected in the community, served as a Captain in the Militia, and was coroner for Montgomery County.

Both of Gassaway's sons found wives across the river in Virginia. As river travel was easier in those days than road travel, Leesburg was much closer than Georgetown. Gassaway's daughter Elizabeth married William Darne in 1798. Charles Gassaway gave 505 acres of Mount Pleasant tract to Elizabeth and William Darne, who lived on part of the Mount Pleasant tract, east of the Pleasant Hills



house. Darne served on the Maryland legislature, and was director of the C&O Canal.

In 1824, following the death of Charles Gassaway's widow, the house and some of the land was sold to James Hawkins, whose heirs sold it to John Thomas Kelley, Kelley, a merchant in Georgetown for the past 20 years, lived in the home with his five children. One of the daughters, Nellie, married Millard Rice, who took over the management of the farm. Two wings have been added to the original home, one in 1900 and a second in 1918. The wings are made of bricks taken from old slave quarters on the farm and laid in Flemish bond to match the original house. His son, Thomas C. Kelley became a prominent lawyer and Judge, and was instrumental in the change to the county council system of government in Montgomery County.

Descendant Tom Kelly farmed much of the land around the Pleasant Hills homestead and was famous for his "Kelly Corn" farm wagon of fresh dairy produce during the summer months, as well as the corn that fed visitors to the Montgomery County Fair each August, and his pumpkin patch in the fall.

Until 1833, worshippers of all denominations congregated at a little log cabin near the Pleasant Hills homestead that was built by the Methodists. A one-room school house was also located on the same lot.

#### **MONTEVIDEO**

By 1812, the land on which Montevideo would be built had been given by Robert Peter, the first mayor of Georgetown, to his son Thomas. Thomas Peter married Martha Parker Custis, the granddaughter of Martha Washington. They lived at Tudor Place in Georgetown and built a summer home near Darnestown that is no longer standing called "Oatlands" (no relation to the Oatlands Plantation west of Leesburg). Montevideo was a summer home built for Peter's son, John Park Custis, and his wife Elizabeth Henderson Peter, in 1830 from red sand stone of Seneca Quarry. The walls are of local redstone nearly two feet thick, covered with stucco and painted white. The house was restored in 1960.

A widowed tutor named Charles Nourse, who was also an ordained Presbyterian minister, lived in the Peter household. Thirteen months after Mr. Peter's death, widow Peter and Rev. Nourse were married, giving to much talk of propriety in the local community! For a look at what remains of this 19<sup>th</sup> century community, begin at Poole's [former] store. To your left is a large white frame house constructed in 1855. Turn right off Old River Road onto Montevideo Road. At the first bend, you'll see the Rockland-Mann Farm. Built in 1870, the house was the social center of the community and shows the use of sandstone. It has five bays, a hip roof, gable chimneys and outbuildings, including a smoke house and corn crib. Montevideo, one of the most striking houses in the area, is out of view, down a private driveway.

Surrounded by 400 acres, the house is owned by the Kiplingers, of the publishing empire. Its original builder was a descendent of Martha Custis Washington.

#### **MONTANVERDE**

Montanverde on Berryville Road was owned by another son of Robert Peter named George Peter. George ran away at 15 to join the Maryland troops in the Whiskey Rebellion. George Washington, a family friend, personally sent him home. After graduating from Georgetown University five years later, George rejoined the army, rising to the rank of Major. One of his assignments was to investigate and testify at the Aaron Burr trial.

After receiving a large inheritance from his father, he purchased a home in Georgetown and built Montanverde as a summer home. George Peter retired from the military after the War of 1812 and was elected to Congress as a representative of the 6<sup>th</sup> District of Maryland, serving afterwards in the Maryland House of Delegates. He had 16 children, 8 of whom lived to maturity. Abraham Lincoln stayed at the house after a political rally with 600 guests held by Major Peters. William Barnum, brother of P.T. Barnum

of circus fame, purchased it from the Peters. It is said to be haunted by a ghost who throws wine glasses into the fireplace!

During the Civil War, area residents divided their loyalty between North and South. Darnestown was the scene of Civil War activity due to its strategic location near Potomac River crossings and its proximity to Washington. Some 18,000 Union troops were garrisoned in and around Darnestown in 1861, and in 1864, large numbers of both Union and Confederate troops moved through the area.

After the Civil War, the county's population increased, the canal boosted the local economy, and the Great Falls aqueduct encouraged further development. When Civil War soldiers discovered gold, they envisioned another California Gold Rush. As word of the gold spread after the war, mines were established along Rock Run and the canal. Although the success of the mines varied, they attracted newcomers to the area.

After emancipation, may African Americans were able to buy land and establish relatively autonomous communities where they made their living as laborers for neighboring farms while providing food for their families on their own small farms. These communities included homesteads near Oaklyn Road, and in the Cropley community near Great Falls, where Angler's Inn now stands.

Through the 1930's, area farms and orchards were generally productive, but in the late 1940's and early 1950's, many farms between Potomac Village and Rockville were developed for housing. During the 1960's, development accelerated and Potomac experienced a rapid 287 percent population increase. These development trends have continued as Montgomery County has become more populated. In the past three decades, much of the farmland and woodland in the Potomac Subregion has been subdivided for residential use. Spreading suburbanization, the loss of agricultural open space and the impact of roads and traffic on a formerly rural area present major challenges for the creation of communities and the preservation of historic and environmental resources.

#### **TOWNS AND AREAS AROUND DARNESTOWN**

About 1750, settlements began in what we now call Darnestown, then a thickly wooded area crossed by an important Indian trail, noted in deeds as early as 1758

as "the main road, the road that goes from Montgomery County Court House to the Mouth of the Monocacy," later called Route 28. This became one of the first roads in Montgomery County, leading to an important crossroads for trade and a ferry across the Potomac River at the Monocacy River.

Within fifty years, all of the land in and around Darnestown was claimed ("patented") into relatively large tracts. These original tract names (Mitchell's Range, Deakin's Range) appear in present Montgomery County street maps.

William Darne owned most of the land around the intersection of Route 28 (Darnestown Road) and Route 112 (Seneca Road), the center of which was named Darnestown. Tax records from 1815 indicate Mr. Darne owned 422 acres, including land beneath the Our Lady of the Visitation Parish, Darnestown Park, Seneca Highlands, most of Darnestown Presbyterian Church, Mockingbird Drive, and also parts of the Brookmead neighborhood. Property deeds from these areas commonly read "a part of Mt. Pleasant," the tract name of the Darne property.

Berryville Road, plated in 1873 and named for the Berry family who lived near Seneca Road, was "probably an extension of farm lanes to the main road."

Black Rock Road and Clack Rock Mill are named for the "Black Rock" tract of land dating from 1760. Black Rock Mill, the ruins of which have been stabilized, was operated from 1815 until at the latest 1920.

Deakins Lane follows from Deakins Range, a 490-acre land grant dating from 1788.

George Esworthy was a farmer whose land bordered much of the road now named after him, Esworthy Road. A 1785 land patent for 2,950 acres was called "Hartley Hall," now the name of a subdivision on Esworthy Road.

Nathan Jones owned 900 acres around the time of the Civil War, and Jones Lane grew from what was most likely an extension of the dirt lane serving his farm.

Query Mill Road harkens to a grist and sawmill at Muddy Branch Creek date from 1780 to 1795.

The 800 acre land grant "Quince Orchard," patented by Henry Clagett in 1866, is the namesake for today's Quince Orchard Road.

It's been logically suggested that the road linking Route 28 and Route 118 (dating from 1849), Riffleford Road, was named for "the place of a ford at the riffles (or ripples) on Seneca Creek." And River Road was also based on an old Indian trail.

An important grist mill had been located where River Road crosses Seneca Creek since before the Revolutionary War, and its old millrace is still visible near Poole's Store. The remains of the Seneca Stone Cutting Mill still stand near the mouth of Seneca Creek at the Potomac River. Surveyed in 1810, Seneca Road, which ran from the center of Darnestown at Rt. 28 to this dynamic duo of mills, was referred to as "the Road to Seneca Mills," shortened to Seneca Road.

A Civil War signaling station, one of many from Harper's Ferry to the District of Columbia, is commemorated by Signal Tree Lane. The tall chestnut tree near the intersection with River Road appeared in Harper's Magazine (1866) and for many years a sketch of that tree appeared in the frontispiece of the U.S Signal Corps Manual.

Springfield Road is named for the large, 1,392 acre "Springfield" land tract (patented in 1799) which stretched from River Road to the Our Lady of the Visitation Parish property.

Turkey Foot Road, established in 1859, was named for three streams joining in the hallmark shape.

#### **NEXT:** The History of Tobytown

#### **Sources for this Series**

Detail of Darnestown from Simon J. Martenet Library of Congress, MSA SC 1213-1-464

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The Maryland Historical Society

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www.gazette.net

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Battles of Ball's Bluff and Edward's Ferry – Experiences at Darnestown and Rockville www.sunsite.utk.edu/civil-war/CHIII.html



## Community Interest



From an email that DCA President Lisa Patterson received in October:

Dear Civic Leader:

Please find attached the MCCF October newsletter.\* Please read and forward this on to all your members so they will be able to learn about issues of concern to the entire county. Then start a dialogue within your association about joining the Civic Federation. represents the entire county, so we benefit from participation from all local civic and neighborhood associations.

Our September meeting presented a program on Strategies for Managing the County's Deer Population. It was very well attended as this is an issue of intense countywide concern. A link to the video of this program should be on the Environment Page of the Civic Federation's website: www.montgomerycivic.org.

Please also note that we will be holding a special afternoon forum on Sunday, November 16 in the Bethesda/Chevy Chase Regional Services Center. The focus will be on "Building Better Civic Associations," and we will cover everything from how to re-energize a weak or dormant group, to expanding and improving an already fabulous association. This forum is open to the public. We hope to have the attendance and participation of civic leaders from a broad range of associations both MCCF members and "prospective" member associations.

Sincerely, **Peggy Dennis** MCCF Newsletter Editor 301-983-9738

\*A copy of the newsletter that Peggy references can be found on the DCA website at

www.darnestowncivic.ora

in the section labeled

Items of Darnestown Interest or Concern

## SHARE THE ACORN

A colorful, electronic version of the Acorn can be found on the DCA website at

#### www.darnestowncivic.org

Share the news from our fair community with friends and family around the country!



No news from the DSRC since we are off season. See you in the next issue with all of our 2015 news and updates!

## No December Town Meeting

The DCA Board voted not to hold a December Town Meeting this year due to the busy time of the year.

The bylaws state that we need to have at least 3 meetings per year; the March, June and September meetings keep us in compliance!

See you in March 2015!

## Community Interest O



#### A Tribute to a Beloved Neighbor

Long-time Darnestown friend and neighbor Lawrence "Larry" Cutler Kristiansen passed away on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the age of 83. Larry's daughter Lisa was kind enough to send some information about her dad to The Little Acorn. He will surely be missed in the neighborhood!

#### By Lisa Kristiansen

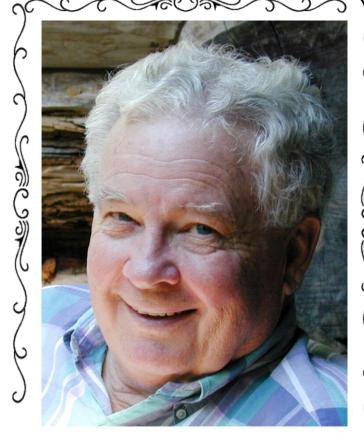
Larry was born March 19<sup>th</sup>, 1931 in Los Angeles, California to Karl and Lucy Kristiansen. He graduated from Yale University in 1953. He married Carolyn Eichler of Greenwich, Connecticut on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 1954.

Larry and Carolyn moved to Darnestown in 1972 from Wayland, MA when Larry was transferred with General Electric. They bought the Smith's house on Esworthy Road, and have lived there ever since.

Larry was a GREAT husband and Dad. He was always supportive and a teacher of all things: from manners at the table, to helping with homework, teaching all four of us to ride a bike, and how to drive a clutch car. What a memorable moment it was for me when he took me out in his Camaro to learn how to drive a clutch! He would work all day for GE and then come home to fix a fence, mow the lawn, vacuum the pool, and spend time with us, his family. He was a dedicated and tireless man.

Larry and Carolyn often participated in activities at Smokey Glen Farm, the annual Esworthy Christmas party, neighborhood horse shows, golf, reading, and endless care of the house and land.

Dad is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Carolyn, and four children: Linda Kristiansen Steinberg, Lisa Kristiansen, Larry Kristiansen, Jr., and Peter Kristiansen. We will all miss him dearly.



Larry Kristiansen

#### From an Email to the Editor

Just wanted to let you know that Larry was my buddy - a really great guy. I'd talk to him at the mailboxes all the time, and when there was a fallen tree in the driveway or whatever problem arose, he was always there to help (even as an 80-year-old). He mowed his own lawn, too. They went to every Hoedown, Spring Social, and Esworthy party. He and his wife must have saved a dozen dogs over the years, and they saved horses, too. They used to have horses until a few years ago as neighbors may recall. Those horses coming and going from Larry and Carolyn's barn were rescues or animals that their kids were caring for. I will truly miss my friend.

~Rob Troike





## Community Interest 5



# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Darnestown's Boy Scout Troop 1094 kicked off the 2014-2105 Scouting with several great activities starting with their end of summer picnic and Court of Honor at Seneca State Park. In addition to the great food and fun of the picnic, the Court of Honor provided the opportunity to present Scouts Merit Badges earned over the summer and to advance Scouts who'd earned new ranks. All told, 103 Merit Badges were awarded and 26 Scouts advancements were distributed.

Scouts from Troop 1094 spent the morning of September 20th cleaning the Korean War Memorial in downtown D.C. Departing Darnestown while it was still dark outside, the Scouts were hard at work early enough to watch the sun rise over the Capitol. The Scouts were armed with brushes, brooms, sponges and hoses and gave the Memorial a good scrub down in time for the first tourists of the day to visit the site. The Scouts' efforts were supervised by National Park Service Rangers who also talked to the Scouts about the Memorial and the service men and women it was built to remember. "It was an honor to clean such hallowed ground." said Assistant Scout Master Russell Johnson. "The Scouts were very moved and learned a great deal." The Scouts were rewarded for their hard work on the Memorial with a tour of the Capitol before heading back to Darnestown.

October 3-5, Troop 1094 Scouts spent two nights camping in Assateague Island State Park. Experiencing the first of the fall's cooler weather, the Scouts camped on the dunes by the shore of the Atlantic Ocean and spent their days swimming, exploring the seaside and practicing their Scout skills. Additionally, some Scouts spent Saturday morning playing a round of golf, while others took a guided kayak tour of the local ecosystem and the remainder went deep sea fishing. The fishing trip provided an extra bonus for the Troop as some of the fish they caught were fileted and enjoyed by the Troop for dinner. The Scouts also took an excursion to the Ocean City boardwalk.

On the weekend of October 24-26, Troop 1094 took a trip to Wye Island Natural Resource Management Area (NRMA) on the Maryland eastern shore for some

camping and kayaking. The highlight of the weekend was a five hour outing during which the Scouts paddled nearly six miles on the Wye River and its neighboring creeks, stopping along the way to cook their own lunches on back pack stoves they brought. "This trip demonstrated that with proper planning and packing, you can accomplish almost anything." Said Paul Helmbrecht, the adult leader for the trip. "We were really fortunate with the weather for the whole weekend as well." In addition to the kayaking, the Scouts explored the local area and as they do for all of their outings, the Scouts set up and broke down their own campsites, prepared the own meals, and left the area cleaner than they found it.

Troop 1094's other fall events included a clean-up day at Our Lady of Visitation Parish on November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Annual Scouting for Food Drive the week of November 8<sup>th</sup>, and a Scouting Skills Outing at the Poolesville Isaac Walton League facility November 16-17.

For more information about Troop 1094, contact Scout Master Jim DelVecchio at: sm@troop1094.org.



Jordan Schiff kayaks near Assateague Island



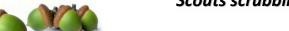


Jack Randall uses some elbow grease to get the Memorial Clean



# Korean War Memorial







## Community Interest 🤝





## Those Who Serve

By Madeline D'Alessio home.dalessio@gmail.com

Captain Ryan Swisher (US Army), son of Rob and Janet, just completed his 5th month of a 9 month deployment to Afghanistan. He is heavily engaged in the drawdown of US forces and equipment, and recently participated in ceremonies transferring Forward Operating Base (FOB) Lightning to the Afghan Army. Over 100 of his troopers left Afghanistan and returned to Ft. Hood Texas on October 26th. There remain 24,000 US troops in Afghanistan, with a target of reducing that number to 10,000 by the end of 2014. He is currently stationed at Forward Operating Base (FOB) Fenty in eastern Afghanistan along the Pakistani border, where he is responsible for FOB operations.

We wish him a successful and safe deployment and speedy return to the USA!

#### Ryan.Swisher14@gmail.com

**CPT Ryan D. Swisher HHT 1/3 CR FOB Lightning APO AE 09354** 







### Thanking our Veterans and Military Families this Holiday Season

During the holiday season, please consider showing support and appreciation for US service members and their families. Care packages, cards, letters, and other thoughts and acts of kindness are always a welcome treat for deployed service personnel, especially during the holidays when they are away from their homes and families defending our freedoms. Here are some ways that you can show your support!

#### **Operation We Are Here**

Resources for the military community and military supporters

http://www.operationwearehere.com/IdeasforS oldiersCardsLetters.html

#### **Operation Gratitude**

Sending Care Packages to US Military

http://www.operationgratitude.com/getinvolved/write-letters/

#### A Million Thanks

A year-round campaign to show our appreciation for our U.S. Military Men and Women, past and present, for their sacrifices, dedication, and service to our country through our letters, emails, cards, and prayers.

http://www.ourmilitary.mil/communityresources/supporting-our-military-this-holidayseason

#### American Red Cross

http://www.redcross.org/support/getinvolved/holiday-mail-for-heroes



## Community Interest 🦠



#### A Local Family Needs Help

#### Find Sarah and Jacob

Many of you may have seen the news reports of missing local children Sarah Hoggle (age 4) and Jacob Hoggle (age 2). The children have been missing since September 8<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> respectively. Their mother, Catherine Hoggle has been charged in their disappearance. Catherine Hoggle has been diagnosed with Paranoid Schizophrenia and had been under treatment for the past 10 months, including hospitalization, day hospital, residential transition, and day program treatment. The family has conducted ongoing awareness (via flyer distribution) and searches since the two children disappeared, believing that Catherine entrusted them with someone. The family has also worked with local police authorities, the Klaas Kids Foundation, Maryland Missing, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in efforts to locate the children.

Randy and Lindsey Hoggle and their four children (Catherine, Chad, Chelsea, and Carly) moved to the Darnestown area from Indianapolis, Indiana in 1993. All four children attended Darnestown Elementary School. Catherine was in second grade when the family arrived in Darnestown, and she remained at DES through the sixth grade. During this time, her mom, Lindsey, volunteered extensively at DES, including serving as both the PTA Vice President and President, participation in the Quality Management Council (QMC), securing the National Blue Ribbon and Maryland State Blue Ribbon designation for DES, and development of the DES Computer Lab, including creation of learning modules.

#### **How You Can Help**

Community awareness is the key to finding the missing children! Please note Sarah and Jacob's facial features in the photos below, realizing their hair color or style could have changed. In addition:

- Check the family website for updates: www.FindSarahFindJacob.com
- Note that there is a Spanish/English anonymous tip line: 301-549-9044.

Share the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children flyers:

- http://www.missingkids.com/poster/NCMC/ 1237561/1
- http://www.missingkids.com/poster/NCMC/ 1237561/2

Spread the word and their photos via Facebook:

- FindJacobandSarah
- **Find Missing Clarksburg Children**

Tweet about their disappearance via Twitter: @FindSarahJacobH

Please consider joining the Volunteer Efforts that are Flyer Distribution/Searches occur every Saturday and Sunday; details can be found on the website above.

Please feel free to contact Julia Selwood at Julia\_M\_Selwood@mcpsmd.org if you have any questions or information. In addition, Lindsey Hoggle is always willing to share any information that she can and to address any of your questions. Her email address is lindseyhoggle@comcast.net.







## Homesteading Corner!



Though the days grow shorter and the air gets more frigid, a homesteader's work never ceases. There are still chores to be done outdoors, even through the winter months. Thankfully though, many tasks can be done indoors by the warmth of a glowing fire.

Whether you're starting your new homestead, or dreaming of the day, here are a few winter chores you can scribble down on your checklist of things to do 'til spring.

#### **CARING FOR THE ANIMALS**

It's going to be another cold winter this year, so you'll need to do a few things to ensure that your animals are kept warm and dry.

#### Winterizing the Coop

Chickens can actually tolerate the cold pretty well, but you still want to do all you can to keep them as warm as possible. Here are a few things to do to winterize the coop:

- Wrap openings with thick, clear plastic. Make sure you can still open a window, or a door for ventilation. When it starts to get cold at night, staple a sheet of clear plastic over the door to keep out the drafts and to hold in the heat. The door to the run stays open all day, so air is still able to circulate.
- Don't clean the coop! Instead of scooping out the manure, pile on thick layers of straw or hay and continue adding to the layers throughout the winter months. This "deep litter" method actually generates heat from the manure as it breaks down into a nice compost to use on your spring garden.
- **Leave a light on.** You've got to be careful here. Be very sure that the lamp and bulb you are using are secure before you decide to leave a light on in the coop for your flock. DO NOT use a heat lamp! It could get knocked to the floor and ignite the straw there. Use instead battery operated lamps or Christmas lights in the coop, which seems to be a safer, though slightly less effective, option.



- Put up insulation. When it gets terribly cold, you might want to put up some sort of insulation on the inside of the coop. You can use re-purposed bubble wrap, cardboard, and even Styrofoam as insulation between layers of plywood. You might want to keep in mind the problem of mice between the walls, and try to use materials that they wouldn't be inclined to chew up.
- Bring the water indoors. If you have room inside of your coop, you might want to bring the water bucket inside where it won't be as likely to freeze. Keep it elevated so it doesn't get yucky stuff in it. You might also consider a heated water bucket, if you have deep freezes regularly.

#### Feeding & Watering the Animals

No matter what the weather: rain, shine, or snow, the animals depend on us to take care of them. We have the responsibility to brave the elements to make sure that our flock or herd is protected and fed.

Feeding your chickens cracked corn right before they go up to roost for the night will help them stay warmer, because their bodies will be working on digesting that food.

Give your animals a place to eat their food off of the ground. Chickens shouldn't have to peck in the snow to find the corn you tossed, and goats can get sick if you make them eat their hay off the ground.

#### Milking & Collecting Eggs

Unless you have dried up your milker or you're allowing a baby to nurse, goats and cows need to be milked twice a day. Be sure you create a warm, covered area to do your milking out of the cold and wetness. Chicken generally slow to an almost stop in the egg production department throughout the winter. Make sure the nesting boxes have fresh bedding, but don't expect very much. If you leave a light on overnight, it can help chickens to lay more often, as they are tricked into thinking the days are still long.

#### INDOOR TASKS TO TACKLE

Here are just a few extra things (on top of day to day chores) which I do to keep myself busy and productive until Spring:

- Freezer Canning This is a great time to make your way through your freezer, and work on canning the stuff you didn't have time to can during the busy summer months. Here is a a great article on how to do that: <a href="http://newlifeonahomestead.com/2013/11/canning-frozen-food/">http://newlifeonahomestead.com/2013/11/canning-frozen-food/</a>
- Soap Making It doesn't take long to make a year's worth of soap for your family to enjoy until next winter, and now is a great time to do it! But don't stop there, continue experimenting making different toiletries, such as toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner, lotion, chapstick, etc. Here's a great link on making homemade chapstick:
  - http://newlifeonahomestead.com/2010/12/homemade-chapstick/
- Organizing and Decluttering- there must be something about being stuck indoors that gives us the itch to completely purge every nook and cranny, and to work on making things look nicer around the inside of our home. If you haven't done a deep clean in a while, take a week to go through everything you own and decide whether you truly need it or not. Getting the clutter out of your life is a great way to reduce stress and feelings of being overwhelmed.

- Preparing For Power Outages As we all know, it doesn't take much for us to lose power in our neighborhoods! A few inches of accumulated ice on local power lines is all it takes to put us in the dark for days. Having the supplies we would need to get by until the power is restored is essential.
- Candlemaking Fun for parents and kids alike, and useful for emergencies. Here is a great link for making candles from leftover fat drippings: <a href="http://newlifeonahomestead.com/2012/02/h">http://newlifeonahomestead.com/2012/02/h</a> ow-to-make-a-candle-from-leftover-fatdrippings/
- Baking The cooler months are an ideal time to make cookies, breads, and other family fun recipes. Check in Darnestown's own It's a Darne' Good Cookbook for fabulous winter recipes!
- Make Butter Pour heavy whipping cream into a large Mason jar, leaving half of the jar empty. Sprinkle pinch of salt into the whipping cream, cover the jar tightly and begin to shake vigorously! Pass the jar around to family members, shaking vigorously. A ball of butter will begin to form as the whey separates from the butter! Save the whey to bake some homemade muffins for breakfast... and use your homemade butter on the muffins!

Of course, there's always so much to do when we're homesteading. But working on projects such as these throughout the winter helps to break up the monotony of daily activities. With a list like this, who could possibly come down with cabin fever?



## Community Interest 5



#### It's a Darne' Good Cookbook

DCA cookbooks are now \$10! This is a great deal considering some retailers sell them for over \$20. The recipes and artwork are contributions from our residents. They make a great hostess and/or birthday gift. Contact me at lisaapatterson@aol.com to get yours today!







#### German Beer Bread

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3 cups white bread flour 1 ½ cups rye flour 34 cup beer 2 tablespoons honey 1 tablespoon butter 2 packages of dry yeast ½ cup warm water Caraway seed 2 teaspoons salt

½ teaspoon garlic powder

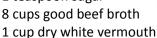


- 1. Mix white and rye flours together in a large bowl. Set aside.
- 2. Heat beer, honey and butter together until butter melts. Do not allow mixture to brown or boil.
- 3. Dissolve yeast in warm water for about 5 minutes in your main mixing bowl.
- 4. With electric mixer on low, slowly add the remaining ingredients.
- 5. Remove dough and hand knead a few minutes into a flattened ball.
- 6. Place in a greased pie plate, cover with a damp towel and let rise for 45 minutes in a warm place.
- 7. Bake for 30 minutes, checking after 20 minutes. When ready, it should slide right out of the pie plate onto a cooling rack.

#### **Roasted Red Onion Soup**

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10 cups sliced red onions ¼ cup olive oil 1 tablespoon flour 1 teaspoon sugar





- 1. Roast onions in oil in 350F oven for 20 minutes
- 2. Remove from oven and add flour and sugar. Return to oven for 5 minutes.
- 3. Add beef broth and vermouth.
- 4. Bring to a boil and serve.
- 5. Top with croutons and grated mozzarella.

#### Freddie's Veal Stew

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2 carrots, peeled and chopped

2 stalks celery, chopped

1 large onion, chopped

2 tablespoons olive oil

2 tablespoons butter

1 pound veal stew cubes

1/3 cup dry white wine

1 cup peeled, seeded, and chopped tomatoes Salt and pepper to taste

- 1. In a heavy pot, sauté carrots, celery and onion in olive oil and butter for 5 minutes over moderate to high heat.
- 2. Pat veal dry and add cubes to sautéed ingredients and brown.
- 3. Add wine and cook until wine is almost evaporated.
- 4. Add tomatoes, salt, and pepper; cover tightly and cook stew over low heat for one hour, or until veal is tender.



Hot soup and homemade bread! Hooray!!

## **School News & Events**

#### Seneca Academy



By Brooke Carroll, PhD Head of School

At Seneca Academy, we believe that the goal of education is to enable students to transfer what they have learned to real-life situations. Through hands-on, applied activities both in and out of the classroom, students have the opportunity to develop skills and abilities that they can use for the rest of their lives. Recent examples of field trips that have supported our active learning include a 4<sup>th</sup> grade trip to the Maryland Historical Society to utilize primary documents in the study of Maryland history; a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade trip to the recycling center to see the recycling process first-hand and then to Covanta to see the procedure for turning what cannot be recycled into energy; and a kindergarten trip to tour the police station during a study of the community. When learning is relevant and meaningful, students are better able to incorporate it into their understanding of the world and use what

We are still energized by our very first Homecoming Hoedown, held Sunday November 2<sup>nd</sup>. We had over 275 people at the event, including over 60 alumni families! It was great to catch up with our graduates and hear of their amazing endeavors- academic, athletic, artistic and in community service. We are so proud of the young men and women our graduates have become!

they have learned as a basis for future knowledge.

We invite all parents and interested community members to visit Seneca Academy to learn more about how we integrate real-life, hands-on learning into all of programming. We are offering Wednesdays" every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, from 9:30 am - 11 am (11/5, 11/19, 12/3, 12/17, 1/7, 1/21, 2/4, 2/18, 3/4, 3/18, 4/1, 4/15). This is a great opportunity to take a tour, see our classrooms and campus, and learn more about our programs and graduates. We will also have Open Houses on Saturday January 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:30am and Wednesday February 4th from 6:30-8:30pm. You **RSVP** through our may website www.SenecaAcademy.org/open-house-schedule/ or by calling us at 301-869-3728. We hope to see you soon!

## Mary of Nazareth



## Mary of Nazareth Gets Soaked to Support the Schaefer Family

By: Lorraine Palmer

Three and a half years ago, my sister asked my opinion about changing schools, in particular, whether to attend Mary of Nazareth School. I remember saying, "...the community - that's the real reason we've have been at Mary of Nazareth for over ten years - you will never experience anything like it."

My words were personified in spectacular fashion last month, when our entire school community came out in support of my sister, her husband and their beautiful family, to take the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge.

Just three months after the Schaefers joined their cousins and arrived at Mary of Nazareth School, Tom Schaefer, my brother-in-law, received a devastating medical diagnosis - Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). ALS is a progressive disease that affects the neurons in the brain and spinal cord which control muscle movement. It affects mobility, eating, speaking and breathing. ALS strikes randomly with no regard to race, gender or economic condition. With no treatment or cure, Tom, Ursula and their three young children face an overwhelming challenge to Tom's health and the normal life of their family.

When the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge steadily gained momentum this summer, our family was particularly delighted and took part whole-heartedly. This was the first time in the history of ALS that so much awareness and money was being raised at one time. It could become a real game changer in the fight to strike out ALS.

Over the summer, as the unique fundraiser took over social media, many more participated. Mary of Nazareth School's principal, Mike Friel, was challenged by his friends and my son, Nicholas (6th grade), challenged our gym teacher, Adrian McDonald, to the icy bucket. Soon a creative plan was hatched by Mr. Friel to put the love and respect we felt for the Schaefers into action right at school.

With the help of many parent volunteers, we would support the Schaefer's both in spirit and in practice - to bring awareness to the disease and funding for ALS research, but most importantly to show our solidarity to one of our own Mary of Nazareth family members.

With Tom and Ursula's agreement, Mr. Friel set out to make it happen. On Friday, August 29, when Ursula brought Tom to school in his motorized wheelchair, they saw a sea of red on the side soccer field. There, over 500 of our students were standing en masse, holding a red or black cup of ice water and getting set for some fun and a great cause.

At Mr. Friel's direction and after a brief rendition of "Ice Ice Baby" by the Schaefer kids (Carson, 7th; Andrew, 5th; and Kate, 2nd), we were ready to go. What followed was a class-by-class ice water dumping accompanied by screams and squeals that filled the air. Tom, with Ursula by his side, watched from atop the field, and smiled and laughed with parents and staff who stood by cheering and clapping. The *grande finale* was performed by Carson, Andrew and Kate, as they happily dumped a huge cooler of icy water over their principal and gym teacher - to the uproarious applause of all the students!



Mary of Nazareth Ice Bucket challenge!

Finally, our wet students made their way back to their classrooms for dismissal, stopping on their way to visit Tom and Ursula - to share a hug, a flower, a good wish, a touch, a prayer - the simple and genuine gifts from children learning to give of themselves in support of another. "We are fighting with you" are words from a student that keep replaying in my ears. Needless to say, there weren't many dry eyes left among parents, faculty and staff that morning.

Each school day, our children learn about their Catholic identity and share their faith. On this day, they were able to embrace that knowledge to step outside themselves to help another; to stand in friendship with a classmate; and, ultimately to offer hope and love to a family in our community. This is why we send our children to Mary of Nazareth school - "you will never experience anything like it!"

The Mary of Nazareth Ice Bucket Challenge raised over \$1100 for ALS research at the Pope John Paul II Institute. Well done, everyone!

#### **Butler School**



By Laura Manack

Butler Montessori celebrated the opening of their new space in The Ginny Wright Art Center during the annual Fall Festival. The fantastic weather gave everyone the chance to enjoy the campus and all the activities that followed the dedication. After the ribbon was cut by current Butler Montessori student, Andrew Dietrich, students, parents and guests rode the zip line and hay wagon, painted pumpkins, and enjoyed the climbing wall followed by costume parades by horses and humans alike.

As the weather begins to turn cooler, Butler looks forward to hosting their winter activities in the new Ginny Wright Art Center, including our Winter Concert. The concert will be filled with performances by the Elementary students presenting choral, dance and drama pieces. Primary children will join in the fun performing holiday shows for their parents just before school closes for winter. The Intermediate students will sell lovely gift baskets filled with goods from their own micro-economy. Treasures will include such wonderful items as hand-made soaps and candles to potpourri and peppermint bark.

Butler Montessori is an Association Montessori International (AMI) accredited school for children ages eighteen months through eighth grade. Montessori education supports the development of the whole child through academics, music, arts, and physical education including our unique equestrian program. Our school guides children toward independence and social responsibility creating the basis for education as a lifelong process based on a solid academic foundation.

For more information about Butler Montessori call 301-977-6600, visit www.butlerschool.org.

#### **Darnestown Elementary**

By Janet Swisher

Happy Holidays, Darnestown friends and neighbors! The students, staff, and parents of Darnestown Elementary have captured the spirit of the season by collecting new toys, books, and warm weather clothing to support the Dwelling Place a local shelter for women in need. Our students purchased new gifts for the boys and girls currently residing at Dwelling Place to make certain their holiday is filled with the surprise, fun, and laughter that every child deserves. Our students enjoy watching the "giving boxes" fill up and take pride in themselves for giving back to a population in need.



#### Our sixth annual Read-A-Thon

Our Read-A-Thon fundraiser was once again a huge success. The students raised \$19, 550 by reading, recording their minutes read, and collecting sponsors over the month of October. We had high participation rate and our students read for a combined total of over 118,000 minutes. Another very popular fundraiser event, the DES Annual Book Fair was held in November. Our students love shopping for books, purchasing holiday gifts, and donating books on their teacher's wish lists for both the classroom and school library. Both the READ-A-THON and Book Fair fund many programs we do throughout the year including new technology, Science Assembly, Cultural Arts Workshops, Variety Show, and several other fun filled PTA sponsored events. Also, look for a new Darnestown Elementary School sign and playground structure. Thank you Darnestown Community for your support and enthusiasm for both events!

#### **DES Upcoming events:**

**December 6:** Colonial Day – 5<sup>th</sup> Graders, Teachers and Parents create an Old World

December 12: Muffins for Mustangs - Mothers,

Students, and Teachers Mingle

**December 16:** Instrumental Music Concert –

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Graders Perform

**December 23 - January 1:** Winter Break **January 30:** Bingo Night and Staff Raffle

**February 24:** Science Expo – All Students Display

their Science Fair Projects

March 26: International Night - Students and

Parents experience cultures

DES wishes the Darnestown community a safe and happy holiday season!



# Need a Fun Holiday Snack Idea for the kids?



Looks Yummy!

## Church News!



#### Fairhaven United Methodist Church

#### A word from Rev. Holimon

Dear Members and Friends,

3 John 2 states: "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health..."

The ministry of Jesus Christ clearly demonstrates that our loving God desires for us to be whole. Shall we dare to take seriously Jesus' invitation to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven now, and by faith receive all the benefits revealed unto us through scripture? Let's invite the Holy Spirit to be among us on Thursday, November 13th at 7 p.m. and reveal to the People of God a Divine willingness to Bless us with love, mercy, forgiveness and healing power in Jesus' name.

#### **Sunday School Report**

By Kerry Bowman, FUMC Education Director

For Halloween, the children collected for UNICEF as we continued our tradition of "Trick or Treating for UNICEF" after the worship service on November 2. Sunday school students discussed the importance of the UNICEF program, the UNICEF mission, and how even the change they collect from the Fairhaven congregation can make a big difference in the lives of children their age around the world.

#### Sunday School Teachers Needed!

We are looking for enthusiastic, caring adults to share their talents and Christian knowledge in our Sunday School program. Lesson plans and all materials are provided. Please let us know if you'd Contact Kerry Bowman at like to join us! kagbow@verizon.net.

#### ATTENTION ALL HOUSES OF WORSHIP!

If you've got news, updates, or special events to share, please email the Editor at

#### wsgooch@comcast.net

by February 1, 2015 for inclusion in the next Little Acorn!



## Fairhaven Christmas Concert

December 7, 2014, 6:00 PM

Please contact FUMC's Music Director Christian Hsieh for more information!



Please join us on Sundays for our worship opportunities:

- 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School and Middle & High School Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- ❖ 11:30 AM Coffee Hour
- 6:00 Youth Group

#### **Contact Information**

12801 Darnestown Road Darnestown, MD 20874 301-330-5433 www.fairhavenumc.net



Rev. Esther Holimon



#### Darnestown Presbyterian Church

By Larry Ciolorito

#### Come Celebrate Advent!

Advent is a most joyous time of year at DPC as we look forward to its culmination in Christmas. The word Advent comes from the Latin word "Adventus," which means "coming", and starts the Liturgical Church Year. Physical signs of Advent at our church include the lighted Creche (Manger Scene) that will grace our front lawn and the seasonal decorations within our historic sanctuary. This of course is that special time of year when we and all believers celebrate the incarnation of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and we would be thrilled to welcome you to celebrate the season and worship with us.

#### **Christmas Eve Services**

December 24<sup>th</sup> is one of the busiest and most wonderful days of the year at DPC, with three separate Christmas Eve services. The 5:00 p.m. service is strongly geared towards children. The service is designed to speak to and inspire the young with the wonder and joy of this special season, and is the service preferred by parents with children of a certain age. The 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. services are more traditional adult services, featuring wonderful Christmas music by both our Chancel and Bell choirs. Of course, many consider the highlight of these services to be the candle lighting ceremony, as we physically symbolically pass the light of the world from one to another. Many of us love this ceremony because of the magical effect in our historic sanctuary, which is never more beautiful than by candlelight. Please come and share the experience with us!

#### Special Events.

On December 14<sup>th</sup>, beginning at about 5:00 p.m. we will enjoy our annual Advent Potluck Dinner hosted by our Board of Deacons. The event will take place

in our Fellowship Hall (to the East side of our campus). We provide the ham, everyone brings their favorite dishes and desserts to share, the children enjoy crafts, and we join together in singing Christmas Carols following dinner. Please come, eat, converse and sing! Another popular annual event is our Chili Cook-off and Dessert competition, which starts around 5:00 p.m. on January 25<sup>th</sup>. The culmination of the evening is a secret ballot vote to select the best chili and best dessert, with prizes to the winners and runners-up. Come test yourself against our best cooks and bakers!

#### **Contact Information:**

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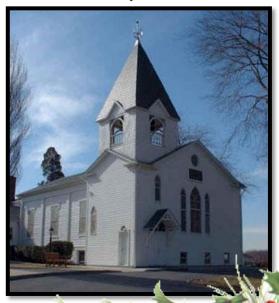






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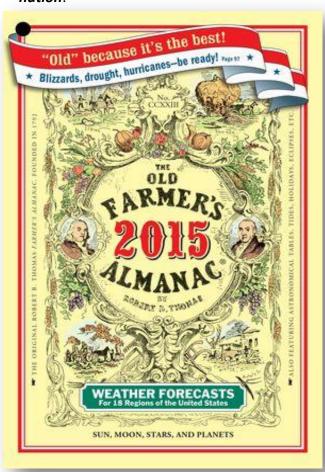




# Winter Weather Outlook!

The Old Farmer's Almanac's long-range weather predictions for 2014–2015 are available, and another teeth-chatteringly cold winter is on its way across the United States!

"Colder is just almost too familiar a term," Editor Janice Stillman said. "Think of it as *a refriger-nation*."



With its traditionally 80% accurate weather forecasts, *The Old Farmer's Almanac* predicts that this winter will be another arctic blast with abovenormal snowfall throughout much of the nation. The extreme weather will continue into summer 2015, which is expected to be predominantly hot and dry.



"Winter will bring a frosty bite and next summer will be its mirror opposite, so get ready for a one-two punch," says Janice Stillman, editor of *The Old Farmer's Almanac*. "Be prepared—there's plenty in droughts, and hurricanes!"

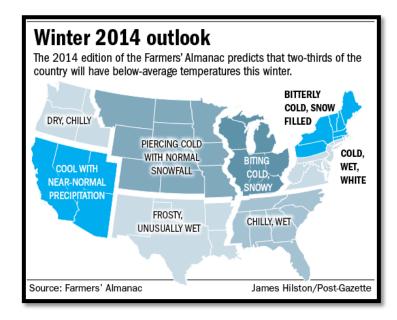
## Snow Ice Cream!

8 Cups of snow

1 (14-oz) Can sweetened condensed milk 1 tablespoon Vanilla extract

#### Directions

- Place snow into a large bowl
- Pour condensed milk over snow and add vanilla
- Mix to combine
- Serve immediately in bowls



## Bretton Woods News 🗇



#### **Experience Recreation and Relaxation** Right in Darnestown!

By Devin Hamberger Membership Coordinator at Bretton Woods

Living in Darnestown gives us access to the best of all Montgomery County has to offer. Drive or bike 10 miles in any direction and you'll find yourself in either the beautiful rolling hills of the serene countryside or the bustling, restless cities in our metropolitan area. Along the edge of our unique town, your family will find a hidden treasure that has been in your backyard all along.

Bretton Woods is a private recreation center that was established in 1968. Our 285-acre oasis encompasses a recently renovated 18-hole golf course, 14 tennis courtsincluding two indoor courts for year-round play, three outdoor swimming pools, two full-size soccer fields, basketball and volleyball courts, miniature golf course and a Clubhouse with dining rooms and a ballroom for various private and member events, as well as additional amenities.

Membership at Bretton Woods has been traditionally exclusive for staff of various international organizations. Recently, and at the request of our members, our membership has expanded to include a limited number of sponsored family and friends members. Currently there are still a few spots open. As we have a number of current Darnestown residents as members, we can help put you in touch for sponsorship into Bretton Woods.

We offer a variety of fall and winter-time activities including dining, social events and supervised children's programs. Our golf course remains open throughout the winter (weather permitting), and our indoor tennis courts are available for booking contract or spot time in the winter season. The annual Halloween Harvest event (photo, right) is a popular fall event for families of all ages.

Summer activities include our very popular day camp, as well as sports camps that focus on golf, tennis and soccer. Outdoor swimming, golf, tennis and a variety of parties and events for our members are also a key feature of our busiest season at the Center.





If you would like to experience a variety of outdoor events and activities just around the corner, consider taking a tour of our facilities. Bretton Woods is a welcoming environment and has something to offer for everyone.



For more information about the various offerings at Bretton Woods, please contact Ms. Hamberger at 240-848-9131 or devinh@bwrc.org for details.





## Darne Bloomers Garden Club



By Merikay Smith

Tucking daffodil, hyacinth and other bulbs into the garden in anticipation of spring is an annual fall ritual for many gardeners. We learned an easier way to enjoy spring bulb blooms from expert Carol Allen at our October Darne Bloomers meeting. Carol demonstrated how to make a layered bulb container garden.

A practical tip Carol shared was to create containers that serve more than one season - with dormant bulbs layered within a pot topped by plants such as orange pansies, coral dianthus, and black foliage peppers for a fall display. Many different types of bulbs can be successfully grown in containers. Carol created several pots of layered bulbs to show us how—while she shared information. important points: 1. Do not use garden soil (use a good planting mix such as Promix or create your own with 1/3 screened compost, 2/3 potting soil and a small amount of orchid bark) 2. Do not use rocks, Styrofoam peanuts, etc. at the bottom of your container. 3. Bulbs are generally planted a depth 2-3 times their height. 4. Water as needed but keep standing water off the bulb pot.

Since Carol Allen is a Darnestown resident with over twenty-five years of experience in the horticulture industry, we particularly appreciated her shared expertise. She has special interests in integrated pest management, landscape design, native plants, and tropicals. Carol's master's degree research work was in transmission of virus diseases in orchids. Carol holds a monthly orchid diagnostic/repotting clinic in Beltsville, MD. protect orchids or with other plants, Carol enjoys teaching people how to outwit their garden pests with little or no pesticide application.

With Carol's extensive experience I trust her when she says that for our area, you can plant bulbs in any container that is winter weather safe (and has drainage, of course) and the bulbs will do fine. No additional protection for the cold is required for the bulbs.

Hosts for the meeting (Faith Frankel, Plamondon, Marie Stiles, and Luanne Deppa) had prepared bags with a variety of bulbs which could be purchased and taken home to create a lovely spring flowering display. Expect next spring to see tulips, daffodils, and crocus blooming in containers throughout Darnestown. In usual Darne Bloomer fashion, the hosts also created a marvelously inviting fall display and a delicious, elegant brunch.







## Service Providers



Thank you to everyone who emailed with updates and changes to this important list! This is an ever-evolving list, so please continue to send all corrections and additions to the Editor at <a href="mailto:wsgooch@comcast.net">wsgooch@comcast.net</a>

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George Vargas	age 16	301-208-6614		
Julia Vargas	age 13	301-208-6614		
MA	ATH TUTORING			
Mark Zic	age 16	301-977-3112		
М	USIC LESSONS			
TJ Callahan	Guitar	301-379-5646		
Brandon Corydon	Guitar	301-221-0456		
Justin Fakler	Guitar	301-814-5111		
Bonnie McManaman	violin, sax, clarinet, flu	te <b>240-643-9398</b>		
Jennifer Suess	Voice	301-977-2605		
David Tony	Drums	301-990-6550		
Michael Waddell	Trombone/Horn	301-990-6770		
Stefanie Zaner	Clarinet	240-678-8319		





DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT LITTLE ACORN

**February 1, 2015** 

Deadlines will remain firm!

Please send articles to

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## Darnestown Directory



Every two years, the DCA publishes a community directory of residents' names, addresses and phone numbers, and mails the directory to every residential address in our database.

The most recent edition (2013) is currently available! To obtain a copy of the Directory, call Sarah Scherer at 240-683-8533 or email her at

sarahscherer@comcast.net Directories are only available while supplies last.

Organizations, Clubs, Groups, PTAs, etc., provide much of the social interaction that give any area its sense of community.

#### Below is a list of these groups:

#### **Barnesville School**

21830 Peach Tree Road Barnesville, MD 20838 301-972-0341 John Huber, Head of School

#### **Boy Scout Troop 1094**

Scout Master Jim DelVecchio sm@troop1094.org

#### **Butler Montessori**

15951 Germantown Road Laura Manack, Head of School (301-977-6600)



#### Circle School/Seneca Academy

15601 Germantown Road Darnestown, MD 20874 Dr. Brooke Carroll, Head of School (301-869-3728)

#### **Darne Bloomers Garden Club**

Becky Hanley, President (301-330-5437) Barbara Andreassen Membership (301-330-4485)

#### **Darnestown Civic Association**

14132B Darnestown Road Darnestown, MD 20874 Lisa Patterson-Troike, President (301-548-0999)

#### **Darnestown Elementary School**

15030 Turkey Foot Road Darnestown, MD 20878 Laura Colgary, Principal (301-840-7157)

#### **Darnestown Swim and** Racquet Club

P. O. Box 3574 Darnestown, MD 20885 Dave Hardy, General Manager, davidhardy27@hotmail.com (301-330-9616)

#### Friends of the Library-Quince **Orchard Chapter**

Membership, (Vacant)

#### **Jones Lane Elementary School**

15110 Jones Lane Gaithersburg, MD 20878 Carole Sample, Principal (301-840-8160)



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#### **Lakelands Park Middle School**

1200 Main Street Gaithersburg, MD 20878 Deborah Higdon, Principal (301-670-1400)

#### Mary of Nazareth School

14131 Seneca Road Darnestown, MD 20874 Michael J. Friel, Principal (301-869-0940)

#### **Quince Orchard Community** Library

15831 Quince Orchard Road Gaithersburg, MD 20878 (240-777-0200)

#### **Northwest High School**

12501 Richter Farm Road Germantown, MD 20874 Lance Dempsey, Principal (301-601-4660)

#### **Quince Orchard High School**

15800 Quince Orchard Road Gaithersburg, MD 20878 Carole Working, Principal (301-840-4686)

#### Ridgeview Middle School

16600 Raven Rock Drive Gaithersburg, MD 20878 Mrs. Monifa McKnight, Principal (301-840-4770)

#### **Trout Unlimited**

Seneca Valley Chapter, #369 website:

#### www.senecavalleytu.org

Charles August, Secretary csaugust@comcast.net (240-401-8669)





## Darnestown Civic Association 2014 Membership Form



#### Darnestown Civic Association – 2014 Membership Form

Make check payable to Darnestown Civic Association (DCA), and mail to:

Darnestown Civic Association, 15711 Pagano Lane, Darnestown, MD 20874
Dues \$35 Friend \$50 Sponsor \$100Acorn \$150 (For this level check: Wine or Cookbook)
Name:
Address:
Primary Phone #: Primary E-Mail:
Include e-mail address only if you would like to receive
mass e-mails from DCA regarding important community happenings and alerts
☐ New Home/address in Darnestown ☐ Moved to existing address in Darnestown
Not sure if you have paid already?
Contact the Membership Chairman or Jean Jurgena - Membership Database Chair listed on page 2 of this issue







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