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HOLLIN HILLS BULLETIN

AT RIGHT: Well, not everyone was crazy about all of the potluck food. Sofia Pereira and Nathalie Avrit react to sampling the appetizers.

BELOW, from top, l-r: Enjoying good food, good drinks, and lots of good conversation: Barbara Bogue, Kim & Cory English, and Anna Barbour; Katy Fleming, Patrick Kelly, and Mike & Mary McGill; Michelle Mattox, Rob Wexler, and Susan Geiger.



OUR 20TH POTLUCK – A GREAT PARTY!

The Civic Association hosted its twentieth annual Winter Potluck at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church's historic Hollin Hall on February 8. On a surprisingly warm winter evening, the annual party drew an even larger crowd than last year. Over one hundred Hollin Hillers enjoyed socializing to a jazz background (music provided by Patrick Kelly and his computer). Susan Kuhbach, at the welcome table, counted 87 adults and 21 kids from 53 households compared with 79 adults and 15 kids from 42 households in 2014. This tally, made at the front door, was undoubtedly a low figure, since many folks came in through the kitchen.

Once again, our Social Chair Barbara Jacobs did a superb job of organizing and overseeing another successful community event. Thanks to her and to the Civic Association Board and volunteers Judy Beelaert, Katy Fleming, Ray Mims, Andrew Zalman, Jo Ann Hersh, and Jaelith Hall-Rivera for setting up and cleaning up afterward. A big thank you, also, to Jere Gibber and J.G. Harrington for serving beverages throughout the evening (as they have done since the first Civic Association potluck twenty years ago), and to Susan Kubach and Ginny Kinzler who were at the welcome table. JG did double duty by providing the photos that accompany this article, too.

Paul Krizek had volunteered to take pictures, but upon arriving, discovered that his camera was dead. Paul's words, however, sum up the event nicely: "I meant to ask someone to take photos but I immediately got involved in a conversation and that was it. It was an amazing display of delicious food and so many of our *(continued on pg. 2)*

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Calendar of community events and information about our parks, the Design Review Committee, the National Historic Registry, and more.



FROM THE CAHH PRESIDENT

Remembrance of things pasta

Sometimes I get a little obsessive-compulsive about things in my life. I want what I want when I want it. I think to myself life would be damn near perfect if only I could get/do/have just this one thing. I am hopeful that you have experienced this sensation at least once. Otherwise, I am revealing way too much.

Recently, I wanted to buy a pasta-maker. I read a recipe about how to make home-made ravioli and Italian tomato sauce. I knew it would be terrific. So I plunged in, using the "rolling pin" method to roll out the dough. The ravioli tasted great, but the dough was thick enough to use as roofing shingles. Not deterred, I turned to YouTube to become educated. I watched a dozen videos, and every single cook used a pasta-maker to roll out the pasta dough. Also, they all made the ravioli on wooden counter tops. Apparently, the coldness of stone counters does odd things to the quality of the dough. So now I knew. All I needed was a pasta-maker, two or three types of dough cutters for sheet dough, fettuccine noodles, linguini noodles and maybe angel hair noodles, a drying rack, and a three foot by four foot piece of one-side-finished plywood, and I'd be all set. Then when we wanted ravioli, I just needed to buy all the ingredients and spend three or four hours preparing it.

I told my wife my brilliant idea. She said two things. "You know, we have ravioli maybe three times a year." I furrowed my brow. "More importantly," she said, "What are you going to get rid of?" Our house is so small, and so full of stuff, that we carefully observe the something in / something out rule. My joy completely evaporated. I could think of nothing in the kitchen that I would give up for home-made ravioli a couple of times a year. Instead, thought I, we will stay with store-bought until I learn to be more skilled with a rolling pin.

With a little help from the DRC

The DRC is tasked with maintaining the architectural and design integrity of our community. It protects everybody. Its members are very sensitive to the requests brought to them, and they try to help all residents attain their goals without chipping away at the quality of what Hollin Hills is. When you have a great idea to change the outside of your property, please pull out your directory, and read the design review guidelines in the back, and ask yourself some questions. Does this proposed idea fit with the neighborhood? If not, is there a way it could be done where it would fit and maybe even enhance the neighborhood, rather than adding another little tear to its design fabric. If you ask the DRC for help with the problem, they will try mightily to help you get a satisfactory solution.

Join in—it's your newsletter

Last month I asked for volunteers to interview notable people in our community, and then write about them for the Bulletin. Happily, several people did volunteer, so once it is organized and completed, you should see some results in the Bulletin. If you are interested, it is not too late. Also, in the never ending search for content, I am inviting you to submit articles to the Bulletin: recipes, poetry, essays, short (really short) fiction, etc. So, dust off those tucked away pages. Contact me or Barbara Shear.

A great evening, a huge success

Lastly, the Winter Appetizer Pot Luck really was a giant success. Thanks to everyone who attended, and everyone who organized it, especially Barbara Jacobs, who headed up the effort.

Boun Appetito!
—Gus Matson.

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neighbors were there. It was quite packed from beginning to end, and the food just kept coming and coming as more Hollin Hillers arrived. It was a great spread with dips, finger food, lots of delectable bite-sized meat and vegetables—all kinds of savory snacks. There were children everywhere, too, all having a blast. As soon as some really cute valentine cup-

cakes arrived, the children swarmed the table and minutes later not a crumb could be found. And there were brownies and cookies galore. But what really made it special was that I really enjoyed visiting with many old friends and meeting new ones. It reminded me why I love Hollin Hills so much. We certainly have the very best neighbors."

Quick Takes



WELCOME TO HOLLIN HILLS

The new residents at 7216 Stafford are Mike Fowler, 703-357-5817, and Jeremy Stewart, 703-879-4131. Mike works for the DOD, and Jeremy is with Sotheby's, both in Alexandria. They lived in Del Ray for over ten years and then in DC on 14th Street near U Street before moving here.
—Peter & Marianne Martz



NEW PARK CO-CHAIRS

The CAHH Board is pleased to announce that Claudia and John Crowder (Martha's Road) have agreed to jointly head up the Parks Committee, which has been functioning without a chair for the past year. Committee members serve as wardens of the individual parks: Ron Ullrich, Brickelmaier Park; Barry Pearson, Charles Goodman Park; Lee Ann Kinzer, Paul Spring Park; Peter Schmidt, Voigt Park and McCalley Park, with Sandy Kabat and Bev Byrne; and Jodie and Dennis Burns with Peyton and Ava Burns, Wildlife Sanctuary. (The position of warden for Sutton Potter Park is currently vacant, and a volunteer would be most welcome.) These wardens have overseen Hollin Hills' parks without leadership for the past year. The community is looking forward to an active future for park care and maintenance under the Crowders' leadership.

—Bob Kinzer, CAHH Parks Liaison

MVCCA OPPOSES CANKERWORM SPRAYING

At the regular meeting of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) on December 17, the MVCCA Environment & Recreation Committee presented a resolution opposing insecticide spraying for the Fall Cankerworm (*Alsophila pometaria*). The resolution was passed, but not without significant debate. The full text of the resolution is found at http://mvcca.org/ResTracker/Resolution_Tracker_Details.php?ResID=191



The Fall Cankerworm, shown below, is an insect (inchworm/caterpillar/moth) that feeds on the leaves of many species of broad-leaved trees and is native to Virginia. Occasionally, outbreaks may cause partial or even complete defoliation of trees. It is debatable whether such defoliation will cause tree death.

The two key issues discussed during the meeting were whether the Fall Cankerworm was actually killing any trees in Fairfax County, and whether the spraying program was a serious risk to other moth and butterfly populations, and a secondary risk to migratory and resident birds (due to a reduced population of caterpillars).

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will consider the spraying program during a meeting in March.

Homeowners may wish to consider tree-banding in the late fall and early winter to monitor and protect individual trees from this pest.

Here is a link to some additional information on Fall Cankerworm control: <http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/ent/notes/O&T/trees/note153/note153.htm>

—Mike Plotnick, CAHH / MVCCA Liaison

NOTE: Paul Phelps' January 2015 Bulletin article about the Fall Cankerworm contains additional information and opinions.



PUBLIC FORUM ON LIBRARY USE

On February 4, a well attended public forum was held at the Sherwood

Library to provide community input on improving use of the library's second floor. Proposed renovation plans aimed primarily at increasing security and visibility were presented and discussed at length.

The library's second floor is a valuable local resource that many—even frequent library patrons—are not fully aware of. Currently, it houses the library's Tech Lab, where computer classes are held; the headquarters of Mt. Vernon At Home, an organization that supports independent living for seniors; a seasonal office providing free tax preparation assistance; and the Friends of the Library, whose ongoing book sales there raise funds for library activities.

In addition, three weekly ESL conversation groups and a variety of other local organizations meet in the second floor con-

ference rooms. Check with library staff if your organization is interested in using one of the conference rooms, too.

County and library officials assured those present that their many questions and suggestions would be carefully considered and incorporated into the final renovation plans wherever possible and that the public would be kept informed about the project.

ATTENTION FOODIES

The Fairfax County Parks Service has announced an all day symposium, "Food in America," at Green Spring Gardens Park on March 14. Lectures, exhibits, films, and living history will explore historical influences on what we eat today. Topics will include African food traditions, European culinary techniques, food technology innovations, and lots more. Lunch is included in the fee of \$75 for county residents, \$90 for non-residents. Register at <http://parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov/> or call 703-222-4664.

FRESH MARKET PLANNED NEARBY

More news to please the foodies among us: Burt Kronstedt reports that, at its recent meeting, the Planning & Zoning Committee of the MVCCA heard a progress report on Pen Daw Plaza indicating that there is now a commitment by Fresh Market to be an anchor store there.



COMMUNITY-POLICE MONTHLY MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Mount Vernon Citizens Advisory Committee was held at the Mount Vernon Police Station on February 10. The following were discussed:

- **2015 Goals:** Officers met recently to review their annual goals. One main goal is to reduce pedestrian accidents. Currently 45% occur at night when people cross streets outside of crosswalks. The department recently set up a workstop along Route 1 between 5-10pm. During this five-hour period, 331 people were stopped for either crossing outside of the cross-walk or crossing in a reckless manner. Police want to make everyone aware of this problem and aim to achieve voluntary compliance. (continued on page 4)

QuickTakes *continued*

- **2014 Criminal Statistics** will be reviewed at “The State of the Highway” meeting in early April. The stats showed that there has been a reduction in crime locally, reflecting a national trend.
- **Traffic Enforcement:** Our new traffic enforcement officer, Seth Mastreson (ext. 2270) is happy to receive calls regarding traffic issues. Asked why the digital speed sign on Rebecca was removed after such a short period, he explained that the sign was put up as a direct result of Hollin Hills phone calls in order to survey the speed of cars at that specific location. The data will be analyzed based on actual traffic speeds, times of day, etc. Using this information, the officers will determine next steps for patrolling and monitoring.
- **Bike Team:** The Bike Team is made up of eight officers. Their main role has shifted

from community policing to criminal enforcement, with most of their time currently spent on monitoring and tracking down potential drug houses. The team now monitors 25-30 houses.

- **School Safety:** Sgt. Peng heads up the School Resource Officers (SRO) group for Mount Vernon, Franconia, and West Springfield. Each middle school and high school has a dedicated officer who works full time at that school. The objective is to oversee the safety of the school, as well as to address daily issues that arise (ie: fights, thefts etc.). The SROs work diligently to build good relationships with students in the hope of preventing potential problems.
- **Next Meeting** will be Tuesday, March 10, at 7pm. These meetings are open to the public and all are welcome.

—Liz O'Hare

THE 2015 TOWN MEETING

As he has for many years, on the last Saturday of January, Supervisor Gerry Hyland led a Town Meeting at Mt. Vernon High School. The following are some of the highlights.

- **Sharon Bulova**, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chair, noted that education is the County's highest priority and that the school system is the tenth largest in the nation. She also spoke about the Virginia Railway Express, the I-95 Expressway, the extension of Metrorail to Hybla Valley, the reopening of the Springfield Town Center, and the Lorton Arts Center.
- **Ed Long**, the County Executive, pointed out that 58% of the County's budget depends on real estate taxes. He said that 13,000 federal jobs have been lost although 4,900 new jobs have been created, but with lower pay. This has had an adverse effect on the real estate market and has caused a high commercial vacancy rate. He also noted that little is happening along Richmond Highway.
- **Dan Storck**, our School Board representative, observed that 28% of students in the Mt. Vernon District are eligible for subsidized school lunches, and that that number has grown dramatically. His remark that Virginia ranks 42nd in state funding for schools was followed by a long discussion on the many renovations to area schools.
- **Gerry Hyland**, during his virtual “annual tour” of the Mt. Vernon area, noted a new plan for North Hill that would provide almost 500 housing units. He added that the Islamic Academy on Route 1 plans to move to Herndon in 2016, and that the building being vacated by the academy is in good condition for another use.
- Questions were asked about the fatal 2013 shooting of John Geer by a County police officer in Springfield. County officials remained hesitant to discuss the killing. Outside, a megaphone user brought the subject to everyone's attention. The matter has been turned over to the U.S. Justice Department, and subsequent developments have been widely covered in the local press.
- At the end of the meeting, Supervisor Hyland announced that he will not seek another term.

—Burt Kronstedt

News of our Schools

School Boundary Study Update

We continue to hear that the school boundary study will begin in March. This study could impact school attendance boundaries for Hollin Meadows and for area students who attend the Advanced Academic Program (AAP) Center at Stratford Landing. On February 14, Dan Storck, our School Board representative, indicated there may be an option to open a new school in the area, possibly behind Costco on Rte.1, or to reopen Virginia Hills Elementary. This would help alleviate school overcrowding in that area and reduce pressure to add extra capacity at Hollin Meadows.

We encourage Hollin Hills residents to participate in this process, given the possible impacts on the school and our community. If you are on Facebook, please consider joining the “Hollin Meadows Community for Equitable Boundaries and Programs” group, and contact Dan Storck to subscribe to his newsletter. He has assured the community that no decisions will be made without public input, so it is important to make our voices heard! His contact info, along with copies of past newsletters, can be found on the FCPS website (<http://www.fcps.edu/schlbld/members/mountvernon.shtml>).

HMS Great Beginnings Program

Do you have a rising kindergartner for the

2015-16 school year? Or do you have a future kindergartner and want to learn more about Hollin Meadows? In mid-March, the school will host the Great Beginnings program during which you (and your child) can tour the school and visit kindergarten classrooms. It is a great way to get acquainted with the school and to let your child see what kindergarten will be like. If interested, please contact Melissa Breen, 703-718-8300, to be put on the mailing list for information about this program.



Second Sundays in the Garden

One of the unique features of Hollin Meadows is its outdoor garden classroom, where students learn about life cycles and math concepts that compliment the school's STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) program. The children also plant and harvest vegetables, and enjoy providing their garden's lettuce for the school's Thanksgiving lunch. Like most gardens, Hollin Meadows' garden also requires care and feeding to make it a welcoming and productive learning space. Every second Sunday of the month, volunteers participate in a workday in the garden to help with this program. The next one is scheduled for March 8 from 1-3pm. All are invited to participate.

—Sharon Sydow



WHY PLANT NOVA NATIVES?

The “Plant NoVA Natives Campaign” is a partnership among thirteen conservation organizations that seek to encourage homeowners to fill their gardens with plant species that are native to Northern Virginia. The goal is to increase the diversity and sustainability of the local landscape, so it can feed and shelter the many animal species that have co-evolved with these plants over thousands or millions of years. This includes a number of migratory birds and butterflies that are currently endangered precisely because they can't find the local fruit, nectar, and nesting sites they need to survive.

You can learn more about the Campaign at their website, www.plantnovanatives.org, which includes a comprehensive guide, *Native Plants for Northern Virginia*, that can be viewed online or downloaded.

The website also identifies a number of native plant demonstration gardens that you can visit for inspiration, as well as links to local groups that can provide assistance in choosing and planting natives. One of them, Audubon at Home, even offers a site visit to provide customized advice for turning your home and garden into a wildlife sanctuary. There's also a list of nurseries that specialize in native plants, the nearest of which is Nature by Design at 300 Calvert Ave., just off Route One near Potomac

Yards. I've also had luck finding at least some of these natives at Holly, Woods & Vines at 8453 Richmond Highway.

These sources will provide you with good-sized perennials that are ready to go now, providing blooms and habitat this season. Particularly important will be Butterfly Weed (*Asclepius tuberosa*), a vital host for larval and adult Monarch butterflies, which need our immediate help. But for the future, you will also want to include a number of shrubs and trees that are hosts for other species. These larger plants can be expensive and difficult to move as full-grown plants—even a half-grown oak or pine tree would be a major hassle. But if you have the patience to work with seedlings, there is no better way to go than the annual sale by the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District (NVSWCD).

NATIVE PLANT SALE 2015

Visit the NVSWCD website for details and an order form: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/seedlingsale.htm>. This year's selections from NVSWCD includes eight species that are recommended by Plant NoVA Natives.

Shrub and Small Tree Package

(\$16.95) includes two seedlings each of five worthy species:

- **Eastern redbud** (*Cercis canadensis*) grows slowly, bears delicate pink or lavender blooms in early spring and then disappears

into the background;

- **Winterberry** (*Ilex verticillata*) is inconspicuous in spring but then in summer is suddenly covered with bright red berries that persist into winter;

- **Red chokeberry** (*Photinia pyrifolia*) offers white flowers in spring, red foliage in fall, and red berries also that persist into winter, but it also tends to sucker and spread, so don't plant it too close to a wall or sidewalk;

- **Silky dogwood** (*Cornus amomum*) grows relatively fast, bearing white flowers in spring and purple berries that the songbirds love in summer;

- **Arrowwood viburnum** (*Viburnum dentatum*) takes a few years to establish itself but then bears showy clusters of white flowers followed by blue-black berries.

The Tree Package

(\$11.95) includes two seedlings each of three species that will grow to 50 feet or more, providing a fitting backbone for in any landscape:

- **River birch** (*Betula nigra*) is valued for its clumping habit and exfoliating bark;

- **Shortleaf pine** (*Pinus echinata*), with scaly plates of reddish-brown bark, is a desirable alternative to the Eastern white pine (*Pinus strobus*), which is woefully overplanted in our area; and

- **Willow oak** (*Quercus phellos*), another good landscape tree that's already common in our landscape. I would have preferred White or Black oak (*Q. alba* or *Q. velutina*).

—Paul B. Phelps

BOOK REVIEW

*Ring the bells that still can ring,
Forget the perfect offering,
There's a crack in everything,
That's how the light gets in.*

—a poem/song by Leonard Cohen

For February, the Book Club discussed *How the Light Gets In*, by Louise Penny. Ms. Penny, a Canadian, has written eight previous novels about Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of the Quebec Sûreté, most of them also featuring Gamache's lieutenant, Jean-Guy Beauvoir. The most recent book in this series before *Light*, *The Beautiful Mystery*, a murder mystery set in a secluded monastery where an order of monks devote all their energy to Gregorian chant, debuted as #2 on the *New York Times* bestseller list.

Penny's Gamache novels have mostly been set in Montreal or Three Pines, a small village that appears on no map but seems to be somewhere on the Canadian side of the Quebec-Vermont border. One of *Light's*

story lines begins when a friend of Gamache in Three Pines asks him to check on her friend who failed to arrive for a scheduled Christmas visit. It turns out that the friend was murdered. She was the last living member of a family of quintuplets, born in Canada in the '30s like the Dionnes. As Gamache investigates, we learn that this last sister may not be the only one who was murdered. This story line is quite interesting, even fascinating. The other story line deals with a high ranking but corrupt Sûreté officer who was already committing dastardly deeds in *The Beautiful Mystery* and earlier books in the series. As *Light* opens, Gamache's unit has been stripped of many of its most reliable officers, and the villains, some of whom are very highly placed in the Canadian government, are plotting against Gamache and public safety. While this part is suspenseful, the elements of the plot against Gamache and Beauvoir seem at times like a soap opera, and the main villain

seems at times to come from a melodrama. Most of the club members objected to the way the story jumped back and forth from one of these story elements to the other in many short chunks.

Beautiful Mystery concluded sadly as far as Gamache's and Beauvoir's personal lives were concerned, and this reporter had vowed to read no more books in the series. However, the club chose this book for February, and Gamache proves himself a wily old fox, so I'm not sorry I read it. Parts contained a quiet humor that was enjoyable, and after a slow beginning, the book was hard to put down. We also enjoyed the writer's prose style.

At our next meeting, Wednesday, March 11, 2pm, at the home of Barbara K. Katz, we will discuss *The Submission* by Amy Waldman. New members are welcome. For information, call Anne Parke, 703-768-8572, Barbara Katz, 703-768-9007, or Louise Wiener, 703-768-9522.

—Louise Wiener

DESIGN REVIEW

The Design Review Committee met February 11 at Sherwood Hall Library with these members in attendance: Frank Collins (chair), John Burns, Christine Kelly, Roger Miller, and Ken Wilson.

- **Ruth Bennett**, 7413 Rebecca Dr., requested approval for installation of Trex Reveal black aluminum railing to replace original deck railings. After a brief discussion, a motion to approve the proposed railing replacement passed unanimously.
- **Mike McManus**, 7102 Rebecca Dr., requested approval for a 5' tall back yard fence to parallel his side and back property lines in order to have an

MUSIC MAN

If winter has worn you down, here are some music events to warm your heart. Free unless otherwise indicated.

- **Sun., 3/1, 3pm**, GW Masonic Memorial: Eclipse Chamber Orchestra, Pay what you can. www.eclipseco.org
- **Thu., 3/5, 8pm**, Lyceum: US Air Force Chamber Concert, eclectic music for Tuba, Euphonium Quartet www.usafband.af.mil/
- **Sat., 3/7, 7:30pm** (lecture 6:30) Smithsonian Museum of American History: Axelrod String Quartet \$31, members \$25 www.smithsonianassociates.org
- **Sat., 3/7, 7pm**, St. Aidan's Church 8531 Riverside Rd. Alexandria: Focus Concerts - Peter Mayer, Doug Alan Wilcox (folk) \$15 advance, \$18 at door
- **Wed., 3/11, 8pm**, Mr. Henry's Capitol Hill, 601 Penn. Ave. SE; weekly Wednesday Jazz Jam session led by alto saxophonist Herb Scott www.mrhenrysc.com
- **Thu., 3/12, 7pm**, Athenaeum, Alexandria: The Mandoleers www.mandoleers.org
- **Fri., 3/13, 8pm**, Library of Congress Coolidge Aud.: Kim Kashkashia, viola, Peter Nagy, piano play Brahms www.loc.gov/concerts/kashkashiannagy.html
- **Sat., 3/14, 6pm - 8pm** Smithsonian Baird Auditorium: An Evening with Sir Andres Schiff, discussion-performance, Last Sonatas of Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven,

enclosed exercise area for his dog. Mr. McManus was open to ideas about the style of, but was insistent on the height and dimensions. The DRC and three neighboring homeowners expressed concern about the height, purpose, and scope of the proposal. Several suggestions were made by DRC members and homeowners for mitigating height and extent of the fence, but the ideas were not supported by the homeowner. After a lengthy discussion, no resolution was reached. A motion was approved to have the DRC meet separately to discuss a possible compromise to meet the needs of the homeowner within design review guidelines.

- **David and Lainey Nexon**, 2212 Glasgow, requested approval for a raised walkway with hori-

Schubert, \$20 www.smithsonianassociates.org

- **Sat., 3/14, 7pm**, Church of St. Clement 1701 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria: Focus Concerts - John Flynn & Susan Greenbaum (folk) \$15 advance, \$18 at door www.focusmusic.org/venue_alexandria.php
- **Sat., 3/14, 8pm**, GW Masonic Memorial: Virginia Chamber Orchestra w/ Alexandria Choral Society - Haydn: The Creation, \$25, senior, military \$20, students \$15, under 13 free www.virginiachamberorchestra.org
- **Sun., 3/15, 4pm**, Ernst Cultural Center NVCC Annandale: Annandale Brass "Spring Fling," adults \$10, students \$7, under 12 free www.reunionmusic.org
- **Thu. - Sat. 3/18 - 3/21**, Brucker Hall Ft. Myer Arlington: US Army Bands's American Trombone Workshop www.usarmyband.com/trombone/
- **Fri., 3/20, 7:30-9:30pm** Hollin Hall Senior Center: Mount Vernon Swing Band, swing dance \$4 www.mvbands.com
- **Sat., 3/21, 2pm**, Library of Congress Coolidge Aud.: Leipzig String Quartet - Borodin, Stravinsky, Wagner and Debussy www.loc.gov/concerts/leipzigstringquartet.html
- **Tue, 3/24, 7:30pm**, Episcopal HS: National Chamber Players: Mahler - Das Lied von der Erde arr. Schonberg www.episcopalhighschool.org/arts/ncp_ehs/index.aspx
- **Thu., 3/26, 8pm**, Lyceum: US Air Force Woodwind Quintet and Chamber Trio www.usafband.af.mil/
- **Sat., 3/28, 7:30pm** Smithsonian Museum of American History: Chamber Society, Beethoven - The Three Trios of Opus 1. \$28. members \$22

zontal wood railings to extend from driveway to the front door. After a brief discussion, the request was approved unanimously.

- **Barry Pearson**, 2100 Martha's Road, requested approval for insulated glass windows to replace windows that are cracked or need repair. The DRC unanimously approved the request as a one-for-one replacement, but requested photos of the work area.
- **Donna Anderson**, 2409 Brentwood Place. In late January, the DRC made an administrative approval for window replacements. The homeowner is making one-for-one replacements of several upper-story casement and lower-story fogged windows.

—Patrick Kelly

- **Sun., 3/29, 3pm**, Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church: Ars Nova Chamber Orchestra - works of Loeffler, Francaix and Copeland www.ancoselfconducted.org

—Tony Jordan

CLASSIFIEDS

HOUSITTER AVAILABLE:

Former Hollin Hiller looking to house-sit in late July and/or August. My sister, Liz Weaver Casazza, and her family (4) would very much like to house-sit for a Hollin Hills family in late July and/or early August. Liz grew up in Hollin Hills, loves this community, and would be a good steward of anyone's home while the owners vacationed. If you are at all interested, please contact me at collweave@msn.com, or you may call our home, 703-660-6525. Thank you for your consideration. —Sally Collins

OUTSTANDING HOUSE CLEANER:

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