



# Dupont Circle Village

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# HAPPY HOLIDAYS



## Village Reflects On A Good Year

As the year winds down, the Village has many reasons to be thankful.

◆ thanks to our many donors who have helped us raise more \$30,000

◆ thanks to the Cafritz Foundation, which awarded the Village a \$10,000 grant.

◆ thanks to our local business friends, **Luis A. Reyes of Lauriol Plaza, Steve Gavula at Circa at Dupont**, and an anonymous donor who have contributed \$7,000

◆ a special thanks to our executive director, **Bernice Hutchinson**, who has skillfully piloted the Village over sometimes rocky territory

◆ AND MOST OF ALL, thanks to our members, volunteers and many friends who are the backbone that supports the entire Village.

Best wishes to all for the coming year.



*Villagers and friends gather at Carol and Gil's for a Thanksgiving feast and good cheer*

## A Memorable Village Thanksgiving

**Carol Galaty** was the ultimate hostess for nine Villagers and two guests at her and **Gil's** gracious S Street home. In addition to setting a table that befitted Martha Stewart and providing a huge golden turkey cooked and stuffed perfection, she orchestrated a sumptuous meal with delicious donations from each guest: **Margaret and Ralph Johanson, Marie Marcoux, Frances Oakley, Abigail**

**Wiebenson, Kirk Perrow and Dean Pugh.**

Given the international ties of several around the table, there were lively conversations in French and many stories of adventures in various parts of Africa and the US.

Ralph even discovered that he'd gone to 7th grade with Abigail's friend, **Stephen Grant**. All went away joyously stuffed with friendship and fine food. Might this be the start of an annual Village tradition?

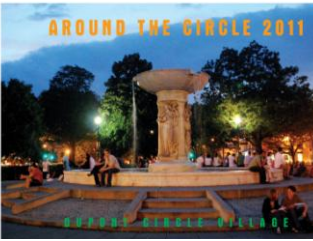
*--Abigail Wiebenson*

## Do You Know ...

Which artistic Villager designed the cover for a cookbook for healthy citizens?

*see page 5 for the answer*

**Last Chance To Get Your Calendar...**



Village 2011 calendars are terrific gifts for friends and neighbors

and make great stocking stuffers. With only three weeks left until Christmas, this is a great way to do some last-minute shopping. Calendars are \$12 each and proceeds benefit Village programs. Contact [bernice@dupontcirclevillage.org](mailto:bernice@dupontcirclevillage.org); tel: 202-436-5252

**Special Thanks** to member **EDITH GROSSMAN** at **Circle Travel** and our friends **JOANNE LIU** at **Scion Restaurant**, and **RASHEED JABR** at **Filter Coffeehouse and Espresso Bar** who have prominently displayed and sold calendars at their businesses. Their support is greatly appreciated. Stop by and visit these three good neighbors: *Circle Travel*, 1729 20th Street; *Scion*, 2100 P Street and *Filter*, 1726 20 th Street.

**Village Plans February 4 Silent Auction**  
**"Give Your Heart To The Village"**

Dupont Circle Village is holding its first major fundraiser, "Give Your Heart to the Village," a pre-Valentine's Day silent auction on February 4, 2011, at the National Trust For Historic Preservation.

The event will bring together friends, neighbors, members and volunteers for an evening of good company, food and drinks and a chance to bid on and purchase items and services just in time for Valentine's Day.

This is a huge undertaking and we can't pull it off without your help—and there is not a lot of time. We have drawn up a preliminary timeline and a "to do" list. The most compelling need right now is **soliciting auction items to sell.**

We have divided donations into eight categories:

- ◆ Wining and Dining

- ◆ Indulgence!
- ◆ Learning and Growing
- ◆ Pampering Pets
- ◆ Celebrating Authors
- ◆ In and Out-of-Town Getaways
- ◆ Hearth and Home
- ◆ Technology in the Digital Age

We all have some skills, objects or knowledge that would make great auction items and we all have friends, neighbors or businesses we patronize that we can approach.

We have created a benefit donation contract that will



ensure we have correct information for our items. Contact Iris Molotsky: [iris.molotsky@gmail.com](mailto:iris.molotsky@gmail.com); 202-328-1121 for more information.

**Week In Paris Apartment To Highlight Silent Auction**

Silent auction participants will be able to bid on a week in a Paris apartment in the Marais, one of the oldest historic districts in Paris. A five-minute walk across the Seine to Notre Dame, the two-bedroom apartment is located on a quiet tree-lined street filled with outdoor cafes and boutiques.

Winners can enjoy the amazing Sunday morning market at the Place de Bastille or walk to the famous Place de Vosges, the only square in Paris still completely lined with its original 17th century buildings.



**Wondering What You Can Contribute for the Silent Auction?**

With all the wonderfully creative and talented people associated with the Village, we could easily assemble a tantalizing array of items for the auction. **You can find some suggestions for items on page 3 but don't be limited to our ideas!**

**Think Creatively, Talk Persuasively and Act Immediately**  
***You Can Make The Dupont Circle Village Silent Auction A Success***

## Donation Categories for DCV Silent Auction – February 4, 2011

### *Goal: 112 items by the end of January*

Here are some suggestions and ideas for items you can contribute to the auction:

#### ⌘ Celebrating Authors

Signed copies, dinners/lunches with authors; book store gift certificates

Possibilities: Kramer's, Second Story Books, friends and neighbors who are authors

#### ⌘ Wining and Dining

Local liquor stores and restaurants, donated dinners, cooking lessons, deli donations, cookbooks

Possibilities: La Tomate, Filter, Tabard Inn, Cairo Liquor store at Corcoran and 17<sup>th</sup> Streets, Annie's, Trio, Levelone, dinner for 6 at a home, Henry's, Taste of Dupont Cookbook

#### ⌘ Indulgence!

Spas, hair salons, chocolate, nail places, jewelry, hand bags, blankets/quilts, special cards/stationary

Possibilities: Chocolate shop on 18th above T Street, Diego's, Lou-Lou's

#### ⌘ In and Out-of-Town Getaways

Bed and Breakfasts, Hotels, Possibilities: Keegan, Studio, West End, Paris, Sycamore Island, Florida, Sperryville, Rehobeth

#### ⌘ Learning and Growing

Classes, sharing talents, art gallery tours, Possibilities: yoga, cooking, drawing, financial planning, poker night with drinks and dessert, bridge lessons with dinner, knitting lessons, private tour of the Phillips

#### ⌘ Hearth and Home

Framing, repairs, chair caning, refinishing furniture, furniture, home objects for cooking or beauty, artwork, decluttering, organizing  
Possibilities: home evaluation for safety, donated special items, such as silver candlesticks, artwork of value, assessment of artwork, architect hour of consultation

#### ⌘ Technology in the Digital Age

Blackberry, iPhone, X Box, consultant certificate for an hour of learning more about an aspect of printers, computers, iPhone. Expert consulting in lots of areas, donated Blackberry from T-Mobile, donated iPhone,

#### ⌘ Pampering and Providing for Pets

Vet service, pet paraphernalia, boarding, gift certificate from a Vet, pet store, dog walker, dog/cat daycare

#### Some "Do It Yourself" Ideas

Here Are Some Ideas for Easy-to-Assemble Donations:

**Night at the Movies:** Fill a basket with a favorite DVD, popcorn, slippers, a bottle of wine/beer/soft drink and two glasses.

**Portable Spa:** A collection of pampering face creams, oils, lotions, and cleansers—and a bottle of champagne.

#### **For Athletes:**

**Walkers:** water bottles, gloves, pedometers, heart rate monitors, backpacks, ...

**Tennis:** cans of tennis balls, water bottles, tennis socks, book of tennis tips

**Yoga:** mat, mat bag, yoga skidless towel, Yoga books, Yoga DVD.

#### **Summer Picnic Pack:**

Wicker basket with cutlery for four, checkered tablecloth, 4 glasses, a collection of picnic favorite foods and a can of ant repellent.

#### **Knitters, Weavers, Sewers:**

Promise (by a specific date) of a sweater, woven art, skirt etc. with color and design chosen by bidder.

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Left: Kenlee Ray  
Right: Victor Wexler



Left: Mary Haber and Nora Manning

# President Peggy Simpson Plays Host To Villagers For Annual Holiday Party



From left: Bob von der Lippe, Dave Burns, Carol Lancaster, Alaire Rieffel (partly hidden), Ann von der Lippe



From left: Peggy Simpson, Abigail Wiebenson and Iris Molotsky



From left: Ann von der Lippe, Lee Buddendeck, Don Jones

Many thanks to Village photographers Marcy Logan and Irv Molotsky



Martha Sigg and Curt Farrar



Left: Bernice Hutchinson and Peggy Simpson



Photo left: Julia Cuniberti (left) and Iris Molotsky



From left: Bev Losch, Kirk Perrow, Susan Meehan and Susan's cousin Susan

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**Executive Board**  
Peg Simpson, president  
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Alaire Rieffel, treasurer  
Brad Edwards  
Curtis Farrar  
Iris Molotsky  
Marilyn Newton  
Judith Neibrief

**Executive Director**  
Bernice Hutchinson

**Answer to Quiz:**

Village artist, calligrapher and former art teacher **Julia Cuniberti** designed the cover of *Family Favorites Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: Healthy Citizens In A Healthy Democracy*, published by the League of Women Voters for its 90th anniversary.

## Monthly Calendar

**Thursday, January 6:**

3-4:15 pm. DCJCC, 16th and Q Streets, NW. DCV's popular yoga master, Judy Silberman, leads the new spring yoga session. Contact Judy duBerrier, [judydubерrier@verizon.net](mailto:judydubерrier@verizon.net) to sign up or get information.

**Tuesday, January 11:**

1-2 pm. National Portrait Gallery, 8th and G Streets, NW. *Hide/Seek: Difference and Desire in American Portraiture* focuses on sexual difference in the making of modern American portraiture from late 19th to 20th century. RSVP to Judith Neibrief at [jneibrief@aol.com](mailto:jneibrief@aol.com) by January 6.

**Tuesday, January 18:**

Noon-1:30pm. Group luncheon at the Commissary, 1443 P Street, NW (across from Whole Foods). Meal is \$16/member (tax and 18% gratuity included). RSVP no later than Saturday, January 15 to Judith Neibrief: [jneibrief@aol.com](mailto:jneibrief@aol.com). Put COMMISSARY in the subject line of the email.

**SAVE THIS DATE!****Friday, February 4:**

Friday evening (time to be announced) National Trust For Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue. "Give Your Heart to the Village" Silent Auction. More than 100 items will be auctioned from among eight super categories. (see story pages 2 and 3)

**Yoga Tip****Keep Your Back Strong**

Hold pole, strap, or towel behind back with one elbow up and other elbow down (one-horned cow pose). Slowly, bend forward from hips, keeping back straight and knees slightly bent. Exhale down to the count of 3; inhale up to count of 6. Do 3 times, rest, then do a second set of 3, with other elbow up.



**2011  
Best Wishes  
To Everyone  
For A Happy  
And Healthy  
New Year!**

## Down Memory Lane: The Last Gun Battle Of Stab Alley

In the most recent issue of her blog, Bright Sparkly Jewels, Villager **Susan Meehan** published an article, "The Last Gun Battle of Stab Alley," a warm remembrance of "the good old days." Susan has kindly agreed to let us excerpt part of the blog; you can find the entire wonderful essay at <http://brightsparklyjewels.blogspot.com/>.

The street where I still live had a different moniker when my husband and I first moved there in 1969. While our block was officially named Corcoran Street, it was then part of the inner city, and the scene of a considerable variety of unsavory criminal activities. It was known to the local felonious set unofficially ...as Stab Alley.

One early morning, I was minding my children ...when I heard sharp, popping noises....

My excitement mixed with a smidge of fear as I looked out my back window to check what was happening. The action quickly became clear; the MPD was mounting a significant gun battle against The Man Who Lived Next Door and Who Was Running an Illegal Numbers Racket out of his garage lid. Quickly, I called my husband at work and stuck my phone out the window so he could share

in the full flavor of whatever was going to happen.

Until the week before the incident, I had not known why there was so much activity at that garbage can.... The police, too, had just found out. The recipient of the police action was indignant, and clearly not of an inclination to surrender peacefully or quietly. He pulled out his own shotgun, and began to accentuate his indignation with lively shotgun bursts through his front door. The police responded in kind, but were apparently no better marksmen than he.

In this best of all possible worlds, no one was killed or even wounded, but when it was over, the neighborhood changed forever...

My husband and I have now lived here longer than anyone else... To our knowledge, I am now the only person still alive who actually knows where the bullet holes of the Last Gun Battle of Stab Alley are lodged. This history deserves a plaque.