



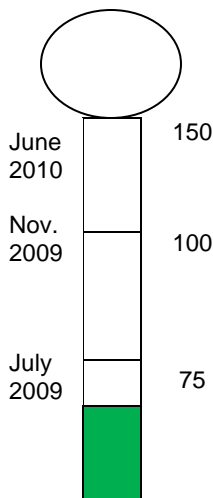
# Dupont Circle Village

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- Dupont Circle Village Expands Board
- First Dupont Circle Village Theater Trip
- DCV American Art Museum Tour

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*Dupont Circle Village is a nonprofit neighborhood organization that connects residents to health and well-being services and cultural /social activities*

## Five New Members Join DCV Board

The Village is proud to introduce the five new members who have joined the board.

**Judy duBerrier**, currently a volunteer at the Kennedy Center, is the founder and president of the former Fine Art & Artists Gallery in Georgetown. She will work to expand Village activities in the visual and performing arts.

**Nancy Hartsock**, a

licensed investment and financial planning specialist and current treasurer of DCCA, is a longtime Dupont Circle activist. She brings strong financial skills and community organizational experience to the board.

**Caroline Mindel** is president and CEO of Mindel Management Company and has extensive experience working with management boards and Dupont Circle

residents. She is the co-founder of City of Peace, which works with D.C. high school students.

**Bradley Runyan**, an attorney whose primary practice area is real estate law, is president of the Stewart Title Group. He will work with the Village in the areas of fundraising and marketing.

**Elaine Rand**, featured in last month's newsletter, is our Volunteer Coordinator.

## Villagers Night Out at the Source Theater



*Dupont Circle Villagers at the Source Theater*

Dupont Circle Village's first theater outing, a trip to the Source on 14<sup>th</sup> Street, was judged a great success by participants. "It was fun," member Dan

Gamber said, "and next time we should meet for dinner first."

The group attended the InSeries production of *U Street to the Cotton Club*, a

Black renaissance/jazz revue. Focused in part on the 14<sup>th</sup> and U Street community in the 20s, it was the perfect complement for the latest community effort of this new decade.

The group discount for the tickets and special group seating arrangements made the evening even more enjoyable.

The Village is planning more events like this in the future. Contact us with recommendations if you know of any productions or groups you think we should consider.



***“I wish to continue serving my community and to be a role model in supporting my local environment”***

## Spotlight On: Nikola Agatic

Nikola, born in Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, came to Washington with his family at the age of 15. Despite “all the challenges that a new country and refugee life brings, I was very happy...and thankful for the welcoming community,” he says.

He received his undergraduate degree from Virginia Tech in biochemistry and biotechnology. Nikola

currently works as project manager and U.S. agent for Hemopham USA Corporation, a subsidiary of a Serbian pharmaceutical company.

He loves the dynamic living environment offered by an urban community. Appreciative of his earlier welcoming experiences, Nikola feels a need to give back to his community. He became a Village volunteer as a way to become integrated into

the community and to do his part to improve it.

Other interests include social entrepreneurship and preventative medicine. He started an online venture and is a strategic adviser to online startups.

“In my culture, generational interaction is a daily routine. Becoming a DCV volunteer lets me help my community and retain my cultural values,” he adds.

## The Active Village: DCV American Art Museum Tour

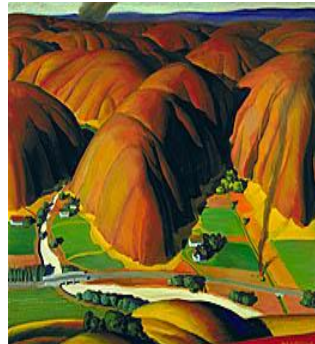
Board member Mary Braden, a museum docent, will lead a special tour of the new exhibit *1934: A New Deal for Artists* for Village members on Tuesday, May 26 at 3:00 pm. The tour will last about one hour.

The Smithsonian American Art Museum is located between 7<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Streets between F & G Streets, NW. The tour will

meet in the lobby of the G Street entrance.

The exhibit features work by artists paid by the government under the Public Works of Art Project in 1933-34.

Times are tough now but in the 1930s the unemployment rate was 30 percent. President Roosevelt created the Federal Public Works Progress Administration,



Valley Farms by Ross Dickinson  
“1934: A new Deal for Artists” -- Smithsonian American Art Museum.

which employed over 3,700 artists--they earned \$42 a week. The exhibit contains 55 of these works by mostly unknown artists, who were required only to portray the American scene. Some of the works were hung in the White House and federal buildings and the many are in the museum.

RSVP to Mary Braden at 202-588-0772 or [mary.braden2@verizon](mailto:mary.braden2@verizon).

## News Notes



DCV secretary **Abigail Wiebenson's** tales of iguanas, blue-footed boobies and sea lions from her recent trip to the Galapagos Islands has everyone envious.

**Jewel Fenzi** reports that a move to bring a library to Dupont Circle was hatched at a recent birthday party for Bob

Meehan. We surely could use one.

On May 29<sup>th</sup> **Mary Braden** will be host to the next potluck dinner to welcome new members. Recruit a new member now so he or she can be included.

What a wonderful

reason for a trip—**Julia Cuniberti** and her friend Barbara Luchs are off to New York in June for their 65<sup>th</sup> Vassar College reunion.

**Peg Simpson** will return with an even bigger smile after her May visit to San Antonio to see family and her dentist. She'll

also return with lots of Texas barbeque.

**Marilyn Newton's** stoop party in May to introduce neighbors to the Village was very successful. **Would you like to host the next one?** Contact Peg Simpson ([psimpson@attglobal.net](mailto:psimpson@attglobal.net)) for information.

## Hiking the C&O Canal For Two Weeks

On April 19<sup>th</sup> over 40 men and women took off from Cumberland, Maryland, led by a kilted bagpiper. Hints of leaves appeared on the bare trees; a few violets peeked out from the brown grass and the group walked through seas of flowering, flowing bluebells.

Village members Carol Galaty and Gil Hill are seasoned hikers. This May they undertook to be responsible for the hikers' food for the C&O Canal Association's "thru-hike" that takes place every five years to commemorate Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas' hike 55 years ago.

Justice Douglas' 1945 challenge

to the editor of the *Washington Post* to hike the 184.5-mile C&O Canal saved it. The *Post* withdrew its support for paving the canal over as a highway.

By May 2, as the group neared "mile 0" next to Kennedy Center, two weeks with sunny 90<sup>o</sup> days alternating with 50<sup>o</sup> days of rain had changed their world. Blue herons had circled overhead, turtles of all sizes lined the logs in the canal, goslings wobbled across the towpath, kayakers carrying boats overhead squeezed by, and bikers rang their bells as they whizzed past the group. The last night, exhausted but exhilarated, everyone fell into bed at home.

*Carol Galaty*

***"I just completed, and urge you to consider trying, an exciting and significant adventure—the C&O Canal Association's 'thru-hike' that occurs every five years."***

***Carol Galaty***

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Caroline Mindel  
Iris Molotsky  
Marilyn Newton  
Elaine Rand  
Volunteers Coordinator  
Bradley Runyan

## Today and Tomorrow In The Village

■ The Village has met with representatives from George Washington University Hospital's Senior Advantage Program to explore the possibility of forming a community partnership with them. Villagers would receive all benefits of the program as well as priority consideration in selected programs.

■ We also have been discussing a strategic partnership with HouseWorks, a home care provider. HouseWorks specializes in working with villages and has a proven track record in providing reliable services to people who choose to remain in their own home. It offers personal care, homemaking chores, medication assistance, medical monitoring of chronic conditions, and 24-hour care. Unusually, it does not require a minimum time commitment for clients.

We will keep you informed about these and other initiatives.

■ The Village walking club is up and walking. It meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 am on the north side of the Dupont Circle fountain. Beginning in mid-June the club will meet at 7:30 am (yes!) to avoid the summer heat and humidity.

The group grew from an idea of Judy duBerrier, now a Village board member. She suggested it at a December meeting at the Women's National Democratic Club. Many were interested but some were deterred by inconveniences like rain, snow and cold; however, at least two intrepid walkers always show up. They hope that the warmer weather will bring out more people.

To join the group, contact [judydubierrier@verizon.net](mailto:judydubierrier@verizon.net) or call 202-328-9123. It's a wonderful way to start your day and to shake off yesterday's trials and irritations.