

The Dupont Circle Citizen

The Weekly Newsletter of Dupont Circle Citizens Association

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April 30, 2014

Dupont Circle House Tour Call for House Captains

Sunday October 19th 12 - 5:00
PM

We are planning the 2014 Dupont Circle House Tour earlier and more efficiently this year. To that end, we are inviting House Captains to volunteer now.

House Captains serve as liaisons between DCCA and the homeowners who generously loan us their premises for the Tour. Captains have more responsibility than monitors, and this year based on your feedback, we're providing more up-front involvement and socializing before House Tour Day.

Over the coming months, as we confirm the participating houses for October 19, House Captains will have the opportunity to meet the owners of their assigned house, assess monitor position placements, and coordinate a cadre of volunteer monitors. Captains are encouraged to recruit friends to volunteer for this fun day.

Volunteers get free admission to the tour during their off shift and are invited to the volunteer thank-you party afterwards. In selecting Captains, preference will be given to volunteers who have served as monitors for House Tour previously. Shifts run 11:30 to 2:30 and 2:15 to 5:15. To volunteer: info@dupont-circle.org.

Development – Tearing Off Front Porches

*Courtesy of SALLY LICHTENSTEIN BERK
Architectural History & Preservation*

As detrimental as pop-ups to the livability of the community is the practice of tearing off front porches. Twenty-five years ago, when I began studying Harry Wardman, who was responsible, in the early 20th century, for the proliferation in Washington of front-porches row houses, very few had been removed. Sadly, today small-scale developers are tearing them off or enclosing them in an effort to get more square footage in single-family houses that are being converted to three condominiums.

The front porch has, for more than a century, been one of the most successful vehicles for creating and sustaining neighborhood cohesion.

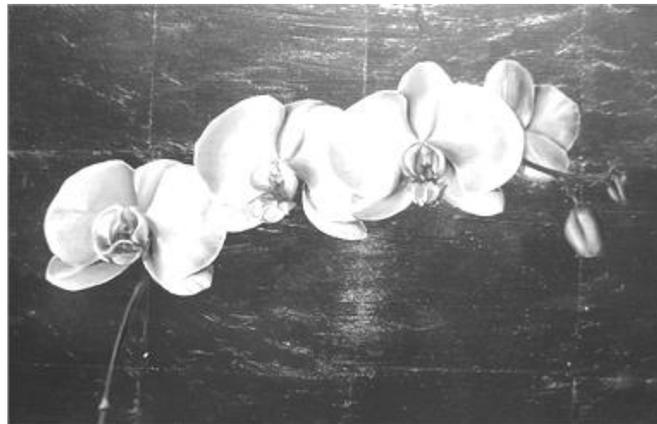
The entire post can be seen on historicwashington.org on April 11th. Ms. Berk is currently curating an exhibition at the Takoma Park Library entitled "Celebrating a Century of Wardman Row-House Neighborhoods." The exhibit runs until May 14.

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MidCity Artists Open Studios

May 17th & 18th, 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Free!

Who are the Mid City Artists? They are a diverse and talented group of professional artists who have come together for the purpose of promoting their art and the Dupont/Logan neighborhoods of Washington DC that they call home.



*Miguel Perez Lem, "Sonho do verão" (detail)
oil and copper leaf on wood panel*

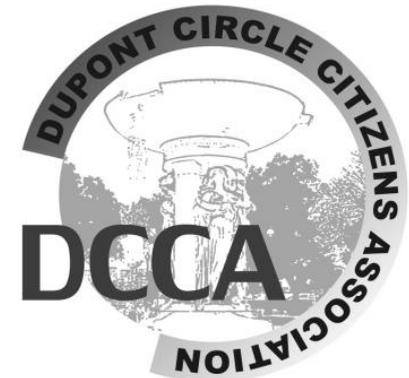
Twice each year, the private studios of select member artists are open for visitors. Always the weekend before Memorial Day in the Spring and the weekend after Columbus Day in the Fall. Discover painting, photography, sculpture, glass, mixed media, prints and much more. Explore how artists have carved out their working spaces and build your collection from the connections that you make with these artists.

Where is Mid City? Host to some of the city's hottest restaurants, nightclubs, galleries, interior design shops and fashion boutiques, the Mid City corridor is a thriving destination for the arts in DC. Roughly centered between Dupont Circle on the West and 9th Street NW to the East and stretching from U Street NW to L Street NW to the South, the area crosses a number of neighborhoods including Dupont, Shaw, and Logan . . .

This spring for the first time, visitors can use their Creative Genius badge, available from any participating artist, to garner special deals at supporting businesses. This partnership allows the artists to quantify the impact that the arts contribute to the area by infusing the neighborhood with authenticity, creativity and economic activity. Discounts will be given when visiting the individual business and can include deals for local wine, chocolate, clothing and even art.

Back by popular demand, MCA has arranged five guided tours for visitors by an art expert who can further illuminate the process. Each tour visits different studios and will be a small group of no more than 10 people. These free tours are on a first-come, first-serve basis and must be reserved in advance through the MCA website:

www.midcityartists.com.



As a DCCA member, you are an integral part of neighborhood history

JOIN OR RENEW ONLINE AT DUPONT-CIRCLE.ORG

**.Show your Membership Card and Receive
Discounts of 10%+
at DCCA Preferred Merchants**

*Teasm, G-Star Raw, Beadazzled, Caramel,
Cocova Fine Chocolate, Trappro, FIT Personal Training, Just
That Simple, Keegan Theatre, Total Party! Washington Studio
School, Carlyle Suites*

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

DO YOU LIKE TO GARDEN? DUPONT OPPORTUNITIES
DCCA's Environment Committee cleans up, plants and waters many Dupont venues including tree boxes throughout Dupont. If gardening and other hard labor interests you're your help would be welcome.

Contact: Marcy Logan co-chair 202-316-5329
Robin Diener co-chair robinsdiener@gmail.com

DC DMV OPENING GEORGETOWN SERVICE CENTER
April 29, 2014 at New Location in Georgetown Park

CONCERT SERIES - Dilyana Kirova, bassoonist
Society of the Cincinnati, Anderson House. 2118 Mass Ave
May 3rd, 1:30 PM. FREE TO THE PUBLIC
For the final date in the 2014 Spring Concert Series, Dilyana Kirova, bassoonist, accompanied by Dr. Ivo Kaltchev, pianist, and Desi Jordanoff, dancer, performs music from around the world. Ms. Kirova, a native of Bulgaria, has been studying the bassoon since she was 12 years old and presently performs for the Washington Performing Arts Society. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. A reception with light refreshments follows the concert.

WASHINGTON MONUMENT REOPENING MAY 13TH
Tickets are available at the Washington Monument Lodge, on 15th Street, between Madison and Jefferson drives. Tour tickets are also available online at the National Park Service's reservation page <http://www.recreation.gov/>,



Cherry blossoms by DCCA Board member Phil Carney