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NEWS NOTES OF OUR TOWN

...The Cabin John Directory is being printed at Walt Whitman High School and should be ready by mid-June. Due to a post office foul-up, some residents in zip code 20817 did not receive a checking form before the directory went to press. An addendum will be inserted in the directory to correct any errors caused by the mail delay. (And speaking of the directory, a belated vote of thanks to Kathleen Almand for her valuable editorial work.)

...The annual Free Swim program at Palisades Pool needs a chairperson or co-chairpersons. Twice a week free swims for Cabin John children start as soon as school is out, but somebody has to be in charge. To get more information or to volunteer, please call Wanda Veraska, 229-5029.

REDWOODS PROPOSED FOR LINDA BILLINGS MEMORIAL

Over \$200 has been contributed to the Linda Billings Memorial Fund and a vote will be taken at the May 27 Citizens Association meeting on how it should be used.

Since Linda was much interested in preserving the environment -- she was very active in the Sierra Club as (Continued on page 2)

OFFICERS NOMINATED FOR 1986-87

The Nominating Committee of the Cabin John Citizens Association has proposed a slate for 1986-87. A vote on the new officers will take place at the May 27 Citizens Association meeting. Additional nominations may be offered from the floor.

Committee Chair Susan Vogt reports that no nominee has been proposed for the position of Corresponding Secretary, so the Committee would welcome suggestions for that position either in advance of the meeting or that evening. The duties of the office, she points out, are chiefly to type letters to county officials as a result of actions taken at Association meetings. The Corresponding Secretary need not be present at meetings. Any suggestions for the position (including yourself!) can be telephoned to Susan at 229-6479.

Nominees for other offices are:

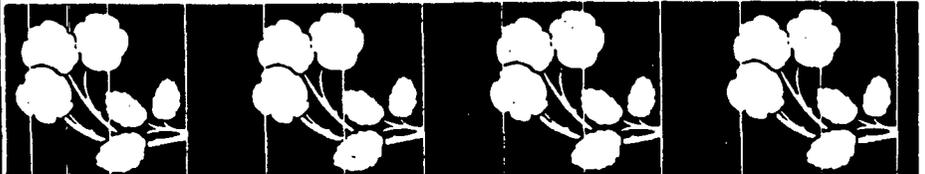
President: Tevy Schlafman

1st Vice President: Adriana Klitch

2nd Vice President: Wanda Veraska

Recording Secretary: Judy Vogt, *Judy Drufffield*

Treasurer: Clare Amoruso



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 25 Bethesda Co-op free film series: The Philadelphia Story, starring Katherine Hepburn, Cary Grant, James Stewart. 7:30 p.m. at the Co-op, 7945 MacArthur Boulevard.

Tuesday, May 27 Meeting of the Cabin John Citizens Association, 8 p.m., at the Clara Barton School, 7425 MacArthur Boulevard.

Saturday, May 31 Yard Sale sponsored by the local Girl Scouts. From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 6428 Bannockburn Drive in Bannockburn.

Saturday, June 7 Fried Chicken Box Supper. From 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Cabin John United Methodist Church, 77th Street and MacArthur.

Sunday, June 15 Potluck farewell luncheon at Cabin John United Methodist Church for the Tituses who are leaving for India on June 23. 12 noon. All are welcome.

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 well as in Cabin John community activities -- it is generally agreed that a planting would be an appropriate memorial. Mark Willcher, a Cabin John landscape architect who has offered to buy the nursery materials at cost, has suggested the following: a grouping of 5 Dawn Redwood trees. These trees will last for many years, do not require a lot of care, have a stately appearance, and have a connection to the Sierra Club. They are deciduous conifers that lose their leaves in winter but burst out in spring in a beautiful, delicate foliage. Mark will speak about this idea at the May 27 meeting, but other ideas are also welcome.

Suggestions as to where to put the trees have included the Cabin John side of the Union Arch Bridge above the Cabin John Gardens or on the grounds of the school.

If you wish to donate to the Fund, please send your check to the Cabin John Citizens Association, P.O. Box 31, Cabin John 20818, marking it for the Linda Billings Fund.

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MUSICIANS OF CABIN JOHN

Many people in Cabin John have songs in their hearts, and some play them on a variety of instruments for the rest of us to hear. Many musicians of special talent and interests live in Cabin John.

Charlie Bookman, Arden Road, plays the concertina with Peascods Gathering, one of the oldest continuing country dancing bands in the Washington area. Charlie had played the piano before teaching himself the concertina, a 19th century reed and bellows instrument something like an accordion. With the 14 members of Peascods Gathering (a name taken from the title of an English dance tune), he performs American, English, and Scandinavian music for country dancing on Saturday evenings at the Takoma Park Junior High School. The group also performs on the Canal boat ride and at Great Falls Tavern, Glen Echo Park, folk festivals, and special events such as a school's international week recently. "We do it for enjoyment, not profit," says Charlie, who noted that the group uses proceeds to share their large collection of music with musicians in other parts of the country and to bring guest artists to Washington. Professionally, Charlie is Assistant Director of the Marine Board for the National Research Council.

Vera Dolezal, Persimmon Tree Road, is well-known in the Cabin John and Potomac areas as a teacher of violin and piano. She also founded, manages, and performs with Potomac Musicians, which provides two-, three-, or four-piece chamber music groups for weddings, formal parties, and other private events. Vera teaches until 9 p.m. each day while still finding time to perform on weekends and holidays with local orchestras and chamber groups and also serving as music editor for the Potomac Almanac. She has been concertmaster for the Vienna Light Opera Orchestra. Teaching children and adults at all levels, Vera says that she began to take students as a "way to stay home" when her two children were young. Now she feels rewarded by the knowledge that, for many of her students, "music can become a wonderful lifetime hobby and recreation".

Kate Grinberg, 78th Street, managed the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra before moving to Cabin John two years ago. With a young daughter at home, she is currently a violinist with the Jewish Community Center Orchestra and also enjoys playing traditional Irish tunes. Kate has wide interests in the arts, with talent in

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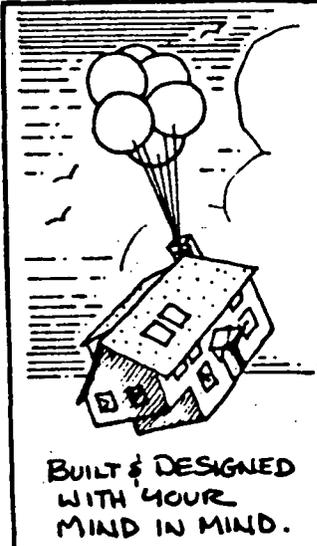
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fiber art and filmmaking as well as music. She studied music at the University of Colorado.

Reed Martin, 79th Street, plays the 5-string banjo in the "old time" or clawhammer style. He can be heard on May 31 at Glen Echo Park during the annual Folk Festival of the Folklore Society. Later, in June, he will travel to Los Angeles at the invitation of the 6th Annual Summer Solstice Dulcimer Old Time Music and Dance Festival where he will teach four workshops in old time style banjo playing. Reed comes to his art by way of the mountain men he sought out to watch and listen to. He does not read music, but as a child found a banjo in a garage in southern Indiana and started to play it. He later traveled many thousands of miles, locating old time musicians, learning obscure banjo tunes, playing in old time music contests, and playing with other musicians. He is on 8 records, including the 2-record "Young Fogies" and "Old Time Banjo in America". Reed has been featured in a number of newspapers and in Blue Grass Unlimited magazine.

(More musicians in the next Village News.....)

-- Judy Bekelman



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- 6523 Persimmon Tree Road, contemporary, 4 br, 3½ ba, \$329,000
- 6485 Wishbone Ter., townhouse, 2 br, 2+½+½ ba, \$269,900

(Information contributed by Cindy Offterdinger, 951-0313 or 897-8048.)

WILD BIRD MAN COMING THIS MONTH!

The world's leading authority on wild bird feeding will speak at the May 27 meeting of the Cabin John Citizens Association (8 p.m., Clara Barton School). In the last Village News the speech was erroneously announced as taking place at the April meeting; our apologies for this mis-information.

The speaker is Dr. Aelred Geis of the Fish and Wildlife Service. He will show slides and will answer individual inquiries. All Cabin John residents and friends who want to know about our wild birds are welcome at the meeting.

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