

## Cabin John's 1996 Crab and Chicken Feast — A Resounding Success

While last year's Crab and Chicken Feast closed with claps of thunder and flashes of lightning to announce the end of our record 35 day drought, this year's Feast marked an end to three days of torrential rains and the passing of hurricane Fran. Under clear skies, a bright sun, and the lively sounds of Dave Robinson's Federal Focus Jazz Band, over 500 hungry folks came to enjoy a tasty array of steamed, barbecued, baked, boiled, diced, and chopped delicacies prepared by their neighbors. The cast that assembled to put on this year's annual fund raiser was larger than ever, assuring that this Feast would be one of the community's most successful. By 5:00 o'clock the baked beans were gone; 5:30 saw the last of the crabs and green beans; and by 6:00 P.M. only a couple pieces of chicken and a few spoonfuls of potato salad and cole slaw remained and were just as quickly claimed.

For chairing the Crab and Chicken Feast for the second year in a row, top honors go to Lori Rieckelman. Assisting Lori by taking responsibility for major chunks of the work in putting on the Feast were: Barbara Martin and Diane Leatherman for handling all pre-sales which were higher this year than ever before; Stan Schaper and Jan Smith for preparing the perfect barbecue chicken —juicy and fully cooked on the



*The Federal Focus Jazz Band entertains the crowd at the 27th Annual Cabin John Chicken and Crab Feast.*

inside and not tough or burned on the outside; Andy Rice for organizing the job of picking up and returning all the tables and chairs from the local area churches; Clare Amoruso for recruiting the food servers and providing the Feast with its most attractive looking serving line with tablecloths and chaffing trays to serve the food hot; Helen Daniel for purchasing the food and organizing the Thursday evening veggie prep crew; Claude Clifton, Celeste Swedenburg, and Margaret Coleman for organizing the cooking and preparation of

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## New Sign for Cabin John

On the hillside in front of the Recreation Center sits the new "Cabin John" sign accompanied by Cabin John's resident bird, the Kingfisher, which graces the cover of our Community Directory. The sign was hand carved on cedar wood by Davrill Nash, a woodcarver and active member of the Woodcarvers Association. The Kingfisher's creator for the Community Directory, Ger Quinn, re-created his bird in a casting for the sign. Makoto Omori constructed the two elegant stone pillars that hold both signs. Makoto also donated his time to till and mulch the ground around the signs and transplanted from his own garden the Japanese maple tree and lirope plants. Now all commuters driving through Cabin John will know what community they are in even if they are not quite sure of which State.

## Cabin John Citizens Association Meeting

**Tuesday evening, 7:30 at the Clara Barton Community Center**

### AGENDA:


- Treasurers report on income and expenses from the Crab Feast
- Allocation of funds
- Report about the status of the C & O Canal from Paul Rosa of the Potomac Conservancy

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The work of Cabin John's Diane Leatherman appears in a group showing entitled **Life by a Thread, the work of eight fabric artists**. Most of the artworks in the show are wallhangings depicting landscapes, figures, interiors and abstracts. The show may be seen Tuesdays through Sundays, 12-4pm, from October 13th through November 15th at McCrillis Gardens Gallery, 6910 Greentree Road in Bethesda. An artist's reception will be held on Sunday, October 13th from 12 to 3 pm. For more information contact Diane at 229-7412 or 217-3882

Sunday October 13th is also **Childrens Chautauqua Day** at Glen Echo Park. There will be workshops and demonstrations by the park's artists and instructors, performances on the Cuddle-Up Stage and a family dance in the Spanish Ballroom. Starts at noon, ends at 5. For more information call 301-492-6229 during business hours.

On Saturday, October 19th at 8:00pm Glen Echo Park hosts the sixth **Songwriters Circle** as part of the Hall of Mirrors Performance Series. Songwriters appear in a round-robin performance setting. Admission is \$7.00. Call 229-6022 for more info.

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all the wonderful vegetable dishes (serving on the line when the baked beans and green beans ran out was dangerous business); Elaine Tama for handling membership registration and ticket sales the day of the Feast; Gene and Nicki Wright for organizing the clean-up throughout the Feast; Larry Heflin for purchasing and selling beer and soft drinks; Dave Murphy and Reed Martin for their incredibly thirst-quenching freshly squeezed lemonade, limeade, and orangeade; Bob Epstein for setting up his old fashioned popcorn stand and selling popcorn; Diane and Adi Carter for handling the pizza sales.

Pitching in to make Cabin John's Crab and Chicken Feast possible were:

**Ticket Sellers:** Bruce Wetzell, Reed Martin, Rita Powell, Ruby Haines, Judy Duffield, Harley Balzer, Kitty Kelly, Jeanne Casamento, Blakely Burke, Ginger Robinson, Gary Barnhardt, Neil and Fonya Helm, Taffy Kingscott, Margaret Coleman, Geore Lichtblau, Ted and Caathy Orme, Kathleen Almand, Kay Kemp, Ritch Kepler, Joe Hugo, Annette Davis, Martha Finelli, Kathy Siefkin, Traudel Lange, Tevy Schlafman, Helen Glazer, Susan-Roberts, Bobbie-Green, Jerry-Rhodes, Sondra Baxt, Eva Stolwein, Laveta Fyock, Marie Keefe, Lee Parkington, Dana Cable Lupton

**Veggie Cookers:** Claude Clifton, Celeste Swedenburg, Barbara Martin, Margaret Coleman, Lily Gibbs, Tony White, Jill, and Diane Leatherman

**Veggie Prep Crew:** Cathie Nelsen, Bryan, Barbara Martin, Benno Schmidt, Karen Melchar, Veronica

McCandless, Nicki Wright, Clare Amoruso, and Helen Daniel

**Chicken Cookers:** Mary Gordon-Smith, Rob Kibler, Margaret Fisher, Rene Culbertson, Jan Smith and Stan Schaper

**Tables and Chairs Set-up:** Andy Rice, Reed Martin, Don Mehlman, Alex Quinn, Brandt Rice, Barry Corkery, Mark Leatherman, Burr Gray, Megan Lewis, Stefan Rice, Susan Roberts, Nina Simmons, and Carolina McCandless

**Membership Dues and Ticket Sales:** Elaine Tama, Mary McConnell, Lori Rieckelman, and Trudi Bick

**Food Servers:** Lee Partington, Robin Mustain, Fran Patch, Eva Stolwein, Connie Bergfors, Andy Rice, Ger and Barbara Quinn, Diane Leatherman, Barbara Wilmarth, Helen Daniel, Elaine Gardner, and Janet Dence

**Clean-up Crew:** Mandy Mitchell, Barbara and Reed Martin, Nicki, Gene and Sara Wright, Mark and Diane Leatherman, Don Mehlman, Harry and Lori Rieckelman, Helen Daniel, Andy Rice, and Rich Kepler

Also a very special thanks to our local merchant Ralph Osborne from the Market on the Boulevard who worked so hard to locate crabs this year, to the Pizza Hut for providing the pizzas, and to Mary McConnell and Liz Clark for making the Community Center so available to us.

To these folks and the dozens more whose names we were not able to get; the Crab and Chicken Feast organizers want to thank you all for your time and help in making this annual fund raiser such a success. This year's Feast was truly a community event!



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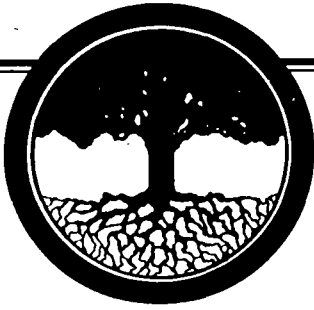
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