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**If you haven't sent in your Cabin John Citizens Association dues - please do it soon- Coupon on back cover.**

## **GLEN ECHO PARK GALA \*\* NEW DATE \*\***

Thanks to Isabel, the gala night of dancing to support Glen Echo Park has been rescheduled. There are a few tickets left for dessert and dancing. . pg 3

## **FAQ'S ABOUT CABIN JOHN . . . . . PG 3**

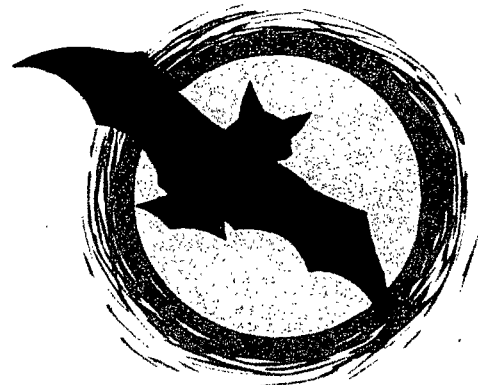
## **LOCAL BARGAINS**

Check out the classifieds. . pg 9

## **VILLAGE NEWS SEEKS LAYOUT EDITOR**

Join a fun team of neighbors and use your creative skills. The Village News is looking for a layout editor to help us keep our paper looking great. If you have an interest in helping for a couple of months (or longer) - please call Heidi at 301-320-3300.

**The next meeting of the CJCA will be Oct 28th, 7:30pm at the Clara Barton Center.**



Agenda - (1) Status and possible vote on community position regarding Captain's Market expansion, (2) Status of development planned for Giancola Quarry, (3) Creation of Friends of Clara Barton Community Center, (4) Creation of Search Committee for new CJCA officers.

## **CJCA News**

Formation of Friends of Clara Barton Community Center - it is time to bring back the Cabin John organization that acted to support our local Clara Barton Community Center. Please contact Burr Gray 703-607-2740 (w) [burr.gray@alum.dartmouth.org](mailto:burr.gray@alum.dartmouth.org) if you are interested in being part of this group. The group's focus will be to advocate to the County on behalf of the Center and to help with local fundraisers and other events. The Center's manager Modestine Snead has been doing a great job of re-energizing the Center Cabin John, and neighboring communities need to help by providing community support.

Cabin John Citizen Association Dues are due - If you haven't yet sent in your dues for this next year, please do so soon. The dues are \$15/person or family and can be sent to the Cabin John Citizens Association, P.O. Box 31, Cabin John, MD 20818. Remember that these dues, as well as gifts to CJCA, are not tax deductible. Along with the income from the Crab Feast, the dues make up the remaining portion of the funds that the Citizens Association uses for projects and events each year. One of the large costs in the immediate future will be the printing and mailing of the new Cabin John directory expected in November.

*Burr Gray*

## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

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| Oct |  |
| 25  | Eco Expo at the Community Center   |
| 28  | CJCA meeting   |
| Nov |  |
| 12  | House Concert with Bob Lucas . . . . . pg 2  |
| 15  | Lamplight Open House at the Clara Barton National Historic site - 7 - 9pm . . . . . pg 2 |
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## Neighborhood News November 2003

by Barbara Martin

New neighbors on Riverside Drive are **Loret Ruppe** and **Peter Parsons**. They have 3 sons: Eli 11, Spencer 9, and Miller 6. Loret is an environmental engineer with USAID; Peter is a stay-home dad "and proud of it." Loret and Peter met in the Peace Corps. The family moved to Cabin John in August from California.

**Jim Kretz** and **Sana Shatsel** of 81st street are thrilled to welcome their new daughter **Alera Rose Shtasel-Kretz**, born March 16th. Alera's proud big sister is **Flanders**, a first grader at Bannockburn.

A new arrival in town is the **St. George Coptic Orthodox Church** on 78th Street. The congregation is made up of Egyptian Christians. Their festival in September was lively and friendly. We welcome this newest church to Cabin John.

**Jim and Sherri Heller** recently relocated to 78th Street from Southern California. Sherri is on the staff at WTTG FOX 5. Jim is in Sales and Marketing; he does business development for technology OEMs along the East Coast.

**Dr. Milana Dolezal**, daughter of **Vera Dolezal**, is riding in the Tour of Hope October 11 - 18, the cross-country bicycle expedition led by five-time Tour de France Champion-Lance Armstrong. Focus of the tour is to raise awareness about the importance of cancer clinical trials. Although riders will join and leave the Tour at various points, Milana is one of 26 riders who will go the entire distance from Los Angeles to Washington, DC—3,200 miles. Milana grew up in Cabin John, graduating from Whitman High School, the University of Maryland, and Philadelphia's Thomas Jefferson Medical School. She is currently a fellow in hematology/oncology at UCLA's Jonsson comprehensive Cancer Center. The Dolezal family lives on Persimmon Tree Road.

**William Emory Brown**, the son of **David and Lisa Brown** of 81st Street has enrolled as a member of the class of 2007 of Dartmouth College.

**Erin Johnson**, of 6726 Tomlinson Terrace, has opened an art school in Bethesda called ArtWorks offering after-school classes for children ages 5 to 15.

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Please pass on items about present or past CJ residents to me at 301-229-3482 or e-mail me at [barbmartin@comcast.net](mailto:barbmartin@comcast.net). If you e-mail, please leave your telephone number. News about births, deaths, weddings, awards, new neighbors—that's what makes this column. Consider yourself a reporter. I can't put items in the Neighborhood News column unless I know about them.

## NEWS FROM THE CLARA BARTON NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Announcing the new Clara Barton Parkway Passport Stamp. Collectors of the National Park Passport Cancellation Stamps have a new stamp to collect. The Clara Barton stamp will be released to the public on Friday, November 28, 2003 at Clara Barton National Historic Site, Glen Echo Park and George Washington Memorial Parkway Headquarters.

**Evening Lamplight Open House. Saturday, November 15, 2003 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM.** This is a free Open House program for all ages who are interested in learning about Clara Barton. The new Clara Barton Parkway Passport Stamp will be available for purchase in advance of its official release date. For more information, visit the web site at [www.nps.gov/clba](http://www.nps.gov/clba) or call 301-492-6245.

### FINAL BLOOD DRIVE OF YEAR - HOW MUCH DID WE GIVE?

The Cabin John Blood Drive held on Sunday, October 5 was deemed a success by the Red Cross and the CJ community. A total of 44 units were collected which, with the other two drives this year, is an increase of about 50% over last year's CJ drives. A review of the donors reveal that approximately 2/3 were from the CJ community with the remaining donors coming from Glen Echo and surrounding areas.

Special thanks need to be given to Karen Melchar who was the general organizer for this drive. Karen, Susan Roberts and Burr Gray were busy on the telephone getting recruits and providing reminders. Then they joined Lori Rieckelman, Neil Helm, Elizabeth and Linda Owen and Dominique Maggio as desk greeters. The CJ blood drive schedule for 2004 is Feb 1, June 6, and Oct 3. The gift of blood really saves lives. All of us who have had family or friends in accidents or critical surgery know the benefits of having a good supply of blood available. Please put the 2004 dates on your calendar and plan to join our community in providing the gift that saves.

*Neil Helm*

### CABIN JOHN HOUSE CONCERT

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Wed. Nov 12th 7 - 9:30pm

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## LOOKING BACKWARD IN CABIN JOHN

FAQs about Cabin John

By Andrew E. Rice

This column is primarily for newer residents of Cabin John and responds to a few of the FAQs (frequently asked questions) that come my way (although I'll skip over the commonest question – "How did Cabin John get its name?" – since even the newest Cabin Johner probably knows the answer to that one).

How long has Cabin John had a post office?

We've had a post office here since about 1870 when Joseph Bobinger (of Cabin John Bridge Hotel fame) was postmaster. From 1890 to 1925 the post was held by Dennis Tuohey, with the office at the general store and tavern that the Tuohey family operated for nearly 80 years at the present site of the shopping center. Service was very poor and a letter addressed to a D.C. address took two days since mail came in and went out only once a day in the morning. So a letter posted in Cabin John in the afternoon didn't get to Bethesda until the next afternoon and then was sent on to Washington for actual processing and delivery the following day.

But at least the street names were more interesting then (to this columnist at least). Halifax Street, for instance, was the original name for what is now 78th Street. 79th Place was called Cedar Street, 80th Place was Valley Road, and 81st Street was named Wilson Avenue south of MacArthur and Main Street north of it. An important question still to be researched is when and why these original names were changed to today's numbering system.

What's the early history of Cabin John Gardens?

The 100 dwellings in the Gardens were built by the Federal Government in 1940 – on the site of the famed Cabin John Bridge Hotel which burned down in 1931 – to house workers in what was then called the David Taylor Model Basin (now the Naval Ship Research and Development Center) further out MacArthur Boulevard. (In those segregated days, the Gardens housing was restricted to whites; twenty additional units, for blacks, were built on Carver Road.) The houses were originally rented to the tenants by the Navy, but in 1955 the Navy decided to sell the property.

The residents agreed to form a corporation to buy the land and houses. It took some time, but in 1957 Cabin John Gardens, Inc., an organization whose members were the residents of the Gardens, assumed title to the property. Fifteen years later, in 1972, the mortgage that had been taken out to buy the Gardens had been paid off.

How did the Crab Feast get started?

The Cabin John Crab Feast, now the community's largest annual event, started in the 1960's as a fund raiser for the Cabin John Home Study Program, an organization set up in 1964, largely by black parents who were concerned about the difficulties some of their children were having in the just integrated County school system. It provided tutoring services, as well as helping with college services, as well as helping with scholarships and summer camps.

In 1973 the Cabin John Citizens Association also became sponsor of the Feast, and the funds raised by the big event began to be split so as to provide support to the activities of several group, as is the current practice. Originally held in a vacant lot behind Carver Road, the event moved in 1988 to Seven Locks Park and then in 1990 to the Clara Barton Community Center (where it has been held ever since), coinciding that year with the dedication and grand opening of the community center.

## New Date for Glen Echo Park Gala - Nov 15th.

The Glen Echo Gala had to be postponed due to the hurricane, but everything is back in place for an outstanding evening on Nov 15th. The dinner seats are sold out but please consider coming over for dessert, dancing, and entertainment for \$75/person starting at 8:30 p.m.

The Brooks Tegler Big Band will provide the swing in the Spanish Ballroom, plus you'll have the option of contra dancing in the Bumper Car Pavilion. The emcee will be Arch Campbell from Channel 4 News. And you won't want to miss the tango as danced by County Executive Doug Duncan and Senator Barbara Mikulski.

Support the arts in our own back yard. These early years are critical to success of the re-birth of the Park. For tickets, call 301-320-7757 (GEPPAC ticket office - [gala@glenechopark.org](mailto:gala@glenechopark.org)) or go to <http://www.glenechopark.org>, click on In Full Swing - Glen Echo Park Gala, and scroll down to Buy Tickets Online.

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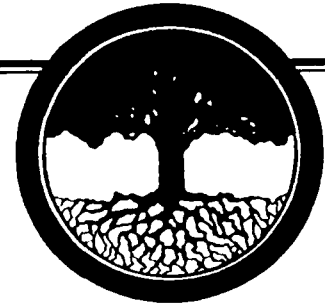
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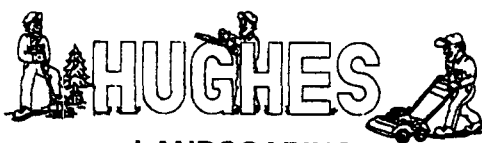
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## SANDY KEELING WAINWRIGHT: LIFE IS SWEET

by Barbara Martin

Sandy Keeling grew up in Louisville, Kentucky. Real Kentuckians pronounce it "Louvl." Her dad is a dentist, her mom a homemaker. Sandy has an older sister and a younger brother. All of her family are still in Kentucky. "We lived on a dead-end street just outside of town. There were always plenty of kids around for whatever game you wanted to play. There were a lot of Catholic families in our neighborhood who had 9, 10, 11 kids. Whatever age you were, there were bound to be others the same age."

Sandy was interested in art-drawing, painting-from a very early age. During junior and senior high schools she was on the volleyball and hockey teams. "My family took long road trips every summer. Sometimes we visited my grandparents in Nebraska. Often we went to Colorado. I loved that area so much that I chose a college there-Colorado Women's College, now part of the University of Denver. It was a small school, with a strong emphasis on encouraging women to 'be all you can be.' It was 1971 and women's lib was at its height. It worked for us; all my classmates have become professionals." There were few Southerners at her college, and Sandy was constantly kidded about her Kentucky accent. "I realized I did talk differently, and I made a conscious effort to standardize my speech."

Sandy was very active in sports. "Being on a team allowed us to travel all over the West-Idaho, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona. And the classes were geared to the outdoor life. I took courses in skiing, canoeing, edible natural foods. I went rock climbing. For me, college was like a country club; I wasn't very scholarly." In her junior year, Sandy chose art as her major, and earned a BA in art and a BFA in silversmithing and print making. "A couple of years after college, I gave up handcrafted arts. Now, 20 years later, I'd like to get back to it."

"After I graduated I stayed on in Denver, as so many people do who go to college in Colorado. It's so beautiful and everybody lives the outdoor life. In Colorado, when someone asks what you do, they're talking about sports, not your job." Sandy worked in graphics design for the college while she was a student. Her first job after graduation was doing newspaper advertising for a backpacking store. "I worked in a dark basement; it was too depressing, so I quit and decided to freelance."

She did that for 4 years, just getting by, then decided to go back home. She got a "real job" in advertising at a department store, and worked there 10 years, starting in layout, then going on to become, in turn, art director, advertising manager, director of marketing. "Our department produced newspaper, direct mail, radio and TV ads." Then the department store was bought out by a large chain in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and Sandy decided not to transfer north.

She became a partner in her brother's marketing and communications business. "We worked for several local firms like car dealerships, but our biggest client was Kentucky Fried Chicken. KFC wanted a big bash for their distributors and franchisers, and asked us to plan the event to coincide with the Kentucky Derby." Sandy's life was about to change. Several photographers came down from New York, including a moonlighting City policeman named Josh Wainwright. "We were together every day for 5 days, and by the time he flew back to New York, we knew we wanted to keep seeing each other." Phone calls and visits back and forth followed, and in 1990 Sandy moved to New York and went to work for an advertising agency, on the business, not the artistic, side. The couple married in 1992. "We had a wonderful wedding on Martha's Vineyard. We rented three houses and invited all our family and friends to join us for a week's vacation."

For several years, Josh had been working off-hours as a security officer for important antique shows. After 23 years as a policeman, he retired from that job and went into full-time total management of antique shows. He managed the Philadelphia Antique Show among others, and produced his own "National Black Fine Art Show" which has become an annual event in New York.

In addition to her full-time job, Sandy was doing all the paper work for Josh's business. After 5 years of living and working in New York, she was asked to interview for a job as vice-president of marketing for a company in Bethesda, Maryland. "While a cab was driving me to Bethesda, I got a very favorable impression of the parts of the Washington area that I saw. It felt so comfortable after New York City." She took the job and she and Josh moved to Bethesda, renting a townhouse off Old Georgetown Road. Josh was commuting to New York for his work. Eventually he bought out his New York partner and relocated his center of operations to Maryland.

"We were looking all around the Metro area and kept coming back to Cabin John. The houses on Little Leigh Court were in construction and we decided to live there. The builder customized the house plans according to our preferences and in 1999 we moved in."

Sandy was finding her marketing job stressful. "I only stayed in order to accumulate enough money so that I could quit and work entirely with Josh." Now they manage and produce together art shows and antique shows. "We do the four biggest shows of that type in the country: the Philadelphia Antique Show, the National Black Fine Art Show, the American Antique Show in New York, and the Ellis Antique Show in Boston. This year we helped a friend organize the Charleston International Antique Show. All the shows benefit some worthy organization such as a hospital,

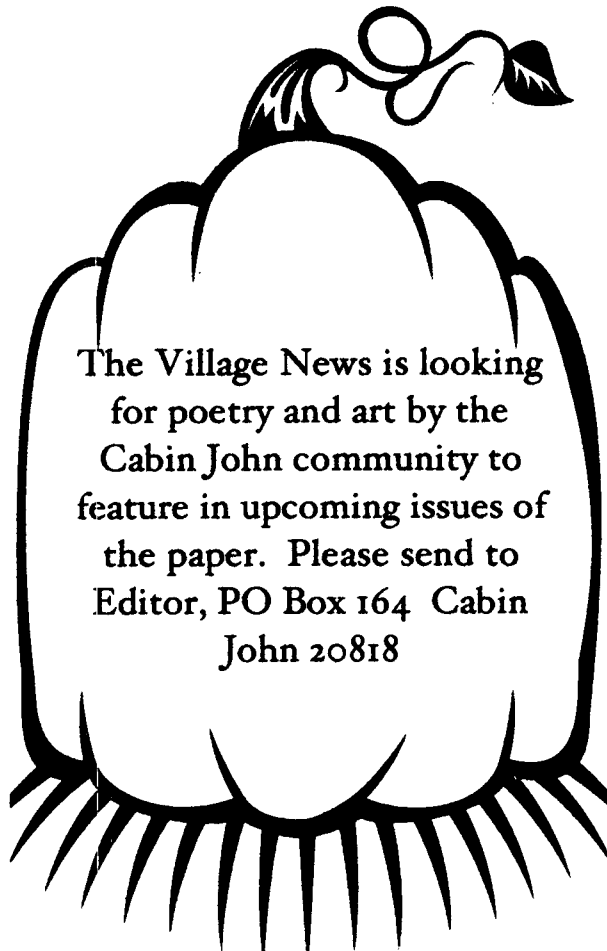
*Letter to the editor*

It's time to say farewell to the many readers of that wonderful Cabin John Village News who have been my friends, some for many years, because of a small, inexpensive ad that our son Andy Clark and I placed in the publication during the 1970's. Those readers hired us to do many "small" jobs, hauling, moving, cutting grass, etc. We kept a tab at home adding up his share of each job we did together and then doubling it. It was his money for later - and later he used it well. Barbara (his mom), his other relatives and friends; we all know we are part of those important moments and years. Today, Andy is a foot surgeon, his wife Becky is an M.D., their daughters Miranda and Lindsey are growing up in a loving and helping environment. They live in a suburb of Toledo, Ohio.

To the next Dad and Son or Daughter who may be considering the idea of having a small, part-time hauling and lawn care business, I suggest placing an ad into The Village News of Cabin John, MD. You'll meet some wonderful folks!

Thanks again!

From Ed Clark and our son, Andy Clark

**The Home Advisor**

by John Rabner

I think fall descended on us the other night while we were sleeping! I really believe our crazy weather and its aftermath is not about to take a rest, given we have one more season to go before 2004.

So, now it's time to button things up for the winter, 'cause we know it's going to be here before we know it. The Farmers Almanac is predicting a cold and snowy season, and I for one am not taking any chances! The snow blower co-op on our street will certainly be ready for (most) anything that Mother Nature dishes out!

Preparing yourself for winter should involve at least these steps:

Ensure that your home's heating system is in good operation,

That water from melting snow cannot get inside,

And that wind drafts are minimized.

You're also going to need a game plan for moving about the outside of your home. Strategically placed bags of salt and snow shovels will make that snowy trek outside a lot easier. Don't wait until the last minute to get ready (like the rest of the world does!)

One great thing that a client of mine has done is to order a **Gutter Heater** ([heatersplus.com](http://heatersplus.com)) to prevent those blasted ice dams. This item has been around for a long time, though not easy to find. Strung into the gutter and attached to a normal outlet, it could be the best small investment you make to prepare for a snowy winter.

And finally, look to your neighbors for a game plan that can help you get dug out faster and easier. Snow blowers, contracted services, etc will enable you to spread the cost and give you the peace of mind that comes from being ready *before* you need it.

Contributed by local resident John Rabner, owner of 1st Choice Painting and Home Improvements. To ask questions and/or make contributions to this column, call 301-229-9100 or e-mail [jrabner@comcast.net](mailto:jrabner@comcast.net).

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**SANDY KEELING WAINWRIGHT**  
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and they are excellent ways for dealers to expose their wares and for antique lovers and collectors to see so many pieces in one place."

Interestingly, the Wainwrights don't collect antiques themselves. "But we do love the art and we enjoy the people. For us, it's an extremely simple business to do from home and that's what we like. Our goal is not to get more business, to grow. We're doing only the very best shows and our reputation means a lot to us."

Sandy and Josh love to ride their mountain bikes, along the C&O towpath and in off-trail paths in state parks. They take road trips whenever they can and always take along photography equipment and fishing gear. "We find isolated lakes and streams to fish in, and come across wonderful landscapes to photograph."

"We are so lucky to have moved into this neighborhood in Cabin John. All nine families in Little Leigh Court have become friends. We have a Memorial Day barbeque, and last month we had an impromptu hurricane party. The court is a mix of ages and situations; we have little kids, teens, retired people, and three of us work at home. I couldn't ask for a better life."



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