



Village News

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Serving the people of Cabin John and beyond

Cabin John Volunteers Needed for 4th Annual "Growing Native" Event Set For October 23

Would you like to collect black walnuts for cold hard cash and earn millions of dollars? On Saturday, October 23, the Potomac Watershed Partnership and the Potomac Conservancy will sponsor the fourth annual Growing Native event, a volunteer-led effort to replenish depleted reserves of native tree stock for tree planting projects throughout the region. We need Cabin John residents to collect the needed acorns, seeds, and black walnuts the week of Oct. 17-23 to be dropped off on Oct. 23 between 9:30 – 11:30 am at the collection point in Cabin John located at the parking lot next to the tennis courts/Cabin John Bridge. All nuts/acorns should be divided according to species into separate labeled bags, and a leaf from the particular tree should be placed in the bag to help confirm the species.

CJCA will pay a penny for each black walnut so tell your kids of the deal, but remember that while we need all of the trees listed below, the offer *only applies to black walnuts*. (CJCA legal counsel advises that we need to note that it will take 100 million black walnuts to earn \$1 million.) Don't collect the walnuts more than one week in advance since they start to deteriorate quickly. Please let Burr Gray (703-607-2740 (w), burr.gray@alum.dartmouth.org) know if you plan to gather black walnuts so that he can keep a list. Cabin John has the reputation for collecting more black walnuts for the event than any other site in the MD-DC-VA area and we hope to continue the tradition.

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Some of the many residents who enjoyed this year's Cabin John Crab & Chicken Feast on Sept. 11.

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Crab Feast Quick Thanks

Thanks to everyone in the community who supported this year's Cabin John Crab Feast which was held on Saturday, September 11. As always, the food and drink were delicious, the entertainment superb and the weather remarkable (timed perfectly between two hurricanes).

Special thanks to all of the volunteers who made the 2004 Cabin John Crab Feast possible with their hard work. A full wrap-up and recap to come in the next issue!

—Frank Ritzenberg



Neighborly News

by Barbara Martin

A new family has moved into Wishbone Terrace, **Cecilia and Bala Nair**, and their sons, **Joel**, 10, and **Sean**, 7. Bala is an economic counselor at the Embassy of Singapore. Cecilia has joined the Cabin John Chorus, singing soprano. The Nairs moved here from Friendship Heights and are originally from Singapore.

Walt Whitman High School's fall musical is *Les Miserables*. Several CJ young people will be participating. The show will play on November 18, 19, and 20. Whitman's musicals are always wonderful—of professional quality.

Philip Marshall, who grew up in Cabin John, has retired from his long career as a firefighter and has moved with his wife, **Pat**, to Carthage, Texas. Philip is the son of **Thelma Marshall**, of Webb Road.

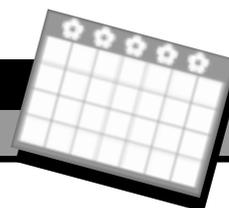
Don't forget to turn your clocks forward on the last Saturday night in October. That's when I have to admit, reluctantly, that summer is over.

Please call me at 301-229-3482 or email barbmartin@comcast.net with your news about present or former Cabin John people. We want to know about new neighbors, deaths, births, marriages, any items of interest to the town.

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Community Calendar



- SEPT**
- 28** CJCA Meeting
Clara Barton Center
7:30 pm
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- 3** Cabin John Blood Drive
Clara Barton Center
10 am - 4 pm (see p. 4)
- 3** Wishing Chair Concert
7805 Tomlinson Ave.
3 pm (see p. 10)
- 9** Glen Echo Park Fundraiser
Glen Echo Ballroom
7 pm - midnight (see p. 8)
- 23** Going Native Collection
MacArthur tennis court parking lot
9:30 - 11:30 am (see p. 1)
- OCT**

Want To Be An Interviewer?

We're happy that four people have volunteered to write one interview. Their articles will appear in the next four issues of the *Village News*. The door is still open. Please call me if you would like to do an interview. Barbara Martin 301-229-3482.

Pam Zilly: A Colorful Cabin Johner

by Oona Stieglitz

Maybe you've seen her walking Barkley, her slender white Borzoi dog on MacArthur Blvd. Maybe you've been lucky enough to catch a glimpse or whiff or even a full tour of her gardens on 76th Street. Maybe your children have delighted in her creativity as afternoon program teacher at Clara Barton Center for Children. Maybe you've visited her photography studio in the Torpedo Factory in Alexandria. In these ways and more, Pam Zilly is one of Cabin John's colorful characters.

I knew Pam would be an interesting subject, and certainly, for interviewing and editing purposes, the "commute" next door couldn't be beat. What came as a surprise was how she came to live in Cabin John about a decade ago. She came to our house!

After a successful career as a photographer, Pam was exploring the idea of working on a film crew. It appealed to her because of the collaboration; photography was beginning to feel isolated. At a film lecture cocktail party, she gave her card to Cabin John's Peter Vogt, hoping to volunteer on a film crew. A week later, she got a call. She took the offer from Peter to be assistant producer of a commercial.

The client: National Rehabilitation Center

The site: our house

The costars: our piano and antique clock

The result: an Emmy, a date and a life partnership!

Now that the dots have been connected, let's color in the picture with traditional biography. Pam was born in Schenectady, NY, the middle of three sisters (the other two live in Florida and Greece). Even as a young girl, she loved animals: hatching robin's eggs, feeding ants, caring for raccoons, chipmunks and crows.

At 18, with her father's encouragement, she went to Mexico for two years to study arts at a university there. Her mother, who died when Pam was 15, had done the same thing. Pam's first photography



Pam Zilly, in her garden, with Barkley.

© Peter Vogt

course was all in Spanish, which she learned while traveling the countryside during her studies. Having completed all her art and photography courses and having fallen in love with travel and photography, she moved back to New York and completed a B.F.A. in photography at SUNY New Paltz in 1976.

From there, she reconnected with a roommate from her time in Mexico and moved in with her in Boston. A job in a large framing establishment kept her connected to the art world. Spending each Sunday volunteering at the New England Aquarium brought her close to animals again. If you ever have trouble getting your harbor seal to take her medicine, give Pam a call for advice!

Boston weather was not agreeing with her, so when her Dad retired to Sarasota, she took the opportunity to relocate there and concentrate on

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CJCA News

by Burr Gray

Agenda for Next CJCA Meeting—1) Results of Crab Feast.

Changes/corrections to the recently issued Cabin John Directory:

Local Stores/Merchants

Page 28 – Level Fitness phone number should be 301-229-0080.

Local Talent/Classifieds Section

Page 30: Attorneys
Nicholas Fobe phone number should be 202-452-1600.

Page 32: Under House Repairs
John Hughes phone number should be 301-330-4949.
Ellen Shillingham should be Ellen Shillinglaw.

Page 33: Under Real Estate
add Patricia Ammerman (Realtor) – 301-385-7333.

Residential Listing

Page 44:
Mollie Carr phone number should be 229-7430.

Page 50:
Delete listing for Durand, Philippe & Ximena.

Page 54:
Change Furst, Walda L. to Ciafone, Walda L. & Allan Shedlin, Jr.

Page 58:
Harris, Helen & Clive phone number should be 320-9769.

Page 61:
Add Hurle, Belten and Bechara Kachar, 6611 80th Place, 301-229-3331.

Page 63:
Add Kachar, Bechara and Belten Hurle, 6611 80th Place, 301-229-3331.

Page 63:
Change to Kans, Jonathan & Deborah (delete last name Fogel).

Page 85:
Add Shedlin, Allan Jr. & Walda L. Ciafone, 6600 81st St., 301-229-8235.

Advertising

Page 113:
Hughes Landscaping phone number should be 301-330-4949.

Next Cabin John Blood Drive—The third and last Cabin John blood drive of the year is set for Sunday, Oct 3 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Clara Barton Community Center. The Red Cross needs blood. We need donors and we need to have them signed up ahead of time. Please contact Karen Melchar – 301-229-9049 (h), ardenroad@mac.com, to set up an appointment.

We hope that our usual donors will sign up, and we hope to expand the pool to bring in some new donors. If you have questions

The next meeting of the CJCA will be Sept. 28, 7:30 pm at the Clara Barton Community Center.



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Let's Talk!

Eleanor Balaban

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www.cabinjohn.org.

The usual criteria is as follows: People who can donate are, in general: people in good health, 17 years or older (16 years is OK if you have a consent form signed by a parent), and weighing at least 110 lbs. People who can't donate are: (1) people who received a tattoo one year prior to the date of donation, (2) most people taking antibiotics, (3) most people taking blood thinners, (4) most people who are not feeling well, have a cold, or sore throat, (5) people who have a temperature at the time of donation, (6) people who have been in England for a total combined period of 3 months from Jan. 1, 1980 to the present, (7) people who have been in Eastern or Western Europe for a total combined time of 6 months or more since Jan 1, 1980, (8) people who have had cancer, (9) people who have traveled recently to certain South American countries where malaria exists, and (10) people who have traveled recently to locations where SARS was a concern.





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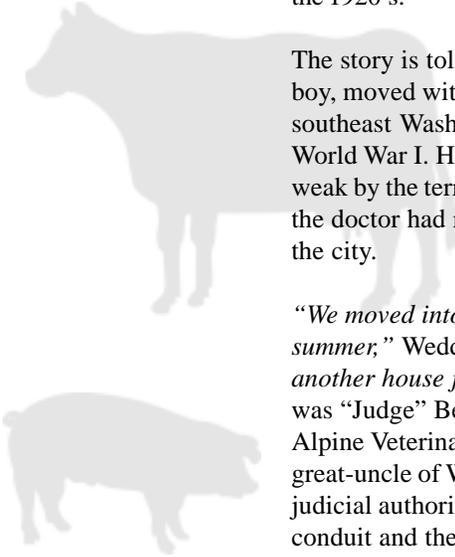


Looking Back in Cabin John

by Andrew E. Rice

Remembrances of Cabin John Eighty Years Ago

Last month I drew from William M. Offutt's book, *Bethesda: A Social History*, to give a first-hand account of what it was like to ride the streetcar from downtown Washington to Cabin John back in the 1940's and 50's. This month I'd like to quote from Offutt's excellent volume once more to present remembrances of one boy's life in our community in the 1920's.



The story is told by Presley Wedding who, as a boy, moved with his parents and siblings from southeast Washington to Cabin John shortly after World War I. His sister had been stricken and left weak by the terrible flu epidemic of that period and the doctor had recommended that they get out of the city.

"We moved into a two-room cottage for the summer," Wedding recalled, "and then into another house just east of the store." [The store was "Judge" Benson's and was located where the Alpine Veterinary Hospital now stands. Benson, a great-uncle of Wedding, held some kind of federal judicial authority (related to the fact that the conduit and the road above it—then Conduit Road, now MacArthur Boulevard—were federal property) and operated a small courtroom by his soda fountain to mete out justice to speeders and other lawbreakers on the road.] "We lived there for two or three years while my dad built our own house on 78th Street [then called Halifax Street]."

"Judge Benson was a blacksmith too. He had a row of sheds. One was a blacksmith shop, another was a garage, another a storeroom, and another a stable. [Later, when the Cabin John Park Volunteer

Fire Department was organized in 1930, Benson provided the initial home for the company's Model T pick-up with the 100-gallon portable pump.] *He had a big cornfield and he'd hire a couple of us kids to plant corn. He'd plow a furrow and drop a bit of fertilizer and we were supposed to drop three or four kernels in the hills....."*

"We kept chickens and had a cow once, and my uncle kept a herd of pigs down by the spring. Every year around Thanksgiving time we waited to hear the squeal of pigs being slaughtered. . . . They had a barrel of boiling water they put the scraps in to make scrapple. Then they had these sausage making machines. Used everything but the hoofs."

"We located a farmer up on Number Ten Road [now Seven Locks Road] who sold milk. One time we didn't get there in time to get the milk, and when my dad came home, we went up there and my dad herded the cows in so the farmer could milk them so we could get some milk. It was a big change from living in the city."

"We enjoyed the canal. . . .The canal boats were running. Mostly hauling coal. Once in a while the excursion boats came out from Georgetown, and they were fun to see. . . .One of the summer people built a water wheel for the canal race that bypassed the locks, hooked it up to a generator and had electric lights. We just had oil lamps. . ."

"In the winter we went sledding on 78th Street. We were taking a chance crossing Conduit Road, but there was very little traffic. One winter it snowed, then thawed on top and froze enough to hold a sled. And when you started you had no control whatsoever. . ."

As he grew up, Wedding became a paper carrier for *The Washington Star* and delivered some 50 papers in Cabin John. He would pick them up from the trolley at the end of its route. Collecting from the customers—even at 2 cents a copy—was the most difficult part of the job. How much of the 2 cents came ultimately to him for his delivery services, he does not say. But coincidentally, much later when the *The Village News* was started in the 1960's, it was initially distributed by young carriers who were paid 2 cents for each paper delivered.



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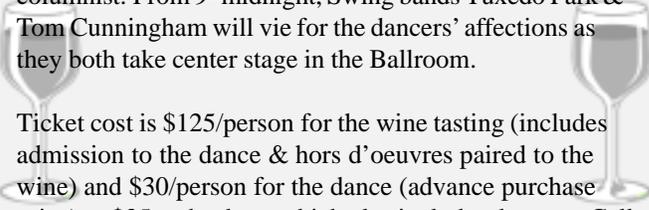
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Glen Echo's Battles of Wine and Music

On Saturday, October 9, 2004, the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts & Culture (GEPPAC) will host two friendly "battles," as both wine and music are put to the test. From 7-9 pm, it's the Reds vs. the Whites at a wine tasting hosted by Ben Giliberti, *Washington Post* wine columnist. From 9-midnight, Swing bands Tuxedo Park & Tom Cunningham will vie for the dancers' affections as they both take center stage in the Ballroom.



Ticket cost is \$125/person for the wine tasting (includes admission to the dance & hors d'oeuvres paired to the wine) and \$30/person for the dance (advance purchase price) or \$35 at the door, which also includes desserts. Call 301-320-7757 for information. Please note that tickets to the wine tasting will *not* be sold at the door.

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Cabin John Longtimers

Just for fun, *The Village News* wants to find out which residents have lived here at least 30 years. We're not calling them old-timers; some of them were born here and are only 30 years old, so long-timer seems more appropriate. Here is a beginning list. Please forgive errors; I couldn't check each one individually. Let me know (301-229-3482, or barbmartin@comcast.net) of other names that belong on the list. We'll run additional names in the next issue. —Barbara Martin

Jo & Allen Alexander	Juana & Americo De Las Casas	Jane & Pete Hunter	Paul Mazzi	Linda & Tevy Schlafman
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Caroline Casey	Linda & Tom Green	Dana Lupton	Barbara & Pete Prather	Peter Vogt
Tina Cissell	Alice & Tony Guida	Phyllis Magrab & Grant Peters	Marian & Pat Purtell	Muriel & Glenn Webb
Joann Clayton-Townsend	Mike Hahn	Karen & Tom Manion	John Rabner	Bruce Wetzel
Angela Coppola	Betty & Ted Hahn	Matina Manthos	Melissa Rabner	Austin White
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Marjie Craig	Danny Harris	Thelma Marshall	Michael Reid	Peggy Sue Williams
Charles Crawford	Larry Heflin	Barbara Martin	Lorra & Donald Renz	Maureen Willoughby
Lee & Odette Dashner	Jean & Donald Hay	Evan Mater	Connie & Andy Rice	Jim Wilner
Annette & Bob Davis	Margaret & James Hilleary	Everett Mathews	Diana & Steve Rutkus	Nicki & Gene Wright
Willy De Geyndt	John Hughes	Mary Mattia	Danny Saling	Betty Yoklavich
	Sarah Hughes	Robert Mattia	Karl Schaffrath	

ZILLY
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her photography. Through an apprenticeship, a mentor, and great wildlife subjects, she won a number of competitions and solidified photography as her career choice.

Traveling on assignment in Ecuador, her companions sang the praises of the Washington D.C. area, so she moved to Old Town Alexandria. For the next 11 years she made a living as a photographer. For a time she lived on estates in Hillsboro and Middleburg—getting a dose of country life and meeting her cat Holstein (recently deceased). Then it was back to Old Town Alexandria and Adams Morgan because she missed city diversity and culture.

Photography actually led Pam to gardening. She photographed a series of gardening books for Time-Life publishers. But living in a 5th floor apartment with a balcony for garden space did not enable her to apply what she learned on assignment. When she met and got to know Peter, she made him a perennial garden in their backyard as a birthday present!

So photography led to gardening, a lecture led to Peter and Cabin John. Who knows where Barkley will lead Pam on their next walk? If you'd like to see some of Pam's work, you can visit her web site at www.zillyphoto.com. —🐾



“Wishing Chair” appears at Oct. 3 Cabin John House Concert

Local neighborhood show is warm up for their Kennedy Center performance!



Wishing Chair musicians Miriam Davidson and Kiya Heartwood.

© Irene Young

Want to see outstanding professional performers in an intimate setting with good food and conversation? Imagine a pair of extraordinary musicians in your Cabin John neighbor's living room, no amplification, and 20 to 60 of your friends and neighbors—in other words: a “house concert.” Eric Bord and Deborah Smolover will be hosting Cabin John's first house concert of the season on Sunday, October 3rd at 3 pm.

The concert will feature the music of Wishing Chair, an award-winning roots-folk songwriting duo. Wishing Chair has been described as “a songwriting, string dancing, accordion playing, harmony singing, storytelling, hand drumming, banjo strumming, soul stirring, two woman tour-de-force.” The duo features Miriam Davidson on vocals, accordion, acoustic guitar, banjo, percussion; and Kiya Heartwood on vocals, acoustic guitar, and percussion. Kiya is also the group's primary songwriter.

Wishing Chair tours over one hundred and twenty dates a year at festivals, concert series, colleges, and on the mainstage of folk festivals throughout the United States and Canada. Now they're coming to Cabin John!

Debbie and Eric invite all Cabin John residents to the October 3rd concert at 7805 Tomlinson Avenue. A donation of \$10 is suggested (100% of which goes to the musicians) and children are welcome. Refreshments will be served. If you plan to attend, please call 301-229-0347 by Friday October 1st. See you there!

GROWING NATIVE
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We are also looking for volunteers to help with the following tasks: (1) providing and driving a pickup truck around 12 noon on Oct. 23 to take the nuts/acorns from Cabin John to a drop-off site in Bethesda, and (2) helping pick up nuts/acorns at local sites.

There are other nuts/acorns in demand besides black walnuts, including Atlantic White Cedar, Bald Cypress, Black Oak, Chestnut Oak, Chinkapin Oak, Green Ash, Hazelnut, Northern Red Oak, Overcup Oak, Paw Paw, Persimmon, Pin Oak, Sassafras, Southern Red Oak, Swamp Chestnut Oak, Swamp White Oak, Water Oak, White Ash, White Oak, and Willow Oak. While Cabin John's reputation has been built on black walnuts, we really want to collect from these other types of trees as well. So look around your house. If you have any of the above-mentioned trees on your property, please let Cabin John resident John Gelb (229-5851) know in advance so that we can provide volunteers to help gather some of these needed nuts/acorns. If you want descriptions of those trees and nuts, go to the Growing Native website at www.growingnative.org. If you need further help with tree identification, contact either John Gelb or Tom Rojas (320-2514).

—Burr Gray

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