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**Connor Durrant, 9, draws live figures in the open-air studio at MPAArtFest on Sunday.**



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**Artist Julie Lansaw and a client Catherine McCarthey, McLean, at the MPAArtFest on Sunday.**



## MPA Hosts Annual ArtFest

BY REENA SINGH  
THE CONNECTION

**A**rtist Julie Lansaw has been showcasing her paintings depicting her travels on paint and canvas at McLean Project for the Arts ArtFest since its first year.

The local artist said it is the best way for neighbors to socialize and buy work in the area.

The eighth annual MPAArtFest attracted thousands of art and music lovers to McLean Central Park Sunday to enjoy the crisp autumn day with drawing lessons, local art and apple cider donuts.

"I live here in McLean, and it's a good way to see people I haven't seen all year,"

said Lansaw. "The reputation is helping to expand the draw."

She said the show pulls a wide net of people from outside of McLean — a number that grows every year. MPAArtFest director Amy Swaak said many of the local and non-residential visitors come because of the quality of the festival. Not only can you buy artwork, she said, but children can also come for the "amazing festival feel." Between 5,000 to 6,000 people attend every year, with many of them coming more than once.

"I feel this has become a premier community event," she said.

**EVERY MEDIUM**, from oil painters to jewelry makers, were represented at this year's festival. Additionally, children's artwork

## Annual festival combines festival atmosphere and local art.

lined the sidewalk.

Visitors milled down the sidewalk to listen to music or have their children create arts and crafts. Those who have graduated from the arts and crafts age could draw live figures in an open-air sketch session, where a number of easels were set up with paper and drawing charcoal.

Shannon and John Durrant, of McLean, were relaxing by the gazebo where musicians played as their children drew figures at an open air station nearby.

"We've been coming here every year we've lived here," said Shannon. "We bring lunch, sit and listen to music and they create art."

Tim Gocke, of McLean, brought his daughter Gigi to the arts and crafts station

so she can use her imagination and construction paper to create a picture.

"I'm a sponsor for one of the artists' tents," he said. "I'm an oral surgeon in town. I feel that promotion of the arts is important for society and children. We're just having some fun."

Those who were tired of walking around the 50 artists and number of other vendors could rest as their children played in the playground or grab an apple cider doughnut from Mama's Donut Bites as they headed back to their car.

"I think it was fabulous," said Swaak. "The weather couldn't be more perfect. The art represented here is wonderful. What else is there to say."

## Tysons Rezoning Consternation

BY REENA SINGH  
THE CONNECTION

## MCA debates details of proffer agreements for two businesses.

**L**ike most McLean Citizen Association board members, President Sally Horn is concerned how new Tysons businesses will affect McLean.

Members debated two Tysons rezoning resolutions on their contribution to the urban center — stating their hope that the money would be kept in Tysons.

"If they give this money, where are they going to put these parks?" asked Horn. "Are they going to Vienna? McLean?"

Much of the discussion — and amendments — came from an application from Tysons Westpark L.C. to use the former Westpark Hotel site at 8401 Westpark Drive for two residential buildings, a one-story accessory building and a 300 unit hotel.

The company's proffer — a required contribution to the community — was to create an athletic field off of Gallows Road if they entered into an agreement with another company or \$2.2 million by June 30, 2015. Another proffer was to contribute \$2.2 million for a new community library to be built by the site.

However, if the company chose to give the \$2.2 million rather than use it for the field, board member Mark Zetts said the Board of Supervisors will make the



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**The MCA Board of Directors debated two rezoning resolutions at the Oct. 1 meeting.**

decision on how to use the money.

Two of Horn's three proposals on the resolution passed — to state that MCA does not object to the resolution rather than supports it and to urge that the county place the athletic fields in Tysons and not elsewhere.

"I want all 20 fields in Tysons, period," said Zetts. "We can talk about fields elsewhere after the 20."

He said there is a tremendous pressure to put recreation areas in Tysons Corner to give its new citizens a place to play sports close to their homes and new schools rather than come to McLean.

Although height flexibility is allowed if 20 percent of the units were contributed to

workforce housing, many were worried it would set a precedence if the resolution passed.

"I am really disturbed that the height is violating the height restriction," said board member Katherine Probst.

She said she would rather the MCA be told beforehand about any major zoning restrictions before the resolution was placed before the Board of Directors to vote on.

The resolution passed 21 to nine with three abstentions.

**THE RESOLUTION REZONES** Amherst Property's six-story office building on Jones Branch Drive into a residential

building with ground floor retail also passed.

The proffer on the resolution included a monetary proffer for an athletic field equal to \$1.81 per ground floor area by June 30, 2013 or \$2.38 per square foot when the first occupancy permit is issued as well as a 10-year space for the Fairfax County Fire Marshal office in an adjacent building.

"This is a 10 year holiday for the fire marshal," said Bill Denk. "If we're going to have a bunch of proffered space, it's eventually going to be an obligation for the county."

The location is 1/2 a mile from two Metro stations, but a block away from a bus station.

"Long term, this whole area will redevelop," said Zetts.

The resolution passed unanimously with one abstention, but there was a motion to reopen the resolution to negotiate where the athletic field would be placed after the discussion with the Tysons Westpark L.C. resolution. The motion failed.

"Tysons is a very complicated issue," Horn told the board members. "If you're interested about learning about more, please go to [planning and zoning] meetings."

# ELECTION 2014:

CANDIDATE PROFILES

## Comstock's Comfort Zone

**GOP candidate Barbara Comstock believes a woman's place is in the House ... of Representatives.**

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

Second in a series of candidates' profiles.

It's just weeks before Election Day, and the contest to replace retiring Republican Congressman Frank Wolf in Virginia's 10th Congressional district has become one of the most watched, most expensive and most contentious races in the country.

But on this crisp fall October morning, Republican candidate Barbara Comstock is in her comfort zone.

She is campaigning door-to-door with Wolf, whom she counts as a longtime friend and mentor, in McLean, her hometown for the past 30 years, which she has represented in the Virginia House of Delegates since 2010.

"I'm feeling great about the race," said Comstock, her voice a little hoarse from non-stop campaign events. "I thoroughly enjoy meeting people from every walk of life. I've been particularly touched by the reaction I get from young women. They notice a woman is out here campaigning."

Comstock is making a point.

She is aware of the criticism leveled by Democrats who assert that she is part of the GOP's "War on Women," noting Comstock's vote in favor of the controversial "transvaginal ultrasound" bill in the Virginia legislature.

And while Comstock makes no apologies for her strong conservative presence in Richmond, she said she finds it ironic that anyone would label her "anti-woman."

"Really, when I hear that, I think about the fact that I grew up ... surrounded by strong women," Comstock said. "I think of my grandfather, who had four girls. He was a real feminist. I remember him telling us 'Don't let any man keep you down. You can do anything if you work hard enough.' He lived through the Depression, and was a very proud man. He was never able to go to college, but he was the smartest man I knew."

Comstock said she was inspired to establish a Young Women's Leadership Program in January 2013 after reading Sheryl Sandberg's 2013 book "Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead." In the book, Sandberg, the chief operating officer of Facebook, advises women to seek mentors in the workplace and be more assertive with respect to their careers.

**AFTER READING THE BOOK**, Comstock said, "I wanted to start a program that provides young women, middle and high school girls, to meet and connect with professional women from a variety of sectors."

Since the leadership program began, approximately 60 girls throughout McLean, Great Falls, Vienna and Loudoun County have participated, meeting professional women such as Donna Brazile, CNN political commentator and Democratic strategist; Erin Egan, chief privacy officer for Facebook, and Bobbie Kilberg, president and CEO of the Northern Virginia Technology Council.

The program was "incredible and unforgettable" said Danielle Hayden, a junior at Potomac Falls High School in Sterling. "This program reassured me that there is opportunity everywhere you go in many fields, whether it is government service, running

a small business or working for a government agency like NASA."

Comstock grew up in Springfield, Mass., but remembers the influence of her first visit to Virginia, a third grade family trip to Colonial Williamsburg.



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**Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34) campaigns with husband Chip and daughter Caity Roller in McLean last month.**

### Bio

Virginia Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34) grew up in Springfield, Mass. She earned her B.A. in political science from Middlebury College in 1981 and her law degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 1986. She is an attorney and founding partner of Corallo Comstock.

At the beginning of the 2014 legislative session, Comstock served on the following committees:

- ❖ Commerce and Labor
- ❖ Science and Technology, Chair
- ❖ Transportation

**Prior offices:** McLean Community Center Governing Board - 1993-1996

**Personal:** She lives in McLean with her husband, Chip. They have three children, Dan Comstock, Peter Comstock and Caity Roller.

She remembers sitting in the historic Capitol building — in the town where Jefferson studied law with George Wythe — and thinking for the first time that she could be a lawyer too.

"I think that was the first time I wanted to be a lawyer ... I was struck by how these ordinary people did such extraordinary things."

The trip was typical of the influence of her mother, Sally Burns, a long-serving teacher and school administrator. "We would read biographies and then go visit the places we read about," she said. "I developed a real sense of history."

Comstock says her mother has been the most influential person in her life. "My mom is definitely my best friend, that's been one of the great parts of my life."

Burns introduced her daughter to politics

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### Q&A with Barbara Comstock

**Q: What are some of your favorite restaurants in your district?**

**A:** "We love The Old Brogue in Great Falls. It's like Cheers, where everybody knows your name. Also The Tavern in Great Falls and J. Gilberts in McLean."

**Q: What personal qualities do you have that make you the best candidate for this position?**

**A:** "All of my bosses would tell you this. I work very hard. As a woman in law and politics, sometimes I've had to work twice as hard as my male counterparts. Also, I am a problem-solver. When we were out campaigning, Congressman Wolf would introduce me to voters as a problem-solver, someone who can get things done."

**Q: What are you most proud of?**

**A:** "Obviously my three children. They are all doing well, and it's really fun to see your children succeed. Dan is a 2005 graduate of University of Virginia; Peter is a 2007 graduate of Virginia Tech, and Caity graduated from Villanova University in 2010 and George Mason in 2012. Peter is now helping me with my campaign; Caity is a scientist who performs DNA analysis on rape kits. She was married last spring, so she is Caity Roller now, and I'm excited to say she is now expecting her first child and our second grandchild."

**Q: What would you tell young women who are considering a career in politics?**

**A:** "Jump in! Believe in yourself, give it your all and 'lean in.' You can make a difference."

**Q: What are your top priorities if you become the next 10th district representative in the U.S. House?**

**A:** 1. Pass legislation increasing the child tax credit from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

2. Work to repeal and replace ObamaCare which already has caused millions of hardworking Americans to lose their health insurance and have their wellbeing and financial health threatened.

3. Pass meaningful tax relief for families and small businesses to encourage job creation in Northern Virginia.

4. Protect our national security and protect our defense and national security infrastructure as well as the salaries and retirement of our dedicated military

**Q: What do you consider your major accomplishments as a Virginia legislator?**

**A:** ❖ Virginia's laws cracking down on Human Trafficking



**Republican candidate Barbara Comstock surveys a construction site in Loudoun County with longtime U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) last spring. Wolf's retirement announcement paved the way for Comstock's congressional run.**

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**Q: What is something people might be surprised to learn about you?**

**A:** "My mother was a 'Ted Kennedy Girl.' My family campaigned for Kennedy. We were Democrats."

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CANDIDATE PROFILES

# Comstock

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as well as history, but from the opposite side of the aisle from where Comstock currently sits. “My mom was a Ted Kennedy girl — back when Rose Kennedy was doing teas” for campaign events, said Comstock.

Now Burns supports her Republican offspring. “My mom has been very active since my first campaign. My parents live with us, and the fun thing is that our whole family campaigns together.”

Comstock’s politics are much different than those of the unabashedly-liberal Kennedy.

She worked for two terms as an aide to Wolf, and headed the public-affairs branch of President George W. Bush’s Justice Department. The National Review, in its endorsement of Comstock, said, “Comstock’s strong conservative presence in Richmond has earned her high marks from, among others, the National Rifle Association, the Family Foundation of Virginia, and the Virginia Chamber of Commerce, which awarded her its 2012 Free Enterprise Award. She has also received the endorsement of pundits such as Mark Levin and Sean Hannity.”

Pat Herry, a Republican member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, said,

“Barbara is exactly the type of common-sense conservative leader we need to pull the party and district together and win this.”

But despite her conservative credentials, Comstock seeks to emphasize her willingness to reach across the aisle and work with Democrats. She points to her work on human trafficking issues, where her bills toughening criminal penalties and increasing support for victims received near-unanimous support in the Virginia General Assembly.

Kate O’Beirne of McLean, a former Washington editor of the National Review and co-chair of the Catholics for Comstock Coalition, said, “While seeking common ground for the common good, Barbara has remained deeply committed to her strong values. She is a staunch supporter of working to create a culture of life and has led the fight on behalf of victims of human trafficking.”

Comstock has the endorsement of the outgoing incumbent, who was out knocking doors with her on the first Saturday in October.

“No one will work harder for the 10th District than Barbara Comstock,” Wolf said. “She’s honest, ethical and her energy and ability to get results will make her a great congresswoman.”

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### Wash your hands, get your flu shot.

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But there are a few things you can do to protect yourself and those around you from likely the biggest infectious health threat in your neighborhood, influenza.

The flu will kill thousands of people in the United States this flu season, ranging from October to May. Over 30 years, the average number of deaths was more than 20,000 annually according to the CDC, although the number ranged from 3,000 to 48,000.

Flu vaccination is cheap, easy and effective. Getting vaccinated was associated with a 71

percent reduction in flu-related hospitalizations among adults of all ages and a 77 percent reduction among adults 50 years of age and older during the 2011-2012 flu season.

Get a flu shot. Make sure everyone in your family gets a flu shot. Most people with health insurance can get the vaccination without paying anything for it. Getting vaccinated doesn't just protect you, it also protects the people around you who might be more vulnerable, including young children, people over 65, pregnant women, people with other health conditions like being in cancer treatment or with chronic upper respiratory problems.

#### EDITORIAL

Quoting the CDC:

"Influenza is a serious disease that can lead to hospitalization and sometimes even death. Every flu season is different, and influenza infection can affect people differently. Even healthy people can get very sick from the flu and spread it to others. Over a period of 31 seasons between 1976 and 2007, estimates of flu-associated deaths in the United States range from a low of about 3,000 to a high of about 49,000 people. During a regular flu season, about 90 percent of deaths occur in people 65 years and older. "Flu season" in the United

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#### Centers for Disease Control

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/keyfacts.htm>

#### Fairfax County

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/flu/>

States can begin as early as October and last as late as May.

"During this time, flu viruses are circulating at higher levels in the U.S. population. An annual seasonal flu vaccine (either the flu shot or the nasal spray flu vaccine) is the best way to reduce the chances that you will get seasonal flu and spread it to others. When more people get vaccinated against the flu, less flu can spread through that community."

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/keyfacts.htm>

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Why Comstock?

To the Editor:

The Keystone Pipeline has strong bipartisan support. Therefore it is telling that Democratic candidate John Foust is out in left field opposing this job-creating program that would provide more affordable energy and more tax revenue and more jobs. When faced with the question as to whether or not he supported the Keystone Pipeline in a recent debate, he gave three different answers in one debate, ultimately saying that he wouldn't support the project.

This knee jerk ideological position makes no sense when this pipeline would modernize our country's infrastructure and help put our country on the path to energy independence.

For someone who claims to be

for creating jobs, John Foust stands against the Keystone Pipeline to stand with rigid ideologues and Barack Obama. We need a representative in Congress who understands the importance of working on bipartisan legislation that will help get the economy moving. Barbara Comstock's strong support for the Keystone Pipeline, offshore drilling and an all of the above energy policy is what we need moving in Congress. Not only is this Barbara Comstock's position, but it turns out Democratic U.S. Sen. Mark Warner even supports these things — placing John Foust even more outside the mainstream and not ready for primetime in Congress.

**Frank and Barbara Gloeckner**  
Great Falls

### Appalling Comment

To the Editor:

We have supported both John Foust as our Fairfax County supervisor and Barbara Comstock as our Virginia delegate. Both have been responsive to our concerns. We regard both as friends. Now that they are competing to represent us in Congress we are required to pick one over the other.

The decision was made easy after John's appalling comment that Barbara has never held a real job

and his misrepresentations about her positions. We are appalled by John's campaign of deceit against Barbara.

Yes, politics is a contact sport, but what's come out of John's campaign is beyond the pale. It makes us wonder if we ever knew him and is why we are voting for Barbara for Congress.

**Diana and Robert Bork**  
McLean

### Meeting ID Requirements

To the Editor:

Thank you for your informative editorial about the new Photo ID requirement ("Does the Change in Voter ID Laws Matter?" Connection, October 1-7, 2014) and the opportunity for those who do not have acceptable Photo IDs to obtain free ones for voting purposes from any general registrar's office.

The Fairfax County Office of Elections is not arranging transportation for people to get to the office, though some organizations may be. The county is taking the photo ID equipment out to libraries, government centers, in-person absentee voting sites, and other locations to enable citizens to get the IDs more easily. The schedules

### Why Foust?

To the Editor:

As a two term Fairfax County supervisor from McLean, he has balanced numerous county budgets and has found ways to save millions of dollars of unnecessary spending. Thanks to John Foust's active support, Fairfax County has all day kindergarten and the Metro had just been extended to Reston.

His opponent, Barbara Comstock, while serving as a member of the Virginia House Delegates, has voted against the views of Northern Virginia. In spite of horrendous highway gridlock, in 2013 she voted against a bipar-

of locations and times are on the Office of Elections website.

People who apply for a Photo ID too late to receive it in the mail can ask for a temporary photo ID. It will be accepted as a valid ID for voting. Registered voters going to the polls on election day who do not have an eligible photo ID can vote a provisional ballot and then go to the Office of Elections by noon on the Friday after election day, obtain a temporary photo ID, and have their provisional ballot counted.

#### Sidney Johnson

Voter Service Director  
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tisan transportation bill that was supported by a republican governor. This bill passed and added much needed revenues for highways and public transportation. She also voted against expanding health care coverage to 400,000 people in our state even when the federal government will pay 100 percent of the cost for the first two years and thereafter pay 90 percent of the cost. Many business leaders, health care advocates, church members and the majority of the people in Northern Virginia favor this health care legislation because it will save lives and money.

**Dick Peacock**  
Manassas

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**Artists Meet for Coffee.** 8:30 - 10 a.m. Feel free to drop in. Katie's Coffeehouse, Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Local artists meet for coffee.

**Great Falls Writers Group.** 11 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Support group for writers.

**Reading Buddies.** 4:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Beginning readers and teens practice reading together.

**A Bailar.** 7 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Salsa, cha cha, and more - Latin dance and music for the whole family with Cantare, Latin and American music. All ages. Please sign up each child and adult separately. 703-242-4020.

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**Drop-in Chess and Backgammon.** 1

p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike Great Falls. All skill levels are welcome.

**2014 Sweet Home Virginia Gala.** 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sheraton Tysons Hotel, 8661 Leesburg Pike, Tysons Corner. Approximately 600 business leaders, philanthropists, and community organizers will participate in the gala, awards and scholarships will also be presented. \$300. www.cfnova.org.

**Artists Meet for Coffee.** 8:30- 10 a.m. Katie's Coffeehouse, Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Local artists meet for coffee. Feel free to drop in.

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# McLean QB Maffei Sets State Record for Completions

Senior signal caller completes 42 passes in loss to Herndon.

By JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION



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**McLean quarterback Brian Maffei completed a state-record 42 passes during a 51-35 loss to Herndon on Oct. 2.**

McLean coaches scrapped their offensive game plan after falling behind early in their Oct. 2 contest against Herndon, relying almost exclusively on the right arm of senior quarterback Brian Maffei to bring the Highlanders back. Maffei completed short passes. He connected with receivers down the field. He threw four touchdown passes, including three to receiver Patrick Dolan.

At the end of the night, the McLean football team fell short against Herndon, 51-35 at McLean High School. Maffei's performance, however, was worthy of a place in the VHSL record book.

Maffei completed 42 of 71 passes for 415 yards, with four touchdowns and two interceptions. His 42 completions would set a single-game state record, according to the Virginia High School League Book of Records. The previous best total of 39 was shared by West Potomac's Cole Walter (2008) and Falls Church's Adam Daly (2013).

Maffei said he realized he set a state record the following morning, when a teammate's mother posted the news on social media.

"I'm not going to lie, it felt pretty good knowing I set a new state record," Maffei said, "but I was still pretty upset because of the loss."

Maffei, a first-year starter for the Highlanders, missed the previous three games with an ankle injury he suffered during McLean's season-opening victory over Washington-Lee on Sept. 5. The Highlanders went 2-1 in his absence, including wins over Marshall and South Lakes, with receiver CJ Downey filling in at quarterback.

Maffei's 27-yard touchdown pass to Downey cut

the Herndon lead to 44-35 with 3:27 remaining in the fourth quarter, but the Highlanders would get no closer. "It was a very big help getting our quarterback back in," Blair said. "The Downey kid, he played very well coming off the bench not having any game experience at the quarterback spot. ... [Maffei has] a very good command of the offense. ... It's been four weeks since he's seen action and he's knocking some rust off too [and] ... he [led the offense to] 35 points."

Maffei's first touchdown pass was a 3-yard toss to Dolan with 2:46 remaining in the second quarter, cutting the Herndon lead to 17-9. Maffei's 19-yard touchdown pass to Dolan with 25 seconds left in the first half made the

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— McLean quarterback Brian Maffei

score 24-15.

Maffei's third touchdown pass to Dolan, this one a 15-yarder, came with 10:20 remaining in the fourth quarter, cutting the McLean deficit to 38-29. McLean's final points of the evening came courtesy of a 27-yard touchdown pass from Maffei to Downey with 3:27 left. "We obviously had a lot of success offensively," Maffei said. "We missed a couple opportunities and we wished we had a couple plays back. ... I missed some of my throws. I could have easily had six or seven more [completions]. ... There is always room for improvement."

With the loss, McLean dropped to 3-2. The Highlanders will travel to face Stone Bridge at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 10.

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## SATURDAY/OCT. 11

**Theatre IV's "Bremen Town Band."** 2 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. \$15/\$10 MCC district residents.

**"Bremen Town Band."** 2 p.m. The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. A menagerie of unlikely friends, including a donkey, a dog, a cat and a rooster, sets off in search of musical stardom in the German town of Bremen. The production is appropriate for children age 4 and older. Tickets are \$15 for the general public, \$10 for MCC tax district residents. For more information or to purchase tickets online, visit: [www.aldentheatre.org](http://www.aldentheatre.org) or call 703-790-0123.

**McLean Volunteer Fire Department Open House.** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. McLean Volunteer Fire Department, 1455 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. Live rescue demonstrations, fire safety education, and other fun activities for the whole family.

**McLean Orchestra Season Opening Concert: Russian Flair.** 8 p.m. Oakcrest School, 850 Balls Hill Road, McLean. A rich program of Russian favorites such as Tchaikovsky and more. [McLean-orchestra.org/tickets](http://McLean-orchestra.org/tickets).

**Cars & Coffee.** 7-9 a.m. Katie's Coffee House. Located at 760 Walker Road Great Falls. Gathering of antique, custom and exotic cars.

**Farmers Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. Bring recyclable bags. For more information visit [www.greatfallsfarmersmarket.org](http://www.greatfallsfarmersmarket.org).

**Awards and Artists Reception.** 7-9 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. The reception and exhibit are free and open to the public. 703-956-6590. [www.artspaceherndon.org](http://www.artspaceherndon.org).

## SUNDAY/OCT. 12

**TF Halloween Schooling Show.** 9-4 p.m. Turner Farm, 925 Springvale Road, Great Falls. Free to spectators, fees to participants to the horse show: \$10 office fee, and \$15 per class. For application and more information, go to <http://www.turnerfarmevents.org/>.

**Benefit Concert.** 3 p.m. Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean.

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## MONDAY/OCT. 13

**Read to the Dog.** 4:30-5:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Great Falls Library Meeting Room 2nd and 4th Mondays of the Month. Call 703-757-8560 to sign up.

## TUESDAY/OCT. 14

**Learn to Draw Cartoons.** 4:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Learn to draw cartoons with artist Bud Little. Ages 6 and up. Please register for this program at 703-757-8560.

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 15

**Cre8tive Movies.** 10 a.m.-Noon. Tysons Corner Microsoft Store, 1961 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. The Cre8tive series of workshops will introduce attendees to different forms of art using Windows 8.1. Edit, add effects and sound to your own movies. Free. Call the Shepherd's Center of Oakton Vienna (SCOV) office to register for classes or for additional information, 703-281-0538.

**Morning Book Group.** 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike Great Falls. Call branch for title of book to be discussed, 703-757-8560.

**Jaws.** 1 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. Midday movie screening at the Alden Theater. Free.

**Pokemon League.** 4:30 - 6 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Meeting Room. Age 5 to 15. Come play Pokemon with your friends.

**An Article of Hope.** ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Local filmmaker Dan Cohen, director and producer of the film will answer questions afterwards. Free and open to the public. Call 703-956-6590 or go to [www.artspaceherndon.org](http://www.artspaceherndon.org).

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**SATURDAY/OCT. 11**

**Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department** will be hosting an Open House from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Residents are invited to see Fire & Rescue Apparatus displays, rescue demonstrations, public safety education, and activities for kids and adults alike. Admission is free, and all events will take place at the Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department, 9916 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls.

**THURSDAY/OCT. 16**

**Great Falls Rotary Club Weekly Speaker Series.** 7:30- 8:30 a.m. River Bend Country Club, 375 Walker Road Great Falls. Interested in joining? Download the membership form from <http://www.rotarygreatfalls.org/>.

**SATURDAY/OCT. 18**

**Financial Fitness.** 12 p.m. Old Firehouse Teen Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Lecture series for ages 55+. \$7/\$5 MCC district residents.

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# Week Of, Weak On, Week Off

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



This column completes the three-week arc which describes what I have endured mostly successfully for approximately five years now: chemotherapy every three weeks – with one year off for good behavior (not really good behavior; the year off was to switch to a twice-daily pill, Tarceva, to be taken at home, since the previous treatment was no longer stemming the tide). It's been my experience that these anti-cancer drugs don't exactly work forever. Realistically speaking, if they work at all – on/in you, you take them until they don't work anymore; then you hope there's another drug somewhere: in the pharmacy, in the office, in the pipeline, that the cancer won't recognize and ignore, to give you hope that as a patient, you haven't run out of treatment options. And so far, as you regular readers know, my body's tolerance (let's call it "good behavior") has been above and beyond; his "third miracle," my oncologist says.

Two weeks ago, I wrote about the weak-week immediately following chemotherapy. Last week, I wrote about the week-of/week preceding the actual infusion, waiting for the lab results and dealing with the associated anxiety pertaining to all of it. This week, I'd like to jump ahead to two weeks post-chemotherapy, the week after I feel worst and the week before I feel anxious again worrying about new results and then anticipating the Friday infusion and the subsequent post-chemotherapy discomfort to follow. This of course is my favorite week, my week feeling most normal, my week when cancer is not top of mind, more so middle of mind. But I'll take it in the middle, that's a significant enough displacement so I don't mind it there. (This may be a bit of mind over matter/any port in a storm, but when you're in the cross-hairs, any break in the usual action, any respite from the incessant emotional, mental and physical demands of living with cancer is well worth the time it takes to get there. I never bemoan its arrival if delayed; I cherish the relief it brings whenever and however it makes its presence felt.)

Obviously, even during this third week/week off, my disease is hardly forgotten or a thing of the past. Most definitely it's still a thing of the present. Moreover, if it were not for my ability to compartmentalize, rationalize, delude and pretend, this off week wouldn't be so helpful. It is part of my process in order to try and secure a future. Although, it is a little challenging sometimes to maintain the illusion when my daily routine is so cancer-centric. But after five-plus years of it, the routine has become almost second nature and not, believe it or not, a constant reminder that I have cancer; more like a means not to a premature end. It's not even anything I think about any more.

Just like the week-of, weak-on and week-off have become. It's what I do. It's who I am. It's how I roll. Nothing to complain about. Something more to write about. If I had my druthers, I'd rather not be writing about life in the cancer lane. But since this seems to be my permanent address, and I'm a homebody at heart, I'll continue to write about what I know best. It used to be sports and chocolate; now it's about living with cancer. Living being the operative word. And you know what, it makes me happy writing about it.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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**SATURDAY/OCT. 11**

**State Historical Marker Unveiling.** 10 a.m. 1228 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna. Public ceremony to unveil the new "Fields of Fire" marker, which highlights activities of the Union Army's XII Corps during the Civil War and a heat wave in the region that afflicted marching soldiers and made a tinderbox of county fields and woods.

**TUESDAY/OCT. 14**

**Chapter 1116 Vienna- Oakton of NARFE(National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees) Meeting.** 1:30 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, Vienna. The speaker will be Gayle Nelson, Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Nelson will give updates for the coming year's choice for federal employees. Meeting is open to all members and their guests. Free.

**Congressional Candidate Meet and Greet.** 7-9 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Meet candidates for congressional districts 8 and 10. Sponsored by AARP Virginia, AAUW McLean Branch, the Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans of Virginia (CAPAVA), League of Women Voters Fairfax Area, and the McLean Citizens Association.

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**WEDNESDAY/OCT. 15**

**ESL Conversation Group.** 2 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Practice English in this casual conversation group.

**THURSDAY/OCT. 16**

**Great Falls Rotary Club Weekly Speaker Series.** 7:30- 8:30 a.m. River Bend Country Club, 375 Walker Road Great Falls. Interested in joining? Download the membership form from <http://www.rotarygreatfalls.org/>.

**SATURDAY/OCT. 18**

**Yard Sale.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Weichert Realtors, 1760 Reston Parkway, Reston. Clean our unwanted household items. A donation of \$25 per space to Habitat for Humanity is all you need to reserve your space. Cash from all the items you sell is yours. 703-264-0000.

**Financial Fitness.** 12 p.m. Old Firehouse Teen Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Lecture series for ages 55+. \$7/\$5 MCC district residents.

**MONDAY/OCT. 20**

**Vienna/Oakton Vision Impaired (VIP) Resource Group Meeting.** 10:15 a.m. - Noon. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue, Vienna. The guest speaker is Duveen Winter, who will demonstrate the newly released "E-Bot," as well as the new 24" Clearview CCTV/digital magnifier with speech. If you need a ride, please call The Shepherd Center (3 day advanced notice is required) at 703-281-0538. For other VIP related inquiries, please contact Chato Carter at 703-938-1533.

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# Neighbors Helping Neighbors

## Clifton residents to hold tour of remodeled homes to benefit widow.

Neighbors help each other. That's what communities have always been about. Long-time Clifton resident Bob Gallagher is rallying his friends and peers to help his neighbor Elsa Armendaris.

Armendaris, a mother of seven, needs funds to repair the badly deteriorated driveway to her home, which is also a local day care center. To help out, Gallagher, who is a principal at Sun Design Remodeling, has organized a tour of three newly remodeled Clifton homes, each the handiwork of a different remodeler.

"The homes are all pretty spectacular in

their own right," Gallagher says. "We've found that homeowners really enjoy seeing what their neighbors are doing. But this is also about helping a local person in need; that's the sense of community which Clifton has always exemplified."

In addition to showcasing a home recently renovated by Sun Design Remodeling, the tour will feature recent work by Daniels Design and Remodeling and Kohlmark Group Architects and Builders, all active in Clifton and environs for years.

Tim Reed of Tibbs Paving will be donating the labor, equipment and trucking needed for the driveway re-paving.

A native of El Salvador, Armendaris lost her husband, David, to leukemia six years ago and, as the sole means of her family's support, decided to set up her home as a day care center.

Since it was convenient to nearby Clifton Elementary, parents would leave their children with Armendaris before and after school. But when Clifton Elementary closed in 2010, the day care center lost more than half its students. Not long after that, the winding asphalt driveway leading to the house began to seriously deteriorate.

That's when her friend, Christina Gallagher, whose children had attended the

day care center, offered to ask her husband, Bob, for ideas.

"I just thought there must be a way that a community as old and close-knit as Clifton could help one of its own," said Bob Gallagher, who grew up in Clifton where his father practiced medicine. "My company has learned a lot from doing our own home tours, so a coalition of remodelers already active in Clifton seems like a logical way to reach out to the community."

Remodeler's Charity Home Tour, Nov. 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit [www.RemodelersCharityHomeTour.com](http://www.RemodelersCharityHomeTour.com) or call 703-425-5588 for more.

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## The Family That Plays Together ... Needs New Space

Innovative Great Falls solution with art studio meets needs of three generations.

BY JOHN BYRD

“A home is a machine for living in,” architectural pioneer Eduard LeCorbusier said in the 1930s, by which he meant good residential design should meet current lifestyle requirements, yet retain enough flexibility to readily transition into a place that supports newly arising needs.

Design consultant Mindy Mitchell, concurs on some basic principles.

“You want a solution that fully responds to everyday needs,” Mitchell says. “But it’s also useful to consider how you might be re-using key spaces from time to time, or even a decade from now.”

This may be especially true in a “creative” household, Mitchell adds, where the goal is fostering an environment that organically responds to all sorts of overlapping projects.

Case in point: the recently re-invented lower level plan to the Great Falls home of Lesley and Tim Hackman, two long-term residents now actively involved in the community’s burgeoning art scene.

Looking around the sunny family play space, which will be featured in the upcoming remodeling home tour Oct. 17-19, it’s a little hard to imagine that last year the Hackmans were scarcely using the suite at all.

Recently retired, Tim was free from professional obligations. The couple’s two



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**In the newly designed family entertainment area, a wall-sized console with a flat screen television stretches out in front of an L-shaped “viewing” couch. A fully stocked beverage center is on the opposite wall convenient to an outside patio.**

daughters were out of the house, raising families of their own. Like most empty-nesters, the Hackmans were idly wondering how to better use a spacious home designed for past needs.

“We had been talking about upgrading some rooms, but weren’t using the lower level for much more than laundry and storage,” Lesley recalls. “All the light in the entire suite originated from windows and doors on the rear [side of the house], so the interior rooms were too dark. Still, we hadn’t gotten too far into an actual plan.”

Then an unexpected turn brought latent remodeling considerations to the fore: last spring the entire lower level was flooded by three inches of water when a sump pump failed; it was a situation that could not be ignored.

“One way or another, we knew we were

going to have to do something about it,” Lesley said.

A professional organizer as well as a space planner, Mitchell has been working with Sun Design Remodeling for close to a decade.

“I’m generally the point person and *de facto* project manager,” Mitchell said. “My job is to help owners get a clear idea of what they’re looking for so that the design process is focused and on-track from start to finish.”

This is especially critical, Mitchell notes, when the makeover needs to satisfy a diverse agenda.

Lesley wanted functional studio space for her quilting and photography, but she had also decided to babysit two of her grandchildren three days a week, a commitment that would require work stations for arts

### Details

Visit the Hackmans’ remodeled lower level during the Great Falls Studio Tour, Friday-Sunday, Oct. 17-19, 1-5 p.m. daily. Visit [greatfallsstudios.com/tour.php](http://greatfallsstudios.com/tour.php) or [www.SunDesignInc.com](http://www.SunDesignInc.com) or call 703-425-5588.

and crafts projects as well as kitchenette suitable for the occasional cooking lesson.

They wanted a media center large enough for the extended family (both daughters live in the metro area), and places to prepare and share a meal with easy access to an adjacent outdoor patio and backyard barbecue.

On an entirely different note, the lower level still had to perform its duties as the family laundry room. And it should also provide quarters for the occasional sleep-over guest.

“It’s when an agenda becomes more specific that space planning really needs to be thoughtful and precise,” Mitchell says. “In this case, we sought ideas that would give every lifestyle component its own integrity while also allowing for modular adjustments where needed.”

The existing full bath is enlarged and upgraded into something suitable for overnight guests while one wall of the studio now accommodates a handsome custom cabinet that conceals a comfortable Murphy bed.

The redesigned “all purpose room” (laundry/kitchenette/dining table) now features a full-sized refrigerator, microwave and dishwasher. The washer and dryer are entirely out-of view behind paneled doors.

The great room on the lower level’s south-

SEE THE FAMILY, PAGE 4

## Planting for Fall *Planning your autumn garden and yard.*

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

As the first few weeks of fall unfold, carrying with them the promise of rich and vibrant colors, many local residents are starting to plan their fall gardens, both ornamental and edible. Pruning and overall garden cleanup will make way for fall plants. In fact, this is the perfect time to clear away summer foliage and plant, horticulture gurus said.

“Because the ground is still warm and air is cool, there is less transplant shock for plants when you take them out of the con-

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tainer to plant them,” said Kelly Grimes of Good Earth Garden Market in Potomac, Md. “Now is a great time to put in a landscape.”

The first step is preparing the ground. “You have to amend the soil; that is mixing in compost and soil so the plants’ roots can grab a hold of the soil with compost,” said Grimes. “That really helps any planting.”

Katia Goffin of Katia Goffin Gardens in McLean, Va., likens planning a garden to putting together a puzzle. “Everything has to [look] like it belongs,” she said. “It’s about designing your bed line so it enhances your property, versus ‘I stuck this in my garden and doesn’t it look good?’”

Take a few minutes and actually plan out your garden because no matter what you decide to plant for fall, an aesthetically appealing garden starts with an effective strategy. “It is getting a good plan together,” Goffin said. “It is a question of scale and putting it together right. You have to look at your plot of land and decide where you want plants to go and how you want it to look.”

**FOR DECORATIVE GARDENS** and yards, mums and pansies are among fall’s

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# The Family That Plays Together ...

FROM PAGE 3

western corner is set up for family entertainment. There's a beverage center with a wine refrigerator in one corner. On the opposite side of the room, a wall-sized console with a flat screen television stretches out in front of an L-shaped "viewing" couch.

The new family room now segues down an adjoining hall into Lesley's new studio (formerly the unused guest room) which is also accessed from the "all purpose room" through a pair of frosted glass doors designed to maximize available light from the rear elevation.

"As a functional measure, we designed a series of shelves to hold on-going projects, Mitchell said. "But they're all neatly tucked inside custom cabinetry, which means the studio can easily transition into a comfortable and private guest room when necessary."

**UPSTAIRS**, the program called for fully upgrading the master bath and an adjacent hall bath. The master bath features a walk-in shower with a glass surround and granite surfaced whirlpool bath that affords a restful view of the backyard tree tops.

Lesley Hackman says the makeover has proven to be a perfect solution in this newly active phase of her life.

"I can spend the morning or afternoon working on art projects and helping the grandchildren. Then take a hot bath. It's a great environment," she said. "I'm really glad we created it."

*John Byrd has been writing about residential architecture, building and remodeling for 30 years.*



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**The stairway from the upper level opens directly into the media center. Lesley's studio is down the hall. Sun Design's Mindy Mitchell, who is also a professional organizer, was instrumental in designing a space with ample storage that's easy to maintain.**



PHOTO COURTESY OF MITRO HOOD

**The redesigned "all purpose room" now features a full-sized refrigerator, microwave and dishwasher. Among other functions, Lesley Hackman uses the space to instruct her grandchildren in cooking.**



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**The suite's comfortable Murphy bed is concealed inside a custom cabinet. The room works as a guest accommodation when required.**



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**Lesley uses her studio for quilting, photography and other art projects. Mindy Mitchell designed a cabinet system that keeps works-in-progress out of view except when the creative process is actively underway.**



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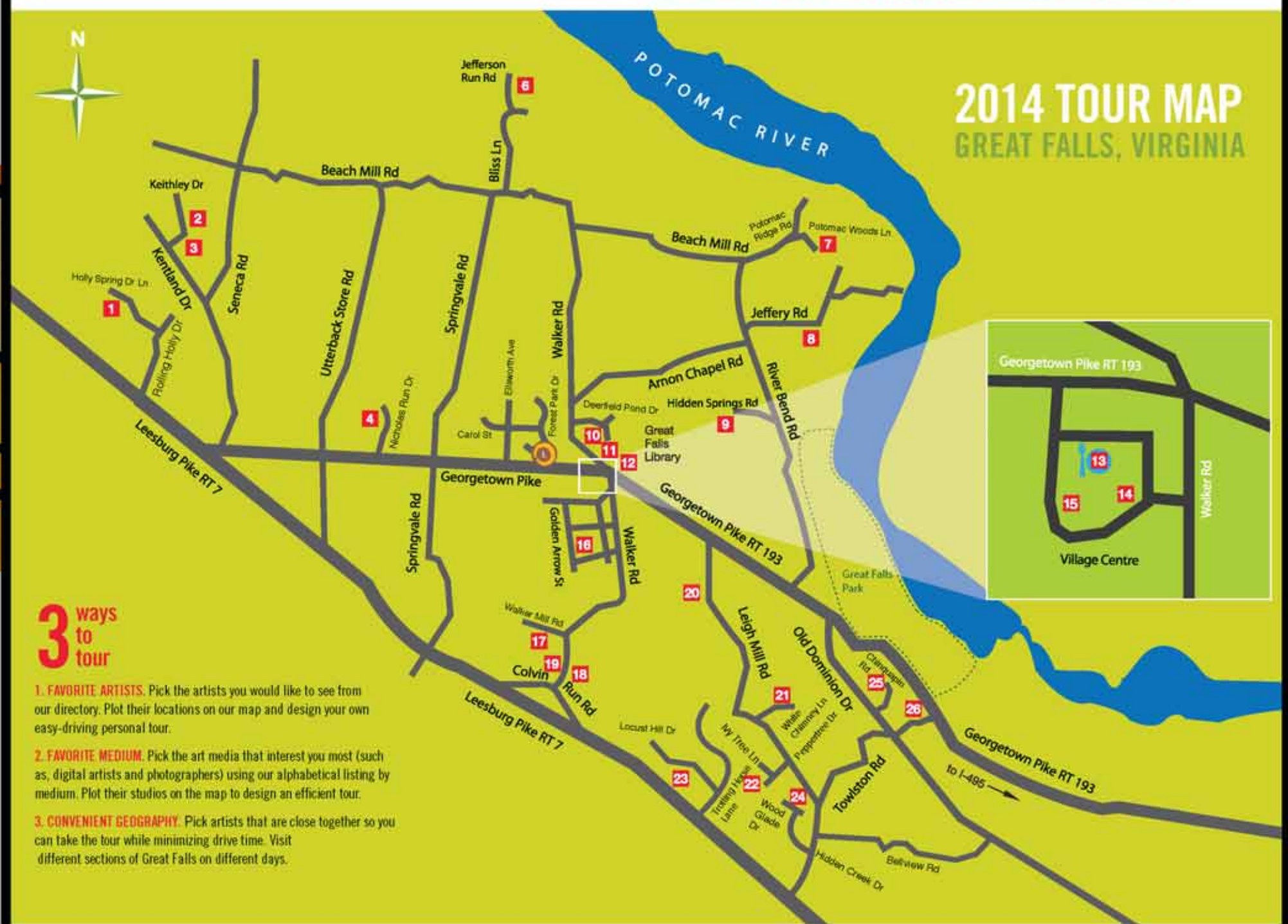
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Sun Design venue. The yellow-and-brown sun icon corresponds to a location where Sun Design is showcasing home renovations. Join Sun Design and Children's Author and Homeowner, Lesley Hackman for a remodeled home tour, 735 Forest Park Road.



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# Fireplaces Can Warm Outdoor Rooms

Tips for making your outdoor spaces comfy through the fall.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

As the air turns crisp and we settle into fall, the time is ideal for creating a cozy setting, whether it's elegant or rustic or modern. Many people have adapted part of their landscape as an outdoor room.

"Outdoor porches whether screened or just covered with a roof are great fall spaces," said Susan Matus, a Potomac, Md.-based architect. "One can cozy them up with pillows and throws and outdoor lights, such as decorative twinkle lights or candles can create great ambiance."

Local designers reveal their favorite accessories and ideas for outdoor rooms and screened porches to help welcome the new season with style.

An outdoor fireplace commands attention and can offer a warm place for reading, napping or chatting with friends, and makes it comfortable to sit outside on a chilly evening.

"I just built a stunning fireplace in a screened-in porch that transformed the space into a three-season room just in time for fall," said Robert Kalmin of Skill Construction and Design, LLC in Fairfax, Va. "Indoor-outdoor rugs and seating in fall colors make the space great for entertaining."

When it comes to outdoor fireplaces, however, there are a few caveats: "If it is a screened in porch, be careful of your ventilation. Whether you have a gas or wood-burning fireplace you have to have noncombustible material for the mantle and it needs to back discharge for smoke," said Kalmin. He says such fireplaces can be added to an



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Lighting can transform a screened porch or outdoor room.

porch, you can add a ceiling fan with a down light and an up-light," said Kalmin. "The higher light can give you general lighting and the lower lights can create ambient lighting, and can be moved in different directions for setting a mood. There is also a mono-rail track system lighting, where you can install different types of lights depending on the mood you want to create."

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— Robert Kalmin of Skill Construction and Design

Whether real or faux, fall produce can also add a seasonal touch to an outdoor room or screened porch, particularly on the mantle or around the hearth. "You can add faux pumpkins, gourds and berries," said Brown. "Squirrels don't like the taste of those."

Don't forget serve wear, particularly when entertaining. "There are trays to carry coffee, tea, dessert in fall colors with fall leaves and birds with pumpkins," said Brown.

Matus suggests a finishing touch for outdoor spaces. "Another option is to hang drapery to create not only a more interior feeling but also drapery can be used to shield from the wind as a thermal barrier," she said.



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**Pumpkins, gourds and other fall produce can also add a seasonal touch to an outdoor room or screened porch.**

**Whether it's in an outdoor room or a screened-in porch, a fireplace commands attention and can offer a warm place for reading, napping or chatting with friends.**

existing space in one-to-two weeks.

Accessories in warm, vibrant colors can help transform an outdoor room from summer to fall. "Adding some cozy throw blankets to outdoor sofas allows you to stay outside on chilly nights," said Kerra Michele Huerta of Apartment Envy. "Also, as it gets darker and cooler earlier in the day, candles are a perfect accessory, adding both warmth and light."

Scented candles can add an aroma of fall. "There are fabulous new pumpkin scented candles by Nast Fragrance of New York that are wonderful," said John Brown of J. Brown & Co. in Old Town Alexandria, Va.

In fact, lighting can transform a screened porch or outdoor room. "To a screened

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# Planting for Fall

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best flowering plants. “Mums need full sunlight to open and come in obvious, bold fall colors,” said Grimes. “Pansies will take part sun, are a great color and will continue to bloom through spring.”

Yarrow, asters, sedums, Lenten roses, and coral bells are among the fall plants that Jonathan Storvick, natural resource manager at the Office of Sustainability at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., recommends.

“Fall is a great time to plant larger-sized perennials and container shrubs,” said Storvick. “It also happens to be the time of year when nurseries are trying to get rid of a lot of their stock, so you can find some great deals.”

For example, said Joel Cook of Merrifield Garden Center, in Fairfax, Merrifield and Gainesville, Va., “Burning bushes have beautiful fall colors like orange and fire red. As far as trees, maples like Japanese maples, sugar maple or black gum maple have beautiful colors.”

**“Because the ground is still warm and air is cool, there is less transplant shock for plants when you take them out of the container to plant them. Now is a great time to put in a landscape.”**

— Kelly Grimes of Good Earth Garden Market in Potomac, Md.

Another eye-catching option is the yellow twig dogwood. Its “bright yellow branches and twig color ... are also fantastic for winter,” said Mark White of GardenWise in Arlington, Va. “This shrub develops in great clumps and is a wonderful contrast against any red twig. Oval-shaped green leaves turn to orange-red in fall, followed by white fruit tinged with green.”

Grasses, added Katia Goffin, are ideal for fall and can be mixed with other foliage. “You can put evergreens in your yard and add some grasses. There are tons [of grasses] that are flowering and look [good] with evergreens.”

One plant that is often associated with cooler weather is a holly tree, but Eric Shorb of American Plant in Bethesda, Md., offers a caveat. “As we get closer to the end of November and the beginning of December you want to be careful about planting such broadleaf evergreens,” he said. “If they haven’t had time to develop a sufficient enough root system they can become susceptible to wind burn because the roots will not be able to absorb moisture.”



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**Katia Goffin suggests mixing grasses with evergreens when planning a fall yard.**

Instead, he recommends deciduous trees and fine leaf evergreens. “A Leland Cypress or an Arborvitae that don’t need as much moisture will survive better as the weather gets colder.”

**ORNAMENTAL VEGETABLES** also work well in fall and beyond. “There is decorative cabbage and kale, which will grow anywhere and are deer resistant, which is a big factor these days,” said Grimes. “As the temperatures get cooler, they get more color and last in winter.”

Then there are the edible vegetables. Good options are spinach, Swiss chard, arugula, mustard greens and red lettuces, said Storvick, who also suggested “root crops [like] carrots, radishes, parsnips and beets. You can also plant garlic and leeks now for

spring harvesting.”

There are a few common mistakes that homeowners make, however: “Planting plants that deer eat and not thinking about the critters that come though your yard is something I see a lot,” said Grimes.

Giving a garden too much water is another frequent mistake, according to Storvick. “Mulching around the base of plants helps protect them from cold and wind, as well as keeping in moisture.”

Also, take care when pruning spring-blooming shrubs and trees, he cautioned: “While a lot of plants prefer winter pruning, a lot of our great spring-blooming shrubs, like azaleas, for example, will only produce flowers on the previous season’s growth, so by pruning in the winter, you eliminate all of the flower buds.”



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