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**Dore Skidmore pictured next to one of her wood carvings of New Orleans street life and jazz. Her wood carvings of New Orleans life were central to the theme of Vienna Arts Society's Jazz It Up show Saturday, Jan 27.**



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# Vienna Arts Society Features 'Jazz It Up'

BY COLIN STOECKER  
THE CONNECTION

**S**aturday evening was the opening of the Jazz It Up art show at the Vienna Arts Society in Vienna. On display were Dore Skidmore's wood carvings of New Orleans street life and jazz.

The art show offered a mixture of styles from artists of all backgrounds, food and drinks, but the February Mardi Gras theme was central to the show.

Skidmore had a gallery in New Orleans and used to live just outside of the city. She does meticulous wood carvings with Bourbon Street life and music themes.

"On my first visit to New Orleans, I went to preservation hall with the musicians and for 45 minutes you listen to the jazz. They still do it to this day," she said. Her original hand carvings are carved out of a block of solid wood. She paints over the exterior to add some color.

Recently, Skidmore received a commission by Street Scenes Gallery in New Orleans. They made 350 reproductions of her original Bourbon Street themed carving to sell in their galleries.

"I make a nice unexpected income off of the commission from the gallery," she said.

Lu Cousins is the Art Center director. "Every two months we have a new theme and we meet in August and put our heads together and come up with themes for the whole year. February is Mardi Gras so we decided on Jazz It Up," she said.

Although Cousins is in charge of organizing the shows, she tries to leave the theme open to interpretation by the viewers.

"We put the theme out there and we don't ask for an explanation. We had a theme called music to my ears and when you came, you could find those things in the exhibit," said Cousins.

Vienna Arts Society has more than 150 members and takes a modest commission from their sales to sponsor shows like Jazz it Up.

Local artist Joyce Myers, a Vienna resident and a physical therapist assistant, had several watercolors on display. She focused her paintings on dancers. "The medium of alcohol and ink just flows like the dancer's dresses. It renders movement and you never know what you're going to get. It surprises you!" she said.

The Vienna Arts Society has been in the 115 Pleasant St. NW location since 1969. The building used to be a dunkard church of the brethren dating back to 1898, where church members were known for dunking members in water.

They will be moving to the Windover building, next door, at 243 Church St. this summer.

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) has a showcase of work from the Vienna Arts Society hanging in her office at North County Government Center in Reston until June 30.

Jazz It Up is going on until March 3. Call 703-319-3971 or visit [www.ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org) for more information.

**From left: Susan Webster, artist, Grace Reonie, artist, and Lu Cousins, director of the Vienna Arts Society, pictured at the Jazz It Up show Saturday, Jan 27.**





**Marisa Brown asks state Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) and Del. Mark Keam (D-35) a question about the Medicaid waiver waiting list in Virginia at a Vienna Town Hall meeting Saturday, Jan 27.**



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## Vienna Town Hall Reviews General Assembly Agenda

**Guns, redistricting, healthcare, and zoning biggest concerns at Vienna Town Hall meeting.**

BY COLIN STOECKER  
THE CONNECTION

**E**arly Saturday morning, Vienna residents filled every seat in the conference room at Vienna Town Hall to address questions to state Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) and Del. Mark Keam (D-35).

Vienna Mayor Laurie DiRocco made introductory remarks.

The biggest local concern expressed was over a boarding house in Vienna which is sponsored by the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services or DBHDS. The existing house boards up to four people who are recovering addicts and is under dispute by its neighbors.

"We object to the licensure, it's not that we don't want recovering addicts in our neighborhood," said John O'Keefe, a Vienna resident and next door neighbor.

"State law prevents neighborhoods from preventing group homes. The number of vehicles could be too many, or the number of unrelated people," said Petersen.

Redistricting, another local issue discussed at length at the meeting, creates voting districts based on residents' political affiliations.

Petersen said that districting lines were being corrupted by the computers that drew them. Keam went with a bigger picture approach, saying that it is the end result that matters most with voting.

"The bottom line is that voters need to feel motivated to get involved. It doesn't matter the district; it's about being part of the process that we call democracy," said Keam.

Statewide issues in Virginia like Medicaid and the retirement age were also discussed.

One man asked a question about raising the retirement age in Virginia to match that of other states. The retirement age can be as low as 50 years old in Virginia.

"I am completely open to looking at the retirement



**State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) and Del. Mark Keam (D-35) answer questions at a Vienna Town Hall meeting Saturday, Jan 27.**



**Bill Barfield, of Braddock, a mathematician and chair of Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Association, asked a question at the Town Hall meeting Saturday in Vienna.**

age. I do believe that people are going to be living longer and longer," said Keam.

Medicaid was also discussed at the meeting as well as guns, background checks, and concealed carry. Recently a law was discussed in the Virginia House of Delegates that would remove all background checks for concealed carry permits, so that anyone could carry a concealed gun anywhere.

"I am troubled that this bill was even introduced," said Keam. "You have to have a law that makes sense. We went inside the church where nine people were shot in Charleston, S.C. If it comes up I will vote against it," he said.

Petersen agreed in terms of sensible gun control legislation in the Virginia senate. "We've had concealed carry since 1994. Should we allow guns in churches? You can't carry a gun into a church under state law. That bill will get vetoed," said Petersen.

### VIEWPOINTS

## What was the single most important issue for you in Vienna Town Hall Meeting Saturday?

— COLIN STOECKER

**David Broder, a Vienna resident for two years and a local union president, with his daughter Avery, 1-and-a-half.**

"The most important issue to me is Medicaid expansion. My wife was diagnosed with breast cancer and we are lucky to have such good insurance — 400,000 Virginians don't have that access to the same care that we do. We really are lucky. It's the biggest issue that they can do this year."



**Bets Thomas, elementary school teacher at Flint Hill, and a Vienna resident since 1994**

"I came to know more about what's going on in our state's legislature. I am happy about the redistricting and to hear about energy. I'm happy to hear talk about class sizes too because I am a teacher."



**Sarah McCann, a Vienna resident for five years and a volunteer district leader with the Humane Society of America**

"Since I'm new, I wanted to meet the representatives at the state level. But I'm a huge advocate of gun safety and it was great to hear from groups like Moms Demand Action, and advocating for clean energy."



**Charles Sicard, a Vienna resident for five years and stay-at-home dad**

"Our issue was with energy and Dominion Electric. For three years I wanted to have solar panels put into my new home. But Dominion has a 10 kilowatt limit and you have to pay a penalty for using more. I never thought that my home would reach the limit that easily but it did. I was surprised to hear that the production limit wasn't more. I wanted to get off the grid. But now it's not feasible. We use about 17 kilowatts."



**Bill Barfield, a Braddock resident, mathematician and chair of Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Association**

"Three issues were the most significant for me: Medicaid, redistricting, and education. These issues are all part of my legislative package that our organization put forth. Dominion power legislation coincided with some of our issues that we were already talking about."







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## VALENTINE'S DAY



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Accessories like Moon Melt Lotion Bars by Moon Valley Organics at The Picket Fence in Burke might appeal to those who want to create to a spa at home.



PHOTO COURTESY OF HOME ON CAMERON

A bouquet of felt flowers in assorted colors like these that were handmade in Nepal, is a gift with a charitable flair from Home on Cameron in Alexandria.

# Gifts for Valentine's Day

Local tastemakers offer thoughtful giving suggestions.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

One of the most heavily gifted holidays is Valentine's Day. In fact, much of the fun is the anticipation. In preparation for Cupid's Day, a few local style aficionados offer up ideas to sweeten the celebration.

For those deserving some pampering, create a spa experience at home with NW Rainforest Body Cream, advises Isabel Chiotti of Sonoran Rose in Potomac.

"Soaps and candles also make great gifts," she said. "It can also be fun to think outside the box," said Courtney Thomas of The Picket Fence in Burke. "Surprise your Valentine with a gift certificate for a spa day or a shopping spree at her favorite store. Put together a basket of a few of her favorite things."

Among the things that Thomas suggests are Moon Melt Lotion Bars by Moon Valley Organics. Decadent and indulgent, these scented moisturizers combine herbs and beeswax to help fight dry skin, she says.

For the romantics, Susan Nelson and Todd Martz of Home on Cameron in Alexandria suggest a bouquet of felt flowers in assorted colors, handmade in Nepal. These eye-catching, fair trade buds offer bursts of color and benefit women artisans who are heads of households.

For the bedhead, Amanda Mertins of Patina Polished Living in Old Town Alexandria recommends silk charmeuse pillowcases by Branche. "These won-

derful pillowcases help preserve one's hairdo and help to keep away wrinkles," she said.

For the stylish, a fur neck warmer is a cozy suggestion that Mertins offers. And for the traditionalists, "Flowers are always welcome and, of course, the color red being very popular as it conveys deep emotion," she said. "Don't be afraid to give varieties other than roses."

For the nostalgic, Kevin Sweitzer of Thos. Moser, Handmade American Furniture, believes that an heirloom quality beacon box to hold keepsakes would be ideal. "[It's] meant to be passed down from generation to generation," he said. "A really nice and memorable Valentine's gift."

For the entertainers, Nelson and Martz suggest all natural, hand blown glass candles, while Mertins says bar accessories work as gifts for mixologists.

For those with a sweet tooth, Chiotti recommends hot cocoa by the Cocoa Company, brown sugar toffee by Gearharts Fine Chocolates or caramels by Big Picture Farm.

For almost everyone,

Suzie Clayton of Dalton Brody suggests picture frames. "From wood to Lucite to silver, there's something for everyone," she said. "It's more about finding the right thing for the right person."

"Some of the most meaningful gifts are those which are handmade including cards and a home-cooked romantic dinner," added Mertins. "Don't forget the bubbly and always lots and lots of chocolate."

**"It can be fun to think outside the box."**

— Courtney Thomas, The Picket Fence



PHOTO COURTESY OF SONORAN ROSE

A basket of spa items like NW Rainforest Body Cream from Sonoran Rose in Potomac is an indulgent Valentine's Day gift.



**Susan Nelson and Todd Martz of Home on Cameron suggest all natural, hand blown glass candles.**

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## Space In Which I Wouldn't Get Lost



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As a follow up to last week's column titled "Lost in Space," I have a few recommendations for the medical profession, oncologists particularly, as it relates to their comings and goings and the effect it might have on their patients, many of whom have been characterized as "terminal," as I was.

Respecting and appreciating the fact that on a good day, our anxiety level is likely off the chart, we need you to work with us, not against us.

And though I can certainly recall how I was encouraged to reach out – either by phone or electronically, whenever we had questions or concerns, I believe there needs to be an upgrade to that advisory. That 'encouragement' works fine when you're here/on site. However, based on my most recent experience, I need that 'advisory' to work equally fine when you're not here.

Ergo: I want to meet and develop some kind of relationship with the oncologist who will be covering for you when you're absent. I want that oncologist's name, email address and phone number (none of which I had during this most recent experience). I want some assurance/acknowledgment that this oncologist knows who I am, how I'm treated and is familiar with any special circumstances pertaining to my care and feeding. Moreover, I want "t.l.c.," because I definitely deserve it.

As for the oncologist's goings; on the occasions when, for whatever reason, you're away from your office. I want to know before, not after. I don't want to learn about it by reading a default email saying you're out of the office. Though I appreciate knowing after, it's not good enough. I want to know all the time. In fact, every time you're away, I want to know. Whether or not I have any medical activities (lab work, infusion, scans) planned, I want to know, just in case something unexpected – or even expected, happens.

This would help me to prepare, anticipate, assimilate and coordinate any and all future medical activities so that I could determine in advance, if necessary, an action plan. One that would proactively solve/prevent a problem rather than reacting to one as most recently happened to me. I don't want any more surprises. I don't want to experience any lack of communication at any time. I don't care about how or why. I simply want to know ahead of any potentially complicating circumstances, not behind. I'm already feeling some relief just writing about it.

How can this be implemented? Electronically of course. I don't need any calls. A don't-reply email is fine. I know that system/process works when I want to communicate with you and/or review information which has been posted online. What I want to know next is the doctor's schedule, not hourly, maybe not even daily (although I wouldn't be averse to it), but weekly for sure, electronically in my inbox first thing Monday morning.

Knowing the doctor's availability will help me manage my expectations and minimize my stress. As a cancer patient, I never know what I'll want or when I'll want it. But finding out the easy way (in advance) is certainly preferable to finding out the hard way (during/after).

Medically speaking, I don't want to miss anything nor do I, living forward, want anything to be missed. If you can email an after-appointment summary, you can certainly email me a pre-appointment schedule of when and where my primary care physicians (oncologist and internal medicine) will be. Because out of sight unfortunately doesn't mean out of mind, unless I know otherwise.

And that's my goal: to mind my own business and not have to worry about yours.

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# CALENDAR

Submit entertainment announcements at [www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/). The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

## ONGOING

**“Jazz It Up!”** Through March 3, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. Art exhibit. Free and open to the public. Call 703-319-3971 or visit [www.ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org).

## FRIDAY/FEB. 2

**Family Fun Bingo.** 7-9 p.m. at The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Every member of the family can enjoy this game of skill and luck. Players can win a variety of kid-friendly prizes and enjoy light refreshments. Register online or at the Center, using Activity No. 4703.318. \$10/\$5 MCC district residents. Preregistration is recommended. Call 703-448-8336 or visit [www.mcleancenter.org/teens](http://www.mcleancenter.org/teens).

## FRIDAY/FEB. 3

**Lera Lynn in Concert.** 7 p.m. at Jammin’ Java, 227 Maple Ave E, Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit [www.leralynn.com](http://www.leralynn.com) for more.

## SUNDAY/FEB. 4

**Lecture: Wolf Trap.** 1-3 p.m. at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Performing Arts, Partnerships, and Public Lands: The Story of Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts. Join Ken Bigley, Deputy Superintendent, Wolf Trap National Park for a presentation on



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## Eclectic Essentials: Relationships

The 2018 Eclectic Essentials production features four plays that focus on relationships: **For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls, Death Be Not Loud, Capsmittment and One Click Away.** Eclectic Essentials: Relationships will be performed at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 2-3, and 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 4. Tickets are general admission and available for \$14 at the Vienna Community Center, online at [viennava.gov/webtrac](http://viennava.gov/webtrac), or at the door, if still available. Visit [viennatheatrecompany.org](http://viennatheatrecompany.org) or e-mail [vtcshows@yahoo.com](mailto:vtcshows@yahoo.com) for more information.

the history of Wolf Trap, Mrs. Shouse and a walking tour of the buildings. Dress for weather and outdoor walking. Call 703-255-1800 or visit [www.friendsofwolftrap.org](http://www.friendsofwolftrap.org).

## WEDNESDAY/FEB. 7

**“Dining with Dorothy.”** 12:30 p.m. at Lotus Garden Restaurant, 224 Maple Ave W, Vienna. Shepherd’s Center of Oakton-Vienna’s “Dining with Dorothy” – join friends or make new ones at another “Dining with Dorothy” socializing/dining event. To reserve a space contact Dorothy Flood at [dflood1706@gmail.com](mailto:dflood1706@gmail.com).

## THURSDAY/FEB. 8

**Membership Meeting and Demo.** 10 a.m. at Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. NW, Vienna. Artist Robert Dowler will demonstrate how to make a simple pamphlet type of sketchbook. He will also do a show and tell of how to make more complicated books. Free and open to the public. Call 703-319-3971 or visit [www.ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org). **Adventures in Learning.** 11 a.m. at UUCF, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. “How the Culinary Scenes for Downton Abbey were Filmed” — a talk by food and travel writer CiCi Williamson with photographs about the researching, styling and filming of the food scenes for “Downton Abbey.” Guests may sample this class for free. Visit [www.scov.org](http://www.scov.org).

## FRIDAY/FEB. 9

**Mardi Gras Celebration.** Noon-2 p.m. at Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. SE, Vienna. Hosted by SCOV and the Vienna Parks & Recreation, includes Cajun lunch, trivia and prizes, mask making. To register, call 703-281-0538 or visit [www.scov.org](http://www.scov.org). **Improv Competition.** 7 p.m. at The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Join the Unruly Theatre Project for its first improv competition for high school students. Six teams will compete in four rounds of improv games and short-form styles for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place bragging rights as well as prizes. Free admission. Call 703-448-8336 or visit [www.mcleancenter.org/teens](http://www.mcleancenter.org/teens).

**Marcia Ball Concert.** 8 p.m. at The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Blues and R&B singer Marcia Ball will perform. Ticket price is \$35-\$45. Call 703-255-1900 or visit [wolftrap.org](http://wolftrap.org).

## SATURDAY/FEB. 10

**Chinese New Year Festival.** 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. The 11th Annual Chinese New Year Festival, presented by the Asian Community Service Center, will feature live performances, including DRAGON and LION dances, Han costume fashion show, Asian food, the writing of Chinese names, language, craft and business booths, children world, and also a lunar new year dragon parade. Call 703-868-1509 or visit [www.ChineseNewYearFestival.org](http://www.ChineseNewYearFestival.org).

## SUNDAY/FEB. 11

**Amadeus Orchestra.** 4 p.m. at Saint

# An Evening with Eva Schloss

Presented by the Chabad centers of Northern Virginia.

On Wednesday, Feb. 7, Eva Schloss will share her experiences as the childhood friend and step sister of Anne Frank, including accounts of the publishing of Anne’s diary.

The presentation will take place at the George Mason University Center For The Arts at 7 p.m. and will be suitable for people of all ages including teenagers. Families of all faiths are invited to attend. This is an opportunity to hear a first-hand account from someone whose life intersected with a historical figure.

Chabad of Reston-Herndon is a sponsor for the event. Partners for the evening include:

- ❖ The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington
- ❖ JCC of Northern Virginia
- ❖ George Mason University
- ❖ Gesher Jewish Day School
- ❖ Washington Jewish Week
- ❖ Fairfax County Public Schools

In 1938, Germany invaded Austria, causing many Jewish families to flee Austria to avoid persecution. Among the emigrants was 8-year-old Eva Geiringer, who with her mother, brother, and father moved first to Belgium and then to Holland, where one of her neighbors was a German Jewish girl of the same age.

The two girls became friends and playmates (though, as Eva would say many years later, the girl was “much more grown-up and mature than me”). They passed the time by skipping, playing hopscotch and marbles, and drinking lemonade that the girl’s mother prepared.

Ultimately, both girls and their families were deported to the Auschwitz concentration camp. Later they would become step sisters.

Eva survived her concentration camp experience and made her way to England, where she married Zvi Schloss and raised three daughters. She worked as a studio photographer and ran an antique shop.

Her step-sister did not survive Auschwitz, but kept a diary that did. Her name was Anne Frank.

Since 1985, Eva Schloss has devoted herself to holocaust education and global peace. She has recounted her wartime experiences in more than one thousand speaking engagements. She has written two books and has had a play written about her life. In 1999 she signed the Anne Frank Peace Declaration along with United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan and the niece of Raoul Wallenberg, who rescued thousands of Jews in Budapest.

Tickets for students are free, \$10 for adults and \$360 for VIP which includes two tickets to a VIP reception and reserved seating. Reservations can be made at [www.chabadrh.org](http://www.chabadrh.org).

Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Amadeus Orchestra with Silver-Garburg Piano Duo. Pre-concert lecture by Music Director A. Scott Wood will begin at 3:15 p.m., 45 minutes prior to the start of the concert. A reception will follow the concert, at which attendees may meet and chat with the performers and fellow music lovers. \$35 at the door or [www.amadeusconcerts.com](http://www.amadeusconcerts.com). Students 17 and under and active military admitted free.

**Winter Traditional Celtic Concerts.** 4 and 6 p.m. at The Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls. Beth Patterson: Bouzouki Queen from New Orleans performs fireside. Tickets must be purchased in advance through the link at [oldbrogue.com](http://oldbrogue.com): \$18 general admission/\$12 children under 12. Season ticket: \$96/\$60 children. Call 703-759-3309.

**Capitol Steps.** 7-9:30 p.m. at Langley

High School Auditorium, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean. The DC-based comedy troupe, the Capitol Steps, will perform a show based on songs from their current album “Orange Is the New Barack.” Proceeds from the show benefit the Class of 2018 All-Night Grad Party. The show is open to the public. Tickets are \$35 at the door, online at [lsh18capitolstepsfundraiser.brownpapertickets.com](http://lsh18capitolstepsfundraiser.brownpapertickets.com) or [www.ptsalangley.org/all-night-grad-party](http://www.ptsalangley.org/all-night-grad-party). Email [annette.bellino@verizon.net](mailto:annette.bellino@verizon.net).

## WEDNESDAY/FEB. 15

**The Unruly Theatre.** 7 p.m. at MPA@ChainBridge Gallery, 1446 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Sponsored by The Alden, the area’s hottest professional teen improv troupe offers a night of comedy. Free admission. Call 571-296-8385 or visit [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org).

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