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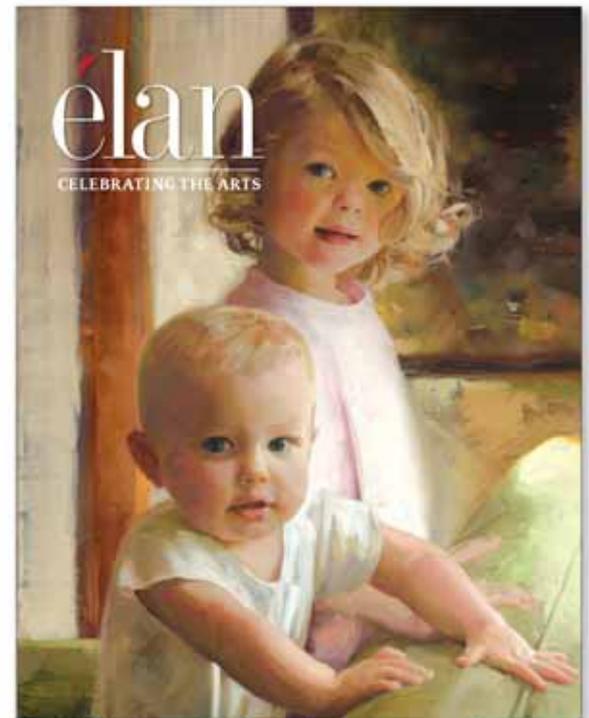
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# Great Falls Optimist Club Foundation 38th Anniversary And Great Falls Children's Spring Festival 35th Anniversary

**W**hat a great time to reflect and be thankful to Jorge Adeler of Adeler Jewelers, the supportive business community, the Great Falls Optimist Club, and the multigeneration families that have continued to come and contribute to what has become an annual tradition at this time of year in our community!

Adeler Jewelers hides 800-1000 gemstones within the 8000 candy stuffed plastic eggs for the exciting hunt as the climax of the Spring Festival starting at 1:30 pm ends at 4:00 pm as the children rush into the Village Green to pick up all the eggs within a matter of minutes to the delight of the children and parents alike!

All profits are contributed to the Great Falls Optimist Children's Fund to give back to the community. The Optimist Club sponsors programs throughout the year to support youth discipline, commitment and community: Great Falls Rugby, Great Falls Little League, South Lakes JROTC for example. GFOC sponsors youth scholarships such as Oratorical and Essay Contests where they can win up to \$25,000 as they progress to the national level. They support

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The club is anxious to expand our footprint on the community by increasing our club membership so that more youth can be supported! Please contact Linda Thompson, Membership Chair, at 703 850 5676.

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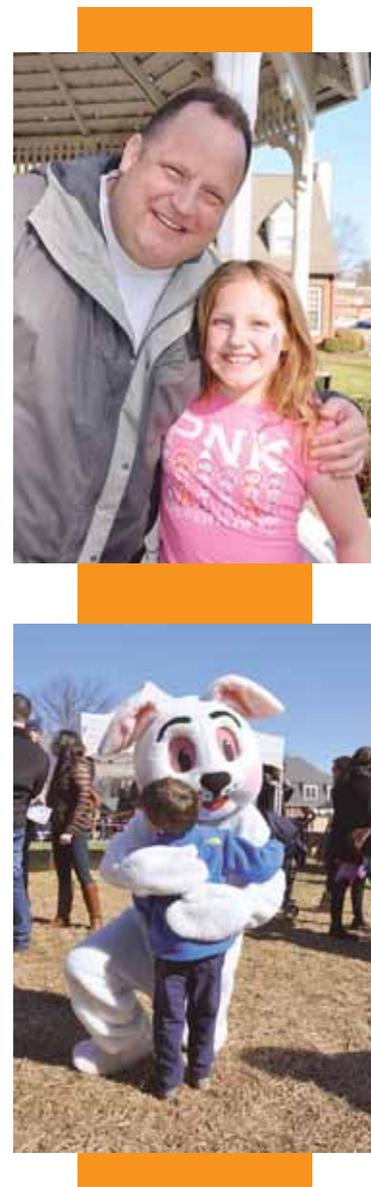
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# Birthstones

## January - Garnet

Garnet, the birthstone for January, signifies eternal friendship and trust and is the perfect gift for a friend. Garnet, derived from the word granatum, means seed, and is called so because of the gemstone's resemblance to a pomegranate seed. References to the gemstone dates back to 3100 B.C., when the Egyptians used garnets as inlays jewelry. Garnet is the name of a group of minerals that comes in a rainbow of colors, from the deep red of the pyrope garnet to the vibrant green of tsavorites.

## February - Amethyst

Amethyst, the gemstone believed by ancient Greeks and Romans to ward off the intoxicating powers of Bacchus, also is said to keep the wearer clear-headed and quick-witted. Throughout history, the gemstone has been associated with many myths, legends, religions, and numerous cultures. English regalia were even decorated with amethysts during the Middle Ages to symbolize royalty. It has been associated with many myths, legends, religions, and numerous cultures. Amethyst is purple quartz, a beautiful blend of violet and red that can found in every corner of the earth. Historically, the finest amethyst were found in Russia and were featured in much royal European jewelry.

## March - Aquamarine

The two birthstones for March are aquamarine and bloodstone.

The name aquamarine is derived from the Latin word aqua, meaning water, and marina, meaning the sea. This gemstone was believed to protect sailors, as well as to guarantee a safe voyage. The serene color of aquamarine is said to cool the temper, allowing the wearer to remain calm and levelheaded. Its pale, cool color beautifully complements spring and summer wardrobes. Aquamarine is most often light in tone and ranges from greenish blue to blue-green; the color usually is more intense in larger stones.

The second birthstone for March is bloodstone, a dark-green jasper flecked with vivid red spots of iron oxide. This ancient stone was used by the Babylonians to make seals and amulets and was believed to have healing powers - especially for blood disorders. It is sometimes called the martyr's stone as legend tells that it was created when drops of Christ's blood stained some jasper at the foot of the cross.

## April - Diamond

As the April birthstone, diamonds are the ideal gift for a loved one. And now you have more choices than ever. Get creative and give the ultimate gift of beauty: a fancy-color diamond. Fancy-color diamonds are natural, rare and truly exotic gem of the earth. Diamonds in hues of yellow, red, pink, blue, and green range in intensity from faint to vivid and generally the more saturated the color, the higher the value. In fact, diamonds sparkling with intense color are rare and may be priced higher than a colorless diamond of equal size. Because fancy-color diamonds are very desirable, color is sometimes introduced in a laboratory.

## May - Emerald

As the birthstone for May, the emerald, a symbol of rebirth, is believed to grant the owner foresight, good fortune, and youth. Emerald, derived from the word smaragdus, meaning green in Greek, was mined in Egypt as early as 330 B.C. Today, most of the world's emeralds are mined in Colombia, Brazil, Afghanistan, and Zambia.

## June - Pearl and Alexandrite

June counts three gems as birthstones, pearl, Alexandrite, and moonstone.

Historically, pearls have been used as an adornment for centuries. They were one of the favorite gem materials of the Roman Empire; later in Tudor England, the 1500s were known as the pearl age. Pearls are unique as they are the only gems from living sea creatures and require no faceting or polishing to reveal their natural beauty.

## Alexandrite

A relatively modern gem, Alexandrite, was first discovered in Russia in 1831 during the reign of its namesake, Czar Alexander II, and is an extremely rare chrysoberyl with chameleon-like qualities. Its color is a lovely green in both daylight and fluorescent light; it changes color to a purplish red in incandescent light.

## Moonstone

The third birthstone for June is the Moonstone. It was given its name by the Roman natural historian Pliny, who wrote that moonstone's appearance altered with the phases of the moon - a belief that held until well after the sixteenth

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**The Grand Opening of Spring with the 35th Annual Children's Festival**  
**Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**1:30 – 4:30 PM at the Village Centre in Great Falls**

Hoping the weather will be fantastic, the Great Falls Optimist Club and Adeler Jewelers are ready for the annual Children's Spring Festival to take over the Village Centre Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, a sure sign Spring is here in the community.

We'll have rides and games and end with the Easter Egg Hunt, eggs filled with candy and gems.

The Children's Festival is the largest fund raiser for the Great Falls Optimist Club with proceeds benefitting children locally. This is a great inexpensive family outing!

THE GREAT FALLS OPTIMIST CLUB provides Thanksgiving and Holiday Meals and Gifts for those less fortunate; in the past we've provided school supplies, equipment, word processors, LCD projectors, etc for special education classes, as well as children's cancer, private injured parties, and much more.

This year, we are supporting, the Little League, the Great Falls Rugby teams, the local HS ROTC program, and our Junior Optimist Club of Langley High School. They are currently working on blankets for the homeless.

Sometimes we have oratorical and essay contests to compete for scholarships and help them gain leadership skills.

Linda thanks the many volunteers who come out every year to help with the festival, whether it's stuffing eggs or setting up, and cleaning up the day of the festival! These are the ones who make it a success!

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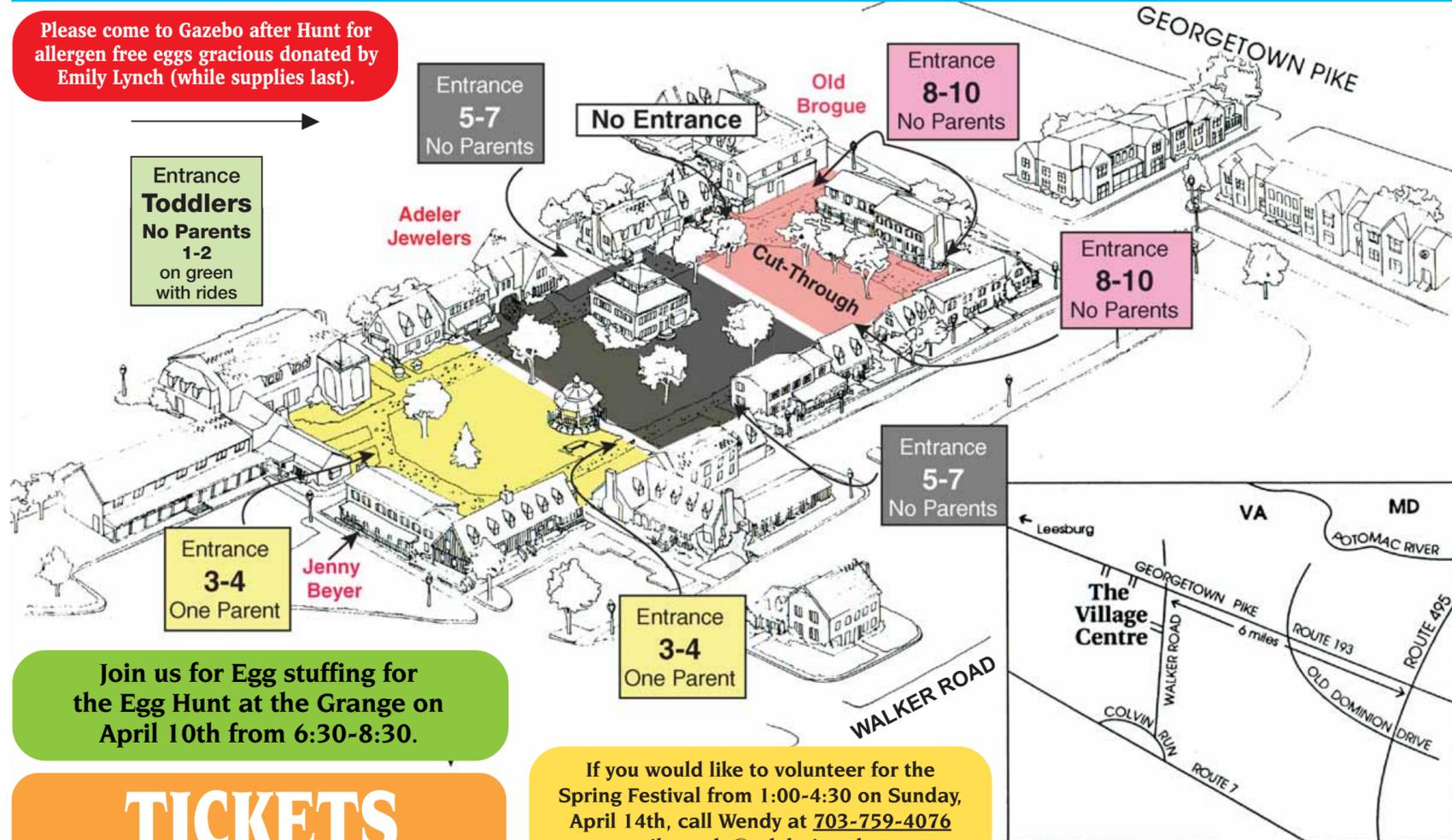
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Join us for Egg stuffing for the Egg Hunt at the Grange on April 10th from 6:30-8:30.

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If you would like to volunteer for the Spring Festival from 1:00-4:30 on Sunday, April 14th, call Wendy at 703-759-4076 or email [wendy@adelerjewelers.com](mailto:wendy@adelerjewelers.com)

**Tickets go on sale at 12:30**  
**Games and rides are from 1:30-4**  
**The egg hunt from 4:00-4:30**  
The egg hunt includes over \$8000 worth of gemstones donated by Adeler Jewelers, mixed with candy and stuffed into 8,000 plastic eggs that will be scattered around the Village Centre for children ages 1-10 to find.  
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**NO RAIN DATE:** Due to the size of this ever-popular event, and to

scheduling requirements for the Village Centre and volunteer staff, we are unable to provide a rain date for the egg hunt. Please call 703-759-4076 after 9:00 am on April 14th to verify the status of the event if you are concerned about cancellation due to inclement weather.  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We can always use more volunteers to help with a range of

jobs, including staffing an entrance, helping with set up and clean up the day of the hunt, and other activities. If you are interested in helping with this fun, family-friendly event, please contact us at 703-759-4076 or [info@adelerjewelers.com](mailto:info@adelerjewelers.com). This is a terrific opportunity for Scout troops and students looking for community service opportunities!

# Birthstones



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century. A phenomenal gemstone, moonstones show a floating play of light (called adularescence) and sometimes show either a multirayed star or a cat's eye. Considered a sacred stone in India, moonstones often are displayed on a background of yellow (a sacred color) and are believed to encapsulate within the stone a spirit whose purpose is to bring good fortune. Part of the family of minerals called feldspar, moonstone occurs in many igneous and metamorphic rocks and comes in a variety of colors such as green, blue, peach, and champagne.

## July - Ruby

There's no better way to demonstrate your love than by giving a ruby in celebration of a July birthday. Rubies arouse the senses, stir the

imagination, and are said to guarantee health, wisdom, wealth and success in love. Ruby is a variety of the gems species corundum. It is harder than any natural gemstone except diamond, which means a ruby is durable enough for everyday wear. Fine-quality ruby is extremely rare, and the color of the gem is most important to its value.

## August - Peridot

Two birthstones are available for August birthdays: Peridot and Sardonyx.

Peridot is said to host magical powers and healing properties to protect against nightmares and to bring the wearer power, influence, and a wonderful year. As peridot is a gemstone that forms deep inside the Earth and brought to the surface by volcanoes, in Hawaii, peridot symbolizes the tears of Pele,

the goddess of fire and volcanoes. Today, most of the peridot supply comes from Arizona; other sources are China, Myanmar, and Pakistan.

## Sardonyx

Sardonyx is a form of onyx and is recognized by its layers of reddish brown and white banding. It was popular with the ancient Greeks and Romans who carried into battle talismans of sardonyx engraved with images of heroes such as Mars or Hercules, believing that this would bring courage and victory. Because of its attractive banding, sardonyx has long been used to fashion cameos (carved raised figures) and intaglios (the reverse of cameos). This gemstone is found throughout the world.

## September - Sapphire

Sapphire, the September birthstone, has

been popular since the Middle Ages and, according to folklore, will protect your loved ones from envy and harm. Medieval clergy wore sapphires to symbolize heaven, while commoners thought the gem attracted heavenly blessings. Blue sapphires range from very light to very dark greenish or violetish blue, as well as various shades of pure blue. The most prized colors are a medium to medium dark blue or slightly violetish blue.

## October - Tourmaline and Opal

October is another month with two birthstone choices - Tourmaline and Opal.

Tourmaline has become a favorite gemstone among jewelry designer, and gem collectors the world over. Since it is available in a wide variety of colors, it is ideally suited to almost anyone's taste.

Tourmaline also is known for displaying several colors in the same gemstone. These bi-color or tri-color gems are formed in many combinations; gemstones with clear color distinctions are highly prized. One multi-color variety is known as watermelon tourmaline, and features green, pink, and white colors bands; to resemble its namesake, the gemstone is cut into thin slices having a pink center, white ring, and green edge.

The name opal derives from the Greek Opallos, meaning "to see a change (of color)." Opals range in color from milky white to black with flashes of yellow, orange, green, red, and blue. An opal's beauty is the product of contrast between its color play and its background. Opal is a formation of non-crystalline silica gel that seeped into crevices in the sedimentary strata. Through time and nature's heating and molding processes, the gel hardened into the form of opals.

## November - Topaz and Citrine

Two gems are appropriate for November birthdays - Topaz and Citrine.

Topaz is a gemstone available in a rich rainbow of colors. Prized for several thousand years in antiquity, all yellow gems in antiquity were called topaz. Often confused with citrine quartz (yellow) and smoky quartz (brown), quartz and topaz are separate and unrelated mineral species. The most prized color of topaz is called Imperial topaz after the Russian Czars of the 1800s and features a magnificent orange body color with pinkish undertones.

Citrine, the other birthstone for November is known as the "healing quartz". This golden gemstone is said to support vitality and health while encouraging and guiding hope, energy and warmth within the wearer. Citrine can be found in a variety of shades ranging from pastel yellow to dark brownish orange. It is one of the most affordable of gemstones and plentiful in nature.

## December - Tanzanite, Zircon, and Turquoise

The three birthstones associated with December are Tanzanite, Zircon, and Turquoise.

Discovered in the late 1960s in Tanzania, and found exclusively in this tiny area of the world, tanzanite exhibits a rich violet-blue color for which the gemstone is treasured; often it is heat-treated to achieve this color. Colors range from blue to purple, and tanzanites that are medium dark in tone, vivid in saturation, and slightly violet blue command premium prices.

Derived from the Arabic words zar and gun, meaning gold and color, zircon is found in a wide range of colors such as: blue, yellow, orange, brown, green, colorless, and red (the most prized color). For many years colorless zircon was used to imitate diamonds. Folk wisdom grants zircon the power to relieve pain, whet the appetite, protect travelers from disease and injury, to ensure a warm welcome, and to prevent nightmares guaranteeing a deep, tranquil sleep.

The name turquoise, from the French expression Pierre turques or Turkish stone, originated in the thirteenth century and describes one of the oldest known gemstones. Turquoise varies in color from greenish blue, through robin's egg-blue, to sky blue shades and its transparency ranges from translucent to opaque.



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# Through The Years

## The Grand Opening of Spring with the 35th Annual Children's Festival, April 14th.

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Adeler Jewelers to thank the community for its support", said Wendy Adeler Hall, whose father began the celebration over 30 years ago. "He's very community minded" she said.

There are four age groups for the egg hunt at 4 PM: 8-10 Years to the north of the green, 5-7 years in the middle, 3-4 years to the south of the green. The Toddlers and younger are free to pick up eggs near the Festival rides and games during the festival 1:30-4:30. The children 4 and younger

can have one parent with them, the older ones will be only allowed on the green by themselves. Parents can watch behind the ribbons.

The eggs contain candy, but some of the 8,000 eggs will contain gems donated by Adeler Jewelers. "We usually hide about \$8000 of gems mixed in", Adeler said. "Typically the gems include amethyst, garnet, peridot, blue topaz, citrine, some rubies and emeralds, all the typical birthstones", she said. In addition local vendors have sponsored rides, like a moon bounce, a maze and a gi-

ant slide for the children to enjoy. The \$10 per child admission gives each child a bracelet that's good for unlimited rides and the egg hunt. "We don't charge the parents admission, but they're free to make donations", she grinned!

The event will take place weather permitting, and parents can call 703-759-4076 starting at 9 AM on that Sunday if the weather is poor to find out details. Tickets will become available to purchase at 12:30 behind the village center where the rides will be set up.





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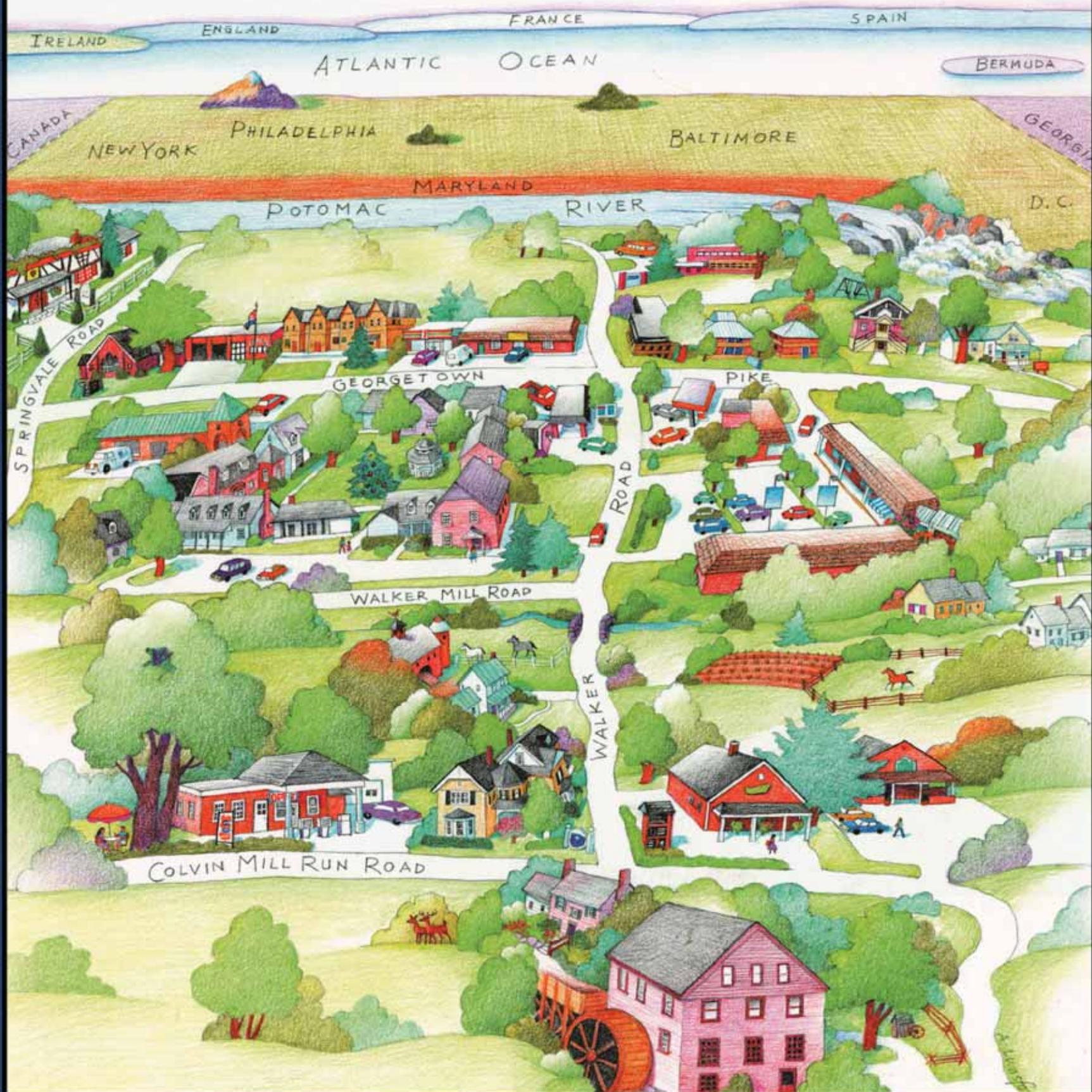


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