

Georgetown Village

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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Dear GV Members,

Things are really hopping in our office! We are busy planning for fun evening at our annual fundraiser. The invitations are going out the first week of April, so watch your mailbox, and be sure to RSVP so you don't miss out on the fun!

In addition, we are planning a volunteer appreciation luncheon to thank our wonderful volunteers for all the help they give our members. If you would like to write something to be shared with our volunteers please send it to the office by April 11. It would be nice for the volunteers to hear how their actions impact our members.

We have been working with Iona Senior Services to develop a new service offering for our members. In April we have invited leadership from other Villages in the Greater DC area to attend a training workshop led by Iona Staff and Georgetown Village to be able to offer this program in their Villages as well. This program is part of our on-going effort to increase our services offerings to our members, and to be prepared to assist you when the need arises, as we were recently for the members in the stories below.

Georgetown Village to the Rescue Stories:

One of our members called to tell me that they had a medical emergency and was able to get an appointment to go to the doctor in an hour! We found a volunteer willing to cancel their plans and take this member to the doctor. Afterwards, I heard from the member how wonderfully our volunteer had treated them, the member felt very well taken care of by our volunteer! A weeks later, another one of our members had knee surgery. This member came home from the successful surgery and realized that assistance was needed to getting around. The member called the Village to ask us to get a volunteer to pick up crutches from CVS for them. Instead, a volunteer offered to donate crutches to GV and brought them to our office. Another volunteer stopped by the office and brought the crutches to the member's home. This was all accomplished in less than two hours! Georgetown Village now has a pair of crutches to loan to those who need them. This is in addition to our lending wheelchair-let us know if you need to borrow either one.



April Programs

Mondays

April 4

5:30 Happy Hour-Daily Grill

April 11

10:30 Brain Games- Office

April 18

**10:15 Book Discussion-1314
29th Street NW**

Tuesdays

April 19

5:30 pm-Happy Hour-DG

April 26

TBD-Movie Night & Dinner

Wednesdays

April 6 & 20

**10:30-Portable Electronics
Support Group-1680
Wisconsin Ave. NW**

Thursdays

10:30 am Coffee Talk

St. John's 3240 O Street NW

April 7

**3:00 pm-Sylvia Modelski –
Port Said Revisited Tea &
Talk**

Fridays

April 15

**2:00 pm-GV Tour of the
Renwick Gallery-Wonder
exhibit**

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, May 5

**6:00 pm-GV Annual Party
on the Potomac**

Afternoon Tea & Book Reading with GV Member Sylvia Modelski-April 7-3pm

We are fortunate to have talented Village members who are also writers that have fascinating stories of their own lives to tell! Join us to hear Sylvia Modelski read from her book, Port Said Revisited. We have read this book with our book discussion group, and they enjoyed it very much. This is your opportunity to hear parts of the book read by the author and learn about Sylvia's many travels and fascinating childhood!

We will be serving tea-style refreshments. Please RSVP so we are sure to have enough for all!

Book Discussion –Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel-April 18-10:15 am

On April 18 we are discussing the book Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel. Wolf Hall is a historical novel by English author Hilary Mantel. Set in the period from 1500 to 1535, *Wolf Hall* is a highly fictionalized biography documenting the rapid rise to power of Thomas Cromwell in the court of Henry VIII through to the death of Sir Thomas More. This novel won both the Man Booker Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award. In 2012, *The Observer* named it as one of "The 10 best historical novels". You might want to look up Thomas Cromwell online to refresh your memory of the history this book is based upon.

We are discussing the book at the home of Diana Munson 1314 29th Street NW. Diana's number is 202-965-3978.

GV Tour of Renwick Gallery Grand Re-Opening Exhibit –WONDER-4/15 @ 2

Nine leading contemporary artists have created site-specific works inspired by the Renwick. The works are strikingly different but all are large installations made of commonplace and unexpected materials such as index cards, marbles, strips of wood, etc. The works transform space and engage the viewer in unexpected ways. You will see the Renwick like you have never seen it before.

These artists were chosen to be part of the special re-opening installation after the Renwick's major two year renovation. Their work transformed the entire museum into an immersive artwork with this debut exhibition, WONDER. While the nine artists featured in WONDER create very different works, they are connected by their interest in creating large-scale installations from unexpected materials. Index cards, marbles, strips of wood—all objects so commonplace and ordinary we often overlook them—are assembled, massed and juxtaposed to transform spaces and engage us in the most surprising ways.

If you have not yet seen this exhibition, it will be closing on May 8 and this is a wonderful opportunity for a guided GV tour. As one of our members recently shared—"Seeing museum exhibits with Georgetown Village has taught me more about those exhibits than I could have gotten from a month of trips on my own! Our tour is scheduled for Friday, April 15 at 2 pm, please call the office by April 12 to RSVP.