

Georgetown Village

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Dear GV Members,

We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday season and had some time to rest and relax in December. With the new year, Georgetown Village is starting some new programs and we look forward to your joining us at these activities. We are always open to opportunities to expand our offerings, if you have suggestions please let us know.

Our trip this month is to the Diplomatic Reception Rooms of the Department of State, which are used for official functions hosted by the Secretary of State and other high level government officials. These rooms hold a premier collection of 18th century American furniture, paintings and decorative arts. See back for more info

On Wednesday, January 14, Mike Canning, from Capitol Hill Village will be here to do a program about the movies filmed here in DC called *Hollywood on the Potomac*. More information on the back of this page.

We ended our year having filled over 500 service requests, I hope we were able to help you last year, and we look forward to helping you all again this year. Remember to call the office if there is something you need, and we will be happy to give you a hand!

Two new programs starting this month are our Gourmet Dining Group and an afternoon of games. The Gourmet Dining Group will be meeting on the second Wednesday of the month. Please call the office if you are interested in going as we need an exact count to make a reservation at the Blue Duck Tavern.



January Programs

Mondays

January 5

5:30 pm-Happy Hour-Daily Grill-Monday HH special- all well drinks and HH food \$4.00

January 12

1 pm-Caregivers Support Group-St. John's Church

January 19-Office Closed

January 26

House of the Spirits-Movie

February 2

10:30 am-Will in the World Book Discussion-Place- TBA

Tuesdays

January 20

5:30 pm Happy Hour-(DG)

January 27

TBD-Movie Night & Dinner

Wednesdays

January 14

1:30-Hollywood on the Potomac-GV Office

6:30 pm-Gourmet Dining Group-Blue Duck Tavern

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Thursdays

10:30 am Coffee Talk

St. John's 3240 O Street-

January 22

12:30-3:30-Lunch & Game Day

Friday

January 30

10:30- Diplomatic Reception Rooms Tour

Tour of US Department of State Diplomatic Reception Rooms-January 30 @10:30

On Friday, January 30 we will have a tour of the beautiful reception rooms that were established as a space for official government entertainment. The rooms were renovated and underwent an architectural transformation from 1965-1989. The architectural improvements gave the Diplomatic Reception Rooms not only a national, but an international reputation.

The art which furnishes these rooms is reputed to be one of the top ten collections of American 18th and early 19th century art in the United States. It is said that there is no comparable project in the Western Hemisphere.

The tour of the State Diplomatic Reception Rooms is limited to 25 people, we will take reservations on a first come basis, please call the office as soon as you know you will be available to join us. You must arrive at the Receptions Rooms by 10 am to give yourself time to get through security as the tour will start promptly at 10:30 am.

Hollywood on the Potomac-Wednesday January 14 at 1:30 pm –GV Office

This program, featuring Mike Canning, a member of Capitol Hill Village who has long been fascinated by movies. After a 28 year career as a Foreign Service Officer, working as a press and cultural officer in eight countries on four continents, Mike Canning began his second career reviewing movies for the *Hill Rag*. He is also a freelance writer on film, public affairs and the US Congress in American feature films.

Mr. Canning will offer a comprehensive look at the intersection of our capital city and the movies—how Washington DC has been portrayed in American feature films. We will see clips from some of these films and Mr. Canning will discuss how Washington is treated as either subject, setting, or background. His book by the same name, Hollywood on the Potomac, examines almost 60 motion pictures as well as the ‘Goofs’ in how a film misrepresents the city’s geography or practices. The book is the first publication to offer a comprehensive look at Washington DC in the movies. The book also features essays in three areas: on “Politics and Film,” on DC filming locations, and a discussion of a potpourri of many lesser Washington Films in a section called “Selected Short Subjects”

After the presentation, Mr. Canning will answer questions, and sign copies of his book, for those of you who wish to purchase one.

Lunch and Game Day Thursday January 22

Wintertime is a great time to stay indoors and enjoy yourself. We will have a selection of board games including Scrabble, Backgammon and cards for you to play. If you have a favorite game you would like to bring in and share with us, please do so. We are ordering a platter of sandwiches for lunch, please RSVP so we are sure to have enough food for all. Also be sure to let us know if you have any dietary restrictions so we are sure to order a lunch you can enjoy! If you would like to bake something and bring it for a pot luck dessert table that would be great!