

Notes from Program Advisory Committee Meeting  
May 3, 2017

Committee and staff members present: Rita Miller, Gertrude Slifkin, Helen Vamvas, Ron Irion, Jan Cary, Melanie Rose White, Stephanie Olshan, Bob Loftus, Anne O'Neil and Jennie Fogarty.

Jennie went over upcoming trips and programs. Anne discussed two possible October trips and asked for opinions. The first would be one or two nights in Wilmington, with visits to the Brandywine Valley and NYC if we can get tickets to "War Paint." The second would be to the Eastern Shore. She gave details for both.

Helen

Prefers the Wilmington/NYC option, but had brought suggestions for a trip to the Eastern Shore including the Bartlett Pear Inn in Easton. She also brought names of small towns within 100 miles of DC that might make good trips: Middleburg, with a visit to a distillery and stay at Red Fox Inn; Frederick; Boonesboro with a visit to Antietam and a meal at Dan's Tap House; and, Sherpherdstown with a trip to the theater.

Rita

Prefers the Wilmington/NYC trip. Suggested a program for 6 to 12-year-olds: reading Aesop's Fables to them, making animal puppets and then putting on a puppet show. She also suggested teaching Greek dancing with Greek desserts; and, talks on Picasso's life influencing his art, on stolen art and on First Ladies.

Melanie

Leans toward the Eastern Shore trip because there are activities included that people might not be able to do on their own. Reminded everyone to vote on May 8 and reported on a petition circulating about Village programs – need to be evaluated, are not meeting the needs of the residents and are not relevant. A lively discussion followed.

Gertrude

Is glad we're having a lecture on fraud against seniors.

Jan

Prefers the Eastern Shore trip. She brought information from Strathmore about upcoming performances.

Stephanie

Prefers the Wilmington/NYC trip. Mentioned other ideas for future trips: Hudson Valley, including Storm King, and Portland, ME. Also, batting and golfing cages near Dulles, a French conversation class, a project for families (eg. a diaper drive), an outdoor movie and ice cream truck, a fused glass workshop next year for Mothers and Fathers Day gifts, and, a trip to Harrisburg, PA for the market and a meal at The Millworks. She also reported on her Smithsonian trip to Brooklyn.

Bob

Prefers the Eastern Shore and suggested a bus trip to the Civil War Museum in Frederick and then to Antietam for a tour with a Park ranger.

Ron

Prefers the Wilmington/NYC trip if we can get the "War Paint" tickets.

The committee's next meeting will be Wednesday, September 13, at 5:30 p.m.