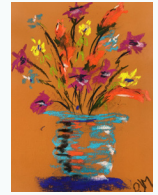




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Artisan Fair
returns in November,
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Nick Glakas brings Florence in the early Renaissance to the Village Center



Spend a glorious afternoon in 15th century Florence as we take an armchair tour of the city's extraordinary sights on **Monday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m.**, at the Village Center.

With esteemed lecturer Nick Glakas as our guide, we'll explore the Uffizi Gallery with Botticelli's "Birth of Venus,"

the Bargello Museum with Donatello's most famous work, the bronze statue of David, the Piazza del Duomo to gaze upon Brunelleschi's magnificent cathedral dome, and the Church of Santo Spirito to view Fra Lippo Lippi's great alter piece, "Madonna and Child with Saints and Angels."

Stroll into the Piazza Della Signoria, epicenter of the Florentine Republic, where the formidable Palazzo Vecchio is flanked by a unique

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It's a spooky good time for children!

Halloween Party features Bingo, crafts, and tons of fun!

Join us the night before Halloween, **Friday, Oct. 30, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.**, as the Village Center transforms into a spooky, magical castle for children ages 10 and younger to explore! We have so many fun activities planned for our young guests.

Spells will be cast and prizes will be won during Halloween Bingo, hosted by a very special guest witch! Young artists can conjure up endless creative possibilities in our crafting corner! If



your little ghosts and goblins need a short break from the festivities, a quiet storytelling and a calming station will be available in the library.

Our little guests will enjoy pizza and a sweet treat made just for them, with refreshments available to all.

Registration is required. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, Oct. 28. See page 2 for details. Sorry, we cannot accommodate walk-ins.



Plié into ballet with Ballet Petite

Secure your child's spot today for this popular dance school

We had a wonderful turnout for, and so much interest in, the Ballet Petite Pop-up class on Sept. 18, and we're excited that Ballet Petite Fall classes start Friday, Oct. 16!

Interest in this mini-session is even higher than it was for the pop-up, so don't wait to enroll your child — spots are filling up fast, with only eight available in each sweet class. Ballet Petite's signature early childhood ballet program intentionally keeps classes small, ensuring each child gets a developmentally appropriate amount of attention so they can thrive and grow. **This mini-session runs Fridays, Oct. 16 through Nov. 20.**

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The Story of a Sicilian Childhood, see page 2.

Meet the author— Marianna Randazzo

Given Away: A Sicilian Upbringing

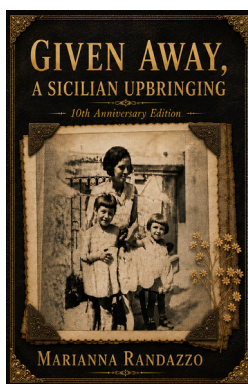
A first-generation Italian-American with Sicilian roots, award-winning author, educator and storyteller Marianna Randazzo drew upon her family's experiences to write *Given Away: A Sicilian Upbringing*.

Join us on **Thursday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m.**, at the Village Center as Randazzo discusses and signs her book, now available as a special 10th anniversary edition.

Inspired by a true story, the memoir follows two Sicilian sisters who endure family separation during childhood, poverty, and the hardships of World War II before immigrating to America as teenagers for arranged marriages. Through their story, Randazzo explores resilience, sacrifice, family, immigration, and the strength of the human spirit.

Randazzo has worked as an educator for more than 35 years. She earned a Master of Science in Reading Education from Brooklyn College and has been an elementary school teacher, reading specialist, literacy coach, and adjunct professor at NYU. She also served as Director of Education at the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum on Staten Island.

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MAYOR'S CORNER

The Village is undergoing a period of transition, with several notable developments.

***Page Park will reopen soon with extensive landscaping, seating areas, and a dedicated children's play area.**

***The conversion of the "Red House" on North Park Avenue into Pyles Provisions, a neighborhood sandwich and coffee shop, is progressing well. The Village has completed its renovations, and the tenant is now customizing the interior. The shop is expected to open by spring 2027.**

***The Village continues to represent the community in discussions about the GEICO site development and the Friendship Heights sector plan.**

***We also recently completed repairs and upgrades to the fountain in Humphrey Park.**

These achievements reflect the dedication of our staff and volunteers. Have a happy fall.

Roy Schaeffer
Mayor

How to sign up for activities at the Village Center

- 1) Go to our website at www.friendshipheightsmd.gov.
- 2) Click Sign Up for Programs.
- 3) Click Sign In/Up.

***New users must follow instructions for creating a new account. Go to top right-hand section that reads "To create an account." Once account is created, do the following:**

- 4) Scroll down to desired activity and click Enroll.
- 5) For activities with a fee, click view fee details. Choose payment option and pay.

***Having trouble signing up online? Please call the Village Center at 301-656-2797, and the front desk staff will be happy to assist you.**

***In some cases, such as trips, in-person registration is required. If so, it will be noted in the newsletter story.**



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Village Council Update

Page Park update

As this issue goes to press, our contractor, SFMS, has completed the construction of the stormwater rain garden basins and is finishing up the installation of the plantings that go in each of the basins. It also completed the installation of the concrete walkways with flagstone to match the stone in the circular patio area. Due to the discovery of water lines in one of the rain basins, the contractor needs to move the backflow structure (where the water lines come into the park) and reconnect the water lines next to the rain basin. This work will require a separate permit and inspection from WSSC, which the contractor will coordinate.

The Parks and Grounds Committee held a virtual meeting last month to further discuss playground equipment options for Page Park. The Committee considered three pieces of equipment from Natural Playgrounds, the recommended vendor. These pieces were discussed at the September 14 Village Council meeting, but the Council did not make any final decisions as of yet.

Due to the active construction occurring on the site with equipment and machinery, the path has remained closed at the North Park entrance and the portion leading to Somerset. Visit <https://bit.ly/4c1VETV> to view the original August 21 public notice. For updated information, please visit the Village website's Page Park Project page at <https://bit.ly/4b9k7XU>.

Council nominates Julie Anderson to fill Council vacancy

As this goes to press, the Council has just nominated Dr. Julie Anderson to fill the vacant Council seat, following the resignation of Council member Martha Solt in late August. Dr. Anderson, a resident of Willard Towers, has had an extensive career in investment management and, more recently, governance and sustainability leadership in higher education. She currently serves as Professorial



Lecturer and Program Director for the Master of Science in Sustainability Management at American University's Kogod School of Business.

Dr. Anderson's nomination has to be confirmed by the Montgomery County Council, then she will be sworn in and can be seated on the Council. We welcome Dr. Anderson to the Council!

FH Sector Plan update

The Village was an active participant in the Friendship

Heights Sector Plan public hearings held by the Planning Board on September 10 and September 14. Francine Klein, Village Council Chair and Chair of the Development Committee, testified on behalf of the Village, and several members of the Development Committee testified as well, including Council member Al Muller. The Village submitted a report prepared by attorney Dave Brown, and Council member Klein submitted a supplemental letter to the Planning Board following the hearings. These documents can be seen on the Village website under the "FH Sector Plan/GEICO Site" dropdown menu.

Update on Red House

The Village contractor, MB Design & Remodel, completed the exterior painting of the Red House. As this goes to press, we have learned that the front porch has to be rebuilt with new structural supports, which requires a permit from Montgomery County. The contractor has submitted the engineer's drawings for the work and is waiting for permit approval. The tenant, Pyles Provisions, is still waiting to receive its permit from the County, and then can begin the renovation of the kitchen in the basement of the property. Please visit the What's New? page (<https://bit.ly/4fmZ06f>) on our website to learn more about the Red House renovation project.

Village Council solicits proposals for New Initiatives budget

The Village Council has set aside \$8,000 in the FY 2027 Village budget for New Initiatives, continuing a program that began two years ago. Please visit <https://bit.ly/4cG7Bz6> on the Village website to view the New Initiatives Project document and to learn more about how to apply. The Community Advisory Committee will evaluate the applications and make a recommendation to the Council. The deadline to make a submission to the Village Manager is October 23, 2026.

Other actions taken at the September 14 Village Council meeting:

- Approved Council Vice Chair Francine Klein to become Council Chair.
- Approved three-year proposal for \$20,865 by Kelly for HVAC maintenance at the Village Center.
- Approved three-year proposal for \$237,721 by Signal for parking enforcement services.
- Denied motion to replace the metal furniture in Page Park with wood-based furniture. Authorized Village Manager to explore options for wood-based furniture.

The next scheduled Village Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public at the Village Center and livestreamed. Please visit our website at www.friendshipheightsmd.gov for additional details.

Our Pop-Up Artisan Shop returns Nov. 6 and 7

Our Pop-Up Artisan Shop brings great retail therapy in a fun and festive atmosphere to the Village Center on **Friday, Nov. 6 and Saturday, Nov. 7.**

The event opens with a reception, featuring light snacks, music, and great shopping opportunities on **Friday from 5:30 to 8 p.m., and continues on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,** with more shopping, art activities, demonstrations and our famous Belgian waffles for purchase. All items are made by the artists who are in attendance and happy to discuss their creative process.

If you'd like to volunteer to help with hosting, contact Anne O'Neil at aoneil@friendshipheightsmd.gov or call 301-656-2797.

For more information about the artisan fair, go to our website www.friendshipheightsmd.gov

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outdoor sculpture garden where we will find Michelangelo's statuesque David, Cellini's famous bronze statue of Perseus, Giambologna's flawless marble statue of the Rape of the Sabine Women, and the great Neptune Fountain.

Glakas is a former naval officer, international lawyer, corporate executive, college association president, and cruise ship lecturer.

Registration is required. See page 2 for details.

A night to celebrate the music of the Carpenters

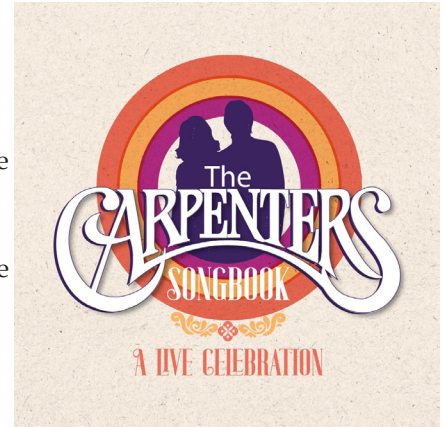
Don't miss the chance to see *The Carpenters Songbook*, a new musical event coming to the National Theatre for one night only on **Saturday, Oct. 17.**

The show brings the icon's extraordinary voice and the brother-sister duo's unforgettable music back to the stage. We have orchestra seats for this beautifully crafted, all-new production from the creative team behind *The Simon & Garfunkel Story*.

With a full band and heartfelt storytelling, this concert captures the warmth, emotion, and musical brilliance of The Carpenters, with songs such as "We've Only Just Begun," "Close to You," and "Rainy Days and Mondays" with this love letter to the quiet magic of Karen and Richard Carpenter.

We'll depart from the Village Center at 6 p.m. and should return by 11 p.m. The cost is \$135.

A portion of this trip is made possible by a generous donation from the estate of Ana Gardano.



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A chance to chat with a cop over coffee

Enjoy a cup of coffee and great conversation during "Coffee with a Cop" on **Wednesday, Oct. 14, from 9:30 to 11 a.m.** at the Village Center. The event offers residents a chance to meet with officers in an informal setting. No registration necessary. Just drop in!

Explore new resources for seniors at the local libraries

Discover a wealth of new resources for seniors available at Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) when Julie Dina of MCPL's Connie Morella Library comes to the Village Center on **Thursday, Oct. 22, at 2:30 p.m.**

Learn how to access audio books and e-books, TV entertainment, music, comics, authors, and movies, all from their Senior Site. Registration is required. See page 2 for details.

Join us for a not-so-scary Halloween with Fred Moyer

Concert pianist Frederick Moyer offers a solo performance on **Saturday, Oct. 31, at noon**, at the Village Center. Equally at home with Bach, Beethoven and Rachmaninoff, as well as Ellington and Gershwin, Moyer's recitals are creative, engaging and entertaining. They generally include time honored favorites, as well as pieces that audiences may be hearing for the first time. Also featured will be his Moyer-Cam, a projection system that allows the audience to see the pianist's hands as he plays.

Moyer has established a vital musical career that has taken him to 44 countries and to such distant venues as Suntory Hall in Tokyo, Sydney Opera House, Windsor Castle, Carnegie Recital Hall, Tanglewood, and the Kennedy Center.

His many recordings on the Biddulph, GM, and JRI labels reflect an affinity for a wide variety of styles. In recital, Moyer's delightful commentary from the stage brings the audience into the heart of the musical experience. Moyer's wide-ranging interests have led him to undertake many unique and ground-breaking projects, often involving software that he writes himself.

Registration is required. See page 2 for details.



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CLASSES AND CLUBS

To register, please go to our website www.friendshipheightsmd.gov and sign up through ActiveNet. Class registration will close 48 hours before the start of the session. Late registration will be permitted at the discretion of the Village Center, must be done in person and is subject to a late fee of 15 percent. A class may be canceled if the minimum number of students is not met. Participants must pay for the full series. No refunds after the class begins. All participants in fitness classes, as well as Drop-in Tai Chi and sample classes, are required to sign a liability waiver. In the event a class is canceled, a make-up class will be held following the last class of the session.

EXERCISE

BALANCE BASICS

A 2-week class, Wednesdays, 11 to 11:45 a.m., Oct. 28 and Nov. 4, taught by Cheryl Clark. This class teaches strategies for balance, aid in developing fall prevention techniques, and improving your ability to perform daily activities safely. The class will help build confidence while maintaining balance and strengthening key muscle groups. \$30 for residents, \$40 for nonresidents.

BEGINNER PILATES (FRIDAYS)

A 6-week class, Fridays, 12 to 1 p.m., ongoing through Oct. 23, taught by Dawn Maynard. Beginner Pilates is for anyone who needs strength and flexibility in the spine and joints, especially shoulders, hips, knees and ankles. Movement modifications will be provided for those who cannot put weight on knees or hands. Learn how posture affects the way we sit, stand, and walk. No equipment needed except a towel and water. \$150 for residents; \$160 for nonresidents. Students may bring a mat and Pilates props.

CHAIR YOGA FOR HEALTHY AGING

Louisa Klein teaches a 4-week session, Thursdays, Oct. 28 through Nov. 19, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Students are seated in chairs or use chairs for support. Learn how to incorporate chair yoga practices into your life for enhanced mind/body awareness. This class teaches techniques to safely stretch, strengthen and balance your body and mind. Klein, a member of the International Yoga Teachers Association, has taught for more than 40 years. \$56 for residents; \$66 for nonresidents.

PILATES FOR EVERYONE (TUESDAYS)

A 6-week class, Tuesdays, 6 to 7 p.m., ongoing through Oct 27, taught by Dawn Maynard. \$150 for residents; \$160 for nonresidents. Students may bring a towel, mat and Pilates props. Class will not meet Oct. 13.

PILATES FOR EVERYONE (SATURDAYS)

A 6-week class, Saturdays, 9 to 10 a.m., ongoing through Oct 31, taught by Dawn Maynard, \$150 for residents; \$160 for nonresidents. Students may bring a towel, mat and Pilates props. A minimum of four students required.

STRENGTH AND CORE (EVENINGS)

An 6-week class, taught by Chad Ashley, Tuesdays, 5:30 to 6 p.m., Oct. 20 to Dec. 15, \$45 for residents; \$55 for nonresidents. Class will not meet on Nov. 3.

QIGONG AND TAI CHI (MONDAYS)

An 8-week session, Mondays, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., ongoing through Nov. 2. Taught by Master Nick Gracenin. Study the essentials of traditional tai chi and qigong, and improve balance, circulation, strength and relaxation. Beginners welcome. \$114 for residents; \$120 for nonresidents.

TAI CHI FORMS AND TRADITIONAL ROUTINES (MONDAYS)

An 8-week session, Mondays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., ongoing through Nov. 2. Taught by Master Nick Gracenin, this class presents taolu (formal patterns) of traditional taijiquan. Students can try the more complex combined 42 forms and tai chi fan. \$114 for

residents; \$120 for nonresidents.

ART, DANCE, GAMES & LANGUAGES

CHILDREN'S BALLET

Three separate 5-week ballet classes for children, ages 3 to 5, offered by Ballet Petite, Oct. 16 through Nov. 20. Class will not meet Nov. 6. The cost for each 5-week session is \$135 for residents; \$140 for non-residents See story on page 1.

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A 5-week class, Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., ongoing through Oct. 27, taught by Nancy Kay. \$100 for residents; \$115 for non-residents. A standard size card will be available for purchase at the class.

SPANISH CONVERSATION

Elena Marra-Lopez, a Village resident and longtime Spanish teacher, conducts a 7-week Spanish conversation class, Tuesdays, 4 to 5 p.m., through Oct. 27. English will NOT be spoken. \$20 for residents; \$30 for nonresidents. Minimum of five; maximum of eight is required.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION (Free)

Mallory Starr leads a conversational English roundtable for adults on Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m. This class is free for Village residents. Nonresidents pay \$5.

WEEKEND WORKSHOPS

BEGINNING DRAWING 1

A beginning drawing session, taught by Holly Buehler, Saturday, Oct. 3, 10 a.m. to noon. \$35 for residents; \$45 for nonresidents.

BEGINNING DRAWING 2

A beginning plus drawing session, taught by Holly Buehler, Sunday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m. to noon. \$35 for residents \$45 for nonresidents.

GLASS JEWELRY WORKSHOP

Create two pieces of jewelry, during a glass workshop, taught by Merrilee Harrigan, Saturday, Oct. 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. \$100 for residents; \$125 for nonresidents.

ONGOING GROUPS

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING/ SUBURBAN NURSE

A Suburban Hospital nurse offers free blood pressure screenings, Tuesdays, 12 to 4 p.m. Nurse consultations, Tuesdays, 2 to 4 p.m.

CANASTA

An informal group plays canasta on Wednesdays, 2 to 4 p.m. Call 301-656-2797. Learn to play canasta during a two-part class on Wednesday, Oct. 14 and Oct. 21, from 1 to 2 p.m. The cost isn't \$15.

CHESS

An informal group plays chess on Wednesdays, 12:30 to 3 p.m.

COFFEE AND CURRENT EVENTS

This long-running discussion group meets Fridays, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

DROP-IN BUILDING BETTER BONES (MONDAYS)

Taught by Gita Pancholy and Mimi Doane, Mondays, 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. The cost is free for Village residents; nonresidents pay \$5. Regular attendees may store small weights at the Center. Please put them in a bag with your name on it. *Please note that participants must be able to do the exercises without the assistance of a cane or walker.*

DROP-IN BUILDING BETTER BONES (THURSDAYS)

Taught by Gita Pancholy and Mimi

Doane, Thursdays, 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. The cost is free for Village residents; nonresidents pay \$5. Regular attendees may store small weights at the Center. Please put them in a bag with your name on it. *Please note that participants must be able to do the exercises without the assistance of a cane or walker.*

DROP-IN OPEN ART STUDIO

Artists and aspiring artists are invited to bring their art and supplies and join other artists at our open arts studio on Fridays, 1 to 4 p.m. No storage space is available.

DROP-IN TAI CHI

Student-led sessions meet Fridays, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Includes stretching, tai chi warm-up exercises, tai chi (24 Yang-style), self-massage, and ends with qigong exercises. Free for Village residents; nonresidents pay \$5.

FRIDAY FIBER FRIENDS

Knitters, crocheters, and other fiber enthusiasts meet Fridays, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Call Joan Lewis at 301-452-4466.

GREAT BOOKS GROUP

Meets Mondays at 10 a.m. Call Judith Abrahams at 301-215-6950 or Jean McNelis at 301-656-6695 for details.

SING-ALONG

Join pianist Deborah Brouse for a sing-along with neighbors and friends every third Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY TEA

Village residents and guests are invited to enjoy refreshments and conversation on Tuesdays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Birthdays are celebrated on the first Tuesday of the month.

VILLAGE BOOK CLUB

The book club meets one Tuesday a month via Zoom. Contact Sheila Manes at manessheila@gmail.com.

VILLAGE PLAYTIME

Toys and play items will be set up in

the auditorium for preschool children on Tuesdays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., and Saturdays, 9 to 10 a.m. Children must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or caregiver older than 18.

WALKING CLUB

The club takes a two-mile walk in Chevy Chase Village every day at 8:15 a.m. Meets at the Village Center entrance. Call Joan Lewis at 301-452-4466. **Walkers may encounter uneven surfaces and they participate at their own risk.**

WOMEN'S GROUP

Village of Friendship Heights women, age 50 and older, are invited to share life experiences and transitions as they strive toward happy, productive lives as they age. Meets the first and third Thursday of the month, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Contact Patricia Canessa at pcanessam@yahoo.com.



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The classes will be offered at the following times for the following ages:
- Claras (ages 3-4): 2:15pm and 3:00pm
- Odettes (ages 4-5): 3:45pm

The five-week session schedule is as follows: Oct. 16: Welcome Week; Oct. 23: Halloween Bring-A-Friend Week; Oct. 30: Regular Class; Nov. 6: No Class; Nov. 13: Regular Class; Nov. 20: Petite Suite Week (Parent Observation)

The cost for the 5-week class is \$135 for residents; \$140 for nonresidents.

Space is limited and registration is required!

See page 2 for sign-up details.

Welcome fall with our October sing-along

Pianist Deborah Brouse leads a sing-along with neighbors and friends on **Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 1:30 p.m.**

CONCERTS



Free concerts are held every Wednesday from 7 to 8 p.m. in Huntley Hall in the Village Center. Those arriving after the start of the performance are asked to please wait for a break to enter and close the door gently. Please turn off phones prior to entering the auditorium. Please be respectful of the performers and refrain from bringing reading materials into the auditorium. If you must leave early, please wait for a break in the performance.

Wednesday, Oct. 7—*Mini-Musicals on the Move: Guys and Dolls*—This unique theatre group in the Washington Metropolitan Area brings selections from classic Broadway shows to audiences. Guys and Dolls features timeless Frank Loesser tunes like “Luck Be a Lady” and “Sit Down, You’re Rockin’ the Boat.”



Wednesday, Oct. 14—*Djangolaya*—Djangolaya is an acoustic jazz group in the Washington, D.C., area celebrating the musical styles pioneered by Django Reinhardt in Paris between wars. Part French café, part New Orleans jazz, part Latin nightclub, Djangolaya draws on a wide blend of old and new sounds.

Wednesday, Oct. 21—*TransAtlantic Duo*—The TransAtlantic Duo of Vladimir Fridman (guitar and vocals) and Alexander Paperny (balalaika) explores the world’s musical heritage. The two began working together in 1988

as members of the European-based Jazz Balalaika; the Duo’s debut recording was released in 2006. Although separated by an ocean (Fridman lives in Gaithersburg, Paperny in Hamburg, Germany), the two have conducted more than two dozen tours in the U.S. and Europe. The program will include classical favorites from Mozart and Bizet, bossas and tangos from Brazil and Argentina, Jewish folk tunes, and music reflective of the many peoples of Europe.

Wednesday, Oct. 28—*Duo Soliste*—Prize-winning Duo Soliste returns following acclaimed performances at Carnegie Hall and across the United States and Korea, including New York, Boston, Chicago, and the Los Angeles area. Violinist Ji Yun Lee has served as concertmaster of the Korean Philharmonic Orchestra and the Catholic Symphony Orchestra in Korea, while teaching as music faculty at the Catholic University. Pianist Minna Han enjoys engaging with audiences through her performances with Ensemble Mosaic and Duo Soliste. She previously served as an Assistant Professor at the College of Music, University of Suwon in Korea, where she also held the position of Chair of the Piano Pedagogy Program in the Graduate School of Music. She is currently a faculty member at the University of Maryland, College Park, where she continues to combine artistry and pedagogy in her work. The performance will feature works in the spirit of the season.

Mosaic Ensemble gives a Halloween concert

Imagine celebrating Halloween through music—experiencing haunting and suspenseful pieces that perfectly capture the mysterious spirit of the season.

Ensemble Mosaic, led by violinist Ji Yun Lee, will perform alongside pianist Minna Han and a wonderful group of young musicians on **Saturday, Oct. 24, at noon**, at the Village Center. The performance will bring together a colorful and engaging program that celebrates both Halloween and the beauty of fall. It will be an afternoon filled with music, emotion, and joy—an experience for audiences of all ages and families to enjoy and remember!

Registration is required. See page 2 for details.



The Village Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 11:30 a.m., via Zoom**. The book selection is “Flesh” by Oyinkan Braithwaite.

The November book will be “Cursed Daughters” by Oyinkan Braithwaite. Book club members may check out the current selection and selections for the next two months from the Village Center front desk. This month’s selection will be available to nonmembers following the monthly meeting.

MOVIES

All movies begin at 7 p.m. Movies that run longer than 120 minutes will begin at 6:45 p.m. as indicated, unless otherwise noted. Please note that PG-13 and R-rated movies may contain sexual situations, violence and/or offensive language. Enjoy fresh popcorn during the movies.



Thursday, Oct. 1, 7 p.m.: Movie—9 to 5—Three overworked office employees, fed up with their boss's sexist and dishonest behavior, hatch a plan to get even. What starts as an act of frustration turns into an unexpected opportunity to run things their own way. This workplace comedy features the title song by Dolly Parton,

which won her a Grammy. Starring Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin, and Dolly Parton. **Rated PG. Running Time: 1 hour, 49 minutes.**

Thursday, Oct. 8, 7 p.m.: Movie—The Devil Wears Prada 2—Years after leaving the fashion world behind, Andy Sachs returns to Runway magazine to help navigate the dramatically different media landscape. Starring Meryl Streep, Stanley Tucci, Anne Hathaway, and Emily Blunt. **Rated PG-13. Running Time: 1 hour, 59 minutes.**

Thursday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m.: Booksigning: Marianna Randazzo: Given Away: A Sicilian Upbringing, see page 2 for details.

Thursday, Oct. 22, 7 p.m.: Movie—Annie Hall—A neurotic New York comedian looks back on his relationship with a scattered, free-spirited woman, tracing the ups and downs of their time together. This movie is full of hilarious vignettes as he walks the viewer through his childhood and past relationships. A landmark romantic comedy featuring an Academy Award-winning performance by Diane Keaton. Also starring Woody Allen. **Rated PG. Running Time: 1 hour, 33 minutes.**

Thursday, Oct. 29, 7 p.m.: Movie—The House with a Clock in its Walls—Based on the 1973 book of the same name, this film follows a young, orphaned boy who goes to live with his eccentric uncle in a mysterious old house that seems to have a heartbeat of its own. A family-friendly blend of spooky and whimsical, well-suited for the Halloween season and appropriate for children. Starring Jack Black, Cate Blanchett, and Owen Vaccaro. **Rated PG. Running Time: 1 hour, 45 minutes.**

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An experienced storyteller, Randazzo has shared her stories at the MOTH events, libraries, museums, schools, book clubs, and Italian-American organizations across the United States. She has also taken part in the NYPL World Literature Festival and appeared in the documentary *A Field Afar*.

Randazzo is the author of *Italians of Brooklyn* (Arcadia Publishing), *Ghostly Tales of Staten Island*, *Father Vincent R. Capodanno*, *Navy Chaplain*, and other works exploring history, culture, and the Italian-American experience. Her most recent books, *Ghostly Tales of the DC Metro Area*, and *Ghostly Tales of Brooklyn*, continue her exploration of local history and storytelling.

She has received several literary honors, including the Grand Lodge Order of New York, Sons and Daughters of Italy in America Literary Award, the Morgagni Silver Medallion Award, and the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum Recognition Award.

Through her writing, teaching, and storytelling, Randazzo works to make sure the struggles, sacrifices, traditions, and triumphs of immigrant families are remembered by future generations.

Refreshments will be served. Registration is required. See page 2 for details.

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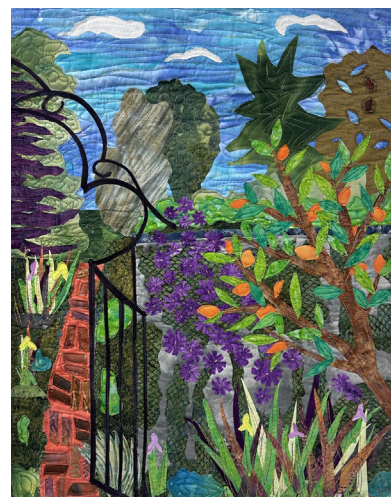
The Creative Fiber Friends fourth Biennial show includes recent work by five talented art quilters of the Washington, D.C., area who have been meeting together for many years: Elizabeth Davison, Barbara Eisenstein, Melinda Lowy, Donna Radner, and Dianne Miller Wolman.

These artists have exhibited widely both locally and nationally. Their work, which includes both abstract and representational fiber art wall hangings and 3D objects, is inspired by nature, architecture, and travels. They use a variety of fabrics which are made quilted by hand or by machine and are often embellished. The pieces represent moods, memories, and hopes for the future, using color, textures and materials.

Join us for a reception on **Sunday, Oct. 11, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

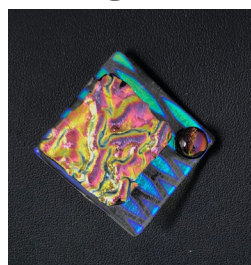
The Village Center is open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Art in the auditorium is occasionally not available for viewing because of activities in the room. Please check with the front desk upon arrival. All sales are final.



"Through the Gate" by Elizabeth Davison

Make two pieces of jewelry at our glass workshop



Have fun and make beautiful jewelry on **Saturday, Oct. 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**, when glass artist Merrilee Harrigan of the Joy of Glass leads this Sunday workshop! Learn how glass behaves, learn to cut glass, and fashion a pendant, set of earrings, ring and/or bracelet.

Choose from many colors and types of glass, including brilliant dichroic and iridescent and "alchemy" glass that turns silver to gold.

Make jewelry to wear or to gift. No experience necessary—let your creativity bloom!

The cost is \$100 for residents and \$125 for nonresidents.

All materials included: kiln firing, sterling bails, silver-plate settings, and chain. Participants will need to return two days later to pick up their finished jewelry.

Registration is required. Sign up by Oct. 7. See page 2 for details. Space is limited to a maximum of seven students.

A portion of this workshop is made possible by a generous donation from the estate of Ana Gardano.

Weekend drawing workshops teach the basics

Holly Buehler, a long-time art instructor in Montgomery County, teaches the essentials of drawing with shape, form, and shading techniques during two weekend workshops. The first, Beginning Drawing 1, takes place on **Saturday, Oct. 3, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**



Draw from still life or bring your own photos. Materials will be available for students to use during the class.

For those who want additional instruction, Buehler is offering a second workshop, Beginning Drawing 2, on **Sunday, Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

The cost for each workshop is \$30 for residents; \$40 for nonresidents. Residents who sign up for both workshops pay \$50; nonresidents pay \$60. A minimum of six students is required. Sign up by Sept. 26. See page 2 for details.

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TO YOUR HEALTH



Little habits to stay young

Village Center Pilates instructor Dawn Maynard presents "Small habits that keep your body young" on **Friday, Oct. 16, from 11 to 11:45 a.m.**, as part of a series of talks focused on healthy aging, movement, and practical nutrition.

"My goal is to inspire people to feel empowered about their health and to show that, with the right habits, it is possible to stay strong, mobile, and vibrant at any age," said Maynard. Maynard brings more than 30 years of experience as a personal trainer and eight years as a Pilates instructor.

Space is limited and registration is required. See page 2 for details.

Some tips for better ZZZs

Sleep is essential for good health, yet millions of adults struggle with poor sleep or breathing problems that interfere with restful nights. Join Stevie Carter, P.A.-C, sleep medicine physician assistant at Johns Hopkins Community Physicians, for an engaging discussion on the importance of sleep, what healthy sleep looks like, and how chronic respiratory conditions can impact sleep quality on **Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 1 p.m., at the Village Center.**

This lecture is a partnership between Suburban Hospital and the Friendship Heights Village Center.

Registration is required. See page 2 to sign up.

Save the date for Bingo!

Gather with friends for a fun-filled afternoon of Bingo on **Tuesday, Oct. 27, from 1 to 2 p.m.**, at the Village Center.

Registration is required to ensure a seat. See page 2 to sign up.

The Low Vision Support Group

Thursday, Oct. 8

11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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