

Annual Ceremony Recognizes Southwest History with Call to “Remember the Pearl”

BY WILMA GOLDSTEIN

On Sunday, April 14, The Pearl Initiative held its fourth annual commemoration to “Remember the Pearl.” The large gathering of residents from Southwest and beyond were welcomed by Westminster Presbyterian Church and Reverend Brian Hamilton.

“This citizen’s initiative is critically important to remind our community and the world of the remarkable courage of 77 enslaved persons in DC who came to the 7th Street Landing on the evening of April 15, 1848 to board a schooner named *The Pearl* headed to freedom in Philadelphia,” Hamilton explained. “It was the largest attempted escape of enslaved persons in U.S. history, and witnesses to the determination of people to be free.”

“That this happened right in our backyard leaves us the responsibility to tell the
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Courtesy of Barby Halstead-Worrell

The Wright Dancers from Richard Wright Public Charter High School for Journalism and Media Arts performed April 14 at the Pearl Initiative’s annual remembrance ceremony.



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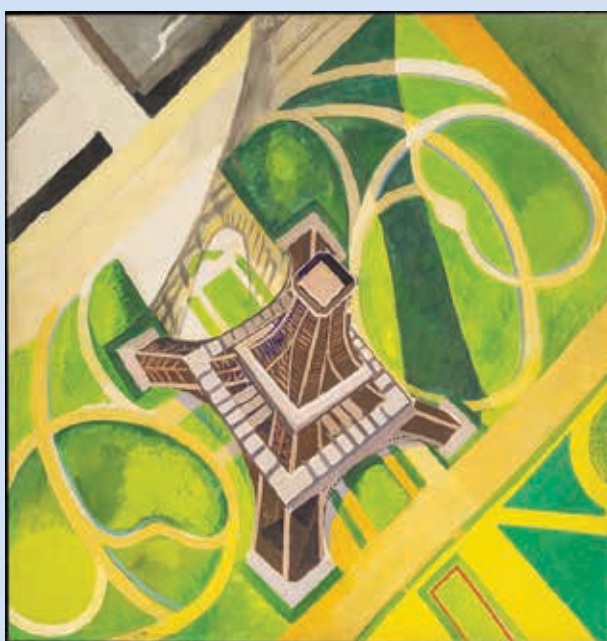
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Hirshhorn Mounts Major Exhibition to Mark 50th Anniversary

BY SHEILA WICKOUSKI

No two visits to “Revolutions: Art from the Hirshhorn Collection, 1860-1960” at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden will be the same.

This first of several exhibits celebrating the 50th birthday of the museum is impressive, consisting of over 200 artworks by over 100 artists, a broad scope still representing only a small fraction of the Hirshhorn’s collection of more than 13,000 works. The variety of styles and subjects unfolds in a presentation that is loosely grouped around art movements in the time frame of a century that was marked by major world events and changing ideas in science and technology.



Courtesy of Smithsonian’s Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden

Robert Delaunay, *Eiffel Tower and Gardens, Champ de Mars, (La Tour Eiffel et Jardin du Champ de Mars)* 1922.

While organized chronologically, the exhibit does not focus solely on one group of artists or a specific media or art movement, but flows through time, presenting opportunities to contrast and compare works across time boundaries.

At the entrance, to introduce the exhibit, shown side by side are “Modern Beginnings,” an examination of large-scale portraiture (a hallmark of social standing) of “Mrs. Kate A. Moore” (1884) by John Singer Sargent, a Hirshhorn gift, with Amoako Bofo’s “Cobalt Blue Dress” (2020), a recent acquisition.

Moving through the exhibition, all the art is not on the wall. Display cases of sculptur-

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Serve Your City/Ward 6 Mutual Aid Supports 70 Southwest Families with Support of Farmers' Market Vendors and Shoppers

BY KATRINA AVILA

The community's response to the Serve Your City/Ward 6 Mutual Aid (SYC/W6MA) Spring Food Drive was greatly appreciated, highlighting the community's generous spirit of 'solidarity, NOT charity,' within the Southwest neighborhood. Weekly, donations poured in, replenishing shelves and offering essential support to our neighbors seeking assistance.

Several neighborhood communities, including River Park, Harbour Square, Tiber Island, Riverside, Carrollsburg, The Channel, Incanto, The Banks, Amaris, Vio and Wharf Marina, joined forces, hosting donation boxes to support the drive.

Although the drive has ended, the need for donations persists. Contributions are welcomed year-round at the SYC/W6MA Southwest Pod located at Christ United Methodist Church (900 4th St SW, back entrance off the pathway to the Southwest Public Library) on Wednesdays (3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.) and Saturdays (12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.), as well as at SYC/W6MA's Booth at the



Southwest Farmers Market (425 M St SW) on Saturdays (9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.).

With summer approaching, participants in the Southwest Farmers' Market, including vendors and shoppers, collaborate to ensure community access to fresh produce. SYC/W6MA Southwest Pod is dedicated not only to providing canned goods but also to offering fresh produce, recognizing the dietary restrictions many face.

Every Saturday (9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.), Serve Your City/Ward 6 Mutual Aid welcomes donations of fresh produce, dairy products, and baked goods from market attendees. Ochoa Produce, Ashton Farms, Sandy Bottom Acres, and Panorama Baking Company have generously supported this cause for the past few years, assisting us in supporting 70 households in Southwest monthly.

When visiting the market, we encourage you to stop by the SYC/W6MA Farmers' Market table to learn how you can contribute. Every contribution, whether purchasing addition-

al items or providing food and supply donations, is valued. Monetary donations are also crucial, enabling us to obtain fresh produce at discounted rates. Your support in any form is indispensable.

Support SYC/W6MA's Southwest Pod! We are in need of donations such as:

- Non-perishable foods like canned tuna, canned chicken, pasta, pasta sauce, soup, canned fruit, boxed milk, peanut butter, jelly, cooking oil, condiments, hot and cold cereal, Ensure, tea, coffee.
- Toiletries including toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, deodorant, feminine products, and Depends.

Monetary Donations: Contribute online at bit.ly/sycw6ma-donate. Your contributions enable us to secure food from the Capital Area Food Bank, effectively tripling the impact compared to purchasing from a store.

Interested in learning more or getting involved? We're actively looking for volunteers to assist with our Southwest food distributions every Saturday. For more details, please reach out to us at swmutualaid@serveyourcitydc.org.

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WMATA Displays New 8000 Railcar and Electric Bus on National Mall



Courtesy of Perry Klein

ABOVE: One of two of Metro's electric buses currently in operation. More are planned for this year.

RIGHT: Metro recently displayed its next generation 8000-series railcars on the National Mall along with one of its electric buses. One interesting feature is that riders will be able to walk through the entire 8-car train without going through doors.





The following groups oppose the recall effort and support Charles Allen. Join them and **DECLINE TO SIGN** the recall petition.



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New Businesses in Town

New Health Clinic Opens at Greenleaf Senior

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

Community Concierge Care, (C3 Cares) a provider of nurse-led, place-based medical services, has opened a new clinic inside the Greenleaf Senior Building at 1200 Delaware Ave SW.

Led by Dr. Erin Athey, a board-

certified family nurse practitioner, C3 Cares aims to deliver innovative medical services directly to residents, addressing common obstacles such as transportation and tight schedules.

This initiative is supported by a partnership with the District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA), which has worked to integrate prima-

ry care clinics within public housing complexes.

C3 Cares offers comprehensive healthcare services for children and adults, including vaccinations,

onsite screening tests, annual physical exams, chronic disease management, private and respectful

STD testing, women's health ser-

vices, and after-hours telehealth. Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The clinic will also work to foster community connections, hosting Lunch and Learn sessions and pop-up clinics. More information is available at www.C3cares.com.

GoodVets Animal Hospital Prepares to Open in Southwest

Pet owners and their furry friends await the opening of a branch of GoodVets Animal Hospital at 1000 4th Street SW, coming soon on the first-floor retail level of The Westerly apartments. To redeem a free first exam when the clinic opens, visit goodvets.com/locations/washington-d-c/the-wharf.



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Dr. Jackie Williams reads the names of the Pearl passengers at The Wharf.

Photos courtesy of Audrey Hinton

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story to ourselves, our children, and the newcomers who claim Southwest as their home,” Hamilton continued. “This incident was the ‘George Floyd moment’ of its time, reinvigorating the abolitionist movement and fostering a more profound resistance to slavery in DC and across the U.S. The Pearl Initiative is an ongoing project to research, evaluate, and interpret this historic incident far too few people know. The dilemma of social and racial injustice is still before us and requires our response.”

Historian and Pearl Initiative Planning Committee member Dr. Marjorie Lightman opened the program by telling the story of the Pearl and introducing the video “The Story of the Pearl Incident.”

In her remarks, Lightman focused on the relationship between resistance and freedom that has been part of every social movement that has brought about change. She also made the point that resistance is never an easy choice and full of consequence. She closed her remarks by noting that, despite great leaders and courageous followers, we still have a journey in order to rid ourselves of the vestiges of slavery.

Planning Committee member Dr. Jackie Williams introduced newly minted Ph.D., Dr. Chris Williams, who took participants on a virtual walk through historical sites in DC, pointing out the history of many of our ancestors whose names are on historical plaques, schools, recreational centers, and churches. Names like Bowen, Bell, Edmondson, and Pope, with some connected to Pearl passengers. Many of these historical figures we now honor bought land when they first became free and either by building on it or selling it were able to expand their entrepreneurial efforts and contribute to societal change.

Artistic contributions to the remembrance event were provided by two captivating and moving performances by the Wright Dancers from Southwest’s Richard Wright Public Charter High School for Journalism and Media Arts under the leadership of Dance Theater teacher Summer Johnson.

In her closing remarks, Pearl Initiative member and event coordinator Audrey Hinton said that she hoped guests would leave the program inspired, informed, and challenged to learn more about the Pearl Escape and its ongoing impact on today’s world. Reverend Hamilton concluded with hopes for keeping the story of the Pearl alive in our Southwest community’s narrative, amongst neighbors, in our school’s core curriculum, and with evermore robust conversations that help us be aware of the sacred ground we call home.

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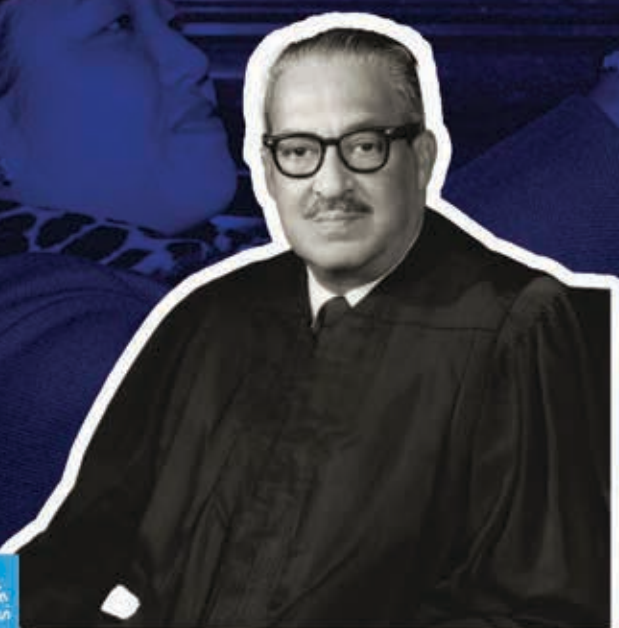


The last weekend of April was packed with action at Audi Field, with home stands for the Washington Spirit, D.C. United and D.C. Defenders. On Saturday, April 27, D.C. United was led by forward Christian Benteke en route to a 2-1 win over the Seattle Sounders.

Courtesy of Fredo Vasquez



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SWNA has a long tradition of holding community meetings

In May, SWNA will host a forum with the theme of Youth and Education • Monday, May 20, at 7 pm at Westminster Church.

**The meeting on June 24th will address public safety in Southwest and will be at 7 PM at Arena Stage.
Watch this space for more information**

SWNA also has issue focused task forces. For example,

- The Education and Scholarship task force has been in place for 50 years and distributed 34 scholarships totaling \$76,500 last year.
- This year, SW Strong! – the SWNA emergency preparedness task force will focus on community outreach at the SW Farmers' Market and preparedness literature distribution through the SW community. The next talk, (TBD) will focus on pandemic preparedness planning in the city (yes, it could happen again)
- The Youth Activities Task Force nurtures young people 5 – 25. To learn about its impactful work, please visit <https://swna.org/swna/task-forces/youth-activities/>.
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3. _____

4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Answers from April 2024 issue

Differences: The picture on the right has eclipsed stars behind the word; there are two berries on the slice of cake on the right; the slices are different on the left side of each picture; the gingerbread man has a hat in the picture on the right; there is a heart in the picture on the right; the picture on the right has some sort of alien behind the cake!

WORD SEARCH: MOTHER'S DAY!

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Math Moment!

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$15 + 15 =$

$15 / 15 =$

$101 \times 12 =$

$1000 \times 22 =$

$15 - 15 =$

$8 + 2 =$

$462 - 63 =$

$50 / 10 =$

$15 \times 15 =$

$2,024 \times 0 =$

$9 \times 9 =$

$2,024 - 0 =$

Jokes!

Why couldn't the crewmates play cards?
Because the captain was standing on the deck! (Submitted by Barret)

Why was the strawberry late?
Because he got stuck in a jam! (Submitted by Naomi P.)

Where are turkeys buried?
The gravy-yard. (Submitted by Elizabeth)

Write Your Own Joke!

If you would like to submit a joke to The Southwester, email it to editor@thesouthwester.com

Drawing Time!

What would you like to draw?



Young Readers

Everybody's an Actor!

BY KITTY FELDE

We all played different roles in our lives - student, parent, worker bee, boss. It's perhaps not as much fun as the role playing we did as kids when we could switch from astronaut to country western singer just by swapping helmets for hats.

Cathy Rodriguez trains teachers in technology for the L.A. County Office of Education. She says role playing was what created her love of books. Cathy's parents would read books to her and her siblings, playing all the characters. It was a command performance, with demands to repeat the performance over and over again. Cathy says the performances continued in the backyard where the kids "would actually take on the characters ourselves and we would put on a play in the backyard and reenact the story as characters in the book. That's what we did."

The Iowa Reading Research Center says this sort of "reader's theatre" can be an "excellent avenue" for practicing the mechanics of reading. Acting



out a text helps a young reader recognize and pronounce words without error, to read those words without consciously thinking about the process, and to read them with "appropriate expression and phrasing."

There are reader's theater scripts you can use to read together on the Reading Rockets webpage as well as tips and a few videos.

Tap into your days of playing pirates and princesses, and "play" with your kids. Just don't tell them it's a reading exercise.

Kitty Felde is the author of "State of the Union: a Fina Mendoza Mystery" and hosts the Book Club for Kids podcast.

Poetry Corner

Flowers Before Us

BY DINA TAMBURRINO

Inspired by the flowers on the path from St. Dominic's Church to 4th Street SW and E Street SW.

It's not always clear
what's before us
what's at the end of the road
what there is along the way
We walk not knowing

And if there is fear as we go
We may notice then
That there are trees, leaves, bushes,
and birds
and soil rich and brown
There is a sky of blue and yellow
warmth
and flowers before us
The journey may be arduous and
unknown
But there are always flowers along
the way.

Photo of the Month



Sunset over Jefferson Middle School Academy.

Courtesy of Tiger Elliott

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On April 14 at 6:00 p.m., a traditional “second line” processional to the Southwest waterfront from 4th Street and I Street was led by DC jazz masters Marshall Keys, Thad Wilson, Reginald Cyntje, Elijah Balbed, and Mark Prince. This was both sorrowful and celebratory, in tribute to the range of emotions the Pearl passengers may have felt. At the Wharf, Dr. Jackie Williams read the names of the Pearl passengers while libations and flowers were thrown in the water by Planning Committee member Vania Georgieva in tribute to these brave souls. This experience was so moving it will surely be a feature of annual commemorations in years to come.

The escape on the Pearl happened 176 years ago on April 15, 1848, when the Pearl, a two-masted schooner, onboarded 77 enslaved persons including 63 adults and 14 children.

From its dock at the 7th Street Landing, it made its risky attempt at escape, intending to get to the Chesapeake Bay by traveling first down the Potomac River and then sailing north to freedom. At the mouth of the Potomac, the ship encountered inclement weather, forcing it to drop anchor. On the morning of April 16, an informant alerted slave catchers to their whereabouts and a steamer was quickly commandeered and set out in pursuit. The Pearl was captured at anchor and hauled back to the dock where the two abolitionist pilots were jailed and the passengers were shackled and paraded through the streets to slave pens from which they were mostly “sold down the river” to much harsher conditions in the Deep South. That was what historians refer to as the “Second Middle Passage.” The event was the largest attempted escape by enslaved people in U.S. history.

In 2020, a group of Southwest residents created The Pearl Initiative, adopting the slogan, “Remember the Pearl” and committing to give those 77 enslaved people their rightful place in history, as well as keeping their story alive.

More information can be found by calling Westminster Church at 202-484-7700 or Pearl Initiative convener Audrey Hinton at 301-538-0989.

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al works provide an opportunity to reflect on artists’ work in a variety of media. Henri Matisse’s “Heads of Jeannette,” five sculptures made between 1910 and 1913, present a progression from representation to abstraction, indicating how rapidly 20th-century artists adopted abstract approaches.

“Abstraction and Construction” and “Vital Forms” are devoted to work by futurists, including four sculptures by Giacomo Balla, and to cubist works by artists Pablo Picasso, Fernand Léger and Yun Gee.

Modern warfare as well as rising nationalism are reflected in major works such as Marsden Hartley’s “Painting No. 47, Berlin” (1914–

1915) and Childe Hassam’s “The Union Jack, New York, April Morning” (1918). Surrealism and Abstract Expressionism are well represented, but so too are other artworks, like the realist painting of George Wesley Bellows and Edward Hopper and lyrical landscapes by Georgia O’Keeffe and Horace Pippin.

What is delightful about the exhibit, and a feature which separates it from a walk through a “history of art”-style exhibit is the opportunities it presents to discover for yourself what is so alike and yet different in the placement of works nearby each other.

After a guided tour, I returned to view the exhibit on my own and spotted two of my favorite artists so positioned: Horace Pippin’s “Holy Mountain III” (1945) and Daywood Bey’s photograph “UNTITLED #12

(THE MARSH) “ (2017). Pippin’s is bright colored while Bey’s photograph is so dark black until you must come very close to see the outlines of the reeds in the marsh at night.

As an art historian has said, you don’t have to own art works personally if you enjoy and appreciate art to consider it yours. Certainly the vastness and variety of art holdings in the Hirshhorn provide this experience, and a chance to celebrate with the Hirshhorn as they mark 50 years with this collection-spanning exhibition.

The exhibit is on view through April 20, 2025. Future exhibits will display works from the collection from 1960 to the present. Events for the year of celebration will be posted on the Hirshhorn web site, <https://hirshhorn.si.edu/events/>.



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- The Jefferson Academy “Voices of Now” ensemble
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- Community gardens
- STEM supplies for Richard Wright high school
- School supplies
- Summer internships for SW students
- SW Community Days at Lansburgh Park
- Community events
- The SW “Mutt Strut”
- Thanksgiving meals
- A Christmas Toy Drive

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Please check the web references or telephone numbers in the listings for details

WED 1, 6:00 - 7:30 P.M. ALL WRITE! WORKSHOP GROUP. Get feedback on your writing and share your thoughts with other writers in the neighborhood. Seniors, Adults. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

THURS 2, 1:15-2:15 P.M. BABY LAP TIME, These 20-30 minute story times are specially designed for infants from birth until they begin walking, along with their grown-ups! Stay for a fun baby playtime afterward. Ages: Birth to walking. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

FRI 3, -ARENA STAGES SOUTHWEST NIGHT UNKNOWN SOLDIER, Patrons who reside or work in Southwest D.C. can buy discounted tickets for Southwest Night performances. Tickets are \$36 for musicals and \$26 for non-musicals, plus fees. Proof of Southwest D.C. residency or employment for each member of the party must be presented at the time of ticket pick-up. Tickets are based on availability. Use Promo Code SWNIGHTS to purchase your tickets online! <https://tickets.arenastage.org/34956/35062>

SAT 4, 10:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M., SPRING TEMPLE BEAUTIFICATION DAY. Kadampa Meditation Center SW, 1200 Canal St, SW 20024

SAT 4, DUCK POND PARTY IS BACK. After a long, cold winter, we're excited to celebrate the arrival of warmer weather, green parks, and, of course, the return of the ducks. Join us for a day of fun, food and festivities. We'll host free food, live music, and fun activities for everyone, including games for kids and adults. To represent SW in the best way possible, we'll also have an exclusive *duck merch drop* you won't want to miss.

SUN 5, 1-2:00 P.M. Sit & Stitch. Stitchers of all kinds and skill levels, join us for an hour of stitching and community at Southwest Neighborhood Library! Basic instruction for beginners in crochet, knitting, embroidery, and cross-stitch is available. Seniors, Adults, 13-19 Years (Teens). Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

MON 6, 10:30-11:30 A.M., FAMILY STORYTIME, These 30-40 minute story times are designed to be enjoyed by all ages. Promoting early literacy skills through books, songs, rhymes, and movement. If you would like to visit with a school, childcare, or camp group, please call ahead to make arrangements. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

MON 6, 11:00 A.M.-Noon. TECH HELP. Get help with digital devices and accounts for free at the library! Seniors, Adults. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

MON 6, 7:00 P.M. ANC 6D Admin Meeting. Contact the office at 6d@anc.dc.gov for access to the meeting via Zoom

WED 8, 5:30-7:30 P.M., HAPPINESS HOUR OPEN HOUSE. Kadampa Meditation Center SW 1200 Canal St, SW 20024

THURS 9, 1:00 - 3:00 P.M. COFFEE & CONVERSATION. Customers are invited to join a casual conversation with other library customers and individuals from the neighborhood. Coffee provided. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

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SAT 11, 7:00 P.M. FAITH & FILM, monthly Zoom presentations every 2nd Saturday. Join the Faith and Film Club to view and discuss timely and, thought-provoking films. Club members will receive film titles, summaries, and zoom link: Contact the Westminster church office at: wpcdcoffice@gmail.com All invited.

SUN 12, 10- 11:00 A.M., THE KINDNESS OF MOTHERS: The Kindness of Mothers: Mother's Day Public Talk. Kadampa Meditation Center, 1200 Canal St, SW 20024

MON 13, 10:30 - 11:30 A.M. Music & MOVEMENT Sing, Dance, and Play! Family Program. Birth to 5 years old. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

MON 13, 11:00 A.M. - Noon. TECH HELP. Get help with digital devices and accounts for free at the library! Seniors, Adults. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

MON 13, 7:00 P.M. ANC 6D BUSINESS MEETING. If there is a concern you'd like to raise, please submit a 3-minute maximum transcript of your community concern to 6d@anc.dc.gov at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. www.anc6d.org/virtual-meetings/

TUES 14, 4-5:00 P.M. YOUTH POET LAUREATE TOUR. Teens are invited to hear spoken word poetry performed by one of the DMV's Youth Poet Laureates and then write poetry of their own. 13-19 years old (Teens). www.dclibrary.org

TUES 14, 5:30 -7:30 P.M. GAME ON! For Adults and Seniors. Play CLASSIC board games, checkers, uno, dominos, backgammon, and scrabble for this fun 2-hour program event. Adults. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

WED 15, 3:30-4:30 P.M. KIDS & TWEENS LEGO CLUB. Join us for a fun 1hr activity building LEGOS on the Second Floor in the STEM Lab. For kids and tweens ages from 6 thru 12. Kids under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. 5 - 12 Years old. www.dclibrary.org

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FRI 17, 7:00-8:30 P.M. REFUGE VOW CEREMONY. Kadampa Meditation Center SW, 1200 Canal St, SW 20024

SAT 18, 11:00 A.M.-1:30 P.M., PORT OF WASHINGTON YACHT CLUB. Join area boaters and shoreside spectators for the Annual Blessing of the Fleet boat procession. The event will take place at The Wharf's 7th St Recreation Pier. The speaker portion of the program begins at 11A.M. and transitions into the *Blessing of the Fleet* boat procession starting at 12:00 P.M.. Contact cruising@powyc.org for additional information.

SAT 18, 2:00 -5:00 P.M. GUIDED REFUGE RETREAT-What is Enlightenment? Kadampa Meditation Center SW, 1200 Canal St, SW 20024

SUN 19, 1-2:00 P.M. Sit & Stitch. Stitchers of all kinds and skill levels, join us for an hour of stitching and community at Southwest Neighborhood Library! Basic instruction for beginners in crochet, knitting, embroidery, and cross-stitch is available. Seniors, Adults, 13-19 Years (Teens). Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

MON 20, 10:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M. Music & MOVEMENT Sing, Dance, and Play! Family Program. Birth to 5 years old. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

TUES 21, 6:30 - 7:30 P.M. OFF SCRIPT! Come read about the lives of your favorite celebrities in their own words! Seniors, Adults. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

THURS 23, 1:15-2:15 P.M. BABY PLAYTIME, These 20-30 minute story times are specially designed for infants from birth until they begin walking, along with their grown-ups! Ages: Birth to walking. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

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TUES 28, 6:30 - 7:30 P.M. BRIEF ENCOUNTERS BOOK CLUB. Join us as we get acquainted with the works of authors you've heard of but want to know better! Adults. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

WED 29, 3:30 - 4:30 P.M. KIDS & TWEENS LEGO CLUB. Join us for a fun 1hr activity building LEGOS on the Second Floor in the STEM Lab. For kids and tweens ages from 6 thru 12. Kids under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. 5 - 12 Years old. www.dclibrary.org

WED 29, 6:00 - 7:00 P.M. PRIDE BOOK CLUB. Want to read more LGBTQ+ stories? Looking for a bigger queer community? Join Southwest Library for a monthly discussion on a novel by and about LGBTQ+ folks. Queers and allies welcome! Southwest Neighborhood Library www.dclibrary.org

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

ADULT CHESS CLUB, Thursdays, 6-7 P.M. Chess for Adults, 13-19 (Teens). Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, Mondays-Fridays at Noon (St. Dominic Catholic Church) or Wednesday evenings (St. Augustine's Episcopal Church). Post-pandemic we have resumed live meetings. This fellowship is open to all men and women who desire to recover from alcoholism. You will be welcome; for more information, contact Josie at 202-880-6971. <https://aa-dc.org/meetings> <https://aa-dc.org/meetings/t-g-i-f>

BLUES MONDAYS, 6-9 P.M. Various Blues musicians and singers are featured each Monday. \$10 cover and food for sale. Schedule at Westminster Presbyterian Church. <https://westminsterdc.org/blue-monday-schedule>.

BREAD FOR LIFE - BREAKFAST, Sundays, 8-8:45 A.M. Free Breakfast. The pandemic has forced us to change how we serve breakfast—but we still offer a free breakfast every week as a to-go bag with a breakfast sandwich, juice, fruit, and slice of cake. If you would like to volunteer with Bread for Life, please contact Virginia Mathis, lead organizer and kitchen manager for the program at thor081828@hotmail.com. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church Community Room, 555 Water Street SW. www.staugustinesdc.org/bread-for-life.

BUILDING BLOCKS, Tuesdays YOUTH, 10:30 - 11:30 A.M., Come explore constructive play with us! Children birth to 5 and their caregivers are invited to a special early literacy play date themed around the building,

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CALENDAR

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knocking down, and building back up again. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

CHAIR YOGA, Mondays and Fridays 11 A.M.- Noon. Gentle movements to increase flexibility, strength, balance & endurance, adapted for all body types. Careful instruction promotes proper breathing, meditation, positive thinking, & deep relaxation. Westminster Presbyterian Church. Any questions? Email instructor, Pamela Wilson, wilsonpj108@gmail.com.

CHURCH CLEANING, 2nd Saturdays of the month, 9:35 A.M. St. Dominic Church. www.stdominicchurch.org/

FILM DISCUSSION, Tuesdays 7th 14th 21st 11 A.M.-1:30 P.M. For those who love being part of a good conversation. Seniors, Adults. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

GODLY PLAY PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN, Sundays 11 A.M - Noon. ages 4-12. Fun sessions including videos and interactive activities about the life and teachings of Jesus. Westminster Presbyterian Church. <https://westminsterdc.org/>

HYBRID ADULT EDUCATION CLASS Sundays 10-11 A.M. Led by Rev. Dr. Alice Bellis (Howard University) and Jeff Nicoll (author of Strange and Gaudy Fruit: Toxic Theology). Westminster Church. To register, contact: wpcdcoffice@gmail.com. FREE. <https://westminsterdc.org/>

HYBRID SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE, Sundays, 11 A.M. - Noon. All welcome to share in inspiring worship! Westminster Presbyterian Church. <https://westminsterdc.org/>

JAZZ NIGHT IN SW, Fridays, 6 - 9 P.M. Various Jazz musicians and singers are featured each Friday. \$10. Food for sale. Schedule at <https://westminsterdc.org/jazz-night-in-dc-schedule> Westminster Presbyterian Church.

JOB SEEKERS, Mondays May 6th, 13th and 20th, 1-3 P.M. Stop by for this drop-in clinic where we answer your questions and provide guidance and assistance to job seekers in their search. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

KADAMPA MEDITATION CENTER, Weekly Drop-In Meditation Classes. Tuesdays: 6 - 6.30 P.M., Thursdays: 7:15 - 8.30 P.M., Sundays: 10 - 11 A.M. 1200 Canal St, SW.

KOMEN TOASTMASTERS. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month, 6:30 - 7:30 P. M.

If interested in attending our meeting, please contact us at komentoastmasters8714@gmail.com.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, Wednesdays, 7 8 P.M. Contact Westminster Presbyterian Church for more information at wpcdcoffice@gmail.com.

RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH PROTEIN PANTRY, 2nd Sundays, 11:30 A.M. All are welcome! For more details contact rsbc@riverside.org. Riverside Baptist Church, 699 Maine Ave SW, <https://riversidedc.org/>

SW COMMUNITY WELLNESS WALK, Wednesdays, May 8th and May 22nd. For 60-75 minutes we walk along several different streets and make note of various things that need attention – graffiti, broken lights, damaged sidewalks, etc. We submit our findings into the city's 311 system **DC 311-Home**. (This is not a “neighborhood watch” activity.) If interested contact Ben Curran for details up until one day before as to the route to be taken and meeting place details: benimon@hotmail.com or 202-294-7043.

TECH HELP, Mondays, 6th, 13th, 20th, 11:00 A.M. - Noon. Get help with digital devices and accounts for free at the library! Seniors, Adults. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

TODDLER SENSORY PLAY TIME, Fridays, 10:30-11:30 A.M. Join us in the Children's Room for sensory playtime! We'll provide the materials, just bring your imagination! For children 6 months to 5 years old. Birth to 5 years old. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

THURSDAY EVENING MEDITATION, Thursdays, 7:15 - 8:30 P.M. Suitable for everyone, these meditation classes offer practical methods to improve the quality of our lives through meditation and Buddhist teachings. Each class is available by drop in and you can come to either the entire series for the month or by individual class. Each class is self-contained. Everyone is welcome. For support with our online classes, prayers & events: support@meditation-dc.org Kadampa Meditation Center www.meditation-dc.org/

THE WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTORS CLUB (WSCC) meets at 7 P.M. on the **First and Third Wednesdays** of every month at **Christ United Methodist Church**, 300 Eye Street, SW. Visitors are always welcome to take part in our meetings. Ring the church's doorbell at the Eye St. entrance to enter the meeting. <https://www.dcstampclub.org/>

ZOOM RESISTANCE BIBLE STUDY, Tuesdays, 6:30 P.M. Discuss timely issues on Jesus and Social Justice. For Zoom link, contact Westminster office: wpcdcoffice@gmail.com

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SW Duck Pond Party

Join the community for festivities at the Duck Pond with music, food, games, and more.

May 4 | 2-4pm | SW Duck Pond



Bike to Work Day

Commute by bike and promote a healthy and safe alternative to driving.

May 17 | 8-10am | 420 4th St. SW

Southwest Events in May

Get ready for a fun Spring full of fun! Mark your calendars from swbid.org/events.

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Out to Lunch

Pack your lunch and head to Hancock Park for fun activities and live entertainment.


May 15 | 12-1:30pm | Hancock Park



Duck Pond Music

Live music from Capital Fringe every Wednesday. Bring a picnic and good vibes.

May 1, 8, & 15 | 6-7:30pm | SW Duck Pond



SW Library Birthday Party

Celebrate Spring with family-friendly activities at the Southwest Library.

May 30 | 4-6pm | SW Library