

GUILFORD NEWS

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Springtime in Sherwood

Mark Your Calendar

- May 26—Tulip Dig
- June 10—Dinner At Dusk
- Movies In the Park
June 11 & August 16
rain dates June 12 & August 17
- Wine Tasting In October
We are looking for volunteers to assist that evening, contact Jeff Nelson at: nelsonjeff@comcast.net

LOOKING FOR NEW BLOOD

The Guilford Board of Managers is looking for individuals to chair the Traffic Committee, chair the Committee for Deed and Agreement renewal and to serve as Association Treasurer.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GARDENS

By Bruce Barnett

Sherwood Gardens was very beautiful this spring and had lots of visitors from both near and far. These Gardens are a Baltimore treasure and make Guilford a very special place to live.

However, that being said, they were not quite up to standards of recent years. There was a strong wind storm which blew down two large oak trees near the North-East corner of the Gardens and there was some problem with a significant number of the tulips. The oak trees were removed by Bartlett Trees expeditiously and without a safety problem. A side effect of these uprooted trees is some destruction to the underground irrigation system, which is to say that when the trees fell their roots tore up some of the irrigation system water lines which will need to be replaced.

With regard to the tulips, some of them, perhaps about 30%, did not come up. An investigation showed that, while squirrels can steal a lot of bulbs, the real problem was that the missing bulbs had rotted. Many experts suggest that the cause was the strange wet winter with rapidly

alternating warm and cold weather. However, to get as much information as possible bulbs are being checked by both the tulip bulb company back in Holland and by the United States Department of Agriculture. Every attempt is being made to prevent this problem from occurring again next year.

These two events exacerbated a continuing issue in the Gardens that being the very tight budget and the resulting lack of financial flexibility. For the last several years we have been "behind the eight ball" on the care of both the bushes and trees. We have not been able to do all of the fertilizing and pest control needed for the trees, nor have we been able to replace azaleas and other bushes as fast as they die. While these losses have not been large percentage-wise, when one has as many plants as Guilford has in Sherwood Gardens even a small percentage loss can be a large number of plants. So when a tree falls and demands immediate expenditure of funds we don't typically have the contingency funds available to avoid cutbacks in other Gardens activities. Accordingly, for this coming

summer the care of the existing trees and bushes will be the priority and there will be fewer new plants than normal.

More general news is the Annual **Tulip Dig** will be Saturday morning, May 26, starting at 7:00 AM. As usual, tulip bulbs will sell for \$0.25 each. No bulbs from any less than perfect plot will be sold.

Also, the volunteers in the **Adopt-A-Plot** program will start planting annuals as soon as the Tulip Dig is finished. Sherwood Gardens will continue to be beautiful until frost next fall. The folks who volunteer to adopt a plot are very much appreciated but are still somewhat fewer than needed. Adopting a plot does not require as much work as most people expect. If you are interested in helping with the annuals please call Bruce Barnett at: 410-243-5830 for more information.



"Sherwood Light" oil on canvas by MAPAPA artist Sam Robinson

MOVIES BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

By Margaret Alton

Movies in Sunken Park At Dusk Corner of Overhill and Charles June 11, rain date June 12 and August 16, rain date August 17

Please put the dates on your calendar now before you forget! The movies are brought to you by the Guilford Association and our good neighbor Loyola College. Thanks to Loyola

College our outdoor feature films are professionally produced with a really big screen and great sound.

The natural amphitheater, designed for all types of performances by the Olmsted Brothers in the early 1900's, is used in reverse for the movies so street lights and car headlights do not impair visibility.

We have liquid refreshments and gladly accept donations. All movie proceeds go to supporting Guilford's parks and common spaces. Please visit our website, www.guilfordnews.com, to get up to date information and to see what will be playing!

We look forward to seeing you and your neighbors on June 11th and August 16th.

ARCHITECTURAL GUIDELINES

Remember, before you do any construction or remodeling on your home, yards, garage or driveway, you must review the Architectural Guidelines listed on the website at: www.guilfordnews.com,

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DINNER @ DUSK

Sunday June 10 from 5-8pm
Live music by

The Barn Burners

Games for the kiddies and some
beverages for the adults.

See Insert for Details



GREAT WALKS FROM GUILFORD

By Maryellen Whitman

A short walk to 4545 North Charles Street brings you to Evergreen, the historic property belonging to Johns Hopkins University, and once home to two generations of Garrett's.

The house was built in 1858 by the Broadbent family, and purchased in 1878 by John Work Garrett, then the president of the B & O Railroad, for his son, T. Harrison Garrett. He, his wife, Alice, and their three little boys, moved to what was then a country home on 50 acres of land in 1878, and during their tenure added extensively to the house, including a North Wing, which was just for the boys.

When Alice died in 1920, their oldest son, John, a career diplomat, who was our ambassador to Italy during the Hoover administration, inherited the house, and lived there with his wife, Alice Warder Garrett. Today, in keeping with the Garrett's will, Evergreen hosts concerts, Shakespeare in the Park, art exhibits, etc. all open to the public, and nearby.

Both John and T. Harrison were important collectors of rare books, Oriental art, and rare stamps. Alice Warder Garrett collected European paintings, including Picasso, Bonnard, Modigliani, Degas, Vuillard, Dufy, etc. The house is furnished as it was during the Garrett's days there, and during your tour you will enjoy this treasure trove of art, as

well as a rare book library housing 8,000 volumes. The Far East Room, designed by Lawrence Hall Fowler, houses a magnificent collection of Japanese inro, netsuke, and lacquer ware, and in the Billiard Room you will find a large collection of Chinese blue and white porcelains.

You are welcome to ring the doorbell and have a tour on the hour from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. On weekends the first tour begins at noon. A self-guided tour of the gardens is available in the gift shop. Group tours and afternoon tea, in the North Wing, can be scheduled by calling Nancy Powers at 410 - 516 - 0342. So get out there and enjoy a wonderful tour of the Evergreen.

CALL FOR BOARD MEMBERS

By Tom Hobbs

The affairs of the Guilford Association are managed by a Board of Managers. The By-laws of the Association require that at each Annual Meeting one-fourth of the number of Managers be elected to serve for a period of four years.

To develop a slate of candidates for consideration, we are seeking expressions of interest from residents of the community to identify individuals interested in three open positions; **1. Traffic, 2. Association Treasurer, and 3. Deed and Agreement Renewal.** The responsibilities and activities of the Association are carried out largely through its committees and by the officers. Managers are expected to chair one of the standing committees or be involved in the activities of one or more committees. The Board's committees and their responsibilities consist of:

Architecture: provides review and oversight of all exterior alterations as required by the Deed and Agreement.

Sherwood Gardens: provides oversight to the maintenance of the Gardens and directs the planting of tulips and the seasonal planting of the "adopt-a-plots."

Traffic, Streets and Parking: identifies and responds to traffic issues in the community; monitors the maintenance of streets, sidewalks and lighting; responds to parking problems, particularly through Residential Permit Parking area designations.

Parks: provides oversight and maintenance of the several community parks and common areas as well as a resource for street tree planting.

Safety: provides direction and oversight to Guilford Security and maintains liaison with the City police.

Social: plans and arranges for community social events, many of which raise money to support Sherwood Gardens.

New Neighbors: identifies and welcomes new Guilford residents

Greater Guilford: provides liaison to other north Baltimore community organizations in which Guilford participates.

In addition to these standing committees, the Board will designate a committee to manage the activities related to the upcoming renewal of the Deed and Agreement.

If you are willing to be an active member of the Guilford community by accepting a Board responsibility, contact Tom Hobbs, Chair of the Nominating Committee at tom@guilfordnews.com.

CHERRY BLOSSOMS HIGHLIGHT NEED FOR TREE CARE

By Margaret Alton

Despite climate change and strange weather, we have been blessed with beautiful cherry blossoms this spring. Some streets present a carpet of pink petals - a great background for daydreams. Not to be out done by the cherry blossoms, the dogwood, pink and white, are putting on a really great show. All of this in preparation for mighty oaks and maples, plane trees and many other varieties which keep Guilford looking lush and cool all summer.

In addition to trees on private property and in Guilford's parks, we can see trees planted by Baltimore City that are doing really well and some that are dead. We extend our thanks to those who have cared for their trees, by watering properly from April to November, correctly applying mulch and trimming away ivy and sprouts on trunks that sap a tree's strength. Trees that have been in place only since last year have blossomed

this Spring helping to make Guilford more beautiful and therefore more valuable. To assist you in caring for your trees, articles from Bartlett Tree Experts, "Mulch Application Guidelines" and "Newly Planted Trees," have been placed on our website, www.guilfordnews.com.

If you have dead trees and or want replacement or new trees on the City strip on the border of your home, please contact the City directly. Send your written request, including address and desired action, to: Baltimore City Arborist, 2600 Madison Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21217.

Your request must be signed and you should state that you will water your trees properly for 2 years from April through November. You can also request the City to remove support stakes after 2 years. If any material is strangling a tree trunk, please remove it.

Keep your eyes open for information on helping to improve the City's tree canopy. You can find a draft of what is being proposed to double the City's tree canopy from 20% to 40% in thirty years, (Baltimore is well below the national average of 33%) at:

www.ci.baltimore.md.us/government/recnparks/treeBaltimore.html

The draft report provides a fascinating history of Baltimore's trees! We hope that you will help in improving our tree population by caring for and planting trees on your own property.

Trees are an enormously valuable resource, they improve the air we breathe, they reduce temperatures in the hot summer, they beautify property and they help reduce runoff and erosion. No other investment provides such a rich and varied payback.

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If you would like information on how to support Sherwood Gardens by sponsoring a tulip bed, please contact Barbara Fields at BFJF98@aol.com

SHERWOOD TRULY A COMMUNITY GARDEN

By Kathleen Strukoff

Recently, the colors of the tulips and fruit trees in Sherwood Gardens were rivaled by the beautiful color of the prom dresses of Guilford resident and junior at Mercy HS, Leah Michaels and several of her friends and classmates. The bevy of beauties and their prom dates gathered at the Gardens for all important, pre-Prom



pictures. As the many paparazzi were snapping their photos, two of Leah's babysitting charges kept asking for hugs from her and repeatedly asked "why does Leah have to go to the ball?"

The Sherwood Gardens also hosted the annual Mid-Atlantic Plein Air Painters spring paint out on April 29th with about 15 artists stationed around the gardens and capturing the splendor of the scene on their canvases. The hostesses were Guilford residents Melissa McDiarmid and myself. Many of those enjoying the gardens on that glorious day also enjoyed watching the artists create

their visions, especially the young, budding artists!



Two garden visitors who were NOT paying attention to the artists were a brave young man proposing on bended knee and his intended. We are pretty sure that the answer was "yes"!



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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

As we enjoy another great season in our lovely neighborhood, one can only be impressed with how great the whole neighborhood looks, not just the Sherwood Gardens. But let's face it, we all like to brag about "our" Sherwood Gardens.

The trouble is, if not for the tireless work of the few and the generous pocketbooks of some others, we would have no "bragging rights" to speak of.

I know many of you were dismayed this spring when several thousand bulbs were damaged by the fickle temperatures, and disheartened when mighty trees were felled by wind. But walking through the gardens this past weekend and seeing the families and artists and neighbors gathered, I could only be amazed once again at how beautiful everything was. In spite of several setbacks, Bruce Barnett and his committee got everything cleaned up in time

for another great tulip blooming this year. Well done Bruce!

But, that came with a price. As Bruce lined out in his article, costs went overboard this spring due to the weather. I know as of the last Guilford Board of Managers meeting that I attended, the budget for the Sherwood Gardens was running at a slight deficit. That was before all of the additional clean-up costs this spring.

What I'm asking for is every household to come up with something for the gardens. Open up you check book and write a tax deductible check to ***The Stratford Green*** and mail to the Association PO Box. Or, buy some extra plants for the summer flower beds the next time you're at the nursery, and or, volunteer to Adopt-A-Plot and ***help Bruce and his crew give us all "bragging rights"*** for the rest of 2007. How about this idea, get your company to give a donation to the gardens

by sponsoring a bed. You can contact Barbara Fields at BFJF98@aol.com to help with our Corporate sponsorship program.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to ask you if serving on the Board of Managers is something you might consider. One of our key Board Members, Cathy Boyne will be stepping down as Treasurer this year after years of dedicated service. It was entirely due to Cathy and her extra efforts in managing the affairs of our Association that we were able to stay afloat last year during the transition of the Security Patrol and the contract with the Brodie Management Co. Cathy has it well in hand for someone now to take over the reins. Please consider joining the Guilford Board of Managers.

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