



## Director's Notes: Monday, August 1st, 2022

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

This week we are wishing a very Happy Birthday to one special person!

- Carl Vacketta - August 3rd



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## PROGRAMS

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### ANACOSTIA RIVER BOAT TOUR

**Tuesday August 2nd, at 10:00 AM**  
**Meet at: Yards Marina, 10 Water St SE,**  
**Washington, DC 20003**

**AHOY!!** Embark on a summertime cruise along the Anacostia River.

While we are lucky to have the Potomac River in our backyard, DC is fortunate to have another river to explore. On this one-hour pontoon boat tour, we will learn about the Anacostia River's history, culture, ecology, development and challenges as we're guided by the Anacostia Watershed Society crew. The AWS works to restore and protect the Anacostia River and its watershed communities.



After the tour, Villagers may enjoy exploring the Navy Yards

neighborhood which offers multiple restaurant options and river walkways, along with Nationals Park.

### **[REGISTER FOR THE TOUR HERE](#)**

We already have our minimum of 15 registrants and only have room for 5 more so sign up today!

**Transportation:** Metro bus or subway; ride-share. There are bus route and subway options leaving from Foggy Bottom (blue/orange/silver) and Dupont Circle (red) lines. Travel time may vary from 30 - 60 mins. The Yards Marina is a short walk from the Navy Yards-Ballpark Metro stop. There are also parking garages nearby.

**Cost:** Free, **Accessibility:** Yes

**Weather:** The Captain will notify us a day ahead if the cruise needs to be rescheduled.

**[For more background on the Anacostia click here](#)**

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## **ART INTROSPECTION - MAX ERNST**

**Friday, August 19th, at 1:00 PM**

Max Ernst painted “A Moment of Calm” in 1939. Max Ernst was a prolific, pioneering, German-born surrealist artist and influencer of Dadaism.

Sireen recently saw “A Moment of Calm” (above) at the National Gallery of Art’s East Wing, and they were instantly magnetized and captivated by the piece. It spans almost an entire wall and certainly has a grand presence.

The intensity and warmth of its colors, combined with its high textural quality, layers of symbolism, and allusions to natural life and wildness, contrasted with darkness and ominousness suggesting impending danger or thrill, will evoke something different for each viewer.

So, what does the painting bring up for you? What do you see here? And what questions might be arising for you?

We will be hosting an Art Introspection discussion on Friday, August 19th, 2022. We hope to see you there! [Register for the discussion here.](#)

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## DC RESTAURANT WEEK

August 15 - 21, 2022

DC has become a city for foodies of all types. If you've been eager to try a new restaurant or sample a different cuisine, this is a chance to explore.

Dozens of DC area restaurants are offering 3-course meals for a set price. This year brunch/ lunch/ dinner options are offered at \$25, \$40, \$55. Individual checks will be available.

FBWEV has reserved outdoor seating at 3 different restaurants featuring Indian, Mediterranean and French cuisine. Bon Appétit!

**RASIKA WEST END** - 22nd & M St. NW  
Monday, August 15 at noon (table for 4)

[Register here](#)



**ZAYTINYA** (by Jose Andres) - 9th and G St. NW/ Gallery Place  
Thursday, August 18 at noon (table for 8)

[Register here](#)

ZAYTINYA

**BRASSERIE LIBERTÉ** - 3251 Prospect St/ Georgetown  
Sunday, August 21 at 11:30 am (table for 6)

[Register here](#)



## Buckeye Brunch

Monday, August 22nd, at 11:30 am  
Chef Geoff's West End, 2201 M St NW

Village members with significant connections to Ohio will be meeting on August 22nd at 11:30 am at Chef

Geoff's. Perhaps you grew up in Ohio, attended university there, or married an Ohioan.

If so - come join us for lunch, laughter and stories of Cincinnati chili, KSU and OSU, Amish country, and Cedar Point. Not to mention the Rock & Roll and Pro Football Halls of Fame, as well as the first person to orbit the earth and the first man to walk on the moon. Who wouldn't want to lay claim to all that!

## AFFINITY GROUPS

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### JOIN THE FBWEV BOOK GROUP

We hope you will join the group for upcoming discussions. Discussions are held the first Wednesday of every month at 2:00pm in the West End Library. Upcoming books are listed below:

- August 3rd: "When the Emperor was Divine," by Julie Otsuka. A novel about a Japanese family interned during WWII. DCPL has 8 copies, plus electronic. It's only 162 pp.
  - September 7th: "The Night Watchman," by Louise Erdrich
  - October 5th: "Crying in H Mart," by Michelle Zauner
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#### TUESDAYS

COFFEE & COMPANY at 10:00 am (weekly)

*Meets at Bread and Chocolate at [2301 M St NW](#) (contact for more information)*

Contact: [jfrumkin@fbwevillage.org](mailto:jfrumkin@fbwevillage.org)

CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP (1st and 3rd Tue.) at 1:00 pm

*Online via Zoom (contact for more information)*

Contact: [pfkramer38@gmail.com](mailto:pfkramer38@gmail.com)

#### WEDNESDAYS

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP (1st Wed) at 2:00 pm

*Meets at West End Library (contact for more information)*

Contact: [jfrumkin@fbwevillage.org](mailto:jfrumkin@fbwevillage.org)

FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP (3rd Wed) at 5:00 pm

*Meets in Westbridge Courtyard - 2555 Pennsylvania Ave (contact for more information)*

Contact: [sally.willis@yahoo.com](mailto:sally.willis@yahoo.com)

#### THURSDAYS

GUYS ONLY AT LUNCH (GOAL) (3rd Thu) at 12:30 pm

*Various locations (contact for more information)*

Contact: [tlneve@rcn.com](mailto:tlneve@rcn.com)

TAKE FOUR AT TAZZA at 4:00 pm (weekly)

*Meets at Tazza Restaurant at [600 New Hampshire Ave NW](#)*

Contact: [jfrumkin@fbwevillage.org](mailto:jfrumkin@fbwevillage.org)

# A BIT OF HUMOR

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## THOUGHTS

- Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety-one?
- If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhea...does that mean that one out of five enjoys it?
- Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?
- If people from Poland are called Poles, then why aren't people from Holland called Holes?
- If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?
- Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist, but a person who drives a race car is not called a racist?
- If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

[Read the rest of the list of insightful thoughts here](#)

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## OTHER PIECES

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### Do you like to sing? Are you 55+?

Encore Creativity for Older Adults is the nation's largest chorale organization for adults 55 and older. Encore has 18 chorales and 5 rock & roll choruses all lead by experienced professional conductors. Encore's newest program, Sentimental Journey Singers (SJS), connects individuals with early-stage Alzheimer's or other memory impairment with their caregivers through song. Their next sessions start in early September. For more information and to sign up for one of their programs near you, visit [encorecreativity.org](http://encorecreativity.org) or email [info@encorecreativity.org](mailto:info@encorecreativity.org) today.



## Restaurant Week Options

DC Restaurant Week starts on August 15th and runs through August 21st. A list of participating restaurants in the area is below. This year brunch/ lunch/ dinner options are offered at \$25, \$40, \$55. [You can find the full list here.](#)

- Bindaas Foggy Bottom - Lunch and Dinner
- Chef Geoff's West End - Brunch, Lunch and Dinner
- Circa - Dinner



- Duke's Grocery Foggy Bottom - Dinner
- Equinox Restaurant - Dinner
- Founding Farmers - Lunch and Dinner
- Kaz Sushi - Dinner
- North Italia - Lunch and Dinner
- Rasika West End - Lunch and Dinner
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## IN THE COMMUNITY

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### **Waterfront Village Summer Movie Series**

Waterfront Village invites all DC Villages to join them for a summer movie series at Miracle Theatre on Barracks Row (535 8th Street SE).



The Movie Monday Matinees have been scheduled in August to let folks relax in an air-conditioned theater watching some of the summer's hottest hits. All movies are just \$6.00 per ticket. No need to register in advance, just meet at the theater for the movie you want to see.

They ask that all participants be fully vaccinated. The theater has capacity for 300 people, so they expect that social distancing will be possible.

The schedule is as follows, all movies are scheduled for 1pm:

#### August 1 -- Phantom of the Open

The first movie of the series is the feel-good movie of the year. Phantom of the Open tells the remarkably true story of Maurice Flitcroft, a crane operator and optimist who, with the support of family and friends, managed to gain entry to the 1976 British Open qualifying tournament, despite never playing a round of golf before! If you liked last year's Dream Horse, you will love this movie.

#### August 15 -- Mrs. Smith Goes to Paris

In partnership with the House of Dior, "Mrs. Harris Goes To Paris" tells the story of a widowed cleaning lady in 1950s London who falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress and decides that she must have one of her own. After she works, starves, and gambles to raise the funds to pursue her dream, she embarks on an adventure to Paris which will change not only her own outlook, but the very future of the House of Dior.

#### August 29 -- Top Gun Maverick

With more than \$647 million in tickets sold, this is the blockbuster movie of 2022. The sequel to Top Gun (1986) and the second installment in the Top Gun film series, the film stars Tom Cruise as Captain Pete "Maverick" Mitchell reprising his role from the original, alongside Miles Teller, Jennifer Connelly, Jon Hamm, Glen Powell, Lewis Pullman, Ed Harris,

and Val Kilmer (who also reprises his role). It follows Maverick confronting his past while training a group of younger TOPGUN graduates.

Barracks Row also is home to some wonderful restaurants for those who would like to combine the theater experience with lunch or an early dinner.



Ready for a productive and witty conversation on race? Emmy Award-winning comedian W. Kamau Bell and New York Times bestselling author Kate Schatz are coming to DC Public Library to discuss their new book *Do the Work: An Anti-Racist Activity Book*! They will be joined in conversation by Dian Holton, creative director of Webby Award nominated newsletter *Sisters From AARP*, and Kenrya Rankin, author of *Anti-racism: Powerful voices, inspiring ideas*, to explore the book's hands-on understanding of systemic racism—and how to dismantle it using a highly illustrated, highly informative workbook.

Held in partnership with Loyalty Bookstores, the event will take place on Tuesday, August 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Library.

[Find more info and register here](#)

## Capitol Hill Village Chair Yoga Class Returns

**Mondays and Thursdays from 4 to 5 pm**

CHV's fabulous yoga instructor Robin Blum has healed from hip replacement surgery and is ready to lead us in chair yoga again! The class meets on zoom on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 4:00 - 5:00. The first class is Thursday, August 4.



[Find more info and register here](#). If you have any questions you can email them to [info@capitolhillvillage.org](mailto:info@capitolhillvillage.org) or call the office at 202-543-1778 x111

**The Black Artist Research  
Space and DC Public  
Library present All  
Together exhibition  
June 15 – August 28th**



Join DCPL for a visual exploration of race, gender, and sexuality through the lens of Black womanhood and girlhood in partnership with The Black Artist Research Space. Now on display at the MLK Jr. Memorial Library, All Together is an exhibition featuring twenty Black women-identifying artists whose works explore themes of African spirituality, ancestral veneration, and the ways vulnerability and optimism appear in the liberation of Black women.

The vibrant and compelling mixed media pieces were inspired heavily by Audre Lorde's collection of poems *The Black Unicorn*, and are accompanied by a curated selection of readings including:

- Parable of the Sower by Octavia Butler
- Ain't I a Woman by Bell Hooks
- I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
- Assata: An Autobiography by Assata Shakur

The exhibit is on view June 15 – Aug. 28, 2022 at the MLK Jr. Memorial Library, First Floor West.

[Learn more about the exhibit here](#)



## **UPCOMING VIRTUAL AROUND TOWN DC PROGRAMS**

### **Monday Movie Nights**

It doesn't get more fun than watching a movie and then talking about it with your friends! Join the group on Monday evenings starting at 7:00 PM for films such as the new documentary "Summer of Soul" about Harlem's Woodstock. Each film will be followed by a facilitated discussion. The class starts at 7pm and the end time depends on the length of the film. We already know of one villager with a viewing party set up!

[If you haven't already registered, read more and register here](#)

**Movie Schedule:**



August 1: Strange New Worlds (2)

August 8: Licorice Pizza

August 15: Princess Bride

August 22: Summer of Soul

August 29: Shang Chi

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## WEBSITES FOR PUBLIC VILLAGE EVENTS

The Washington Area Village Exchange has a website for area villages to list their public programs. It includes many fascinating programs from a number of area villages. Check out their site, <http://www.dmvvillageevents.org/>, to see what might interest you.

You also might have interest in upcoming Village to Village Network programs. [You can find the full VtoV calendar on their website here](#). Please contact the office if you would like to register for any VtoV event.

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## How to Register for Village Programs

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Village programs and events will generally be announced only in the weekly Director's Notes, published on Monday morning.

- To register, first make sure you are logged into your account on the Village website. From the listing at the end of each program invite, click on the link.
- Then simply click the **REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT** button and follow the prompts.
- Finally, click **REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT AGAIN ON THE NEXT PAGE**.
- **You will receive an event confirmation email.** If you do not get this email, you are not registered. Please call the Village office at (202) 333-1327 and someone will be happy to help.
- **For some programs, you will use a personal email to register. Just email the person listed and let them know you plan to attend.**
- If you have any problems with registering for an event online, please call the Village office at (202) 333-1327 and someone will be able to register you for the event.

All FBWE programs take place on Zoom unless otherwise indicated.

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