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Saturday June 20th from 4 to 8 pm

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The Celebrities of Woodley Park, Part I

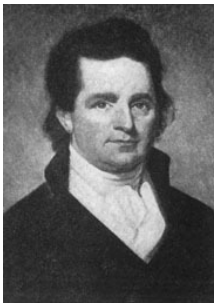
This is Part I of a multi-part series on celebrities who have lived or now live in our community of Woodley Park.

Over Woodley Park's more than 200 year history, it has been the home of presidents and their advisors, vice presidents, cabinet members, diplomats, WWI figures, Supreme Court justices, Watergate figures, socialites, news makers and reporters, US Senators and Representatives, Academy Award winners, Pulitzer Prize winners, a Nobel laureate, spies, and many others. I can only profile some of these celebrities since so many interesting people have lived in Woodley Park over the many years. Some of those profiled in this series, while not household names, are included due to their accomplishments, making them well-known in their field.

In Part I, I cover Cathedral Avenue, which itself has a glorious history, and touch on Cortland Place. Special thanks are extended to several neighbors who were most helpful in my research for this series of articles: Sally MacDonald, Barbara Ioanes, Alan Weinstein, Roy Woodall, John Goodman, and Eric Cox.

We begin our exploration of Woodley Park celebrities on Cathedral Avenue, a prominent street that contains Woodley Mansion, the oldest building in the community and one of the richest sources of well-known historical figures, only some of whom are discussed in this article.

Philip Barton Key, uncle of Francis Scott Key, bought a 250 acre estate in 1797 and built Woodley in 1801 which is located at 3000 Cathedral Avenue, now part of the Maret School. During the American Revolution he served in the Maryland Loyalist Battalion as a captain and was captured by the Spanish in Florida. He was a prisoner for a month in Havana, Cuba, before being paroled and sent to New York City until the end of the war. He then studied law in England, returned to Maryland in 1785, and was admitted to the bar. He was elected to Congress and served from 1807 to 1813. Key died in Georgetown in 1815, was interred at Woodley, and



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All Souls Memorial Episcopal Church, Stanford University and St. Thomas Apostle Catholic Church for allowing WPCA to use their facilities for meetings and other activities in recent months.

The Olmsted Firm and Woodley Park's Green Spaces

With the change in weather, visitors and Washingtonians can enjoy the city's many green spaces, including several designed by the famed Olmsted firm. Woodley Park residents are particularly fortunate to have several Olmsted treasures right outside our doors.

Landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted (1822–1903) and his son left indelible imprints on the city's public spaces. Olmsted Sr., with partner Calvert Vaux, is perhaps best known as the genius behind New York's Central Park. Olmsted also designed landscaping for Brooklyn's Prospect Park, the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition, and many other projects. In addition, he was influential in a key plan for beautifying Washington, D.C.

In the late 1800s, Olmsted began initial work on the U.S. Capitol grounds, building stepped terraces and transforming it into a park-like setting. One little-known Olmsted treasure is located on a hillside of the West Front lawn of the Capitol. It is the Summer House. The deep red grotto features basket-weave brick work, a fountain, and stone benches. Olmsted designed it to make water available to Capitol visitors and their horses. Congress abandoned Olmsted's plans to build a second Summer House, certainly not the first time the architect met up with criticism and budget constraints.

In the mid- to late-1800s, the Olmsted firm designed landscaping for hundreds of school campuses. In 1886, Leland and Jane Stanford selected Olmsted and noted architect Henry Hobson Richardson to plan their Palo Alto, California university, so it is perhaps fitting that Stanford University selected Woodley Park for its DC learning center. Other Olmsted firm schools and universities include American University and Gallaudet (then called the Columbia Institution). Not surprisingly, important Olmsted papers are archived at American University.

Another one of Olmsted's most spectacular works is the Zoo. In 1890, Congressional legislation enacted the Zoo for, "the advancement of science and the instruction and recreation of the people." The Zoo was completed in 1892, and you pay tribute to Olmsted's vision every time you walk the Zoo's Olmsted Walk.

Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. (1870–1957) apprenticed under his famous father, and, with his stepbrother John C. Olmsted, established Olmsted Brothers as a successor firm to his father's. The Olmsted firm's stamp can also be seen in the National Mall, White House grounds, the Federal Triangle, the Jefferson Memorial, and Roosevelt Island. Olmsted, Jr. also worked on a new bureau of national parks. A 1916 bill established the National Park Service and set aside park lands, preserved and protected from development.

Olmsted had a hand in designing the gorge-like reserve we know as Rock Creek Park, one of the nation's first national parks. He advocated for preserving the natural scenic beauty of the park, which covers more than 1,000 acres. Olmsted Jr. also designed a little known oasis called Olmsted Woods, situated on the grounds of the Washington National Cathedral. The five-acre tract features stone paths in a naturalistic setting that lead up to the steps of the Cathedral itself. Thanks to Frederick Law Olmsted and Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr., Woodley Park really did go green long before the term was in the news. The firm's 1919 planning document called for the "permanent preservation of [Rock Creek's] wonderful natural beauty and the making of that beauty accessible to people without spoiling the scenery in the process." The Olmsted Plan for Rock Creek Park was adopted in 1919.

For more information on Olmsted, call or write the National Association for Olmsted Parks (NAOP) at 202-223-9113 or info@naop.org. NAOP is dedicated to sharing knowledge of and promoting the Olmsted legacy.

Stephanie Clipper

COME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC ON JUNE 20

News From ANC 3C

Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 3C is the ANC for Woodley Park. The three Commissioners for Woodley Park are Lee Brian Reba, Bill Kummings, Anne-Marie Bairstow and Catherine May. Information about the ANC is available on our web page, www.anc3c.org. There you can find maps of the single member districts, resolutions and minutes from previous meetings, the agenda for the upcoming meeting, as well as information about the process for ANC review of Historic Preservation and BZA applications.

Some of the things that the ANC has been focusing on this year are:

Friendship Shopping Center Planned Unit Development (PUD) (aka "the Giant"): The proposed redevelopment of the Giant supermarket and the surrounding area at Wisconsin Ave and Newark Street has been a big focus of the ANC this year. In January, the ANC passed a resolution supporting the development with conditions (mostly around loading, traffic and parking). The Zoning Commission has been holding hearings on the proposal, which have gone on for several nights, and is expected to make a decision after they have heard all of the testimony. Giant maintains a web site on the project at www.wisconsinavegiant.com .

Grants: ANC 3C gives grants to organizations that provide services within the ANC area. This year we have approved two grants: one for the Newark Avenue dog park and one for the John Eaton School musical. If you know of an organization that would be interested in applying for a grant from ANC 3C, please view our grant guidelines at http://www.anc3c.org/finance/Grant-Guidelines.pdf .

Rock Creek Sewer Separation Project: The Rock Creek Sewer Separation Project is one of many projects included in WASA's Long Term Control Plan. WASA is required to separate the single combined sewers into separate sanitary and storm sewers, and the LTCP is required by the Environmental Protection Agency to lessen pollution from combined sewer overflows. Construction is to begin in the coming months with an anticipated completion date of March 2011. WASA is currently working closely with the National Park Service and the DC Department of the Environment, and will coordinate with DC and federal agencies to ensure as little disruption as possible. WASA will have on-going dialogue with ANC Commissioners, WPCA, and property owners. Public outreach and education will continue throughout the project until completion.

Streets affected are all within SMD-3C01, except for a small stretch of Connecticut Avenue that borders both 3C01 and 3C02. Streets affected are Connecticut Avenue (East and West) – between Woodley Road and Calvert Street, Woodley Road – between Woodley Place and Cathedral Avenue, and Cathedral Avenue – between Woodley Road and Rock Creek Park. For updated information, contact Commissioner Reba at 3C01@anc.dc.gov. or at (202) 328-2212. You may also contact the DC WASA Office of Public Affairs at (202) 787-2200 or the DC WASA Planning Supervisor at (202) 787-2248.

Presentations: Many city agencies and other groups present to the ANC as a way of reaching out to the community. This year we have had presentations about: the Office of the Ombudsman for Public Education, the design of Newark Street Dog Park, the Public Land Surplus Standards Amendment Act of 2009, the District of Columbia Consolidated Forensic Laboratory, the Community Council for the Homeless at Friendship Place, WASA's Rock Creek Sewer Separation pre-construction activities, and the Urban Forestry Administration (UFA).

Improving our web page: We are interested in improving our web page www.anc3c.org to make it a valuable resource for the community. If you have suggestions for improvement, please send them to Bairstow@pailtonroad.com.

ANC meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at the Second District Police Station at 3320 Idaho Avenue at 7:30pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting of ANC 3C will be on Monday, June 15.

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Anne-Marie Bairstow

Oyster-Adams Bilingual School

On June 15th Oyster-Adams will rapidly wrap up another exciting school year. This is our first year with new principal Monica Liang-Aguirre, our first year with the Early Childhood Center (a pre-Kindergarten class for children with special needs), and our second year as a two-campus school. In addition, the playground at the Adams campus is finally being rebuilt. Here are some of the school happenings that may be of interest to the broader community:

Safe Routes to School (SRTS): Safe Routes to School is a nationwide program to encourage children to walk and bike to school. Oyster-Adams was chosen as one of a handful of schools to participate in the first round of DC's SRTS program. Our group has organized contests and promotions to encourage biking and walking, conducted a survey about how students get to school, and surveyed the area around the school to identify ways to improve the walking and biking experiences. More information about the Safe Routes to School program is available at www.saferoutesinfo.org.

VAMOS 5K race: On Sunday October 18, Oyster-Adams will host the second VAMOS 5K race and kids' fun run. Building on the success of last year, we will have a fun, challenging course with ChronoTrack timing, as well the shorter kids' fun run and family fitness fair. The race will start at 8:30 am and will involve some road closures around

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St. Thomas Apostle Religious Education Program Earns "Signature Site" Status for Global Youth Service Day

St. Thomas Apostle Parish was recently selected by Serve DC, The Mayor's Office on Volunteerism, as a "signature site" for Global Youth Service Day April 25-27th. This year's project for Global Youth Service Day involved the remodeling and updating of the Youth Ministry and Education Room.

At the annual Parish Council Strategic Planning Retreat religious education coordinator Lissbeth Molina talked about needing to give the youth of the parish a better facility for children and teen education classes, as well as an area that the youth of the parish could work to plan future service projects. The Parish Council quickly agreed with Molina for the need for a better room, but would need to rely on donations.

Serendipitously, Serve DC announced a series of grant opportunities for youth serving organizations to apply for grants for Global Youth Service Day. Molina teamed up with Mary Nguyen, a young adult parishioner, who helped to draft the grant application and secure paint donations for the room. A few weeks later the Parish heard back that the grant application was approved and because of the strength of the application received additional grant monies to complete the project and was determined to be a signature site for its "youth-led focus, creative concept and impact on the greater Washington, DC community."

To ensure that the youth of the Parish had ownership of this project they were involved in every step of the project from laying out what the room would look like, what features they wanted, and even the colors of the room. Additionally, the parish looked at best practices in classroom design and implemented some changes. For example, rather than using the rolling chalkboard, the room now features a white board, which keeps chalk out of the air making it easier for asthmatic students to learn free of dust.

On April 27th the big day arrived and work commenced on the room. While the adults gave some direction and helped to paint those awkward corners and operate the power tools, it was the youth of the parish painted the walls, designed the bulletin boards, worked on the placement of the white board, and helped to redo the knobs on the cabinets. In one afternoon the room was transformed from a drab white room, to a vibrant blue and egg shell. Special thanks to the youth volunteers: Macrina and Analise Wilkins, Kevin & Tony Zelaya, Andrew Hodges, David Escobar, Ana & Bianca Iglesias. Additional thanks to our adult helpers Lissbeth Molina, Mary Nguyen and Josh Brusoe for their help in making this possible.

Peter Brusoe

THE NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC IS JUNE 20 …. GOOD PEOPLE … GOOD FOOD ….IT'S FREE! COME

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS AND WALKERS-

The number of dog owners/walkers outweighs the space for animal wastes to naturally and productively enrich the soil in our neighborhood. As a dog owner, homeowner, and neighborhood resident, I am asking that you clean up after your dog. This goes beyond a question of aesthetics:

Coccidia is a parasite in feces which sickens both carrier dogs and other dogs as well. A minimum of two vet visits are required to treat this dog disease and the treatment period exceeds 3 weeks. The cost to cure Coccidia is more than $250.

Being in the proximity of Coccidia-contaminated feces can nauseate your pet with Coccidia even in the absence of direct contact with excrement. One infection reported has already been reported this year in Woodley Park.

Dog feces are food for rats which carry other diseases and create hygiene problems in densely populated areas.

Children and adults can get ill from Coccidia.

Dog feces left on neighborhood streets, lawns, and walkways can easily be picked up on the soles of your shoes and carried indoors to our homes.

I have noticed significant dog feces left on our streets and sidewalks because I have personally bagged enough to fill more than two average Washington Post plastic bags from streets in our neighborhood!

As neighbors and friends enforcing good health and hygiene, please inform persons not being responsible or 'just distracted' to pick up wastes for their pets. Should you have on-going issues that cannot be handled personally, please let me know and maybe WPCA can help us become more responsible. If possible, please let me know the description and names/ addresses of defiant pets and/or owner within our neighborhood.

Please contact bgmiyanaga@yahoo.com. Thank you.

Betty Miyanaga

Woodley Park's Liaisons to the Mayor's Office

WPCA is pleased to pass along to the community the following contact information for Wards 1 and 3 Outreach and Services Specialists in the Mayor's Office of Community Relations & Services. Ward 1: Yaiza Burrell, O: 202.741.0923; cell: 202.213.9467; email: yaiza.burrell@dc.gov. For Ward 3, contact: Michelle Fox, O: 202.727.2287; cell: 202.615.0087; email: michelle.fox@dc.gov.

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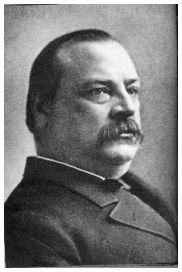
later was reinterred at DC's Oak Hill Cemetery.

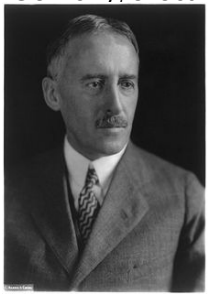
Woodley House served as the summer White House for two presidents. **Martin van Buren** served as a US Senator from New York and later as President Andrew Jackson's Vice President before ascending to the presidency in 1837. That year, the US plunged into its first depression and he could not afford to move away from the heat of Washington during the summer. Instead, he rented Woodley which was considerably cheaper to run than the White House and somewhat cooler. He regularly commuted to the White House on horseback with his 2 sons.

In the 1860s, **Robert Walker** lived at Woodley. He was a successful Mississippi cotton planter, a US Representative, and a US Senator before 1844 when he engineered the election of James K. Polk. Polk appointed him Secretary of the Treasury, a post where he served with extraordinary distinction. In 1867, he helped persuade Secretary of State William Seward to purchase Alaska from Russia. To keep negotiations on track, the Czar paid Walker a $20,000 bribe, some of which went into the 1867 renovation of Woodley when a third floor was added.



Grover Cleveland was the only President to serve two non-consecutive terms. When he lost the election in 1888, he sold his dream house on the corner of Newark and 36th Street in the community that was later named after him, Cleveland Park. When he won back the presidency in 1892, he needed a new summer house within easy reach of the White House. He chose Woodley which had just been extensively modernized with electricity and state-of-the-art heating and plumbing systems.

In 1928, **General George Patton** rented Woodley where he reportedly would gallop across the lawns on his polo ponies thereby terrorizing his gardener. A main reason for selecting Woodley was that it had enough stalls to house his large collection of ponies. Later, he was the most controversial and perhaps the most brilliant general officer in the Second World War. He commanded the Third Army that repulsed the German offensive at the Battle of the Bulge and drove into the heart of Germany, effectively winning the war for the Allies.

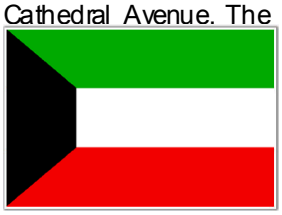


The last private owner of Woodley was **Henry Stimson**, who lived there from 1929-1946. As Secretary of War during the Roosevelt and Truman administrations, he presided over the development of the atomic bomb. He helped direct the American war effort from his Woodley study (now part of the Maret library). On December 7, 1941, Stimson was eating lunch in the Woodley dining room (now the Middle School library) when the phone rang. President Roosevelt asked him in a rather excited voice, "Have you heard the news?" That news, of course, was that Pearl Harbor had just been attacked by the Imperial Japanese Navy.

Next door to Woodley at 2900 Cathedral Avenue is the Swiss Embassy. **Urs Ziswiler** is the Swiss ambassador to the US who lives in the 2006 Swiss Residence here. The ambassador's flat on the upper floor has a terrace with a beautiful view of Washington. According to him, from his bedroom he can see the Washington Monument. He previously served as the head of the political directorate of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs in Bern, which is the second highest diplomatic post in the Swiss Foreign Service.

Robert T. Crowley lived at 2818 Cathedral Ave across from the Swiss Embassy until his death. He joined the Central Intelligence Agency at its inception in 1947 and spent his entire career in the Directorate of Plans in covert operations. One of his first major assignments was to assist in the recruitment and management of prominent World War II Nazis, especially those with advanced intelligence experience. Before his retirement, he became assistant deputy director in the Clandestine Directorate of Operations.

A few blocks to the east is the home of **Salim-al-Abdallah al-Jabir al-Sabah**, Kuwait's ambassador to the United States. He lives in a large, modern, semi-detached house located in the 2700 block of Cathedral Avenue. The home sits on the site of a former community garden, which was a gasoline station decades earlier. The excavation for the building site required significant precautionary measures (removal of vast quantities of dirt, lining the sub-foundation with heavy plastic, filling the massive void with gravel, and covering it with clean topsoil, etc.) to ensure that no petroleum products leached into the foundation or into the new house, which was completed around 2002.



Cortland Place

At 2812 Cortland Place is the former home in the 1970s of **Seymour Myron Hersh** a Pulitzer Prize winning investigative journalist, author, and regular contributor to *New Yorker* magazine on military and security matters. His work first gained worldwide recognition in 1969 for exposing the My Lai Massacre and its cover-up during the Vietnam War, for which he received the 1970 Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting. His 2004 reports on the U.S. military's mistreatment of detainees at Abu Ghraib prison gained much attention. He is the author of numerous books he has written over the last 35 years.

William Menczer

Call of Art

As this article goes to press, Woodley Park is in all its glory with azaleas, dogwoods, tulips, irises and lush, green grass in full bloom. Also in full bloom is the pollen, tempered only by the daily cleansing rain that has brought our water table up to par, and puts us in good stead before summer is upon us.

Spring brings thoughts of refreshing our gardens, our houses and our community. One project in hand is the refurbishing of our community's sculptural icons, our eight fire call boxes that can see seen throughout our neighborhood. The first step in this process is to have the call boxes professionally sandblasted that will strip the decades, perhaps a century, of old layers of paint, producing a primed and clean slate. Then the fun begins, with a growing number of volunteers, who will be painting the call boxes in the Woodley Park Community Association colors -- forest green and gold. Some of these volunteers are: Marie-Louise Bernal, Herb Cupo, Mimi and Steve Feinstone, Teresa Greenwald, Tamora Ilasat and Toyoko Miyashiro.

The call boxes were first installed in the 1860s. But by the 1970s, the call boxes became obsolete with the introduction of the 911 emergency call system, and the electronic components were removed by 1995. Then in 2000, the DC Cultural Tourism office, partnering with the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities and the DC Department of Transportation, led a city-wide effort called Art on Call to restore the abandoned police and fire call boxes as neighborhood artistic icon.

This year's neighborhood call box beautification project was made possible by the labors of a 2005 WP coalition of residents and artists, who implemented ideas and refurbished the boxes. They selected a theme or color palette for our call boxes that created a distinctive identifier for our urban area. Residents who worked on the call boxes in 2005 included: Leila Hochberg, Anne-Marie Bairstow, Judy Waxman, Camille Kurtz, Martin Murray, Jane Howard, Jon Hoadley (and guest, Terry Adlhock), Jeffrey Hunter, Gary and Kathryn Horlick and family, Stephanie Zobay and family, and Nancy McGill, among others. Learn more about the history of Woodley Park by reading the historical inserts in the call boxes.

Contact Mimi Feinstone at mfeinstone@comcast.net or call (202) 462-5068, if you are interested in working on and "owning" one of the call boxes in our community.

Mimi Feinstone

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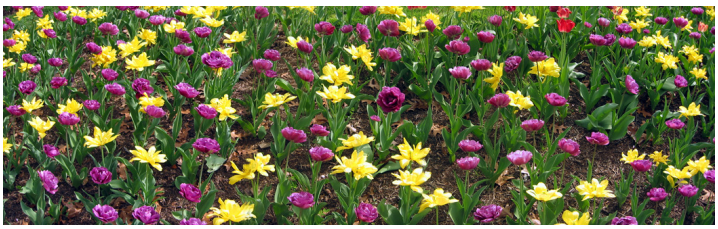
the school. All streets will be reopened by 10am.

Summer Camp: This summer, Oyster-Adams will be hosting a Spanish Language Immersion arts camp, open to all. The camp will run from July 6-31st from 9am to 3pm. More information is available by calling the school at 202-671-3111.



Science Teacher on Arctic Expedition: Simone Welch, the elementary science teacher, was selected to participate in a month-long research project in the Arctic Sea. Students have been keeping up with her progress via the internet, learning about extreme cold weather gear and oceanic life in the Arctic.

Upcoming Dates: June 15 is the last day of this school year. The 2009-2010 school year will start on Monday, August 24.

More information about Oyster-Adams is available at www.oysterbilingualschool.com.

Anne-Marie Bairstow

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WPCA Summer Solstice Picnic Returns

Last June, more than 140 Woodley Park neighbors gathered in the park to eat, drink, talk and mingle. Everyone seemed to have a good time, so we decided to do it again. Please join us on Saturday, June 20th at the Woodley Playground on Cortland Place from 4 to around 8 pm.

Like last year, we'll be grilling hamburgers, veggie burgers, hotdogs and corn. There will be a variety of other good things on the picnic tables as well and, of course, things to drink to keep you cool on what (we hope) will be a not-too-hot day. We'll be renting tables and chairs, so folks can sit and relax while they eat and chat. There will also be activities for the neighborhood kids.

Please let us know if you're going to be able to come, so we can have enough food and drink, by emailing Picnic_Man@wpcaonline.org. If you want to help at the picnic. Let Tamora Ilasat know at tamora@longandfoster.com.

Spring Explodes in Woodley Park

Neighbors who have had occasion to walk along Cathedral Avenue in the last few weeks have probably noticed the profusion of large, fragrant, intensely-colored roses in front of 3025 Cathedral, at the corner of Woodley Road. The colors and size of the rose bushes are stunning but it's the fragrance that really gets one's attention. In the evening it's the scent alone that announces their presence.

I learned that these are "old-garden roses", specimens grown in the gardens of Europe and Asia for hundreds of years, and the ancestors of practically every modern rose. The owner of 3025 Cathedral, Herb Cupo, tells me he's now cultivating almost two hundred bushes in the front and rear of his property! These are alongside English Boxwood (from the same stock as Monticello), Foster Holly, Viburnum and Yoshino Cherry, among other additions to the landscape. While some of the three dozen species of roses will give only one massive spring display, others are "remontant", meaning that they will bloom throughout the summer with several "flushes" through late autumn.

But even with classy names like Souvenir de la Malmaison, Great Maiden's Blush and Sydonie, Herb tells me the regimen associated with pruning, watering and organically feeding these beauties is not for the faint of heart. At least he has a little help with the pruning: two experts from the local chapter of the American Rose Society, who've told Herb that four years after he began his garden, he now has one of the most important collections of old garden roses in the area, on a par with that of Tudor Place in Georgetown.

And the house behind the gardens? 3025 Cathedral was constructed in 1926, one of four classically-styled, single-family homes built by Harry Wardman across the street from the eight-acre estate known then as Woodley. 3025 Cathedral was the "Garfield" model, and still retains its traditional floor plan and center hallway. The distinctive carved stone entrance portico and columns were copied by Wardman from an Irish farmhouse. But it's the garden that sets the house off and gives it such appeal.

On a related note, the WPCA is exploring the possibility of a walking tour of some of the private homes and gardens in our neighborhood next spring. What do you think? We welcome your comments and suggestions. Please email them to tamora@lnf.com or send to our website.

Tamora Ilasat

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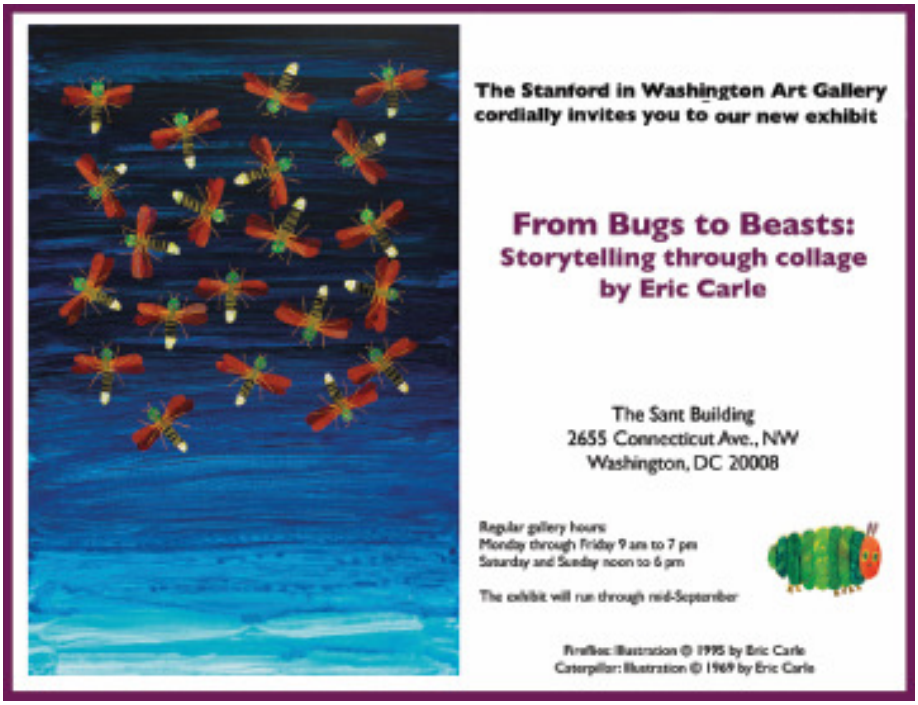
Please make your check payable to **Woodley Park Community Association** and send it to WPCA, Membership Desk, P.O. Box 4852, Washington, DC 20008.

STANFORD HOSTS ERIC CARLE COLLAGES

Selected works of renowned children's author/illustrator Eric Carle will be on display at the Sant Building, at 2655 Connecticut Avenue, located immediately south of the Bass Center, Stanford University in Washington 's Woodley Park campus. The exhibit is titled "From Bugs to Beasts: Storytelling through Collage." The illustrated announcement of the show, reprinted adjacent to this piece, depicts two samples of Carle's illustrations, "Caterpillar" (1969) and "Fireflies" (1995).



Carle is probably best known for his now-classic *The Very Hungry Caterpillar,* his second children's work, produced in 1969. *Caterpillar* has sold over 29 million copies, and has been printed in 47 languages. His creative children's books number more than seventy and sales of his works exceed 88 million copies.

Eighty-year-old Eric Carle was born in Syracuse, NY. At the age of six, he moved with his parents to Germany, where he was educated and later attended a Stuttgart art school, the Akademie der bildenden Kunste. Carle returned to the States in 1952, following which he landed a job at *The New York Times* as a graphic designer. He subsequently worked as art director at an advertising agency. It was years later, after he was asked to illustrate a book by another children's author, that Carle's own writing and illustrating career began.

Carle's art work is based on hand-painted collage designs. It is no surprise that his art strikes a chord with children, as his most popular theme involves the emotional places that children inhabit and gain their most memorable experiences. Of particular interest to Carle are home and school, and the extent to which those places provide emotional support and nourishment for children. Bright and colorful images typically populate the pages of his work. Carle's illustrations also reveal a profound respect for the natural world, seizing upon insects and other tiny creatures as subject matter. Here, too, most young children are at once intrigued by his images, and Carle's determination both to entertain and to teach answers the curiosity and the security-longing of his young audience. For him, the transition from home to school is second only to the birth experience in a child's catalogue of life traumas. Carle seeks to send a positive message about the leap out of the home-nest into the world of school learning.

More information about Eric Carle, his books, his awards and his life may be found at http://www.eric-carle.com.

The Eric Carle exhibit at the Stanford University in Washington Art Gallery opened on May 29th and is slated to run through mid-September. The Woodley Park community, children and adult, is invited to attend.

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