



OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FROM GUS

LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING AHEAD

In the summer of 2014, I told Betsy Damitz that I wanted to run for president of the CAHH. I had this sense that with the departure of many of the old-timers, the fantastic sense of community that Barbara and I experienced when we first moved here might be fading. To me, our experience of community was so unusual and special that I wanted to preserve it and make it grow. By the time I started my term the following January, we were up to our necks in a lawsuit. I realized what I wanted to do was not going to be easy. I have talked to a few people in Hollin Hills who see themselves as 'rugged individualists'. That's not me. I crave the idea of community, which starts with actually noticing your neighbor, being friendly, and slowly building some kind of relationship. Maybe being constantly in somebody's business is the wrong approach, but genuine appreciation from a distance builds community just as well. Conveying the message that you are available to help when needed is a strong community builder.

I have met a lot of people in the last four years, including a lot of people who do things for the neighborhood without much recognition. Those people are my heroes. We have a new group of people coming onto the CAHH board, and I am very excited

by them, especially my successor, Patrick Kelly who, by his mere participation, will increase the sense of community. Patrick, Mohra Gavankar, Gino Madrid, Sally Watkins, Sally Sciacca, and Alan Barak will all do a fine job. Thank them when you see them. The outgoing group, Friedericke Ahrens, Laura Kistler, Bob Kinzer, Susmita Dastidar, and Kathy Seikel, stalwarts all, have been steadfast and terrific. They deserve your thanks as well. Those staying on—Chris McNamara, Scott Weindenfelder, and Marinka Tellier—have all worked hard and will continue to do so, and I thank them for their contributions. There are many more people who contribute—park wardens, greeters, home tour organizers and volunteers, DRC members, Friends of Hollin Hills, writers for the Bulletin, Barbara Shear and Michael Hentges, who produce the Bulletin and the Directory respectively, and a whole cadre of volunteers who help out mostly without being asked. This whole crowd helps to deliver that elusive sense of community, and I truly appreciate them.

So, repeat after me: Say hello to people walking around the neighborhood and working in their yards (maybe admire the new plantings); wave at drivers, even if you don't know them. Talk to your neighbors, and then organize a block party. Have fun, and think about what you are building.

—Gus Matson, Outgoing CAHH President

THE FRIENDS MAKE PLANS FOR THE NEW YEAR

A big thank you from the Friends of Hollin Hills (FHH), the neighborhood 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization dedicated to preserving, enhancing, and educating the public about our unique neighborhood, the Hollin Hills Historic District. Your generous support in 2017 and 2018 enabled us to fund repairs and enhancements to our parks, provide education through our lecturer panel series, and add entry-way sign riders to promote our inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.

In 2019, FHH needs your continued support to fund projects that help to preserve and enhance our Historic District. One of our goals for this year is funding a non-biased legal investigation into updating the twenty-two sets of covenants. Another goal is painting and repairing the entry signs.

Friends will also sponsor another series of educational panels, beginning on January 13. Designed to address practical concerns that new and long-time Hollin Hills residents may have about living in their mid-century homes, these panels were popular and well attended in 2018. For more about "Wet Lands in Hollin Hills," the first of these panels, see page 3.

Please consider supporting Friends of Hollin Hills in 2019! To make a donation, or to email a board member to volunteer, offer financial support, or to suggest a project, check out our website at www.friendsofhollinhills.org.

—Jodie Burns, FHH Secretary, Board Member

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THE WINTER POTLUCK IS COMING!

Make a note on your calendar and plan to attend the annual Winter Potluck Party on Saturday, February 9. Watch for more details.

ANNUAL HH POOL MEETING JANUARY 13

The Hollin Hills Pool annual meeting is Sunday, January 13, 2 pm, at Sherwood Hall Regional Library. The agenda includes election of officers, an update on the year's activities including capital improvements, presentation of the budget and more.

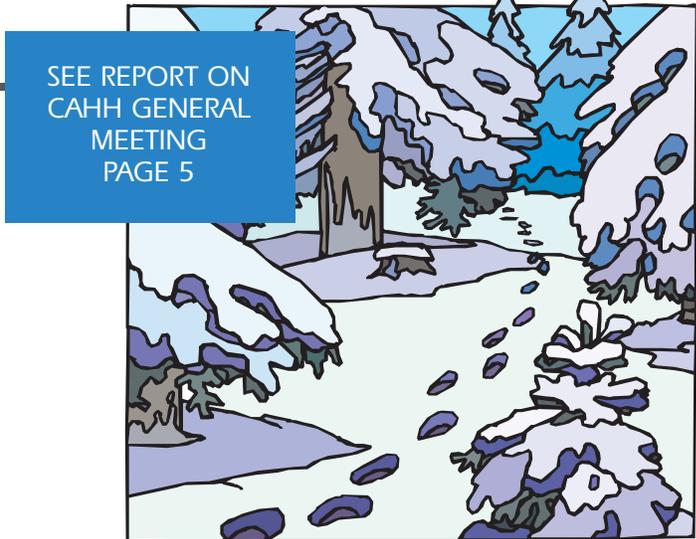
The election slate for January 2019 to December 2020 is: Co-Chair, Laura Kistler; Membership, Erica Petrelli; and Landscaping, Jake Dowling.

Continuing officers (term of office January 2018 to December 2019) are: Chair, Barbara Bogue; Maintenance Director: Kevin Yap; Facilities Manager, Rebecca Bostick; Treasurer, Daniel Horowitz; Social, Jovi Medic; Secretary, Melissa Edmiston; and, Members at Large, Peter Kinzler and Stefanie Hardee.

If you can't make the meeting, submit an absentee ballot to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HHPoolVote>. Alternately email HHPool.Secretary@gmail.com, subject line "HH Pool Absentee Ballot." In the message indicate 1) Approve entire slate or 2) Vote for individuals and propose an alternative candidate for a position.

Questions? Comments? Email HHPool.President@gmail.com.

—Barbara Bogue



tion, the Partnership is seeking community support to prepare the school gardens for spring planting.

Donations are gratefully accepted online, or by cash, or check (made out to Hollin Meadows Partnership) and sent to Hollin Meadows Partnership, 2310 Nordok Pl., Alexandria, VA 22306.

The second Sunday of the each month, from 2-5pm, there is a volunteer work day at the HMES gardens. The next one will be on Sunday, January 13. Neighborhood friends of the school are invited to stop by to observe or, better yet, to join in. You will receive a warm welcome.

Learn more about the HMES Outdoor Education Program and/or the Partnership at www.hollinmeadowspartnership.com, and follow them on: [Facebook@HollinMeadowsPartnership](https://www.facebook.com/HollinMeadowsPartnership), [Instagram@hmes.partnership](https://www.instagram.com/hmes.partnership), and [twitter@HMESPartnership](https://twitter.com/HMESPartnership).

—Ainsley Crowell, Partnership Chair

POSITIONS AVAILABLE WITH MVCCA

The Civic Association of Hollin Hills is a member of the MVCCA (Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations), and has representatives on several (but not all) of the MVCCA's operating committees. If you are interested in learning about the business conducted by any of the committees, the easiest way to do so is to read and download the MVCCA's newsletter, called The Record. www.mvcca.org

The committees are Education, Environment & Recreation, Planning & Zoning, Public Safety, Transportation, Affordable Housing, and Budget & Finance.

If any of these committees are of interest, you may attend upcoming meetings as a visitor or, if there is no Hollin Hills representative currently assigned to a committee, consider volunteering for the position.

—Ron McCallum
Public Safety Committee

CAC MEETING TOPIC: MEDICAL EVACUATION

The December Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting focused on the work of the county's Medical Evacuation teams. Chief Flight Officer Lieutenant Jen Basham and Chief Pilot Jason Post described their roles in this 24/7 service. (continued on page 3)

THE PARTNERSHIP IS BACK AND IT'S BUSY!

With construction wrapping up at Hollin Meadows Elementary School, the Hollin Meadows Partnership is once again working to raise money and community support for the school's outstanding outdoor education program.

The Partnership was originally started in 2010 to close the gap between budget cuts and the costs of the school's STEM and outdoor education programs. Now concentrating on outdoor educa-

Many subjects, including math and science, are incorporated into the Outdoor Education Program at HMES,



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They fly 1,000 hours per year. The average medical evacuation flight time is 25 minutes, and the service is ready to perform within 90 seconds after a call has been received. There is no charge for these services.

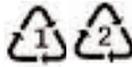
The Citizens Advisory Committee meets on the second Tuesday evening of every month, at the Mt. Vernon Government Center on Parker's Lane. The public is invited to attend.

—Laura Wirkkala

PLASTIC RECYCLING - A REMINDER

Fairfax County's rules for recycling paper, cans, and glass are relatively straightforward, but recycling plastic can be confusing. Here are a few guidelines;

- **DO** put these in your blue recycling bin: bottles, jugs and containers made of resins #1 and #2 (usually marked with one of the symbols shown here). These items should be empty, clean, and dry. Some examples are: milk jugs, beverage containers, and bottles for shampoo, laundry detergent, fabric softener, salad dressing, cooking oil, and condiments.
- **DO NOT** put these in your blue recycling bin: foam packaging or containers, clamshell packaging, takeout containers, or ANY plastic items marked #3 thru #7. And **NEVER** put plastic bags in the recycling bin either, because they cause costly jams in the recycling equipment. Instead, take them back to your supermarket for recycling.



More recycling do's and don'ts, can be found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/recycle.

IN MEMORIAM CAROL TEFFT RADIN

Artist and teacher Carol Tefft Radin died peacefully on October 14, 2018 in Washington DC, surrounded by family.

Carol was involved in studio art as a teacher and practitioner for more than 50 years, and worked with a variety of materials. Her work was influenced by her interest in travel and diverse cultures, particularly Native American arts, and embellished with natural and man-made elements she collected. She exhibited her work in regional art spaces and galleries, and generously contributed her art to causes she supported, including the St. Mary's Court Housing Development Corporation, with which she was actively involved.

In her early years, Carol taught art at the Burgundy Farm Country Day School, in Alexandria, Virginia, an independent school that promotes learning through inclusiveness, creativity, and a nurturing environment. It was a perfect fit for Carol, who believed that art allows unique creativity and expression by all, whether or not they perceive themselves as artistic.

Carol was a vibrant, multi-talented woman who lived life to the fullest and never stopped learning. Through her own art, and her passion for all the arts, politics, and the environment, Carol connected with all whom she encountered with interest, authenticity,

and candor. Above all, Carol was a caring and devoted friend to people of all ages, all walks of life, and at all stages of her life.

She was an avid walker and swimmer and loved the outdoors, particularly the Potomac River, the Pacific Northwest, and Vermont, where she attended Goddard College and met her first husband, Clark Tefft. They built a home in Hollin Hills, one of the first DC area post-WWII contemporary housing developments. Many of her friendships and connections from those years continued until death.

Carol was married to her second husband and best friend, Alex Radin, for 35 years. They were active, engaged participants in the D.C. community, including the Watergate East community where they lived, and devotees of the neighboring Kennedy Center. They travelled widely and enjoyed the company of family members, friends and professional colleagues along the way.

Born Carol Nita Schuman in Cincinnati, Ohio, on November 20, 1932, Carol is survived by her sister, Marillyn Mulholland, and brother-in-law, Jim Mulholland; daughter Marillyn and son Paul Tefft; stepsons Jay and Bill Radin; daughter-in-law Mary Waite; grandchildren Paul, Ian, and Devon Tefft-Meeker, Gwyneth and Clark Tefft, Sam and Andrew Radin.

next Friends program: wet lands in hollin hills

Are you dealing with a persistently soggy yard?

Wondering why spillover from street flooding is going directly onto your property?

Where can you turn for help with these issues?

With 2018 being the wettest year on record in the DC area, the issue of flooding, drainage, and erosion has come up quite a lot in our neighborhood.

Join the Friends of Hollin Hills on Sunday, January 13, 4–6pm, at the Hollin Hall of the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church for a complimentary fun and informative evening of wine, cheese, and a panel of experts to answer these questions and more. There will be a social hour from 4-5pm, followed by a panel/Q&A beginning at 5pm. Please RSVP via email to friendsofhollinhills@gmail.com.

Can't make it to this one? Join us for our next event on Sunday, February 24, same time, same place, where the topic will be on demystifying and working with the Design Review Committee.

Design Review

About the DRC

The Civic Association of Hollin Hills Design Revue Committee (DRC) meets monthly to offer guidance to home-owners about potential exterior property renovations and to determine whether those desired renovations are in harmony and conformity with the association's Design Review Guidelines. All DRC-approved projects are subject to and must comply with Fairfax County building regulations, policies, and codes. **Homeowners should complete appropriate County permit processes prior to the start of any renovations.**

Report of December Actions

The DRC met on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, at the Sherwood Regional Library. Members present included Andy Hight (Chair), John Burns, Virginia Wallace, and Ken Wilson. The DRC addressed the following homeowner projects at the meeting:

• 2207 Martha's Road, Lerner Residence

Projects: New deck to connect two existing decks on rear of house; four window modifications on front and side of house

Purposes: 1) Create a wrap-around deck, 2) replace two sliding glass doors with traditional Hollin Hills panel windows, 3) install a horizontal window in a bathroom to create more privacy, 4) add a door to an existing traditional Hollin Hills panel section to allow for better deck access

Action: Unanimous approved as presented

The homeowners walked the committee through various window and door changes, and the new deck design using the detailed drawings and photo package they had previously submitted. The DRC asked about trim and siding materials, and several clarifying questions about the deck design, overhang guttering, and railing cap. The new deck will be painted or stained. The cap will be made of wood. Horizontal cabling will be used for the railing sections.

The DRC also recommended the homeowners allow some spacing between the house and the start of the deck to prevent moisture wicking.

• 2113 Mason Hill Drive, Williams/Rua Residence:

Project: Backyard four-foot welded wire fence

Purpose: To create a safe enclosed area for pets and children

Action: Unanimously approved as presented because of the fencing materials and minimal visual impact to neighbors

The homeowner discussed photographs of desired fencing materials, the same fencing product used at Hollin Hills pool.

The DRC asked the homeowner several questions about fencing location. The homeowner indicated the back of the 4' fence will butt up against an existing wooden fence owned by the backyard neighbor. The other two sides will be erected near property easements. Both sides of the backyard have existing stands of bamboo, which will obscure the erected fence from neighbor sight lines.

The DRC cautioned the homeowner to check with Fairfax County to ensure the desired fencing location meets set-back requirements before starting the project.

• 7712 Elba Road, Davis Residence:

Project: Replace one existing traditional Hollin Hills window unit with T-111 siding

Purpose: To create more solid wall space in an interior room

Action: Unanimously approved as presented because location of wall unit is not easily visible from the street or by neighbors (pending proof of neighbor notification).

The DRC discussed photographs submitted by the homeowner and additional photographs provided by Hight. The homeowner indicated the T-111 siding will be painted to match existing siding.

Next DRC Meeting

The next DRC meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2018, 7:30pm, at the Sherwood Regional Library, Sherwood Conference Room 4, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306.

—Chris McNamara

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Calendar of community events and information about our parks, the Design Review Committee, the National Register of Historic Places, and more.

HIRO'S ART JOURNEY TO JAPAN

I began my art journey (Nov. 7-16, 2018) to my heritage by traveling east to west from Hollin Hills via air to Tokyo; then the next day continuing further west on the Shinkansen Bullet train; tracing the historic Tokaido road of the samurai families to Nagoya, Kyoto, Osaka, Hiroshima; crossing the Shimonoseki tunnel to the lovely southern island of Kyushu; bypassing Nagasaki; then transferring to a local train at Fukuoka to reach my destination, the castle town of Saga.

I went to Japan because of my art—specifically a painting titled "Hineri." On a very early morning in August, 2018, I received a phone call from my relative in Chigasaki, Japan, telling me to expect a call from the Saga Prefectural government. An hour later, the call came through. My painting, "Hineri," had been chosen from my website to be the symbol for "Shima Yoshitake-150 Year Celebration of the Meiji Restoration," to take place on November 11, the exact anniversary of that important 1868 event. In the beginning, the art spoke for itself, as they knew nothing of my relationship to Shima Yoshitake. Later, they were surprised and pleased to learn that I am one of his descendants!

The "Hineri" painting represents the turnaround position of two Sumo wrestlers, hence the analogy to the turnaround of a government, which happened in Japan with the Meiji Restoration. It was led by Shima Yoshitake, an explorer-scholar and now a national hero. With a few brushstrokes, the painting signifies the "change"

from the shogun system to a parliamentary system of government. This change brought modernism and the expansion of education, philosophy, and international relations, basically opening Japan to the future. In all this, Shima (1822-1874) led the way. He headed the expedition to Hokkaido and the northern islands, designed and established Sapporo as a modern city and became its first mayor. He founded the Hokkaido Shrine and Tokyo University, and was the counselor to the



Shima Yoshitake



From left: HIRO next to the statue of Shima Yoshitake; the ceremonial sake label featuring her art.

Meiji Emperor. He did not carry a sword, but his jewel encrusted sword, given by the Emperor, is in the Tokyo Metropolitan Museum.

With copyright permission given for the painting, we agreed on a limited edition of 400 prints of my art and its use on labels for the special ceremonial sake bottles staged and presented at the event.

As the celebrity guest, I was introduced at the museum program opening and participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the unveiling of a bronze statue of Shima by the sculptor, Tokoyasu. Because of his great concern and respect for farmers, Shima often dressed humbly in rice farmer's clothing, as this sculpture depicts. The statue is located on the moat-plaza of the Saga castle, now named after Shima. (Saga is Shima's hometown.) The Saga Prefecture is a cultural center in a pastoral setting, and is especially renowned for its Arita and Imari porcelain wares.

I gave a talk on the connection of my art and life to the Shima Celebration at the concluding ceremonial luncheon and presented the governor with a framed print of "Hineri" for the Saga Prefecture.

How wonderful it was to participate with my art in honoring my ancestor and his accomplishments at "Shima Yoshitake-150 Year Celebration of the Meiji Restoration."

—HIRO

CIVIC ASSOCIATION FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 2018

On Tuesday, December 4, Hollin Hills neighbors gathered once again for the biannual CAHH membership meeting held at the Sherwood Hall Library. It was a well attended event with over 40 households present and an additional 23 households sending in absentee ballots or proxies.

2019 Budget

First on the agenda was a discussion of the year's budget. The Hollin Hills House & Garden Tour contributed more than \$41,000, net of expenses, toward our net income of \$49,000 for the year. Though this is good news, the budget also showed that Civic Association memberships and dues have been declining. While these dues are a significant part of our budget, CAHH President Gus Matson reminded everyone that participation in the community is the most important aspect of the membership. He urged neighbors to volunteer and to renew their CAHH memberships yearly.

The motion to pass the CAHH budget for 2019 was approved with all in favor.

A pause for neighborliness

After the vote, Gus interrupted the meeting and asked everyone to stand up, find a neighbor they didn't know and talk with them for five minutes. Lively chatter ensued, with people moving about the room, introducing themselves and putting faces to names they know from the email Forum. It was really fun and an experienced that everyone enjoyed—and then it was back to business: voting in the new CAHH officers.

New CAHH officers elected

Candidates up for vote were: CAHH President: Patrick Kelly, Director-at-large: Alan Barak, Parks Liaison: Sally Watkins, Social Chair: Regino Madrid, Secretary: Mohra Gavankar, and MVCCA Liaison: Sally Sciacca.

The motion to vote in the new slate of officers passed with all in favor.

Patrick Kelly, incoming CAHH President as of January 1st, 2019, gave a brief acceptance speech, in which he mentioned his love of our community and that he is look- (continued on page 6)

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ing forward to his new role and being part of a great team. Thank you, Patrick. Hollin Hills looks forward to it, too!

Stream Restoration Project

Current Parks Chair Elisabeth Lardner gave a brief summary and update on the county stream restoration project. This project was set in motion two years ago when neighbors noticed how bad the stream erosion in Goodman Park had become, creating a canyon that cleaved the park in half. Elisabeth got Fairfax County involved and, together, they have put together a comprehensive restoration design proposal that will make the park safe and useable again. The plans are currently going through county budget approval. The CAHH has granted the county easements so they can get into the park, and work is likely to begin in 2019.

Brickelmaier Park will get the same treatment, and the county is trying to do both parks at the same time for efficiency. However, it is not only the parks that are having erosion and water runoff problems. Water runoff has become much worse in the last 15 years, as rains have become more severe, and several

neighbors have trouble with large amounts of water in or passing through their yards. It was suggested that as a neighborhood we should look into contacting VDOT to come up with a solution.

Historic Overlay District

The Historic Overlay District (HOD) application got support from more than 72% of the neighborhood. These signatures have been turned in to Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck, and we are awaiting confirmation that funds for the process have been earmarked in the county budget.

Thanks, Gus

This meeting marked Gus Matson's last Hollin Hills membership meeting as our president. In the name of the whole Hollin Hills community, Barbara Shear thanked Gus for his four years of committed leadership and all the hard work he has done for our neighborhood.

Gus, we applaud you and thank you! Our neighborhood is a better place because of you!

—*Friederike Ahrens, Outgoing CAHH Secretary*

