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**BURLEITH**  
*village in the city*



#### **WELCOME TO BURLEITH**

Burleith is a community of small single-family row houses located in beautiful [Washington, DC](#). The 531 houses in the neighborhood were mostly developed in the 1920's. The neighborhood is wholly residential, forming a small oasis of peaceful greenery nestled alongside Glover-Archibald Park.

# **burleith.org**

The BCA announces our newly revamped website.  
Save time...update your membership... make a donation.  
Learn more about what's happening in Burleith.  
(more information on page 11)

## **Here Comes The Sun And Fun! Shift Into Summer At The Burleith Citizens' Association Annual Picnic**

**Saturday June 12, 2010 - 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

(Rain Date: Sunday June 13)

**The Green Lot (Whitehaven Parkway and 37th Street)**

#### **Enjoy FREE:**

Live Music - Rocklands Barbeque - Games/Kid's Activities

Burleith Top-Dog Contest And more!

This favorite community event is FREE and FUN. It's the perfect way to kick off summer - relaxing with family, friends and neighbors while enjoying live music and great food.

#### **Sponsored by the BCA**

Volunteers are needed to help organize games or cool/fun activities for kids or; setting up on the day of the picnic; picking up items/supplies before or on the day of the picnic; or if you'd just like to help email Kay at [BURLEITHEVENTS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BURLEITHEVENTS@GMAIL.COM).

## President's Message



Many of you attended the community meeting on the campus plan, where the BCA presented its case for why the plan is bad for Burleith. The BCA has received enormous support from its members/residents.

Many thanks to all of you who have **donated to the Burleith Community Fund.**

We have raised about \$6,000 in three weeks!

This is unprecedented in Burleith and shows the strength of our community's backing of the BCA's position that the Campus Plan would be detrimental to our neighborhood. Some of you are requesting transparency as to how the funds will be used. We are in the process of interviewing legal and urban planning experts and will have proposals soon. A thorough accounting of how the funds will be spent will be published. Feel free at anytime to contact me with any questions regarding how the funds will be used. Your support not only enables us to hire experts, but also lets us stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the Citizens Association of Georgetown when the case is presented to the Zoning Commission.

**Some of you have asked why we aren't working with the landlords.** Since I started as president of the BCA, our approach has been multi-pronged in working with the noise, trash, and behavioral issues associated with group houses. We have engaged landlords, students, GU and MPD in order to control these issues. It takes a great deal of energy and effort to do this. The more houses, the more work. The BCA would need to hire someone full-time to take care of the issues at hand -- it is that extensive. We have reported certain landlords to DCRA for various issues but it is a drop in the bucket when you consider that 41% of Burleith's 531 houses are rental. Not all landlords are irresponsible. We have good relationships with a number of them.

Some of you are concerned about the tone of this effort and want to know why we are not working together with GU. **We have worked together with GU for many years.** I have great respect for Jeanne Lord, Linda Greenan and certain other GU representatives, and laud their efforts. Our focus here, however, is on the executive decision-makers at GU.

The university formed a steering committee to put together the campus plan. They did not include on that committee a single member from any of the surrounding communities.. GU started in May with

a community meeting designed to "appear" that they were seeking community comments. By and large, the most important issue we have brought to GU's attention has been the enrollment numbers and student behavioral issues. **We have asked the Provost publicly and privately to reconsider their enrollment increase and have been told no.** At that point, we realized GU was not willing to negotiate with us in good faith, so we had no other option but to oppose certain aspects of the plan.

**What are the solutions?** The BCA's focus until now has been to gather evidence, data and research to refute GU's campus plan. We are now turning our attention to solutions. GU does have alternatives, should they decide to consider them, solutions that are not detrimental to Burleith and the surrounding communities.

We are challenging an organization with great power, so we need to show a strong and united front if we are to present a winning and compelling case.

**Margaret Mead has said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever does."**

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns. See you around the neighborhood.

Lenore Rubino  
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### Do you have an announcement, service, or product? Put it in the Burleith Bell!

Our newsletter is hand delivered to 550 homes in Burleith making it a great way to connect you business with our community. In addition, your advertising dollars are a vital part of the BCA's funding for improving our neighborhood. Visit us online at [www.burleith.org](http://www.burleith.org) or contact Karen Landes ([karenmlandes@hotmail.com](mailto:karenmlandes@hotmail.com)) to learn more.

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## Georgetown University's Ten-Year Plan is bad for Burleith

### The following speech was made by Sheila Hegy as one of the presentations at the BCA's community meeting held on April 21, 2010.

My name is Sheila Hegy. I live on the 1900 block of 38th Street in Burleith in a home I purchased in 2005. While I have lived in Burleith a much shorter time than many of my neighbors, I have lived here long enough to understand how Georgetown University's pattern of increasing enrollment without providing sufficient on-campus housing for its students adversely impacts the quality of life enjoyed by Burleith residents and the value of their homes. The 1900 block of 38th Street is a case study for that adverse impact. On a recent weekend evening a senior citizen who has lived on our block for many years had to call the police because she was being disturbed by a loud party in a house occupied by a Georgetown student group. This is only a recent example of a number of such incidents that have taken place over the years. Last summer, another neighbor, also a long-time resident, had difficulty selling her home on 38th street, and ultimately had to lower the price, because people who came to view the house saw, and commented on, the unkempt front yards of group-occupied houses across the street.

Georgetown's current 10-year plan threatens to accelerate the already serious problems in our neighborhood. There are 22 homes, all row houses, on the 1900 block of 38th Street. In 2000, **SIX** of these 22 homes, or **27%**, were rental houses in which no owner resided. Now, ten years later, **ELEVEN** of the houses, or **50%** are rental houses in which the owner does not reside. Please note that these statistics, for the most part, include only rental properties occupied by a group of people, usually Georgetown students, not by individuals or families. They also do not include owner-occupied houses in which a portion of the house might be rented to another occupant. Since the enrollment increases proposed in Georgetown University's current 10-year plan relate to graduate students, not undergraduate, it is also important to note that at least three of the houses (as best we can determine since occupancy changes throughout the school year) are occupied by graduate students, most medical students. This refutes the university's claim that the additional 3200 + graduate students it plans to admit are not likely to live in Burleith. Of

course, common sense also refutes the university's premise, since medical students who cannot find on-campus housing are likely to want to live in Burleith because of its proximity to the medical school and hospital.

In addition to the specific problems I have mentioned, I view the adverse impact caused by Georgetown's failure to provide sufficient on-campus housing as a threat to the diversity of Burleith. The ever-increasing conversion of houses to group rental houses, overwhelmingly for Georgetown students, forces out families, seniors and single owners, all of whom are important components of Burleith's diversity. We need your help to try to stem this tide and assure that Burleith remains a diverse village – one where families, seniors and single home owners can still maintain a home (and its value) – rather than becoming an ever larger dormitory for Georgetown University. Please donate your time and talents, as well as the financial contributions we need to obtain the assistance of experts as necessary.

(You can support the BCA's efforts by donating time, energy and funds. Please use the form below, or go to [www.burleith.org](http://www.burleith.org), to make a donation.)



*Lenore speaks to a packed house.*

## DONATE by mail or at [burleith.org](http://burleith.org)

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\* The Burleith Community Fund (BCF) is in the process of becoming a 501c3 which will enable donations to be tax-deductible. All donors will be notified before the end of the year of the BCF's tax status. Please consult with your tax advisor for proper treatment of the donation.

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# OUR COMMUNITY

## Migrants in Your Neighborhood

By Mary Pfaffko, President, Audubon Society of the District of Columbia

After an exceptionally cold winter, spring is finally in the air. And with the cherry blossoms and daffodils come the migratory birds to spend the summer with us. Springtime is one of the best times to see them because they are in their stunning breeding plumage and singing their beautiful songs. Some of the early migrants that you may already be seeing include American Robin, Purple Martin and Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.

Birds that spend the winter in the tropics but breed in the temperate regions during summer are called neotropical migrants. They started expanding their ranges beyond the tropics after the last ice age in response to the retreat of ice sheets in North America where they could exploit rich food resources and decreased competition. Then they leave us again during the winter when temperatures cool and the flowers and insects on which they feed are gone.

Migration is one of nature's most magnificent mysteries. The birds undertake flights of up to thousands of miles, sometimes nonstop for days, and without a GPS navigation unit to show them the way. While they eat a lot when they are on land, they have amazing adaptations that allow them to fast during their long flights. Before embarking on the journey, they undergo physiological and hormonal changes that cause them to fatten up and build energy reserves for the flight. Their digestive organs shrink since they won't be feeding for quite a long time.

Our tiniest neotropical migrant, the Ruby-throated Hummingbird, undertakes one of the longest journeys, stretching from the tropical rainforests south of the equator as far north as Canada. Without the benefit of aerodynamic flocks like most species, they fly solo 500 miles nonstop across the Gulf of Mexico. They are expert flyers—they can fly backwards, hover, and flap 50 times per second—so it is perhaps not surprising that they can undertake the 20-hour flight across the Gulf without eating or stopping. However, they are not without challenges.

Despite their adaptations, the birds still face many threats on their journey. As many as half of migrating birds may not make it to their summering grounds. If a bird flies over water, a storm can make it drop from the sky

or a strong headwind can blow it back. If a bird flies over land, a bird of prey could take it. The long flight without feeding, coupled with potential bad weather, requires that the birds land, rest, and refuel a few times along their journey. These rest areas, or migratory stopover points, are usually the same spots every year, such as Point Lookout, MD, and Cape May, NJ, the so-called "migrant traps." They are the first bits of land that the birds reach on their flyway after a long flight over water.

Other important migratory stopover points are those that provide natural areas within large urbanized areas. With two rivers and many national parks, Washington, DC is an important stopover point for migratory birds as they fly over the urban landscape. Many species are spotted stopping over in DC on their way further north while others stay in DC to breed. It is fitting that DC's state bird—the Wood Thrush—is a neotropical migrant, which arguably has one of the most beautiful songs of any bird species in the world.

### Attracting Neotropical Migrants

The best way DC residents can attract neotropical migrant species is to provide feeders, baths, and vegetation for shelter. Now that the birds have weathered the long flight, the next challenge is to find a safe place to feed and rest to build energy for nesting and breeding. When they land, their weight is down by about 25 percent. They are hungry! Your backyard can make the difference for the birds as well as bring beauty and song to your yard.

To attract hummingbirds, provide native tubular red flowers. They are the preferred flower for hummingbirds and double as a beautiful background for taking pictures of the hummers as their red throats glisten in the sunlight. Or, provide a red "nectar" feeder. To make the "nectar," boil one part white sugar in four parts hot water (use boiling water if you are going to store it in the refrigerator). Do not use honey, artificial sweeteners, or red food coloring. Empty and fill your feeder every few days—more often if it is hot outside—to prevent spoiling. Interestingly, hummingbirds are carnivores; the

nectar simply provides the energy they need to catch insects.

Banding studies have shown that individuals tend to return every year to the same place they hatched, even visiting the same feeders on the way. If you reliably provide food and water all season, you may see them year after year.

### Protecting Neotropical Migrants

There are several things you can do to protect neotropical migrants and help them recuperate after their incredible journey:

1. Consider keeping your cat indoors. Cats kill millions of birds each year, even well-fed cats.
2. Prevent birds from hitting your windows and mirrors by covering them and turning off your lights at night. Birds are attracted to light when migrating so many birds, such as Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, are found dead outside office buildings that leave their lights on at night.
3. Buy shade-grown coffee. Shade coffee plantations do not clear the large trees that provide shelter in their wintering habitats in Central and South America.
4. Keep feeders clean of germs, disease, and mosquito larvae. West Nile Virus, spread by mosquitoes, has already impacted American Robin and crow populations in Washington, DC.
5. Join a birding group such as the DC Audubon Society that works to conserve neotropical migrants. And join them for a birding field trip this spring and summer to find the newly arrived birds!



A Mockingbird chick waits for food in a nest on 37th Street.

## **Stoddert Update: Final Days of "Brick-by-Brick" Fundraiser**

The new Stoddert Elementary school/community center will be completed soon. Neighbors and businesses can still support Burleith's elementary school by purchasing an engraved brick on the new front plaza. Show your community spirit and leave a permanent inspirational or commemorative message for generations to come! Personal orders can be placed online at [www.stoddert.org](http://www.stoddert.org). For more information, e-mail [brickbybrick@stoddert.org](mailto:brickbybrick@stoddert.org).

BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY



**Support Burleith's  
Stoddert elementary school**

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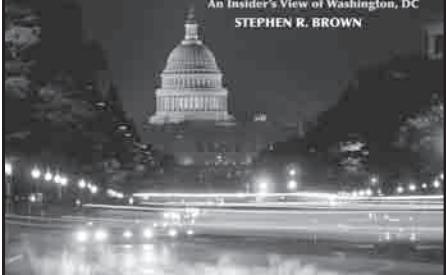
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### **REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**

Emergency & Non-emergency call 911  
Get a good look at the details:  
height, clothing, car make/color, etc.

### **BE INFORMED. BE PREPARED.**

In an emergency, this site will provide  
real-time instructions to District  
residents and visitors.

Join the Alert DC System  
<http://eic.rrc.dc.gov/eic/site/default.asp>  
For Crime Alerts  
<https://textalert.ema.dc.gov/>

### **NEIGHBORHOOD NOISE?**

First, call 911 (Metro Police)  
Second, if a weekend disturbance is  
created by Georgetown University  
students, call the hotline: 687-8413  
(Students Neighborhood Assistance)  
Third, send e-mails to:  
The Burleith Citizens Association:  
[burleith911@gmail.com](mailto:burleith911@gmail.com) and  
Anne Koester: [ayk2@georgetown.edu](mailto:ayk2@georgetown.edu)

### **REQUEST CITY SERVICES**

Have you seen a street light out,  
broken sidewalk, or other problem  
in Burleith? Report it by calling 311, or  
using the DC City Services web site:  
<http://dc.gov/registration/login.asp>  
Login using the Burleith User  
Account. By using one user ID and  
password, we can track all problems  
from our neighborhood.

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Password: burleith1

To report clogged or flooded storm  
drains, visit the DCWASA site:  
[http://www.dcwasa.com/report\\_problem](http://www.dcwasa.com/report_problem)

### **REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING ON PARK PROPERTY**

Call the U.S. Park Police at:  
619-7300 any time of day.  
If possible, write down car's license  
plate number.

### **RODENT CONTROL**

For complaints about rodents,  
call the Department of Health 727-1000

### **REGISTER TO VOTE**

Registration forms are available at  
libraries, police stations and fire houses.  
Forms must be postmarked at least  
30 days before an election for you to vote  
in that election.

For more information call: 727-2525

### **FREE EMERGENCY MEDICAL HELP**

The Georgetown Emergency Response  
Medical Service (GERMS) provides  
24 hour-7 days-a-week free quality  
emergency medical services and  
transportation to the residents of Burleith.  
For help, call 687-HELP (687-4357).



# ACTIVITIES

## MAY 2010

### **Georgetown Public Library**

3307 M Street NW (formerly Staples)  
Library services for all ages, plus 20 public  
PCs and free WiFi internet access. M, W,  
F, Sat.: 9:30 am-5:30 pm; T, Th: 1-9 pm;

### **Georgetown Senior Center**

St. John's Episcopal Church  
3240 O Street NW  
Join fellow seniors for exercise classes (11:30 am),  
lunch (12:15 pm), and educational programs (1:00 pm)  
on Mon, Wed., and Fri. Pick up by van. For details and  
membership info, contact Mary G. Meyer, (202)965-  
3952, or marygmeyer1721@gmail.com.



### **IONA Senior Center**

4125 Albemarle St., NW,  
895-9448 | [www.iona.org](http://www.iona.org)

For information about adult day care, care  
management and counseling, classes, meals,  
support groups, volunteering, or to request a copy  
of the newsletter and activities schedule (also  
downloadable), call (202)895-9448.

### **National Cathedral**

*Sunday Forum: Finding God in Popular Culture* 10:10 am; explore the confluence of religion, politics, and how the media presents religious coverage.  
*Close-up Tour: Gothic Architecture* (\$1):30 pm; Visitors explore the Cathedral's Gothic style. 202.537.6200 or [www.nationalcathedral.org](http://www.nationalcathedral.org)

### **National Cathedral**

*Sunday Forum: Solving the Crisis in Darfur* 10:10 am; 202.537.6200 or [www.nationalcathedral.org](http://www.nationalcathedral.org)

### **Tudor Place**

*Hats and Tea – A Mother and Daughter Tradition* 11 am– (\$1) 12:30 pm or 2 pm - 3:30 pm Celebrate Mother's Day with a traditional early American Tea Party, and make a sunbonnet to take home. Ages 5+; 1644 31st St NW 202.965.0400

### **National Cathedral**

*Sunday Forum: Picking Cotton; a Story of Faith, Justice and Reconciliation* 10:10 am  
*Reilly and Friends: A Celebration of Twenty-Five Years* (\$1) 4 pm

### **Gargoyle Tours**

(\$1) 2 pm  
202.537.6200 or [www.nationalcathedral.org](http://www.nationalcathedral.org)

**Duke Ellington School of the Arts**  
*Dance Dance Dance: The Ellington Rhythm* 4 pm; Duke Ellington Theater 202.337.4825 or [www.ellingtonschool.org](http://www.ellingtonschool.org)

### **National Cathedral**

*The Sunday Forum: Toward a 21st-Century Spirituality* 10 am;  
*Gargoyle Tours* (\$1) 2 pm; Admission is \$10 per adult; \$5 per child (12 and under); or \$30 per family. Meet at the 7th floor auditorium. No reservations required. Binoculars recommended. Cameras welcome. No bus groups. 202.537.6200 or [www.nationalcathedral.org](http://www.nationalcathedral.org)

### **National Cathedral**

*The Way of Benedict* (\$) 10 am  
*Benedictine Life and Prayer* 6:15 pm  
*Creating a Rule of Life* 7:45 pm  
202.537.6200 or [www.nationalcathedral.org](http://www.nationalcathedral.org)

### **Tudor Place & Dumbarton House**

*Home School History Days*  
For more information see [www.tudorplace.org/school.html](http://www.tudorplace.org/school.html) or call 202.337.2288.

### **National Cathedral**

*Benedictine Life and Prayer* (\$) 6:15 pm; 202.537.6200 or [www.nationalcathedral.org](http://www.nationalcathedral.org)

### **Duke Ellington School of the Arts**

*Dance Dance Dance: The Ellington Rhythm* 10 am & 7:30 pm  
Duke Ellington Theater 202.337.4825 or [www.ellingtonschool.org](http://www.ellingtonschool.org)

### **National Cathedral**

*The Wisdom of Jesus: Transformational Teaching for Today's Times* (\$1) 7:30 pm

The plenary session with Cynthia Bourgeault begins at 7:30, followed by a public interview; An opportunity for audience questions and book signing follows. Tickets: \$15-\$18. 202.537.6200 or [www.nationalcathedral.org](http://www.nationalcathedral.org)

### **Tudor Place**

*Spring Shower of Flowers* (\$) 7:00 pm  
Rance Goff, internationally acclaimed floral designer, directs a hands-on demonstration of flower arranging. Location: Pierce Arrow Garage. Tudor Place, 1644 31st St NW 202.965.0400

### **Duke Ellington School of the Arts**

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Duke Ellington Theater 202.337.4825 or [www.ellingtonschool.org](http://www.ellingtonschool.org)

### **Whole Foods**

*Spring Smoothies* (\$) 7 pm  
Tania Mercer Hayek introduces us to easy and healthful way to pack your vitamins and minerals into delicious, energy filled meals on the go. Please sign up at customer service. 202.333.5393.

### **National Cathedral**

*Cathedral Crossroads: Unifying Spirit, Intention and Physical Form* 6 pm; An evening of contemplative practice on the last Tuesday of each month; free and open to the public. 202.537.6200 or [www.nationalcathedral.org](http://www.nationalcathedral.org)

# BURLEITH CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

**MAY 1**

**National Cathedral**

70th Annual *Kirkin' o' the Tartan* 4:00 pm; Close to 100 members of the Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, DC, will march into Washington National Cathedral accompanied by its Pipes and Drums and Colour Guard. The public is invited to join in free of charge with no reservations required. 202. 537-6200 or [www.nationalcathedral.org](http://www.nationalcathedral.org)

FRIDAY

## May is National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month

Each year, the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA) declares May to be "National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month." It's a peak season for asthma and allergy sufferers, and a perfect time to educate your patients, family, friends, co-workers and others about these diseases.

Go to [www.aafa.org/display.cfm?id=10&sub=99&cont=457](http://www.aafa.org/display.cfm?id=10&sub=99&cont=457) for more information.

SATURDAY

### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND WEBSITES FOR CITY SERVICES

**Metropolitan Police Department Washington, DC**

To report unkept lawns, yards, properties call Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs

(DCRA) at 202 442-9557

**Sex Offender Registry:** <http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1241,q,540704.asp>

**Watch Your Car Program:** [http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1242,q,547151,mpdcNav\\_GID,1541.asp](http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1242,q,547151,mpdcNav_GID,1541.asp)

**Gay and Lesbian Liaison Unit:** [http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1232,q,540949,mpdcnav\\_gid,1523,mpdcnav,%7c31417%7c.asp](http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1232,q,540949,mpdcnav_gid,1523,mpdcnav,%7c31417%7c.asp)

**Latino Liaison Unit:** 673-4445 <http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1232,q,540963.asp>

**A School Visit from McGruff the Crime Dog:** 727-8809

**Criminal Records/Police Clearance:** 727-4245

**Operation TIPP (Terrorist Incident Prevention Program):** TERRORIST TIP LINE – 1 877 YOU WATCH (877 968 9282) [http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1238,q,555173,mpdcNav\\_GID,1578,mpdcNav,|32355|.asp](http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1238,q,555173,mpdcNav_GID,1578,mpdcNav,|32355|.asp)

**GUN TIP LINE - 1 800 GUN – TIPS (800-486-8477)**

**CRIME SOLVERS – 1 800-673-2777 (PICK DC, VA OR MD)**

**Child Support Enforcement:** (202) 442-9900 <http://csed.dc.gov/csed/site/default.asp>

**DC's Legal Brief: Gun Ban:** <http://www.nbc4.com/download/2008/0104/14980193.pdf>

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[jackevans.org](http://www.jackevans.org)

THURSDAY

**National Cathedral**

*Close-up Tour: Gothic Architecture* (\$3 pm; 202.537.6200 or [www.nationalcathedral.org](http://www.nationalcathedral.org))

**Duke Ellington School of the Arts**

"Because": Excerpts from Senior Playwrights Dinner Theater 7:30 pm Duke Ellington Student Center. 202.337.4825 or [www.ellingtonschool.org](http://www.ellingtonschool.org)

**Whole Foods**

*Spring Stir Fry* 7 pm Join Natural Foods Chef Rachel Brumitt to for vegan stir fry. Please sign up at customer service. 202.333.5393.

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**National Cathedral**

*Gargoyle Tours* (\$) 6:30 pm 202. 537.6200 or [www.nationalcathedral.org](http://www.nationalcathedral.org)

**Dumbarton House**

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*The Porgy and Bess Project: a collaboration with Washington National Opera* 7:30 pm; Duke Ellington Theater 202.337.4825 or [www.ellingtonschool.org](http://www.ellingtonschool.org)

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*see additional details on left*

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*Hats and Tea – A Mother and Daughter Tradition* (\$) 1 – 3 pm; 1644 31st St NW 202.965.0400

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*Flower Mart* 10 am; see May 7th for details

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*Mother's Appreciation Breakfast* 10 am – 12 pm; Continental breakfast on us. Goodie bag give-aways to the first 50 moms.

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*Georgetown Garden Treasures: Tudor Place and Dumbarton Oaks* (\$) 10:30 am; A popular annual guided tour Location: (meet at Tudor Place). 1644 31st St NW 202.965.0400

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*Family Fun Day Series: Tea and Flowers* (\$) 11 am-1 pm; Space is limited. Reservations are requested but drop-ins are welcomed. Rsvp@DumbartonHouse.org or 202.337.2288 x227.

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A huge thank you is due all participants of the April 17 Burleith Spring Cleanup. A larger than normal turnout of Burleith neighbors, and the usual stalwart group of Georgetown University students led by Ray Danieli and Ann Caster from the Off Campus Student Life Office, tackled trash and debris in our streets, sidewalks and alleys. Several alleys close to Ellington Field were very messy, and the harsh winter left us with large amounts of tree limbs and other debris. With the fine efforts of the gatherers and haulers, we were able to bring dozens of loads (including broken shopping carts, large pieces of twisted metal, and a full keg) to a giant dumpster provided by Georgetown University. Unfortunately, the dumpster quickly filled and we had to leave piles of wood and other storm debris for the city to collect. For the next cleanup, we intend to increase our capacity to hold and to transport to match the volume of trash and debris our able volunteers collected. Thanks again to all who helped to make our neighborhood look a bit nicer this spring



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# OUR COMMUNITY

## GARDENING IN BURLEITH

By Carol Cavanaugh

At last, there is color in our world! Amidst the excitement of flowering azaleas, dogwood and phlox, it's time to think of putting in perennials to flower in 2010 and come back for years to come. This column will offer some suggestions for plants which will fit happily into our dense soils and small gardens. Though it's always tempting to go for the plants which are blooming now, with a bit of planning you can have color in your garden from now until frost. This topic could inspire a treatise, but space allows me only to comment on a few plants to consider.

Let's start with spring. In addition to moss phlox, that low draping groundcover which blooms in shades of lavender and magenta, consider soapwort (*Saponaria*). This perennial also loves to drape itself over your sunny slopes. It has beautiful little pink blossoms, and because it blooms after phlox, it can extend the blooming season. I also like for my sunny spots false indigo. This lupine-like native plant blooms in April/May. You can choose varieties with blue, white, or yellow blossoms, if you can allot to it a space about 3 feet in diameter. If room is tight in your garden, there is also a blue-flowering miniature (*Baptisia australis* var. *minor*), of about half the size. I also like to use poppies in my sunny spots. Because they go dormant over summer, I can plant another flower right next to my poppy and let it fill up the space during the summer. Thus I get two for the space of one in my tiny garden!

For your shady areas, hostas are great. Also consider a native plant called celadine poppy (*Stylophorum diphyllum*). This 8" tall plant looks nothing like the poppies you put in the sun; it has sunny yellow flowers that will light up your shade, and nice, large green leaves that stay attractive all summer long. I also grow ferns in shade, with mixed results in Burleith's dense soils. One fern I find grows very happily is Japanese painted fern (*Athyrium nipponicum*), with its handsome silvery foliage.

Looking ahead to summer, try a couple of exciting native plants in sunny areas. Butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) has brilliant orange flowers and draws butterflies, as its name implies. Best of all, it can handle wet soils (after rainy periods have soaked our clay soils) or dry soils (so you don't have to water it constantly.) Coneflowers (*Echinaceas*) are also

great. Though you may be tempted by the new varieties in wild shades of red, orange and salmon, these varieties are expensive and seem to peter out over the course of years. The tried-and true purple coneflowers are hardy and durable.

For partially shaded areas, Spigelia is a really special native plant, with red tubular flowers ending in bright yellow stars. It will light up your garden! So too will coleus, with its vast variety of colors, leaf shapes and sizes. It's not a perennial, but it's easy to take cuttings and save them over winter if you find one you like, and you can pick these up cheap at the Sunday Dupont Circle farmers' market (just about the only thing there that is cheap). Pick the one(s) you like and ask the grower how big it gets and how much sun it wants; each coleus is different.

Don't forget to look ahead to fall. As beautiful as Japanese anemone is, it spreads a little widely for our small gardens. Think about using the aster 'Purple Dome' along with solidago 'Golden Fleece' for bright color into October. These are smaller cultivars that fit into our limited space. If you have shade, think about putting in toad lilies (*Tricyrtis*). These narrow stems of leaves produce small, orchid-like flowers in fall. Again, there is a wide variety of them, from several inches tall to a couple of feet high.

In buying plants, those large, healthy plants which look so appealing can sometimes spread to take over our whole small gardens. I sometimes use a mail-order nursery, Bluestone Perennials, [www.bluestoneperennials.com](http://www.bluestoneperennials.com), which ships small plugs of very reasonably-priced plants. While the plants will grow vigorously, they don't seem to outgrow my tiny garden as rapidly.

Happy gardening!



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