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WINE TASTING EVENT RAISES \$13,000

By Joan Royals

The Guilford Association's 11th Annual Wine Tasting to benefit Sherwood Gardens was held on Saturday, October 7, 2006. Our committee tracked down Leroy Merritt so we were able to secure the Sherwood Mansion as this year's venue. It is the first time in many years that this fund raiser was held in one location. Lerov Merritt and his wife were gracious enough to let 150 Guilford residents and quests gather in their home and get a rare glimpse inside this community landmark.

Despite the cool temperatures and threatening weather, we were all treated to another fantastic evening. Savor the Bay was this year's theme and Committee co-chairs, Kelly Stucker and Jeff Nelson orchestrated a perfect party. Linwoods Catering wowed us again with their culinary expertise. The food, as many of the guest exclaimed, was absolutely delicious. The Wine Source provided the micro brews and wine for the evening. The task put before Peter Wood and his staff at

The Wine Source was somewhat daunting. They tried their best to bring us the best sampling of sparkling, reds and whites from this region. There seemed to be much more tasting and discussion about the wines this year than in year's past! I would like to thank both Taliya from Linwoods and Peter from The Wine Source for their tireless efforts on behalf of the Guilford Association. Also new to the event was the addition of Cheryl Jones and her Jazz Trio. The crowd was treated to two hours of jazz music -- a perfect complement to the food, wine and great conversation.

In the fund raising department, this year's Silent Auction saw a modest performance from its participants. The committee solicited a number of items from near and far. It is always a challenge to gather items and this year's auction proved to have and eclectic mix. One of the biggest hits was the inclusion of Kathleen Strukoff's original paintings of Sherwood Gardens. We are so fortunate to have neighbors who are willing to give their time and talent solely to raise money for the gardens.

The raffle was another huge success. Thank you to Lauren Nelson. Selina Chowdhury and friends, we raised over \$700 for the case of mixed wine and champagne generously donated by The Wine Source. When we tallied all the money raised by ticket sales, Silent Auction and the raffle, this year's annual wine tasting generated over \$13,000 in funds for Sherwood Gardens. The evening was a huge success! Thank you to all who attended and to those who have given so generously to the gardens but were unable to attend.

Kudos to Kelly Stucker and Jeff Nelson, for co-chairing this event and pulling everything together so that we could enjoy a flawless evening, and to those members of the community who always help when called upon. Thanks for making Guilford a special place to

We are always looking for more volunteers to help with the organization and implementation of all of our terrific events. Contact joan@guilfordnews.com, if you are interested in chairing or volunteering for one of our many neighborhood gatherings.

- ANYTHING ELSE TO PUBLISH HERE???

GUILFORD ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

By Lynda Riley

The Guilford Neighborhood Association will hold our Annual Meeting Wednesday, November 15 at 7:30 at Second Presbyterian Church. For newcomers to the neighborhood, it is the perfect opportunity meet and greet your elected Board Members.

The agenda will include the election of new board members, budget, updated architectural guidelines, security, and a discussion of other issues affecting Guilford residents including the Union Memorial Helipad and planned Guilford Elementary School playgrounds. So mark your calendars and come out to the Annual Board Meeting at:

2nd Presbyterian Church 4200 St. Paul St. Baltimore, MD 21218

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ARCHITECTURAL GUIDELINES

Remember, before you do any construction or remodeling on your home, garage or driveway, you must review the Architectural Guidelines listed on the website at: www.guilfordnews.com, and submit a plan for approval to the Architectural Committee.

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WEBSITE WE WANT YOUR VOTE!

Please vote for or against having **Movies in the Sunken Park** in summer of 2007 by going to **www.guilfordnews.com**

The turn-out in 2006 was not a ringing endorsement of the program,, but there were many other mitigating circumstances, including rain. Also, you are encouraged to make suggestions, e.g. timing and movie selection, by emailing:

margaret@guilfordnews.com

2007 SHERWOOD GARDENS SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM KICKS OFF

By Barbara Fields

Once again, we will be searching for supporters of the Tulip Bed Sponsorship Program. For the past 70 years, our eight-acre garden has been attracting local and international visitors, come to see the magnificent tulip blooms. Recently, it has been estimated that more than 12,000 people visit during the tulip season of April and May. This creates a perfect opportunity for local businesses to advertise by sponsoring a garden plot.

Tulip Bed Sponsorships are available beginning at

\$1,000. The garden bed will then be labeled with an attractive, hand-carved wooden sign bearing the sponsor's name. Each sponsor will also be acknowledged in the pamphlet, which identifies the forty varieties of tulips on display. Visitors to the garden often consult this pamphlet to identify the tulip varieties, exposing the names of garden supporters to the public once again.

Annually, we have enjoyed the support from Green Fields Nursery and Landscaping, Chase Fitzgerald Real Estate,

Beechfield Landscaping, Bob Bell Chevrolet, CANUSA, Gaines McHale Antiques and Home, Green Way Lawns, Roland Slate Service, Bartlett Tree Service, and many other companies that wish to spend their advertising dollars benefiting our neighborhood garden, effectively reaching the region's home and garden consumers.

Editor's Note: Contact Barbara for ways in which you could help the committee with donations, or possible donor ideas at: **BFJF98@aol.com**

GUILFORD SUPPER CLUB SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

By Mark Chartrand

The Guilford Supper Club is an informal, unofficial occasional gathering of Guilfordites and some others with Guilford connections, who like to meet and eat in many of Guilford's beautiful homes.

Announcements of supper club events are sent by email to those on our emailing list, and are posted on the website www.guilfordnews.com and distributed by the Guilford listserv email list. Often times you will see these dinner parties

mentioned in the Guilford column of the *Messenger*.

There are no rules, dues, officers, or even membership requirements. Anyone can come to these potluck parties, and no one is expected to attend all events. Each person or couple attending is asked to bring a dish to serve about 5-10, and a bottle of wine. The only purpose is to meet neighbors and have fun.

We are seeking both people who wish to be on the emailing list, and for homes to host future events. Homes need not

be large, and the host sets the rules for date, time, theme and attendance limit. Typical attendance is from 25 to 75 people. Anyone interested in being on the email invitation list, or in hosting a dinner, please contact Mark Chartrand at 410-235-8153, or by email: mrc@mrchartrand.com

And here's a "heads-up" for the holidays: the Guilford Supper Club holiday potluck party will be held on December 23 in one of our neighborhood's most beautiful mansions. All are welcome, so save the date and join us!

OF CHRISTMAS TREES AND CAROLING

By Rene Pallace

The Guilford Association Social Committee invites everyone to come gather around our Guilford Christmas Tree in Sherwood Gardens on Sunday, December 10 at 4:30PM for caroling, cider, cookies, cheer and family fun. The Guilford Manly Men's Chorus will have to string the tree the weekend before but this is one of our great traditions that we hope to revive and enhance! (Now we just have to revive the Camp Out). Guilford News Page 3

WINDY WEATHER BLUSTERS HALLOWEEN PARADE, BUT DOESN'T DAMPEN SPIRITS

by Kathleen Strukoff

October 29 was the date for the annual Guilford Halloween Parade.



When there is candy and cupcakes at stake, Guilford's little goblins wouldn't be kept away by blustery winds. A group of about 40 kids and parental units showed up for the Halloween Parade at Sherwood

Gardens. There were so many costumed cuties, it was difficult to choose just a few for the newsletter. It was particularly great to see so many dads participating, some even mugging for the camera with their munchkins.



It was hard to get a good picture of some of the boy super heroes because they were never standing still, instead chasing and wrestling with each other. (can you say, "Gimme back my Butterfinger, Dude!)

With the girls, there were lots of pretty tiaras and floaty dresses billowing in the breeze and lit up by the beautiful sunshine. I even



caught a glimpse of Ariel with her gleaming copper tresses!

One particularly cute moment was when one thoughtful little boy brought a cupcake over to little Sammy Royals...that got lots of "ah's" from the respective moms.

To get involved with next years parade, Contact Social Committee Chairman Joan Royals at:

joan@guilfordnews.com

NEWCOMERS WELCOME COMMITTEE IN PLANNING PHASE

By Joy Munster

The Guilford New Neighbors Committee asks for the help of our residents to identify newcomers who have recently moved into Guilford. It is often difficult to find out in a timely way when newcomers arrive because official records often take a long time to get recorded. If you have recently moved into the area, or if you are aware of anyone who has recently moved into Guilford, please let us know, or ask the newcomers to contact us. We intend to welcome them with a visit and give them packet of information about Guilford. Please contact either. Joy Munster at 410-243-8261 email joymunster@msn.com or Mark Chartrand at

410-235-8153 or email him at: mrc@mrchartrand.com

CITY PONIES UP FOR NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

by Nancy Getter

In the next few months, Baltimore's Department of Parks and Recreation will spend \$110,000 to build two professionally designed playgrounds at the school. One playground will be for children ages 2-5 years. The other will be appropriate for children ages 6-12 years.

The City of Baltimore's Department of Parks and Recreation plans to build a state of the art playground at Guildford Elementary/Middle School, it will be just around the

corner on Eastway and Old Cold Spring Lane. A number of Guilford neighbors work closely with Guilford Elementary/Middle School's principal and top administrators. We've been invited to participate and to come and play!

The school is delighted to share this new playground with the families of Guilford, and we as a community can augment the school's plan. By raising additional monies, we can make the playground-to-be a more inviting, welcoming, and joyful place for both the school and neighborhood children. With

money raised by our community, we could: replace the tired, rusty chain link fence with a more attractive one; improve landscaping around the playgrounds; add more playground equipment. There are many ways to enhance this quiet, pleasant corner of Guilford.

We will kick off a fundraising campaign at the beginning January. Contact Beth Felder at bfelder1@jhu.edu, Nancy Getter at kgetter@aol.com, or Jane Webster at jane@sumersault.com. We welcome your interest.

STRONG EURO ROCKS SHERWOOD BUDGET

by Rudy Strukoff

You may be wondering why all the attention is paid in this Newsletter to the state of our gardens, their funding for annual plantings, maintenance and upkeep. Even with all the support from Bruce Barnett and his committed in keeping it all running smoothly, the costs involved are enormous.

In fact, 2006 saw a strong euro as compared to the dollar, making the tulips we buy directly from the Netherlands more expensive than in past years. So please, contact B a r b a r a Fields at: **BFJF98@aol.com** if you, or someone you know could sponsor a plot.

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Volunteers needed for the annual Guilford Holiday Party in December. Please see website for contact info, meeting date and times.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

It seems hard to believe that the last time I was writing this column, we were getting ready for another summer season here in our beautiful community. We were seeking sponsors to Adopta-Plot for the summer plantings at Sherwood Gardens, the City of Baltimore was planting trees (or trying to), and we had two movies scheduled in the "sunken park."

A highlight at Sherwood Gardens this past summer was the 11th Annual Dinner at Dusk, led by freshman committee chair, Lisa Kaufman. Lisa and her crack committed not only pulled off a



music...but the turned a \$500 profit for the Sherwood Gardens Fund to boot. Great job Lisa!

If you missed the event, it happens every June in Sherwood

great event, complete with food

beverages, games and live

happens every June in Sherwood Gardens. The band this year was a country-rock outfit, The Barn Burners. I know Lisa and her team are busy researching the clubs and juke joints for next year's band.

On a discouraging note, we also put out a desperate plea in the last issue to our neighbors with dogs, asking them to please leash their animals and pick up and dispose of their waste properly.

Well surprise, surprise, surprise, seems like some folks just don't get the message. I personally witnessed a neighbor walking two unleashed dogs, one defecating in a neighbors yard, then walking

away and leaving the evidence behind...and talk about leaving the evidence behind...on a different occasion, another fine neighbor's unleashed dog walked in through my driveway project, and onto my freshly poured cement garage floor...oops...guess I'll have plaster casts made from the "prints" and go door to door... tracking down the culprit...no worries though, the crew doing the job was standing by to quickly trowel over the doggy paw prints...but jee wiz people...

Moving quickly out of the gutter and into the good stuff...How about the Social Committee and the revamped 2006 Wine Tasting. Wow! What a venue, what a band, what a menu, what an auction and how about those tasty adult beverages!!! Great party guys!! And we raised over \$13,000 for the tulips...very cool!

Peace, Rudy Strukoff

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