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Saturday, May 20, 2017

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# CELEBRATE HISTORY IN OUR BACKYARD Gala in the Park



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#### DINNER AND AWARDS PRESENTATION

Spanish Ballroom

#### **Dinner Music**

Tom Cunningham Jazz Trio

#### **Celebratory Toast**

Judy A. Greenberg Honorary Gala Chair Director, The Kreeger Museum

#### Welcome

Rachelle Cherol President, Glen Echo Park Partnership Board of Directors

#### Awards Presentation

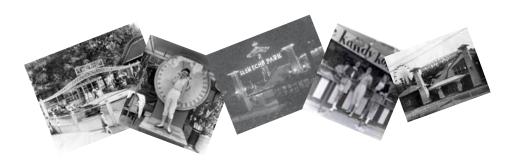
Conducted by Barbara Harrison NBC4 Washington

#### **Special Recognition**

Richard Cook Honorary Park Historian Presented by Elisabeth Kaplan

#### Friend of Glen Echo Park Award

Town of Glen Echo Presented by Councilmember Roger Berliner



#### Visionary Award

Yumi Hogan First Lady of Maryland Presented by Ambassador Connie Morella

#### Spanish Ballroom Fund-a-Need

Conducted by Robin Cunningham and Ellen Engle

#### **DANCING**

Music by The Tom Cunningham Orchestra Dance Performances by Jam Cellar

#### **EXHIBITIONS**

#### Glen Echo Pottery: Vessels Great and Small 2017

featuring recent works from instructors and advanced students
Popcorn Gallery

#### The Homecoming: Six Artists Return to Glen Echo Park

Rhoda Baer, Henry Barrow, Carol Barton, Raya Bodnarchuk, Jim Sanborn, and Tom Wolff Stone Tower Gallery

#### **CAROUSEL RIDES**

at the historic Glen Echo Park Dentzel Carousel



#### Richard Cook, Honorary Park Historian

Richard Cook's interest in the history of Glen Echo began in the mid 1960s when he and a friend excavated several areas around the town in search of artifacts. He began seriously researching Glen Echo Park history in the early 1970s shortly after the amusement park closed. His collection of Glen Echo photographs and documents has been an important tool for researchers documenting the history of the Park. Cook is the author, with Deborah Lange, of Glen Echo Park: A Story of Survival. The book is "a photo history of how a fabled Chautauqua and legendary amusement park became a thriving arts colony." The Richard Cook Collection of materials documenting the Park's early history as a Chautauqua and an amusement park is housed at the George Washington University Library. Highlights include press articles from 1911 through the 1950s.

#### Town of Glen Echo, Honoree

Glen Echo began in 1889 when two brothers, Edwin and Edward Baltzley, purchased land along the Potomac River from Cabin John Creek in Maryland to the Walhonding Road area and named it Glen-Echo-on-the-Potomac. They referred to the area as "The Washington Rhine." The Town of Glen Echo was incorporated in 1904 and originally included Glen Echo Park and the historic Clara Barton House. Today Glen Echo Park and the Clara Barton House are owned by the National Park Service.

In 1891 the Baltzley brothers deeded 80 acres of their land to the Chautauqua Association, and on June 16, 1891, the National Chautauqua of Glen Echo became the 53rd Chautauqua Assembly. Although initially a huge success it closed one year later due to rumors about malaria in the area. In 1899, new investors in Glen Echo formed The Glen Echo Company and advertised "amusements for the young and old," putting in a merry-go-round, a bowling alley, a band pavilion, and picnic grounds. After the Glen Echo Amusement Park closed in the late 1960s, a new era began – with Glen Echo Park returning to its roots as a cultural center.

The Town has supported Glen Echo Park with contributions and volunteer leadership for many years. Town leaders organized the

efforts to save the Dentzel Carousel by raising funds to purchase it from the collector who bought it when the amusement park closed. Many residents have been involved in both programmatic and fundraising efforts at the Park, as well as documentation of the interconnected history of both the Town and the Park. The Town has a representative serving on the Partnership's board of directors ensuring communication and a strong partnership.

#### Yumi Hogan, Visionary Award

First Lady of Maryland Yumi Hogan is a first-generation Korean-American, an accomplished artist, and an adjunct professor at Maryland Institute College of Art. Her artwork, created on traditional Hanji paper with Sumi ink and mixed media, has been featured in art shows and museums in Maryland, Virginia, the District of Columbia, South Korea and more, including an exhibit at the National Museum of Women in the Arts. In addition to her work as an artist, Mrs. Hogan has juried numerous art exhibitions, including statewide and national competitions by the Maryland Federation of Art.

As First Lady, Mrs. Hogan has made it a priority to share her love of the arts with Marylanders of all ages through arts education. For example, since November 2015, Mrs. Hogan has served as the Honorary Chair of the Council for Arts and Culture at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, working with the University and Baltimore City to promote the arts.

In 2016, Mrs. Hogan received the Inspirational Leader Award from the International Leadership Foundation, which recognized her as a trailblazing political and community leader and a role model to the Asian-Pacific American community and all Americans. Mrs. Hogan is also the recipient of the 2017 Ellis Island Medal of Honor, a highly-prestigious, nationally-recognized award by the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations, which recognizes her accomplishments in leadership and inspired service to the state and nation; all while maintaining the traditions of their ethnic heritage as they uphold the ideals and spirit of America.

#### Barbara Harrison, Emcee

Barbara Harrison has been a treasured Washington journalist for more than 35 years. In the fall of 1981, she joined the staff at WRC/NBC4 in Washington. Harrison has covered everything from politics to performing arts and from crime to the plight of abused and abandoned children. Her exclusive interviews with presidents, first ladies, politicians, celebrities and athletes have established her as one of Washington's most inventive interviewers.

In addition to the many EMMYs and countless other awards for reporting, the Washington Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences honored Harrison with The Ted Yates Award for outstanding community service. She is also the recipient of the prestigious Tufty Award for outstanding journalism from the Washington area chapter of American Women in Radio and Television.

#### Glen Echo Park's Spanish Ballroom

Glen Echo Park's historic Spanish Ballroom is a beautifully restored Mediterranean-style Art Deco building constructed in 1933 and designed by Edward Schoeppe of Philadelphia. Historically, the ballroom hosted big name bands of the 1930s and 1940s, including Tommy Dorsey, Lawrence Welk, and others. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, it is considered one of the best dance halls on the East Coast.

In collaboration with the National Park Service (the property owner) and Montgomery County (our operational partner), the Glen Echo Park Partnership preserves and maintains this historic structure, both inside and out. The facility was renovated as part of a \$23 million Glen Echo Park capital project funded by Montgomery County, the state of Maryland, and the federal government (through NPS), and it reopened in 2003 after a \$5 million restoration.

Today the Spanish Ballroom hosts a variety of dance events and lessons throughout the year. Dance styles include swing, contra, waltz, tango, salsa, Cajun/zydeco, and others. The Park's social dance program attracts 50,000 dancers every year and features live music performed primarily by local and regional bands.

The Spanish Ballroom structure was built on the site of an earlier dance pavilion called the Crystal Ballroom. The entire building - made of concrete, stucco, and steel construction - was originally designed to accommodate 1,800 dancers. Under today's modern building codes, the ballroom has a capacity of 870.

Upcoming projects for the Spanish Ballroom include preservation and painting of the exterior stucco and installation of LED lighting and a new light board in the main ballroom dance floor and stage area. Interior decorative painting will be commissioned next year as well. Ballroom preservation and restoration projects require the use of vendors who specialize in historic structures. The cost of this work will exceed \$80,000.

Tonight we hope to raise a portion of these funds to be placed in the *Spanish Ballroom Preservation Fund* during the "Fund-a-Need" portion of the evening.

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The Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, Inc. manages one of the most lively visual and performing arts sites in the Washington area. Each year, more than 375,000 people come together at Glen Echo Park to renew their creative spirit through arts classes, festivals, exhibitions, social dances, children's theater, music performances, environmental education programs, and more.

Established by Montgomery County in 2002, the Partnership is a nonprofit organization dedicated to managing Glen Echo Park's programs and facilities. Its mission is to present vibrant artistic, cultural, and educational offerings at the Park and to promote the Park as a unique destination for the region's diverse population.

In collaboration with Montgomery County and the National Park Service, the Partnership works with resident artists and organizations to develop distinctive arts programming. The Partnership also operates the historic Dentzel carousel, presents an extensive social dance program, produces festivals and special events, conducts fundraising and marketing, and manages and maintains all of the Park's facilities.

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Visual and Performing Arts Classes and Summer Camps - sculpture, clay animation, arts and crafts, book and paper arts, dance and movement, and other disciplines

Social Dances and Classes – in the Spanish Ballroom, Ballroom Back Room, and Bumper Car Pavilion co-produced by the Partnership and a host of presenters

Festivals - Carousel Day, Washington Folk Festival, Then and Wow, and more

**Summer Concert Series** – Thursday evenings in the Bumper Car Pavilion from June through August

**Art Exhibitions** - in the Popcorn Gallery, Stone Tower Gallery, Park View Gallery, and other venues throughout the year

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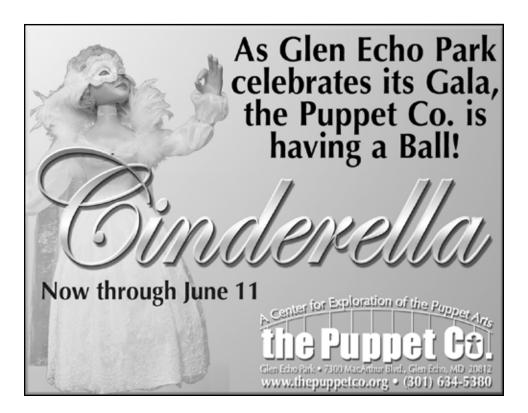
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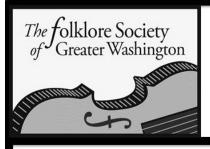
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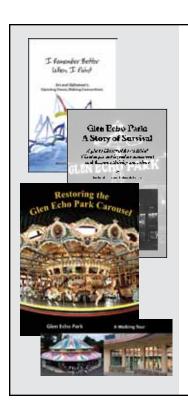
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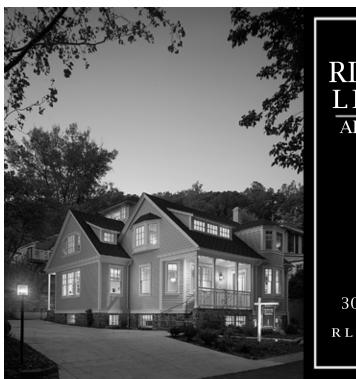
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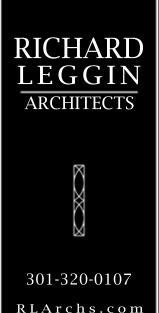
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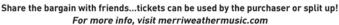


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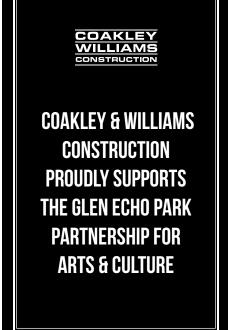




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