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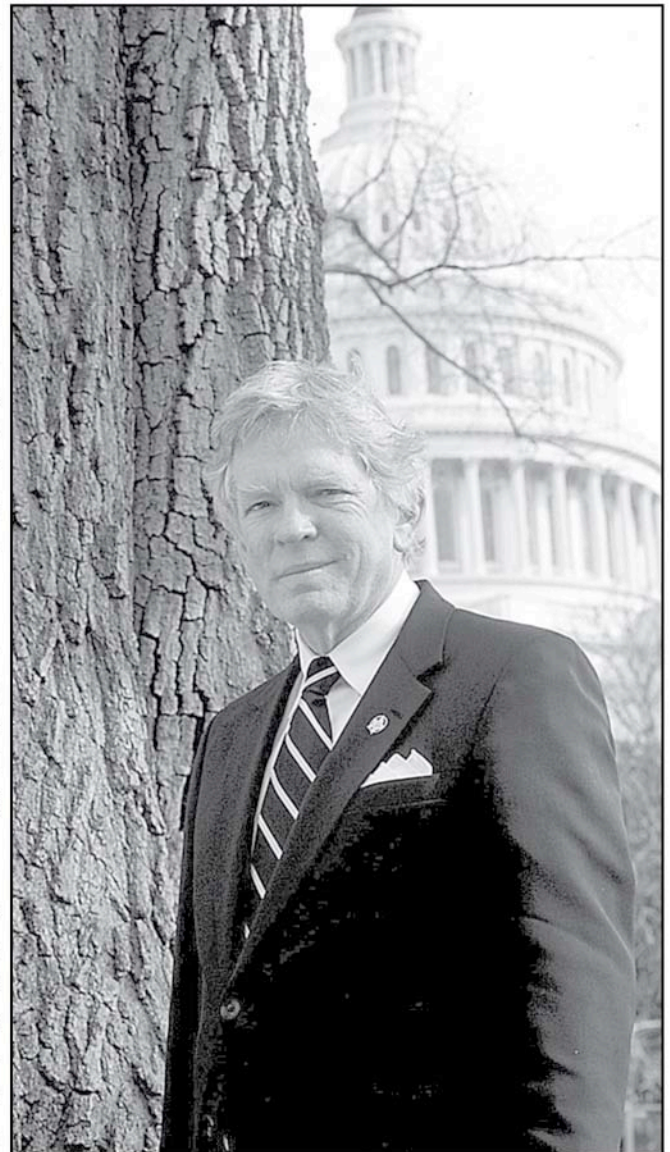
Landscape Architect of the U.S. Capitol To Speak at Society's Spring Program

The Chevy Chase Historical Society's Spring Program on Wednesday, May 16 will feature a presentation by Matthew Evans, Landscape Architect of the U.S. Capitol, entitled "Where We Live, Where We Work: The Olmstead Influence in America." Evans will discuss the influence of Frederick Law Olmsted and his sons on the development of suburbs like Chevy Chase, Maryland and D.C.

Considered the father of American landscape architecture, Olmsted advocated separation between place of work and residence, a revolutionary idea at the turn of the twentieth century. He envisioned suburbs as relaxed country settings with winding streets and abundant tree canopies—in calm contrast to the rigors of noisy, densely populated cities—yet connected to cities by commuter transportation. Evans will explain how these Olmsted design principles influenced early suburbs like Riverside, Illinois and Chevy Chase.

Evans is a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects, and is Senior Landscape Architect and Horticulturist of the U.S. Capitol. Projects he has designed during his 16 years at the U.S. Capitol include Bartholdi Park, the Senate Rain Garden, and a four acre park connecting the Rayburn House Office Building with Metro's Federal Center Southwest station.

The public is invited to the May 16 program, which will begin at 8:00 p.m. following a short annual business meeting. The society's Nominating Committee has proposed the following nominees for election to the following offices: President, Mary Sheehan; Vice President, Marilyn Montgomery; Treasurer, Margaret Adelfio; Recording Secretary, Alice Kinter; and Corresponding Secretary, Helen Secrest. Light refreshments will be served. Questions may be directed to Marilyn Montgomery at (301) 656-2295.



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The Chevy Chase Historical Society is a nonprofit organization founded in 1981 to discover, record, and preserve the history of the Maryland and Washington neighborhoods known as Chevy Chase.

Recent Acquisitions

"Recent Acquisitions" is a regular feature in the newsletter, describing documents and other items that are acquired for the society's Archive and Research Center.

1. Blueprints of the Brookville Road commercial strip renovation.
2. A copy of the March 1941 issue of the *Hooks and Slices* newsletter published by Bradley Hills Country Club (now Bethesda Country Club). Donated by Harry Neal, Jr., whose father was president of the club.
3. A catalogue and CD of the auction conducted at the Washington Doll House Museum owned by the late Flora Gill Jacobs. Donated by Lynn Sutherland.
4. Twenty-four microfilm reels containing the minutes of meetings of the Chase Village Board of Managers from 1920-85. Donated by Chevy Chase Village.
5. A book, *Behind the Maryland Scene, Women of Influence, 1600—1800*. Donated by Frances Stickle.
6. A poster from the St. John's Episcopal Church Fair, circa 1975. Donated by Frances Stickle.
7. A circa 1910 bottle from the Chevy Chase Pharmacy that contained "Neutralizing Cordial," and a Scotch whiskey bottle. Both found during the renovation of 3810 Bradley Lane.
8. A Sandwick-Bowen DS-1 reproducer and public address unit, manufactured by the Sandwick-Bowen Corporation at 4708 Bethesda Avenue circa 1947. Donated by W.B. Haley on behalf of the Library of Congress.
9. Copies of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School yearbook, *The Pine Tree*, for the years 1937 and 1939, and a September 22, 1939 issue of *The Bethesda Journal*. Donated by Richard Mayfield.

Chevy Chase History-Go-Round *History Inside and Outside the Neighborhood*

CCHS has inaugurated a series of occasional, informal programs for local residents who love history. The series offers neighbors with similar interests guided visits to historic sites, roundtables led by distinguished speakers, and further exploration of history both inside and outside the neighborhood.

The first program, "Clean Drinking Manor: The First Chevy Chase Estate," was held on Saturday, March 24 and drew enthusiastic participants of all ages. (See coverage on page 3.)

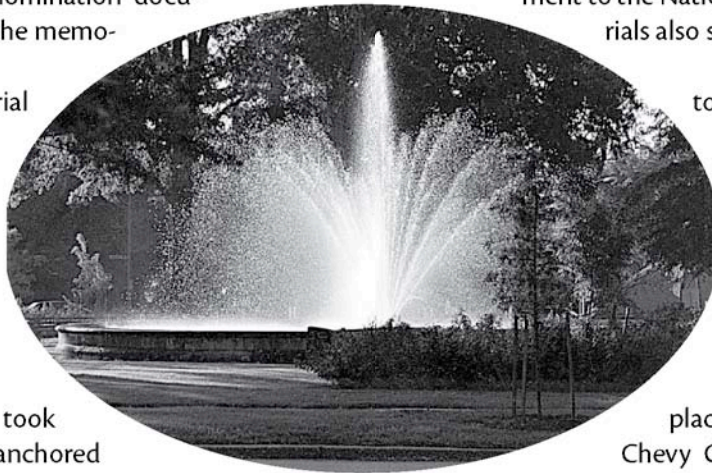
To join the contact list for future programs, email sbelwell@aol.com or call Susan Elwell at (301) 657-1874

Newlands Fountain Receives Historic Designation

On February 22, 2007, the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) of the D.C. Historic Preservation Office voted to list the Francis Griffith Newlands Memorial Fountain in the District of Columbia Inventory of Historic Sites. The fountain was included as one element of a multiple property thematic nomination, titled "Memorials in Washington, D.C." Some of the other 12 properties included are the Titanic Memorial, the Daniel Webster Memorial, and the Columbus Plaza and Fountain (part of the Union Station property).

HPRB listed the 13 memorials in the Inventory of Historic Sites primarily as examples of "artistry," and frequently as works of "creative masters." (The Columbus Plaza and Fountain is a significant expression of "city beautiful" urban planning, siting, and design.) The board will forward the nomination document to the National Register of Historic Places for a determination as to whether the memorials also should be listed there.

Newlands fountain is a memorial grew up in Washington, practice law, married the the Bank of California, Nevada. Senator Newlands California and in Comstock Chevy Chase Land Company Maryland and D.C.



to Francis Griffith Newlands, who moved to San Francisco to daughter of the president of and became a senator from used the fortune he made in Lode mining to found the that developed Chevy Chase,

Dedication of the fountain took Ever since, it has gracefully anchored marked and ornamentally distinguished en-rededicated it in 1990 to commemorate the company's centennial. In subsequent years the Friends of Chevy Chase Circle refurbished it and replanted the area around it with flowering trees, azaleas, and roses.

place at a public ceremony in 1933. Chevy Chase Circle, one of the officially try points into the capital. The Land Company

The Friends is composed of the U.S. Park Service, Chevy Chase Village, CCHS, and the Garden Club of Chevy Chase. The Land Company, Chevy Chase Bank, Clyde's of Chevy Chase, and CCHS, as well as many individuals in the community, have contributed funds for restoration and maintenance of the fountain and its surrounds.

History-Go-Round Report: Tour of "Clean Drinking"

Despite the day's cloudy aspect, the weather on Saturday, March 24 was perfect for a walking tour of the property known as "Clean Drinking," located near Jones Mill Road and Jones Bridge Road. Steve Dryden, an expert on Clean Drinking, led the attendees at the society's kick-off "History-Go-Round" event on a tour of several interesting sites on the property, which currently is occupied by the Audubon Naturalist Society and a ManorCare healthcare facility.

Clean Drinking Manor was built in the 1750s on a patent of 1400 acres given in 1699 to Major William Dent. It was one of the original land grants that formed the foundation of today's Chevy Chase. Among the points of interest on the tour were the Clean Drinking Spring that President George Washington is rumored to have used and the site on which Clean Drinking Manor once stood.

Several North Chevy Chase residents who participated in the tour had additional information to share. For example, Fred Winkler, who has lived on the Clean Drinking property for most of his long

life, had many insights and stories to tell. Mr. Winkler also plays a starring role in CCHS' feature film, *Chevy Chase Maryland: A Streetcar to Home*. (The film is available on DVD from the CCHS Archive and Research Center and at the CCHS website, www.chevychasehistory.org)

The Audubon Naturalist Society graciously allowed the tour group the use of the portico of its large and beautiful mansion, Woodend, which overlooks the grounds of Woodend Sanctuary and Rock Creek Park. The tourists enjoyed the setting and *al fresco* refreshments as well as two interesting exhibits produced by CCHS: "Clean Drinking" and "Original Land Grants that Formed the Basis of Chevy Chase."

Steve Dryden's monograph, *Keeping up with the Joneses*, also was available to tour group members. This account of the family that owned Clean Drinking for 200 years is published by the Montgomery County Historical Society, and can be purchased from CCHS.



"Boxed" And Tied With A Bow
**Society Celebrates Section 3 Centennial
 With Spring Gala at Boxwood**

On Sunday, April 29, Ambassador and Mrs. Peter Terpeluk, Jr. generously opened their historic home, Boxwood, and its lovely grounds to CCHS and its guests for the society's annual Spring Gala. Almost 200 guests gathered to enjoy a champagne supper celebrating the 100th anniversary of Chevy Chase Village, Section 3.

Fair weather and champagne served in the garden encouraged guests to mingle and dine in Boxwood's park-like surrounds and to take in the 1906 residence's neoclassical exterior, as well as to appreciate the elegant interior with its notable antiques and works of art. The ethereal music of harpist Kathleen Meredith wafted through Boxwood's spacious, welcoming rooms, where guests also socialized and dined, and perused exhibits of photographs with text about the histories of both Boxwood and Section 3, prepared by Susan Elwell and Evelyn Gerson. The staff of Alain Roussel's Restaurant La Ferme served a delectable supper, featuring hot and cool entrees, with their usual panache.

In a pre-dinner ceremony held in the foyer, CCHS President Mary Sheehan saluted the 100th anniversary of the Chevy Chase Land Company's 1907 launch of sales in Section 3. Sheehan thanked the Terpeluks for their warm hospitality, and presented them with a portfolio containing the complete deed history of Boxwood as well as a plaque commemorating the gala. Gala Chair Helene Sacks was commended for her orchestration of a delightful gala, as were the guests for their continued support of the society.



Our hosts Diane and Ambassador Peter Terpeluk



John Metz, Julie Davis, Beverly Hudnut, and Neal Potter wandered into the woods



Under that great hat is Tisha Fang, alongside husband Harry Fang



The Adelfio family, Tony, Giulia, and Maggie, enjoying the sunshine on a perfect day



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Greetings at the entrance from (l. to r.) John Husband, Wendy Adams, Mary Sheehan, Diane Terpeluk, and Julie Thomas



The board is groaning but the guests are not



Ginny Leachman, Peter Terpeluk, Tom Leachman, and Danny Korengold



Music by Kathleen Meredith



Mens' hats are back in style, worn by Sam Lawrence, George Ford, and Jharry Breed. (Alice Breed wears a boa)



Under the cherry blossoms: Laura Winslow, Charlotte Brewer, Bill Mills, and Eleanor Ford wearing her "coronation" hat



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(l.to r.) Mark Eig, Bob Elliott, and Ephraim Jacobs with his daughter, Amanda



A great day to be dining out!



CCHS President Mary Sheehan presents the society's gifts to hosts Peter and Diane Terpeluk

MYSTERY!

“Mystery!” is a regular feature of the newsletter. We invite all sleuths to help CCHS identify the subjects of “mystery” photographs contained in the society’s photographic collection.

Do these bungalows look familiar? Notes on our circa 1950 photographs of them indicate that one or all were built by M. & R.B. Warren in 1922, perhaps in the areas of Leland or Hesketh Streets or of Broad Branch Avenue. Be the first to contact us at www.chevyCHASEhistory.org or (301) 656-6141 with the true addresses, and win a package of CCHS postcards!

Thanks to readers who responded to the winter issue’s “Mystery!” According to the first correct response, the house pictured has the current address of 3769 Oliver Street, in Chevy Chase, D.C., and looks relatively unchanged after all these years (minus the snow, of course).



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