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## Foggy Bottom News

*The Foggy Bottom Association (FBA) is the 2nd oldest civic organization in Washington, DC, incorporated in 1959. Our mission is to preserve the history, beauty, and charm of the Foggy Bottom/West End community by making Foggy Bottom/West End a wonderful, safe, desirable, diverse and inclusive place for all. FBA supports the arts, green spaces, and local businesses, and celebrates the community's history.*



## From the President

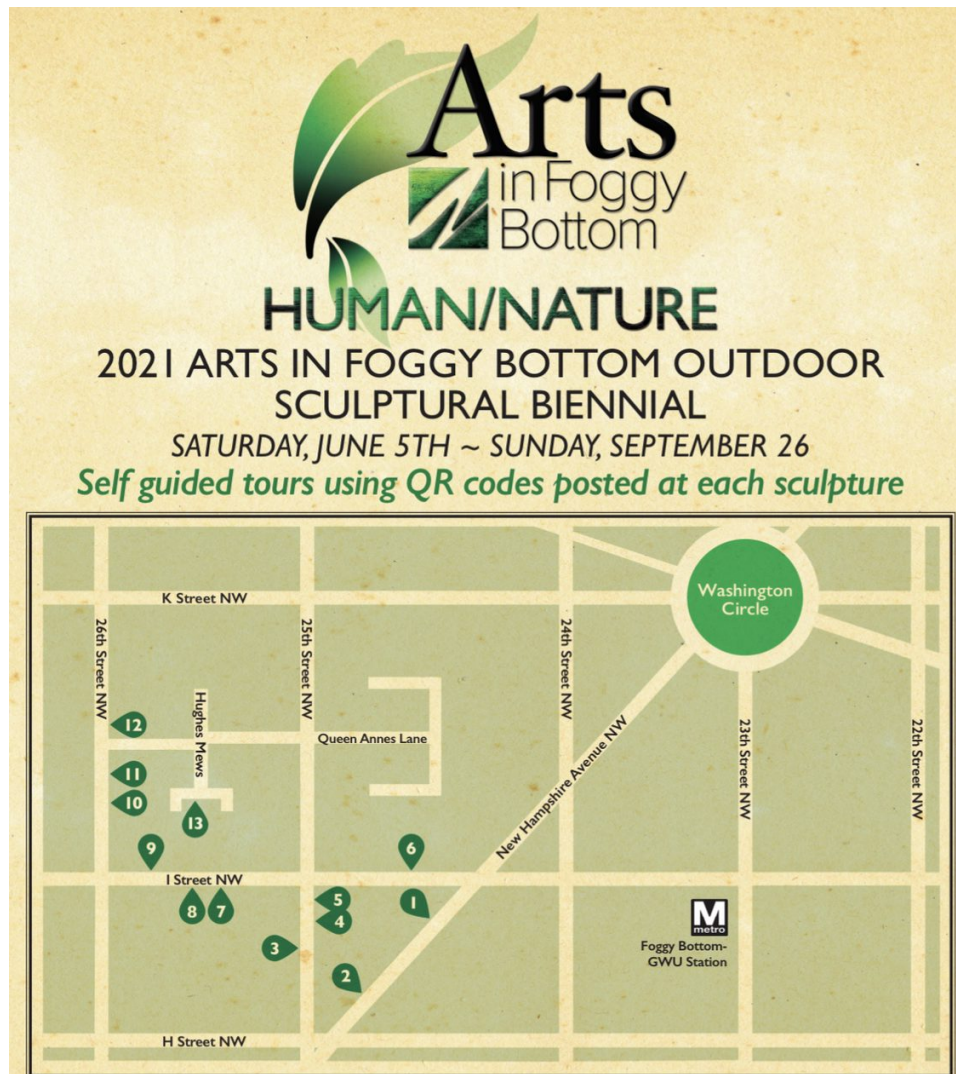
Happy Memorial Day Weekend! With the recent hot weather, it's been feeling more like July 4th Weekend! But nonetheless, springtime in Washington continues – the roses have been incredible, the mini gardens are flourishing and thanks to volunteers - the 26th Street Kid's Park has had its first round of clean-up with more to come. Thank you all!

At the May FBA Community meeting May 25, 2021, Peter Maye, Co-Director, facilitated an engaging insider's discussion of this year's Arts in Foggy Bottom Exhibit. The exhibit, entitled, Human/Nature and curated by Kayleigh Bryant-Greenwell, features 13 outdoor sculptures that were installed on May 22, 2021 with an official opening on June 5, 2021. The team was excited to welcome a film crew from WETA Channel 26 who filmed the installation, interviewed the artists, curator, and former and current directors. Watch for this Foggy Bottom neighborhood show in the fall.

In other highlights, Lt. Williams from DC MPD indicated overall crime is down, but auto thefts are rising – sadly for those hard working delivery people who kept their cars running and doors unlocked. Always remember: don't leave anything in your car, always be aware of your surroundings, and report suspicious/illegal behavior to the MPD - 911.

For those of you who missed the May ANC meeting, there was an important dialog on DC homelessness. The forum included important perspectives from various DC agencies and support service organizations. I represented the community's views through the many comments I have received from neighborhood residents. This is a complex challenge and we remain active and hopeful that the citywide and FBWE encampments will decrease and quality of life for everyone will increase.

## 2021 Arts in Foggy Bottom Outdoor Sculptural Biennial - June 5, 2021 - Sept 26, 2021



Meet the artists on the Arts in Foggy Bottom Facebook page following this [Arts in Foggy Bottom link](#)

## The Case of the Missing Hands



No, not human hands... I am talking about clock hands! For all you walkers, runners, bikers, and drivers who head west on Pennsylvania Avenue or M Street from FBWE and glance up at the Four Seasons Hotel clock tower to see what time it is - you have noticed that the hands on the clock are missing! In talking with Carl, a Four Seasons Hotel engineer, he said the clock is currently undergoing repairs. While they initially thought the clock motor could be repaired quickly, unfortunately it required a new motor which is currently on order. The hope is that the clock tower will be fully operational by July 4th. Case closed!

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## FBA News Flash

**Thursday, June 3, 2021 – DC Public Libraries birthday event: “Celebrating 125 Years of Exploration” - West End Library**

Join the celebration -- free giveaways, craft supplies to make library birthday cards, outdoor programs, balloons and more. Location: 2301 L St, NW, Washington, DC 20037, 202-724-8707, Closest Metro: Foggy Bottom- GWU

Meet the artists at the opening reception on Saturday June 5, 2021 from 4 pm - 6 pm at the Watergate Gallery.

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## Funkstown: Foggy Bottom History

by Frank Leone



### Why Funkstown? The German Days of Foggy Bottom

Prior to the Civil War, Foggy Bottom, like much of what is now Washington DC, was sparsely occupied. The area was originally peopled by Native Americans perhaps more than 3,000 years ago, as demonstrated by excavations near the Whitehurst Freeway that uncovered artifacts of early habitation. The area became part of the Colony and then State of Maryland and was occupied by a few plantations. To the west, Georgetown was founded in 1751 and became a prosperous port town.

In 1763 (or 1765), Jacob Funk (or Funck), a German immigrant who lived near Frederick, Maryland, purchased 130 acres ranging from the Potomac north to present day G or H street, and from 19th to 24th Street. He subdivided the land into about 250 building lots, and included places for wharves along the River, a market square, a church, and residences. He called his incorporated town Hamburg (or Hamburg), but it was more commonly referred to as Funkstown.

Funk built a house for himself, which included brick imported from Holland. The house was located between 22nd and 23rd Streets, around D Street, although he may never have actually lived there. Funk sold some of the lots to speculators, but a few owners actually settled in Hamburg. In 1791, Hamburg and nearby plantations, Robert Peter's "Mexico" and James Ligan's "Widow's Mite," were incorporated into the new federal City of Washington. In that year Funk assigned his holdings in Hamburg to others and those lots were generally sold to speculators.

And so Hamburg disappeared, but the German presence in the Foggy Bottom remained. In the 1850s, German workers came to work at the glass, brewery, and other manufacturing facilities that developed along the Potomac. In 1895, D.C.'s greatest brewer Christian Heurich built a new large brewery in Foggy Bottom, where it operated until 1956. Before the brewery was demolished, it was home to The Arena Stage's "Old Vat" theatre. In 1961 demolition made room for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. The land Funk originally intended for a church saw construction of the Concordia German Evangelical Church at 20th and G streets in 1834. The second church, built in 1891,

Sources include: Sherwood, Suzanne Berry, "Foggy Bottom 1800-1975: A Study in the Uses of an Urban Neighborhood," GW Washington Studies, No. 7, Center for Washington Area Studies, The George Washington University, 1974; The United Church: German Roots In Washington," <https://www.goethe.de/ins/us/en/kul/sup/deu/was/uch.html>; Foggy Bottom Historic District Brochure, [https://planning.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/op/publication/attachments/Foggy\\_Bottom\\_Brochure\\_o.pdf](https://planning.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/op/publication/attachments/Foggy_Bottom_Brochure_o.pdf).

## "The Green Thumbs" FBA's Garden Committee

By Denise Vogt



### K Street Garden Update

Recently, the District's Department of Public Works crew gave the small rock garden at K and 25th Streets a military style cut! The sedums, nepeta and dwarf grasses were pruned to the ground. Several year ago, the garden was designed and planted by Robert Magill of Roberts Landscaping – with waterwise plants able to withstand heat and drought. It's lucky for us the plants will also survive severe pruning, and in time, the garden should be restored to its recent past beauty.

**Garden Tips:** Deadhead (clip) spent blooms to promote new blooms. When watering, water shrubs, perennials and annuals at root level *vs.* watering the leaves with gentle flow of water so the water has a chance to sink into the soil. Watering in the morning is preferable to other times of the day.

**Garden Committee Volunteers:** Christa Bryant, Sadie Cornelius, Tamara Lanham, Lili Nigaglioni, Denise Vogt, George Tamburino, Alec Augustine-Marceil, Jenny Mondie, Amy Lewis, Dylan Thayer, J Ford Huffman, Zach Cohen, the McArthurs, Meredith McAdams, Frank Leone.

Thank you to our growing number of volunteers: Sadie C., Tamara L., Lili N., J. Ford H., Amy L., George T., Jenny M., Alec M., Will M.

**Faucet Friends** provide water for area gardens: Tim Ryan, Denise Vogt, Frank Leone, Al Samost, Meredith McAdams, Susan Lampton, Anne Rennie, the students at 2526 I St, Chris Card, Mike Evans, Sadie Cornelius, the Rajpals, Patrick Cody, Adam d'Angelo and the McArthurs

### Kids Park on 26th Street

Parents and kids using the park have Roy Payne to thank for cleaning up the playground. He also planted Sunflowers in the new pots. What fun! The GC is thrilled to have young readers. Soon, new books to be added to the mini-library. Thanks for retuning any borrowed books so others have a chance to read them.



## Brood X – Be A Citizen Scientist!

Love is in the air... and in the trees, and the sidewalks, and grass, and basically everywhere! Participate in a once in 17 year experience –help track the cicada’s emergence in our area by downloading the “**Cicada Safari**” app (<https://cicadasafari.org/>). The App also contains lots of interesting information on the noisy little creatures.

Once the temperature is warm enough (and by now it is), the cicadas will emerge from the ground and shed their exo-skeletons,



Expect they may buzz into your windows, cars and you! They are harmless. Your dog may eat a few. To protect other beneficial insects, refrain from using pesticides or insecticides on the cicadas.

Make a Donation to the Garden Committee

## Foggy Bottom Folks

By Susan Lampton

*Make new friends,  
But keep the old.  
One is silver,  
And the other, gold.*

Some of the lyrics of an old Girl Scout camping song come to mind as we say our “goodbyes” to 2 long-time “golden” Foggy Bottom neighbors and welcome many new friends. Leaving their house on “Eye” St., Russ Conlan, Doug Hansen and their cat, Gigi, have migrated South (actually the southern most point in the country!) to Key West after being Foggy Bottom neighbors for over 30 years. Keeping his connection to our neighborhood, Russ is a long distance co-director with Peter Maye for the Foggy Bottom Sculpture Exhibit (<http://artsinfoggybottom.com>). Across the street from Russ and Doug, Patrick Cody and his partner Michael, sold their home and also relocated south...but just a short road trip to the Woodmont area of Arlington, Virginia opposite an old Civil War fort. Patrick had experienced Foggy Bottom by living in 3 different houses over 27 years from Snows Court to two houses on “Eye”. He says he does miss walking everywhere but plans to visit often. We wish them all happiness in their new neighborhoods and look forward to meeting the new Foggy Bottom home owners.



Some of our “silver”/new friends have recently taken up residence in the Foggy Bottom neighborhood and have already volunteered to help in the FBA Garden committee in its pursuits.

Sadie Cornelius (a freelance graphic and web designer), her husband Matthew and their Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Georgie, just moved to their new home on New Hampshire Ave this April having lived for 8 years in Shaw. Quoting Sadie directly: “We adore living in Foggy Bottom and can’t imagine life elsewhere! It’s been worth the wait and journey to bring us to this beautiful, magical neighborhood. We love the charm, history, and community and look forward to enjoying the best place to live in DC for years to come”.

Zach Cohen, an associate Attorney with Jenner & Block LLP was renting in Snows Court but made the giant leap to “Eye” Street at the corner of 26th. Zach expressed the very sentiment and our goal of the newsletter... “I think it’s great that you and the FBA are

year. It would be very nice to propagate the sense of a smaller community within the bigger city, which often feels so impersonal". Well Zach, Welcome Home! and we look forward to seeing you in your new abode! The former owners, Nathan Hurst (Politics Editor at C-SPAN) and Dr. Rohit Jain have moved to a larger place. Rohit's Parents (Prakash & Meera) were often seen doing walking "laps" around the Kennedy Center but have now returned to Kolkata India after their unintended year long "visit". Nathan says "We're looking forward to visiting the neighborhood often -- I just treated us to season tickets to the symphony! I'm a harpist and have missed hearing the orchestra in person!" The Kennedy Center, (<https://www.kennedy-center.org/>)...just another plus factor to our little neighborhood.

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### CONGRATULATIONS

Moving from Gold and Silver, we go to Crystal. Kudos to Scott Wayne (living on "Eye" St) who just received Georgetown University's Tropai Award for Outstanding Faculty as Adjunct Professor teaching destination planning and development. Scott said he has really enjoyed teaching the enthusiastic students at Georgetown University and previously for GWU as well and having the opportunity to share his expertise as an international consultant in a business he operates with his wife Shirley (SW Associates - Sustainable Destinations <http://sw-associates.net/>) They have worked in more than 60 countries for the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, USAID, governments, private sector, and non-governmental organizations focusing on the sustainable development and tourism. During COVID, they have been working on recovery strategies. Their work often takes them to the far reaches of the world but they (along with their apple-munching-dog, Madi (short for Madison) have called Foggy Bottom home for nearly 23 years. Congratulations Scott in receiving your well deserved recognition!

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1201 Salon  
Tonic  
GW Hospital Cafeteria / Subway (when facilities open to the public)  
Watergate Gallery  
Melrose Hotel – TBD  
Orange Theory – NEW!

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## Mark Your Calendars

- **Arts in Foggy Bottom Opening Reception - Saturday June 5, 2021 from 4 pm - 6 pm** @ the Watergate Gallery. Visit [ArtsinFoggyBottom.com](http://ArtsinFoggyBottom.com) for details.
- **June ANC Meeting: Wednesday - June 16, 2021 @ 7:00 pm**  
Visit [anc2a.org](http://anc2a.org) for information.
- **June Foggy Bottom Association Meeting: Tuesday - June 29, 2021 @ 7:00 pm** Topics: Western Market and more...  
Visit [FoggyBottomAssociation.org](http://FoggyBottomAssociation.org) for information.

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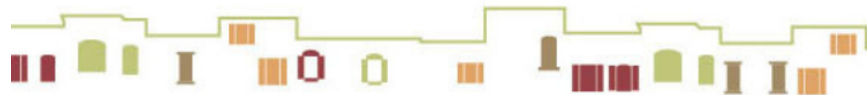
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