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Kings Park West Civic Association

Happy fall!

October is here and the Association is busy with many activities.

The 2019 membership drive is underway. The dedicated block captains, database manager and committee chair are all hard at work. Their efforts with the membership drive allow the Association to move forward with key community activities, such as cleaning up the parks and roadways, providing college scholarships, hosting the Easter Egg Hunt and Halloween Festival, and caring for the landscape beds. An amazing array of activities that makes Kings Park West such a great place to live.

Thank you to everyone who attended (in person or by proxy) the fall membership meeting on September 25, 2018. We had a great meeting with a lot of good discussion and feedback. I am pleased to announce that we have a full board with the election of the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary positions. Returning for their last term are myself and Frank Cumberland, Secretary. Jim Mays, Treasurer, returns for his second term. And a warm welcome to Mike Stonkey, our new Vice President.

I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Steve McCarty, retiring Vice President. Steve joined the board 3.5 years ago. He provided keen leadership and dedication in this role, and he always availed himself to help. Many thanks to Steve for his service to the Association board. While we will miss him, he reminded me that he is still an active KPWCA member.

The membership reviewed the 2019 budget, which was modified based on a motion from the floor to reallocate the \$50 budget from the Thomas Jefferson High School All Night Graduation party to the Robinson Secondary School All Night party. Another topic of importance that was discussed by the membership was the three neighborhood pools and the desire for their continued success. Ideas for potential support from the Association were brought up. We now have two members who volunteered to help the Association to collaborate with the pools on this matter. Please contact me if you are interested and would like to help.

We also had two guest speakers attend the membership meeting. Ian Dickinson, President of the Burke Volunteer Fire Department, came to thank us for our annual support. He provided an overview of the impressive support the volunteer fire department provides to Fairfax County Fire Department and residents.

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Community Calendar	
Fall Festival & Parade.....	Oct 21
KPWCA Membership Drive Ends....	Oct 31
Fall Dumpster Day.....	Nov 3
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Fall Royal Lake Clean-Up.....	Nov 10
Veterans Day.....	Nov 11
Herald Deadline.....	Nov 14
Braddock District Council.....	Nov 14
KPWCA Board Meeting.....	Nov 20
Thanksgiving.....	Nov 22
Citizen Advisory Council.....	Dec 4
Herald Delivery.....	Dec 8

# KINGS PARK WEST CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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## How Do I Get My News in The Herald?

The easiest way to get your news items in The Herald is to e-mail the editor at [editor@kpwca.org](mailto:editor@kpwca.org). We invite items on neighborhood schools, churches, organizations, and other noteworthy neighborhood news. News items and letters will be published if deemed suitable and as space permits. We reserve the right to edit any item submitted to The Herald. Acceptance of news items does not constitute endorsement by KPWCA.

## How Do I Join the Kings Park West Civic Association?

Send your name, address, and phone number, along with a check for \$20.00, to KPWCA, P.O. Box 7114, Fairfax Station, VA 22039-7114. Members receive the Community Directory and support from community programs such as Neighborhood Watch, Scholarship Awards, community social activities, Parks & Lakes Clean-up, and a free subscription to The Herald. Alternatively, go to [www.kpwca.org](http://www.kpwca.org) and pay using PayPal.

## The Herald

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**SUBSCRIPTIONS:** If you are moving out of the neighborhood and want to keep in touch with what's happening, gets a subscription. Send \$20 per year to:

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P.O. Box 7114, Fairfax Station, VA 22039-7114.

### Volunteer Opportunities

**Herald Display Ads Coordinator:** *2-3 hours per issue.* Coordinates communication with interested parties for business ads, manages and submits fees, and maintains the payment records database. Please contact [editor@kpwca.org](mailto:editor@kpwca.org).

**KPWCA Sign Posting:** *30 minutes per month.* KPWCA maintains three signs that serve to keep KPW residents informed of community activities. We have a team for each sign and would like to add a member to each team. Responsibility is to post announcements provided by the KWPCA Board periodically throughout the year.

**Parks & Lakes Committee:** We are looking for 3-5 motivated members to help plan and organize twice-a-year park/lake clean-ups. *A few hours per month in the months leading up to the April and October clean-ups.* Please contact Sarah Lennon at [parks@kpwca.org](mailto:parks@kpwca.org) and/or [sarahgjlennon@gmail.com](mailto:sarahgjlennon@gmail.com).

**B.A.G.G. Coordinator:** *1-2 hours per month.* Coordinates annual contract for common area maintenance, coordinates purchase/delivery of mulch for common areas, coordinates common area clean ups with volunteers, monitors the KPW subdivision signs and signboards for maintenance and arranges for repairs. Please contact Jeanmarie at [president@kpwca.org](mailto:president@kpwca.org).

**Neighbor Assist Volunteers:** *As needed.* Looking for friendly callers (a great way to volunteer without having to leave your home), computer experts to provide IT assistance, and handyman volunteers. Contact Bruce Wallachy at [wallbdc@gmail.com](mailto:wallbdc@gmail.com) or call 703-401-0275.

**Road Raiders:** *1/2 hour each month.* Performs common area clean-up around neighborhood once per month early Saturday mornings. Please contact Tom McCook at [trmccook@gmail.com](mailto:trmccook@gmail.com) or call 703-839-5205.

**Invasive Management Area:** *3 hours a few times per year.* Details at [www.grsykes.com/main.php?page=32](http://www.grsykes.com/main.php?page=32). Send an e-mail to [greg@grsykes.com](mailto:greg@grsykes.com) and ask to be on the volunteer distribution list.

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Also in attendance was Ed Richardson, the FCPA Area Park Manager, who discussed the idea of renaming the park parcels surrounding Royal Lake. Lakeside Park, located at Pommeroy Drive and Bronte Drive, which includes the playground, parking lot, basketball courts and athletic fields, will retain its name. All other park properties surrounding Royal Lake is recommended to be named Royal Lake Park. A show of hands indicated overwhelming support of this idea.

Mark your calendars for the annual Halloween Festival to be held on **Sunday, October 21, 2018** (rain date: October 28th) at Lakeside Park. Keith Jodoin has great things planned for the day. The parade meeting time is 1:30 pm at Ward Court. Supervisor Cook will lead the parade to Lakeside Park at 1:45 pm, and the festival will be from 2 – 4 pm. Please join us for a day of fun – come and see the new surprises! We hope to see you there.

In order to maintain these important undertakings, we need help. Please turn to the next page to review the various committees with contact information that are in place. Please consider volunteering by contacting me at [president@KPWCA.org](mailto:president@KPWCA.org).

Sincerely, Jeanmarie Roberson

# REAL ESTATE CORNER

by Mary and Cathy



## KPW STATS

50 Sold YTD • 3 Under Contract • 6 Active Listings  
 Average List Price: \$600,896 • Average Sold Price: \$593,521

As is typical this time of year, sales and listings in KPW have slowed dramatically. Inventory is low, with just 6 homes for sale; another 3 are under contract. Well-presented homes continue to sell quickly at or near list price while poorly prepared homes are lingering on the market. These homes will most likely close at a lower price than their more carefully prepped counterparts, and can drive down market value overall in the neighborhood!

**Federal Reserve Interest Rate Hike:** The Federal Reserve raised interest rates Wednesday for the third time this year. "Mortgage rates are unlikely to see any significant impact from this rate hike. It would take a surge in inflation to push mortgage rates meaningfully higher," says Greg McBride, CFA, chief financial analyst for Bankrate.com.

Interested in the neighborhood real estate scoop? Check out our **Weekly KPW Market Update** in the "Notes" section of our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/YourRealtorsNextDoor](http://www.facebook.com/YourRealtorsNextDoor)

Address	Model	List Price	Sales Price	DOM	Status
4771 Farndon Ct	Baron	\$679,800.00			For Sale
10305 Nantucket	Baron	\$675,000.00	\$680,000	4	SOLD!
10444 Collingham Dr	Baron	\$685,000.00	\$685,000	3	SOLD!
10188 Bessmer Ln	Baron	\$685,000.00	\$675,000	0	SOLD!
10412 Stallworth Ct	Baron	\$675,000.00	\$680,000	2	SOLD!
4762 Tapestry	Baron w/addition	\$644,900.00	\$626,500	3	SOLD!
10187 Bessmer Ln	Baron w/partial fin	\$660,000.00	\$659,000	0	SOLD!
10325 Commonwealth	Baron w/unf bsmt	\$640,000.00	\$628,965	30	SOLD!
10006 Whitefield St	Duchess	\$539,900.00			For Sale
10314 Commonwealth Blvd	Duchess	\$544,900.00	\$536,400	19	SOLD!
5209 Richardson	Duchess	\$563,000.00	\$562,250	0	SOLD!
5211 Noyes Ct	Duchess	\$589,900.00			Under Contract
4905 Wheatstone	Duchess w/add	\$625,000.00	\$625,000	33	SOLD!
4906 Wycliff Ln	Duchess w/pool	\$600,000.00	\$600,000	8	SOLD!
5107 Pommeroy Dr	Duke	\$515,000.00			For Sale
10010 Latimer Ct	Duke	\$550,000.00	\$550,000	6	SOLD!
4936 Gainsborough Dr	Duke	\$514,000.00	\$490,000	61	SOLD!
10011 Latimer Ct	Duke	\$505,000.00	\$505,000	30	SOLD!
5209 Richardson	Duke	\$550,000.00	\$550,000	31	SOLD!
4824 Gainsborough Dr	Essex	\$525,000.00			For Sale
5123 Gainsborough Dr	Hampton	\$965,000.00			For Sale
5120 Richardson Dr	King	\$569,900.00			Under Contract
5364 Gainsborough	King w/sunroom	\$580,000.00	\$580,000	0	SOLD!
4939 Gainsborough	Prince	\$534,888.00	\$530,000	17	SOLD!
5213 Ellington Ct	Prince w/sunroom	\$575,000.00	\$580,000	2	SOLD!
4931 Gainsborough Dr	Queen	\$625,000.00			For Sale
4889 Wheatstone Dr	Queen	\$585,000.00	\$568,000	24	SOLD!
5080 Coleridge Dr	Queen	\$575,000.00	\$569,500	32	SOLD!
10017 Latimer Ct	Queen	\$575,000.00	\$582,003	5	SOLD!
5398 Gainsborough Dr	Queen	\$575,000.00	\$558,000	22	SOLD!
4955 Swinton Dr	Queen	\$570,000.00			Under Contract
5131 Richardson Dr	Queen w/addition	\$585,000.00	\$565,000	27	SOLD!
5212 Richardson	Queen w/addition	\$699,000.00	\$715,000	1	SOLD!
10021 Whitefield St	Queen w/addition	\$599,900.00	\$580,000	24	SOLD!
10320 Collingham Dr	Regent	\$569,000.00	\$554,050	70	SOLD!
5209 Pommeroy Dr	Regent	\$615,000.00	\$615,000	0	SOLD!

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**FRIENDS OF ROYAL LAKE (FORL) COMMUNITY MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 7-8:30 PM**  
**LAUREL RIDGE CAFETERIA**

The Fairfax County Parks Authority (FCPA) has many parks, many lakes, and many interests, and a Friends Group works with FCPA to support, enhance and advocate for specific parks and lake projects that are most important to OUR community. Our voice is heard more strongly when we come together as a community and we pool our energy and expertise. You may recall the recent FORL effort to develop a new Master Plan for Royal Lake, which morphed into the Community Vision Plan. Thanks to that effort, where **we as a community identified the greatest needs**, we got FCPA support to repair some very steep parts of the trail around Royal Lake (near the Lakeview Swim Club) as a first project. Over the course of the next year, FORL plans to work with the FCPA to identify, categorize, and prioritize the needs of Royal Lake and surrounding parkland. And then, work to getting those requests addressed!

***Come make your voice heard at our FORL Community Meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup>!***

What has FORL accomplished, thus far?

- 1) Helped get new exercise equipment installed around the lake
- 2) Coordinated semi-annual park/lake clean-ups
- 3) Hosted community meetings to develop the Community Vision Plan for Royal Lake
- 4) Royal Lake trail repair

There are so many talented and passionate people in our community, and FORL would definitely benefit from an infusion of new ideas and new expertise; specifically, we are looking for a few enthusiastic volunteers to take on specific tasks, such as:

- Communications: We would like to have a quarterly FORL newsletter, and perhaps create a FORL Facebook page
- Liaison to the schools, scouting organizations, and representatives from the neighboring communities to broaden our message and reach
- Point of contact for the park recreational equipment

At the meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup>, we will discuss, among other things, a spreadsheet we have developed of priority maintenance and capital improvement projects we would like FCPA to undertake, with our community support, and the names of all the parks that surround Royal Lake and an FCPA proposal to simplify the nomenclature. (Wait, what? You didn't know there are FOUR different parks around Royal Lake? Come to the meeting to learn more...)

As always, you can email Sarah Lennon at [parks@kpwca.org](mailto:parks@kpwca.org) or Paul Gross, President of FORL, at [friendsofroyallake@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofroyallake@gmail.com).

**GMU Patriot Pantry**

*Mary Crowder | (703) 239-2581*

Kings Park West has been delivering items to GMU's Patriot Pantry since Feb 2017, and has delivered 1,805 pounds to date. Items needed are granola bars, microwave meals, canned chicken and tuna, pasta and sauce, snacks, rice, drinks, college ruled paper, notebooks, binders, #2 pencils, index cards, toilet paper, paper towels, body wash, feminine products, soap, shampoo, conditioner, tooth paste, tooth brushes, floss, body lotion, laundry detergent (pods), dryer sheets, and plastic utensils.

When we delivered items last month, there were plenty of paper towels, but no detergent pods. I'm hoping that we'll have even more contributions this month. Thank you so much for your generosity.

# The Herald's List

by Mary Hovland and Cathy DeLoach

## Our Dirty House Contest Winner!

Congratulations to Mariana Vervena! Her haiku and photograph won our August contest. She will receive a full house power washing from E&R Services, (703) 932-8087.



Outside my window  
Neighbors' north side mold reminds  
Ours is just as bad.

## October Contest: My Scariest Room

Submit a picture of a room in your home that is in desperate need of a makeover. We will visit, devise a makeover plan and give you a \$100 gift card to Home Goods to help remove the fright factor from your scariest room. **Deadline: November 10, 2018.**



The Kings Park West Herald's List Facebook Page is an interactive community resource for KPW residents. Requests and recommendations come in daily, and offers searchability and immediate access to recommendations. Post your own requests or recommendations.



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**Get Off the Couch***A roundup of family friendly weekend events around the region...***October 27 - 28****Pumpkin Festival and Trunk or Treat**

Oct. 27th, 11 am – 3 pm, St. George's United Methodist Church, 4910 Ox Road, Fairfax.

**Clifton Haunted Trail**

Oct. 28th, 7 - 10 pm, Chapel Road, Clifton,  
[www.cliftonhauntedtrail.com/](http://www.cliftonhauntedtrail.com/)

**24th Annual Fall Festival and Pumpkin Playground!**

At Burke Nursery, 9401 Burke Rd,  
[www.pumpkinplayground.com/](http://www.pumpkinplayground.com/)

**Fall Festival at Cox Farms**

15621 Braddock Rd, Centreville,  
[www.coxfarms.com/fallfestival.aspx](http://www.coxfarms.com/fallfestival.aspx)

**Belvedere Plantation's Fall Harvest Festival**

[belvedereplantation.com/harvest-festival/](http://belvedereplantation.com/harvest-festival/)

**November 3-4****Fall Foliage Tour Boat Rides**

Burke Lake, [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burke-lake/fall-foliage-boat-ride/110418](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burke-lake/fall-foliage-boat-ride/110418)

**Fall Festival Pumpkin Madness at Cox Farms**

[www.coxfarms.com/fall-festival/calendar-and-events/pumpkin-madness.aspx](http://www.coxfarms.com/fall-festival/calendar-and-events/pumpkin-madness.aspx)

**Kids Euro Festival 2018**

Now in its 11th year, this is one of the largest performing arts festivals for children in America, bringing Europe's most talented children's entertainers to DC for two weeks of free performances, concerts, workshops, movies, storytelling, puppetry, dance, and magic. Starts October 20. [events.euintheus.org/landing\\_page/kids-euro-fest/](http://events.euintheus.org/landing_page/kids-euro-fest/)

**Belvedere Plantation's Fall Finale**

[belvedereplantation.com/harvest-festival/](http://belvedereplantation.com/harvest-festival/)

**November 10-11****Mount Vernon Colonial Market and Fair**

18th century music, a balloon launch, fire-eating, puppet and magic shows and chocolate-making. Artisans decked out in era-appropriate attire will also be on-hand demonstrating craftwork of the era and selling wares such as weavings, furniture and leather-workings. 9 am – 4 pm George Washington's Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon.  
[www.mountvernon.org/plan-your-visit/calendar/events/colonial-market-fair/](http://www.mountvernon.org/plan-your-visit/calendar/events/colonial-market-fair/)

**November 17-18****The Nutcracker Ballet**

Burke Civic Ballet's "The Nutcracker." Featuring 3-year-old miniature dolls to professional dancers courtesy of the Colorado Ballet. This wonderful production features many dancers who are KPW residents. Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center, NVCC, Annandale  
Order tickets online at [www.buffas.com](http://www.buffas.com).

**November 24-25****Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting**

November 23, Day after Thanksgiving, Reston Town Center Holiday Parade, tree lighting, and much more.  
[www.restontowncenter.com/holidays](http://www.restontowncenter.com/holidays)

**City of Alexandria Holiday Tree Lighting**

November 23, Day after Thanksgiving. Musical entertainment with a visit from Santa Claus in Market Square, 301 King St.

**December 1-2****Gunston Hall**

Christmastide at Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Rd, Mason Neck, Saturday, 10 am – 7 pm. [www.gunstonhall.org](http://www.gunstonhall.org)

**Baltimore Christmas Village**

Inner Harbor, Baltimore, MD, Nov. 22 – Dec. 24,  
[www.baltimore-christmas.com/](http://www.baltimore-christmas.com/)

**Chanukah: December 2-9**

Many thanks to any of our neighbors who can let me know of any annual Chanukah celebrations.

**December 8-9****Bethlehem Walk**

See what it would have been like for Joseph and Mary as they sought shelter. Hosted by Parkwood Baptist Church, 8726 Braddock Road, Annandale, this well-received yearly event is free to the community. 3 - 7 pm. Features include a live-nativity scene with animals, musical performances, crafts and activities for children, and refreshments for all. Visitors are encouraged to reserve timed tour tickets in advance online at [www.parkwood.org](http://www.parkwood.org). Details are available by calling 703-978-8160.

**Family Friendly Activities Happening at Mason:**

Center for the Arts: [cfa.gmu.edu/](http://cfa.gmu.edu/)

Oct. 25-28: Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

November 25: Mutts Gone Nuts

December 8: American Festival Pops Orchestra

Men's and Women's Basketball, Women's Volleyball and Swimming & Diving: [gomason.com](http://gomason.com)

**Pumpkin Patch**

The Pumpkin Patch will again appear at St. George's United Methodist Church, 4910 Ox Road, near the crossroads of Braddock and Route 123 and across from the University Mall. The Pumpkin Patch will be open from October 14 through 31, weekdays from 2:30 to 7:30 pm, and weekends from noon until 7:30 pm. Plan to stop by and choose your pumpkins from a wide array of sizes, shape, and even colors. In addition, there will be a selection of fresh apples from the Winchester area.

**Pumpkin Patch**  
 Oct. 14-31  
 Weekdays: 2:30-7:30  
 Weekends: Noon-7:30  
**St. George's United Methodist Church**  
 4910 Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030

The organic pumpkins are grown on a Navajo reservation in Farmington, New Mexico. The workforce that plants, cares for and harvests this produce is Native American, which helps address the high unemployment rate in this region. The project creates approximately 700 seasonal jobs for Native Americans.

Plan to stop by early and get your choice of some great pumpkins, and also know you are helping support our Native American friends.

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## Pack 1967 News

Pack 1967 started off the school year welcoming twenty-two new Scouts to the Pack! We're excited for the beginning of the scouting adventure for our new Scouts:

- 9 Lions (K): Ryan Bryant, Andrew Cursio, Collin Fucci, Owen Gibson, Chase Heppner, Seleem Rezk, Dexter Rudd, John Sonner and Jonathan Wolters
- 6 Tigers (1<sup>st</sup> Grade): Reilly Cooper, Joseph Crowley, Brennan Goetz, Nehemiah Niederhauser, Henry Spiedell and Jack Szydlik
- 4 Wolves (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade): Abby Duncan, Zack Holden, Katie Jones and Michael Kloman
- 2 Bears (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade): Christopher Justice and Jubilee Niederhauser
- 1 Webelos (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades): Austin Gelb

On September 19, some of our Scouts went to the West Springfield District Police Station for Scout Night. The Scouts learned about how police officers collect evidence, the equipment offices use, and how Scouts can help keep themselves safe. On September 30, we had our annual Raingutter Regatta where the Scouts build, decorate, and race sailboats. The Scouts had a great time cheering each other on and showed great sportsmanship.



If your child is interested in finding out more about Scouting, please join us at a den meeting! If you have any questions or want to contact a den leader, we can be contacted at [CubScout.Pack.1967@gmail.com](mailto:CubScout.Pack.1967@gmail.com).

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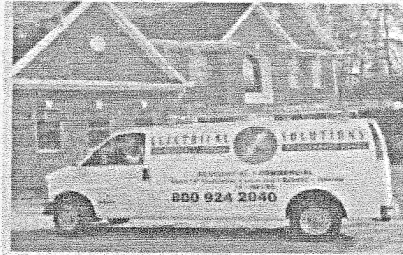


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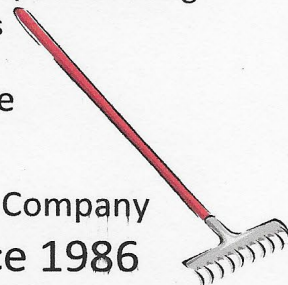
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## Pack 1968

By Tanis Gray

Goodbye September, and hello October!

Pack 1968 put on both their engineering and artistic hats for our annual Rocket Derby in Lakeside Park. New Scouts, returning Scouts, siblings, and even families from the playground built and launched homemade rockets. Not only did they design, create, and decorate their space crafts, but we then put them to the test during the launch. Afterwards, they made modifications to help them fly higher, add more flair, or alter their flight patterns.

During our New Scout BBQ, hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, cookies, and salad were devoured. The kids had fun on the trampoline and playground as the new Scout families had a chance to meet, talk and ask Scout questions. If you were unable to make the event and are interested, please contact our Cubmaster Bobby Burke at [cubmaster.pack1968@gmail.com](mailto:cubmaster.pack1968@gmail.com).

Our AOLs went to a mini-conference to learn more about the next step in scouting. There were 25 Troops that we had a chance to interview as we look ahead to the future when they cross over from Cub Scouts into Boy Scouts.



This year's den meetings are just beginning! Lions, Tigers, Bears, Wolves, Webelos, and AOLs are in first gear and roaring. Many dens meet directly after school and it is never too late to join!

Pack 1968 represent! We had a table at the LRES Activities Fair and participated in a roundtable that kicked off the new year with food, games, training, and a re-charter briefing.



The Scouts are looking forward to our annual Fall Campout at Burke Lake in mid-October. This is a wonderful event where our Scouting families get together and hike, have a campfire, sing songs, cook out, and sleep in tents. It's great to see everyone together enjoying all that scouting has to offer and getting entire families involved, many with multiple generations of scouting as part of their traditions.

We are very excited to be hosting the annual KPW Fall Festival at Royal Lake! Check *The Herald* for information (including rain date) regarding the Halloween parade prior to the event, then join us

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Girl Scouts love adventure – and there is no better time than summer to get outdoors, learn new skills, and serve the community.

Our girls had a blast this summer at Girl Scout summer camps. Many participated in local day and evening camps, and at least four 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls went on their first five-day sleepaway camp where they honed their archery skills, learned to be citizen scientists, and enjoyed horseback riding. According to the Girl Scout Research Institute (GSRI), 71 percent of girls say that they tried a new activity outdoors because of Girl Scouts... and girls said that camp was their most memorable outdoor experience of all!

Over two dozen Girl Scouts participated in community service projects in August, including pulling weeds and collecting litter to help keep



Laurel Ridge Elementary School beautiful, collecting trash around Royal Lake, and

delivering *The Herald* to raise funds for S.H.A.R.E., which provides financial assistance to Girl Scouts and volunteers. And, many girls in our Service Unit came together to build friendships throughout the summer by participating in the City of Fairfax 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, going ice skating, having a backyard cookout, and more.



To kick off the school year, many troops have resumed their regular meetings and welcomed new and returning Girl Scouts, and three troops with over thirty Girl Scouts took their first meeting outdoors to work on badge requirements, team building, and leadership skills on the high-rope courses at Go Ape's South Run Park location.

Do you have a child interested in joining Girl Scouts, or are you interested in volunteering with us? We have two new Kindergarten troops forming at Laurel Ridge Elementary School that are welcoming new girls, and there are openings in troops at many other grade levels.

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## Spring Wildflowers

By Greg Sykes ([greg@grsykes.com](mailto:greg@grsykes.com))

Autumn is the best season to add spring-blooming plants to the garden. Crocuses, daffodils, and tulips might “look nice,” but these exotic vernal clichés do little to benefit local wildlife including pollinators. This Eco-Article is a pictorial essay featuring different Virginia native spring wildflowers that will send gardens ablaze with beauty and abuzz with cool insects! All photographs feature specimens growing in Fairfax County gardens. To maximize space, only the plants’ identities appear in the figure descriptions. Visit [www.grsykes.com/main.php?page=35](http://www.grsykes.com/main.php?page=35) for links to online resources pertaining to topics including growth conditions for these species, other terrific native plants, a handful of the non-native invasive weeds to avoid, and landscaping strategies. Check out [www.grsykes.com/pdf/native\\_vendors1.pdf](http://www.grsykes.com/pdf/native_vendors1.pdf) for a partial list featuring native plant vendors.

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Figure 1. (A) Common goldstar (*Hypoxis hirsuta*), (B) red columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*), (C) Jacob’s ladder or American Greek valerian (*Polemonium reptans*) in the background, and (D) woodland phlox (*Phlox divaricata*).



Figure 2. (A) Virginia bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*), (B) wild geranium (*Geranium maculatum*), (C) golden Alexanders (*Zizia aurea*), (D) shooting star (*Dodecatheon meadia*), and (E) robin’s plantain (*Erigeron pulchellus*).





Figure 3. (A) Dwarf bluestar ‘blue ice’ (*Amsonia tabernaemontana*), (B) Dutchman’s britches or breeches (*Dicentra cucullaria*), (C) spring beauty (*Claytonia virginica*), and (D) blue flag iris (*Iris versicolor*).

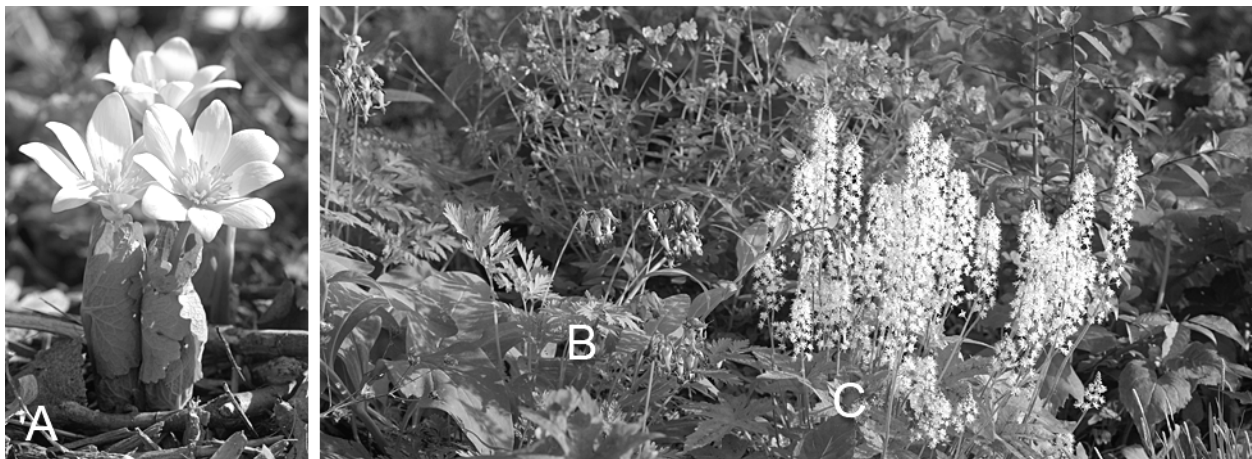


Figure 4. (A) Bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*), (B) fringed or wild bleeding hearts (*Dicentra eximia*), and (C) heartleaf foamflower (*Tiarella cordifolia*); Jacob’s ladder in the distance.



Figure 5. (A) Twinleaf (*Jeffersonia diphylla*), (B) golden ragwort (*Packera aurea*, previously *Senecio aureus*), and (C) pussytoes (*Antennaria plantaginifolia*).

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## THE GARDEN CORNER

*By Charlie Boring*

For this article, I wanted to provide an update on my experiment growing potatoes in fabric growbags. I bought six black, fabric growbags online that I could use for this project, but I decided to dedicate two of the bags to growing sweet potatoes. The sweet potatoes are still awaiting harvest. For the regular spuds, that left me with four growbags. Before planting, it was important to decide where to place the growbags so that they could benefit from at least eight hours of sunlight. In the spring, I had cut down a large beech tree in my backyard that was providing too much shade on my fruit trees and needed to be removed. The tree trunk was cut to ground level, but not completely removed. I decided to set the four growbags on the trunk.

I did not know which variety of potatoes would grow well in Kings Park West, but I surmised that a longer-growing variety would work best. There are two general types of potato varieties – determinate and indeterminate. Determinate potatoes are rather bushy in nature, and are restricted to a certain height. For many of the earlier potato varieties, foliage growth significantly slows or comes to a halt when flowers bloom, giving them a predetermined height. They tend to produce potatoes only at the initial planting level in the soil. These varieties are ideal for new potatoes, which isn't exactly what you're looking for in an indeterminate or long season variety.

When you think of indeterminate potatoes, it is quite the opposite! Indeterminate potatoes will continue to grow throughout the season. Some people believe that indeterminate varieties grow better in containers, since you can cover the plants with soil as they grow taller. New potatoes are produced along the covered part of the stem at each stem nodule. I chose the German Butterball variety, and ordered a pound of seed potatoes from the Maine Potato Lady. They arrived in April and I planted them around May 1st.

The German Butterball is a light brown-skinned, oval-shaped potato that has a very buttery-tasting interior. German Butterballs are a late-season variety, so they were ready to harvest in late August.

For my soil, I used a mixture of potting soil, composted cow manure, blood meal, bone meal, peat moss, azomite, and Epsom salts. I placed approx. six inches of the soil mixture in the growbags, and then laid the seed potatoes on top of the soil about four to six inches apart. Next, I covered them with four inches of soil. I watered the plants as often as needed to keep them damp.

After about three weeks, the plants were about six-inches tall; I covered them with more soil and continued this process until the growbags were filled to about two inches from the top. Then I placed a two-inch layer of dried-grass mulch on top of the soil. Now, I only needed to keep the soil damp until the potatoes were ready to harvest.

The potato plants grew vigorously and were a dark, healthy green color. However, I noticed an odd occurrence: the plants never produced blooms. I am told that after the potato plants bloom, they begin to slowly die and are ready to harvest after about a third of the plant has died.

Life interfered with my potato harvest, since we made a trip to Italy in August and did not return until mid-September. I decided to harvest the spuds on September 22nd.

I dumped each growbag into a wheel barrow and searched the soil for potatoes. The largest potato I found was about three-inches in diameter, but most were much smaller. The four bags produced perhaps a gallon of potatoes. So, my experiment at growing potatoes in growbags was, in effect, a virtual failure.

But on the bright side, I still have lots of fuzzy and hardy kiwis that have not been taken by those pesky chipmunks and squirrels. Life is good!

By the way, I still have a pair of hardy kiwi plants and a goji berry plant looking for a home. They are free to the first requestor – ping me at [thefairfaxgardencorner@gmail.com](mailto:thefairfaxgardencorner@gmail.com).





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