

Lyon Park Citizen

June 2017

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President's Message

As the end of my first term as LPCA president comes to a close, I want to thank the neighbors who have both encouraged and been patient with me as I learn the ropes. In May, the LPCA met in the park and had the opportunity to talk about where we want the organization to be headed.

The consensus was that the theme for the coming year is, "It Takes a Village." We want to work on building the connections that are our village. We were off to a great start with our Neighborhood Night Out. We had 400-500 people over the course of the event and saw many new faces in addition to familiar ones. We were particularly pleased to see young families who are relatively new to the neighborhood.

We want to continue to build on this success, but we need your help. Right now, our most urgent need is for a volunteer coordinator. As anyone who has worked within a volunteer organization can attest, it can often feel like we are putting out fires. It is difficult to find the time to stay organized about who is willing to help with what projects. We have people who have e-mailed one of us about volunteering, people who have indicated on membership forms that they are willing to volunteer, and names of folks who have volunteered in the past. We need someone who can match these volunteers with incoming requests and get us organized. On a side note, we apologize to those of you who have tried to volunteer and beg for your patience while we try to work out a better system. If you can help with volunteer coordinating, please contact me at christalpca@gmail.com.

Our other current need is someone to help selling advertising for our newsletter. This is excellent resume fodder for a person looking to either launch a career in sales or keep his or her hand in the business. Jeannette Wick does a fabulous job putting together the newsletter each month but ad sales have gotten tough for her. We really need a person who can call or visit local businesses and sell ad space. If you can help with ad sales, please contact Jeannette directly at jywickrph@aol.com.

The June meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 14. Doors open at 7 and meeting begins at 7:30. Aaron Schuetz (VP of development) and John Goldener will run the meeting. The agenda: compose and vote on a neighborhood response to the County's plan for major improvements along Pershing Drive between Barton St. and Glebe Rd.

Christa Abbott
LPCA President

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Please pay your 2016-2017 LPCA dues!

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Next meeting:

Wednesday, June 14, 2017, 7:00 PM
Lyon Park Community Center

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☐ Spring Fair

☐ Community Center and Park

☐ Traffic issues

☐ Development issues

☐ Newsletter

☐ Social Events (Holiday Party, Halloween)

☐ Trees/Conservation

☐ Homes and Gardens Tour

☐ All-purpose volunteer

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Garden Group's Gargantuan Effort: Beautiful!

Deborah Barber

In January 2016, the Lyon Park Garden Group was planning a new garden to surround the renovated community center. An Ashton Heights neighbor offered a challenge grant to encourage the use of Virginia native plants—a challenge the Garden Group gratefully accepted. Today, the garden has 121 native species and hundreds of individual plants, most of them donated, swapped, or raised from seed for this project.



Committing to native plants means committing to a few things:

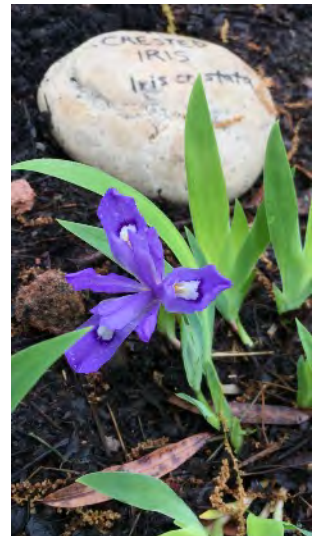
- **Patience.** Most available native plants are perennials, which take a few years to reach their stride.
- **Subtlety.** Most natives don't have huge blooms like roses and peonies, or variegated foliage like the hostas we love in our home gardens, so native gardens often have a more understated look.
- **A truly seasonal garden.** The native evergreen selection is limited. Those that are available require acidic, humus-rich soil and will not thrive in the sweet, mineral soil that the builder brought in until the chemistry is corrected. Therefore the Garden Group is experimenting with other ways to add winter interest, in addition to keeping the mature evergreen (non-native) shrubs that were already established around the building.

Here's what native plant gardeners receive in return:

- **Butterflies and hummingbirds.** Native plant gardens nurture local wildlife and provide a nursery for butterflies and hummingbirds, offering food, shelter, and nesting sites.
- **Reduced long-term costs and labor.** There's no need for fertilizer, and established native plants need minimal watering.
- **A great investment.** There is no need for annual replacement of bedding plants.
- **Resilience.** Perennials have stronger root systems than annuals and withstand trampling better. Native plants are adapted to our crazy spring freeze-and-thaw cycle, and emerged from February 2017's temperature extremes unscathed.

For the gardeners, the challenges have been many, but they have been outweighed by rewards. The biggest challenges so far have been:

- The long rainy season in spring 2016: The soil was not workable until June and the first bed was planted on June 7, 2016.
- The builder's soil: It was full of debris and rocks (which are now being used to edge the garden beds) and its very low organic matter required the addition of lots of straw, leaf mulch, oak leaves and compost.
- Occasional mischief and misuse by park visitors and community center renters.



The soil and rain made for slow planting for volunteers, who must work around the rental schedule, inclement weather, and their own personal and professional commitments. But garden volunteers have already seen monarch caterpillars on the milkweed, fritillary butterflies on the ground, and hummingbirds sipping at the red cardinal flower. They look forward to seeing many more in the coming months. We are planning a slide show of Lyon Park Garden wildlife at a future LPCA meeting.

You can find out more secrets of the Lyon Park native plant garden, including what's just been planted, what's blooming now, and details of volunteer work projects, at facebook.com/lyonparkgarden.



Food Box

Matt Davis

Baba

2901 Wilson Blvd

Dinner & Drinks for 2: \$65

Rating: 4 Thumbs Up

Recommendation: "Go"

Baba, a new restaurant and cocktail lounge, opened in March this year. Baba serves hand-crafted cocktails and Balkan cuisine in small plates. It is located near the corner of Wilson and Fillmore. You enter by descending a brick staircase, which makes you feel like you are entering a speakeasy. Once inside, the atmosphere is cozy with plush chairs and dim lighting. The décor on the walls looks like it was pulled directly from a grandmother's house in Eastern Europe (not unlike Mari Vanna in DC). Everything about Baba feels authentic, including the charming typographical errors in the menu.



We dined during happy hour (4-7 PM), which offers a fantastic value. The restaurant discounts select small plates and drinks. We cobbled together an entire meal on \$5 items. The food was excellent overall with complex flavors that stand out among the Clarendon restaurant scene. In particular, I would recommend:

- **Seafood Olivier:** A seafood salad made with Sriracha tarragon mayo served on rye bread. This is a rich and delicious small plate with an intriguing level of spice
- **Baba's Signature Slider:** Veal and beef served on something that looked like ciabatta bread. Not quite the size of a hamburger, but larger than most sliders
- **Baba's hand-cut potatoes:** Basically fresh potato chips, but with a nice seasoning and served with a kimchi yogurt dip

Food comes out as it is prepared, so be thoughtful whether you would prefer to sequence your own orders or let the kitchen decide for you.



The cocktails are hand-crafted (not industrially produced like other bars'). A few of the cocktails feature rakia, a fruit brandy from southeastern Europe. The Zastava Sidecar is a great example from the happy hour menu.

Much like Harry Potter did, Baba lives under the stairs below its cousin (in this case, Ambar). The two restaurants are similar in that they serve Balkan small plates, but there appears to be no overlap in the specifics of the menu. Ambar emphasizes the all-you-can-eat option, which Baba does not offer. Both are great, but I prefer Baba's ambiance, style, food, and drink.

I recommend everyone head up Fillmore to check it out. But don't wear white because it looks oddly fluorescent in the basement lighting.

Save the Date:

- **Lyon Park Civic Association meeting, June 14, 7 PM**
- **2nd and 4th Sundays, 2 PM to 6 PM: Capital Area Bluegrass and Old-Time Music Association.** Come join in or just sit and listen!
- **Lyon Park not-just-for-Woman's Club potluck lunch.** Thursday, June 21, noon. Hope to see many new faces!



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Neighborhood Night Out

In April, Lyon Park held its first-ever Neighborhood Night Out. It was a roaring success. We thank Christa Abbott, John Goldener, Annemarie Selvitelli, and Aaron Schuetz for organizing this celebration. All the food trucks essentially ran out of food (they weren't expecting so many people!).

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Monday – Thursday evening (6–10 PM)

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Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Holidays

HALF DAY (8 AM–2:30 PM or 3:30–10 PM):

\$350 resident; \$900 non-resident

WHOLE DAY (8 AM–10 PM):

\$600 resident; \$1,600 non-resident

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\$150 resident; \$400 non-resident

Grounds preservation fees:

- \$30/inflatable (can only be rented from Arlington TEAM)
- \$100/floored tent, \$30/pole tent

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A security deposit is required for all rentals.

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You Say Toe-MAH-toe, I Say Toe-MAY-toe: Different Strokes for Different Folks

Jeannette Wick

In April, *The Lyon Park Citizen* published a review of Hanabi Ramen in our Food Box article. The review started a small discussion between neighbors. Grace Jan, a neighbor who's raising a family in Lyon Park, noted that Hanabi Ramen is loved by local Japanese residents for its authenticity. It's a close replica to Ramen shops in Japan.

Our discussion evolved into two issues. The first is the very nature of volunteering, and in volunteering to do a job that essentially asks you to voice your opinion. Matt Davis has been (and continues to be) a much appreciated volunteer who submits a restaurant review each month. Matt was kind enough in his review to note his own limitations, and the fact that the food was foreign to him.

The second issue is that of the Americanization of ethnic foods. Most of us are well aware that the Mexican and Chinese food that's available to us locally has little resemblance to the food that one might find on a kitchen table or in a local restaurant in either Mexico or China. The same could be said of many other local ethnic restaurants. In the case of Japanese food in general, and Ramen in particular, its translation to the American dining establishment has been inconsistent. We have many restaurants that serve the easy items—sushi, or quick packaged noodles dishes that appeal to the American palate. And MacDonald's in Hawaii offers a dish they call Ramen, but is actually Saimen, a blander noodle cup. Regardless, a dining experience in Japan—or in Korea, or China, or Thailand—would be significantly different than what we have here.

Hanabi Ramen serves food that is more in keeping with traditional Japanese fare, and we encourage the more gastronomically adventuresome to give it a try. A traditional Japanese lunch or dinner has considerably more umami—a savory taste that complements sweet, sour, bitter, and salty in a unique way. Judges on cooking shows on the Food Network talk about umami in reverent tones. In fact, the word umami itself is considered a loanword from the Japanese, and most closely associated with foods like dried Shiitake mushroom, fermented fish, and certain seafoods. Some of these foods are acquired tastes, but Grace and I assure you that once you become accustomed to the taste, your appreciation for different flavors expands.

We appreciate all contributors' perspectives, and we encourage all neighbors to submit ideas for articles that reflect their biologic, unique, or "I identify as" ethnic heritages. As a now-old Polish woman who learned to cook from Chinese, Japanese, and Hawaiian women in Honolulu, I promise you that trying these new foods will be well worth it. I'll bet a tray of stuffed cabbage on it!

The bottom line: We love our volunteers and need diversity!



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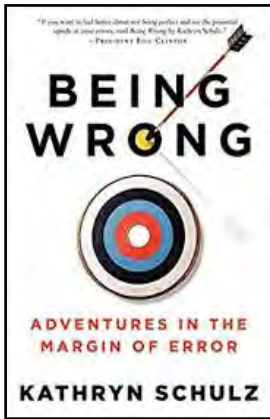
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Being Wrong, Adventures in the Margin of Error

Margaret Dean



Kathryn Schulz is fascinated with wrongness. She writes clearly and persuasively on the impact of denying error on the individual and on societies.

Being right is the bedrock of our existence and necessary to our understanding the world around us. Being wrong is at best a nuisance, at worst a nightmare. Although Schulz differentiates between factually wrong and morally wrong, her thesis addresses being wrong as an essential first step to being right. Children know it; scientists know it; inventors know it, yet we all protest that we are seldom wrong. Man's ability to forget his mistakes, or to recast them in more favorable terms is impressive.

Perhaps more impressive is man's ability to behave as if some facts are not true. This can cause people to behave in ways that are not in their self-interest. As we seek to understand another's wrongness we rationalize that it is due to ignorance (if they knew the facts they would change their beliefs). We believe folks who persist in wrong beliefs, after being exposed to the facts, are just stupid; sometimes, at the extreme, as people we know are wrong persist in their wrongness we see them as evil. We are the

ultimate barometer for determining others' wrongness.

Schulz postulates that we live in like-minded communities, shielded from disagreement with outsiders; we disregard non-believers' opinions, and remain polite, seldom espousing our deeply held beliefs since we assume others will not change, nor will we. Challenging or insulting others in their beliefs only strengthens those convictions. Carried to an extreme the battlefield, the arena, the mob, the tribunals for heresy, the stake allow no dissent. Heresy threatens society to its foundations because heresy introduces the possibility that, if we are wrong about worshipping God, we might be wrong about all our beliefs. Believers are certain and certainty deadens the imagination and kills empathy.

Looking at medical errors we see evasion, obfuscation, minimization, defensiveness and denial. Yet some 98,000 people die from surgical error every year. Schulz postulates that if we don't do the painful work of accepting our mistakes we cannot discover how, why, and where we erred and fix our mistakes. Romantically, being wrong in love gives us a taste of existential despair and shows us our own aloneness in the world. Accepting that we were wrong can lead to closer intimacy with others. Politically hearing someone else's view is a necessary component of a successful democracy. In fact true democracy requires that we govern in collaboration with people whose beliefs differ from our own.

Being Wrong, Adventures in the Margin of Error, by Kathryn Schulz. Ecco Press, HarperCollins Publishers, 2010. ISBN 978-0-06-117604-3. Paperback, 343 pp.



Path to Success

We thank Andrew Heare for improving the path entering Lyon Park from the Pershing/Garfield corner. This was his Eagle Project. As the photos show, Andrew had help from a number of family members and neighbors, and we thank them too. And, generous neighbors donated the funds to accomplish this feat. Thanks you!

These improvements control erosion, enhance appearance, protect existing plants, and improve the path's safety. The improved path is four feet wide, surfaced with gravel, and bordered with timbers.

Andrew completed the project on time despite plenty of rain. We see great things in Andrew's future.



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Ducks for the Little Kids

2017 Lyon Park Spring Fair



Photo Op, Facepainting, A "real" tattoo, and Squirrt Gun Painting

*All Photos:
Jennifer Hart*

Keeping it Fun in the Sun: 5 Summer Date Ideas

Danielle Haskins

The sun is shining, BBQs are blazing, a vacation is booked, school is winding down. Summer is officially upon us! But if you're anything like me, by mid-July you're wary of sunburn, supporting a perma-sweat 24 hours a day, and the kids have gone stir crazy with too much time on their hands. You're thinking...well now what do I do? If this rings bells, we have five summertime date ideas that alleviate mid-summer grogginess. They're perfect for the whole family or for a night off with your significant other!

Indoor Camping: I love the outdoors as much as the next person, but the summer's heat and bugs can be a hassle and a half. Good news: transporting the night indoors is more fun and comfortable for the whole family. No tent? No problem! Round up all the blankets, pillows, and couch cushions you can find and design a creative, private fort. Pull up the *Fireplace Live* app on your phone, your favorite campfire songs, a good board game, and don't forget s'mores for indoors. *Pro tip:* Bake fully assembled s'mores at 400 degrees until golden brown.

Get Crafty: If you're a DIYer like me, the beginning of summer means one thing: yard sales, yard sales, and more yard sales (and flea markets)! Use the app *Garage Sales by Map* to narrow your local treasure hunt. Make it a date by creating your own "Flea Market Flip" project, turning used and abused furniture into beautiful and unique pieces that you can brag you made all by yourselves. It's easier than it looks, here are my favorite links for inspiration (P.S. check out the first link to involve the kids):

- <http://hative.com/diy-furniture-makeover-ideas-tutorials-for-kids/>
 - <http://www.boredart.com/2016/07/brilliant-furniture-makeover-ideas-to-try-in-2016.html>
 - Search "furniture flipping" in pinterest; you can't go wrong.
- Pro tip:* Cottage paint is a crafty person's best friend.

Play Chopped: Calling all foodies! Even if you're not the best cook (cough, cough... me) this date night is a blast. At the grocery store, look for funky food items you wouldn't normally buy. Pick items for each other and keep them hidden until competition time. Use two to four of those ingredients for appetizer, entrée, and dessert rounds. Then set a timer for each round (usually 30 minutes) and taste one another's creations in between. Or, involve the whole block for more kitchen utility space and volunteers, then come together for a potluck judging session in between rounds and vote on the winner at the end! *Pro-tip:* Pre-heat the oven, boil some water, etc. before you start each round.

Bookstore Scavenger Hunt: My favorite. It's such a cute and memorable way to learn so much about your significant other/family. Go to your favorite bookstore or library, split up, complete the tasks to the right (or add your own!), and find a cozy corner to curl up and go through what you found.

Home Spa Day: Every couple (and parent!) deserves a relaxing night off. And maybe it's just me, but listening to a pedicurist judge the condition of your feet, or worrying about snoring mid-massage can be more stressful than skipping the spa altogether. So bring the spa home where your loving family can help you relax judgment-free?

Check out your local department store to scoop face masks, bath bombs, massage lotion, pedicure buckets, wine, plush robes, tea, whatever floats your boat. You definitely won't regret making each other feel luxurious in your own home.

Bonus Date! Drive-in Movie: Kids love it, parents love it, everyone loves it. Win-win. Don't forget the snacks! Lyon Park's nearest drive-in movie is at Union Market (see <https://www.tripsavvy.com/drive-in-movies-at-union-market-1038886>).



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Fabulous Fair, Voluminous Volunteer Effort

Lyon Park hosted its 92nd annual Spring Fair on Saturday, May 20, 2017. With Darcy Rosenbaum at the controls, the fair progressed like a well oiled machine. You'll find numerous photographs on page 10 of this issue, and we direct your attention to the Lyon Park Community Center's Facebook page for additional pictures.

As always, there were far too many volunteers to thank individually for this event in this limited space. We are grateful that Darcy Rosenbaum, with her husband John providing major support, stepped up to keep our tradition going and to create a dazzling event. Darcy, in turn, sends many thanks to Michael O'Connor, who was a special support for her. We thank Gary Putnam and the entire kitchen crew; the Garden Group for the plant sale, and the not-just-four-the-Woman's Club for the bake table. We also send hugs, happiness, and heartfelt thanks to dozens and dozens of Lyon Park and Ashton Heights who gave time so the kids could have fun.

Let's call out three exceptional areas for those of you who didn't make it to the fair.

- Below left, you'll see John Rosenbaum acting as a sort of square dance caller for the Cake Walk. In the past, this has often been simply a game of musical chairs. This year, under John's leadership, the Cake Walk became an exercise in hilarity. Among the children who were be-bopping to the oldies were a number of gray-haired "adolescents."
- Center below, you'll see the Garden Group's plant tent. Neighbors have come to expect and appreciate high-quality plants offered for remarkable prices. This year, the group really outdid itself.
- People volunteer in a remarkable number of ways, and the picture of the Lollipop Pull, bottom right, reflects a neighbor's creativity and generosity. Connie Elsberg re-created the Lollipop Pull, which in the past was played using rather awkward, often crumbling, and very expensive Styrofoam cones. Each year we had to replace the cones because they were damaged in last year's game, and begin to rot over the winter. This new Lollipop Tree is simply stupendous! And apparently, ever-lasting.

We'd love to give you more scoop, but we've run out of space. And yes, we do expect the ponies to return next year.

