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Bancroft Elementary School students celebrate winning third place at the DC SCORES Poetry Slam! held at Columbia Heights Education Campus. Photo: Courtesy of DC SCORES

The 14th annual DC SCORES Poetry Slam!

The 14th annual DC SCORES Poetry Slam!, the largest youth slam in the District, showcased original poetry and songs written by over 800 students who participate in the after-school program and represent 27 schools in six of DC's eight wards. This year's two-night event was held at Columbia Heights Education Campus and the brand-new HD Woodson High School. On the first night of the Poetry Slam! in Northwest, students from 14 schools used the spotlight to wow the audience of over 400 guests with group and individual performances about everything from the city they live in; to a salute to US troops; to a poem about why women are mysterious. Elementary school winners of the first night of the Slam! were Perry Street Prep Public Charter School, HD Cooke Elementary School and Bancroft Elementary School, while Deandre Walters of Perry Street Prep took home the individual Shine Award. Middle school winners were Shaw Middle School at Garnet-Patterson, Lincoln Middle School and Lorenzo Moore of Shaw, who was given the Shine Award.

DC SCORES builds teams through after-school programs for over 800 low-income DC youth at 27 schools by instilling self-expression, physical fitness, and sense of community. To learn more, visit DCSCORES.org

Multi-Prints Family Day at American Art Museum

Press, stamp, and rub to make an artistic impression during this printmaking family day. Artists from George Mason University will demonstrate a variety of printing techniques to kids of all ages, who can then visit our workshop tables to create a print of their own to take home! Saturday, Jan. 21, 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. American Art Museum, Kogod Courtyard, Eighth and F sts. NW. 202-633-7970. americanart.si.edu

DCJCC Registration Open for Infants, Toddlers and Pre-schooler Classes

Registration is now open for our winter and spring classes for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers (and their caregivers) at the Washington DCJCC, 16th and Q sts. NW. Some of their more popular classes have already sold out, but they still have lots of great options including Sunday gymnastics for 3-4 year olds, Creative Movement for 2-4 year olds, music classes for all ages (including newborns!), Spanish for 18 months and older, and Itsy Bitsy Yoga for Babies for newborns through almost crawling. Check out their classes and register at washingtondcjjc.org/kids-and-parents.

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- Accepting applications beginning October 18, 2011
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A team of 12 youth under the direction of teaching artist, Helina Metaferia, designed and produced a mural in the Park View neighborhood. The mural is located on an exterior wall of the Park View Recreation Center at Warder and Otis streets. Photo: Courtesy of Art + Media House

Art + Media House Youth Programs

The creative abilities of youth ages 11-18 are developed with hands-on training in digital media--radio, photography, beat-making, music/poetry, graphic design; and visual arts--drawing, painting, graffiti, sculpture, stenciling and murals. Through the creative process youth develop leadership skills and learn how to collaborate and manage their own projects. They share their ideas with a wider audience through community exhibitions, performances and dialogue.

The Art + Media House 2nd Nature Summer Program employs 40 young people, ages 14-21 for 6-weeks. The kids are divided into four different art or media tracts. The 2nd Nature program is a partnership with the National Park Service of the National Capitol Region. The program develops creative skills in arts and media while introducing environmental issues and resources through visits to National Parks in the National Capitol Region. The youth create work that reflects what they learned as they researched, observed and asked questions about the environments they explored. A final public installation and performance is held at the conclusion of the program. The program is free. Apply online.

Art + Media House, is a community-based arts center dedicated to Discovering the Power of Your Art! through educational programs and exhibitions. The Art + Media House is a division of the Latin American Youth Center. Art has been an integral part of the LAYC since its' beginning. In 1979 the Taller de Artes Graficas (Barrio Graphics) was formed headed, a Chilean artist next store at the Centro de Artes. LAYC youth started doing typesetting for local newspapers, beginning with El Pregonero. Later in 1980, LAYC started their own newspaper, El Barrio, which set a standard for the rest of Latino newspapers in terms of the quality of its reporting. Chilean artists also brought a form that was new to the area: guerilla murals. They trained youth at LAYC to make the murals. Art + Media House, 3035 15th St. NW. 202-319-2293. artmediahouse.org

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Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam Kids Discount Tickets

Tickets are on sale now for Jan. 27-29 at the Verizon Center. Kids tickets are available for \$11 on the \$23 ticket price only. Children between the ages of 2-12 years old are eligible. Children 2 years and older require a ticket. Ticket prices go up \$2 on the day of the show. verizoncenter.com

Spy Fest: Tradecraft Try-Its

Sitting in your comfy chair watching James Bond makes spy tradecraft look easy—now's your chance to find out if you could be the next 007. Do you have the savvy to beat a lie-detector? The smarts to break a top secret coded message? The wits to identify threats in a spy satellite photo? The moves of a Ninja? Families are invited to find out how they measure up at the Museum's Annual Spy Fest. Mini-missions, tradecraft demonstrations by the experts, and the chance to try spy skill challenges will give KidSpy agents and their handlers an insider's peek into the shadow world of spying—and who knows, there just may be a spy or two in your midst... Jan. 22, 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Event targeted for families with children ages 7, up. Space is limited—advance registration required. \$10. 202-654-0991. spymuseum.org

Shaw Library Ongoing Kids' Programs

Pre-school storytime, ages 3-5, is Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Baby and toddler storytime, ages 0-3, is Fridays at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Family storytime for all ages in Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Art Club for ages 8-18 meets after school on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. Come express yourself through a different artistic medium each week. All programs are free. Watha T. Daniel-Shaw Neighborhood Library, 1630 Seventh St. NW. 202-727-1288. dclibrary.org/watha



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Stead Rec Center After School Re- treat

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Young Prose Tickets at Shakespeare Theatre

Every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m., STC releases an allotment of \$15 tickets to patrons ages 35 and younger. Tickets are usually limited to performances through the following Sunday and are available in person at the Box Office and via phone at 202-547-1122. There is a limit of four tickets per person. ID is always required to pick up Young Prose tickets. ShakespeareTheatre.org

Black History Month Family Day at American Art Museum

Celebrate the start of Black History Month with a day of craft activities and live music for the whole family. Join us for a day of music, dance, a special tour of the related exhibition, and hands-on activities. Saturday, Feb. 4, 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. American Art Museum, Portrait Gallery, Eighth and F sts. NW. 202-633-7970. americanart.si.edu

A Day of Flying in the Great Hall

Construct your own rubber-band propped model airplane with the DC Maxcutters, then try a test flight in the Great Hall. \$8. Jan. 8, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (model airplane workshop 9:00-11:00 a.m.).

For ages 8, up. National Building Museum, 401 F St. NW. 202-272-2448. nbm.org

School Transit Subsidy Application

Students and parents may begin applying online for the school transit subsidy program at dconecard.dc.gov/manage. Students and parents are advised not to wait until school resumes after the holidays to apply for the transit subsidy program as this may cause a delay in receiving the benefits. Beginning Jan. 1, eligible students at all DCPS high schools and middle schools will need a DC One Card to access transit subsidy passes. The school transit subsidy program provides reduced fares for District students who use Metrobus, Metro-rail or the DC Circulator to travel to and from school. Additional information about obtaining the DC One Card can be found by visiting dconecard.dc.gov or by calling 202-671-2273.

Announcing BASIS DC STARS Program

BASIS DC will offer scholarships through their STARS program for under-served and at-risk students interested in growing their foundational knowledge. The program will provide Washington, DC students with focused and intensive extra help after school and will run from Feb.-June. Students who enroll will get at least three hours of academic exploration each week, and the program will culminate in a celebratory project week, where students present what they've learned to the BASIS DC STARS community. BASIS schools are open enrollment schools which do not require entrance examinations and do not charge tuition. Any student can attend if there is space available; a registration lottery determines admission if there are more students interested than the school can accommodate. For more information go to basisdc.org or email mary.siddall@basiseducation.net. ♦

Winter beauty in your landscape

*Color, texture, and contrast
in a winter garden.*

PHOTOS AND ARTICLE BY DEREK THOMAS

The beautiful flowers of fall have faded. Frost has withered even our toughest annuals. Our show stopping perennials have had their final encore. The ghostly silhouettes of stark leafless trees have replaced the beautiful fall foliage. Our lush landscapes are beginning to take on that gray feel that confirms winter is here.

There are many things to keep a gardener busy during the early winter; amending soils, final pruning, and the last clean up of the season. However when considering our fall tasks many gardeners forget that January is a great time to plant a tree or shrub in your landscape. Trees and shrubs are dormant and if the ground is not frozen you can easily dig the hole and

get your new plant in and settled before the first robins return in spring.

Another reason that planting now is a good idea is that you can pick trees that have beautiful winter bark. Plant beauty does not only come in the form of lush green foliage.

The following list is some of my favorite picks for winter beauty. You can add plants that will provide you with everything from wonderful peeling bark to attractive evergreen foliage and red berries. These plants shine and glow in our otherwise quiet, wintry gardens.

Paper Birch,
Betula papyrifera.

This is perhaps the tough-



Paper Birch's bark has a ghostly glow in the winter landscape.