

Washington, DC's Hip & Historic Neighborhood of Georgetown Announces the 2010 Line-Up of Exciting Georgetown BID Sponsored Annual Events

Georgetown ushers in a new decade with signature events celebrating extraordinary design, memorable cuisine, shopping and holiday festivities

Washington, DC (January 30, 2010) – Washington, DC's hip & historic neighborhood of Georgetown kicks off a new year with a number of exciting events scheduled for 2010.

“Our signature community events in Georgetown showcase our wide range of retail stores, art galleries, restaurants, businesses and other offerings,” says James J. Bracco, Executive Director, Georgetown Business Improvement District (GBID). “They truly speak to the experience found only in Georgetown – the vibrancy, energy, and modern blend of all things hip and historic in our neighborhood.”

THE GEORGETOWN GALLERY GAZE – MONTHLY

Georgetown's newest monthly tradition is a gallery walk, coined the “Georgetown Gallery Gaze,” spotlighting the area's art community and offering something for everyone along the way. Gallery owners are opening their doors for extended hours from 5 PM to 8 PM on the third Friday of each month for a festive atmosphere of art, music, libations and hors d'oeuvres. Local and visiting artists will be on hand to talk technique and inspiration and each month will feature a different musical talent. Participating galleries include Poppy, Susan Calloway Fine Arts, Jewelers' Werk, The Ralls Collection, L'Eclat de Verre, Cross Mackenzie Gallery, Parish Gallery, The Lucille and Richard Spagnuolo Gallery at Georgetown University, The Phoenix, Claude Taylor Photography Gallery, Homayoun Yerushalmi Studio Gallery, Thos. Moser, Living Rooms, Addison/Ripley Gallery, Georgetown Pet Gallery, Moca DC, and Rooms with a View. Mark the following dates on your calendar: February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19 and December 17. Please visit georgetowngallerygaze.com for more information and a walking map.

THE FRENCH MARKET – APRIL 23RD & 24TH

Another event not to miss is the transformation of Georgetown's hip and historic Book Hill neighborhood into an open-air European market for the **7th Annual French Market**. Over 30 local boutiques participate in the sidewalk shopping event, on Friday, April 23 and Saturday, April 24, 10 AM to 5 PM, offering thousands of shoppers up to 70 percent off designer goods, art and antique home furnishings. And it's not just shopping – but also family activities, music and delicious food that draw crowds of residents and visitors to the annual event, located on upper Wisconsin Avenue, NW, between P Street and Reservoir Road.

THE GEORGETOWN HOUSE TOUR - APRIL 24TH

For over 90 years, the **Georgetown House Tour** has offered Washingtonians and visitors a glimpse into some of the most charming and beautiful homes in the nation's capital. This year, on Saturday, April 24, the doors of eight to twelve of Georgetown's most beautiful homes and impressive gardens will open for tours from 11 AM to 5 PM. Tickets will be available for

purchase online at georgetownhousetour.com starting in late February. Tickets can also be purchased at St. John's Episcopal Church on Friday, April 23 and Saturday, April 24. Tickets for the Georgetown House Tour Patrons' Party, a festive fundraiser at one of the homes on tour, will go quickly. The party is open to the public, Georgetown residents and friends of St. John's. For more information please visit georgetownhousetour.com and for tickets please call 202-338-1796.

THE 17TH ANNUAL TASTE OF GEORGETOWN - OCTOBER 9TH

In October, Georgetown's culinary superstars showcase their spectacular cuisine at the **17th Annual Taste of Georgetown**. Featuring delectable dishes from nearly 30 restaurants, this event on Saturday, October 9, offers a taste of DC's finest gastronomy. The celebration of food, wine and music benefits the Georgetown Ministry Center's (GMC) services supporting the homeless. The Georgetown BID has helped raise more than \$100,000 for GMC since 2004. For more information please visit tasteofgeorgetown.com.

MERRIMENT IN GEORGETOWN - DECEMBER 5TH

When the weather starts to get frightful in December, this event is truly delightful. The **3rd Annual Merriment in Georgetown** is DC's most anticipated holiday shopping and family event of the year. Start the holiday season on Sunday, December 5, with special sales and events, seasonal festivities, live entertainment, children's activities and culinary delights all in the heart of Georgetown. Candlelight caroling, horse-drawn carriage rides and visits with Santa are just a few of the yuletide activities planned for the holiday extravaganza on Wisconsin Avenue and M Street, NW. For more information visit merrimentingeorgetown.com.

For additional information on any of the Georgetown BID sponsored annual events, please visit www.georgetowndc.com. This list of events represents a complete list as of January 2010. The Georgetown BID continues to develop events throughout the year and information on additional events will be updated as they develop.

About the Georgetown Business Improvement District

The Georgetown Business Improvement District (BID) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and enhancing the accessibility, attractiveness and overall appeal of Georgetown. Established in 1999 by its property owners and merchants, the Georgetown BID has more than 1,000 members. The organization is located in the heart of Georgetown in Washington, D.C and sets a standard of excellence in preserving historic charm while meeting contemporary needs. From marketing and special events, to transportation and streetscape, the Georgetown BID contributes to the vitality and quality of life in Georgetown. For more information please visit georgetowndc.com.

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