



# FOGGY BOTTOM NEWS

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## “The Shape of Color”

Shirley Koller and Harriet Lesser at Watergate Gallery



Harriet Lesser



Shirley Koller

We are sorry to have missed the opening Saturday for Shirley Koller and Harriet Lesser's colorful and engaging art exhibition at Watergate Gallery.

Koller's sculptural metal works are fun, rhythmic, full of movement and accentuated by patterns and bright colors. She is a painter, sculptor, curator—and is collected

nationally. Shirley's energy is boundless. She's now beginning all the tasks as the FBA's curator for the 2010 Foggy Bottom Sculpture Exhibition.

Harriet Lesser works are in private collection in the United States and abroad. Born and trained in NYC, Harriet Lesser has been exhibiting worldwide for almost 30 years, and now lives and works in Maryland.

She has worked as a curator and corporate exhibit director in Washington, DC for 15 years.

The exhibition is at Watergate Gallery through November 3. The hours are Mon to Friday 10 to 6 pm and Saturday 10 to 4pm; or by appt. 202-338-4488 at 2552 Virginia Ave NW (downstairs Watergate mall).-

## Watergate Post Office Service – In Our Hands

Can you spare 5 minutes? Your Voice Counts—make a call

“Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.” However, what happens when you can't make it to the desk to get postage?

If you have been to the Watergate's Virginia Ave. US Post Office branch and been frustrated by long lines, that's no illusion and it's not yet

holiday rush nor is it negligent staff. The fact of the matter is that the branch's three-person counter service staff was cut to one-and-one quarter “persons” for the workday, probably as a result of some whiz-kid's calculation based on the office's square footage versus foot traffic. Considering Foggy Bottom/West End's density and demand, let us list the

ways: the Watergate complex consists of two office buildings, four residential buildings, and the retail mall; Columbia Plaza—within 100 yards—has five residential buildings, a government office building, and a retail mall. There are two more high-rise residential buildings across Virginia Ave., a corridor of student dorms,

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## NEIGHBORHOOD RETAIL PUBLIC MEETING Tuesday, November 3rd

The Committee for FoggyBottom/West End Neighborhood Retail\* invites you, and all residents of the area, to a public meeting on November 3, 2009, 6:45 to 8:00 p.m. at the West End Library on the future of retail in our Foggy Bottom/West End neighborhood.

Given the redevelopment projects in our neighborhood, it is critical that residents' interests be heard. Later this year, the Committee will publish a report on the community's preferences for future retail development. The Committee will present these findings to DC government officials and local real estate developers to influence their decisions that directly affect residents of Foggy Bottom/West End. Everyone is urged to attend this important public meeting.

At the meeting you will learn the results of the survey conducted over the summer. Attendees' reactions to the survey, new ideas and additional comments will be recorded.

To register to attend, please go to <http://tinyurl.com/yln6ojz>

\*The Committee was chartered by the Foggy Bottom Association earlier this year to gather input from the community on its preferences for the future development of retail goods and service offerings in our area. This is especially important given the pending redevelopment projects for the Stevens School, the West End Library, MPD Special Operations building, and West End Fire Station sites, and the GWU/Boston Properties Square 54 site under construction.~

### THE FOGGY BOTTOM NEWS

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The Foggy Bottom Association was formed by a group of citizens in 1955 and was formally incorporated in 1959. Attendance at FBA meetings is open to all residents of Foggy Bottom and the West End.

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**Watergate Post Office Service**  
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an embassy and the Kennedy Center. Urban density: it's here in spades.

To the USPS number crunchers trying to save dollars: you're just losing business and creating bad will here. A one-person customer service operation is just wrong.

Residents, when you find yourself in line, please spare our hardworking postal worker from your complaints. Rather, call and request more support staff. One call is a start. Many calls bring results.

To make a request for staffing: call anytime.

Call 1-800-ASK-USPS (1-800-275-8777). At the first prompt say "MORE OPTIONS." At the second prompt say "OTHER INFORMATION." When asked why calling, say "SERVICE SUPPORT at Watergate USPO on Virginia Ave. NW, ZIP 20037" to get to a live representative. In the evening, you will most likely be referred to a supervisor. The call should result in a case number. -

**FBA MEMBERSHIP 2009-2010 YOU COUNT!**

*And TOGETHER, we count to help our neighborhood! Updates on events and activities that affect us and our neighborhood and a local merchants program offering discounts to members.*

**It adds up to all of the above and more for \$15 (tax deductible) per year.**

**Membership year: August 15, 2009 – August 14, 2010**

**FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Dues (\$15.00 per person).....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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*Clip and return this form with checks made payable to the FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION.*

*Mail to: FBA, Post Office Box 58087  
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*The Foggy Bottom Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit org.*

**OCTOBER CALENDAR**

**FARMER'S MARKET!**

**Wednesdays – It's not too Early to Order Your Thanksgiving Turkey**

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21 – 11:00 AM TO 7:00 PM**

GRAND GARAGE SALE (clothing, jewelry, appliances, houseware)

11:30 am to 2:00 pm, Octoberfest Lunch

4:30 to 6:30 pm, Dinner – Kraut, potato salad & wursts.

(ala carte or priced by plate; take-out available)

The UNITED Church, 1920 G Street, NW

**THURSDAY, OCT. 22 – 11:00 AM TO 7:00 PM**

GRAND GARAGE SALE continues,

11:30 am to 2:00 pm, Octoberfest Lunch

The UNITED Church, 1920 G Street, NW

**SATURDAY, OCT. 24 – 10 AM TO 3 PM**

BOOK SALE sponsored by West End Library Friends,  
West End Library, 1101 24th St NW (24th at L St)

**TUESDAY, OCT. 27 – 7:00 PM SOCIAL; 7:30 PM SPEAKER**

FBA MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans, Speaker. Community welcome.  
St. Stephen Martyr Church Parish Hall (entrance on 25th St) Penn and 25th St NW