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Next Meeting:

Joint meeting for Gateway and Mansion Hill neighborhoods is Tuesday, June 2, at 7 p.m. at The Sanctuary, Sixth Street at Monroe.

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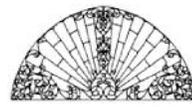
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ERGC Garden Walk June 27 and 28

by Mary Beth Crocker

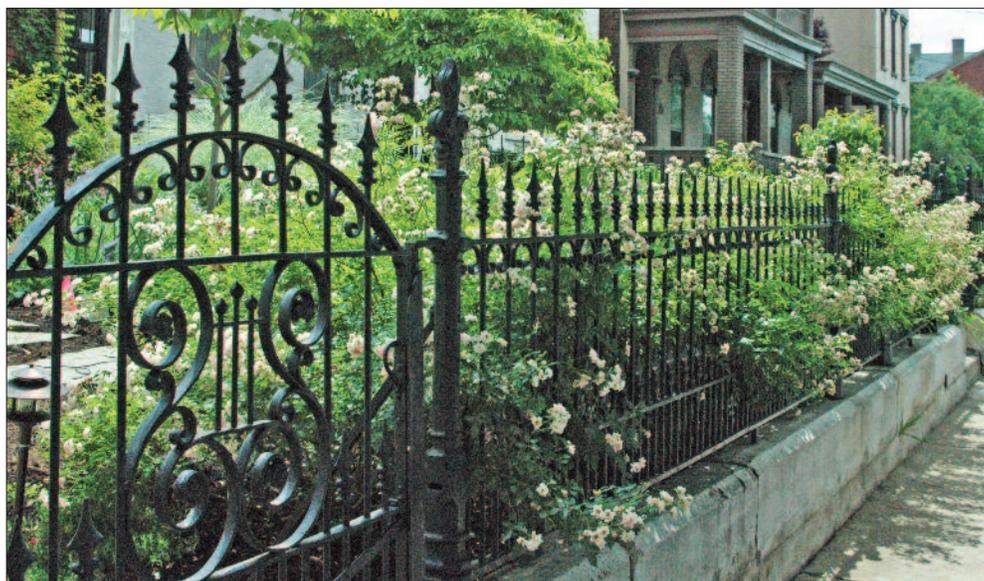
A crop of new gardens will be featured on the East Row Garden Club's annual Garden Walk on Saturday and Sunday, June 27-28. The 2009 Walk, which showcases nine gardens, runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

Seven gardens have never been open to the public, including the Park Avenue garden of Rennae Ward and Joe Briacomb, which has been designated the Walk's first "Garden in Progress," a young garden undergoing continuing developments and improvements. The garden also will be on the 2010 Walk so visitors can see the changes. Christine Plepys and Jeff Salisbury will open their Maple Street green roof garden that is planted with a variety of sedums on top of their garage, which was designed by a structural engineer to hold the additional weight.

Members of the club voted to dedicate this year's Walk to the late Walter Dzialo, who was a member, neighbor and friend. In addition, a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Henry Hosea House, which operates ECHO, a non-profit agency that has served the poor and homeless in our area since 1991. Currently, the kitchen now serves an average of 150 hot meals each evening.

Tickets are \$15 per person and will be sold both days at the exhibitor area. Children age 12 and under will be admitted free of charge if accompanied by an adult. Tickets will be sold until 3 p.m.

As always, volunteers are needed for two shifts each day, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Nancy Stephens, volunteer chair, at 491-1664. 🌸



Message from the Chair

by K. John Morrow, Jr.

The June meeting of the East Row Neighborhood will be held on Tuesday, June 2, at 7 p.m. at the Sanctuary, Sixth and Monroe Streets (our regular meeting place). The meeting will feature a brief talk by Terry Rasche, local homebuilder and preservationist. He will speak on options for restoring or replacing historic windows. ❁

Just a Reminder...

As we live in a historic district, it is important to consult with Newport's Historic Preservation officer Emily Jarzen, prior to making any changes to the exterior of your home. This ensures the work conforms to the guidelines for the Historic District. It is also necessary to display a permit that shows the work has been approved.

Emily can be reached at 859.292.3637 or at ejarzen@newportky.gov. ❁

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ERHD Yard Sale - Saturday, July 11, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

For more information or to reserve your spot, contact Joyce Chastang at 431.0539 or jinschool@fuse.net.

Hints For a Good Yard Sale

- Be prepared
- Have all your items clearly marked
- Have an adequate amount of change available
- Don't have piles of clothes heaped on a table. Nothing turns off a yard-saler more than heaps of unorganized clothes.
- Make sure that everything is already laid out at the starting time
- Hang clothes if possible - they will sell better
- Things will sell better if they are clean and shiny
- Be prepared to dicker. People come to yard sales expecting to dicker.
- Most importantly, have a good time, and sell, sell, sell!

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The Perfect Pet

by K. John Morrow, Jr.

Beautiful and aloof, cats live in a world of their own, to which humans have only limited access, as these two serene felines (Lili and Tigger) illustrate. For dogs, on the other hand, we sit at the center of their universe, and their trust and loyalty make up for their slovenly habits and ability to trash your prize begonias in a matter of seconds.



A recent *Scientific American* article puts the origins of cat domestication much earlier than previously

supposed. Remains of cats buried with their owners have been unearthed at Cyprus from tombs almost 10,000 years old. The article continues, noting that cats are barely domesticated, entered our civilization voluntarily, and will leave it whenever it suits their fancy. But what if you could combine the ideal features of both dogs and cats in a single perfect pet? Perhaps such an amalgam of beauty, charm, playfulness, intelligence, trainability and loyalty could be achieved through the wonders of modern science. Well, it already has.

Enter the Savannah, a hybrid between the Serval and the domestic cat. The African Serval has been domesticated for thousands of years, and resembles a large tabby cat. The hybrid is also good size, up to 40 pounds, and bonds with its owner in the fashion of canines. It is said to be loving and affectionate with children, other pets and your run-of-the-mill cocktail party guest. One slight problem the Savannah poses: its ability to jump as high as eight feet, making most chandeliers easy prey for an afternoon of feline fitness training. But despite such minor inconvenience, for East Rowians the Savannah and other wild/domestic feline crosses resolve, once and for all, the acrimonious disputes that boil up on the list serve over errant dogs whose owners refuse to tidy up their leavings. The Savannah can be trained to walk on a leash and like all cats, buries its feces. Divesting the East Row of a mountain of dog poop may not stack up as high as, say, a cure for cancer on the list of human priorities, but I believe it does not run far behind. 🌿

Monkaroni

by Peter Lloyd

After last year's pet food scare, David and Elicia, who live with Monk and Ella, started making their own formula for their Great Dane Monk. They mixed up all sorts of concoctions of rice, high-quality kibble, and whatever vegetables they could get away with slipping in.

Before Ella arrived and Monk would visit Newport alone, Judy started making a casserole of pasta, ground beef, eggs, cheese, bacon, and a smattering of vegetables. It wasn't long before the special recipe took on the name monkaroni. Now, even though Ella has become Monk's constant companion, it's still called monkaroni.

I'd spell out the recipe for you but, according to Judy, it's never the same. The ground beef is fried up on the stove, the pasta boiled there, too. Leftovers get tossed in. When I happen upon monkaroni in progress, I've been known to ask, "What's for dinner? It smells great."

In fact, monkaroni looks so good, I've confused it with leftovers meant for human consumption. I reach in the fridge, take out the Tupperware container, and get ready to warm it up, until I realize it's meant for the four-leggers in the house.

It's a shame, too, because I would eat all of it. Monk and Ella both manage to eat everything but the peas. How they manage to separate the peas from the rest is a mystery. Especially when they inhale a bowl in about four bites and three seconds. The peas must just roll out, because spinach makes it down the hatch.

Monkaroni has also made me more careful at the breakfast table. I eat my eggs and bacon, but before I reach for seconds of bacon, I have to ask, "How much should I save for Monk and Ella?" 🌿



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June's Schedule of Events

at the Newport branch of the
Campbell County Public Library,
901 East Sixth St. 859.572.5035



Book Club - 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 2

Join us in a discussion of this month's book *Numerati* by Stephen Baker. Visitors welcome.

Amnesia Lane - 1 p.m. Saturday, June 6

Join us at Newport as we kick off our Summer Reading Program with a concert from Amnesia Lane, a local cover band that has rocked Party in the Park and Riverfest.

Make Your Own Oil Lamp - 7 p.m. Monday, June 8

Join Julia Martin, from *The Flying Cat*, to learn how to make your own oil lamps from glass bottles. Please register.

Adventure Club: Origami Show - 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 9

Have fun and play games with origami wizard, Jonathon Heart. Win prizes! Make an easy origami project to take home! Ages 6-11. Please register.

Video Games - 2 p.m. Thursday, June 11

Join us at the Library for video games, cards and board games. Pizza and snacks provided. You may bring your own video games, but ESRB rating must be T or E. Ages 11-18.

Three Cool Ways to Recycle Your Plastic Bottles - 7 p.m. Monday, June 15

Join Julia Martin, of *The Flying Cat*, to learn three crafts for recycling plastic bottles including a hanging planter and more!

Adventure Club: Muppet Workshop - 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 16

Make wacky puppets out of things you find around the house - let your imagination run wild! Ages 6-11. Please register.

Scrapbooking - 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 17 & Thursday, June 18

Come create your own one-of-a-kind scrapbook. Bring your mementos and we will provide the rest. Ages 12-18.

Signing Safari- Baby Sign Language Workshop for Parents 7 p.m. Thursday, June 18

Learn to communicate with your baby! This one hour class is for adults only and will be taught by a child sign language specialist from *Signing Safari*.

Quilting 101 - 1 p.m. Saturday, June 20

Join quilt-maker Stacey Lang for this one-day, two-part class. The first part will be piecing, basic block construction and using the tumbling block piecing technique. The second part starting at approximately 2:30 p.m. will cover the actual how-to of quilting. Feel free to attend both parts or for just one. Please register.

Compost 101 - 7 p.m. Monday, June 22

Join the Civic Garden Center to learn the basics of composting. Adults.

Adventure Club: Be Creative Dancing Drums - 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 23

Keep the beat with Bear Foot! Russ and Barb Childers reveal the African tradition of drumming with your body! Make "eardrums" to take home! Ages 6-11. Please register.

Teen Cinema - 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 24

Take a break from the summer heat and come to the library to enjoy a movie. Please register.

Vermiculture/ Worm Composting - 7 p.m. Monday, June 29

Join the Civic Garden Center to learn the basics of vermiculture.

Adventure Club: Be Creative -Sand Art! - 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 30

Design bottles and necklaces using sand! Make colorful sand pictures to take home! Ages 6-11. Please register.

East Row Garden Club News

by Michelle Breen

Spring has fully arrived, heralding a barrage of color to stimulate our senses! Could it have been such a short time ago that we were awash in monochromatic tones of gray?!

January, February, and March, once considered the longest and dreariest months of the year, can be quite colorful and invigorating ... if you follow the advice of Jeff Kapela. Jeff was May's speaker at the East Row Garden Club. He provided a wonderful photographic presentation of his own alluring residential garden for all four seasons. Jeff provided a list of plants, which if included in the garden, could assure a homeowner continuous color and interest throughout the year.

The East Row Garden Club is open to all residents of Newport. Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Sanctuary, located at 6th and Monroe, unless otherwise announced. Members gather at 6:30 PM with for social time, followed by a business meeting commencing at 7 PM. Annual membership is \$30 per household. For more information, contact Michelle Breen, president, at mcbreen@fuse.net.

There is no speaker scheduled for the June 16 meeting, as the agenda will be dedicated to the East Row's 13th Annual Garden Tour, to be held on June 27/28. Plan to attend the meeting and PLEASE invite all your friends to attend the tour! 🌿

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