Seniors Open House on Sept. 27–29 features speakers, classes, free activities and lunches

By Katie Byram
Sierra 2 staff

The Senior Center Open House returns Wednesday–Friday, Sept. 27–29 in multiple rooms at Sierra 2 Center. With grant support from the Ethel Macleod Hart Trust Fund and sponsors, including Eskaton Monroe Lodge, all current classes, special activities and presentations will be free for attendees.

Along with regularly scheduled activities there are special events. The Lunch & Learn program, originally set for Sept. 7, is now at noon Sept. 27. Maryellen and Keith Burns, co-authors of “Lost Restaurants of Sacramento and Their Recipes,” will take guests back in time as they discuss dining trends over the last 150 years. Eskaton Monroe Lodge is providing lunch. Earlier that day (11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27) Bill Bailey of Wealth Strategies will talk about Active Retirement Investing. He will focus on updating and learning about one’s retirement assets.

On Friday, Sept. 29 participants can enjoy a free, catered lunch from 12–1 p.m. in Curtis Hall, in place of the September potluck. The three-day open house is intended to welcome new seniors, recent retirees, and all older adults in Curtis Park and surrounding neighborhoods to the Senior Center with its resources, support and community. The Open House also serves as a way to give back to our current participants.

Friends, neighbors and parents are Please see Open House, page 2

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President’s message

Beauty in the details of a nightly walk

Bruce Pierini was enthusiastically welcomed back to the board.

Strategic plan update
Kim Tucker of Impact Foundry shared insights into her experiences with other groups and mentioned that a neighborhood’s satisfaction with its association coincides with the satisfaction of its neighbors.

Lawsuit: Hearing
Water running into the street! My inner klaxons fort in the hills teen myself, although I’m sure I slid in a playground at night. I was more of a hidden tree spirited game of ping-pong in the garage. 

The neighbors next door are having a problem with their puddles. It’s a short walk, to be sure, and every night is a little different. Last week, I noticed that the gall wasp eggs had disappeared from the gall on the tree, and every night is a little different. Last week, I noticed that the gall wasp eggs had disappeared from the gall on the tree.

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The next meeting of the SCNA Board will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5 in the Garden Room at Sierra 2.

President
Eric reports a meeting is coming with Jay Schenirer to talk about the facility lease.

Executive Director
Terri reported the need for a new Bret Harte teacher to coordinate the volunteer effort at the annual wine tasting event, as the previous teacher is no longer at the school. The Bret Harte Sly Park funds come from this SCNA fundraiser.

Treasurer
Jonathan LaTurner reported that the budget outline shows a $70,000 loss, with many repairs and utility expenses. First Fridays are no cars to accommodate his unspoken request.

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At around the last corner, and the echo of my sound, and my high horse strides up, eagerly awaiting a mount. 

Assemblies of perfectly-warded holler-than-thou note dance into view… and retreat as I realize the counterproductivity of snark. Mental note to include water-usage plea in monthly column.

Flicker, flicker, flicker. Here’s Game of Thrones through the picture window, the Giants on plasma above the fireplace, a signal lost icon bouncing endlessly across a blue screen, couples and families and singles getting in one last screen fix before bed.

Light rail whirs and chirps to the west. Highway 99 hums and thrums to the east. A lightless black-clad bicyclist, helmet swinging jauntily on the handlebars, tries his best to earn a trip to the hospital; but there are no cars to accommodate his unspoken request. Perhaps a collision with a cricket will have the same effect, for now, at least, there is no object lesson.

Around the last corner, and the echo of my flip-flops sends a kitten skittering. Porch lights gleam, and bang! There goes the neighbor’s security light as the fleeing feline trips a sensor. One more

Notes from July 12th meeting

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were cancelled, leaving a revenue shortfall. However, rental income is over by $20,000. The Senior Center is helping out after the strategic plan is finished.

Facilities
John Mathews reports the classes on the website are getting signups/registration. We are looking for teachers to teach a class and make an income. Teachers could offer single or multiple class events.

Development
did not meet.

Neighborhood Concerns Committee
New chain link fences are now at the Crocker Village development blocking off streets. A homeless camp over the bench is still there. Neighbors may be delivered to homes north of Broadway if we can find a volunteer to make the deliveries. A new volunteer is needed for the 26th Street and Castro Way area.

John is removing the 1-buy-houses scam signs going up on Franklin Boulevard. The four signs that appeared on 24th St. were immediately removed.

Dan Pskowski reports some Elm trees have now been treated and others were inspected and treated in August. Aerial inspections may not have been done as urban forestry does not maintain the park trees anymore. The cost to treat trees has soared to about $15,000 for a full cycle of trees in the park. SNCA shoulders the expense for the Curtis Park trees.

Personnel did not meet.

Senior Center
Angela Mia reports that volunteer Doug from AARP left. A new person may come on board but in the meantime Katie is doing well. The HartSenior Center gave the Center a grant, just like last year.

— Submitted by Kate Van Buren, board secretary

Free Medicare event to educate and empower
The Sierra 2 Senior Center is collaborating with United Healthcare’s Medicare Made Clear™ to take part in the fun and informative National Medicare Education Week. Speakers and activities will run from 10:30 a.m.–noon Wednesday, Sept. 20 in Curtis Hall. Prominent sponsors include Walgreens and Silver Sneakers. The latter will conduct exercise demonstrations. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Organizers of this event seek to empower beneficiaries to make informed, confident decisions about Medicare coverage during the Open Enrollment Period, Oct. 15-Dec. 7.

RSVP online at NationalMedicareWeek.com or call 855 603-7422.

Development Committee’s opening brief was due Aug. 28, SCNA’s and the City of Sacramento’s opposition briefs are due Sept. 25, and Petrovich’s reply brief is due by Oct. 9.

The hearing on the merits is currently set for 9 a.m. on Oct. 13 in Department 31 of the Sacramento Superior Court located at 720 Ninth Street. This hearing is open to the public.

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all welcome to attend. More information on schedules and specific activities will appear online at www.sierra2.org and at the Sierra 2 Center.

Reboot your technical knowledge with new computer classes
A series on computer know-how starts in September and promises to make participants feel comfortable around their devices, whether they are a desktop computer, laptop, phone or tablet. The first class kicks off at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18 in Room 12 with a lesson dedicated to fundamentals on hardware and the inner workings of computers. The courses are taught by dispatchers from Bit Fellowship, the non-profit counterpart of A Leap to a Head IT.

Classes typically meet the 3rd Monday of the month and cost $20 each. Participants can sign up for all or some classes. Topics include internet and email, security; Microsoft program; iPhones and iPads; and Android phones and tablets. Laptops will be provided when necessary.

Participants are asked to register in advance by calling 452-3005 or visiting the Sierra 2 office.

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Glady’s Callander: 743-0246
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mballerina@gmail.com

Aurata’s Taps
5:30-7 p.m., Saturdays, Room 10
205-3970 or fenixdrumanddance.com
4 p.m., Saturdays, Studio 3. All ages

River City Taps — Adult Tap Dance
See website for class schedules. Studio 1 & 3
www.rivertcytaps.com
Richard@rivertcytaps.com

Auntie Amy’s Hula
Thursday, 5-6 p.m., Studio 1
Amy Cor nell, 792-5561

Kalanjali: Dance of India
Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Rooms 10 & 11
530-526-2851, katherine.kalanjali@gmail.com

Sacramento Academy of Ballet
4:30-5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Studio 1
Janelle Sebren, 971-0945

West African Dance
5 p.m., Saturdays, Studio 3. All ages
205-3970 or fenixdrumanddance.com

Burlesque Dance Class
7:30-8:45 p.m., Wednesdays, Studio 1
Jessica Carter, movementwithmeow@gmail.com

ART
Glass Mosaic Classes
Tuesday, Noon-3 p.m., Room 11
karensharp11@gmail.com

FITNESS
Hot Hula Fitness — NEW!
7-8 p.m. & 8-9 p.m.
Frances, Studio 2
OhananFit Plus, 595-3765

Fierce Funk Dance Fitness
2nd & 4th Saturday, 10 a.m., Studio 2
5 at the door. All levels welcome
Jessica Brown, jbrown333@gmail.com

Zumba with Toya & Linda
Monday/Wednesday, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Studio 2
LaToya Bufford, toybufford15@yahoo.com

Bellyfit
Tuesdays, 2 p.m., Studio 2;
Randi Robinson-Snaer randrobnikson1@gmail.com

Dancehall PowerUp!
Thursday, 8-9:30 p.m., Studio 3
LaToya Bufford, toybufford15@yahoo.com

Motivational Aerobic Dance Exercise
Monday/Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Studio 1
Kia: keynonsfitness@gmail.com

Zumba
Friday, 6-7 p.m. & Sunday, 11-noon, Studio 2
Abraham Contreras, paliko.zumba@yahoo.com

Weight Watchers
Thursdays, 9 a.m., Noon, 6 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m. Room 10. 800 334-9991

All Levels Pilates Mat Class
5:30 p.m., Mondays, Studio 1
$12 drop in. 956-0876

MARTIAL ARTS
Eagle Claw Kang Fu Academy of Sacramento
Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. 441-7215
Sundays, 12:30-2 p.m., Studio 2
Sacramento Sword School
Martial Arts School of Europe
Thursdays, 6-15-815 p.m., Studio 2
Maestro Eric Myers: 276-2247

Unified Chinese Martial Arts
For schedule, e-mail Shifu Byron at Lohan.Wok6@globalnet.net
NEW! Beginning Tai Chi
10 a.m., Sundays, Studio 3. $10/class

Dance

OTHER
NEW! The Playground: An Improv Community
7-9 p.m., Wednesdays, Room 9
bettaislebreton.com, 573-0301
Meet the Doulas
Sunday, Oct. 22
2-5 p.m., Room 10
capitalcitydoulas.squarespace.com

SACRAMENTO NAStive American
Believers Fellowship
Sundays, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Room 10
Lee Aviles, 203-6461

Baha’i
Call for schedule: 491-5871
sacramentobahais.org

MUSTARD SEED Faith Ministries
Sundays, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Room 9
Pastor Dorothy Hayes, 213-0901

Good Shepherd Parish
Sundays, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m, Room 12
Contact: Mother Elizabeth English
302-6773, GoodShepherdCommunity.org

EMPOWERMENT Theological Seminary
Mondays, 6–9:35 p.m., Room 9, 308-7846
empowermenttheologicseminary.com

True Life Ministries
Sundays, 2:45–4:15 p.m., Room 9
Pastor Grant Harper 382-2885
Sierra 2 Center’s Learnery program is hands-on fun

By Katie Byrne
Sierra 2 staff

The Learnery kicked off its first class Aug. 5 with a hands-on Hypertufa workshop led by Joe Triglia, Sacramento-based maker and owner of Tufarock Design. The 12 eager participants got their hands messy with the hypertufa mixture (made from sand, peat moss, and Portland cement). They made bowls, troughs, pots and planters ready for curing. Hypertufa poetry makes lightweight, rustic-looking pots that encourage healthy plant growth.

Doodling on Metal workshop with Charr Crail. This metal embossing workshop will be held from 2-3:40 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30. Spend the day mastering watercolor techniques in Watercolor Fundamentals for Beginners with artist Teresa Steinbach-Garcia from 2-7 p.m. also on Sept. 23.

Or join the culinary adventure, Curry in a Hurry from 3-5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30. In this vegetarian workshop, participants will cook up Indian delights like chana masala and potato curry with Chef Heera Kulkarni.

All classes happen at the Sierra 2 Center. To learn more about all of our classes and to register, please visit www.sierra2.org/learnery.

Schenirer’s message

I am often awakened by texts in the middle of the night, alerting me to shootings in one of the neighborhoods I represent. This past summer was no different. Four individuals were recently shot at a house party in Oak Park, thankfully all survived. I get weekly calls and social media contact about cars being broken into, bikes being stolen and illegal activity in the neighborhood. All these incidents make our community members feel fearful and unsafe in their homes and neighborhood.

Sacramento Police statistics generally show a decrease in overall crime in the Sacramento area. Nevertheless, what we see, hear and feel about our community is important. Residents need to feel safe in their homes and neighborhood regardless of where they live, and we always need to focus on having a strong neighborhood response. While we are annually increasing the number of police in our efforts to rebuild the force to pre-recession levels, the reality is we will never have enough police to monitor every street in every neighborhood. Police interventions also need to be viewed as a short-term solution to long-term challenges.

I believe that, in addition to increasing the numbers of police patrolling our neighborhoods, there are two long roads to go. The first is that the City should be undertaking. First, we need to continue investing in our young people, providing them the supports and opportunities they need to be successful. Keeping them out of the back of patrol cars is as important as adding more cars. Second, and critically important at this moment in time, it is my belief that only when people take responsibility for their own communities will we collectively create an environment that both feels safe and is safe. No neighborhood is better equipped to achieve this goal than Curtis Park.

There are many tools that we as members of the community have and can implement, including neighborhood watch programs, video surveillance, neighborhood phone trees and more proactive use of NextDoor, which will benefit us all. To better support Curtis Park and create a safer neighborhood, I have asked Eric Johnson, president of SCNA, to host a neighborhood safety meeting. This will take place from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20 in Curtis Hall at Sierra 2. Please attend if you can. We will post a summary of the meeting on both our website and SCNA’s www.sierra2.org.

If you have other thoughts, please get in touch at jschenirer@cityofsacramento.org.

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(Fitness activities are free except where noted. Donations appreciated. All activities take place in Room 12 unless otherwise noted.)

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10-11 a.m., Wednesdays
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Full Prevention
1:30-2:45 p.m., Tuesdays
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**LEISURE**

Book Club
3:30–4:30 p.m., 2nd Monday

Sept. 11: “The Underground Railroad” by Colson Whitehead
Oct. 9: “Not My Father’s Son” by Alan Cumming

Nonfiction Book Club
3:30–4:30 p.m., 3rd Thursday

Sept. 21: “Unfamiliar Fishes” by Sarah Vowell
Oct. 19: “Is It For Hawks?” by Helen MacDonald

Film Club
(Formerly Popcorn & Movie)
1:30–p.m., 3rd Tuesday

Sept. 19: Call for title
Donation: 5-15 (includes popcorn)

Memory and Mind Club
1:40 a.m.–2:25 p.m., Thursdays
Except the Third Thursday, Room 12

Beginning Drumming
1–2 p.m., Tuesdays, Studio 9
City Councilmember
Jay Schenirer
1-2 p.m., Wednesdays, Room 12

Open Art Studio
Room 3–p.m., Friday, Room 11

**EDUCATION**

Grief & Loss Support Group
9:30–11 a.m., 1st and 3rd Fridays, Room 12

Computer Classes:
Sept. 18: Computers Inside and Out
Oct. 16: Internet & Email
3rd Mondays unless otherwise noted
2-4 p.m., Room 12
Cost: $5/class. Please sign up in advance; no laptop necessary.

**CARDS & GAMES**

Mahjong
9:30–12 noon, Mondays
Fun Bridge
1–4 p.m., Thursdays

Frisbee
3–p.m., Fridays

**WELLNESS PROGRAM**

10-class punch card $50
5-class punch card $35
Drop-ins $10
Purchase cards in the Senior Center
1–3 p.m., Fridays

**EVENTS**

National Medicare Education Week Event
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Free for all to attend. Please RSVP.

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Oakhaus restaurant opens on Broadway

Craig McCulloch  
Viewpoint staff writer

Oakhaus, a new German-style restaurant, opened in June at 3413 Broadway. It features a number of traditional German dishes. The restaurant is part of the revival of the Oak Park neighborhood.

Over several visits this author, and spouse, enjoyed the sausage plate, schnitzel, turkey leg, roasted Brussel sprouts, prime rib, potato salad (similar to one prepared by this author’s German grandmother), au gratin potatoes, and German chocolate cupcakes. Eating at the bar, we found a friendly and attentive bartender who also took our food order.

Various sandwiches are on the menu for lunch, and salads are available all day. A small number of veggie dishes are included. Breads, including a rye for the pastrami sandwich, are baked in-house.

The owners, brothers Tom and David Stratet, along with chef Matt Ridgeway, also founded La Venadita last year, a popular Mexican eatery that is with chef Matt Ridgeway, also founded La Venadita last year, a popular Mexican eatery that is with chef Matt Ridgeway, also founded La Venadita last year, a popular Mexican eatery that is with chef Matt Ridgeway, also founded La Venadita last year, a popular Mexican eatery that is with chef Matt Ridgeway, also founded La Venadita last year, a popular Mexican eatery that is with chef Matt Ridgeway, also founded La Venadita last year, a popular Mexican eatery that is with chef Matt Ridgeway, also founded La Venadita last year, a popular Mexican eatery that is

What would a German restaurant be without offering a stein of light pilsner beer to quench the thirst? To satisfy discriminating beer-drinkers there are 14 beers on draft. Four taps have German beers, including Paulaner hefeeweizen and the rest are largely craft beers brewed in the Sacramento region (including Track 7 and Auburn Ale House). Over 25 additional beers are in bottle or can, including imports such as Saint Pauli Girl from Germany.

The traditional one-liter steins, with hefty handles and thick glass bottoms featured at Oktoberfest in Munich are available, as well as the tall narrow pilsner glasses and conventional pints. Several wines are also available including Riesling, a light crisp-floral and fruity white wine, a variety popular in Germany and Austria.

The restaurant reminds one of a beer-hall with thick top wooden tables and benches, large ceiling beams, and posts. Smaller round tables for parties of two or four are scattered through the dining room.

One wall is full of wooden cuckoo clocks. The bar is constructed from large slabs of timbers.

On sale at Sierra 2

Curtis Park history comes alive in walking tour brochures

By Erik Fay  
Viewpoint staff writer

Between 2007–2014, the Curtis Park Heritage Committee produced a series of highly informative and creative brochures illustrating the history of the six subdivisions in our neighborhood. The documents are a great resource and an enjoyable read for anyone wishing to discover more about our neighborhood’s history, its subdivisions, and possibly their own house.

Many Curtis Park residents may not be aware that the neighborhood was planned as a series of defined subdivisions. The brochures address the following subdivisions: Curtis Oaks, South Francis Oaks, South Curtis Oaks, West Curtis Oaks, Heilbron Oaks, and South Curtis Oaks Hill.

The brochures provide an informative resource for taking an educational and sometimes surprising walking tour of the individual subdivisions.

Curtis Oaks was the first subdivision established in 1907. This subdivision reflects the early 20th century home styles of Prairie, Arts and Crafts Bungalow, and Four Square along with a smattering of later styles. The majority of our neighborhood was developed in the 1920s with homes built in popular and very distinctive European Revival styles. Some of Sacramento’s best examples of European Revival architecture are found in our neighborhood.

Developed in 1928, South Curtis Oaks Hill was the last subdivision, with its lots sold out in a matter of weeks reflecting the real estate boom of the period.

Our neighborhood has been home to numerous Sacramento mayors, founders of local businesses, and people like writer Joan Didion and mid-century designer Ray Eames. Many of them went on to make their mark on our state and country. The brochures identify the building date, original owners, their professions, and other information of many individual homes in the neighborhood.

The writers and researchers of these wonderful brochures include Dan Murphy (Curtis Park Heritage Chair Emeritus), Janice Calpo, Susan MacCulloch, Doug Patton, John Johnson, Denise O’Connor, Lyn Franks, Anne Mazur, and Anne Fenker.

Four of the original six brochures are available for purchase at $1 each at the Sierra 2 office.
Sharpening up for world competition

By Judy Green Scheible
Viewpoint editor

Lucky are the meat shoppers at Taylor’s Market who tried the sausages prepared by the butchers on Team USA. Speaking from personal experience, these chubby, well-seasoned pork sausages tasted delicious both times.

They were products of the first practice session directed by market co-owner Danny Johnson and his butchering partner Paul Carras. Johnson is captain of the Butchers of America team, which was selected by the national butchers guild. There are four more on the team, from Texas, South Carolina, Virginia and San Francisco.

The six-man team will be a first for the States. They will compete in March in Belfast, Ireland at the World Butchers Challenge.

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Fun run for Police K9 Program Sept. 17

Runners who want to support the Sac City Police department’s K9 program can sign up for the Sept. 17 fun run. Pre-registration is $25 for adults ($15 for ages 17 and under). It’s $5 more in each category after Sept. 10. On-site registration begins at 7 a.m. Registration includes a T-shirt.

The 5K run will start at 8:30 a.m. at 2710 Ramp Way, Miller Park.

The day will include K9 and law enforcement demos, food and prizes. Note: Pets will not be allowed on the race course.

For more information and registration: www.sacchaplains.com.
Kindergarteners will get hands-on learning with new garden program

By Adriana Gonzalez
Viewpoint staff writer

After the summer break, Bret Harte welcomes all new and returning students, teachers and families for an exciting 2017-18 school year.

New kindergarten garden project
A wonderful garden program is anticipated to start this fall for kindergarteners. New garden boxes are being installed behind the kindergarten classroom. Students will get a hands-on learning experience on the different stages of plant growth, what it takes to maintain a garden and understand the importance of eating healthy.

In preparation for the garden box installation, the Bret Harte garden counsel applied for a seed grant and received $250 from Councilman Jay Schenirer’s office. Cascade Rock donated five cubic yards of soil needed for the project. The garden boxes were built at the end of last year thanks to the Bret Harte garden counsel.

Groundwork day Aug. 19 brought a crew of volunteers to install garden boxes. From left to right, top row, Stephanie, Kyle, unknown, Brian, Ted, Dennis, Julio, Dan, Danie, and Onethia. Front: Randy, James, Jackie, Karla and Karen.

Students will not only be learning science standards through this wonderful program but will have a beautiful environment to play in all year long.

Infant and Toddler Playgroup
free for all families
The Bret Harte Child Development Center play group will resume Sept. 11 and run through June 7, 2018. This free program for infants to age 3 is made possible by First 5 Sacramento. The program provides opportunities for parent and child bonding, age appropriate learning activities, and a place for parents and children to meet and make friends.

Playgroup classes are scheduled 9–10:30 a.m.

Ruthie McDonald has lived in three houses in Curtis Park. With her interest in home décor and having unique things in her homes, she decided to open her own store.

Haberdasherie, a beautiful new addition to the Midtown shopping scene, is owned by Ruthie McDonald, a longtime Curtis Park resident. Ruthie has lived here for 24 years in three houses.

“Curtis Park is a great place to live.” Ruthie said. “I like houses a lot so it’s been fun trying out the different spaces.”

Ruthie thought about opening her own store since she was in junior high school. She initially thought about selling clothing. However, as time went on, she developed an interest in décor and having beautiful but unique things in the homes she has owned. Ruthie had long thought about a Midtown location, and this one came to her after a very short search. Formally a bike shop, the location needed a lot of hard work by Ruthie and friends to complete her vision.

When the Viewpoint visited, the shop featured colorful and thoughtfully arranged displays of art glass, pottery, kitchenware, cards, candles, towels, tablecloths, pillows, vintage furniture, original paintings, and much more. If you need a gift for a friend or yourself, this shop is well worth a visit.

Haberdasherie is at 2318 J St. You can also follow it on Facebook, Instagram and at Haberdasherie.net.