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**SAVE THE
DATE: HARBA
CULINARY ARTS
FESTIVAL,
MAY 18TH**

**The Historic
Antique Row
Business Association
will sponsor its sec-
ond annual Culinary
Arts Festival on
Sunday, May 18,
2003 from 11:30 a.m.
to 5:30 p.m.**

**The event, which
features the spe-
cialties of local
restaurants, will
include entertain-
ment in Kahn Park.
Businesses will also
display their mer-
chandise on the
sidewalks of Pine
Street. Plan to
attend this festive
occasion.**

Dear Members: In lieu of a full issue of *The Post* we are sending out this abridged version, which contains some timely news.

The Book and the Cook to Feature WSWCA Resident

If you've grown tired of painfully creative restaurant meals and food that's fashioned into towers and squiggles, here's a Book and the Cook event you won't want to miss.

Join Virginia Trosino and Chef Edgardo Fernandez of Islas an Cafe for an evening of authentic cooking on March 19th.

Virginia's "down home" recipes were gathered during a one-month tour of North Carolina, Georgia and Florida in the early 1980s. "I'm always struck by the commonality of foods across different cultures," says Virginia. "Every nationality has its specialties, whether it's kreplach or won-ton. The bottom line is that when money is tight, talented people take what's plentiful and make it taste delicious."

Virginia's book, *More 'an Just Cookin'*, is a col-

lection of recipes and food-related anecdotes that she culled from the people she met during her travels. It features well-loved comfort food dishes such as hush puppies, fish, lima bean soup, spare ribs and sweet potato pie. Although the book is now out of print, recipes used at the event will be photocopied and given to patrons.



it was."

Virginia says the most memorable recipe she had during her travels occurred at a fish fry. "We ate the fish and ate it a couple days later," she recalls. "I don't know what kind of fish it was, but the most delicious I've ever had was probably because of how fresh

For more information about this Book and the Cook event, or to make a reservation, call Islas an Cafe/Where Else? Café, 301 S. 11th Street at 215-

Community Events

Wednesday, March 12, 6:30 p.m., Independence Branch Library
18 S. 7th Street

One Book, One Philadelphia (book discussion): *The Price of a Child* by Lorene Cary. This novel, hailed by the New York Times, as a "generous, sardonic, full-blooded work," traces one woman's escape from slavery and brings Philadelphia's Underground Railroad system to life.

Saturday, March 15th, 2 p.m., Historical Society of Pennsylvania
1300 Locust Street

"Preserving the Voices of War," a free public program about collecting and preserving war

letters. Co-sponsored by WHY?, the event will feature the reading of letters dating from the Revolutionary War to the Afghanistan engagement as well as the display of war letters and a discussion of how to preserve letters for future generations.

Thursday, March 20th, 7 p.m.,
New Century Guild

1307 Locust Street

"Remote Central America" Join Lonely Planet photographer Margie Politzer for a tour of the remote villages, islands and volcanoes of Nicaragua and El Salvador. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. is \$12. Call John Dowlin 48 hours prior to reserve your place.

From the Desk of the President

News briefs from WSWCA President Judith K.

The winter has taken a tremendous toll on the streets in Wash West. We are in the process of compiling a list of the potholes in the community. Please email applebaumd@snip.net or call

215-875-9232 with the location of the pothole. Once we have the information, we will work with our Councilman's office and the streets department to have them filled in.



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