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**Georgetown Old & New: Explore One of Washington's Most Distinctive Neighborhoods at
the
89th Annual Georgetown House Tour**

Since 1931, the Georgetown House Tour has raised millions to support charities that serve those in need in Georgetown and beyond. This year's event will include an interactive discussion & book signing with Waterworks Co-Founder Barbara Sallick & award-winning D.C. Architect Christian Zapatka.

Photos here: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/18l0wd2oiussf06/AAC-hoX4_iKQqkGD_X-Sm126a?dl=0

WHAT: On Saturday, April 25, 2020, St. John's Episcopal Church will host the 89th Georgetown House Tour, which is believed to be the oldest, most celebrated house tour in the country. This annual event, which attracts more than 1,600 guests each year, gives locals and out-of-towners alike the opportunity to visit historic homes in a variety of styles. Some exceptional homes and landmarks will be presented this year. Highlighting the character of historic houses improved with modern design and architecture, these houses offer a snapshot into the evolution of domestic architecture in Georgetown.

The self-guided tour begins at St. John's Church where visitors will receive a *House Tour Magazine* complete with an interactive map and historic information about each property. Attendees will also receive complimentary admission to **The Parish Tea**, which will be held in Blake Hall at the historic St. John's Church, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and a **Panel Discussion & Book Signing with Barbara Sallick**, which will also be held at St. John's Church at 3 p.m. Barbara Sallick is the co-founder of Waterworks, the premier luxury kitchen and bath brand, and the company's senior vice president of design. She is also the author of several books and will be on-hand to discuss and sign copies of her just-released book, *The Perfect Kitchen (2020)*, alongside special guest **Architect Christian Zapatka**.

Advanced tickets for this event are priced at \$55 per person, \$45 per person for group tickets (10 or more) and are available for purchase [here](#). Tickets may also be purchased at St. John's Episcopal Church two days before and the day of the tour at 3240 O Street, NW, 20007, and are priced at \$60 per person.

WHEN: Saturday, April 25, 2020. Homes will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Parish Tea will be served in Blake Hall at the historic St. John's Episcopal Church Georgetown, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Panel Discussion & Book Signing will be

held at St. John's Episcopal Church at 3 p.m.

WHERE: St. John's Episcopal Church is located at 3240 O Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007.

WHY: St. John's Episcopal Church, Georgetown Parish has a long and storied history. The original church building was built in 1796 and completed in 1804. President Thomas Jefferson and Francis Scott Key, author of our National Anthem, were founding members of the church and Dolley Madison was a regular attendee. St. John's has continued to grow and now has many programs for parishioners and the larger Washington, D.C. community. St. John's Church is engaged in many outreach programs, which are supported, in part, by the Georgetown House Tour. Over the past few years, St. John's has funded a broad range of human service organizations, including: Bishop Walker School, Bright Beginnings, Cornerstone Community, Seabury Senior Ministries, Georgetown Ministry Center, Grate Patrol, Jubilee Jobs, DC Volunteer Lawyers Project, Manna, Metro Teens & Pediatric AIDS, New Futures, and Joseph House (all in the Washington metro area), in addition to Seafarers & International House, American Near East Refugee Aid, Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, and Honduras Support through the Episcopal Diocese of Washington.

***Barbara Sallick** is the co-founder of Waterworks, the premier luxury kitchen and bath brand, and the company's senior vice president of design. As the Waterworks spokesperson, she presents design and product lectures across the US and internationally. She has written several books, including *The Perfect Kitchen* (2020) *The Perfect Bath* (2016), *The Definitive Guide to Designing the Perfect Bath* (2006), and *Waterworks: Inventing Bath Style* (2001). Barbara was the recipient of the 2015 Cottages and Gardens Innovator of the Year Award; a member of the Board of Directors of the Sir John Soane's Museum Foundation; and a member of The Decorators Club. She is Chair of the Dean's Advisory Board at BU Wheelock. Additional information can be found at: <http://www.theperfectbath.com>.*

***Christian Zapatka Architect, PLLC** is an award-winning architecture firm specializing in residential architecture in the Washington metropolitan area. Seeking to fuse the best of both modern and traditional design in order to create classic, timeless structures, the firm designs new houses as well as additions to and renovations of existing houses. Founded in 2000, the firm has completed numerous projects in the Washington, DC area and is committed to creating comprehensive architectural designs which integrate both site design and interior design. Christian is a member of the American Institute of Architects and a Fellow of the American Academy in Rome, from which he was awarded the Rome Prize in architecture. After completing his professional degree in architecture at Princeton and an apprenticeship with Michael Graves, Architect, he taught architectural design and history at a number of universities before establishing his own practice in his native Washington, DC. Additional information can be found at: <https://www.christianzapatka.com>.*

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