



Carpenter's
Shelter

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Happy Spring!

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Presented by the Freddie Mac
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Sunday, April 25th 12-3pm
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8th Annual Carpenter's Cook-Off

Sunday, April 25th
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
The Birchmere

Featuring:

The New Carpenter's Cook-off Raffle

Tickets are 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$25

Prizes include gift certificates to over 30 fabulous restaurants, including [Art & Soul](#), [Taverna Cretekou](#) and [Overwood](#).

Grand Prize of a chef's table for four at [BRABO](#) by Robert Weidemeier.

You do not need to be present to win.

Purchase tickets today by calling (703) 548-7500, ext. 204 or by stopping in at the shelter and don't forget to ask your friends, family and co-workers!

Tastings from Alexandria's Best

Enjoy tastings and treats from over 20 of the area's greatest restaurants.

Peeps Sponsored Children's Corner

Become A Sponsor

Join **Speck Caudron, Grant Thornton, Halt, Buzas & Powell, Virginia Commerce Bank** and other leading businesses who have pledged their support as 2010 Cook-off Sponsors. [View our sponsorship brochure](#) to learn more.

Children of all ages will enjoy crafts, professional face-painting, balloon animals, and a special guest from the Peeps store.

Live Music from the Melonheads

Always a crowd pleaser, the Melonheads will entertain with family-friendly music.

Ticket cost is \$40 per adult; \$5 per child (ages 6-17); 5 and under FREE! [Purchase your tickets today!](#) Or visit the Carpenter's Shelter table at the Old Town or Del Ray Farmer's Markets Saturday 4/10 or 4/17 to purchase.

Renovation project to enhance Carpenter's Center of Learning

Carpenter's Shelter is excited to announce that plans are underway for a minor renovation project which will provide needed classrooms and private counseling areas for case managers working with homeless families and adults. [HomeAid Northern Virginia](#) and [Captain Builder EYA](#) are partnering with CS to lead this exciting renovation. On Thursday, April 1, HomeAid hosted a Project Kick Off to publicly announce the plans. The kick off, attended by significant donors, city and nonprofit partners and others, included remarks from Carpenter's Board Chairman **Matt Sheldon**, Executive Director **Fran Becker**, HomeAid Board President **John DeZinno** and special guests Alexandria **Mayor Bill Euille**, and Freddie Mac Foundation's Grants Program Manager, **Renette Oklewicz**.

HomeAid brings together builders with nonprofit housing providers to provide construction services and deliver safe, stable and quality housing for homeless individuals. *"This is a time when organizations need to look to each other for collaboration and support"*, said Board Chairman Matt Sheldon. *"We are thrilled to team up with EYA and HomeAid to build hope and improve the lives of so many. I can't think of a better example of partnership at work."*

Carpenter's Shelter gratefully acknowledges the subcontractors and professionals that will donate their time and materials to this project, including [Rust Orling Architects](#) and [Commercial Carpets of America](#).



Mayor Bill Euille offers an address during the April 1st Project Kick-Off.

A New Date for our Taste of Ireland Event

Please join us for this long-awaited festive evening of Irish food and culture featuring author, [Danny Costello](#).

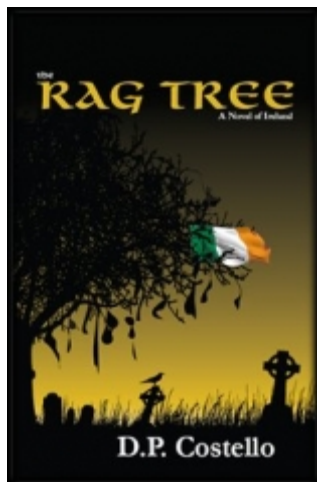
[McGinty's Pub Arlington](#)

3650 South Glebe Road

May 18th

5:30pm to 9:00pm

20% of all food proceeds will benefit children and families served by Carpenter's Shelter's life-changing programming. For more information, visit www.carpentersshelter.org or call 703.548.7500, ext. 203.



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