

October Meeting:

*Author*  
*Kristen Green*

Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 at  
420 N. Sheppard St.

This month, join us in welcoming Kristen Green, **New York Times** bestselling author of *Something Must Be Done About Prince Edward County*.

*Richmond resident Kristen Green has worked as a reporter for the Boston Globe, the San Diego Union-Tribune, and the Richmond Times-Dispatch. She holds a master's degree in public administration from the Harvard Kennedy School. Something Must Be Done... is her first book.*

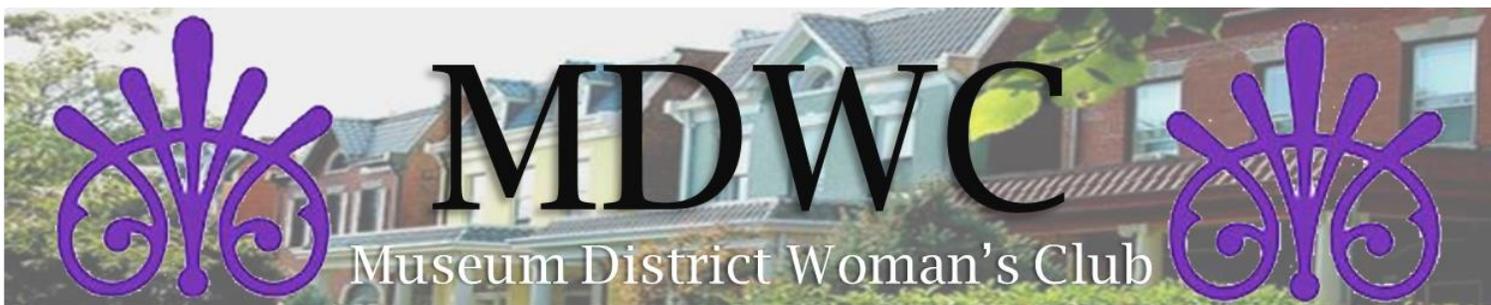
Here is a description (from amazon.com):

Combining hard-hitting investigative journalism and a sweeping family narrative, this provocative true story reveals a little-known chapter of American history: the period after the Brown v. Board of Education decision when one Virginia school system refused to integrate.

In the wake of the Supreme Court's unanimous Brown v. Board of Education decision, Virginia's Prince Edward County refused to obey the law. Rather than desegregate, the county closed its public schools, locking and chaining the doors. The community's white leaders quickly established a private academy, commandeering supplies from the shuttered public schools to use in their all-white classrooms. Meanwhile, black parents had few options: keep their kids at home, move across county lines, or send them to live with relatives in other states. For five years, the schools remained closed.

Kristen Green, a longtime newspaper reporter, grew up in Farmville and attended Prince Edward Academy, which did not admit black students until 1986. In her journey to uncover what happened in her hometown before she was born, Green tells the stories of families divided by the school closures and of 1,700 black children denied an education. As she peels back the layers of this haunting period in our nation's past, her own family's role—no less complex and painful—comes to light.

At once gripping, enlightening, and deeply moving, *Something Must Be Done About Prince Edward County* is a dramatic chronicle that explores our troubled racial past and its reverberations today, and a timeless story about compassion, forgiveness, and the meaning of home.



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### **September Recap**

**First meeting, wine lovers unite!**

We had a great turn out at our wine tasting event last month at Can Can! It was nice to catch up with returning members and meet some new ladies. We hope you enjoyed the event...and if part of that enjoyment was due to the wines we served, go ahead and pick yourself up a bottle (big thanks to Ellwood's)!

Here they are:

**TRES PALACIOS – PINOT NOIR**

**CASAS DEL MAR – BUBBLY**

**TRATTORIA BUSA ALLA TORRE DALELE – PINOT GRIGIO**



### **Upcoming Events**

**Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>** – Author, Kristen Green featured on Oprah's Reading List for "Something Must Be Done About Prince Edward County" @ 420 N. Sheppard St

**Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>** – Holiday Fashion and Fun @ Eurotrash

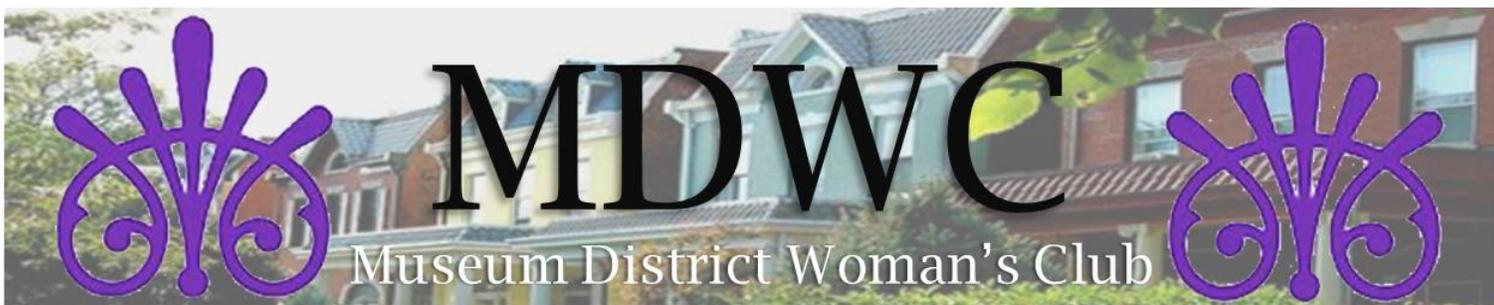
**Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>** – Holiday Social @ The One Bed & Breakfast

**Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>** – Nine Roses @ TBD

**Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>** – Architecture of Richmond with speaker Professor Edie Slipek

**Mar. 16<sup>th</sup>** – The Art of Healing: 3-D post-mastectomy tattoo reconstruction with speaker Amy Black

**...And be sure to mark your calendars for the progressive dinner on April 20<sup>th</sup>!**



★ Member Spotlight ★

## TREASURER: KATHLEEN BUSH

*Our 2015 treasurer, Kathleen Bush, graciously offered up her house for this month's meeting. So let's get to know our October host!*



### Interview with Kathleen

*Where are you from originally and how long have you lived in the Museum District?*

I lived in Brandermill in the South Side for 18 years. I moved into the Museum District 3.5 years ago and have loved every minute of it.

*What's your favorite part about living in this neighborhood?*

The architecture, the people, the restaurants...

*How long have you been a MDWC member and why did you join?*

I joined the MDWC when I moved to the museum district at the suggestion of my neighbor Wendy Shannon. She is one of the founding members.

*Favorite Richmond activity?*

I love to bike around the city.

*If you could pick only one type of wine to have for the rest of your life, what would it be?*

I would pick beer 😊 My favorite places to get a beer are Ardent and Buddy's.

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### Volunteer Opportunity!

*The Museum District Association will be looking for volunteers to help with the 2016 Mother's Day House & Garden Tour, which will take place in May. If you'd like to receive information about volunteering, contact the MDA or M.A. Powers, our MDWC/MDA liaison ([magpowers@comcast.net](mailto:magpowers@comcast.net)). Here is the webpage for the 2015 event:*

<http://museumdistrict.org/events/2014-mothers-day-house-garden-tour/>