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SUMMER SALUTE

Kick off summer with the 34th annual Giralda Music and Arts Festival

What better way to kick off the summer than by attending the 34th annual Giralda Music & Arts Festival on Sunday, June 25, at Giralda Farms, at Dodge Drive and Madison Avenue in Madison.

Attendees can listen to the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra as they relax on the beautiful lawns of former Geraldine Rockefeller Dodge estate, view and shop for original artwork, enjoy family and children's arts activities, indulge ice cream cravings at the fully stocked antique ice cream truck or just picnic with friends and family.

Best of all, weather is not a concern at all. By special arrangement with the Morris County Park Commission, the rain site at the Mennen Arena, 161 East Hanover Ave. in Morris Township, will host the same, full experience of the Giralda Music & Arts Festival as outdoors – with the art show and sale, family arts activities, picnics and prizes and, of course, the concert.

Under the baton of Sameer Patel, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra's Giralda program will feature Francis Scott Key's "Star Spangled Banner," the "Allegro con fuoco" from Dvorak's Symphony No. 9 in E minor, "From the New World," Grofé's "Mardi Gras" from "Mississippi Suite," Price's "Nimble Feet" from "Dances in the Canebrakes," Miller's "St. Louis Blues March," Anderson's "Summer Skies," Wilson's "The Music Man: Symphonic Impressions," Rodgers' "Selections from Oklahoma!," Copland's "Hoe Down" from "Rodeo" and "Fanfare for the Common Man," "Hooray for Hollywood," Korngold's "Garden Scene" from "Much Ado About Nothing," Kander's "Chicago Medley," Menken's "Beauty and the Beast," Williams' "The People's House" from "Lincoln and Liberty Fanfare," Lowden's "Armed Forces Salute" and Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever."

In keeping with Giralda tradition, picnickers with the most inventive picnic themes and decorations will be awarded prizes.

Gates open at 4 p.m. for activities and picnics. Pets and barbecue grills are not permitted. The concert starts at 6 p.m.

Advance tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$4 for children under age 12. Ages three and under are admitted free. At the gate on the day of the event, admission costs \$20 for adults and \$5 for children.

Advance tickets may be purchased at Kings Food Markets in Morristown and Chatham and Gary's Wine and Marketplace in Madison. They are also available online at www.morrisarts.org or by calling (973) 285-5115 ext. 14.

For special accommodation, contact Kadie Dempsey (973) 285-5115 ext. 17. In the event of uncertain weather, check the website www.morrisarts.org or call (973) 285-5115 after noon on the day of the concert for the latest updates.



The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will perform under the baton of conductor Sameer Patel.



Above: Enjoy a cool summer treat at the fully stocked antique ice cream truck. **Left:** Artist Dan Fenelon of Morristown displays some colorful creations next to the Montclair Art Truck.

Morris Arts' Spring/Summer exhibit on view now in Morristown

Morris Arts has opened its new Spring/Summer 2017 Exhibit at the Atrium Gallery, located on Floors 2 to 5 of the Morris County Administration and Records Building, 10 Court St. in Morristown.

Featuring 237 works by member artists from the HUB Camera Club, ARTsee, the Blackwell Street Center for the Arts, the Myhelan Artists Network and the Drew Art Association, the exhibit showcases the creative talents of 79 artists working in wide variety of media such as oil, acrylic, collage, multimedia, pencil, paper, encaustic, watercolor and photography.

Morris Arts manages the Atrium Art Gallery, selecting artists and scheduling exhibits on behalf of the Morris County Board of Freeholders. The Atrium Gallery is free and open to the public during business hours, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

The exhibit will remain on view through Friday, Sept. 1.

For additional information about the show, contact Lynn L. Siebert, gallery director, and director of Arts Participation & Communication for Morris Arts, at (973) 285-5115, ext. 10 or Lsiebert@morrisarts.org.

Morris Arts is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1973 dedicated to building community through the arts.



Morris Arts has opened its new Spring/Summer 2017 Exhibit at the Atrium Gallery, located on Floors 2 to 5 of the Morris County Administration and Records Building, 10 Court St. in Morristown. Included in the exhibit, which will remain on view until Friday, Sept. 1, is Sandra McTernan's watercolor, "Paris Through the Window," **above**, and Nora Winn's watercolor, "Drug of Choice," **below**.



The exhibit includes Peggy Dressel's watercolor, "Kincaid Farm House," **above**, and Luz H. Gallo's acrylic mixed media, "Chaotyc Wisdom," **right**.



'Merchant of Venice' kicks off Shakespeare Theatre's 55th season

The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, based in Madison, has launched its 55th season with Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice," not seen at the Shakespeare Theatre since 2000.

Performances are under way and will continue through Sunday, June 4, on the company's Main Stage, the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theatre on the campus of Drew University at 36 Madison Ave. For tickets, call the Box Office at (973) 408-5600 or visit www.shakespearenj.org. Robert Cuccioli directs.

Artistic Director Bonnie J. Monte re-

marked that Shakespeare's dark and controversial comedy, written 400 years ago, is "a timely masterpiece that is eerily resonant of our world today: A money-obsessed, patriarchal, dysfunctional society where wealth bestows power; one in which women cannot determine their own fate, and one marked by religious and racial prejudice. A play that offers no true villains or heroes, Shakespeare's Venice represents a culture as complex and troubling as today's, where the situations and questions posed ask to examine the 'quality of mercy' in myriad ways."

Single tickets for "The Merchant of Venice" begin at \$49; prices range from \$29 to \$69. In the "30 Under 30" program, patrons 30 and younger can purchase tickets for only \$30 with valid ID, subject to availability. For tickets, call the box office at (973) 408-5600 or visit www.shakespearenj.org.

Upcoming performances of "The Merchant of Venice" are:

Tuesdays: 7:30 p.m. May 30;

Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m. May 31;

Thursdays: 8 p.m. June 1;

Fridays: 8 p.m. this Friday, May 26, and

June 2;

Saturdays: 2 p.m. this Saturday, May 27, and June 3;

Sundays: 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. this Sunday, May 28, and June 4.

Following "The Merchant of Venice" this season are:

The Bard's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," beginning Wednesday, June 14, "The Bunter," beginning Wednesday, July 5, on the Main Stage; Joe Orton's 1969 farce "What The Butler Saw," opening Wednesday, Sept. 6 and "Shakespeare in Love," opening Wednesday, Oct. 11.



Starring in the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's production of "The Merchant of Venice," are, from left, Rachel Towne as Nerissa, Melissa Miller as Portia, and Byron Clohessy as Stephano.

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The Bookies of the Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains

How would you describe your club?

We are “The Bookies” Book Club of the Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains, established in 1998. The book club meets the fourth Monday night of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the church parlor. We are located at 400 Speedwell Avenue. Our group consists of approximately 12 members, including professional and retired people. You do not have to belong to the church to join!

What are some of your favorite selections?

Our 2016 selections included: “Elizabeth Street,” “The Boys In The Boat,” “The Submission,” “Empty Mansions,” “The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie,” “All The Light We Cannot See,” “American Sphinx,” “The Nightingale,” and “Pecan Man.” We read all types of books: fiction, non-fiction, and classics. Our book selections usually are not recently published “hot” books, so that they can easily be gotten from the library.

Do you have any special activities?

In addition to our monthly meetings, we occasionally take field trips related to our books. For example, after reading “Stiff”, we traveled to New York City to see the “Bodies” exhibit, we dined at a French restaurant after Julia Childs’ book “My

Life in France”, and we attended the Condoleza Rice lecture at the Drew Forum after reading her book, “Extraordinary Ordinary People: A Memoir of Family.” We’ve also enjoyed viewing many movies connected to books we’ve read. We’ve read several books by local authors; we invited them to our book club, and had interesting discussions with them. Not all our field trips are centered around books we have read, however. Some are just because we like to take advantage of local exhibits or happenings in our area. We’ve viewed antique wedding dresses at Acorn Hall in Morristown, traveled to Pearl S. Buck’s estate in Perkasio, Pa., enjoyed trips to the Morris Museum, and to the Frelinghuysen Arboretum for the Gingerbread display.

The year always ends with a Christmas Party at a member’s house where we enjoy eating “goodies” as we select our nine books for the coming year, from many titles the members have submitted. It has become a tradition to have a sock exchange at the party – it is always hilarious!

To have your book club featured in Out & About, please email rburkhart@newjerseyhills.com.



Members of the Bookies of the Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains are, seated from left, Karen Burke, Pat Olson and Diane Helfgott, all of Morris Plains, and Hildy Benjamin of Denville, and standing in back, from left, Pam Dese Moran of Morris Plains, Betsy Mc Keever of Denville, Barbara McNally of Morristown, Peggy Bateson of Randolph Township and Kim Lappe of Mountain Lakes. Members not pictured are Terry Haas and Sue Vigilante-Williams, both of Morris Plains, and Michelle Rosenfeld of Morris Township.

Young performers return to Centenary stage

Centenary Stage Company’s Young Performers return to the Little Theater in Hackettstown with their annual Spring Festival of Shows, with performances Friday, May 26, through Sunday, June 4. This year’s festival will feature “The Adventures of Tom Sawyer,” “Company,” and “Nice Work if You Can Get It.”

This adaptation of Mark Twain’s tale, “The Adventures of Tom Sawyer,” features Tom’s story in its entirety — the famous whitewashing, the school-room episodes, the graveyard experience, the pirate adventure on Jackson’s Island, the return to their own funeral at the village church, the trial of Muff Potter, finding and losing a treasure, getting lost in MacDougall’s Cave and the rejoicing of the village at their rescue. Performances are at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 27 and Sunday, June 4; 7 p.m. Sunday, May 28 and 5 p.m. Saturday, June 3.

On the night of his 35th birthday, confirmed bachelor, Robert, contemplates his unmarried state in “Company.” Over the course of a series of dinners,

drinks and even a wedding, his friends explain the pros and cons of taking on a spouse. The habitually single Robert is forced to question his adamant retention of bachelorhood during a hilarious array of interactions. Performances are at 8 p.m. Saturday May 27 and Friday, June 2; at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 28 and Saturday, June 3, and at 7 p.m. Sunday, June 4.

A hilarious new screwball comedy, “Nice Work if You Can Get It” pokes fun at the Prohibition era in a clash of elegant socialites and boorish bootleggers, all set to the glorious songs of George and Ira Gershwin. Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday, May 26, and Saturday, June 3; 5 p.m. Saturday, May 27; and 4 p.m. Sundays, May 28 and June 4.

Tickets to each event cost \$12.50 for adults or \$10 for children under age 12. Tickets may be purchased online at www.centenarystageco.org or by calling the box office at (908) 979-0900. All performances are held in the Little Theatre at 400 Jefferson Street in Hackettstown.

Learn to forage for edibles in Mendham on June 24

Ellen Zachos, a renowned horticulturalist, author, forager and mixologist will lead a walk and workshop on foraging at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 24, at the Schiff Nature Preserve in Mendham.

Zachos is the author of seven books, including “Backyard Foraging: 65 Familiar Plants You Didn’t Know You Could Eat” and “The Wildcrafted Cocktail.”

The program, for people 16 and older, will be in the nature center. Seating is limited to 30 and the foraging walk is limited to 20. Members pay \$25 for the workshop and walk; non-members pay \$30 for both. The workshop only fee is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Register by Friday, June 23, at schiffnaturepreserve.org or call (973) 543-6004.

· POET’S CORNER · ‘Normandy Legacy’

Along Normandy’s shoreline
free children now play

Where the Angel of Death met
defeat on D-Day;

When behind an Atlantic Wall
Hitler’s army did lie
shelling hellishly our heroes in
the surf and the sky.

It killed and maimed many of
our GI’s who had sailed from afar
As they battled bravely towards
the beaches – Omaha and Utah.

And America’s allies too,
fought courageous and bold

While storming boldly the
beaches just adjacent –Juno,
Sword, and Gold.

Too many were wounded, and
too many died,

Midst the corpses of their comrades

Atop Normandy’s beachfront
or its blood stained tide.

And for what purpose?– which I
now better know

After seeing Normandy’s crosses
es arranged row upon row,

And speaking with veterans
and hearing their story –

of concern for their comrades
with no mention of glory.

Each had fought to destroy Hitler’s
horrific ideas,

That had inspired much sick
prejudice

That had fueled human fears.

So go – and tour Normandy’s
coast now

and come to better know, why,
We Americans, value our liberty

For its price always came high –
When paid in life losses,,

by heroes like those
who lie, dead ‘neath the crosses

buried in graves on the heights
off the beaches,

of Normandy, that a visit there
teaches;

sacrificed supreme, and so left
us a great legacy

a fortune that inspires one to
dream –

buy in lands, where its people
live free.

By John J. Burns
Basking Ridge

Fort Benton and Montana's Great Falls beckon

Editor's Note: This is the 13th in a monthly series detailing the discoveries made during the author's road trip following the trail of Lewis and Clark.

Fort Benton, Mt., established in 1846 as a fur trading post, was the last stop for the steamships coming up the Missouri River from St. Louis and the gateway to the west for immigrants and miners in the 19th century. My husband, Richard, and I were fortunate to stay right beside the river at the historic Grand Union Hotel which was built in 1882 and refurbished in 1999.

The grand entrance lobby has the original massive curved wooden reception counter. Our second floor room overlooked a beautiful unspoiled stretch of the Missouri River. We appreciated the advantages of modern hotels when we heard the man in the next room snoring. Dinner in the historic dining room included "sea beans" which the waitress said were harvested from the ocean. They were quite stringy – like long heavy grass. Ah, must have been what we call seaweed.

While in Fort Benton, Richard and I visited the Missouri Breaks Interpretive Center, which had a superb video about "The Breaks," a 140-mile stretch of the Missouri River just north and east of Fort Benton, designated as "wild and scenic." The only way to experience this part of the river is to take a long hike overland or to go on an overnight river camping trip.

Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery entered this part of the river in late May 1805. Lewis described The White Cliffs area as ghostly stone formations that looked like buildings with great quantities of statuary adorning them. President Clinton proclaimed the area a National Monument in 2001, which should ensure that today's travelers can experience the area as Lewis and Clark did more than 200 years ago.

Nearby along the old steamboat levee is the Riverwalk with historical plaques to enlighten visitors on the history of the area. We enjoyed seeing statues of Sacagawea and Lewis and Clark and reading about



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ROAD TRIP OF DISCOVERY

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other historic characters and happenings there. Fort Benton is a charming town with so much interesting western history.

The Museum of The Northern Great Plains focuses on the agriculture and the homesteaders of the area. We were happily surprised to find an exhibit featuring the mounted remains of the Hornaday bull and its family. This bull was the model for the buffalo nickel.

At the place where the Marias River flows into the Missouri River, Lewis and Clark weren't sure which river was the Missouri. At that time they were of equal size. One river flowed from the north while the other from the south. They spent days scouting the area, taking celestial readings and sending members of the Corps to explore each river. The consensus was that the northern one, the Marias, was the one to follow.

However, Lewis felt so strongly about the other route that he decided they should follow the southern river. In his journal he wrote that the members of the Corps had such great respect for their Captains that they would 'cheerfully' follow them wherever they led.

Native Americans told the explorers that there were great falls on the Missouri. Finally, on June 13, 1805, Lewis heard the tremendous roar of the falls, confirming they had made the right choice.

He describes part of the falls as "the grandest sight I ever beheld," according to the DeVoto edition of the Journals. There are now hydroelectric dams on each of the five falls located along a 10-mile area of the Great Falls.



Breathtaking views abound along the Missouri River near Fort Benton, Mt.

On the southeast side of the river is the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center. Outside is a wonderful sculpture of Lewis, his dog Seaman, Clark, and his black servant, York, all looking toward the river.

Inside the center are exceptional exhibits on the portaging of the supplies and canoes around the five falls. There is a full-size canoe, loaded with supplies being dragged, pushed, pulled and rolled uphill by the men on hand-made wooden wheels. The rough ground shredded the men's shoes,

the plants tore their clothes, and they had to contend with rain, hail and mud. It took them over three weeks, almost twice as long as planned, to make the portage. Soon, however, they would reach the headwaters of the Missouri River and search for Sacagawea's people, hoping to buy horses to cross the mountains.

The Road Trip of Discovery's next stop will be a very small river; the town of Great Falls, Mt., and one of the most interesting coincidences in the Lewis and Clark saga.



Tourist attractions include the Hornaday Bull, which was used as the model for the Buffalo Nickel, and his herd, **left**, and statues depicting Clark, Lewis, Seaman, and York, **right**, overlooking the Missouri River at Great Falls, Mt.

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Got passport? Wine destinations abound

From my 23 year wine journey, I have consciously chopped up my wine experiences into three distinct slices.

First, wine as a language of entertaining and hosting friends and family. Second, wine as a driver and enhancer of life-style and duh, third, to drink the damn thing.

All three wine deployments above play musical chairs in my life based on timing and circumstance. Of the three, wine entertaining is the most ubiquitous in the Rajan residence and it has inspired my friends' entertaining grid over the years as it has, mine.

Lifestyle in the guise of international travel is a close second. While a sense of history and the spirit of discovery for our children are primary drivers, I cannot help but to detect an underlying pattern of wine-centricity in all or most of my travel.

Italy's Tuscany, California's Sonoma, France's Loir Valley and South Africa's Cape Town come rushing to the nostalgia address in my brain. Each place, a stand-alone eye-candy of time, place and sense of history are also, undeniably, some of the world's greatest wine destinations.

Tuscany's world-renowned Chianti and neighboring Montepulciano and Umbria draws wine revelers in droves. As does its virgin olive oil and truffles.

That's not counting the endless verdant valleys and hillocks punctuated with lollipop pines shooting at azure skies. As if that is not enough, the architectural splendors of Florence, Sienna, San Gimignano, Luca and Pisa will saturate your senses with an overkill of decorative arts and sculpture. And as you gasp and pinch yourself to reality, the gastronomic train pulls up in your station and the gourmand station master in you will turn to glutton the moment the scagliatelle hits your buds.

Our own wine-charmer Sonoma is not far behind in sensation. The gold, green and red hills that frame this divine hamlet perched next to its more famous sister, Napa, is akin to one large open spa. The scent of the air, the contours of her lush valleys and glens are as if God hiccupped.

Throw in cutting-edge bistros, bike terrains, spas and retreats and, of course, the wine, you have one hedonistic silk route of a wine destination. Chateau St. Jean's Cinq Cipages, alone, is a ticket to this heavenly dance.

My first foray into South Africa was to expose my wife and children to the magic of an African Safari. A full week of intense sensory input from the strutting and the prowling of the king of the jungle and



Ash Rajan

READ BETWEEN THE WINES

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his pride of industrious lionesses and their playful litter of teddy-bear impersonating cubs, Kruger National Park was a menagerie of big cats, tuskers, the warrior-helmeted rhinos and buffalo and everything in between.

Our eyes and senses needed to recuperate from this sensory implosion. The panacea was Cape Town, an idyllic lagoon town that has a flavor of its own but would have a stark resemblance to a cocktail blending Boston and Geneva together. Pinotage, a man-made mating of Pinot Noir and Cinsautparents, rules here. Stellenbosch, Franschhoek and Paarl mine great wine and the charming dining that's sprinkled around here amidst mountains and streams can hold a candle to any Michelin-starred bistro around the world.

And then there's La La Land, The Loire Valley in France. An hour-plus away from Paris, you are transported to a place that is a stuff of dreams and fairy tales like Chateau d'usse inspired by the lore of Sleeping Beauty and the wine of princes and princesses – Sancerre, Vouvray and Chenin Blanc. You can barge, boat, bike or balloon in this mystical land of vine and castles and you would never want to return.

Porto and the Douro in Portugal would be smug cozy in the same 'A list' of wine havens like Italy's Piemonte, Argentina's Mendoza, Chile's Colchagua, Spain's Rioja and France's multiple offerings of Chateneuf Du Pape, St. Emilion, Rousillon Languedoc, Cote Du Nuits, Champagne and Cognac. Some more recent discoveries like New Zealand's Marlborough, Hungary's Tokaj, Croatia's Peljesec Peninsula and the wine pockets of Slovenia and Georgia all compete for your passport and wanderlust leave alone the craving in your palette and the wine bone in your body to explore, experience and of course to imbibe the single best nectar in God's own cupboard.

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The Stirling Hotel Continues to Delight

By *Deb McCoy*

The Spring and Summer menus are in full swing at The Stirling Hotel. For a memorable lunch, enjoy the Hotel Cheesesteak for a flavor reminiscent of the Jersey Boardwalk. It's made from shaved prime steak, provolone cheese, caramelized onions, hot cherry peppers and served on a Cuban hero. For a lighter, but no less delicious experience, try the Turkey Club sandwich, prepared from house-roasted turkey, bacon, herb mayo, lettuce and tomato on multi-grain bread. A recent lunch special proves how creative the chef is, with the Seasonal Vegetable Pasta. It featured cremini, shiitake and oyster mushrooms, along with asparagus, kale and asiago cheese in a white truffle oil sauce.

Main dinner plates include a Pepper-crusted Filet Mignon dressed with grape tomatoes and baby spinach, as well as an authentic Chicken Milanese, a breaded chicken breast with arugula, grape tomato, red onion and asiago, in a lemon-sage sauce. The dinner menu recently boasted a Fried Jumbo Soft Shell Crab selection.

Craft beers change frequently, as they have for a very long time, and feature 18 beers on tap and 17 in bottles right now. The Beer Garden is open (weather-permitting) and hopping on the weekends. The garden is open from 4 pm until 10 on Friday and Saturday, and from 2pm until 9 on Sunday. You'll find a full bar, wine, craft beers and a special Beer Garden menu, along with bocce ball and corn-hole games.

Music Mondays have continued, with the Bobby Lanza Blues Trio performing on May. Stay tuned to the website for future performances. June 4th brings the Revolution Brewing Company event, held in the Beer Garden and featuring live music.

Father's Day Funday is also a great time out in the Beer Garden.

June 21st marks the Schlamy Tap Takeover, held at the inside bar.

Community Suppers are still going strong, recently benefiting the Isadora Seibert Scholarship Fund and featuring over 15 NJ craft beers.

For another memorable meal, owners Tom and Dori remind you to also try The Stirling Tavern in Morristown. The Tavern has developed a loyal following and is one of the best restaurants in Morristown. A short walk from the Mayo Performing Arts Center, the Tavern also features live music on Wednesdays.

The Stirling Hotel is located at 227 Main Avenue in Stirling within walking distance from the Stirling Train Station. In fact, there is a link to the train schedule right on the restaurant's website. This favorite eatery is open Monday through Saturday from 11:30 am until 10 pm and Sunday until 9 pm. The bar closes later. The restaurant can be reached by calling 908-647-6919. Details about events and daily specials can be found by visiting the websites. The Stirling Tavern is located at 150 South Street in Morristown and can be reached by calling 973-993-8066.

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Spend the day at the beach at **Morris County Parks' Sunrise Lake Beach Club**, which offers swimming, boating, fishing, and more. Run, jump, climb, and splash across the Wibit, an inflatable obstacle course that offers fun for anyone age seven and older. Don't miss an opportunity to slide down the Zoom Floom, play volleyball on the beach, or build castles in the sand. Located in Lewis Morris County Park in Morris Township, Sunrise Lake Beach Club is open Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day, May 27 to September 4. Weekend hours are 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, the beach is open 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Weekend admission costs \$7 for adults, ages 16-64, \$6 for ages 5-15 and seniors ages 65 and up, and free for children under age four. Weekday rates are \$1 off. For more information and directions, visit www.morrisparks.net or call (973) 326-7616.

Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs, a youth fishing tournament, will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 10, at Sunrise Lake in Lewis Morris County Park in Morris Township. The event is sponsored by New

Jersey Fish and Wildlife Commission and aims to encourage children to avoid drug and alcohol usage by providing them with alternative, recreational activities, such as learning to fish and appreciating aquatic and environmental resources, all while gaining positive life skills. All ages are welcome to participate, however, free prizes and giveaways will be given to the first 100 kids and for those only ages 20 and under. For more information, visit www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw.

Pony Tales, a children's program that will include a pony ride and a history presentation, will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 22, at the Jacobus Vanderveer House, 3055 River Road in Bedminster Township. Children ages 6 to 12 will learn about the adventures of Sybil Ludington, a courageous young girl who rode her pony to alert militia forces of the approach of the British during the Revolutionary War. Following this fascinating tale, participants will have the opportunity to ride ponies and learn about horse care. The half-day program costs \$45 per child and pre-registration is required by visiting <http://jvanderveerhouse.org/events/> or calling (908) 396-6053.

NATURE FUN



A "Butterfly Bonanza," above, will take place from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at the Pyramid Mountain National Historic Area in Montville Township. Patrons can discover the importance of butterflies through hands-on fun. Butterfly Bonanza is packed with excitement, entertainment, and education for all ages. Travel through the butterfly's lifecycle stations to experience metamorphosis firsthand, and walk through the 'Hall of Arthropods' to meet unusual live insects and other invertebrates. Discover how to bring butterflies to your yard with native plants and seeds. At 2 p.m., join in the procession of costumed naturalists and visitors disguised as animals that pollinate plants, such as hummingbirds, moths, bats, bees, and, of course, butterflies. After learning the pollination song, a procession follows performer Ken Gallipeau around the event as he sings for all to join in. Wear your own



"The Way Back Home," will be staged at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Thursday, May 25, 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Friday, May 26, and 1 and 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 27, at Raritan Valley Community College's The Theatre at RVCC, 118 Lamington Road in Branchburg. Audience members can fly to the moon and back in this star-spangled adventure performed by Teater Refleksion. Tickets are \$10. The performance is recommended for ages four and older. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the box office at (908) 725-3420, or order online at www.rvccArts.org.

pollinator costume, create a costume, or parade along waving scarves and streamers. Admission to this event is \$4 per adult, \$3 per child ages 3 and up, and age 2 and under are free. Butterfly-attracting plants and laminated guides featuring butterflies of New Jersey are available for purchase. For more information and directions, visit morrisparks.net or call (973) 334-3130.

Hawks & Eagles & Falcons- Oh my! will be presented at 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 10, at the Schiff Nature Center, 339 Pleasant Valley Road, Mendham. Join us for an educational program focusing on diurnal (daytime) raptors brought to us by The Raptor Trust. Learn about the raptor's special adaptations and hunting abilities as well as a few success stories in the ongoing effort to conserve birds of prey. 25 percent of Raptor Trust books sales will benefit Schiff. This program is intended for ages first grade and up. Seating is limited. Advance registration is required. Members fee is \$8. Non members fee is \$12. Call (973) 543-6004 to register.

NJ Audubon: Wildlife Treasure Hunt will be held from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, June 25, at the Scherman Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary, 11 Hardscrabble Road, Bernardsville.

Teacher/Naturalist Dorothy Smullen will be leading a family-friendly wildlife treasure hunt at the Scherman Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary. Spending more than two hours in the fields, forests and wet areas of SHWS, she will lead the search for examples of major groups of plants and animals, as well as looking for nematodes, tardigrades, slime mold and different kinds of non-flowering plants. Microscope viewing will be included. This program is intended for ages seven and up and costs \$8 for members, \$12 for non-members and free for children under age 14. Call (908) 396-6386 to register by June 23. Class size is limited to 15.

NJ Audubon: Nocturnal Fliers: Bats and Moths will be held from 7:30 to 9:15 p.m. Friday, July 7, at the Scherman Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary, 11 Hardscrabble Road, Bernardsville. Teacher/Naturalist Dorothy Smullen will be leading a family-friendly illustrated presentation about the common moths and bats in our area. After the presentation she will lead the group outside to look for moths and to hear bat sounds with an acoustic monitor. This program costs \$8 for members, \$12 for non-members and free for children under age 14. Call (908) 396-6386 to register by Wednesday, July 5.

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by Linda Thistle

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· THEATER CALENDAR ·

COMEDY

Manhattan Comedy Night will be presented at 8 p.m. Friday, June 9, at the Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South Street, Morristown. Stand-up comedy direct from the clubs of New York City. Line-up to be determined. This program is intended for adults only because of mature themes and language. Tickets cost \$25 to \$30.

Vic DiBitto will perform at 8 p.m. Thursday, July 20, at the Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South Street, Morristown. Comedian DiBitto churns energy, honesty and humanity into nonstop laughter. Tickets cost \$25 to \$35 and can be purchased at www.mayoarts.org or by calling (973) 539-8008.

MUSICALS

"West Side Story," the spring youth production of the Mayo Center, will be staged at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 2; 2 and 7:30 p.m. Sat-

urday, June 3; and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 4, at the Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South Street, Morristown. and can be purchased at www.mayoarts.org or by calling (973) 539-8008. The story of "Romeo and Juliet" is transported to the turbulent streets of New York City in the 1950s as star-crossed lovers are caught between rival street gangs. Tickets cost \$20 to \$25 and can be purchased at www.mayoarts.org or by calling (973) 539-8008.

Stephen Sondheim's "Sweeney Todd" will be presented by the Light Opera of New Jersey at 8 p.m. July 14, 15, 21 and 22, and at 2 p.m. July 16 and 23, 2017, at South Orange Performing Arts Center, 1 SOPAC Way in South Orange. Tickets may be purchased at <http://www.sopacnow.org/> or by calling (973) 313-2787.

PLAYS

"The Merchant of Venice" will

be staged by the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey through Sunday, June 4, at the Main Stage, 36 Madison Avenue in Madison. Single tickets begin at \$29 for preview performances and \$49 for regular performances. Prices range from \$29 to \$69. The Theatre is proud to bring back its successful 30 UNDER 30 program for the 2017 season. For tickets, call 973-408-5600 or visit www.ShakespeareNJ.org.

A reading of Donald Margulies's, "Collected Stories," will be staged by the Oldwick Community Players at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at Hunterdon County Headquarters Library, 314 Rt 12, Building No. 13, in Flemington. The play is a riveting tale of friendship, betrayal, and the cost one is willing to make on the road to fame and fortune. For more information, contact Merrylarue@aol.com or (908) 399-3586. To learn more about Oldwick Community Players, visit www.oldwickplayers.org or find them on Facebook.



Comedian, ventriloquist and celebrity impressionist Terry Fator will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at the Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South Street, Morristown. Tickets cost \$69 to \$99.

· MUSIC CALENDAR ·

BLUEGRASS

Discover Bluegrass, an intimate afternoon with The Todd Collins Quartet, will be staged at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 4, at a private residence. A uniquely American musical genre – bluegrass music always gets our feet tapping and our hearts happy. The Todd Collins Stringband will provide just the right atmosphere for a June afternoon, which will feature a discovery exploration by Maestro Maull as well as a reception with the artists. Tickets cost \$70 or \$35 for students ages 10 to 18. Purchase them at www.discovery-orchestra.org.

CHORAL

The Masterwork Chorus launches its 18th season of **Summer Sings** at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 21. This popular Wednesday evening series continues through July 26 in air-conditioned Rodda Hall at the Chatham United Methodist Church, 460 Main Street (Route 124) in Chatham. Each week features a prominent area conductor leading community singers, professional soloists and accompanist in favorites of the choral repertoire. Works on the calendar for June 21 include the Fauré "Requiem" and three songs by Morten Lauridsen. Admission to each sing

at the door is \$15, which includes refreshments and loaner scores. Booklets containing five admission tickets are available for \$65, and tickets may be shared. Student and listener admission is \$7.50. For more information on the complete program and guest conductors or to purchase tickets online, visit www.masterwork.org.

FOLK

Vinny Raniolo will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 2, at The Minstrel, Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Rd., Morris Township. **Frank & Hank** open. Admission costs \$10 for adults and children ages 12 and under are admitted free. For more information, call (973) 335-9489 or go to www.folkproject.org.

Fendrick & Peck will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 16, at The Minstrel, Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Rd., Morris Township. **Shawna Caspi** opens. Admission costs \$10 for adults and children ages 12 and under are admitted free. For more information, call (973) 335-9489 or go to www.folkproject.org.

Summer Songs, a Folk Project member concert, will be staged at 7:30 p.m. Friday,

June 23, at The Minstrel, Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Rd., Morris Township. Admission costs \$12 for adults and children ages 12 and under are admitted free. For more information, call (973) 335-9489 or go to www.folkproject.org.

Happy Traum will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 30, at The Minstrel, Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Rd., Morris Township on Friday, June 30, at 7:30 pm. Admission costs \$10 for adults and children ages 12 and under are admitted free. For more information, call (973) 335-9489 or go to www.folkproject.org.

OLDIES

Happy Together Tour 2017 will be staged at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, at the Mayo Performing Arts Center, 100 South St. in Morristown. Celebrate the soundtrack of the 60s and 70s with over 50 hits from the original artists. The show features The Turtles featuring Flo and Eddie, The Box Tops, The Association, The Cowsills, Chuck Negron formerly of Three Dog Night, and The Archies' Ron Dante. Tickets cost \$39 to \$89.

The Righteous Brothers will perform at 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, at the Mayo Perform-

ing Arts Center, 100 South St. in Morristown. Original Righteous Brother Bill Medley joins forces with one of the most versatile vocalists in America, Bucky Heard, to bring The Righteous Brothers back to the stage to perform such hits as "You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'," "Soul & Inspiration," "Unchained Melody" and "Rock and Roll Heaven." Tickets cost \$39 to \$79. Purchase them at www.mayoarts.org.

ROCK

Toto will perform at 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, at the Mayo Center, 100 South Street in Morristown. One of the top selling acts of the 80s, Toto's hits include "Hold the Line," "Africa," "Rosanna," "99" and "I Won't Hold You Back." Original members Steve Lukather, David Paich and Steve Porcaro have reunited to bring their powerhouse pop back to the stage. Tickets cost \$49 to \$99.

Blues Traveler will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 15, at the Mayo Center, 100 South Street in Morristown. Grammy award-winning blues-rock group Blues Traveler continues to chart new musical directions. Led by singer John Popper, Blues Traveler performs a mix of old and new, drawing upon their 30 years as one of music's most popular live bands. Tickets cost \$39 to \$69.

• ART CALENDAR •

Morris Arts' **new Spring/Summer 2017 Exhibit** is on view through Friday, Sept. 1, at the Atrium Gallery, located on Floors 2 to 5 of the Morris County Administration and Records Building, 10 Court St. in Morristown. Featuring 237 works by member artists from the HUB Camera Club, ARTsee, the Blackwell Street Center for the Arts, the Myhelan Artists Network and the Drew Art Association, the exhibit showcases the creative talents of 79 artists working in wide variety of media such as oil, acrylic, collage, multimedia, pencil, paper, encaustic, watercolor and photography. For more information, contact Lynn L. Siebert, gallery director, and director of Arts Participation & Communication for Morris Arts, at (973) 285-5115, ext. 10 or Lsiebert@morrisarts.org.

"On the Road & Home Again," featuring the works of artist Sally Abbott, will be on view through Tuesday, June 13, in the Lundt-Glover Gallery in the Chatham Township Municipal Building, 58 Meyersville Road in Chatham. The exhibit, hosted by the Art League of the Chathams, includes landscapes and seascapes that Abbott painted from photos she took on her travels and still lifes that she painted at home. The Art League also will display work of its member artists in the strolling gallery through June 13. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. Artwork is for sale. For information, call (973) 635-4600.



Paintings by Members of the Contemporary Art Group (CAG), including "Great Swamp Pond," **above**, by Diane Gallo, and "La Cage aux folles," **right**, by Monique Hendricks, will be on view from Friday, June 2, through Thursday, June 29, at the Bernardsville Public Library, 1 Anderson Hill Road. The Contemporary Art Group is a nonprofit, collegial



"The Stars Tell the Story: American Flags from the Morris Museum Collection," including the **above** United States Flag, circa 1777-1795, a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Wyclooff, will be on view through Monday, Nov. 13, at the Morris Museum, 6 Normandy Heights Road in Morris Township. Featuring more than 60 American flags dating from the birth of the country through the present day, "The Stars Tell the Story" will explore how the American flag has voiced our nation's history, culture, and involvement in world events. Visit www.morrismuseum.org for more information.

organization of working artists who meet on a regular basis at The Watchung Arts Center and exhibit their work together.

"Incidental Edges," an exhibition of selected works by sculptor Tom Holmes and painter Laurie J. Kalb, will be on view through Tuesday, May 30, at J. Cacciola - Gallery W, 35 Mill Street in Bernardsville. An opening reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 21. An artist talk and champagne toast at the gallery will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 7. All are welcomed to attend. Holmes is a sculptor working in stone, metal,



wood, light, ice and water. Kalb works in oils, pastel, and cold wax medium, drawing from her life's experience to explore the relationship between art and the soul. For more information, call (212) 462-4646 or email info@jcacciolagalleryw.com.

"Reimagine Everything," featuring works by contemporary artists Diana González Gandolfi, Lisa Pressman, and Adam Welch, will be on view from Friday, June 16, to Saturday, July 29, at J. Cacciola - Gallery W, 35 Mill Street in Bernardsville. An opening reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 16. An artist talk and champagne toast at the gallery will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 22. For more information, call (212) 462-4646 or email info@jcacciolagalleryw.com.

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more information.

The contemporary pastels of Linda Schwartz of Warren will be on view at the Clarence Dillon Public Library, 2336 Lamington Road in Bedminster Township during May and June. Capturing people, places, and objects that evoke emotion and connect us to the past, to memories, to joy, and to childhood is Schwartz's motivation. Color, shape, light, and reflections are the themes that she uses to explore those connections with pastels. She studied portraiture and painting at the Visual Arts Center in Summit and at the Center for Contemporary Art in Bedminster. The exhibit will be held in the downstairs meeting room of the library and is free and open to the public.

"Common Ground" is on view now through Thursday, Aug. 24, at Gallery at 14 Maple, located at 14 Maple Ave. in Morristown. This exhibit features works by six New Jersey artists, including Alaine Becker of South Orange, Dominant Dansby of Jersey City, Dahlia Elsayed of Palisades Park, Heejung Kim of Bogota, Mel Leipzig of Trenton and Alex Piccirillo of Nutley. The Gallery at 14 Maple is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and by appointment.

"Lino Tagliapietra: Maestro of a Glass Renaissance" will be on view through Sunday, June 18, at the Morris Museum, 6 Normandy Heights Road in Morris Township. The solo exhibit will highlight Tagliapietra's place in the art historical canon as both a champion of the Muranese tradition and an innovative force among contemporary artists working in glass. Morris Museum is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays to Saturdays, and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. In addition, the museum is open evenings from 5 to 8 p.m. on the second and third Thursday of the month. Admission costs \$10 for adults and \$7 for children, students and senior citizens. Admission is always free for museum members. For more information, call (973) 971-3700, or visit morrismuseum.org.

"Lena Shiffman: The Art of Storytelling," is on view through Saturday, June 10, at the The Cen-

ter for Contemporary Art, 2020 Burnt Mills Road in Bedminster Township. The show is part of The Center's ongoing faculty exhibition series. Shiffman, who has been illustrating children's books for more than 20 years, was born and raised in Sweden, a country rich in storytelling which served as her inspiration. She currently resides in Flemington and teaches book illustration, watercolor and drawing at The Center. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, call (908) 234-2345 or visit www.cccabedminster.org.



"Japan and Its Prints in the 20th Century: The New Prints Movement" will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 1, at the Bernardsville Public Library, 1 Anderson Hill Road. Tom Silver of Morristown, a Japanese print enthusiast, will present a comprehensive look at the Japanese "New Prints" movement in the first half of the 20th century, including "Kabuki Actor Portrait" by Natori Shunsen, **above**. His talk will feature professionally photographed prints created by many of the great Japanese print artists of that era. There is no charge to attend the program, but advance sign-up is requested. Register online at www.bernardsvillelibrary.org and follow the link from adult programs, or call (908) 766-0118 to sign up.

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ARTS AND CRAFTS

Morris County Historical Society and Sabrina's Art Studio of Morristown will host a **Paint and Sip art class** at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 4, in the beautiful, Victorian-inspired gardens behind Acorn Hall, 68 Morris Ave. in Morristown. Neither experience nor deeply developed artistic talent is required. Each participant will receive step-by-step instructions to recreate a pre-determined scene of Acorn Hall's beautiful garden that they can take home and display. The cost to participate is \$45, which includes all supplies, instruction, and light refreshments. Seating is limited. To reserve your spot, register at www.sabrina-artstudio.com/MCHS. For more information, call the historical society at (973) 267-3465.

Plein Air with Lena Shiffman will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, June 8, at the Schiff Nature Center, 339 Pleasant Valley Road in Mendham. Learn the basics of plein air in this beginner friendly workshop. Students will be guided through their work from beginning to end as they learn about creating thumbnail sketches, developing a strong composition, and various techniques to help refine their piece throughout the day. Members pay \$35. Non members pay \$40. To register, call (973) 543-6004 or visit www.schiffnaturepreserve.org.

BOOKS

Bestselling novelist Emma Straub will discuss her latest book, "Modern Lovers," at the Bickford Theatre in Morristown on Tuesday, June 6, for the Summer Spotlight event hosted by the Morristown Festival of Books. She will be in conservation with Glamour Books Editor Elisabeth Egan, a fellow novelist with "A Window Open" and a Montclair resident. The event begins at 7:30 p.m., though the museum is open for complimentary viewing beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$35 at morristownbooks.org or at the Bickford Theatre box office and include a paperback edition of "Modern Lovers." There will be a book signing after the event as well as champagne.



EMMA STRAUB

ECO-FUN

Star gazing with the Morris Museum



The Big Greek Festival returns to St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church, 1447 Sussex Turnpike in Randolph Township Friday, June 9 through Sunday, June 11. The three-day event features kids' activities, Greek entertainment, and Greek traditional treats like gyros, souvlaki and baklava. Pre-opening begins with a lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, June 9. For more information, visit www.biggreeksfestival.com.

Astronomical Society will be held from 9 to 10:30 p.m. Friday, June 2, and 9 p.m. to midnight Saturday, July 1, at the Schiff Nature Center, 339 Pleasant Valley Road in Mendham. Bring a picnic blanket and a late night snack to enjoy a quiet summer evening with Schiff and Joe Molnar from the Morris Museum Astronomical Society for a night of star gazing. Meet at the nature center and walk as a group to the great meadow for a tour of the summer sky and gazing through a telescope. The program costs \$8 for members or \$10 for non-members. Register by Wednesday, May 31, by calling (973) 543-6004.

The Sierra Club Loantaka Group will present a lecture by Eric Hausker, Loantaka Chair, who will show and lead a discussion on two lectures from The Great Courses DVD, "The Fundamentals of Sustainable Living," including "Inner Dimensions of Sustainability" and "Shifting to a Sustainable Worldview." Lonnie A. Gamble, a true guru of sustainability, is the featured speaker. The meeting will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, at Library of the Chathams, 214 Main Street in Chatham. The meeting is free and open to the public. Call (908) 233-2414 for more information.

FILM

The Eighth Annual Environmental Film Festival will begin at 6:45 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at the Schiff Nature Center, 339 Pleasant Valley Road in Mendham. The

festival will include two short films and one feature film as well as a question and answer period with the feature film director, Jared Flesher. Festival attendees may choose to walk from the nature center along marked trails to the theater location, which is a gentle two-mile, 20-minute hike or take one of two complementary hay rides leaving from the center at 6 and 6:30 p.m. Starting at 6 p.m. film-goers are invited to partake in light dinner fare, enjoyed al fresco on picnic tables available for a donation. Movie snacks and drinks will also be available at movie time. Films are family friendly, but the content is geared for ages 12 and up. Tickets are \$15 each, a family pack of four tickets for \$50, and a student rate of \$10. Space is limited and advance registration is required. Call (973) 543-6004 or visit www.schiffnaturepreserve.org to register.

GARDENING

NJ Audubon: 2017 Native Plant Sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at the Scherman Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary, 11 Hardscrabble Road in Bernardsville. Come for a wonderful selection of native wildflowers, ferns, shrubs, and small trees to turn your backyard into a haven for wildlife. We'll have, in addition to the beautiful nectar plants and caterpillar food plants, a nice selection of milkweeds to make a special place in your garden for Monarch Butterflies. Admission is free.

Flowers Galore: Tea and Tour will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Mondays June 12, July 10, Aug. 21, and Sept. 18 at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 353 East Hanover Avenue in Morris Township. Step onto the beautiful grounds for an expert-led tour focusing on seasonal blooms. Located in Morris Township, learn about the history of the arboretum, which is on the State and National Registers of Historic Places, along with fascinating facts about its gardens. A leisurely, one-hour-long stroll makes frequent stops in various gardens, including the Shade Garden, Fern Garden, and the scented Rose Garden. After the tour, enjoy a delicious tea prepared by a classically trained baker in Matilda's Café. A sumptuous selection of scones, traditional tea sandwiches, baked-from-scratch pastries, and teas from around the world are featured. Comfortable walking shoes and your stylish garden hat are encouraged. The cost of both tour and tea is \$35. To register, call (973) 394-1100.

OUTDOORS

Monthly guided bird walks will be held at 8:30 a.m. on the first Friday of each month at Somerset Hills Memorial Park, 95 Mt. Airy Road in the Basking Ridge section of Bernards Township. Local bird expert Randy Little will guide tours to spot the birds who make their home at Somerset Hills Memorial Park. Attendees should meet at the office at 8:30 a.m. Coffee and breakfast treats will be provided. Call (908) 766-0522 or visit shmp-cemetery.com for more information.

SINGLES

Outdoor Single Friends, a social club for single, active men and women ages 50 and older, meets monthly, holds summer picnics at local parks, and hosts a variety of day trips and longer getaways to cultural events, tourist attractions, charity events and outdoor explorations. For more information, call (973) 770-3915.

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Hello book lovers & book groups

We are planning a monthly feature on local book clubs and we would love to hear from you.



This is a sampling of what we are looking for:

- ~ How would you describe your group?
- ~ Do you have a name, how many members, professions, what do you have in common?
- ~ How is your group structured?
- ~ Where do you meet? Members' homes? The library? How often do you meet? any annual events? traditions?
- ~ How do you choose your books? Do you focus on any themes? Are there any rules, like the book must be available in paperback? How far in advance do you pick your books?
- ~ Do you have any special activities? For instance, do you celebrate the club's anniversaries? Trips? Dinners out?
- ~ What have been your most interesting discussions?
- ~ What have been your favorite fiction selections?
- ~ What have been your favorite non-fiction selections?

And please don't forget to include a picture of your group and who and where you are from.

Email your information to Roberta Burkhart (Editor) at rburkhart@newjerseyhills.com. Any questions, call Liz Parker (Exec. Editor) or Roberta at (908) 766-2118.

Thanks and we look forward to hearing from you.

Farmers markets now cropping up

Editor's note: The following is a list of farmers markets now open or opening soon throughout the area. Enjoy!

Bernardsville: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturdays from June 10 through Nov. 11, train station parking lot located at the intersection of Route 202 and Claremont Road. A wide variety of fresh vegetables, and fruits and poultry products will be offered by Silver Lake, Hensler and Griggstown farms. Other offerings include Valley Shepherd Creamery cheeses, Baker's Bounty baked goods, Pickelicious, Krakus Deli, and Alan Grossman who provides cut flowers and herbs. Native plants are offered by Cooper's Hollow Farm.

Boonton: 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturdays, June 10 through November 18, Upper Plane Street Parking Lot. Available will be a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, produce, honey, baked goods including gluten-free varieties, flowers, pasture-raised pork and poultry, and more.

Chatham Borough: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturdays June 17 through Nov. 18. located in Railroad Plaza South off Fairmount Avenue. Jersey Fresh fruits and vegetables, flowers, bath products, artisan cheeses, dried fruits and nuts, eggs, fresh mozzarella, gourmet pickles and olives, honey, Jersey-made wines, knife blade sharpening, locally prepared foods, pasture-raised meat and poultry.

Chester: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Sundays through Oct. 8 on Perry Street, right off Main Street. Fresh fruits and vegetables, gourmet baked goods, pastries and pies, honey, Jersey wine, locally prepared cheese.

Clinton: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Sundays through Oct. 29, Clinton Fire Company parking lot, 1 New Street (off Highway 22 near the post office). There is limited parking on-site. Parking is also on nearby East Main Street and other side streets, as well as the PNC Bank lot next door to the fire company.

Denville: 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Sundays through Nov. 19, Bloomfield Avenue parking lot. Fresh fruits, vegetables, gourmet breads, cheeses, and more. WIC and Senior FMNP vouchers accepted by some farmers.

East Hanover: noon – 6 p.m. Mondays through October, Lurker Park, 609 Ridgedale Avenue. Variety of fruits & vegetables. WIC and Senior FMNP vouchers accepted by some farmers.

Flemington: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturdays year-round Stangl Factory Farmers' Market, Mine Street and Stangl Road, Flemington.

High Bridge: 8:30 a.m. – noon, the second Saturday of each month through October, parking lot of Riverside Wine and Liquors, 45 Main St.

Madison: 2 – 7 p.m. Thursdays June 1 through Oct. 26, Green Village Road at Main Street, outside the Museum of Early Trades and Crafts. Alstede Farms, Melick's Town

Farm and Vacchiano Farm are bringing their "Jersey Fresh" produce plus other vendors include Kettle Korn, Pickle Licious, Paolo's Kitchen, Gourmet Nuts and Dried Fruits, Secret Garden Soap of Madison, Breadsmith, and Squeezed Fresh Lemonade.

Mendham Township: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturdays June through October, at Pitney Farm, 1 Cold Hill Road. Offerings include fresh fruits and vegetables, meats, eggs, honey, granola, flowers, fresh pressed juice, gluten-free cupcakes, olives, pickle, nuts, wine, pre-made Italian meals, cheese, fresh jam, olive oil, soap, and more.

Morris Plains: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturdays June 10 through Oct. 7, Speedwell Avenue Merchant Block Extension. Treats include a variety of fruits and vegetables, jams and jellies, eggs, artisan breads, cheeses, home made soaps and more.

Morristown: 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Sundays June 18 through November, in the municipal parking lot at Spring and Morris Streets. Fresh fruits and vegetables, local ingredient-prepared foods, cheese, fish, poultry, honey, pickled products, live music, cooking demonstrations and tastings.

Mount Olive Township: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturdays through October, Turkey Brook Park, 30 Flanders Road. On the third Saturday of each month, the market is expanded to include local artists and crafters.

Raritan Township: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays May 21 through Nov. 19 at the Dvoor Farm, 111 Mine Street off the route 12 circle in Raritan Township. shoppers can find a bounty of locally grown, organic vegetables, grass-fed beef, artisan breads, cheeses, honey, pies, plants and much more.

Warren: Farmers Market at the Warren Municipal Complex on Mountain Blvd., 3 to 7 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 28. Offered are locally grown fruits and vegetables, all natural meats, artisan breads, pasta and sauces, Italian specialties including gluten free, award winning local wines, baked goods, nuts, pickles, salsas, local honey, natural skin care products and much more. For more information, call (908) 350-7383.

Washington Township: The Long Valley Green Market, 3 to 7 p.m. Thursdays, 20 Schooley's Mountain Road. For more information, including a complete vendor list, visit: longvalleygreenmarket.com.

Watchung: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays through Oct. 22 at the Best Lake parking lot. The market has available local organic produce freshly picked the same day, bakery items made from scratch using local products, gourmet cupcakes/pies/cookies, pickles and tapas, homemade pet treats, Polish delicacies, prepared Italian meals, crab cakes, raviolis, paleo granola, variety of breads, natural beauty products, homemade pet treats and more.