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ALL ABOARD!

Whippany Railway Museum's latest train ride will operate on Sunday, May 15

The Whippany Railway Museum offers exclusive classic excursion train rides into the past at 1, 2, 3, and 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 15, rain or shine, at 1 Railroad Plaza, at the intersection of Route 10 West and Whippany Road, in the Whippany section of Hanover Township.

At the beginning of the 20th century, a lovely young woman clad all in white, extolled the virtues of riding the clean trains of the Lackawanna Railroad.

This fictional character, named "Phoebe Snow," was renowned as much for her beauty, as well as for the advertising jingles that accompanied the adverts she appeared in.

Today, Snow invites all to step aboard the Whippany Railway Museum's excursion trains and take a ride into the past.

The historic trains feature a unique collection of restored, vintage rail cars from railroads that once served New Jersey and the Metropolitan area.

Passengers can board a caboose and experience an old-fashioned, relaxing way of spending a Sunday afternoon with the family.

Children love swaying to the motion of the old cars while they listen to the nostalgic "clickety-clack" sounds the wheels make as they clatter over the rail joints.

For a slightly higher fare guests can upgrade their excursion experience by choosing to ride in award-winning Lackawanna Railroad Subscription Club Car No. 2454, which radiated elegance on a train once known as "The



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Millionaire's Express."

The Central Railroad of New Jersey (CNJ) club car 'Jersey Coast' is a beautiful conveyance that features all the amenities offered by the CNJ's deluxe Blue Comet passenger train of the 1930s.

During the 45-minute ride, the train travels the route of the historic "Whippanong Trail" through the towns of Whippany, East Hanover, Livingston and Roseland in Morris and Essex Counties.

Travelers will pass through the remnants of pre-historic Glacial Lake Passaic, a natural swamp which supports abundant wildlife, such as deer, turtles, wild turkeys, hawks and rabbits.

The ride also features the thrill of crossing high above the Passaic River over a steel bridge.

These excursion train rides are operated as a fundraising effort to benefit the Whippany Railway Museum, a 501(c)(3) non-profit operating heritage railroad that is staffed by volunteers.

Donations from the public help to keep the museum operational, but funds are still required to support this unique New Jersey treasure.

Proceeds from the train rides will further enhance the museum's mission and its historic preservation efforts.

Ticket prices range from \$12 to \$24, which includes admission to the museum building and grounds.

For tickets and more information, visit www.WhippanyRailwayMuseum.net or call (973) 887-8177.

Junior League of Morristown to hold Lunch with the Authors on Friday, May 6

The Junior League of Morristown will showcase three authors, Jamie Brenner, Jane Kelly and Eric Smith, at its 20th annual Lunch with the Authors fundraiser at 11 a.m., Friday, May 6 at the Hamilton Farm Golf Club in Peapack-Gladstone.

The luncheon features presentations by authors, a book signing and sales. Tickets for the event range from \$100 to \$150 and can be found at https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/7svSJdwIzdr5IFUB-Z8lgWA.

Jamie Brenner grew up in suburban Philadelphia and read Jackie Collins and Judith Krantz novels. After college, she moved to New York City to live like the heroines of her favorite books.

Brenner's most recent novel "Blush" was published June 2021, and her next book "Glit" will be published Tuesday, June 21.

Brenner has two daughters and divides her time between Philadelphia and New York City.

Philadelphia native Jane Kelly is a Chestnut Hill College graduate who has a master of arts degree from Drexel University in library and information science.

Kelly also has a master of philosophy in popular literature from Trinity College in Dublin.

She lives in Philadelphia where her "Writing in Time Mysteries" and "Widow

Lady" series are set.

Kelly is a past president of the Delaware Valley Sisters in Crime chapter and has served on the board of the New York City Chapter of Mystery Writers of America. "Missing You in Atlantic City," the fourth installment in Kelly's "Meg Daniels" mystery book from Plexus Publishing, won an Independent Publishers Book Award for mid-Atlantic fiction in 2015.

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JANE KELLY



ERIC SMITH

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Proceeds of the event support the Junior League of Morristown Voluntarism Scholarship program, which awards college-bound students who exemplify the spirit of voluntarism, and the Women Moving Forward Scholarship program, which awards women 40 and older who are returning to school to further their education and future.

To date, the Junior League of Morristown has provided more than 135 scholarships totaling more than \$261,000 in scholarship support.

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Watkins Glen Revival to feature music of The Band, Grateful Dead, Allman Brothers on May 21

JamFam Productions will present The Watkins Glen Revival 2022 on Saturday, May 21, at the Flanders Swim & Sports Club at 272 Emmans Road in the Flanders section of Roxbury Township.

The scheduled artists include the Northeast's premier tribute bands, The The Band Band, This Old Engine, and The Peach Project, performing the music of The Band, The Grateful Dead and the Allman Brothers Band, respectively.

Often called the "Forgotten Woodstock," the July 1973 Watkins Glen festival had only three bands perform: The Band, The Grateful Dead, and the Allman Brothers Band.

The original festival drew more than 600,000 guests. It's in the Guinness book of world records and was

bigger than Woodstock.

The festival will be a one-day, all-day music festival with an expected attendance of 1,000 guests.

"Our goal is to give our artists, attendees and staff the safest place to experience top-tier musicians playing live music. JamFam Productions' concerts will also feature a 'Leave No Footprint' commitment to eco-conscious partying and music with an aim to protect the beautiful and lush landscape and environment. We are asking all guests leave nothing behind and to leave your area as clean as when you arrived," said founder and producer, Michael Kestin.

Tickets range from \$10 to \$50 each and are on sale via Eventbrite to the general public at <https://bit.ly/WATKINS22>.

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Mozaika Chamber Concerts present Trio Entartete on Tuesday, May 10, at college's Nash Theatre

The Mozaika Chamber Concerts at Raritan Valley Community College will continue at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, with a performance by the Trio Entartete, in the Nash Theatre at 118 Lamington Road in Branchburg.

The event, presented by RVCC's Arts & Design department, will also be streamed live at <https://www.facebook.com/RVCCMusic>.

The MOZAIKA Concert Series is designed to promote multicultural dialogue through the performance of music from the classical canon through the 21st Century. Ticket proceeds go to the RVCC Applied Music Fund to help the College's music majors pay for private lessons on their primary instruments.

Trio Entartete is comprised of three of New York City's most in demand performers: violist Junah Chung, pianist Eric Huebner, and saxophonist Tim Ruedeman. Their programs of entartete musik are a celebration of the life and music of a generation of composers who were suppressed by the Third Reich. Their music was officially labeled "entartete," or "degenerate." The trio's mission is to bring awareness to this wonderfully rich and diverse repertoire from composers whose voices have been silenced far too long, as well as to programs of contemporary works written for their unique instrumentation of viola, saxophone, and piano.

Violist Junah Chung has had a dynamic and prolific career as a violist on the New York music scene. Currently the violist for Disney's Broadway musical "The Lion King," Chung was the assistant principal violist of the Iceland Symphony Orchestra and principal violist of the Reykjavik Chamber Orchestra. He appears regularly with American Ballet Theater and has performed with the New York Philharmonic and Minnesota Orchestra. Chung is a passionate photographer and golfer who performs on a fine Italian viola c. 1780.

Pianist Eric Huebner has drawn worldwide acclaim for his performances of new and traditional music since making his debut with the Los Angeles Philharmonic at age 17. In January 2012 he was appointed pianist of the New York Philharmonic and currently holds the Anna-Maria and Stephen Kellen Piano Chair. He has been featured in orchestral works by Lindberg, Stravinsky, Ives, Milhaud, Carter, and R. Strauss among others and regularly appears in chamber music performances with musicians from the Philharmonic at

New York City's Merkin Hall. His performances have been heard on PBS and NPR, and on radio stations KMOZ in Los Angeles, WNYC in New York, Radio Bremen in Germany, ORF in Austria and the BBC. He has recorded for Col Legno, Centaur, Bridge, Albany, Tzadik, Innova, New Focus Recordings and Mode Records. Huebner holds bachelor's and master's degrees from The Juilliard School, where he studied with Jerome Lowenthal. He lives in Buffalo and New York City and is married to composer Caroline Mallonée.

A vital part of New York City's new music scene, Timothy Ruedeman has given the premieres of more than 60 new works and has collaborated closely with established and emerging composers including Louis Andriessen, Lukas Foss, Eric Ewazen, and Nico Muhly. Ruedeman is at home in many genres: he has appeared as soloist in the New York Philharmonic's CONTACT! performing Franco Donatoni's Hot for solo soprano/tenor saxophone and ensemble, has been a substitute musician in Broadway pit orchestras, and has toured and recorded with rock and indie legends The Cars, Todd Rundgren, Rostam of Vampire Weekend, M. Ward, David Foster, Christopher Cross, Lou Gramm of Foreigner, Hamilton Leithauser, Denny Laine of Wings, Paul Shaffer, and The Walkmen.

Ruedeman serves on the faculty of New York University, William Paterson University, and Queen College CUNY, and has been a visiting faculty member at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. He holds degrees from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and a PhD from New York University.

A post-performance discussion with the artists will follow the concert, which will be available for viewing online after the initial performance date. General admission tickets cost \$15 each; admission is free of charge for students and seniors. For advance ticket reservations, contact the RVCC Theatre Box Office at (908) 725-3420. For information, call the Arts & Design department at (908) 218-8876.

The MOZAIKA Concert Series is made possible by funds from the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

For additional information, contact Anna Keiserman at anna.keiserman@raritanval.edu or visit <https://www.rvccmusicprogram.org/mozai-ka-concerts>.



The Mozaika Chamber Concerts will continue on Tuesday, May 10, with a performance by the Trio Entartete. From left are Junah Chung, pianist Eric Huebner, and saxophonist Tim Ruedeman in the Nash Theatre at Raritan Valley Community College, at 118 Lamington Road in Branchburg.

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Wine on a Vespa: The Italian Job

One of the founding members of my Tasting Council, a small cluster of discerning grape-diviners, co-hosted, with his beautiful best half, an Italian-inspired tasting travelogue at his home.

The six of us were marshaled to the couple's table, each with a bottled Italian ambassador in our hands, decanted and prepped for tasting. The host, a successful restaurateur of Moghul, Ming and Mithaas fame, tempted by his natural instinct to make this a pairing event rather than simply, a tasting routine – the words wine and routine do not belong in the same phrase – embedded our magical evening with two very talented chefs from his repertoire to curate the pairing dinner. Eccitato! Salute!

The Berlucchi Franciacorta Brut Rose, a blush of a sparkling bride from Lombardy debuted as the council's traditional opening Champagne ritual. Her pink feline bubbles played havoc with the heady cheeses and charcuterie harvest at the parlor table. A vibrant Sagrantino, the Arnaldo Caprai 25th



Ash Rajan

READ BETWEEN THE WINES

Ash Rajan is a French-certified wine master with the title Maitre Du Vin Du Bordeaux, one of eight in the country. His wine videoclips on YouTube (search Ash Rajan wine) are classic go-tos in wine lexicon. Ash is an accidental Sommelier in that he is a highly credentialed and well known Wall Street strategist and wealth manager. Contact him at Ashrajan5124@gmail.com or (973) 718-1275.

Anniversary Reserve, an elixir of satin and finesse from the lesser known Sagrantino grape, a noble citizen of Umbria, nevertheless.

Caprai is Sagrantino's daddy and his kin did not disappoint, especially paired with the Chef's braised mushroom tart, mozzarella espuma with crispy prosciutto. The course following that like the proverbial parade of a Miss Universe pageant was a foie torch, laced with sour cherry and fennel marmalade.

This delectable plate was chased with an elegant La Serena Brunello Di Montalcino in its Sunday best, deep ruby red, balanced notes with subtle touches of fruits commingled with spices.

A Nebbiola grape blockbuster, like its prior peers, followed, a crisp Barbaresco from the legendary house of Gaja, in Sori Tildin Langhe avatar trumpeting its upbringing of tar and roses, chewy but noble tannins and finishing off with white and black truffle vapors. The chef nailed this pairing with a duck ragout, all of its quacking charm ensconced in porcini, apricot and macadamia infused paparadelle.

A roasted Halibut came right after bathed in green apple puree and crowned with artichokes and a solo celery root. It begged for a Sicilian liquid companion and a volcanic tap obliged called Aeris Etna Bianco, its middle name after the famous volcano whose lava shaped its parentage. Could not ignore the tension between its rock salt, lemon peel and dried fruit demeanor as

it transported the fish to our senses.

Four courses down, three to go, the host and the council agreed to do a leisure man's mini triathlon of saunter, laugh and reminisce of tasting sessions past. Post that grueling physical exercise, the council was back to further hedonistic punishment by our gracious hostess and host with the most.

Course number five transported the writer to his native India where a wild boar hunting expedition could have well served the centerpiece to the Chef's next pairing, a 'scottiglia di cinghiale, its surname meaning wild boar in a robust polenta stew, so hearty that it threatened to overwhelm any wine that came along – but not the Sassicaia Tenuta San Guido from Bolgheri, its Tuscan warrior muscle cloaked in a veil of sexy fruit and alluvial aromas. Its harmonious notes self-playing like a player piano with no need for accompaniment. Bravo! Bellissimo!

The council could have easily juxtaposed the next wine, a beefy Barolo, a Luciano Sandrone number, to complement the hardy pig from the prior plate but the Barola had its romance for the venison sausage in its own jus perfumed by truffle oil. And the courtship was a success with the Barolo's heady, foggy vapors enhancing its own fruit and enticing the venison.

Where's the rooster? This ubiquitous Italian symbol of harvest and fertility made its slow but sure trek to the table albeit with a French accent, a delicate Coq au vin braised chicken thigh dressed in a wild mushroom garland of egg noodles.

The rooster was joined in its glory by another intense Italian, a Roberto Anselmi Amaroni from the Veneto region, its triad Valpolicella blend of three grapes, semi-dried on mats in the Veneto sun made it the Italian nectar that it is.

The dessert wine, a charming Feline Vin Santo with its roots in Chianti, shows off its rose gold tint and a sauterne-like family face, a quaint extraction of dried pineapple, peach and apricot and yet fresh as the morning dew struck the ebbing notes of this feast fit for a Caesar. A coterie of sweets topped by an olive cake, apricot and peach compote with a textural contrast of Marconi almond chips was the anthem to this uber decadent banquet.

Caligulla could not be reached for comment.

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Five bands will perform at Great Swamp Great Music Festival on Sunday, May 22 in Chatham Township

Great Swamp Watershed Association (GSWA) will host its fifth annual Great Swamp Great Music festival from noon to 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 22, at the Giralda Farms Preserve in Chatham Township.

Gates open at 11 a.m. with live music, plus festival goers can expect food trucks, adult beverages, merchandise vendors, and more at this family-friendly fundraiser.

"It's hard to believe this will be our fifth annual Great Swamp Great Music festival," stated Val Thorpe, GSWA director of communications and event producer. "We have a tremendous lineup this year. These musicians, who are all generously donating their time and talent, are gearing up to deliver a top-notch day of music in support of clean water and a healthy environment."

Performing at the festival are three returning crowd-favorites and two exciting new acts. In order of appearance, the lineup includes The Refuge Dogs, The Step Brothers Band, Lenox Underground, Not Enough Jeffs, and The Big Fuss. Nick Amling & The Lifeline will entertain those who arrive before noon and Nick will keep the music going between band sets. New to the festival this

year, comedian Max Antonucci, will emcee.

"It has been exciting to see this highly anticipated event grow year over year," said Sally Rubin, GSWA executive director. "Thanks to our generous festival sponsors, we can continue to offer this popular day of music to the public in support of our mission to protect and improve the health of the Passaic River through science, education, land preservation and stewardship, and advocacy."

The organization will conduct fundraising games during the event. Proceeds will be split evenly between the winning ticket holder and GSWA in support of their mission. The ticket will be pulled towards the end of the festival. Winner need not be present to win.

All are encouraged to bring blankets or low-lying chairs to the festival. Parking is free and plentiful. Online ticket ordering is encouraged. Adults: \$30 (\$35 at the gate) students: \$20 (\$25 at the gate) children 13 and under: free.

Giralda Farms is just minutes off Interstate 287 on Woodland Road, a short walk from St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center.

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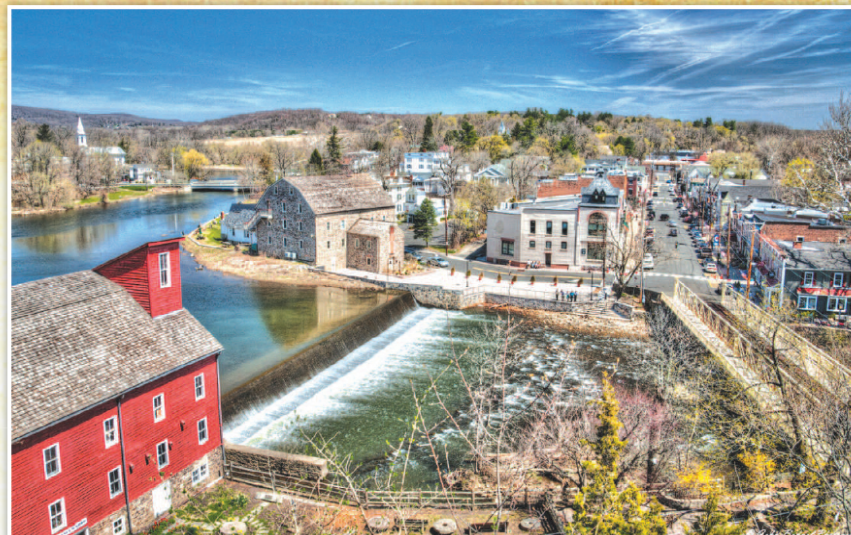
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Whitehouse Wind Symphony to perform free concert to commemorate Armed Forces Day Saturday, May 21

The Whitehouse Wind Symphony will present a free outdoor concert to commemorate Armed Forces Day at noon on Saturday, May 21, at the Field of Honor at the Jacobus Vanderveer House at 3055 River Road, Bedminster Township.

The program will feature patriotic selections such as "America the Beautiful," marches by John Philip Sousa, and selections from the Broadway musical "Les Misérables."

This concert is just one of many events taking place that day. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Jacobus Vanderveer House will be open for tours, including a viewing of the new Pluckemin Cantonment interactive model and video. There will also be historic demonstrations, including re-enactors from Lamb's Artillery. Audience members of all ages are encouraged to bring picnic blankets and chairs.

The concert is free and open to the general public, although donations will be accepted to benefit the community band under the direction of Branchburg resident James P. Sheeley, Jr. — a non-profit group comprised entirely of volunteer musicians.

The Whitehouse Wind Symphony was founded by conductor emeritus Casey Bork on April 15, 1996. It is dedicated to presenting the best in all varieties of wind band literature. Since its founding, the band has grown rapidly, attracting experienced musicians as regular members from all over New Jersey, as well as New York City and eastern Pennsylvania. It is now comprised of approximately 50 amateur and professional musicians who perform to-

gether regularly to enthusiastic audiences throughout central and northern New Jersey. The band was recently named the winner of the 2022 Hunterdon Happening List in the category of favorite band/musician!

For information about venue accessibility, email whitehousewindsymphony@gmail.com, or call the band's ADA coordinator, Margaret Smith, at (908) 534-6662.

The Jacobus Vanderveer House served as headquarters for General Henry Knox during the winter of 1778-79 and is the only surviving building associated with the Pluckemin Artillery Cantonment, now recognized as America's first military training academy and the precursor to The United States Military Academy at West Point.

The Jacobus Vanderveer House interprets Dutch colonial life in America as well as the stay by General Knox and his family during the 1778-79 encampment. A National and New Jersey Historic Site, the Jacobus Vanderveer House is a true landmark that offers a vivid look into the history of our country and the lives of those who made it. Operated by The Friends of The Jacobus Vanderveer House, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, the Friends sponsor public events throughout the year. For directions and more information, visit www.jvanderveerhouse.org.

In the event of inclement weather or public health emergency, the announcement to postpone or cancel this concert will be made on the band's website at whitehousewindsymphony.org, Facebook page at facebook.com/whitehousewind, and Instagram at instagram.com/whitehousewind.



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The Whitehouse Wind Symphony will perform as part of the festivities at the Field of Honor at the Jacobus Vanderveer House in Bedminster on Saturday, May 21.

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I woke years ago to this mountain
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the trail is steeper.

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New York City

Editor's note: The writer is a former long-time resident of Far Hills. The poem is from his book of poetry "Out On A Limb," Poems from 2012-2020.

Centenary Stage presents Go-Go's musical 'Head Over Heels' through Sunday, May 1

Centenary Stage Company's NEXTStage Repertory presents its spring musical – "Head Over Heels," conceived by original book by Jeff Whitty, adapted by James Magruder; music and lyrics by The Go-Go's through Sunday, May 1 in the Sitnik Theatre of the Lackland Performing Arts Center on the Centenary University campus at 715 Grand Ave., Hackettstown.

From the visionaries that rocked Broadway with "Hedwig and the Angry Inch," "Avenue Q" and "Spring Awakening," this laugh-out-loud love story is set to the music of the iconic 1980's all-female rock band The Go-Go's, including the hit songs, "We Got the Beat," "Our Lips Are Sealed," "Vacation," Belinda Carlisle's "Heaven is a Place on Earth" and "Mad About You." A celebration of love, Head Over Heels follows the escapades of a royal family on an outrageous

journey to save their beloved kingdom from extinction – only to discover the key to their realm's survival lies within each of their own hearts.

This production of "Head Over Heels" will be directed by Centenary Stage Company's own Lea Antolini-Lid. Antolini-Lid serves as CSC's director of Young Audience Series and producer of the NEXTStage Repertory Summer Series, as well as associate professor of Theatre Arts for Centenary University.

The cast of "Head Over Heels" features Centenary University students Megan Moran, Ray Salerno, Emily Kurnides, Christina Polichetti, Serena Buchan, Amanda Ackerman, Kylah Wilson, Chris Hara, Zach Orr, Cody Jackson, James Brandes, Luis Rodriguez, Chris Rice, Kai Vialva, Amanda Tossman, Michaela Tiessen, Kayla Yopez, Ali Koch, Chloe Sharman,

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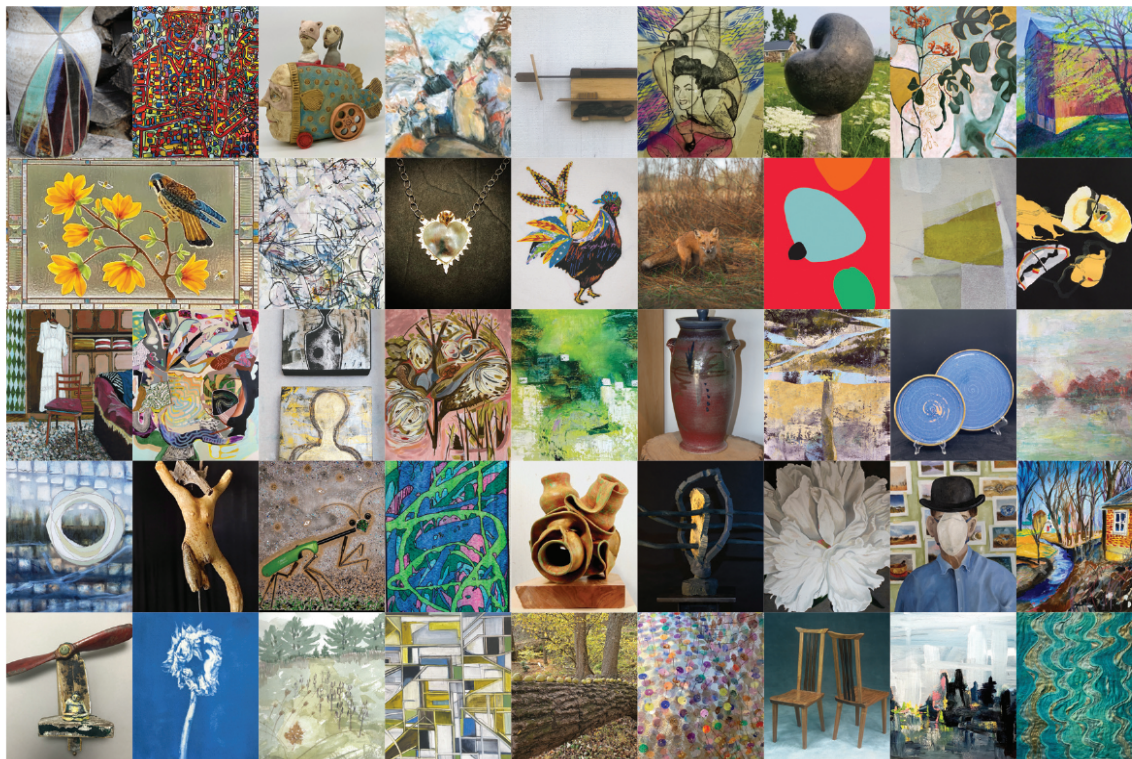
NEXTstage Repertory is the all-student performance division of Centenary University's Theatre Department. These productions feature current Centenary University students, alumni, and highlights the close partnership between the professionally producing Centenary Stage Company and the Centenary University Theatre Department.

For more information regarding CSC COVID-19 policies and policy updates, visit centenarystageco.org/faq.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online at centenarystageco.org or by phone by calling the Centenary Stage Company box office at (908) 979-0900.



Centenary Stage Company's NEXTStage Repertory presents "Head Over Heels," with music and lyrics by The Go-Go's through May 1.



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Photo by Katherine Parker-Magyar

The lush Rainforest Retreat is located in Franz Josef Glacier Village on the West Coast of New Zealand’s South Island.

As of May 1, New Zealand will officially reopen to international travelers, and there’s never been a better time to visit. Plus, if you book your travel now, you can take advantage of flight deals via Air New Zealand, which offers direct flights to Auckland International Airport from Houston and LAX.

Although the trip may seem daunting and long, once you arrive, it will be worth it. Additionally, given it’s an entirely new day when you arrive in New Zealand, jet-lag is at a minimum. It’s honestly more exhausting to spend a long weekend in Europe.

Plus, on Sept. 17, Air New Zealand will launch direct flights from JFK to Auckland International Airport. When you’ve traveled such a long way, it’s important to maximize your vacation while in New Zealand.

Read on for the ultimate New Zealand itinerary, which encompasses both North and South Islands and features breathtaking natural beauty throughout your stay.

North Island Auckland

Auckland is known as the “New York City” of New Zealand and is where your journey will begin upon arriving from the states.

Book a room at the SO/ Auckland, a luxurious avant-garde hotel located in the heart of downtown, in the Britomart district. Spend a few days exploring the town and be sure to experience the Skywalk, Auckland’s Sky Tower walk and jump, which takes place off the country’s highest building. The Sky Tower is roughly 1,076 feet, and jumping off the top is less terrifying than expected, not least because you are in the hands of experts.

Bungee jumping was invented in New Zealand, and risk-takers and thrill-seekers should feel right at home with the array of exhilarating activities available during your stay.

Take a road trip out of Auckland in the afternoon and head west to the beautiful black-sand Piha Beach, which is famous in the country for its surfing. Watch the sunset at Lion Rock, a towering volcanic formation inscribed with Maori carvings and war memorials. Go on hikes in the nearby Waitakere Ranges Regional Park, which boasts a subtropical native rainforest that is not to be missed.

Hawkes Bay

After exploring Auckland, head northeast to Hawke’s Bay, to experience the world-class vineyards, quirky Art Deco architecture, and rich Maori culture that makes this region famous. Renting a car is a traveler’s best bet during this inter-island adventure, for even though Air New Zealand flights will be necessary to navigate the transitions between islands, the country is best explored via an old-fashioned road trip. Book a stay with Clifton



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Glamping to experience a taste of the glorious New Zealand outdoors while also staying in the most luxurious camping accommodations imaginable.

Be sure to visit the scenic Elephant Hill Estate Winery where the quality of the sauvignon blanc rivals the majesty of the views. Be sure to book a day trip with Nature Maori Tours to explore the ancestral mountains of the region and learn more about the rich culture and history of the Maori people in the North Island and New Zealand at large. An Ancient Village Traverse Tour offers visitors a guided introduction to the region’s 650-year-old village site, the largest and most outstanding fortified village in New Zealand. Finally, a stay at the Art Deco Masonic Hotel is the perfect way to experience the quirky local culture and architectural history of the city of Napier.

Wellington

Next, hop on a flight to Wellington, another must-visit destination on the North Island. Wellington is known as the ‘coolest little capital’ and boasts a thriving local arts scene as well as an array of fine-dining options for the cultural traveler. Book a room at the boutique Ohtel, located on Oriental Bay, and pay a visit to the Museum of New Zealand, Te Papa Tongarewa, to learn more about the nation’s history and cultural heritage. At dusk, do a twilight tour at Zealandia: The Karori Sanctuary Experience, home to more than 40 native species of rare wildlife in the heart of Wellington.

Most importantly, guests should embark on a day trip to Kapiti Island, one of the most beautiful destinations in the country. Sign up for a Kapiti Island Nature Tour to experience one of the nation’s oldest and most important nature reserves. Kapiti Island is home to spectacular native bird populations and has served as a historic Maori landmark for centuries.

South Island Queenstown

The next destination requires another Air New Zealand flight down to the South Island to begin the southern part of the New Zealand adventure.



Piha Beach, located west of Auckland, is one of the most beautiful destinations on the North Island.

It’s important to not be discouraged by the multitude of flights, as the inter-island transport is seamless, quick, and easy. Plus, the views out the window are well worth your while. Grab lunch at The Sherwood to appreciate the view of the surrounding Queenstown countryside while you enjoy your meal. The property is set on three acres of alpine hillside overlooking Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkables range.

Before heading northwest on your journey to Wanaka and eventually the West Coast, adventurous travelers simply must test their bravery with a fling off the Nevis Catapult at AJ Hackett Bungy Queenstown. Brave adventurers will be flung roughly 492 feet out and over the Nevis Valley, appreciating spectacular views in the milli-second you’re able to appreciate them — the entire experience is over in less than two seconds. From there, rent a car to continue onto your journey. Travelers shouldn’t fear driving in New Zealand — once you get used to driving on the opposite side of the road, it comes naturally. Additionally, road trips are the

best way to see the sights and appreciate the country’s vastness, especially as you journey out towards the West Coast of the South Island.

Wanaka

If heaven existed on Earth, it would be the landscape of Wanaka, on New Zealand’s South Island. A gorgeous drive over from Queenstown, Wanaka looks like a mixture of Jackson Hole meets Switzerland. Picture gorgeous cerulean lakes, snow-capped mountains, and golden fields spread across an endless countryside. To best experience your surroundings, book a stay at Criffel Station – large sheep farms are referred to as stations in New Zealand – and reserve the Shearers Quarters cottage. The family-owned property is lovingly preserved, and offers guests a taste of the welcoming local culture, as the Bell family, who own the property, are exceedingly hospitable. Plus, guests staying at the the high-country station can appreciate gin and tonics, as well as sweeping vistas of the surrounding mountains and valley.



Clifton Glamping in Hawkes Bay offers a tremendous experience for visitors to enjoy the outdoors in style.

It wouldn’t be a trip to New Zealand without a taste of adventure, and visitors should sign up for Wild Thing, the Intermediate Climb at WildWire Wanaka. The climb offers guests the opportunity to hike up the highest waterfall cable climb in the world, explore hidden pools and appreciate sweeping panoramic views during a mountaintop picnic. For a more leisurely excursion in the outdoors, sign up for the happy hour cruise on Lake Wanaka with Wanaka Cruises and enjoy a glass of chilled pinot gris and a selection of New Zealand cheeses while you cruise up to Waterfall Creek, Ruby Island, and the Stevensons Peninsula.

West Coast

Finally, find out why the West Coast is the best coast on New Zealand’s South Island with a road trip into Glacier Country. Book a stay at the lush and idyllic Rainforest Retreat, a hideaway nestled amongst the Southern Alps, nearby to Franz Josef Glacier where guests enjoy tremendous views of the mountains and surrounding bush. Located in Franz Josef Glacier Village, the retreat is situated within an unspoiled temperate rainforest that is also part of the Te Wahipounamu World Heritage Area.

The Franz Josef Glacier is the prime wilderness attraction in the region, and active explorers should consider booking a Glacier Heli Hike with Franz Josef Glacier Guides. The hikes vary based on traveler expertise and can include helicopter flights and visits to nearby hot pools. Visitors looking to experience hot pools without embarking on a vertical traverse up the glacier can spend a leisurely evening soaking in the Glacier Hot Pools beneath the stars. Finally, a kayaking excursion with Franz Josef Wilderness Tours is the perfect way to experience the surrounding wilderness while paddling aboard Lake Mapourika. Happy travels!

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Having a 'Ball' in Muncie, Indiana

Editor's note: This is the 17th in a series of articles about road tripping in the U.S. from New Jersey to St. Louis, Mo., and back.

My husband and I have had the good fortune to travel across our amazing country three times in the past decade, learning history as we traveled and discovering small towns, large cities, natural wonders, museums and unusual attractions.

On our way home from St. Louis, we stopped in Muncie, Ind. I can't remember why we chose to stop there, but how fortuitous. Along with special things to see, our visit caused me to look into my family history.

Muncie is located about 50 miles north-east of Indianapolis and was named after a Lenape Indian village on the White River which the white settlers called Munsee Town. The Lenape, also known as the Delaware, lived along the shores of the Delaware River and in southeastern New York, eastern Pennsylvania, all of New Jersey and parts of Connecticut and Delaware.



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ROAD TRIP OF DISCOVERY

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During the summer many would go to the Jersey Shore to enjoy the seafood. It is believed they crossed the Passaic River, which they called the Fishawack, at what is now Chatham, New Jersey.

We were living in Chatham in 1971 when the first "Fishawack Festival" was held. It is a town-wide fun-filled family day. After being curtailed by Covid, the festival will resume this year from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 11.

There will be a Child Fun Run and an Adult 5K Run, musical entertainments in the gazebo, and, of course, food for all tastes. Keep an eye out for more information as the date draws near.

As with other Native American tribes, the Delaware believed the land was to be lived on and cared for, not something that could be bought and sold. However, as treaties signed with the U.S. Government were broken, they were forced to move west. Some went to Ohio and Indiana, others to Canada, but the majority of the Lenape ended up in Oklahoma where the tribe's headquarters is now located.

One of my ancestors, Ann Starling, was a member of the Lenape Tribe. Sometime in the late 1600s, she married a man named Bat Twiford. I haven't been able to find out anything about Bat except his name, but I assume he was living in Pennsylvania since that was where my dad's people lived. My dad figured out that with all the generations descending he was 1/64th Delaware Indian, making me 1/128th. Alas, not enough for tribal membership.

Back to Muncie. I don't usually ponder about where household products are made, but Muncie, Ind., is the home of the Ball Mason Jar, used widely for "canning." The five Ball brothers began making glass home-canning jars, with their distinctive script signature on the side, in Buffalo, N.Y., in 1884, and in 1887 they moved the company to Muncie.

I remember as a child of 10 or 11 making grape jelly with my mom. After pouring the creation into a Ball jar, we covered it with hot paraffin wax to seal the jelly in the jar. This is no longer recommended as it doesn't form a reliable seal, allowing for possible mold contamination. However, I don't remember ever getting sick from eating our delicious jelly.



Photo by Jennifer Fischer

A sculpture welcomes visitors to the museum at the Minnetrista Cultural Center in Muncie, Ind. Note the Ball jars in the window.

After acquiring the business assets of Reynolds Metals Company in 1998, the company grew to become the largest aluminum can producer in the U.S. When the Webb Space Telescope was launched in December 2021, it was carrying a lightweight mirror system designed and built by the Ball Corporation. A long way from Mason jars!

We learned all this history and more at the Minnetrista Cultural Center which is a 40-acre complex the Balls donated to Muncie. The name means "a gathering place by the water." It contains gardens, a nature area, historic homes, and a museum which has three galleries with changing exhibits to appeal to every age. One of the exhibits in the museum was an extensive collection of Ball jars in many colors and sizes.

We enjoyed looking at dioramas of the beginnings of Muncie, including a Lenape/Delaware village of 1780 on the White River. Another room was devoted to collections of residents, including nativity sets, butter molds, tools, thimbles, typewriters, gum ball machine trinkets, lunch boxes, miniature antique trunks and squeezable stress relievers, some in the shapes of heads of notable people.

Around the corner was a display case containing a McCort Label Cabinet from the early 1900s, used to dispense drug labels. Some of the choices included camphorated oil, Chloroform, poison and tincture iodine. Now the druggist just pushes a button on the computer to generate the appropriate label.

After getting our fill of history, we took a stroll through the beautiful grounds and especially enjoyed the rose garden. My favorite rose, "The Secret's Out," was a delicate pink with touches of yellow and contrasting deep green leaves, opened just the right amount. A peaceful ending to our exploration of Muncie.

Next we're on to Dayton, Ohio to "visit" the Wright Brothers.

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by Linda Thistle

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The Center for Contemporary Art hosts four Spring solo exhibitions during May

The Center for Contemporary Art is hosting four solo exhibitions now through June 4, at 2020 Burnt Mills Road Bedminster Township.

The exhibitions feature Lily Colman, Jennifer Croson, Debra Samdperil, and Theda Sandiford.

Lily Colman

The Knots on the Underside of the Carpet presents the work of Lily Madeleine Colman, a film-based photographer from Philadelphia, where she currently lives and works. Colman was most recently featured in the 2021 International Juried Exhibition at The Center for Contemporary Art in Bedminster, where she was awarded First Prize and a Solo Exhibition. She also won Second Place for the 2021 Foto Forum Santa Fe Photography Award, and had a virtual solo exhibition featured on their website. She completed her master's degree in photography from the Rhode Island School of Design in May 2020, as well as a certificate in collegiate teaching in art and design. She earned her bachelor's in fine art portrait photography and curatorial studies in May, 2013, from Hampshire College in Amherst, Ma.

Jennifer Croson

New Encounters, Resetting The Stage exhibits the work of Jennifer Croson a New York-based multimedia artist. A graduate of The State University at Geneseo, with a master of fine arts degree from Queens College, Croson has exhibited in numerous one, two, and three-person shows, including Hall Walls, Portal: Governor's Island, Denise Bibro Fine Arts, Gibson Contemporary, From the Drawer, The Attleboro Art Museum, Mizuma, Kips, and Wada Art, and The Center for Contemporary Art, in Bedminster. As a dedicated educator who is chair of the Visual Arts Department, she teaches courses in painting, sculpture, design at Marymount School of New York.

Debra Samdperil

Layered Conversations presents the work of artist Debra Samdperil. Samdperil's painting explores current and past personal stories through engaged discovery, both unconscious and intentional – always questioning whether self-determination is possible. She works from her studio in South Boston where she now has the opportunity for time and fo-

cus more exclusively on her practice. An artist from early on, she watched and learned from her mother as she painted. Her mother also exposed her to numerous artists' work taking her to many art museums long before she even understood what she was seeing. Her professional life has always focused on the visual arts. From years as a photographer and video producer to numerous positions in art education at colleges and community programs both in Boston and NYC, she always has been drawing in one form or another. Samdperil earned a bachelor's of fine arts from the School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Tufts University and has exhibited work and participated in residencies ever since. Most recently she has been deeply engaged in regular critiques and discussions with numerous artists both in NY and Internationally via the Yellow Chair Salon based in Brooklyn, and Truro, Ma.

Theda Sandiford

Joyful Resistance showcases the work of award-winning self-taught fiber and installation artist Theda Sandiford, based in Jersey City. Using racial trauma as a starting point, Sandiford juxtaposes various fibers with a variety of found materials using free form weaving, coiling, knotting, crochet, and jewelry making techniques. Meticulously collected materials and community donations, transformed by their collective memory become "social fabric," weaving together contemporary issues and personal narratives. Community art making is key to her process. Sandiford curates' multi-disciplinary experiences pairing people, sound and art making to create a safe space to explore themes such as equity and inclusion, sustainability and personal well-being. She has shown extensively nationwide; including Untitled Art Fair, Spring/Break Art Show, Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts House on Governor's Island, New Jersey Arts Annual and American Contemporary Craft: National Juried Exhibition. Sandiford received Excellence in Fibers VI from Fiber Art Now, the 2020 Jersey City Arts, Visual Artist Award and the 2021 Fellowship in Craft from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

For further information, call (908) 234-2345 or visit at www.ccabedminster.org



Photo by April Tracey

"Appropriation Mud Cloth Baggage Cart," mud cloth from Mali, desert camo and gold 850 paracord and Forget Me Not Raffia on gold spray painted recovered shopping cart, by Theda Sandiford, is part of the Center for Contemporary Art's Spring solo exhibitions.

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Tour will take place from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 1, presented by Macculloch Hall Historical Museum, 45 Macculloch Ave., Morristown. Tour seven historic properties including the Thomas Nast House, a National Historic Landmark. The cost is \$50 per person. To register or for more information, call (973) 538-2404, ext. 10 or visit maccullochhall.org.

Bluebirds & Tree Swallows will be the topic from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 8 at the Pavilion at the Helen C. Fenske Visitor Center, 32 Pleasant Plains Road, Harding Township, presented by the Friend of the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. It's nesting time at Great Swamp NWR and Friends volunteer Leo Hollein will present his slide show with fun facts and cool info and answer questions. This will be a hybrid program in person in the pavilion and virtually on Zoom. Registration is for both in-person and Zoom is required online at ttsu.me/bluebirds. For information, visit www.friendsofgreatswamp.org under Events. Zoom logon information will be sent at noon on May 8 to everyone who registers.

Source to Sea Virtual Challenge to run, walk, bike, or roll the length of the Passaic River – 80 miles, sponsored by The Great Swamp Watershed Association (GSWA). Participants will have 65 days to complete the challenge from anywhere in the world and at their own pace ending Sunday, May 15. The event is open to anyone at most any fitness level. Every 10 miles achieved will prompt a notification that shares interesting facts about their virtual "current location" along the Passaic River that begins at Millington Gorge in Long Hill Township, where the headwaters exit the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge and ends at Newark Bay. The \$35 registration fee includes a commemorative T-shirt. Additionally, all who complete the challenge within the 65-day time period will receive a complimentary ticket to GSWA's 5th Annual Great Swamp Great Music Festival, a \$25 value, taking place on Sunday, May 22, at Giraldi Farms on the Madison and Chatham Township border. For more information and registration, visit GreatSwamp.org/events.

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New Jersey Audubon trails at 11 Hardscrabble Road, Bernardsville, are open for trekking seven days a week. Now, visitors can hike into the bookstore from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. For more information, visit <https://njaudubon.org>.

Outdoor Single Friends is a social club for single, active men and women age 50 and older. During the cooler months of October through April, OSF's monthly meetings are held indoors at Camp Jefferson, in Jefferson Township. During the warmer weather, the monthly meetings are held at different state parks. For more information, call Pat at (973) 770-1910.

Morristown Tours are available now and run with 4-12 people. Participants wishing to dine outside or only with their own group can be accommodated with advanced notice. The Classic Savor and Stroll tour is about 2-1/2 hours, and ticket prices are \$65 for adults and \$30 for children ages 6-12. The Savor, Sip and Shop tour is for those 21 and older and tickets are \$80 a person. Tour lasts approximately 4-4 1/2 hours. For more information on dates and rates, visit www.savorandstrollculinarytours.com/book-now.

Weekly Walks with The Friends of Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge take place from 9:30 to 11 a.m., on Fridays; meet at the Helen Fenske Visitor Center, 32 Pleasant Plains Road, Harding Township. People may join Friends volunteers Paul Lauber, Murali Krishna and Walter Willwerth. While getting exercise and fresh air, participants can watch for birds (a Red-Tailed Hawk, Great Blue Heron, a Barred Owl and Bald Eagles have been spotted), walk their dog (be sure to bring a leash and a doggie bag), pick up litter with friends-supplied equipment. Participants can walk at their own pace and as far as they want. The planned walk is two-and-a-half to three miles. Participants should bring binoculars and friends. Call the Visitor Center (973) 425-9510 for weather cancellations. More information about the Friends of Great Swamp NWR can be found at www.friendsofgreatswamp.org.

Spring Nature Club For Kids with Hunterdon County Parks & Rec's Spring Nature Club for Kids ages 3 to second grade will take place on Tuesdays through May 10 (no session on April 19), at Echo Hill Park, 42 Lilac Drive in Clinton Township. Cost is \$90 for all eight lessons. Session for ages 3 to 5 runs from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.; session for kindergarten through second grade takes place from 4 to 5:15 p.m. For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2efmc9jc>.

Stream Monitor Workshop with The Sourland Conservancy, partnering with the NJ Watershed Ambassador Stevie Ader geared toward beginners. The workshop will have two parts – one virtual from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 5, and one held outdoors, from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 7, at Mine Brook Park in Flemington,

where volunteers will have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in stream monitoring. In each session, volunteers will learn about the importance of water quality, how water health is impacting the Sourlands and how to monitor stream health. To signup, visit <https://tinyurl.com/37cvkmrz>.

Wall Garden Restoration at the former Pitney Estate at 1 Cold Hill Road, Mendham, will take place from 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesdays. This 90 year-old garden is being restored to its original state. It is one of the few remaining walled gardens in New Jersey. No experience is necessary except a love of the outdoors. This will be light gardening and tools and refreshments will be provided. Gardeners should bring their own gloves. For additional information contact Bill Moran at (973) 219-8989.

Morning Bird Walk with the Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation will take place from 7 to 8:30 a.m. Thursday, April 28 at Uplands Reserve on Capner Street in Flemington. The program for ages 12 through adult is free. For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2jk73u67>.

Bluebells Hike with the Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation takes place from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, April 29 at Bernadette Morales Nature Preserve/Uplands Reserve at 103 Capner St. in Flemington. For ages 8 through adult, the program is \$3 per person. For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2jk73u67>.

Bilingual Nature Club with Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation takes place from 10 to 11:15 a.m. on Saturday, April 30, at Court Street Park at Court Street and Park Avenue in Flemington. The program is for ages 3 to second grade accompanied by an adult, for free. For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2jk73u67>.

What's in Bloom Tour will take place at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 18, at the Willowood Arboretum, 14 Longview Road, Far Hills. Explore the gardens with Bruce Crawford, manager of horticulture, on this guided tour of the gardens and grounds. Enjoy the ever-changing beauty that each month provides. The cost is \$15 per person. Preregistration is required. For more information, call (973) 326-7601.

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Clinton Town' Arbor Day celebration and tree planting ceremony at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 29, at Hunts Mill Park on Haver Farm Road in Clinton.

Columbia Trail Walk will take place at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 1, sponsored by The Hunterdon Walking & Social Club along the High Bridge portion of the trail. Participants should take Route 31 North to Route 513 north into High Bridge. After the underpass, turn left onto Main Street, pass the liquor store and church to the municipal parking lot on left with a gazebo. For more information, visit www.angelfire.com/trek/hwsc.

Stream Monitor Workshop will take place on Thursday, May 5, and Saturday, May 7. The Sourland Conservancy is partnering with NJ Watershed Ambassador Stevie Ader to host a free stream monitoring workshop geared toward beginners. The workshop will have two parts – one virtual from 7 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, and one held outdoors, from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 7, at Mine Brook Park in Flemington, where volunteers will have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in stream monitoring. In each session, volunteers will learn about the importance of water quality, how water health is impacting the Sourlands and how to monitor stream health. To signup, visit <https://tinyurl.com/37cvkmrz>.

• POTPOURRI •

Public Ice Skating is available at Mennen Ice Arena, 161 E. Hanover Ave., Morris Township. Registration can be made in person or online. The adult open hockey schedule is 12:15 to 2:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays. For more information or to register, visit www.morrisparks.net/mennen2/public-skating/

Food Truck Fridays, 4 to 8 p.m., every Friday, at Bayberry Elementary School blacktop, 113 Bayberry Lane, Watchung. Upcoming vendors include: Cousins Maine Lobster, Shake Shack, Chank's Pizza Cones, Taxi Cab Burgers, Angry Archie's, House of Cupcakes and Doughnut Evolution. All proceeds benefit Watchung schools. To learn more, visit watchungpto.com.

The Shadowfax Bridge Club, 679 Bartley Road, Chester Township, is again open for face-to-face bridge sessions. Beginners are welcome and private lessons are available. Games for players with less than 500 masterpoints are run every Tuesday and Saturday. Tuesday games are preceded by a free intermediate-level practice hand and lesson at 9:30 a.m. Open games are held on Wednesday and Friday, while both games are run on Saturday. Card Fees are \$10 per player for all regular games. Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination required. For more information, visit <https://shadowfaxbridgeclub.com/> or call (908) 879-3895.

Morristown tours are available now and run with 4-12 people. Participants wishing to dine outside or only with their own group can be accommodated with advanced notice. The Classic Savor and Stroll tour is about 2-1/2 hours, and ticket prices are \$65 for adults and \$30 for children ages 6-12. The Savor, Sip and Shop tour is for those 21 and older and tickets are \$80 a person. Tours last approximately 4-4 1/2 hours. For more information on dates and rates, visit www.savorandstrollculinary-tours.com/book-now.

Harding Township Historical Society will help fete the township's 100th birthday by opening the Tunis-Ellicks House and the New Vernon Historic District to public tours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 1. Both activities are a part of the Morris County "Pathways of History" tour. That same day, there's a variety of other events planned to help the township celebrate its Centennial. From noon to 4 p.m., there will be several "family friendly" activities, including meeting General George Washington and joining him for a reading of "George Washington and the General's Dog" at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Patrons can also enjoy a Colonial wool spinning demonstration and join a butter churning demon-

stration, and churn butter. "Colonial Day Weekend" family activities including crafts, re-enactments, book readings for kids, guest speakers, and other fun activities are planned. All residents are welcome to attend these free events. The Tunis-Ellicks House is on the State and National Register of Historic Places as part of the New Vernon Historic District. For more information, visit www.HTHS.org.

House and Garden Tour will be presented by the Harding Land Trust, on Monday, June 6. For more information, call the Harding Land Trust at (973) 267-2515 or email housetour@hardinglandtrust.org

Hackettstown Historical Society will present "Overcoming Obstacles: The Response of the U.S. Army Medical Service to the 'War of the Rebellion'" at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, at the American Legion Post 494, Willow Grove Street, Hackettstown. Jason Dilts, an American Civil War medicine living historian, will present. For more info, visit www.hackettstownhistory.com.

The Essex Horse Trials return on Friday, July 1, and Saturday, July 2, with a new format at two locations. On July 1, dressage and show jumping will be held at Hamilton Farm, home of the United States Equestrian Team (USET) Foundation Headquarters in Gladstone. The next day, the cross-country phase returns to the familiar surroundings of historic Moorland Farm in Far Hills. The two-day fest includes family-friendly activities, a car show and fun demonstrations. General admission is \$10 per car. Proceeds benefit the Greater Newark LifeCamp in nearby Pottersville. Additional information is available at www.EssexHorseTrials.org.

Second Annual Car Show sponsored by The Gallaway and Crane Funeral Home will take place at 10 a.m. Sunday, June 12, at 101 South Finley Ave., Basking Ridge. Residents are invited to view the cars and enjoy the music, food truck and ice cream truck. The event is run as a benefit for the nonprofit Heartworks organization in Bernardsville. This year, Finley Avenue will be closed for the event. All vintage, classic and exotic car owners are welcome to enter. The cost for pre-registered cars is \$15. The cost day of show will be \$20. Visit www.gcfuneralhome.com for details and to register. The rain date is Sunday, June 19.

Big Astronomy will be offered at The Raritan Valley Community College Planetarium at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at 118 Lamington Road in Branchburg. Big Astronomy shares the story of the people

and places who make big astronomy and big science happen. Recommended for ages 8-adult. Planetarium tickets cost \$10 for one show, \$18 for two shows back-to-back on the same day. For reservations and information, call (908) 231-8805. For additional information, visit www.raritanval.edu/planetarium.

Classic Rock Laser Concert will run at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 30, at The Raritan Valley Community College Planetarium at 118 Lamington Road in Branchburg. Selections include "You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet" by Bachman-Turner Overdrive, "Heart of Glass" by Blondie, "You Took the Words Right Out of my Mouth" by Meat Loaf, and "Tom Sawyer" by Rush. Planetarium tickets cost \$10 for one show, \$18 for two shows back-to-back on the same day. For reservations and information, call (908) 231-8805. For more information, visit www.raritanval.edu/planetarium.

Astronomy Tonight will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at The Raritan Valley Community College Planetarium at 118 Lamington Road in Branchburg. Using the Planetarium's DigitalSky digital theater, guests will experience a guided tour of the night sky and learn about some of the popular constellations visible from sunset to sunrise, as well as stories behind them. Planetarium tickets cost \$10 for one show, \$18 for two shows back-to-back on the same day. For reservations and information, call (908) 231-8805 or visit www.raritanval.edu/planetarium.

GARAGE AND RUMMAGE SALES

Spring Rummage Sale of the Atlantic Visiting Nurse organization, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7, and from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 8, Far Hills Fairgrounds, intersection of Route 202 and Peapack Road. For more information, visit www.atlantihealth.org/rummagesale.

Peapack-Gladstone 29th Annual Town Wide Garage Sale will take place from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Saturday, April 30. Sponsored by the Peapack-Gladstone First Aid and Rescue Squad. Complimentary coffee and tea will be served at squad headquarters, 1 St. Luke's Ave. Breakfast sandwiches, hot dogs and hamburgers will be available to buy.

Chatham-Madison Town-Wide Yard Sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 30, across Chatham, Chatham Township and Madison. The popular

community event features a fundraiser for the Great Swamp Watershed Association (GSWA). Residents may list their sales on a digital map with a \$10 tax-deductible donation to GSWA. Participants do not need a permit or other official registration, nor do they need to join the digital map to take part, though it is a good way to attract buyers, particularly if one lists the available items. To list a sale, visit www.greatswamp.org/event/yard-sale-april-2022. For questions regarding the yard sale, contact MEC@rosenet.org.

Hidden Treasures Community Yard Sale and vendor event will be held from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Saturday, April 30, at Turkey Brook Park, Mount Olive. Cost is \$25 per space for sellers. Parking and admission free for public. There will be a treasure hunt with prizes.

High Bridge Town Wide Yard Sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, and Sunday, May 22, rain or shine, all around the borough. Sponsored by Women for High Bridge this year also will feature a plant and seed swap at Union Forge Park on Washington Avenue. The participation donation is \$7, and the group will accept donations even from non-participants. All donations will go towards scholarships for two graduating 8th graders from High Bridge Middle School and two graduating high school seniors from High Bridge attending either Voorhees or North Hunterdon High School. All completed registration forms and donations must be received by Saturday, May 7, for inclusion on the map. For information or questions and the forms, email womenforhighbridge@gmail.com or visit www.womenforhighbridge.org.

Tewksbury Historical Society (THS) will participate in the 7th annual Oldwick Town Sale sponsored by the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oldwick, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 30, at the Oldwick Carriage House, 5 James St., in the Oldwick section of the township. THS will hold a second Tag Sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 7, also at the Oldwick Carriage House. The society will sell quality items, which are clean and in working operation. Antiques, furniture, chinaware, dishes, housewares, garden items, costume jewelry and linens will be among the available merchandise. For more information, visit <http://www.tewksburyhistory.net>.

Mendham Town Wide Garage Sale sponsored by the Ralston Ladies Auxiliary will take place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 11. The event will be held rain or shine.

• MUSIC & DANCE •

Bergamot Quartet will be presented as part of the Raritan River Music Festival at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 6, at the Stanton Reformed Church, 1 Stanton Mountain Road, in Readington Township. The quartet expands the limits of the string quartet's tradition in western classical music with a priority given to music by women. Bergamot's festival debut concert features selections from their debut album, "In the Brink," new music by Ledah Finck, 2021 Pulitzer Prize-winner Tania León, Paul Wi-ancko, Suzanne Farrin, Charles Peck, plus selections by Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel. Each in-person single ticket is \$20; online stream family viewing is \$20 via YouTube Live link to be provided for online stream, available to view Sunday through Wednesday following each concert; day of concert tickets at the door are \$25, if available. For tickets or more information, call (908) 213-1100, email info@RaritanRiverMusic.org or visit www.RaritanRiverMusic.org.

Eileen Ivers with her band unIVERSal Roots will perform at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, at the Blue Army Shrine, 647 Mountain View Road East, in Asbury, as part of the Raritan River Music Festival. Festival favorite, Irish-American fiddler Ivers returns with her all-star band featuring Irish fiddle, guitar, Irish accordion, whistles, trumpet, bass, percussion, vocals and brings to life music from her new album, "Scatter the Light." Each in-person single ticket is \$20; online stream family viewing is \$20 via YouTube Live link to be provided for online stream, available to view Sunday through Wednesday following each concert; day of concert tickets at the Door are \$25, if available. For tickets and more information call

(908) 213-1100, info@RaritanRiverMusic.org or visit www.RaritanRiverMusic.org.

Newman & Oltman Guitar Duo featuring Yenne Lee, Hannah Murphy, Phil Goldenberg will perform "Guitar Extravaganza from Mannes" at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, at the Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church, 17 Greenwich Church Road, Stewartsville, as part of the Raritan River Music Festival. Festival founders Newman and Oltman lead a concert of Mannes alumni and faculty, performing new music by top composers well known to festival audiences. Each in-person single ticket is \$20; online stream family viewing is \$20 via YouTube Live link to be provided for online stream, available to view Sunday through Wednesday following each concert; day of concert tickets at the Door are \$25, if available. For tickets and more information, call (908) 213-1100, email info@RaritanRiverMusic.org, or visit www.RaritanRiverMusic.org.

9 Horses will perform "Acoustic/Electric" at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 28, at Prallsville Mills, 33 Risler Street (Route 29), in Stockton, as part of the Raritan River Music Festival. 9 Horses is an improvising chamber ensemble featuring Joe Brent on acoustic and electric mandolin, 2018 Grammy nominee Sara Caswell of Esperanza Spalding on violin and Hardanger d'amore, and Andrew Ryan of Kaia Kater on bass. Each in-person single ticket is \$20; online stream family viewing is \$20 via YouTube Live link to be provided for online stream, available to view Sunday through Wednesday following each concert; day of concert tickets at the Door are \$25, if available. For tickets and more information, call (908) 213-1100,

email info@RaritanRiverMusic.org, or visit www.RaritanRiverMusic.org.

Trio Entartete will perform at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, in the Nash Theatre at Raritan Valley Community College, 118 Lamington Road in Branchburg, as part of the Mozaika Chamber Concerts. The event, presented by RVCC's Arts & Design department, will also will be streamed lived at <https://www.facebook.com/RVCCMusic>. Ticket proceeds go to the RVCC Applied Music Fund to help the College's music majors pay for private lessons on their primary instruments. Trio Entartete is comprised of three of New York City's most in demand performers: violist Junah Chung, pianist Eric Huebner, and saxophonist Tim Ruedeman. The trio's mission is to bring awareness to this wonderfully rich and diverse repertoire from composers whose voices have been silenced far too long, as well as to programs of contemporary works written for their unique instrumentation of viola, saxophone, and piano. A post-performance discussion with the artists will follow the concert, which will be available for viewing online after the initial performance date. General admission tickets cost \$15 each; admission is free of charge for students and seniors. For advance ticket reservations, contact the RVCC Theatre Box Office at (908) 725-3420. For information, call the Arts & Design department at (908) 218-8876.

Collective Soul will perform at 8 p.m. on Friday, July 29, at the 39th annual New Jersey Lottery Festival of Ballooning in association with WDHA 105.5 FM at Solberg Airport in Readington Township. Born during

the rise of grunge and alternative rock, Collective Soul broke into mainstream popularity thanks to extensive radio play of their rock anthem "Shine." The breakout song helped Collective Soul establish themselves as major players on the alternative rock scene, and cable TV network VH1 would later rank "Shine" at number 42 on their list of the "100 Greatest Songs of the '90s." Tickets are on sale at www.balloonfestival.com and include Blue Sky Club VIP packages, reserved concert seats, Concert Chalets, as well as general admission lawn seating.

Todd Rundgren will perform at 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 30 at the New Jersey Lottery Festival of Ballooning at Solberg Airport in Readington Township. The multi-faceted singer-songwriter-producer with such classics as "Hello It's Me," "I Saw The Light," "Can We Still Be Friends," "Bang The Drum" will rock the festival's Main Stage. Lottery, Rundgren's concert will follow that evening's mass hot air balloon ascension and take place in conjunction with a nighttime hot air balloon glow. Tickets are on sale now at www.balloonfestival.com and include VIP packages, reserved seats, and general admission lawn seating.

Kansas will perform at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 31 on the Main Stage at Solberg Airport in Readington Township as part of The New Jersey Lottery Festival of Ballooning. The skies will be filled with gigantic, colorful balloons and great live music over the weekend of July 29-30-31. With a legendary career spanning nearly five decades, Kansas has firmly established itself as one of America's iconic classic rock bands. For tickets, visit www.etix.com.

• MUSEUMS •

Hackettstown Historical Society Museum is open for group visits from 2 to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays and Sundays. Masks are required. To arrange a visit, call (908) 852-8797. The museum is located at 106 Church St. in Hackettstown, next to the Hackettstown Free Public Library. For more information on the Historical Society and its events, call the museum at (908) 852-8797, email info@hackettstownhistory.com or visit <http://hackettstownhistory.com>.

Museum of Early Trades and Crafts at 9 Main St., Madison, is open for walk-in visitors from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Saturday and Sunday remain by reservation only until further notice. The weekend hours are 10 a.m. to

4 p.m. Saturday, and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Reservations for groups of 10 and fewer visitors can be made for Saturdays and Sundays, and must be made 24 hours in advance. To make a reservation, call (973) 377-2982, ext. 13, or email operations@metc.org to book an appointment. A reservation is confirmed only after a museum staff member has confirmed a visit by a group. Fees are \$5 for adults, and \$3 for students, children, and senior citizens 62 and older, with a maximum family fee of \$15. Admission is free for museum members, children younger than 6, and active duty military personnel and their families. Masks are required to be worn by all visitors ages 2 and up. For information, visit <https://www.metc.org>.

Macculloch Hall Historical Museum gardens are now open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily for free visits. The hall itself is open to the public 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays for the summer. The museum is located at 45 Macculloch Ave., Morristown. For more information, visit <https://maccullochhall.org>.

Morris Museum, 6 Normandy Heights Road, Morristown hosts New York City-based artist and costume maker Erik Bergrin's fiber sculpture installation now through Sunday, July 10. A student of Buddhist philosophy, Bergrin explores the transience of the human body and the eternity of the mind in this new collection of work, the museum said. The exhibition takes its name from the eight dissolutions,

a Tibetan Buddhist meditation practice that visualizes one's mortality in the recurring cycle of death and rebirth on the path to enlightenment. The costumes are entirely handsewn, made from fabrics created by Bergrin using traditional techniques such as weaving and felting, as well as grown from unusual materials such as seaweed, fermented tea, and crystallizations. Some include integrated drums and rattles, the museum said. A video monitor documents a performance with the costumes making musical sounds with each movement. The exhibition is curated by the Morris Museum's Ronald T. Labaco, Director of Exhibitions and Collections/Chief Curator, and Michelle Graves, Curatorial Assistant. For more information, visit <https://morrismuseum.org>.

• ARTS •

“A Cache of Kinetic Art: Timeless Movements” will run through Sunday, Aug. 28, at the Morris Museum, 6 Normandy Heights Road, Morristown. Visitors are encouraged to participate in-gallery and on social media to select the winner of the People’s Choice Award through Friday, May 20. The winner will be announced during the Automatacon on Saturday, May 21.

Erik Bergrin, New York City-based artist and costume maker’s fiber sculpture installation, runs through Sunday, July 10, at The Morris Museum, 6 Normandy Heights Road, Morristown. A student of Buddhist philosophy, Bergrin explores the transience of the human body and the eternity of the mind in this new collection of work, the museum said. The exhibition takes its name from the eight dissolutions, a Tibetan Buddhist meditation practice that visualizes one’s mortality in the recurring cycle of death and rebirth on the path to enlightenment. The costumes are entirely handsewn, made from fabrics created by Bergrin using tra-

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Hunterdon County Rug Artisans Guild invites all to a one-day Artisan Rug Hook-In from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 4, at St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church, 85 Voorhees Corner Road, in Raritan Township. Hook-ins provide an opportunity for rug hookers in the region to gather and catch up with friends. They share their latest rug hooking projects, compare notes and learn from each other. An important part of every hook-in is the opportunity

to shop for wool, rug patterns and to see the latest books and equipment. Vendors tempting attendees with their wares include The Wool’n Gardener’s Jan and Fred Cole, The Bee and the Bear’s Katie Kriner, Wooly Dye Works’ Marian Hall, LC’s Wool n’ Silk’s Leanne Sitler, Handmaiden Designs’ Debra Henkel, Hooked in the Mountains’ Mary Lee O’Connor, Goat Hill Designs’ Gail Dufresne, and Dianne Pearce of Basketmaker. A food drive to benefit the Flemington Area Food Pantry will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Donations earn tickets for a prize. Registration for the hook-in is required as participation is limited so register early. The registration fee is \$20. Walk-ins who wish to shop the vendors or view the rugs in progress are invited after noon with a \$10 admission fee. For more information, visit www.hcrag.com or email info@hcrag.com.

“Shifting Ground” is the 24th exhibit at Morris Arts’ Gallery, at 14 Maple Ave., Morristown. It runs through Monday, Aug. 22. Visiting is free but by appointment only.

To register and schedule and appointment visit www.morrisarts.org to register and schedule an appointment. The exhibit catalogue, posted online, contains details and sale prices for the works. The Gallery at 14 Maple is a barrier-free facility. Individuals needing special accommodation should contact Jenna Castano at (973) 285-5115, ext. 12 or jcastano@morrisarts.org.

Art in Bloom,” part of Harding Township’s centennial celebrations, runs on Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7, the Kemmerer Library, 19 Blue Mill Road, New Vernon.

Hunterdon County Quilting Guild will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 20 at the Readington Reformed Church, 124 Readington Road, Readington. Guest speaker Karen Dever will present “The Two Faces of Quilting.” The group welcomes new members. For information, visit <https://hcquiltingguild.wixsite.com/hcquiltingguild> or email hunterdoncountyquiltingguild@gmail.com.

• KIDS •

Spring Nature Club For Kids will be presented by Hunterdon County Parks & Recreation for kids ages 3 to second grade on Tuesdays through May 10, at Echo Hill Park, 42 Lilac Drive, Clinton Township. Cost is \$90 for all eight lessons. Session for ages 3 to 5 runs from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.; session for kindergarten through second grade takes place from 4 to 5:15 p.m. For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2efmc9jc>.

Wetland Weirdos will take place from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays through May 16, at the Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center, 247 Southern Blvd., Chatham Township. For kids 6 and up with an adult. Be it frozen frogs, busy beavers or hunting herons, the creatures of the Great Swamp have some weird adaptations. Participants will explore how wetland organisms have adapted to their environments. Cost is \$5 per person. For information, call (973) 635-6629.

Rockin’ Rocket Ride will be presented at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 30, at the The Raritan Valley Community College Planetarium at 118 Lamington Road in Branchburg. Kids from 3-8 can put on their space suit and blast-off into outer space to visit the Moon, Sun, and planets. A lively experience for young people, the show offers selected music from “Journey Into Space” by Jane Murphy. Planetarium tickets cost \$10 for one show, \$18 for two shows back-to-back on the same day. Reservations are recommended, but all ticket sales are done at the

door on the day of the show. Late admission to Planetarium shows is not permitted. For reservations and information, call (908) 231-8805. For additional information, visit www.raritanval.edu/planetarium.

SkyLights for kids 3-8 will be presented at 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 30, at the The Raritan Valley Community College Planetarium at 118 Lamington Road in Branchburg. The youngest audience members can sing along with songs by mr. RAY (“Family Ride,” “Kalien the Alien”) and Jane Murphy (“Moon Rock Rock,” “The Planet Song”). Some songs are illustrated with lasers, while other songs feature video images. Recommended for ages 3-8. Planetarium tickets cost \$10 for one show, \$18 for two shows back-to-back on the same day. Reservations are recommended, but all ticket sales are done at the door on the day of the show. Late admission to Planetarium shows is not permitted. For reservations and information, call (908) 231-8805. For additional information, visit www.raritanval.edu/planetarium.

Magic Tree House Space Mission for ages 5 and up will be presented at 3 p.m. on Friday, May 6, at The Raritan Valley Community College Planetarium at 118 Lamington Road in Branchburg. The event will feature hands-on activities for all ages in the exhibit area and outside the Planetarium, telescope viewing in the 3M Observatory, and stars shows and laser concerts. This show is based on the same-titled,

best-selling series of novels. Recommended for ages 5 and older. Planetarium tickets cost \$10 for one show, \$18 for two shows back-to-back on the same day. Reservations are recommended, but all ticket sales are done at the door on the day of the show. Late admission to Planetarium shows is not permitted. For reservations and information, call (908) 231-8805 or visit www.raritanval.edu/planetarium.

Laser Kids Laser Concert will show at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 7, at The Raritan Valley Community College Planetarium at 118 Lamington Road in Branchburg. With music to entertain kids and kids at heart while lasers “dance” on the dome overhead, songs include “Bright” by Echosmith, “YMCA” by the Village People, “Mia” by Bad Bunny, and “Waka Waka” by Shakira. Recommended for ages 6-12. Planetarium tickets cost \$10 for one show, \$18 for two shows back-to-back on the same day. Reservations are recommended, but all ticket sales are done at the door on the day of the show. Late admission to Planetarium shows is not permitted. For reservations and information, call (908) 231-8805 or visit www.raritanval.edu/planetarium.

The Sky Above sensory-friendly program will take place at 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 7, at The Raritan Valley Community College Planetarium at 118 Lamington Road in Branchburg. This astronomy and music show, about 45 minutes in length, is de-

signed for families with children on the Autism spectrum or with developmental disabilities or neurotypical children. The program, presented on a kindergarten level, is appropriate for all ages. During the show, doors will remain open. Lights will be left dim instead of dark, and audio will be lowered and consistent. The show will include music, laser lights, stories, and information about the planets, the Moon and constellations. For reservations and information, call (908) 231-8805 or visit www.raritanval.edu/planetarium.

—Weekly SUDOKU—

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· FILM & THEATER ·

"Head Over Heels" with music and lyrics by the Go-Go's will be presented through Sunday, May 1, by the Centenary Stage Company in the Sitnik Theatre of the Lackland Performing Arts Center on the Centenary University campus at 715 Grand Avenue, Hackettstown. From the visionaries that rocked Broadway with "Hedwig and the Angry Inch," "Avenue Q" and "Spring Awakening," this laugh-out-loud love story is set to the music of the iconic 1980's all-female rock band The Go-Go's, including the hit songs, "We Got the Beat," "Our Lips Are Sealed," "Vacation," Belinda Carlisle's "Heaven is a Place on Earth" and "Mad About You." A celebration of love, Head Over Heels follows the escapades of a royal family on an outrageous journey to save their beloved kingdom from extinction – only to discover the key to their realm's survival lies within each of their own hearts. Tickets are \$22.50 for adults and \$10 for students and children 12 and younger. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online at centenarystageco.org or by phone by calling the Centenary Stage Company box office at (908) 979-0900.

"They're Playing Our Song," a musical by Neil Simon and Marvin Hamlisch, will be presented by the Trilogy Repertory Company at the The Fellowship Cultural Arts Center in Basking Ridge at 8000 Fellowship Road in Basking Ridge on April 29 and 30. The production is a musical with a book by Neil Simon, lyrics by Carole Bayer Sager and music by Marvin Hamlisch. In a story based on the real-life relationship of Hamlisch and Sager, a wisecracking composer finds a new, offbeat lyricist, but initially the match is not one made in heaven. The two undergo a series of trials and overcome a number of hurdles before finding true love by the final curtain. Jonathan Wells will be playing the role of Vernon, the music composer. His past credits include Giovanni (The Penguin Tango: Regional), Bruce Bechdel (Fun Home), King Louis (Hunchback of Notre Dame), Pontius Pilate (Jesus Christ Superstar), Pharaoh (Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat), George

(Billy Elliot), Franz Liebkind (The Producers), Tom Watson (Parade), Ernst Ludwig (Cabaret), and Banquo (Macbeth). Opposite Wells will be Meg Fry, who portrays Sonia, the zany lyricist. Fry and Wells both live in Basking Ridge and are partners in real life. Directing the production will be Jaye Barre, a longtime Basking Ridge resident and president of Trilogy Repertory. Musical direction will be by Marion Drew of Bernardsville, a veteran of many local musical productions and cabarets in the area. Tickets are available online at www.fellowshipculturalartscenter.org or by phone at (908) 580-3892. Tickets range from \$25 to \$45, with discounts for students and seniors.

The Centenary Stage Company, a professional not for profit theater located on the Campus of Centenary University, will hold non-equity open auditions for the 2022 summer productions of "RENT" and "The Marvelous Wonderettes" from noon to 8 p.m. on Saturday May 14, in the Lackland Center at 715 Grand Ave. on the campus of Centenary University in Hackettstown. CSC is seeking excellent singers and dynamic actors, movers and dancers. Performers should prepare 16-32 bars of a contemporary or rock song. An accompanist will be provided. No appointment is necessary and audition candidates must bring music. Performers will be seen first come first serve. Anyone who cannot attend can submit a link to a song in the style of the material to CentenaryStageCasting@gmail.com – links only, do not upload entire videos. "Rent" will open July 7 and run through July 17. "The Marvelous Wonderettes" will start rehearsals July 11, open July 28 and run through Aug. 7, at the Lackland Center. All roles are available. Shows will be directed by CSC Lea Antolini Lid and Jillian Petrie. CSC is seeking a diverse company. Non-traditional casting will be considered. Stipend and housing will be provided. For the complete list of available roles and requirements, visit <http://www.centenarystageco.org/casting-call>. For more information regarding the auditions contact the CSC box office at (908) 979-0900.

· FARMERS MARKETS ·

Winter Farmers' Market sponsored by The Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance will hold its last market of the season from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sundays, May 1, at Dvoor Farms at 111 Mine Street in Flemington. Shoppers are encouraged to check <https://www.facebook.com/HunterdonLandTrust> in case inclement weather forces the market to be

canceled. Most farmers accept credit cards. Parking is free and easily accessible.

Ethos Farm Market runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Ethos Farm Market, 177 W. Mill Road, Long Valley. For information, visit <https://www.ethosprimarycare.com/doctors-farm-market>.