



Don Giovanni will Ignite Your Passion!



Constantinos Yiannoudes will sing the lead in Boheme Opera's Don Giovanni.

Boheme Opera New Jersey, a bright light for opera aficionados and the Mercer County arts scene, will conclude its 16th season in April with the last of three operas focusing on the pain behind love and the rage that follows infidelity.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's **Don Giovanni** will ignite the stage at The Patriots Theater in the Trenton War Memorial (WAPV) on April 15 at 8 p.m. and April 17 at 3 p.m.

When the two-act opera premiered in Prague in 1787, Casanova was present. It is believed that the famous womanizer was an influ-

ence on Mozart and his librettist Da Ponte as they completed the opera.

The plot has Don Giovanni and his servant Leporello amusing themselves with wine and women in Spain, seducing one helpless female after another. Events get darker when an outraged father challenges Giovanni to a duel. The Don kills the old man, and mockingly invites the murdered man's statue to dinner. Mozart's brilliant opera has been known to reveal the fire that burns in every sinner and every soul.

Baritone Constantinos Yiannoudes, returning after last season's triumphant performance as Figaro in Barber of Seville, will have the title role. Bass Matthew Lau will be Leporello, and soprano Adina Aaron will be Donna Anna.

Joseph Pucciatti, artistic director, also is enthusiastic about the Boheme Opera debuts of five young, up-and-coming artists: soprano Cheryl Evans as Donna Elvira; tenor Matthew Chellis as Don Ottavio; soprano Kimilee Bryant as Zerlina; bass Samuel L. Smith as Masetto, and bass Ricardo L. Lugo as Commendatore.

"Our passion for grassroots traditional theater moves us to continually provide opportunities for amazing young singers to team up with some of the most talented artistic professionals in the region, and to enrich the lives of thousands who are discovering the magic of opera," Pucciatti said.

Tickets are \$25 to \$62 and discounts are available for subscribers and groups of 12 or more. The cost of admission includes pre-curtain talks, which begin one hour and fifteen minutes before the show and feature a sign language interpreter.

For more information, please call Boheme Opera box office at (609) 581-7200.

Film Festivals All Over Mercer County

It is not necessary to travel outside Mercer County to enjoy a film festival. There are several "reel" opportunities in our area to take in a classic film or experience an independent production.

"Film festivals are important because they are often the single opportunity for filmmakers to show their films to an audience hungry for new material," says Kevin Williams, director of the Trenton Film Festival.

"From an audience standpoint, it's the perfect opportunity to discover new filmmakers and to experience subject matter that's not available at the local multiplex. It's a cultural and an artistic window. Audiences realize they are not being well served by Hollywood."

Trenton Film Society hosts its second annual **Trenton Film Festival** from April 29 through May 1. Filmgoers can view a variety of films in eight different categories. In addition to providing an opportunity for filmmakers to show their films to appreciative audiences, the Society awards cash prizes in these same categories.

Three different venues will be the backdrops for this year's film festival, New Jersey State Museum (WV), Mill Hill Playhouse (WPA), and the Trenton Marriott (WV). Opening night screening is at 8 p.m. For more information, please call (609) 396-6966 or visit www.trentonfilmsociety.org.

The New Jersey State Museum will again host the Newark Museum's **Black Film Festival** this summer. Now in its 31st year, the festival celebrates the independent and little-seen works of black filmmakers. Last year, James Earl Jones made an appearance at the screening of "Cry, the Beloved Country." If the **Black Film Festival** could attract a celebrity the caliber of Mr. Jones last year, who might it draw this year? For information, visit www.newarkmuseum.org, or www.state.nj.us/state/museum. (WV)

The Arts Council of Princeton and the Princeton Public Library (WV) are co-sponsoring two film festivals. "**Real Men/Reel Men: Beyond the Macho Myth**" focuses on issues of fundamental importance to men and uses them as jumping off points for lively discussions after each Wednesday evening screening.

The other series is the brainchild of Princeton High School students. This festival will present a wide range of feature films and shorts, from animated, experimental, and surrealist shorts to unconventional feature-length films with accompanying discussions. The "**Far Out Films**" series is open to teens in 8th grade and up will take place at on Friday evenings. Both festivals are free and begin at 7 p.m. The Princeton Public

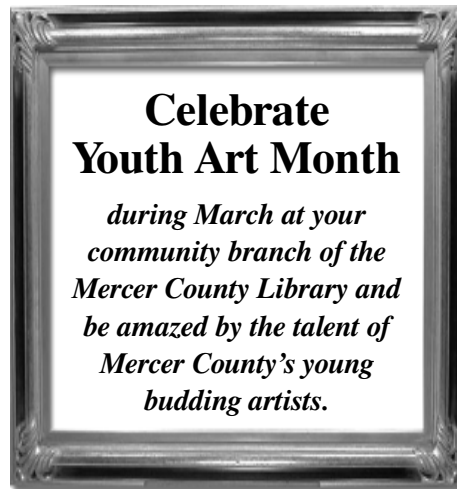
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ADA Compliance

In order to better serve our diverse audience, we are pleased to announce that we now feature ADA accommodation codes for many of the programs and events in our newsletter.

We want to thank all of the organizations who take the time to provide us with this information. It helps us all better serve the cultural community. ADA accommodation codes are listed in parentheses (WAPV) by the venues hosting events, and at the end of program descriptions in the Calendar of Events.

Please refer to the ADA compliance code chart on the back page of the newsletter. If you have any questions or additional needs, please contact the venue to discuss your request.



Celebrate Youth Art Month

during March at your community branch of the Mercer County Library and be amazed by the talent of Mercer County's young budding artists.



TEDI artistic director Dufftin Garcia leads his students in a dance exercise.

TEDI Celebrates Invention

The Trenton Education Dance Institute (TEDI) joins the ranks of New Jersey's most celebrated arts organizations. In 2004, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts awarded TEDI a Citation of Excellence.

Energized by the recognition, TEDI caps off its 16th year with an impressive end-of-year event, titled "Imagine This..." Honoring our country's unique history of inventions and inspired by the 100th anniversary of Albert Einstein's Theory of Relativity, the production will celebrate the power of the human imagination and the contributions of inventors and their inventions. "Imagine This..." will feature original choreography, music and art based on inspirations gleaned from the likes of Einstein, Thomas Edison and John Roebling, and also include New Jersey "think tanks" and "research facilities."

The TEDI program, based on the National Dance Institute model, employs professional artists and a unique combination of dance, perfor-

mance and curriculum-related educational materials. The goal is not to train professional dancers but to teach elementary students the life skills of self-discipline, concentration, and cooperation; and to build their self-esteem, confidence and pride in achievement.

"This year's invention theme contains many growth opportunities for our students," states Carol Belt, TEDI board member. "When our students are able to see how powerfully creativity influences mankind's contributions to society, they, too, are encouraged to see their own school work differently. They have the confidence and courage to think outside the box."

"Imagine This..." will be presented at the Patriots Theatre at the Trenton War Memorial (WPAATB) in Trenton on May 26 at 7 p.m. Daily performances are scheduled for May 25 through 27. Although primarily attended by school groups, community audiences are invited. Please call (609) 638-1556 for ticket information.

Afrocentric art with Flair at TahjBoo

TahjBoo, where custom-cut floors and texturized walls with an Afrocentric flair fit together like a puzzle, is one of the best examples of form and function in the area. Carmen Williams' art is a direct reflection of her philosophy, vision and talent—bright, cultured, and vibrant. Her studio presents a display of interior ideas for homes, businesses and offices.

Describing her art as "unique and indifferent," she explains, "Creativity comes to me by a way of fabric texture and pattern. I feel that we are all individuals and everything is not for everyone. That is why we have incorporated one-on-one appointments into our business. That way each client receives personalized attention."

Williams considers her talents "gifts from the divine." She is mostly self-taught, having taken only a few tailoring and jewelry-making classes. Her specialized skills give her the ability to make something beautiful out of almost anything. She started designing at the age of 14 and by the age of 15, completed her first interior job with the guidance of her girlfriend's mother.

As well as designing exquisite jewelry, clothing and interiors, Williams has collaborated with the SoftRoar Entertainment and the Trenton Makes Complex of business owners and studios to promote gospel and neo-soul in the Trenton area.

For a personalized fashion or interior consultation, or to sign up for sewing workshops, visit the TahjBoo Gallery and Boutique located at 439 South Broad Street, Suite 102, Trenton, or call Carmen Williams at (609) 656-0300.

The "History" behind Black History Month

Americans have recognized black history annually since 1926, first as "Negro History Week" and later as "Black History Month."

We owe the celebration of Black History Month, and more importantly, the study of black history, to Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Born to parents who were former slaves, he spent his childhood working in the Kentucky coal mines and enrolled in high school at age twenty. He graduated within two years and later went on to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard where he was disturbed to find in his studies that history books largely ignored the black American population.

In 1915, he established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now called the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History) and a year later founded the widely respected Journal of Negro History. In 1926, he launched Negro History Week as an initiative to bring national attention to the contributions of black people throughout American history. He purposely chose the second week of February for Negro History Week because it marks the birthdays of two men who greatly influenced the black American population, Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. But, February has much more to commemorate:

- February 23, 1868: W. E. B. DuBois, important civil rights leader and co-founder of the NAACP, was born.
- February 3, 1870: The 15th Amendment was passed, granting blacks the right to vote.
- February 25, 1870: The first black U.S. senator, Hiram R. Revels (1822-1901), took his oath of office.
- February 12, 1909: The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded by a group of concerned black and white citizens in New York City.
- February 1, 1960: In what would become a civil-rights movement milestone, a group of black Greensboro, N.C., college students began a sit-in at a segregated Woolworth's lunch counter.

New Jersey celebrates great heritage as the center for the regional Underground Railroad. In 1804, NJ passed An Act for the Gradual Abolition of Slavery. This legislation made NJ part of the "Promised Land," the northern states to which bondsmen fled for freedom. The Delaware Valley was known as the "cradle of emancipation," where slaves were freed on a large scale due to

the presence and influence of the Quakers, America's first organized group to speak out against the evils of slavery. Mercer County was home to two key underground railroad routes and stations from PA to NY through Trenton and Princeton with Harriet Tubman as one of the greatest conductors.



*"Peace will be my applause."
W.E.B. DuBois*

This month is time for us all as citizens of a democratic society to realize what democracy has come to mean over the years thanks to a history rich with human achievement from so many individuals, be they abolitionists, civil rights leaders, activists, religious leaders, scholars and educators, scientists, artists and everyday people with rights, beliefs and above all, human dignity.

Mercer County Teen Arts Festival

The Mercer County Teen Arts Festival is a comprehensive arts education program held annually on the campus of Mercer County Community College (wv). The event is open to all middle and high school students from public, private, parochial and home schools in Mercer County. The focus of the festival is not on competition but on participation in performance and critiquing seminars, master classes and workshops in every discipline, art, dance, drama, vocal music, instrumental music, film and creative writing.

Goals of the program are to help students develop perceptual, intellectual and technical skills; gain cultural awareness and understanding; develop personal aesthetic values and learn self discipline, critical thinking and problem solving through analyzing, interpreting and making judgments.

Students selected from the County Teen Arts Festival will go on to perform at the State Teen Arts Festival. Benefits of participation at this level are the opportunity to participate in school-based professional artist residencies, community performances by selected Teen Arts students, participation in a statewide touring art exhibit, an opportunity to have artwork selected for an annual illustrated calendar, participation in a creative writing anthology, and the opportunity to be selected for a Young Composers mentoring project and festival and a Young Playwrights Festival.

Mercer County encourages all school districts to participate in the festival. For more information call us at (609) 278-2712.

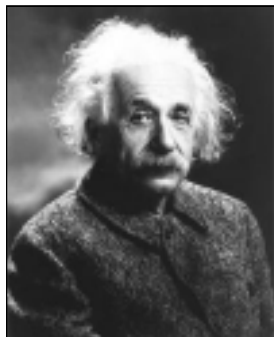
Relativity Centennial

It has already been one hundred years since Albert Einstein proposed his Theory of Relativity. To commemorate this momentous event, activities have been scheduled throughout Mercer County. Some of these include a hands-on physics program on March 25 at 2:30 p.m. at the

Princeton Library (wv) on Witherspoon Street [for reservations call (609) 924-9529 ext. 240]; the installation of a statue at Princeton Borough Hall Walk on April 18 at 10 a.m.; Founder's Day Celebration on May 20 at the Institute for Advanced Study on Mercer Street,

Princeton; and a series of lectures and author events throughout the year at the Princeton University Store (wv) (for events listing visit www.pustore.com).

Inspired by this anniversary, the Trenton Education Dance Institute will present an impressive end of the year event titled "Imagine This..." This major production celebrating inventors and inventions will take place on May 26 at 7 p.m. at the Patriots Theater at the War Memorial (wAPVB) on Memorial Drive in Trenton. For tickets and information, please call (609) 638-1556.



Dear Friends,

I am sure that you are all looking forward to spring, the promise of pleasant weather, and the many performances, festivities and observances scheduled for March, April and May in culturally diverse Mercer County.

With the warmer weather come spring sports; many will be played at our beautiful County parks. Last year, with an eye to the County's diverse populations, our Parks System opened cricket and lacrosse fields at Mercer County Park and improved and expanded biking and hiking trails.

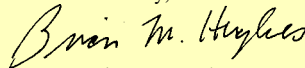
March is the time for the annual Trenton St. Patrick's Day Parade, which this year celebrates its 20th anniversary. It is also the time for schools to celebrate Youth Arts Month and Music in Our Schools Month, and for a range of events planned in observance of Ethnic and Cultural Heritage Month, Irish Heritage Month and Women's History Month.

April's observances include Holocaust Remembrance Day, Earth Day and Week, and National Poetry Month. The Trenton Film festival begins in April and continues into May.

In May, students from all over the County will showcase their creative talents during the Mercer County Teen Arts Festival on the West Windsor campus of Mercer County Community College. Various groups of people will celebrate May Day, Cinco de Mayo and Asian-Pacific Heritage Month. At the end of the month, Mercer County residents will join Americans across this great Nation in honoring our veterans, past and present, who put their lives on the line to defend our precious freedoms.

If you look through this quarterly newsletter, you will see just how much there is to do right here at home in Mercer County. I wish each of you an enjoyable spring.

Sincerely,



Brian M. Hughes
Mercer County Executive



Mercer County Artists 2005

Mercer County Artists 2005 is a juried exhibition open to visual artists who are at least 18 years old and live, work, or attend school in Mercer County. The exhibition will run from March 9 through April 1 in The Gallery on the West Windsor Campus of Mercer County Community College.

Artists are asked to submit recent original works in any media except photography. Accepted works then go before a panel of distinguished members of the art community. More than \$1500 in Purchase awards and other prizes will be announced at the opening reception. Purchased works become part of the permanent collection of the Mercer County Cultural and Heri-

tage Commission.

The Gallery will host an opening reception on March 9 at 5 p.m. The show will run through April 1. The Gallery is located on the second floor of the Communications Building on the West Windsor campus of Mercer County Community College. The exhibitions are free and open to the public. For more information call 586-4800 ext. 3589, email gallery@mccc.edu, or visit www.mccc.edu/community_gallery_exhibition.

This exhibition is sponsored in part through grants from the Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State.

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Library (wv) is located at 65 Witherspoon Street. For information, call (609) 924-9529, extension 257 or visit www.princetonlibrary.org.

The Lawrence Branch of the Mercer County Library (wv) is hosting a monthly **Independent Film Series** through May and most likely through the end of the year. The series continues on March 10 at 7 p.m. with the Australian drama "Alexandra's Project." Admission is free but registration is requested. Please email your interest to Kcyrus@mcl.org. The library is located at 2751 Brunswick Pike. For information, call (609) 882-9246 or visit www.mcl.org.

Another specialized film program is the **Global Cinema Café**, which presents monthly documentaries and related discussions at the Carl A. Fields Center for Equality and Cultural Understanding, 86 Olden Street, on the Princeton University campus or at Princeton Public Library (wv), 65 Witherspoon Street. Admission is Free. For information, visit www.globalcinema.org or call (609) 924-0455.

Call For Artisans, Musicians, Dance Groups, Performers

The City of Trenton is busily planning the annual Heritage Days Festival to be held on West State Street and the State Capitol Plaza on June 4 and 5.

Now on its 26th year, the festival celebrates the ethnic diversity and rich heritage of those who call Trenton home. Featuring music, dance, food and local artisans, the celebration calls attention to the many years of effort to revitalize downtown Trenton.

Mercer County Division of Culture and Heritage is looking for artists, craftsmen, musicians, dance troupes, cultural and ethnic organizations to be a part of this heritage celebration. If you're interested in performing, selling your wares, or having your organization represented, please contact our office (609) 278-2712.



Calendar **EVENTS**

The Mercer County Culture and Heritage Commission cannot be responsible for errors or omissions. Call ahead to confirm times and prices. For an expanded listing, visit www.mercercounty.org/CH/nl.htm. Deadline for Summer 2005 issue is April 8, 2005.

Art Exhibits

Isaac Witkins, March 3-April 10, Rider University Art Gallery, Lawrenceville. (609) 895-5588. (w)

Delores D'Achille, Salomon Kadoche, David Rivera & Jim Gafgen, March 5-April 24, Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie, Cadwalader Park. Opening reception March 12, 7-9 p.m. (609) 989-3632; www.ellarslie.org. (wvp)

Recarving China's Past, March 5-June 26, Princeton University Art Museum, McCormick Hall. Sat.-Sun docent tours, 2 p.m. (609) 258-3788. (w)

Art First! exhibit and sale, March 7-April 15, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., University Medical Center at Princeton, 253 Witherspoon Street. Opening March 7, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (609) 497-4211. (wv)

Mercer County Artists 2005, through April 1, The Gallery at Mercer County Community College, West Windsor. Opening reception March 9, 5 p.m. (609) 584-4800, ext 3589. (wpsv)

Small Works Exhibit, March 11-25, Arts Council of Princeton, 102 Witherspoon Street. Opening reception March 11, 6 p.m. (609) 924-8777.

Y and Y, Martin Schwartz, March 18-April 17, Gallery 14, 14 Mercer Street, Hopewell. Opening reception March 18, 6 p.m. Meet the photographer March 20, 1 p.m. (609) 333-8511.

Art of the '80s, March 19-June 12, Princeton University Art Museum, McCormick Hall. (609) 258-3788. (w)

Ross Bleckner, painter, April 1-15, Mariboe Gallery, Peddie School, Hightstown. Opening reception and gallery talk April 1, 6:30 p.m. (609) 490-7550.

Quatrains and Other Works on Paper, through April 3, Erdman Gallery, Princeton Theological Seminary, 64 Mercer Street. 609-497-7995; coned.ptsem.edu (w)

Leni Morante and Bonnie Long, April 8-22, WPA Gallery, The Arts Council of Princeton, 102 Witherspoon Street. Opening Reception, April 8, 6-8 p.m. (609) 924-8777. (w)

Design Matters, April 11-May 27, Erdman Gallery, Princeton Theological Seminary, 64 Mercer Street. 609-497-7995. (w)

Undergrad Student Exhibition, April 13-27, Art Gallery, Holman Hall, The College of New Jersey, Ewing. (609) 771-2198. (wv)

MCCC Visual Arts Students Exhibition 2005, April 18-May 13, The Gallery at Mercer County Community College, West Windsor. Opening reception April 20, 5 p.m. (609) 584-4800, ext 3589. (wpsv)

BFA Thesis Student Exhibition, April 29-May 13, Art Gallery, Holman Hall, The College of New Jersey, Ewing. (609) 771-2198. (w)

Owen Kanzler and the Gourd Collection, April 29-May 13, WPA Gallery, The Arts Council of Princeton, 102 Witherspoon Street. Opening Reception, April 29, 6 p.m. (609) 924-8777. (w)

Ellarslie Open XXIII, April 30-June 12, Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie, Cadwalader Park. Opening reception April 30, 5 p.m. (609) 989-3632. (wvp)

Hellenic Journeys, May 1-Oct. 23, Princeton University, Firestone Library, Main Gallery, 1 Washington Road, Princeton. (609) 258-3155. (w)

Contemporary Sculpture, through May 1, Domestic Arts Building, Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. (609) 586-0616. (w)

Patrick Dougherty: Twisted Logic, through May 1, Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. (609) 586-0616; www.groundsforsculpture.org (w)

Zigi Ben-Haim, through May 1, outdoors, Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. (609) 586-0616. (w)

Vision and Voice: Art and Poetry in Dialogue, through May 13, New Jersey State Museum, The Galleries at 225 West State Street, Trenton. 292-6464. (wvp)

Spring/Summer Exhibition, May 15-Sept. 25, Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$12. (609) 586-0616; www.groundsforsculpture.org (w)

Itzik Benshalom, May 15-Sept. 25, Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$12. (609) 586-0616. (w)

Members' Exhibition, May 16-June 24, Garden State Watercolor Society, Capital Health System at Mercer, 446 Bellevue Ave., Trenton. (609) 394-4000 (wv)

Betty Curtiss, May 20-June 3, WPA Gallery, The Arts Council of Princeton, 102 Witherspoon Street. Opening Reception, May 20, 6 p.m. (609) 924-8777. (w)

Benefits/Galas/Tributes

Brush Up Your Shakespeare, Scholarship Gala, March 5, 6 p.m., Mercer County College Foundation. Hyatt Regency, Princeton. \$200. (609) 586-4800 ext. 3607. (w)

YWCA Princeton Tribute to Women Awards Dinner, March 9, 5 p.m., Hyatt Regency, Princeton. \$100. Reservations (609) 497-2100 ext. 333. (wv)

Contemporary Museum Fashion Fundraiser, Journey Productions, March 13, noon, Roman Hall, 100 Whittaker Ave., Trenton. (609) 587-8237. (wv)

Fashion Show/Luncheon, April 3, noon, Princeton Westin, Forrestal Village, Route 1. Benefits Boheme Opera New Jersey. (609) 581-9551 or (609) 737-2346. (wv)

Sweet Charity, April 21, 6:30 p.m., Benefits Mercer County College Foundation Scholarship Fund. Kelsey Theater, West Windsor. \$15. (609) 586-4800. (wv)

Shakespear-E-Thon, May 1, 2 p.m., Princeton Rep Shakespeare Festival, on the Green at Palmer Square, Princeton. (609) 921-3682.

YWCA Trenton, in Celebration of Women Award Reception, May 4, 5 p.m. Ellarslie Mansion, Cadwalader Park, Trenton. \$75. (609) 396-8291. (wvp)

Derby Day, May 7, 7 p.m., Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie, Cadwalader Park, Trenton. (609) 989-3632. (wvp)

Voices of the Spirit Concert, May 7, 8 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 801 West State Street, Trenton. Benefits Philomusica Chorale. \$18. (888) 744-5668. (wvp)

Dance

Behind the Walls, Connections Dance Theater, March 6, 8 p.m., March 7, 3 p.m., Princeton University Campus, Hamilton Murray Theater, off Elm Drive. \$10-\$15. (609) 895-2981.

I'll Have What SHE's Having, Dance Project, March 12, 13, 8 p.m., March 13, 2 p.m., Yvonne Theater at Rider University, Lawrenceville. \$5-\$15. (609) 497-2100, ext. 332. (wv)

A Midsummer Night's Dream Ballet, March 13, 4 p.m., Princeton Ballet School, Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Memorial Drive, Trenton. (609) 921-3249. (wv)

African Dance Workshop at Pennington Dance, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30-May 7, 3 p.m., Cyrus Lodge, 131 Burd Street, Pennington. \$100. Registration (609) 737-7596.

West Windsor-Plainsboro Dance Company, April 9, 2 p.m., 7 p.m., April 10, 1 p.m., Community Middle School, 55 Grovers Mill Road, Plainsboro. Register. \$8. (609) 799-6141. (wv)

Spring Dance Concert, April 29-30, 7:30 p.m., Kirby Arts Center Theatre, The Lawrenceville School, Main Street. (609) 896-0779.

Cinderella, May 7, 8, 3 p.m., Roxey Ballet Company, Villa Victoria Theater, Route 29, West Trenton. \$16-\$29. (609) 397-7616, ext. 807; www.roxeyballet.com. (wv)

MDE Exposed!, May 21, 8 p.m., May 22, 2 p.m., Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. \$12. (609) 584-9444. (wv)

Education/Workshops

Ricardo Barros, photographer, March 4, 6:30 p.m., Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. (609) 586-0616. (w)

Saint Brigit Goes to Ground: Cult After Kildare presented by Lisa Bitel of USC, March 4, 4:30 p.m., The Fund for Irish Studies, Room 101, McCormick Hall, Princeton University. (609) 258-8561. (w)

Stone Carving Techniques, March 18, 6:30 p.m., Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. (609) 586-0616. (w)

G. Frederick Morante, sculptor, March 19, 1 p.m., Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$30-\$40. (609) 586-0616. (w)

Collected Poems of W.B. Yeats presented by John Kelly of St. John's, Oxford, April

8, 4:30 p.m., The Fund for Irish Studies, Room 101, McCormick Hall, Princeton University. (609) 258-8561.

Italians of New Jersey: 1800 to Present, lecture, May 1, 5 p.m., Dorothea's House, 120 John Street, Princeton. (609) 924-9713.

Stacie Speer Scott, Collage and Assemblage, April 9, 10:30 a.m., ages 6-9., 1 p.m. ages 10-up, Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$15-\$20. (609) 586-0616. (w)

Sally Davidson Photography Workshop, April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 10:30 a.m., Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$65-\$75. (609) 586-0616; www.groundsforsculpture.org. (w)

Cement Casting and Modeling by Rory Mahon, May 7, 1 p.m., Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$30-\$45. (609) 586-0616. (w)

Sound Sculpture Workshop/Performance, May 15, 1 p.m., Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. (609) 586-0616. (w)

Fairs/Festivals

A Day at the Fair, April 17, 11 a.m., Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$12. (609) 586-0616; www.groundsforsculpture.org (w)

Communiversity, April 23, noon, Arts Council of Princeton, Nassau Street, Palmer Square, and Witherspoon Street. (609) 924-8777; www.artscouncilofprinceton.org.

Kite Day Weekend, April 30, May 1, 10 a.m., Terhune Orchards, 330 Cold Soil Road, Lawrenceville. (609) 924-2310.

May Fair, May 7, 11 a.m., Waldorf School, 1062 Cherry Hill Road, Princeton. \$2 parking. (609) 466-1970.

May Fair Celebration, May 14, 10 a.m., John Brearley House, Lawrence Historical Society, Meadow Lane, Lawrenceville. (609) 895-1728.

Greek Festival, May 20, 5-10 p.m., May 19, 21, 11 a.m.-11 p.m., May 22, noon-8 p.m., St. George Greek Orthodox Church Community Center, 1200 Klockner Road, Hamilton. \$2. (609) 586-4448. (w)

Lawrenceville Main Street Jubilee, May 22, noon, Main Street, Lawrenceville. (609) 219-9300.

Film

Men in Film, March 2, April 3, May 4, 7 p.m., Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street. (609) 924-9529. (wv)

Far Out Films, with discussion, March 11, May 6, 7 p.m., Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street. Teens/adults. (609) 924-9529. (wv)

Film Series, March 10, April 7, May 12, 7 p.m., Lawrence Public Library, 2751 Brunswick Pike, Lawrence. Registration

(609) 989-6922; www.mcl.org (wv)
Snapshots of Modern Italy, April 1, 2, 7 p.m., Princeton Library, 65 Witherspoon Street. (609) 924-9529. Discussion and reception April 3, 5 p.m., Dorothea's House, 120 John Street, Princeton. (609) 924-9713.
Waking Life, with discussion, April 8, 7 p.m., Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street. Teens/adults. (609) 924-9529. (wv)
Trenton Film Festival, April 29-May 1, New Jersey State Museum, Mill Hill Playhouse, and the Trenton Marriott. Opening night screening 8 p.m. Meet Kevin Williams, Director of the Trenton Film Festival, March 29, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, Princeton MarketFair. (609) 396-6966; www.trentonfilmsociety.org (wv)

Folk Music

Colonial Music and Storytelling, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 7:30 p.m., Traditions Coffee House, Old Barracks Museum, Barrack Street, Trenton. \$5-\$10. (609) 396-1776; www.barracks.org (wvb)
Matt Haimovitz, March 12, 7:30 p.m., Concerts at the Crossing at Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$20. Reservations (609) 586-0616, ext. 20. (wv)
David Roth, March 18, 8:15 p.m., Princeton Folk Music Society, Christ Congregation Church, 55 Walnut Lane, Princeton. \$3-\$15. (609) 799-0944.
Susan Werner, March 19, 8 p.m., Concerts at the Crossing, Unitarian Universalist Church, Washington Crossing, Titusville. \$5-\$20. (609) 406-1424; www.uucwc.org. (w)
The Nields, April 15, 8:15 p.m., Princeton Folk Music Society, Christ Congregation Church, 55 Walnut Lane, Princeton. \$3-\$15. (609) 799-0944.
Mark Erelli, Patrick Fitzsimmons, April 23, 8 p.m., Concerts at the Crossing, Unitarian Church at Washington Crossing, Titusville. \$15. (609) 406-1424. (wv)
Girls Gone Funny, April 30, 7:30 p.m., Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$18. Reservations (609) 586-0616 ext. 20. (w)
Tracy Grammer, May 20, 8:15 p.m., Princeton Folk Music Society, Christ Congregation Church, 55 Walnut Lane, Princeton. \$3-\$15. (609) 799-0944.
Janis Ian, Grounds For Sculpture, May 21, 7:30 p.m., 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$27. Reservations (609) 586-0616 ext. 20. (w)

Historic/ House Tours

Drumthwacket Tours, Wednesdays, 10 a.m., 354 Stockton Street, Princeton. Reservations (609) 683-0591; www.drumthwacket.org.
Brearley House Tour, first Saturday every month, 10 a.m.-noon, Lawrence Historical Society, Meadow Lane, Lawrenceville. (609) 895-1728.
Johnson Ferry House, live demos on weekends, Washington Crossing State Park, Route 546, Titusville. House is open Wednesday-Sunday. (609) 737-2525.
Benjamin Temple House Tour in Drake Farm Park, March 6, 2 p.m., Ewing Township Historic Preservation Society, 27 Federal City Road, Ewing. 609-883-2455; www.ethps.org.
Historical Society of West Windsor meet-

ings, March 7, May 2, 7:30 p.m., Schenck House, 50 Southfield Road, West Windsor (609) 452-8598.

Historic Sites Art by Ewing students, April 1-31, Ewing Branch, Mercer County Library, Scotch Road. (609) 882-3130. (w)
Schenck House Tours, second Sunday every month, 1-4 p.m., Historical Society of West Windsor, 50 Southfield Road, West Windsor. (609) 452-8598.

Princeton Cemetery Guided Tour by George Brown and Phil Shaver, May 29, 11 a.m., Greenview Avenue entrance. (609) 924-1369.

History of King Philip's War, video, March 5, 2 p.m., Washington Crossing State Park, Visitor Center Museum, Titusville. 609-737-9303. (w)

Louisbourg: Under Siege, video, March 12, 2 p.m., Washington Crossing State Park, Visitor Center Museum, Titusville. 609-737-9303. (w)

Then Again: Reliving History at Fort Ticonderoga, video, March 19, 2 p.m., Washington Crossing State Park, Visitor Center Museum, Titusville. 609-737-9303. (w)
To Keep Our Liberty, video, March 26, 2 p.m., Washington Crossing State Park, Visitor Center Museum, Titusville. 609-737-9303. (w)

Howell Living History Farm*

Maple Sugaring, March 5, 10 a.m.
Horse Doctor and Dentist, March 12, 10 a.m.
Workhorse Rides, March 19, 10 a.m.
Henhouse Visits and Egg Collecting, March 26, 10 a.m.
Spring Beekeeping, April 2, 10:30 a.m.
New Faces Day, April 9, 10 a.m.
Potato Planting, April 23, 11 a.m. Help plant potatoes to be donated to the Greater Mercer Food Coop.
Blacksmith Demonstration, April 30, 10 a.m.
Sheep Shearing Demo, May 7, 10 a.m.
Corn Planting, May 21, 10 a.m.
Hayrides, May 28, 5 p.m.
Wagon Tours of Spring Plowing, April 16, 10 a.m.
Barn Raising, May 14, 10 a.m.

*A Mercer County Park System facility, Valley Road, off Route 29, Titusville. (609) 737-3299.

Irish Celebrations

Irish Music, March 8, 10, 7 p.m., Kuser Farm Mansion, 390 Newkirk Ave., Hamilton. (609) 890-3630.
Trenton St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 12, 12:30 p.m. opening ceremonies at St. Anthony's Church, Olden Ave. Parade route: Olden Ave. to Hamilton Ave. to Chestnut Ave., ends at Immaculate Conception Church. (609) 584-7622.
Celtic Tales with Storyteller David Emerson, March 16, 1 p.m., The Contemporary, 176 West State Street, Trenton. Register: patpordash@aol.com.

Jazz & Blues

Cesar Camargo Mariano, piano, and Romero Lubambo, guitar, March 4, 8 p.m., Mount-Burke Theater, The Peddie School, Hightstown. Pre-concert chat, 7 p.m. \$15.

(609) 490-7550.

Jazz Vespers, March 9, 8 p.m., Princeton University Chapel, Washington Road, Princeton. (609) 258-3654. (wr)

John Pizzarelli Trio, March 10, 7 p.m., Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Memorial Drive, Trenton. \$45. (609) 984-8400; www.thewar memorial.com (wva)

The Bobs, April 7, 7 p.m., Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Memorial Drive, Trenton. \$30. (609) 984-8400. (wvl)

Kate McGarry Trio, Jazz Fridays, April 8, 8 p.m., Mount-Burke Theater, Peddie School, Hightstown. Pre-concert chat with artist at 7 p.m. \$15. (609) 490-7550.

Randy Sabien's Tribute to Stephane Grappelli, Light Sundays, April 17, 2 p.m., Mount-Burke Theater, Peddie School, Hightstown. \$16. (609) 490-7550.

David Honeyboy Edwards, April 21, 7 p.m., Patriot's Theater, Trenton, Memorial Drive, Trenton. \$35. (609) 984-8400. (wvl)

Cephas & Wiggins, Roots Festival, May 19, 7 p.m., Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Memorial Drive, Trenton. \$35. (609) 984-8400. (wvl)

Kuser Farm Mansion*

Video Mornings and Evenings:

Rare French Dolls, April 12, 7 p.m.
Oz: The American Fairy Land, April 19, 7 p.m.
When New Jersey Was Hollywood, by Russell Roberts, May 9, 7 p.m.
Victorian Lampshades, by Deanna Brown, April 13, 7 p.m.
The Music We Grew Up With by Tom Glover, April 26, 7 p.m.
Victorian Musicals, Presented by Hamilton Township Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission, April 27, 7 p.m.
Making Prints From Nature, by Laura Bethman, May 3, 7 p.m.
Fashions Of The 1860's, by Jane Peters Estes, May 4, 7 p.m.
Wedding Traditions, by Jane Peters Estes, May 11, 7 p.m.
Growing Up In The Neighborhood, May 18, 7 p.m.
Lighthouses, May 19, 7 p.m.
The Kuser Farm and Family newspaper clippings, May 23, 7 p.m.
Down The Jersey Shore, by Russell Roberts, May 24, 7 p.m.

Tours and More

Irish Celebration, musical program, March 8 and 10, 7 p.m.
Mansion Tours, March 17, 20, 6 p.m.
Women's History Reception, March 23, 7 p.m.; Program 7:30 p.m.
Totally Titanic—Reading Of 150+ Facts and Mansion Tour, April 15, 6 p.m.

*The Hamilton Township facility located at 319 Newkirk Ave. inside Kuser Farm Park. Advance reservations are required. Call (609) 890-3630.

Museums

Morven Museum and Gardens Tours, Fri. 11-2; Sat.-Sun. 12-3; Heirloom plant sale May 7, 9 a.m., 55 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$4-\$5. (609) 924 8144; www.morven.org
The Contemporary Victorian Townhouse Museum, tours, March 20, 2-4 p.m., The Contemporary Victorian Townhouse Museum, 176 West State Street, Trenton.

Reservations (609) 392-9727 or patpordash@aol.com.

"Colonial Kids," hands-on activities, Saturdays-Sunday, Jan.-March, noon-4 p.m., William Trent House Museum, William Trent Place, Trenton. \$1-\$2.50. (609) 989-3027. (wv)

4 Views of Trenton, April 16, The Contemporary Club of Trenton, 176 West State Street. Bus tours covering culinary, historic, preservation and architecture. \$45. (609) 737-9128.

Literary Events

Poetry Workshop, third Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Delaware Valley Poets, Lawrence Public Library, Darrah Lane. (609) 882-9246. (wv)

Plainsboro Literary Group, fourth Monday every month, 6:30 p.m., Plainsboro Public Library, 641 Plainsboro Road. (609) 275-2897. (wv)

Einstein 1905: The Standard of Greatness by John Rigden, meet the author, March 7, 7 p.m., Princeton U-Store, 36 University Place. (609) 921-8500. (wv)

Honoring Virginia Lockwood, March 13, 2 p.m., Princeton U-Store, 36 University Place, Third Floor. (609) 921-8500. (wv)

Delaware Valley Poets Open Read, March 13, April 11, May 9, 8 p.m., Barnes & Noble, Princeton MarketFair. (609) 716-1570. (wv)

Sondra Gash and Maxine Susman, U.S. 1 Poets Invite, March 23, 7:30 p.m., Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street. (609) 924-9529. (wv)

The End of a Certain World: The Life and Science of Max Born, The Nobel Physicist Who Ignited the Quantum Revolution, presented by Nancy Greenspan, March 24, 7 p.m., Princeton U-Store, 36 University Place. (609) 921-8500. (wv)

Monthly Benefit Book Sale, March 26-27, April 30, May 1, May 28-29, 10 a.m., Plainsboro Public Library, 641 Plainsboro Road. (609) 275-2897. (wv)

Generation to Generation, book discussion, March 28, 7 p.m., Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street. Children ages 8-11 with an older friend. Registration (609) 924-9529. (wv)

Poetry Reading and Wordplay with Salvatore A. Buttaci, New Jersey Poetry Society, Inc., April 2, 2 p.m., Princeton University Bookstore, 36 University Place. (609) 921-8500 or (609) 882-4784. April 16, 2 p.m., Trenton Public Library, Academy Street, Trenton. (609) 882-4784. \$10. ADA provider, call ahead.

Nobel Laureate Toni Morrison lecture, April 3, 4 p.m., Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, Princeton University. Tickets required. (609) 258-3155. (wa)

Poet Alan Shapiro, April 3, 4:30 p.m., Princeton University Creative Writing, Stewart Theater, 185 Nassau Street. (609) 258-4712.

African American Book Discussion Group, April 14, 7 p.m., YWCA Princeton, Bramwell House Living Room, Paul Robeson Place. (609) 497-2100 ext. 317.
Poet Cathal O'Searaigh reads his poetry in Irish, April 15, 4:30 p.m., The Fund for Irish Studies, Room 101, McCormick Hall, Princeton University. (609) 258-8561.

Young Poets Night, April 25, 6 p.m., Cadwalader Branch Trenton Public Li-

brary, 200 N. Hermitage Ave., Trenton. (609) 392-7856. ADA provider, call ahead.
Cool Women Poets, May 1, 3 p.m., Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. Free with park admission. (609) 586-0616. (wv)

Author Pegi Ballister-Howells, The New Jersey Gardiner's Guide, March 24, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, Princeton MarketFair, 3535 US Route 1. (609) 716-1570. (wv)

Cool Women, April 11, 8 p.m., followed by open read. Delaware Valley Poets, Barnes & Noble, Princeton MarketFair, 3535 US Route 1. (609) 716-1570. (wv)

Poetry Slam, hosted by Slam Master John Timpone, Ph.D., April 21, 8 p.m., Barnes & Noble, Princeton MarketFair, 3535 US Route 1. Poets should register at (609) 716-1570. (wv)

Cool Women, Volume II, May 1, 8 p.m., Barnes & Noble, Princeton MarketFair, 3535 US Route 1. (609) 716-1570. (wv)

Poet Edmund Keeley, lecture and book singing, May 5, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, Princeton MarketFair, 3535 US Route 1. (609) 716-1570. (wv)

Musical Performances

After Noon Concert, March 2,9,23,30, April 3,13,20,27, May 4,11,18,12:30 p.m., Princeton University Chapel, Washington Road, Princeton. (609) 258-3654. (wr)

Organ Concert, March 3, noon, Princeton Graduate College, Proctor Hall, just off College Road, Princeton. \$5. (609) 258-3654.

Caesar Camargo Mariano and Romero Lumano, March 4, 8 p.m., The Peddie School, Mount-Burke Theater, Hightstown. Artists' chat 7 p.m. (609) 490-7550; www.peddieschool.org/capps

New Jersey Saxophone Quartet, March 6, 2 p.m. Mount-Burke Theater, Peddie School, Hightstown. \$10. (609) 490-7550.

Music for Bagpipes and Organ, March 6, 3 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 801 West State St., Trenton. Irish step dancing, and sing-alongs. \$10. (609) 392-3805. (wvp)

Works of Mark Zuckerman, March 6, 2 p.m., The Peddie School, Mount-Burke Theater, Hightstown. (609) 490-7550; www.peddieschool.org/capps.

G.F. Handel's Oratorio, March 6, 3 p.m., VOICES Chorale, Pennington Presbyterian Church, 13 South Main Street, Pennington. \$8-\$18. (609) 637-9383; www.voiceschorale.org (w)

Violinist Hilary Hahn, March 18, 8 p.m., Patriots Theater at The War Memorial, Memorial Drive, Trenton. \$24-\$82. (973) 624-3713. (wvpv)

Playing the Romantics, Musica Viva, April 1, 8 p.m., Kirby Arts Center, Lawrenceville School. Pre-concert talk 7:15 p.m. Free-\$15. (609) 620-6655; www.MusicaViva.info.

Patti Austin in a tribute to Ella Fitzgerald, April 1,2, 8 p.m., New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Memorial Drive, Trenton. \$18-\$67. 800-ALLEGRO. (wvp)

Extravaganza for Strings and Piano, April 2, 8 p.m., Westminster Choir College, Bristol Chapel, 101 Walnut Lane, Princeton. (609) 921-2663. (wv)

Pianist Yujia Wang, April 2, 8 p.m., Mount-Burke Theater, Peddie School,

Hightstown. \$20. (609) 490-7550.

New Jersey Camerata, April 2, 1 p.m., Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$10. Reservations (609) 586-0616 ext. 20. (wv)

The Undone Tour Starring Mercyme, April 3, 7 p.m., Sovereign Bank Arena, Hamilton Avenue at Route 129, Trenton. \$15-\$75. (609) 520-8383. (w)

Pianist Marian Zareczna and Soprano Deborah Ford, April 10, 3 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 801 West State Street, Trenton. \$10. (609) 392-3805. (wvp)

Fred Miller presents Cole Porter, April 15, 7 p.m., Ellarslie, Trenton City Museum. Cadwalader Park. \$15. (609) 989-3632. (wvp)

Paul Winter Consort presents Celebration of the Earth, April 21, 7:30 p.m., Mount-Burke Theater, Peddie School, Hightstown. \$15. (609) 490-7550.

POPS Series: Pink Martini, April 22, 8 p.m., Patriots Theater at The War Memorial, Memorial Drive, Trenton. \$18-\$67. (973) 624-3713; www.njsymphony.org (wvpv)

Mrs. Delany's Dublin, Le Triomphe de l'amour, April 23, 8 p.m., Unitarian Church of Princeton, Cherry Hill Road. Pre-concert illustrated talk, 7:30 p.m. \$5-\$15. (609) 252-0522; www.triomphebaroque.org (w)

Rutter's "Requiem," May 7, 8 p.m., Greater Trenton Choral Society, Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, 2220 Pennington Road, Ewing. (609) 324-9732. (wv)

Andre Rieu, May 16, 8 p.m., Sovereign Bank Arena, Hamilton Avenue and Route 129, Trenton. (609) 656-3200. (w)

Trumpeter Gary Fienberg, Faculty Recital, March 15, 8 p.m., Music Building Concert Hall, The College of New Jersey, Ewing. (609) 771-2775; tickets@tcnj.edu (w)

High School Honors Band Day, March 19, 7:30 p.m., Kendall Hall, The College of New Jersey, Ewing. (609) 771-2775; tickets@tcnj.edu (w)

Flute Choir, March 23, 8 p.m., Music Building Concert Hall, The College of New Jersey, Ewing. (609) 771-2775; tickets@tcnj.edu (w)

Jazz Ensemble, April 1, 8 p.m. \$5-\$9. Kendall Hall, The College of New Jersey, Ewing. (609) 771-2775; tickets@tcnj.edu (w)

Gala Evening of Music of the Stage, April 3, 2 p.m. \$7-\$15. Kendall Hall, The College of New Jersey, Ewing. (609) 771-2775; tickets@tcnj.edu (w)

Woodwind Quintet, April 6, 8 p.m., Music Building Concert Hall, The College of New Jersey, Ewing. (609) 771-2775; tickets@tcnj.edu (w)

Tomoko Kanamaru, Ruotao Mao and Gary Fienberg, faculty chamber recital, April 9, 8 p.m., Music Building Concert Hall, The College of New Jersey, Ewing. (609) 771-2775; tickets@tcnj.edu (w)

Opera

Béatrice and Bénédict or Much Ado About Nothing, by Westminster Opera Theater, March 3-5, 8 p.m.; March 6, 3 p.m., The Playhouse, Westminster Choir College of Rider University, 101 Walnut Lane,

Princeton. (609) 921-2663.

Arias and Ensembles, April 15, 7:30 p.m., NJ Opera Theater, Grounds for Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$15. Reservations (609) 586-0616 ext. 20. (wv)

Don Giovanni, April 15, 8 p.m.; April 17, 3 p.m., Boheme Opera, Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Memorial Drive, Trenton. \$20 to \$55. (609) 581-7200. (wv)

Two Pianos, Two Nations, May 1, 4 p.m., Westminster Opera Theater, The Playhouse, 101 Walnut Lane, Princeton. (609) 921-2663.

Mostly Mozart Opera Scenes, May 6,7, 8 p.m., Westminster Opera Theater, The Playhouse, 101 Walnut Lane, Princeton. (609) 921-2663.

Outdoor Fun

Honoring Einstein Worldwide, April 18, celebrate with The World Year of Physics by shining flashlights, car headlights, and lasers around the world, starting from Princeton. www.physics2005.org.

Looking for Beavers, March 18, 6 p.m., Roebling Park, Spring Lake, Trenton. (609) 989-6532; www.marsh-friends.org

Bird Walk, with Washington Crossing Audubon, April 23, 8:30, Roebling Park, Spring Lake, Trenton. (609) 737-0700.

Spring Wild Flowers, April 30, 9 a.m., Northern Community Park, Groveville Road, Bordentown. (609) 895-5420.

Turtle and Frogs, with Ned Gilmore, Academy of Natural Sciences of Phila., May 21, 1 p.m., Roebling Park, Spring Lake, Trenton. (609) 895-5420.

Bike Fest, May 28, 8 a.m., West Windsor Community Park, Route 571. Raindate: Sunday, May 29. 1-,8-,15-mile bike tours of town, Bike Safety Rodeo. (609) 799-6141. www.wwparks-recreation.com.

Theater

Incarnable, March 4,5,11,12, 8 p.m.; March 6,13, 2 p.m., Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. (609) 584-9444; www.kelseyatmccc.org (wv)

Once Upon a Mattress, student production, March 4-6, 7:30 p.m.; March 6, 3 p.m., Hightstown High School, 25 Leshin Lane, Hightstown. (609) 443-7738. (w)

Little By Little, March 4,5,11,12,18,19, 8 p.m.; March 6,13, 2:30 p.m., Off-Broadstreet Theater, 5 South Greenwood Ave., Hopewell. \$24-\$26. (609) 466-2766. (w)

Fiddler on the Roof, student production, March 11,12, 7 p.m.; March 13, 3 p.m., Villa Victoria Academy, West Upper Ferry Road and Route 29, West Trenton. \$10. (609) 882-1700, ext. 22. (wv)

Our Town, by Thornton Wilder, The Actors Company, March 17,19, 8 p.m.; March 20, 3 p.m., The Playhouse, Westminster Choir College of Rider University, 101 Walnut Lane, Princeton. (609) 921-2663.

And the World Goes Around, March 24, 7 p.m., Westminster Music Theater, Yvonne Theater, Rider University, Lawrenceville. (609) 896-5303. (wv)

84, Charing Cross Road, April 1,2,8, 9,15,16,21,23,29,30, May 6,7, 8 p.m.; April 3,10,14,17, May 1, 2:30 p.m., Off-Broadstreet Theater, 5 South Greenwood Ave., Hopewell. \$24-\$26. (609) 466-2766.

A New Play, April 1,2, 7-9, 8 p.m.,

Princeton University Theater and Dance Program, Matthews Acting Studio, 185 Nassau Street. \$10. (609) 258-1742.

The Bald Soprano and The Chairs, April 7-9, 14-16, 8 p.m., Theatre Intime, Hamilton Murray Theater, Princeton University. \$10. (609) 258-1742.

Staged reading of Paul Watkins' recent work, April 13, 7:30 p.m., Mount-Burke Theater, Peddie School, Hightstown (609) 490-7550.

Six Degrees of Separation, April 14-16, 21, 7 p.m., Rider on Stage, Yvonne Theater, Rider University, Lawrenceville. \$10. (609) 896-5303. (wv)

Sweet Charity, April 21,23,29,30, 8 p.m.; April 24, May 1, 2 p.m., Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. \$15. (609) 584-9444. (wv)

Madea Goes to Jail, by Tyler Perry, April 26-29, 8 p.m., Patriot's Theater, Trenton, Memorial Drive, Trenton. (609) 984-8400.

Anything Goes, April 28, 29, 30, 8 p.m.; May 1, 3 p.m., Westminster Opera Theater, The Playhouse, 101 Walnut Lane, Princeton \$10-\$15. (609) 921-2663.

Second Line, May 5-7,12-14,19-21,26-28, May 5-7 8 p.m.; May 8,15,22,29, 5 p.m., Passage Theater, Mill Hill Playhouse, Front and Montgomery streets, Trenton. \$22-\$28. (609) 392-0766; www.passagetheatre.org (wv)

Work for the Wind, May 8, 8 p.m., Princeton University Theater & Dance Program, Matthews Acting Studio, 185 Nassau Street. \$10. (609) 258-1742.

The Student Show by MC Cubed, May 13-14, 20-21, 8 p.m., May 14, 22, 2p.m., Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. \$10-\$12. (609) 584-9444; www.kelseyatmccc.org. (wv)

The Diary of Anne Frank, May 18-19,25-26, 8 p.m.; May 20,27, 3 p.m., Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, Trenton. (609) 584-7718. (wv)

Peter Pan, May 19,20,21,22, 8 p.m., Westminster Opera Theater, The Playhouse, 101 Walnut Lane, Princeton. (609) 921-2663.

Theater For Children & Families

Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping & Other Books, March 5, 2 & 4 p.m. \$8*

The Big Adventures of Stuart Little, March 12, 2 & 4 p.m. \$8*

Strike Up The Band! March 19, 2 & 4 p.m. \$8*

The Truly Remarkable Puss 'n' Boots, April 15, 7 p.m.; April 16, 2 & 4 p.m. \$8*

The Musical Tale of Peter Rabbit, April 30, 2 & 4 p.m. \$8*

Seussical The Musical!, April 1,2,8,9, 8 p.m.; April 2,3,9,10, 2 p.m. \$15.*

The Emperor's New Clothes, April 23, 2 & 4 p.m. \$8.*

Gershwin Musical by Mercer County Performing Arts High School, May 27, 7 p.m. (609) 586-3550.*

*Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. (609) 584-9444; www.kelseyatmccc.org wv

Delaware Valley Poets

An active group of more than seventy members, the Delaware Valley Poets (DVP) began in Trenton in 1952 from a nucleus of three poets. The organization offers monthly workshops at the Lawrenceville branch of the Mercer County Library (wv), at Route 1 and Darrah Lane. On the second Monday of each month they sponsor a free poetry reading, open to the public, at Barnes & Noble (wv) in Princeton MarketFair. These readings include well-known guest poets, along with DVP's own members, as featured readers, followed by open readings.

DVP has published four poetry collections: **Footpath, Stones and Poets, A Hard Turn, and A Different Latitude**, the current anthology. Poets represented in these collections come from a wide base of talent including past and present members, a Pulitzer Prize winner, National Endowment for the Arts recipients, Guggenheim Fellows, a Ginsberg Award winner, and equally great poets who have not yet been published.

DVP members are available to visit schools and organizations to promote poetry. For questions or special requests email dvp@delawarevalleypoets.com, or visit delawarevalleypoets.com.

May is National Preservation Month

Since the National Trust created Preservation Week in 1971 to spotlight grassroots preservation efforts around the country, it has grown into an annual celebration observed by small towns and big cities with events ranging from tours, reenactments and rallies to black-tie balls and state and local competitions.

Preservation Week has served as a showcase for local communities to honor their past and help build their future. Due to its overwhelming popularity, the National Trust has decided to extend Preservation Week into Preservation Month to provide an even larger opportunity to celebrate the diverse and unique heritage of our country's cities and states. They expect that Preservation Month, in May, will help bring historic preservation to the forefront of Americans' daily lives by emphasizing the vital importance of protecting our nation's history.

The theme for Preservation Month 2005 corresponds with the theme of the 2004 National Preservation Conference in Washington, D.C.: "Restore America: Communities at a Crossroads."

There are many ways to get involved in Preservation Month. For information contact Preservation New Jersey, Inc., 30 S. Warren Street, Trenton, NJ 08608, (609) 392-6409; New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office, Dept of Environmental Protection and Energy, CN 402, 401 E. State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625, (609) 292-2885; Main Street New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, CN 806, 101 S. Broad Street, Trenton, NJ 08625, (609) 633-9769.

To organize an event, learn about Preservation Month activities in your state, or to add a Preservation Month event to the national calendar of events go to www.nationaltrust.org.

Old Barracks Museum presents "Traditions"



The Old Barracks Museum is pleased to present "Traditions, a Coffee House." Coffee Houses were popular 18th century businesses where one could meet friends and share coffee, tea, wine and other beverages while perusing the newspaper, conducting business and indulging in gossip.

Museum entertainment series features traditional 18th and 19th century performers appearing on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Local and regional musicians and storytellers present the arts and share the history of America's past.

Coffee, tea, and cold beverages are served; desserts are available for purchase. All proceeds benefit educational programs at the museum, which have given thousands of schoolchildren the opportunity to touch history. Admission is \$10 per person. For more information visit www.barracks.org. For reservations, please call 609-396-1776. (wv)

Historic Barn Raising Tops Howell Living History Farm Spring Calendar

Howell Farm will take "living history" to new heights this spring when it hosts a special series of public programs culminating with the hand-raising of a 19th century English-style barn that once stood on Federal City Road. In keeping with its goals as a living history museum, the Farm staff will raise the barn by hand and invite the public and school children to join in.

The barn raising is so unique a program that the Farm has been awarded an inaugural Save Our History educational grant from The History Channel. Under the terms of the \$3,388 grant, 50 students a piece from the Ewing public school district and from the Cambridge School in Pennington will learn about and participate in the processes leading to the barn raising. Among their tasks will be the making of 100 of the 300 wooden pegs that will be used to join the mortise and tennon joints during the May 14 barn raising.

Once raised, the barn will become the centerpiece of the Farm's 5,000-square foot Visitor Center. Standing over 41 feet tall, the 32-by-60-foot barn will be the largest ever raised by the Farm, and the first full-scale frame to be erected

with the help of visitors. First built about 1850 and owned in 1864 by Charles Fish of Hopewell, the five-bay, oak frame barn will become the multi-purpose wing of the Farm's new Visitor Center. When completed, it will be used for public and school programs and for exhibits, workshops and dances.

In addition to preserving an important part of Mercer County's history and rural heritage, the barn-raising project has fostered a unique recycling effort within the Park Commission. With the help of park managers and the County's naturalist, the Farm was able to collect hurricane-damaged trees from various parks and get them custom-milled for use in the Fish barn and other restoration projects. A 32-foot timber harvested from the Farm's woodlot will become the "swing beam" that clear-spans the barn floor.

Events leading up to the May 14 barn raising include Sawmill Day on March 19; a slide presentation on Mercer County Barns on April 1, and Timber Framing and Blacksmithing on April 30.

Call the Farm at (609) 737-3299 or visit its website, www.howellfarm.com.

A Place in Time

The Schenck Farmstead

Rounding the curve on Southfield Road in West Windsor, the Schenck Farmstead comes into view. Turning onto a gravel drive that winds towards the barn behind the 1790-1830 farmhouse, gives the feeling of going back into history to a simpler time. The white clapboard structure surrounded by a picket fence beckons like grandma's warm smile and open arms.

Donated by the Max Zaitz family to the West Windsor Historical Society in 1991, the house has undergone an extensive renovation. The framework was sound, but everything else needed repair or replacement. Much of the furniture was donated by neighboring families. The large collection of photographs tells the story











of people from nearby towns and villages.

The Schenck House is open on the second Sunday of every month from 1 to 4 p.m. for self-guided tours. Docents from the historical society, dressed in period garb, wait in each of the ten rooms to give an oral history of the furnishings and to answer questions, not only about the house, but about family ties to other local historical sites. For more information, call (609) 799-1278.

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