



Beloved Daughters

Exhibition Explores Challenges Confronting Women in India

The Princeton University Art Museum will present the deeply provocative work of artist-activist Fazal Sheikh. *Beloved Daughters: Photographs by Fazal Sheikh* unites two projects focused on women in India. The first, *Moksha*, which was completed in 2005, explores the lives of dispossessed widows who travel to the holy city of Vrindavan with the ultimate goal of reaching moksha or heaven. Its sequel, *Ladli (Beloved Daughter)*, examines the perils faced by girls and young women in the changing conditions of modern India. The exhibition will be on view from September 29 through January 6.

Since graduating from Princeton in 1987, Sheikh has worked with displaced communities in South Asia, Africa, and the Americas, often in places where civilizations meet across military or monetary divides and where human rights are jeopardized by intercultural conflict.

Pairing intense camera portraits with testimony from his subjects, Fazal Sheikh pursues what he has called "a sense of common ground" between worlds on either

side of the lens. Still, he concedes, "The stories told here will come as a shock to many."

India, despite its rapid rise to global eminence and progressive legal reforms, remains afflicted both by extreme poverty and by traditions that leave women prone to astounding abuses. The girls and women in *Ladli* tell stories of domestic slavery and forced prostitution, of wife-murderers who escape public trial, and of female progeny aborted, abandoned or killed. At the same time, the widows in *Moksha*, sequestered in Vrindavan, present a more nuanced picture, often describing the solace they take from their state of isolation, whatever the cruel histories that have brought them to it.

The opening of *Beloved Daughters* on September 29 will be accompanied by a lecture by Fazal Sheikh. A panel discussion on the exhibition, cosponsored by the art museum and the Princeton University Council on the Humanities, will be held October 2 at 4:30 p.m. in McCormick 101.

The Princeton University Art Museum is located in the middle of the campus, next to



Fazal Sheikh photograph entitled Menka from the project Moksha (Heaven) on view in the Princeton University Art Museum.

Prospect House and Gardens. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, please call (609) 258-3788 or visit www.princetonartmuseum.org. (w)

Mercer County to Co-Host State Cultural Festival



Arturo Romay will play his enchanting fusion of sensual Latin-Jazz guitar at the Festival.

The Second Annual New Jersey Cultural Festival will take place this year on Saturday, September 29 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Mercer County's beautiful South Riverwalk

Park in Trenton, above the Route 29 tunnel, adjacent to Waterfront Park. Raindate will be September 30.

Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission is again partnering with the New Jersey Department of State and the City of Trenton to organize a fabulous array of performances, food, craft and art vendors, demonstrations and activities highlighting New Jersey's rich cultural communities and resources.

Building on last year's success the festival will again feature an international fare of musicians, dancers, and artists representing the culture and traditions of the many ethnic communities from all over the state.

Mercer County's own Arturo Romay is one of the featured performers. With something for every member of the family, you won't want to miss this fabulous event.

For festival and parking information, please visit www.state.nj.us/state and click on Statewide Cultural Festival.

Commissioner Elected to National Academy

Recently, Mel Leipzig joined over 2,000 other renown artists in membership to the prestigious National Academy.

The Academy is an honorary association of American artists. Founded in 1825 as the National Academy of Design to foster awareness, appreciation, teaching and the professional practice of art in America, the Academy continues preserve and champion the visual arts through exceptional exhibitions in the museum and quality instruction in the school of fine arts.

In addition to extensive accolades and one-man shows, Mel's art can be found among the collections of the White House, the Whitney, Cooper-Hewitt and New Jersey State museums, the National Endowment for the Arts and Yale Art galleries.

Mel has served on the Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission and has been a professor at Mercer County Community College for almost 40 years.

NJ Storytelling Festival

The oral story is one of the oldest and most diverse of all performing arts. The art of storytelling exists in every culture around the globe. Tales that teach, inspire, heal and entertain are constantly being shared by people of all ages. Tellers can romance and frighten. They educate and enlighten. They can cause political excitement and children's delightment. They can heal the body and spirit.

Since the early 1990's, it has been the mission of the New Jersey Storytelling Festival to share some of these stories as well as the New Jersey residents who tell them. Novices to professionals, teenagers to senior citizens, New Jersey's storytellers gather yearly to share tales that are as diverse as the tellers themselves.

On September 30 the beautiful, historic Grounds for Sculpture will resonate with the voices of storytellers. The day will be dedicated to celebrating storytelling featuring the voices of tellers of all ages surrounded by autumn colors and some of the finest sculptures in the country.

This year, storytelling will begin at noon with a special event showcasing Youth Tellers from across the state. Then the best tellers in New Jersey will perform in sepa-



Adekemi Nankole will paint word pictures at Grounds for Sculpture on September 30.

rate venues throughout the museums and gardens. Performances for adults, families and children will allow festival goers to enjoy the vast variety of the Telling Arts. Festival goers will have the opportunity to record their own family anecdotes at the Record Your own Story Site.

The festival will end with the traditional

Lightening Round! The audience will be delighted with 3 minute stories from a cavalcade of Tellers.

The day begins with two morning storytelling workshops, ABC's of Storytelling in the Classroom and Making Family Memories into Heirloom Stories. Each workshop is \$50 and includes lunch. Participants must register and will receive 5 NJDOE Professional Development Credits.

For more information or to register, please call (973) 625-8548, or register online at www.FolkProject.org.

Stories have been told for as long as people have gathered around the hunting fires, hearth fires and campfires. At this year's "campfire," visitors can taste traditional tales, personal tales and historical tales. There will be stories that tickle funny bones, tug at heart strings, raise goose bumps and make listeners clap and sing.

The New Jersey Storytelling Festival will be on September 30 from noon to 6 p.m. at Grounds for Sculpture located at 18 Fairgrounds Road in Hamilton. Festival with Park Admission will cost \$12. For more information, please call (862) 268-4989 or email Storytelling@folkproject.org.

For directions, please call (609) 586-0616 or visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

Trenton Brass Quintet Plus One—A Brass Ensemble with a Twist

When Karl Megules formulated the idea of a brass quintet in 1973, his foremost concern was how to make it approachable to general audiences and how to have it eventually become commercially profitable.

Initially, Karl's idea of a brass quintet received resistance. Some of the dissension stemmed from a general perception that brass ensembles play "long haired" music, which appeals to a limited audience.

He began by assembling the best local musicians who could perform a wide variety of music from Renaissance songs to contemporary tunes.

One of the unique aspects of the quintet is that a tuba forms the foundation of the group by adding the bass line instead of the traditional bass trombone. Karl studied music at The College of New Jersey and subsequently became a tuba and brass historian. He is a passionate advocate for the instrument, which has been misunderstood and incorrectly stereotyped. He also founded and performs with the Garden State Tuba Ensemble.



Trenton Brass Quintet Plus One members are (l to r) Brian Woodward, Peter Reichlin, Karl Megules, Lennie Pucciatti, Nancy Gallagher, John Peraino.

The Trenton Brass Quintet met with mild success until during his pursuit for music, Karl uncovered a concept to set the group apart from other brass ensembles.

Leonard Lebow's "Popular Suite" composition had a percussion part. There are only a few brass ensembles incorporating percussion, worldwide. The addition of percussion gives more color and dimension to Dixieland, marches, jazz and show tunes.

The tricky part was to find a drummer

who was knowledgeable about all styles of music and had a creative and innovative approach to drumming. Lennie Pucciatti possessed those qualities and the experience necessary to interpret for drums music that was originally written for other instruments.

Because of the unique configuration of the Trenton Brass Quintet Plus One, musical selection is limited. About half of their two-hundred-piece repertoire was arranged especially for the group. Much of the music that they play is arranged by Karl, and occasionally other members of the quintet.

The Trenton Brass Quintet Plus One will be featured performers at the New Jersey Cultural Festival on September 29 at South Riverwalk Park in Trenton. For more information, please visit www.state.nj.us/state and click on Statewide Cultural Festival.

For more information about Trenton Brass Quintet Plus One or to book them for an event, please call (609) 587-6427 or visit www.trentonbrassquintetplus1.com.

Community Fest A Taste of the World!

The College of New Jersey and Ewing Township will host Community Fest on October 6. This year's fest will *Celebrate Diverse Cultures that Weave the Dynamic Fabric of Our Communities Together* and feature organizations which represent the area's diversity and ethnic richness.

The Ewing High School Marching Band and Drill Team will kick off the Fest with a high-energy performance, which has become a Community Fest tradition.

Music and entertainment will continue throughout the day with Ewing Talent Show winners and other performers, including Ewing High School Step Team and Hand Bell Choir; Fisher Middle School Stage Band and Cheerleaders; Lore Elementary School Choir and "Shape Up" Program; and a Parkway Elementary School instrumental performance.

Miss Amy will delight and amuse families, The Tone Rangers will perform country, blues and rock and roll and the Sensational Soul Cruisers will close out the Fest with sound of classic Philly Soul, Motown, Disco, Stax, and Earth, Wind & Fire, Chicago.

Mad Science of NJ, Westcraft, a pirate-themed magic show and JugglersAreUs will provide thrilling entertainment. TCNJ student organizations will have arts and crafts, pumpkin painting and face painting. Watch the area's best high school and college athletes or get active at the Fun Zone.

The Community Fest Village will display diverse array of crafts and goods from local artisans. Area restaurants will serve up culinary delicacies at Community Fest Food Court. Representatives from non-profit and civic organizations will have information about their programs and opportunities for community involvement.

Community Fest on October 6 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. will be on the campus of The College of New Jersey at 2000 Pennington Road in Ewing. For more information, please call (609) 771-3262 or visit www.tcnj.edu/~comfest.

Arts & Humanities Month

October is National Arts and Humanities Month. Everyone in the community is encouraged to participate in what has become this country's largest annual collective celebration of the arts and humanities.

It's so easy to do. Enjoy the arts together: sing, play music, read a book, dance, or draw at home with family or friends. Go to a library, an art gallery, a cultural festival or one of the many places in Mercer County where you can experience the arts. Check the calendar for ideas.

Dear Friends,

The fall season brings many exciting opportunities for County residents. It gives me great pleasure to inform everyone that Mercer County will once again host the New Jersey Cultural Festival, a two-day event in South Riverwalk Park that delights all five senses with stunning works of art and delicious cuisine.

As the weather turns colder, you may wish to venture indoors for one of the many photography exhibits, such as Fazal Sheikh's journey through women's experiences in India at Princeton University Art Museum, or our very own Photo Show at the Community College.

If you want to stay warm and take in a piece of Mercer County's culture while enjoying a lively night on the town, check out the musical offerings at some of the County's most popular bars and coffee shops. Of course, if you prefer to listen actively to your music of choice, why not try a dance lesson from one of the many groups listed here?

However you choose to experience Mercer County culture this fall, I wish you a wonderful season.



Sincerely,

Brian M. Hughes
County Executive

Mercer County Photo Show

Mercer County Photo show will be on display in The Gallery at Mercer County Community College from November 26 through December 19. The juried show is sponsored by Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission. Photographers 18 years or older who live, work or go to school in Mercer County may submit up to three entries for the one-day jury process.

Best of Show, Honorable Mention and Purchase awards will be announced at the opening reception on November 28 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Purchase Awards become part of the Mercer County Art Collection.

This year's juror is Thomas Roma, director of photography, Columbia University, NYC. Mr. Roma, a two-time recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, has shown his own work internationally, with solo shows at MoMA and the International Center of Photography. A published author and photography professor, he has taught at Yale, Fordham, Cooper Union, and The School of Visual Arts. Some of his many published books are: ***Come Sunday, Found in Brooklyn, Old and On Their Own*** (with Dr. Robert Coles), ***Higher Ground, Sanctuary***, and ***In Prison Air***. He is a founding contributing photographer of ***DoubleTake Magazine***.

Drop off of work, jurying selection, and pick up of work not chosen for the show take place on November 17. For a full prospectus, please call The Gallery at (609) 570-3589, email gallery@mccc.edu or visit www.mercercounty.org or www.mccc.edu.



Jo Carolyn Dent-Clark (l) takes over directing ECHO with retirement of Jane Politi (r).

ECHO Has New Director

On June 30, Jane Politi left her position as executive director of ECHO to pursue a career as a Spiritual Director. She will continue as a member of the ECHO Board

During her seven years of service, she provided exceptional guidance, leadership and inspiration; and initiated many new social and spiritual programs and events.

The new director, Jo Carolyn Dent-Clark, is the former chief of the Mercer County Department of Human Services and has served with a number of governmental and private non-profit agencies.

On September 28, members and friends will have an opportunity to meet the new director and participate in a fundraising event. Dining Out with the New Director will be in Roman Hall at 100 Whittaker Avenue in Trenton at 12 noon. The cost is \$35 for the luncheon and entertainment.

For additional information and reservations, call the office of ECHO at (609) 695-4151.



Calendar of 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 Winter issue, which covers December, January and February is October 5, 2007.

Art Exhibits

Sculptures & Photography, Sept. 4-Oct. 12, Artworks, 19 Everett Alley, Trenton. Reception Sept. 14, 5-8 p.m. (609) 394-9436; www.artworkstrenton.org. (w)

Jay Goodkind, Martha Weintraub & Jeffrey Farrington photos, Sept. 7-Oct. 7, Gallery 14, 14 Mercer Street, Hopewell. Reception Sept. 7, 6-9 p.m.; meet the photographers Sept. 9, 1-5 p.m. (609) 333-8511; www.photosgallery14.com.

Ignite, featuring TAWA, through Sept. 9, 1-3 p.m., Ellarslie, Trenton City Museum, Cadwalader Park. Gallery talk Sept. 9, 1-3 p.m. (609) 989-3632; www.ellarslie.org. (wv)

SHOOT - The Photo Show, Sept. 12-Nov. 3, Gallery 125, 125 S. Warren Street, Trenton. Reception Sept. 14, 5-9 p.m. (609) 989-9119; www.gallery125.com.

Susan Hockaday photos, through Sept. 14, Mon-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Bernstein Gallery, Robertson Hall, Princeton University campus. (609) 258-2222; www.wws.princeton.edu.

Garden State Watercolor, Sept. 15-Nov. 4, Ellarslie, Cadwalader Park, Trenton. Reception Sept. 15, 6-9 p.m. (609) 989-3632; www.ellarslie.org. (wv)

Popular Graphic Art, Oct. 7-Feb. 10, Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wed 9 a.m.-7:45 p.m.; Sat-Sun noon-5 p.m., Firestone Library, Milberg Gallery, One Washington Road, Princeton. (609) 258-3184; www.library.princeton.edu. (wv)

Ed Greenblat photos, Oct. 12-Nov. 11, Gallery 14, 14 Mercer Street, Hopewell. Reception Oct. 12, 6-9 p.m.; meet the photographer Oct. 14, 1-5 p.m. (609) 333-8511; www.photosgallery14.com.

Oaxaca Art, Oct. 20-Jan. 6, Tue-Sat, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun, 1-5 p.m., Princeton University Art Museum, near Prospect House. (609) 258-3788; www.princetonartmuseum.org.

Madelaine Shellaby photos & Al Aronson paintings, through Oct. 31, Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street. (609) 924-8777; www.artscouncilofprinceton.org. (wv)

Renaissance Numismatics, Nov. 4-July 20, Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wed 9 a.m.-7:45 p.m.; Sat-Sun noon-5 p.m., Firestone Library, Main Gallery, One Washington Road, Princeton. (609) 258-3184; www.library.princeton.edu. (w)

Revolution, photos, Nov. 9-Feb. 2, Tue-Fri, noon-6 p.m.; Sat 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Gallery 125, 125 South Warren Street, Trenton. (609) 989-9119; www.gallery125.com.

Robert Beck & Michele Post, Nov. 10-Jan. 6, Ellarslie, Cadwalader Park, Trenton. Reception Nov. 17, 6-9 p.m. (609) 989-3632; www.ellarslie.org. (wv)

Jim Hilgendorf & Carl Geisler photos, Nov. 16-Dec. 23, Gallery 14, 14 Mercer Street, Hopewell. Reception Nov. 16, 6-9 p.m.; meet the photographers, Nov. 18, 1-5 p.m. (609) 333-8511; www.photosgallery14.com.

YWCA Princeton Craft Show, Nov. 17-18, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., John Witherspoon Middle School, 217 Walnut Lane, Princeton. \$6. (609) 497-2100; www.ywcaprinceton.org. (wv)

Beatrice Bork watercolors, Nov. 17-Dec. 23, Frame Shop Gallery, 24 West Broad Street, Hopewell. Reception Nov. 17, 6-8 p.m. (609) 466-0817.

Mercer County Photo Show, Nov. 26-Dec. 19, Art Gallery, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. (609) 570-3589; www.mccc.edu. (wv)

Rural China photos, through Feb. 1, Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m.; Wed 9 a.m.-7:45 p.m., Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library, 65 Olden Street, Princeton. (609) 258-6345; www.library.princeton.edu. (wv)

GFS Talks / Workshops

Lisa Cook & Christy Matson, jacquard loom talk, Sept. 7, 7 p.m.

Group Gallery Talk, Oct 27, 4 p.m.

Artists in Action Demos, Nov. 3, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Photo Workshop, Oct. 4-Nov. 1, 10:30 a.m. \$65-\$75.

Mixed Media Workshop, Oct. 13-Nov. 3, 10:30 a.m. \$175-\$185.

Grounds for Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. Register (609) 586-0616; www.grounds-forsculpture.org. (w)

W. Windsor Arts Council

Mosaics Workshop, Sept. 8, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

W. Windsor-Plainsboro Schools art show, Sept. 29, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Kimono Demo, Oct. 6, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Japanese Rice Paper Collage Workshop, Oct. 13, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Autumn Arts Afternoon, Nov. 3, 1-4 p.m., Nassau Park Pavilion, US 1 S. behind Panera, Princeton.

West Windsor Arts Council programs at West Windsor Farmers Market, Vaughn Drive, Princeton Junction. (609) 919-1982; www.westwindso-arts.org.

Benefits

Antiques & Art Show Gala, Sept. 28, 7-10 p.m., Princeton Airport, Route 206. Benefits Historical Society of Princeton. \$175. (609) 921-6748.

Humanitarian Program, Oct. 23, 6-8:30 p.m., Jasna Polana, 4519 Princelaine Road, Lawrenceville. Benefits Kidsbridge Children's Museum. \$150. Register (609) 581-0239; lynnekidsbridge@aol.com.

A.R.T. Gala, Oct. 12, 6 p.m., Hyatt, Route 1, Princeton. (609) 924-7263; www.artrealization.org. (wv)

NJ Opera Theater Gala, Oct. 13, 7 p.m., Hyatt Regency, 102 Carnegie Center, West Windsor. \$200-\$500. (609) 799-7700; www.njot.org. (wv)

MCCC Golf Classic, Oct. 16, registration 10:30 a.m., Mercer Oaks, West Windsor. Benefits student scholarships. \$200. \$150-\$5,000 hole sponsor. (609) 570-3740 or 570-3601.

Stop the Wrecking Ball, Nov. 17, 6 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 120 East State Street, Trenton. Benefits Trenton Historical Society. \$75. (609) 777-1770.

Drumthwacket Gala, Nov. 30, 7-10 p.m., 354 Stockton Street. \$250. (609) 683-0591; www.drumthwacket.org. (w)

Dance

Outlet Dance Project, Oct. 7, 2 p.m., Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$12. (609) 586-0616; www.groundsforsculpture.org. (wv)

Nutcracker, Nov. 17, 7 p.m.; Nov. 18, 23-25, 1 p.m. & 4:30 p.m., McCarter Theater, 91 University Place, Princeton. \$28-\$40. (609) 258-2787; www.mccarter.org. (wvl)

Dancing

Scottish Country Dance, every Monday night, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Meadow Lakes Retirement Community, Etra Road, Hightstown. (609) 936-0891; www.rscds-nj.org.

Contra Dance, every Wednesday & fourth Saturday, 8 p.m., Suzanne Patterson Center, Monument Drive, Princeton. \$7-\$8. (609) 924-6763; www.princetoncountrydancers.org.

Ludo's Ballroom Lessons, Fridays, 7 p.m., 23 Hankins Road, East Windsor. \$20. Register (908) 534-0004;

www.ludosballroom.com.

English Country Dance, second Saturday, 8 p.m., Suzanne Patterson Center, Monument Drive, Princeton. \$8. (609) 924-6763; www.princeton-countrydancers.org.

Film

Independent Films, second Thursday, 7 p.m., Mercer County Library, 2751 Brunswick Pike, Lawrenceville. Reservations (609) 882-9246; www.mcl.org. (wv)

Cinema E Cibo, Big Deal on Madonna Street, Sept. 11, 6 p.m., Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street. (609) 924-8822; www.princetonlibrary.org. (w)

Raiders of the Lost Ark, Sept. 15, 8:30 p.m., Hopewell Train Station, Railroad Place. Thomas Sweet & Hopewell Valley Rec. Dept. (609) 737-3753; www.hopewelltpw.org/recreation.

Phantom of the Opera, Oct. 5, 9 p.m., Princeton University Chapel, Washington Road. Movie & music. (609) 258-3654; www.princeton.edu.

History Activities

Princeton in the 1930s, Sept. 11, Tue-Sun noon-4 p.m., Historical Society of Princeton, Bainbridge House, 158 Nassau Street. (609) 921-6748; www.princetonhistory.org. (w)

Antiques & Art Show, Sept. 29, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sept. 30, 11 a.m. 5 p.m., Princeton Airport, Route 206, Princeton. \$12. (609) 921-6748; www.princetonhistory.org.

Mary Tanner Lecture, Oct. 1, 2 p.m., Lawrenceville School, Music Center, Main Street. Lawrence Historical Society. (609) 895-1728; www.thelhs.org.

Princeton House Tour, Nov. 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Historical Society of Princeton, 158 Nassau Street. \$30. (609) 921-6748; www.princetonhistory.org.

Wilson 150 Exhibition, through Nov. 18, Wed-Fri 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Sat-Sun noon-4 p.m., Morven Museum, 55 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$4-\$5. (609) 924-8144, ext. 100; www.historicmorven.org. (w)

NJ Historical Commission Conference, Nov. 17, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Lafayette Yard Marriott. \$35. (609) 984-0902; www.njhc.org. (wv)

William Richards, merchant, through July 2008, Old Barracks Museum, 101 Barrack Street, Trenton. \$6-\$8. (609) 396-1776; www.barracks.org.

Morven Tour & Tea, Wednesdays, 1 p.m., 55 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$15. (609) 924-8144; www.morven.org. (wv)

Reading-Large House Replica, through Sept., Wed-Fri 11 a.m.-3 p.m., and Sat-Sun noon-4 p.m., Morven, 55 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$4-\$5. (609) 924-8144; www.morven.org.

Historical Sites

Abbott House & Thorpe House, weekends, noon-5 p.m., 2200 Kuser Road, Hamilton. (609) 585-0686.

Brearley House, first Saturday each month, 10 a.m.-noon, Lawrence Historical Society, Meadow Lane. (609) 895-1728; www.thelhs.org. (w)

Drumthwacket, Wednesdays each month, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 354 Stockton Street, Princeton. Register \$5. (609) 683-0591; www.drumthwacket.org.

Morven, Wed-Fri, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., 65 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$5. (609) 924-8144; www.historicmorven.org.

New Jersey State House, Mon-Fri 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sat noon-3 p.m. Closed holidays, 125 West State Street, Trenton. Reservations (609) 633-2709; www.njleg.state.nj.us. (wv)

NJ State Police Museum, Mon-Fri 10 a.m.-4 p.m., River Road, West Trenton. (609) 882-2000, ext. 6401; info@njspmuseum.org.

Old Barracks Museum, daily, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Barrack Street, Trenton. \$4-\$6. (609) 396-1776; www.barracks.org.

Schenck House, second Sunday each month, 1-4 p.m., 50 Southfield Road, West Windsor. Historical Society of West Windsor. (609) 799-1278.

Trenton Battle Monument, weekends, 1-4 p.m., 348 North Warren Street, Trenton. (609) 737-0623.

William Trent House, daily 12:30 p.m.-4 p.m., closed holidays, 15 Market Street, Trenton. \$1-\$2.50. (609) 989-3027; www.williamtrenthouse.org.

Howell Living History Farm

Corn Maze, Sept.-Nov.

Plowing Match, Sept. 1

Potato Harvest, Sept. 8

Back-to-School, Sept. 15

Pleasant Valley Wagon Tours, Sept. 22

Pumpkin, & Corn Harvest, Sept. 29

Fall Festival, Oct. 6 & 7

Quilting, Oct. 13

Fall Foliage Hayrides, Oct. 20

Blacksmith & Horseshoeing, Oct. 27

Bacon, Sausage & Scrapple, Nov. 3

Maze Corn Harvest, Nov. 10

Cider Making, Nov. 17

Thanksgiving Hayrides, Wreath & Sleighbell Sale, Nov. 24

*Howell Farm is a Mercer County Park facility, Valley Road, off Rte. 29, Titusville. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. *Wheelchair accessible hayride available. (609) 737-3299; www.howellfarm.org.*

Kuser Farm Mansion

Male Quilter, Sept. 12, 7 p.m.

Making Nature Prints, Sept. 18, 6 p.m.

Back To School, Sept. 19, 7 p.m.

Davy Crockett, Oct. 3, 7 p.m.

White City Park, Oct. 4, 7 p.m.

The Way We Were, Oct. 9, 7 p.m.

Annalee Dolls, Oct. 10, 7 p.m.

NJ State Fair, Oct. 11, 7 p.m.

Cigar Boxes, Oct. 14, 10 a.m.

Kusers of Hamilton, Oct. 16, 7 p.m.

Children's Ghost Stories, Oct. 18, 6 p.m.

Victorian Ghost Stories, Oct. 23, 7 p.m. *Adults Only.*

Ghost Stories, Oct. 24, 7 p.m.

Colonial Holidays, Nov. 1, 7 p.m.

Cape May Christmas, Nov. 4, 10 a.m.

Cape May Victorians, Nov. 4, 10:30 a.m.

VIDEO & TOUR TO FOLLOW

Shirley Temple, Sept. 22, 10 a.m.

Queen Mary Dollhouse, Sept. 23, 10 a.m.

Steff Animals, Sept. 25, 7 p.m.

Antique Quilts, Sept. 29, 10 a.m.

Victorian Scrap Art, Sept. 30, 10 a.m.

Doll Makers, Oct. 6, 10 a.m.

Collecting Postcards, Oct. 7, 10 a.m.

Cuckoo Clocks, Oct. 13, 10 a.m.

Raggedy Ann & Andy, Nov. 3, 10 a.m.

Christmas In America, Nov. 5, 7 p.m.

Gay Nineties Music, Nov. 7, 7 p.m.

Kuser Mansion is a Hamilton Township facility located at 290 Newkirk Avenue. Reservations (609) 890-3630; www.hamiltonnj.com.

Holiday/Heritage

Trenton Feast of Lights, Sept. 9, 3 p.m., St. Joachim's Church, 21 Bayard Street, Trenton. (609) 695-9895.

Fall Festival, Oct. 27, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Princeton Shopping Center, 301 North Harrison Street. (609) 921-6234; www.princetonshoppingcenter.com. (w)

Fall Family Fun, Oct. 27, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Terhune Orchards, 330 Cold Soil Road, Lawrence. (609) 924-2310.

Gargoyle/Ghost Tour, Oct. 27, 2-4 p.m., Princeton University Art Museum to Murray Dodge. \$6-\$7/clay workshop. Register (609) 924-8777x106; www.artscouncilofprinceton.org.

Halloween Parade, Oct. 29, 5 p.m., Witherspoon Plaza to Palmer Square Green. Sponsored by Arts Council of Princeton. (609) 924-8777; www.artscouncilofprinceton.org.

Gingerbread House Demo, Nov. 10, 1 p.m., Grounds for Sculpture, 19 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. (609) 586-0616; www.groundsforsculpture.org. (w)

Holiday Ornaments Workshop, Nov. 17, 1 p.m.-3 p.m., Grounds for Sculpture, 19 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. Ages 1-14. (609) 586-0616; www.groundsforsculpture.org.

Tree Lighting Spectacular, Nov. 23, 4:30 p.m., Palmer Square Green, Princeton. (609) 921-0434.

Brunch with Santa, Nov. 24, 9:30 a.m. & noon, Children's Home Society of NJ, Notre Dame High School, 601 Lawrence Road, Lawrenceville. \$5. Register. (609) 882-0363. (w)

Drumthwacket Holiday Open House, Nov. 28, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 354 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$5. (609) 683-0591; www.drumthwacket.org.

Tree Lighting, Nov. 30, 6 p.m., Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton, main entrance. Buy a light \$5-\$20. (609) 584-6581.

Santa & Snowy Party, Dec. 1, 12:30-3 p.m., Princeton Shopping Center, 301 N. Harrison Street. (609) 921-6234.

German American Club

Harvest Dance featuring Windjammers, Sept. 15, 8 p.m. \$9.

Family Style Schnitzel Fest, Sept. 23, 1-5 p.m., \$7-\$14.

American Oldies Dance, Sept. 29, 8 p.m.-midnight. \$7.

October Picnic, Oct. 14, noon-6 p.m.

Halloween Dance, October 27 8 p.m. Costume contest. \$9.

Family Style Schlachfest, Nov. 4, 12:30; 2:30 & 4:30 p.m. \$7-\$14

Grand Ball featuring Heimatklaenge Orchestra, Nov. 17, 8 p.m., black tie.

German-American Club, 219 Uncle Pete's Road, Yardville. Reservations (856) 764-3106; www.gakclub.org.

Literary Events

Misery & Delight exhibit, through Oct. 31, Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sat-Sun noon-5 p.m., Cotsen Childrens Library, 1 Washington Place, Princeton University Campus. (609) 258-2324; www.library.princeton.edu. (wv)

Tiger Tales Storytime, Fri, 11a.m.-noon, Cotsen Childrens Library, 1 Washington Road, Princeton University Campus. Ages 3-5. (609) 258-2324; www.library.princeton.edu. (wv)

To Be Continued readings, Wed 3:45 p.m., Cotsen Childrens Library, 1 Washington Road, Princeton University Campus. Ages 6 & 7. (609) 258-2324; www.library.princeton.edu. (wv)

Delaware Valley Poets, second Monday each month, 8 p.m., Barnes & Noble, MarketFair, 3535 Route 1 South, Princeton. (609) 716-1570; www.delawarevalleypoets.com. (w)

Readings Over Coffee, second Wednesday 10:30 a.m., Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street. (609) 924-8822; www.princetonlibrary.org. (wv)

Second Saturday Poets, noon-2 p.m., Classics, 117 South Warren Street, Trenton. (609) 394-8400.

Twin Rivers Writers Group, second Sat, 2-5 p.m., Mercer County Library, 276 Abbington Drive, East Windsor. Bring 5 pages of work in progress. (609) 443-1880; www.mcl.org. (w)

Delaware Valley Poets Workshop, third Thursday each month, 7:30 p.m., Lawrence Public Library, Darrah Lane. Bring 15 copies of your poem. (609) 882-9246; www.delawarevalleypoets.com. (w)

Socrates Cafe, last Tuesday, 7 p.m., Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street. (609) 924-9529. (wv)

Mercer County Library Book Discussions, third Mon, 10 a.m. & third

Thurs, 7 p.m., **Lawrence Branch**, 2751 Brunswick Pike. (609) 882-9246; last Mon, 7 p.m., **Ewing Branch**, 61 Scotch Road. (609) 882-3130; last Wed, 8 p.m., **Hickory Corner Branch**, 138 Hickory Corner Road, East Windsor. (609) 448-1330; second Wed, 7:30 p.m., **Hightstown Branch**, 114 Franklin Street. (609) 448-1474; third Mon, 7 p.m., **W. Windsor Branch**, 333 N. Post Road, Princeton Junction. (609) 799-0462; www.mcl.org. (wv)

Mini Book Sale, Nov. 1-4, 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m., West Windsor Library, 333 North Post Road. (609) 799-0462; www.mcl.org. (wv)

Scholar's Bookshelf, weekends Nov. 17-Dec. 2, 10 a.m., 110 Melrich Road, Cranbury. (609) 395-6933.

NJ Storytelling Festival, Sept. 30, noon-6 p.m., Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$12. (609) 497-7378; www.njstorynet.org or www.groundsforsculpture.org. (wv)

Fall Festival, Oct. 13, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. NJ Library for Blind & Handicapped, 2300 Stuyvesant Ave., Trenton. (800) 792-8322; www.njlbh.org. (WATSPB)

YWCA Princeton Courses

African-American Literature, Sept 13,20,27, 7-8:30 p.m. \$15-\$18.

Time for Books, Sept. 12,19,26, 9:30-11 a.m. \$24.

Book of the Month, Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 9:30-11 a.m. \$24.

Minority Quilt, every other Tuesday Sept. 11-Dec. 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Poetry, Fridays, Sept. 28-Dec. 7, 10 a.m.-noon. \$85.

Art of Fiction Writing, Sept. 12-Nov. 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

YWCA Princeton, 59 Paul Robeson Place. (609) 497 2100; www.ywcaprinceton.org. (wv)

Musical Performances

Westminster Conservatory, third Thursday, 12:15 p.m., Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street, Princeton. (609) 921-2663. www.rider.edu/arts. **Scott Brink Parry Carillon Concert**, Sept. 2, 1 p.m., Princeton University, Grover Cleveland Tower, Graduate College. (609) 258-3654.

Lawrence Sight Reading Orchestra, Sept. 4, 18, Oct. 2, 16, Nov. 6, 20, 7:30 p.m., Senior Center, 30 East Darrah Lane, Lawrenceville. Join or listen \$10. (732) 438-9704. (wv)

Sing Children Sing workshop, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, 11:30 a.m., Ewing Library, 61 Scotch Road. (609) 882-3130; www.mcl.org. (wv)

After Noon Concert, Wed, Sept. 19-Nov. 28, 12:30 p.m., Princeton University Chapel, Washington Road. (609) 258-3654.

Music Night, Sept. 29, Oct. 27, Nov. 24, 7-10 p.m., Hopewell Valley Vineyards, 46 Yard Road, Pennington. \$5. (609) 737-4465.

Philly Pops' Broadway Showstoppers, Sept. 29, 8 p.m., Patriot Theater, War Memorial, Memorial Drive, Trenton. \$30-\$75. Benefits Morris Hall/St. Lawrence. (609) 984-8400; www.thewarmemorial.com. (wv)

Boheme Opera, Sept. 30, 4:30 p.m., Mercer County Park, Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. (609) 581-7200; www.bohemeopera.com.

Evensong, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, 4:10 p.m., Trinity Church, 33 Mercer Street, Princeton. (609) 924-2277.

Irish Music Festival, Oct. 7, 1-8 p.m., Ancient Order of Hibernians, 2419 Kuser Road, Hamilton. \$10. (609) 586-5982; www.trentonaoh.com. (wv)

Mozart, Requiem, Oct. 21, 4 p.m., Richardson Auditorium, McCormick Hall, Princeton University. Princeton Pro Musica. \$38-\$45. (609) 683-5122. (wv)

Marion Zarzeczna, pianist, Oct. 21, 3 p.m., The Trenton Museum Society, Ellarslie Mansion, Cadwalader Park, Trenton. \$10-\$15. (609) 989-1191; www.ellarslie.org. (wv)

Boheme Opera's La Traviata, Nov. 2, 8 p.m., Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, Princeton University Campus. Preconcert talk 7 p.m.; Nov. 4, 3 p.m., Patriots Theater, Trenton War Memorial, Memorial Drive. Preconcert talk 1:45 p.m. \$28-\$68. (609) 581-7200; www.bohemeopera.com. (wv)

CAPPS

Hiromi, Oct. 12, 8 p.m.
Stanley Jordan, Nov. 30, 8 p.m.
Proteus 7, Oct 6, 8 p.m.

Tom Wopat Sings Harold Arlen, Sept. 30, 2 p.m.

Maude Maggart Sings Irving Berlin, Nov. 11, 2 p.m.

Community Arts Partnership at Peddie, Ward Avenue, Hightstown. \$20. (609) 490-7550; www.peddie.org.capps. (w)

Jazz / Blues / Folk

Arturo Romay, Latin jazz guitar, Tue, Leonardo's, 654 Marketplace Boulevard, Hamilton. (609) 585-8202; Thur. 7-10 p.m., Mediterra, 14 Hulfish Street. (609) 252-9680; Fri-Sat, 6-9 p.m., Sotto 128 Restaurant, 128 Nassau Street, Princeton. (609) 921-7555; www.arturoromay.com.

PubFest, John & Carm, blues&soft rock, Sept. 1&29; **Richard Braytenbah Trio**, jazz, Sept. 8; **Larry Tritel**, contemporary folk, Sept. 15; **Stringsville**, jazz, Sept. 22, Halo Pub, 9 Hulfish Street, Princeton. (609) 921-1710.

JazzFeast, Sept. 15, noon-6 p.m., Palmer Square, Princeton. (609) 921-2333; www.palmer-square.com.

Trenton Jazz Festival, Sept. 15, 2 p.m., State House Complex, Lafayette & Barracks streets. \$45-\$55. (800) 955-5566; www.trenton.cit-e.net.

Eric Mintel Quartet, Sept. 28, 7 p.m., The Trenton Museum Society, Ellarslie Mansion, Cadwalader Park,

Trenton. \$10-\$15. (609) 989-3632; www.ellarslie.org. (wv)

Blues of Bessie Smith, Nov 1-25, Thu-Sat 8 p.m.; Sat 2 p.m.; Sun 3 p.m., Passage Theatre, 205 E. Front Street, Trenton. \$25. (609) 392-0766; www.passagetheatre.org. (wv)

Grounds for Sculpture

Guild for Early Music Festival, Oct. 28, noon-4 p.m.

NJ Opera Theatre, Nov. 2, 7:30 p.m.
Richie Havens, Sept. 15, 8 p.m., \$25-\$30.

Ron Gartner, Rat Pack, Oct. 19, 8 p.m. \$12-\$15.

Greg Merkle jazz, Nov. 16, 8 p.m. \$24-\$15.

Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. (609) 689-1089; www.groundsfor-sculpture.org. (wv)

Outdoor Activities

TDA Capital City Market, Thur in Sept., 11 a.m.-2 p.m., East State between Warren & Broad streets, Trenton. (609) 393-8998; www.trenton-downtown.com.

TDA Trenton 2 Nite, second Friday, 5-9 p.m., South Warren & West Lafayette streets, Trenton. (609) 393-8998; www.trenton-downtown.com.

Lawrenceville Farmers Market, Sept-Oct, Sun, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Gordon Avenue Parking Lot, Lawrenceville. (609) 219-9300; www.lawrenceville-mainstreet.org.

Indo-American Festival, Sept. 1-2, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Mercer County Park, West Windsor. (609) 275-1334; www.indoamericanfair.com.

Whole Foods Farmer's Market, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, 3-7 p.m., Windsor Green Shopping Center, 3495 US Route 1 South, Princeton. (609) 799-2919; www.wholefoods.com.

Insect Festival, Sept. 15, 1 p.m., Mercer County Master Gardeners, 431A Federal City Road, Pennington. (609) 989-6830; www.mgofmc.org.

Capital Rainbowfest, Sept. 16, 1-6 p.m., Trenton Gay and Lesbian Civic Assn, Mill Hill Park, E. Front & S. Broad streets, Trenton. \$5. (609) 396-9788.

Terhune Orchards, Apple Days, Sept. 22-23; **Fall Family Fun Weekends**, Sept. 29-30, thru Oct., 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 330 Cold Soil Road, Lawrenceville. \$5. (609) 924-2310; www.terhuneorchards.com.

Italian-American Festival, Sept. 28-30, noon-10 p.m., Mercer County Park, Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. \$2. (609) 631-7544; www.italianamericanfestival.com.

Hopewell Harvest Fair, Sept. 29, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Hopewell Elementary School, 35 Princeton Avenue. (908) 872-2532; www.harvestfair.blogspot.com.

Antique Car Show, Sept. 29, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Princeton Shopping Center, 301 North Harrison Street. (609) 921-6234; www.princetonshoppingcenter.com.

Community Fest, Oct. 6, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., The College of New Jersey, 2000 Pennington Road, Ewing. TCNJ/Ewing Township collaboration. (609) 771-3262www.tcnj.edu/~comfest.

Winterize Plants & Save Seeds, Oct. 13, 11:30 a.m., Mercer County Master Gardeners, 431A Federal City Road, Pennington. \$3. Register (609) 989-6830; www.mgofmc.org.

Insects in the House!, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m., Mercer County Master Gardeners, 930 Spruce Street, Trenton. \$3. Register (609) 989-6830; www.mgofmc.org.

Stony Brook Watershed

Butterfly Tea, Sept. 8, 1-2:30 p.m.
Creepy Spider Hunt, Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m.

Stony Brook Millstone Watershed, 31 Titus Mill Road, Pennington. (609) 737-7592; www.thewatershed.org

Theatre

Café Improv, fourth Saturday, 9 p.m., Arts Council of Princeton, 102 Witherspoon Street. Admission. \$1. (609) 924-8777; www.cafeimprov.com.

Mike Stankiewicz & John Briggs comedy, Sept. 1, 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m., Catch a Rising Star, Hyatt Regency, 102 Carnegie Center. \$20. Reservation (609) 987-8018.

Grand Night for Singing Rodgers & Hammerstein, Sept. 1, 8 p.m.; Sept. 2, 7 p.m., Open Air Theater, Washington Crossing State Park, Rte. 546, Titusville. \$12. (609) 737-4323; www.buckscountyplayhouse.com.

Park Your Car in Harvard Yard, Sept. 1, 7-8, 7:30 p.m.; Sept. 2, 2:30 p.m., Off-Broadstreet Theater, 5 South Greenwood Avenue, Hopewell. \$25.50. (609) 466-2766; www.off-broadstreet.com.

A Glass Menagerie, Sept. 20-22, 27-29, 8 p.m.; Sept. 23, 2 p.m., Kendall Hall, The College of New Jersey, 2000 Pennington Avenue, Ewing. Shakespeare '70. \$6-\$12. (609) 882-5979; www.shakespeare70.org. (wv)

Nobody's Perfect, Nov. 9-25, Fri-Sat, 7:30 p.m.; Sun 2:30 p.m., Off-Broadstreet Theater, 5 South Greenwood Avenue, Hopewell. \$25.50. (609) 466-2766; www.off-broadstreet.com.

Patriots Theatre

Last Comic Standing, Nov. 17, 8 p.m. \$57.

Ron Rhode, Oct. 14, 3 p.m. \$18.

D.L. Hughley-Unapologetic, Oct. 25, 8 p.m. \$45.

Stephanie Mills & The Whispers **With After 7**, Oct. 26, 8 p.m. \$83.

Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Memorial Drive, Trenton. (609) 984-8400; www.thewarmemorial.com. (wv)

Kelsey Theatre

Through Our Eyes, Sept. 14-15, 8 p.m., Sept. 16, 2 p.m. ClubArtsOn-

Stage presentation. \$20-\$35.
Falsettos, Sept. 28-29, Oct. 5-6, 8 p.m.; Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 2 p.m. Pierrot Productions. \$10-\$16.

Clue-The Musical, Oct. 19-20, 26-27, 8 p.m.; Oct. 21 & 28, 2 p.m. Yardley Players. \$10-\$16.

Disney's Beauty & The Beast, Nov. 2, 9, 8 p.m.; Nov. 3 & 10, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.; Nov. 4 & 11, 2 p.m. Playful Theatre. \$10-\$16.

Follies, Nov. 16-17, 23-24, 8 p.m.; Nov. 18 & 25, 2 p.m. \$10-\$16.

Miracle on 34th Street, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 8 p.m.; Dec. 1 & 8, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.; Dec. 2 & 9, 2 p.m. Pennington Players. \$10-\$16.

Kelsey for Kids

Hot Peas 'n Butter, Sept. 29, 2 p.m. & 4 p.m. \$8-\$10.

Kids of Polk Street School's FISH FACE, Oct. 6, 2 p.m. & 4 p.m. Arts-Powers production. \$8-\$10.

The Emperor's New Clothes, Oct. 12, 7 p.m.; Oct. 13-14, 2 p.m. & 4 p.m. Maurer Productions OnStage. \$8-\$10.

Song of Mulan, Nov. 17, 2 p.m. & 4 p.m. Theatre IV. \$8-\$10.

Junie B. Jones, Nov. 24, 2 p.m. & 4 p.m. TheatreworksUSA. \$8-\$10.

Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. (609) 570-3333; www.kelseytheatre.net. (wv)

Tryouts/Opportunities

Adult volunteer readers, NJ Library for Blind & Handicapped, 2300 Stuyvesant Ave., Trenton. No experience required, one hour per week needed. (609) 530-3258.

ETS seeks artists for 2008, apply by Sept. 14. Application and guidelines at (609) 734-5910; ltinsman@ets.org; kjones@ets.org.

German - American Arbeiter Singing Society, Tue 7:30 p.m., 151 E. Franklin Street, Hamilton. (609) 396-0888.

Westminster Community Chorus seeking singers in all voice parts, rehearsals Tues 7:30-9:30 p.m., Westminster Conservatory, 101 Walnut Lane, Princeton. (609) 921-7104, ext. 8355; www.rider.edu/arts.

Greater Trenton Choral Society rehearsals & auditions, Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m., Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, 2220 Pennington Road (Route 31), Ewing. (609) 448-1775.

Hopewell Valley Chorus auditions, Sept. 10 & 17, 7 p.m., Hopewell Valley Central High School, 259 Pennington-Titusville Road, Pennington. \$30. (609) 737-3177; www.princetonol.com/groups/hvchorus.

Princeton Pro Musica auditions. Appointments (609) 683-5122; info@princetonpromusica.org.

Pennington Dance & Classes, (609) 737-7596; www.pennington-dance.com.

NJ Cultural Trust Grants

Guidelines and applications for the next round of The New Jersey Cultural Trust (The Trust) grants are expected to be available sometime in late September. This round of funding is for projects and initiatives that promote the institutional and financial stability of pre-qualified history and arts organizations in the state. In partnership with The Trust, the New Jersey Historical Commission will be administering this round of grants for history organizations. The NJ Historical Trust administers the capital project grants for these groups and The New Jersey State Council on the Arts administers the arts grants for The Trust.

The NJ Cultural Trust is a unique public-private fund set up in July 2000 to help develop a "...stable and healthy..." nonprofit cultural industry in New Jersey – one that can be "...sustained even in the toughest economic times." The Trust offers different rounds of grants for qualified history, arts, and humanities organizations in New Jersey: capital project grants, grants that support endowments, and institutional or financial stabilization grants. The amount of money available for distribution depends on the interest generated by the original Trust funds since the year 2000.

It's very important that interested organizations apply to be pre-qualified by The Trust. Qualified Organization Designation forms are available on The Trust's website at www.nj-cultural-trust.org or from their office by calling (609) 984-6767. These applications are accepted on an on-going basis, but organizations must be qualified before they can apply for funds. All eligible Mercer County history, arts, and humanities organizations are strongly encouraged to apply for qualification for this valuable program as soon as possible. As of July, 2007, less than 30 Mercer County-based groups had been qualified by The Trust, and only nine of those groups were historical societies or organizations.

The Trust recently proposed amendments to their original rules that would ease some earlier Qualification eligibility requirements. These changes propose dropping the requirement that non-profit "friends" organizations operating publicly owned sites provide lease agreements in order to be qualified. They also would amend requirements regarding submission of tax returns (not requiring this of groups that are not required to file annual forms with the IRS).

The NJ Cultural Trust is a unique and invaluable resource for New Jersey's arts and history organizations. For more information, please call (609) 984-6767 or visit www.nj-cultural-trust.org.

Be Aware! Dangerous Women Invasion!

History and art collide in a happy explosion this September when 140 artists and activists – 70 contemporary and 70 'adopted' historic figures – invade The Gallery at Mercer County Community College for the Dangerous Women Two exhibit. Each artist selected one woman from a list of artists/activists active in this region between the two World Wars and created artwork to celebrate this person. The resulting artwork and bios of the historic artists will be on display from September 4 to October 6, with an opening reception on Saturday, September 8 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Several of the historic figures have a direct relationship to Mercer County. Sylvia Woodbridge Beach is one of them. Beach, selected by artist Kate Graves, was the owner/proprietor of the famous Shakespeare & Co. bookstore in Paris. In the 1920s and early 30s her store was a gathering-point for the major artistic and literary figures of that time. Trenton-based composer George Antheil and his wife lived in one of Beach's rooms over the shop. James Joyce was another tenant. It was Beach who decided to publish Joyce's famous book *Ulysses* when it had been censored.

She was interned for six months during the Nazi occupation in Paris, hiding her books in a vacant apartment. Ernest Hemingway symbolically liberated the shop in 1944, but it never reopened. Ezra Pound,



Sylvia Beach with James Joyce

photo courtesy of Firestone Library, Princeton University

Berence Abbott, Gertrude Stein, and Man Ray were among her many friends.

Beach's Mercer County roots span most of her life. She moved here in 1906, aged 18, when her father, Sylvester Beach, became minister of the First Presbyterian Church, and lived here until moving to Paris towards the end of World War I (as a farm worker and Red Cross volunteer.) She remained in Paris for the rest of her life, but she maintained her contact with Princeton, visiting often after World War II, and publishing some of Joyce's later works through Princeton University Press. She died in Paris in 1962, but was buried in the Princeton Cemetery. Her papers are archived at Princeton University's Firestone Library.

Dangerous Women Two will be at The Gallery at Mercer County Community College on Old Trenton Road in West Windsor through October 6. For more information, please call (609) 570-3589 or visit www.mccc.edu. (w)

A Place in Time Trenton Bath House

Every summer, as hundreds of Ewing residents enjoy the community pool at 999 Lower Ferry Road, most are unaware of being in the presence of an icon of modern architecture: the Trenton Bath House. The four square pavilions (used as changing rooms and check-in) are an international magnet for the architects.

Families have used the Bath House continuously for over half a century. In 1954, the Trenton Jewish Community Center commissioned Louis I. Kahn (1901-1974) to build a suburban community campus in Ewing. Kahn was a popular professor (University of Pennsylvania, Yale University) who had designed several public projects including Yale's Art Gallery. He would become one of the most influential architects of the twentieth century, and the Trenton Bath House was a critical step along the way.

During the years spent planning the site Kahn visited ancient ruins. He re-discovered classic, geometric designs that

create the feel of "sacred" or "served" space. His bath house designs would change architecture forever. Kahn said, "I discovered myself after designing that little concrete block bathhouse in Trenton."

Though deceptively simple, these buildings are early examples of the complex ideas Kahn would employ in projects like the Kimmel Center that would make him famous: geometric balance, flow between community spaces and storage spaces, use of natural light for design and decoration.

His use of basic, inexpensive materials from the 1950s made upkeep of the Bath House very difficult. In 1997 this National Register site was placed on Preservation New Jersey's "Ten Most Endangered" list. Happily, preliminary restoration plans are underway. The site will be owned and operated by Ewing Township with preservation and conservation easements by the County of Mercer.



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