



Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission is 40!

The arts, culture and history enrich our lives and grow our understanding of our community and the world around us. As New Jersey's capital county, Mercer County is a center for commerce, culture, and history in the Garden State. Located midway between New York City and Philadelphia in New Jersey's center, Mercer County's 13 municipalities are home to more than 350,000 people in 226 square miles in the heart of region with 10% of the U.S. population all within a 75-mile radius.

At the same time, the culture and heritage sector has a major economic and employment presence in Mercer County. Inclusive of non-profit and for-profit employment, it is likely that well over 4,000 individuals make their living in Mercer County through wage-earning jobs in the arts and

related creative fields, and approximately 1,350 additional individuals are engaged in some aspect of the arts. Many of these organizations are supported through funding and services from Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

The Commission was created on March 17, 1970 by the Board of Chosen Freeholders to serve as an advisory board to the Division of Culture and Heritage. The Commission is composed of nine volunteer citizens appointed for five-year terms by the County Executive. The Commission and the Division share in the responsibility of actively sponsoring musical performances as well as annual art and photography exhibitions. Both support a wide range of artistic activities and projects within the County through financial grants to local arts agen-

cies and organizations.

Shortly after the creation of the Commission, the Mercer County Artists exhibition was organized for anyone who lives, works or attends school in Mercer County. Trenton State College hosted the exhibits until 2005, when they were moved to the Gallery at Mercer County Community College. Purchase awards at both of these exhibits have become part of an extensive County Art Collection.

To celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the Commission, ArtWorks will host an exhibit of selections from the Collection. An opening reception is planned for July 9 at 6 pm in Artworks at 19 Everetts Alley in Trenton. The exhibit will be on display through July 30. For more gallery hours, please call 394-9436 or visit www.artworkstrenton.org.

The Golandsky Institute

Entering its seventh year this July, the Golandsky Institute will present the Summer Symposium and International Piano Festival at Princeton University. Here, pianists, teachers, and students will experience the works of great composers and deepen their understanding of the art of piano playing.

The Golandsky Institute was established in 2003 by Edna Golandsky, John Bloomfield, Robert Durso and Mary Moran to bring high-level training in the Taubman Approach to the musical community. This approach is highly effective in the resolution of technical limitations and playing-related injuries. The aim of the Institute is to provide musicians with a foundation that allows for full artistic expression and the development of virtuosic technical ability.

The work of the Golandsky Institute is presented internationally through private instruction, lectures, masterclasses, performances, and symposia by a team of expertly trained faculty members and teachers who are all highly regarded in their own right.

This summer's educational work will feature intensive study of the Taubman technique at the piano, masterclasses by artistic director, Edna Golandsky, lectures by former New York Times and Washington Post music critic, Tim Page, and evening recitals by Ilya Itin, Josu de Salaun, Spain's rising star pianist, and young jazz sensations from the Berklee College Global Jazz Institute.

On July 11 at 8 pm, Internationally acclaimed piano virtuoso, Gulsin Onay will perform.

On July 12 at 8 pm, Josu De Solaun Soto, Winner, Jose Iturbi International Piano Competition and the European Union International Competition will present Scriabin's *Sonata in F-sharp Minor, Op. 23*, *Schéhérazade*, and Chopin's *Sonata in B Minor*.

On July 13 at 8 pm, Thomas Bagwell, world-renowned collaborative pianist and Christopher Dylan Herbert, Young Star Baritone will perform J.S. Bach: *Three Preludes and Fugues* and Robert Schumann: *Selections from Liederkreis, Op. 39*.

On July 15 at 8 pm, Bach expert and distinguished artist Sean Dugan will play Bach: *The Little Catechism*, Liszt: *Harmonies poetiques et religieuses* and Messiaen: *Vingt regards sur l'enfant Jesus*.

On July 16 at 8 pm, Ilya Itin, Leeds International Piano Competition Gold Medalist will perform Schubert and Rachmaninoff.

The Festival will conclude on July 17 at 8 pm with Takeshi Ohbayashi and Christian Li, the Berklee School of Music's Global Jazz Institute, performing with the Institute's managing director, Marco Pignataro.

Concerts will be held at Princeton University's Taplin Auditorium off Washington Road. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the door or online at www.golandskyinstitute.org. (wv)

C & H is Going Green!

This year marks the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. Started in 1970 by former Wisconsin senator, Gaylord Nelson, who believed that all people, regardless of race, gender, income, or geography, have a moral right to a healthy, sustainable environment. Earth Day Network continues his idea to broaden and diversify the environmental movement worldwide, and to mobilize it as the most effective vehicle for promoting a healthy, sustainable environment through a combination of education, public policy, and activism campaigns.

For the past few years Brian M. Hughes has championed the movement by enacting sustainability policies. In honoring these efforts C&H will only mail a limited quantity of the *Culture and Heritage News Update*. If you wish to receive a mailed copy of the *Update* please call 989-6899. The *Update* is available for download in PDF format at www.mercercounty.org/commissions/cultural/newsletter.html.

A Calendar of Events is available online at www.nj.gov/counties/mercerc/commissions/cultural/calendar.html. Late-breaking news about local events and activities that arrived too late for the online calendar is emailed weekly via a **FYI** notice. To receive these blasts, please email mrunyon@mercercounty.org. The **FYI** will also have a link to the latest version of *Update*.

Pennington Dance Going Strong at 30

Pennington Dance opened in 1980 at a local church. Nancy Warner, founder, offered ballet and jazz classes three days a week. The space included bulky portable barres made of plumbing piping and a carpeted floor over a concrete surface.

Ms. Warner studied ballet with Margot and Roland Guerard since second grade. She pursued professional level classes in New York City, performed with a jazz and theater dance company, and was a senior in college when the Guerards retired.

She wanted to uphold their tradition of offering quality dance instruction with her personal mission to inspire students by providing instruction in an environment that encouraged risk-taking, developed self-esteem, and instilled mutual respect—something she thought was lacking in contemporary dance instruction.

By 1985, Pennington Dance was successful enough to employ Ms. Warner full-time. Today, the school occupies spacious fully-equipped studios in Pennington and Titusville, complete with sprung-wood floors, special slip-resistant dance flooring for shock absorption, adjustable-height barres, and air conditioning.

With an expanded curriculum and first-rate teaching staff, classes are offered six days a week in ballet and pointe, tap, jazz, hip hop, preschool dance, Pilates, original Broadway Repertoire and world dance camp. Teachers are Broadway veterans and graduates of schools like Julliard who provide hands-on individualized instruction to motivate students to reach their highest creative potential.

Ms. Warner's humanitarian efforts extend from Trenton to Kenya. She spent two years as a volunteer and teacher with the Trenton Education Dance Institute, a satellite of Jacques d'Amboise' National Dance Institute. In 2005, she accompanied, staff member, Kevin Babb and several students to Nairobi, Kenya where they shared American dance forms and participated in humanitarian work in the Kibera slum community.

Along the way, Ms. Warner earned her certification as a Romana's Pilates instructor and was selected to serve as a teacher-trainer in the apprenticeship system. She teaches private classes through Pennington Dance, the Anthony Rabara Studio for Pilates in Princeton, and at True Pilates in NYC.

The Pennington Dance Company regularly performs for the



Angelina Genovesi is a second-generation Pennington Dance student. Her mother, Jeannine, was a dance student when the school first opened. Philip Wang

benefit of various organizations including the Eden Dreams Fundraiser, the Philadelphia Thanksgiving Parade, assisted living nursing homes, senior centers, and community events such as the Lambertville Shad Festival. The Pennington Dance Company has performed at every Pennington Day event since its inception. All honoraria are donated to the Philadelphia Children's Hospital.

Complementary tickets to year-end performances are offered to local organizations such as the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen and Home Front to give their members access to live dance performances. Ms. Warner has partnered with Home Front on several occasions, including teaching summer dance workshops.

The Pennington Dance Thirtieth Year Celebration Performance will be held on June 6 at 1 pm in the Hopewell Valley Performing Arts Center at 259 Pennington-Titusville Road in Pennington. All performances are open to the public. Tickets are \$20. For more information, call 737-7596 or visit www.penningtondance.com. (wv)

Newark Black Film Festival Screening at the New Jersey State Museum

Since its inception in 1974, the Newark Black Film Festival (NBFF) has become known among its peers as the longest running Black film festival in the U.S. It provides a progressive public forum for hundreds of emerging writers, directors, producers, performers and film buffs who enjoy African-American and African Diaspora cinema.

One of the nation's defining voices on behalf of independent film, the NBFF is a showcase for films that focus on the experiences and concerns of contemporary African-Americans, as well as an outlet for films about the African-American experience from earlier eras. The festival provides emerging filmmakers, writers, directors and producers with a high pro-

file outlet for their work. Audiences are able to dialogue with filmmakers, actors, writers and scholars in lively discussions following the film screenings.

The free festival is administered by the Newark Museum and planned by a selection committee, which includes such notables as screenwriter and playwright Richard Wesley, who wrote the screenplays for *Let's Do It Again*, *Uptown Saturday Night*, *Native Son*, *Deacons for Defense* and *Mandela & DeKlerk*. Other Committee members include Jeff Friday, CEO and co-founder of Film Life's American Black Film Festival, and Dr. Clement A. Price, noted historian, author and educator.

The Paul Robeson Awards

is a biennial competition established by the NBFF that recognizes aspiring filmmakers, and honors the spirit of Paul Robeson, activist, performer and athlete. Winners receive special recognition, film screening, and cash awards.

2010 NBFF Screening Schedule

Adult Cinema, 6 pm
July 1, American Violet.
July 8, NO! The Rape Documentary.
July 15, Good Hair & Hair Piece: A Film For Nappy-Headed People.
July 22, Still Bill To Be Confirmed
July 29, The Price of Sugar.
August 5, Paul Robeson Awards
Youth Cinema, ages 4-12, 1 pm
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Films will be screened in the New Jersey State Museum Auditorium at 205 West State Street in Trenton. For more information, please call (609) 292-6464 or (973) 596-6635, or visit www.state.nj.us/state/museum or NewarkMuseum.org. (wv)

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Eyes on Mercer

Historic Mercer County, with its 13 municipalities, is home to a terrific array of fine visual and performing arts venues, vital ethnic communities with rich, on-going cultural traditions, fascinating historic and pre-historic sites, and a thriving community of artists, performers, artisans, and history advocates working hard to provide colorful, interesting opportunities for the County's residents.

This October, the Cultural and Heritage Commission will spotlight these riches by offering a weekend-long *Eyes on Mercer* event. While the Commission may sponsor or host a few key activities as part of this weekend, the real focus will be on programs of the many arts, history and cultural organizations within the County.

The Commission will be reaching out to venues and organization around the County, asking what events are scheduled for the designated weekend. Organizations that normally offer occasional programming will be encouraged to plan an activity or event.

Eyes on Mercer will be a County celebratory weekend-long party that will demonstrate the true cultural wealth of the "Capital County."

For more information on how to participate, please call 278-2712 or visit www.nj.gov/counties/mercer/commissions/cultural/eyes.html.

Mercer County Senior Art Show

Mercer County Culture and Heritage is partnering with the Office on Aging to present the Mercer Senior Art Exhibition in August.

The show is open to any artist who is 60 years or older and resides in Mercer County. All submissions must be original work, created in the last 3 years and not previously entered in the show. Applicants may submit one piece in any of the following categories: acrylic, oil, pastel, watercolor, drawing, photography, prints, sculpture, and mixed media. One winner in each category will be submitted to the NJ Senior Citizen Art Show.

Meadow Lakes will again be hosting the NJ State Juried Senior Art Show. This show exhibits close to 300 pieces of work by New Jersey seniors who have won their county title. The show is open from October 6 through October 30.

Meadow Lakes is located at 300 Meadow Lakes in East Windsor. For directions, please call 800-564-5705 or visit www.meadowlakesonline.org.

For more information, please call 989-6661 or visit www.nj.gov/counties/mercer/commissions/cultural/senior.html.

Dear Friends,

Author James Dent famously said, "A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawnmower is broken."

I hope you follow this keen observation and take the opportunity to "get away" but stay close to home by enjoying some of Mercer County's many upcoming summer events. Each season, our County offers hidden gems that can provide a welcome respite from the norm. This summer is no different. Inside this Culture & Heritage newsletter, you will find activities for all tastes: art shows, film screenings, benefit walks, outdoor concerts and festivals, history lectures, and programs to honor our military veterans.

In addition to this wonderful selection of events, I also encourage you to visit the County's many parks, its golf courses and tennis courts, and other recreational facilities. These facilities have never been as popular as they are now as more and more of our residents are discovering they don't need to travel far to enjoy a picnic, take in beautiful scenery on a walk, go fishing or spend time with loved ones.

Sincerely,

Brian M. Hughes
County Executive



Film Festivals For and About Teens

Princeton Student Film & Video Festival

The Princeton Student Film & Video Festival (PSFVF) is accepting submissions for the seventh year. The festival continues to encourage and support the work of youth filmmakers in a range of genres and styles, with the opportunity and a venue to show their work to a broad audience.

The festival is open to high school and college students (or home-schooled, un-schooled or not in school) ages 14 to 24 from Princeton and all points beyond, both near and far. All entries must be on a DVD and accompanied by a completed entry form. There is no cost to enter. The festival screening dates are set for July 21 and 22 at the Princeton Public Library at 65 Wither- spoon Street.

This year a selection of films from the Princeton Student Film & Video Festival will also screen at Artist Visions Film Festival (AVFF), a new, first-year festival in nearby Lambertville. Screenings will be on July 24 at 8 pm in Rago Arts at 333 North Main Street in Lambertville.

AVFF will also include original short films from students in Hunterdon County, NJ and Bucks County, PA. *Where I'm From* is an additional theme that is open to all festival entrants to show local culture and community and landscape about the student filmmaker's life and where they live.

Film genres include: animation, com-

edy, commercial, documentary, feature, environmental, experimental, mockumentary, music video, personal narrative, public service announcement, and other.

The deadline to submit work is June 21. All films for consideration (for both events) should be submitted to the attention of "Princeton Student Film & Video Festival". For more information, please call 924-9529 ext. 247. To download Entry Form and Guidelines, please visit www.princeton.lib.nj.us/teens/index.html.

Not Quite Legal

Started in 2004, the Trenton Film Festival aims to bring audiences and filmmakers together to better enjoy the art of filmmaking. The festival offers filmmakers the opportunity to learn, grow and exhibit their films. It offers attendees quality films intended to expand their knowledge of cinema and to enhance their appreciation of the filmmaking process.

The Not Quite Legal Film Festival is a juried festival for filmmakers between the ages of 15 and 21 who live in or attend school in New Jersey. Awards of recognition will be given in the following categories: drama; comedy; animation; and documentary.

The Not Quite Legal Film Festival will be screened on June 12 in the Mill Hill Playhouse at Montgomery and Front streets in Trenton. For more information, please call 396-6966 or visit www.trentonfilmfestival.org/?page_id=86.



Calendar of Events

MCC&HC cannot be responsible for errors or omissions. Call ahead to confirm times and prices. Unless otherwise noted, the area code is 609. For an expanded listing, visit www.nj.gov/counties/mercer/commissions/cultural/newsletter.html. Deadline for fall issue, which covers September, October and November is July 14, 2010.

Art Happenings

Origami Circle, 2nd Wed, 7 pm, Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street. 924-9529; www.princeton.lib.nj.us. (wv)

Docent Tour, Sat-Sun, 2 pm, Princeton University Art Museum, Princeton campus, 258-3788; www.artmuseum.princeton.edu. (wv)

Ellarslie Open, thru June 20, Ellarslie, Cadwalader Park, Parkside Avenue, Trenton. 989-1191; www.ellarslie.org.

Student Exhibit, June 1-5, Silva Gallery of Art, Pennington School, 112 West Delaware Avenue. 737-8069; www.pennington.org. (wv)

PDS Senior Thesis Show, June 2-11, Anne Reid Gallery, Princeton Day School, Great Road. 924-6700; www.pds.org.

Photos: Jim Hilgendorf, Rajastan; David Miller, Prague Cemetery, June 4-July 4, 14 Mercer Street, Hopewell. Opening reception June 4, 6-9 pm. 333-8511; www.photogallery14.com.

Watercolor Workshop with Marge Charvoosian, June 5, 10 am-3 pm, Ellarslie Mansion, Cadwalader Park, Parkside Avenue, Trenton. \$50-\$60. 989-1191; www.ellarslie.org.

Art For Art's Sake, thru June 5, Gallery 125, 125 Lafayette Street, Trenton. 989-9119; www.gallery125.com.

Ewing Art Show, June 6-25, Township Community Center, 999 Lower Ferry Road. Reception June 6, 3:30 pm. 883-1776; www.ewingnj.org.

Princeton Photography Club Meetings, June 9, July 14, Aug 11, 7:30 pm, Johnson Education Center, D&R Greenway Land Trust, 1 Preservation Place, Princeton. (732) 422-3676; www.princetonphotoclub.org.

4 Elements, June 9-Aug 6, Gallery 125, 125 South Warren Street, Trenton. Reception June 11, 6-9 pm. 989-9119; www.gallery125.com.

Student Exhibit, thru June 10, Chapin Gallery, 4101 Princeton Pike, Princeton. 924-2449; www.chapin-school.org.

World Wide Knitting in Public, June 12, 11 am-4 pm, Princeton Shopping Center courtyard, 301 North Harrison Street. 921-6234; www.princetonshoppingcenter.com.

ArtAllNight, June 19, 3 pm-June 20, 3 pm, Roebing Wire Works, 675 South Clinton Avenue, Trenton. 394-9436; www.artworkstrenton.org. (wv)

Call for Photographers: Up Close & Personal, deadline June 12, Gallery

125, 125 South Warren Street, Trenton. 989-9119; www.gallery125.com.

Fine Arts Show, thru June 25, Straube Center Gallery, One Straube Center Boulevard, Pennington. 737-3322; www.straubecenter.com.

Breaking Boundaries, thru June 30, Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street. 924-9529; www.princeton.lib.nj.us. (wv)

Summer Arts Camps, ages 5-12, June 21-Aug 13, Princeton Junior School, 90 Fackler Road, Princeton. 9 am-12 pm. \$200-\$225/week; or 9 am-3:30 pm. \$325-\$350/week. **Tween and Teen Art Studios**, ages 9-14, June 21-Aug 13, 9 am-3:30 pm, Paul Robeson Center, 102 Witherspoon Street, Princeton. \$325-\$350/week. 921-0008; www.artscouncilofprinceton.org. (wv)

Group Show, July 9-Aug 8, Gallery 14, 14 Mercer Street, Hopewell. Opening July 9, 6-9 pm. 333-8511; www.photogallery14.com.

HomeFront Exhibit, July 9-Aug 20, Straube Center Gallery, One Straube Center Boulevard, Pennington. 737-3322; www.straubecenter.com.

Voices for the Marsh, thru July 16, D&R Greenway Land Trust, Johnson Education Center, 1 Preservation Place, Princeton. 924-4646; July 20-Aug 16, Hamilton Public Library, 1 Municipal Drive, Hamilton. 581-4060; www.marsh-friends.org. (wv)

Hands-On Art and Theatre Camp, July 26-Aug 6, 9 am-4 pm, Trenton City Museum, Ellarslie, Cadwalader Park. Ages 6-13. \$200-\$250. 989-1191; www.ellarslie.org. (wv)

Up Close & Personal, Aug 13-Oct 2, Gallery 125, 125 South Warren Street, Trenton. 989-9119; www.gallery125.com.

CityArts Camp: Music, Art, Drama, Dance, Aug 23-27, 9 am-4 pm, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1140 Greenwood Avenue, Trenton. \$125. Ages 6-13. 695-8025.

History and Beauty, thru Aug 31, Ellarslie, Cadwalader Park, Parkside Avenue, Trenton. 989-1191; www.ellarslie.org. (wv)

Art Classes, Lawrenceville Artists Network, 2683 Main Street. www.lawrencevillemainstreet.com/art.

Arts Council of Princeton

Terrace Project: Chakaia Booker, thru July 2

Re-Inventing the Wheel Organized by John Goodyear and members of Movis, thru July 2

Terrace Project: Joseph Petrovics,

July-Nov
Arts Council of Princeton, 102 Witherspoon Street. 924-8777; www.artscouncilofprinceton.org. (wv)

Princeton University

Art Museum Architecture in Byzantine Art, thru June 6

Boucher's Water/Earth Reunited, thru June 13

Art of Toshiko Takaazu, June 26-Sep 11
Nassau Hall Faculty Room Memory and Meaning, thru Oct 30

Pictures of Pictures, thru Oct 10
Color Photography in America 1970-1980, July 10-Sep 26

Princeton University Art Museum, McCormick Hall, Princeton University Campus. 258-3788; www.artmuseum.princeton.edu. (wv)

Library Andrew Helle's Toy Theater, thru Aug 5, Cotsen Children's Library

The Author's Portrait O, could he but have drawne his Wit, thru July 5

Printed Maps, 1472-1700, thru Aug
Straight Through: Magellan to Cook and the Pacific, Aug-Jan 2011

Money on Paper, Aug-Jan 2011
Princeton University Library, Firestone Library, One Washington Road. 258-1470; www.library.princeton.edu. (wv)

Benefits

Twistin' with the Greaseband, June 11, 7:30 pm, Hamilton Manor, 30 Route 156, Hamilton. Benefits Animal Friends for Education and Welfare. \$45/\$50. 448 5322; www.afewpets.com.

Kinny's Walk, June 5, 7:30 am, Mercer Park Marina, Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. Benefits Battle Against Hunger. Register 732-257-4014; www.battleagainsthunger.org.

Jazz Brunch, June 13, 12-3 pm, Salt Creek Grille, Forrestal Village, Plainsboro. Benefits Court Appointed Special Advocates. Register 434-0050; www.casamerger.org.

Dance

Pennington Dance Recital, June 6, 1 pm, Hopewell Valley High School, 259 Pennington-Titusville Road, Pennington. \$20. 737-7596; www.penningtondance.com. (wv)

Dancing

Big Band Dance, June 4, 7-10 pm, Princeton High School, 151 Moore Street, Princeton. \$6. 806-4280; www.phs.prs.k12.nj.us. (wv)

Dance Jam, June 4, 8-10:15 pm,

Dance Improv Live, All Saints Church, 16 All Saints Road, Princeton. \$15. 924-3767; www.danceimprov.com.

Salsa Workshop with Griselle Ponce, June 6, 2:45 pm; Dance party, 6-9 pm, Suzanne Patterson Center, 45 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$10-\$40. 203-5854; www.webofcompassion.org.

Merengue lessons, June 19, July 17, Aug 21, 7:30 pm, Suzanne Patterson Center, 45 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$12. 945-1883; www.centraljerseydance.org.

Summer Solstice Salsa Social, June 24, 6:30-9:30 pm, Princeton YWCA, 59 Paul Robeson Place. \$25. 651-6070; www.hotsalsahot.com.

Stylish Contra Dancing, June 26, advanced 3-5:30 pm; beginners 7:30 pm; open dancing 8-11 pm, Suzanne Patterson Center, 45 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$10-\$22. \$4-\$7. 924-6763; www.princetoncountrydancers.org.

Scottish Dancing, Mon, 7:30 pm, Meadow Lakes, Etra Road, Hightstown. \$3. 584-9764; www.rscds-nj.org.

Folk Dance, June 1, 8, 15, 7-9 pm, Riverside School, 58 Riverside Drive, Princeton. \$3. 655-0758.

American Ballroom, Wed, 7-9 pm; Fri, 8-11 pm, 569 Klockner Road, Hamilton. \$10-\$15. 931-0149; www.americanballroomco.com.

Tribal Belly Dance, Wed, 7:15 & 8:30, One Yoga Center, 405 Route 130, East Windsor. \$16. 918-0963; www.oneyogacenter.net.

Princeton Country Dancers, Contra, Wed, 7:40-10:30 pm; 4th Sat, 8-11 pm; **English Country**, 2nd Sat, 8-11 pm; **Community Dance**, March 28, 3-5 pm. Suzanne Patterson Center, 45 Stockton Street. \$4-\$7. 924-6763; www.princetoncountrydancers.org.

Black Cat Tango, Thu, 8-9 pm, intermediate; 9-10 pm beginner; 10 pm-12 am, practice, Suzanne Patterson Center, 45 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$10. 273-1378; www.TheBlackCatTango.com.

Film

Classic Movies, 2nd Sun, 2 pm, Foreign Films, 2nd Thu, 7 pm, Lawrence Library, Darrah Lane. 989-6922; www.mcl.org. (wv)

Wednesday Film Series, 7 pm, Café Ole, 126 South Warren Street, Trenton. \$5. 396-2233; trentonfilmfestival.org.

Not Quite Legal Film Festival, June 12, Passage, Front & Montgomery, Trenton. Trenton Film Festival. 396-

2233; www.trentonfilmfestival.org.

Call For Entries: Student Films & Videos, deadline for submissions: June 21, 924-9529 ext. 247; www.princeton-library.org/teens/media/index.html.

Student Film & Video Festival, July 21-22, Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street; **Artist Visions Film Festival**, July 22 & 24, 8 pm, Rago Arts, 333 North Main Street, Lambertville. 924-9529 ext. 247; www.princetonlibrary.org/teens.

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Aug 5, **Paul Robeson Awards**

NJ State Museum Auditorium, 205 West State Street, Trenton. 292-6464; www.state.nj.us/state/museum.

Grounds For Sculpture

Anniversary Arts Party, June 5, 11 am-4 pm; Meet the Artists 11 am, 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm; workshops for ages 6-12; Music & Motion Dance.

The Klez Dispensers Concert, June 11, 7:30 pm. \$10.

Leonda Finke Sculpture Workshop, June 12, 10:30 am-1:30 pm. \$45-\$50. Register (609) 586-0616.

Tots on Tour with Joslyn Johnson, June 19, 11 am & 1 pm. Ages 3-5.

Poet's Invitational, June 20, 2 pm.

Broadside Electric Concert, June 25, 7:30 pm. \$10.

Seward Johnson Center for the Arts Members Exhibit, thru July 18.

Keith Haring pop-art sculpture, thru Sep 19.

Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. Unless otherwise noted \$8-\$10. 586-0616; www.groundsfor Sculpture.org.

History Activities

Hamilton Philatelic Society, 3rd Tue, 7 pm, Hamilton Library, Justice Alito Jr. Way, Hamilton. 890-8211; www.hamilton.home.att.net. (wv)

Camden & Amboy Railroad meeting, June 4, 7:30 pm, Hightstown Freight Station, 164 North Main Street. www.trainweb.org/camdenandamboyrrhistoricalgroup.

Drumthwacket Garden Party, June 6, 1-4 pm, 354 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$5. Register 683-0057, x4;

www.drumthwacket.org.

Mill Hill Garden Tour, June 12, 12-5 pm, off Market & South Broad streets, Trenton. \$10-\$15. 815-1359; www.trentonmillhill.org.

John Abbott House, weekends noon-5 pm, 2200 Kuser Road, Hamilton. 585-1686; www.hamiltonnj.com.

Brearley House, 1st Sat, 10 am-noon, Meadow Lane, Lawrenceville. Lawrence Historical Society. 895-1728; www.thelhs.org. (wv)

Civil War/Native American Museum, 2nd & 3rd weekends, 1-4 pm, 2202 Kuser Road, Hamilton. 585-8900; www.campolden.org.

Drumthwacket, Wed, 11 am-2 pm, 354 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$5. Register 683-0057; www.drumthwacket.org.

Morven Tour and Tea, Wed, 11:15 am-2:15 pm, 55 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$15. Register 924-8144; www.morven.org. (wv)

National Guard Militia Museum, Tue & Fri, 9 am-3 pm, Lawrenceville Armory, 151 Eggert Crossing Road. 530-6802; www.state.nj.us/military/museum.

State House Tours, Mon-Fri, 10 am-3 pm; Sat, 12-3 pm, 125 West State Street, Trenton. 633-2709; www.njleg.state.nj.us. (wv)

Schenck House, 2nd Sun, 1-4 pm, West Windsor Historical Society, 50 Southfield Road. 799-1278.

Trent House, Paint and Play, June 19, 12:30-4 pm; Colonial Ice Cream Making, July 17, 2 pm, 15 Market Street, Trenton. \$2-\$4. 989-3027; www.williamtrenthouse.org.

Howell Farm

Dairy Day, June 5

On the Road with Elsie the Cow, June 11, 7:30 pm

Hog Stopping and Weighing, June 12 Hayrides, June 19

Oldtime Baseball, June 26

Visit to Franklyn Wooden Poultry Farm, June 27, 12-4 pm

Ice Cream Party, July 3

Wheat Harvest, July 10

PM Hayrides, July 17, 24, 5-8 pm

Mercer County 4-H Fair, July 31, Aug 1 Honey Harvest, Aug 7

Barn Dance, Aug 13, 7:30 pm

Pleasant Valley Wagon Tours, Aug 14 **Potato Harvest**, Aug 21

Fiddlin' on the Farm, Aug 28

*Howell Farm is a Mercer County Park System facility, Valley Road, Titusville. 10 am-4 pm unless noted. *Wheelchair accessible hayride: 737-3299; www.howellfarm.org.*

Holiday/Heritage

Flag Day Ceremony, June 14, noon, Princeton Township Hall, 400 Witherspoon Street. Retire American flags. www.spiritofprinceton.org.

Independence Day Fireworks, July 1, 9:15 pm, picnicking 7 pm, Princeton University Stadium fields.

www.spiritofprinceton.org.

Independence Day Concert & Fireworks, July 2, 7 pm, Veterans Park, Kuser Road, Hamilton. 890-4028; www.hamiltonnj.com.

Independence Day concert, July 3, 7 pm, fireworks 9:40 pm, Rider University, 2083 Lawrenceville Road. 844-7067; www.rider.edu.

Parade, July 5, 10 am-1 pm, Ewing Township, Parkside & Olden avenues to Ewing High.

Irish-American Night at Thunder, July 26, 7 pm, Waterfront Park, Route 29, Trenton. Benefits Trenton St. Patrick's Day Parade/Scholarship. 713-0630; www.trentonparade.com.

Literary Events

Delaware Valley Poets, 3rd Wed, 7:30 pm, Lawrence Library, 2751 Brunswick Pike; 2nd Mon, Barnes & Noble, Princeton Marketfair, 3535 Route 1 South. www.delawarevalleypoets.com.

NJ Poetry Society readings, 2nd & 4th Fri, 1-3 pm, Lawrence Senior Center, 30 East Darrah Lane. 844-7048; www.njpoetrysociety.org. (wv)

Open Mic, Tues, 7 pm, Grover's Mill Coffee House, 335 Princeton Hightstown Road, West Windsor. 716-8771; www.groversmillcoffee.com.

NJ Writer's Society, 2nd Mon, 6:30 pm, West Windsor Branch Library, 333 North Post Road, Princeton Junction. 799-0462; 4th Tue, 6 pm, Hopewell Library, 245 Pennington-Titusville Road, Pennington. 737-2610; www.mcl.org.

Socrates Café, 1st Mon, 7 pm, West Windsor Library, 333 North Post Road, Princeton Junction. 799-0462; www.mcl.org. (wv)

Scrabble, Fri, 6:30 pm-12 am, Classics Bookstore, 117 South Warren, Trenton. (609) 394-8400.

Writer's Club, 4th Sat, 2 pm, Twin Rivers Library, 276 Abbington Drive, East Windsor. 443-1880; www.mcl.org.

Poetry Circle, Gwendolyn Brooks, June 10, 7 pm, Lawrence Library, 2751 Brunswick Pike. 989-6922; www.mcl.org. (wv)

Lecture: UFO Ghosts and Earth Mysteries facilitated by Pat Marcattilio, June 2, July 7, Aug 4, 7:30-10 pm, Hamilton Library, Municipal Drive. 631-8955; www.drufu.org.

Sappho's Café Poetry reading, June 12, July 10, Aug 14, 2-4 pm, West Windsor Library, 333 North Post Road. 609-799-0462; www.mcl.org.

Noodle Talk with Alan Goldsmith, June 14, July 12, 7-8:45 pm, Princeton Library, 65 Witherspoon Street. 924-5584; www.tinyurl.com/pnoodle.

Book Sale, June 21, 9 am-7:30 pm, Hamilton Library, Municipal Drive. 581-4060; www.hamiltonnjpl.org.

Musical Performances

Hopewell Valley Chorus rehearsals, Mon, 7:30 pm, Hopewell

Valley High, 259 Pennington-Titusville Road, Pennington. 737-7960; www.princetonol.com/groups/hvchorus.

Princeton Garden Statesmen rehearsals, Tue, 7:30 pm, 300 Meadow Lakes, East Windsor. 251-4238; www.menwhosing.org. (wv)

Open Mic, Tue, 7 pm, Grover's Mill Coffee House, 335 Princeton Hightstown Road, West Windsor. 716-8771; www.groversmillcoffee.com.

Patty Cronheim, Wed, 8-10 pm, Mediterra, 29 Hulfish Street, Princeton. 252-9680; www.terramomo.com.

Open Mic, Wed, 10 pm, Alchemist & Barrister, 28 Witherspoon Street, Princeton. 924-5555; www.theaandb.com.

Lawrence Community Band, Thu, 7:30 pm, Lawrence Senior Center, Darrah Lane. 883-8141.

Singer Songwriter Showcase, Frank Thewes, host, Thu, 9 pm; **Live Music**, Fri, 10:30 pm, Triumph Brewing Co., 138 Nassau Street, Princeton. 924-7855; www.triumphbrewing.com.

Gentle Jazz, Al Oliver, sax/vocals; **Gerry Groves**, flute, 1st & 3rd Thu, 7:30 pm, Nick's Cafe 72, 72 West Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton. 882-0087; www.cafe72nj.com.

Carillon Concert, June 1-Aug 31, Sun, 1 pm; Tue, 6:30 pm, 88 College Road West, Princeton University. 258-3654; www.princeton.edu.

Darla Rich Quartet, June 2, 19, July 7, 17, Aug 4, 21, 7-9 pm, Fedora Cafe, 2633 Main Street, Lawrenceville. 895-0844; www.darlarich.com.

Band Concert, June 3, 7:30 pm, WW-P High School South, 346 Clarksville Road, West Windsor. 716-5050; www.wv-p.org. (wv)

Tony Orlando, June 4, 7 pm, War Memorial, Memorial Drive, Trenton. 984-8400; www.thewarmemorial.com. (wv)

PHS Jazz Ensemble Band Dance, June 4, 7 pm, Princeton High School, 151 Moore Street. 806-4280 Ext. 3091; www.princetonjazz.org. (wv)

Princeton Garden Statesmen Show, June 5, 2 & 8 pm, Yvonne Theater, Rider University, 2083 Lawrenceville Road. \$10-\$20. 924-9250; www.menwhosing.org. (wv)

John & Carm, June 5, July 3, 6-9 pm, Halo Pub, 5 Hulfish Street, Princeton. 921-1710; June 12, 8-11 pm, Amalfi's 146 Pennington-Lawrenceville Road, Lawrence. 912-1599; June 16, July 21, Aug 18, 6-9 pm, Fedora Café, 2633 Main Street, Lawrenceville. 895-0844.

La Spirta Concert, June 10, 7:30 pm, Lawrence Library, 2751 Brunswick Avenue. 989-6915; www.mcl.org. (wv)

Trenton2Nite, June 11, July 9, Aug 13, 5 pm, South Warren and Lafayette streets. 393-8998; www.trenton-downtown.com.

PHS Studio Band, June 11, 7:30 pm, Princeton High School, 151

Moore Street. 806-4280 Ext. 3091; www.princetonjazz.org. (wv)

Fred Miller: Show Tunes, June 11, 7:30 pm, Ellarslie Mansion, Cadwalader Park, Parkside Avenue, Trenton. 989-1161; www.ellarslie.org. (wv)

Killer Concert: A Manly Musical Murder Mystery, June 11, 8 pm, Trinity Episcopal Church, 33 Mercer Street, Princeton. \$15-\$25. 732-579-8449; www.njgmc.org/events.htm.

Sinfonietta Nova, June 12, 7:30 pm, Prince of Peace Church, 177 Princeton-Hightstown Road, West Windsor. \$15. 462-4984; www.sinfoniettanova.org. (wv)

Young Artist Recital, June 13, 2:30 pm, Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street, Princeton. 924-0103; www.nassauchurch.org.

Chiu-Ling Lin piano, June 13, 3 pm, Steinway Musical Society, Jacobs Music, 2540 Brunswick Pike, Lawrenceville. \$15. (609) 434-0222; www.steinwaysocietyprinceton.org.

Deidre Sheehan, piano, June 19, 5:30 pm, Williamson Hall, Rider University, 2083 Lawrenceville Road. 896-5000; www.rider.edu. (wv)

The Tone Rangers, June 19, July 24, Aug 28, 7-10 pm, Halo Pub 4617 Nottingham Way, Hamilton. 586-1811

Cafe Improv, June 26, July 24, Aug 28, 9 pm, Arts Council of Princeton, 102 Witherspoon Street. \$2. Register to perform 924-8777; www.cafeimprov.com. (wv)

Daughtry, June 20, 7:30 pm, Sun Bank Center, Hamilton Avenue, Route 129, Trenton. \$30-\$40. 800-298-4200; www.comcastix.com. (wv)

Blue Mountain Chamber Music Camp, July 19-23, 9 am-4 pm, Trinity Cathedral, 801 West State Street, Trenton. Ages 6-13. \$150. www.bluemountainfestival.org.

Rave On-Buddy Holly Tribute, July 28, 7-8 pm, Princeton Library, 65 Witherspoon Street. 924-9529; www.princetonlibrary.org. (wv)

Outdoor Concerts

Summer Music Series, July, Aug, Sat, 2-4 pm, **Carnaby Street**, July 3, **Sun Dog**, July 10, Palmer Square, Nassau Street, Princeton. 921-2333; www.palmersquare.com.

Carnegie Center Concert Series, June 8-Aug 31, Tue, 12-1:30 pm, Greenway Amphitheater, 202 Carnegie Center; Thu, 12-1:30 pm, Patio, 502 Carnegie Center. **John & Carm**, June 10 & July 20. 452-1444.

Concerts in the Park, June 17, 24, July 8, 15, 22, 29, Aug 5, **Tone Rangers**, July 1, 7-8:30 pm, Weeden Park, Main Street, Lawrenceville. 219-9300; www.lawrencevillemainstreet.com.

Concert Series, Arts Council of Princeton, June 17-Aug 12, Thu, 6-8 pm, Princeton Shopping Center, 301 North Harrison Street. 924-8777;

www.artscouncilofprinceton.org. (wv)

Opera Under the Stars, June 18, 7 pm, Palmer Square, Nassau Street, Princeton. Raindate July 3. 921-2333; www.palmersquare.com.

Concert Series, June 25, July 9, 23, Aug 6, 20, 7:30 pm, Gazebo, Columbia Avenue, Hopewell. 737-7013; www.hopewelltp.org.

Music Night, June 26, July 31, Aug 28, 7pm, Hopewell Valley Vineyards, 46 Yard Road, Pennington. 737-4465; www.hopewellvalleyvineyards.com.

78th Army Band & Fireworks, June 27, 7:30 pm, Alliger Park, 203 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, Titusville. 737-3753; www.hopewelltp.org.

Blawenburg Band, July 5, July 26 & Aug 2, 7:30 pm, Train Station, Railroad Place & Greenwood Avenue. www.hopewelltp.org.

John & Carm, Aug 7, 9:30-12 pm, West Windsor Farm Market, Vaughn Drive, Princeton Junction. 577-5113; www.westwindsorfarmersmarket.org.

2U: U2 Tribute, Aug 7, 6 pm, **Burgermania**, Mercer County Park, Hughes Drive or Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. 448-1947; www.mercercounty.org.

Etra Lake Park

Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks, July 2, 6 pm

Neil & the Diamonds, July 18, 6 pm
Magic show, July 31, 7 pm
Desire, oldies, Aug 15, 6 pm
100% Cotton band; Shrek movie, Aug 21, 7 pm

Etra Lake Park, Disbrow Road, Hightstown. East Windsor Township Recreation Department, 443-4000; www.east-windsor.nj.us

July Jams Concerts

Rhythm 'n Balloons, For Kids, July 6
Dave Sodano, Sinatra tribute, July 13
Kindred Spirit, Classic Rock, July 20
Jukebox Heroes, 60s-present, July 27
Robbinsville Bandstand by the Lake Town Center Lake Drive, 7 pm. Next day rain dates. 918-0002 Ext. 120; www.robbsville-tpw.org.

Princeton Festival

Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra with Princeton Pro Musica, June 5, 8 pm, Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall. \$25-\$35.

Organ Recital, June 6, 3 pm, Princeton University Chapel. \$40-\$50.

Opera: Handel's Ariodante, June 19, 8 pm; June 27, 3 pm, McCarter Theater, 91 University Place. \$30-\$110.

Threepenny Opera, June 12, 16, 18, 22, 23, 25, 26, 8 pm; June 19, 20, 3 pm, Matthews Acting Studio, 185 Nassau Street.

Concordia Chamber Players, June 20, 3 pm, Taplin Auditorium, Fine Hall, Princeton University. \$30.

Choral Workshop Final Perform-

ance, June 26, 8 pm, Princeton University Chapel. \$30-\$50.

Fred Hersch Jazz, piano, Joel Frahm, saxophone, June 13, 4 pm, Clark Music Center, Lawrenceville School, Main Street. \$45.

Violin Competition ages 13-24, Preliminaries, June 5, Clark Music Center.

Voice Finals, June 16, 8 pm, Clark Music Center. \$30.

Piano Competition Preliminaries, ages 6-24 June 5, Clark Music Center.

Concert, June 24, 8 pm, Taplin Auditorium. \$30.

Lecture: Ariodante & Handel's Career, June 18, 7 pm, Princeton Library, 65 Witherspoon Street.

Lecture: Opera for Everyone, June 8, 7:30 pm, Princeton Library.

Opera Preview, June 2, 7:30 pm, Princeton Library.

Lecture: 18th Century London Theatre, June 7, 7 pm, Lawrence Library, 2751 Route 1 South.

Opera Preview, June 10, 7 pm, Princeton University Art Museum, McCormick Hall.

Lecture: Theater Audiences in Paintings & Drawings, June 15, 7:30 pm, Princeton Library.

Film: Tom Jones (1963), June 22, 7 pm, Princeton Library.

Princeton Festival. 537-0071; www.princetonfestival.org.

PU Chamber Concerts

Ahn Trio, July 1
Carducci String Quartet, July 14
Georgia Guitar Quartet, July 19
Leipzig String Quartet, July 27
Richardson Auditorium, Alexander hall, Princeton University campus. 8 pm. Free. 570-8404; www.pusummerchamberconcerts.org

Outdoor Fun

West Windsor Farm Market, Sat, 9 am-1 pm, Vaughn Drive, Princeton Junction. 577-5113; www.westwindsorfarmersmarket.org.

Canal Dog Walk, June 3, July 1, 2-4 pm, Delaware Canal State Park. Location: 982-0161; www.dcnr.state.pa.us.

Community Festival, Music & Fireworks, June 12, 2 pm, Community Park, West Manor Way & Gordon Road, Robbinsville. Rain date June 13. 918-0002 x 120; www.robbsville-tpw.org.

Dragonflies with Herb Lord, June 12, 10 am-noon, Spring Lake, Roebbling Park, Sewell Avenue, Hamilton. 732-821-8310; www.marsh-friends.org.

FreedomFest, June 26, 2-11 pm, Mercer County Park, Hughes Drive & Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. 448-7107; www.mercercounty.org.

Burger Mania, Aug 7, 3-8 pm, Mercer County Park, Hughes Drive/Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. 516-9306; www.whatsgoingonthisweekend.com.

Create a Butterfly Habitat, Aug 7,

10-11 am, Master Gardeners of Mercer County, 431 A Federal City Road, Pennington. \$3. 989-6853; www.mgofmc.org.

Theatre

Take Flight, June 1-3, 7:30 pm; June 4-5, 8 pm; June 5, 3 pm; June 6, 2 pm, McCarter Theater, 91 University Place, Princeton. \$15-\$55. 609-258-2787; www.mccarter.org.

Trenton Lights, thru June 6, Thu-Sat, 8 pm; Sun, 3 pm, Passage Theater, Front and Montgomery streets, Trenton. 392-0766; www.passagetheatre.org.

Playwright's Lab, June 25-6, 7 pm, June 27, 3 pm, Passage Theater, Front & Montgomery streets, Trenton. \$15. 392-0766; www.passagetheatre.org.

Don Giovanni, July 11, 2 pm; July 24, 8 pm; Aug 1, 2 pm, McCarter Theater, 91 University Place, Princeton. \$35-\$110. 258-2787; www.mccarter.org. (wv)

Don Pasquale, July 17, 25, 30, 8 pm; Aug 1, 7 pm, McCarter Theater, 91 University Place, Princeton. \$59-\$90. 258-2787; www.mccarter.org.

Faust, July 18, 23, 31, 8 pm, McCarter Theater, 91 University Place, Princeton. \$35-\$110. 258-2787; www.mccarter.org. (wv)

Hopewell Valley Children's Theatre camp, June 28-July 31, grades 1-5, Mulan, 9:30 am-noon. Performances July 30, 7 pm, July 31, 2 pm; Grades 6-9. *How to Succeed In Business Without Really Trying*, 1-4 pm. Performances July 31, 2 pm; Aug 1, 7 pm, Hopewell Valley Central High School Performing Arts Center, 259 Pennington-Titusville Road, Pennington. 649-3042; www.hvct.org. (wv)

Theater Camp, ages 12-15, July 5-17, July 19-31, \$525; **Green Apple Theater camp**, ages 8-11, July 5-9, July 12-16, July 19-23, July 26-30, 8:30 am-3:30 pm, \$315. Peddie, 201 South Main Street, Hightstown. (609) 944-7550; www.peddie.org.

Opera Camp, ages 7-17, July 12-16 & July 19-23, McCarter Theater, 91 University Place, Princeton. \$200. NJ Opera Theater. (609) 799-7700; www.opera-nj.org.

Theatre Camp, ages 6-13, July 26-Aug 6, Passage Theatre, Front & Montgomery streets, Trenton. 989-1191; www.ellarslie.org.

Kelsey Theater

Ragtime, June 4-13, Fri-Sat, 7:30 pm; Sun, 2 pm. \$12-\$16. Pennington Players.

Sordid Lives, June 25-26, 8 pm; June 27, 2 pm. \$12-\$25. James Tolin Memorial Fund.

Mother Goose, June 5, 2 & 4 pm. \$8-\$10. Kaleidoscope Theatre.

Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. 570-3333; www.kelsey-atmccc.org.

Flag Day

The idea of an annual day specifically celebrating the Flag is believed to have originated in 1885. BJ Cigrand's students in Fredonia, Wisconsin Public School observed the Flag's Birthday on June 14, which was the 108th anniversary of the adoption of *The Stars and Stripes*.

On June 14, 1891, the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia held a Flag Day celebration. On June 14 1892, the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution celebrated Flag Day.

In 1894, the governor of New York directed the flag to be displayed on all public buildings on June 14. With BJ Cigrand as the moving spirit, the American Flag Day Association, was organized in Illinois for the purpose of promoting the holding of Flag Day exercises.

Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, delivered a 1914 Flag Day address in which he repeated words that he said the flag had spoken to him that morning, "I am what you make me; nothing more. I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself."

Inspired by these three decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day—the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777—was officially established by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14 of each year as National Flag Day.

Mercer County History Regrant Program

Through a partnership between the New Jersey Historical Commission/Department of State and Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission, the Mercer County Division of Culture and Heritage administers a History Regrant Program. Grant funds are available to assist Mercer County-based non-profit organizations, particularly historic sites and historical organizations, libraries, schools, and local government entities to provide public history programs and information with a focus on Mercer County and/or its communities.

Funds are available in either of two categories: General Operating (GOS) and Special Projects (SP) grants. GOS grants are available only to non-profit historical sites and groups. SP funds are available to any county-based, non-profit organization, local government entity, school or library that offers public local history programming.

FY11 History Regrant Program guidelines and application can be downloaded at www.nj.gov/counties/mercer/commissions/cultural/historyprogram.html. A printed copy of the guidelines and application may be obtained by calling the Division office at 278-2712.

Deadline for submission of FY11 History Regrant applications is June 25 in the Division office. The Culture and Heritage office is open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. For more information, please contact Tricia Fagan at 989-6418, or visit www.nj.gov/counties/mercer/commissions/cultural/historyprogram.html.

Clarke House Events

The Princeton Battlefield Society has been active in presenting battlefield tours, lectures, and living history programs. An ongoing archeology project is shedding new light on the history of the battlefield and Thomas Clarke house. The public is invited to the following events from 11 am to 3 pm:

A Day of Cooking and Cleaning on June 6, when Clarke House volunteers will be baking pies, cakes and breads over an open fire. There will also be demonstrations on how one did spring cleaning without all the chemicals we take for granted today.

Celebrating America's Independence Day on July 4 with Revolutionary War period soldiers, from Mott's 6th Company, 2nd Continental Artillery. Soldiers will demonstrate drill, artillery, and flintlock muskets. Period games will be available for children of all ages to try. The Thomas Clarke House and the Arms of the Revolution exhibit will be open to tour. A Battle of Princeton talk and Declaration of Independence reading will occur at 1 pm.

A Day of Leisure on August 15 when period toys and games will be available so participants can learn how one had fun in the 18th Century, way before the age of video games.

Picnicking in the Park's open fields and hiking on trails of the adjacent Institute Woods are encouraged, although barbecues and alcohol are not permitted. The Thomas Clarke house is located within the Princeton Battlefield at 500 Mercer Road (Princeton Pike) in Princeton Township. For more information call 921-0074 or visit www.saveprincetonbattlefield.org.

A Place in Time The Thomas Clarke House

In 1772, Thomas Clarke, a Quaker farmer, purchased 200 acres of land from his brother William. The land, then part of West Windsor, had been in the Clarke family since 1696. Thomas replaced an existing structure with the Georgian-style main house that stands today. He lived there with at least two of his sisters, Hannah and Sarah, until his death in 1802.

Sarah inherited and remained in the house until her death in 1840. Her nephew, John H. Clarke, enlarged the east wing, which included a new kitchen. The house was sold in 1863 to Henry E. Hale and again in 1944 to Blackwell Smith. The State of New Jersey purchased the property in 1946, and established the Clarke House Museum in 1976.

The Clarkes, third generation of Quakers at Stony Brook, cared for wounded soldiers from both armies after the Battle

of Princeton, alongside British and American doctors, including Declaration of Independence signer, Dr. Benjamin Rush.

On January 3, 1777, the Battle of Princeton was fought on the outskirts of town in the fields and orchards of the brothers, William and Thomas Clarke. The battle began in the orchard of William Clarke, but quickly overtook the two properties.

Scottish-born American officer, Brigadier General Hugh Mercer, who had been leading the American vanguard into Princeton, was brought to the field hospital following a vicious bayoneting at the hands of the British. He died from those injuries nine days later, tended by Major George Lewis, General Washington's nephew and was buried in Philadelphia.

The house is now furnished in the Revolutionary period and also contains several rooms of military artifacts and exhibits and a



research library of 18th century military, political, and domestic subject.

The 85-acre park, a National Historic landmark, contains a cutting from the historic Mercer Oak, believed to have been there during the Revolutionary War, the memorial colonnade and a graveyard for British and American soldiers.

For more information, please call 921-0074 or visit www.saveprincetonbattlefield.org.



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