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Spring 2023

ESSEX COUNTY
**TEEN
ARTS**
FESTIVAL

2023
CELEBRATION
OF THE ARTS



2022 Essex County Teen Arts Award-Winning Works



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A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Dear Friend:

Our 2023 Essex County Cherry Blossom Festival will look a little different this year because we are rebuilding the Cherry Blossom Welcome Center. When you visit the park to see the colorful and blooming trees, you will also see the new 12,000-square-foot structure sprouting from its foundation. The new space continues our initiative of modernizing our parks buildings so that we can offer first-class facilities for our residents to enjoy. It also will provide us with new space to share the history of our Cherry Blossoms and the entire Essex County Parks System. Look for the building to open in the fall of 2023.

Despite the construction, our Cherry Blossom Festival will contain all our springtime traditions, including the bike races, 10K run, Fun Run and Family Day and, of course, Blossomfest. Mark your calendars for April 1-16. We look forward to you joining us to celebrate our 5,200 flowering trees; this is larger than the display in Washington, DC, and the most diverse collection in the United States.

Blooming season continues in late May/early June at the Presby Memorial Iris Gardens and then in June at the Brookdale Park Rose Garden.

I hope you can make time to experience these beautiful nature wonders of our parks system. Together we will continue *Putting Essex County First*.

Sincerely,

Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.



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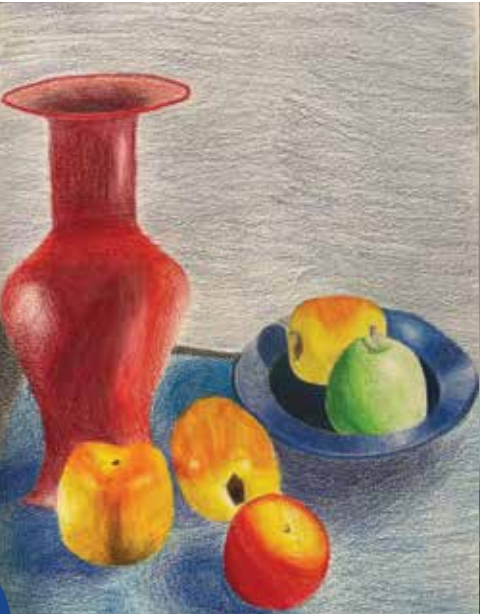
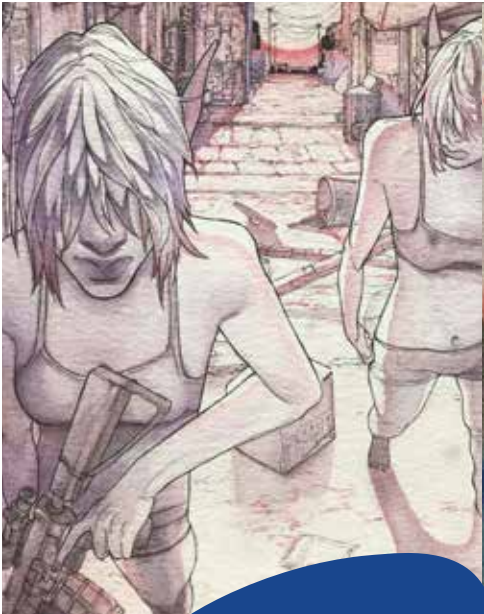
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Protect yourself and your loved ones by getting vaccinated. For vaccination information, visit [EssexCOVID.org](https://www.essexcountynj.gov/EssexCOVID.org) or call 973-877-8456.



2022 Essex County Teen Arts Award-Winning Works

2023 CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

THE FIRST IN-PERSON ESSEX COUNTY TEEN ARTS FESTIVAL WILL TAKE PLACE AT ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE IN NEWARK ON MAY 3RD AND 4TH AND WILL BE DEVOTED TO VISUAL ARTS.

The festival debuted last year as virtual gallery with constructive criticism of student work provided by professional artists from around New Jersey. During last year's program, 200 students from 22 different schools throughout the county submitted pieces to be included. Of those 200 pieces of artwork, 24 advanced to the state Teen Arts Festival.

Three of the students who went to the state program were interviewed about their experiences. One student

from Newark who currently attends Arts High School said, "I submitted an oil pastel drawing of my friend using warm and cool colors trying to make it as realistic as possible. This was my first artwork to ever be in a public art show. I was very happy that my art teacher selected my art to be exhibited in the show. I was a bit nervous at first thinking about all the people looking at the work, but I soon settled down and became very excited. I would like to be part of it this year, but it would be up to my teachers to select the work. I would suggest that artists have strong, positive feelings while creating and take risks."

Another student from Newark who attends Technology High School said, "The piece from last year was a fish bowl drawing that I decided to do once I started looking into perspective drawings that weren't one, two, or three points. And the environment that I chose was the

inside of a typical suburban interior design that one may recognize or not. I chose pencil as my medium because I wasn't much experienced in other mediums such as watercolor or acrylics. It was actually the second time I've competed in an art festival. I was first introduced to the Scholastic Arts and Writing Competition where I submitted my art piece first before starting with Teen Arts. Last year was the first time that I've participated in a festival specifically for artists. It was actually my art teacher at the time who encouraged me to partake in upcoming art events. So, I was decided that I would like to participate in at least a couple of festivals before I graduate. I was given some contests that were upcoming at the time and later came upon the one Essex County was hosting. I decided to participate since it was the very first one being hosted by Essex County. And as an art student, some advice that I'll give to other students is to find



your own preferences when it comes to different art forms while straying out of your comfort zone once in a while. Look into different people's artwork, use real references, the internet, it's all there for you to utilize. It's important to practice different mediums to see yourself grow as an artist, but most importantly is to just passionately have fun and make art."

A student from West Caldwell who attends James Caldwell High School said, "My piece was a vector drawing that I made on Adobe Illustrator. This was a portrait of me and my teacher

taken on a 0.5 lens. This was the first time one of my pieces was submitted to the Teen Arts Festival. Last year my experience with the Teen Arts Festival was amazing. It was nice to be around so many talented artists. The judging made me more confident in my art as well as let me know how to make it better. I definitely had a lot of fun and there were so many different activities for us to do [at the state festival]. I am planning on submitting another piece this year. Some advice I'd give is to not be too worried about what you submit. The piece that got me high honors is

one I'd never expect to do so good. Also, don't underestimate your art!"

This year's program in Essex County will once again focus on the visual arts. The in-person program will feature a display of student artwork and many workshops for the students to attend to both hone their craft and learn more about being a professional artist in the 21st century. The online submission portal will open on February 22, 2023. To learn more, please visit the program's website: <https://essexcountyteenartsfestival.org/> ■

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ESSEX COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

Seasonal events sponsored by the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs

BRANCH BROOK PARK ALLIANCE

973.969.1189
www.branchbrookpark.org/calendar
 Please call for ADA accessibility details.

The Branch Brook Alliance has scheduled several events throughout the months of March, April and May to celebrate the Cherry Blossom season.

Historic & Horticulture Tours. Join the park conservancy team, the Branch Brook Park Alliance, for a 45-minute walking tour and learn about the historical significance of Essex County Branch Brook Park and the renowned

collection of Japanese Flowering Cherry Blossom Trees. Essex County Branch Brook Park, Prudential Concert Grove. **Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at 11am and 3pm. Fee based** (visit the website for updated fees).

Discovering Wellness in Essex County Branch Brook Park. Join the Branch Brook Park Alliance in the park for a series of free wellness events, including Yoga, Zumba and Boot Camp. Essex County Branch Brook Park, Prudential Concert Grove. **Wednesdays & Saturdays at 10am.** Registration required. **Free.**

Essex County Branch Brook Park Volunteer Stewardship. Join the Branch Brook Park Alliance team in ongoing volunteer stewardship efforts in Essex County Branch Brook Park. Meet at the Essex County Branch Brook Park Prudential Concert Grove. **Every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 1pm.** Registration required. **Free.**

ESSEX COUNTY CODEY ARENA

560 Northfield Avenue, West Orange
 973.731.3828/www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar

NJSIAA State High School Hockey Semifinals
March 1 and 2, 4:30pm, 6:30pm & 8:30pm

Essex Skating Club Spring ESCapade
April 23, 8am to 5pm

Learn to Skate Group Lessons
Fridays, starting February 3. Seven weeks
Saturdays, starting February 4. Seven weeks
Sundays, starting February 5. Seven weeks
Ages: 3½ to adults

Classes offered on Friday at 4:15pm, Saturday or Sunday at 11:15am or 1:30pm
 • Snow Plow (Ages 3½ to 6)
 • Basic 1-6
 • Freestyle
 • Adult (15 & up)

Public Session Skating
Ages: 2½ to adult

Sessions:
 • Fridays, 4:45-6:15pm
 • Saturday, 11:45am to 1:15pm and 2-3:30pm
 • Sunday, 11:45am to 1:15pm and 2-3:30pm

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Essex County Department of Parks and Recreation & Rose Squared Art Shows Present

Rose Squared Art Shows

36th Annual at Essex County Verona Park

Bloomfield Ave & Lakeside Ave, Verona | Saturday, May 20 & Sunday, May 21

34th Annual at Essex County Brookdale Park

473 Watchung Ave, Bloomfield/Montclair | Saturday, June 17 & Sunday, June 18

For info, directions, a gallery of participating artists and unique artisanal food, visit rosesquared.com



2023 ESSEX COUNTY BRANCH BROOK PARK

Cherry Blossom Festival

Festival Events

Saturday, April 1 ~ 7am-1pm

Cherry Blossom Challenge Bike Race

Oval, Northern Division

Sunday, April 2 ~ 10am start

Cherry Blossom 10k Run

Cherry Blossom Welcome Center Fields

Saturday, April 15 ~ 10am start

1-Mile Fun Run/Walk

Prudential Concert Grove, Southern Division

Saturday, April 15 ~ 11am-3pm

Essex County Family Day

Prudential Concert Grove, Southern Division

Sunday, April 16 ~ 11am-5pm

Bloomfest!

Oval, Northern Division



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You're Invited to...

Essex County Branch Brook Park to enjoy the most diverse collection of Cherry Blossom trees, even larger than the national display in Washington, DC. The blossoming trees create a picturesque setting that transforms the park into a stunning spring fantasyland. We invite you and your family to come out and experience this natural wonder.



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WWW.ESSEXCOUNTYNJ.ORG

Adults \$9, children 16 and under \$7, seniors \$7, skate rentals \$5

Senior Skating Sessions (45 & up)
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:45am to 12:15pm

Birthday Parties
Reserve a party room and celebrate your child's birthday on the ice. **\$100 for a three-hour party room.** Parties are held mainly during public sessions skates or private ice session. Group admission discount rates for 15+ skaters

ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER
621-B Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland
973.228.8776
www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar

Small Groups/Pods and Families
All ages. Spring topic selections include: Seasonal Nature Adventure, Lenape Village Tours, Backyard Birding, Wild Edibles, Frog Pond Science, Swamp Tromp/Wetland Biodiversity, *Fire Making and Hot Chocolate and *Camping 101. One group at a time with a limit of 10 people. Schedule your 45-minute time slot by calling the center. Pre-registration required in person by mail. **\$10 child,**

A main staple of our Essex County Cherry Blossom Festival activities are the Cherry Blossom Talks in which we share the history of our very beautiful and popular Cherry Blossom groves. This year, the Talks are being moved to the senior building in nearby Essex County Belleville Park while construction of a new Cherry Blossom Center is undertaken.

The Belleville Park senior building is located at 343 Belleville Avenue, Belleville, near the intersection of Belleville Avenue and Branch Brook Drive. It is adjacent to Branch Brook Park and Hendricks Field Golf Course and also is the home to many cherry blossom trees.

There is a spacious parking lot with ample disabled parking next to the building. There are two patios on either side of the building that can be reached by gently sloping paths. The main room inside the senior center is large and has plenty of seating for patrons who have come to enjoy the talks. The building also has restroom facilities with accessibility for the disabled.

The two miles of path that run throughout the 33-acre park are wide and paved. They circle the many sports fields in the park as well as a playground.

\$12 adult or \$30 per family (2 adults, 2 children). *Where noted, additional fees apply.

LITTLE EXPLORERS
Mondays – March 6 & 20, April 3 & 17, May 8 & 22, June 5 & 12
For ages 2 and 3; 10-11am
For ages 4 and 5; 3-4pm
Join us for explorations of nature as we study plants and animals and observe the colors, shapes, textures and sounds

in the Environmental Center's forest habitat. Please come dressed for the weather; all classes include an outdoor adventure. All children must be able to walk and accompanied by an adult. Paths cannot accommodate strollers. Please be prepared for all weather conditions. Maximum of two children per adult. All sessions are limited to 10 children. Pre-registration required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar.



SPRING FOREST EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 1; 9:30am to 10:30 or 11am to 12noon

For families with children ages 1 to 6. Celebrate the beginning of spring with a reading of the "Little White Rabbit" and an egg hunt within the forest grounds of the Environmental Center. Children can bring their favorite basket to collect eggs and earn surprises! In the spirit of being "green," participants will exchange eggs for small prizes. The eggs are reused for future events and programs. Refreshments and a spring craft giveaway per child are included. Pre-registration required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. **\$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child, \$12 per adult**

\$10 per child per session

YOUTH GARDEN CLUB
Tuesdays – April 18, May 9, 23; June 6, 20; July 11, 25; August 8, 15; Sept. 12, 4-5pm. For ages 5 and up. Together we'll grow food in our garden plot and learn about everything from soil to seeds along the way. Participants will get hands-on experience with planting, harvesting and cooking. Session themes include soil and composting, seed planting and labeling, thinning, weeding and watering, selective harvest, garden pests, healthy eating and more! This is a drop-off and pick-up class (children only). Pre-registration required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. **\$10 per child per session**

FROG POND CLUB
Wednesdays – March 22, April 19, May 10, June 7; 4-5pm
For children ages 5 through 9. Uncover and discover ecosystem interactions at the frog pond. Explore with nets, magnifiers and microscopes to investigate what lives at the pond and learn from a naturalist what can be done to protect and conserve the pond inhabitants. Pre-registration required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. **\$10 per child per session**

FOREST FRIENDS CLUB

Thursdays – March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15; 4-5pm
For children ages 5 through 10. We'll explore the forest using nets, binoculars, magnifiers and microscopes to investigate nature in our wooded wetland habitat. Together we hope to foster an ethic of stewardship and offer an opportunity to take part in hands-on conservation projects. Pre-registration required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar.

\$10 per child per session
MAKE STICK BREAD
Tuesday, March 14; 6-7:30pm
For families. We'll build a winter campfire and bake acorn bannock bread on sticks over the flames. Drizzle with honey or maple syrup for a cold weather treat (maybe even add chocolate chips). Pre-registration required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. **\$30 per family (up to two adults)**



Earth
2023 DAY

Saturday, April 22
11am to 3pm

All ages. Yay, it's Earth Day!
Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to our annual outdoor festival honoring beautiful planet Earth, the sustainer of all life! On this special day, the Essex County Environmental Center will make extra efforts to share its wonder and appreciation of the natural world with patrons, partners and friends. Enjoy a day filled with crafts, games and recreational opportunities, such as canoeing and hiking. Enjoy demonstrations, information, a local eco-vendors' sale. Environmental Center staff and partner groups will be on hand to guide you throughout this exciting Earth-centric day! Seeking eco-vendors with a sustainable mission. **This is a free event but items may be for sale**

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Family Garden Party

At the Essex County Presby Memorial Iris Gardens

**Saturday, May 20
11am to 3pm**

Free Admission

**474 Upper Mountain Avenue,
Montclair
www.presbyirisdgards.org**

and two children) or \$10 per child, \$12 per adult

FAMILY DINOSAUR DISCOVERY FIELD TRIP
Thursday, March 30; 5:15-7:15pm
For families with children ages 4 and up. Meet at the end of Locust Avenue in Roseland and hike 1 mile total to explore this National Historic Landmark that is home to three-toed Grallator dinosaur tracks from the late Triassic age. Using clay, we'll make and take an impression of an existing track and leave the site undisturbed for future paleontological study. Pre-registration required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. **\$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child, \$12 per adult**

SPRING CAMP
Tuesday, April 4; Wednesday, April 5; Thursday, April 6
OR Tuesday, April 11; Wednesday, April 12; Thursday, April 13, 9:30pm to 3:30pm . For children ages 6-10. Restore the bond between children and nature. Children will have the opportunity to explore nature at the Essex County Environmental Center's varied habitats- forest, wetland, pond and river. Pre-

registration required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. **\$210 per child for all 3 days OR \$85 per child/per day**

gARTbage ART CONTEST
Register by Friday, April 7
Project Drop-Off, Saturday, April 15; 11am-2pm
This gARTbage contest takes a creative approach to protecting our planet from plastic pollution by pulling plastics out of the waste-stream and transforming them into works of public art. Contest participants are challenged to be thoughtful and creative in crafting art made from single-use plastic garbage (non-recyclable plastics). Team and individual projects are welcome. Projects must be crafted to withstand the elements, as they will be showcased in an outdoor setting on the grounds of the Essex County Environmental Center. Winning entrees will be displayed during the week of Earth Day! Grand prizes are awarded to entries that place first in all categories; second and third place entries will be recognized with a plaque, certificate and a small gift from the Environmental Center. Pre-registration required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar.

gARTbage ART WORKSHOP
Saturday, April 8; 11am to 1pm
Join the Center staff to create an entry for our contest! Some materials will be provided; however, it is encouraged to bring personal items to add a unique artistic flair. The gARTbage Art Contest takes a creative approach to protecting our planet from plastic pollution by pulling nonrecyclable plastics out of the waste-stream and transforming them into works of public art. Contest participants are challenged to be thoughtful and creative in crafting art made from single-use plastic garbage (non-recyclable plastics). Team and individual projects are welcome. Projects must be made to withstand the elements, as they will be showcased in an outdoor setting on the grounds of the Essex County Environmental Center. All workshop participants will have their projects entered into our gARTbage Art Contest. Pre-registration required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. **Free**

FAMILY DINOSAUR DISCOVERY FIELD TRIP
Wednesday, April 18; 5:15-7:15pm
For families with children ages 4 and up. Meet at the end of Locust Avenue in Roseland and hike 1 mile total to explore this National Historic Landmark that is home to three-toed Grallator dinosaur tracks from the late Triassic age. Using clay, we'll make and take an impression of an existing track and leave the site undisturbed for future paleontological study. Pre-registration required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. **\$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child, \$12 per adult**

COMPOSTING FOR KIDS
Monday, April 24; 6pm to 7pm
For families or elementary age children. Join an Environmental Center naturalist to meet some worms and learn about the wonderful world of compost. Together we can reduce our waste and take better care of mother earth! Pre-registration required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. **FREE** (This program is sponsored by the Essex County Utilities Authority.)

FISHING 101
Thursday, April 27; 6-7:30pm
For families. We'll begin with an introduction to freshwater fishing and learn to target specific fish species, fishing equipment, knots, bait selection, and technique. Participants can choose to make and take their own "Altoids Tin Fishing Tackle Kit" to use on site and take home. Basic equipment will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. Meet at the Orange Reservoir by the Clipper Pavilion in the Essex County South Mountain Recreation Complex on Cherry Lane. Pre-registration required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. **\$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child; \$12 per adult; \$2 extra fee per each "Altoids Tin Fishing Tackle Kit" program add-on.**

FAMILY WETLANDS DISCOVERY WALK
Wednesday, May 3; 5:30-7pm
For families. Explore our trails with a naturalist, identify spring wildflowers, visit the frog pond and uncover and discover ecosystem interactions. Pre-registration required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. **\$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child, \$12 per adult**

FROG POND ADVENTURE OUTDOOR CLASS
Tuesday, May 9; 6-7:30pm
For families. This rrrribbettting program will take an up-close look at our pond ecosystem. Search for and identify the life found in the pond through magnifying glasses, microscopes and field guides. Pre-registration required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. **\$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child, \$12 per adult**

SPRING WILD EDIBLE WALK
Friday, May 12; 6-7:30pm
For families. Take a walk along our trails to identify and discuss the variety of forest groceries available for harvest around our local landscape. You'll meet Spice Bush, Ostrich Fern, Mountain Mint, Stinging Nettle, Wild Leek, Trout Lily and others. Learn some of the folklore

**Tuesday, May 16
Monte Irvin Orange Park**

**Wednesday, May 17
Irvington Park**

**Thursday, May 18
Grover Cleveland Park**

**Tuesday, May 23
Weequahic Park**

**Wednesday, May 24
Verona Park**

**Thursday, May 25
South Mountain Reservation**

**Saturday, June 3
Branch Brook Park**

Weekday Derbies
Registration: 5-6pm
Derby: 6-7pm
Awards: 7:15-7:30pm

Saturday Derby
Registration: 8-9am
Derby: 9-10am
Awards: 10-10:30am

behind the plants and, as we walk and talk, we'll discuss proper identification, ethical harvest, growing environment and methods of preparation. On our return, we'll collect a few dandelions to fry as bite size fritters and leave with a greater appreciation for the ephemeral beauty of our changing seasons. Pre-registration required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. **\$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child, \$12 per adult**

MASTER GARDENER PLANT SALE
Saturday, May 13; 9am to 3pm
For all ages. Stop by the Rutgers

Master Gardener's annual plant sale for a wide variety of annuals, perennials, ornamentals, shrubs, small trees, tomatoes and herbs. At the Essex County Environmental Center, Garibaldi Hall. For more details, call the Rutgers Master Gardeners' Helpline at 973.228.2210 from Monday to Thursday between 10am and 2pm. Master Gardeners' Annual Plant Sale also will be held on Friday, May 5 from 10am to 4pm and Saturday, May 6 from 9am to 3pm at the Presby Memorial Iris Gardens, 474 Upper Mountain Avenue, Montclair. **Admission is free but plants will be for sale.**

PROJECT WET & CLIMATE RESILIENCY TEACHER WORKSHOP
Tuesday, May 16; 9am to 3pm
For educators of grades K-8. Project WET and the Climate, Water & Resilience curriculum guides are a collection of science-based, interdisciplinary activities and lesson plans that are teacher-tested and classroom ready. They are sure to help educators feel confident addressing themes of water and climate change in the classroom and empower students to build a more resilient future. These guides are aligned with Common Core and NGSS standards. Bring a lunch and dress for the weather. Certificates are given for the workshop hours completed. Led by David Alexander and Marc Rogoff. Pre-registration required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. **\$35 (includes curriculum activity guide) Scholarships are available for Essex County urban aid district teachers; call the Center for details.**

PASSAIC RIVER CANOE TRIP
Saturday, May 20; 9am to 1pm
For adults and children ages 12 and up. Paddle up the Passaic River from the Environmental Center to Okner Park in Livingston! Pack your own snack to enjoy at the park and then float back down to the launch site at Garibaldi Hall. The session includes basic paddling safety and techniques and all equipment. For intermediate and advanced paddlers. Children ages 12 and up may paddle with a parent guardian. Pre-registration required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. **\$40 per person**



FEEDER CONTEST RESULTS

The Essex County Environmental Center staff would like to thank all those who entered our Forest Friends Feeder Contest. The distinctive, creative, and edible entries provided delicious and special treats for our outdoor wetland critters, who were most appreciative of all the creations! It was truly a delightful sight for all; our visiting families and Center staff witnessed countless winter birds landing from flight to enjoy a winter treat made specially for them.



Individual Child Category and Peoples Choice Award
First Place: Ursa Brondo



Individual Child Category
Second Place: Sheila S.,
Park Avenue School



Individual Child Category
Third Place: Magnuson,
Wyoming Elementary School



Group/Family Category
First Place: The Yildirim Family



Group/Family Category
Second Place: Environmental Club,
Universal Institute



Group/Family Category
Third Place: 4-H Youth Gardeners Club



Professional
First Place: E.C. West Caldwell Tech, Team 1:
Yaira Ramos, Yaritza Gutierrez & Julian Brito



Professional
Second Place: E.C. West Caldwell Tech, Team 8:
Miranda Courtright & Samia Bruno



Professional
Third Place: E.C. West Caldwell Tech, Team 12:
Zulianys Torres & Andrea Pillco

SPRING JOURNALING OUTDOOR CLASS

Wednesday, May 24; 5:30-7pm

All ages (children under 5 require caregiver supervision). Discover the joy of phenology, the cyclic and seasonal natural phenomena, especially in relation to climate and plant and animal life. Let us find a special place to write and draw our spring discoveries and appreciate the warmth and change of the season. Maybe partake in some spring birding! We will also hike the grounds to note seasonal changes and beautiful discoveries. We will make our journals here on site. Pre-registration required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. **\$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child, \$12 per adult**

ESSEX COUNTY TURTLE BACK ZOO

560 Northfield Avenue, West Orange
973-731-5800

www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

Hatchlings: March 5; April 16; May 7 at 10am

Tots: March 5; April 16; May 7 at 11:30am

Explorers: March 12; April 23; May 21 at 10am

TBZ's Early Childhood programs encourage family learning and foster early environmental awareness. We invite young children to discover the natural world through gently structured play, art, stories, animal visits and more. Age restrictions apply; pre-registration required; zoo admission not included. Hatchlings (12-24 months), **Tots (ages 2&3) and Explorers (ages 4&5) are \$25-\$30 per participant.** More info: <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/early-childhood-programs/>

WONDERS OF THE WILD

March 11 & 25; April 8 & 22; May 6 & 20 at 1pm

Turtle Back Zoo is an amazing classroom! Our Wonders of the Wild program is an opportunity to participate in supplementary science and nature-themed programs and projects that facilitate scientific literacy and life-long environmental stewardship. Available to students ages 6-12. The programs include

a visit to Essex County South Mountain Reservation, Reservoir or Zoo as weather permits; does not include zoo admission for after the program. **\$30/participant.** <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/wonders-of-the-wild/>

SOPHISTICATED SCIENCE SEMINARS

March 4; April 15 & 29; May 13 at 1pm

Sophisticated Science Seminars are conservation programs geared to audiences ages 13 to 103. Seminars run throughout the year and span topics such as animal anatomy, habitats & conservation, animal careers, and more. The programs are perfect for those interested in animals, science, conservation, and nature who want to learn something new in a relaxed atmosphere. **\$30/participant; includes a visit into the zoo, but not zoo admission for after the program.** <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/sophisticated-science-seminars/>

FAMILY NATURE CLUB: NATURE GUARDIANS

March 5, April 16, April 23, May 7; 9-11am

March 19, 1-3pm. May 14, 8-10am

Nature Guardians is an FNC program focused on community engagement that connects families with local conservation actions and citizen science research, shaping our understanding of the natural world. This season's programs will focus on building your birding skills and a brand-new salamander research project at Turtle Back Zoo. **\$5-\$15/participant.** <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/family-nature-club/>

UPCOMING MINI-CAMPS

Spring Break 1: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, April 4-6; 9am to 4pm

Spring Break 2: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, April 11-13; 9am to 4pm

Join us at Turtle Back Zoo for some wild fun! To further our mission of conservation, education and stewardship, campers will be introduced to the extraordinary world of animals, nature and science. Children will enjoy age-appropriate camp activities that include games, teacher-led lessons, behind-the-scenes tours, up-close animal

encounters, hands-on science demos, and fun crafts. **\$90/participant.** <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/zoo-camps/>

EASTER STORYTIME

April 1 & 2; April 8; 11am and 2pm each day

Wear your favorite spring seasonal attire, enjoy an animal-themed story and meet a favorite animal friend. This is a family-friendly event recommended for families with children ages 8 and younger. **\$10/participant;** zoo admission not included. <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/storytime-programs-at-turtle-back-zoo/>

BEHIND THE SCENES TOURS/ ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

African Penguins: March 5, 12 & 19 at 2pm

Aldabra Tortoises: April 9 & 30 at 2pm

Sea Lions: May 7, 14 & 27 at 12pm

Sloth Socials: March 26, April 15 & May 20 at 9am.

Join us for a deeper exploration into the care of our animals! For 6 years olds and over only; under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. All members of the party must have a ticket. Group sizes are strictly limited. No photographs are permitted behind the scenes; all attendees will sign a photo waiver prior to the tour. Attendees may be asked to wear face coverings at some locations. **\$50/participant.** <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/behind-the-scenes-tours/>

OTHER PROGRAMS AT THE ZOO OR CLOSER TO YOU

In-person and Virtual Programs, Outreaches, and more
Dates and Times Scheduled as Needed

Join us for a dynamic and fun educational program that is focused on animals, conservation and stewardship. We offer a variety of programs that satisfy many scientific benchmarks while also being engaging and informative. Programs can be adapted to age and ability; many can be adapted for outreaches to your school, senior center, etc. **Fees and restrictions vary per location.** <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/education-center-programs/>

ESSEX COUNTY CULTURAL EXHIBITIONS


LISA PALOMBO STUDIOS

55 Mountain Avenue, Caldwell
973.365.0280 / info@lisapalombo.com
*registration instructions, sponsors,
ADA accommodations, etc.

23rd Annual Spring Open Studio May 6 & 7

Award-winning American impressionist
Lisa Palombo opens her art studio to
the public the weekend before Mother's
Day to showcase new, original paintings
and giftable art consisting of florals,
waterscapes and nautical paintings,
which all truly highlight her signature
palette and expressive brushstrokes.
Children are welcome. Light
refreshments served.

STUDIO MONTCLAIR

127 Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair
862.500.1447 / smi@studiomontclair.org


Rhythm & Blues Through March 10

This showcase features visual arts in
a variety of mediums expressing the
musical genre of Rhythm & Blues in
celebration of Black History Month.
The exhibition is in the gallery and the
windows viewable from the sidewalk.



Schiller Meditation Pilgrimage


**The following events are offered for the public's enjoyment
by Essex County-based arts and history organizations.**

*The Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs takes no responsibility for the
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are held as scheduled.*



Paintings by Lisa Palombo

WALSH GALLERY

Seton Hall University, 1st floor
Walsh Library
400 South Orange Avenue,
South Orange ~ 973.275.2033
<https://library.shu.edu/walshgallery> 

Matter + Spirit

March 1 through May 5

A Chinese/American exhibition about
the place of spirituality in contemporary
society. ■

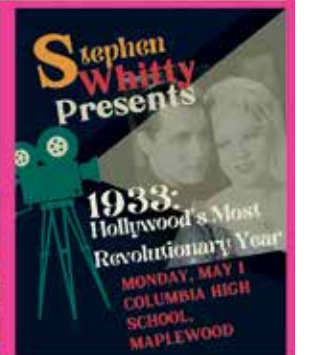
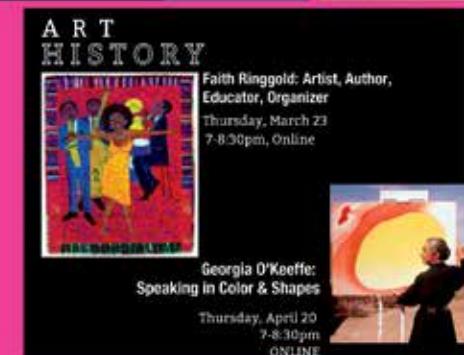
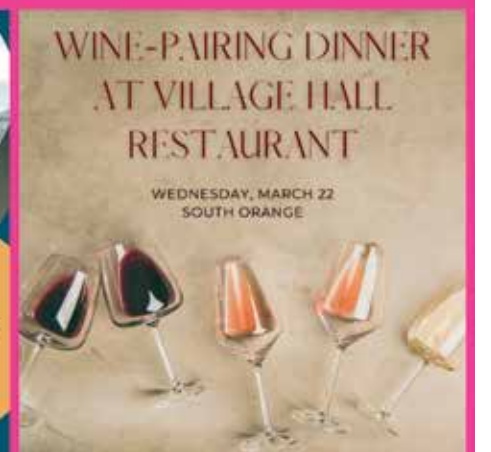
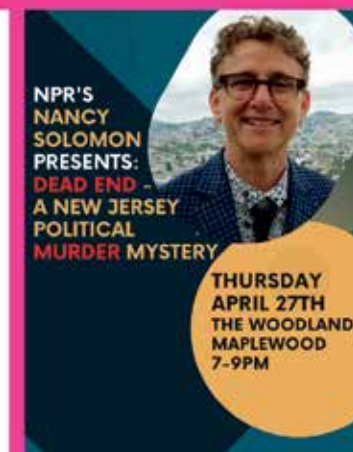


Spring classes are here!

Day Trips • Lectures • Fitness
Technology • Arts • Crafts • Writing
Broadway Shows • Retirement &
Financial Planning • Home & Garden
ESL • Real Estate • Children's Classes
Culinary • Languages • SAT/ACT Prep
Driver's Ed • Music & so much more!



SPRING
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ESSEX COUNTY SPRING EVENTS

March 1, 15 and 18: BYOB Poetry Salon. Pour a glass of wine and get ready to be inspired by some astonishing poetry. Each of the three salons will explore a different theme. South Orange-Maplewood Adult School, 17 Parker Avenue, Maplewood. 7-8:30pm. \$105. 973.378.7620. somadultschool.org

March 1: Recovering a Hessian Mass Burial at Red Bank Battlefield Park. During the summer of 2022, archaeologists at Red Bank Battlefield Park made a remarkable discovery: a Revolutionary War Hessian mass grave. Join park Director Jen Janofsky, Ph.D. as she recounts the project's many amazing finds and discusses attempts to identify the remains and share their stories. Glen Ridge Historical Society, Glen Ridge Congregational Church, 195 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge. 7-9pm. Free to GRHS members; \$5 for non-members. Donations accepted at the door. www.glenridgehistory.org

March 3 and 5: New Jersey Symphony Mahler's Symphony No. 3. Hear New Jersey Symphony Music Director Xian Zhang's favorite piece of music as she takes the podium to lead musicians, choirs and audiences on a cosmic orchestral journey only Mahler could devise. This epic performance is not one to be missed! New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 1 Center Street, Newark. Friday, 8pm; Sunday, 3pm. Tickets start at \$25. 800.255.3476. <https://www.njsymphony.org/>

March 4 to May 6: Yoga: Absolute Beginner. Increase your sense of well-being and stretch, strengthen and tone your body as you release muscular tension and calm your mind. Wear loose, comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat and a firm blanket if you have them.



Yoga for beginners at the South Orange-Maplewood Adult School

South Orange-Maplewood Adult School, 17 Parker Avenue, Maplewood. 9-10am. \$144. 973.378.7620. somadultschool.org

March 7: How to Publish a Children's Book. Students will learn the basics of writing and illustrating a children's story. We will brainstorm story ideas and discuss the eight factors included in selling your story to a publisher. South Orange-Maplewood Adult School, 17 Parker Avenue, Maplewood. 7-8:30pm. \$35. 973.378.7620. somadultschool.org

March 8: Introduction to Water Soluble Oil Paint. Discover the magic of painting with oil but cleaning with water! Learn layering, color mixing and texture techniques. South Orange-Maplewood

Adult School, 17 Parker Avenue, Maplewood. 7-9pm. \$40. 973.378.7620. somadultschool.org

March 9-30: Gel Plate Printing. Join this fun and easy printing craze! Learn how to create monoprints using gelatin plates and acrylic paints. No need for a printing press or anything fancy to create beautiful and unique art pieces or decorative papers. Experience in printing or art is not necessary. South Orange-Maplewood Adult School, 17 Parker Avenue, Maplewood. 7:30-9:30pm. \$125. 973.378.7620. somadultschool.org

March 12: From Patriots in Petticoats to Presidential Candidates. Carol Simon Levin will talk about women's



Introduction to water soluble oil paint at the South Orange-Maplewood Adult School



The New Jersey Symphony presents a full season of concerts this spring

fashions from colonial times to the present. Durand Hedden House, 523 Ridgewood Road, Maplewood. 1-4pm. DurandHedden.org

March 13 to April 10: Arthouse Film Festival. Arthouse Film Festival premieres some of the best films before release to the public. Grab your popcorn and enjoy the shows! South Orange-Maplewood Adult School, 17 Parker Avenue, Maplewood. 7:15-9:15pm. \$146. 973.378.7620. somadultschool.org

March 16: New Jersey Symphony Stars. Eh, What's Opera, Doc? The catchy melodies and familiar notes of the overture to The Barber of Seville set the table perfectly for Rossini's iconic comedic opera. The New Jersey Symphony's own Darryl Kubian delivers on a commission that highlights his symphony colleagues Chris Komer, Garth Greenup and Nayoung Baek on horn, trumpet and cello. Bottesini's Gran Duo Concertante is a thrilling showpiece for Principal Bass Ha Young Jung and Concertmaster Eric Wyrick. Bizet's arrangements of selections from his play L'Arlesienne have endured as two of the most popular concert suites in the classical canon. New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 1 Center Street, Newark. 8pm. Tickets start at \$25. 800.255.3476. <https://www.njsymphony.org/>

March 16: Native Plant Basics. Tips on attracting pollinators and birds, viewing native plants, buying plants and what exactly is a local ecotype or a cultivar.

South Orange-Maplewood Adult School, 17 Parker Avenue, Maplewood. 7-9pm. \$45. 973.378.7620. somadultschool.org

March 18: Sound Bath Experience. Plunge your imagination into a relaxing, meditative, soothing Sound Bath. Live music – played on singing bowls, shoji chimes, drums and more – guides the journey into your imagination toward energetic balance, release and healing. South Orange-Maplewood Adult School, 17 Parker Avenue, Maplewood. 10am to 12pm. \$50. 973.378.7620. somadultschool.org

March 19: Livingston Symphony Orchestra Family Concert. A live musical experience that is sure to please children of all ages, with pieces drawn from light classics, John Williams and Disney scores. Livingston High School, 30 Robert Harp Drive, Livingston. 2pm. \$25 adults, \$15 seniors, free children under 12 accompanied by adults or students with IDs. Tickets available at the door. 973.980.1809.

March 23-26: Ombres Portées. PEAK Performances presents the U.S. premiere of Ombres Portées. Choreographer and director Raphaëlle



Learn about native plants at the South Orange-Maplewood Adult School



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New Visions
**JIMMIE
HERROD**
**SAT, MAR 25
AT 8PM**
Tickets: Start at \$27



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**DON BRADEN'S
EARTH WIND
& WONDER**
**SUN, MAR 12
AT 7PM**
Tickets: \$20



HALEY REINHART
Off The Ground Tour
**SAT, MAR 18
AT 8PM**
Tickets: Start at \$27



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IN THE LOFT**
**SUN, MAR 19
AT 5PM & 8PM**
Tickets: \$24



Cabaret in the Loft
JELANI REMY
**SUN, APR 2
AT 7PM**
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Master your sewing machine at the South Orange-Maplewood Adult School

Boitel, with artistic collaboration from
Tristan Baudoin and use of original music
by Arthur Bison, produces the experience
of exploration through trauma, courage
and volatility within the senses of self
and balance. Alexander Kasser Theater,
1 Normal Avenue, Montclair. Thursday
and Friday at 7:30pm, Saturday at 8pm,
Sunday at 3pm. \$40 to \$50. 973.655.5112.
Peakperfs.org. Call Audience Services
at 973.655.4010 for accessibility
information.

**March 23-30: Master Your Sewing
Machine.** Do you own a sewing
machine, but are too intimidated to use
it? Have no fear! This class will introduce
you to all the basics: threading, winding
bobbins, tension adjustment, stitch
width and length, presser feet and
more. South Orange-Maplewood Adult
School, 17 Parker Avenue, Maplewood.
6:30-8:30pm. \$50. 973.378.7620.
somadultschool.org

**March 25 and 26: New Jersey
Symphony Neeme Järvi Conducts
Tchaikovsky.** Former Music Director
Neeme Järvi returns to take the
audiences on a journey of power and
reflection fueled by strings and brass
in Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony.
With its elements of jazz and infusion of
blues, William Grant Still's most popular
symphony remains relevant today as
the first symphony composed by an
African American to be performed by
a professional orchestra in the United

States. Arvo Pärt poured his emotions
about the passing of composer Benjamin
Britten into the evocative composition for
strings and one lone chime that opens
this program. New Jersey Performing
Arts Center, 1 Center Street, Newark.
Saturday at 8pm, Sunday at 3pm. Tickets
start at \$25. 800.255.3476. <https://www.njsymphony.org/>

**March 27: The Best of Likely Stories:
Great Actors. Great Writers. Great
Stories.** Likely Stories is an evening of
storytelling inspired by Isaiah Sheffer's
Selected Shorts at Symphony Space.
The written word comes alive when read
by great performers. South Orange-

Maplewood Adult School, 17 Parker
Avenue, Maplewood. 7-9pm. \$35.
973.378.7620. somadultschool.org

**March 30 and 31: New Jersey
Symphony Fauré's Requiem.**
Eric Jacobsen conducts Fauré's divine
choral-orchestral masterpiece that
focuses on his view on the acceptance
of a peaceful death. George Walker
was among the greatest composers to
call the Garden State home, and it was
Lilacs, a passionate work for soprano
and orchestra, that garnered him the
Pulitzer Prize in 1996. In Le Tombeau de
Couperin, Ravel draws on the woodwind
section – particularly the oboe – to reflect
on the lives of friends lost during World
War I. New Jersey Performing Arts
Center, 1 Center Street, Newark. Saturday
at 1:30pm, Sunday at 8pm. Tickets start
at \$25. 800-255-3476. <https://www.njsymphony.org/>

**April 11-25: Adventures in
Watercolors.** Dive into the wonderful
(but small) world of miniature watercolors.
You will create a series of 4x6 inch
miniature masterpieces, suitable for
any tiny gallery. South Orange-
Maplewood Adult School, 17 Parker
Avenue, Maplewood. 7-8:30pm. \$100.
973.378.7620. somadultschool.org

**April 13-27: Dorodango: The Art of
Polishing Mud Balls.** Dorodango is
a Japanese art form using nothing but
earth and water to form hand-polished



Finding joy through juggling at the South Orange-Maplewood Adult School



Spinning and Weaving in the 21st century at the Durand Hedden House

spheres. With a little practice and patience, you will learn to transform backyard dirt into beautiful and unique works of art. South Orange-Maplewood Adult School, 17 Parker Avenue, Maplewood. 7-8:30pm. \$75. 973.378.7620. somadulthoodschool.org

April 13 to May 4: Finding Joy Through Juggling. Have you ever wanted to run away and join the circus? Learn one of the basic requirements to do just that – juggling! South Orange-Maplewood Adult School, 17 Parker Avenue, Maplewood. 7:30-9pm. \$65. 973.378.7620. somadulthoodschool.org

April 14 & 15: Freespace Dance at Vanguard Theater. Artistic Director Donna Scro Samori will present a new full evening work about individual and interpersonal connection and conflict. She plans to incorporate the intimacy of the black box theater into her work creating a more shared experience for the audience. Along with current company dancers, the piece will feature Freespace Dance alumni as well as a special appearance of the artistic director herself. Vanguard Theater Company, 180 Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair. 7pm. \$25.00. \$40.00, Benefit reception following performance. www.freespacedance.com

April 15 to May 6: Pet Portraits in Collage. Create a rich and textured portrait of your pet in collage. Students will work from a photograph of their pet and then create a portrait of it using magazines and other papers. South Orange-Maplewood Adult School, 17 Parker Avenue, Maplewood. 10am to 12pm. \$125. 973.378.7620. somadulthoodschool.org

April 18: Georgia O’Keeffe: Speaking in Color and Shapes. O’Keeffe is known for her images of audacious flowers, dramatic cityscapes, glowing landscapes and haunting depictions of bones against the stark desert sky. This talk will examine her innovative works and long and productive life. South Orange-Maplewood Adult School, 17 Parker Avenue, Maplewood. 7-8:30pm. \$25. 973.378.7620. somadulthoodschool.org

April 22: New Jersey Symphony Steven Mackey & Mozart. Xian Zhang explores one of Mozart’s most gripping and dramatic symphonies, often recognized by audiences as the opening music for the Academy Award-winning film Amadeus. Mozart’s Overture to Don Giovanni perfectly sets the scene for all the opera’s drama, deception and damnation. Bruckner’s glorious Te Deum was a high point for the composer, who called this joyful choral work “the pride of my life.” The symphony has tapped leading New Jersey composer

Steven Mackey to celebrate New Jersey Symphony’s centennial with a new commission featuring original texts by former U.S. Poet Laureate Tracy K. Smith. New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 1 Center Street, Newark. 8pm. Tickets start at \$25. 800.255.3476. https://www.njsymphony.org/

April 23: Shuttles, Spindles & Flyers: Spinning and Weaving in the 21st Century. This program is all about modern-day spinning and weaving. Durand Hedden House, 523 Ridgewood Road, Maplewood. 1-4pm. DurandHedden.org

April 25 to May 30: Improv for Everyone. Learn the basics of improvisation in a safe and nurturing environment. Bring your imagination, creativity and willingness to step gently into the unknown. You can also expect a lot of laughter! South Orange-Maplewood Adult School 17 Parker Avenue, Maplewood. 7-9pm. \$140. 973.378.7620. somadulthoodschool.org

April 25: Pinot and Pottery. A glass of wine can really get the creative juices flowing, so grab your favorite bottle, gather your friends and get ready to explore your artistic side! Sculpt clay using hand-building and slab techniques to construct a vase, pot or other functional piece. South Orange-Maplewood Adult School 17 Parker Avenue, Maplewood. 7-9pm. \$35. 973.378.7620. somadulthoodschool.org

April 25-29: Birding in New Jersey. New Jersey is one of the best places in North America for birding. The first class covers the basics of bird watching. The second class takes place in Essex County South Mountain Reservation so students can witness birds in their natural environment. South Orange-Maplewood Adult School, 17 Parker Avenue, Maplewood. 7-8:30pm. \$60. 973.378.7620. somadulthoodschool.org

April 27: New Jersey Symphony Symphonie fantastique. Former Associate Conductor Gemma New returns to New Jersey stages to conduct Berlioz’s extraordinary Symphonie fantastique. Pianist George Li returns with dazzling keyboard pyrotechnics



Learn Flamenco at the South Orange-Maplewood Adult School

in Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini. Sarah Gibson drew inspiration from artist Miriam Schapiro and the art of weaving for her melodic and colorful work. New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 1 Center Street, Newark. 1:30pm. Tickets start at \$25. 800.255.3476. https://www.njsymphony.org/

April 30: Trivia Night at Four City Brewing Co. Join us for a fun night of trivia, a taproom tour, a tasting flight and a medium pour of your favorite brew. Four City Brewing Company, 55 South Essex Avenue, Orange. 6-8pm. \$40. 973.378.7620. somadulthoodschool.org

May 3-9: Montclair Literary Festival. There will be 120-plus authors participating in panels, book discussions and children’s events on Festival Day, May 6. Stand-alone events scheduled for the other dates. Most events are free. 973.746.0553. www.succeed2gether.org/montclair-literary-festival/

May 4-7: ANQNYMO. The U.S. premiere of ANQNYMO is presented by PEAK Performances. This is an observation through the body’s memory to view our lives and the traditional dances that are passed along and transformed into a contemporary movement idiom. ANQNYMO was created from the concept and choreography by Tzeni Argyiou and

dramatic composition studies by Miguel Angel Melgares. Alexander Kasser Theater, 1 Normal Avenue, Montclair. Thursday and Friday at 7:30pm, Saturday at 8pm. Sunday at 3pm. \$40 to \$50. 973.655.5112. Peakperfs.org. Call Audience Services at 973.655.4010 for accessibility information.

May 9-16: Gustav Klimt and Vienna’s Golden Age. Gustav Klimt dominated cultural life in Vienna at the turn of the 20th century and was the bridge between the symbolism of the fin-de-siecle Europe and the wave of Modernism that captured the imagination of the continent. In part one, we’ll explore Klimt’s remarkable life, while examining his ebullient landscapes, sensual drawings and ravishing portraits. In part two, we’ll discuss the relationship between Klimt and his many Jewish patrons and what happened to them and the Klimt works they owned during the Nazi era and beyond. South Orange-Maplewood Adult School, 17 Parker Avenue, Maplewood. 7-8:30pm. \$50. 973.378.7620. somadulthoodschool.org

May 10-31: Flamenco Dance. Now’s a great time to learn the passionate art of flamenco. Explore the rhythms of flamenco with a professional dancer. South Orange-Maplewood Adult School, 17 Parker Avenue, Maplewood. 7:30-9pm. \$115. 973.378.7620. somadulthoodschool.org

May 10-31: Mothers of Invention. Carol Simon Levin portrays Lillian Moller Gilbreth, motion study pioneer and “Cheaper by the Dozen” mother of 12, and shares the stories of other overlooked women innovators, including many women of color. South Orange-Maplewood Adult School, 17 Parker Avenue, Maplewood. 6:30 to 8pm. \$25. 973.378.7620. somadulthoodschool.org

May 13: NJ Symphony Hooray for Bollywood! Take a musical journey inspired by Bollywood, the Indian Hindi-language film industry. Hear captivating stories of Bollywood’s meteoric rise in popularity and dance along with special guests to signature music, moves and lyrics of this thrilling genre. New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Victoria Theatre, 1 Center Street, Newark. 2pm. Tickets start at \$10. 800.255.3476. https://www.njsymphony.org/

May 20: New Jersey Symphony Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back in Concert. Coming to New Jersey from a galaxy far, far away – experience Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back like never before as the New Jersey Symphony performs John Williams’ Oscar-winning score live to the entire film. New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Victoria Theatre, 1 Center Street, Newark. 8pm. Tickets start at \$35. 800.255.3476. https://www.njsymphony.org/

May 20-21: 36th Annual Rose Squared Art Show in Essex County Verona Park. 110 juried professional artists and artisanal food vendors will be presenting and selling their one-of-a-kind art. Find the perfect gift, a new look for spring or refresh your living space. The show is rain or shine. Essex County Verona Park, corner of Bloomfield Avenue and Lakeside Avenue, Verona. 10am to 5pm. Free admission. There is handicap parking in the park. www.rosesquared.com

May 21: 1-4pm: Obadiah Hedden’s Farm - 1800. See what life was like on a local farm around 1800. Durand Hedden House, 523 Ridgewood Road, Maplewood. DurandHedden.org ■



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ESSEX COUNTY ONGOING PROGRAMS

THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART

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Concert Series

March 19: Organ Recital: "We Shall Overcome" with Nathaniel Gumbs. 3pm. Free-will offering.

April 15: Choral Meditations on the Stations of the Cross with the Cathedral Choir. The cathedral's tradition of presenting meditations within the Stations of the Cross continues. This a cappella program will feature works of Clausen, Lotti, Allegri and Casals. 8pm. Free-will offering.

April 28: Archdiocesan Choral Festival – Music of Ludwig van Beethoven – Mass in C Major. A combined event with the Newark Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians featuring a massed choir of singers from parishes of the archdiocese, Cathedral Choir and soloists accompanied by the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. 8pm. Doors open at 7pm. No admission charge; no tickets required.

Wednesdays at Noon

A 30-minute recital will be followed by a brief tour of the cathedral. Free will offering.

April 19: Celebrating African-American Culture

April 26: Celebrating Asian Culture

May 3: Organ Recital with Chung A Hong

May 10: Celebrating Ukrainian Culture

ESSEX PHOTO CLUB

All meetings are via Zoom at 7:30pm and free to the public, although only club members may submit photos for competition. For Zoom access, contact Catherine Kuzik-Fernandez at 862-485-7474.



Guided House Tour: Women of the House. The Crane House and Historic YWCA

March 16: Club Competition for nature and pictorial projected images. Judge: Dave Mills

March 30: EPC Member Workshop. Presenters: EPC members

April 20: Club Competition for nature and pictorial projected images. Judge: Mary Fettes

May 4: TBD

May 18: Club Competition for Best Images of the Year. Judges: Susan Candelario, David Unger, Beck Witt

MONTCLAIR HISTORY CENTER

110 Orange Road, Montclair

973.744.1796 / www.montclairhistory.org



March 9: History at Home: The Photography of Charles Warren Eaton, 1900 to 1925. Historical Society of Bloomfield Trustee Rich Rockwell presents a new program about the photography of Charles Warren Eaton from 1900 to 1925. Eaton lived in Bloomfield from 1887 until his death in 1937. He was known for his intimate landscapes in the Tonalist style and was particularly known for his pine tree paintings. He used his photographs as models for paintings he created in his

studio in Bloomfield. He was a protégé of George Innes. Virtual – Zoom. 7-8pm. Free. <https://www.montclairhistory.org/all-events/garden-state-parkway-f5cm7>

March 19: Guided House Tour: Women of the House. The Crane House and Historic YWCA is a window on to the history of our nation from its early years as an independent country to a country embroiled in the civil rights struggle. On this special tour, hear the stories of the women who lived, worked and played in the house. From the Crane wives to the enslaved and paid workers of the house to the women and girls of the African American YWCA, the Crane House & Historic YWCA has seen how a woman's role in the house and in society has changed over 200 years. 12pm, 1pm, 2pm. \$12/adult; \$10/student/senior with ID; \$8/child; free for those under 2 and MHC members. <https://www.montclairhistory.org/all-events/2020/3/22/women-of-the-house-tour-september-2022>

March 29: Price of Liberty Film Series: Reparations Screening & Discussion. Reparations explores the four-century struggle to seek repair and atonement for slavery in the United States. Black and Asian Americans reflect on the legacy of slavery, the inequities that persist and the critical role that solidarity between

communities has in acknowledging and addressing systemic racism in America. This story is told by Black and Asian Americans who believe that our collective liberation can only be achieved by standing with one another. Reparations seeks to raise awareness of the Black reparations struggle and how vital it is to healing this country. Montclair Film Cinema 505, 505 Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair. 7-8:30pm. Free. <https://www.montclairhistory.org/all-events/2023/2/22/price-of-liberty-film-series-reparations-screening-amp-discussion-zyy84>

April 13: History at Home: A Woman About Town in Montclair Center in 1910. Learn about Montclair’s history, focusing on the late 1800s to mid-1900s, a period of great growth and change, as it would have likely been experienced by the family that lived here. This Montclair History Center tour shines a special spotlight on a woman’s experience during that time and typical activities and interests. Virtual – Zoom. 7-8pm. Free. <https://www.montclairhistory.org/all-events/2017/6/10/a-woman-about-town-walking-tour-pdgm1-bjlze>

April 15: Guided Walking Tour in Montclair Center: A Woman About Town in 1910. Learn about Montclair’s history, focusing on the late 1800s to mid-1900s, a period of great growth and change, as it would have likely been experienced by the family that lived here. This Montclair History Center tour, in the South Fullerton/Union Street/Bloomfield Avenue area, shines a special spotlight on a woman’s experience during that time and typical activities and interests. Location TBD; call ahead. 10-11:30am. \$15 per person. Advance registration required. <https://www.montclairhistory.org/all-events/2017/6/10/a-woman-about-town-walking-tour-pdgm1>

April 16: Guided House Tour: Many Voices. Stop by and receive a guided tour of the Crane House & Historic YWCA! Hear the many voices of the men and women who lived, worked and played in the house throughout its 226-year history. While here, see what’s cooking on the hearth and explore the herbs in the Landsberger Learning Garden. 12pm, 1pm, 2pm. \$12/adult; \$10/



student/senior with ID; \$8/child; free for those under 2 and MHC members. <https://www.montclairhistory.org/all-events/2021/10/10/many-voices-tour-november-2022-9dj6n-plpdf>

April 23: Rosedale Cemetery Tour: New Section. Founded over 181 years ago, Rosedale Cemetery marked the beginning of a new movement in how America took care of its deceased. We’ll venture into the new section for this guided tour, discussing grave imagery as well as the people who are buried there. Rosedale Cemetery, 408 Orange Road, Montclair. 1:30-3:30pm. \$15 per person. Advance registration required. <https://www.montclairhistory.org/all-events/2020/4/26/rosedale-cemetery-tour-yt7nd-xyz5s-bewaj>

April 30: Walk. Talk. Taste Montclair History: Bloomfield Avenue. Discover the food and stories that make Montclair unique on this 3-hour food tasting and historical walking tour of the section of Bloomfield Avenue between Church Street and South Mountain Road in Montclair. Sample foods from 5-7 Montclair restaurants. Location TBD, check website for details. 12-3pm. \$49 per person. Advance registration required. <https://www.montclairhistory.org/all-events/2022/11/walk-talk-taste-montclair-history-upper-montclair-4jy8b>

April 30: Rutgers–Newark Chorus

Spring Concert: Songs of Love and Friendship. The Rutgers University–Newark Chorus and conductor Dr. Brian Harlow present their annual Spring Concert titled Songs of Love and Friendship. It will feature choral music from the Renaissance to the present day, including music from Australia, Nigeria, Spain, and Taiwan as well as a few show tunes! St. Mary’s Church, 520 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Newark. 3pm. Free. Donations accepted at the door. 973.353.5194

May 4-7: Annual Herb & Heirloom Tomato Sale. Our Annual Herb Sale is back! Visit the Montclair History Center’s Orange Road site and pick up unique, organic herbs for your garden. We will continue to offer a selection of heirloom tomatoes in addition to our herbs. Thursday from 9am to 8pm, Friday from 9am to 5pm, Saturday from 9am to 3pm, Sunday from 9am to 3pm or until sold out. Prices vary. Preorders will be available; please visit website for more details. <https://www.montclairhistory.org/all-events/2017/5/11/annual-herb-sale-begins-gk84f-5ejsa-34688-w5krj-kk7m6>

May 21: Guided House Tour: The Roots of Historic Preservation. In 1965, when the Crane House and Historic YWCA was saved from demolition, moved and restored to tell the story of its earliest occupants, historic preservation was in

its infancy and there were no standards to guide these preservationists. Through a short introduction and tour of the Crane House and Historic YWCA, students discover the Roots of Historic Preservation, putting in context some of the decisions made by the early preservationists who restored the Crane House in the 1960s. 12pm, 1pm, 2pm. \$12/adult; \$10/student/senior with ID; \$8/child; free for MHC members and those under 2 free. 973.744.1796. <https://www.montclairhistory.org/all-events/2020/3/22/women-of-the-house-tour-september-2022-a7zd6>

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March 1, 8, 22, 29; April 5, 10, 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Yoga, all levels. 7pm. Free. RSVP.

March 8, May 10: Lego Club for Kids. 4pm. Free. RSVP.

March 9: Presentation: What If the Covid Lockdown Had Happened in the 1970s? 6:30 pm. Free. RSVP.

March 16: Presentation: Irish Origins. 10am. Free. RSVP.

April 1: Story Time with Guest Author



Guided House Tour: Many Voices.



Melissa Brady. Author Melissa Brady will read her book, “Sometimes,” to help children understand more about autism followed by a special sensory craft. 11am. Free. RSVP.

April 1: The Kootz in Concert. Classic rock hits. 2pm. Free. RSVP.

April 10: May 8: Knitting & Crochet Circle. All levels welcome. 6pm. Free. RSVP.

April 22: Holocaust Remembrance

Program. Filmmaker Lisa Reznik will show her film “A Holocaust Journey: Lessons Learned.” 6pm. Free. RSVP

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February 4 to March 4: The Diva Difference – Unabashedly Bold... Unapologetically Black. The West Orange Arts Council is commemorating Black History Month with special activities on Saturdays during gallery hours through the course of the exhibit. Saturdays & Sundays from 11am to 4pm. Free.

March 9 to April 8: West Orange High School AP Art Studio Student Show. The show features the rising stars of our arts community, the work of Advanced Placement Studio artists attending West Orange High School. Saturdays & Sundays from 11am to 4pm. Free.

April 15 to May 20: Mother Earth Art Exhibit. Featuring local artists, April at the Arts Center will feature events that raise awareness about taking care of our planet. A Music for Mom afternoon will be May 6 at the gallery. Saturdays & Sundays from 11am to 4pm. Free. ■



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