



Culture & Heritage

News Update

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Potteries of Trenton Society Invites the Public to 'The First Ladies and Their China'

The Potteries of Trenton Society invites you to their annual meeting on April 6 at 1:30 pm. This year's lecture will be "The First Ladies and Their China" by Ellen Denker. The lecture will be held in the Woodrow Wilson Board Room at the Trenton War Memorial on 1 Memorial Drive, Trenton.

Hospitality is the keynote of international diplomacy, and a state dinner in the White House is the highest symbol of American hospitality, displaying grand tables set with beautiful flowers and the finest china, silver and crystal. Our First

Ladies are called upon to muster American hospitality by making sure that the appointments for a White House state dinner are impeccable. Since the beginning of the United States, Congress has appropriated funds to furnish the White House and demonstrate our nation's wealth and power to foreign heads of state. But White House china has often been supplied by foreign potteries. Mrs. Denker's lecture, sprinkled with anecdotes, will examine the topic of White House China from Martha Washington to Melania Trump, explain

the history, use and preservation of the table china they chose, and demonstrate Trenton's role in this fascinating story.

Ellen Paul Denker is a museum consultant and independent scholar based in western North Carolina. She holds degrees from Grinnell College, Iowa, and from the University of Delaware, where she was a Fellow in the Winterthur Program in American Material Culture. As a museum consultant, Ellen has worked on a variety of exhibition topics from ceramic and furniture history to visiting nursing and blindness. She has written extensively on American ceramics, the Arts & Crafts movement, and American home furnishings. Ellen's list of publications as author and co-author is extensive, ranging from Lenox China to rocking chairs. She has lectured extensively for art and historical organizations across the United States, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Newark Museum, Museums of Fine Arts in Boston and Houston, Saint Louis Art Museum, and Art Institute of Chicago. Ellen is a founding member of the Potteries of Trenton Society.

The lecture is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and pre-registration

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is strongly suggested. To register, please email president@potteriesoftrenton-society.org with your name and the number of people in your party.

Free parking is available in the state parking lots on Memorial Drive near the War Memorial. Handicapped parking is located beside the War Memorial on West Lafayette Street, available on a first-come, first-served basis. The War Memorial is fully ADA compliant.

For more information visit the Potteries of Trenton Society's website at potteriesoftrentonsociety.org



Presidential China.

Local Arts and History Grant Deadline Approaches



Don't forget the FY2020 application deadline to submit either the Local Arts Program (LAP) or History Grant is July 12. For more information about the application process, guidelines or questions visit, nj.gov/counties/mercer/commissions/cultural/grants. The commission's Program Development Specialist, Tricia Fagan, is also available to assist potential grant applicants with questions or concerns, (609) 989-6418.

Mark Your Calendar: The 9th Annual Mercer County Cultural Festival is June 15

Mercer County Executive Brian M. Hughes and the Board of Chosen Freeholders present the 9th annual Mercer County Cultural Festival, Saturday, June 15, rain or shine, from 11 am to 7 pm at the Mercer County Park, West Windsor.

This one-day festival will celebrate the many diverse cultures of Mercer County through traditional art demonstrations, live cultural music, dance performances, kids activities

and more! 2019 brings back the popular international Food Trucks featuring amazing dishes from some of the best ethnic Food Trucks in the region as well as the popular biergarten! Admission and parking are free.

To learn more about the event visit nj.gov/counties/mercer/commissions/cultural/culturalfest.html, find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/mercercounty-culturalheritagecommission](https://www.facebook.com/mercercounty-culturalheritagecommission) or call (609)278-2712.



Tiffany Window Tours at Princeton United Methodist Church

The spectacular stained glass window of Saint George and the Dragon, from the studio of Louis Comfort Tiffany, is a little-seen jewel in Princeton. On Fridays and Sundays from noon to 2 pm, Princeton United Methodist Church guides welcome visitors to view this and other spectacular stained glass windows. Stop by and marvel at the abstract and symbolic designs. Tours can also be arranged by calling (609)924-2613 or emailing at windows@PrincetonUMC.org.

Now on View: 9th Voices for the Abbott Marshlands Photography Show



Amon DeVane, 'Viewing Deck'

The 9th "Voices for the Abbott Marshlands" is a photographic exhibition featuring the works of local artists showcasing a New Jersey marshland and surrounding natural areas in Hamilton, Trenton, and Bordentown. The purpose of the show is to further the protection and preservation of the Abbott Marshlands, by illustrat-

ing to a broad audience its ecological and historic significance. Photographs were submitted in five categories: Plants, Wildlife, People Connecting with Nature, or History. Jurors were: Photographer - Ricardo Barros, well known for his Commercial & Fine Arts, including portraits, architecture, and advertising, and also Naturalist - Kelly Rypkema, Manager

of the Tulpehaking Nature Center.

The exhibit is on display now until September 15 during nature center hours and by appointment (609-888-3218).

The Tulpehaking Nature Center is located at 157 Westcott Avenue, Hamilton. For more information please visit abbottmarshlands.org or mercercountyparks.org.

Calling All Local Artists – Mercer County Artists 2019 Submission Date Draws Near

Calling all artists! Artists aged 18 or older who live, work, or attend school in Mercer County are invited to submit their art for consideration for the “Mercer County Artists 2019” exhibition at The Gallery, located at Mercer County Community College, West Windsor.

Drop-off submissions take place on Saturday, May 11, 10 am to 2 pm, at the MCCC Gallery. Early drop-offs will also be accepted Thursday, May 9, from 12 to 3 pm. Judging takes place on Saturday, May 12 at 10 am. Artists may enter up to two original works completed since May 2016 in any media except photography. An entry fee of \$10 for one piece and \$15 for two must accompany entries. Works that are not accepted for the show can be picked up on Sunday, May 12, 2 to 5 pm or Monday, May 13, 11 am to 3 pm. Awards include \$1,500 in

Dear Friends,

With winter behind us, it's time to start looking forward to the wealth of cultural activities the spring season brings to Mercer County.

This edition of our Culture & Heritage newsletter takes a look at a variety of events taking place during the coming months, including a talk on White House china, from Martha Washington to Melania Trump, presented by the Potteries of Trenton Society; a program that will provide some answers to the mystery of the 19th century shoe found in the cornice of the historic William Trent House; and an exhibition at The Gallery at Mercer County Community College featuring the work of talented local artists.

Abundant opportunities to enrich our lives through history, arts and culture can be found in this newsletter, from concerts to theatrical productions to outdoor festivals and more. I encourage you to explore all that Mercer County has to offer this season.

Sincerely,



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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian M. Hughes".

Brian M. Hughes
County Executive

Purchase and Merit prizes, including the Utrecht Art Supplies Best in Show prize and the annual West Windsor Arts Council Prize for outstanding work by a West Windsor artist. Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission Purchase Award winners become part of the County's permanent art collection.

The “Mercer County Artists” show will be on display from May 20 to July 8 and an Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony will be held May 22, 5 to 7:30 pm. The show is free and open to the public. For more information on submitting work, please visit mccc.edu/gallery or call the Mercer County Division of Culture and Heritage at (609) 278-2712.

Free Recital Series at St. Michael's Church, Trenton

The inaugural recital in a new lunchtime series titled “Music at St. Michael's” will take place at 12:15 pm Thursday, April 4 in the sanctuary of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, an historic building located in downtown Trenton at 140 N. Warren St. The performers, Kenneth Ellison, clarinet; Dezheng Ping, violin; and Larissa Korkina, piano, are faculty members of Westminster Conservatory, the community music school of Westminster College of the Arts of Rider University. The program, which will last approximately 45 minutes, is free of charge, and concertgoers are invited to bring a bag lunch for consumption during the event.

The program comprises the Rondo in B minor op. 70, D. 895 for violin and piano by Franz Schubert, Gioachino Rossini's Introduction, Theme, and Variations for clarinet and piano, and the Trio for Clarinet, Violin, and Piano by Gian Carlo Menotti. The next Music at St. Michael's recital will take place at 12:15 pm on Thursday, June 6, and will feature the Loeffler Trio – Melissa Bohl, oboe; Marjorie Selden, viola; and Christopher McWilliams, piano.

For more info visit rider.edu/academics/colleges-schools/westminster-college-of-the-arts/westminster-conservatory-music

Calendar of Events¹

Art Happenings

June 15 - 16, Art All Night, Historic Roebbling Machine Shop, 675 South Clinton Ave, Trenton, 609-635-6736. Free. For more information visit artallnighttrenton.org.

Auditions

June 11, Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey. New Student Auditions for YOCJ at West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North. Visit YOCJ.org for requirements and to register.

Concerts

April 7, Musica Stravagante III, Dryden Ensemble. Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary. For tickets or more information visit drydenensemble.org.

April 14, Spring Small Ensemble Concert, Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey, 3pm, Plainsboro Recreation and Cultural Center, 641 Plainsboro Rd, Plainsboro. his performance features our "choirs" such as the Flute Ensemble, Flute Choir, Woodwind Choir, Woodwind Chamber Players, Brass Choir, Brass Ensemble, Saxophone Ensemble, Saxophone Quartet, and Percussion Ensemble. For more information visit YOCJ.org.

May 4, Celebrating our Youth, Capital Philharmonic of New Jersey, 7:30pm. Located at the War Memorial, Trenton. For tickets visit [capitalphilharmonic.org/YOCJ.org/\(215\)893-1999](http://capitalphilharmonic.org/YOCJ.org/(215)893-1999).

May 10-11, Shakespeare in Love, VOICES Chorale NJ, 8pm. May 10 - Trinity Episcopal, May 11 - Trinity Episcopal Church, Princeton. For more information visit voiceschoralenj.org.

May 19, Spring Large Ensemble Concert, Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey, 3pm & 7pm, West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North. For more information visit YOCJ.org.

June 2, An Afternoon of Opera & Musical Theatre, Capital Singers of Trenton, 4pm. They will perform at Sacred Heart Church, 343 S. Broad Street, Trenton. For more information visit the capitalsingers.org.

Dance

Every Tuesday night, International Folk Dance, Princeton Folk Dance, 7:30pm. Kristina Johnson Pop-Up Studio, Princeton Shopping Center, (609)921-9340 Lesson followed by dance. \$5. princetonfolkdance.org

Every Wednesday night, Newcomer Dance, American Ballroom Dance Company, 7pm, \$10. (609) 931-0149. For more information visit americanballroomco.com

Every Thursday night, Viva Tango, 8pm. Suzanne Patterson Center, Princeton. (609) 948-4448, \$15. For more information visit vivatango.org

Every Friday night, Friday Night Social, American Ballroom Company, 7:30pm. Located at 1523 Parkway Ave, Ewing. (609) 931-0149. For more information visit americanballroomco.com

Every Friday, Friday Dance Social, Jersey Dance, 8:30pm. West Windsor Arts Center, 952 Alexander Rd, West Windsor. For more information visit jerseydance.com

Every Saturday, English Country Dance, Princeton Country Dancers, 8pm. Suzanne Patterson Center, Princeton. \$11. For more information visit princetoncountrydancers.org

Exhibitions

April 4 - July 19, Remembering Norma Jean: A Retrospective of the Works of Norma Jean (NJ) DeVico, Hopewell Valley Arts Council. The Hopewell Valley Arts Council joins Capital Health to present Remembering Norma Jean: A Retrospective of the Works of Norma Jean (NJ) DeVico. Witness this late local artist's immense talent, wit with words, and one-of-a-kind sense of humor in this show remembering her life and art. The opening reception will be Thursday, April 4, from 6 to 7.30pm at Investors Bank Art & Healing Gallery at Capital Health - Hopewell. The Roxey Ballet will present a special tribute performance. The show will be on display from April 4

to July 19. For more information visit hvaltscouncil.org

Now - September 8, Jersey Crocs Rule, NJ State Museum, 205 West State St, Trenton. Explore the existence of crocodiles in New Jersey throughout their evolution. Come face-to-face with a six-foot skull reconstruction of *Deinosuchus*, one of the largest crocodiles to ever live; see preserved crocodile trackways dating back almost 200 million years and a nearly complete skeleton of crocodylian *Hyposaurus rogersii*; discover five types of crocs that lived in NJ and more! For more information visit state.nj.us/state/museum

May 4 - July 7, Ellarslie Open 36, Trenton City Museum. Gallery reception, May 3, 6pm, reception talk on Sunday, May 19, 2pm. For more info visit ellarslie.org.

May 25 - November 10, Many Inspired Steps, NJ State Museum, 205 West State St, Trenton. Many Inspired Steps an exhibition that celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landing. On July 21, 1969 at 10:56:15 p.m. E.D.T. Astronaut Neil Armstrong became the first human to set foot on the Moon with the now famous words: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Neil Armstrong's "one small step" was just the crowning accomplishment of an endeavor that goes back centuries. Many Inspired Steps tells the story of that endeavor. The exhibit is supplemented by objects in the Museum's collection and on loan that bring this story to life and emphasize New Jersey's connection to this historic event. For more information visit state.nj.us/state/museum (WM)

Now - June 9, Gainsborough's Family Album, Princeton University Art Museum. Thomas Gainsborough (1727-1788) rose to become one of the most fashionable artists of eighteenth-century Britain, relying on commissioned portraits of royalty and aristocrats to make his living as a painter of both artistic and social ambition. Even as he professed to dislike portraits, and declared a preference for painting landscapes of the still-unspoiled English coun-

tryside, Gainsborough created images of his family more than any other artist before him. In turning to his family—his wife, father, sisters, even servants and pets, but most importantly his daughters as they grew—Gainsborough left a legacy that is both poignant and modern for its time. Gathering nearly fifty such images for the first time in history, Gainsborough's Family Album offers insights into the artist's family life and sometimes-complicated personality but also into wider questions of domesticity, marriage, parenthood, and family values at the birth of the modern age. As it does so, it reveals a preoccupation that continues in the hands of other artists to this day, a legacy that will be explored in a companion installation. For more information visit artmuseum.princeton.edu (WM)

Now - June 9, Confronting Childhood, Princeton University Art Museum. Confronting Childhood considers the complex reality of childhood and family life in the modern world. Spanning more than 150 years, the exhibition affords glimpses of children and their families through the vantage point of painting and primarily photography, including artists such as Diane Arbus, Ruth Bernhard, Lewis Carroll, Lewis Hine, Dorothea Lange, Sally Mann, and Clarence White. For more information visit artmuseum.princeton.edu (WM)

Farmers Markets

Capital City Farmers Market, Every Thursday, 11am, beginning May through October; Mill Hill Park, 165 E. Front St, Trenton. The market features Jersey Fresh farm produce, artisanal food, specialty produce, baked goods, handmade crafts, jewelry, all natural body and face care products, entertainment and much more. For more information visit destinationtrenton.com

Princeton Farmers Market, May to November, 11am. Hinds Plaza, 55 Witherspoon Street, Princeton. For more information visit princetonfarmersmarket.com

West Windsor Community Farmers Market, Every Saturday, 9am, beginning May through the Saturday before Thanksgiving, Windsor Athletic Club Clarksville Rd, West Windsor. Produce, meats, woven fibers, honey, wine, flowers, baked

1. Mercer County Cultural & Heritage Commission cannot be responsible for errors or omissions. Please call ahead to confirm times and prices. Deadline of June 1, 2019, for the July, August and September - Summer 2019 Newsletter.

goods, and prepared foods. For more information visit westwindsorfarmersmarket.org

Festivals

April 6 - 7, Punk Rock Flea Market, Roebling Machine Shop, 10am. 675 S. Clinton Ave, Trenton. For more information visit trentonpunkrockfleamarket.com

April 27, 11th Annual One Act Playfest, Mercer County Library, Lawrence Headquarter Branch, 7pm. Local actors will perform staged readings of six one-act plays by Delaware Valley playwrights. Registration is required. For more information visit mcl.org / email lawprogs@mcl.org / (609) 989-6920.

April 28, Communiversity, Arts Council of Princeton, 1pm. Nassau St, downtown Princeton. For more information visit artsCouncilofprinceton.org.

May 18, Pennington Day, 10am. Pennington Day highlights the best of the town of Pennington and historic Hopewell Valley. More than an average street fair, this event combines community with art as well as family friendly fun and local vendors. There are three stages of live local music, performing and dance troupes, as well as the colorful Quilt Show which can be found inside of The Toll Gate Grammar School. Hopewell Valley Arts Council will feature a live installation at Howe Commons throughout the day with renowned local artisans. Through the generosity of event sponsors, the Pennington Day Board of Directors raises funds in the form of community grants. For more information visit penningtonday.org

June 15, Mercer County Cultural Festival, Mercer County Park, West Windsor; 11am to 7pm. Rain or Shine. Free admission & parking. For more information visit us on facebook at Mercer County Cultural & Heritage Commission or call 609-278-2712.

June 15 - 16, Art All Night, Historic Roebling Machine Shop, 675 South Clinton Ave, Trenton, 609-635-6736. For more information visit artallnighttrenton.org.

June 22, Sourland Mountain Festival, Hillsborough Country Club, 3pm. The Sourland Music Festival is hosted by the Sourland Conservancy, a non-profit organization that works to protect the Sourland Mountain region. Bring a lawn chair, a blanket, some sun screen, and your

sunglasses. Grab some local food, a cold beer, and lose yourself to a music lineup that covers the Blues, Folk, Jazz, and Rock. Rain or shine. For More info visit sourlandmountainfest.com

June 30, Mercer County Freedom Fest, Mercer County Park, West Windsor; 3pm. This festival features a wide range of activities for the entire family. Fireworks at 9:30pm. For More info mercercountyparks.org

Garden Tour

June 8, 27th Annual Mill Hill Garden Tour, Old Mill Hill Society, Mill Hill District, Trenton, 12pm. Tours of one of Trenton's oldest neighborhoods. \$15. Tour starts at Artworks, 19 Everett Alley, Trenton. For more information visit trentonmillhill.org.

Historical Activities

Every Third Tuesday of each month, Stamp Collecting, Hamilton Philatelic Society, 7:15pm, Hamilton Library, Justice Samuel Alito Way, Hamilton, (609) 751-4642. For more information hamiltonphilatelic.org (WW)

Every Second Tuesday, Central Jersey Genealogical Club, Hamilton Library, 7 p.m. For more information visit cjcgnj.com (WW)

April 4, Three Centuries of African American History in Trenton, 7pm, Mercer County Library, Ewing Branch, 7pm. Learn about the people and places associated with Trenton's African-American community from its founding to the mid-twentieth century. Presented by Jennifer B. Leynes, author of *Three Centuries of African-American History in Trenton: Significant People and Places*, which was published by the Trenton Historical Society with support from the New Jersey Historical Commission. She serves on the Trenton Landmarks Commission and is employed as a Historic Preservation Specialist by the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office. Registration required. Call 609-882-3148.

April 8, Hudson River Lighthouses, Mercer County Library, Ewing Branch, 7pm. Join Kevin Woyce, author, photographer, and lecturer specializing in New Jersey and New York Regional History, for a tour of the Hudson River's lighthouses, past and present—from the long lost lights at Cocksackie and Stuyvesant to New York City's beloved "Little Red Lighthouse." Discover how and why these lighthouses were

built, and hear the stories of the brave men and women who kept them shining. The program is illustrated with original photographs of Hudson River lighthouses and landmarks, plus vintage images of historic people, places, and events. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Registration required. Call 609-882-3148.

May 5, Sunday Afternoon Tea, Old Barracks Museum, 11am. For more information visit barracks.org

Howell Farm

April 6, Spring Beekeeping, Howell Living History Farm, 10am. 70 Woodens Ln, Titusville, 609-737-3299. For more visit howellfarm.org

April 20, Henhouse Visits, Howell Living History Farm, 10am. 70 Woodens Ln, Titusville, 609-737-3299. For more visit howellfarm.org

April 27, Potato Planting, Howell Living History Farm, 10am. For more information visit howellfarm.org (WW)

May 4, Sheep Shearing, Howell Living History Farm, 10am. For more information visit howellfarm.org

May 18, Corn Planting, Howell Living History Farm, 10am. For more information visit howellfarm.org

May 25, Hog Weighing, Howell Living History Farm, 10am. 70 Woodens Ln, Titusville, 609-737-3299. For more information visit howellfarm.org

June 1, Haying & Hayrides, Howell Living History Farm, 10am. 70 Woodens Ln., Titusville, 609-737-3299. For more information visit howellfarm.org

June 8, Old Time Baseball, Howell Living History Farm, 10 am. 70 Woodens Ln., Titusville, 609-737-3299. For more information visit howellfarm.org

June 15, Dairying, Howell Living History Farm, 10 am. 70 Woodens Ln, 11am. Titusville, 609-737-3299. For more information visit howellfarm.org

June 22, Ice Cream Party/Picket Fence Art Show, Howell Living History Farm. Featured activities include music, wagon rides, games and contests, a children's craft program and lots of ice cream. For more information visit howellfarm.org

June 29, Wheat Harvest, Howell Living History Farm, 10 am. 70 Woodens Ln, 11am. Titusville, 609-737-3299. For more information visit howellfarm.org

Literary Events

April 15; May 13, Poets at the Library, Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street, Princeton, Newsroom-2nd Floor; 7pm. Please bring 7-10 copies of your poem. For more information please visit princetonlibrary.org (WW)

Photography

April 7, Take Better Pictures with Your Digital Camera, Princeton Photo Workshop, 10am. For more information visit princetonondigitalphotoworkshop.com

April 27, Learning to Photograph People On Location, Princeton Photo Workshop, 6pm. For more information visit princetonondigitalphotoworkshop.com

May 4, In The Studio: Still Life, Product and Table Top Photography, Princeton Photo Workshop, 11am. For more information visit princetonondigitalphotoworkshop.com

June 15, Mastering Composition: Beyond the Rule of Thirds, Princeton Photo Workshop, 10:30am. For more information visit princetonondigitalphotoworkshop.com

Theatre

Kelsey Theatre

April 5 & 12 at 8pm; April 6 & 13, 8pm; April 7 & 14 at 2pm. Sunset Boulevard, Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. \$20 for all. For more information visit kelseyatmccc.org (WW)

April 26 & May 3, 8pm; April 27 & May 4, 8pm; April 28 & May 5 at 2pm. Return to Forbidden Planet, Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. \$20, \$18, \$16. For more information visit kelseyatmccc.org (WW)

May 11, 8pm; May 12, 2pm. Mercer Dance Ensemble - Escapades, Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. Featuring a group of Mercer County Community College's most talented students, faculty and alumni, plus guest choreographers and dancers, this modern dance concert uses music and movement to sway

your emotions, and tell myriad tales. \$16 adults, \$16 seniors, \$12 students. For more information visit kelseyatmccc.org (WV)

May 24 & 31, 8pm; May 25 & June 1, 8pm; May 26 & June 2, 2pm. *Inherit The Wind, Kelsey Theater*, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. \$18 adults, \$16 seniors, \$14 students/children. For more info. visit kelseyatmccc.org (WV)

June 7 & 14, 8pm; June 8 & 15, 8pm; June 9 & 16, 2pm. *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Kelsey Theater*, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. \$20, \$18, \$16. For more information visit kelseyatmccc.org (WV)

June 21 & 28, 8pm; June 22 & 29, 8pm; June 23 & 30, 2pm. *Macbeth, Kelsey Theater*, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. \$20, \$18, \$16. For more information visit mercerband.org (WV)

McCarter

April 5, *Bollywood Boulevard, McCarter Theater*. Through live music, dance, and multimedia visuals, Bollywood Boulevard brings to life 100 years of Bollywood cinema classics, connecting the memories and nostalgia of lifelong fans while providing a deeper glimpse into the world of Hindi cinema for new audiences. For more information visit mccarter.org (W,A,S,B,V)

May 23 - June 2, *Skylight, McCarter Theater*. On a bitterly cold London evening, Kyra receives an unexpected visit from her former lover, whose wife recently died. The two attempt to rekindle their once passionate relationship only to find themselves locked in a battle of opposing ideologies and mutual desires. For more information visit mccarter.org (W,A,S,B,V)

May 31 - June 1, *Triangle Show: Night of the Laughing Dead, McCarter Theater*. Talk about a necromantic comedy! Who imagined horror could be so hilarious? What happens when a zombie's foot is kicked high into the air? The scary thing would be missing this show. For more information visit mccarter.org (W,A,S,B,V)

Passage Theatre

May 2-19, *Morir Sonyando, Passage Theatre*. 205 E Front Street, Trenton. Genesis left her past behind long ago. But her mother's release from prison forces them both to confront long-buried pain - and to wonder if they can ever become a family again. Erlina Ortiz's play lovingly illuminates the blood ties that break and bind people. For more information visit passagetheatre.org

Pegasus Theatre

April 5 - 14, *Fiction, Fridays & Saturdays 8pm, Sundays 2pm*. 952 Alexander Rd. Princeton Junction. Linda's request to read her husband Michael's journals before dying from a malignant brain tumor sets off a series of events that blur the boundaries between past and present, fact and fiction, trust and betrayal. When Abby returns—a woman they both have a history with—secrets and lies test the couple's capacity for forgiveness, and force them both to face the consequences of their actions. No life, it turns out, is an open book. For more information visit pegasustheatrenj.org or call (609) 759-0045

Princeton Univ. Players

April 5-7, *Masqueraade: An Original PUP Spring Workshop Production, Princeton University Players, 8pm. The Class of 1970 Theater in Whitman College, Princeton*. 609-258-3000. For more information/ tickets visit princeton.edu/~pup/season.shtml

May 9-12, *Spring Awakening, Princeton University Players, 8pm. The Class of 1970 Theater in Whitman College, Princeton*. 609-258-3000. For more information/ tickets visit princeton.edu/~pup/season.shtml

Tulpehaking

April 27 & 28, *History Weekend, Tulpehaking Nature Center*. Explore the rich history of the Abbott Marshlands on this weekend of special lectures and tours of historic homes and sites. Learn how events here contributed to the growth of America from pre-historic times to the modern era. Schedule of events at AbbottMarshlands.org. Sponsored by Friends for the Abbott Marshlands.

May 2, *Attracting Pollinators to Your Garden Workshop, Tulpehaking Nature Center, 6:30pm*. Come learn the art of attracting pollinators and ben-

eficial insects to your own backyard. pre-registration required call (609) 888-3218 / natureprograms@mercercounty.org.

May 11, *Rain Barrel Workshop, Tulpehaking Nature Center, 1pm*. Save on irrigation costs and reduce demands on our water supply by installing a rain barrel at your home. Led by our local Americorps Watershed Ambassador, participants will build their own rain barrel and learn how to install them. Make sure you have room in your car for the ride home! For more info visit natureprograms@mercercounty.org.

Workshops

April 4, 11, 18 & 24 *Poetry Program, Mercer County Library, Ewing Branch, 4:30pm*. Share your poem written in the library or at home and read it aloud in the children's activity room. Registration required. Call 882-3148.

April 8 - May 13, *Digital Photography, West Windsor Arts Council, 7pm*. In this class students will learn to use their camera and the features available, as well as how to create a great photograph. Each week will include specific camera instruction, a photo session and an assignment which we will share and review. The weekly assignments, based on subject, color and mood, will help students to see creatively. For each class students should bring their camera, instruction booklet, and USB Flash Drive. For more info visit westwindsorarts.org. (W,A,S,P,B,V)

April 10 - May 22, *Fibers to Fashion, West Windsor Arts Council, 7pm*. Learn how to create felt, one of the oldest forms of textiles. Use contemporary techniques to create unique and stylish accessories with luxury surface design. For more info visit westwindsorarts.org. (W,A,S,P,B,V)

April 10 - May 29, *Art of Oil Painting, West Windsor Arts Council, 7pm*. How many times have you visited galleries in a museum and wished you could do that? Learn the art of oil painting in a small studio style setting. For more info visit westwindsorarts.org. (W,A,S,P,B,V)

April 11 - May 23, *Sculpture Studio, West Windsor Arts Council, 7:30pm*. Plaster, paper mache, paper clay and wire....can you think of a better way to ward of cabin fever blues? For more info visit westwindsorarts.org. (W,A,S,P,B,V)

Opportunities

Artist Opportunities

• William Trent House Call for Sculpture

Deadline - May 17
Artists will be notified
May 24

Prospectus

<https://williamtrenthouse.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Trent-House-Call-for-Sculpture.pdf>

• Mercer County Artists Show: 2019

Eligibility

Mercer County Artists is a juried exhibition open to visual artists ages eighteen or older, who live, work, or attend school in Mercer County, NJ. They are entitled to submit up to two (2) original works in any media except photography. Works must have been executed in the past two years. The Entry fee of ten dollars (\$10) for one piece (\$15 for two) — cash or check payable to Mercer County Community College or MCCC — must accompany entries. www.mccc.edu/gallery

Exhibition Dates

• May 20 - July 8, 2019

Submission, Judging, and Installation

• May 6 - May 19, 2019

MCA Reception

• May 22, 2019

• Mercer County Senior Citizen Art Show

Exhibition Dates

• July 17- August 9

Deadline - July 12

Prospectus

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April 12 - June 14, *Poetry with Anna Evans, West Windsor Arts Council, 12:30pm*. This series of structured workshops will benefit poets who are interested in honing their craft and working towards publishing their work. For more info visit westwindsorarts.org. (W,A,S,P,B,V)

April 7, Panel Discussion at The William Trent House — The Mystery of the Shoe in the Roof

In February of 2018, workers repairing the Trent House cornice discovered this shoe inside!



Why did someone put a shoe in the cornice of the Trent House?

It was a common custom, originating in Europe, to hide talismans, such as shoes and written charms, in the fabric of a building, to protect the occupants from evil. Discoveries in the United States have been made mostly in New England and the Northeast. They have been found in chimneys, fireplaces, under floors, above ceilings, in roofs, around doors and windows, under stairs and among foundations. They

have been found in many different types of buildings including cottages, town houses, manor houses, hospitals, work houses, public houses, and factories.

What kind of shoe is it and when was it made?

All the experts we consulted agree that the shoe is 19th century, but is it from 1800, 1820 or 1830-1850? Is it a man's shoe or a woman's shoe? At least one expert says that this type of shoe would not have been worn by the rich, which brings up another question; How did such a shoe end up in the cornice of a building that was always occupied by the wealthy? Was it a shoe belonging to one of the workers themselves? Or one of their wives?

How did a 19th century shoe end up in the cornice of an 18th century house?

The cornice materials

where the shoe was found were determined to be original from the time that the House was built in 1719. Were there repairs to the House roof or cornice that might have provided an opportunity for the shoe to be placed there?

Find out the answers to these questions on April 7, 2 pm at the William Trent House Visitor Center, 15 Market Street, Trenton. Tickets are \$12. For more information visit williamtrenthouse.org/ (609) 989-3027.

Morven Museum Offers Victorian Pressed Flower Workshop

Spend Saturday, May 18, from 11 am to 1:30 pm, as Victorian women, such as Harriet Stockton might have and create pressed flower art surrounded by the Morven Museum's historic garden. Learn the "love language" of flowers, enjoy an illustrated powerpoint on this Victorian art, and create artwork of your own suitable for framing. All flowers, materials,



and art instruction provided. No previous experience required and space is limited, ages 12 and up. For pricing, to register or for more information, please call/visit (609) 924-8144 / morven.org

A Place In Time: Joseph Henry House

The Joseph Henry House is a historic building located on the campus of Princeton University. Joseph Henry, a prominent American physicist who worked in electromagnetics, designed the house in 1836 and lived there from its completion in 1838 until taking a position as the first secretary of the Smithsonian Institution in 1848. The construction of the house was offered to the young physicist as part of the University's attempt to hire him away from the Albany Academy in an attempt to raise Princeton's profile. After Henry's departure, the house served as the official housing of the Dean of the College, the



Joseph Henry House, Princeton University

University's senior undergraduate academic officer, from 1909 to 1961.

The Henry house has been moved repeatedly throughout its history,

first in 1870 to a site behind East College, again in 1925 to the corner of Washington Road and Nassau Street to accommodate the construction of the Princeton University Chapel, and finally in 1946 to its present location. The Henry house now stands along the northern edge of the University's campus adjacent to Chancellor Green and serves the home of Princeton's Adlinger Center for the Humanities. The house was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1965.

For more information visit princeton.edu/ssp/joseph-henry-project/joseph-henry-house/

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