



# Culture & Heritage

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## News Update

### West Windsor Arts Council presents *HomeFront: Expressions of ArtSpace*



River Runs by HomeFront's JoAnn A. of ArtSpace

Running from July 15 through September 6, 2019, the West Windsor Arts Council presents "HomeFront: Expressions of ArtSpace Exhibition." The art on display varies between original drawings and paintings created by the wonderfully talented artists of HomeFront's ArtSpace. ArtSpace is an innovative therapeutic art program of Homefront, whose mission is to end homelessness in Central NJ by harnessing the caring, resources, and expertise of the community. Using art as a tool to improve physical,

mental, and emotional well being, ArtSpace builds self-confidence and nourishes the spirit of its families. The Expressions of ArtSpace Exhibition will feature works of art created by the participants of this exceptional program.

Every human needs an outlet of expression that does not limit, but allows for us to discover new ways of thinking and helps us to see ourselves in new, beautiful ways.

An opening reception will be held on Sunday July 21, 2019 from 4 - 6 p.m. Please visit [westwindsorarts.org](http://westwindsorarts.org) for more information.

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### Now on Exhibit at the Morven Museum – "New Jersey Baseball: From the Cradle to the Major Leagues"

"New Jersey Baseball: From the Cradle to the Major Leagues," is now on exhibit at the Morven Museum & Gardens until October 27, 2019. This exhibition tells the story of the state's important role in the history of early organized baseball through artifacts, text, images and other visuals. It de-

scribes the nature of the first New Jersey baseball clubs, the differences between 19th century baseball and the modern game, and covers areas of special interest such as the African-American experience and women's participation. Within this exhibit are also interactives that offer educational opportunities as

well as demonstrations with hands-on experiences.

Morven has also published a companion book, which will bring the story of early New Jersey baseball to a wider audience and allow for more in-depth understanding.

For more information, visit [morven.org](http://morven.org).



Image credit: Playing baseball at Madison, New Jersey, c. 1910. Underwood & Underwood (copyright September 30, 1911). Stereograph. Retrieved from the Library of Congress.

## ***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](http://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.

## ***The Mercer County Senior Art Show Is Scheduled For July 17 – August 9***

The Mercer County Division of Culture and Heritage along with the Office on Aging are gearing up for the annual Mercer County Senior Art Show. The show, which is scheduled from July 17 through August 9 at the Meadow Lakes Retirement Community in East Windsor, is open to all Mercer County residents 60 or older. All submissions must be the original work of the applicant, created within the last three years, and not previously entered in a Mercer County Senior Art Show or the State Senior Art Show. Applicants may submit one piece of art in any of the following categories: acrylic, craft, digital imagery, drawing, mixed media, oil, pastel, photography, print, sculpture, and

watercolor. The registration deadline is July 12. For more information, please contact the Division of Culture & Heritage at (609) 989-6899 or register online at [mercercounty.org/departments/culture-and-heritage/senior-art-show](http://mercercounty.org/departments/culture-and-heritage/senior-art-show).

We look forward to another year of creative competition from the artists who make Mercer County proud. Hope to see you at the show!



2018's Best In Show, Professional, "Distant Vineyards" by Ingrid Davis

## ***Trent House Holds its Annual Ice Cream Social***

Join The 1719 William Trent House on July 20 at 1p.m. for their Annual Ice Cream Social & Colonial Military Encampment.

Relax at their picnic tables, or bring a blanket and lounge on the lawn.

Their will be a complimentary open house of the Trent House Museum, a question and answer session from Colonial Re-Enactors as well as the museum's outdoor sculpture exhibition, "The Immigrant Experience."

No reservations required and plenty of free parking. The Trent House is located at 15 Market St, Trenton. For more information visit [williamtrenthouse.org](http://williamtrenthouse.org)

## ***New Jersey State Museum Exhibits "Many Inspired Steps"***

The New Jersey State Museum's "Many Inspired Steps" commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing that took place on July 21, 1969.

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. Currently

on view through November 10, the exhibition uses a variety of objects and images to examine the space race between the United States and the Soviet Union, the pioneers of space travel — including New Jersey born astronaut and Apollo 11 member Buzz Aldrin — and other state connections to both the landing and the space program.

The voyage to the moon is

also explored by the new planetarium show "CapCOM Go!," a documentary showcasing highlights of the Apollo program and the engineering and design that made space travel possible.

The New Jersey State Museum is located at 205 West State Street, Trenton. Admission is free; donations requested. For more information, call/ visit 609-292-5420 / [statemuseumnj.gov](http://statemuseumnj.gov).

# Master Gardeners of Mercer County to Hold Summer Gardening Talks & Demos

In celebration of 25 years of service to the home gardeners of Mercer County, the Rutgers Master Gardeners of Mercer County are presenting a summer series of Saturday morning talks and demonstrations, "Hands-on in the Garden," at Mercer Educational Gardens (MEG), located at 431 A Federal City Road in Pennington, adjacent to the Mercer County Stables. The series is free and open to the public.

Each program in the series will begin at 10:30 a.m., run 60-90 minutes, and feature one of the display gardens, with a focus on improving soil, proper siting and watering practices, and maintenance. These programs are all outside and some walking may be involved. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own water, sun protection, insect repellent, and seating, if needed. For more information on the series,

visit [mgofmc.org](http://mgofmc.org) or contact Horticulturist Margaret Pickoff at [mpickoff@mercercounty.org](mailto:mpickoff@mercercounty.org) or (609) 989-6830.

The schedule is as follows: July 13, Cottage Garden Plants; July 27, Attracting Butterflies Home; Aug. 3, Butterfly Trail at MEG; Aug. 10, Composting and Aug. 24, Creating Garden Drama with Annual Plants. Pre-register at [programs@mgofmc.org](mailto:programs@mgofmc.org).

Rutgers Master Gardeners of Mercer County is a volunteer educational outreach program of Rutgers Cooperative Extension, 1440 Parkside Avenue, Ewing, NJ. Master Gardeners take part in many volunteer programs throughout the county, and answer home horticulture ques-

tions through the Rutgers Master Gardener Helpline, (609) 989-6853, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information on the Master Gardener program, the Mercer Educational Gardens,

or other Extension educational programs, contact Rutgers Cooperative Extension at (609) 989-6830 or visit the Master Gardeners of Mercer County website at [mgofmc.org](http://mgofmc.org).



Rutgers Master Gardeners of Mercer County maintaining the Cottage Garden at Mercer Educational Gardens. Pictured left to right are Kathleen Yurwit, Hightstown; Sheryl Fuller, Trenton; Mary Wagner, Pennington; Ann Vaurio and Marge Steinberg, Princeton.

Dear Friends,

Now that summer has arrived, I hope you take the opportunity to check out all that Mercer County has to offer during the coming months. From art exhibits to theater to outdoor concerts and so much more, this edition of the Culture & Heritage newsletter is packed with events and activities from now through September.

Consider viewing the West Windsor Arts Council's exhibition featuring original drawings and paintings created by the talented artists of HomeFront's innovative therapeutic art program; taking part in the annual Mercer County Senior Art Show if you're a County resident 60 or older; or visiting the New Jersey State Museum and its exhibit commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing. And be sure to read about the John Rogers House, located in Mercer County Park, which was constructed way back in the mid-18th century.

I wish everyone a relaxing and safe summer, and hope that you enjoy exploring our great County and its rich assortment of cultural offerings.

Sincerely,



*Brian M. Hughes*  
Brian M. Hughes  
County Executive

# Calendar of Events<sup>1</sup>

## Auditions

**July 1-2, Richard III Audition Notice, Artworks.** Located at 19 Everett Alley, Trenton. For more information visit [artworkstrenton.org/](http://artworkstrenton.org/) (609) 394-9436 (W,A)

## Art Happenings

**Now - July 19, Art All Night Selects Exhibition, Artworks.** Located at 19 Everett Alley, Trenton. For more information visit [artworkstrenton.org/](http://artworkstrenton.org/) (609) 394-9436 (W,A)

## Concerts

**Every Thursday night, Now - September 5, Levitt Amp Trenton Music Series, Mill Hill Park, 5:30pm.** 7/11/19 - Shamarr Allen (Hip Hop, Jazz, Rock); 7/18/19 - Des & the Swagmatics (Soul / R&B); 7/25/19 - Dwight & Nicole (Indie Soul); 8/01/19 - PJ Rasmussen & The Boardwalk Jazz Band (Jazz); 8/08/19 - Tameca Jones (Blues & Soul); 8/15/19 - Edwin Lebron (Salsa); 8/22/19 - La Misa Negra (Afro-Latin); 8/29/19 - The New Respects (Pop Rock); 9/05/19 - Rev. Sekou & The Freedom Fighters (Gospel). For more information visit [concerts.levittamp.org/trenton](http://concerts.levittamp.org/trenton)

**Now-August 29, Summer Courtyard Concert Series, Presented by The Arts Council of Princeton & Princeton Shopping Center, 6pm.** Every Thursday night the series features the best in local and regional jazz, folk, world, rock, blues and more. For more information visit the [artscouncilofprinceton.org](http://artscouncilofprinceton.org)

**July 1, Bob Smith & The Dixiecrats: A Dixie/Patriotic Concert, Mercer County Library, Lawrence Branch, 2751 Brunswick Pike Lawrenceville, 7pm.** The magic of Dixieland Music is the spirit and wail of pure happiness. Join us as Bob Smith and the Dixiecrats play well-loved favorites such as "When the Saints Go Marching In," "Won't You Come Home Bill Bailey," "When You're Smiling," and more. Registration is suggested. Call 609-883-8294 or email [lawprogs@mcl.org](mailto:lawprogs@mcl.org).

**July 2, New York Arts Bass Trio, Princeton Summer Chamber Concerts, 7:30pm.** Richardson

Auditorium, Alexander Hall, Princeton. All concerts are free. Tickets available online one week before each concert. For more information visit [princetonchamberconcerts.org](http://princetonchamberconcerts.org)

**July 12, Rolston String Quartet, Princeton Summer Chamber Concerts, 7:30pm.** Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, Princeton. All concerts are free. Tickets available online one week before each concert. For more information visit [princetonchamberconcerts.org](http://princetonchamberconcerts.org)

**July 20, Kelly Bell Band & Swift Technique, Mercer County Park Festival Grounds, 6pm.** For more information visit [mercercountyparks.org](http://mercercountyparks.org)

**July 27, R&B/ Hip Hop Night, Mercer County Park Festival Grounds, 6pm.** For more information visit [mercercountyparks.org](http://mercercountyparks.org)

**August 3, Jazz Night With Jeff Bradshaw & Destinee Maree, Mercer County Park Festival Grounds, 6pm.** For more information visit [mercercountyparks.org](http://mercercountyparks.org)

**August 9, Country Night with Tucker Beathard & Conor Clemmons, Mercer County Park Festival Grounds, 6pm.** For more information visit [mercercountyparks.org](http://mercercountyparks.org)

**August 18, Woodstock Tribute ft. Kiss the Sky & Home Again, Mercer County Park Festival Grounds, 6pm.** For more information visit [mercercountyparks.org](http://mercercountyparks.org)  
**August 25, Summer Sing and Social, Capital Singers of Trenton, 5pm.** They will perform at Sacred Heart Church, 343 South Broad Street, Trenton. Followed by Ice Cream Social. Free event. For more information visit the [capitalsingers.org](http://capitalsingers.org).

**September 21 & 22, All Mozart - Edward T. Cone Concert, Princeton Symphony Orchestra, 4pm.** Located at Richardson Auditorium, Princeton University, (609) 497-0020. For more information visit [princetonsymphony.org](http://princetonsymphony.org) (W,P,A)

## 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](http://princetonfolkdance.org)

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

**Every Wednesday night, Contra Dances, 8pm. Suzanne Patterson Center, (609) 948-4448, \$10.** For more information visit [vivatango.org](http://vivatango.org)

**Every Thursday night, Viva Tango, 8pm.** Suzanne Patterson Center, (609) 948-4448, \$15. For more information visit [vivatango.org](http://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](http://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](http://jerseydance.com)

**Every Saturday, English Country Dance, Princeton Country Dancers, 8pm.** Suzanne Patterson Center. \$11. For more information visit [princetoncountrydancers.org](http://princetoncountrydancers.org)

## Exhibitions

**Now - November 10, Many Inspired Steps, NJ State Museum, 205 West State St, Trenton.** For more information visit [state.nj.us/state/museum](http://state.nj.us/state/museum)

**July 13 - September 8, A Quartet of Artists, Trenton City Museum.** For more info visit [ellarslie.org](http://ellarslie.org).

**July 17 - August 9, Mercer County Senior Art Show, Meadow Lakes.** 300 Meadow Lakes, East Windsor. (609) 448-4100 or call Mercer County Culture & Heritage Commission at (609) 989-6899. (W,M)

**September 15 - November 10, New Jersey Photography Forum, Trenton City Museum.** For

more info visit [ellarslie.org](http://ellarslie.org).

**Now - October 20, Helen Frankenthaler Prints: Seven Types of Ambiguity, Princeton University Art Museum.** celebrates the generous gift of ten prints and five related trial proofs from the Helen Frankenthaler Foundation to the Princeton University Art Museum. Spanning five decades and more than a dozen distinct technical processes, these works represent the continuous and generative role of printmaking in Frankenthaler's oeuvre while also tracing the ascendance of the American Print Renaissance and the emergence of a critical discourse for abstraction in the latter half of the twentieth century. Featuring approximately fifty works in total, the exhibition draws the prints from the Foundation's gift into conversation with additional works variously focusing on Frankenthaler's compositional language, working process, collaborations, evocations of place, and historical referents, revealing the vitality of the artist's work in prints throughout her remarkable career. For more information visit [artmuseum.princeton.edu](http://artmuseum.princeton.edu) (W,W)

**July 20 - October 6, LEGACY: Selections from the Gillett G. Griffin Collection, Princeton University Art Museum.** celebrates the life and career of Gillett G. Griffin (1928-2016), highlighting a selection of artworks and artifacts from the thousands that he donated and bequeathed to the Princeton University Art Museum. Griffin was not only a respected curator, scholar, and collector but also a beloved teacher—and one of the most memorable figures in the history of the university and the Princeton community. Among the fifty-five pieces in the exhibition will be Greek, Roman, Egyptian, ancient Near Eastern, Islamic, African, Chinese, Japanese, and Pre-Columbian antiquities, as well as European and American prints, drawings, and sculptures, and a handful of paintings and drawings that attest to Griffin's own talents as an artist. For more information visit [artmuseum.princeton.edu](http://artmuseum.princeton.edu) (W,W)

**Now - November 25, In the Groove: A Century of Sound, The Sarnoff Collection.** From cylinders to chiptunes, music sure has come a long way in the century that followed Thomas Edison's first phonograph. Ex-

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plore the history of music technology with a curator led tour of In The Groove: A Century of Sound. For more information visit [davidsarnoff.tcnj.edu](http://davidsarnoff.tcnj.edu)

**September 9 - November 1, Math and Art: A juried exhibition about the intersection of math and the arts. West Windsor Arts Council.** For more info visit [westwindsorarts.org](http://westwindsorarts.org). (W,A,S,P,B,V)

## Farmers Markets & Festivals

**Every Thursday Now through October; The Capital City Farmers' Market, Mill Hill Park, Trenton, 11am.** For more information visit [destinationtrenton.com/events/event-markets/](http://destinationtrenton.com/events/event-markets/)

**Every Thursday Now through November; 11am. Princeton Farmers Market, 55 Witherspoon Street, Hinds Plaza, Princeton.** For more information [princetonfarmersmarket.com](http://princetonfarmersmarket.com)

**Every Saturday through the summer; West Windsor Farmers' Market, Windsor Athletic Club, 10am, Clarksville Road, West Windsor.** For more information visit [westwindsorfarmersmarket.org](http://westwindsorfarmersmarket.org)

**Every Saturday through mid November; The Pennington Farmers Market, 9am to 1pm.** Rosedale Mills located at 101 Route 31 in Pennington. For more information visit [penningtonfarmer](http://penningtonfarmer)

**July 6-7, Blueberry Bash, Terhune Orchards, 10am.** Plenty of a activities for kids. For more information visit [terhuneorchards.com](http://terhuneorchards.com)

**July 10-14, LEAD State Fair, Mercer County Park Festival Grounds, 5pm.** For more information visit [mercercountytyparks.org](http://mercercountytyparks.org)

**August 3, The 19th Annual Butterfly Festival, Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, 10am.** Festival features live entertainment, local artisans, food, insect zoo, hay rides, nature walks, and butterfly and bug parade. Located at 31 Titus Mill Rd, Pennington. For more information visit [thewatershed.org](http://thewatershed.org).

**August 3-4, Just Peachy Festival, Terhune Orchards, 10am.** Plenty of activities for kids. \$5 admission. For more information visit [terhuneorchards.com](http://terhuneorchards.com)

**August 31 - September 1, INDO Fair, Mercer County Park Festival Grounds, 11am.** For more information visit [\[typarks.org\]\(http://typarks.org\)](http://mercercoun-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

**September 14-15 Apple Day, Terhune Orchards, 10am.** Plenty of activities for kids. For more information visit [terhuneorchards.com](http://terhuneorchards.com)

**September 27-29, Mercer County Italian American Festival, Mercer County Park Festival Grounds, 12 pm.** For more information visit <http://www.italianamericanfestival.com/>

## 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](http://hamiltonphilatelic.org) (W,V)

**Every Second Tuesday, Central Jersey Genealogical Club, Hamilton Library, 7 p.m.** For more information visit [cjcjenj.com](http://cjcjenj.com) (W,V)

**July 2, History of Mercer County's Delaware River Bridges: From Theodore Burr to Scudder Falls, Mercer County Library, Hickory Corner Branch, 138 Hickory Corner Road, East Windsor; 7pm.** Joe Donnelly, deputy executive director of communications for the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission, will talk about the 200-year history of Mercer County's Delaware River bridges and will show slides of historic photographs, news items, documents, and maps. Registration begins on June 22. Register online at [www.mcl.org](http://www.mcl.org) (Adult Programs), or call 609-448-0957 (W,V)

**August 13, UrbEx 101: Investigating Abandoned New Jersey, 7pm. Mercer County Library, Ewing Branch, 7pm.** For more information visit [mcl.org](http://mcl.org) (W,V)

## Howell Farm

**July 6, 13, 20 Evening Hayrides, Howell Living History Farm, 7:30pm.** For more information visit [howellfarm.org](http://howellfarm.org) (W,V)

**July 27, Honey Harvet, Howell Living History Farm, 10am.** Visitors will be able to help uncap and extract honey, to taste and buy honey, and to see the insides of working hives. The "bee yard" will open for visits when beekeeper Bob Hughes removes the boxes that contain frames of honey. Visitors who want a close-up view of the action, which involves "brushing" the bees off the frames, should avoid wearing perfume, cologne or hairspray. Children

can help spin honey from the frames by turning the crank of an "extractor". For more information visit [howellfarm.org](http://howellfarm.org) (W,V)

**August 3, Steam Powered Wheat Threshing, Howell Living History Farm, 10am.** For more information visit [howellfarm.org](http://howellfarm.org) (W,V)

**August 3&4, Mercer County 4-H Fair, Howell Living History Farm, 10am.** For more information visit [howellfarm.org](http://howellfarm.org) (W,V)

**August 10, Potato Harvest, Howell Living History Farm.** Celebrate the coming harvest season by unearthing a special crop of potatoes that will be donated to the Greater Mercer Food Cooperative. For more information visit [howellfarm.org](http://howellfarm.org) (W,V)

**August 17, Blacksmithing & Horseshoeing, Howell Living History Farm, 10am.** For more information visit [howellfarm.org](http://howellfarm.org) (W,V)

**August 24, Fiddlin' on the Farm, Howell Living History Farm, 10am.** Fiddlers will be competing for cash prizes. Each fiddler will perform two old-time tunes of varying tempos, and may use up to two accompanists. Also performing at the contest will be the Jugtown Mountain String Band, a traditional old-time acoustic country string band. For more information visit [howellfarm.org](http://howellfarm.org) (W,V)

**August 31, 36th Plowing Match, Howell Living History Farm, 10am.** The public is invited to watch and participate in the event, which features old-fashioned plowing and log pulling competitions, a craft and pony rides for children, and lots of food, music and old fashioned fun. A dozen teams of draft animals from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York are entered in the match, which tests the performance of farmers, their horses and oxen, and their plows as they turn furrows. Winners of the Fine Plowing Class will receive trophies, ribbons and cash prizes. For more information visit [howellfarm.org](http://howellfarm.org) (W,V)

**September 14, Canning & Storytelling Day, Howell Living History Farm, 10am.** For more information visit [howellfarm.org](http://howellfarm.org) (W,V)

**September 21, Fall Plowing & Manure Spreading, Howell Living History Farm, 10am.** For more information visit [\[farm.org\]\(http://farm.org\) \(W,V\)](http://howell-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

**September 28, Quilting Show, Howell Living History Farm, 10am.** For more information visit [howellfarm.org](http://howellfarm.org) (W,V)

## Lectures

**July 1, The Space Race, Mercer County Library, Robbinsville Branch, 42 Robbinsville-Allentown Road, Robbinsville, 7pm.** Come relive the dramatic "Space Race" from the pioneering Mercury & Gemini flights, to the Apollo 11 moon landing, to other scientific missions that followed. Presented by Kevin Woyce, lecturer, author, and photographer.

**July 3, Navigating the New Jersey Sky: How We Can Do Astronomy in Our Backyards and Try to Make Sense of It All! Mercer County Library, Hickory Corner Branch, 138 Hickory Corner Road, East Windsor, 7pm.** Erin Flowers, a PhD student in the Princeton University Astrophysics Department, will talk about how to navigate the summer sky, the upcoming astronomical events, and what it's like to be an astrophysicist! Registration begins on June 22. Register online at [www.mcl.org](http://www.mcl.org) (Adult Programs), or call 609-448-0957.

**July 9, The Space Race: 1957-1975, Mercer County Library, Ewing Branch, 61 Scotch Road, Ewing, 7pm.** To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landing on July 20, 1969, join author, photographer and lecturer Kevin Woyce for a presentation packed with historic photographs and vintage concept art. Relive the dramatic "Space Race," from the pioneering Mercury and Gemini flights to the first Apollo Moon landings and the lesser-known scientific missions that followed. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Registration required. Call 609-882-3148.

**July 15, The Lost Cause - How the South Saw the Civil War; Mercer County Library, West Windsor Branch, 333 North Post Road, Princeton Junction, 7pm.** The Lost Cause was a mythology created by Confederates to justify their catastrophic defeat and establish themselves as victims of Northern aggression. It was based on dishonest and badly distorted historical claims. It is still widely believed today. Presenter Martin Mosho reveals how the South were the true aggressors who created a racist, frequently violent culture before,

during and after the Civil War, and shows how Hollywood and the TV industry contributed to the South's mythology. Sponsored by the Friends of the West Windsor Library.

## Literary Events

**July 11, Poetry Circle, Mercer County Library, Lawrence Branch, 2751 Brunswick Pike Lawrenceville, 7pm.** The Lawrence Library Poetry Circle and Bucket Book Club are planning a two-session summer reading of Dante's masterpiece, the epic poem *The Divine Comedy*. The first session is on July 11. It will focus on a brief introduction of the various notable translations; an overview of Dante's life; the effect of his deciding to write poetry in the Italian language and his continued importance to Western literature; the political and religious background reflected in *The Divine Comedy*; the medieval mind encountered by the modern mind; and the importance of his guides: Virgil, Beatrice, St. Peter. Registration is suggested. For more information please visit [mcl.org](http://mcl.org) (WM)

## Nature

**September 14, 6th Annual Lawrence Hopewell Trail's - Full Moon Bike Ride, 7pm.** Mercer Meadows, Rosedale Park off Federal City Road, Hopewell. \$10 per person. To register or for more information please visit [ltrail.org](http://ltrail.org)

## Photography

**July 13 & September 15, Getting To Know Your Digital Camera, Princeton Photo Workshop, 1pm.** For more information visit [princetondigitalphotoworkshop.com](http://princetondigitalphotoworkshop.com)

**August 3, Mastering Composition: Beyond the Rule of Thirds, Princeton Photo Workshop, 10:30am.** For more information visit [princetondigitalphotoworkshop.com](http://princetondigitalphotoworkshop.com)

**September 7, 14, 22, Portrait Photography from Start to Finish, Princeton Photo Workshop, 10am and 1pm.** For more information visit [princetondigitalphotoworkshop.com](http://princetondigitalphotoworkshop.com)

**September 29, In The Studio: The Fine Art Nude, Princeton Photo Workshop, 10:30am.** For more information visit [princetondigitalphotoworkshop.com](http://princetondigitalphotoworkshop.com)

## Theatre

### Kelsey Theatre

**July 12 & 19, 8pm; July 13 & 20, 8pm; July 14 & 21, Cra-**

**zy For You, Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. \$20 adults, \$18 seniors, \$16 students/children.** This high-energy comedy is classic Ken Ludwig - plot twists, physical farc and mistaken identities. A stage-struck NYC banker heads to a sleepy, desolate Nevada town to foreclose a rundown theater. It's love at first sight when he runs into spunky Polly Baker, the theater owner's daughter, who doesn't realize he's the heartless businessman she's vowed to get even with. For more information visit [kelseytheatre.net](http://kelseytheatre.net) (WM)

**July 26 & August 2, 8pm; July 27 & August 3, 8pm; July 28 & August 4, 2pm. Tom Sawyer, Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, (609) 570-3333. 20 adults, \$18 seniors, \$16 students/children.** The musical features the thrill of mischief-making, the fickleness of first love, the cold shivers that linger after an adventure gone very wrong and the unbridled joy at discovering real buried treasure. Perfect for the whole family, this story is for anyone who has ever been a kid and celebrates all that is grand and glorious about childhood. For more information visit [kelseytheatre.net](http://kelseytheatre.net) (WM)

**McCarter September 6 - October 6, Gloria: A Life, McCarter Theater.** Five decades after Gloria Steinem began raising her voice for equality, her vision is as urgent as ever. The first act is Gloria's story; the second is our own, as a talking circle emerges and the audience joins in conversation. For more information visit [mccarter.org](http://mccarter.org) (W,A,S,B,M)

**Pegasus July 10 - August 21, Out of this World, Pegasus Theatre.** Directed by Ellen Renee, 6:30pm. West Windsor Arts Center, 952 Alexander Rd., Princeton Jct. Tickets are free. For more information visit [pegasustheatre.nj.org](http://pegasustheatre.nj.org).

**Princeton Summer Theatre July 4-7, July 11-14, July 17-21, Deathtrap.** An electrifying thriller from the author of *Rosemary's Baby* and *The Stepford Wives*, *Deathtrap* follows Sidney Bruhl, a washed up playwright, on a descent into murder and in-

trigue as he stops at nothing in his quest for success. One of the longest-running plays in Broadway history, this masterpiece of suspense promises an unforgettable night at the theater. For tickets please visit [princetonsummertheater.org/\(732\)997-0205](http://princetonsummertheater.org/(732)997-0205).

**July 25 - 28 & July 31 - August 4, A Midsummer Night's Dream.** Mayhem ensues when human and fairy love triangles collide in a world in environmental crisis. This hilarious and musical reinvention of one of Shakespeare's best-loved plays asks how we fall in, chase after, and dream about love when there may not be a tomorrow. Featuring marionette puppets, magic, and mayhem, this is Midsummer madness as you've never seen it before! For tickets please visit [princetonsummertheater.org/\(732\)997-0205](http://princetonsummertheater.org/(732)997-0205).

**July 26-29, August 1-5, The Children's Hour.** The Children's Hour," one child's lie throws a girls' boarding school into chaos. This fiery American classic by Lillian Hellman (*The Little Foxes*) depicts a world where rules are rigid, rumors fly faster than truth, and the hint of scandal is enough to bring two schoolteachers' lives crashing down. For tickets please visit [princetonsummertheater.org/\(732\)997-0205](http://princetonsummertheater.org/(732)997-0205).

## Tulpehaking

**Saturdays in July, Bug Hunting, Tulpehaking Nature Center.** Explore the bug world of Abbott Marshlands. With sweep nets, bug boxes and other tools of the trade, we'll take a close look at these amazing animals before releasing them back to nature. For more information visit the schedule of events at [AbbottMarshlands.org](http://AbbottMarshlands.org).

**Saturdays in July, Fish Printing, Tulpehaking Nature Center.** Create fanciful fish with paint, brush and paper through the ancient art of Gyotaku. Help us create the largest school of fish the nature center has ever seen! For more information visit the schedule of events at [AbbottMarshlands.org](http://AbbottMarshlands.org).

## Workshops

**July 13, Wood Working, Grounds for Sculpture, 1:30pm.** Develop wood-working skills in this five-session workshop designed to strengthen techniques and self-expression. Deconstruction, material usage, and qual-

## Opportunities

### • Mercer County Senior Citizen Art Show

**Exhibition Dates**

• July 17 - August 9

**Deadline - July 12**

**Prospectus**

<http://www.mercercounty.org/departments/culture-and-heritage/senior-art-show>

### • West Windsor Arts Council - Open Call for Artists

**- Math & Art: A juried exhibition about the intersection of math and the arts**

**Exhibition Dates**

• September 9 - November 1

**Deadline - August 11**

**Prospectus**

<https://westwindsorartscouncil.submittable.com/submit>

itative carving will be explored throughout. No prior experience necessary. All required tools and materials will be provided. For more information visit [groundsforsculpture.org](http://groundsforsculpture.org) (W,A,S,P,B,V)

**August 17, Studio Intensive: Concrete, Grounds for Sculpture, 11am.** Explore the possibilities of an often-overlooked material during this two-day introduction to concrete. Designed for all skill levels, experiment with molds, coloring techniques, texture transformation, and adding other raw materials to test the expressive limits of a building material that can go under appreciated in the studio. All materials and tools provided. For more information visit [groundsforsculpture.org](http://groundsforsculpture.org) (W,A,S,P,B,V)

**September 14 & September 21, Photojournalism Workshop, Grounds for Sculpture, 10:30am.** During this two-day, assignment-driven workshop, interpret and photograph visitors' reactions and interactions with the *Interference Fringe* | TALLUR L.N. exhibition using an observational and photojournalistic approach. Time will be dedicated to discussion and careful reflection on ethics and best practices of documenting others. For more information visit [groundsforsculpture.org](http://groundsforsculpture.org) (W,A,S,P,B,V)



## Artworks Presents American Steel Forever: Train Art in America

American Steel Forever is a celebration of American train art and culture.

The exhibit, curated by Leon Rainbow, will open August 3 and is on view until August 31. This exhibit will feature

a multi-media presentation of artwork that explores this rich history, including:

- HO/G Scale Model Trains painted/ weathered by artists
- examples of "hobo

- customized railroad signs
- original artwork, photographs and installations

Artworks is located at 19 Everett Alley, Trenton. Their viewing hours are Tuesday to Saturday 11a.m. - 6 p.m. / Late Hours: Thursday and Friday until 8 p.m. For more information visit [artworkstrenton.org/](http://artworkstrenton.org/)

## A Place In Time: John Rogers House

The John Rogers house, located in Mercer County Park, West Windsor, Mercer County, was constructed in the mid-18th century and derives its name from John Rogers, Jr., its earliest known occupant. Windsor Township, organized in 1750, was part of Middlesex County until it was set off to Mercer County in 1838. At the time when the Rogers house was constructed, Windsor Township was sparsely populated and largely agrarian in nature. Woodward and Hageman's History of Burlington and Mercer Counties cited the township as having fertile soil, very suitable for the cultivation of grains.

Although his genealogy remains somewhat unclear, John Rogers, Jr. was likely the son of an elder John Rogers who is known to have passed away in 1769 and to have lived in Windsor Township on property which was situated not far from the John Rogers House. Thus the house currently being studied should perhaps more properly be termed the John Rogers, Jr. House. Title research, although somewhat inconclusive, seems to indicate that the house stands on one of several parcels of land on the south side of the Assunpink Creek that were purchased by Robert Rogers, Matthew Rogers and



John Rogers House, Mercer County Park, West Windsor.

John Rogers, Jr. in the 1740's. Both Robert and Matthew Rogers were designated in the will of John Rogers, Sr. as being among the latter's sons. John Rogers, Jr.'s name was not specifically mentioned in the above-referenced document but his close association with Robert and Matthew in earlier land purchases and his designation in some of these records as John Rogers, Jr. points towards a sibling relationship.

In 1746, Robert Rogers and John Rogers, Jr. acquired a 1.08-acre tract of land in Windsor Township from William and John Hutchinson. The following year John Rogers, Jr. and Matthew and Robert Rogers bought a neighboring tract from John and William Burnet. The brothers held these tracts together until 1757, when John Rogers, Jr. took separate title to his share of the brothers' lands. John

Rogers, Jr.'s property was bounded by the Assunpink River on the north, the Old Post Road towards the east and extended southwardly along a portion of Robert's land. It is yet to be determined whether the house is situated on the land the brothers purchased from William and John Hutchinson or on the tract purchased from John and William Burnett. Neither the deed given to John Rogers, Jr. by his brothers in 1757 nor any of the earlier deeds referenced above noted the existence of a message on the property.

A pattern brickwork date on the eastern gable has been alternatively interpreted as reading either "1751" or "1761." If the date in the gable reads 1751 then the house was constructed during the period in which the property was jointly held by the Rogers brothers, but if the date reads 1761 then the building was constructed soon after John Rogers came into sole possession of the property. The lower portions of the numerals extend underneath the full return of the cornice of the closed gable indicating that the closed gable was a later modification to the building's design.

For more information about this historic site visit [mercercounty.org](http://mercercounty.org).

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