



# Going Places

## Mercer County Culture & Heritage Happenings

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### *Celebrate Earth Day with the 15th Annual TrashedArt contest*

Join the Mercer County Library System for its 15th Annual TrashedArt Contest. The contest, which celebrates Earth Day, encourages patrons to turn ordinary trash into extraordinary art. The library will accept artwork starting Wednesday, Feb. 28 through Wednesday, March 6, 2024. Accepted artwork will be on display at Mercer County Library System branches throughout the month of March and April. Adults and teens (ages 14 and up) who live, work or go to school in Mercer County are eligible to participate.

Entries must be original artwork, no larger than 2.5' by 2.5' by 2.5' and no heavier than 10 lbs. Any art medium is acceptable, as long as a minimum of 75% recycled content is used. Some examples of recycled content include metals, paper, rubber, glass (but no



TrashedArt 2018 Winners

sharp shards), plastic and cloth. The contest is limited to one entry per artist.

The Grand Prize winners in first, second and third place for adults, first place in a special student category, and People's Choice award winners will be announced at the TrashedArt Contest Reception at the Mercer County Library System's Lawrence Headquarters Branch, 2751 Brunswick Pike, Lawrence Township, on Tuesday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. Entries will be anonymously judged by local artists and representatives of the Mercer County Library System on creativity, originality and artistic merit. Patrons will have a chance to vote for the "People's Choice" awards in-person at each of the nine branches and virtually on the MCLS website. For more information about entry and the reception, visit [mcl.org/events/trashedart](http://mcl.org/events/trashedart).

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### *Save the Date: The 12th annual Merer County Cultural Festival is June 8*



Hea Sun Jung Traditional Arts Academy's Korean Fan Dance, 2023 Cultural Festival. Mercer County Executive Dan Benson and the Board of County Commissioners

present the 12th annual Mercer County Cultural Festival, on Saturday, June 8, rain or shine, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 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! Mercer County is also bringing back the popular international Food Trucks, which feature a delicious array of dishes from some of the best eateries in the region. The popular biergarten also returns.

Admission and parking are free. To learn more about the event, visit [mercercounty.org/departments/culture-and-heritage/cultural-festival](http://mercercounty.org/departments/culture-and-heritage/cultural-festival) or contact The Mercer County Division of Culture & Heritage at (609) 278-2712 or [culturalfestival@mercercounty.org](mailto:culturalfestival@mercercounty.org)

## Lecture on Washington's Crossing of the Delaware focuses on Ewing area

A program on Ewing's connections to General George Washington's crossing of the Delaware River in 1776 will be presented by author historians Robert Sands, Jr. and Patricia E. Millen on Sunday, March 3. Topics of discussion will include the path that Washington's army took on their way to the Battle of Trenton, with details about the markers on Bear Tavern Road that display the army's travels, and Washington splitting

his troops into two groups at the crossroads then known as Birmingham (Bear Tavern Road and West Upper Ferry Road), contributing to the success of this pivotal battle. Sands and Millen will also detail the history chronologically of the local people associated with this event, both as it happened, and also as it has been re-enacted as an annual tradition on Christmas Day thanks to the efforts of St. John

Terrell, John Godzieba, and other reenactors. The artistic depictions of the crossing, such as Leutze's masterpiece painting from 1851, *Washington Crossing the Delaware*, and their importance as a symbol of patriotism will also be examined. This program will take place on Sunday, March 3 at 2 p.m. at the historic 1867

Ewing. A book signing and refreshments will follow. Ample parking is available across the street and the venue is ADA compliant. Hosts of this free lecture, open to the public, are the Ewing Township Historic Society, the Lawrence Historical Society and the Friends of the 1867 Sanctuary. To learn more, call (609) 883-2455 or email [info@thps.org](mailto:info@thps.org)



Author historians Patricia E. Millen (left) and Robert Sands Jr. (right).

## Two film festivals coming to Trenton

This spring, the Trenton Film Society (TFS) is calling on local filmmakers and film enthusiasts to participate in two film festivals - the 2024 Oscar Shorts Film Festival and the 2024 Trenton Film Festival: Regional Documentaries.

The 2024 Oscar Shorts Film Festival, March 8-9 at Mill Hill Playhouse's Passage Theatre, 205 E Front St, Trenton, is offering locals the annual chance to predict the Oscar-nominated short film winners in all three categories - animated, live, and documentary. Tickets are \$20 for the March 8 documentary showing, and \$12 on March 9.

Then, on May 18, TFS is focusing on local documentaries as part one of this year's Trenton Film Festival. Submissions are now being accepted.

To learn more about both upcoming film festivals, email [trentonfilms@gmail.com](mailto:trentonfilms@gmail.com) or visit [trentonfilmsociety.org](http://trentonfilmsociety.org)

## Italian pianists Andrea Turini to perform J.S. Bach in Princeton

On April 7 at 4 p.m., Altamura Legacy Concerts (ALC) at Princeton United Methodist Church will welcome Italian pianist Andrea Turini. He will perform J.S. Bach's monumental Goldberg Variations.

Andrea Turini completed his musical studies at the "Arrigo Boito" Conservatory of Music in Parma, where he graduated in piano under the guidance of Professor Anna Maria Menicatti. He then

attended the chamber music course at the Ecole Normale de Paris, obtaining a higher diploma with full mark. There, he perfected his craft with internationally renowned pianist Kostantin Bogino and Humberto Quagliata.

General Admission to Turini's Princeton performance is \$40 (\$10 for students). Tickets can be purchased with cash at the door or through reserved seating on Eventbrite.com. The church, located at 7

Altamura Legacy Concert Series welcomes Italian pianist Andrea Turini

Vandeventer Ave, Princeton, is wheelchair accessible. For more information, call (609) 924-2613 or visit the Legacy Concerts page

at [www.legacyartsinternational.org/modals/legacy-concerts.html](http://www.legacyartsinternational.org/modals/legacy-concerts.html)

# *Alice Paul Institute to be recognized at the 2024 Beulah Oliphant Award Ceremony*

Join the Old Barracks Museum in recognizing the achievements of the founding members of the Alice Paul Institute for their contributions to New Jersey historic preservation. On Thursday, March 7, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., The Old Barracks Museum will be serving wine and hors d'oeuvres as they present the 2024 Beulah Oliphant Award. Tickets are \$35. To purchase please visit [barracks.org](http://barracks.org). The Alice Paul Institute (API) was founded in 1984 by a group of visionary women dedicated to honoring the life, legacy and ideals of its namesake, Alice Stokes Paul. Throughout her life,

Dear Friends,

As the weather warms and the trees begin to flower, I hope you'll take time to explore the wealth of cultural activities that Mercer County offers.

In the Spring edition of Going Places you can learn about a wide range of events occurring over the coming months. In March you can mark Women's History Month by attending the Beulah Oliphant Award Ceremony honoring the contributions of the Alice Paul Institute. Celebrate Earth Day in April by voting for your favorite entrant in Mercer County Library System's TrashedArt competition. In May you can view documentaries by local filmmakers at the Trenton Film Festival. And in June we are very excited to bring our Mercer County community together to celebrate our diversity at the 12th Annual Mercer County Cultural Festival!

We are fortunate to live in a county rich in both history and creativity. This Spring, I encourage you to take advantage of all the opportunities Mercer County has to offer.

Sincerely,



Dan Benson  
County Executive



Alice Stokes Paul, namesake of The Alice Paul Institute. Alice Paul was committed to the cause of equality. She was a founder of the National Woman's Party, authored the Equal Rights Amendment, and was crucial to getting the 19th Amendment to the Constitution ratified in 1920. The API was established to ensure that Paul's dedication to equality and her legacy are preserved and passed on to future generations. Their mission is fulfilled by providing educational programs to nearly 3,000 students annually, giving tours of Paulsdale, and hosting leadership programs for middle and high school girls. The Founding Members of the Alice Paul Institute are NJ Senator Diane Allen, Elsie Behmer, Judith Glick Buckman, Christine Borget, Nancy Buchanan, Barbara Haney Irvine, Dee O'Neil, Patricia Owens, Jean Perry, Nancy Quinn, Diane Quinton, Janet Tegley, and Patricia Kane Williams.

## *Morven in May, a Spring garden party*

2024 marks Morven Museum & Garden's 20th anniversary as a museum. They are excited to launch celebrations at Morven in May.

This treasured annual tradition, taking place on May 17 at 7 - 9 p.m., signifies the arrival of Spring and offers a welcome opportunity for the museum and community to come together.

Gather with friends, both new and old, in Morven's backyard garden and enjoy delicious food, spirited beverages, lively music and more. Guests may view the special exhibition 'Morven Revealed', which showcases rarely exhibited objects and newly discovered photos of this significant home and its residents.

Morven Museum & Garden is located at 55 Stockton St, Princeton. Fundraising tickets for Morven in May begin at \$250. To learn more about this Spring garden party, call (609) 924 - 8144 or [morven.org/fy24/may](http://morven.org/fy24/may)

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

## Art Happenings

**March 1, 7:15-9:30 p.m., Family Fun Night**, West Windsor Arts, 952 Alexander Rd, Princeton Junction. Meet other families and friends with similar interests and enjoy getting creative together. Activities include arts and crafts stations, board and card games, building stations with legos and blocks, and galaxy fun in our space room! Light snacks and refreshments will be available. (609) 716-1931 / westwindsorarts.org

**March 5, 2 p.m., Craft & Chat**, The Mercer County Library System: Twin Rivers Branch, 276 Abington Dr, East Windsor. Bring a craft that you are working on independently, and sit with other crafters and chat while you work. No craft supplies will be provided during this program. Participants will bring their own crafts to work on. Registration required. (609) 443-1880 / mcl.org

**March 6, 13, 20 & 27, 1-2 p.m., Knitting and Crochet Club**, The Mercer County Library System: Hollowbrook Branch, 320 Hollowbrook Dr, Ewing. Are you passionate about crafting with yarn and creating cozy, handmade masterpieces? Look no further! This Knitting and Crochet Club is the perfect place for beginners and experienced crafters alike to come together and share their love for all things yarn art. For ages 16 and up. (609) 883-5914 / mcl.org

**March 8, 7-8 p.m., GR8 Works**, West Windsor Arts, 952 Alexander Rd, Princeton Junction. Get ready for a gr8 time! Artists are invited to participate in "GR8 Works" by creating an original 8x8 inch artwork to raise funds to support a diverse and accessible art program focusing on community. Each piece of original artwork will be available for purchase at \$88. Join West Windsor Arts for this festive evening with the artists and enjoy some refreshments, all supporting the arts. Free admission. (609) 716-1931 / westwindsorarts.org/exhibition/call-to-artists-gr8-works-2024/

**May 3-18, ArtJam 2024**, HomeFront, Inc. ArtJam is an ev-

er-changing gallery experience. In the spirit of inclusivity and empowerment, ArtJam '24 will feature works by national, local, and student artists, presented alongside works by HomeFront's undiscovered or self-taught ArtSpace artists. The pop-up venue location has yet to be determined. [artspace@homefrontnj.org](mailto:artspace@homefrontnj.org) / [homefront-artspace.com/artjam-2024](http://homefront-artspace.com/artjam-2024)

## Concerts

**March 3, 4 p.m., Pictures at an Exhibition and Davidsbündlertänze, Op. 6**, Altamura Legacy Concerts (ALC), Princeton United Methodist Church, 7 Vandeventer Ave. The ALC presents master Russian pianist and Tchaikovsky Competition jury member Boris Petrushansky performing Mussorgsky's iconic Pictures at an Exhibition paired with Schumann's masterpiece Davidsbündlertänze, Op. 6. This concert marks the septuagenarian's historic return to the U.S.A. in over two decades. Ticket Cost: \$40 General Admission; \$10 Students. [legacyartsintl@gmail.com](mailto:legacyartsintl@gmail.com) / [legacyinternational.org](http://legacyinternational.org)

**March 15, 8 p.m., Her Sacred Spirit Soars**, Capital Singers of Trenton, 1867 Sanctuary and Culture Center, 101 Scotch Rd, Ewing. The Chorale will feature "the little match girl passion" by David Lang and other works by Tavener and Whitacre. A free will offering will be accepted. (609) 392-6409 / 1867sanctuary.org

**March 16, 7 p.m., Trenton Music Makers open for the Capital Philharmonic of New Jersey (CPNJ)**, Patriots Theatre's War Memorial Auditorium, 1 War Memorial, Trenton. Trenton Music Makers will warm up the stage for CPNJ's performance of works by Igor Stravinsky, Valerie Coleman and Philip Glass. Ticket Cost: \$30 - \$50 (seat depending). (800) 514-3849 / [capitalphilharmonic.org](http://capitalphilharmonic.org)

**April 14, 2 p.m., Spring Into Song Benefit**, Capital Singers of Trenton, Central Baptist Church, 2015 Pennington Rd, Ewing. This benefit concert is under the direction of Artistic

Director and Conductor Vinroy D. Brown, Jr. (609) 434-2781 / [capitalsingers.org](http://capitalsingers.org)

**May 11, 4 p.m., Spring Concert**, Voice Chorale NJ & Berks Sinfonietta Chamber Orchestra, Trinity Church, 33 Mercer St, Princeton. Join for a unique musical production featuring Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass interspersed with contemporary pieces including Stings' "Fragile" arranged by Mac Huff. Ticket Cost: \$20 online; \$25 at the door. [info@voiceschoralenj.org](mailto:info@voiceschoralenj.org) / [voiceschoralenj.org](http://voiceschoralenj.org)

**May 5, 4 p.m., Shout for Joy!** Capital Singers of Trenton, Sacred Heart Church, 343 South Broad St, Trenton. This concert is under the direction of Artistic Director and Conductor Vinroy D. Brown, Jr. and will include works by Handel, Hailstork, and Garrett. (609) 434-2781 / [capitalsingers.org](http://capitalsingers.org)

**May 19, 4 p.m., The Element**, Capital Singers Women's Ensemble, Sacred Heart Church, 343 South Broad St, Trenton. This concert is under the direction of Associate Conductor Ellen J. Dondero. Pieces by Rosephanye Powell, Elaine Hagenberg, Ruth Elaine Schram, Joseph M. Martin, Nancy Grundahl, and others will be performed. (609) 434-2781 / [capitalsingers.org](http://capitalsingers.org)

**April 14, 2 p.m. Spring into Song**, Hopewell Valley Chorus, Central Church, 2115 Pennington Rd, Ewing. Enjoy this collaborative concert by the Hopewell Valley Chorus, Trenton Children's Chorus, Capital Singers of Trenton, and the Trentones of the College of New Jersey. Free admission. Donations collected will benefit the Trenton Children's Chorus. [hopewellvalleychorus@gmail.com](mailto:hopewellvalleychorus@gmail.com) / [hopewellvalleychorus.org](http://hopewellvalleychorus.org)

**May 10, 7 p.m., Hopewell Valley Chorus Spring Concert**, St. James Church, 115 E. Delaware Ave, Pennington. This seasonal concert will feature the tunes Out of the Ashes of Holocaust, by Joshua Fishbein and Gabriel Faure's Requiem. Ticket Cost: \$15 General Admission; \$12 Seniors/Students. [hopewellvalleychorus@gmail.com](mailto:hopewellvalleychorus@gmail.com) / [hopewellvalleychorus.org](http://hopewellvalleychorus.org)

## Film/Movie

**Princeton Garden Theatre**  
**March 10, 7 p.m., Hollywood Awards Viewing Party & Reception**, Princeton Garden Theatre, 160 Nassau St, Princeton. Ticket Cost (Viewing Party ONLY): \$13.50 General Admission; \$7.75 Students; and \$10 Princeton University Staff/Faculty. Ticket Cost (Reception & Viewing Party): \$45 General Admission; \$35 Members. (609) 279-1999 / [princetongardentheatre.org](http://princetongardentheatre.org)

**March 10, 7 p.m., Paul Muldoon: Laoithe is Lirici (A Life in Lyrics)**, Princeton Garden Theatre, 160 Nassau St, Princeton. Film screening followed by Q&A with Paul Muldoon. Ticket Cost: \$13.50 General Admission; \$7.75 Members; \$10 Students; \$11 Seniors and Princeton University Staff/Faculty. (609) 279-1999 / [princetongardentheatre.org](http://princetongardentheatre.org)

**March 13, 7 p.m., Porco Rosso**, Princeton Garden Theatre, 160 Nassau St, Princeton. Film screening followed by an online discussion on March 25, led by Princeton University Professor Junko Ymazaki. Ticket Cost: \$13.50 General Admission; \$7.75 Members; \$10 Students; \$11 Seniors and Princeton University Staff/Faculty. The March 25 discussion is free. (609) 279-1999 / [princetongardentheatre.org](http://princetongardentheatre.org)

**March, 27, 7 p.m., Imagining the Indian**, Princeton Garden Theatre in partnership with the Princeton University Department of Religion, 160 Nassau St, Princeton. Film screening and Q&A with director. Ticket Cost: \$13.50 General Admission; \$7.75 Members; \$10 Students; \$11 Seniors and Princeton University Staff/Faculty. (609) 279-1999 / [princetongardentheatre.org](http://princetongardentheatre.org)

**April 3, 7 p.m., Gilda**, Princeton Garden Theatre, 160 Nassau St, Princeton. Film screening followed by an online discussion on April 9, led by TCM writer Hannah Jack. Ticket Cost: \$13.50 General

1. Mercer County Cultural & Heritage Commission cannot be responsible for errors or omissions. Call ahead to confirm times and prices. Deadline of May 10 for the June, July and August 2024 Summer Newsletter.

Admission; \$7.75 Members; \$10 Students; \$11 Seniors and Princeton University Staff/Faculty. The April 9 discussion is free. (609) 279-1999 / princetongardentheatre.org

**April 4, 7 p.m., The Color Purple**, Princeton Garden Theatre, 160 Nassau St, Princeton. Film screening followed by an in-theatre discussion led by Princeton University Professor Kinohi Nishikawa. Ticket Cost: \$13.50 General Admission; \$7.75 Members; \$10 Students; \$11 Seniors and Princeton University Staff/Faculty. (609) 279-1999 / princetongardentheatre.org

**April 18, 7 p.m., Ex-Shaman**, Princeton Garden Theatre in Partnership with the Princeton University Art Museum and Princeton University's Brazil LAB, 160 Nassau St, Princeton. Free event. (609) 279-1999 / princetongardentheatre.org

**April 27, 9:45 p.m., Perfect Blue - Animation Takeover**, Princeton Garden Theatre, 160 Nassau St, Princeton. Film screening followed by a film discussion on May 20, led by Middlebury Professor Nikolina Dobrevva. Ticket Cost: \$13.50 General Admission; \$7.75 Members; \$10 Students; \$11 Seniors and Princeton University Staff/Faculty. The May 20 discussion is free. (609) 279-1999 / princetongardentheatre.org

**May 1, 7 p.m., Dance Girl Dance**, Princeton Garden Theatre, 160 Nassau St, Princeton. Film screening followed by an online discussion discussion on May 14, led by TCM writer Hannah Jack. Ticket Cost: \$13.50 General Admission; \$7.75 Members; \$10 Students; \$11 Seniors and Princeton University Staff/Faculty. The May 14 discussion is free. (609) 279-1999 / princetongardentheatre.org

**May 15, 7 p.m., Ran**, Film screening followed by in-theater discussion, led by Princeton University Professor Junko Ymazaki. Ticket Cost: \$13.50 General Admission; \$7.75 Members; \$10 Students; \$11 Seniors and Princeton University Staff/Faculty. The in-theater discussion is free. (609) 279-1999 / princetongardentheatre.org

## Historical Tours

**April 7 & May 5, 2 - 4 p.m., Free Guided House Tour of the Benjamin Temple House (1750)**, Ewing Township Historic Preservation Society, 27 Federal City Road, Ewing. (609) 883-2455 / ethps.org

## History Happenings

**March 28, 6 p.m., Larry Kidder "The Revolutionary Work of a Free Black Man": Spring Lecture Series**, The Old Barracks Museum, 101 Barrack St, Trenton. William Kidder will discuss Jacob Francis's experiences as an indentured servant including his time as a soldier during the American Revolution, and later as a free man raising a family. Free Admission. (609) 396-1776 / info@oldbarracks.org / barracks.org

**April 1, 7 p.m., Joseph Bonaparte and the Hamilton Connection**, Hamilton Historic Society, Hamilton Library lower-level meeting rooms 3 and 4, 1 Justice Samuel Alito Way, Hamilton. (609) 585-1686 / historicalsocietiofhamiltontwpmercer.org

**April 4, 6 p.m., Jack Kelly "God Save Benedict Arnold": Spring Lecture Series**, The Old Barracks Museum, 101 Barrack St, Trenton. Jack Kelly gives a new perspective on the career of Benedict Arnold who was only ever known for committing treason, exploring his time as a soldier and his feats during the Revolutionary War which led to his momentous change of heart. Free Admission. (609) 396-1776 / info@oldbarracks.org / barracks.org

**May 13, 7 p.m., Dr. Charles Abbott, Hamilton Archaeologist audio-visual program**, Hamilton Historic Society, Hamilton Library lower-level meeting rooms 3 and 4, 1 Justice Samuel Alito Way, Hamilton. (609) 585-1686 / historicalsocietiofhamiltontwpmercer.org

## Howell Farm

**April 6, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., New Faces Day**, Howell Living History Farm, 70 Woodens Ln, Hopewell Township. Step inside a working henhouse where the farm's Barred Rock chickens are busy laying and help a farmer make their feed: then reach into a nest box and take out an egg to bring home! Visitors will learn egg candling

and grading, and can also visit the farm's 50 new baby chicks in the brooder coop. (609) 737-3299 / howellfarm.org

**April 13, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Spring Beekeeping & Tree Planting**, Howell Living History Farm, 70 Woodens Ln, Hopewell Township. Spring is a busy time for bees and beekeepers alike, and today you'll learn about what makes a healthy hive. Meet our honeybees, peek inside their hive, and find out what they do for us around the farm and in the gardens. (609) 737-3299 / howellfarm.org

**April 20, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Potato Planting**, Howell Living History Farm, 70 Woodens Ln, Hopewell Township. Visitors of all ages can join workhorses Bill and Jesse to help plant a field of potatoes that will yield over 2,000 pounds of food for local soup kitchens. (609) 737-3299 / howellfarm.org

**May 4, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Hog Stopping & Weighing**, Howell Living History Farm, 70 Woodens Ln, Hopewell Township. Guess the weights of the Howell Farm hogs as they step onto the scales for their summer weigh-in! Visitors will learn the finer points of keeping pigs, including their history, diet, and some fun facts. Next they'll guess their weight, grind corn, mix feed, fill the wallow, and slop the hogs. (609) 737-3299 / howellfarm.org

**May 11, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sheep Shearing & Herding**, Howell Living History Farm, 70 Woodens Ln, Hopewell Township. "Shear Fun" is in store with sheep shearing, wool spinning, and weaving demonstrations throughout the day...and a special guest appearance by award-winning border collies herding sheep in the round pasture! (609) 737-3299 / howellfarm.org

**May 18, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Corn Planting & Gardening**, Howell Living History Farm, 70 Woodens Ln, Hopewell Township. Once the threat of frost is gone, farmers take to the fields to plant their last spring crop. On corn planting day, you can see them in action using workhorses and a circa-1900 planter. Head back to the barnyard to help shell and grind corn for the pigs and chickens...then make your way to the farmhouse to learn how corn is processed for baking, and sample

some fresh-baked cornbread! (609) 737-3299 / howellfarm.org

**May 25, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Haying & Wagon Rides**, Howell Living History Farm, 70 Woodens Ln, Hopewell Township. Learn how to make hay the old-fashioned way...head up to the fields where farmers are cutting, tedding, and raking loose hay to store in the barn for the horses! (609) 737-3299 / howellfarm.org

## Lectures/Talks

**March 4, 7 p.m. Unsung Heros: Jewish Women**, The Mercer County Library System (MCLS), Virtual Program. Many Jewish women have blazed trails for the generations that followed. Explore the contributions of several Jewish women who have worked to better the lives of those around them. Learn about Rose Schneiderman, labor leader, Lillian Wald, public health pioneer and more! Presented by historian and educator, Howard Rosenberg. Registration required. (609) 882-9246 / mcl.org

**March 5, 13, 20 & 27, 6:30 p.m., Grand Homes & Gardens 2024 Speaker Series**, Morven Museum & Garden, 55 Stockton St, Princeton. Join Morven, New Jersey's first Governors' Mansion, as we explore four current U.S. Governors' mansions, learning from experts about how these spaces were created to embody the state and the people they seek to represent. In-Person Series Tickets: \$90 General Admission, \$60 Students & Morven Members; Virtual Series Tickets: \$70 General Admission, \$30 Students & Morven Members. (609) 924-8144 / morven.org

**March 6, 2:30 p.m., Eating the Rainbow**, The Mercer County Library System (MCLS), Virtual Program. March is National Nutrition Month! Join Ricardo Kairos, Family and Community Health Sciences Educator, to hear about the importance of eating a variety of colorful fruits and vegetables throughout the week. Ricardo will explain what Phytonutrients are and the health benefits we get from different colors in foods, share easy ways to add a mix of colorful foods into your meals, and highlight healthy recipes you can try at home. Registration required. (609) 882-9246 /

mcl.org

**March 7, 7-8 p.m., Women and the Right to Vote**, The Mercer County Library System: Lawrence Headquarters Branch, 2751 Brunswick Pike, Lawrenceville. This presentation will cover a brief history of US voting rights, how women won the right to vote, current trends in women's voting, and the election timeline for 2024. The presenter, Sandy Smith, resides in Lawrenceville, NJ, and is a member of the League of Women Voters-Lawrence Township. She retired from a career in medical research at Bristol-Myers Squibb and now volunteers with Literacy NJ, teaching classes for immigrants interested in becoming US citizens. Advanced registration is appreciated. (609) 883-8292 / mcl.org

**March 12, 7 p.m., Indomitable Women Artists**, The Mercer County Library System (MCLS), Virtual Program. America in the years 1929-1959 saw the growth of consumerism, a world war, changing roles for women and Abstract Expressionism. Female artists had to surmount unbelievable odds for their art to be seen in galleries, then museums, and to be accepted by the male dominated world of art. Comparison of the 18th and 20th centuries hurdles brings credence and respect, highlighting the works of Lee Krasner, Joan Mitchell, Grace Hartigan and Kauffman. Presented by Jeanne Johnson, docent at the Princeton University Art Museum as well as Morven Museum & Gardens. Registration required. (609) 882-9246 / mcl.org

**March 23, 2 p.m., Nobody Owns the Sky: Fascinating Stories of Forgotten Female Aviators**, The Mercer County Library System: Robbinsville Branch, 42 Robbinsville-Allentown Rd, Robbinsville. Carol Simon Levin portrays Elinor Smith Sullivan to tell the stories of some of the early female pilots who risked their lives in flimsy wood and canvas aeroplanes but whose ground-breaking exploits were lost to history after Amelia Earhart's famous disappearance. Registration required. (609) 259-2150 / mcl.org

## Literature

**March 19, 7 p.m., A Few Kind Words**, The Mercer County Library System (MCLS), Virtual Program. Wellness coach

Tracey Gates, author of *The Power of A Few Kind Words*, will share empowering lessons learned on her transformational journey of writing an unexpected letter of appreciation to a different person every day for one year. This intentional kindness practice provides benefits for the writer as well as the recipient. Participants will hear inspiring stories and be guided in writing their own unexpected letter of appreciation. Registration required. (609) 882-3130 / mcl.org

**March 20, 7 p.m., Overlooked Ingenuity**, The Mercer County Library System (MCLS), Virtual Program. Carol Simon Levin tells the stories of women who overcame the combined barriers of gender and race to create inventions that have changed our world. Registration required. (609) 882-3130 / mcl.org

**March 27, 7 p.m., The Lindbergh Nanny: Author Talk with Mariah Fredericks**, The Mercer County Library System (MCLS), Virtual Program. Mariah Fredericks discusses her novel, *The Lindbergh Nanny* and the extensive research she did to write about the 1932 kidnapping of 20-month-old Charles Lindbergh Jr. The talk will be accompanied by a slide show of key people and moments in the case. It also will touch on the ethics of writing about true crime, the challenges of depicting historical figures, and parallels to today's media coverage of sensational cases. Registration required. (609) 882-9246 / mcl.org

## Nature

**Feb. 26 - April 8, Morven Annual Spring Plant Sale**, Morven Museum & Garden, 55 Stockton St, Princeton. Order curated selections from Morven's expert horticulturalist staff of deer resistant plants, annuals, perennials, veggies, heirloom, and prolific container plants. Plant pick up will be in mid May offering the healthiest and happiest plants ready for planting just after fear of frost. (609) 924-8144 / morven.org

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hibition *Morven Revealed*, showcasing rarely exhibited objects and newly discovered photos of this significant home and its residents. Fundraising tickets begin at \$250. (609) 924-8144 / morven.org

## Theater

**March 15, 8 p.m. & March 17, 3 p.m., George Bizet's Carmen**, The College of New Jersey, Kendall Hall Performance Center, Park Dr, Ewing. Boheme Opera NJ sets the stage ablaze with Georges Bizet's *Carmen*. Come back to Spain's volatile 1940s - when Franco ruled with an iron fist and the world was engulfed in war - for this torrid tale of lust and vengeance. It is within this inferno that *Carmen* lives - and passions burn. Ticket Cost: \$80 Median; \$55 Basic and Wheelchair-Accessible Premier; \$35 Wheelchair-Accessible Basic. (609) 581-9551 / bohemeopera-newjersey@gmail.com / bohemeopera.org/carmen

## Kelsey Theatre

**April, 7 & 14, 2 p.m., MCCC's Academic Theater and Dance Department**, Kelsey Theatre at Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor. Ticket Cost: \$22/\$20 (609) 570-3333 /kelsey.mccc.edu

**April 19, 20, 26 & 27 and May 4, 8 p.m.; April 21, May 4 & 5, 2 p.m.** Kelsey Theatre at Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor. Ticket Cost: \$26/\$24 (609) 570-3333 /kelsey.mccc.edu

**April 20, 1 p.m. & 4 p.m., The Frog Prince**, Kelsey Theatre at Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor. Ticket Cost: \$16/\$14 (609) 570-3333 /kelsey.mccc.edu

**May 11, 8 p.m.; May 12, 2 p.m., Mercer Dance Ensemble Concert**, Kelsey Theatre at Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor. Ticket Cost: \$22/\$20 (609) 570-3333 /kelsey.mccc.edu

**May 18, 19, 25 & 26, 1 p.m. & 4 p.m., The Jungle Book**, Kelsey Theatre at Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor.

## Mercer County C&H Grant Schedule (501c3 ONLY)

### Mercer County Local Arts Program (LAP) & Mercer County History Re-Grant Program (FY25):

- April 1, 2024 - Application Opens!
- July 1, 2024 - Deadline to submit

### Mercer County Special 250th Mini Planning Grant:

- April 1, 2024 - Application Opens!
- April 30, 2024 - Deadline to submit

For more information about Mercer County Culture & Heritage Grants, call (609) 278-2712 or visit [mercercounty.org/departments/culture-and-heritage/grants-information](http://mercercounty.org/departments/culture-and-heritage/grants-information)

Ticket Cost: \$16/\$14 (609) 570-3333 /kelsey.mccc.edu

## Workshops/Groups

**March 4, 5:30 - 8 p.m., Boris Petrushansky Piano Masterclass, Altamura Legacy Concerts (ALC)**, Taplin Hall on the Princeton University Campus. Petrushansky will work with young pianists from the Music Department at Princeton University. The class is free and open to the public. [legacyart-sintl@gmail.com](mailto:legacyart-sintl@gmail.com) / [legacyinternational.org](http://legacyinternational.org)

**March 21, 7 - 8 p.m., Brain Injury Prevention Workshop**, Mercer County Library System (MCLS) Lawrence Headquarters Branch, 2751 Brunswick Pike, Lawrenceville. This fun and interactive workshop is designed by The Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey to educate attendees on ways to stay safe both at home and in the community. It offers an overview of brain injury, along with valuable driving and pedestrian safety tips, and practical advice on preventing falls. Advanced registration is required. (609) 883-8292 / [lawprogs@mcl.org](mailto:lawprogs@mcl.org) / mcl.org

# Grounds for Sculpture presents *Night Forms: a multi-sensory art and horticulture experience*

For the third Night Forms season, Grounds for Sculpture partners with Klip Collective to present an after-hours, multi-sensory light and sound experience that uses projection mapping to engage with the Grounds For Sculpture art and horticulture collections. Night Forms creates an evening landscape of creative exploration through lighting, sound and video projection mapping, a process pioneered by Klip Collective. Designed to provide a dialogue with specific sculptures in the collection, such as Carlos Dorrien's *The Nine Muses* and Bruce Beasley's *Dorion*, this audio and

visual exhibition offers new perspectives on these works and multi-dimensional space. Building on the excitement generated during the last two years of collaboration with Klip Collective, this year's Night Forms season brings back more than a dozen installations from last year's *Infinite Wave*, along with a reprise of *Froghead Rainbow*, one of the most popular works from Klip's inaugural project, *dreamloop*, located in the site's Amphitheater. Viewers become participants by engaging in interactive moments that cause ripple effects through the installations. In the



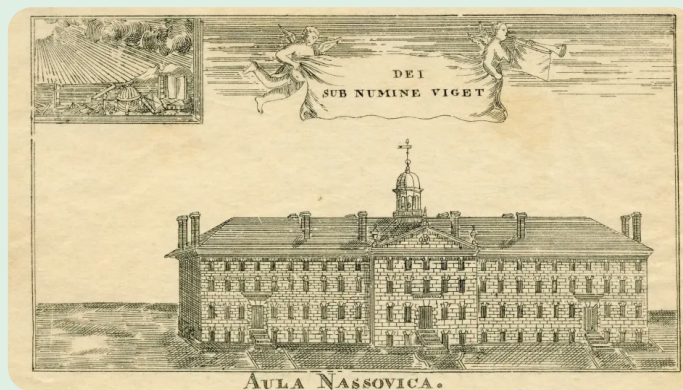
Night Form's 'dream.glitch' exhibit.

Sculpture Court, attendees can use a joystick to open a portal that sends Dorion flying through space. Night Forms is open Friday – Sunday, Sunset – 10 p.m. at Grounds for Sculpture, 80 Sculptors Way, Hamilton. The interactive exhibit will be open until April 7, 2024.

Tickets range from \$16 - \$30. Members receive a discounted price. To learn more about Night Forms, Klip Collective, and Grounds for Sculpture, visit [groundsforsculpture.org/exhibitions/night-forms-03/](https://groundsforsculpture.org/exhibitions/night-forms-03/) or call (609) 586-0616.

## A Place in Time: Nassau Hall

Nassau Hall was built in 1756 to house what was then the College of New Jersey. The largest stone building in the American Colonies, it was built on land donated by Nathaniel FitzRandolph, after whom the University's FitzRandolph Gate is named. The name "Nassau Hall" was proposed by Governor Jonathan Belcher in honor of King William III, "who was a branch of the illustrious house of Nassau." During the American Revolution, when Princeton's campus became a battleground, Nassau Hall was ravaged by the occupying troops



First known image of Nassau Hall, New American Magazine, 1760. Nassau Hall Iconography Collection (AC177), Box 1. (Princeton.edu).

of both armies. The Battle of Princeton on January 3, 1777, marked a turning point in the war, when the British troops holding Nassau Hall surrendered to General George Washington. In 1783, the

building served as the nation's capitol, housing the Continental Congress from June to November. The interior was destroyed by fire twice, in 1802 and 1855. Each restoration resulted in a different

architectural style, once by Benjamin Latrobe and once by John Notman. Since 1905, the exterior has seen little change. Nassau Hall's interior, however, has continued to change with the evolving needs of the University. This elegant two-story space began as a simple prayer hall in 1756 and became in turn a library, portrait gallery, museum of natural history, and now, the meeting place of Princeton University's faculty and Board of Trustees. (Source: [princetoniana.princeton.edu/campus/nassau-hall](https://princetoniana.princeton.edu/campus/nassau-hall)).



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