

The South Orange *Gaslight*



Local parents learn ways to guide new readers

Parents aren't always confident they can adequately support a child's reading development. But now there's help in South Orange and Maplewood from a new film and workshop for parents of elementary age children.

The South Orange/Maplewood Education Foundation and the ACHIEVE Volunteer Tutor Program have developed a film and workshop that teach how to select the right book, ways to improve comprehension and how to develop a love of reading.

The film, "A Pebble in the Pond," and the workshop were introduced on June 3 to ACHIEVE parents. The successful program will be repeated at all elementary schools in the coming school year.

SOMEF and ACHIEVE recently received grants from the Starbucks Foundation, The Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills and the Orange Orphan Society to fund the project.

Teachers at Tuscan Elementary developed a format and outline for the reading program and professional photography director, Paul Gibson, a Tuscan parent and ACHIEVE volunteer, developed the film along with his colleague, John Schaaf.

Kudos to Tuscan School staff who created the program: Lorraine Borek, Anne Devonish, Mary Ann Hess, Anna Reyes, Robert Reyes, Maura Sackett and Janie Van Oss. ▲

In South Orange & Maplewood ...

Expect the most meaningful Independence Day ever



How can music convey thought, history and diverse culture?

Two hundred local musicians, amateur and professional, will show us how on July 3, when they premier a 40-minute musical suite inspired by South Orange and Maplewood.

Internationally renowned composer Janet Albright has nurtured the suite for more than a year and performers are now moving into a period of intense rehearsal.

The Independence Day tribute, called "An American Dale: Becoming A Place For All People," will be performed at 7 p.m. – the highlight of a community-wide block party at Meadowland Park. Art displays, smaller musical performances, and plenty of good food will round out the day.

Since March 2004, Albright, a dual resident of Virginia and Germany, has resided "in spurts" with South Orange and Maplewood families, sharing community per-

spectives, studying local history and absorbing the area's geography.

"I tried to find out what is important to people and how they feel about the area," she said.

Her biggest influence was "the sincere and deep wish of everyone to have an all-inclusive community. It's an active process. People think about it on a daily basis."

In "Mosaic," one of the suite's 12 movements, Albright conveys diversity by using "the flagship melodies of many religions," plus well-known melodies from 28 countries represented in the two towns.

"They're introduced quickly, so there's a bit of chaos. Every one of them has a note or a rhythm or a place where they wait a little longer to make the note fit. In Maplewood and South Orange, everyone gives a little, or waits a little while to get along together."

At the end of Mosaic, "they all

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Buff Village officer to be featured in 'Calendar Cops'

South Orange Police Captain Kyle Kroll is one of 14 law enforcement models chosen for a 2006 calendar featuring New Jersey law enforcement.

"Calendar Cops" will be published in September by North Jersey Media Group, also the publisher of New Jersey COPS magazine. For \$12.99 plus \$2 shipping and handling, buyers will enjoy 14 monthly hunk photos, from November 2005 through December 2006.

"As an officer I have always believed in presenting a positive appearance to the public and staying fit is one way to maintain that appearance," said Kroll, who heads South Orange's detective division and has been with the force for 17 years.

Partial proceeds from calendar sales will benefit New Jersey Special Olympics and two law enforcement survivor funds.

Publicity pieces on the calendar project have appeared in the international magazine, Exercise for Men, on statewide TV Channel 12 and on two national radio stations.

Kroll, age 41, is also a part-time certified trainer, who, earlier this year, won the International Natural Body Building Federation's Naturalmania Nationals Championship. ▲



Artist John Kaufman, second from left, and his team are shown after a practice assembly of the South Orange Gates art project.



In The Schools

Lilly & Mingin earn Ph.D.s

Two district administrators earned doctorate degrees this spring. Marge Mingin, director of educational media and technology, k-12, graduated with a Ph.D. in education from Seton Hall, and Columbia High Assistant Principal Lovie Lilly earned a Ph.D. in educational leadership and organization from The University of Pennsylvania.



Teacher's story inspires award-winning film

"A Teacher Goes to War," a film documentary created by four Columbia High students, was the first-prize winner at the Urban Visionaries Film Festival, Video Slam. The film by Maura Flanagan, Ben Gluckstern, Michael Jaffe and Anna Robilatta tells the story of CHS English teacher and poet Nelson Trias who, after 9/11, temporarily left his teaching job for military duty in Afghanistan.

Talented local youth ID'd

Sixty-one seventh and eighth graders from South Orange and Maplewood middle schools have been identified by Johns Hopkins University as top academic achievers. According to the university's Center for Talented Youth, the kids scored at or above the 97th percentile on standardized tests, making them eligible to take SATs with high school juniors and seniors. Those who score well on the SATs can then take special programs at the Center for Talented Youth. ▲

'Gates' add visuals to 2 Towns celebration

Hands-on enthusiasm is needed to help construct the "South Orange Gates," the visual companion to Two Towns in Harmony.

Fifty "gates" and 400 yards of multi-colored fabric (a local version of Christo's Gates) will be installed at Flood's Hill during the special Independence Day celebration on July 3. Every weekend in June, participants are sewing, roping and hanging flags. Final installation will be Saturday morning, July 3.

To share the excitement of seeing an original artistic vision come to life, contact artist John Kaufman at (973) 762-2790. ▲

Independence Day

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sing together – a huge chorale of all the nations."

Albright's composition is a blending of classical, jazz, rock and gospel music, featuring choral and instrumental music, occasionally mixed with the spoken word. The final movement features a musical depiction of fireworks, accompanied by the real thing.

The overall theme, said Albright, is "being able to have a free life together, far beyond toleration, into true understanding. The spirit of everyone working on it has been behind the whole vision. It's very exciting!" ▲

The South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition on Race initiated the musical program by winning a grant from the American Composers Forum and the National Endowment for the Arts. From the start, the shorthand for their program has been "Two Towns in Harmony."

Four more Saturday Container Days

are offered between now and September by the South Orange Public Works Department. Residents may discard unwanted household items at the DPW Yard at 300 Walton Avenue on June 25, July 23, Aug. 27 and Sept. 24. Hours are 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For information, call DPW at (973) 378-7741.

Deliveries of humus & shredded wood

are being scheduled for July 19. Interested residents can call Public Works at (973) 378-7741 to schedule an appointment.

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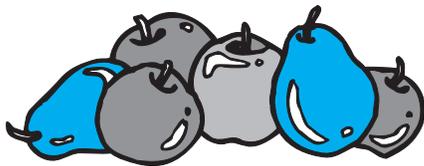
Avoid long lines and renew your Recreation Department ID badge now. New photos of all badgeholders must be taken this year. For information, go to southorange.recware.com, or call (973) 378-7754.

June is lunchtime concert month

Next up in Main Street's "Lunchtime Concert Series" is The Don Williams Group on June 15, followed by The Alex Stein Trio on June 22 and Columbia High student Brittney Bullock on June 29. All concerts are from noon to 2 p.m. at Spiotta Park (below Valley on South Orange Avenue).

Catch two Broadway hits of yore at SHU

Seton Hall is staging two popular shows in coming weeks: "Into the Woods," June 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26; and "Come Blow Your Horn," July 8, 9 and 10. All shows are at 8 p.m. except Sunday matinees, at 2 p.m. Ticket are \$15 general admission, \$12 for seniors and alumni, and \$5 for children under 12. Call (973) 761-9098.



Farmer's Market at new location

Beginning July 6, the Main Street South Orange Farmers' Market will begin operating from its new location at Meadowland Park's duck pond, off Mead Street and across the river from the community pool.

Every Wednesday from 2:30 to 7 p.m., farmers and vendors will offer just-picked produce and flowers as well as baked goods, fresh breads, cheeses, pickles and prepared foods.

The duck pond location provides a beautiful setting and easy parking at the Middle School (July and August only), and on Mead Street, North Ridgewood Road and Meadowbrook Lane. For more information, contact Main Street South Orange at (973) 763-6899, or visit www.MSSO@southorange.org. ▲

Register for Packers football & cheerleading

Another open registration for the Maplewood/South Orange Packers will be held Thursday, June 16, at 7:30 p.m., at the Clinton School. Boys and girls ages 5 to 15 interested in football or cheerleading are welcome. The Packers will participate this fall in the Mountain Valley Pop Warner Football League. Forms will be available on site, or online at www.msopackers.org.

Essex Watercolor Club showcased in SHU exhibit

"A Stroke of the Brush," an exhibition of works by 39 members of the Essex Watercolor Club, is on view through July 13 at Seton Hall's Walsh Library Gallery.

Enjoy a global tasting tour

Sample the menus of South Orange's diverse restaurants for just \$3 a plate during "A Taste of South Orange," on Tuesday, July 12. An al fresco dining festival will take place at Spiotta Park, (below Valley on South Orange Avenue), with musical accompaniment by The Tomoko Ohno and Andres Boiarsky Quartet. For tickets or information, call (973) 763-6899 or visit www.mainstreet-southorange.org. ▲

PIERRO GALLERY OF SOUTH ORANGE

May 29 - July 17

Realities of Our Times: A Closer Look

Four artists examine social issues of the past and present. Their themes include urban living, mass media, war and the homeless.

- Marcia Annenberg - painting
 - Tim Gaydos - painting, drawing
 - Shakeh Sassoon - painting, drawing, mixed media
 - Helen Stummer - photography
- Call (973) 378-7754. ▲

'The Baird' name to be launched as unifying moniker of S.O. arts

Starting in September, a new logo, signs, publicity, facility face lifts and a direct Web address will be launched to tout a unifying "brand" for South Orange arts.

"The Baird," a well-known Village arts moniker will now represent all Village arts initiatives -- with less public confusion.

For years, seven different arts programs have operated out of The Baird Center on Mead Street, seemingly with seven separate management organizations. There's the Pierro Gallery of South Orange, Jazz at the Baird (formerly Arts in the Park), the Summer Outdoor Concert Series, Giants of Jazz, and all seasonal arts classes funded by the Village. The Baird also houses Dreamcatcher's Repertory Theater and Flying Ship Productions. ▲



Library Events

For info call (973) 762-0230

Special Groups

- S. O. Book Review Group (adults) – June 13, 7:30 p.m. "The Kite Runner," by Khaled Hosseini.
- Star Book Group (grades six and up) - June 18, 4 p.m., "Going Solo," by Roald Dahl.
- Creative Writing Class with local author Holly Scalera – June 21, 7:30 p.m. No experience necessary.
- Scrapbooking Workshop – July 12 and 26, 7 to 9 p.m., led by Ursala Boehmer.

Summer Lecture Series

A new series of Monday lectures will start July 11 at 1 p.m. Upcoming topics include "Women in Medicine," "The Art Poster in America," and "Outdoor Sculptures in New Jersey."

Summer Movies

From drama to comedy to classic musicals, movies are shown every other Wednesday at 1 p.m.

Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds

The summer reading program for children and teens begins June 23. Opening day festivities, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., will include crafts, games and snacks. Registration begins June 20.

Weekly Summer Programs

A series of Monday night family activities is planned during the summer, including Mehndi, Planetarium Show, Medieval Feast, The Strange World of Reptiles and Storytelling with Bobaloo.

Artistic programs on Thursday afternoons will include bubble art, papier-mache and bead-making.

On Thursday evenings, teens can enjoy open stage poetry and digital photography, while Fridays are get-out-of-the-heat movie days.

Regular storytimes, Chess & Games and Scrapbooking will continue throughout the summer. ▲

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To submit information for *The South Orange Gaslight*, send to Editor Robin Patric, c/o Village Hall

Grant awarded to local film producers

South Orange Productions / Film Collaboration Group has received a grant toward production of the documentary "Once Upon a Gaslight... A Walking Tour of South Orange."

The 2005 Local Arts Program Grant comes from The Essex County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs, part of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. The agency awards non-profit groups that foster local arts activity and education.

The SOP/FCG grant was awarded based on its impressive contents and the broad community involvement it has generated. The documentary is produced and directed by Nancy Heins-Glaser. The film's premier is being planned for later this year. ▲

MPHDA honored for excellent publications

The Montrose Park Historic District Association has received two 2005 publication awards from the New Jersey League of Historical Societies.

Their "Map of the Montrose Park Historic District" earned first prize in the category of pamphlets and "The Montrose Compass" took second prize in the category of newsletters.

Joe Landi and the staff at Thinc created the map design and key, and Erin Brady of Intermark Graphics completed the brochure design. Brady is also the newsletter designer.

Awards were presented at the league's June 4 meeting. ▲



Villagers of the Month

Rebecca Brady and Quentin Williams

Two outstanding members of Columbia High School's class of 2005 are June's Villagers of the Month.

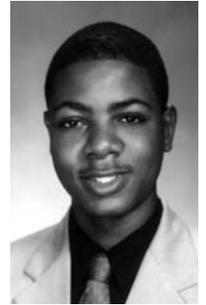
Rebecca Brady is a serious student who sings the praises of her CHS teachers. Her only quandary is what to pursue in college since she enjoys math and science as much as history and English.

Rebecca is a life-long Villager ranked as one of the top students in her class. She has shared her passion for learning as a three-year volunteer in the ACHIEVE tutoring program, working with students from elementary to high school. In the past year, she even tutored a peer in pre-calculus. Rebecca played soccer in ninth and tenth grades and for the last two years she worked as a page at the South Orange Library.

Quentin Williams "took a large leap of faith this year by leading his peers to investigate and challenge the reasons behind the lack of success of some while others flourish," said one of his teachers. As president of CHS's Martin Luther King Association during the past year, Quentin became a catalyst for thoughtful, if sometimes heated, dialogue about class placements and ability group-



Rebecca Brady



Quentin Williams

ing. He became a role model for service and justice. Quentin says his mission in life is to motivate others to work for the "whole" and not for single, selfish purposes.

Like Rebecca, Quentin also was a library page for the last two years. In sports, he set records for track and field during ninth and tenth grades and made the First Team All State for his high jump in tenth grade.

This September, Rebecca will head to Brown University and Quentin to Temple University. Until then, South Orange Village commends them both and thanks them for their contributions to our community. We are proud to call them our Villagers of the Month. ▲

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