

The South Orange Gaslight



The Gaslight is published 10 times yearly for the residents & business community of South Orange Village.

**October
2005**

Leaf removal starts Oct. 17

This year's leaf removal season is Oct. 17 through Dec. 5. Flyers containing new state rules on leaf removal were mailed to all residents in early October. Following is a summary of its contents.

Pickup cycles are estimated at 11 days. Residents and landscapers are now restricted from placing leaves at the curb until four days after the latest Public Works pickup. After the fourth day, residents have seven days to rake out additional leaves.

Any rake-out after Dec. 6 will be in violation of municipal ordinances. For more information, check the leaf collection Web page, www.southorange.org/leafcollection, or call the Village's leaf removal hotline, (973) 762-0748, option 4. The information is updated daily.

For those who live on county roads, call (973) 239-3366.

Collection Rules and Regulations

1. Leaves should be piled no more than four feet from the curb and must not extend into traffic lanes.
2. Leaves left in plastic bags will not be picked up.
3. No debris other than leaves is permitted in the streets. Improper placements could prevent leaf pickups.
4. Avoid creating leaf mounds, which attract children and subject them to traffic dangers. Mounds also create potential fire and traffic hazards.
5. Do not place leaves within 10 feet of storm catch basins. ▲



Arts Unbound... Where fearless creativity muzzles disabilities

Graphic artists aren't exactly a rare species, but how about a successful graphic artist who is vision and hearing impaired?

Meet Christian Markovic, a 34-year-old South Orange resident whose business, Fuzzy Wuzzy Designs, specializes in greeting cards, posters, brochures, t-shirts and more.

Markovic's scope of vision is so low that he cannot take in an entire design of his own creation. Instead, he uses adaptive computer equipment to enlarge and enhance incremental portions of designs, then he assembles the tiny pieces to create the full image he sees in his mind's eye.

Vision impaired since age 13, Markovic also has been deaf since birth. He communicates using e-mail, or signs into people's hands.

This winter, Markovic's remarkable career will take a new direction when he begins teaching graphic design to other disabled adults.

The teaching appointment comes through a nonprofit organization, Arts Unbound, which is headed by another exceptional Villager, Catherine Lazen. Five years ago, Lazen started the nonprofit organization to provide artistic and vocational opportunities in the visual arts to adults living with developmental, physical, and mental disabilities.

The program makes a difference, she says. "Those who were languishing in isolation are now creating, exhibiting, and sometimes selling their artwork. Their fearlessness and honesty have something to



Graphic designer Christian Markovic



*Arts Unbound
Executive Director
Catherine Lazen*

teach us all."

Until September, Arts Unbound was a traveling program enrolling more than 100 adults throughout northern New Jersey, including a large concentration of people from Jespy House in South Orange. Their artwork was (and still is) shown in traveling exhibits. Now the program has found a home in what is coming to be known as the "Valley Arts District" in nearby Orange. There, Lazen has established a studio at a storefront location on Freeman Street, just steps from the Highland Avenue Train Station.

Students now go to the Freeman Street location for instruction in a range of arts, including decoupage, assemblage, knitting, weaving, poetry, painting, drawing,

teach us all."

Inside

■ Race Coalition creates Volunteer Talent Match

■ PNC Bank funds school readiness program

■ Sign up for the Actor's Essential Business Intensive

■ 'New Dadaism' featured in latest Pierro Gallery exhibit

■ Jewish Literature series continues at the library

Cont'd on page 2

PNC Bank funds school readiness program

Here's how a lucky group of pre-first graders spent part of their summer: They learned how to build self-esteem, show respect for others, develop self-control and accept personal responsibility.

The South Orange branch of PNC Bank provided a \$5,000 grant for the intensive social skills program designed to help local children prepare for first grade. Sixteen four-hour sessions were conducted in July thanks to the South Orange-Maplewood Education Foundation, which facilitated the program, and Seth Boyden Demonstration School, where the program was taught.

Teachers identified each child's behavior modification goals and maintained constant communication with parents throughout the course.

PNC agreed to fund the program because it melded with the bank's corporate campaign, "Grow Up Great," which fosters school readiness. The grant paid for staffing and supplies.

The program had "huge ripple effects" because entire families benefited, said instructor Allison Larger. "Families learned how to talk to their kids and how to discipline them in positive ways."

The lessons were expected to extend to first-grade classes, where the summer students could positively effect whole classes. ▲

Local fundraiser helps hurricane victims

Kudos to the South Orange Board of Trustees and Lot 15 Grill, which teamed up on Sept. 19 to raise \$990 for Hurricane Katrina assistance. "Giant Relief for Saints" was the cocktail event held at Lot 15. Participants enjoyed complimentary bar food while cheering the New York Giants in a game against the New Orleans Saints. ▲

9/11 memorial mounted

A 9/11 memorial cross was installed in September at Boland Hall on the campus of Seton Hall University. The three-by-three-foot cross was cut from a steel girder taken from the south tower by a Port Authority policeman who worked at the recovery effort. The officer gave the cross to Seton Hall.

Located outside the campus ministry office, the cross is installed on a granite block and bears a brass plaque containing the names of Seton Hall alumni, students and faculty who died on 9/11. It is illuminated at night. ▲

Coalition creates Volunteer Talent Match

Interested in volunteering, but not sure where? Check the Volunteer Talent Match, a new feature on the Web site of the South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition on Race. Talent Match pairs the interests of South Orange and Maplewood residents with the needs of local organizations.

Just visit www.twotowns.org, go to Volunteer Talent Match and fill out the brief electronic form that asks for your interests, talents, skills and availability. Your information will be viewable only by the coalition. When township committees and other organizations inquire, the coalition will share candidates from the list.

Talent Match also lets local organizations post profiles, stating their mission, membership requirements and meeting schedules. Prospective volunteers can review the profiles and contact those they're interested in. For more information, visit the site or call (973) 761-6116 x2. ▲

Arts Unbound

Cont'd from page 1

sewing and embroidery. They sell their work at the Arts Unbound studio and attend special events to help market their wares.

To incorporate Markovic's graphic design program, Lazen is applying for a \$20,000 grant to acquire adaptive computer equipment similar to what the designer uses in his own business. "It will give me an opportunity to be creative and also to share my work with others," said Markovic.

More disabled teachers will likely be hired in the future.

The new home of Arts Unbound was made possible through HANDS, Inc., a nonprofit community development corporation devoted to revitalizing neighborhoods in Orange. Executive Director Patrick Morrissy, another South Orange resident, said Arts Unbound coincides with his vision of improved neighborhoods, thriving local businesses, and an infusion of arts energy throughout.

Studio memberships at Arts Unbound are available to individual artists during open workshop time. The facility also is available for meetings, events or classes. The gallery and retail store within the studio offer all of the handmade products and gifts created by students. Arts Unbound is open weekdays from 9:30 to 5:30 and weekends from 12:30 to 4:30. ▲

Fall Fest, Oct. 26

Celebrate fall with Main Street South Orange! The annual Fall Festival will be held Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 4 to 6 p.m., at the duck pond in Meadowland Park. The Farmers Market will be open and shoppers can enjoy pumpkin painting, live folk music and face painting. For information, call (973) 763-6899. ▲

SHU students volunteer in S.O.

You may have noticed recently that stormwater drains along the Rahway River in Meadowland Park have been painted blue and fish outlines have been added along with writing asking people not to dump waste in the drains.

The project was part of "SHU 500," an annual day of community service performed by Seton Hall students, staff and alumni. This year, 850 participants were bused to locations throughout Essex and Union counties. Here in South Orange, 300 students were deployed on Sept. 24 to The Baird Community Center, the Rahway River, and South Orange Middle School.

Some participated in a river clean-up while others washed cars to raise funds for the South Orange Rescue Squad. The majority assisted during "Kids at Heart Family Fun Day" at The Baird, an afternoon of skill contests, games and crafting. ▲

T **The Actor's Essential Business Intensive** - Dreamcatcher, the professional theatre in residence at The Baird, is offering a series of classes to help new and veteran actors enhance their presentation skills. Two eight-week sessions remain and will be taught by career/life coach Penelope Brackett of Maplewood and Dreamcatcher Artistic Director Laura Ekstrand.

■ Oct. 25 through Dec. 13, "Craft and Presentation Excellence" - students create an audition portfolio and strengthen their interview skills.

■ Jan. 10 to Feb. 28, "Building Relationships and Creating Opportunities" - students put career plans in action, connect with industry professionals, build relationships, and hone cold reading skills.

For details, call (973) 762-5871, e-mail pb@thecreativeseed.com, or visit www.DreamcatcherRep.org.

C "Charley's Aunt," a play by Brandon Thomas, will be performed Oct. 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 and 30 at Bishop Dougherty University Center on the campus of Seton Hall University. Showtimes are

8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. on Sundays. General admission, \$6; seniors and alumni, \$4; students and children, \$3. Call (973) 761-9098 for tickets.

M "Match," the hit Broadway play by Stephen Belber, will be presented Nov. 4 to 20 at Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre at The Baird. A pair of interviewers visits a famed dancer and choreographer to learn his life story, but their multi-layered agenda soon emerges and their lives are changed forever. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Regular admission, \$25; seniors, \$20; and students \$15. Call (973) 378-7754 ext. 2228, or visit www.dreamcatcherrep.org.

F **Final call for Farmers Market** - Oct. 19 and Oct. 26 are the final days of the South Orange Farmers Market. Hours are 2:30 to 7 p.m. at Meadowland Park Duck Pond. Many thanks to Main Street South Orange for providing the market since early July. For information, call (973) 763-6899.



"Aprons Anonymous," by Patricia Cudd, is part of the new exhibit at Pierro Gallery.

PIERRO GALLERY OF SOUTH ORANGE

Oct. 23 - Nov. 30

'Beyond Bed, Bath and Kitchens: What's New in the House that Dada Built?'

Domestic goods provocatively redefined as art objects suggest a new "Dadaism" in the gallery's forthcoming exhibit, featuring works by six artists.

- *La Thoriel Badenhausen* embraces the secrets, rituals and taboos of women during menarche.
- *Patricia A. Cudd* uses household objects such as aprons in sculptural works.
- *Christopher Dudley* sculpts oddly appealing lamps as functional home décor.
- *Elizabeth Fleming* digitally enhances images of common household objects to create abstract landscapes.
- *Curt Ikens* uses hard bound books, black confetti and wall-mounted text in an interactive installation inspired by "The Monuments of Passaic," a 1967 Art Forum article by artist Robert Smithson.
- *Debra Jenks* displays color print images of her one-day public installations, such as "Wonderbra," a bra made from two pieces of Wonderbread, worn by a live model.

An artists' panel discussion, moderated by exhibition curator S.K. Duff, will be Nov. 20 at 3 p.m.

New gallery hours are Friday to Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. Call (973) 378-7754 or visit www.pierro-gallery.com. ▲

Crafts at The Baird

Pierro's annual holiday gallery shop will be open Dec. 8 to 11. Mark your calendar for a unique holiday shopping excursion. The preview will be Dec. 7. Look for more details in the November Gaslight.

Family bike ride established

Join Village families every weekend on a six-mile bicycle ride through South Orange and Maplewood. The morning ride takes an hour and is well suited for kids riding with parents.

The route goes through beautiful neighborhoods and parkland, avoids traffic, and safely passes through each town center. One modest uphill section can be ridden on a one-speed bike. Times vary each weekend. For information, call Robb Kushner at (973) 763-8844 or send e-mail to robbkushner@yahoo.com. ▲

Winter Sports 2005-2006

Department of Recreation & Cultural Affairs

Registration begins Nov. 1 for these winter athletic programs:

- Indoor Soccer - Sundays, children grades 1 to 8, and adults.
- Recreation Basketball - Saturdays, children grades 3 to 8.
- Indoor Lacrosse - girls grades 5 to 12.
- Pee Wee Tennis - children ages 4 to 8.
- Platform Tennis - grades 3 to 8.

Jaguar Track

This competitive indoor track club is offered to boys and girls, ages 6 to 18. Practices will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, 6:30 to 8 p.m., at Columbia High School, beginning Nov. 15.

Register in person at The Baird on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 7:30 to 9 p.m., or on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. to noon.

For more information, contact Maurice and Daneen Cooper (973) 763-0617 or Andrea Johnson (973) 762-0910.

Learn to Ski

District students in grades 3 to 8 are transported by bus from The Baird to Mount Peter ski area in Warwick, NY. Five consecutive Wednesday trips begin Jan. 4.

For details and registration information on these and other programs, stop by The Baird or log on to <http://southorange.recware.com>.



Library Events

For info call (973) 762-0230

In Touch

with Village Government

General Info.
(973) 378-7715
Emergency, 911 Clerk's Office, x1 Administrator, x2 Construction, x3 Tax Collector, x4 Assessor, x5 Welfare, x5 Finance, x6 Engineer, x7 Parking Auth., x8 Health Officer x2012
Animal Control
378-7745
Fire Dept.
378-7751
Library
762-0230
Police Dept.
378-7775
Public Works
378-7708
Recreation & Cultural Affairs
378-7754
Recycling Info. & Street Dept.
378-7741
Water Service
266-8869

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

Jewish Literature Series Continues

"Demons, Golems and Dybbuks: Monsters of the Jewish Imagination" is a free, book-discussion series led by esteemed scholar, Dr. Peggy Samuels, English department chair at Drew University. Participants examine contemporary and classic Jewish literature and culture.

Coming up:

- Oct. 17 - "The Dybbuk," by Solomon Anski.
- Nov. 21 - "The Metamorphosis," by Franz Kafka.

Registration is required. For details or to register, visit www.sopl.org, call at (973) 762-0230, or e-mail njanow@sopl.org.

Thursday Lectures

All sessions are at 1 p.m.

- Oct. 20 - "Terrorism," with Stephen Schoeman, political science professor at Fordham and Rutgers universities.
- Nov. 1 - "Slam Dunks and No-Brainers: Language in Your Life, the Media, Business, Politics, and, Like, Whatever," with local author Leslie Savan.
- Nov. 17 - "Movies as History," a film presentation and talk with Paul Arthur, professor of English at Montclair State University.

Teens Invited to Read Halloween Stories

As part of Teen Read Week, Oct. 17 to 22, local teens are encouraged to volunteer as costumed readers during one or more special Halloween storytimes for young children. Training sessions will be given to suggest reading techniques and book selection.

Training dates are Oct. 17, 7 p.m., at the South Orange Library, and Oct. 20, 4 p.m., at the Maplewood Library. For more information call Ellen Columbus at (973) 762-0230, or email librarian@sopl.org.

Children's Events

- Books for Babies (birth-2 1/2 with adult), Wednesdays, 10 a.m.
- Toddler Storytime (2 - 4 with adult), Tuesdays, 11 a.m.
- Preschool Storytime (3 1/2 and up - adult nearby), Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. or Wednesdays, 11 a.m.
- Family Storytime (all ages), Wednesdays, 2 p.m.
- Pajama Storytime (all ages), Oct. 24, 7 p.m., and Nov. 7, 7 p.m.

- Songs & Stories (all ages), Thursdays, 10 a.m.
- Chess & Games (all ages), Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m.
- Book Discussion Group (ages 7-10), Oct. 25, 6:45 p.m., book to be announced.

Regular Programs

- S. O. Book Review Group (adults) - Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m. "The Time Traveler's Wife," by Audrey Niffenegger. Note date change.
- Star Book Group (grades six and up) - Nov. 4, 4 p.m. "Dovey Coe," by Frances O'Roark Dowell.
- Open Stage Teen Poetry Reading (9th grade and up) - Nov. 17, 7 p.m.
- Creative Writing Class with local author Holly Scalera - third Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. No experience necessary.

Wednesday at the Movies

All shows at 1 p.m.

- Oct. 12 - "Yentl"
- Oct. 26 - "Spanglish"
- Nov. 9 - "The Music Man"

Piano Instruction

Rewarding and fun for children and adults interested in classical and popular music.

Beginning, intermediate, and advanced. 25 years' experience.
Complementary trial lesson.
(973) 762-6601

Copies of Village documentary now available

Looking for a special gift for a fellow Villager? Consider a DVD copy of the new film, "Once Upon A Gaslight ... A Walking Tour of South Orange." The 55-minute documentary produced by South Orange Productions/Film Collaboration Group, premiered on Oct. 1. Interviews with Villagers, famous and otherwise, are interspersed with the history, cultural diversity, spirit and progress of the town.

SOP, a nonprofit group that cannot profit from sales of the film, is now taking requests for copies. Anyone interested can make a donation to SOP to cover the cost of duplication and packaging. For information, call Janet Warren at (973) 761-5739. ▲

Luminary captains needed

South Orange Productions needs volunteer block captains to help manage its annual New Year's Eve event, "South Orange Illumination 2006." A pathway of luminary light will be created throughout the Village in a spectacular show of community spirit. Volunteers are needed in December to help sell the luminaries. For information, call (973) 761-5739 or e-mail soproductions@optonline.net. ▲

Township of South Orange Village
South Orange, NJ 07079

Bulk
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 5
South Orange, NJ



Postal Customer
Local 07079

Village Web Site: www.southorange.org
E-mail for Village Administrator: jgross@southorange.org