

The South Orange *Gaslight*



Five historic Village homes on display May 20



Five meticulously restored private homes will open their doors to public viewing on Saturday, May 20 during the 11th annual Montrose in May Historic House Tour.

Rain or shine, the homes will be open from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Visitors will use special maps for a self-guided tour, or hop on a jitney for door-to-door transportation. Special entertainment will be provided at some stops.

Leafy Montrose Park, a 150-acre historic district in South Orange, is laden with homes representing classic turn-of-the-century architecture: Victorian, Colonial Revival, Queen Anne, Tudor and Shingle Style. The neighborhood was designated as a historic district in 1997 and is listed on both the state and national registers of historic places.

The tour is a fundraiser for the Montrose Park Historic District Association, which fosters continued beautification and ongoing programs to encourage homeowner preservation.

The tour begins at Mountain

Station, located at the intersection of Montrose and Vose avenues. There, visitors can pick up a tour brochure, map and tickets.

Advance tickets are \$25 per person, available at various retail outlets in South Orange and Maplewood, or online at www.MontroseParkSO.NJ.org. Tickets sold on tour day will be \$30. For more information, visit the Web site or call (973) 763-1880. ▲

Public input sought on Village Strategic Plan

The Village is holding two public meetings to obtain input on its strategic plan. Residents in neighborhoods south of South Orange Avenue are invited to the May 23 meeting at Marshall School. Residents north of South Orange Avenue are invited to the June 7 meeting at South Orange Middle School.

First responders hold EMS Day



The first responder community of South Orange will celebrate EMS Day 2006 on Saturday, May 20. Police, fire and rescue squad personnel, along with volunteers of the newly created Community Emergency Response Team will offer a day of festivities at South Orange Rescue Squad headquarters at #4 Third Street.

Young and old alike will enjoy equipment demos, a fire-fighting exhibit, and ambulance tours, plus plenty of free food.

The Saint Barnabas Fire Safety House will display common home fire hazards, and a nontoxic smoke machine will simulate fire conditions.

For the kids, a "Teddy Bear Clinic" imitates the check-up experience with a doctor; and for adults, there will be a blood drive, blood pressure screenings and free information on poison control and seasonal safety tips.

Village Clerk Marj Smith who chairs EMS Day is expanding on the national celebration by recognizing "all the local first responders because we work as a team, not as stand-alone units." ▲

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Scholarships await serious string players

If you are a high school or college student actively studying a stringed instrument, you may be eligible for a scholarship program to help cover the cost of professional private lessons.

For the last two years, the South Orange Symphony has offered string scholarships "as a way to further interest in, and help guarantee the future of, orchestral music," said Bob Renshaw, a member of the symphony's board of directors.

Applicants must be willing and qualified to play with the symphony, which performs three times a year. Membership in the applicant's school orchestra is required and he or she must be actively studying the instrument with a private teacher. Also, applicants must audition for the orchestra and commit to a rehearsal attendance requirement.

Applications can be submitted at any time; recipients are announced at the final concert of each season.

Scholarship monies are paid directly to private teachers through a voucher system. The value varies depending upon the teacher's rates and the applicant's skill contribution within the orchestra. The program aims to subsidize two or three lessons per concert, or up to nine lessons for three annual concerts.

Funding for the program comes from former orchestra members and their families, the audience, and memorial bequests.

For more information, call Colleen Helmacy at (570) 289-1090 or (973) 729-5275. ▲

Sign up for the Packers

Register for the 2006 seasons of Maplewood/South Orange Packer Cheerleading and Football on Thursday, May 18, 7:30 to 8:45 p.m., at Clinton School in Maplewood. Boys and girls ages 5 to 15 are welcome. Coaching positions also available. Visit www.msopackers.org.

new businesses

MONICA'S ART NOIRE

Household goods and artworks from across the globe are available at this multi-cultural gift shop and gallery located at 125 South Orange Avenue. Maplewood resident Nicole David opened the shop in February. Her inventory ranges from candleholders and oil diffusers, to key chains, figurines, print works, baskets, pots and more.

SMALL TALK SIGNS FOR BABIES

South Orange residents Marge Solomon and Lynne Smilow are teaching sign language to hearing babies to encourage earlier, more effective communication with adults and caregivers in their lives. Six-week sessions are offered through the Little People's Center for Music and Art. For information on summer and fall classes, call (973) 762-2733, or send e-mail to smalltalk-signs@aol.com.

HAPPENINGS

Families pedal through three towns



A Three-Town Family Bike Day sponsored by South Orange, Maplewood and Millburn is planned for Sunday, June 11. The event will showcase bicycling as a viable transportation option and is intended to create momentum in the towns for more bike lanes, street crossings, and signage.

The day will begin at 9:30 a.m.

at Glen Avenue and Brookside Drive in Millburn (parking at the library). Food, drinks, sports massages and bike tune-ups will be offered. Cyclists can explore Brookside Drive through the reservation (traffic to be closed).

The three-town tour will start in Millburn at 10:30 a.m., proceeding to Memorial Park in Maplewood for special activities, then culminating at the Duck Pond in South Orange. Transportation will be available to take riders back to their cars in Millburn.

For more information, contact Don Schatz, diy@legow.com, or Robb Kushner, robbkushner@gmail.com. ▲

Visit 50 art studios in one tour

The South Orange/Maplewood Studio Tour returns for the third year on Sunday, June 4, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. A joint project of the Pierro Gallery of South Orange and 1978 Maplewood Arts Center, the self-guided tour features the studios of 50 artists from both communities. Tickets are \$5 (\$6 on event day) including a map and descriptions of artists' work. For details and ticket locations, visit www.studiotoursoma.org.

Neighbors & Trustees to meet again, June 21

School district issues, water quality, financing for the Tony Smith statue, redevelopment projects and partying college students. These and more are the topics residents have been voicing at recent neighborhood meetings with the Village Trustees. More than 40 Villagers aired their concerns at the lively session on April 19.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 21 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at The Baird. One hour before, at 6:30 p.m., an "office hour" will be held so that residents can speak individually to any trustee.

Residents from the following streets are urged to attend the general meeting, but the session is open to all Villagers. ▲

Zone 5: Berkeley Av, Charlton Av, Clark Pl, Clark St, Comstock Pl, Connett Pl, Grove Rd, Grove Ter, Halsey Pl, Harrison Ct, Henderson Dr, Hillside Pl, Hillside Ter, Irving Av, Irving Ter, Keasby Rd, Mead St, Meadowbrook Ln, Meadowbrook Pl, Meeker St, Montrose Av (west of Grove Rd), Mountainhouse Rd, Page Ter, Ralston Av, Randolph Pl, Raymond Av, Raymond Ct, Scotland Rd, Taylor Pl, Thacher Ln, Turrell Av, Village Green Ct, Vose Av, Woodland Crest, Woodland Pl.

Zone 6: Audley St, Briar Ct, Church St, Conway Ct, Cumberland Rd, Edgewood Ter, Harding Dr South, Hemlock Ter, Kingsland Ct, Kingsland Ter, Lenox Av, Lenox Pl, Lenox Ter, Mews Ln, Ridgewood Rd (south of S. Orange Av), Rynda Rd, S. Orange Av (from the RR tracks west to Harding Dr), Third St (west of RR tracks), Thornden St, Trenchard Pl, Walton Av, Wesley Ct, West End Rd, Western Dr North, Western Dr South, Winthrop Ter.

Main Street offers spring events

• Lunchtime Concerts - Wednesdays in June, noon to 2 p.m., at Spiotta Park.

• Farmers Market - Wednesdays, June 28 to Oct. 25, 2:30 to 7 p.m.

Call (973) 763-6899 or visit www.MainStreetSouthOrange.org.

Dreamcatcher Events

(973) 378-7754, x2228 • www.DreamcatcherRep.org

Summer conservatory

Tweens (ages 10-13) and teens (14-17) are invited to enroll in the Summer Theatre Conservatory offered July 10 to Aug. 4 at Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre. Students can attend one, two, three or all four classes, held Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- July 10-14, the Actors Workshop.
- July 17-21, the Comedy Workshop.
- July 24-28, Acting for the Camera.
- July 31-Aug. 4, Filmmaking.

All classes are taught by theater professionals. Costs range from \$200 for one session to \$640 for all four. Admission is first-come, first-served. Registration deadline: June 15.

New Play Reading Series

Hear the staged readings of two new plays, then give feedback to the playwright, director and actors. The lively discussions could lead to full production. Dates are May 17 for "The Roof," and May 31 for "The Laundry Channel," both shows at 7:30 p.m.

Call for Auditions

Auditions for "Dreamcatcher Junior," an original work created by the ensemble, will be May 22 and 23 by appointment only. Actors age 9 and older are welcome. Try-outs will include improvisation and group work. Production dates are July 29 to Aug. 6.



Summer Recreation

Renew your ID badge now!

Badges are issued at The Baird from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday to Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday to Sunday. Two proofs of residency are required. New or updated badges are \$15 per year. Bring your 2005 badge to expedite renewal. Details: southorange.org/recreation.asp.

Tennis camps start

Tennis camps begin the week of June 26. Instruction and competitive play are offered to children in grades K to 8: Pee Wees (entering Kindergarten in September), Pee Wee Plus (grades 1-3), Junior Level 1 (grades 4-5), and Junior Level 2 (grades 6-8). Camp sessions are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fridays are make-up days. For program details or online registration, go to <http://southorange.recware.com>.

Playground program opens

A few openings remain in the Summer Playground Program for children in grades 1 to 8. The half-day, seven-week, fair-weather camp runs June 26 to Aug. 11. Grouped by age and grade, children meet daily in designated Village parks. Games, sports, music, dance, art, swimming, special events and field trips are combined with time for self-directed play, all under counselor supervision. Participants must reside in South Orange and must have a current photo ID badge.

PIERRO GALLERY OF SOUTH ORANGE

On Display through July 16

(973) 378-7754, x3 • www.pierrogallery.org

"Headlines" is a provocative cultural exploration of the last three years in American history. The group exhibition by 17 artists references current events, politics and world affairs through painting, drawing, digital imagery, video and installations.

Three related programs are offered to the public:

- June 9, 7:30 p.m. - "Art That Makes Headlines," a panel discussion with curator Mary Birmingham, artists Jonathan Allen and Amy Wilson, and New York art critic John Habor. Their topic: headline-grabbing art and the First Amendment.
- June 11, 1-4 p.m. - "News Events Workshops & Symposiums," including participatory artworks, man-on-the-street interviews, and a panel discussion.
- June 16, 7:30 p.m. - Tim Miller, art performance and a Q&A.

Library Events

For info call (973) 762-0230

Young filmmakers in the spotlight

The South Orange Public Library will host the 32nd annual Young Filmmakers & Videomakers' Festival on Tuesday, June 13, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Winning works by high school and college level students will be shown.

Thursday Lectures

- May 18, 1 p.m. - "What is a Documentary?" with Paul Arthur, professor of film studies and English at Montclair State University.
- May 25, 1 p.m. - Spring Symposium, lunch and entertainment.

Regular Programs

- S. O. Book Review Group (adults) - Monday, June 5, 7:30 p.m., "Waiting," by Ha Jin.
- Star Book Group (grades six and up) - Thursday, May 18, 4 p.m., "North," by Donna Jo Napoli.
- Open Stage Teen Poetry Reading (9th grade and up) - Thursday, May 18, 7 p.m.

Container Days

The South Orange Public Works Department will offer monthly container days on these Saturdays: May 20, June 24, July 22, Aug. 26 and Sept. 30. South Orange residents (only) may discard unwanted household items at the DPW Yard at 300 Walton Avenue. Two forms of ID are required for proof of residency. No commercial vehicles are permitted. For information call (973) 378-7741.



Branch Pickup Note:

Beginning June 1, appointments are required for branch pickup. Call (973) 378-7741.

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Villagers of the Month

Stacey & Dennis Borden



Stacey Trimble and Dennis Borden had never met when they signed up a quarter century ago for a training session on community volunteerism. Dennis had offered his house as the training site and Stacey volunteered to act as hostess.

The day arrived, "I rang the bell and he answered," she said.

Two years later they were married, and soon after, there were additional vows: "to enter the world of contribution."

It was a mindful decision by a couple whose personal, social and business lives revolve largely around volunteering. For more than 20 years, the Bordens have been the worker bees, committee chairs and officers of more than 15 community organizations, plus a dozen or more professional groups that similarly aim to serve the community.

It started with Main Street, said Dennis. "I didn't like shopping in a mall" so Main Street South Orange "sounded like a real good idea." The two helped get the organization on its feet and Dennis chaired the façade improvements subcommittee for several years.

Stacey caught the First Night bug in 1986 and chaired its fundraising committee for three years. Her drive and commitment were noticed and she was invited to sit on the South Main YMCA Board of Managers, a committee she still chairs.

"My personal intention is to build a full-facility YMCA in this area," she says.

Dennis branched out to Rotary, the chamber of Commerce, The Village Club of South Orange and the Entrepreneurs Alliance.

Stacey devoted herself to home school associations while raising

sons Aaron and Jared, now 19 and 18. She is an original member of the South Orange Police Department's Domestic Violence Response Team, and raises funds for neighborhood heart and cancer associations.

When Dennis started Stacey Electric Service, Inc. in the mid-80s, the business was instantly rooted in South Orange. It became a regular supporter of Little League, Arts in the Park, Two Towns In Harmony, the South Orange Rescue Squad, the Education Foundation, and others.

Stacey, the namesake of the business, became the customer service manager in 1998. "Since then Dennis and I have found that with the two of us focused in the same direction, our business and our life has become more effective."

For the Bordens, "there's no difference between work and volunteering," says Stacey. "We're always looking to connect people to the things they need. We're just always in that mode."

"I've been living in South Orange since 1975," says Dennis. "I've done well here - started a business, put kids through the school system. Quite honestly I think we owed South Orange something. That's what you do. I think it's what everybody should do and a lot of people do. The volunteer base in South Orange is tremendous." ▲

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In The Schools

Violinist Takahashi honored

CHS junior Logan Takahashi has been invited to attend the American String Teachers Association National Conference in Kansas City where he will demonstrate the five-string electric violin with Martha Mooke, an internationally known violinist and composer.



Caparros-Janto to rep. U.S. in int'l fencing meet

CHS junior Abigail Caparros-Janto has been selected by The United States Fencing Association to represent the United States at the 2006 World Under-17 Championships in women's foil fencing in South Korea. Caparros-Janto was ranked third in U.S. cadet standings after winning gold and bronze medals in national competitions. She placed ninth in an international cadet competition in Budapest, Hungary.

Essayist Solecki awarded

Eighth grader Daniel Solecki was selected as a semi-finalist in the New Jersey Center for the Book/Library of Congress Letters About Literature national competition. His essay was one of 7,000 original entries and 75 semifinalists. Daniel will receive his award from Governor Corzine at a statewide convention. ▲

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