



**Events by, for and of interest to older residents.
Open to residents of both towns, and free unless
otherwise noted.**

February 2018

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www.SOMATwotownsforallages.org**

INCOME TAX TIME

Once again AARP trained volunteers will be providing free assistance in completing non-complicated income tax returns at the South Orange and Maplewood Libraries.

- To make an appointment at the South Orange Library, call the reference desk (973) 762-0230
- The Maplewood Hilton Branch Library will offer tax services on Mondays and Wednesdays, 10am – 2 pm, from February 5th through April 18th. Call (973) 372-2077 and ask for Mikey.

To use this service, bring a copy of your Income Tax Return from last year, valid picture identification, the Social Security Card of each individual for whom the return is to be filed or other documents that have each Social Security Number printed on them.

South Orange Maplewood Adult School - registration open!

Spring classes start last week of February. Register online at www.ssreg.com/som/ or go to the Adult School office on the first floor in Columbia High School, or call (973) 378-7620.

Maplewood Middle School presents: "Rogers & Hammerstein's Cinderella"

Fri & Sat, Feb 23 & 24th - 7:30pm, Sun. Feb 25th at 2:00 pm Tickets may sell out, so call school office at (973) 378-7660 or go to mmsmusical@gmail.com.

The Strollers Presents "The Electronic Dragon" A great show to bring the grandkids to.

Saturdays and Sundays, Feb 3rd, 4th, 10th & 11th, 2:00 pm, Burgdorff Center. Tickets \$10.

Pierro Gallery: Celebrating a Life in Collecting, Carved, Painted, Stitched: The Folk Art Collection of Barbara Cate. Through March 3, Monday-Thursday 11am-4pm and by appointment. Free group tours by appointment. Contact smartiny@southorange.org.

Springfield Avenue Public Art Competition

The Springfield Avenue Partnership announced a Request for Proposals (RFP) from mural artists who are interested in creating murals for traffic-light utility boxes. The Public Art Initiative is one of many programs aimed at enriching and revitalizing Springfield Avenue. The focus of this project is to honor the rich cultural diversity and inclusive nature of our community with artistic expressions based upon the theme: "Our Community... Looking Forward." Interested artists can obtain the full RFP on the Public Art tab on www.springfieldavenue.com. Proposals due February 15, 2018. All costs for art incorporating age-friendliness will be covered by *SOMA Two towns for all ages*.

Recurring Events

Mondays

International Folk Dancing, Burgdorff Center (10 Durand Rd, Maplewood) 8-10:15 pm

- Sponsored by the Maplewood Recreation Department, admission \$5.
- Sign-up by calling (973) 376-7568.

Tuesdays

Quilting Group, The Baird 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

- This group is for current quilters or others interested in learning how to quilt. Drop in on Tuesday mornings, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Digital Device Clinic, Hilton Branch, 5:00 – 7:00 pm

- Drop in for free one-on-one support for using your phone or electronic device.

Thursdays

Folk Dancing at the Burgdorff Center, 8:00 – 10:00 pm

- \$5, call (973) 376-7568 to register.

February Events

Thursday, February 1

Thursday Night Book Club, Maplewood Main Library, 7:00 pm

- “A Good Scent From a Strange Mountain” by Robert Olen Butler

Slavic Club, Seton Hall University, Fahey Hall, 6:30 pm

- SHU Slavic Club present the movie “Anthropod.”
- Slavic food served at 6:15.
- *Meetings held most Thursdays when school is in session.*

South Orange Library Lecture Series, South Orange Library, 1:00 pm

- Annette Van Der Feltz - International relocation consultant

Saturday, February 3

Yarn and Fiber Arts Group, Maplewood Main Library, 10 am - noon

- A casual gathering for people who knit, crochet, quilt, sew, embroider or do other creative things with yarn or fabric. Bring your project to work on.

Monday, February 5

Computer Classes, South Orange Library, 10-11:30am

Art with Denise, the Baird, 11:15 am-1:15 pm

- Spend the morning with friends in a fun, social group setting. Denise Hayden will guide you step by step in replicating the featured painting. By the end of the class you will create a fabulous piece of artwork! Canvas, paint, brushes, easels, and aprons are provided. Perfect for beginners.
- Fee: \$16 (\$12 for seniors 62 and over).

Maplewood Garden Club, Maplewood Main Library, 7:30 pm

- “From Bench to Bed: What Bonsai Can Teach Gardeners”
- Marc Montefusco applies what he has learned about bonsai every day in the gardens at the Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit, where he is Director of Horticulture.

Wednesday, February 7

Free Adult Health Screenings, Maplewood Main Library, 10:00 am - noon

- Blood pressure and carotid bruit screening, medication, weight & health counseling.

South Orange Jitney goes to Essex Green in West Orange, 10:00 am

- Leaves from The Baird
- Save your seat by calling (973) 378-7754 by Friday, Feb 2

Wednesday at the Movies, South Orange Library, 1:00pm

- "The Founder."

Read Around the World: Ireland, Maplewood Main Library, 7:00 pm

- "Smile" by Roddy Doyle 2017.

South Orange Village Center Alliance Annual Public Meeting, South Mountain Tavern, 19 Valley St., 6:30-8:30 pm

- Review 2017 and help plan for 2018. Give feedback, Q&A.
- Free appetizers & soft drinks.

Thursday, February 8

Adult Health Screening, Maplewood Municipal Building, 10 am - noon

- Medication, weight & health counseling; blood pressure & carotid bruit screenings; diabetes risk assessment.
- Drop-ins welcome or call (973) 762-8120 x4300 for appointment.

Craft Lunch: Heart Boxes, Maplewood Senior Center, Noon

- You bring lunch, we provide dessert & craft supplies!
- rsvp (973) 763-0750

South Orange Library Lecture Series, South Orange Library, 1:00 pm

- Carlos Decena - Professor of Latino Studies at Rutgers.
- Topic: Immigrants Dreams in the Current Era.

Saturday, February 10

Art & Music Reception, Maplewood Main Library, 3:00 pm

- Celebrate our February exhibit of photographs by Patrick Hilaire and enjoy live music with Ahmondylla Best & Wogbledoe.

Sunday, February 11

South Orange Symphony Family Concert, South Orange Middle School, 70 N. Ridgewood Rd, 3:00 pm

If These Walls Could Talk: Researching House Histories, Durand Hedden House, 1:00-4:00 pm

- Land title expert and educator Joe Grabas shares the variety of ways to research a house's history.

Monday, February 12

S.O.S. Try Something New, South Orange Library, 1:00 pm

- Emergency Department physician from St. Barnabas

Wednesday, February 14

Computer Explorations, Hilton Branch, 10:00 - 11:00 am

- Beginner computer users can get individualized help with documents, email, Internet, photos, etc.

Senior Club Meeting: Healthy Breakfast Bar & Therapy Horse, Maplewood Senior Center, 10am - noon

- Join the senior meeting and healthy breakfast bar, then stay to meet Mikey the miniature therapy horse.

Creative Writing Workshop, South Orange Library, 1:00 pm

Thursday, February 15

Free Blood Pressure Screening, The Baird, 11:00 am

South Orange Senior Circle Meeting, The Baird, 11:00 am

- Program SLIP & FALL Prevention Seminar
- Rsvp to Hshell1@verizon.net

Lunch & Learn: Tax Cut Act, Maplewood Senior Center, 11:00 am

- Lawrence Pappas, CPA, will present on how the recent tax reforms will affect seniors.
- Sponsored by Maplewood Senior Share.
- rsvp (973) 763-0750.

South Orange Library Lecture Series, South Orange Library, 1:00pm

- Emily Hill - Prof of Computer Science at Drew University.
- Surviving the 21st century and how to thrive in the face of rapidly evolving technology

Saturday, February 17

Intergenerational Arts Workshop, Maplewood Senior Center, 10:00 am - noon

- \$5 per family, register (973) 761-6377
- Creating Art in Black History traditions, Benin and Haitian metal art will be featured.

Black History Month Programming, South Orange Library, 11:00 am - 2:30 pm

Tuesday, February 20

Flower Arranging Class, Maplewood Senior Center, 1:00 pm

- \$5, all supplies included
- space is limited. Register at (973) 763-0750 or <https://Maplewood.recdesk.com/community/program>

Wednesday, February 21

South Orange Jitney goes to Target and Whole Foods, 10:00 am

- Leaves from The Baird
- Save your seat by calling (973) 378-7754 by Friday, Feb 16th

Wednesday at the Movies, South Orange Library, 1:00 pm

- "Gifted"

Thursday, February 22

Fitness Open House, Maplewood Senior Center, 11:00 am

- Check out fitness option with demonstrations, Meet the fitness staff, Q&A plus a healthy lunch.
- register (973) 763-0750.

Overlook Van Screenings, Hilton Branch, 2:00-4:00 pm

- Blood Pressure and Blood Glucose screening and Heart Health educational materials.

South Orange Library Lecture Series, South Orange Library, 1:00 pm

- S.O. Rotary featuring Melissa Kopecky, Library Director

Community Blood Drive, Maplewood Main Library, 4:00- 7:30 pm

Saturday, February 24

Special Black History Month Screening: "Egypt Uncovered," Maplewood Main Library, 10:00 am - noon

- Presented by Maplewood Library and the NAACP Oranges and Maplewood Unit.

Monday, February 26

Computer Classes, South Orange Library, 10:00-11:30am

Shopping Trip to Bridgewater Commons, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

- The South Orange Jitney bus will leave the Baird parking lot for the Mall at 10 am, returning at approximately 3:00 pm.
- Save your seat by calling (973) 378-7754 by Friday, February 23rd.

"Telling the Story of Harlan Joseph: a Special Black History Month Talk" Maplewood Main Library, 7:00 pm

- This program is made possible through the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.

Book Group, South Orange Library, 7:30pm

- "The Marriage of Opposites" by Alicia Hoffman

Tuesday, February 27

Lunch at Libretti's of Orange, 11:30 am

- Order from the menu, prices range from \$15 - \$20
- Transportation provided. Bus leaves from DeHart Community Center at 11:30 am
- reserve your seat on the bus (973) 763-0750

Foreign Film Series, South Orange Library, 7:00 -9:00 pm

Creative Writing Workshop, South Orange Library, 1:00 pm

Location Guide:

The Baird – 5 Mead St, S. Orange (973) 378-7754

Burgdorff Center – 10 Durand Rd, Maplewood

Dehart Community Center – 120 Burnett Ave, Maplewood (973) 763- 0750

Durrand-Hedden House - 523 Ridgewood Rd, Maplewood (973)

Maplewood Main Library – 51 Baker St., Maplewood (973) 762-1622

Maplewood Hilton Library – 1688 Springfield Ave., Maplewood (973) 762-1688

Maplewood Senior Center – 106 Burnett Ave., Maplewood (973) 763- 0750

Maplewood Municipal Building – 574 Valley St., Maplewood, (973) 762-8120

The Pierro Gallery – inside the Baird, 5 Mead St., S. Orange (973) 378-7754

South Orange Library – 65 Scotland Rd., S. Orange (973) 762- 0230

South Orange Village Hall – 76 S. Orange Ave., (973) 378-7715

Winchester Gardens – 333 Elmwood Ave., Maplewood (973) 762-5050

If you would like to receive information, mailings and emails from SOMA Two towns for all ages, or post an event in our calendar, please email Crowe@twp.maplewood.nj.us or leave a message at (973) 762-8120 x 4005.