



**Events by, for and of interest to older residents
of South Orange & Maplewood.
Free unless otherwise noted.**

February 2019

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www.SOMATwotownsforallages.org**

This month, explore the wide variety of events celebrating Black History Month – art exhibits, plays, poetry readings, jazz concerts and documentaries, to name a few. And to get around in the cold and snow – take advantage of the FREE Senior Buses in each town.

Sunday, February 3

Slow Foods Indoor Farmers Market, The Woodland, 10 am – 2 pm

- free but donations suggested

Monday, February 4

Adult Health Clinic, Maplewood Main Library, 10:30 - noon

- Blood pressure and carotid bruit screening, medication, weight & health counseling, Open to residents 18 and older. Staffed by Maplewood Health Dept. nurses. Drop in.

Mah Jong Mondays, Maplewood Senior Center, 1 - 3 pm

- Drop-in for mah jong. We have the tiles, the coffee & the cookies.
- For beginners, experts and everyone in between.

Maplewood Garden Club, Maplewood Main Library, 7pm

- Subject: Ladies in the Landscape 1900-1940
- Jenny Rose Carey, Senior Director at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Meadowbrook Farm will discuss how horticulture changed the lives of women in the early part of the Twentieth Century.

Wednesday, February 6

Creative Writing Workshop, South Orange Library, 1 pm

- for more information, contact Phyllis Kalb, Program Coordinator, at pkalb@sopl.org or (973) 762-0230

Read Around the World (South Africa), Maplewood Main Library, 7pm

- The Woman Next Door by Yewande Omotoso

Free Adult Health Screenings, Maplewood Main Library, 10:30 am - noon

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

Just Lunch, Maplewood Senior Center, noon

- free but rsvp by Monday, Feb. 4 to (973) 763-0750

Thursday, February 7

Coding for Moms (and other grownups), Maplewood Main Library, 10:30 am

- Learn about programming in a relaxed and non-intimidating setting.

Library Lecture Series, South Orange Library, 1pm

- Guest Speaker: Elizabeth Redwine, Prof. of English at Seton Hall University
- Topic: Neglected Women In Literature

CASA Information Session, Maplewood Main Library, 7pm

- Help change the life of a vulnerable child by becoming a CASA Volunteer Advocate.

BLACK New Jersey: 1664 to the Present Day, The Woodland, 7 – 8pm

- Graham Russell Gao Hodges, author and professor of History and Africana & Latin American Studies at Colgate University discusses his book.

The Art of Cathleen McCoy Bristol, The Public Hallways of the South Orange Village Hall Offices, 7 – 9pm

- Come to the opening reception for this acclaimed local artist and the inaugural exhibition in a new public art space in South Orange – “Village Hallways,” so named for the public spaces in the South Orange Village Hall offices on the third floor of 76 South Orange Avenue, South Orange.
- On view February 7- March 21, Monday- Friday, 9am – 4pm.

Saturday, February 9

Meet the Maplewood Senior Advisory Committee, Maplewood Senior Center, 10 am

- Come for coffee and share your ideas, concerns and suggestions.

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

- A gathering for people who knit, crochet, quilt, sew, embroider or do other creative things with yarn or fabric.

Art & Music Reception, Maplewood Main Library, 3pm

- Celebrating our Black History Month exhibit, Beverly McCutcheon’s Wallflower Portrait collage series. Live music with VMusic. Artist’s talk at 3:20

Sunday, February 10

South Orange Symphony Free Fun Family Concert, S. Orange Middle School, 3pm

- Susan Haig of Summit leads the orchestra in a family-friendly program. Musical instrument petting zoo during intermission and reception following.

Monday, February 11

Try Something New, The Baird, 1 pm

- Judielie Laguerre from St B. hospital will speak on Heart Health

Mah Jong Mondays, Maplewood Senior Center, 1 - 3 pm

- Drop-in for mah jong. We have the tiles the coffee & the cookies.
- For beginners, experts and everyone in between.

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

- Internet basics - no registration necessary

Tuesday, February 12

Adult Health Clinic, Maplewood Town Hall, 10am - noon

Wednesday, February 13

Maplewood Senior Club, Maplewood Senior Center, 10am

- Bingo

Wednesdays at the Movies, South Orange Library, 1 pm

- "Bel Canto"

Author Talk with Joe Strupp, Maplewood Main Library, 7 – 8:30 pm

- Killing Journalism: How Greed, Laziness (And Donald Trump) Are Destroying News And How We Can Save It. Joe Strupp's book details cutbacks in resources, revenue and in-depth reporting, along with over coverage of non-stories.

SOMA GranNannies, Ethical Culture Society, 7:30 pm

Thursday, February 14

Truffles & Puppies, Maplewood Senior Center, 11:30 am

- rsvp (973) 763-0750

Library Lecture Series, South Orange Library, 1 pm

- Guest Speaker: John Wargacki, Prof. Of English At Seton Hall University
- Topic: Shakespeare's Sonnets And Other Love Poems

Classic & Contemporary Book Discussion Group, Maplewood Main Library, 7 pm

- The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Saturday, February 16 at 2pm & 8pm; Sunday, February 17 at 2pm,

"The Bubbly Black Girl Sheds Her Chameleon Skin", Burgdorff Center

- Live performances with a race-related talk-back discussion on Sunday led by the South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition on Race.
- Seniors \$15.

Sunday, Feb. 17

Jazz in the Loft: Greg Bufford presents a Tribute to Billie Holiday, SOPAC, 7 pm

- Tickets \$20.

Monday, February 18

Presidents Day - Municipal offices & Buildings closed

Tuesdays, February 19

Overlook Health Van, Maplewood Town Hall, 10 am - noon

- Heart health, BP and glucose screening provided

Wednesday, February 20

Creative Writing Workshop, South Orange Library, 1pm

Thursday, February 21

Blood Pressure Screening, The Baird, 9:30 am

Senior Circle, The Baird, 11 am

Coffee with a Cop - Operation Blue Angel, South Orange Library 12:30 pm

Library Lecture Series, South Orange Library, 1 pm

- Guest Speaker: April Grier, Prof. of Africana Studies at Rutgers University

- Topic: Reminiscing Through Jazz

IT'S OSCAR TIME!!!, South Orange Library, 7:30 pm

- Join Arts Writer Charles Paikert For A Discussion Of This Year's Academy Award Nominees!
- All Are Welcome And Refreshments Will Be Served

Celebrate the Writings of African-American Poets, DeHart Community Center, 7:30 - 9pm

- Join this poetry circle and take turns reading some of the greatest poems by Black poets, as well as by some of the lesser known writers. Whether you are a poetry lover or not, you are sure to be moved by the thoughts of these historical poets.

Friday, Feb. 22

"Central Park Five" Screening, The Woodland, 7 - 10 pm

- Filmmakers Ken Burns, Sarah Burns & David McMahon analyze the well-known case of 5 teenagers wrongfully convicted of raping women. Panel discussion afterwards.

Weekend of February 22

"Intimate Apparel" A play by Lynn Nottage, Burgdorff Center. Fri/Sat, Feb 22 & 23, at 8 pm; Sun, at 3 pm:

- Follow Esther, a black seamstress in 1905 NY who uses her hands & sewing machine to refashion her dreams and make them anew from the cloth of her life's experiences.
- Tickets \$19

Saturday, Feb, 23

Great Ancient African Civilizations, Maplewood Main Library, 11am

Sunday, February 24

Society of Musical Arts Free Concert: A Celebration of Classical Viennese Masters, JCC Metrowest, 760 Northfield Ave, W. Orange, 3 pm

- Maplewood-based Society of Musical Arts invites Maplewood and South Orange music-lovers to travel a tiny bit further to their new concert venue at JCC Metrowest.

Juilliard @ SOPAC, Juilliard Jazz Ensemble, 3pm

- \$15 Tickets for Seniors

Monday, February 25

Mah Jong Mondays, Maplewood Senior Center, 1 - 3 pm

- Drop-in for mah jong. We have the tiles, the coffee & the cookies.
- For beginners, experts and everyone in between.

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

- Drop-in- no registration necessary

Book Discussion Group, South Orange Library, 7 - 8:30 pm

- "A Prayer for Owen Meany," by John Irving

Tuesday, February 26

Newcomers' Breakfast, The Baird, 9:30 am

- New to town or new to retirement? Want to learn what South Orange & Maplewood have to offer ? Join us to learn what's going on and how to get involved.
- Rsvp to (973) 558-0863 or SOMA2towns@gmail.com

Wednesday, February 27

Coffee with a Cop, Maplewood Senior Center, 11am

- Learn about Operation Blue Angel, ask questions and bring your concerns to the Community Police officers.

Wednesdays At The Movies, South Orange Library, 1pm

- "THE WIFE"

Brain Games: Keep Your Mind Sharp, Hilton Branch, 2 pm

- Learn games and exercises to stimulate different areas of our brain and keep memory strong. Diet, physical exercise and proper rest will also be covered. Presented by Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield

Thursday, February 28

Library Lecture Series, South Orange Library, 1pm

- Guest Speaker: Douglas Simon, Prof. Emeritus Of Political Science At Drew University
- Topic: World Political Update

Ageless Grace ~ Timeless Fitness for the Body & Brain, Maplewood Senior Center, 1pm

- AG is a cutting edge brain fitness program based on neuroplasticity that activates all 5 brain functions. The movements are designed to be done while seated.
- Limited to first 20 participants; rsvp to (973) 763-0750. There is a waiver.

Chef Jesse Jones Talk & Tasting, Hilton Branch Library, 6:30 pm

- Jesse will share techniques and tips, followed by a tasting of his inspired Seafood Creole Soup.

Black History Month Presentation, South Orange Library, 7:30pm

- Marvin E. Johnson, Author/Writer Of 'Nuggets Of Wisdom For Life's Journey',
- All Are Welcome And Refreshments Will Be Served

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

Ethical Culture Society - 516 Prospect St, Maplewood

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., 3rd Floor (973) 378-7715

The Woodland - 60 Woodland Rd., Maplewood

Transportation:

South Orange Senior Bus (973) 378-7754 x1

Maplewood Senior Bus: (973) 763-5278

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