

The South Orange Gaslight



Village Aglow

Meet your neighbors by the pond at Meadowland Park for Village Aglow. More than 500 luminaries will grace the pond and walkways for

six hours on Sunday, Dec. 12. The fun will begin at 4 p.m. with a visit from Santa, followed by seasonal music, cookies, hot chocolate and the lighting of the luminaries at 5:30 p.m. A short fireworks display will begin at 5:45 p.m. ▲

JOIN ADVISORY Help make our two towns run more efficiently

The Village is looking for residents to serve on the Shared Municipal Services Advisory Committee to investigate shared services with the Township of Maplewood. The combined effort is expected to reduce costs, increase efficiency and improve services in both towns.

To apply, submit a current resume with a cover letter describing your interest in serving, other community involvement, and any circumstance that could create a potential conflict of interest. The application deadline is Saturday, Nov. 17. Cover letters and resumes can be e-mailed to msmith@south-orange.org, faxed to (973) 761-4357, or mailed to Village Clerk, 101 South Orange Ave., South Orange, NJ 07079. ▲

Take a Survey, Win Tickets! Help divine our future community arts culture

How often do you go out for arts and entertainment? When do you go? What are your favorite types of entertainment? These questions and a handful more are asked in a new online survey to be used in planning the future of community cultural offerings in arts-friendly South Orange.

An uncommon wealth of arts is available to residents of South Orange and nearby communities. Recognizing the advantages these assets bring to the Village, The Seton Hall University Arts Council, The Baird/Pierro Gallery and SOPAC have developed a coordinated system to better integrate arts in the business and residential communities.

Now they need your input. A quick, easy-to-answer online survey is awaiting your response at <http://tinyurl.com/3dx7lt>. Please take the survey and be entered in a raffle for popular event tickets and fun giveaways!

(The planning project is funded by a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.) ▲

'Tis the season to Shop So. Orange

Village commerce will keep growing and new exciting shops will move in if we all support South Orange businesses. This holiday season, shop locally. (A reminder from Main Street South Orange.)

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

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14th Annual Crafts at the Baird

It's the event that finishes (or starts!) the holiday shopping season for many Villagers. The 14th Annual Winter Crafts at The Baird will take place Dec. 6 to 9, this year with extended hours from noon to 8 p.m. daily.

Pierro Gallery will be transformed into a fabulous museum shop filled with unique handmade items. All purchases will support gallery projects while keeping local shoppers out of the mall mob scene!

This year's assortment includes contemporary quilts, jewelry, ceramics, hand-painted silks, wood and woven pieces, glass and wood ornaments, metal wall sculptures, handmade paper journals and stationery.

A kick-off preview sale will take place Wednesday, Dec. 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. For an admission of \$5, previewers will be guaranteed first selection on crafts while enjoying a festive evening of mingling with the artisans, nibbling on refreshments and socializing.

Tree Lighting

Enjoy local choirs, a visit from Santa, hot chocolate and cookies at the Holiday Tree Lighting sponsored by the South Orange Chamber of Commerce. The ceremony starts at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 29, in front of 76 South Orange Ave.

Nine-year-old wins Village poetry contest

Why is South Orange special to you? Villagers with a poetic bent were asked that question in a poetry contest sponsored by Main Street South Orange during its recent Celebrate South Orange event.

The winner? Nine-year-old Jared Kofsky whose rhythmic entry was declared "the most researched and engaging." Jared got a standing ovation after reading his poem at the Oct. 10 Board of Trustees meeting. Main Street presented him with a winner's certificate plus gift cards from the South Orange Frame Shop and Carvel.

(South) Orange I Glad I Live Here

*South Orange...
Bright at night
from the shine of a gaslight,
South Orange...
I want to go back,
because of SOPAC,
South Orange...
I'm very fond of the Duck Pond,
and at Spiotta Park
I hear the dogs bark
South Orange...
The town is very old,
But it's rated gold,
South Orange...
And when I hear concerts of Main Street,
I hear the sound of the music beat.
Oh, I like my town...
I watch narrow Rabway,
And yearly, we take trash away.
South Orange, do do do...
Sledding down Flood's Hill,
I look down at my ville.
South Orange...
Everyone's greetin'
and hopin' for Garden of Eden.
South Orange...
Remember Elisabeth Shue,
and here was Gebrig, Lou,
South Orange...
Learn at great schools,
and swim at the pools,
Oh, when I walk around my town,
I feel as happy as a clown.
Oh South Orange...
South Orange...
(South) Orange I glad I live here
though there are too many deer.
South Orange, do do do do.*

**Poet
Jared
Kofsky
is the
son of
Randi and
Jeff Kofsky**

Learn about local school financing

A public meeting on school financing has been scheduled for Wednesday Nov. 28 at Village Hall. Superintendent Brian Osborne and Board of Education Finance Chair Richard Laine will discuss the goals and budget priorities of the South Orange Maplewood School District.

The meeting is intended as a dialogue and participants will be encouraged to ask questions and share in the discussion.

The free meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. Event co-sponsors are the South Orange Citizens Budget Advisory Committee and the League of Women Voters of Maplewood and South Orange.

The session will be shown live on local cable TV channel 19, then posted on the Village Web site, www.southorange.org.

A similar meeting on Village financing was held Oct. 23. That meeting is also archived on the Village Web site and viewers can expect a similar meeting format. ▲

HANDS honored for redevelopment

Villager Pat Morrissy is executive director of the nonprofit organization HANDS, Inc., which was honored on Nov. 1 with the Outstanding Community Development Corporation Award for success in rebuilding devastated inner-city communities in Orange and East Orange.

The award was given by the Local Initiatives Support Corp.

Morrissy is a former youth worker who grew the nonprofit organization out of his interest in the community. For 21 years, HANDS, Inc. (Housing and Neighborhood Development Services) has been revitalizing neighborhoods by targeting problem properties, engaging residents and other stakeholders and leveraging funds. The efforts have paid off in newly stabilized neighborhoods.

HANDS, Inc. has rehabilitated 129 housing units, while its Home

Buyers Club has graduated 121 first-time homebuyers, and developed 12,000 square feet of new commercial space, with more to come. The group also created ValleyArts, a community arts organization; two neighborhood groups and two city-wide coalitions; the Leadership Training Institute; and a public/private partnership to redevelop brownfields.

Morrissy is a member of the South Orange Redevelopment Advisory Committee (appointed by the Village Board of Trustees) and the State Planning Commission (appointed by the governor). ▲

Stop burglaries in your neighborhood

Three out of four U.S. homes will be burglarized in the next 20 years, says the national Burglary Prevention Council, and the average property loss will exceed \$1,000.

One way to counteract the threat is Neighborhood Watch programs. Since most crimes happen in isolation, a Neighborhood Watch team can be an extra set of eyes and ears when police presence is not always available. The program creates opportunities for neighbors to get to know and cooperate with one another, and to open lines of communication with local police. It encourages residents to take an active interest in each other's properties and livelihoods.

Here in South Orange, Police Sgt. Jim Sutula is the go-to guy for setting up a Neighborhood Watch program. "If you would like to participate in the program," he says, "please contact your neighbors to see who would like to be involved and put a contact list together. The list should contain the name, address and phone number of each interested resident."

Next, elect a contact person, a captain or president. The leader can call Sutula for a meeting date to get the group up and running. "I will stay in contact with the president to see that the program is a success," he said. For more information, call Sgt. Sutula at (973) 763-3000, x7802. ▲

Attention all hopeful authors

Jonathan Lyons, president of Lyons Literary, LLC, will lead a "let's get real" discussion on what an agent can do for you and how to acquire one. The group Professionals in Media is hosting Lyons' talk, entitled "Being a Book Agent - Getting a Book Agent." The event takes place Friday, Nov. 16, at the Ethical Culture Society, 516 Prospect St., corner of Parker Avenue in Maplewood. A \$5 donation is requested. Bring your favorite beverage to share. RSVP to Jackie Hershops, Jacqueline@jacquelinehershops.com, (973) 763-7555; or Michele Hollow, mchollow@verizon.net, (973) 762-3854.

Try 'College for A Day'

No homework, no tests, no stress. Just one day of learning from four lively instructors. The South Orange/Maplewood Adult School offers the chance to go back to college and learn about four essential subjects on Saturday, Nov. 17, from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at Columbia High School.

- History - "Gettysburg Distress: Modern Memories of the Civil War," with Donald Cleary, a Civil War buff, researcher and teacher.

- Philosophy - "An Existential God," with Dr. John Davenport, Fordham University.

- English Literature - "Love and Loss in James Joyce's 'Araby,'" with Dr. Bernard McKenna, author and assistant professor at the University of Delaware.

- Physics - "From the Big Bang to Strings," with Dr. Daniel Kaplan, a former Bell Labs researcher and now a high school physics teacher.

The cost is \$90 or \$165 for two people in the same family. Call (973) 378-7620 or visit www.somadultschool.org.

Symphony season opens with classical standards

Dvorak's Symphony #8, Beethoven's Symphony #1, and Bach's Symphony #1 will be the featured fare when the South Orange Symphony performs its first concert of the 2007-2008 season on Saturday, Nov. 17. The 8:15 p.m. concert will be performed at Sterling Hall in the South Orange Middle School, with Robert Helmacy conducting. Admission is free. For information, visit www.southorange-symphony.org.

Advance Directives: What You Need to Know

A geriatric physician from Newark Beth Israel Medical Center will present a program for senior citizens on Monday, Dec. 3, from 11 a.m. to noon at the South Orange Library. The program is co-sponsored by the medical center and Jewish Family Service. For information, call the library at (973) 762-0230.

On Stage at SOPAC

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- Nov. 14, 7 p.m. - Juilliard at SOPAC: N-E-W Trio, \$15/\$12. Pre-concert talk at 6:15 p.m.

- Nov. 17, 8 p.m. - John Waite, an evening of acoustic rock, \$48/\$38.

- Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m. - Vince Giordano and the Nighthawks bring back the golden era of big band jazz, \$25/\$15/\$8.

- 12/1-9 - "Nephew Fred," a Christmas comedy presented by Seton Hall. One Friday and two Saturdays, 7:30 p.m.; two Sundays at 2 p.m. \$15/ \$12/\$8.

- Dec. 12, 7 p.m. - American Repertory Ballet presents "Beauty and the Beast," \$35/\$28.

- Dec. 14, 8 p.m. - Comic Alan Zweibel, one of the original writers from Saturday Night Live, \$35/\$28.

- Dec. 15, 8 p.m. - A Freddy Cole Holiday, expressive jazz singing, \$48/\$38.

- Dec. 16, 3 p.m. - Brady Rymer, music for the kids with rock 'n roll heart, \$18.

SHU

Multicultural Film & Lecture Series

- Nov. 5 - a lecture by Peter Miller on his 2006 Sacco and Vanzetti film.

- Nov. 12 - "Born into Brothels," a film.

- Dec. 3 - "Fast Food Nation," a film.

All events are at 6:30 p.m. at Walsh Library. Free admission. Call (973) 761-9385.

Nov. 6 - Poet Rebecca Curtis, 7 p.m., Nursing Amphitheatre, NU 113. Free admission. Call (973) 761-5105.

Dec. 9- The SHU Touring Choir will perform at 4 p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church. Suggested donation \$5. Call (973) 761-9417.

Through Dec. 15 - "Eye Tricks," an art exhibit at Walsh Gallery. Opening reception, Nov. 15, 5-8 p.m. Call (973) 275-2033.

John Waite comes to SOPAC



From British bar bands to Nashville duets, John Waite has had a long and illustrious musical career. The former front man of the rock super-group Bad English, he is best known for "Missing You" and "When I See You Smile," ballads that brought him to the top of the charts in the late 80s.

"I'm just as good as I was at the age of 17 - only I'm a lot better now," says Waite.

Experience an evening of acoustic rock and romance on Nov. 17, at 8 p.m. at SOPAC. Tickets are \$48 orchestra or \$38 mezzanine. Call (973) 275-1114 or go online to sopacnow.org.

A Night of 100 Dinners

A few hundred friends will be coming over for dinner on Saturday, Jan. 26, when the South Orange-Maplewood Education Foundation holds its fourth annual "Night of One Hundred Dinners."

Volunteer hosts will wine and dine friends and guests in their homes in Maplewood and South Orange. Themes and menus will run the gamut from casual to formal, and buffet to birthday party. Last winter's event raised, \$20,000.

SOMEF's aim is to fund educational enrichment programs within the district. For more information or to volunteer for One Hundred Dinners, visit www.somef.org.

Library Events

(973) 762-0230

Friends hold holiday party

A festive holiday meet-and-greet will be hosted by the Friends of the Library on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. New members, potential members and returnees can mingle with like-minded volunteers while snacking on tasty treats.

Learn what the Friends have accomplished in the past year and enjoy the music of violinists Joe Gluck and Mary Babiarz.

Lecture Series

Thursdays, 1 p.m.

- Nov. 15 - Black Maria Film Festival Preview, a talk and film presentation with John Columbus, festival founder and director.

- Nov. 29 - "Change of Control at the Wall Street Journal," with WSJ reporter Susan Pulliam.

- Dec. 6, "Generational Diversity," with Caldwell College Professor Rosann Bar.

- Dec. 13 - artist William Coronado, a talk and film on political symbolism in art.

- Dec. 20 - Annual holiday party with musical entertainment by Jim and Christie Harrington.

Regular Programs

- S. O. Book Review Group (adults) - Nov. 26, 7:30 p.m. "The Passion of Artemisia," by Susan Vreeland. Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m., "The Big House," by George Colt.

- Open Stage Night (9th grade and up) - Nov. 29, 7 p.m. Perform poetry, spoken word, sing a song, play an instrument!

- Children's Storytimes - Babies, Tuesdays 10 a.m.; Toddlers, Tuesdays 11 a.m.; Stories for Families, Wednesdays 2 p.m.; Songs and Stories, Thursdays 10 a.m.; Seton Stories (all ages), Fridays 10 a.m.

Preschool Open House, Nov. 14

Will your child be ready for preschool soon? If so, come to a free open house to learn about school options, meet providers and learn about registration cut-offs (often in January).

The event is sponsored by the South Orange Maplewood Community Coalition on Race, the Neighborhood Association & Civil Life Committee, and the Schools Committee.

Exhibitors from area preschools, day care centers and after-care programs in Maplewood, South Orange and neighboring towns will be on hand to answer questions.

The event will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 14, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the New Cafeteria at Columbia High School, corner of Parker Avenue and Valley Street in Maplewood. Parents and caregivers are invited. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call (973) 761-6116, x6. ▲



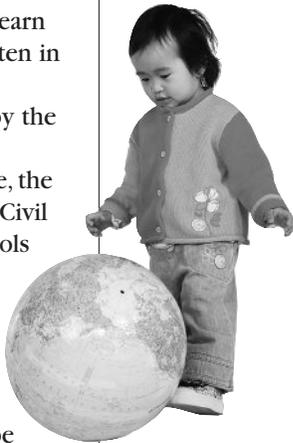
Papillon 25 is all new!

Papillon 25 Restaurant &

Martini Bar, at 25 Valley St., has undergone a complete renovation. Its new managers, Yanick and Albert Ranieri, have added a new lounge, the Cote D'Azure, and an intimate wine cellar dining room that seats 14 people for private events. Lunch and dinner are served daily, with live jazz on Tuesday and Thursday nights. For more information, visit www.Papillon25.com or call (973) 761-5299.

Ambiance has moved

Ambiance Jewelers has moved to 53 South Orange Ave., from its former location at 12 South Orange Ave. Marco Tavara, the store's jeweler for the past 17 years, is now the owner of the business. ▲



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AT THE BAIRD

DREAMCATCHER REPERTORY THEATER

A Very Special (Holiday) Special

Celebrate the holidays with Dreamcatcher as the troupe performs an affectionate send-up of traditional holiday television shows, including music, comedy and general goofiness. Show dates are Dec. 7 and 8, at 8 p.m. All tickets, \$15. For reservations or information, call (973) 378-7754, x2228, or visit www.dreamcatcherrep.org. ▲

PIERRO GALLERY OF SOUTH ORANGE

The Last Word: Narrative Women Painters, 21st Century

Oct. 21-Nov. 25

"According to critics and historians, as of the 1980s, painting was officially dead. Yet in the 1990s, we found a flurry of painters newly devoted to process over content. The idea of narrative painting may be dead with the white male echelon, however, a number of women painters have since stepped up to the plate and with a great deal of panache!" So says S.K. Duff, curator of Pierro's forthcoming exhibit featuring artists Celeste Rapone, Karen Neilson-Fried, Barbara Laube and Gabe Brown. For information, call The Baird, x3, or visit www.pierrogallery.org. ▲



Painting by Celeste Rapone, in Pierro's current exhibit, "The Last Word."

PENNY PRETZEL PLAYHOUSE

Traditional Czech stories

For 50 years, a unique set of antique Czech marionettes was confined to a dusty church closet in the heart of New York's Czechoslovak neighborhood. Now the rediscovered puppets will perform at Penny Pretzel on Thursday, Dec. 27, at 2 p.m. Puppeteer Vit Hoesis tells Czech stories he learned from his father and grandmother. In "Salt Over Gold," a princess who values her father as much as salt, is banished. But she returns to save her father when salt disappears. "The Stingy Tailor" learns a lesson from the water spirit Vodnik. All tickets are \$9. For more information or advance tickets, call (973) 378-7754. ▲

S. ORANGE RECREATION

Register for Preschool and Kinderenrichment

Registration for two of The Baird's most popular programs is coming up in January. Applications for returning students will be accepted Jan. 14. New student applications will be accepted Jan. 22 to 24, but not on a first-come-basis. A random drawing on Friday, Jan. 25 will determine the registration order. Details and applications are on The Baird Web site.

• *The Baird Preschool* combines educational and recreational activities. Small classes are offered twice a week for 2-1/2-year-olds, three days a week for 3-year-olds, and five times a week for 4- and 5-year-olds.

• *Kinderenrichment* is for children entering the fall 2008 kindergarten class in the local school district. Playful learning will reinforce the school experience. Morning and afternoon sessions are offered, either two and three times a week. ▲

Winter

At The Baird

07/08

Presented by the South Orange
Department of Recreation
& Cultural Affairs

All classes start the week of Jan. 6 and run for 10 weeks unless otherwise stated.

Two ways to register, starting Dec. 1:

- Online (small fee) at <http://www.thebaird.org>
- In person at The Baird

5th to 8th Graders

Basic Jewelry Making for Teens

Learn basic design using beads and wire to create earrings, necklaces, pendants and more. No soldering, simple tools are employed and all materials are supplied. Wednesdays, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Fee \$140, plus a \$30 supply fee due the first day of class.

Drawing Plus I

Students in 6th to 8th grades learn drawing basics while developing individual strengths and skills. Instructor Lynne Buschman focuses on line, form and composition using graphite, color pencils and paint. Tuesdays, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Fee \$140.

Guitar Instruction

Beginning acoustic and electric guitar instruction covers notes, chords, picking and strumming. Instructor Tom Morris considers students' musical tastes. Eight Saturday sessions. Grades 4 and 5, from 10 to 11 a.m. Grades 6 and 8, from 9 to 10 a.m. Fee \$77.

Musical Theater Workshop

Our musical theater in residence, Flying Ship Productions, is an active professional touring theater. Children ages 8 to 13 work on acting, singing, jazz and improvisational skills. Mondays, 4 to 6 p.m., at The Baird. For details and registration, visit info@FlyingShipProductions.com.

Tae Kwon Do for Children and Adults

Learn practical self defense while gaining discipline, body conditioning, self-confidence and stress reduction. Instructor Steve Safran.

- Beginning Children: age 5-9, Thursdays, 4-5 p.m. Fee \$95.
- Intermediate Children: age 5-9, Thursdays, 5-6 p.m. Fee \$95.
- Ages 10 and older, Thursdays, 6-7 p.m. Fee \$95.
- Adults: Tuesdays, 8-9:15 p.m. Fee \$142.

Tae Kwon Do for Special Needs Children

Parents of children with autism learn to work more effectively with their children, and all benefit from exercising. Instructor Jeff Jacobs. Saturdays: ages 6-10, 1-2 p.m.; ages 11-22, 2-3 p.m. Fee \$125.

Indoor Tennis

Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday classes (8 weeks).

- Pee Wees (ages 3-4), 4-4:50 p.m. Fee \$125.
- Hot Shots (ages 5-6), 5-6 p.m. Fee \$125.

Sports

Outdoor Platform Tennis

Monday or Wednesday classes (8 weeks).

- Level 1 (ages 7-8), 4-5 p.m. Fee \$150.
- Level 2 (ages 8-9), 5-6 p.m. Fee \$150.
- Level 3 (ages 10 and older), 6-7 p.m. Fee \$150.

Jaguar Track

This competitive track club is for boys and girls ages 7 to 16. In-person registration at The Baird takes place Wednesday, Nov. 7, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 10, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Learn to Ski

South Orange and Maplewood students in 3rd to 8th grades are transported by bus from The Baird to nearby Mount Peter ski area on five consecutive Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 9.

Classes beginning the first week in December

(Registration began Nov. 1)

Sunday Indoor Soccer for Children

Children in 3rd to 8th grades learn proper technique, rules and strategies. Each one-hour session includes skill development and a game. (The schedule, determined by enrollment, is sent to registrants in late November.) The eight-week program at South Orange Middle School begins Sunday, Dec. 2. Fee \$70.

The MSO Kickers

indoor soccer program for kindergarten to 2nd grade will likely begin in December. Registration and program details will be posted when available at <http://bluesombrero.com/mso-kickers>.

Sunday Indoor Soccer for Adults

Short round-robin games are played with six players per side. The style of play and rule modi-

fications accommodate varied skills and age levels. Emphasis is on maintaining conditioning, improving skills and having fun. The 12-week Sunday-morning program begins Dec. 2 at South Orange Middle School. Fee \$85.

Saturday Basketball Leagues

Basketball leagues for boys and girls, 3rd to 8th grades, begin Saturday, Dec. 1 for 10 weeks. Players meet in South Orange or Maplewood for 90 minutes of skill development and league play. Fee \$55.

Girls Lacrosse Clinic

The indoor clinic for girls meets Wednesdays at South Orange Middle School, beginning Dec. 5. Fee \$70.

- Grades 5-8, 6:45-8:15 p.m.
- Grades 9-12, 8:15-9:45 p.m.

Winter

At The Baird 07/08

High School & Adults

Basic Jewelry Making

Learn basic design using beads and wire to create earrings, necklaces, pendants and more. No soldering, simple tools are employed and all materials are supplied. Wednesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m., with instructor/crafter Lara Danmola. Fee \$170, plus a \$30 supply fee due the first day of class.

Drawing Plus 2/3

High school students with drawing experience learn to “see” while developing expression skills. Graphite, pastels, color pencil and paint are used to explore line, composition and form. Instructor Lynne Buschman. For 9th to 12th graders, Thursdays, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Fee \$140.

Glass Bead-Making with Torch

Beginning and intermediate participants learn various techniques in creating beads and small objects, using a torch to melt and shape glass rods. Students select from numerous glass colors and special effects such as pixie dust. Mondays, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Fee \$255, including all supplies, materials and glass.

Life Drawing Open Studio

Want to draw from a model, independent of an instructor? No registration necessary. Bring your own supplies in whatever medium you choose. A model fee of \$10 per person is collected at each class. No registration. Class starts Mar. 27 and runs for 10 Tuesdays, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Students under 18 years need a parent’s written permission.

Art with a Master

Students of all levels, in all mediums, benefit from individual attention and critiques from master artist Philip Sherrod. A model is always available in each of two sessions: 9:30 a.m. to noon, and/or 12:30 to 3 p.m. Registration \$175. Model fee \$88. (Materials not included.)

Introduction to Relief Printmaking

Using our printing presses, participants will explore making images in limited editions through linoleum cuts, wood block and collograph. All levels of experience are welcome; space is limited. Tuesdays, 12:30 to 3 p.m., or 7 to 9:30 p.m. Instructor Chuck Miley. Fee \$250, including 12 hours of open studio time outside of class. Materials fee of \$15 due the first day of class.

Guitar Instruction

Adult beginner/refresher class with instructor Tom Morris. Eight Wednesday sessions, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Fee \$93.

Pre-School to 4th Grade

Art Exploration

Children ages 3 to kindergarten work on age-appropriate projects while experimenting with paint, collage, clay and sculpture. Mondays 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., or 1 to 2 p.m. Fee \$95. Instructor Miriam Sumner.

Art Expressions

Students in 1st to 5th grades explore the creative process while developing skills in drawing, painting, collage, sculpture and printmaking. Tuesdays, 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Instructor Lynne Buschman. Fee \$95.

Concocting in Clay

Platypus Pottery comes to The Baird! Students in 1st to 5th grades make animals, aliens, masks and more, while learning hand-building and glazing techniques. Mondays, 5 to 6 p.m. Fee \$95. Materials fee \$30, due at first class.

Discovering Ceramics

Students in kindergarten to 4th grade learn to build with clay and work with molds. They also learn glazing techniques. Saturdays, 9:30 to 11 a.m., with instructor Joan Tomasco. Fee \$140. Materials fee \$15, due at first class.

Dance Classes

Children’s Ballet with Elaine Fraim D’Addezi

Age appropriate classes introduce children to fundamentals including positions, steps, vocabulary, floor work and creative movement. A combination of techniques, barre exercises and floor work will be reviewed.

Pre-Ballet I - Beginning ballet techniques for 2- to 3-year-olds (with guardian present). Saturdays, 10-11 a.m. Fee \$95.

Pre-Ballet II - Beginning ballet techniques for 3- to 4-year-olds, Saturdays, 11 a.m. to noon. Fee \$95.

Classical Ballet I - Kindergarten and 1st grade. Tuesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Fee \$95.

Classical Ballet II - For children with some experience, this class includes a combination of technique, barre exercises, floor work and more. Grades 1 and 2, Tuesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Fee \$95.

Classical Ballet III - Grades 3 and 4, Tuesdays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Fee \$95.

Musical Theater Workshop

See description under 5th to 8th graders.

Guitar Instruction

For grades 2 and 3, 11 a.m. to noon. Fee \$77. See description under 5th to 8th graders.

Mosaics for Children

Each student designs and creates an 8”x10” wooden tray with an arrangement of mosaics and hand-painted tiles. They learn layout, placement and grouting techniques. Wednesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. with instructor Joan Tomasco. Fee \$95.

Rhythm Sticks

Infants to 4-years-olds (with caregivers) will be enriched by tonal and rhythmic development while singing, dancing, listening, watching and exploring. Two Wednesday classes, 9:15 or 10:15 a.m. Instructor Pauline Barrett. Fee \$95.

Hip Hop/Break Dance

A Bette White Dance Center instructor teaches children ages 8 to 13 the latest dance moves, rhythm, energy, isolations, strengthening and confidence. The 30-week program began Oct. 6, but is open for new enrollment until Dec. 1. Saturdays, 11 a.m. to noon.

Ballet/Tap Class

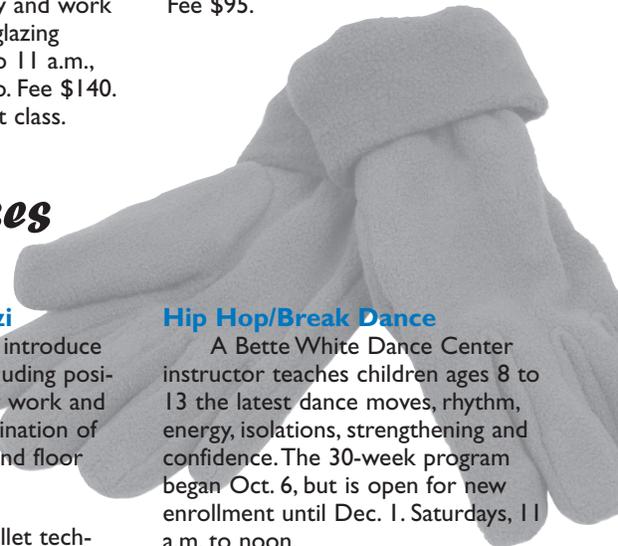
A Bette White Dance Center instructor teaches children ages 8 to 11 ballet and tap. The class prepares younger students for advanced work. Saturdays, noon to 1 p.m. The 20-week program runs Jan. 12 to June 14. Fee \$200.

FOR ADULTS

Flamenco Dancing

Men and women explore the energy and soul of gypsy dance — the rhythm, movement and improvisation — all to live guitar. No experience required. Program includes an end-of-class fiesta. Classes meet on Thursdays.

- Beginners, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
 - Intermediate, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- Instructor Toni Messina. Fee \$115.



Dear South Orange Residents,

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the Friends of the South Orange Public Library. The Friends is a non-profit organization comprised of volunteers who are devoted to stimulating and enhancing services for library patrons. Our organization also supports the values and vision of the public library by encouraging usage and participation by all South Orange residents.

Today, we encourage each of you to support our organization by becoming a member of the Friends. Your tax deductible financial contribution will help us to expand on our past activities, which included sponsoring the Martin Luther King celebration event, the annual BOOK BONANZA EXTRAVANGZA book sale and the purchase of an art supply cabinet for the Children's Room. When you join the Friends, you will support planned initiatives in the 2008 calendar year such as:

➤ **Children's Room Resources & Activities** - Provide much needed programming support (such as a

planned Halloween program) and equipment, books and other materials for the Children's Room

➤ **Local History Center** - Support a resource area documenting and cataloguing South Orange local history with archival services in conjunction with the South Orange Historical Society and other groups

➤ **Library Facility** - Provide resources to further enhance the physical conditions within the library

➤ **Library Advocacy** - Demonstrate your support for the Library and its value to South Orange residents

It's easy to join! Just complete the membership form below and return to the Friends. Your tax-deductible contribution will directly enhance the activities planned for the South Orange Public Library. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,
Janyce Wolf, President
Friends of the South Orange Public Library

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November Villager of the Month

Meredith Sue Willis

Twenty years ago, when Meredith Sue Willis and her physician husband, Andy, decided to move from Brooklyn to New Jersey, South Orange made an unexpected impact on Sue as she watched three Village children at play - one white, one black and one Asian. "I thought, that's the community for me."

Living in South Orange has fulfilled a dream, says Sue. Her private country-like backyard is perfect for her four-season organic garden. And from the public front of her home, she has been a force for community integration.

Shortly after arriving here, Sue began hearing ugly whispers about who was moving where within the Village. Quickly, she joined with other residents to address the problem of racial steering. That effort resulted in formation of the group Friends and Neighbors of South Orange Maplewood.

In 1996, Sue was invited to the first meeting of the Task Force on Racial Balance, a joint effort between South Orange and Maplewood. The task force morphed into the Community Coalition on Race, and 11 years later, Sue, a former chair, remains a trustee of the organization.

"My largest single political action has been through the Coalition, and it works for me in a lot of ways," she says. "I've made friends, I've had to deal with people in a different way, and people I would never have dealt with probably otherwise."

She also co-chairs the Coalition's Schools Committee, which wrestles with the achievement gap through parent advocacy workshops and community forums.

A graduate of Barnard with a master's from Columbia University, Sue has written more than 10 books, including novels, books on writing and even a short story collection. Her recent children's book, "Billie of Fish House Lane," became the Coali-

tion's 2007 Two Towns, One Book reading selection.



Since the early 1970s, Sue has been a writer in the schools, currently working with the Teachers & Writers Collaborative, the New Jersey State Arts Council and the Newark Museum. She also teaches writing at the New York University School of Continuing Education.

Sue defines her commitment to integration as "fighting racism" rather than community service. "There are many opportunities to do things in South Orange where one can really know one's neighbors," she says. Here, you can "have direct access to leaders and at least sometimes, make an impact." She is grateful to the Village for unflagging support of the Coalition on Race, and "somewhat shocked" to realize that integration is still a long-term project.

From everyone in the Village, a big thank you to a caring writer, teacher and community activist. ▲

Historic Society mounts Old Stone House exhibit

In the middle of our Village is a cultural treasure of historic proportions, but many residents don't know it exists. Predating historic maps from 1680, the Old Stone House is located behind the police station off South Orange Avenue.

The South Orange Historical and Preservation Society, which put the building on both the state and the national registers of historic places, is now holding an exhibit at the South Orange Library to create awareness of the building and its dire need for repair.

The display, which opened Oct. 13, includes a house model, photos of prominent families who lived in the home, a South Orange time line, and architectural sketches and maps showing all South Orange structures on the historic registers. The display will remain open through Nov. 30. For more information, visit www.sohps.org.

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