Celebrate Earth Day

Ways to Celebrate in Essex County

Get Active in Our Parks System

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PUTTING ESSEX COUNTY FIRST
A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Dear Friend,

Whether you are looking for adventure, relaxing in a restaurant or being inspired by the beauty of the natural landscape or an art exhibition, it's easy to spend a day in Essex County.

See exotic animals and learn about their place in the ecosystem at Turtle Back Zoo. Go for a thrilling ride on our Treetop Adventure zip line, challenge your skills on our miniGOLF Safari or skate figure eights at our ice arena. Walk along our waterfront or rest in the Clipper Pavilion. Our Essex County South Mountain Recreation Complex offers something for the whole family.

Every spring, the canopy of Essex County Branch Brook Park is transformed with the brilliant natural pink and white petals of the blooming Cherry Blossoms. You can enjoy the 5,000 cherry trees by strolling along the picturesque pathways or by participating in our dynamic schedule of activities centered on the bloom season. Everyone is welcome to experience this natural wonder whether you run or bike in our race events or just wander through our community festivals that feature the sights and sounds of local entertainers, vendors and Japanese cultural activities.

Essex County also has a diverse and talented community of artists who fill our galleries, museums and theaters with creative, inspirational and thought-provoking works. Whether it is a painting, sculpture or historic piece on display, or a singer or actor taking to the stage, our art venues touch our emotions and offer an opportunity to escape our daily routines.

Together we will continue Putting Essex County First.

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EARTH DAY is a special time at the Essex County Environmental Center because it highlights the center’s mission to promote nature education, conservation and environmental stewardship. The public is invited to this year’s celebration of Mother Earth, which is Saturday, April 28th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Center, 621B Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland.

As in past years, special activities and events are planned for the Earth Day celebration. There will be an eco-vendors tent where local businesses will display the latest nature-friendly products and organizations will share information about environment issues and how the public can get involved. The 4-H Club will present student projects and exhibits, the NJ Woodturners will demonstrate their craft, Turtle Back Zoo will promote wildlife education and there will be face painting, musical entertainment and refreshments the whole family can enjoy. Admission is free, but items will be for sale.

Earth Day was first established in 1970 at a time when environmental degradation and pollution had become intolerable. Communities were marred by toxins in the air, water and soil due to weak environmental policy and regulation. Human health and that of the environment were in deep jeopardy and there came a call for major change.

Peace activist John O’Connell and U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson were the two who made Earth Day a national statement, a day of reverence and respect, a day when tens of millions of people gather peacefully to demand environmental reform. Nearly 50 years later, Earth Day is observed in 192 countries and coordinated by the non-profit Earth Day Network, chaired by Denis Hayes, who was the organizer of the first Earth Day in 1970. The event is “now the largest secular holiday in the world, celebrated by more than a billion people every year,” Hayes states.
DO YOU HAVE TIME ON YOUR HANDS AND WANT TO DO SOMETHING MEANINGFUL IN YOUR COMMUNITY? Do you have a passion for the outdoors, nature, animals, and/or the environment? If so, opportunities abound throughout the Essex County Parks System. As the first county parks system in the country, the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs stands among the most interesting of places to visit, experience, explore and, of course, to volunteer! Our facilities and grounds are brimming with excitement throughout the year. As the seasons change, so does our programming. Volunteers working in the Essex County Parks System is common, especially at the Essex County Environmental Center and Turtle Back Zoo.

At the Environmental Center, youth 14 years and older can get involved in a variety of opportunities from grounds beautification to environmental education. Special events, such as Earth Day and Fall Family Fest, are very popular volunteer opportunities at the Center, not to mention high school senior service and Eagle Scout projects and college internships. The Environmental Center takes volunteer applications year round. For more information, please call the Center at 973-228-8776.

At Turtle Back Zoo, specially trained volunteers called Docents give educational talks and guide visitors throughout the Zoo grounds. Applications to join the Docent program are accepted once a year in January, and one must be at least 18 years or older to enter into the program. If you are younger than 18, the Zoo has a VolunTEEN program for children 14-17 years of age to assist the camp counselor staff during its summer camp programs. To learn more about deadlines and requirements for volunteering at the Zoo, please visit http://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/docents-volunteers.

Do you have a green thumb? The Zoo also accepts volunteers to work with its staff horticulturalist on activities such as transplanting, grooming, animal browse, special events, holiday décor and more! A vital part of the Zoo’s seasonal green team is its volunteer gardeners. For more information, call 973.731.5800 x225.

Aside from the Environmental Center and Turtle Back Zoo, interested volunteers call on the Department seeking opportunities in Essex parks that may be “closer to home.” Such opportunities are sought by Boy and Girl scouts, private corporations, college clubs or service oriented programs, youth organizations and more. Care of the Park, a program in Essex County Branch Brook Park, provides such opportunities for adult volunteers who seek to assist with horticultural maintenance and beautification. General park clean-ups and other particular service projects may be proposed to the Department for consideration.

While the particulars may vary, such as age requirements, tasks at hand, and project location, one thing is for sure—volunteering with the Essex County Department of Parks is, no doubt, a memorable positive experience for all. If you are looking to make a positive impact through volunteering, then the Essex County Parks Department is here to help make it happen! For general information regarding volunteer opportunities, please contact 973.268.3500.
ESSEX COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

Seasonal events sponsored by the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs

ESSEX COUNTY CODEY ARENA
560 Northfield Avenue
West Orange ~ 973.731.3828
www.essexcountynj.org/codeyarena

March
Spring Learn to Ice Skate Classes.
Tuesday, Friday and Saturday or Sunday classes.

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 ~ 12-1pm
JoJo Starbuck’s Adult Skating Class

March 3 ~ 8am to 2pm
Free Cardiac and Concussion screenings for ages 5 and up in the Arena Lobby. Sponsored by the Matthew J. Morahan III Health Assessment Center for Athletes. For information, e-mail teamlink@rwjbh.org.

March 15-18
Devils Youth Shamrock Hockey Tournament. Free.

ESSEsx COUNTY
ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER
621-B Eagle Rock Avenue
Roseland ~ 973.228.8776
www.essexcountynj.org/environmentalcenter

Little Explorers
Spring Nature Program
For 2 year olds (Toddlers), Fridays, March 2, 16, 30; April 6, 20;
May 4 from 10-11am
For 3 year olds (Tots)
Thursdays, March 1, 15, 29; April 5, 19;
May 3, 17 from 1-2pm
For 4 and 5 year olds (Pre-K)
Thursdays, March 1, 15, 29; April 5, 19;
May 3, 17 from 9:45-10:45pm

OR Fridays, March 2, 16, 30; April 6, 20; May 4, 18 from 1-2pm
This child-caregiver class uses stories, arts and crafts to develop an awareness and appreciation for science and nature for the child as well as the caregiver. Each week, a different nature or science topic is covered. In-person registration will take place on a first-come, first-serve basis at the Center on Wednesday, February 21st at 9am. Advance registration and payment are required; call 973.228.8776. Fee: $12 per child/session.

4-H Environmental Kids Club
Tuesdays, March 13, April 10, May 8 from 4-5pm.
For children in grades 2 through 9. The environment is filled with things, big and small, that are surprising and helpful. Come once a month to see how much fun it is to learn about the world. The club is ongoing and fosters a long-term relationship with caring adults and club member peers. Members are encouraged to get involved with 4-H county events including fairs and public speaking. Meet in Garibaldi Hall.

ESSEX COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

2018 ESSEX COUNTY Cherry Blossom Festival
BRANCH BROOK PARK
A Blossom Event for Any Day

Saturday, April 7 ~ 7am-1pm
Cherry Blossom Challenge Bike Race
Oval, Northern Division

Sunday, April 8 ~ 10am
Cherry Blossom 10k Run
Cherry Blossom Welcome Center, Extension

Saturday, April 14 ~ 10am
1-Mile Fun Run/Walk
Concert Grove, Southern Division

Saturday, April 14 ~ 11am-3pm
Essex County Family Day
Concert Grove, Southern Division

Bloomfest! Sunday, April 15 ~ 11am-5pm
Cherry Blossom Welcome Center, Extension
Advance registration is required. For information, call 973.353.1337 or visit essex.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/.

Campfire Hike
Thursday, March 8 ~ 6-7:30pm
Families are invited to participate in a hike around the Environmental Center forest, build a winter campfire, sip hot cocoa and make organic popcorn. Dress warmly. Advance registration and a minimum number of participants are required. For information, call 973.228.8776. Fee: $12 per adult, $10 per child.

3-Part Series: Stress Release Using Emotional Freedom Techniques
Tuesdays, March 13, 20, 27
6:45-7:45pm
Most individuals feel stress in one or more areas of life. Relationships, work, health, spirituality, and finances commonly contribute to stress. Regardless of the cause, stress has serious effects on the body, and reducing it can lead to a healthier, happier experience of life. Participants will learn and use EFT (Emotional Freedom Techniques) to de-stress and to gain new perspectives and insights. They will use acupressure points to tap into areas of emotional stress. This modality is easy to learn and use and, once learned, can be used any time, day or night. This class is suitable for all levels. Advance registration and minimum number of participants are required. For information, call 973.228.8776. Fee: $12 per adult per class; or $30 for the series.

Make and Take a Relaxation Squishie
Saturday, March 17
11am-12:30pm
Support wellness, concentration and stress management for children in kindergarten and up. Students will practice breathing techniques and enjoy a brisk and alert short hike outdoors being mindful of their surroundings and inner voice. Back in the laboratory, they will make their own stress balls from various materials including cornstarch and dried beans. Consider letting your grade school aged child take a break from the potential stresses of a typical school day. Advance registration and minimum number of participants are required. For information, call 973.228.8776. Fee: $10 per child.

Cordage & Candle Making with Natural Plant Fibers
Thursday, April 12 ~ 6-7:30pm
Participants will learn to identify plants that can be spun into cordage and practice the form and technique of reverse wrap. They will leave with a length of cordage, shell candle and some extra materials for practice. Advance registration and a minimum number of participants are required. For information, call 973.228.8776. Fee: $12 per adult, $10 per child.

Bike Right – Learn To Ride
Saturday, April 21
10:30am-12:30pm
Children ages 5 and older will learn to ride a bike using the TransOptions’ Bike Right Learn to Ride method. Bike Right Learn to Ride will teach children the safe, easy and effective way to learn to ride. Using this “balance first” method, parents help get their children rolling while the child does most of the work. Participants learn the basics of balancing, starting, stopping, and steering a bike, as well as proper helmet fit and adjustment. Please bring a helmet and a bike (without training wheels). In the event of rain, this program will be rescheduled. Meet in Garibaldi Hall. Advance registration and minimum number of participants are required. For information, call 973.228.8776. Fee: $10 per child.

Spring Camp
Tuesday, April 3
Wednesday, April 4
Thursday, April 5 ~ 12:30-4:30pm
For children in grades 1 through 5. Restore the bond between children and nature. Children will have the opportunity to explore nature at the Essex County Environmental Center. Advance registration and payment are required. For information, call 973.228.8776. Fees: $125 per child for all 3 days or $50 per child/per day.

Earth Day
Saturday, April 28 ~ 11am-4pm
Bring your family, friends, and neighbors for our annual outdoor Earth festival. On this special day, celebrate nature with crafts; games; recreational opportunities, such as canoeing and hiking; demonstrations, information and a local eco-vendors’ sale. Environmental Center staff and partner groups will be on hand to guide you throughout the day. Eco-vendors will be available. Free.

Making Charcoal Art
On The Campfire
Thursday, May 3 ~ 6-7:30pm
Adults and children 10 years and older will gather sticks of different wood varieties and turn them into charcoal pencils in a container placed on the fire. The sticks char without completely combusting due to the lack of oxygen and make an excellent artist charcoal. Each participant will get to make some free choice art and take some charcoal pencils home. Advance registration and minimum number of participants are required. For information, call 973.228.8776. Fee: $12 per adult, $10 per child.
ESSEX COUNTY KIP’S CASTLE PARK
22 Crestmont Road
Verona ~ 973.433.7469
www.essexcountynj.org/kip'scastle

Operating Hours
May 1 – November 1
Tuesday – Friday, 12pm to 3pm
Grounds are open dawn to dusk all year.

Essex County Kip’s Castle Celebrates Spring with Evening Guided Tours
April 24, 26, May 1, 3, 8, 10
Tours begin at 7pm. Admission is $8 and includes coffee, cold drink and cookies. Registration is required, limited space available.

Kip’s Castle Oral History Project
Essex County Kip’s Castle has been the residence of some of Essex County’s most interesting people over the last 110 years. In order to capture their stories, the Essex County Parks Department, Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs initiated the Kip’s Castle Oral History Project, an ongoing effort to stitch together the narrative of Essex County Kip’s Castle Park, a gem added to the park system in 2007. With funding from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, the Rutgers Oral History Archives has conducted interviews with representatives of nearly every period of the Castle’s ownership, family members, guests, and employees.

A selection of audio clips from the oral histories are now available through an interactive presentation on HistoryPin.org. Visit the site and search “Kip’s Castle” to experience the Kip’s Castle Oral History Project. The interviewee’s observations, accompanied by historic and present-day photos of subjects discussed, provide an interesting glimpse into life at the Castle.

ESSEX COUNTY PRESBY MEMORIAL IRIS GARDENS
474 Upper Mountain Avenue
Upper Montclair ~ 973.783.5974
http://presbyirisgardens.org

Mother’s Day Annual Plant Sale
Friday, May 4 ~10am-4pm and Saturday, May 5 ~ 9am-3pm
at Essex County Presby Memorial Iris Gardens, Montclair

ESSEX COUNTY TURTLE BACK ZOO
560 Northfield Avenue
West Orange ~ 973.731.5800
www.essexcountynj.org/turtlebackzoo

Spring Early Childhood Programs
IHop on over to the Zoo for laughing and learning this spring. Early Childhood Programs continue this spring with seasonally-themed activities in March, April and May for pre-school age children. Visit http://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/early-childhood-programs/ for current listings.

Zoo Storytime with the Easter Bunny
Friday, March 30; Saturday, March 31 and Sunday, April 1
10am, 12:30pm, 2:30pm
Spring animals and stories! Ticket includes story time, photo with the Easter Bunny, an animal presentation, and zoo admission. Event lasts approximately 30 minutes. Recommended for children ages 12 and younger. An adult must accompany all children with a paid ticket. Space is limited. Register online.

Summer Camp Open House
Saturday, March 3 ~ 12-3pm
It’s never too early to think of summer! Come to the second annual Summer Camp Open House to meet camp counselors, learn about the science-based curriculum, try a camp-styled activity, and say hello to a few of our camp Animal Ambassadors. Register for this free program at www.turtlebackzoo.com/zoo-camp/.

Spring Break Mini-Camp
Monday, April 2 to Friday, April 6
9am-4pm daily
Become world travelers while learning about animals and cultures from around the world.
around the globe. Discovery activities, science experiments, and special animal experiences make this a fun way to spend spring break. Enroll for one day or attend all week. Mini-camps are for children ages 5 to 10. Advanced registration and payment are required. Learn more and register at www.turtlebackzoo.com/zoo-camp/.

Party for the Planet
Saturday, April 21 & Sunday, April 22
11am–2pm
Join Turtle Back Zoo and the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' annual Earth Day Celebration. Animal talks and entertainment help the young and old connect with the natural world and become better wildlife stewards. Included with zoo admission.

Night Moves
Join us in 2018 for a unique look at the zoo and its nocturnal animal collection. Night Moves is a guided evening tour of zoo exhibits where visitors learn about different animal senses and adaptations. Online registration is required. A full list of dates are online at http://turtlebackzoo.com/events-calendar/.

Zoo Summer Camp
9am to 4pm daily
July through August
Camps will be introduced to the extraordinary world of animals, nature, and science. Children will enjoy age-appropriate animal themed camps that include hands-on scientific inquiry, teacher-guided lessons, behind-the-scenes experiences, up-close animal encounters, and fun crafts and activities. Summer camps are for children ages 5 to 14 years old. Zoo members can register beginning March 17; online registration opens to the public on March 31. Advanced registration and payment are required. Learn more and register at www.turtlebackzoo.com/zoo-camp/.

Behind the Scenes:
TBZ Animal Hospital
Saturdays in May
Get a peek into the day-to-day workings of a Zoo Animal Hospital and meet the veterinarian staff who take care of all our animals. Register online beginning April 1st.

Breakfast with the Lions and Hyenas
Saturday, May 5 & Sunday, May 6
8:30–10 am
Our conservation breakfast series continues with a virtual adventure to Africa, where visitors are sure to have a roaring good time being introduced to our lion pride and hyena clan. Space is limited. 973.731.5800, Ext.103.

Art at the Zoo
Children Paint at the Zoo classes and Adult Paint & Sip Classes return this spring and summer. The Zoo will once again be collaborating with A Sip of Art to bring zoo and animal-themed art projects to Turtle Back. Visit our events calendar, join our newsletter, or follow us on Facebook to stay up to date.

ESSEX COUNTY FISHING DERBIES
For ages 15 and under. Free to enter. Prizes will be awarded.

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Cooperman JCC
760 Northfield Avenue, West Orange
973.530.3412
www.jccmetrowest.org/artgalleries

Gaelen Gallery East
March 4 to April 29
The display features works by Debra Kapnick (pastels) and Anne Carlino (sculpture), who both won Best in each medium in the 2017 annual Gaelen Juried Art Show and Sale.

Michael Lenson
May 6 to June 24
Michael Lenson is a renowned WPA New Jersey muralist.

Arts/Theater Lobby
Chas Palminteri, paintings
March 4-April 29
Reception Sunday, March 4 from 11am to 1pm

MONTCLAIR ART MUSEUM
3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair
973.746.5555
www.montclairartmuseum.org

Kay WalkingStick:
An American Artist
February 3 to June 17
The Montclair Art Museum will be the final stop of the national tour of Kay WalkingStick: An American Artist, the first major retrospective of the artistic career of Kay WalkingStick (born 1935), a citizen of the Cherokee Nation and one of the world’s most celebrated artists of Native American ancestry.

Art in Bloom: 10th Anniversary
May 16-20
Art in Bloom is a biennial celebration of floral designs inspired by the art in MAM’s galleries. The 10th Anniversary floral design exhibition features more than 30 designs by local floral designers and is chaired by Cynthia Corhan-Aitken. Gallery hours vary; please see montclairartmuseum.org for details.

NEWARK MUSEUM
49 Washington Street, Newark
973.593.6550
www.newarkmuseum.org

The Rockies and the Alps:
Bierstadt, Calame and the Romance of the Mountains
March 24 to August 19
Newark Museum will mark the opening of a new special exhibition gallery with this major exhibition that features Hudson River School landscape paintings from the permanent collection, as well as private and public collections.

Dramatic Threads:
Textiles of Asia
March 14 to February 2019
This features theatrical and political costumes as well as architectural and decorative textiles from diverse areas of Asia and showcases works that display a wide range of techniques.

American Craft:
A Newark Museum Sampler
Ongoing
This is a new installation focusing on American Craft of the last 30 years. Furniture, silver, ceramics and glass objects will demonstrate the diversity of the museum’s landmark holdings in American Craft. There are masterworks by Native American and African-American artists as well as superb works by New Jersey’s best-known studio craftspeople, such as Ubaldo Vitali and Paul Stankard.
Arts of Global Africa
Ongoing
One of the centerpieces of the Newark Museum’s revitalization project is the relocation of the Arts of Global Africa Permanent Collection into a new gallery space on the first floor, coinciding with the centennial year of the collection.

Art of The Ancient Mediterranean: Egypt, Greece & Rome
Ongoing
After 28 years, Newark Museum’s Ancient Mediterranean collection has received a new home. The Newark Museum’s classical collection of art from Egypt, Greece and Rome is comprised of nearly 4,500 objects dating from 3000 BC to 600 AD. It was relocated from its original gallery space as part of the museum’s renovation project that includes the reopening of the main entrance on Washington Street and the relocation and reinstallation of the Arts of Global Africa galleries.

Hot, Hotter, Hottest: 300 Years of New Jersey Ceramics
Ongoing
The Newark Museum was the first in the nation to celebrate regional industry with its 1915 exhibition The Clay Products of New Jersey. One hundred and one years later, a new, interactive permanent gallery for the museum’s unparalleled collection commemorates the Garden State’s great history as one of the great pottery and porcelain centers of the Western World.

Newark: City of Silver and Gold from Tiffany to Cartier
Ongoing
Newark was home to a number of important silver companies, and was the center of a vast gold jewelry industry. By 1900, sterling silver objects were being mass produced at modest cost and sold through jewelry stores in every state in the country. In the same period, 14-karat gold jewelry had become a staple of modern fashion for men and women.

Party Time: Re-imagine America – A Centennial Commission by Yinka Shonibare MBE
Originally created in 2009 in honor of the Newark Museum’s centennial, Party Time: Re-imagine America is a major site-specific installation by internationally acclaimed artist Yinka Shonibare MBE.

Repertoire by Molly Hatch
Ongoing
Ceramic artist Molly Hatch has been commissioned to produce a monumental three-part installation in the niches of the Engelhard Court. Repertoire will be her largest commission to date, honoring the Newark Museum’s 107-year-tradition of collecting contemporary ceramic art, and commemorating the retirement of Curator of Decorative Arts Ulysses Dietz after 37 years.

Style and Status in Sterling:
American Silver in the Newark Museum
Ongoing
100 pieces of American silver from the 1600s to 2017 tell the story of silver in American life – its art, its meaning, its history, its beauty. These are amazing objects with amazing stories to tell.

When Objects Became Art
Ongoing
This new installation highlights the Newark Museum’s century-old commitment to collecting and displaying modern ceramics and glass as art. Art ceramics purchased between 1911 and 1926 will be spotlighted, along with three examples of art glass from the 1920s.

Justseeds: Migration Now!
Through March 11
Justseeds is a loose print collective that operates as a unified collaboration of similarly minded printmakers who believe in the transformative power of personal expression in concert with collective action. This exhibition is constituted by one portfolio they produced on the theme of migration.

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Rutgers Center for Law & Justice
123 Washington Street, 5th floor, Newark
www.artgallery.newark.rutgers.edu

Pavel Romaniko: Nostalgia
Through March 24
Russian/American artist Pavel Romaniko explores ideas about changing social and political relationships using a series of photographs, reflections and meditations about history and the present.

STUDIO MONCLAIR GALLERY
127 Bloomfield Avenue
Montclair
862.500.1447
www.studiomontclair.org

Making as Thinking
February 9 to March 29
The exhibit features work in a variety of visual media including sculpture, painting, drawing, and mixed media. All the work, whether abstract, representational or whimsical, is infused with a sense of mystery and purpose that invites multiple viewings. Curator is Todd Lambrix.

Discovery in the Details
April 6 to May 19
This exhibit features artists working in all mediums and genres who have enlarged a small detail of an existing art work that will stand alone as another new work. The original and detail will be exhibited side-by-side. Curator is Nette Forne Thomas. Opening Reception: Friday, April 6 from 7-9pm.

THE WALSH GALLERY AT SETON HALL UNIVERSITY
Seton Hall University
400 South Orange Avenue
South Orange
973-275-2033
www.shu.edu/walshgallery

Marcel Brianchon and Margueritte Louppe: Mirrors of Midcentury French Culture
Through March 9
The exhibit features the rich interior and exterior life of a husband and wife team of artists, active from the 1920s through the 1970s. The paintings, prints, drawings and sketches in the exhibition offers a visual diary of the dialogue between the two artists.
**ESSEX COUNTY SPRING EVENTS**

**February 28 to March 5: Django, A Gogo Music Festival and Camp.** The festival honoring the great Django Reinhardt celebrates its 10th anniversary with a week-long music camp in Maplewood, featuring daytime master classes and evening performances from world-class guitarists Stephane Wrembel, Al Di Meola, Stochelo Rosenberg and more. The camp will culminate in a historic showcase at Carnegie Hall March 3. The Woodland, 60 Woodland Road, Maplewood. 8pm. $25-$68. 718.522.7171. http://www.djangoagogo.com/

**March 2: Lean On Me: José James Celebrates Bill Withers.** Blue Note recording artist José James performs a tribute to ‘70s Soul legend Bill Withers that includes fresh takes on “Ain’t No Sunshine,” “Use Me,” “Lean on Me,” and more. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange. 10am to 2 pm. $20 for the first object, $15 for the second. Members of either organization receive a $5 discount. 973.744.1796. www.montclairhistory.org

**March 2: Wine & Wheel with Friends.** Create with clay while sipping cabernet. Gather your friends to try your hands at the potter’s wheel in a relaxed, fun, and light-hearted environment. Montclair Art Museum, 3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair. 7-9:30pm. $55 MAM members, $75 non-members. Advance registration required. 973.259.5139. montclairartmuseum.org

**March 3: Ian Gallagher.** This is a special afternoon concert to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day. Ian Gallagher, Irish singer and musician, will perform Irish classics, including some you may have never heard of before. This is an interactive concert, so be prepared to have fun as Ian talks with the audience about the history of Ireland and the songs being performed. Bloomfield Public Library, 90 Broad Street, Bloomfield. 1pm. Free. 973.566.6200. www.bplnj.org

**March 3: An Evening with Andy Borowitz.** Andy Borowitz is a New York Times best-selling author and a comedian renowned for the Borowitz Report, a satirical news column that has millions of readers around the world. An Evening with Andy Borowitz will feature a presentation, interview and question and answer session. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange. 5 and 8pm. $38 to $108. VIP tickets are available in the orchestra section and includes a post-show meet and greet in the SOPAC Loft. 973.313.2787. www.SOPACnow.org

**March 3: Hidden Treasures Appraisal Day.** At the Hidden Treasures Appraisal Day, visitors can find out the history and the value of their treasured objects. This is a joint fundraiser by the Montclair History Center and the Montclair Women’s Club, 82 Union Street, Montclair. 10am to 2 pm. $20 for the first object, $15 for the second. Members of either organization receive a $5 discount. 973.744.1796. www.montclairhistory.org

**February 1 through March 4: Razorhurst.** In 1929, the streets of Sydney, Australia ran with blood as a pair of notorious crime bosses led their rival empires to war. The twist? These two crime bosses were women – Kate Leigh and Tilly Devine. This new musical traces their historical reign as queens of their domains. Luna Stage, 555 Valley Road, West Orange. Thursday 7:30pm. Friday and Saturday 8pm. Sunday 3pm. $37 weekends $27 Thursdays and previews. 973.395.5551. http://lunastage.org/calendar.php?id=228

**March 4: Parent/Child Ceramics for ages 5-8.** Parents work with their child to make a textured tile or wall hanging and experiment with throwing on the potter’s wheel. Workshop participants will view demonstrations of the various steps involved in wheel throwing and have time for guided practice. Additionally, participants will use a variety of stamps and texturing implements to design their own “family” tile or wall piece. Students are encouraged to bring texture objects to class. Price is per parent and child pair. Montclair Art Museum, 3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair. 11am to 1pm. $65 MAM members, $85 non-members. 973.259.5139. montclairartmuseum.org
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March 7: Spring Educators Evening: Kay WalkingStick. Pre-K-12th grade educators will explore themes of American identity and personal journey through the art of Kay WalkingStick and the American landscape. Teachers will leave with strategies to engage students in art making and discussion that supports art and history curriculum, and reflections on personal identity. Educators earn 2 hours of PD credit. Montclair Art Museum, 3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair. 4-6pm. Free. 973.259.5136. montclairartmuseum.org

March 10: Early Bird Camp Registration. The Montclair Community Farms, Montclair History Center, and Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H will partner for all camp sessions. Information on weekly camp curriculum, field trips, and registration will be given on site. Montclair Community Farm, 108 Orange Road, Montclair. 10am to 12pm. 973.353.1337. www.montclairhistory.org

March 10: An Evening with Laura Benanti. Tony Award-winner and five-time Tony Award-nominee, Broadway star Laura Benanti performs at SOPAC for one night only. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange. 8pm. $58 to $78. 973.313.2787. www.SOPACnow.org

March 10: Parent/Child Diptychs. Inspired by Kay WalkingStick’s diptychs and childhood memories, parent and child will each create one half of a mixed media landscape. When put together, participants will have a view of family homelands as seen across generations. Montclair Art Museum, 3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair. 1-3 pm. $65 MAM members, $85 non-members. Advance registration required. 973.259.5139. montclairartmuseum.org

March 11: Jazz in the Loft: Alexis Morrast. Alexis Morrast is a 16-year-old musical phenomenon. She’s a two-time winner of Amateur Night at the Apollo Theater in Harlem, N.Y., and has performed internationally with world class artists. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange. 7pm. $20. 973.313.2787. www.SOPACnow.org

March 14: MSU/MAM Art Talk & Performance: Peter Morin. Peter Morin is a Tahltan Nation artist, curator, and writer. In his artistic practice and curatorial work, Morin’s research investigates the impact zones from when indigenous cultural-based practices and western settler colonialism collide. Educators earn 2 hours of PD credit. Montclair Art Museum, 3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair. 7pm. $12 MAM members, $15 non-members, $5 students with ID/free MSU staff and students. 973.746.5555. montclairartmuseum.org

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March 23: Regina Carter: Simply Ella. Jazz violinist Regina Carter’s musical journey has always taken her to deeply personal spaces, and inspiration has come through her family, roots and love of Jazz. Now, she pays tribute to the musical legend Ella Fitzgerald with Ella: Accentuate the Positive. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange. 8pm. $35 to $48. 973.313.2787. www.SOPACnow.org

March 24: Girl Talk: A Women’s Poetry Reading. To celebrate Women’s History Month, 30 women poets from throughout New Jersey will read some of their published poetry about women’s issues. Some of the poets will sign and sell copies of their poetry anthologies after the program. West Caldwell Public Library, 30 Clinton Road, West Caldwell. 1-4pm. Free. Registration required. 973.226.5441. http://wcplnj.org

March 24: Water, water everywhere. This Livingston Symphony Orchestra program refreshes the soul with water-themed works including Debussy’s “La Mer,” Wagner’s “The Flying Dutchman” and Mendelssohn’s “Fingal’s Cave.” Livingston High School, 30 Robert Harp Drive, Livingston. 7:30pm. $25 adults, $15 seniors, free under 12 accompanied by adult. 973.980.1809. www.lsonj.org

March 24: Goodnight Moon and The Runaway Bunny. Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia has added to its acclaimed repertory of outstanding children’s productions with an innovative double-bill adaptation of Margaret Wise Brown and Clement Hurd’s beloved bedtime classics, “Goodnight Moon” and “The Runaway Bunny.” Whimsical puppetry and delightful original music will bring a new sense of appreciation to stories that have delighted several generations. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange. 2pm. $20 children, $25 adults. 973.313.2787. www.SOPACnow.org

March 24: Ryan Hamilton from the Netflix Comedy Special, Happy Face. Ryan Hamilton recently released his first stand-up special, the one-hour Netflix original Happy Face. It follows a wealth of television appearances and a non-stop headlining tour that is earning him universal acclaim. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange. 8pm. $28. 973.313.2787. www.SOPACnow.org

Space is limited to 50 families for the two-hour event, and a parent or adult must accompany children. Montclair Art Museum, 3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair. 5 to 7pm. $35 per family (up to 4 persons including at least one adult) 973.746.5555. www.montclairhistory.org

March 30-April 6: Spring Break Camp. Students will paint, draw, sculpt, work with clay, digital media, mixed media, and collage in a fun and supportive atmosphere. They will learn fine art techniques while exploring a variety of exciting and stimulating themes. Montclair Art Museum, 3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair. 9am to 3pm. $145 per week. www.montclairhistory.org
April 1: Sacred Music, New & Old. The Oratorio Society of New Jersey presents its spring concert featuring music by Lauridsen (Lux Aeterna) and Mozart (Vesperae Solennes de Dominica). Sandor Szabo is the conductor. Church of the Immaculate Conception, 30 North Fullerton Avenue, Montclair. 8pm. $20 in advance, $25 at the door. 973.714.0776.

April 3 and 5: ReelAbilities: New Jersey Film Festival. ReelAbilities Film Festival brings together the community to promote awareness and appreciation of the lives, stories and artistic expressions of people with different abilities through conversations and artistic programs to explore, embrace, and celebrate the diversity of our shared human experience. All screenings are free and open to the general public. Montclair State University, School of Communication and Media, Presentation Hall, 1 Normal Avenue, Montclair. 7pm to 10pm. Free. Registration required. 973.655.7905. http://www.montclair.edu/the-film-institute-at-montclair-state/

April 6: Red Molly with special guest Ellis Paul. Americana powerhouse trio Red Molly is known for its gorgeous harmonies, infectious songwriting, and captivating stage presence. Laurie MacAllister (bass), Abbie Gardner (Dobro), and Molly Venter (guitar) weave together the threads of American music from Folk roots to Bluegrass, from heartbreaking ballads to barn-burning honky tonk. Ellis Paul is a gifted singer/songwriter and storyteller, a musician whose words reach out from inside and express the feelings, thoughts and sensibilities that people can relate to through their own experiences. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange. 8pm. $28 to $38. 973.313.2787. www.SOPACnow.org

April 7: Treasure Island. Treasure Island conjures up a tale of adventure on the high seas in this fun-filled yarn of piracy and buried treasure. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange. 2pm. 973.313.2787. www.SOPACnow.org

April 7: Aztec Two Step. Rex Fowler and Neal Shulman have spent a lifetime of making music together as the Folk-Rock duo Aztec Two-Step. After 40-plus years of performing and recording, they continue to impress audiences with intelligent songwriting, dazzling acoustic lead guitar and soaring two-part harmonies. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange. 8pm. $28 to $38. 973.313.2787. www.SOPACnow.org

April 7: WBGO Kids Jazz Concert. Guest artists will offer a lively performance and hold an interactive discussion about jazz and rhythms, including a Q&A session. First-come-first-served seating. Adults must be accompanied by a young person. Montclair Art Museum, 3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair. 1:30pm. Free. 973.746.5555. montclairartmuseum.org

April 8: Screening of the award winning documentary, Swim Team. Swim Team chronicles the extraordinary rise of the Jersey Hammerheads, capturing a moving quest for inclusion, independence and a life that feels winning. There also will be a sensory-friendly art project at 1pm. All ages/abilities are welcome. Popcorn and refreshments served prior to the screening. 3-5pm. Q&A with film Director Lara Stolman from 5-5:45pm. Registration is required for the sensory-friendly art project. Montclair Art Museum, 3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair. Free. Registration required. 973.655.7905. www.montclairartmuseum.org

April 8: Jazz in The Loft: Don Braden. Don Braden is a Jazz musician of the highest caliber. For over 30 years he has toured the world leading his own ensembles on saxophone and flute, as a special guest, and as a sideman with Jazz greats Betty Carter, Wynton Marsalis, Freddie Hubbard, Tony Williams, Roy Haynes, and many others. South Orange Performing Arts
Experience the first major retrospective of the artistic career of Kay WalkingStick, one of the most celebrated artists of Native American ancestry.


April 15: Blues in The Loft: Mike Griot and Friends. The traditional end of the Blues in the Loft season is marked by Loft series founder Bassist Mike Griot performing alongside some of the music world’s most talented artists. This year will undoubtedly be yet another musical reunion of great friends...and even greater musical talents. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange. 7pm. $20. 973.313.2787. www.SOPACnow.org

April 21: Rutgers University Chorus – Newark Spring Concert. The acclaimed 50-voice chorus presents its annual Spring Concert featuring music from North and South America, Europe, and Asia. To celebrate its 70th season, the chorus will premiere a setting of texts by Walt Whitman by Rutgers Professor Henry Martin. Christ Church of Bloomfield/Glen Ridge, 74 Park Avenue, Glen Ridge. 5pm. $25 preferred seating, $10 general admission, $5 seniors and students. 973.353.5119. www.acm.newark.rutgers.edu/music

April 21: Music of the Exotic World. International violinist Dr. David Podles has over 40 years on the World Concert Stage, having performed at Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall and Rockefeller Center as well as the Bolshoi in Moscow and...
April 22: Folk Song Hootenanny. Husband and wife duo Gerard and Diane Barros will present a folk concert featuring music from the ‘50s, ‘60s and ‘70s in this all acoustic guitar and percussion show. Timeless “coffee house” classics by such as artists as Peter, Paul and Mary, Simon & Garfunkel, Bob Dylan, Emmy Lou Harris, the Everly Brothers, and many others will be featured. West Caldwell Public Library, 30 Clinton Road, West Caldwell. 2pm. Free. Registration required. 973.226.5441. http://wcplnj.org

April 22: Rosedale Cemetery Tour. Founded over 150 years ago, Rosedale Cemetery marked the beginning of a new movement in how America took care of its deceased. Participants will venture into new sections for this guided tour, discussing grave imagery as well as the people who are buried there. Tour is led by Executive Director Jane Eliasof and Assistant Director Angelica Diggs. Admission is $10/person, registration required. Carpooling is suggested due to limited parking on site and driving to distant parts of the cemetery. The tour is from 1:30-3:30 pm and begins with a brief introduction at the Rosedale Chapel, 408 Orange Road, Montclair. There is about 2 miles of walking. Call 973-744-1796 or email mail@montclairhistorical.org. www.montclairhistory.org

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April 26: 3rd Annual Gaelen Family Artist Lecture: Kay WalkingStick & Kathleen Ash-Milby. Join MAM for an evening of dynamic dialogue between Artist Kay WalkingStick and Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian Associate Curator Kathleen Ash-Milby as they discuss WalkingStick’s path of constant invention, innovation, and evolving artistic and personal growth through visually brilliant and evocative works of art. Educators earn 2 hours of PD credit. Montclair Art Museum, 3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair. 7:30pm. $12 MAM members, $15 non-members, $5 students with ID/free or MAM Contemporaries. 973.746.5555. montclairartmuseum.org

April 26: Walk. Talk. Taste Montclair. Discover the food and stories that make Montclair unique on this three-hour food tasting and historical walking tour of downtown Montclair. Sample foods from six to eight Montclair restaurants. Space is limited. $45; $40 for Montclair History Center members. Meet at 2pm in front of the Lackawanna Station. To register, call 973.744.1796 or email to mail@montclairhistorical.org. www.montclairhistory.org

Kirov in Ukraine as well as many, many European and Middle Eastern countries. Bloomfield Public Library. 90 Broad Street, Bloomfield. 1pm. Free. 973.566.6200. www.bplnj.org
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April 29: “To be the Daylight” Poetry Reading. Award-winning local poet Charlotte Mandel will read poems from her new anthology “To Be the Daylight.” The poet’s poems light up moments of human connection. She journeys from childhood on a Coney Island beach to her feminist leap from muteness to strength, and finally to discovery of inner peace. West Caldwell Public Library, 30 Clinton Road, West Caldwell. 2pm. Free. Registration required. 973.226.5441. http://wcplnj.org

May 20: Tribute to Rachmaninov. The acclaimed Allegro Singers with pianist Inna Leytush will present a concert of classical music celebrating the 145th anniversary of Sergey Rachmaninov including some of his famous art songs and a medley of arias from his opera “Aleko.” Music by other composers born in May, including as Brahms, Massenet and Tchaikovsky, will also be featured. West Caldwell Public Library, 30 Clinton Road, West Caldwell. 3pm. Free. Registration required. 973.226.5441. http://wcplnj.org

Lisa Palombo's Annual Spring Open Studio

May 3 through 5: Annual Herb and Heirloom Vegetable Sale. Visit the Montclair History Center’s Orange Road site and pick up unique, organic herbs for your garden. A selection of heirloom vegetables in addition to herbs will be offered. Download the preorder form in April from our website to guarantee your herbs. Pre-orders must be picked up on Thursday before 8 pm. Thursday, 9am to 8pm; Friday, 9am to 5pm; Saturday, 9am to 3pm or until we sell out. Montclair History Center, 110 Orange Road, Montclair. www.montclairhistory.org

May 4 to 5: Artists Who Innovate: A Celebration of New Jersey Choreographers. Honored by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts with prestigious fellowships, SOPAC presents nine of New Jersey’s finest choreographers in this two-day showcase of their work. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange. 8pm. $20 for one day, $32 two days when purchased together. 973.313.2787. www.SOPACnow.org

May 5: Upper Montclair Historic Walking Tour. Developed and co-led by the Friends of Anderson Park and the Montclair History Center, this 2½ hour walking tour chronicles the development of the area from a rural settlement in the 1880s to a burgeoning suburban town in the 1930s. For reservations and starting location, contact mail@montclairhistorical.org or 973.744.1796. $10. Tours begins at 10am. 973.495.9589. www.montclairhistory.org.

May 5 & 6: 18th Annual Spring Open Studio. Award-winning American Impressionist Lisa Palombo opens her art studio annually to the public to showcase new, original paintings consisting of florals, waterscapes, and nautical paintings, which highlight her signature palette and expressive brushstrokes. Children are welcome. Light refreshments served. Lisa Palombo Studios, 55 Mountain Avenue, Caldwell. 12-5pm. Free. 973.364.0280. www.lisapalombo.com

May 10 to 12: 81st Annual Maplewood Garden Club Plant Sale. Shop from an extensive selection of plants and support the Maplewood Garden Club’s programs at the same time. Selections include tomatoes, vegetables, herbs, annuals, perennials, houseplants, hanging baskets, tropicals, shrubs, trees, and Mother’s Day baskets. Proceeds are returned to the community through community projects, scholarships, youth garden, and speaker programs. Use the Maplewood Community Pool parking lot, 187 Boyden Avenue, Maplewood. May 10, noon to 8pm; May 11, 8am to 8pm; May 12, 8am to 4pm. www.maplewoodgardenclub.org

May 11-13, 17-20, 24-26: Appropriate. Winner of the 2014–2015 Obie Award for Best New American Play, the play is about every estranged member of the Lafayette clan descending upon the crumbling Arkansas homestead to settle the accounts of the newly-dead patriarch. As his three adult children sort through
a lifetime of hoarded mementos and junk, they collide over clutter, debt, and a contentious family history. But after a disturbing discovery surfaces among their father’s possessions, the reunion takes a turn for the explosive, unleashing a series of crackling surprises and confrontations.

Montclair’s Studio Players, 14 Alvin Place, Montclair. 8pm, except 3pm Sundays. $20 adults, $17 students and seniors. 973.744.9752. studioplayhouse.org

May 12: CinéKids: En sortant de l’école for ages 6-plus. MAM and the French Institute Alliance Française will host a screening of En sortant de l’école (Going Out Of School, a series of 13 beautiful and playful animated shorts by young animators inspired by beloved French poet Jacques Prévert. The 45-minute screening is followed by a related art activity. Knowledge of French is not required to enjoy the program. Montclair Art Museum, 3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair. 3:30pm. $5 MAM and FIAF members, $7 non-members. 973.746.5555. montclairartmuseum.org

May 12: 1001 Nights. This Livingston Symphony Orchestra Concert of musical tales by Rimski-Korsakov and Cherubini also features the winner of the Young Artist Competition. Livingston High School, 30 Robert Harp Drive, Livingston. 7:30pm. $25 adults, $15 seniors, free under 12 accompanied by adult. 973.980.1809. www.lsonj.org

May 17: Art in Bloom 10th Anniversary Lecture & Luncheon. Art in Bloom is a biennial celebration of floral designs inspired by the art in MAM’s galleries. Celebrate the 10th Anniversary with a lecture and luncheon, co-chaired by Betty Murphy and Amy South. The luncheon honors Deborah Hirsch, arts and culture advocate and patron. Proceeds benefit the Montclair Art Museum’s exhibitions and education programs and advance the museum’s mission to engage and inspire diverse audiences across the region. Montclair Art Museum, 3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair. 10:30am. Tickets start at $200. 973.746.5555. montclairartmuseum.org

May 19: Bloomfield Block Party. Washington Street (between Glenwood Avenue and Farrand Street) will be closed and the entire block converted into a walking food bazaar. Bloomfield restaurants are invited to sell their tastiest treats from 12-8pm. It’s a food truck festival without the trucks! www.Bloomfieldcenter.com

May 19-20: Fine Art and Crafts at Essex County Verona Park. This 33rd annual event features 140 fine artists, fine crafters, photographers, and specialty food vendors at Essex County Verona Park, Verona. 10am to 5pm, rain or shine. Free. www.rosesquared.com

May 20: Tribute to Rachmaninov. The acclaimed Allegro Singers with pianist Inna Leytush will present a concert of classical music celebrating the 145th anniversary of Sergey Rachmaninov including some of his famous art songs and a medley of arias from his opera “Aleko.” Music by other composers born in May such as Brahms, Massenet and Tchaikovsky will also be featured. West Caldwell Public Library, 30 Clinton Road, West Caldwell. 3pm. Free. Registration required. 973.226.5441. http://wcplnj.org

May 20: CHEESEFEST! This extravaganza is all about cheese. Taste it. Pair wines with it. Crack it. Meet the animals that give it to us. Discover how it’s made the old-fashioned way. Sponsored by the Montclair History Center, Schuman Cheese, Montclair Center, and several Montclair restaurants. Montclair History Center’s Crane House and Historic YWCA, 108 Orange Road, Montclair. 2-6pm. Check the website for cost information. www.montclairhistory.org
ESSEX COUNTY
ONGOING PROGRAMS

ESSEX PHOTO CLUB
Caldwell United Methodist Church
8 Academy Road, Caldwell
862.202.4701
www.essexphotoclub.org
7:30pm.

Competitions
March 15: Dave Mills
April 19: Bart Zoni
They will judge over 100 digital images in
the categories of pictorial and nature by
beginning and advanced photographers
of the club. Free and open to the public.

May: 17 Chuck Moore, George Hall
and Phil Zwick
They will judge images that have
been submitted throughout the year
to determine the “Best Image of the
Year” for each category of beginning
and advanced pictorial and nature
photography. Free and open to the public.

Education Programs
March 1: Arik Gorban, published
photographer, lecturer and past president
of Somerset County Photography Club,
will present a program titled “Before
and After – Improvements after Image
Manipulation”.

April 5: David Des Rochers,
nature photographer and photography
instructor, will give a lecture on “The Art
of Flower Photography”.

May 3: Marie Kane will share the
results of the Ridgewood International
Photo Contest where, set to music, over
200 images will be shown.

All education programs are Free and
open to the public.

MAPLEWOOD GARDEN CLUB
Maplewood Memorial Library, 51 Baker
Street, Maplewood
www.maplewoodgardenclub.org
All programs are at 7:30pm

Speaker Programs
Birding for All Seasons in
New Jersey
March 5: Tedor Whitman, Executive
Director of the Cora Hartshorn Arboretum
and Bird Sanctuary in Short Hills, will
explain why New Jersey’s geographical
location makes it one of the best places
in the US to go birding year-round, and
why birding leads to good environmental
stewardship.

Plants That Pay Their Rent and
Plants That Should Be Evicted
April 2: Accomplished gardener and
environmentalist Regina Carlson will
discuss plants that do well and those
that do much too well, plus share plant-
specific best practices that will help
both novice and experienced gardeners
prepare for the new growing season.

Azaleas and Rhododendrons:
Selection, Planting, and Care
May 7: Marc Zukovich, adjunct professor
of horticulture at County College of
Morns, will explain how to purchase the
right varieties for your garden, plant them
correctly and, most importantly, maintain
their health and vigor.

All events are free and open to the public.

MONTCLAIR ART MUSEUM
3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair
973.746.5555
www.montclairartmuseum.org

Public Tour
March 18, February 15, May 20
2pm
Discover the museum’s collection and
special exhibitions through a discount-led
tour.

Looking Together
(Formerly Artful Outing)
March 7, April 4, May 2
2 to 3pm
People living with dementia and their
care partners explore art together
during this monthly interactive gallery
program. Each person with dementia
should be accompanied by one family
member or caregiver. Coordinators at
care facilities should contact MAM to
make an appointment for groups to
attend. Free. 973.259.5136 or tours@
montclairartmuseum.org

Drop-In Studio
March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1, 8, 15, 22,
29; May 6, 13, 20, 27
1-4 pm
Visit the MAM’s new Helen & Bill Geyer
The Spirit of Essex 23

Art Studio every Sunday to explore a range of art materials and processes with a seasoned MAM studio instructor. Activities are based on artwork on view. Come in for 20 minutes or stay for an hour and leave with your very own masterpiece. Free with museum admission.

Closer Look Tour
March 1, April 6, May 4
2pm
These informal 30-minute gallery talks provide an in-depth examination of one or two works of art on view in the galleries. Tours led by MAM educators and docents. Free with museum admission.

Park Bench
March 14, April 11, May 9
9:30-11:30am
Park Bench introduces young children (pre-school+) to the museum through a themed art project, guided tour, and storytelling in the galleries. $18 per family, $6 family members and above.

Home School Day
March 15, April 19
12-2pm
Enjoy a fun and educational afternoon including a gallery tour and studio art project. Children are divided into age groups, 4-10 and 11+. $18 per family, $6 family members and above.

Free First Thursday Night
March 1, April 5, May 3
5-9pm
Enjoy an evening of art and dynamic programming including presentations, live music, a full-service bar, tours, art activities, programs with community partners. Check MAM website for monthly activities. Free.

Family Art Adventure
March 17, April 21, May 23
Explore and discuss artwork in the galleries and engage in a fun hands-on project in the studio. This gallery/studio program is designed for children 6-12 and their adult companions.

Art in the Afternoon
March 14, 28; April 11, 25; May 9, 23
2pm
Older adults learn about art through tours, conversation, and related art activities. Refreshments served. Free for members, $10 non-members.

NEWARK MUSEUM
39 Washington Street, Newark
973.593.6550
www.newarkmuseum.org

Late Thursdays
March 15, April 19, May 24
6-9pm.
Relax after hours with creatively inspired social evenings that offer a fresh take on the Newark Museum’s captivating collections, through a dynamic mix of music, food, drinks, art, and entertainment. Free.

Second Sundays
March 11, April 8, May 13
12-5pm
Second Sundays is a series for all ages. Programs are designed to showcase the Newark Museum’s special exhibitions and permanent collections and enhance the gallery experience. Museum admission.
ESSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS 
AND ROSE SQUARED PRODUCTIONS, INC. PRESENT

FINE ART AND CRAFTS AT 
ESSEX COUNTY VERONA PARK
542 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona • Saturday, May 19 and Sunday, May 20 • 10am-5pm

FINE ART AND CRAFTS AT 
ESSEX COUNTY BROOKDALE PARK
473 Watchung Avenue, Bloomfield/Montclair • Saturday, June 16 and Sunday, June 17 • 10am-5pm

Each show features juried fine artists, sculptors, photographers and craft artisans 
displaying and selling their hand-crafted work in Essex County’s beautiful Verona and Brookdale Parks. 
For more information, directions and a slide show of participating exhibitors’ work, visit: RoseSquared.com