

Family Workshops on Moths, Art Exhibit Set at Arboretum

SUMMIT - In July, the Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit will present Family Fun workshops for children that will spotlight moths and why they are important.

These workshops will be held on Monday, July 12, and Friday, July 16, for three- to five-year-olds and on Friday, July 9, for five- to seven-year-olds. The Arboretum is located at 165 Hobart Avenue.

All programs will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. To register, please call (908) 273-8787, extension no. 15.

Additionally, the Arboretum will exhibit the art of Agnieszka Solawa, an architect and artist who specializes in reverse painting on glass, inside the 1889 Wisner House.

Her work will be showcased from Tuesday, August 3, through Tuesday, September 7. The Wisner House is open to the public on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Arboretum also has an example of every daylily specimen that has won the prestigious Stout Medal from 1950 to the present.

Daylilies bloom for only one day each, so the colors and textures in this garden shift constantly through the month of July.

The Arboretum also features a Butterfly garden, planted in 2003 through the generosity of a Summit family, which has flowers that attract all types of butterflies. Hundreds of butterflies congregate in this garden from late July through September.



CULTIVATION WITH ANTICIPATION...Clare Minick, left, of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield, discusses plants for the Native New Jersey Garden at the historic Miller-Cory House Museum in Westfield with fellow Rake and Hoe member Helen Pasterczyk, Ms. Minick obtained a grant from the Principal Financial Group, an Iowa-based, national financial services firm, which was matched by Miller-Cory, to develop the plot of land at the entrance to the museum. Rake and Hoe Garden Club members will maintain the garden.

Unitarian Society Recognizes Mr. Sommerich With Award

FANWOOD - Robert Sommerich of Fanwood recently received a unique award from the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield for his work in organizing blood drives and recycling programs that benefit Central Jersey communities.

While others received awards for their work within the church, Mr. Sommerich was honored for his broad efforts to uphold one of the Unitarian Universalists' principles, "respect for the interdependence of which we are a part."

About 80 people gave Mr. Sommerich a standing ovation, as church trustee Art Lieberman presented him with a plaque at the church's May 16 annual meeting.

Mr. Lieberman said Mr. Sommerich, a 32-year member of the congregation, organized blood drives throughout the state.

"We estimate Bob has been responsible for a few hundred gallons of donations," said Mr. Lieberman.

New Jersey Blood Services and the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders have previously recognized Mr. Sommerich for his efforts

on behalf of blood drives.

In addition, Mr. Sommerich helped found local recycling programs in the 1970s, and has been president of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Recycling Association since 1991. Mr. Lieberman noted.



Robert Sommerich

The non-profit Fanwood Recycling Center accepts recyclables from all neighboring communities, pays volunteer groups a \$250 stipend for each day worked, and uses profits from sales of the materials to benefit local organizations and agencies.

Mr. Lieberman said Mr. Sommerich has now taken on a new role, as a volunteer on Fanwood's Communications Committee. "At 89 years old, Bob keeps on giving!" he commented.

Reflecting on what has motivated him to take such an active role in his community over the years, Mr. Sommerich explained, "One gets back more than one gives. It comes back in satisfaction, jobs well done, in knowing it's appreciated, in some small way warming up a cold world. I guess it's got some kind of religious feeling - being a part of this whole world."

St. John's Baptist Announces Walk-a-thon, Women's Day

SCOTCH PLAINS - This Saturday, June 19, the Scholarship Ministry of St. John's Baptist Church in Scotch Plains will sponsor a walk-a-thon at Cedarbrook Park in Plainfield.

The theme will be "Walking For Jesus and Scholarships Too," and all are welcome to participate.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m., and the walk will immediately follow. The registration fee for walkers is \$5, and the minimum pledge is \$1 per mile.

All proceeds will benefit the Scholarship Ministry, which is assisting high school seniors in furthering their education. Donations may be made payable to St. John's Scholarship Ministry.

On Sunday, June 27, St. John's Baptist will celebrate its annual Women's Day at the 10 a.m. service. The Reverend Raquel St. Clair, Executive Minister of St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church in Newark, will be the guest speaker.

A special feature will be the "Angelic Voices" Women's Day Choir. All women are asked to wear white, and women from surrounding com-

munities are invited to attend. This year, the church is spotlighting the theme "More of God Less of Us."

St. John's Baptist Church is located at 2387 Morse Avenue. For more information on the walk-a-thon, please call (908) 322-7597 or (908) 232-6972. Additional details on the Women's Day program may be obtained by calling (908) 232-6972.

Homebuyers Seminar On Tap For Tonight

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Neighborhood Council (WNC) will sponsor a seminar for first-time homebuyers tonight, Thursday, June 17, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Presented by ERA Reed Realty, Inc., the seminar will take place at WNC headquarters, located at 127 Cacciola Place in Westfield.

The seminar will cover such topics as: Preparing to buy a home; how someone can buy a home; financing issues; legal issues and finding the right home. To register, please call Glenda Whitfield at (908) 233-2772. Walk-ins will also be welcome.

Jaycees Receive Visit From Organization President

WESTFIELD - On June 9, Westfield Jaycees President Jeff Pinkin had the opportunity to meet with the national president of the organization, Lon Fox. Mr. Fox is the 84th National President of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce.

"It was a valuable opportunity to meet Lon and discuss the positive impact Jaycees' national programs are having locally throughout the country," stated Mr. Pinkin, the 2004 Chapter President.

Mr. Fox, along with his executive team, has challenged chapters such as the Westfield Jaycees to demonstrate the strength of their leadership by starting a new project or program for the community. National programs, such as Jaycees Against Youth Smoking (JAYS), and fundraising for thermal imaging equipment for local fire departments, are saving lives.

"We are currently active in servicing the needs of several community organizations locally, be it donating

manpower, services or financial assistance. The Jaycees are a great way to meet new people and get connected with your community. It is a great place to develop leadership skills and make a difference," said Mr. Pinkin.

The Westfield Jaycees are involved in maintaining the 9/11 Memorial, assisting with the Downtown 5k Pizza Run, awarding scholarships to two high school students, running the Westfield Jaycees Child Shield Project and fund-raising with the CONTACT We Care Suicide/Crisis Hotline, based in Westfield.

The Jaycees will conduct a Mercedes Benz Car Raffle to benefit CONTACT We Care and local scholarships. They will sell a limited number of 400 tickets this year, with a celebration and drawing planned for Saturday, October 23, at Temple Emanu-El in Westfield. For more information on the Westfield Jaycees, please call (908) 233-3251 or e-mail jaycees@westfieldnj.com.

First Baptist to Celebrate Dads and Kids on Sunday

WESTFIELD - The children of the First Baptist Church of Westfield, located at 170 Elm Street, will play an integral part in the 10:20 a.m. worship service this Sunday, June 20, as the church celebrates Father's Day.

The Cherub Choir of four-, five- and six-year-olds will sing an anthem, and the Choristers (grades 2 to 5) will offer several numbers.

Minister of Music William Mathews will recognize fifth graders Jesse Kline of Mountainside and Abby Strickland of Westfield as they graduate to the Youth Choir.

The Reverend Dee Dee Turlington, Senior Pastor, will preach on "Giving the Present," in which she will offer advice to fathers.

Additionally, gift Bibles will be presented to children entering the 2s and 3s class (Toddler Bible), those entering third grade (Good News Bible), and students entering high school (New Revised Standard Version Student Bible).

The worship service will be preceded by a 9 a.m. Pancake Breakfast, during which the grade school children will sing songs from their Vacation Bible School (VBS) curriculum. VBS 2004 will take place Monday through Friday evenings, July 26 to 30. Participants may begin signing up on Sunday.

The church will also thank the

Christian Education staff - Superintendent Laural Montgomery, Childcare Director Linda Johnson, and teachers Terry Wooster, Brenda Keith, Lee Romano, Norma Jean McGuire, Dawn Cocco, Paul Clark, Leonard Gabriel, the Reverend Jeremy Montgomery and Carleen Morris - for volunteering their time and talents.

All the church's children's programs are open to the public. For more information, please call the church office at (908) 233-2278 or email firstbaptist.westfield@verizon.net.

Temple Sisterhood Sets Rummage Sale Date

CRANFORD - The Sisterhood of Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim will conduct its annual Rummage Sale on Sunday, June 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The sale will be held at the temple, located at 338 Walnut Avenue in Cranford.

Men's, women's and children's clothing, as well as household items, bric-a-brac, toys and miscellaneous items, will be available at the sale, according to Jessica Hoff-Gottschalk, event Chairwoman.

For more information, please call the temple office at (908) 276-9231 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

William Cashman Accepts One-Year Position in Japan

WESTFIELD - William E. Cashman, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cashman of Westfield, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, during commencement ceremonies on May 9.

A 2000 graduate of Westfield High School, William has accepted a one-year position with the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program, and will leave for Nagoya City, Japan, on Saturday, July 31. The JET Program offers college and university graduates the opportunity to serve in local government organizations, as well as in public junior and senior high schools.

Charities May Collect Rummage Sale Items

WESTFIELD - St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Westfield, which will hold its Spring Boutique and Rummage Sale today through Saturday, June 17 to 19, has advised local charities that would like to collect items at the end of the sale to contact the church.

They should write to: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 414 East Broad Street, Westfield 07090 for a letter to be used after Bag Day on Saturday.

The sale hours are 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. today and tomorrow (Friday will feature reduced prices), and 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Saturday (Bag Day). Funds raised by the sale support a variety of outreach causes in the local community and beyond.



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