

# Arts & Entertainment

## Despite Holiday, Nice Weather, 22nd WF Artworks Succeeds

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WESTFIELD – Ninety contemporary artists and craftspeople recently came together in Westfield for Westfield Artworks, a juried show that draws artisans from across the country and art lovers from all over the tri-state area.

This was the 22nd year for the event, which took place November 10, 11 and 12 at the Westfield Armory.

While the artists and craftspeople came from near and far to show their wares, spring-like temperatures, the New Jersey teachers' convention and the Veterans Day holiday weekend competed with Artworks, bringing in lighter-than-usual attendance on Friday and Saturday.

"There are no customers," Sondra Sardis, a clothing designer from New Paltz, N.Y., commented on Saturday afternoon. Ms. Sardis was showing original daywear and outerwear. Richard Rothbard, president of American Art Marketing and producer of Artworks Westfield, was equally concerned. "I am wondering if the town of Westfield has an interest in a high-quality art show that is generally supported by other communities in the United States," he commented.

While attendance didn't overwhelmingly pick up on Sunday, there was enough of an increase to be hopeful.

"The artists did not do badly, even with such a poor turnout. We plan to be back next year," said Mr. Rothbard, who, in addition to his administrative duties for Artworks, was also representing his business, "Boxology," and showing his line of hand-sculpted wooden boxes.

One of the artisans exhibiting at Artworks was Karla Gudeon of Smithtown, N.Y. Ms. Gudeon creates colorful, hand-colored, dry-point engravings using a centuries-old process.



Tim McCune - "Sculptured Pedestal Table"

Calling Artworks a "high-quality" show, Ms. Gudeon enjoys returning to Westfield each year, where she can

### Teen Arts Exhibit

**On Display at Trinitas**  
AREA – Trinitas Hospital, located at 225 William Street in Elizabeth, will host the Teen Arts 2006 Touring Exhibit through December 8.

Local artists include: Mountainside's Mallory Corrigan of Deerfield School; Scotch Plains residents Ernst Labady and Joseph Foster of Union County Vo-Tech and Angel Diaz of Hillcrest Academy and Westfield's Melissa Littman and Jessica Margolies of Edison Intermediate School and Jose Albino of the Union County Educational Services Commission's (UCESC) Beadleston High School.

The exhibit consists of 57 pieces of art selected from more than 600 visual art works shown at the 2006 Union County Teen Arts Festival held in March at Union County College. The annual event is coordinated by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs in the Department of Economic Development and is hosted by Union County College.

draw from her "full clientele."

Jewelry, paintings, furniture, ceramic objects and glass objects were just a sampling of the items displayed for sale at Artworks. Artisans also showed work created in wood, leather, fiber, paper and metal.

While a quick, unscientific survey of attendees walking through the door showed most to be coming from outside Westfield, some, like Betsy Ferguson and her three young children, are repeat visitors to Artworks.

"In the past, we have seen beautiful items made by real artisans," she said, then added, "We are going to look around and see what they have today."

### 'Tea Time' Filled with Models and Prizes

SUMMIT – The Grand Summit Hotel proved to be the perfect location for Oratory Prep School's Tea Time on October 29. The Parents' Guild of the boys' Catholic school in Summit gathered more than 300 baskets and gifts to raffie off at the afternoon event.

Christine Amundson of Summit and Beverly Caldora of Westfield chaired the luncheon event that has become a fundraiser and showcase for the senior boys. "After Christina and I accepted the challenge to be the co-chairs, a number of great 11th and 12th grade parents stepped up to chair the subcommittees," said Mrs. Caldora. "In fact, in total, I think we had 50 people on subcommittees involved."

The fundraiser featured 19 young men of the class of 2007 modeling tuxedos. Art teacher Susan Preston commented the modeling portion. Ed McDonnell, a 1960 alum and director of Development/Alumni, and Headmaster Tim Lynch modeled casual attire, including sweatshirts and sweatpants.

Top prizes of the tea included a necklace valued at \$1,500, a Bose Lifestyle 38 entertainment system and a six-night trip for two to London.

## DWC, Yoko Ono 'Come Together' To Showcase John Lennon Art

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WESTFIELD – December 8 will mark the 26th anniversary of John Lennon's tragic death. The ex-Beatle and peace activist was assassinated by a deranged fan outside his New York City apartment, while walking with his wife Yoko Ono.

Last weekend, "Come Together," a touring exhibit of Lennon's artwork, visited Westfield. Ono's West Palm Beach, FL-based production company Legacy Productions and the Downtown Westfield Corporation sponsored the event.

Fans who could afford it paid thousands of dollars for prints of the handwritten lyrics and drawings. Most of the money earned was donated to the Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation, with approximately \$3,000 raised.

The exhibit comprised four original Lennon drawings and several prints of his simple ink sketches, in-



YOU MAY SAY I'M A DREAMER... Rudy Siegel, director of Media Relations for Legacy Fine Art & Productions, waits outside the John Lennon exhibit.

clude his famous minimalist self-portrait and handwritten song lyrics. Lennon was 40 years old at the time of his demise. His message of peace and love touched people throughout the world.

After their marriage in 1969, Ono gave her husband several sketchbooks and requested that he chronicle their life together through art. This collection and

ample of Lennon's light-hearted cartoon-like style. A very tall Lennon and a tiny Ono are holding hands. Several deep holes are in front of



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them, but they are walking peacefully with a sun shining behind them. Lennon's emotion here is deep love for Ono, as he protects her from life's pitfalls.

The visual presentation of Lennon's lyrics on display was powerful. Seeing in his handwriting the lyrics to some of his solo career songs created an even stronger connection to his humble, sad, but hopeful spirit – "People asking questions lost in confusion/Well I tell them there's no problem, only solutions/Well they shake their heads and look at me as if I've lost my mind."

## FCC Announces the Start Of Mid-Day Musicales

WESTFIELD – The First Congregational Church of Westfield, located at 125 Elmer Street, announced the beginning of their Mid-Day Musicales concerts for the 2006-2007 season, with a program by award-winning pianist Gail Niwa on November 29.

These free, half-hour noontime concerts are presented in the church sanctuary on Wednesdays during the church seasons of Advent and Lent, and are followed by a soup and sandwich luncheon available in the church social hall for \$5.

Ms. Niwa recently toured Holland as a member of the renowned Het Reizend Musik Geselschap. She won the prestigious Best Accompanist award at the 1986 Tchaikovsky Competition for Violinists in Moscow.

She has been a featured soloist with the Kammergild Chamber Players, the Banff Festival Chamber Orchestra, the Highland Park Strings and the Ocean State Chamber Players. She is a regular participant in the Kingston Chamber Music Festival, the Park City International Music

Festival and the Roycroft Chamber Music Festival.

Ms. Niwa can be heard in the movie *Fantasia 2000* with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in Saint-Saens' "Carnival of the Animals." She has also collaborated with violinist David Kim on recordings for the Musical Heritage Society and Teldec labels and with the late bassoonist Bruce Grainger on the Centaur label.

The daughter of professional musicians, Ms. Niwa was born in Chicago. She began piano studies with her mother and made her orchestral debut with the Chicago Symphony at age eight. She earned her Bachelor and Master of Music degrees on scholarship at the Juilliard School as a student of Adele Marcus.

She is the founder and artistic director of chamber music at Great Gorge, a concert series in northwest New Jersey, and continues to delight audiences with both her solo and chamber playing.

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## Wine Of The Week

**Petri Herxheimer Honingsack Scheurebe Beerenauslese Pfalz 1994 \$31.99**

The perfect cap to your Thanksgiving meal. There are all kinds of rare things about this dessert wine. It is made from the Scheurebe grape, a crossing of Riesling and Silvaner that thrives in Pfalz region. It has all the classic late harvest peach, apricot and nectarine tones, but with hints of grapefruit and black currant. The texture is lush but the acid is still bright. You can't find fresh tasting 12-year-old dessert wine at this price - except from us.

## Thanksgiving Whites

**Bauer Riesling \$16.99**  
Great dry riesling goes with almost everything, including turkey. Filled with lime, white peach and stone, this is drinking wonderfully right now and will continue to improve for years to come.

**Fichet Macon Ige Chardonnay \$13.99**  
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**Steininger Gruner Veltliner Grand Cru \$27.99**  
Full of dried flowers, stone fruits and citrus, this has great acidity and enormous length on the palate. Buy some extra, because their 1942 still drinks well.

**August Briggs Chardonnay \$19.99**  
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