

Arts & Entertainment

A Veteran of Life, A Novice in Art, Gelfman Considers Herself Rewarded

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WESTFIELD — It's never too late to learn something new, the saying goes, and if ever someone personified this way of life, then 87-year-old Rose Gelfman of Westfield fits the bill.

In September of 2001, Gelfman enrolled in a Senior Adult Art class offered by the Jewish Community Center (JCC) in Scotch Plains. The



"Self-Portrait," by Rose Gelfman of Westfield. The piece was part of the Union County Senior Art Show this year.

once-a-week instruction was her first serious attempt at art since she was a child.

Nine months later, Gelfman took first prize in the acrylic non-professional category at the Union County Senior Art Contest for her work entitled, "Self Portrait."

"As a child I didn't like art, prob-

ably because I wasn't good at it. When the art class began last fall, I thought I would give it a try. I am still looking for new things to do," she said with a smile in her voice.

Under the direction of instructor Lillie Bryon, Gelfman created "Self Portrait" using a small picture and a mirror.

"The longer I worked on it, the more I didn't like it," Gelfman continued. "When I saw the finished work, I said to myself, 'I hope I am not that ugly.'"

Instructor Bryon saw Gelfman's artistic endeavors differently. "She told me my portrait was the only one of the whole class that she recognized," the octogenarian explained.

"Self Portrait" was stored in Gelfman's Senior Housing apartment until Bryon suggested she enter it into the Senior Art Competition. Bryon was also the person who informed Gelfman that she had won.

"She called and asked, 'are you sitting down?'" Gelfman related.

"Winning the award helped my self-esteem, but the most important thing is I like what I am doing, and

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Get Outta The House

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On Sunday, September 8, the family can enjoy the **Garwood Kidfest Street Fair**, along Center Street off South Avenue. There will be a variety of rides for the kids, craft activities including spin art and sand art, and an assortment of vendors selling food, crafts, and other items. It's free, and the rain date is Sunday, September 15.

The Town Book Store of Westfield will be hosting South Orange author Greg Tobin on Saturday, September 7, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tobin will discuss and sign copies of his latest book, "Council." This powerful sequel to "Conclave," is the riveting story of the first American-born Pope, and is a passionate story of the men and women who are drawn into the maelstrom of faith and politics, passion and power. Stop in and meet this local author, or call to reserve your signed book. For more information, call (908) 233-3535.

Enjoy a traditional German **Oktoberfest** at the Deutscher Club in Clark on Saturday, September 7, beginning at 4 p.m. The beautiful picnic grove is the setting for food and drink, with entertainment provided by Bernie's Orchestra and Bavarian dancers. It's \$5, and kids under 12 are admitted for free. The Club is at 787 Featherbed Lane, and you can call them at (732) 574-8600 for more information.

The **Annual Fall Craft Festival** takes place on Saturday and Sunday, September 7 and 8, in Historic Chester Village. Select from more than 300 juried crafters with a broad representation of country crafts, traditional crafts, fine art, and Victorian goods. In addition, local vendors will have a special sidewalk sales and displays, and food vendors will be scattered around town. There are plenty of eateries in town, so plan on spending the day, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For directions or information call (908) 879-4814. This event is rain or shine.

Eric Clapton hails **Buddy Guy** as the "best guitar player alive." The unique style of the Louisiana Delta native encompasses the use of feedback, distortion, a staccato lead style and quick volume and texture shifts. He will appear at the Count Basie Theatre in Red Bank on Friday, September 6, at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$20 to \$50.

Pen & Ink: The Last Word Mr. Clinton's Neighborhood: Where Living in Daytime Is No Place to Live



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When Bill Clinton left the White House, many breathed a sigh of relief. The slate had been cleared,

and despite the "chad/dimple" debacle, which ensued after the Gore/Bush election, we knew somebody else was going to help America forge ahead. Smug and satisfied with his Harlem digs, Clinton appeared to be content with his new role as one of the country's most controversial ex-Presidents since Richard Nixon. And, while the spotlight might not have been as flattering as that of the Leader of the Free World, it was still a spotlight. Soon the entertainment world and his narcissi presented a better calling for Clinton's life — that of talk show host.

Currently in talks with CBS, the former saxophone-toting policy maker may be coming to our living rooms through a program that allows him to iron out everyone else's scandals and put the heat on other saps instead of where it has usually fallen — on him. Indeed, the talk show world would be a less psychiatric circus without Clinton taming the masses. But, then again, we've brought Phil Donahue back to television, so why not let the floodgates open to all of the babbling pundits?

Daytime talk show host Maury Povich addressed this timely topic, which has been swirling around office watercoolers for weeks, during his wife's show, "Connie Chung Tonight" on CNN. While he cleverly asked whether Clinton "would do paternity tests" on his show like Maury does, he also explained that daytime television involves a very specific demographic which Clinton's public affairs program might not be able to reach.

"The most successful television in the daytime are intimate, personal relationship shows," said Povich. "Oprah does it one way, with this self-improvement feelings of hers, and she talks about relationships. I do it another way when we deal with intimate personal issues involving husbands and wives, girlfriends and boyfriend. I don't really want to think that the former president wants to get into that."

It is highly unlikely that Clinton would be able to appeal to that kind of audience, as view-

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HOT HATS... Perfect hat's are everywhere this fall. Look for a fun fitted hat, like this *Coach* tattersall hat made of wool and leather, \$128.



CALIFORNIA SNEAKERS... Find a fun pair of casual sneakers to pair up with your favorite jeans. Try these jester red and strawberry *Pumas*, \$65



BUCKET BAG CRAZE... You can fit everything in this black leather bucket bag from the *GAP*; \$58.



PRECIOUS PEACOCK... An inviting peacoat is by far the hottest accessory this season. Look for *J CREW*'s fully lined wool/nylon stretch double cloth peacoat. This coat comes in red, baby blue and basic black, \$280.



THE BOOT... Invest in leather knee-high boots. Pictured above is the *Danna Boot* from *Nine West*, \$159.

Accessorizing In Autumn: Your Top 10 Resource List

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It's practically impossible to avoid indulging in this season's array of accessories. After all, the choices are endless. This fall, prepare yourself for bold colors, rich sultry suede, classic leather and rock 'n' roll chic.

Shopping for accessories can be fun, but before heading to your favorite boutiques, have an idea of what accessories should guide your fall wardrobe.

If you're on a budget, make sure



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you get a lot of use from your fall accessories. My advice is to invest in a pair of boots before purchasing anything else. You can wear knee-high boots with almost anything. Make sure that you get boots with a heel that fits your lifestyle. Although thin-four-inch-heels look great, they are not for women on the go. Remember, boots are a great buy; they are versatile and will carry you through numerous seasons.

Another good option is a classic peacoat. If a red peacoat is too extreme for you, get a traditional black one. Remember that all hot accessories are not trendy ones. The peacoat is a timeless American design.

On the other hand, if indulging is your game, enjoy this season's fun accessories. This fall, you will especially encounter a large selection of hats, from fancy designer varieties to affordable finds. If hats are your passion, go ahead and indulge in a great designer hat that you will use often.

However, if you only wear a hat every once in a blue moon, think about getting an affordable knock off that won't put a dent in your bank account, but one that will still carry you through the season. Just remember to splurge wisely; and that goes for any accessory.

Other great accessories are the practical bucket bag and the messenger bag. These pieces are affordable accents to any fall wardrobe.

Most importantly, when shopping for numerous accessories, don't buy all your items in trendy colors. Get some accessories in classic colors. It's more likely that the classic-colored items will stay in style longer as opposed to the trendy colors of the season.

Most of all, have fun with your accessories and use this top 10 list as a resource for discovering your own personal style.



TIMES UP... It's time to find that fun watch you've been looking for. Look for a watch that resembles a bracelet like this *Diesel* leather cuff watch, \$110.



ROCK STAR SHADES... Look for fun rimless sunglasses like these tinted *DKNY* sunglasses; \$90.



FLOWING SCARF... Try a light-weight scarf, like *J CREW*'s ophelia velvet scarf. The scarf comes in Bordeaux and in sapphire.



SULTRY SUEDE... This chestnut suede blazer from *Banana Republic* is a perfect layering piece for the fall, \$248.



A SEXY SASH... Try wearing a *Delias*, bryn sash around your waist instead of a traditional belt; \$18.

Coming Next Week: (9/5)

- David Palladinoha has the interview with new Westfield Symphony Exec. Director Nicole DiNegro
- Union County senior citizens tell Marylou Morano about their school assignments...as artists
- Michelle H. Le Poidevin compiled a list of events in Union County that will mark 9/11
- Are you going back to school? Here's a reading list your teachers might recommend.

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