

NJWA Music Studio Prepares for Fall Session

WESTFIELD — A professional staff of 35 music educators will begin instruction in both vocal and instrumental music as The Music Studio, a division of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, begins its fall session on Monday, September 11.

Private lessons, for both children and adults, are taught on beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. Instruction is given in a 30-, 45- or 60-minute format in voice, piano, strings, guitar, percussion, woodwinds and brass.

A "Kids on Keys" program offers small group piano lessons using Musique Rapide, a system to help students grasp the fundamentals of reading music.

Located at 150-152 East Broad Street in Westfield, the Music Studio hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday

through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays. At the Broad Street location, the studio also operates The Music Store, where one can buy or rent instruments or purchase music and accessories.

In addition to its vocal and instrumental lessons, The Music Studio also offers opportunities for musicians to play in its many bands, ensembles, symphonies and orchestras.

The various sessions for the Music Studio begin on September 11, January 8, April 9 and June 18.

For a complete brochure on The Music Studio offerings, or information on any program of the NJWA, visit the studios or call (908) 789-9696. Additional information can be found on the web at njworkshopforthearts.com.



Fred K. Lecomte for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times
HAPPY 19TH BIRTHDAY 'STEVE' THE LEATHER CORAL... Steve emigrated from the Red Sea, measures a hefty 27" and looks like a mushroom with lovely polyps that extend from the head-like upper surface. Steve and her four-year-old sibling may be seen at the Pet Shanty on Route 22 West in Scotch Plains.

Visual Arts Center Slates Open House, Fall Classes

SUMMIT — The Visual Arts Center of New Jersey will host an open house on Saturday, September 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 68 Elm Street in Summit. The public is invited to explore the facility, view arts demonstrations and the Travelers Between Cultures exhibit, in the Main Gallery, and register for the fall term.

Registration is underway at the arts center, but there is still time to sign up. Classes and workshops are offered for all levels of students, beginner to advanced, in every medium and for all ages. The newly renovated and expanded arts center features a nine-studio art school program, an exhibition gallery, strolling galleries and media studio. Fall classes and workshops begin the week of Monday, September 11.

Classes and workshops are offered in drawing and painting, watercolor, ceramics, sculpture, printmaking, photography and digital media and jewelry.

Workshops offer students an introduction to many of the arts center's visual art mediums as well as special subjects. Offered on weekends and in the evenings, participants can choose from nearly 60 different workshops featured this fall including Painting the Impressionistic Landscape on September 24, Clouds & Skies in Pastel, Adventures in Nocturnal Painting, and a Portfolio Review and Presentation Workshop.

Teenagers can choose from a wide array of classes and workshops, including Figure Drawing, Fundamentals of Drawing, and Introduction to Photoshop, Set Design, a Comic Book Workshop, and a Teens Behind the Wheel pottery workshop. Younger children have a choice of 36 classes and workshops from which to select.

For information, visit artcenternj.org or call (908) 273-9121 and request a catalogue.

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Taliaferro Exhibits Natural Spirit Paintings in Union

UNION — The Les Malamut Art Gallery will host a solo presentation of the deva paintings of fantasy artist Diana S. Taliaferro.

"Diana S. Taliaferro sees through her mind's eye, painting with soft pastels to sweep one into the unseen worlds of nature," according to a press release from the gallery. In this exhibition, she gives us her interpretations of devas and nature spirits.

"Devas are angelic energy forces that govern the elements and laws of nature. They guide and guard how a flower grows and a river flows. Devas swirl in streams of energy that often give them an appearance of having wings. This fuels our folklore with tales of fairies and far-off places that can only be reached in dreams. Collectively, devas, fairies and elves are known as nature spirits," Ms. Taliaferro said.

"With a very fluid and engaging style, Diana captures on canvas what passes by most people unnoticed in the blink of an eye. A deva might wink or beckon from within a flower or falling leaves. The effect is often mesmerizing," the press release says.

Ms. Taliaferro, who grew up in Westfield, received her bachelor of arts degree from Michigan State University and studied art and design at the Fashion Institute of Technology and Corcoran School of Art. She has participated in several group shows throughout New Jersey and Washington, DC. This is her second solo show.

The artist's reception, open to the public, will be held Saturday, September 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. All paintings are for sale. For more information and viewing hours, call the gallery at (908) 851-5450. Admission is free and the gallery is handicapped accessible.

Westfield Rec. Department Announces Fall Programs

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Recreation Department is offering a variety of fall programs for residents of all ages.

Children can participate in programs such as soccer, art, bowling, Mommy and Me fitness classes, piano, karate, tennis, golf, all-sports afternoon tea and manners classes. Teen programs for Westfield residents completing sixth through completing 11th grades are also offered.

The Teen Center is available most Friday evenings during the school year from 7 to 11 p.m. for all Westfield High School Students. The Teen Center is located in the municipal building. The Night Place program is open to all Westfielders in grades six to eight from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Edison Intermediate School on September 15, October 20, December 15, January 19, February 23, March 16 and

May 18. A new "Teen Scene" program is available to all sixth, seventh and eighth graders on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on select Saturdays in the municipal building's Teen Center. A Westfield student I.D. is required to enter.

The department's adult activities include, but are not limited to: game nights, senior socials, Monday dance clubs, total body-works, beginner Aikijutsu, cardio kickboxing and golf. Special events include: the 15th annual Haunted House, holiday concert, "Meet the Artist" socials, Daddy-Daughter dance and a New Year's Eve family night.

For additional information, contact the Westfield Recreation Department, 425 East Broad Street, at (908) 789-4080 to obtain a brochure or visit westfieldnj.gov/recreation.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

NOTICE IS hereby given that at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, held in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building of said Township on Tuesday, September 5, 2006 there was introduced, read for the first time, and passed on such first reading, the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER XVI OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ENTITLED THE FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE.

Purpose: Required by FEMA concerning flood damage prevention.

A public hearing for same will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, or any time and place to which a meeting for the further consideration of such ordinance shall from time to time be adjourned, and all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.

A copy of same may be obtained from the office of the Township Clerk, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday by any member of the general public who wants a copy of same without cost.

Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk
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