

Miller-Cory House to Recall Colonial Foods This Sunday

WESTFIELD - The Miller-Cory House Museum, located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield, will feature "18th-Century Fear Factor Foods" this Sunday, March 25, from 2 to 4 p.m.

The program will recall a time without refrigerators and microwaves, frozen or canned foods, plastic packaging and take-out - when most food was foraged, hunted, homegrown or raised.

Melinda Mucha will provide a description of Colonial-era food habits and discuss numerous unusual and unfamiliar ingredients and recipes from the 18th century. The program is described as ideal for children.

FUSP Films to Focus On Welcoming Efforts

AREA - A four-part spring film series highlighting the First Unitarian Society's commitment to being a "Welcoming Congregation" for gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered persons will debut tomorrow, Friday, March 23.

It will take place at the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield (FUSP) church, located at 724 Park Avenue in Plainfield. Among the members of FUSP's congregation are residents of Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

The film for tomorrow is *The Power of Harmony*, a documentary of the Turtle Creek Chorale, a gay men's chorus in Dallas, Tex. It features songs and interviews with members and their friends and family discussing topics including AIDS, gay marriage and child adoption.

The other films in the series will be *One Nation Under God*, *The Sun of Us* and *Three of Hearts: A Postmodern Family*.

All four films will be shown at 7 p.m. on the fourth Fridays in March, April, May and June at the church. Popcorn will be served, childcare will be available and discussions will follow each film. For more information, please call (908) 756-0750.

The FUSP received "Welcoming Congregation" status several years ago and is now in the process of renewing its commitment based on revised denominational criteria that include specific steps to be recognized as a welcoming congregation.

For more information on Unitarian-Universalism and what it means to be a welcoming congregation, please visit uua.org.

tours of the fully furnished 1740 farmhouse, as well as open-hearth cooking in the museum's Frazee Building. Laurie Mills and Diane Hagmann of the cooking committee will use authentic Colonial recipes and cooking methods. Taste treats will be offered for visitors to sample.

The museum's gift shop, which is stocked with a variety of Colonial toys, crafts, books and educational materials, also will be open on Sunday.

Admission to the museum and its grounds is \$2.50 for adults, \$1 for students and free for children under age four.

Upcoming Sunday events at the Miller-Cory House Museum include "A Spot of Tea" on April 1, "Jamestown 1607: A First for America" on April 15, "Open Hearth Cooking" on April 22 and the "Sheep to Shawl Festival" on April 29.

For more information, please call the museum office weekday mornings at (908) 232-1776.

Ted Behne to Lecture On Native Americans

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood will learn about the role of women in ancient Native American tribes and societies at its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 27, beginning at 8 p.m.

Ted Behne of Berkeley Heights will be the featured speaker. The meeting will be held at the Scotch Hills Country Club, located at Plainfield Avenue and Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains.

Mr. Behne has acquired extensive knowledge of Native American woodland culture, both past and contemporary, through the study of Native American handcrafts including birchbark canoes, snowshoes and traditional baskets.

He builds both full-size and scale-model birchbark canoes; has a large and varied collection of Native-made birchbark and ash-splint baskets and owns five different types of traditional Native American snowshoes.

The author of numerous magazine articles on Native American handcrafts, he has made presentations at schools in Bedminster, Summit, Berkeley Heights and South Plainfield.

This meeting is free and open to all. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the program. For more information, please call Richard Bousquet, president, at (908) 232-1199.



GARDEN CREATIONS...The Garden Club of Westfield held a design workshop at Sunrise Assisted Living on February 20, during which club members and residents created "Gardens in a Teacup." Pictured with some of the resident designers, left to right, are: Rosemary Shire, Betty List and Anne Arkel, workshop chairwoman.

Garwood Easter Festivities To Take Place on March 31

GARWOOD - All Garwood children in third grade and younger are invited to the annual Easter Bunny Celebration, including an Easter egg hunt, on Saturday, March 31.

Given by the Garwood Public Celebrations Committee, the event will be held at the Garwood Little League field at the east end of Myrtle Avenue. A raffle ticket sign up will take place at 12:45 p.m., with the egg hunt beginning at 1 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, April 1, with the same starting times.

A parent should accompany all children. The event will be held out-

side, so participants are advised to dress according to the weather conditions. There will be prizes, gifts and Easter candy for all children.

Fifteen hundred Easter eggs will be "hidden." Participants are asked to bring a basket or bag to hold the eggs they find. The Easter Bunny will make an appearance as well, and parents are invited to take photographs.

The Garwood Public Celebrations Committee is a mayoral commission that sponsors community events including the Easter Bunny Celebration, Memorial Day service, holiday luminaries, the holiday tree lighting ceremony and the holiday decorating contest. Anyone interested in volunteering for the committee or requiring more information is asked to call (908) 789-0710.

Concert to Feature Sacred Greek Hymns

AREA - The New Jersey and Staten Island District Choir of the Eastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians will present its 17th annual Spirit of Lent concert on Friday, March 30, at 8 p.m.

The concert is an annual Lenten choral offering of sacred Greek Orthodox liturgical Lenten hymns. Accompanying the choir will be young singers from the Greek Orthodox communities of Westfield and Trenton.

This event will take place at Kirkpatrick Chapel of Rutgers University in New Brunswick, located on the corner of George and Somerset Streets.

Admission is \$10. Children and students with valid identification may attend for free. For more information and to reserve tickets, please call Marie Devino at (732) 264-0718 or e-mail mdevino@att.com.

African Violet Society Plans Show and Sale

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Union County Chapter of the African Violet Society will present its 53rd annual Show and Plant Sale on Friday, March 30, from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, March 31, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parish hall of the All Saints' Episcopal Church, located at 559 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains.

Plants and exhibits will be judged according to AVSA standards. There will be plants available for purchase and information on the growing of violets. Anyone interested in African violets is invited to attend. For more information, please call Chris Brenner at (732) 254-8520.

Junior League to Present Annual Literary Luncheon

AREA - The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield (JLEP), which includes residents of Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Mountainside, Garwood and Berkeley Heights, will host its Eighth Annual Literary Luncheon on Friday, April 27.

It will take place from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at The Grand Summit Hotel, located at 570 Springfield Avenue in Summit. The event will benefit families in crisis in Union County.

Mistress of Ceremonies Adriana Trigliani, author of "The Big Stone Gap" trilogy, "Lucia, Lucia" and "Queen of the Big Time" will return to introduce this year's panel of best-selling authors.

Two of the panelists will be Jill A. Davis, author of "Girls Poker Night" and "Ask Again Later" and Sally M. Keehn, author of "Gnat Stokes and the Foggy Bottom Swamp Queen," "Anna Sunday," "Magpie Gabbard" and "The Quest for the Buried Mood."

The other two panelists will be Jane O'Connor, author of "Fancy Nancy" and "Fancy Nancy and the Posh Puppy" and Carolyn Preston, author of "Gatsby's Girl," "Jackie by Josie" (a *New York Times* Notable Book of the Year) and "Lucy Crocker 2.0."

The authors will be available to autograph attendees' books, and the books will be available for purchase at the JLEP's Book Boutique prior to the lunch. Additionally, prize items

will be displayed in tricky tray and silent auction contests. Sponsorships and donations of gift items, in exchange for promotional consideration, are still being accepted by inquiring at literaryluncheon@jlepj.org.

Tickets to the event are \$75 each. For reservations or more information, please e-mail literaryluncheon@jlepj.org or call (908) 709-1177.

The JLEP is a non-profit organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. For more information about how to join or partner with the JLEP, please visit jlepj.org or call (908) 709-1177.

Open House to Be Held For Kindergarten Kids

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Central New Jersey, located at 1391 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains, will hold an open house for its Kindergarten Kids wraparound program on Monday, March 26, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

The program is designed to meet the needs of working and busy parents who are faced with a childcare dilemma because most kindergarten programs only last a half-day.

The Kindergarten Kids program is operated weekdays from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the school year. Transportation is provided from selected area schools.

After the open house, parents will have an opportunity to tour the program while it is in session. No reservations are necessary and all are welcome. For more information, please contact Jodi Baxter at jbaxter@jccnj.org or (908) 889-8800, extension no. 235, or Michael Goldstein at mgoldstein@jccnj.org or (908) 889-8800, extension no. 218, or visit jccnj.org. Registration for the program will begin on Monday, April 16, for JCC members and Monday, April 30, for non-members.

Library Reveals Return Of DDR, PlayStation2

FANWOOD - Dance Dance Revolution (DDR) and PlayStation2 racing games will be back at the Fanwood Memorial Library, located on North Avenue and Tillotson Road, on Tuesday, March 27, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

DDR is a music video arcade game typically played on a dance pad with four arrow panels. These panels are pressed using the players' feet, in response to arrows that appear on a screen in front of them. The arrows are synchronized to the general rhythm or beat of a song.

Games, competitions, prizes and refreshments will be included. For more information, please call Nancy Kipping at (908) 322-6400.



Join us for a Reminiscence Open House at Sunrise of Westfield Saturday, March 24th from 11:30am-3:30pm

Learn about innovative Alzheimer's care by Sunrise Assisted Living Family and friends welcome • Light refreshments served • Please RSVP

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April 2007 Events at the Westfield Memorial Library

Library Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:30 AM-9:00 PM
Friday & Saturday 9:30 AM-5:00 PM, Sunday 1:00-5:00 PM
Closed - Friday, April 6 & Sunday, April 8

ADULT PROGRAMS

Apr 9	7:00 PM	Great Decisions 2007 - Migration
Apr 11	10:00 AM	Computer: Puzzled by the Internet?
Apr 13	1:30 PM	TGIF: Classic movie week
Apr 13	7:00 PM	Author Program: Lt. Col. Jay Kopelman
Apr 16	7:00 PM	Great Decisions 2007 - Mexico
Apr 20	1:30 PM	NO TGIF
Apr 23	7:00 PM	NO Great Decisions
Apr 24	2 & 6:30 PM	Film: Saraband
Apr 27	1:30 PM	TGIF: Robert Frost
Apr 30	7:00 PM	Great Decisions 2007 - Children

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Apr 10, 17 & 24	1:30 PM	Preschool Storytime
	Or	
Apr 12, 19 & 26	10:00 AM	Toddler Time
Apr 11, 18 & 25	10:00 AM	Story Stew
Apr 12, 19	3:45 PM	Mother Goose
Apr 14	10:00 AM	Tots' Storytime
Apr 16, 23 & 30	10:00 AM	Chess
Apr 7, 14, 21 and 28	10:00 AM	

Restrictions regarding pre-registration or age may apply to some programs.
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