



ANTIQUES...Members of the Antiques Department of the Woman's Club of Westfield visited the Drake House Museum in Plainfield recently. Jesse Levin guided the ladies through this historic house while explaining its famous past. Isaac Drake built the Drake House in 1746 for his son, Nathaniel. It was at the Drake House in June 1777 that George Washington consulted with his officers during and after the Battle of Short Hills fought over the entire Plainfield area, which was made up of several towns. Washington and his officers were often headquartered at the Drake House when in the area on military maneuvers.

Trailside Naturalists Offer 'Project Wet' For Teachers

MOUNTAINSIDE - The next "Project WET" (Water Education for Teachers) workshop will be held at Trailside Nature and Science Center on Saturday, March 24, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

"Project WET" offers teachers tools, resources and lessons that can be used in the classroom to help students better understand the importance and value of water in everyday life. The workshop includes more than 90 teacher-tested interdisciplinary activities and lessons.

The daylong program offers teachers an opportunity to learn creative teaching modules while earning six New Jersey Department of Education professional development credits. Lessons in the guide are correlated to the New Jersey Core Curriculum

Content Standards.

Trailside naturalists Ruth Yablonsky and Joe Filo recently earned their state certification to teach "Project WET" workshops to teachers in kindergarten through 12th grade and will participate in the program on March 24.

The fee for this program is \$25 per person and includes the "Project WET" curriculum and activity guide. Light refreshments will be served during morning registration and participants are asked to bring a lunch.

Pre-registration is required as space is limited. For registration and more information about "Project WET," call (908) 789-3670 or visit ucnj.org/trailside.

Trailside is located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside.

Union County PTA Offers Manya Ungar Scholarship

SCOTCH PLAINS-College-bound students are urged to apply for the Union County Council of Parent Teacher Associations (UCCPA) Manya Ungar Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is based on donations and will be worth a minimum of \$500.

The scholarship recognizes a former National Parent-Teacher Association president and Scotch Plains resident, Manya Ungar.

She helped bring AIDS-awareness education to American schools, directing a summer performing-arts program in Scotch Plains-Fanwood for 10 years and speaking about the importance of bringing concerns to elected officials. Eligible students must be enrolled

in a high school that has a PTA or Parent-Teacher-Student Association membership in good standing with the UCPTA. Candidates must demonstrate a commitment to community service and academics and must be interested in a college education. Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate a financial need.

Applications are available through the guidance offices of all UCPTA member high schools or from scholarship chairman Christine Garofalo at 460 North Avenue, Fanwood, NJ 07023. The chairman must receive completed applications no later than Friday, April 6. For questions, contact Ms. Garofalo at (908) 889-6809.

High School Orchestra, Chorale Perform Springfest

WESTFIELD-The Westfield High School (WHS) Chamber Orchestra and Chorale will perform their annual Springfest concert on Wednesday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, located at 170 Elm Street in Westfield.

The Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Raymond Wojcik, will feature two works by J. S. Bach, his "Brandenburg Concerto No. 4" with soloists Alexandra Jenkins, Alison Ricardo and Yixiao Wang; and "Concerto for Two Violins" with soloists Melvin Diep and Alexandra Jenkins.

Other works and performers on

First Congregational Announces Musicales

WESTFIELD - The First Congregational Church of Westfield, located at 125 Elmer Street, announced the last of their Mid-Day Musicales concerts for the Lenten season with a program by The Manhattan Trio on Wednesday, March 28 at noon.

The members of the trio - Anton Miller, violin, Eliot Bailen, cello, and Daniel Epstein, piano - will perform the Brahms "Trio in C Major, Op. 87."

These free, half-hour 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.

Violinist Anton Miller and cellist Eliot Bailen are well known to area audiences, being concertmaster and principal cellist, respectively, of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra. Pianist Daniel Epstein is a member of the piano faculty at the Manhattan School of Music in New York.

For further information or to reserve luncheon tickets, contact the church office at (908) 233-2494.

the program will include Nathan Margolin in the first movement of Mozart's "Clarinet Concerto" and William Mathews, organist and WHS choral director, in Albinoni's "Adagio in G minor for organ and strings."

The chorale will perform several madrigals, including "April is in my Mistress Face" by Thomas Morley, "Flora Gave me Fairest Flowers" by John Wilbye and the "Kings Singers' You Are The New Day," each led by student conductors Georgia Mierswa, Laura Schwab and Nathan Margolin, respectively.

Matthew Leonard and Connor Davis will conduct the group's two Italian madrigals, "The Echo Song" by Orlando di Lasso and "Fa Una Canzona" by Orazio Vecchi. In addition, chorale will present a piece entitled "Sweet Rose" composed by Ellen Scariati and conducted by Greg Boyle. The performance is free.

Temple Beth Ahm Hosts 'Sundae Funday'

AREA - Temple Beth Ahm, located at 60 Temple Drive in Springfield, will present Sundae Funday, an afternoon of music, moonwalks, make your own sundaes, carnival games, crafts, food, prizes and more for kids of all ages, on Sunday, March 25 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

There will be raffles and door prizes for parents too. Admission is \$10 per child and includes five game tickets. Adults will be admitted for free. Proceeds will benefit the Temple Beth Ahm Preschool.

For more information, e-mail sundaeunday@verizon.net.

Scout Project to Offer Girl Empowerment

WESTFIELD - Middle school female students are invited to an empowerment day on Saturday, March 31, at Westfield High School, located at 550 Dorian Road in Westfield.

The event will be held in Cafeteria B. It is being organized by Angela Kerins, a senior Girl Scout, as her Gold Award project.

Special speakers, fun activities and ways to build self-confidence will be featured. The first session will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. and the second session will take place from noon to 2 p.m. Participants are asked to choose one session.

Interested individuals are asked to respond by contacting Angela Kerins at galagir1113@aol.com or (908) 317-2801.



SPRINGFEST...Orchestral soloists, from left to middle, are Melvin Diep, Alexandra Jenkins, Alison Ricardo, Yixiao Wang, and Nathan Margolin. Student chorale conductors, from middle to right, are: Nathan Margolin, Laura Schwab, Greg Boyle, Matthew Leonard, Connor Davis and Georgia Mierswa.

Westfield Community Band Celebrates American Music

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Community Band, under the direction of Thomas Connors, announced its second annual spring concert at The Westfield Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 25, at 2 p.m.

The afternoon's music will be a tribute to American music, celebrating the depth of music found within the 19th and 20th century.

A featured selection for the afternoon will be "A Tribute to Harold Arlen," one of the most successful composers of American popular music in the 20th century, highlighting songs such as "Get Happy," "It's Only a Paper Moon," "Come Rain or Come Shine," "Stormy Weather," "That Old Black Magic" and "Somewhere, Over the Rainbow."

The band will also perform "Amazing Grace" by Frank Ticheli and "American Salute" by Morton Gould, a selection reflective of American culture with a set of variations on the popular American tune, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home."

Another highlight of the afternoon will be Clare Grundman's single movement suite, "The Blue and the Gray" paying tribute to some of the most enduring patriotic tunes of mid-19th century America.

Additional selections for the afternoon include, "Commando March" by Samuel Barber, "Sphere of Fire" by David Schaffer, "Sinatra in Con-

cert" by Jerry Nowak and "March Grandioso" by Roland Seitz.

The concert will be held at The Presbyterian Church of Westfield at 140 Mountain Avenue at East Broad Street in Westfield. The event is free to the public.

Future performances for the Westfield Community Band include June 21 and 28, July 5, 12 and 19 in Mindowaskin Park in Westfield. For more information, go to the band's website westfieldcommunityband.com.

NJWA Concert Band Remembers Hela Young

AREA - New Jersey Workshop for the Arts (NJWA) Concert Band will perform the third annual Hela Young Memorial Concert on Sunday, March 25, at the YM-YWHA of Union at 501 Green Lane.

The two-hour concert will begin at 2 p.m. and is open to the public. Jennifer Dilzell will be the featured bassoon soloist. Tickets are \$10 each. All proceeds will go towards the Hela Young Scholarship Fund.

Ms. Young was an entertainer and former Miss New Jersey. She also hosted the NJ State Lottery for many years. A daughter of Holocaust survivors, she served as a member of the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education and was a spokeswoman for many charitable causes.

She passed away in February 2002 after a long battle with cancer. The scholarship established in her name enables people facing financial difficulties to enjoy the recreational and educational activities and programs at the Green Lane Y in Union.

For further information, contact the band at (908) 964-1793 or e-mail them at njwaband@att.net.

NJ Native Taglieri Comes to Stage House

SCOTCH PLAINS - New Jersey native John Taglieri will come to Scotch Plains on Friday, April 6, to perform at The Stage House.

Mr. Taglieri is gearing up to release his fourth album, "Wide Awake and Dreaming," which will be available nationwide on Tuesday, April 10, through Leap Dog Music.

Over the years, he has gained a name for himself through his live performances and extensive touring, sharing the stage with artists such as Sister Hazel, The Gin Blossoms, Jeffrey Gaines and Gavin DeGraw.

To hear his first single "Starring Role" off "Wide Awake and Dreaming," go to myspace.com/johntaglierimusic.

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