



WESTFIELD DAR FASHION STARS... Pictured, from left to right, at the NJDAR Spring Conference, are: Savannah Freeman, Victoria Freeman, Diana Kazakis, Chapter Contest Chairperson, and the 2019 Westfield Daughters of the American Revolution fashion design contest winners: Brooke DeAngelis, Tatiana Fecowicz, Leah Nott, and Urban Sewciety co-owners Megan Whitney and Megan Sawers.

Westfield Art Assoc. Displays At the Freeholders Gallery

COUNTY — Artworks from the Westfield Art Association are currently on exhibit at the Freeholders Gallery through May 22. The gallery is located on the 6th floor of the Union County Administration Building, Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, with gallery hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

"The Freeholder Board is proud to work with the Westfield Art Association and provide Union County residents and visitors with an opportunity to see the world through the unique perspectives of local artists," said Freeholder Chair Bette Jane Kowalski.

Artists featured in the current exhibit include Sharon Reed, Maxine King, Karen M. Dunning, Virginia Puskar, Laura Brown, and Michael Endy.

Founded in 1922, the Westfield Art Association is the oldest independent arts organization in the state of New Jersey. A non-profit volunteer organization, it provides art education and public exhibitions, and actively encourages its members in the pursuit and development of their individual artistic goals and growth. The Westfield Art Association welcomes all artistic mediums and all levels of experience.

Public art events organized by the Westfield Art Association include art education lectures, hands-on art studio workshops, gallery exhibits, outdoor art exhibitions, and pop-up

galleries in Westfield restaurants and storefront windows.

The Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, part of the Department of Parks and Recreation, coordinates the exhibits displayed at the Freeholders Gallery.

For more information on the Westfield Art Association, please visit westfieldartassociation.org.

For further information about this and other programs and services related to the arts and history in Union County, contact the Office at (908) 558-2550 or e-mail: culturalinfo@ucnj.org. NJ relay users may dial 711.



ART OF NATURE... Artwork pictured by Sharon Reed is part of the Westfield Art Assoc. show at the Freeholders Gallery.

Why We Dance Celebrated 10th Anniversary in March

FANWOOD -- Despite the rain, more than 50 people came out to celebrate Why We Dance's 10th anniversary held in Fanwood on March 31.

"I was so moved by the outpouring of support," said Why We Dance Coordinator Candace Waller. "Participants enjoyed the free refreshments and prizes provided by Walgreens in Plainfield, Stop-n-Shop of Watchung, ShopRite in Garwood, Loreal, American Cancer Society, and Swiss Pastry Shoppe in Scotch Plains. These sponsors along with several private donors helped me [make] this day really successful."

Participants were able to take a bellydance class taught by Naleesa Jacobs, a liturgical class taught by Senteia McCleod and her young assistant Ssanyu Lukoma, and the most popular class of the day a hip hop class taught by celebrity choreographer John Barrella.

Ms. Jacobs used henna to create pretty designs on participants hand. Motivational speaker and bodybuilder Verecia Adams, who is the owner of PrettyBeast Mode Fitness and Nutrition in Scotch

Plains, gave an uplifting talk about health and fitness goals.

The Why We Dance crew performed to a song from the movie *Black Panther* that they learned from taking weekly classes with choreographer Alonzo Magsino. Two dancers from the group Asia Wise and Lovfavor Alexander were honored with certificates for their community service.

There were lots of health related materials to educate people about heart disease, strokes and the importance of a health diet.

"I got the idea of creating this type of group from our former First Lady Michelle Obama, who made fitness and eating healthy a priority. Her positive example motivated me to bring health and fitness to my community," said Ms. Waller. "Dancing is fun, great exercise and brings the community together."

This arts program is made possible in part by a HEART (History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands) Grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.



DANCING FOR YOUR HEALTH... Participants enjoyed dance at the 2019 Why We Dance event on Sunday, March 31, at the Forest Road Park in Fanwood.

Chansonettes of Westfield Embark on Tour, May 5-15

WESTFIELD — The Chansonettes of Westfield are ready to begin their 2019 celebration of women in song tour. The concert, entitled "Girls, Girls Girls" will be performed between May 5 and May 15 and will begin with a performance at Arbor Terrace in Westfield, followed by stops at Atria Senior Living in Cranford, Winchester Gardens in Maplewood and Cranford Senior Housing. The all-female chorus will perform favorites old and new including, "I Enjoy Being a Girl"; "Broadway Ladies"; a medley; "Second Hand Rose" and "Nine to Five".

The Chansonettes, in existence for 70 years, performs a holiday concert series every December and a spring concert series each May. The women rehearse once a week on Wednesday nights at the Presbyterian Church on Mountain Avenue in Westfield, under the direction of Jean Schork and accompanied by Mel Freda. The group is happy to welcome new voices: 1st Soprano, 2nd Soprano and Alto.

Anyone needing more information regarding joining the group or booking a future concert may call co-vice-president of the group, Amy Herrington at (908) 578-3588.



LIVING LUXE... This unique custom construction, merging a relaxed, organic aesthetic with impeccable architecture, workmanship and high-end natural finishes, is one of four magnificent homes on view Saturday, May 11, at this year's Tour of Notable Homes to benefit New Jersey Festival Orchestra.

Home Tour to Showcase West-Coast Style Home

WESTFIELD — One of the outstanding notable homes to be seen during NJ Festival Orchestra's Friends annual Tour of Notable Homes, to be held Saturday, May 11, is a stylish south side custom construction built from the ground up by a husband/wife-general contractor/interior designer partnership.

According to co-chairs of the event, Michelle Pierce and Regina Kelley, the couple brought their love of west coast lifestyle to life in this new home imbued with classic materials, clean lines, and blurring of indoor and outdoor spaces. The result is a residence that is the first of its kind in Westfield. "The exterior's imposing portecochère and blending of cedar, stucco and brick set the tone," the co-chairs said.

Upon entering, Ms. Pierce continued, visitors will immediately discover a merging of organic and luxe. The exterior black trim, nickel hardware, shades of white and black accents are themes carried into the interior. And while minimalist, organic décor can be seen throughout the home, the fireplace-centered lounge is equipped with modular furniture to accommodate the couple or an entire crew.

Ms. Pierce explained, "Laid back meets luxe in this unique residence."

The kitchen and dining space are flooded with natural light, with access to a beautiful patio for alfresco dining. Features include a marble backsplash and island, a custom plaster hood, a full-wall bar and floor-to-ceiling metal wine storage. "Fabulous amenities," remarked Kelley, "and foiled wallpaper adds drama in contrast to the subtle

surrounding color palette - yet another example of the signature 'laid back and luxe' touch."

"The basement is the ultimate hang out for the two boys of the family," continued Kelley. "With an egress door providing direct access and natural light, this space, complete with a full home theatre and custom kitchen/bar, is definitively unique!"

Highlights of the resplendent second floor living quarters include the master bedroom's cedar-planked tray ceiling and a magnificent his/her closet. The boys' rooms include custom built-ins for schoolwork and storage, and a secret tunnel for adventure, reflecting the owners' fundamental design credo: homes can be simultaneously liveable and luxe, functional and fun.

"This home is a 'must see' along with the three other Westfield homes on the tour," in the opinion of David Wroe, Music Director for the orchestra. He expounded, "Proceeds from the tour go directly to the orchestra and are a necessary component of the budget assuring that we can continue playing some of the world's greatest music for the enjoyment of the residents of Westfield and adjoining communities."

Tickets for this year's Tour of Notable Homes are \$40 and can be purchased online at www.njfestivalorchestra.org. On the day of the tour, ticket prices are \$45. Tickets can be purchased at Baron's Pharmacy and The Town Book Store in Westfield; Christoffer's Flowers and Gifts, Mountainside. Further information is available at www.njfestivalorchestra.org or on Facebook/@Friends of NJFO.

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<p style="font-size: 10px; margin: 0;">WESTFIELD COLONIAL \$539,000 3 BR, 2 Bath Colonial. This home features EIK, FDR, WBF, HWF under carpet, sunroom, full basement, fenced in yard, 2 car detached garage.</p> <p style="font-size: 10px; margin: 0;"> Maria DiCarlo</p>	<p style="font-size: 10px; margin: 0;">WESTFIELD OPEN HOUSE: SUN, 4/25 • 1-4PM \$650,000 4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath Tudor style Colonial. EIK, FDR, LR with WBF, Hardwood Floors. Professionally landscaped extra deep backyard with patio and 2 car detached garage. DIRECTIONS: Boulevard between Clifton and Grove.</p> <p style="font-size: 10px; margin: 0;"> Patricia O'Connor</p>	<p style="font-size: 10px; margin: 0;">WESTFIELD OPEN HOUSE: SUN, 4/25 • 1-4PM \$749,999 This lovely 4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath Colonial has Smart Home Technology. Renovated kit, MBR w/2 closets and MBth, fin bsmt and CAC. DIRECTIONS: S Chestnut to St. Marks.</p> <p style="font-size: 10px; margin: 0;"> Hannah Hergenhan</p>	<p style="font-size: 10px; margin: 0;">WESTFIELD OPEN HOUSE: SUN, 4/25 • 1-4PM \$799,999 4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath Split featuring open floor plan, HWF. Updated kitchen and baths. Fenced-in backyard with deck and patio. DIRECTIONS: Lawrence Ave to Woods End Road.</p> <p style="font-size: 10px; margin: 0;"> Andrew Weissman</p>
<p style="font-size: 10px; margin: 0;">WESTFIELD OPEN HOUSE: SUN, 4/25 • 1-4PM \$849,000 5 BR, 2.5 Bath Colonial. EIK, Formal Dining Rm, Family Rm w/fireplace, attic, fin bsmt, backyard w/patio & fire-pit & Built-in gar. DIRECTIONS: Central to Clover to Frances.</p> <p style="font-size: 10px; margin: 0;"> Nadine Allen</p>	<p style="font-size: 10px; margin: 0;">WESTFIELD OPEN HOUSE: SUN, 4/25 • 1-4PM \$1,150,000 5 Bedroom, 2F/2H Bath Colonial. Eat In Kitchen, Formal Dining Rm, Family Rm, Den plus Study, CAC, attic, basement, det gar(2). DIRECTIONS: Prospect to Lincoln Road.</p> <p style="font-size: 10px; margin: 0;"> Holly Cohen Doug Walker</p>	<p style="font-size: 10px; margin: 0;">WESTFIELD OPEN HOUSE: SUN, 4/25 • 1-4PM \$1,249,000 Gorgeous 5 Bedroom 3 Bath Tudor style Colonial in idyllic setting in Brightwood section. FR w/lpc and access to paver patio. DIRECTIONS: Brightwood to Woodmere.</p> <p style="font-size: 10px; margin: 0;"> Dorothy Lam</p>	<p style="font-size: 10px; margin: 0;">WESTFIELD OPEN HOUSE: SUN, 4/25 • 1-4PM \$1,425,000 5 Bedroom, 5.5 Bath, 4,767 Sq. Ft. Colonial. EIK, FDR, FR and Great Room w/fireplaces, attic, fin basement, det 2 car garage. DIRECTIONS: Carleton Road to Fairfield Circle.</p> <p style="font-size: 10px; margin: 0;"> Don Villane</p>
<p style="font-size: 10px; margin: 0;">WESTFIELD NEW CONSTRUCTION \$1,425,000 Custom 5 Bedroom, 4 Bath Colonial. Features a 1st floor En-suite, cathedral FR w/walls of windows that brighten the home.</p> <p style="font-size: 10px; margin: 0;"> Don Villane</p>	<p style="font-size: 10px; margin: 0;">WESTFIELD OPEN HOUSE: SUN, 4/25 • 1-4PM \$1,595,000 Custom Built 6 Bedroom, 5.5 Bath Colonial with architectural details, open flow, 3 fireplaces and upscale amenities. DIRECTIONS: Hiawatha to Orenda to Quantuck.</p> <p style="font-size: 10px; margin: 0;"> Nancy Kronheimer</p>	<p style="font-size: 10px; margin: 0;">WESTFIELD CUSTOM HOME \$3,750,000 This 6,500+ sq ft home has changed hands only 4 times in the past 100+ yrs & has been upgraded and maintained for the past 18 yrs.</p> <p style="font-size: 10px; margin: 0;"> Virginia Zachariades</p>	<div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 14px;">Sales Associate of the Month</div> <p style="font-size: 12px; margin: 0; text-align: center;">Carol DiGraci Top Units and Dollar Volume for the month of March</p>

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