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## Church Bike Brigade Challenges the Weeds of Broad Street in York



York's wide boulevard, known as Broad Street, from Market to the Goode elementary school, has been a focal point for beautification by the Garden Club of York for the last four years. Members, neighbors and city workers have toiled to beautify the street, by weeding, spreading mulch, and planting native trees, bushes and perennials. The recent assistance of the Christian Bikers Club of the Church of the Living Word recently helped clean the little gardens planted there of weeds and debris. Their help was a much appreciated gesture, Garden Club members say and, among those bikers who helped is Dennis Roce from the Christian Bikers Club of the Church of the Living Word. In the photo here Shirley Knight of the Garden Club of York and volunteers from the Church are seen at work on the Broad Street corridor.

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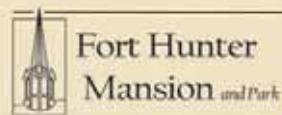
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# “Fall Into Fine Craft”

## is the Name of the Invitational Youth Art Competition Coming to Carlisle, October 25 and 26

Everyone is welcome to the “Fall into Fine Craft,” the annual two-day fine art and craft show of the Yellow Breeches Chapter coming October 25 and 26 at the Carlisle Expo Center in Carlisle, Cumberland County. This show and sale will feature quality original handcrafted designs of the Chapter’s artisan members.



### Local High School Students to Participate

The local high school art students throughout Cumberland County have been invited to participate in this Juried Invitational Art contest.

The Yellow Breeches Chapter of the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen awards cash prizes for the following: Best in Show (\$500), Best 2-Dimensional Work (\$100), Best 3-Dimensional Work (\$100). Information about Fall Into Fine Craft and the Yellow Breeches Chapter of the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen in at [www.ybcrafts.org](http://www.ybcrafts.org)

Exhibitors include artisans working in fiber, glass, clay, wood, photography, watercolor, vitreous enamel, fine decorative painting, metal and other mediums. Works for sale will include furniture, designer fashions, Santa’s, jewelry, paintings, and many other fine pieces, all made by the exhibiting artisans. The show will include the traditional Boutique, a unique-to-our-show platform to showcase original handcrafted works by even more Chapter artisan members.

### Admission Coupon Good for Purchase

Admission is \$5 per person and comes with a \$5 coupon that can be redeemed toward a purchase at any exhibiting artisan’s booth or in the Boutique during the show. Also included with admission is a chance to win one of several door prizes donated by Chapter member artisans.

Fall Into Fine Craft will be open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. Parking at the Carlisle Expo Center is free, ample, and convenient with food concessions available during show hours.

The Yellow Breeches Chapter of the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen was chartered in 1986. With over 150 members that represent a wide array of involvement and interest in the world of fine craft, the Chapter not only fosters the appreciation and execution of fine craft of the highest quality, encourages the study and practice of handmade fine crafts in the community. At the same time, the Chapter supports and expands high standards of design and craftsmanship through meetings, publications and exhibitions, as well as assisting its members in the marketing of their handcrafted works.

Find our more about the Chapter at the website [www.ybcrafts.org](http://www.ybcrafts.org) or follow the group on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/YellowBreechesChapterPGC>.



# “Between Your Bookends” Takes You To Exotic Spots and Common Places for Inspiration and Renewal



BY SUZY HERSHEY

Sometimes an author needs to travel to exotic spots to be inspired for his/her writing. Local author, Donna Ferguson, found her inspiration in a familiar place, however, the Rail Trail of the York County Department of Parks and Recreation.

During her daily walk, she noticed a tiny kitten which greeted her each day. This cute feline appeared to be without a home. Donna was inspired to write and illustrate her first book, “Rail Trail Kitten.” In this book, Rail Trail Kitten asks his friends, “A house, a house, I need a house. Who can help me find a house?” Red Rooster, Gray Squirrel, Brown Mouse, White Rabbit, Bluebird and Green Frog all have reasons to deny Rail Trail Kitten’s request.

Disappointed, he lies down along the trail. He awakens to the sound of a bell on a little girl’s bike. The homeless kitten sees “Chubby cheeked Alexa” and asks her, “May I live in your house?” Alexa responds, “My house needs a kitten.” And, so Rail Trail Kitten hops

into Alexa’s bike basket and heads toward his new home.

As with many books, a sequel follows. In this case, the book is “Inside Outside Kitten” in which Rail Trail Kitten’s friends want to join him inside the house. Since this is not possible, Alexa and her two younger sisters confer to come up with a solution. They set up a weekly story time outside in the garden so all the friends can gather and listen to Alexa read to them.

### “Writing About What You Know”

Writers are often advised to “write about what you know.” In this case, Donna did just that. Her daily walks provided the setting and her great granddaughters, Alexa, Laila and Amina, (along with the Rail Trail Kitten), served as the main characters. Donna served as illustrator for both books. With no formal training she experimented in various techniques and then combined crayons for the background with colored pencils for the

animals which were then superimposed over the background. The most challenging aspect was to get the idea on paper and then limit the wording of the text so that young readers could read on their own.

### The Author’s Background

The author’s professional background as a teacher gave her insight into the minds of young children. She holds degrees in education from York College and Millersville University. She has taught in Headstart, third grade in Central School District and at a Special Needs Preschool for Lincoln Intermediate Unit. In addition to creating her books she enjoys volunteering at the Pullo Center at Penn State York. Thirteen years ago she co-founded and continues to volunteer in a program in which third and fourth grade students make monthly visits to Pleasant Acres Nursing Home where the students interact with resident partners to create a craft and socialize.

Donna credits Demi Stevens, former

librarian at York County’s Paul Smith Library, with helping her to create her first book. In 2012 the library offered a free series of classes, “The Year of the Book” in which aspiring authors could follow the steps which ended in publishing. Donna went on to self-publish these two books. For her next book, Donna plans to write about the loggerhead turtles near their beach vacation spot in North Carolina.

### Advice for Future Authors?

So, for aspiring authors, whether it’s a homeless kitten or newly hatched loggerhead turtles, be aware of your surroundings. Remember to write about what you know and then share your knowledge with others. Donna adds, “It’s so satisfying and so much fun.”

“Rail Trail Kitten” and “Inside Outside Kitten” are available at amazon.com and the following York County locations: Perrydell Farms, York County SPCA, Steam into History, Irvin’s Books, Nixon Park, Miller Plant Farm and Just Learning. **SN**

**About the Writer:** Suzy Hershey is a retired teacher and librarian who enjoys traveling and reading, especially to her three grandchildren. She can be reached by email at [suzyhershey13@comcast.net](mailto:suzyhershey13@comcast.net).

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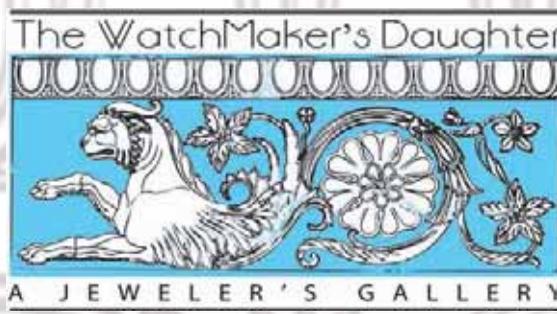
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# It's Not Too Late to See this Handful of Movies for the Summer of '14; Recommended by Our Favorite Movie-Goer

BY ROGETTE NICOLE HARRIS

I'm not just a movie critic but an avid movie-goer. As we put another summer movie season behind us, let's take a look at several summer movies we saw. If you haven't seen the below movies I would highly recommend you pick up the Blu-Ray! (In no particular order)

**GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY:** This movie was just *fun!* The music was fun. The banter and performances were fun. Heck, even the costumes were fun. This movie is an absolute entertainment treat. The cast had great chemistry with Groot and Rocket stealing every scene to keep you laughing while enjoying a great sci-fi flick. Even non-comic fans had to enjoy this movie. It also offers one of the best post-credits scene of the year - dancing baby Groot, which I'm sure will be sold soon in a store near you!

**DAWN OF THE PLANET OF THE APES:** This sequel not only exceeded expectations but may be even better than its predecessor. Picking up a few years after the first installment, the movie focusses on Caesar and his growing ape society. Life is generally peaceful as humanity is essentially gone, decimated by a worldwide disease, with survivors existing in small groups scattered around the globe. When humanity and the new ape society do finally intersect just about everything explodes. The motion-capture animation is amazing, and the plot has some real morals that we all should take to heart.

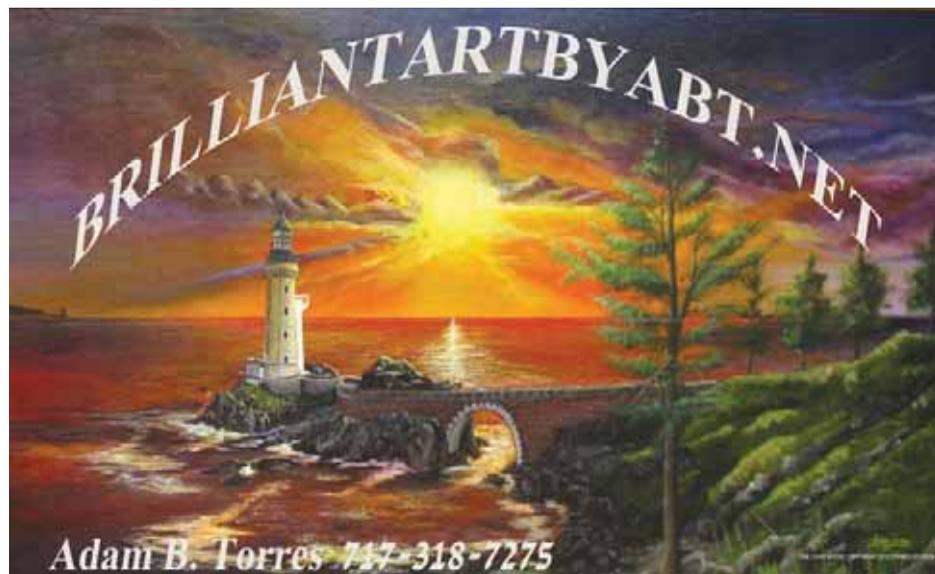
**BOYHOOD:** Writer/director Richard Linklater shot this movie over 12 years. The movie is a story of a boy growing up from first grade to him going to college. The finished film is remarkable and touching. A must see!

**SNOWPIERCER:** Director Bong Joon-Ho skillfully integrated multiple genres in this story of a deadly conflict aboard a futuristic train. It's an action movie, fantastical entertainment, social commentary on a Darwinian dystopia and a survival saga. Best of all, Chris Evans (aka Captain America on loan from the Marvel universe) leads a group of rebels against a group of power elites.

**X-MEN: DAYS OF FUTURE PAST:** This jam-packed blockbuster worked in the casts of the original series and *First Class* wonderfully well with a fun time-travel adventure that also tackled larger issues of prejudice and human will. It was great seeing the two Xavier clashing on their philosophies. It also encompassed one of the single best scenes of the summer as Quicksilver takes out an entire room of guards in a fantastic super-speed bit that takes place in the span of a single second. The ending was a fun twist to reboot the series and set up further films down the line.

**EDGE OF TOMORROW:** This movie was a fantastic sleeper, and should have performed better at the box office. Its mix of time travel and alien invasion works well with our hero (Tom Cruise) dying over and over again to learn any real combat skills. Tom Cruise was perfect in the lead, a smarmy marketing guy, who is forced to stand on the front line without any type of necessary training. Emily Blunt was great as the strong and very capable female soldier who helps him despite their issues and the combat scenes were very well done. The Blu-Ray title has changed to "Live Die Repeat", which fits the movie better. A must see!

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# York Little Theatre—the Impact of a Community Treasure in York County is Being Measured and Expanded

It's had a positive impact on the community for more than eighty years. Hundreds and thousands of people have been moved, cajoled, entertained and educated inside its walls. It's had its ups and downs and yet has produced Broadway-worthy productions and Broadway stars. It has brought families and the community together and it is enjoying rejuvenation under a new leader and a new energy.

It could be called "The Miracle on Belmont Avenue."

"It's inspirational," says Lyn Bergdoll, Executive Director of York Little Theater since September, 2012. "We're about to begin our 82<sup>nd</sup> Season and we're finding more and more people are stepping forward to continue the traditions and mission of YLT."

"All of this work and all of these efforts, combined with the generosity of the local businesses and individuals, represent the fortitude of this community," she noted. "It says that the community highly values YLT and wants to keep this theater alive. They want it to thrive."

Bergdoll said that during a period when many people thought the theatre may have to close its doors, volunteers and donors stepped up to save the organization. In addition, more

than 50 local companies have donated goods and services to restore the building.

She continued, "Professional cleaning companies, heating and air conditioning firms and many others contributed their time and products to the theatre. As a result, she noted, "We have renovated most of the facility, including a new sound system, new bathrooms, fresh paint, restored heating, additional lighting and more."

"Not many communities have a theater that has continued to serve the area for over eight consecutive decades," she notes, with an enthusiasm and energy that helped to lead to a new chapter and a new beginning for this established organization. In the time she has served at the helm of the theater, the changes have been significant. The quality of shows, the structure of the board and the elimination of debt have been huge gains that have stabilized the theatre and led to tremendous growth.

Bergdoll seems to be a propitious leader for the theater at this time in its evolution. Her contacts, her personality and her knowledge of the performing arts seem to make her the perfect fit for a venue that has educated and entertained so many in its long history.

Bergdoll is a native of this area, earning a Master's Degree from the University of

Pennsylvania. As a former winner of the York County Junior Miss Program, she serves as Chair and Director of this Scholarship Program. Now known as Distinguished Young Women, Bergdoll and her team produce a program that fills one of the largest venues in the county, the Central York High School Auditorium.

Also playing to sold out audiences at Central York is ENCORE, the York County High School Musical Theatre Showcase. Bergdoll serves as Artistic Director for this event, which also provides recognition and scholarships to the talented youth in our community.

Teaching the Modern Dance and Pop Jazz classes at York College of PA is another outlet for Bergdoll's creativity. She enjoys the college students and the educational atmosphere. Some of her college students have auditioned and performed in musicals at YLT.

### What is a typical day like for this modern Producer/Director/Mentor/Businesswoman?

"Every day is different-exciting and challenging," she says. "To be able to be involved with the people in this community and the performing arts is a real privilege."

At YLT, the goal is to create a rewarding theatre experience in every way.

"From the time people pull into the parking lot until the applause at the end of the curtain call, we want patrons to enjoy every minute at the theatre," Bergdoll explained. "We want to make them feel appreciated."

Whether the show is a musical, comedy or drama, there is something for everyone at YLT. That includes shows for all ages, theatre classes and summer camps. It also includes volunteers, as hundreds of people share their talents both on stage and behind the scenes. None of the shows would be possible without them.

"With everyone working together, the experience created by a YLT show is enriching, thought-provoking and memorable! That's what we strive for and that's why people continue to come and support this tremendously valuable part of the community."



Jordann and Lyn Bergdoll

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September 19-21, 26-28,  
October 3-5, 2014

### Agatha Christie's SPIDER'S WEB

October 17-19 & 23-26, 2014

### THE WIZARD OF OZ

November 21-23 & 28-30,  
December 5-7, 2014

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January 16-18 & 22-25, 2015

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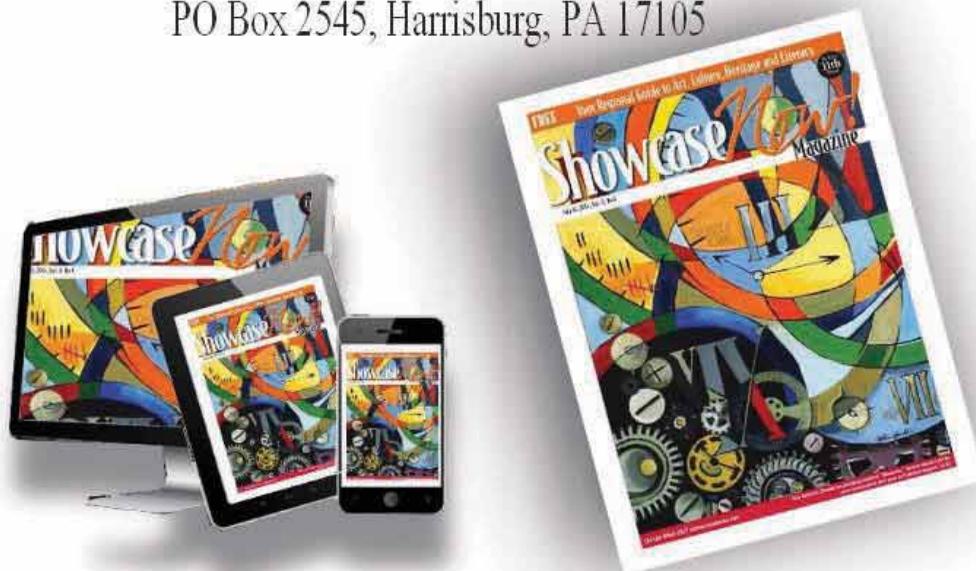
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Hershey  
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## January 16-17, 22-25, , 2015

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## January 17 — February 15

**And Then There Were None**  
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## January 27 — February 1

**Jersey Boys**  
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## February 19 — March 22

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## February 20-22, 26-28 —

## March 1

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## March 10 — April 4

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## March 13-15, 20-22

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# Oh, Say Can You See: An Anniversary for “The Star-Spangled Banner?”



BY KAREN WIX

All summer I have been seeing, or I should say hearing, on television the National Anthem played as what I assumed was a Public Service Announcement. After the 100<sup>th</sup> time of hearing it my curiosity was piqued and I decided to do a little investigating into the song and its origins.

While searching for information I asked about 20 people what the song represented and what war was being fought that inspired the lyrics. All but one got it wrong. Nineteen of my respondents said it was the Revolutionary War.

WRONG, it was the War of 1812. How many even know why the war was fought. Very few, I am sad to say. So pay attention and I will give you a very brief history lesson that will come in handy the next time you appear on “Jeopardy.”

After the United States became a sovereign nation when it declared its independence from Great Britain we became a small world power with no real dominance of the sea. Britain did its best to keep American products from reaching Europe and commandeered our ships and proceeded to impress the sailors into the British Navy claiming they were really British citizens because “Once an Englishman, Always an Englishman.”

Although most of the sailors immigrated to the U.S., they became naturalized citizens and considered themselves Americans. (The Americans were also suspicious the British



were encouraging the Indian nations to attack American property.)

In 1812 we had had enough and the American citizens demanded we go to war with Britain once again. Battles were fought all over the Eastern seaboard and many on the border between the U.S. and Canada. In 1814 one of the biggest and most bloody occurred at Ft. McHenry in our neighborhood, namely the area around the Chesapeake Bay.

The British considered Baltimore to be a prime target because its large harbor had become a base for the American Navy and was a launching site for our ships. Because the rivers around Baltimore were too shallow for the British Navy to maneuver

the Battle had to be fought with bombs and missiles fired from the British ships.

On September 3, 1814 Francis Scott Key a lawyer and amateur poet and John Stuart Skinner were sent to the British by President Madison to negotiate the release of American prisoners of war. They dined with Vice Admiral Cochrane on the British flagship, the HMS Tonnant. After much negotiation the release was granted but Key and Skinner were not allowed to return to their own ship because the British felt they had gained too much knowledge of the battle plans. Thus Key witnessed the battle from the vantage point of the British.

It was a rainy night and the little that Key could make out were the “bombs bursting in air” and the “rockets’ red glare.” He could barely see the storm flag flying on the bridge of an American ship. The storm flag was replaced by a large American Flag at dawn. Key did not know the outcome of the battle until he saw that flag. We won!

Aboard ship the next morning Key wrote a poem on the back of a letter he happened to have in his pocket. He and Skinner were released on September 16. He completed the poem when he returned to his hotel in Baltimore and titled it “Defence of Fort M’Henry”. (Spelling, as we know, was atrocious in these days!) Key gave the poem to his brother-in-law who realized that the words would work with a popular melody “The

Anacreontic Song.” This was the official song of the Anacreontic Society which was an 18<sup>th</sup> century gentlemen’s club of amateur musicians. Key’s brother in-law had the “song” published for the first time on September 17. No grass grew under his feet, for sure.

The song became immensely popular throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> century and in 1889 Secretary of the Navy Benjamin F. Tracy signed an order making “The Star Spangled Banner” the official tune to be played at the raising of the flag.

In 1929 Robert Ripley of “Ripley’s Believe it or Not” wrote that America had no national anthem. This came as a shock to many people who thought that “My Country ‘Tis of Thee” was the national anthem. In 1931 President Herbert Hoover signed a law that adopted “The Star Spangled Banner” as the national anthem of the United States of America.

Strange that a man who did not support the emancipation of slaves and indeed was a slave owner himself was the mastermind of a song that has become so important a part of the American culture. Makes you think.

Everyone has done their math, right? It has been 200 years since the anthem was written, thus all the airing of what I thought were PSAs these past few months were really ads to publicize the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the anthem and the part that Baltimore played to inspire it. **SN**

## Writing and Publishing a Personal Memoir: A Mentor with Experience Can Help

BY INEZ STACKHOUSE

He came by his specialty in an almost accidental way. He has published many books himself and for about 30 years or so he has been helping other people write and publish their own story and get it distributed to an appreciate audience.

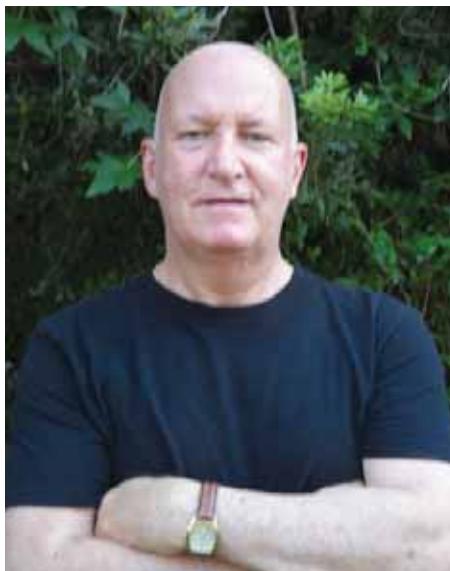
Georg Sheets has done all this, maintaining a full time job and getting good marks for his work all along the way.

### Everyone Should Write a Book

“I think everyone should write a book,” Sheets is enthusiastic. “After all, don’t you think you have done something or seen something or thought about something that you want to share?”

Putting our reporter’s hat on, we asked him, “Do you have a website?” We were trying to be modern in our approach.

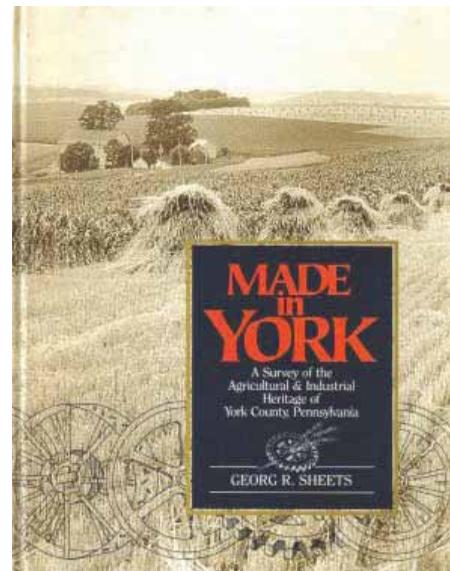
He told us, “Yes, and it’s easy to remember how to get there. Just go to your computer and type in [www.georgsheets.com](http://www.georgsheets.com).” We realize some people don’t have computers, he said, and that’s often the first advice I give: how to get your story on the computer or an electronic disk. . . “To get the book in an electronic file that can be used by any printer is a key. Office



supply stores also need this kind of file, too,” he said.

What kind of stuff is on your website? we asked.

“My website is not fancy,” he told us, “It’s not up to date or complete. But there’s a good representation of my work so far.”



Sheets says he enjoys helping people, men and women, to tell their story whether they are computer savvy or not.

### All Shapes and Sizes and Costs

“Books come in all shapes and sizes and costs,” Sheets reminds the people he works with. “You

can go out and buy an old beat up Volkswagen or you can buy a BMW or a Lincoln.”

There are hundreds of decisions to make when writing and publishing, especially self-publishing, Sheets said.

“Why do people self-publish?”

“It’s because they don’t have the patience or the time--or the interest in relinquishing major ideas. For example, you generally can’t tell a publisher what kind of cover to put on the book!” he laughed.

### Is It the Experience that Attracts Writers?

“Why do people come to you for help?” I asked him. Is it because of your experience?”

“Writing is very personal,” he responded, “it’s the experience that counts but also the understanding, discretion, encouragement.”

“There is not a day that I don’t pick up a book that is more than a hundred years old,” he said. “And to learn from someone who wrote a book that long ago is a humbling experience. And it proves that publishing a book, no matter what its circulation, is a way to immortality. Who can put a price tag on that?” he smiled. “Don’t we all want to live forever?” **SN**

**About the Writer:** Inez Stackhouse is a college intern doing writing jobs for various publications, specializing in those that have a web presence, such as ShowcaseNow.net. She claims no relationship to the show that has made her last name famous!

## “Queens Who Cook” Fundraiser Set for Sunday, September 28

Churches and other groups in the region are being invited to participate in a new fundraiser called **Queens Who Cook**. This fundraiser is designed as a fun and satisfying way to get a delicious meal and raise money for a really deserving cause. Music will be by DJ LGZ. ABC Channel 27’s James Crummel and Janel Knight will serve as emcees. This event will take place on Sunday September 28 from 2 to 5 p.m. in the parish hall at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 248 Seneca Street, Harrisburg.

Proceeds will go to the St. Barnabas Summer Camp and to assist with the operating expenses of St. Paul’s. St. Barnabas is a day camp held each summer for two months for neighborhood children. Fifty children were served by dedicated and talented staff this summer. Admission is \$20.00 each for adults and teens. Children under 10 years of age are free.

Tickets are available and recruitment of cooks is being taken by Carol Stevenson at 717-623-0335. You can also leave a message for her at St. Paul’s church office at 717-233-2175.

## The Peak, Hanover, Presenting its 17th Annual Women’s Show in York Oct. 4, 5

For the past 16 years, the annual Women’s Show has been the premier event for women in southcentral Pennsylvania, the organizers of this year’s show claim.. This year, The Peak 98.5 Women’s Show, presented by Memorial Hospital, is shaping up to be even bigger and better than ever. The 17th installment of this award-winning show takes place Oct. 4 and 5 at the York Expo Center, according to sponsors.

“This is the ultimate girl’s day out,” said Barbara Carbaugh, president of 98.5 The Peak. “This annual event is the perfect opportunity to spend time with your mother, sister, daughter or best friend. It’s a time to leave hectic schedules behind and take time out to have fun.”

Entertainment already scheduled on the Wilmington Trust Stage and bare Skin Care Theatre includes the Girlfriend’s Game, a T.J. Maxx fashion show, cooking demonstrations, a Susquehanna Service Dogs presentation, a performance by the York Area Repertoire of Dance, a concert by singer/songwriter Kayla Kroh, and much more. A portion of the proceeds from the show will benefit United Way of York County

Admission is \$4, but attendees can present a Weis Markets Preferred Shopper’s Club Card at the door for free admission or download a free ticket by logging on to [www.thepeak985.com](http://www.thepeak985.com). The show hours are Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 717-637-3831, or visit website noted above. **SN**



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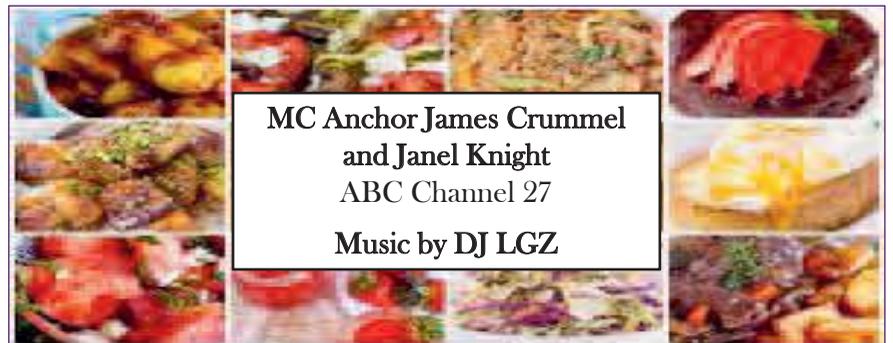
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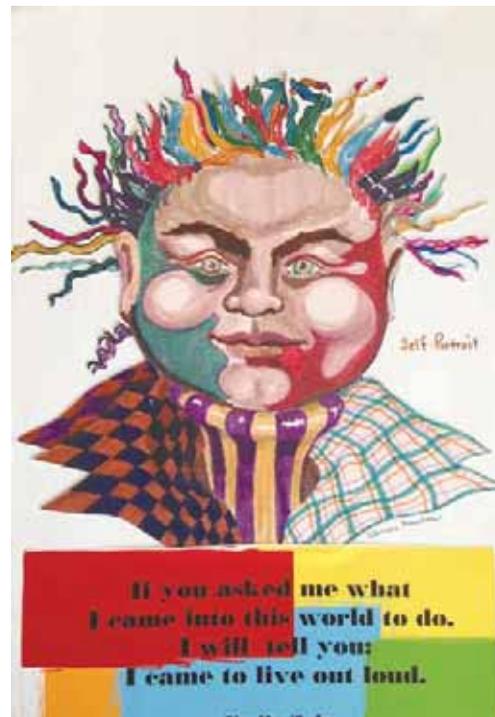
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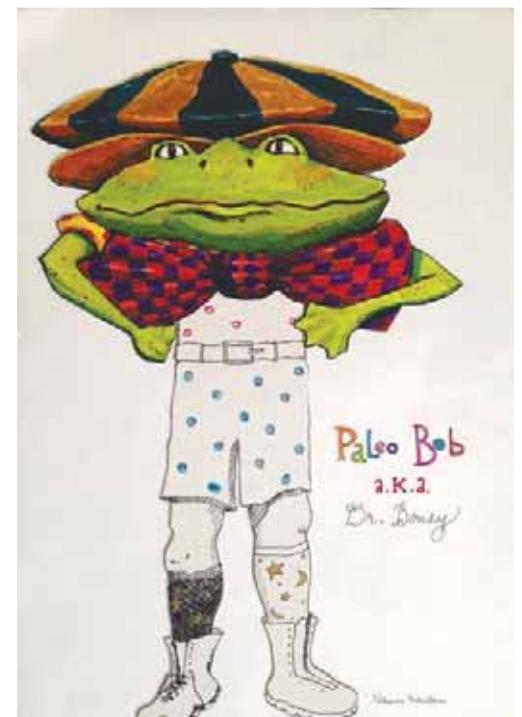


# Nancy Mendes Is a Multi-talented Artist Who Has Left Her Mark on Many Projects in the Region

BY RUTHE FORTENBAUGH CRALEY



Left to Right:  
Black-I-Be  
InLaws & Grandchildren  
Self-portrait  
Nancy Mendes



Left to Right:  
The Chief  
Miss Sophie  
Paleo Bob

The most difficult part of interviewing such a multi-talented person as Nancy Mendes is figuring out where to begin. She arrived in this area in 1979 and soon became known for her exhibition development and graphic design projects. The educational brochures, historical waysides and park guides she designed and published quickly made her aware of the area's remarkable culture and social history. She lives in Eters but feels at home in Harrisburg, York and many other towns and villages in the region. Her work can be found here and abroad and her activities and talents put her in the middle of many important exhibitions and on boards that have a wide effect on the culture of her adopted region.

She is presently working as editor and graphic designer of materials that promote The Bethel Trail, a history of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) church of

Harrisburg. This booklet includes stories of this congregation from its first building, a log cabin structure built in 1834 in Meadow Lane to its fourth location at 6th and Herr Streets. The church is now located at 5th and Granite Streets. The main publication, From the Pews, compiled of stories by local historians, presents the major contributions this congregation has made to Harrisburg's history. The first "wayside marker" is located at the Amtrak Station in Harrisburg where the first church sat. Among other important events that make this congregation worthy of special attention is the fact that elders from this church met soon after the declaration to discuss President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation.

### A Children's Book in the Making

Mendes's grandparents were born in the Cape Verde Islands, off the west coast of

Africa. The family background is mixed Portuguese and African. One of her recent projects was writing and illustrating a children's book telling some of the folk tales she remembers from her story-telling grandfather. She laughs fondly as she comments that he "could make a good story better!"

She met her husband, Louis Gatling, a local artist, 19 years ago and they continue to share their talents and a six-child family. Gatling is a clay sculptor, leather-craftsman and kayak maker, besides holding his own as Nancy's best friend! His successful endeavor as a kayak maker has led to many hours of a favorite exercise for both artists.

She shared a portfolio of her work entitled the "Monster Hall of Fame". These are graphic marker drawings on paper and, both the vivid colors and the grotesque subjects,

are truly fantastic. The dazzling and astonishing color-combinations give added energy to the mixture of mischief and mayhem portrayed through her monster subjects.

### N. Mendes and Company

She notes that all her working experience, whether it is the management of her company, N. Mendes and Company, working as a free-lance illustrator, painting, or teaching drawing and graphic arts classes at Penn State and HACC has been valuable and rewarding.

«Everything you do teaches you something.» she says. And for Nancy Mendes, this creative and accomplished artist, there are many «everything's» ahead! You can reach this artist @nmendesfineart@aol.com, or by calling 717-718-5079. **SN**

**About the Writer:** Ruthe Fortenbaugh Craley was born in Gettysburg and grew up there before taking her position as teacher for the York City Schools. She then returned to Gettysburg and wrote the popular column for this publication called, "Meet Me in Gettysburg." She has returned to York and finds delight in meeting new people as well as reconnecting with "old" friends.

## Agatha Christie Mystery Opens Chambersburg Theater's Season

Chambersburg Community Theatre (CCT) opens its 61st season with the Agatha Christie mystery *Black Coffee* at the Capitol Theatre Center, 159 S. Main St, Chambersburg. The play opens Friday, September 18 at 8 pm and continues through September 28 with performances on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm and Sundays at 2 pm.

Tickets can be purchased on-line at [www.cctonline.org](http://www.cctonline.org), at the Capitol Theatre Box Office located inside the main theatre lobby at 159 S Main St., or by calling 717-263-0202. The Box Office is open Monday-Friday 11 am to 4:30 pm and one hour before each performance.

CCT's season continues November 15-23 with *Meet Me in St Louis*, is based on «The Kensington Stories» by Sally Benson and the MGM motion picture «Meet Me in St. Louis» with songs by Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane and book by Hugh Wheeler. Vicki Gontz will direct with musical direction by Stephanie Salisbury. A sensory sensitive performance is being planned which will allow anyone with sensory related issues to enjoy a show in a non-threatening environment. Due to contract regulations, seating is limited to 350 for all performances.

Season Passes are on sale now and subscribers can save up to \$40 off the individual ticket price. Season Passes, which include 4 or 8 admissions to the entire season, can be purchased at the CCT Office located in the Capitol Theatre Center, 159 S Main St. For more information see the website at [www.cctonline.org](http://www.cctonline.org) or call the office at 717-263-3900. **SN**

## Chambersburg To Offer Plein Air Pastel Workshop with Jean Hirons

The Council for the Arts of Chambersburg will offer a Plein Air Pastel Workshop with nationally recognized artist Jean Hirons on Saturday and Sunday September 20 and 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The outdoor painting workshop will also include an informal social gathering on Friday evening before the workshop. For more information about classes visit [www.councilforthearts.net](http://www.councilforthearts.net) or contact the Council at [smellott@councilforthearts.net](mailto:smellott@councilforthearts.net) or 717-264-6883. **SN**

## Keystone Capital Chorus Serving Up "Pasta: Barbershop Style," September 20

"Pasta: Barbershop Style" will be on the menu Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, 2701 North Third St., Harrisburg, as members of the Keystone Capital Chorus serve a baked lasagna dinner, followed by an hour-long show featuring the award-winning chorus, its member quartets and "Brothers in Arms," an outstanding youth quartet from Mechanicsburg.

The Chorus will be under the direction of Robert Bennett, Jr.

The event will include door prizes and a silent auction, along with dinner that includes baked lasagna (both meat and "veggie") from Vino Restaurant in Harrisburg, tossed salad, crusty bread, dessert, coffee, tea and soft drinks.

Dinner will be served beginning at 6 p.m., with the show starting at 7:15 p.m.

Tickets are available through the chorus' website [kccsing.com](http://kccsing.com) and by calling (717) 695-7527. **SN**

## Manos Unidas: Hispanic Heritage Celebrations Sept. 15 to Oct. 15

You can share in many events to celebrate the annual Hispanic Heritage Celebrations taking place from Adams to York, Berks and Dauphin, and many other counties, towns and villages across Pennsylvania beginning Monday, Sept 15. The language, food, art, dance, music and many of the other cultural contributions will be highlighted as countless festivals, fairs and demonstrations are available now and well into the future. **SN**

## York Bike Night Sept 19



Are you a hog? If you are one-- or just love them, then you can be a part of the York Bike Night on Friday, Sept. 19. The Harley-Davidson Motor Co., maker of the motorcycles called «hogs» and The City of York will present the 20th annual York Bike Night 6 to 10 p.m. around Continental Square. The event will be held in conjunction with the annual Harley-Davidson open house and White Rose Thunder. **SN**

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# Gettysburg's "Blue & Gray Bar & Grill" Is a Good Place to Eat

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BY JOE CERVENAK



"You have to go. I had one of the best burgers ever." My wife is not into superlatives so this accolade is an attention getter: "I had the General Harry T. Hayes Burger," she adds, "juicy, pepper jack cheesy, a 'kick' from Sriacha Mayo, Chipotle Mustard, caramelized onion and roasted red peppers topped with grilled Andouille sausage! And, it came with potato choices that included waffle-weave sweet potato fries that are really crisp."

"We have to go," she adds, "there's even a table with four beer taps in the middle." Now this really gets my attention. Besides, do I really have a choice?

So, we are at the Gettysburg Square enjoying the warm afternoon sun, colorful flowers and flags a-flying. The bronze plaque on the building reads "Civil War Building July 1863." A smiling emoticon peeks from a cauldron of greenery with a list of NOs: "No butts, trash, drinks or pee."



We smile, note the sidewalk sandwich board telling us its Shark Week featuring \$2 Landshark Pounders. Now that's an attention getter. Up the

steps through the corner doors and we're in the Blue & Gray Bar & Grill Café (B&G).

Our hostess guides us past a dozen flickering no-volume TVs situated over bar patrons having quiet conversation. A calmly hurried wait-staff moves among the white paper covered tables, past booths and raised tables. We glimpse the open kitchen and energetic staff in action.

This feels like a place where we'd like to eat.

From our raised table by the window we view the square, the parade of tourists, students and locals. It's that time of year, back to school and the winding down of the tourist season.

We receive blue and gray star-studded Civil War menus fronted with spoon and fork as ramrods in the muzzle of crossed Civil War rifles. We meet Dietrich, our waiter, who, grinning, memory-hooks us to "think 'Diet + rich.'" He takes our drink order—it's the \$2 – 16 oz., Landshark beer and a \$1.50 Yuengling draft.



He leaves us to the menus, noting, "we have great food and great beers, but we're absolutely the best when it comes to burgers and wings. You really gotta try the burgers."

Serving our drinks, Dietrich suggests a few favorites and explains the Daily specials. Each day has a regular special, for example steamed shrimp, quesadillas, peanut butter burgers, and a combo of 6 & 6 wings.

This day's Special is a choice of steaks. Now steak in a sports bar raises my brow. However, I order the smaller New York Strip at \$13.99. I add Maryland Crab from the "made from scratch" soup menu that includes French Onion, Texas Chili and a signature charred scallop bacon soup.

My partner scans the sixteen Battlefield Burger choices. All named after Civil War generals arranged by stature. Union Burgers to the left, Confederate Burgers to the right. She passes on the little known General James Jay Archer whose \$10.99 burger is topped with a 3 oz. crab cake, lettuce, tomato, Mustard Caper Aioli on toasted pretzel bun. This deserves a salute. My lady knows what she likes and orders another General Harry T. Hayes Burger and sweet potato waffle fries, please! (She is, after all, from the South.)

Orders placed, drinks in hand we look about and like what we see: unremarkable but positive. We peek across the aisle at our neighbors' plates. Their entrées have



generous portions and look quite tempting. Were we a bit quick in ordering? Another glance at the menu reveals "Under \$20 Entrées:" Johnny Reb Rib Eye, Billy "Yank" NY Strip and Chicken Cordon Blue & Gray to the left, salmon, tuna, and crab cake to the right.

Hmm ... did the seafood miss the naming ceremonies? They could have been Merrimack, Monitor, Ironclad—author's lame humor. Surf 'n' Turf at \$22.99 rounds out the entrée selections. We count 16 Starters, 16 Burgers and 16 Sandwiches & Wraps-- each distinctive, plus salads and soups.

Our food arrives. The General stands tall with a Confederate flag. On its flank a generous portion of those waffled fries. I sample. And, I agree. This could be one of the best burgers that I recall... ever. No! Don't touch the fries, Oops.

My steak is sizzling, lightly charred, juicy and ample in portion. The sides of baked potato and broccoli make for the classic Americana meal.

Steaks are seldom my first choice, but this steak is absolutely outstanding. It goes to the head of the line.

We are satisfied. This is food that we like to eat. We have made excellent choices.

Dietrich, in response to my question, shares the history of this family-owned business. After college and extensive on-the-job training Kevin Petters became the owner of B&G. His Mom hosts and Dad handles the back room administration. They have a sports bar—especially during football season. And, it

caters to family, tourists, locals and Gettysburg College students alike.

Sports, beer, wings and burgers were the beginnings and are still at the heart of a menu that has evolved to full restaurant offerings.

From a table beside us three young ladies, Gettysburg alumnae, are recapturing their bit of academia. "It's 'Yings n' Wings' a five-dollar pitcher of Yuengling and fifty-cent wings that got us through," they laugh and point to the menu. A selection of



twenty-five "cannon-fire" rated wings. What's left to explain?

"At that four-tap table, you receive a micro-chip. You pour. And the chip keeps track. That's it. You bartend what you drink. It makes for a fun time." "And," she adds, "that when a chip reaches 36 ounces the staff is there to let you know, or to cut you off."

They laugh and return to Memory Lane, and a place, they too, like to eat.

My bride has made me a believer. Hmmm, can we work our way through sixteen burgers?

We too are definitely in a place where we like to eat.

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# Libraries, Churches and Homes are Some of the Places We Meet to Discuss Good Reads

BY KAREN HOSTETTER



Left to right, Serena Gillespie, Marjorie Wiltshire, Diane Glover-Brown, Robin Brown, Evelyn Miller, and Kam Ritter celebrate the Parents Advocating for Children (PAC) sixth anniversary at MexItaly in York. The group discussed the book, *Blindness*, but also shared insight about the greater mission of the initiative – getting parents and their kids to read.

As part of the regional One Book, One Community program, I meet a lot of readers at book talks in various settings. Participants gather in libraries, churches, schools, restaurants, or in each other's homes. Some have coffee, tea, and homemade desserts. One neighborhood book club that I know pores over the merits of a main character with a glass of wine and appetizers. Only after

the book and author have been thoroughly analyzed does the dessert come out. But these groups all have something in common - participants enjoy each other's company and conversation.

The PAC book group meets monthly at Martin Library in York. However, their mission goes beyond the usual camaraderie – PAC stands for Parents Advocating for

Children. Formed six years ago to offer support to parents of children in York City schools, organizers receive Title I funds to provide copies of books and dinner for those parents who join them. Marjorie Wiltshire has been on board since its inception. "Our Book Club was started in June 2008 at Martin Library with six founding members. Our purpose is to continue to get more parents reading so they can set an example for their children. We have faithfully met weather permitting on the 4th Thursday of each month, except July which is our vacation month, but we still read a book of our choice."

I joined them a few months ago when they read *The Pact* by Drs. Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, & Rameck Hunt. Although I read that book over 10 years ago, it impacted my life tremendously. Three young men - friends - persevered through college and then medical/dental schools against great odds. I also heard them speak at the Strand-Capitol in York. Besides writing and sharing their message in public, the three doctors created a foundation to help other underserved youth with scholarships.

While we talked, I learned that the PAC book group really has something to celebrate. Six years and still going strong! Marjorie sent me a list of the 70+ books that they have already read and I am impressed. But the list of books still to come is even longer...so they do not plan to rest anytime soon. "We normally vote on the books that we would like to read from a list that we have compiled over the years," she noted. They will also read the One Book, One Community title in January after it is announced.

The PAC group celebrated the sixth anniversary recently with a night out at MexItaly, a local restaurant located in East York. Nothing makes good conversation better than good food. The restaurant serves Mexican and Italian fare and both are excellent choices. Among an assortment of Stromboli's and Quesadillas we discussed *Blindness* by Jose Saramago. I never read that author before and was unnerved by the dark storyline but the comments from the others helped me to find redemption in the anguish. As usual, it isn't just about the book with this group.

"The greatest achievement is seeing kids get excited about reading", noted Marjorie. Kam Ritter agreed. She is glad that her love of

## The Summer Read:

### Overwhelmed, but I'm almost finished!

What a thoroughly engaging book! I know that I have very little "me" time but I have to admit that Brigid Schulte, author of *Overwhelmed; Work, Love, and Play When No One Has the Time* has more on her plate than I do – and that she finds ways to alleviate the stress. Gratefully, she shares her research in a very readable, if lengthy, book that we will discuss at some upcoming book discussions:

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reading has passed down to her son, Keyom Davis. The 6<sup>th</sup> grader at McKinley Elementary School chose to read *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak for his 100 Book Challenge. And now Keyom is reading *Five Days in November* by Clint Hill and Lisa McCubbin, a recent title that the PAC group discussed about the Kennedy assassination.

And it's not just about reading, either. "The PAC group is in its ninth year of presenting the Education First Parade and Rally held each May" added Diane Glover Brown. Over the years, we have brought in authors and speakers such as Debbie Phelps, mother of Olympic swimmer and medalist Michael Phelps and Katrina Burchett, author of *Choices*, who is a 1979 graduate of William Penn High School. The Parade and Rally events have been very successful, with crowds of 2,000 people or more. It is also an opportunity to award enthusiastic students with Spirit awards.

Back to the topic of books for a minute – the group talked about a program that they offered with the theme, Character, Leadership, and Responsibility (CLR). They showed the kids the movie, *The Great Gatsby*, and the kids were so excited that they asked to read the book afterwards. If there is any way to measure the success of one's efforts, this is certainly one of them.

Members of the community are welcome to join the PAC book discussion although books are only provided to parents of students in York City Schools. Check the library for availability and borrow a copy. If interested, the group will read *Tomorrow They Will Kiss* by Eduardo Santiago in September. The discussion will be held at Martin Library, York, on September 25 at 6 p.m. Please contact Marjorie Wiltshire at (301) 412-0279 if you wish to participate. **SN**

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BY SUZY HERSHEY

## The Birth of a New Book Club

Kreutz Creek Library, York County, is pleased to announce the birth of the Chick Lit Book Club. Its focus will be on women's experiences written by contemporary American women authors. The books will reflect a variety of genres, subjects and writing styles. Meetings will be held once a month, offering two separate meeting times on the second Thursday of each month. Contact the library at 717-252-4080 for more information.

## Keep Calm and Start That College Application Essay

Linda Miller, freelance writer and college application essay coach, helps college-bound students navigate through the essay-writing process on Saturday, September 20 at 10:30 a.m. Contact Mifflin Community Library, Berks County, at 610-777-3911 for details.

## An Avenue to Improve the Quality of Your Sleep

Renee Warner, a registered Yoga teacher, will share methods to increase one's quality of sleep. Through a mindfulness meditation based on

ancient yoga teachings, specific tools will help you relax deeply, release stress and get a good night's sleep. This program will be held at the Bosler Library, Cumberland County, will be held on Wednesday, November 5 at 6:30 p.m. Call 717-243-4642 x3224 for details.

## Couponing Secrets

If you're interested in eating healthy, saving money, going on a trip or filling the local food pantry (or all of these), come to the Elizabethville Library, Dauphin County, on Thursday, September 25, to learn how coupons can help you achieve your goals. Attorney Dawn Marron has been using coupons for over four years, saving thousands of dollars on products and groceries she uses. She and her students donate thousands of dollars worth of products to local charities in need, all by using coupons. Registration is not required, but recommended. For more information, contact the library at 717-234-4961, ext. 110.

## A Support Group for Parents

Grove Family Library in Franklin County, is the site of a support group for parents and

caregivers of young adults, ages 18-mid-twenties, with Asperger's. The group meets to plan activities and events for their young adults. These meetings are open to the parents and caregivers only, not to the youngsters themselves. The meetings are held monthly on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Call 717-264-9663 for details.

## A Monumental Task Accomplished

The Lancaster Public Library now has an archival high school yearbook collection of the three largest high schools in the area. This project digitized 80 years of available yearbooks over a period of eighty years. This archive includes yearbooks from Hempfield, Lancaster Catholic and McCaskey High Schools. The information is available through Access PA, the Power Library and at [www.lancaster.lib.pa.us/research/digitalyearbooks](http://www.lancaster.lib.pa.us/research/digitalyearbooks). Call 717-394-2651 for details.

## A New Season Begins in The Series "Take a Break Tuesday"

The Annville Free Library, Lebanon County, will host the first in this popular

series with the topic, "A Parent's Guide to Social Media," presented by Kathleen Keeney Snaveley. This program is free and all are welcome to attend. It will be held on Tuesday, September 30 at 6:30 p.m. Contact the library at 717-867-1802 for details.

## The Mystery of Tombstones

Michelle Napoletano Lynch, a writer for the Reading Eagle, will present information on tombstone carvings that are deep in symbolism and often thought of as folk art. Many gravestones actually tell about a person's life. This unusual program will be held on Wednesday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Lawn-Wyomissing Hills Library, Berks County. Contact the library at 610-678-4888 for details.

## A Bit of Gettysburg History

John Winkleman will enlighten the audience as he shares his knowledge of the surrounding historic taverns of Adams County. Come to this interesting program on Wednesday, October 8 at 7:00 p. m. at the Gettysburg Library in Adams County. Call 717-334-5716 for details. **SN**

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## Library Honors Committee to Recognize John D. Bare Family



Joan and John Bare pictured here as they began married life. This day began a lifetime of giving back to their community.

The Guthrie Memorial Library Honors Committee, Hanover, is set to recognize its first designated honoree, The John D. Bare Family, during a reception at 2 p.m., Sunday, September 28. The newly-formed committee is inviting residents to attend the inaugural event celebrating the family's legacy of service to the library and the Hanover community.

The Bare family's commitment to community service and financial support originated with their foray into the broadcast business in 1949 with the launch of WHVR-AM. John and Joan Bare, husband and wife, later relocated the station from downtown Hanover to its current location on Radio Road. Their ventures grew to include WYCR-FM radio and Hanover Cable TV. Today, two of their four children, Barbara Carbaugh of York and Joan McAnall of Spring Grove, continue in their stead, operating WHVR and The PEAK 98.5 (WYCR) radio stations. Siblings Sandra Bare and John Bare, who reside in Coopersburg, PA and San Francisco, CA respectively, will both be part of the upcoming honors reception.

Over the years, community involvement has been a family constant. When Guthrie Memorial Library re-opened its doors following expansion in 2004, a new community room graced the lower level as the family's gift to Hanover. Since then, thousands have attended everything from chamber meetings to college courses to computer classes in the John D. Bare Center.

"It is fitting that we honor the John D. Bare Family in this space which has become a gathering place for the entire community," says Lisa Kane, the library's director of development., adding that the center will officially be renamed the "John and Joan Bare Center" during the honors reception. In tribute to the Bare Family's achievements, a perpetual fund has been established to purchase books in their honor. Anyone wishing to contribute can do so by mailing a check to: The Bare Family Honors Fund c/o Guthrie Memorial Library, 2 Library Place, Hanover, PA 17331.

The program is free and the public is welcome to attend the day's celebration. Interested individuals should contact Lisa Kane at 632-5183, ext. 320 or [lkane@yorklibraries.org](mailto:lkane@yorklibraries.org); to RSVP. **SN**

## Of Interest to Women: and a Women-Only Event

"Things We Don't Talk About," is a 72-minute documentary being shown Saturday, Oct. 4, in York, that explores how women are reclaiming their truth and their voice as they face changes in the world. Both women and men are invited to the screening and a Q and A period. Only women, however, may stay for the one hour Red Tent event afterward at the UUCY at 925 S. George St. on Saturday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets should be purchased in advance at <http://redtentsscreeningYork.bownpaper tickets.com>. Susan Korsnick can also provide information at [puresusan@yahoo.com](mailto:puresusan@yahoo.com) or call 717-855-3595. **SN**

## Boehm's Chapel Apple Fest Set for Willow Street, October 11

The Boehm's Chapel annual Apple Fest will be held, Saturday, Oct. 11. Rain or shine the festivities will proceed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the grounds of Boehm's United Methodist Church, 13 West Boehms Road, Willow Street, Lancaster County. Admission and parking are free. Homemade apple butter, baked goods, homemade ice cream, crafts, kids' games and luncheon fare will be offered. For additional information phone 717-872-4133. **SN**

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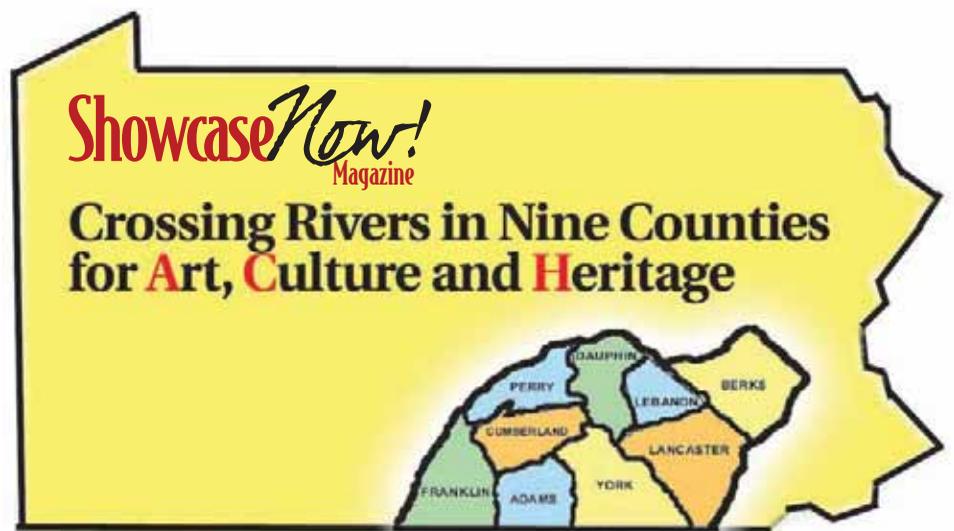
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