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Local artists wanted!

Open Painting Show

The Quarryville Library Art Committee is searching for local painters who would like to exhibit their work at the upcoming Open Painting Show to be held in the

C. X. Carlson Gallery in the Quarryville Library
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Artists' Reception: Saturday, January 14: 1 - 3 p.m.
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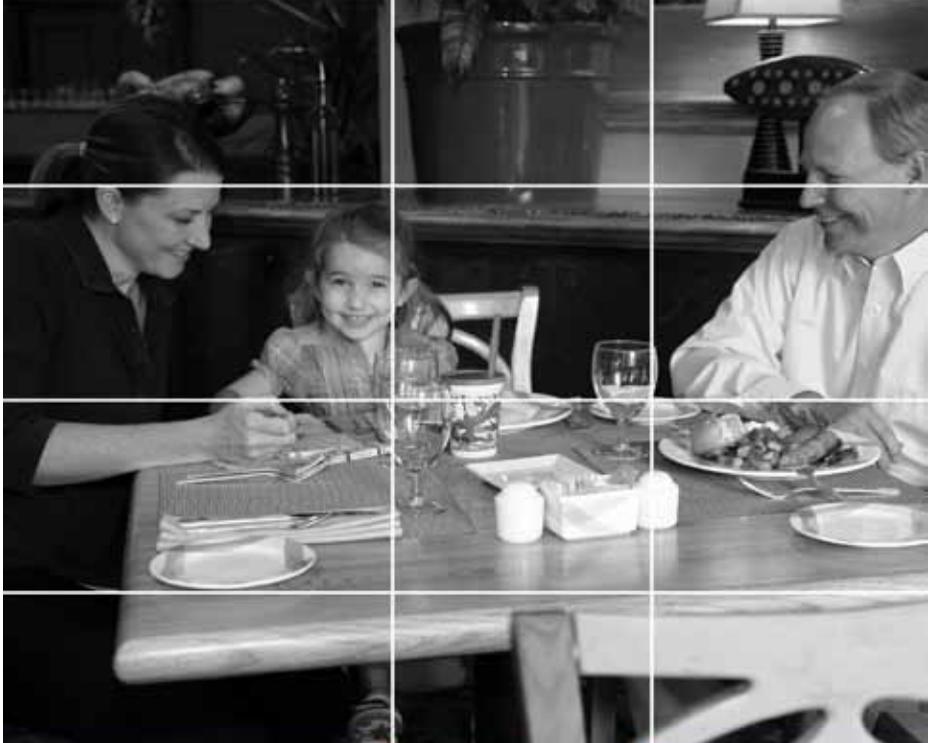
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So Much to See and Do

The Art Center, Mechanicsburg, Hosts a Pastel Exhibition by Donna Mitchell and Friends



Above:
ChinaChild by D.Mitchell

Right:
Donna Mitchell



The Art Center School and Galleries of Mechanicsburg will showcase the artworks of pastel instructor Donna Mitchell and her students Saturday, January 14 to Friday, February 3.

The public is invited to a free opening reception and pastel demonstration by Donna Mitchell Saturday, January 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. at The Art Center, 18 Artcraft Drive, Mechanicsburg. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Donna Mitchell began her artistic journey as a child, with a natural inclination to draw. She was born in West Virginia, where she worked to develop her artistic abilities through dedicated self-study. In 1991, after moving to Carlisle, Pennsylvania, she studied portraiture at The Art Center School and Galleries with portrait artist and figure painter Karl Foster. Recently she studied under renowned portrait artists, Daniel E. Greene and Wende Corporale.

The Art Center is located in a large red barn just two miles west of Mechanicsburg off of W. Trindle Road. The Art Center is funded in part through Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. For more information on the Center's classes, instructor biographies, and upcoming events, call 717-697-2072 or visit the Center's website at www.mechanicsburgartcenter.com. Jeannine Swartz and Kathy McKenney will also answer questions at 717-697-2072; art.center@verizon.net.

Dauphin County Parks and Recreation Performing Artists Series, Plus Many Nature Programs, Welcome You

Black History Month Program

To celebrate Black History Month, free historical shows at different school districts throughout Dauphin County will be offered through the Parks and Recreation Performing Artists Series. The program, targeted to middle school students, will highlight local and nationally, renowned African American people portrayed by professional artists. Material on each historical theme will be sent to the schools for their history lesson plans. For more information call 717-599-5188, registration is required.

5th Annual Used Nature Book Sale

February 1 – 29 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Wildwood Park Free

The Friends of Wildwood will hold a used nature book sale during the month of February. Browse through field guides, books on nature and the outdoors and children's books. Gently used books, videos and DVD's about nature, as well as all types of children's books may be dropped off at Olewine Nature Center during the months of December and January. Proceeds from the sale help support programming at Wildwood Park. Pre-registration is not required.

Celebrate Owls!

Saturday, February 4 1 – 3 p.m.
Wildwood Park \$5 per child

Children will have the opportunity to explore the world of owls through activities and crafts. They will learn about the adaptations that help owls survive in the nighttime world. This program is appropriate for children ages 6 - 12.

Register by February 1. Call the Olewine Nature Center at 717-221-0292.

Owl Prowl

Saturday, February 4 5 – 7 p.m.
Wildwood Park \$5 per person

Adults and children over the age of 12 will learn about the owls of Pennsylvania and then go on a guided walk in Wildwood Park to look for owls. There is no guarantee of hearing or spotting an owl, but it will be fun to try. Dress warmly. Pre-registration is required.

Call the Olewine Nature Center at 717-221-0292.

Animal Tracks and Traces for Kids

Sunday, February 5 1:30 – 3 p.m.
Wildwood Park \$5 per person

Become a nature detective as we seek out and solve the mystery of animal footprints, food remains, homes, and other signs left behind by critters active in winter. We will begin with making animal prints indoors followed by an outside adventure. Appropriate for ages 5 to 10.

Pre-registration is required. Call the Olewine Nature Center at 717-221-0292.

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Enjoy a Jazz Evening with Maci Miller in York

Fill a cold winter night with some hot jazz!

Philadelphia jazz singer Maci Miller highlights a program that will include York's own Five/Four, a jazz standards band, at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4. The place is Temple Beth Israel, 2090 Hollywood Drive.

Tickets are \$25 and include wine and desserts. The event benefits the temple's religious school. For more information or reservations call 843-2676. Curious about her sound? For a taste of Maci Miller's work visit www.macimiller.com.



Women's Show in York Is a Winner



The Women's Show, a fall tradition for York County, was deemed a grand success late last year, and in this photo, Barbara Carbaugh, president of radio station, The Peak 98.5, (at far right) and Jerry Winkelman, TJ Maxx district manager (left), present the grand prize to the show's winner, Rebecca Geesey of Red Lion. Presentation was at the TJ Maxx store on Carlisle Road, York, which sponsored the grand prize, including \$1,000 in cosmetic services from Advanced Vein & Laser Center, a \$500 Weis Markets Gift Card and a \$500 TJ Maxx shopping spree. The 2012 edition of the Women's Show will be held Oct. 6-7 at the York Expo Center.

York County Economic Alliance Ready for Business in the New Year; Unveils Logo and Details of Merger



The York County Economic Alliance unveiled its new logo during a recent staff meeting and announced as January 1, 2012, The York County Economic Alliance will begin operations as it integrates two founding affiliates, The York County Chamber of Commerce and the York County Economic Development Corporation.

The logo was created by Holberg Design and represents how the two organizations will work hard to provide businesses and the community the necessary resources to be prosperous.

Darrell Auterson, appointed President and CEO of the York County Economic Alliance stated, "The new logo and brand identity for the York County Economic Alliance is reflective of the bold vision and positive direction charted for our organization and our community. Together we will scale the steps to prosperity."

The new logo is just the beginning for the York County Economic Alliance, Alliance affiliates noted, and suggested that those who want more information may contact Loren H. Kroh, Corvus, LLC, Chair, York County Economic Alliance at 717-845-5600 or Darrell W. Auterson, President and CEO at 717-846-8879.

Little Theater of Mechanicsburg Holding Auditions for "Searing Drama"

Little Theatre of Mechanicsburg will hold auditions on January 29 and 30 for *Extremities* by William Mastrosimone. We are looking for three women and one man, playhouse staff announced. Age range for all characters is 20s to 40s. Auditions will be held in the theatre at 915 S. York Street in Mechanicsburg and begin promptly at 7 p.m.

All people auditioning should be prepared to read from the script and take part in a number of trust exercises. Anyone auditioning for the roles of Marjorie and Raul should also be prepared to walk through a number of stage combat routines. Everyone should wear comfortable clothing in which they can easily move.

Extremities is a searing drama that deals with the dual themes of violence against women and vigilantism. The play tells the story of Marjorie, a woman who is alone when her home is invaded by a man who attempts to rape her. Luckily she is able, not only to resist the attack, but also to turn the tables on her attacker and lock him away. This turn of events causes a whole new set of problems for Marjorie. Does she release the man and risk another attack? Does she go to the police and risk being called a liar? Or does she kill him - and become no better than he is? Anyone auditioning for *Extremities* must be comfortable with the subject matter and with the violence in the play.

For more information regarding the play and the characters, please check the theater website at www.ltmonline.net or call the theater at 717-763-1864.

Bryan Adams Coming to Shippensburg



The H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center at Shippensburg University is presenting legendary singer Bryan Adams in his "**The Bare Bones Tour**," Sunday, January 22 at 7 p.m. Reserved tickets are \$59, \$55, \$50 & \$45 and are now on sale. A group discount is available for groups of 20 or more. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Luhrs Center Box Office at 717.477.SHOW (7469) or online at luhrscenter.com.

So Much to See and Do

Anne Finucane is the "Go-to" Person in Franklin County

by Ruthe Fortenbaugh Craley

If you are a practicing artist, or even an aspiring practicing artist, in the Franklin County area, you most certainly know Anne Finucane. And she, most certainly will know you, whether you are a youngster handing in your coloring contest entry to the local Council for the Arts or one of more than 700 entries for a show of miniature paintings hanging on the Council's walls as we spoke recently.

Anne Finucane (pronounced "Fi - NOO - kun"), Gallery Coordinator for Franklin County's Council for the Arts, came to the area in 1973 after graduation from Swarthmore College. An artist herself, Anne has exhibited many paintings and photographs in local and regional shows as she continually encourages others to do so. One of her paintings won the coveted position as a cover painting for ShowcaseNow! recently.

After talking a while, I sensed that her love of art was strong and deep and I asked her if had been interested in art as a youngster. She replied that "making art" has always been part of her life.

A prominent member of the Chambersburg community, Anne serves as chairman of the area ballet company and sings in the 150-voice Mercersburg Area Community Choir. She is also a master gardener. She handles publicity functions for various arts activities and one of her other major volunteer positions puts her in the role as Gallery Coordinator for the Council.

"It all fits together," she says, laughing.

The Franklin County Council for the Arts began in 1987 with a grant from the Pennsylvania Council on

the Arts. Anne and others found that while there were many artists and craftsmen working in the area, there was no central point for information and a chance to transfer work from one venue to another. The Council now acts as "an umbrella," supplying networking and publicity opportunities for more than twenty arts organizations.

Anne views her task as increasing the availability of more places to mount shows. "I call these Occasional Galleries", she notes. "They can be almost anywhere....schools, churches, club houses or restaurants," she explains. "We need many more alternative spaces for showing art. The Chambersburg Hospital is one example of a place where artists can show their work now. The hospital has invited local artists to show their work in its hallways for decades."

"Finding new places that welcome art from county residents is a priority for us at the Council for the Arts. This is the right way to expand and grow the art business in the area. We encourage anyone interested in discussing the possibility of showing art to call us," she concludes.

The schedule for shows in the spring will be completed soon, she said, and the information will be available in this publication as well as others. Interested persons can also call the Council office at 717-264-6883, or visit the website www.councilforthearts.net. So check out one or more of these information stations and keep your eyes out for Anne Finucane: she will most surely be keeping her artist's eye out for you!

Meet Me
in Gettysburg



This photograph by Bill Stoler from the IceFest in Chambersburg will be on display at the show that Anne Finucane is coordinating for the Arts Council's upcoming show, entitled, "Picture This." The free show runs from January 13-Feb. 17.

Chambersburg's IceFest Drawing Visitors from Near and Far

The IceFest in Chambersburg draws visitors from near and far. Here are some of the highlights of the Festival this year beginning in mid-January.

JANUARY 13 - FEBRUARY 17

"Picture This!" Photographs by Chuck Armstrong, Denise Dockey, Kristen Pixler & Bill Stoler, Council for the Arts Gallery, 159 S. Main Street, Chambersburg, Free, Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 717-264-6883. Special hours for IceFest: Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

JANUARY 26 - 28

"Penn's Woods Printmakers: Prints & Drawings", 51 S. Main Street (next door to Olympia), Thurs. 5-7, Fri. 4-8, Sat. 10-4, free, refreshments, 717-816-7568.

JANUARY 28

5th Annual ArtFest at IceFest, Historic Preservation Services, 252 E. King St., Chambersburg: regional artists creating works of art from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. followed by an auction of works created that day. Admission is free. For more information, or to participate as an artist, call 717-261-9110 or 717-377-3093.

JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 25

"Celebrate Community", open exhibition at Franklin County Historical Society at the Old Jail, 175 E. King St., Chambersburg, Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

JANUARY 29

Free Reception, Sunday, January 29 from 2 to 4 p.m. Call 717-264-1667.

Chambersburg Ballet Theatre to Perform after IceFest Fireworks

Immediately after the fireworks display at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 28, Chambersburg native Marina Addlesberger will be featured in the Chambersburg Ballet Theatre (CBT) production of "The Firebird." The fireworks display takes place at the Southgate Mall and then the CBT will present its own glowing light display when the company performs "The Firebird" in black light at the Capitol Theatre. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. There will also be a 2 p.m. matinee performance. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and under. They are available at the Capitol Theatre box office at 717-263-0202, or online at www.thecapitoltheatre.org.

In addition to "The Firebird", CBT's January 28 performances will also include a light-hearted skating ballet to Strauss waltzes, called "Winter Scene", and a world-premiere classical work by renowned ballet master Robert Steele, called "Mozartiana".



Chambersburg dancer Marina Addlesberger will be featured in "The Firebird," Saturday, January 28 at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Artistic Director Lavinia Reid noted for tickets and information individuals may call 717-709-1800. Photo by Christopher Thomas of Chris' Creative Photography. See more photography on the Ballet's website: www.innernet.net/cbts.

Dream Showcase

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So Much to See and Do

Becky's Kitchen, a Country Place Offering Big City Taste! By Mickie R. Singer



Owner Becky Pfeiffer closes the Henny Penny fryer to ready a new batch of "Better Than Broasted" chicken.



Simple surroundings and scrumptious pressure fried chicken are ready for the country connoisseur. A recent graduate of a culinary school described the chicken as moist, delicious, airy -- and noted that he would like to steal the recipe for the breading.

Take the best cheese steaks outside of Philadelphia and fresh, massive burgers. Mix in some Pennsylvania Dutch hog maw and chicken potpie, then throw in the sophistication of tomato-basil-orzo salad and tomato bisque soup. Find this eclectic mix in a circa 1950s building with two dated orange-and-white signs declaring: "Food" and "Store." Add an unfailingly friendly staff, a play mat for the kids in a corner and a scattering of tables. Put it just outside Craley, York County, Pennsylvania. Drive through the rim of the river hills, and you've got the one-of-a-kind gustatory creation known as Becky's Kitchen. You can find it on PA 124, east of York and west of Lancaster.

Living Her Dream

The cheery owner and chef, Becky Pfeiffer, is understandably tickled. She's living her dream. After bouncing from Army private to factory worker to computer technician, at last she is doing what she wanted to do – serve folks food in *that* building she always thought was a special place. She was only waiting for the former owners to sell.

Becky serves good food in good company without pretension. It's a place where anyone and everyone gathers – farmers, retired Harvard professors, homemakers, hunters, artists and police. Like the television show "Cheers—" only for real – it's where everybody knows your name.

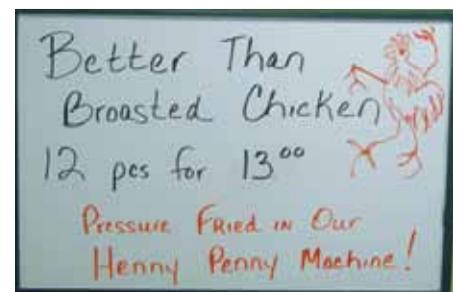
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Becky explains on her menu that the melt-in-your-mouth chicken she provides "is pressure fried in her Henny Penny fryer. Broasted Chicken is pressure fried in a Broaster fryer. Broaster is the name of the machine, not the process!"



This hand-printed sign behind the counter promotes the most popular item on the menu at Becky's Kitchen.

This chef will try anything as she searches for what works best for her customers. One day she'll whip up a caramel bread concoction from a recipe in a World War II cookbook. When the mixture in the muffin tins doesn't rise, she calls them "ugly muffins" and offers them for free. The next day there are Brussels sprouts with bacon or a Turkey Reuben or a grilled sandwich with blue cheese called "Bleu Chicken & Pig."

"Better Than Broasted Chicken"

Becky's prices are circa 1950s too. Her "Farmer's Breakfast" is two eggs, two pancakes, hash brown casserole, toast and bacon and sausage – for all of \$4.25. Her Henny Penny cooker



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produces, she says, "Better Than Broasted Chicken," priced at eight pieces for \$9.99, or 12 pieces for \$13.

Becky doesn't want a full-force restaurant. There are two tables and a counter where customers can look through the picture window at the surrounding countryside. In warm weather there will be some café tables outside, but the rest is take-out.

What makes the place distinctive is its simplicity. From the food to the folks who gather, the atmosphere feels genuine. There is a serve-yourself coffee bar, posters advertising church rummage sales and a blackboard announcing that daughter Briana has made the school varsity basketball team.

On a Monday morning an elderly farmer walks in and says, "Hello, children." An advertising executive opens the door for an eight-year-old boy. The sound of checkers being played melds with an oldies radio station. Becky starts scalloping fifteen pounds of potatoes. Another week at the Kitchen begins.

About the Writer: Mickie R. Singer is a writer, teacher and professional storyteller. She has written features for newspapers and magazines, been a columnist and has a book out, "The Mystery That Binds Me Still," published by Chipmunka, a company in London supported by England's National Council on the Arts.



See the coffee grinder at right in this photo taken about 1963. Becky Pfeiffer would love to find it, or a facsimile, to bring back to her establishment near Craley. If you know of the whereabouts of this grinder, or any other "artifacts" missing from the today's store, like the AG Signs that used to be on the outside facade, please call Becky at 717-252-6328. The grinder, Becky says, is believed to be a model 275 Hobart Commercial Coffee Grinder: "I would love to find one locally and bring it into the kitchen. Wouldn't that be something?"

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Here are just a few of the events coming to the Penn Dutch Region! There's so much to see and do! Please verify all dates and times as schedules frequently change. Would you like to have your event listed here? Write datebook@showcasenow.net. Edited by Kelly Summerford

JANUARY 13,15,19,22

The Odd Couple
York Little Theatre
York
717-854-3894
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JANUARY 14, 2012

Artist Nanette Hatzes Showing
The Blue Parrot Bistro
Gettysburg
717-398-2396
www.councilforthearts.net

JANUARY 9

Art Faculty Exhibit
Rose Lehrman Art Gallery
HACC's Harrisburg Campus
Harrisburg
717-780-2435

JANUARY 16

MLK Performing Artist Showcase
Forum Auditorium
Free to the public
Doors open at 2 p.m.
Harrisburg
717-319-9240

JANUARY 17

International Fatherhood and Family Holiday Celebration
Celebrating KWANZAA and Christmas
Free to the public
State Museum of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg
717-608-2302

JANUARY 18 – FEBRUARY 4

Rumpelstiltskin
Popcorn Hat Players
Gamut Classic Theatre
Strawberry Square, 3rd Floor
Harrisburg
717-238-4111

JANUARY 24

Rev. Jesse L. Jackson
Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration
"With Justice for All: Human Rights and Civil Rights at Home and Abroad" Marauder Court, SMC
Millersville University

JANUARY 26

Sister Friend
Theatre for Transformation
African American history on stage
Ware Center
Millersville University
Lancaster
theatrefortransformation.org
(See article in this edition)

JANUARY 27

Show Me the Franklins
Theatre for Transformation
African American history on stage
Ware Center
Millersville University
Lancaster
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JANUARY 28

Firebird and Winter Scene
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(See our beautiful cover and Ruthe Craley's column in this issue.)

JANUARY 28, 29

Broadway's Back
Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra
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5th Annual ArtsFest at IceFest

Historic Preservation Services
(Many events; see some details in this edition.)
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FEBRUARY 1 – MARCH 7

Grandeur of Yosemite - PCCA Gallery Exhibition of oil paintings by Patty Toth
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FEBRUARY 3

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
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Whitaker Center
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FEBRUARY 3, 5, 9, 22

Leading Ladies
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Temple Beth Israel
York
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FEBRUARY 11,12

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FEBRUARY 18

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FEBRUARY 19

Codorus Brass
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FEBRUARY 25

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MARCH 4

Maple Sugar Festival
Dauphin County Parks and Recreation
Fort Hunter Park
www.dauphincounty.org/parks-recreation

MARCH 2,3,4

Seussical: Theatre for Young Audiences
Carlisle Theatre
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MARCH 3

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**Gerald Veasley's
Crowne Plaza Ballroom**

Reading
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An Evening with George Benson
Sovereign Performing Arts Center
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Nick Colionne
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APRIL 1

**An Evening with Jazz Legend
Chick Corea**
Miller Center for the Arts
Reading Area Community College
Reading,
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APRIL 8

Wetland Festival
Dauphin County Parks and Recreation
Wildwood Park and Olewine Nature
Center
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APRIL 11 - MAY 6

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MAY 5

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York Symphony Orchestra
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MAY 5, 6

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MAY 9 - JUNE 24

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MAY 11-13

Nunsensation
Chambersburg Community Theatre
www.cctonline.org

MAY 9 - JUNE 24

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Allenberry Playhouse
Boiling Springs
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JUNE 9, 10

Annual Wine and Music Festival
Dauphin County Parks and Recreation
Fort Hunter Park
www.dauphincounty.org/parks-recreation

AUGUST 3

Annual Cultural Fest
Dauphin County Parks and
Recreation, Downtown Harrisburg
www.dauphincounty.org/parks-recreation

SEPTEMBER 8,9

**Annual Dauphin
County Jazz Festival**
Dauphin County Parks and
Recreation, Fort Hunter Park
www.dauphincounty.org/parks-recreation

OCTOBER 7

Pennsylvania Indian Festival
Dauphin County Parks and
Recreation, Fort Hunter Park
www.dauphincounty.org/parks-recreation

EVERYWHERE, EVERYTHING

By *MONICA BUTTS*

I once was everywhere,
was part of everything;

My particles floating
around the atmosphere

I've known no parts of fear;

Experienced no feelings
but love

that makes up air

Traveled timelessly;
experienced ALL at once.

Surrounded the Universe
FIRST! Before I was gathered
up, from here and there.

And then was summoned
to be embodied by a fragile
temporary shelter

Whose purpose was To Shine

To Ignite

To Attract, To Meld, To Change;

To Increase; To Generate;

To Affect ; To Rearrange

To Be; To Exist!

And then to exit that fragile
temple that want only
meandered through this life

And was negatively charged
by an Ionization designed to
Challenge the Keeper ;

And Lose that which it is too
weak to maintain it.....




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So Much to See and Do



This photo welcomes the visitor to the "Art of the State" exhibition, co-sponsored by the State Museum and the Greater Harrisburg Arts Council.

Opportunity *is* Knocking

for Artists
of the Commonwealth

"Art of the State: Pennsylvania 2012," a juried art exhibition that is open to state residents, will run from June 16 to September 9 at The State Museum. The nine counties of southcentral Pennsylvania are liberally represented and, on many occasions, have been winners of the prestige associated with this show and more than \$7,000 in cash awards.

The State Museum will select one of the pieces of art for its permanent collection. The creator of this piece will receive a \$2,000 Purchase Prize.

Awards will be given in five categories:

- Painting
- Works on paper
- Photography
- Sculpture
- Craft

The application deadline is Feb. 29. Artists throughout the state are encouraged to apply and submissions can be sent digitally.

The show will open June 16 with the Artist Reception hosted by the Greater Harrisburg Arts Council.

A first prize of \$500, second prize of \$300, and third prize of \$200 will be awarded in each of the five categories. Additional awards are

Artists all over the state of Pennsylvania are getting ready for a June exhibition that highlights the best of the best at the State Museum in Harrisburg.

So Much To See and Do



Artist Catherine Prescott's painting of the standing woman dominated this scene during last year's Show.



\$250 for the Rose Roy Memorial Award Honoring Volunteerism and the \$250 for the William D. Davis Memorial Award for Drawing.

This year's exhibit jurors include:

- Karen L. Mulder, Art and Architectural Historian, Instructor, Corcoran College of Art and Design, Washington, Painting and Works on Paper.
- Marc Duke, Award-winning freelance photographer, Leesburg, Florida, Photography.
- Emily Zilber, Ronald C. and Anita L. Wornick Curator of Contemporary Decorative Arts, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Three-Dimensional Craft and Sculpture.
- Catronia Fraser, Owner/Director, Fraser Gallery, Bethesda Maryland, Awards Juror.

For more information, contact the Greater Harrisburg Arts Council at 717-238-5180 or email friends@harrisburgarts.org. Applications are available by calling GHAC or downloading the application at www.statemuseumpa.org. Reproductions of some of last year's artwork are seen here and more can be found on the museum's website.



Russell Williams caught the haunting allure of these children in his painting, "In Their Eyes."

facts AT A GLANCE

State of the Art Show

For the 2011 show 727 artists from Pennsylvania submitted 1,933 works of art. Curators chose 135 pieces from 133 artists representing 35 counties.

Among the artists in this area accepted for the show were Polly Stetler, Catherine Prescott, Tim Hirneisen, Jeff Bye, Michael A. McCullough, Lydia Panas, Peter Schnore, Chris Mackie, Ragu Rangasamy, Donald Uvick, Jeff Wiles, Suzanne Mead, Wendy Edsall-Kerwin, Denny Bond, Matt Willen, Erin Sparler, Robert Oughton, David Bottini, and Richard Chandler Hoff

Admission Rates

The State Museum
3rd and North Streets, Harrisburg

Adults (ages 13 - 59) \$5.00

Children (ages 1 - 12)

\$4.00 Seniors (ages 60+)

www.statemuseumpa.org



The Greater Harrisburg Arts Council is co-sponsor of this show and above Lydia Panas, "Figs" can be seen from the 2011 Art of the State Exhibition.

So Much to See and Do

Public Libraries in Nine Counties Are Offering Programs and Products for Your Entertainment and Enrichment *By Suzy Hershey*

"The richest person in the world--in fact all the riches in the world--couldn't provide you with anything like the endless incredible loot available at your local library." —Malcolm Forbes

As the New Year begins, look to these exciting library events to help you survive the winter months ahead.

Need help with your homework?

If you're having trouble keeping up with your kids' homework, there's help at the Collinsville Community Library. The **first Saturday of the month** two Millersville University students will be on duty from **9:30-10:30 a.m.** to help kids in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade. Call the library at 717-927-9014 for more details.

Relax with Music

The *Music at Bosler* series will feature the soothing sounds of the Ken Jankura Jazz Trio on **Friday, January 20 at 7 p.m.** This monthly series, held at the **Bosler Library** features a variety of local musicians in free concerts open to the public. It is made possible through a generous donation from Dr. Truman C. Bullard, Professor of Music Emeritus at Dickinson College, and a grant from The Foundation for Enhancing Communities. For details, call 717-243-4642.

Learn how to be a "safe sitter"

Holy Spirit Hospital will present a two session babysitter training program for ages 11-13 at **Fredricksen Library on Saturdays, January 14 and 21 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** To register, call Cheryl Sola at Holy Spirit Health Systems, 717-763-2427. Leave a message with your name, address and phone number. A registration packet will be sent to you. You must attend both sessions to receive a certificate. A \$25 fee includes a manual, backpack and additional

supplies. T-shirts and sweatshirts will be available for purchase. Bring a bag lunch. Snow date is January 28.

Add some excitement to a Saturday afternoon

The "Critter Caravan" will make a stop at the **Amelia Givin Library on Saturday, January 21 at 2 p.m.** This entertaining live reptile program is free and guaranteed to capture the imagination and interest of all ages.

Registration is required. For details, call 717-486-3688.

Explore a new craft

Ever wonder how hooked rugs came to be? And how did penny rugs get their name? Join local craftswoman, Janet Sonnen, on **Tuesday, January 24 at 7 p.m.** at **Myerstown Community Library** to answer these questions as well as to learn the technique and history involved in their making. Call 717-866-2800 for details.

Nurture your child's curious nature

Fredricksen Library presents an opportunity to expose your child to the wonderful world of science at a Math and Science Fair on **Thursday, February 2 from 6-7 p.m.** Children from ages 4-6 will see exhibits of concepts in math and science at stations around the Community Room. Each child must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required and begins January 19. Call 717-761-3900 for details.

Learn your ABCs

ABCs of CSAs, that is. CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture. Come to **Fredricksen Library on Saturday, February 18 at 2 p.m.** to

hear answers to questions about opportunities to support local agriculture. Just what is a CSA? You'll learn how to determine if this is the year for you to join one. Which one is right for you? Local experts will explain the definition and origins of community supported agriculture, describe various CSA options for our area and get you ready to buy local! Call 717-761-3900, ext. 2225 for details.

Walk on the wild side

This will be an "armchair" walk courtesy of Steve and Janeann Runkle. During the summer of 2010 they made a trip to Lake Louise accompanied by accomplished sportsmen and photographers, the Henrys. **This presentation chronicles two hikes at Lake Louise and a canoe excursion on Moraine Lake.** The photographs show the area's spectacular alpine scenery, lush vegetation, abundant wildlife, glacial features, history and unique natural phenomenon. If you yearn to take such a walk, join them on **Tuesday, February 21 at 7 p.m. at Fredricksen Library.** Call 717-761-3900 x225 for details.

Fundraise and have fun

By popular demand, **Fredricksen Library** is sponsoring its third annual "Birdie for Books!--Mini Golf" on **Saturday, February 25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.** This is your chance to not only play 18 holes of miniature golf INSIDE the library but also to raise money for the library at the same time. Last year over 400 golfers played the challenging

At Your Library



course that meandered throughout both floors of the library, helping to raise \$10,000! The course included sand traps, hazards, menacing greens, and other decorations designed by local high school students. The 19th Hole Cafe will once again be filled with wonderful treats, raffle prizes and food. Last year's prizes included pool memberships, golf outings, toys and gift baskets. Hole, Tee and Fairway Sponsorships are available for businesses, organizations and families. The library will be open for this unique fundraiser, but closed for regular library business on Saturday, February 25th. For more information, call the Development Office at 717-761-3900 x244.

What We Are Reading! *By Melina-de Nat-zu*

"Who can tell what fact is and what is fiction? The shifting sands of reality sometimes play tricks on us, sometimes make us lose our balance, and sometimes blur our vision. One person's reality might contradict another's; one man's common beliefs are judged fictional by another." The book cover describes the work as "schnockagastical." And it does not tell you that you have to go to the entry "Christmas Tree" to find out what that means!

That's the way the author introduces this book which was meant to be the beginning of a book called, "Facts and Folklore of the Pennsylvania Dutch."

Georg R. Sheets points out that the nine counties of Pennsylvania called "The Pennsylvania Dutch Crossroads" by the State Tourism Department share a historical and cultural heritage, mostly German, but also English, Irish, Scots-Irish, etc. History links the counties, too: The Revolutionary War, the Civil War and all the other conflicts and joys this region has known.

"Over the years while I have been reading York County history," Sheets says in his introduction, "I have been struck time and again with the allusiveness of fact and figures and how the borders between the 'knowable' and the 'unknowable' overlap. I have watched inaccuracies and myths being passed on and accepted as fact. Unwittingly, I have passed on some inaccuracies myself. Mea culpa. Mea maxima culpa. Some people don't believe in folklore. They call these practices 'superstitions' or 'folkways.'"

It might be interesting to note that after Sheets' first book appeared in the 1980s, he has continued his journey into history producing books on the Civil War, Pennsylvania Heritage and many corporations.

Visitors from foreign lands--like England and Washington, D.C.--find there is a unique culture here. They value the distinctiveness increasingly as the world rushes pell mell into homogenization of language and culture.

"In the case of York County, and other contiguous areas, they don't fully realize, however, that everything we do has a rhyme and a reason, a time and a season," Sheets evangelizes. "Many are based on the cycles of Nature—and our unique, time-

proven, rock-solid traditions, along with the contradictions we live with every day. This book, more than anything, is about how those traditions came to be."

This little book (1/2 inches by 4 inches paperback) sells for \$9.95 and is arranged alphabetically. It has a three-paragraph entry for "Air Conditioners." It has entries under Peppermint Patties, automobiles, barbells, York as the National Capital, hog maw, the Confederate Invasion of York and the "Hex Murder," to mention a few. A one line entry under "Yorkana," tells most readers all they want to know about that topic, the smallest municipality in the county.

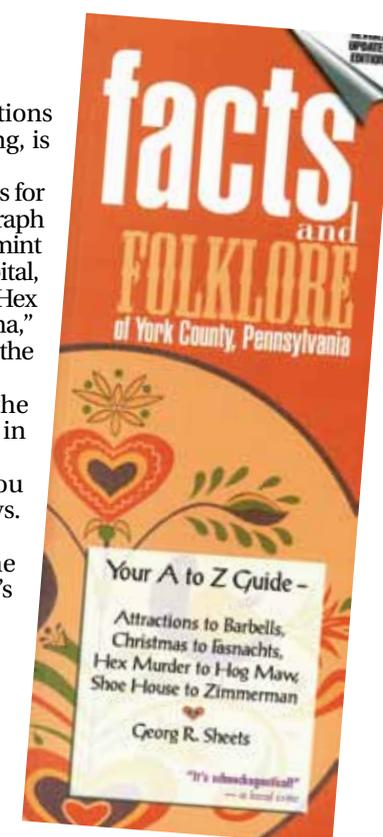
Sheets laughs when he tells the story of how the format was designed so that readers could carry it in their glove compartment, handbag or back pocket.

"I found quickly that the most frequent place you can find this book is in a person's bathroom," he says. "I guess that's a compliment but I am not sure."

The book is available at your local library or online through Amazon.com, Alibris.com or the publisher's website, www.yorkheritage.org.

Facts and Folklore of York County, Pennsylvania
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YORK COUNTY GOSPEL CHOIR

SINGS ALMOST ANYWHERE TO INSPIRE OTHERS

You could say that the diverse members of the York County Gospel Choir, formed in September, 2008, “sing their heart out for the Lord.” You could also say this unique and talented group gives generously, expecting little or no pay, as it travels from venue to venue, with its special ministry in the music that keeps it going. Only donations and free-will offerings keep this group doing what members feel is their destiny in life.

Cheryl Tyler, a spokeswoman for the group, explains this choir is made up of members from different denominations, races and cultures “coming together to worship and praise the Lord,” while bringing the gospel to everyone willing to listen.

“Our mission,” she says, “is not to just sing or entertain. We really want to make a difference in people’s lives. We minister to the needs of the people however God is leading. When we are asked to come to a church or location we may sing, pray for individuals, testify, prophesy, and minister salvation, healing or deliverance. We not only sing about God. We live it, walk it and breathe it. We are made up of individuals who want to serve the Lord with our whole heart and be used by Him in whatever capacity God has for us.”

The group travels throughout York County and into the state of Maryland easily, but, according to Ms. Tyler, the group “will go wherever the Holy Spirit leads.”

The group does not charge for its presentations or concerts, the spokeswoman says. She notes that the group has been asked to sing in churches, at funerals, in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, schools, stadiums, malls, retirement homes, hospitals—as well as individual homes. The group has traveled all the local roads, she notes, but also has taken its music and ministry to Los Angeles, Anaheim, Santa Monica, Santa Ana, San Fernando, in California – and to Rochester, New York, to North Carolina, South Carolina, to Florida and also to the Virgin Islands.

“We are always conducting auditions,” she said, and she noted the group holds rehearsals at the Church of the Open Door, 8 Carlisle Ct., York, every Monday night starting at 6:30 p.m.

“If you want to audition,” she notes, “come a little earlier and tell us that you’d like to sing, too.” She invites everyone and emphasizes that no experience is necessary. To audition, come with a song that you are very familiar with, she bids newcomers, and welcomes anyone interested in booking the group to contact her 4 to 6 weeks in advance.

For scheduling or more information call Ms. Tyler at 717-659-7288, or visit the website, <http://ycgc.wordpress.com> or <http://ycgc.webstarts.com>. You can also send an email to yorkcountygospelchoir@yahoo.com.

Leading this remarkable group of joyful singers is Mr. David McCoy. He has been playing the piano since the age of nine and is committed and passionate about doing the work of the Lord – pushing people to their maximum potential. He believes in using the gifts that God has given. He now has and has had many singing groups and has also done many CDs. He has a home fellowship, a men’s ministry fellowship, in addition to his work with the York County Gospel Choir. He teaches voice and piano lessons with talent and patience, Ms. Tyler says and many have learned from his teachings and his actions what is most important in life.



David McCoy, director and minister of music for the York County Gospel Choir



The York County Gospel Choir hard at work!



The York County Gospel Choir is ready for your invitation to sing!

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So Much to See and Do

New Initiatives in the New Year! *by Karen Hostetter*

Take a break, have a cup of tea, and enjoy reading about some upcoming and newsworthy library events below.

Let's start with my photo. It's about time I put a new face with my name... since I haven't had long hair pulled back in a ponytail for many years. It doesn't matter that the only reason I have a new pic is that we took photos for our church directory. What is new and exciting about this photo, though, is that I don't have a whole gang of kids in the photo with me. They have all grown and moved throughout the country—to Seattle, Saratoga Springs, New York, Philadelphia, Virginia Beach, and Shrewsbury. At first, it seemed strange that I would have a photo taken of just myself. Where would I use it? I mean, besides sending a 5 x 7 to each of five families in four states? Then, I decided that I needed to update the picture with my column. So enjoy...it may be a church directory shot but it's the closest thing to a glamour shot that I will ever have.

New Book Service is a Win-Win for Organizations and Libraries

The Book Discount Program for organizations is an exciting new venture at York County Libraries handled by Cheryl Miller, corporate sales specialist. Cheryl comes to the libraries from Borders where she successfully managed a corporate discount program by building strong

relationships with local businesses and organizations. Cheryl has heard from many of her former customers, from churches, school districts, LIU, parent groups, all very grateful to be able to continue to use her valuable service.

Whether a company needs 10 books for an executive leadership workshop, or a school librarian needs 100 new books for his/her school library, the *York County Libraries Book Discount Program for organizations* can meet their needs. For instance, school districts used to lament trying to work with online retailers that invoice and ship books at different times. The amount of effort spent in research was time-consuming.

In a little testimonial of sorts, Susan Lindt, secretary at Leaders Heights Elementary School, noted that when teachers send her their school book lists, she will be grateful to work with Cheryl and her wonderful services again. Cheryl notes that the library program, including research, delivery, and invoice, is concise. Plus, the people are always nice to work with, she added.

Additionally, revenue generated through this program will support the York County Libraries eBranch.

Cheryl commented that the service is really providing "double duty" to



Cheryl Miller is ready to help organizations with discount book orders.

our community. "By using the Book Discount Program at York County Libraries, participants are not sending the money to an out-of-town bookstore. The money goes back to promoting literacy in York County." If you have any questions about the program, contact

Library Chat



Cheryl Miller at cmiller@yorklibraries.org or 717-849-6947.

What Do I Do with this Tablet?

Many libraries among the 100 or more in this region will gladly help you set up the new eReader or tablet that you received for Christmas. Look online at the library website for easy instructions or take it in and ask a staff member if he or she can guide you. Soon you will see how easy it is to browse, check-out, and download eBooks and eAudios at no charge from the library. You never have to check the items back in. They will automatically go away after two weeks.

Additionally, many libraries offer free or low-cost computer classes. This is a great time to learn new skills, whether you consider yourself a user at the beginner, intermediate, or advanced level. There are programs that will enhance your computer literacy and many programs are free, nearly free or quite economical.

As you get ready for winter, stop by your local library and check out some new reads or DVDs to enjoy while wrapped in a comfy afghan with hot chocolate and popcorn. Yum!



Ask a Librarian!

Question of the Day: I have a message I feel I must get to Pope Benedict XVI. It may sound silly to ask, but does he have an email address? I know if he does, he probably has a staff that reads and answers them, but this would be good enough for my purposes. Also, while I'm at it, how do I get in touch with President Obama at the White House? I don't do tweets or any of those other social media thingies, but an email address would be much appreciated.

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Pennsylvania Children's Authors and Illustrators to Gather for Workshop in Lancaster

"Breaking In and Staying In: Pennsylvania Authors and Illustrators Talk about Launching and Maintaining Their Careers" will be the focus of a writing for children workshop at Lancaster Public Library from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 18. Pennsylvania children's authors and illustrators Sandy Asher, Debbie Dadey, Lee Harper, Matt Novak, and Barbara Robinson will share "behind the scenes" stories about their early experiences getting their work published and recent strategies for staying in the game, according to sponsors.

"Every one of our presenters has a unique story to tell," says Sandy Asher, event organizer. "Barbara Robinson began by writing short stories, Lee Harper started out as an illustrator, Matt Novak has been a Disney artist, Debbie Dadey has created many series, and I've been all over the place, from poetry to plays to picture books.

"This is an opportunity to meet the authors, hear their publishing war stories, and ask questions. There will be something for adults interested in writing for young readers, and for teachers and librarians. We also welcome young people who want to know more

about the books they enjoy reading and the Pennsylvania authors and artists who create them."

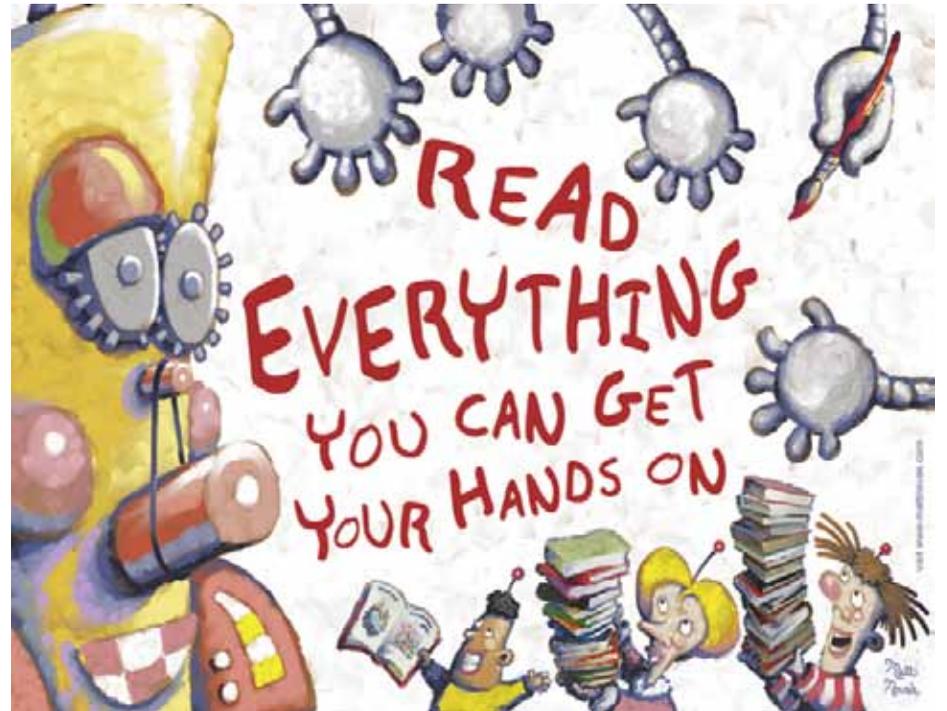
The presenters are donating their time so that all proceeds from the event can benefit the sponsoring organizations: Lancaster Public Library, Lancaster Literary Guild, and the Eastern Pennsylvania chapter of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. Books by each of the presenters will be available for purchase and autographing.

The fee for adult participants is \$55; the fee for members of the Lancaster Literary Guild or the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators is \$50. Young people ages 10 - 17 and college students with current IDs are invited to attend the event at \$10 each. Food is not included. There will be a break for lunch on your own.

Space is limited, the organizers emphasize, and to register individuals can send a check to the Lancaster Literary Guild, 113 N. Lime Street, Lancaster, PA 17602, no later than February 13. Walk-ins will be admitted only if space allows. For more information, call or e-mail the Guild at 717-431-4433; efhurley@aol.com.



Sandy Asher



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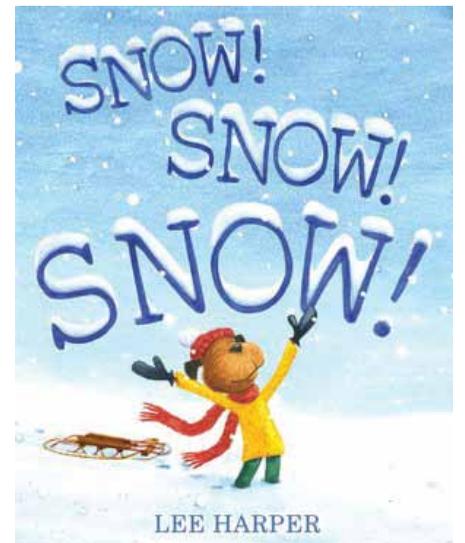
The Presenters:

SANDY ASHER lives in Lancaster. She is an award-winning playwright and the author of 25 books, including picture books *Too Many Frogs*, *What a Party*, and *Here Comes Gosling*. Sandy has also edited five books of fiction, most recently *Writing It Right: How Successful Children's Authors Revise and Sell Their Stories*. <http://usawrites4kids.drury.edu/authors/asher>.

DEBBIE DADEY lives in Furlong, Pennsylvania. She's the author and co-author of ten series, including *The Adventures of the Bailey School Kids*, a Publishers Weekly bestseller and one of Scholastic's top three best-selling series of all time. With 152 books and 48 million copies in print of titles like *Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots* and *The Worst Name in Third Grade*, Debbie reaches even the most reluctant reader. Watch for her new series, *Mermaid Tales*, coming in the summer of 2012. You can find more information at <http://debbiedadey.com>.

LEE HARPER lives with his family in Doylestown. Lee's latest book is *The Emperor's Cool Clothes*, which he both wrote and illustrated. Mr. Harper's other books include *Woolbur*, by Leslie Helakoski; *Turkey Trouble*, by Wendi Silvano; *Snow! Snow! Snow*, and *Looking For The Easy Life*, by Walter Dean Myers. See more about this author and illustrator at <http://Leeharperart.com>

MATT NOVAK lives in Carlisle. Among his many titles are *The Everything Machine*, *No Zombies Allowed*, and *Twelve Snails to One Lizard* (A Reading Rainbow Book). His awards include School Library Journal's Best Book of the Year for *Mouse TV* and the International Reading Association's Children's Choice Award for *Newt*. While at Disney



Studios, he worked on such films as "Rescuers Down Under" and "Beauty and the Beast." See more about Novak at <http://www.mattnovak.com>.

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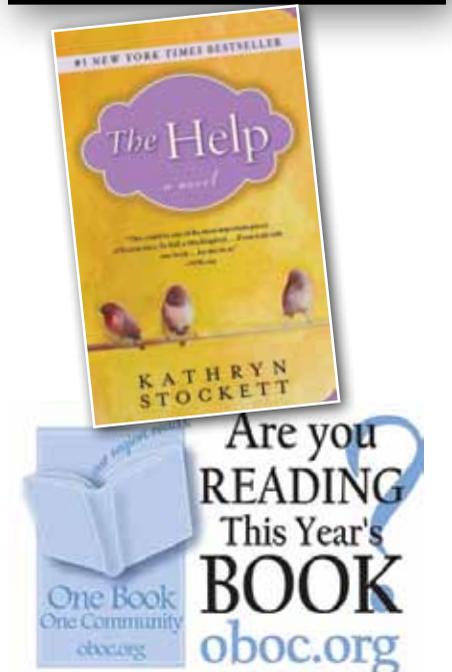
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Getting Around



The Theatre for Transformation to Open Black History Month with Night of Special Plays at Millersville *By Kelly Summerford*

It will have comedy, drama, history and more with emotional highs and emotional lows. It will be theater at its best and those attending will come away inspired with a new spirit of optimism and a spirit of cooperative engagement. Mark your calendar for Thursday, January 26 and Saturday, January 28.

That's the bill for two nights at the Ware Center of Millersville University as The Theatre for Transformation presents a program of one-act plays about African American history. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m.

The evening begins with "Sister Friend," a play infused with spirituals and gospel and delves into the friendship between enslaved celebrity poet Phillis Wheatley and her best friend, Obour Tanner.

Concluding the night's program will be "Show Me the Franklins!," a play that tells stories of the enslaved people in Benjamin Franklin's households in London, Paris and Philadelphia.

Dr. Amanda Kemp, a Visiting Scholar at Franklin & Marshall College, said both plays are suitable for audiences aged 8 and up. Dr. Kemp, who wrote some of the material and takes on roles as a producer, stage manager

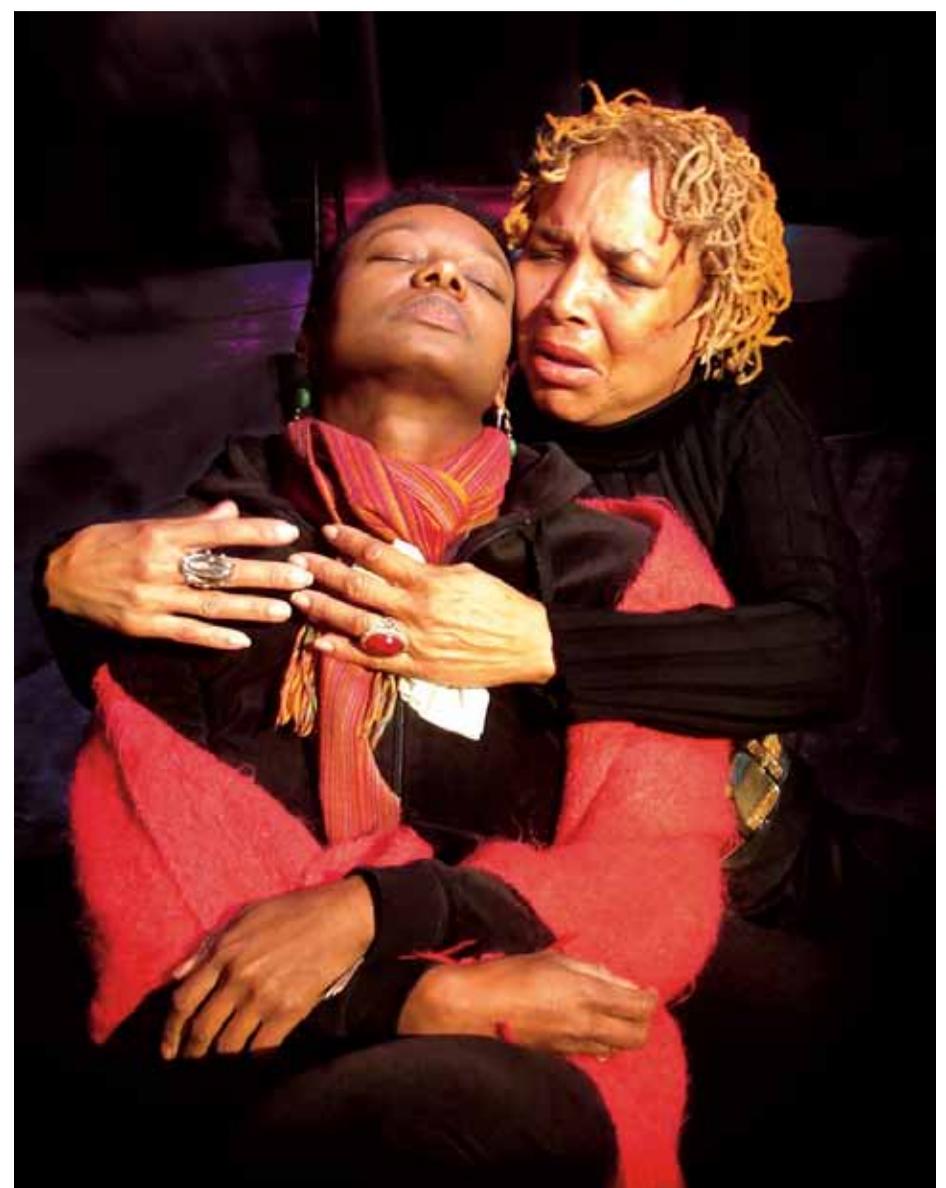
and actor in the dramatic scenes that unfold, told an interviewer, "I recommend that parents speak with their children about slavery before arriving at the show. They will surely have questions. But we welcome and encourage young audiences to attend and take in part of their heritage they might never know about except for these theater pieces full of the history of America as well as the African American people."

"Pay What You Can" ticket pricing is available during the Thursday January 26 performance, she noted, and tickets are \$15 for the Saturday, January 28 performance.

Tickets are available at the Mu-Lancaster Box Office, 42 N. Prince St., Lancaster, or by telephone at 717-872-3811 or 717-871-2308.

There's also more information when you write to Info@theatrefortransformation.com or call 717-333-9563.

These performances, Dr. Kemp was proud to recognize, are made possible with support from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, the Pennsylvania Humanities Council and the Lancaster Monthly Meeting, also known as the Lancaster Quakers.



In this picture, Dr. Amanda Kemp is seen being held by Deborah Billups, cast in the Black History Production for the Ware Center.

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From the Publisher



In this issue of *ShowcaseNow!* we highlight the Art of the State exhibition coming up later this year. The State Museum in Harrisburg is the home of this extravaganza and in this issue we note that last year 727 artists submitted work for this curated show.

Anyone familiar with the arts and culture of Pennsylvania can think of a dozen artists he or she knows not mentioned in this large exhibition for every one that is noted, or represented in this one show. Even though it's the largest and perhaps the best in the state, it represents only a fraction of the artists working, buying, creating and following in the steps of the Peales, the Calders, the Wyeths and all the other greats that bear that Pennsylvania mark of invention and insight.

This means there are thousands and thousands of visual artists working in the Commonwealth that go mostly unnoticed, uncelebrated and unpublicized. This group ranges widely in diversity and includes people who have jobs not related to the arts as well as those "who make their living at producing art."

Our readers are chief among these talented individuals and companies and when you want to reach tens of thousands of artists and people working in the arts, this is the place to be.

The economic impact of the visual arts in Pennsylvania is enormous. Artists buy paint, canvas, boards, nails, wiring and many other products. Artists need laborers of all kinds, printing services, fuel to go from place to place and food to get them through the days and nights.

When we add the economic impact of the other arts in Pennsylvania, we have a tremendous spending power that helps keep the Commonwealth viable financially as well as well-rounded and welcoming to the creativity for which we are known worldwide. Think about the money spent on symphonies, theaters, dance troupes, concert venues, museums, landscapers and architects, to name a few. And this money comes from people all around us.

Taken together the arts of the Commonwealth make up one of our most joyful industries. Let us count our blessings as we look forward to the 2012 Art of the State Exhibition and all the other events lining up as we enter a New Year. Let us make a resolution to enjoy, as much as we possibly can, the imagination, precision and craft of the neighbors around us who make our life so colorful, well-rounded and full of fun while they also make the cash registers ring!

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