So much to see and do in Westchester

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by Janet Langsam

The moment was electric. A chorus of 400 guests shouted out a countdown to the start of ArtsWestchester's 50th year as a wave of confetti washed over a white dance floor. The occasion was the annual gala marking the launch of a year of festivities to celebrate a golden milestone. Here's a look back at some milestones in the growth of the county's arts council.

Over The Years

1965 – The Council for the Arts in Westchester is founded, the same year that the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the New York State Council for the Arts (NYSCA) are launched.
1967 – The first Arts Awards are presented by the arts council for outstanding contributions in the arts.
1975 – Key corporations join with Westchester County Government and the arts council to form a public/private partnership to support the arts and the first round of grants are made to Westchester cultural organizations.
1979 – ArtsWestchester becomes one of the first arts councils in the U.S. to receive an NEA Challenge Grant.
1980 – ArtsWestchester, a monthly newspaper is first published.
1984 – The Visiting Artist Program begins placing artists in more than 100 schools.
1988 - Westchester County Government collaborates with the arts council to develop a comprehensive cultural plan.
1992 – Arts Excel program is initiated in Westchester Schools with $1 million raised.
2007 – Challenge Grant program of $200,000 is initiated to leverage matching funds.
2008 – Westchester Arts Council officially changes its name to ArtsWestchester and rebrands its marketing efforts.
2011 – ArtsWestchester launches its website as a comprehensive online Guide to the Arts.
2012 – The Mount Vernon City School District partners with ArtsWestchester on a second four-year federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education.
2013 – ArtsWestchester receives $1 million grant, largest major gift in organization's history from Emily and Eugene Grant.
2014 – ArtsWestchester launches six 50th anniversary initiatives including plans to host A Festival of New Work in Westchester.
2015 – The best is yet to come.
news in brief

Songcatchers’ Executive Director Sr. Beth Dowd Receives Award

Sr. Beth Dowd, Executive Director of Songcatchers, will be honored with the 2014 National Guild Milestone of Appreciation Award. The goal of the Milestone program, now in its third year, is to recognize leaders who have demonstrated a commitment to supporting and advancing community arts education for more than 20 years. Songcatchers develops and provides music programs with a goal of enriching the lives of children from diverse communities who reside in low-income households. Through this music instruction, the organization encourages the development of a lifelong appreciation of the arts. For more info, visit: www.songcatchers.org.

Large-Scale Installation Takes Over Pelham Art Center Exterior

A new large-scale, site-specific fabric installation, Triumvirate!, now hangs on the façade of the Pelham Art Center. The colorful structure was created in a collaborative community effort – the fabric was donated by members of Pelham and its surrounding areas and the construction was completed during two sewing workshops led by Amanda Browder, the artist who conceptualized the project. During the workshops, local participants cut, pinned and sewed the fabrics. The installation is meant to celebrate how something as small as a piece of discarded fabric can interject a new energy into an existing work of architecture, thereby demonstrating that buildings are not separate from the people who occupy their space. For more info, visit: www.pelhamartcenter.org.

Rye Arts Center Extends Popular Irving Harper Exhibition

Due to popular demand, Rye Arts Center (RAC) has extended the run of its Irving Harper: A Mid-Century Mind at Play exhibition through January 24, 2015. The retrospective displays personal works created in paper by prominent designer Irving Harper. According to RAC’s Executive Director Helen Gates: “There is a happy, whimsical and highly inventive artistry to Harper’s work that makes this exhibition a magnetic and unforgettable experience… you feel compelled to see it for themselves.” Gallery hours have also been adjusted to allow visitors maximum exposure to the show. New hours are: Tues-Fri, 9am-5pm; Sat, 9am-3pm; Sun, 12-3pm; Mon, 9am-3pm. For more info, visit: www.ryartscenter.org.

Westchester Community College Showcases Faculty Artwork

The Westchester Community College’s Center for Digital Art Gallery at its Peekskill Extension Center will commemorate its 20th year by showcasing the work of its faculty members in a new exhibition from December 2 through January 11, 2015. Among the 22 faculty members in Retrospective Faculty Show are professional artists, musicians and designers. A variety of mediums will be represented, including painting, website design, multimedia digital works, music and more. An opening reception with an artists’ talk will take place on December 2. For more info, visit: www.sunywcc.edu/events.

STEAM Picks Up Steam

Earlier this year, ArtsWestchester, with support from Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, presented an exhibition, STEAM, which explored the intersection of the arts with STEM subjects: science, technology, engineering and math. Following its stay in ArtsWestchester’s gallery, selections from STEAM were also displayed in Regeneron’s building in Tarrytown. A recently-launched video was subsequently produced about the exhibition to emphasize the importance of continuing the dialogue on the topic even after the show has ended. To view the video, visit: artsw.org/steamvideo.

Manager, Community Relations at Regeneron Potoula Gjidija and Vice President, Facilities at Regeneron Joanne Deyo with ArtsWestchester CEO Janet Langsam (photo credit: Jerry McKinstry)

Moods of the Land by Laurel Shute

Paper owl by Irving Harper

Sr. Beth Dowd (photo credit: Christy Bowe, Image Catchers)

Triumvirate!, created under Amanda Browder’s guidance

Manager, Community Relations at Regeneron Potoula Gjidija and Vice President, Facilities at Regeneron Joanne Deyo with ArtsWestchester CEO Janet Langsam (photo credit: Jerry McKinstry)
ArtsWestchester Partners with La Gianna

The recent grand opening of La Gianna, a 56-unit luxury rental property in White Plains, also marked a new arts-and-business partnership between ArtsWestchester and La Gianna’s management firm Vibe Living. ArtsWestchester will further enhance the living experience of residents in the property by installing paintings and sculptures in its lobby and common areas.

ArtsWestchester Awards Local Cultural Organizations with Challenge Grants

ArtsWestchester recently awarded 17 local cultural organizations with Challenge for the Arts Grants. These grants, with support from the Westchester County Executive and Board of Legislators, enable ArtsWestchester to match new money raised by the organization during a designated period of time. The 2014 recipients included: Axial Theatre, Clay Art Center, Copland House, Emelin Theatre, Fine Arts Orchestral Society, Hammond Museum and Japanese Stroll Garden, Hudson Stage Company, Jazz Forum Arts, Lagond Music School, New Rochelle Opera, The Performing Arts Center at SUNY Purchase, The Play Group Theater, Rye Arts Center, Steffi Nossen Dance Foundation, The Symphony of Westchester, Taconic Opera and Westchester Philharmonic.

NYS Funds Support Community Arts Initiatives

New York Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation recently awarded ArtsWestchester two Legislative Initiative Grants. One of the awards enables ArtsWestchester to partner with Heartsong, and provide children on the Autism spectrum and who are from low/low-moderate income with ceramic arts classes. ArtsWestchester is using the second grant to engage veterans in writing workshops under the direction of ArtsWestchester Teaching Artist David Surface. New York State Assemblyman Tom Abinanti, who helped secure the funds, said: “Legislative Initiative grants make our local communities better. Arts enrich lives; community-based arts programs like these help enrich the lives of those who need it most.” The programs are scheduled to begin in Spring 2015.

ArtsWestchester Teaching Artist Experience

Are you interested in making a difference in the way the populations you work with learn, while earning supplemental income and fostering your development as an artist? ArtsWestchester teaching artists work in local schools and community centers and teach their skill(s) to various audiences while addressing site-specific goals. They also receive ongoing professional development training, helping them develop skills, knowledge, and effectiveness as a teaching artist. Be a part of our family of teaching artists and apply today! arts.w.org/teachingartist

For questions and more information, please contact Jessy Méndez at 914-428-4220 x313 or jmendez@artswestchester.org.
Bestselling Author David Baldacci in Chappaqua

The Chappaqua Library will present a talk with one of the world’s most popular living storytellers, crime-novelist David Baldacci, on December 5. Baldacci, the author of 27 novels that have all become national and international bestsellers, will speak about his newly-released thriller *The Escape*. The book is the third in a series featuring John Puller, the combat veteran and special agent whom Baldacci’s readers met in his *Zero Day* and *The Forgotten* novels. In the newest installment of the series, Puller is tasked with searching for his own fugitive brother. Books will be sold at the event, with an opportunity to have them signed by the author following the talk. For more info, visit: www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Katonah Museum of Art Line Describing a Cone

Katonah Museum of Art has announced a call for artists for its upcoming Tri-State Juried Exhibition. Inspired by contemporary artist Anthony McCall’s *Line Describing a Cone*, this year’s theme will focus on artists’ definition of space. Artists from the Tri-State area can submit up to three works that use their choice of materials to reflect the meaning of space, be it representational or experiential. This year’s juror is Eva Respini, Curator at The Museum of Modern Art, who has worked with esteemed artists such as Cindy Sherman and Ai Wei Wei. The deadline for submissions is December 15. The exhibition of accepted works will be on view from January 17 through February 15. For more info, visit: www.katonahmuseum.org.

Printmaking Meets Glass at Bullseye

Bullseye Glass has taken the standard “print exchange” practice among artists and has given it a twist. Much like the traditional print exchange, artists Louise Krampien and Stacy Lynn Smith invited a group of artists to create prints of their artwork that were then traded amongst one another. Bullseye’s unique approach to this exchange involved each artist’s use of these classic printmaking techniques, but for the creation of kiln-formed glasswork. The resulting *Multiply* exhibition, on view through February 14, 2015, displays the work from eight participating artists from around the world who combine two techniques that are materially different, yet yield parallelizing results. For more info, visit: www.bullseyeglass.com.

Recologie Tells A Narrative

The Recologie art gallery in New Rochelle presents *A Narrative* through January 24. The exhibition showcases the imaginative work of three female artists who express their personal inspirations using unique materials. Created from the inspiration of found objects, Alice Harrison’s layered works are comprised from a variety of studio supplies and found papers and objects that are combined in a way to give the work and its materials new life. Ellen Highsmith Silver’s eye-catching, durable floor quilts are fabric decoupage on canvas – her way of reconciling the need for both practicality and design sensibility in one’s home. Tinka Deneberg composes found objects in “box sculptures” in such a way that tells a narrative. Due to the former nature of these objects, the sculptures lend themselves to stories of the past. For more info, visit: www.recologie.com.
holiday highlights

Hollywood Concert Orchestra’s
A Viennese Christmas
12/5, presented by Smart Arts

Westchester Community College (WCC)’s Smart Arts program presents the Hollywood Concert Orchestra (HCO), known for its unique arrangements of television, movie and Broadway theme songs. For the 18th year, HCO offers a special holiday program featuring a combination of holiday classics and Viennese music. The selection of seasonal favorites is appropriate for a family-friendly outing. The performance will take place in the Hankin Academic Arts Theater at WCC on December 5. For more info, visit: www.sunywcc.edu/events.

CLAY-Holiday
Through 12/22, presented by Clay Art Center

Clay Art Center (CAC)’s annual CLAY-Holiday studio tour and sale features hundreds of works by 50 area artists. Through December 22, visitors can tour artist studio spaces and purchase one-of-a-kind holiday gifts. CAC will also be hosting an assortment of one-day family-friendly workshops led by professional ceramics artists. The workshops will be designed to help participants create handmade holiday goods like ornaments, candlesticks and menorahs. For more info, visit: www.clayartcenter.org.

Dickens’ A Christmas Carol
12/6-21, selected dates
presented by Historic Hudson Valley

Master storyteller Jonathan Kruk will bring Charles Dickens’ classic novel A Christmas Carol to life with a dramatic performance in the historic, candlelit Old Dutch Church in Sleepy Hollow. The adaptation, accompanied by music, will recall the story of Ebenezer Scrooge and the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future. Tickets to the reading will include complimentary admission to A Holiday Open House at Philipsburg Manor, where visitors can partake in crafts, browse in the museum shop, listen to live music and enjoy complimentary sweets. For tickets and available dates, visit: www.hudsonvalley.org.

The Return of The Aimee Mann Christmas Show
12/10, presented by Tarrytown Music Hall

After a three year hiatus, acclaimed singer/songwriter Aimee Mann will resurrect her annual Christmas tour, bringing her quirky holiday spirit to Tarrytown Music Hall on December 10. In past years, Mann’s holiday variety show has played to sold-out crowds. In this year’s concert, Mann – in partnership with her bandmate Ted Leo – will feature a mix of Christmas classics, original music, videos and a multitude of special guests, including The Bangles lead singer Susanna Hoffs. For more info, visit: www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

“The Return of Aimee Mann’s Christmas Show” (photo courtesy of Tarrytown Music Hall)
Craft-Tastic
Through 1/3, presented by Pelham Art Center

Pelham Art Center (PAC) aims to keep the tradition of crafting alive with its holiday exhibition, Craft-Tastic. The exhibition explores crafting as an avenue for social activism. Artists in the show embrace traditions, such as crocheting and embroidery, to address traditional gender roles. Visitors will have the opportunity to “buy local” at the exhibition’s sale, in which 20 artists will display and sell functional, wearable and decorative crafts, including silk-screened prints, handmade quilts and jewelry and hats by local milliners. For more info, visit: www.pelhamartcenter.org.

Winter Pops!
12/21, presented by Westchester Philharmonic

Westchester Philharmonic conductor Ted Sperling will lead this year’s annual Winter Pops concert, Anywhere I Wander: Frank Loesser Songbook on December 21 at the Performing Arts Center at Purchase College. Selections by Loesser, whose catalog of hit Broadway musicals includes Guys & Dolls and How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying, will be performed by two-time Tony Award-winner Christine Ebersole, Santino Fontana and Laura Osnes. The holiday festivities continue with the Pops After-Party post-concert event that allows guests to mingle with the stars of the show. For more info, visit: www.westchesterphil.org.

Community Holiday Concert
12/13, presented by Really Terrible Orchestra and Dixieland Express Jazz Band

The First Annual Community Holiday Concert was conceived when, after months of The Really Terrible Orchestra of Westchester’s weekly practices at White Plains YMCA, the two groups desired to give back to their community. The December 13 concert will take place in the YMCA’s Community Room, where RTO will be joined by the Dixieland Express Jazz Band to provide an afternoon of holiday favorites, along with refreshments and special holiday treats. For more info, visit: www-ymca-cnw.org.

Neiman Marcus Love to Give Collection
Through 12/24, presented by ArtsWestchester and Neiman Marcus

This holiday season, guests can purchase gifts while giving back to the community. Through a partnership between ArtsWestchester and Neiman Marcus, 10% of the sales made from the Neiman Marcus Westchester’s Love to Give Collection shop will benefit ArtsWestchester and support arts education experiences for Westchester youth. The collection, which is a curated assemblage of unique gift items for every family member, was preselected for display in Neiman Marcus stores throughout the country. Purchases from the Love to Give Collection can be made at The Westchester through December 24. For more info, visit artsww.org/nmlovetogive.

The Joint Sound Shore Chorale and Holy Family Choir Holiday Concert
12/6

The Sound Shore Chorale and The Holy Family Choir will jointly present a holiday concert on December 6 that includes a variety of inter-faith and seasonal musical selections. Accompanied by piano and organ, the two choirs will collectively sing Christmas selections, such as Holst’s Christmas Day (Choral Fantasy on Old Carols), as well as the Hebrew melody Lo V’Chayil. The concert, which will take place at the Holy Family Church in New Rochelle, will conclude with a sing-along of other popular holiday songs. For more info, visit www.SoundShoreChorale.org.
coming up at artswestchester

CROSSING BORDERS IN PERFORMANCE

Crossing Borders: Memory and Heritage in a New America is an upcoming contemporary art exhibition at ArtsWestchester that highlights the work of new and first-generation American artists within New York’s immigrant community. Each artist uses his or her autobiography and family history as an artistic tool to explore universal concerns of memory, heritage and identity. Leading up to the March exhibition, ArtsWestchester will present a series of six performances that will set the stage for cross-cultural dialogues and, through music and conversation, invite audiences to reflect upon topics that will be prevalent in the exhibition.

- Feb. 21: Amalgama Project with Pablo Mayor Trio and Daniel Fetecuo’s Pajarillo Pint’o – Latin jazz with dance
- Feb. 28: Trio Shalva – Israeli / Mediterranean jazz trio
- March 14: Opening Reception for Crossing Borders
- March 20: Zem Audu Quartet featuring Kaleta – Nigerian jazz and a conversation with exhibiting artist Osi Audu
- March 21: Monika Jalili – Twentieth century Persian folk and popular music and a conversation with exhibiting artist Nazanin Hedayat Monroe
- March 27: Dominican Artists Josefina Baez and Pepe Coronado – a reading and dialogue
- March 28: Music for Toy Pianos: the Concert Piano Re-Imagined – Julliard-trained concert pianist Margaret Leng Tan who performs on toy pianos, and a conversation with exhibiting artist Bibiana Huang Matheis

Crossing Borders will be on view from March 17-May 2. For more info, visit artsw.org/crossingborders.

ARTSWESTCHESTER 2015 ARTS AWARDS

Call for NOMINATIONS

ArtsWestchester invites you to submit a nomination for its 2015 Arts Awards. These awards recognize individuals and organizations whose vision, commitment, and leadership enrich Westchester, its communities and the lives of its citizens.

ArtsWestchester will present the Arts Awards at the annual Arts Award Luncheon in April 2015.

Arts Patron. A person who lives or works in Westchester County and has made a significant contribution to the arts through his/her extraordinary leadership, personal commitment, and philanthropic activities, providing consistent support of the arts without direct financial compensation.

Arts Organization. A Westchester County non-profit arts organization that has made important contributions to the growth of Westchester’s cultural life over a significant period of time and has had an impact beyond its immediate community.

Community. An artist, individual group, organization or agency that has demonstrated extraordinary vision and leadership in using the arts to enhance community life, increase access to cultural experiences, or to enrich the county’s cultural heritage. Candidates have a long-standing involvement in the arts rather than involvement in a one-time initiative.

Education. An artist, individual, group, school district, or organization that, through extraordinary vision and leadership, has enriched education in Westchester.

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NOMINATION AND/OR PANEL PROCESS, CONTACT:
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DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: JAN 31
FESTIVAL OF NEW WORK CELEBRATES LOCAL ART
by Kathleen Reckling

Home to thousands of artists and hundreds of cultural organizations of all sizes, Westchester County is an incubator of creativity and innovation. The ballets, ceramic sculptures, musical compositions, plays, paintings and poems created by Westchester’s artistic community are an integral part of what makes the county a unique place to live, work and play. In the spring of 2015, as part of its 50th anniversary celebration, ArtsWestchester, in collaboration with its affiliates, will mount Festival of New Work – a county-wide festival to showcase new work by artists in all disciplines.

Many of ArtsWestchester’s affiliate organizations plan to join the celebration by presenting new works that showcase the talent of local artists of extraordinary merit from within Westchester and beyond. These concerts, exhibitions, films and performances will give the public an opportunity to celebrate the county’s growing reputation as a regional hub of creative activity and the artistic excellence of ArtsWestchester’s affiliate organizations. Participating venues include: ArtsWestchester, Blue Door Art Center, Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, Clay Art Center, the OSilas Gallery at Concordia College and the Taconic Opera.

Emelin Theatre will present The Pigeoning during the Festival of New Work

COUNTY BUDGET 2015

County Executive Rob Astorino has publicly released plans for the 2015 budget. The $1.76 billion proposed budget keeps spending below the rate of inflation, maintains staffing, and holds the line on taxes. Key programs identified in community-based organizations will see a 3% increase from the county, which would mean a modest bump up for ArtsWestchester. The proposed budget also includes renewed support for the ArtsWestchester Challenge Program that stimulates new private funds for the arts organizations throughout the county.

If you would like to show your support and appreciation, please participate in the last budget hearing, held on Wednesday, December 3rd at the County Board of Legislators on the 8th floor at 7pm. Staff members and affiliates will be showing their support for the arts in our customized red berets. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by contacting Jaclyn Wing at jwing@artswestchester.org or 914-428-4220 x316.

WESTCHESTER ITALIAN CULTURAL CLUB: PICTURING MARY

The Westchester Italian Cultural Center presents an international collection of artworks depicting the Virgin Mary in various forms – including paintings, frescoes, etchings and sculptures. Picturing Mary, on view from December 6 through 24, shows the many ways in which artists have expressed their devotion to the figure whom Christians identify as the mother of Jesus. A documentary will also take viewers on an artistic journey that touches on almost two-thousand years of important masterpieces that portray the figure. The collection appears next to Presepio Napoletano, a nod to the centuries-old tradition of handcrafted nativity scenes. This nativity is portrayed with a village at the base of Mount Vesuvius, crafted from wood, cork and paper-mache, with figures made from terra cotta, hemp and wire. For more info, visit: www.wiccny.org.
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**Fundraisers:** ArtsWestchester and Neiman Marcus presents *Love To Give Shop.* This holiday season, 10% of sales generated from items purchased in the Love to Give holiday shop will benefit ArtsWestchester. At Neiman Marcus White Plains. Through 12/24, Mon-Sat: 10am-8pm, Sun: 11am-6pm. www.neimanmarcus.com

**Film:** The Picture House presents *Advance Screening of Magician: The Astonishing Life and Work of Orson Welles.* Post-film discussion with Purchase College professor/ Academy Award-winning documentary director Chuck Workman. 7:30pm. www.thepicturehouse.org

**Lectures:** Color Camera Club of Westchester presents *Night Photography by Gabriel Biderman.* Gabe will share his favorite images from his book *Night Photography: From Snapshots to Great Shots* and shed light on creating inspirational images once the sun goes down. 7:30-9:30pm. www.colorcameraclub.org

Advance screening of Wild with author Cheryl Strayed (above), The Picture House, 12/3 (photo credit Mel Melcon/Los Angeles Times)

12/2 TUESDAY

**Family & Kids:** Katonah Museum of Art presents *Holiday Gifts at the KMA’s Design Shop.* The KMA’s curated museum shop is open for the holidays featuring unique items at all price points, including forms that function, jewels by hand, finds for kids and material objects. Tues-Sat: 10am-5pm and Sun: 12-5pm through 1/4/15. www.katonahmuseum.org

**Music:** Chaminade Music Club of Yonkers presents *Afternoon Concert.* Concert featuring String Trio Violinist Keven Shue, Violist Wei-Yang Andy Lin and Cellist Nan Cheng Chen. At Grinton I Will Library. 2pm. www.chaminademusic.org

12/3 WEDNESDAY

**Family & Kids:** Hudson River Museum presents *Holiday Decorations in Glenview.* Peacocks strut through the holiday evergreens that deck Glenview, inspired by HRM’s latest exhibition *Strut: The Peacock and Beauty in Art.* Wed-Sun: 12-5pm through 1/4. www.hrm.org

**Film:** The Picture House presents *Advance Screening of Wild with author Cheryl Strayed.* An advance screening of the much anticipated film *Wild* starring Reese Witherspoon with a post-film discussion with Cheryl Strayed, the author of the memoir on which the film is based. 7:30pm. www.thepicturehouse.org

12/4 THURSDAY

**Film:** The Ossining Documentary & Discussion Series presents *Inequality for All.* Explores the widening income gap in the United States between the hugely rich and the rest of us. At Ossining Public Library. 6:30pm. www.ossiningdocumentaries.org

12/5 FRIDAY

**Tours:** Katonah Museum of Art presents *Stroller Tours.* For adults with children under 18 months. Discover the artistry of Japanese samurai armor and kimonos on this interactive tour. 9am. www.katonahmuseum.org
Family & Kids: M&M Productions presents Mr. Dickens Tells A Christmas Carol at Lyndhurst. Actor Michael Muldoon tells the well-loved tale as guests travel throughout the mansion “meeting” the different spirits and characters. At Lyndhurst Mansion, Tarrytown. Performances on selected dates from 12/5–12/28. Times vary. www.lyndhurst.org

Film: Jacob Burns Film Center presents The Babadook. A shattering psychological study of a single mother who battles her son’s fear of a monster lurking in the house and her own demons. Fri 12/5 and Sat 12/6 at 9:45pm.

Music: Smart Arts presents Concert Orchestra - A Viennese Christmas. Selections of seasonal and holiday favorites. At Hankin Academic Arts Building at Westchester Community College. 8pm. www.sunywcc.edu/smartarts

Music: Emelin Theatre presents Bluegrass: Joe Mullins and The Radio Ramblers. A veteran of the traditional Grass and the all-star band Longview, Joe Mullins is one of the best banjo players and harmony singers in bluegrass. 8pm. www.emelin.org

Lectures: Chappaqua Library presents Author Talk: David Baldacci. David has published 27 novels — all national and international bestsellers, several of which have been adapted for film and television. 7pm. www.chappaqualibrary.org

Music: Concordia Conservatory of Music & Art presents Community Holiday Musical Christmas Every Day. A young girl wishes to have Christmas every day, but when a fairy grants her wish she finds life is not quite as she thought it would be. At Concordia College. 12/5 at 4:30pm, 12/6 at 11am, and 12/7 at 1pm. www.concordia-ny.edu/conservatory

Spoken Word: Hudson Valley Writers Center presents Jeffrey Harrison & Jeffrey McDaniel. The poets read from their most recent collections. 7:30pm. www.writerscenter.org

Film: RiverArts presents New York International Children’s Film Festival. All films in this program are from or feature stories about Spain and Latin America. At Mercy College. 10:30am. www.riverarts.org

Folk Arts: Pelham Art Center presents Celebrate Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights. A festive event with a free ancient Indian classical dance performance, traditional hands-on workshops and Mehndi body art from artist Manjula Kandaswamy. 1:30-3:30pm. www.pelhamartcenter.org

Music: The Sound Shore Chorale presents Magnificat, Lo V’Chayil (a hebrew melody), The Shepherd’s Farewell, Handel, and a hebrew melody Lo V’Chayil. At Holy Family Church, New Rochelle. 3pm. www.jsoundshorechorale.org

Family & Kids: Historic Hudson Valley presents Dickens’s ‘Christmas Carol.’ ‘Let master storyteller Jonathan Kruk, complete with musical accompaniment, regale you with his adaptation of this Charles Dickens classic. At The Old Dutch Church, Sleepy Hollow. 12/6–12/7, 12/13–12/14, and 12/20–12/21. Performances at 3:30, 4:45, and 6pm. www.hudsonvalley.org

Family & Kids: Historic Hudson Valley presents A Holiday Open House. Experience the serenity of an 18th-century historic site lit by candle lanterns and bonfires. Take part in winter-themed crafts, listen to live fiddle music, and enjoy complimentary sweets and hot beverages. At Philipsburg Manor, Sleepy Hollow. 4-8pm on 12/6–12/7, 12/13–12/14, and 12/20–12/21. www.hudsonvalley.org

Family Church, New Rochelle. 3pm. www.jsoundshorechorale.org

Visit www.artswestchester.org for more event information
Music: The Chappaqua Orchestra presents New Castle Community Sing. Performances by Broadway star Jeanne Lehman with The Chappaqua Orchestra featuring the music of composer Brad Ross and the premiere of a new Christmas song by Michael Shapiro. At Bell Middle School, Chappaqua. 3:30pm. www.chappaquaorchestra.org

Spoken Word: Writopia Lab presents December Young Writers Reading and Authors Panel. Writopia Lab’s young authors (ages 8-18) will share their fall writing – poetry, plays, flash fiction, and more. At Mount Kisco Public Library. 5:30pm. www.writopialab.org

Film: Jacob Burns Film Center presents The Second Game. Pitting the Bucharest rivals Steaua and Dinamo against each other, this is soccer at its best—but you don’t have to be a fan to enjoy it. Best Romanian Film at the Transilvania International Film Festival. 7:30pm. www.burnsfilmcenter.org

Dance: Emelin Theatre presents Nut/Cracked. Mixing Tchaikovsky’s original score with music by Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller and others, The Bang Group turns the Nutcracker into a percussive piece of dance theatre. 12/6 at 8pm and 12/7 at 3pm. www.emelin.org

Music: Copland House presents Concert - City Lights: The Musical World of John Musto. Animated by Bach, the Baroque, and pop music, Musto’s music seamlessly bridges the concert hall, the jazz club, and the musical stage. 3pm. www.coplandhouse.org

Spoken Word: Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art presents Spotlight on Women: Panel, Play and Performers. Events highlighting the diverse accomplishments of women artists, featuring a panel discussion, a short play, and a dance performance with live music. 2pm. www.hvcca.org

Theater: The Schoolhouse Theater presents Beyond Words. International mime sensation Bill Bowers returns with a collection of mime, monologues, and music. 3pm. www.schoolhousetheater.org

Film: Jacob Burns Film Center presents Making Waves: New Romanian Cinema - Quod Erat Demonstrandum. In 1984, a brilliant mathematician becomes the target of the secret police after publishing an article in an American journal without permission from the Communist authorities. 7:30pm. www.burnsfilmcenter.org

12/8 MONDAY


Film: Jacob Burns Film Center presents Making Waves: New Romanian Cinema - I’m An Old Communist Hag. Emilia’s quiet, provincial life is no longer when her daughter suddenly returns from Canada, along with her American fiancé. 5pm. www.burnsfilmcenter.org

Dance: The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College presents The Suzanne Farrell Ballet. In just a decade has become one of the most highly lauded ballet companies in the country. 3pm. www.artscenter.org

Music: New Westchester Symphony Orchestra presents 3rd Annual Messiah Sing-Along. Sing the complete choruses of Handel’s Messiah to the tune of a full orchestra. At Briarcliff Congregational Church. 3pm. www.newsymphony.org

Music: New Rochelle Public Library presents Young Musicians Concert. Top student musicians in grades 7–12, selected through a competitive audition process, will perform a variety of works. 2pm. www.nrpl.org


Circus Minimus, Schoolhouse Theater, 12/13 (photo source: www.circusminimus.com)
12/9 TUESDAY

Film: Jacob Burns Film Center presents Making Waves: New Romanian Cinema - Where Are You, Bucharest? Twenty-three years after the Romanian Revolution, people are back on the streets of Bucharest, reclaiming University Square, the public space that was home to so many anti-Communist demonstrations. The director follows their stories for one year, from the first protests to the referendum against the president. 7:30pm.
www.burnsfilmcenter.org

www.dtmusic.org

Lectures: Chappaqua Library presents Author Talk - Saint Nicholas: The Saint Who Became Santa. Food historian Peter Rose relates how St. Nicholas was brought to America by the Dutch in the 17th century and transformed to Santa in the 19th century. 7pm. www.chappaqualibrary.org

12/10 WEDNESDAY

Film: Jacob Burns Film Center presents Making Waves: New Romanian Cinema - Viktoria. Coproduced with Romania, the first Bulgarian film to play at Sundance is a truly innovative epic infused with strikingly surreal images, and one of the most original films about the Communist chimera. 7pm.
www.burnsfilmcenter.org

www.dtmusic.org

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12/11 THURSDAY

Film: Jacob Burns Film Center presents Frank. An offbeat comedy about a wannabe musician who joins an avant-garde pop band led by an enigmatic musical genius (Michael Fassbender, sporting a large fake head). 7:45pm.
www.burnsfilmcenter.com

Lectures: Bullseye Glass Resource Center presents Artist Talk: Nathan Sandberg. Artist Nathan Sandberg returns to his home state of New York to discuss his background, influences, recent work, and approach to kiln-glass. 6pm. www.bullseyeglass.com

Lectures: Westchester Italian Cultural Center presents The Madonna in Italian Art. Professor John Coppola guides through the great number of Italian paintings featuring the Madonna from the Thirteenth century to the end of the Renaissance. 7pm. www.wiccny.org

12/12 FRIDAY

Film: Chappaqua Library presents Menus in the Movies: Boom Varietal. This documentary follows the Argentine Malbec wine boom and explores its importance in today’s pop culture. 7pm. www.chappaqualibrary.org

Music: Emelin Theatre presents John Pizzarelli. Infusing the work of such greats as Nat King Cole and Frank Sinatra with the cool jazz flavor of his brilliant guitar playing, Pizzarelli is among the prime interpreters of the Great American Songbook and beyond. 7:30pm. www.emelin.org

12/13 SATURDAY

Dance: Ballet des Amériques presents The Nutcracker Ball. Students will perform excerpts from The Nutcracker, while professional dancers present original pieces from the repertoire of the Company. 5pm.
www.balletdesameriques.com
**Family & Kids:** The Schoolhouse Theater presents *Circus Minimus: The One-Man Circus in-a-Suitcase.* From Kevin O’Keefe’s suitcase an entire circus emerges: tent, band, lights and a host of zany characters. 11am. [www.schoolhousetheater.org](http://www.schoolhousetheater.org)

**Music:** Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse presents Josh White Jr. An eclectic sampling of traditional folk, blues, pop, jazz and originals. At Memorial United Methodist Church, White Plains. 7:30pm. [www.walkaboutclearwater.org](http://www.walkaboutclearwater.org)

**Music:** Hudson River Museum presents Brian Vegh Fiddles Holiday Music. Classical violinist, Celtic fiddler, and composer Brian Vegh lives and performs in the Westchester area. Free with Museum admission. 1-4pm. [www.hrm.org](http://www.hrm.org)

**12/14 SUNDAY**

**Film:** The Picture House presents *The Nutcracker.* Screening of the Royal Ballet’s production of the *The Nutcracker.* Dancers from Westchester’s Ballet Arts school will entertain movie-goers with a live performance prior to the movie. 3pm. [www.thepicturehouse.org](http://www.thepicturehouse.org)

**Lectures:** Katonah Museum of Art presents *Kimono Gallery Talk with Alexander Murray.* Kimono collector Alexander Murray brings more examples from his 1,000-piece collection for visitors to handle and admire up-close. 1:30pm. [www.katonahmuseum.org](http://www.katonahmuseum.org)

**Music:** PJS Jazz Society, Inc. presents *Houston Person.* A pungent mix of jazz, gospel and blues with a first-rate rhythm section. At First Presbyterian Church, Mount Vernon. 5:15-9pm. [www.pjsjazz.org](http://www.pjsjazz.org)

**Music:** Westchester Chamber Music Society presents *Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio.* As one of the only long-lived ensembles with all of its original members, the Trio balances the careers of three internationally-acclaimed soloists while making annual appearances at many of the world’s major concert halls. At Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester. 4-8pm. [www.westchesterchambermusicsociety.com](http://www.westchesterchambermusicsociety.com)

**Music:** The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College presents *Edgar Meyer, Double Bass.* It’s not every day you hear a full-length solo concert by a classical double-bass player. 3pm. [www.westernsymphony.org](http://www.westernsymphony.org)

**Music:** The Symphony of Westchester presents *All-Baroque Concert.* Featuring violist Nurit Pacht and featured piece Antonio Vivaldi’s The Four Season. At Christopher J. Murphy Auditorium, New Rochelle. 3pm. (Snow date: 12/13 at 3pm). [www.thesymphonyofwestchester.org](http://www.thesymphonyofwestchester.org)

**Music:** New Westchester Symphony Orchestra presents *Concert at White Plains Library.* A free concert of holiday and classical favorites at White Plains Library. 3pm. [www.newsymphony.org](http://www.newsymphony.org)

**Music:** Tribes Hill presents *Annual Winter Solstice Celebration and Fundraiser.* Seasonal world music with traditional, original, contemporary and classic genres celebrate our commonality and diversity. At First Unitarian Society of Westchester. 4:30am. [www.tribeshill.com](http://www.tribeshill.com)

**Music:** Songcatchers Inc. presents *Songcatchers 20th Annual Concert for Peace.* Songs of peace, interfaith carols, and music of the holiday season. At College of New Rochelle Chapel. 3:30pm. [www.songcatchers.org](http://www.songcatchers.org)

**12/15 MONDAY**

**Lectures:** Chappaqua Library presents *Foreign Policy Discussion Group: Pax Americana in 21st Century.* Facilitator: Khusro Elley with the Planning Committee Round Table. 10am. [www.chappaquailibrary.org](http://www.chappaquailibrary.org)

**Music:** Downtown Music at Grace presents *Noonday Getaway Concert: Angelica.* Women’s chamber choir Angelica presents a program drawn from the vast treasury of Medieval, Renaissance and 20th century music, celebrating the Christmas season. 12:10pm. [www.dtmusic.org](http://www.dtmusic.org)

**12/19 FRIDAY**

**Music:** The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College presents *The Rob Mathes Holiday Concert.* Original tunes, holiday classics, and Mathes’ favorites to put you in the spirit of the season. 12/19 and 12/20 at 8pm. [www.artscenter.org](http://www.artscenter.org)

**Spoken Word:** Hudson Valley Writers Center presents *Open Mic Night.* For poets, prose writers, musicians, comedians, singers, and all other performers. 7pm. [www.writerscenter.org](http://www.writerscenter.org)

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**First Annual Community Holiday Concert**

An Afternoon of Holiday Musical Favorites Presented by The Really Terrible Orchestra of Westchester & The Dixieland Express Jazz Band

Saturday, December 13, 2014, 2pm

White Plains YMCA Community Room
250 Mamaroneck Ave, White Plains, NY

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Theater: White Plains Performing Arts Center presents Disney’s ‘The Little Mermaid.’ Based on one of Hans Christian Anderson’s most beloved stories, this family musical tells the story of a mermaid’s longing to leave the ocean to live in the world above. 8pm on Fri 12/19, with select showings at 2pm and 7pm through 1/4. www.wppac.com

12/20 SATURDAY
Music: The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College presents Musica Sacra: Handel’s ‘Messiah.’ Acclaimed for their performances of the great choral masters as well as the contemporary vocal repertoire, Musica Sacra sets a standard by which other Messiahs are judged. 2pm. www.artscenter.org

Film: Jacob Burns Film Center presents It’s a Wonderful Life. Watch this classic Christmas favorite as it was meant to be seen on the big screen. 12/20-21 & 12/25-28 at 12pm. 12/22-24 at 3pm. www.burnsfilmcenter.com

Music: Angelica Voices presents Angelica Women’s Chamber Choir: To Drive the Cold Winter Away. Yuletide selections, including 13th-century devotional songs from the Cortona Codex; settings of Ave Maria by Giulio Caccini and Franz Biebl; Miklós Kocsár’s Salve Regina; and Joan Szymko’s Nada te turbe. At St. Matthew’s Church, Hastings-on-Hudson. 7:30pm. www.angelicavoices.org


12/21 SUNDAY
Music: Westchester Philharmonic presents Winter Pops. Principal Conductor Ted Sperling will lead the Philharmonic’s annual Winter Pops concert, Anywhere I Wander: The Frank Loesser Songbook. At The Performing Arts Center at Purchase College. 3pm. www.westchesterphil.org

Music: New Rochelle Public Library presents BID Family Holiday Concert by City Winds Trio. From Jingle Bells to selections from The Nutcrackers Suite, the City Winds Trio captures the essence of the holiday season with an array of songs celebrating winter, Christmas, and Hanukkah. 3pm. www.nrpl.org

12/26 FRIDAY
Film: New Rochelle Public Library presents Family Kwanzaa Film: ‘The Black Candle.’ Narrated by world renowned poet Maya Angelou, this documentary uses Kwanzaa as a vehicle to explore and celebrate the African-American experience. 2pm. www.nrpl.org

1/5 TUESDAY
Lectures: Color Camera Club of Westchester presents Managing Photographic Work Load. Presenter Robert Plotkin will give an overview of Lightroom 5 (LR5), describing workflow and image processing. 7:30pm. www.colorcameraclub.org

1/9 FRIDAY
Music: Emelin Theatre presents Classical: Hermitage Piano Trio. A rarity in the chamber music world, three musicians who are noted soloists in their own right make up this elite trio. 8pm. www.emelin.org

Music: Emelin Theatre presents Tribute: Tramps Like Us. The world’s foremost Bruce Springsteen tribute band. 8pm. www.emelin.org

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Visit www.artswestchester.org for more event information.
1/11 SUNDAY
Music: PJS Jazz Society, Inc. presents Patience Higgins and The Sugar Hill Quartet. One of the great jazz bands of modern Harlem. At First Presbyterian Church, Mount Vernon. 5:15-9pm. www.pjsjazz.org

1/16 FRIDAY
Theater: Antonia Arts presents Journey to Oz. On-stage adaptation of the classic 1939 film The Wizard of Oz. At Paramount Hudson Valley. Fri 1/16 & Sat 1/17. 7pm both days. www.antoniaarts.com

1/18 SUNDAY
Music: The Schoolhouse Theater presents The 27th Annual Winter Jazz Concert featuring the legendary Houston Person Quartet. Recipient of the prestigious Eubie Blake Jazz Award, Mr. Person has played with some of the greatest performers, including Etta James, Lena Home, and Lou Rawls. 7:30pm. www.schoolhousetheater.org

1/24 SATURDAY
Comedy: Emelin Theatre presents The Ivy League of Comedy. Known for their elite brand of clever comedy, you’ve heard their brilliant comedic voices on late-night TV and Comedy Central. 8pm. www.emelin.org

Theater: Smart Arts presents National Players: To Kill A Mockingbird. Adaptation of Harper Lee’s classic novel that offers a keyhole view into the struggles faced by a small town and its people. At Westchester Community College - Academic Arts Building Theatre. 8pm. www.sunywcc.edu/smartarts

1/25 SUNDAY
Fundraisers: Writopia Lab presents A Year in Books: 2014 Panel and Fundraiser. Authors will share their insights into life as an author, the book-crafting process, and the many joys of writing. Proceeds will go toward scholarships and workshops for underserved young writers, and to hosting the regional Scholastic Awards Ceremony. Venue TBA. 3:30pm. www.writopialab.org

Music: Hudson Chorale presents Glorious Colors of Chorus and Brass: Six Composers, Five Countries, Four Centuries & Three Languages. Westchester’s largest chorus inaugurates its 5th season with choral works that were composed based on the unique qualities of brass as accompaniment. At Irvington High School. 3pm. www.hudsonchorale.org

1/30 FRIDAY
Tours: Katonah Museum of Art presents Stroller Tour. Discover the artistry of Japanese samurai armor in this interactive tours for adults with children under 18 months. 9am. www.katonahmuseum.org

1/31 SATURDAY

Music: Concordia Conservatory of Music & Art presents Conservatory Gala Concert: One Of A Kind. An array of chamber music from classical to world music to cabaret. At Concordia College Sommer Center. 6:30pm. www.conservatory.concordia-ny.edu

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• **Drawing Line into Form: Works on Paper by Sculptors from the Collection of BNY Mellon.** 68 works by some of the contemporary art world’s most recognizable figures. Closes December 6. Tues–Sat 12–5pm.

Blue Door Gallery
www.bluedoorartcenter.org
• **Holiday Boutique Show.** Submissions by artists working in all media. At Blue Door Gallery. Thurs–Fri 12–5pm through 12/20.

Bullseye Resource Center
www.bullseyeglass.com
• **Gallery Opening Reception: Multiply.** Printmaking meets kilnformed glass in an exchange between eight international artists. Through 2/14. Tues–Fri 10am–6pm, Sat 10am–5pm, Sun 12–5pm.

Center for the Digital Arts
www.sunywcc.edu/peekskill
• **20th Anniversary Retrospective Faculty Show (1994 - 2014).** The Center’s faculty includes many professional artists, musicians, and designers whose creative. Through 1/11. Mon–Thurs 10am–8:30pm, Fri 9:30am–4:30pm, Sat 9am–12pm.

Clay Art Center
www.clayartcenter.org
• **CLAY-HOLIDAY: Annual Studio Tour and Sale.** Featuring fine, functional pottery and ceramic sculpture by Clay Art Center artists and invited guest artists. Through 12/22. Fri & Sat 12/5 & 12/6 from 9:30am–4:30pm. Sun 12/7 from 1–4pm. Artist reception 12/6, 2–4pm.

Hudson River Museum
www.hrm.org
• **Strut: The Peacock and Beauty in Art.** This first scholarly survey of the peacock in art explores our fascination with this most glamorous of birds. Through 1/18. Wed–Sun 12–5pm.

Hudson River Potters
www.hudsonriverpotters.net
• **Hudson River Potters Show & Sale.** Unique, handmade pottery for holiday gift shopping. At Eastchester Public Library. Fri & Sat 12/5 & 12/6 from 9:30am–4:30pm. Sun 12/7 from 1–4pm. Artist reception 12/6, 2–4pm.

Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art
www.hvcca.org
• **The Women’s Room.** Women who use video to explore gender, human relationships, and nation-centric politics. Through 12/7. Fri 11am–5pm, Sun–Sun 12–6pm
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masks, helmets, and warrior hats. Through 1/4. Tues–Sat 10am–5pm, Sun 12–5pm.


Mamaroneck Artists Guild
[www.mamaroneckartistsguild.org](http://www.mamaroneckartistsguild.org)
- **A Gift of Art**. Holiday boutique featuring one-of-a-kind fine art including paintings, photographs of local interest, sculpture, handmade jewelry, ceramics, wearable art and more. Open seven days a week, 12–5pm, through 12/24.

Neuberger Museum of Art
[www.neuberger.org](http://www.neuberger.org)

New Castle Historical Society
[www.newcastleshs.org](http://www.newcastleshs.org)
- **Here Comes The Bride**. Gorgeous wedding gowns from the Historical Society’s extensive costume collection and gowns on loan from friends of the Society. Through 1/17. Tues-Thurs & Sat: 1–4pm.
- **Notable Neighbors in New Castle**. Highlights some of the notable people who have lived in New Castle. Through 1/17. Tues-Thurs & Sat: 1–4pm.

New Rochelle Public Library
[www.nrpl.org](http://www.nrpl.org)
- **Over There, Over Here: World War I Posters and New Rochelle’s Part in the Great War**. Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the war. Through 12/3, Open during library hours.
- **New Rochelle Art Association Adolph Grant Award Show**. Open to all exhibiting members of the Association with works in oils, watercolors, acrylics or pastels. 12/7–1/3, Open during library hours.

Pelham Art Center
[www.pelhamartcenter.org](http://www.pelhamartcenter.org)
- **Stuffscapes**. An outdoor exhibition featuring the work of six sculptors who demonstrate explore a dialog of personal and cultural significance of the sculptural object. Through 12/19. Tues–Fri 10am–5pm, Sun 10am–4pm.
- **Craft-Tastic: An Exhibition and Sale of the Handmade**. Featuring unique functional, wearable and decorative crafts created by 20 local, national and international craft artists. Through 1/3. Tues–Fri 10am–5pm, Sun 10am–4pm.

Sarah Lawrence College
[www.slc.edu](http://www.slc.edu)
- **All the Queens Men**. A decades-long photographic project by guest photography faculty member Katie Murray that explores the rites, rituals, and relationships of men. Through 12/19. Mon–Fri 10am-4pm, Sat–Sun 1-4pm.

transFORM Gallery
[www.transformgallery.com](http://www.transformgallery.com)

Westchester Italian Cultural Center
[www.wiccny.org](http://www.wiccny.org)
- **Presepio Napoletano**. Traditional Italian Nativity handcrafted in wood, cork and papier-mache with terra cotta figures. 12/6–12/24. 10am–5pm.
Bullseye Glass Resource Center
www.bullseyeglass.com
• Scaling Up: Tabletops, with Nathan Sandberg. Starting with small samples and concluding with a 15” x 18” x 1” tabletop, learn everything you need to know about large-scale kiln projects. 12/4-12/7. Thu-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 9am-5pm.

Chappaqua Library
www.chappaqualibrary.org
• Craft Corner. Bring needlepoint, knitting, crocheting and embroidery to an informal craft group. 12/1 and 12/15, 1-3pm.

Clay Art Center
www.clayartcenter.org
• Holiday Mini-Classes. Decorate your home for the holidays in these one-day, family friendly workshops for all levels. Forever Ornaments 12/6, Pendant Bead Jewelry 12/15. Sessions take place from 1-4pm.
• Cladies Night. Plan a great date night or a girls’ night out while exploring the transformative qualities of clay. Fridays 12/5, 12/12, and 12/19 from 7-9pm.
• For more Clay Art Center workshops, visit www.clayartcenter.org.

Greenburgh Arts and Culture Committee
www.greenburghartsandculture.org
• Brenda Connor Bey Learning to See Legacy - Poetry Workshop Series. Focuses on ekphrastic creative writing and explorations of all art forms as well as other ways to “see.” 10:30am-12:30pm on 1/8, 1/15, and 1/22 (snowdate 1/29). Beginners as well as established poets welcome. At Greenburgh Public Library.

Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art
www.hvcca.org
• Live Arts Festival. Bring the kids and enjoy art making with the whole family with the Orange Splot Mobile Art Lab. 1/10, 1-5pm.

Hudson Valley Writers Center
www.writerscenter.org
• Poetic Process: Towards a Non-Theory of Creativity. Consider the many uses of metaphor, image-making, so-called “free association,” and associative reading and writing. 12/13, 10am-4pm.
• Contemporary Voices in American Poetry. Encourages students to explore a range of contemporary poetry as they uncover their own talents and voice. 12/20, 10am-4pm.
• For more Writers Center workshops, visit www.writerscenter.org

The Center for the Digital Arts of Westchester Community College recently celebrated 20 years of innovation and service to Westchester and Putnam Counties. It is an example of arts technology integration in higher education creating access to digital arts education in the 21st Century. The Center supports five industry-grade post-production studios that offer a full range of robust computer graphics including: 2D/3D animation, digital filmmaking, game design, digital imaging, web design, and e-publishing. In addition, it offers prosumer production equipment and fine arts space. The Center for the Digital Arts also offers student services, General Education courses, ESL, and noncredit courses for students from 7 to 70+ years of age.

Please see our website www.sunywcc.edu/peekskill for more information. Call us at 914-606-7300 or email peekskill@sunywcc.edu.
Katonah Museum of Art
www.katonahmuseum.org
- School’s Out/Art’s In. Teaching artists introduce a different project each day, including kimono dolls, origami, masks, and Japanese-inspired cards. Ages 3+. 10am-3pm on 12/26, 30, 31, and 1/2.

New Rochelle Public Library
www.nrpl.org
- Vacation Week Craft Workshop, Junk to Treasures. Create any and everything using boxes, bottle caps, ribbon, paper from wrappings or catalogues, and more. 12/29, 2-3:30pm and 1/2, 11am-12:30pm.

Pelham Art Center
www.pelhamartcenter.org
- Adult Holiday Wreath Workshop. Learn to make a holiday wreath from scratch using various Christmas greens. 12/13, 2pm.
- Family Gingerbread House Workshop. Make a fun edible treat. 12/13, 2pm.
- For more Pelham Art Center workshops, visit www.pelhamartcenter.org

The Picture House
www.thepicturehouse.org
- Frozen Winter Camp. A two day camp of learning your favorite Frozen songs, acting out the greatest scenes from the movie, and making a short movie of your work. 12/29–12/30, 9am.

The Reilly League of Artists
www.reillyleague.com
- FACES of Westchester Libraries. A weekly opportunity to honor local librarians by painting their portraits. Tuesdays at 6pm through 12/16.

Westchester Community College Center For The Arts
www.sunywcc.edu/arts
- Drawing Marathon. Participants will work towards a greater understanding of anatomy and the technical aspects of drawing in a short amount of time. 12/5–12/6, 10am-4pm.

Westchester Italian Cultural Center
www.wiccny.org
- Cooking for Children: Amazing Lemon Drop Cookies. Learn to make Anginetti, the perfect Italian lemon drop cookie for the holidays. All ages. 12/6, 2pm.
- Buon Natale: Presepio Workshop. Create your own unique nativity set to take home to enjoy for the holidays. All ages. Adult participation must be with a child. 12/13, 2pm.

The Hudson Valley Writers Center is excited about our December 2014 and January 2015 events and course offerings. In January, we will launch our new “Year-of-the Book” courses in Fiction & Poetry. HVWC teachers and writers, Joanne Dobson (Karen Pelletier Mystery Series), Karen Engelmann (The Stockholm Octavo, Ecco 2013), and Jennifer Franklin (Looming, Elixir Press 2015) will help shepherd each students’ full-length poetry collection or novel to a complete draft by December 31, 2015. Courses begin the second week of January. Please see www.writerscenter.org for details.

In March, Slapering Hol Press will publish The Owl Invites Your Silence by Richard Parisio, the 2014 Sanger Stewart Chapbook Contest Winner. The annual Sanger Stewart Reading will take place @ HVWC on Sunday March 22, 2015.

UPCOMING EVENTS & COURSES:
12/5 Fri. 7:30pm: Jeffrey Harrison & Jeffrey McDaniel Reading. Please join us to hear lauded poets Jeffrey Harrison and Jeffrey McDaniel read from their most recent collections.
12/12 Fri. 7:30pm: 4th Annual Poetry MFA Spotlight Featuring poets Ribogerto Gonzalez & Sean Nevin plus nine student poets from Drew, Hunter and Rutgers-Newark.
On November 22, close to 400 guests gathered at ArtsWestchester’s “1965: When It All Began” gala to celebrate its two honorees – Robert Wiener and the Westchester Medical Center – for their tireless support of the arts. At the event, ArtsWestchester also officially kicked off its 50th anniversary celebration with a countdown, after which confetti filled the dance floor and guests danced the night away to 60s tunes. For more info, visit: www.artswestchester.org/50th-anniversary.

For more gala photos, visit: artsw.org/photogallery.
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