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May 1, 2015

Dear Residents and Friends of Montclair:

The 2015 May in Montclair Celebration is here!

Starting with the Maypole performances at Watchung Plaza and culminating in the solemn, yet inspirational, Memorial Day observance at Edgemont Park, May in Montclair is a cornucopia of festivals, local shopping, fairs, markets, tours, lectures, horticulture, music, and art.

This committee of local, committed volunteers has ensured that the thirty-seventh celebration will raise the bar yet again for this wonderful tradition celebrating the beauty and indomitable spirit of Montclair. I am sure that Betty Dallery, who founded May in Montclair in 1979, would be amazed at and exceedingly proud of what her "baby" has become.

So, grab a copy of the award-quality Calendar of Events and get to as many as you can. The people of Montclair and our 20,000 blooming tulips hope to make this your most rewarding May ever.

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I am proud to be part of one of those, now in its 37th year: "May in Montclair". Betty Dallery, who died in 2013 at age 106, founded the project in 1979. A simple idea, really. People and businesses give a few dollars and buy over 20,000 tulip bulbs. They are given to parks, churches, and schools to plant in November for a May bloom. The Montclair Art Museum alone gets over 600 bulbs. Also, a free Calendar of Events book is published and distributed in April all across Montclair Township. Nonprofit groups are invited to submit their May events and volunteers sell advertising to businesses to defray costs. Our calendar contains over 100 events, an updated list of local restaurants, lists of summer town recreational events, a list of tulip sponsors, and highlights supporting businesses.

Karen Shinevar, 2015 Committee Chair, May In Montclair

Visit www.mayinmontclair.org to view the book online and to check out all of the latest events!

Tulips, Tulips, Tulips Everywhere...

Your donations to May in Montclair help buy 20,000+ tulip bulbs which are provided to the Township and to local schools, churches, and organizations to plant in the parks and on their grounds. Many volunteers participate in planting and we thank them for their efforts. Look for displays at the following park locations in beautiful Montclair:



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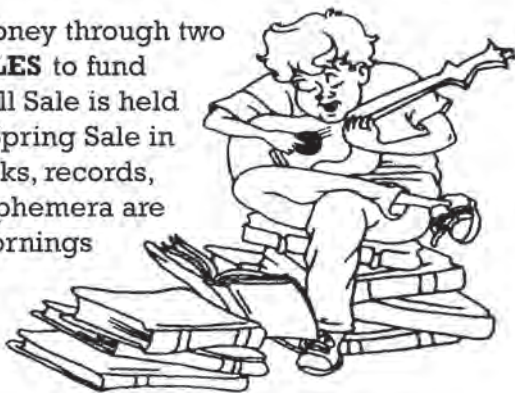


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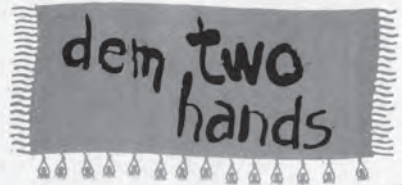
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MAY

- 15 *Community Band Spring Concert - MHS Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.*
- 18 *Movie for Seniors – featuring “The Butler”, 1 p.m.
Municipal Building, 205 Claremont, Admission: 50¢*
- 23 *Essex Pool opens for weekends only, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.*
- 25 *Memorial Day Services - Edgemont Park, 10 a.m.
Rain Location – Municipal Building, 205 Claremont*

JUNE

- 6 *African-American Parade, 10 a.m., starts at Glenfield Park
Festival, 1 p.m., Nishuane Park*
- 7 *YMCA/MRCA 10K Run, 9:30 a.m. 2-Mile Walk/Run, 8:30 a.m.*
- 26 *Family Movie Night - Edgemont Park, 9:00 p.m.*
- 30 *Community Band Concert - MHS Amphitheater, 7:30 p.m.*

JULY

- 4 *4TH OF JULY PARADE, 11 a.m., Picnic @ Edgemont Park,
1 p.m. Fireworks, 9 p.m., Yogi Berra Stadium at MSU.*
- 10 *Family Movie Night - Mountainside Park, 9:00 p.m.*
- 14 *Community Band Concert - MHS Amphitheater, 7:30 p.m.*
- 24 *Family Movie Night - Nishuane Park, 9:00 p.m.*
- 28 *Community Band Concert - MHS Amphitheater, 7:30 p.m.*



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MAY IN MONTCLAIR

2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



FRIDAY, MAY 1

MAY IN MONTCLAIR OPENING CEREMONIES, sponsored by Township of Montclair and the May in Montclair Committee. Watchung Plaza. 12:30 pm. Join your neighbors and enjoy performances by pupils from our local schools. See Edgemont School students perform the May Pole Dance; hear the Bluehawks Band from Northeast Elementary; listen to songs by the Watchung School Chorus. This is the kick-off ceremony for the entire May in Montclair festivities. All are welcome. For more info: mayinmontclair.org, joanzbloch@gmail.com, 973-509-4166. Free.

MONTCLAIR FILM FESTIVAL continues through May 10th with showings at venues throughout town. Consult their directory or visit their website at montclairfilmfest.org for the latest information. Reservations/registration required. For more info: info@montclairfilmfest.org, 973-783-6433.

A RITE OF SPRING! ANNUAL HERB SALE, sponsored by Montclair Historical Society. 108 Orange Road, Montclair, NJ 07042, 9 am – 5 pm. Visit the Montclair Historical Society's site during the first weekend in May and see the unique herbs we have to offer for your garden. This year we are introducing a selection of heirloom vegetables in addition to our herbs. Check our website in April for the 2015 pre-order form and list of new vegetables offered. Herb Sale Hours: Thursday, April 30, 9 am – 8 pm, Friday, May 1, 9 am – 5 pm Saturday, May 2, 9 am – 3 pm (or until we sell out!) For more info: www.montclairhistorical.org, mail@montclairhistorical.org, 973-744-1796. Free.

HAWK WATCHING, sponsored by Montclair Bird Club. Southerly end of Mills Reservation at cliff site - park on Edgecliff Road. 9 am – 4 pm. An intern from NJ Audubon and members of the Montclair Bird Club will be on site identifying and counting hawks and other

raptors as they fly north to their traditional breeding grounds. Join the fun learning about birds and enjoy a fabulous view of the New York City area. For more info: www.montclairbirdclub.org. Free.

2015 VAN VLECK PLANT & GARDEN SALE, sponsored by Van Vleck House and Gardens. 21 Van Vleck Street, Montclair, NJ 07042. 10 am. Join us for the 12th Annual Van Vleck House and Garden Benefit Plant Sale, where garden enthusiasts can conveniently find the finest local plant selections, featuring edible plants and baskets. You'll also find expert landscape advice and novel garden accessories. Become a friend of Van Vleck for 10% discount. Visit early for the best selection, rain or shine. For more info: www.vanvleck.org, info@vanvleck.org, 973-744-4752. Free.

RUTGERS ESSEX COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ANNUAL PLANT SALE, sponsored by Rutgers Essex County Master Gardeners. Presby Memorial Iris Garden, 474 Upper Mountain Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07043. 10 am – 4 pm. Annuals, perennials, shrubs, small trees, herbs, heirloom tomatoes, hanging baskets and more. The local beekeeper will be on hand selling local honey. For more info: mgessex.org, 973-228-2210. Free.



WOMEN ARE NOT SMALL MEN - CORRECT EXERCISE SELECTION AND TRAINING TIPS FOR WOMEN, sponsored by ADVANCED FITNESS CONCEPTS / Gordon Waddell, PES, CSCS, CES. 125 Gates Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. 11:30 am. Learn how to select exercises that tone muscles and reduce body fat while avoiding pain and injury. Women need exercises that are based on their unique skeletal structure, muscle fiber type, posture and hormonal cycles. Guaranteed to make you think and re-think your exercise program. Please RSVP, no walk-ins. Reservations/registration required by April 29th. For more info: fitmontclair.wordpress.com/may-in-montclair-2015/, Gordon@advanced-fitness-concepts.com, 973-865-6691. Free.

CLOSER LOOK TOUR, sponsored by Montclair Art Museum. 3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. 2 pm. Coincides with the MAM's Free First Fridays. Join us for informal 20-minute gallery talks that provide an in-depth examination of one to two works of art on view in the galleries. Tours are led by MAM educators and docents. The Montclair Art Museum galleries are free 12 – 5 p.m. the first Friday of every month. For more info: montclairartmuseum.org, 973-746-5555. Free.

TEEN DIGITAL SCAVENGER HUNT, sponsored by Montclair Public Library. 50 South Fullerton Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. 3 pm. The Youth Services Department wants to challenge the teens of Montclair to participate in our Digital Scavenger Hunt. Teens, who will be given a list of 100 items that may be found at the library, will work in teams of up to four (4) people. Participants must also bring a digital or a phone camera to use for the game. Bragging rights and a prize will be awarded to the team that finds and captures the most items on the list. Let the games begin! Grades 6 to 12. Reservations/registration required by April 30th. For more info: www.montclairlibrary.org, lisa.sedita@montclair.bccls.org, 973-744-0500 xt2238. Free.

HAIR, sponsored by MSU Department of Theater and Dance. Memorial Auditorium, MSU. 7:30 pm. *Hair*, the legendary, trailblazing rock musical, puts the philosophy and culture of 60s-era flower children center stage. A show that bridges generations and viewpoints, featuring phenomenally successful musical numbers such as *Aquarius* and *Good Morning Starshine*, Hair's vitality and exuberance lives on. For more info: <http://peakperfs.tix.com>, community@mail.montclair.edu, 973-655-3321. \$15. Free for MSU undergrads.

STOP KISS, sponsored by Studio Players. 14 Alvin Place, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043. 8 pm. *Stop Kiss* is a drama/comedy by Diana Son. The story begins in a New York apartment, with Callie running hopelessly late for an appointment. Sara, friend of a friend from out-of-town, stops by to drop off her cat. At their first meeting, the two women form a bond that neither expects. Their connection leads to unexpected joy and tragedy. Adult language and content. For more info: <http://studioplayhouse.org/other-peoples-money/>, boxoffice@studioplayhouse.org, 973-744-9752. \$20-Adult \$17-Senior/Student.

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THE RESTORATION FAIR RETURNS, sponsored by Montclair Historical Society. 108 Orange Road, Montclair, NJ 07042. 10 am. Meet the craftsman who can make your restoration project come to life. Fair includes free workshops and activities for kids. In the event of rain the fair will resume inside the lower program level of the Crane House and Historic YWCA. Details on workshops and activities will be posted as the event approaches. For vendors interested in having a table at the fair, please contact MHS staff at 973-744-1796 or mail@montclair-historical.org for details on the event. Free.

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WRITE WORKSHOPS, sponsored by Montclair Write Group. Montclair Library Conference Room, 50 South Fullerton Avenue, Montclair. 10:15 am. Writing workshop that creatively writes to prompts. Open to all! For more info: selinger99@aol.com, 973-953-0937. Free.

WALKING TOUR OF UPPER MONTCLAIR BUSINESS DISTRICT, sponsored by Montclair Historical Society, Friends of Anderson Park and Bike&Walk. Meeting location provided upon registration. 10:30 am. This 2 ½-hour walking tour will chronicle the development of the area from a rural settlement in the 1880s to a burgeoning suburban town in the 1930s. For reservations and starting location, contact mail@montclairhistorical.org or 973-744-1796. Online registration by May 1st available at www.montclairhistorical.org (click on Things to Do tab, then Events). (We will be collecting non-perishable food contributions for Human Needs Food Pantry, in collaboration with the St. James Church food drive.) For day-of-event inquiries, call 973-495-9589. \$5 suggested and food donation. *Rain date: May 3rd.*

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ENJOY EXPLORE INDIA: THE LITTLE BRAVE HARE STORYTIME AND WORKSHOP, sponsored by Montclair Public Library. 50 South Fullerton Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. 2 pm. Listen to the story of the little brave hare from the Panchatantra, the book of famous animal stories from India. The story set in the great jungles of India has traveled around the world and the story of the brave hare has inspired many through the ages. Make a rabbit and lion puppet in this workshop and get ready to tell the story to your friends! Enjoy Explore India provides dynamic programs that teaches families about India and her invaluable contributions to the world. Auditorium. Ages 4 to 10. Reservations/registration required by May 1st. For more info: www.montclairlibrary.org, lisa.sedita@montclair.bccls.org, 973-744-0500 x2238. Free.

BOOK TALK - MEET HEATHER VOGEL FREDERICK, sponsored by Christian Science Reading Room. 46A Fairfield Street, Montclair, NJ 07042. 2 pm. "Seeking and Finding Mary Baker Eddy" - a talk by Heather Vogel Frederick, the co-author of *A World More Bright: The Life of Mary Baker Eddy*. Heather is the author of 17 books for young people, and lives with her family in Oregon. This dynamic, visually-rich presentation will take you behind the scenes into the research and writing process. For more info: www.csmontclair.com, cs@montclairreadingroom.com, 973-744-3366. Free.

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SUNDAY, MAY 3

CAT/KITTEN ADOPTION EVENT, sponsored by Cameron Animal Hospital. 417 Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. 12 - 4 pm. Kittens and cats will be available for viewing and adoption. Adoptions include FELV/FIV testing, vaccination, and spay/neuter surgery. Typical adoption fees are \$100 per cat, which helps the hospital provide shelter, food, medical care, vaccinations, enrichment and behavioral rehabilitation for adoptable animals. For a quick view of some of the animals that will be available for adoption, check out Cameron's pet list on Petfinder (<https://www.petfinder.com/pet-search?shelterid=NJ150&sort=pet-identifier>). The family-owned hospital provides services to cats, dogs, and other small animals, including rabbits, rats, ferrets, and more. Cameron Animal Hospital is not a shelter, but works extensively with the rescue community

in Essex County. For questions about cat adoptions, or to receive pre-approval, please email jennithefostermom@gmail.com. For more information, call 973-744-2052. Free.

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SPRING BLING: GLASS JEWELRY MAKING, sponsored by Montclair Art Museum. 3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. 12 pm. Discover the fun of making jewelry with fused glass! Students will assemble colorful pieces of glass to create stunning original jewelry. Pieces will be kiln-fused and ready for pickup approximately two weeks after the workshop. Materials and firing fees included in tuition. Reservations/registration required by May 1st. For more info: montclairartmuseum.org, 973-746-5555. \$75 members/\$95 nonmembers.



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MONTCLAIR AUTHOR KRISTINE A. LOMBARDI, LOVEY BUNNY, sponsored by Montclair Public Library. 50 South Fullerton Avenue Montclair, NJ 07042. 3 pm. Lovey Bunny is the happiest little girl around, but learns that not everything

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MONDAY, MAY 4

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CELEBRATE MONTCLAIR AS THE SUNSMARTEST TOWN IN AMERICA, 13 The Crescent, Montclair NJ 07042. 6:30 pm. Join us as we celebrate Montclair on becoming the SunSmartest Town in America. Come for a taste of Montclair as well as entertainment and libations. The party will be on the rooftop of the Crescent Lot Parking Deck with spectacular views of Montclair, NYC and the rest of the picturesque surroundings. Tickets are available online at www.livesunsmart.org/CelebrateMontclair. Reservations/registration required. For more info: info@livesunsmart.org, 973-744-3557. \$50.

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WOMANSONG CHORAL FESTIVAL, sponsored by The WomanSONG Intergenerational Chorus, 82 Union Street, Montclair, NJ 07042. 8 pm. WomanSONG Chorus, based at the Montclair Women's Club (82 Union Street) is sponsoring our first invitational Choral Festival. Performers will include area school and community choruses. Invited, along with the WomanSONG Chorus, are the James Caldwell High School Madrigal Singers, the Montclair High School Passing Notes...and more. Tickets are \$5 at the door. For more info: depio@comcast.net, 973-954-0650.

TUESDAY, MAY 5

TAI CHI, sponsored by Van Vleck House and Gardens. 21 Van Vleck Street, Montclair, NJ 07042. 9:30 am. Join us for Tai Chi in the living room of the Van Vleck House. Tai Chi is a centuries-old internal Chinese martial art practiced in a meditative, slow, gentle, and graceful sequence of movements that has been shown to enhance health, relaxation, and self cultivation and is practiced by millions worldwide. Tai Chi may be adapted to suit nearly anyone, regardless of physical condition. Session Pass (4 classes): \$70 Friends/\$85 Others. \$20-\$24 per class. Reservations/registration required. For more info: www.vanvleck.org, education@vanvleck.org, 973-744-4752.

SUPPORT GROUP MEETING, sponsored by Montclair Write Group. Montclair Library Conference Room. 50 South Fullerton Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. 10:15 – 11:30 am. Write Group Support Group meetings are held every Tuesday morning and we discuss each writer's issues, writing topics and business activities. Open to all! For more info: selinger99@aol.com, 973-953-0937. Free.

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THE ART OF CHAMBER MUSIC, sponsored by John J. Cali School of Music. Alexander Kasser Theater, MSU. 7:30 pm. The Cali School of Music's top students and faculty members present an ongoing exploration of masterworks from across the broad spectrum of the chamber music repertoire. For more info: <http://peakperfs.tix.com>, boxoffice@mail.montclair.edu, 973-655-5112. \$15. Free for MSU undergrads.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

GARDEN DISCOVERIES, sponsored by Van Vleck House and Gardens. 21 Van Vleck Street, Montclair, NJ 07042. 1 pm. Our Garden Discoveries classes are designed to inspire children about the natural world around them. Since each child learns in a different way, every class examines one topic through stories, outdoor exploration,

and hands-on activities and specimens. Each program will include a guided hike, hands-on activities and a story. For 3-5 year olds (accompanied by parent/caregiver.) Reservations/registration required. For more info: www.vanvleck.org, education@vanvleck.org, 973-744-4752. \$7-\$10.

CREATIVE AGING INITIATIVE: ARTFUL OUTING, sponsored by Montclair Art Museum, 3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. 2 pm. MAM invites people with dementia and their care partners to attend an interactive gallery program led by MAM docents and educators. Interact with current exhibitions in a meaningful way through hands-on activities and gallery engagement. If you are an individual caregiver or program coordinator for a care facility and wish to participate, please call 973-259-5136 or contact tours@montclairartmuseum.org to make a reservation. For more info: 973-746-5555. Free.

BACKYARD BIRDING FOR KIDS - MIGRATION, sponsored by Van Vleck House and Gardens, 21 Van Vleck Street, Montclair, NJ 07042. 4:30 pm. Have you



ever imagined flying 18,000 miles in a year? Some birds do just that in order to raise a family. Join us as we learn about the amazing journeys of birds. Class includes a story, a game and a hike. Rain or Shine. 3 Wednesday hikes in May. Series Rate: \$30 Friends; \$40 Others. Individual classes \$12 – \$15. For more info: www.vanvleck.org, education@vanvleck.org, 973-744-4752.

STRONG WOMEN, POWERFUL FINANCIAL STRATEGIES, sponsored by Christine Frole and Associates. Halcyon Restaurant, 114 Walnut Street, Montclair, NJ 07042. 6:30 pm. Learn ways to take control of your finances. Appetizers and cocktails provided. Reservations/registration required. For more info: dcatt0568@gmail.com, 973-532-6200. Free.

THURSDAY, MAY 7

COFFEE AND A CAUSE, sponsored by The Salvation Army, 13 Trinity Place, Montclair, NJ 07042. 9 am. Coffee and a Cause is a brunch for community minded individuals who want to learn how The Salvation Army is serving this community, particularly homeless and marginalized individuals through its extensive social service programs. The guest this year is April Foster, who spent several decades as a lay missionary in Africa and now serves in West Nyack, New York as the director of the Others, The Salvation Army Trade for Hope Initiative. Founded in Bangladesh, Others was designed to create jobs, ensure fair compensation and support to improve the quality of life. Reservations/registration required. For more info: www.montclaircitadel.org, michele.kroeze@use.salvationarmy.org, 973-744-3312. Free.

FREE FIRST THURSDAY NIGHT AT MAM, sponsored by Montclair Art Museum, 3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. 5 pm. The Montclair Art Museum invites you to enjoy a night out at the Museum the first Thursday of the month from October through



June, including live music, tours, and interactive entertainment. A full-service bar with special First Thursday Night prices sponsored by Pig & Prince, one of Montclair's most celebrated eateries, is open all evening, and food trucks serve a variety of delicious fare. Try your hand at drawing the figure, explore MAM's galleries, see live performances, and more. Check montclairartmuseum.org for special programming. For more info: 973-746-5555. Free.

MONTHLY POETRY SERIES AT MONTCLAIR PUBLIC LIBRARY, sponsored by Laura Boss/Maria Maziotti Gillan, 50 South Fullerton Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. 7 pm. Poets Laura Boss and Maria Maziotti Gillan host a series of featured poets and an open reading on the first Thursday of the month. For more info: 973-744-0500. Free.

FRIDAY, MAY 8

6TH ANNUAL UNIVERSITY TEACHING AND LEARNING SHOWCASE, sponsored by Research Academy for University Learning, Montclair State University. University Hall - Conference Center, 7th Floor, Montclair State University. 9 am -

4 pm. The Research Academy for University Learning, in partnership with the Office of the Provost, is proud to present the Sixth Annual University Teaching and Learning Showcase. Sessions will be scheduled throughout the day, and will be mixed with breakfast, lunch, a keynote address, and poster session. This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Patrick Blessinger, Chief Scientist, and Executive Director, International Higher Education Teaching and Learning Association (HETL). For all the details and to register please visit <http://www.montclair.edu/academy/events/university-showcase/>. For more info: teach-learn@mail.montclair.edu, 973-655-3276. Free.

NATIONAL PUBLIC GARDENS DAY AT PRESBY, sponsored by Essex County Presby Memorial Iris Gardens. 474 Upper Mountain Avenue, Walther House, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043. 10 am. Opening Ceremony with Board of Trustees President Nancy Skjei-Lawes. Program features authors Nancy Berner and Susan Lowry of Gardens of the Garden State; Iris and Garden Information; The Wonder of Bees. Check our website for details. For more info: www.presbyirisgardens.org, info@presbyirisgardens.org, 973-783-5974. Free.

BLOOM ROOM OPEN AND PRESBY IRIS PLANT SALE, sponsored by Essex County Presby Memorial Iris Gardens. 474 Upper Mountain Avenue, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043. 10 am - 3 pm. We offer an exciting mix of reasonably priced home and garden accents. Potted and bare root irises from our collection are available for purchase. Visitors may also reserve summer grab bags. For more info: www.presbyirisgardens.org, info@presbyirisgardens.org, 973-783-5974. Free.

SEASONAL INTEREST GARDEN TOURS, sponsored by Van Vleck House and Gardens. 21 Van Vleck Street, Montclair, NJ 07042. 1 pm. Join Laura Roberts, Garden Manager of Van Vleck, for a stroll through

the gardens as the chilly winter season ends and spring begins to emerge, then continuing into late spring as the garden prepares for summer. Tours will focus on plants of interest each month, including fabulous blooms and foliage as well as seeds, fruits, bark and buds. You can sign up for each tour individually, or the entire series of 4 tours for a reduced rate. Individual classes \$5-\$7. Rain or shine – please dress for the weather with sturdy footwear. Registration required. For more info: www.vanvleck.org, education@vanvleck.org, 973-744-4752.

SCULPTOR NORA CHAVOOSHIAN, sponsored by Montclair Women's Club. 82 Union Street, Montclair, NJ 07042. 1:30 pm. Sculptor Nora Chavooshian will discuss her works and her career. Refreshments are included. For more info: 973-202-2995. \$5.00 at door.

FOR MOM: CUPCAKES FROM THE HEART (AGES 8+), sponsored by Montclair Art Museum. 3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. 4 pm. Create amazing and edible cupcake toppers for a memorable Mother's Day. Art instructor Elisabeth Antoine will provide the materials and step-by-step instructions to help students craft adorable fondant decorations. Then, on Mother's Day, bake some cupcakes at home, top them with icing and the finished fondant toppers to reward Mom with a delicious artistic treat that she won't soon forget. Students should bring a Tupperware container for carrying home their cupcake toppers. Reservations/registration required by May 8th. For more info: montclairartmuseum.org, 973-746-5555. \$35 members/ \$55 nonmembers.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

BLOOM ROOM OPEN AND PRESBY IRIS PLANT SALE, sponsored by Essex County Presby Memorial Iris Gardens. 474 Upper Mountain Avenue, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043. 10 am – 3 pm. We offer an exciting

mix of reasonable priced home and garden accents. Potted and bare root irises from our collection are available for purchase. Visitors may also reserve summer grab bags. Sale continues on Mother's Day. For more info: www.presbyirisgardens.org, info@presbyirisgardens.org, 973-783-5974. Free.

TREES OF ANDERSON PARK: LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, sponsored by Friends of Anderson Park. 274 Bellevue Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07043. 10:30 am. This tour of Olmsted-designed Anderson Park focuses on the renewal of the park's historic, century-old tree canopy. Led by landscape historian Judith Earley. Meet at the boulder at the park's northeast entrance. Light rain does not cancel, but heavy rain reschedules to Sunday, May 10, same time. For more info: <http://www.friendsofandersonpark.com/>, earleyjudith@gmail.com, 862-202-9251. Free. *Rain date: May 10th.*

JUMP START PARENTING, sponsored by Mothers In Training, LLC. 615 Valley Road, Montclair, NJ 07043. 11 am. Boost your parenting skills for better family performance. We will discuss proactive vs. reactive parenting, authoritative and authoritarian parenting styles, creating household systems, and more. Don't miss the opportunity to add some new methods to your parenting. Solid skills are the key to a great family. Reservations/registration required by May 2nd. For more info: www.mothersintraining.org, mothersintraining.org@gmail.com, 973-493-6918. \$10.

OUR STORY IN COLLAGE (AGES 5+), sponsored by Montclair Art Museum. 3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. 1 pm. Make this Mother's Day weekend special by preserving your lifelong memories with the creation of a personal collage, an expressive medium, especially when combined with personal touches. Bring copies of your best photos and spend time with your child creating a collage that tells your story together. Take your piece home and find a special place

to hang it so that others can see your story. Limited to 20 participants; prices are per pair. Reservations/registration required by May 8th. For more info: montclairartmuseum.org, 973-746-5555. \$40 members/\$60 nonmembers.

WORLD FAIR TRADE DAY

CELEBRATIONS, sponsored by Terra at The Isabel Rose Cafe, 50 South Fullerton Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. 1 – 4 pm. Live music by local bluegrass trio, The Wee Dogies, fair trade tea, coffee and fair food tastings. For more info: terramontclair@yahoo.com. Free.

“TRANSFORMATIONS”, sponsored by Union Congregational Church, 176 Cooper Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07043. 8 pm. Eric Olsen links the emotion and beauty of classical and popular melodies to an improvisatory tapestry, creating a new art experience. The result is a fun and revealing musical journey of transformation and renewal. Come and share in the spirit of the Nexus Quartet with Eric Olsen at the piano, Don Braden on saxophone, Ratzon Harris on bass and Tim Horner on the drums. For more info: unioncong.org, infoucc@unioncong.org, 973-744-7424. Free.

SUNDAY, MAY 10

“ARE WE THERE YET?” sponsored by Union Congregational Church, 176 Cooper Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07043. 10 am. The Children’s Choirs of Union Cong present the story of Moses and the Exodus in this upbeat composition by Allen Pote. It is part of our regular 10 am worship service which will also include hymns, prayer, and offering. The Children’s presentation is the message (sermon) for the day. Join us and bring the whole family. For more info: unioncong.org, ceucc@unioncong.org, 973-744-7424. Free.

MOTHER’S DAY AT PRESBY, sponsored by Essex County Presby Memorial Iris Gardens, 474 Upper Mountain Avenue,

Upper Montclair, NJ 07043. 10 am – 3 pm. Enjoy the day with Mom at Presby. Treat her to a special iris or item from our Bloom Room Gift Shop. Free music program 11 am – 3 pm. A special luncheon is planned; ticket information will be available on our website. For more info: www.presbyirisgardens.org, info@presbyirisgardens.org, 973-783-5974.

HISTORIC HOUSE TOURS, sponsored by Montclair Historical Society, 108 Orange Road, Montclair, NJ 07042. 1 pm. Step back through over 200 years of American history at our historic properties at 108 Orange Road. While at the Orange Road site, visit the newly reinterpreted Crane House to reflect the YWCA period from 1920-1965, check out the farm and meet the chickens. Open from 1 to 4 pm. Free will donation. Free admission for members! See more at: <http://montclairhistorical.org/events/historic-house-tours>. or mail@montclairhistorical.org, 973-744-1796. Free.

REPAST BAROQUE ENSEMBLE:

LA MADONNA, sponsored by Peak Performances. Alexander Kasser Theater,



MSU. 8 pm. A baroque celebration of Mother's Day. Enjoy a program of works in praise of motherhood. From Biber's *Annunciation Sonata* to Purcell's *Blessed Virgin Expostulation*, all the works on the program, played by the finest instrumentalists on period instruments, will honor the mothers among us. 85 minutes with one intermission. For more info: <http://peakperfs.tix.com>, boxoffice@mail.montclair.edu, 973-655-5112. \$20. Free for MSU undergrads.

TUESDAY, MAY 12

CONTAINER VEGETABLE GARDENING, sponsored by Montclair Public Library. 50 South Fullerton Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. 7 pm. This talk will introduce novice and experienced gardeners alike to the benefits of growing vegetables in containers. Learn about container and soil selection, vegetables that thrive in containers, irrigation, fertilization, dealing with pests and using replanting techniques to increase yields. Offered by the Rutgers Master Gardeners of Essex County. For more info: www.montclairlibrary.org/calendar, publicrelations@montclair.becls.org, 973-744-0500. Free.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

PARK BENCH, sponsored by Montclair Art Museum. 3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. 9:30 am. Parents with young children will enjoy this program that introduces children to the Montclair Art Museum and serves as an artistic social outing. Get acquainted with other parents and young children, work on fun art projects, and take a guided tour of the Museum. The program is led by MAM Educator Angela Frasco and geared towards preschool age children. Storytelling provided in the galleries courtesy of the Montclair Public Library. For more info: montclairartmuseum.org, 973-259-5119. \$18 per family/ \$6 members.

CREATIVE AGING INITIATIVE: ART IN THE AFTERNOON, sponsored by Montclair Art Museum. 3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. 2 pm. MAM invites area seniors to an artistic social outing each second Wednesday of the month. Each session will feature tours and engaging conversations in the galleries and thematically related art activities in Leir Hall. Refreshments will be served. For more info: montclairartmuseum.org, 973-746-5555. \$10 seniors, Free MAM members.

BACKYARD BIRDING FOR KIDS - TERRITORY/COURTSHIP, sponsored by Van Vleck House and Gardens. 21 Van Vleck Street, Montclair, NJ 07042. 4:30 pm. Birds travel many miles, face many dangers and still have to find the perfect mates and a place to raise their families. Come take a hike looking for signs of birds establishing their homes on the beautiful property of Van Vleck House and Gardens. Class includes a story, game and hike. Rain or Shine. Reservations/registration required. For more info: www.vanvleck.org, education@vanvleck.org, 973-744-4752. \$12 – \$15.

LANDSCAPE BY THE YARD - PRACTICAL TIPS FOR THE HOME GARDENER, sponsored by Van Vleck House and Gardens.

21 Van Vleck Street, Montclair, NJ 07042.
7 pm. Workshop led by noted landscape designer Lisa Mierop, owner/operator of Mierop Design, and landscaper Frank J. Contey, owner/operator of Terra Graphics Landscape Services. Use of seasonal annuals and tropicals has exploded into its own universe of creativity and floral display. Explore some of the new and unusual options available today, along with ideas for great containers and planting tips to help maximize and prolong the show while minimizing maintenance. Reservations/registration required. For more info: www.vanvleck.org, education@vanvleck.org, 973-744-4752. \$30 – \$35.

MONTCLAIR HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA SPRING CONCERT, MHS Auditorium, 100 Chestnut Street, Montclair, NJ 07042. 7:30 pm. Enjoy the music of the Montclair High School Student Orchestra. For more info: montclair.k12.nj.us, 973-509-4100. Free.

MONTCLAIR BIRD CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, sponsored by Montclair Bird Club. Union Congregational Church, 176 Cooper Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07043. 7:30 pm. Learn about the club's activities and watch a power point presentation about birds. Go to MBC website to determine who the speaker and topic will be. For more info: www.montclairbirdclub.org. Free.

THURSDAY, MAY 14

LACORDAIRE ACADEMY'S ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE, 155 Lorraine Avenue, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043. 4 pm – 8 pm. Feed your need to read! On sale 30,000+ gently-used hardcover, paperback and audio books, sorted by subject to make shopping a breeze. For more info: LacoBookSale@msn.com, 973-744-1156 Ext 27. Free.

ART OF THE 1990S: IN THE WAKE OF IDENTITY POLITICS, sponsored by Montclair Art Museum. 3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. 7 pm. This



Panel Discussion will be an examination of the debates around identities in the 1990s and how those debates have changed over the last 20+ years. Moderated by Huey Copeland, Associate Professor of the History of Art, Northwestern University, this event is sponsored by MAM Contemporaries, a dynamic special interest group celebrating contemporary art at MAM. MAM Contemporaries are eligible for complimentary tickets; visit montclairartmuseum.org to join MAM Contemporaries or contact Lauren Drew, ldrew@montclairartmuseum.org, 973-259-5147 for your complimentary ticket. MAM Contemporaries is made possible by a grant from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation. Reservations/registration required. For more info: 973-746-5555. Free MAM Contemporaries/\$12 members/\$10 students with ID/\$15 nonmembers.

MONTCLAIR HIGH SCHOOL BAND SPRING CONCERT, MHS Auditorium, 100 Chestnut Street, Montclair, NJ 07042. 7:30 pm. MHS Band presents its spring concert. For more info: montclair.k12.nj.us, 973-509-4100. Free.

FRIDAY, MAY 15

LACORDAIRE ACADEMY'S ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE, 155 Lorraine Avenue (at Park Street), Upper Montclair, NJ 07043. 9 am – 8 pm. Feed your need to read! On sale 30,000+ gently-used hardcover, paperback and audio books, sorted by subject to make shopping a breeze. For more info: LacoBookSale@msn.com, 973-744-1156 Ext 27. Free.

BLOOM SEASON, sponsored by Essex County Presby Memorial Iris Gardens, 474 Upper Mountain Avenue, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043. May 15 – June 5 10 am -5 pm. Presby's Bloom season begins its annual display starting with our "minis" bearded collection then to our famed tall bearded irises and ends with our non-bearded irises. Visitors may purchase potted and bare-root irises from our collection and reserve summer grab bags. Free live jazz music program on designated weekends 4 pm – 6 pm. Check our website for peak bloom status. A suggested donation is requested during Bloom Season to fund operating costs. For more info: www.presbyirisgardens.org, info@presbyirisgardens.org, 973-783-5974. Free.

MAY BASKET COMPETITION, sponsored by Garden Club of Montclair. 11 am. Montclair Merchants - please note new date for May Basket. Welcome spring to Montclair by adorning your storefronts with flowers. Judging will be held on May 15, 11 am – 1 pm, rain or shine in the Upper Montclair, Watchung Plaza, Walnut and Church/South Fullerton business districts. Ribbons will be awarded to all outstanding entries. Please contact Sue Straten at suestraten@gmail.com or 973-744-1045. For more info: www.gardenclubofmontclair.org. Free.

SPRING ART WALK, sponsored by Montclair Center BID. Montclair, NJ 07042. 6 – 9 pm. The tradition continues with another edition of the popular ART WALK. This self-guided walking tour of Montclair



Center's many art and retail establishments is one of the highlights of the spring season. For more info: www.montclaircenterbid.com. Free.

ESSEX FINE ARTS GALLERY TOUR, 13 South Fullerton Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. 6 – 9 pm. Join us at the Essex Fine Arts Gallery for a night of art, fun and companionship. The gallery will be highlighting its collection of museum pieces including a lithograph by James McNeil Whistler. For more info: essexfinearts@verizon.net, 973-783-8666. Free.

MONTCLAIR WOMEN'S CLUB CLOSING LUNCHEON, sponsored by Montclair Women's Club, 82 Union Street, Montclair, NJ 07042. 12:30 pm. The final luncheon, a fundraiser for the club, will include entertainment by Shakespearian actor Geoffrey Owens, reading from great works. The cost will be approximately \$30. Reservations/registration required by May 1st. For more info: 973-202-2995.

MUSIC FOR MAY IN MONTCLAIR, sponsored by Montclair Community Band. Montclair High School Auditorium, Park St north of Chestnut. 7:30 pm. A free event! Conducted by Jim Wasko, the Montclair Community Band is comprised of 60 adults from the Montclair area. This concert will

feature marches, classical favorites and show tunes. Sponsored by the Montclair Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs. Plenty of free parking and barrier free access. For more info:

www.MontclairCommunityBand.org,
barbara.rudy@comcast.net, 973-744-1454.
Free.

WRITERS IN THE ROUND, sponsored by Outpost in the Burbs. 67 Church Street, Montclair, NJ 07042. 8 pm. Join us for an intimate evening of music: "Writers in the Round" with Jesse Terry, Abbie Gardner (Red Molly), Rebecca Loebe, and Tracy Grammer. For more info: www.outpostintheburbs.org, stevecutaia@outpostintheburbs.org, 973-744-6560. \$20 advance/\$23 door.

SATURDAY, MAY 16

ORGANIC VEGETABLE GARDEN TOUR, sponsored by Cornucopia Network of New Jersey. 56 Gordonhurst Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07043. 9 – 11 am. Gardeners share their experiences raising vegetables without poison, and show their gardens at several locations around town, including 56 Gordonhurst Avenue. For more info: cornucopianj@gmail.com, 973-744-7340. Free.

LACORDAIRE ACADEMY'S ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE, 155 Lorraine Avenue (at Park Street), Upper Montclair, NJ 07043. 9 am – 5 pm. Feed your need to read! On sale 30,000+ gently-used hardcover, paperback and audio books, sorted by subject to make shopping a breeze. For more info: LacoBookSale@msn.com, 973-744-1156 Ext 27. Free.

ALL ABOUT ABS, sponsored by ADVANCED FITNESS CONCEPTS / Gordon Waddell, PES, CSCS, CES. 125 Gates Ave Montclair, NJ 07042. 10:30 am. Change the way you think about training your abdomen. Learn what exercises really flatten the abdomen, if crunches and sit

ups are dangerous and how to flatten your abs after pregnancy. Guaranteed to be the most extensive (and safest) abdominal training class you have ever attended. Please RSVP, no walk-ins. Reservations/ registration required by May 14th. For more info: fitmontclair.wordpress.com/may-in-montclair-2015/, Gordon@advanced-fitness-concepts.com, 973-865-6691. Free.

HISTORIC WALKING TOUR OF ANDERSON PARK, sponsored by Friends of Anderson Park. 274 Bellevue Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07043. 10:30 am. Discover how this Olmsted-designed Essex County park was created 110 years ago and how it shaped Upper Montclair and led to the formation of other Montclair parks. Meet at the boulder at the park's northeast entrance. Light rain does not cancel, but heavy rain reschedules to Sunday, May 17, same time. For more info: <http://www.friendsofandersonpark.com/>, Lisanne@FriendsOfAndersonPark.com, 973-477-7207. Free.

MAYFAIR AT NISHUANE, sponsored by Nishuane PTA. 32 Cedar Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. 11 am – 4 pm. Everyone is welcome to enjoy Mayfair at Nishuane! Rides, games, food, raffle baskets, live





music and a dunk tank! For more info: <http://montclairpta.org/dynamic/start.cgi/pta/page>, Ptpres@nishuane.org, 973-509-4222. \$10 for kids 2 and up. Rain date: 05/16/2015.

FAMILY GARDEN PARTY, sponsored by Essex County Presby Memorial Iris Gardens, 474 Upper Mountain Avenue, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043. 11 am – 3 pm. Essex County Family Garden Party is a community event sponsored by Essex County Parks with entertainment, crafts, face painting, booths from local organizations such as the Essex County Environmental Center and Master Gardeners, and various food trucks. A student art exhibit will also be featured. Rain date: May 17. For more info: www.presbyirisgardens.org, info@presbyirisgardens.org, 973-783-5974. Free.

JUMP START PARENTING, sponsored by Mothers In Training, LLC, 615 Valley Road, Montclair, NJ 07043. 11 am. Boost your parenting skills for better family performance. Discuss proactive vs. reactive parenting, authoritative and authoritarian parenting styles, creating an orderly household, and more. Don't miss the opportunity to add some new methods to your parenting. Solid skills are the key to a great family. Reservations/registration required by May 8th. For more info: www.mothersintraining.org, Mothersintraining.org@gmail.com, 973-493-6918. \$15.

MAM FAMILY ART ADVENTURE, sponsored by Montclair Art Museum, 3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. 2 pm. Come to the Montclair Art Museum for an hour-long, drop-in gallery program for children five and up and their adult companions. Explore and discuss artworks and engage in fun activities in MAM's galleries and sculpture garden. For more info: montclairartmuseum.org, 973-746-5555. \$15 per family/\$5 members.

MONTCLAIR SCHOLARSHIP FUND SPRING GALA, sponsored by Montclair Scholarship Fund, Van Vleck House and Gardens, 21 Van Vleck Street, Montclair, NJ 07042. 7 – 10 pm. The evening, which honors three generations of the Bonsal family for their generous support of the cause, will include cocktails and light fare, live entertainment by Montclair High School students and an enticing "In the BAG" silent auction. All proceeds from the event will go directly to fund need-based sponsorships for talented Montclair High School seniors. Tickets start at \$100 and can be purchased online at montclairscholarshipfund.org. Attendees must be 21 or older. Reservations/registration required by May 1st. For more info: <http://montclairscholarshipfund.org>, info@montclairscholarshipfund.org.

BIRD WATCHING FIELD TRIP, sponsored by Montclair Bird Club, Bonsal Preserve - Riverview Drive, Montclair, NJ 07043. MBC member Deb DeSalvo will lead a bird watching walk through the preserve looking for Springtime warbler migrants and nesting birds. For more info: www.montclairbirdclub.org. Free.

SUNDAY, MAY 17

CAT/KITTEN ADOPTION EVENT, sponsored by Cameron Animal Hospital, 417 Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. 12 – 4 pm. Kittens and cats will be available for viewing and adoption. Adoptions include FELV/FIV testing,

vaccination, and spay/neuter surgery. Typical adoption fees are \$100 per cat, which helps the hospital provide shelter, food, medical care, vaccinations, enrichment and behavioral rehabilitation for adoptable animals. For a quick view of some of the animals that will be available for adoption, check out Cameron's pet list on Petfinder (<https://www.petfinder.com/pet-search?shelterid=NJ150&sort=pet.Identifier>). The family-owned hospital provides services to cats, dogs, and other small animals, including rabbits, rats, ferrets, and more. Cameron Animal Hospital is not a shelter, but works extensively with the rescue community in Essex County. For questions about cat adoptions, or to receive pre-approval, please email jennithefostermom@gmail.com. For more information, call 973-744-2052. Free.

LACORDAIRE ACADEMY'S ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE, 155 Lorraine Avenue (at Park Street), Upper Montclair, NJ 07043. 9 am – 5 pm. Feed your need to read! On sale 30,000+ gently-used hardcover, paperback and audio books, sorted by subject to make shopping a breeze. For more info: LacoBookSale@msn.com, 973-744-1156 Ext 27. Free.



VICTORIAN DAY IN ESSEX COUNTY ANDERSON PARK, sponsored by Friends of Anderson Park and Essex County Parks, Recreation and Cultural. 274 Bellevue Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07043. 12 – 3 pm. A celebration of Essex County Anderson Park's 110th anniversary. The Wheelmen display antique bicycles and tricycles; Victorian lawn games; live music; demonstration cricket game; birthday cake; tree planting. Spread out a blanket and bring a picnic. Co-sponsored by the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, Friends of Anderson Park, Montclair Historical Society and Bike&Walk Montclair. For more info: <http://www.friendsofandersonpark.com/>, info@friendsofandersonpark.com, 973-477-7207. Free.

FREE FAMILY DAY, sponsored by Montclair Art Museum. 3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. 1 pm. Participate in a day of exploration with many Museum-wide art activities. Roll up your sleeves and enjoy art projects for the entire family inspired by MAM's exhibition "Come as You Are: Art of the 1990s." Special appearance by Montclair School of Rock's House Band. Free Family Days are made possible, in part, by the Horizon Foundation for New Jersey. For more info: montclairartmuseum.org, 973-746-5555. Free.

HISTORIC HOUSE TOURS: REOPENING OF THE SCHULTZ HOUSE, sponsored by Montclair Historical Society. 108 Orange Road, Montclair, NJ / 30 North Mountain Ave, Montclair NJ 07042. 1 – 4 pm. Step back through over 200 years of American history at our historic properties at 108 Orange Road and 30 North Mountain Avenue. While at the Orange Road site, visit the newly reinterpreted Crane House to reflect the YWCA period from 1920-1965, check out the farm and meet the chickens. At 30 North Mountain visit the 1896 Charles Shultz House, home to three successive



generations of the Shultz family, the house is a near perfect time capsule, representing an accurate record of late nineteenth century Montclair society. For more info: www.montclairhistorical.org, mail@montclairhistorical.org, 973-744-1796. Free.

LOOKING AT NEW JERSEY: THE ARTS AND CRAFTS MOVEMENT AND HOW IT CHANGED OUR WORLD, sponsored by Montclair Historical Society. 30 North Mountain Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. 2 – 3 pm. The Montclair Historical Society will host artist, arts journalist, and author Helen Schwartz. Look at the movement past and present with an eye to what survives and how to find it. The program is funded by the Horizons Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more info: www.montclairhistorical.org, mail@montclairhistorical.org, 973-744-1796. Free.

WRITE GROUP SHOWCASE AND OPEN MIC, sponsored by Montclair Write Group. Montclair Library, 50 South Fullerton Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. 2 pm. Readings by writers in the Write Group

followed by an Open Mic that anyone can sign up for to read up to an 8-minute piece. For more info: selinger99@aol.com, 973-953-0937. Free.

WE HAVE HAD SINGING, sponsored by Schola Cantorum on Hudson. Church of the Immaculate Conception, 30 North Fullerton Avenue, Montclair NJ 07042. 5 pm. For 20 years, we have gathered to share Life as Schola Singers. Young singers and conductors have passed through on their way to careers elsewhere. Dozens find life's meaning in song in the midst of other careers. Alums join with current singers in selecting and performing 'Schola favorites' from our two decades – in addition, of course, to something from PROJECT: "ENCORE™". For more info: www.scholaonhudson.org, darlenewyzga@scholaonhudson.org, 888-407-6002x5. \$25.

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PUBLIC TOUR, sponsored by Montclair Art Museum. 3 South Mountain Ave, Montclair, NJ 07042. Discover the Museum's collection

and special exhibitions through a docent-led tour. For more info: montclairartmuseum.org, 973-746-5555. Free with Museum admission.

MONDAY, MAY 18

MONDAY MORNING YOGA, sponsored by Van Vleck House and Gardens. 21 Van Vleck Street, Montclair, NJ 07042. Begin your week with mindful vinyasa yoga in the living room of the Van Vleck House overlooking the courtyard garden. Taking inspiration from the magnificent natural beauty around us, we flow between postures at a slow to moderate pace, focusing on building strength in body and mind. This class welcomes all levels from beginner to experienced yogis. Bring your own mat. Late Spring Series Pass (all 4 classes): \$70 Friends/\$85 others. \$20 – \$24 per class. Reservations/registration required. For more info: www.vanvleck.org, education@vanvleck.org, 973-744-4752.

POLLINATOR GARDENS, sponsored by Montclair Public Library. 50 South Fullerton Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. 7 pm. With relatively little effort and expense, your garden can be transformed into a paradise for bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and other pollinators. Learn about these pollinators and the plants that attract them. Offered by the Rutgers Master Gardeners of Essex County. For more info: www.montclairlibrary.org/calendar, publicrelations@montclair.bccls.org, 973-744-0500. Free.

TUESDAY, MAY 19

BFA THESIS EXHIBITION, sponsored by MSU Dept. of Art and Design. George Segal Gallery. 11 am - 6 pm. This exhibition features the best work by Montclair State University's graduating art students. For more info: www.montclair.edu/arts/university-art-galleries, rodriguez@montclair.edu, 973-655-3382. Free.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

BFA THESIS EXHIBITION, sponsored by MSU Dept. of Art and Design. George Segal Gallery. 11 am – 6 pm. This exhibition features the best work by Montclair State University's graduating art students. For more info: www.montclair.edu/arts/university-art-galleries, rodriguez@montclair.edu, 973-655-3382. Free.

BACKYARD BIRDING FOR KIDS - NESTING, sponsored by Van Vleck House and Gardens. 21 Van Vleck Street, Montclair, NJ 07042. 4:30 pm. Many birds nest in the property of Van Vleck House and Gardens. Take a walk looking for nesting birds, while respecting their need for privacy. Class includes nesting activity and hike. Rain or Shine. Reservations/registration required. For more info: www.vanvleck.org, education@vanvleck.org, 973-744-4752. \$12 – \$15.

THURSDAY, MAY 21

BFA THESIS EXHIBITION, sponsored by MSU Dept. of Art and Design. George Segal Gallery. 11 am – 6 pm. This exhibition features the best work by Montclair State University's graduating art students. For more info: www.montclair.edu/arts/



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HOME SCHOOL DAY, sponsored by Montclair Art Museum. 3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. 12 pm. Please RSVP to tours@montclairartmuseum.org

or purchase tickets online at montclairartmuseum.org. The Montclair Art Museum invites Home School families for a fun and educational afternoon. The two-hour programs include a gallery tour and studio art project led by MAM educators Peg Kenselaar (ages 11+) and Emily Kenselaar (ages 4–10). Reservations/registration required. For more info: 973-746-5555. \$18 per family/\$6 members.

POETRY STUDY GROUP, sponsored by Montclair Write Group. Montclair Library, 50 South Fullerton Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. 7 pm. Bring a poem that is not yours (and six copies) to read and share with the group who appreciate poetry! For more info: selinger99@aol.com, 973-953-0937. Free.

FRIDAY, MAY 22

BFA THESIS EXHIBITION, sponsored by MSU Dept. of Art and Design. George Segal Gallery, MSU, Montclair, NJ 07042. 11 am – 6 pm. This exhibition features the best work by Montclair State University's graduating art students. For more info: www.montclair.edu/arts/university-art-galleries, rodriguez@mail.montclair.edu, 973-655-3382. Free.

JUNIOR GARDENERS - 5 FRIDAYS, sponsored by Van Vleck House and Gardens. 21 Van Vleck Street, Montclair, NJ 07042. 4 pm. Age: Grades 3 – 5. Enjoy a hands-on introduction to the joy of gardening, taught by Master Gardener and Kids Gardening Expert Denise Barth. Children will grow yummy vegetables, plant beautiful flowers, learn about composting and observe the natural world around them at Van Vleck. Class

will include a nature hike and nature journaling. This is a perfect way for kids to get dirty outside! Reservations/registration required. For more info: www.vanvleck.org, education@vanvleck.org, 973-744-4752. \$85 – \$115.

SATURDAY, MAY 23

NCNW, sponsored by National Council of Negro Women, Montclair President S. Cook-McKnight. Montclair Women's Community Circle 33 Woodland Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. 10 am. NCNW is a voluntary non-profit, membership organization helping women to improve the quality of life for themselves, their families and the community. The National Council of Negro Women's mission is to lead develop and advocate for women of color as they support their families and communities. The Montclair section has sponsored several programs including its Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, and Financial and Health and Wellness Workshops. For more info: ncnwmontclair@aol.com, 973-783-3715. Free.

BABY ON BOARD: CREATING ORDER/ AVOIDING CHAOS, sponsored by Mothers In Training, LLC. 615 Valley Road, Montclair, NJ 07043. 11 am. Routines and schedules shift while you adjust to a baby at home. We will discuss reasonable expectations, address your concerns, evaluate priorities and create solutions that resolve potential problems before they arise. Reservations/registration required by May 16th. For more info: www.mothersintraining.org, mothersintraining.org@gmail.com, 973-493-6918. \$15.

SPRING SING-ALONG WITH JERSEY JASON AND MISS NINA: FAMILY CONCERT @ BELLEVUE AVENUE LIBRARY, sponsored by Montclair Public Library. 185 Bellevue Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07043. 1 pm. Enjoy one amazingly fun

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

THE PRICE OF LIBERTY: SCREENING OF THE RULE, sponsored by Montclair Historical Society. 50 South Fullerton Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. 7 – 9 pm. Hosted by Leslie Wilson, PhD. Newark Abbey, a monastery in Newark, teaches students of St. Benedict's Prep according to The Rule which is 1,500 years old and has guided Benedictine monks throughout history. The Benedictine monks instill a sense of community in the most vulnerable student body — inner-city African American and Latino teenage males — who then go on to achieve amazing educational success. Dr. Wilson will provide brief context for the film clip. A Question and Answer discussion period will follow the film. See more at: <http://montclairhistorical.org/events/the-price-of-liberty-screening-of-the-rule> For more info: www.montclairhistorical.org, mail@montclairhistorical.org, 973-744-1796. Free.

THURSDAY, MAY 28

FIRESIDE YOGA, sponsored by Van Dyk Health Care at Montclair. 42 North Mountain Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. 5:30 – 6:30 pm. Learn how to cope with



stress successfully. Enjoy a wellness lecture and yoga session by Montclair local, Laura Mitchell. Enjoy some "me" time while mastering the art of stress relief and relaxation. Reservations/ registration required by May 26th. For more info: www.vandykhealthcare.com, amy@vandykhealthcare.com, 973-783-9400. Free.

FRIDAY, MAY 29

RENAISSANCE SCHOOL 7TH GRADE REVOLUTIONARY WALK, sponsored by Renaissance PTA. Historic Downtown Montclair. 11 am – 2:30 pm. 7th grade students will walk through key Revolutionary War sites in downtown Montclair. They will listen to speakers at each site describing the site's relevance. For more info: stomas@montclair.k12.nj.us, 973-509-5741. Free.

FROM ROSES TO ROCK GARDENS ANNUAL TOUR, sponsored by Van Vleck House and Gardens. 21 Van Vleck Street, Montclair, NJ 07042. 11 am – 4 pm. Delight in someone else's garden and get



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SATURDAY, MAY 30

GUIDED BIRDING HIKES - NESTING, sponsored by Van Vleck House and Gardens. 21 Van Vleck Street, Montclair, NJ 07042. 9 am. Watching a bird build a nest is a fascinating delight. Many bird species nest here on the Van Vleck House and Gardens property. Dress for the weather. Reservations/registration required. For more info: www.vanvleck.org, education@vanvleck.org, 973-744-4752. \$5 – \$7.

MONTCLAIR SHRED-FEST, sponsored by Office of Environmental Affairs. 219 North Fullerton Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. 9 am – 1 pm. Montclair residents doing some spring cleaning can enjoy the peace of mind from seeing all their confidential documents shredded, while boosting recycling and saving money. A

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FUNCTIONAL VS FICTIONAL - "IS YOUR EXERCISE PROGRAM HELPING OR HURTING YOU?", sponsored by Advanced Fitness Concepts / Gordon Waddell, PES, CSCS, CES. 125 Gates Ave Montclair, NJ 07042. 10:30 am. Explore why you need functional training to improve your daily life, reduce pain, prevent injuries, and increase sports performance. Discover the best and safest exercises that everyone needs. Learn to design your own workouts to get maximum results in minimal time. You will change your thinking about exercise and fitness forever. Reservations/registration required by May 28th. For more info: fitmontclair.wordpress.com/may-in-montclair-2015/, Gordon@advanced-fitness-concepts.com, 973-865-6691. Free.

SUNDAY, MAY 31

WATERCOLOR IN THE GARDEN (AGES 5+), sponsored by Montclair Art Museum. 474 Upper Mountain Avenue, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043. 10 am. Create a watercolor painting of your favorite iris. Our instructor will demonstrate examples of approach, drawing technique, composition, use of a viewfinder, and will employ a variety of materials. Students will meet at the Presby Memorial Iris Gardens in Upper Montclair. In the event of rain, this workshop will be rescheduled to Sunday, June 7. Reservations/registration required by May 29th. For more info: montclairartmuseum.org, 973-746-5555. \$60 members/\$80 nonmembers.

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Montclair Art Museum. 3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair NJ 07042. 12:30 pm. Learn how to create, self-publish, and sell digital products from your website, your blog, your Facebook page, and/or other websites. This workshop will provide the necessary resources to bring your products from idea to sales. Learn how to package digital content, set up an online shopping cart, market through various websites, and sell eBooks on Amazon. This workshop is suitable for artists and small business owners. Reservations/registration required by May 29th. For more info: montclairartmuseum.org, 973-746-5555. \$40 members/\$60 nonmembers.

RAKU FIRING, sponsored by Montclair Art Museum. 3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. 12:30 pm. Explore the concept of post-fire reduction known as Raku. Led by MAM Ceramics Studio Manager Steve Jaskowak, students will explore techniques such as traditional Raku, tinfoil sagger, horsehair embellishment, and slip resist. Students are required to bring bisque-fired pieces to glaze and fire during the workshop. Contact

Steve at sjaskowak@montclairartmuseum.org with questions. Reservations/registration required by May 15th. For more info: 973-746-5555. \$100 members/\$120 nonmembers.

MONTCLAIR WOMEN'S CLUB CLOSING LUNCHEON, sponsored by Montclair Women's Club. 82 Union Street, Montclair, NJ 07042. 12:30 pm. The final luncheon will include entertainment by Shakespearian actor Geoffrey Owens reading from great works. The cost will be approximately \$30. Reservations/registration required by May 1st. For more info: 973-202-2995.

HISTORIC HOUSE TOURS, sponsored by Montclair Historical Society. 108 Orange Road, Montclair, NJ 07042. 1 – 4 pm. Step back through over 200 years of American history at our historic properties at 108 Orange Road. While at the Orange Road site, visit the newly reinterpreted Crane House to reflect the YWCA period from 1920-1965, check out the farm and meet the chickens. See more at: <http://montclairhistorical.org/events/historic-house-tours> or mail@montclairhistorical.org, 973-744-1796. Free.

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Adrienne has been a Montclair resident since 1972 and raised her three children, William, Tobias, and Elena here. She is co-founder of Doubletree Gallery, an artist's cooperative gallery of fine art and contemporary crafts which existed in Upper Montclair for 12 years. Adrienne remembers fondly the many times she helped create beautiful clay pots full of blooms for May in Montclair at Doubletree Gallery.



Adrienne is also co-founder of The Clay Cellar, a pottery studio, now run by Carla Horowitz at Riker Hill Art Park, an Essex County artist's community in Livingston. Riker Hill provides studio space for working artists in various media, and where Adrienne continues to make pottery. While spending most of her artistic life as a potter she has recently turned to watercolor painting, liking the vibrant color, fluidity and immediacy of the medium. Adrienne's watercolors are represented in private collections in New York, New Jersey, California, and throughout the Midwest. Her watercolors and pottery are exhibited at Royal Oak at The Center for Independence. Commissions from sales go to the Benjamin M. Imbrogno Memorial Fund. Adrienne has taught at the Montclair Adult School and the Newark School of Fine and Industrial Art and is currently a member of the Potters Guild of New Jersey.

"I come from a family of artists. My uncle, Albert Kotin, was a founder of the New York School of Abstract Expressionism along with Jackson Pollock, Willem de Kooning and Franz Kline. Alexander Calder said 'As long as there are people such as Al Kotin, there is no danger to art.' My artistic spirit comes from my family which has always encouraged me to be as creative as I can be."



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