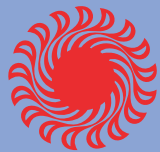


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SHOWCASING THE ARTS IN THE MORRIS AREA

Arts Council *of the* Morris Area

2011

SEPTEMBER is a busy month for the Arts!



Clockwise: © Monica Camin's mixed media, *Touched by the Past*; Marian Mundy's acrylic, *Grandma Helen's Molded Creation*; George Garbeck's photograph, *Unspoken Grief*; Ellen Denuto's photograph, *What Remains*.

SEPTEMBER 8: Arts Council of the Morris Area's GALLERY at 14 MAPLE opens

Remembrance of things past

On September 8, 2011 from 6-8pm, the Arts Council of the Morris Area will hold an opening reception for its latest juried exhibition entitled *Remembrance of Things Past*, featuring works by 50 artists who live or work in New Jersey. Curated by Virginia Fabbri Butera, Ph.D., Director of the Therese A. Maloney Gallery and Chair of the Art and Music Departments at the College of St. Elizabeth, the exhibit showcases these artists' unique and creative interpretations of the theme (suggested by Marcel Proust's novel of the same title). The works utilize an extremely wide variety of media, from pen & ink, stitched muslin, to galvanized wire, bronze, steel and more. *Remembrance of Things Past* pays homage to the tenth anniversary of 9/11 through art that evokes the power of memory. The 56 works present very distinctive and unique visions which range from the personal to the cosmic, from the sense of loss and tragedy to the humorous and touching. "This is a powerful and very meaningful tribute to events which have touched our lives in profound and moving ways," said Anne Aronovitch, Executive Director of the Arts Council.

The public is invited to view the exhibit and to meet the artists and the curator at the free opening reception on September 8th from 6-8pm at *Gallery at 14 Maple*, a distinctive space located on the 3rd floor of the LEED certified "green" building at 14 Maple Avenue in Morristown, NJ.

The exhibit is open to the public Mondays-Thursdays from 10am to 4pm, on Fridays from 10am to 1pm and by appointment, and will remain on display until February 15, 2012. Visit www.morrisarts.org or call (973) 285-5115 for additional information, including the exhibit catalogue which contains details and sale prices for all works.

The Arts Council gratefully acknowledges sponsorship for this exhibit by
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SEPTEMBER 13: Art Around the Park Returns

You won't want to miss *Art Around the Park*, Morristown's quarterly, self-guided art walk celebrating the visual arts, cosponsored by the Arts Council of the Morris Area, Simon Gallery and the Hyatt Morristown on September 13, 2011 from 5-8pm at downtown galleries and alternative art venues located in proximity to Morristown's historic Green. Participating galleries include the Simon Gallery (48 Bank Street), Gallery at 14 Maple (14 Maple Ave.), Atrium Gallery (10 Court Street, 2nd – 5th floors), gallery space in Citibank (30 W. Park Place), Symphony Workplaces (4 Headquarters Plaza, North Tower, 3rd floor) and at the Hyatt Morristown's Eclectic Grill (3 Speedwell Ave.). The Simon Gallery will be featuring the second solo show of digital photography by Laura McClanahan. At the Arts Council of the Morris Area's Gallery at 14 Maple, the juried show entitled *Remembrance of Things Past* displays 56 works by 50 NJ artists curated by Virginia Fabbri Butera, Ph.D..

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SEPTEMBER is a busy month for the Arts...cont'd.



SEPTEMBER 22: Fall-Winter 2011 Exhibit at Atrium Gallery opens

The Arts Council of the Morris Area invites the public to attend the free opening reception on September 22, 2011 from 6-8pm of the Fall-Winter 2011 Exhibit at the Atrium Art Gallery, located on Floors 2-5 of the Morris County Administration and Records Building on Court Street in Morristown. Abstract collages by Isabelle Pizzano grace the 5th floor while the prints, collages, paintings and fabric art of *The Power Of Nine* artists (Ann Winston Brown, Sandy Frech, Dail Fried, Alice Harrison, Valerie Mankoff, Ruth Bauer Neustadter, Nancy Egol Nikkal and Ellen Reinkraut) add enormous variety, color and vibrancy to the 4th floor areas. The 3rd floor showcases "Wild New Jersey" – an exhibit of works by photographers Dawn Benko and Danielle Austen depicting the hidden beauties of NJ's natural world. John Tetz's fascinating mobile sculptures can be seen floating in the atrium stairwell areas and, on the 2nd floor, the artists of *Arts Unbound*, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the artistic achievement of youth, adults and seniors with disabilities, transform the spaces with their intriguing and thought-provoking works.

Most works are available for sale, with details and pricing provided in the free catalogue which can be found in the elevator lobby areas on each floor. The Atrium Art Gallery is free and open to the public during business hours, 8am-5pm on Mondays-Fridays. The exhibit remains in place until January 13, 2012.

From top: Work by *The Power of Nine*; Collage by Isabelle Pizzano; Dawn Benko's photo, *Icescape*.



Art Around the Park (from page 1)

The Atrium Gallery showcases four floors of works by artists including Isabelle Pizzano, *The Power of Nine* artists, photographers Dawn Benko and Danielle Austen, mobile artist John Tetz and the artists of *Arts Unbound*. Additional exhibits at Citibank (30 W. Park Place, Morristown), Symphony Workplaces and at the Morristown Hyatt's Eclectic Grill are also curated by Harry Simon. A 3 course, *prix fixe* dinner (\$25) will be available at the Eclectic Grill after the walk. "The mission of *Art Around the Park* is pure and simple: Create a reputation for Morristown as an art destination," said Harry Simon, owner of the Simon Gallery.

Maps and general information about this free, self-guided walking tour may be obtained at www.simongallery.org/aap. For additional information, contact the Simon Gallery at (973) 538-5456 or email harry@simongallery.com.

Arts Mentoring Program to resume in September

In spring of 2011, thanks to funding from the Lauren Elizabeth Failla Foundation, the Arts Council of the Morris Area reinstated its highly successful Student/Artist Mentoring Program at Morristown High School. Resuming in September, this program enables several highly talented, dedicated art students to work closely with professional artists not only in developing their talents more fully but also in assembling their art portfolios, thus enhancing their applications for scholarships, art school admissions and/or careers in art.

"Being part of this amazing program was such an amazing opportunity that we will all cherish forever & will never forget the amazing people that gave us this once in a life time experience. Thank you!"

...Juann
(Spring 2011 mentoring student)

Arts Council and Mayo Performing Arts Center co-sponsor 9-11 Commemoration

The Mayo Performing Arts Center and The Arts Council of the Morris Area will present a free communitywide remembrance event at 7 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Mayo Performing Arts Center. The program on the main stage will include song, dance, speech and more, involving local school children, local officials, religious organizations and community nonprofits. It will be followed by a brief outdoor program at the adjacent Vail Mansion reflective pool where 64 votives will be lit to remember the 64 people from Morris County who lost their lives that day. For more information, visit www.mayoarts.org.



Freeholder Proclamation marks County and National Arts and Humanities Month

The Arts Council of the Morris Area will again spearhead a Proclamation from the Board of Chosen Freeholders on behalf of the County's arts and cultural organizations to designate the entire month of October as Arts & Humanities Month in Morris County. The Freeholder's Proclamation coordinates with National "Arts and Humanities Month," a coast-to-coast collective celebration of culture in America. Organized every October by the national organization Americans for the Arts, National Arts and Humanities Month represents the largest annual celebration of the arts and humanities in the nation. From arts center open houses to mayoral proclamations to banners and media coverage, communities across the United States join together to recognize the importance of arts and culture in our daily lives.

On Sept. 26th, 2011, representatives from Morris County's arts and cultural communities will gather at the Freeholder meeting in support of the proclamation, highlighting the importance of the arts at their own events and performances during the month. Be sure to visit the online cultural calendar at www.morrisarts.org for a listing of the many cultural and arts events in Morris County.

Music and dance filled the Green at Music Without Borders



Clockwise:
Chalgiya brought Balkan music (and line dance) to the Green; Madhumita Parmar explains the intricacies of classical Indian dance to a young audience; Colombian music provided by *Chia's Dance Party* also inspired dancing; Wang Junling performs on the *zheng*.

Initiated as a collaboration between the Arts Council of the Morris Area and the Mayo Performing Arts Center in 2010, Music Without Borders is a series of four free outdoor world music concerts that reflects the diversity of our world and our growing appreciation for the richness of world cultures.

Hundreds of people – from children to seniors – attended each of the programs, which were held outdoors on the Morristown Green at lunchtime on June 22, July 6 & 20 and August 3. *Chia's Dance Party* brought the infectious rhythms of Colombian dance music, inspiring spontaneous dancing by the audience. The sax, accordion and percussion trio of *Chalgiya* attracted a local international dance club which performed and even taught dance steps from Macedonian, Bulgarian, and Greek traditions to other members of the public! The superb *Music of China Trio* inspired all present with their intricate, haunting performance on the *erhu* (2 stringed fiddle with snakeskin resonator), the *yanqin* (hammered dulcimer) and *zheng* (21 stringed zither with movable bridges). Audience members eagerly peppered the musicians with questions about the music and the instruments. The series concluded with an outstanding performance of Northern and Southern Indian music and dance, featuring vocalists, *tabla*, harmonium, and the classical dancing of Madhumita Parmar (of the Shubanjali school). Young and old alike were fascinated by the lavish costumes, intriguing sounds, intricate choreography and artistry of the group. Be sure to “travel the world” with us again next summer on the Green!

SUPPORTING THE ARTS COUNCIL:

How to Get Involved

- **Donate online** at www.morrisarts.org
- **Consider an in-kind gift.** Now is a great time to share your technical or professional expertise or items that you think might be useful to the Arts Council.
- **Celebrate holidays and milestones with a tribute gift to the Arts Council.** A donation to the Arts Council is the perfect gift to for a loved one committed to creativity.
- **Check to see whether your company has a matching gift program.** Some companies will double the donations or value of volunteer time given by their employees.
- **Volunteer your time.** Whether volunteering for a project, an event or at the office, your time is valuable to us.
- **Send us your e-mail address!** We value sustainability and community – help us communicate with you more effectively as we all work to build a greener, more creative world.

For more information contact Gina Moran, the Arts Council's Development Director, at gmoran@morrisarts.org or (973) 285-5115, ext. 13.

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GIRALDA 2011 Music and Arts Festival

...“A large crowd turned out to support the Arts Council of the Morris Area. Top billing went to the New Jersey Symphony, conducted by Gerald Steichen and featuring soprano Heather Johnson and Marco Nistico in a program that included selections from *The Barber of Seville*, Rodgers and Hammerstein show tunes, Strauss waltzes, patriotic numbers and an excerpt from *The Moldau* (which the conductor re-titled *The Passaic*, for geographically challenged listeners)... And for the first time, authors and illustrators of children's books were part of the mix.” – Kevin Coughlin, Editor, *MorristownGreen.com* (June 27th edition).

Additionally, the event featured an art show and sale, children's activities (painting, origami, a clown, face painting, etc.), and, of course, the traditional picnic contest and 50/50 raffle. The beautiful weather brought an excellent turnout of more than 1,700 people, with more families and young children than ever before and plenty of smiles to spare!

The Arts Council thanks the following corporations of Giralda Farms whose contributions and support make this event possible: Open Spaces Management Association; RXR et al; Pfizer; Maersk Inc.; and GRC Management Corp.. This event was also sponsored by BASF – The Chemical Company; J.Weber Design, LLC; PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP; and One Source Communications, with media sponsorship by New Jersey Press Media Solutions.



Clockwise: Gerald Steichen prepares to conduct the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; Kenya Canul and family, in full racing regalia, collect their prize for The Racing Picnic (photos courtesy of the Arts Council of the Morris Area); The Powder Family with their prizewinning picnic, *Simple Elegance* (photo by Cathy Veit); Happy crowds enjoy the day.

Please support...

Gary's Wine & Marketplace's 20th Annual GRAND TASTING on October 20th, at the Park Avenue Club, 184 Park Ave., Florham Park, NJ. 7pm-9:30pm. Taste this year's best finds in wine and food and give back to the community, all in one night. This year's recipients include the Arts Council of the Morris Area as well as three other local nonprofits. See more details and purchase tickets at <http://www.garyswine.com>.

SPOTLIGHT

Individual Artists Gathering planned for September 26

The Arts Council of the Morris Area organizes artists' gathering as a way to promote a strong sense of artistic community, share ideas, and promote upcoming art shows/classes/workshops. These informal gatherings are a great way to get to know other artists in the community and they are always uplifting and interesting evenings. The next gathering is scheduled for September 26, from 5:30-7pm, at the Morristown Hyatt (3 Speedwell Ave., Morristown, NJ) and will include light snacks and a cash bar. Check our website, www.morrisarts.org for updates on future gatherings.

Local Arts Grantees Gathering planned for November 7

Similarly, the Arts Council of the Morris Area encourages Arts Council grantees to mix and mingle informally with one another, an experience that often leads to some wonderful collaborative efforts. Check out the next such gathering, scheduled for November 7, from 5:30-7pm at the Morristown Hyatt (3 Speedwell Ave., Morristown, NJ). Visit www.morrisarts.org for dates of future events.

NOTEWORTHY

Thanks to our wonderful summer interns for their substantial contributions to the work of the Arts Council. They included *Elizabeth Khoury*, a senior at University of Richmond, who served as our Gallery Assistant; *Jona Elwell*, a sophomore at Smith College, and *Carla Islay*, a senior at Colgate, who both served as Arts Administration Interns. Find Carla on YouTube and hear her comment on her intern experience at the Arts Council.

Pumpkin Illumination returns on October 30th

Be a part of the Arts Council of the Morris Area's wonderful new tradition by bringing your carved pumpkins to the Vail Mansion's reflecting pool and monument at 110 South Street, Morristown on October 30 at 6:15pm. Pumpkins will be lit and arranged around the reflecting pool at dark – making a wonderful display. Starting at 5pm, the Mayo Performing Arts Center will offer a free indoor program for children and families – in coordination with this event. Additional collaborations are in the works so be sure to check our website, www.morrisarts.org, for more details as they become available.



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Save the Dates:

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Art Around the Park, various galleries, 5-8pm, check www.simongallery.com

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