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## FORMER "RIVERDANCE" CAST MEMBER AND WORLD CHAMPION OPENS IRISH DANCE SCHOOL IN GREEN BROOK

Irish dancing comes to Green Brook this fall, when Heritage Irish Dance Company opens its doors to dancers of all levels at its new studio located in Sansone Plaza, 319 Rt. 22 East, Green Brook.

The school will offer several free classes including a demonstration of hard and soft-shoe dancing, a trial class for prospective new students and a discussion with parents on September 6th, 7th and 8th at 6 pm. Classes are open to boys and girls ages 2.5 to 18.

Classes will be taught by Amy Siegel Loxley of Bridgewater, formerly of Warren, World Champion Irish Dancer and former cast member of "Riverdance the Show" and "Riverdance on Broadway," and her team of licensed Irish dance teachers. Ms. Siegel Loxley, one the few American women to have won the World Championships of Irish Dance, has performed in countless cities across the United States and Canada. She studied Irish dance under the tutelage of Peter Smith for 18 years before passing her Irish Dance Teacher's and Adjudicator's Exams in 2001 and 2009 respectively.

Heritage Irish Dance Company dancers have performed at Radio City Music Hall, Carnegie Hall, The New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark, Rutgers Athletic Center, The Prudential Center, Madison Square Garden and at countless local venues.

After winning the All-Ireland and North American Championships, Heritage Irish Dance Company alumna and assistant teacher, Sarah Oldam, is currently touring with "Riverdance." Each year Heritage Irish Dance Company sends between 15 and 20 dancers to Ireland or Scotland to compete in the World Championships of Irish Dance.

Irish dance is a cultural art form made popular by such long-running shows as "Riverdance" and "Lord of the Dance." As well as being enjoyable, Irish dancing is a way for young people to make friends, keep fit and learn about Irish culture. "Organized physical activity has been shown to be an important part of every child's social, intellectual and physical development," said instructor Loxley. "Boys and girls who take



Students performing at the Somerville St. Patrick's Day Parade.



(above) Amy Siegel Loxley, with champion student and assistant teacher, Sarah Oldam.

Irish dance learn valuable skills such as team work, goal setting and discipline that will follow them well into adulthood. It has been a lifelong dream of mine to open an Irish dance studio and I look forward to many years of teaching future generations of 'Riverdancers!'"

Call Amy at 732-690-4098 or email info@heritageirishdance.com for more information.



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We have made a difference in our community through beautification and education for the past 60 years. Residents can see deer resistant perennials and more in our garden behind the Watchung Arts Center. Our annual plant sale at Best Lake in May, was very successful, in spite of the weather.

This past July, we sponsored a children's program at the Watchung Library, "From Seeds to Table". We are able to do this through our fund raisers. Our red, white and blue flowers on the Watchung Circle, planted in May, welcomes visitors and residents.

The Garden club of Watchung welcomes men and women to join our active club and become involved in adding beauty to our community. Join us for informative lectures, garden tours and workshops. Together we can protect our natural environment by planting flowers and shrubs that support the proliferation of our birds, bees and

butterflies. We have an active Youth Gardening Group at Bayberry School for children in fourth grade.

Our field trips include visits to gardens, nurseries, arboretums, parks, historical sites, museums, for pleasure and to increase our gardening knowledge.

We visit Lyons Medical Center four times a year to make floral arrangements to beautify the chapel and community rooms for our veterans.

Our club is a member of The Garden club of New Jersey and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. which is the largest volunteer gardening organization in the world.

The Garden club of Watchung has been an active part of our community for 60 years. Visit our website, Facebook page or telephone 908-754-5766 for information about upcoming informative programs and membership information.

## WATCHUNG SENIORS

The Watchung Seniors meet the 2nd TWO UPCOMING BUS TRIPS: Wednesday of every month from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Fireman's Exempt Hall, lower level 57 Mountain Boulevard (next to Borough Hall). The building is handicap accessible. The club does many bus trips, parties, has speakers, and year end picnic.

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## **INDIRA SERVAIA "REVERIE OF COLOR" AT THE WATCHUNG ARTS CENTER**

story-telling colors. Servaia's work will be on display in the Lower Gallery of the Watchung Arts Center, from September 5 through September 30, in an exhibit entitled "Reverie of Color". An opening reception will be held on Sunday, September 10 from 1 to 4 p.m. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

Primarily a self-taught, inner-directed artist, Indira Servaia has applied her studies of arts in India and in the USA with diverse styles and technique. Her endearing style is most strongly inspired from experiences throughout her Indian culture and by her appreciation for the captivating vibrancy of colors. (Inspired by French Fauvist artists). To explain the striking style of Indira's colors, one could look to the multiple cultures from which Indira draws.

For example, in her women's series these influences are sufficient to explain why her portraits make you feel as if you really you know the women's depth of personality and being. Her goal is for people to sense the story within her portrait at a glance.

"When I view a person or object as a potential subject for a portrait, I sense the deep life impressions of that subject and I see them as swirl of colors that tell the story of that subject. I know when there is a story that others would like to know. My hope is for people to take just a glance and to sense the story within the portrait. My intent is for the colors in my paintings to awaken the viewer's sensitivity to those same pulses and rhythm that I sensed. That is how the viewer will come to know the story revealed by the portrait."

Indira's bird series depicts every person's fight to freedom: freedom for mind and spirits;

Indira Servaia introduces you to a world of freedom to pursue the longing of the heart; the boundless and fearless freedom that helps an individual achieve clarity of mind as well as purity of heart. The freedom propels the individual towards spiritual enlightenment, the ultimate goal of every human being.

Her landscapes and still life contain vivid and vibrant colors. She uses her love for beautiful colors to help communicate same pulse and rhythm to the viewers that she sensed herself.

"I hope people see a part of myself in my paintings which is love for beautiful colors of nature. I want them to get pleasure, happiness and let the paintings speak for themselves telling its own story with a life of its own."

She has exhibited in galleries in India as well as in New Jersey, Philadelphia and at different shorelines.



(above) "Reverie of Color" by Indira Servaia will be on display at the Watchung Arts Center, 18 Stirling Road, Watchung, NJ from Sept 5-30, 2017; opening reception September 10, 1-4 p.m. The Rhythm, by Indira Servaia

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photographer living in Somerset County, you are invited to submit photos that showcase the beauty and attributes of this area.

The Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders, in cooperation with the Somerset County Business Partnership, is sponsoring its third annual "Show us Somerset County Through Your Camera Lens" photo contest for residents and county staff. Entries will be accepted through Sept. 15.

"We enjoy featuring images on our website that depict Somerset County as a great place to live, work and play," said Freeholder Director Peter S. Palmer. "People have submitted stunning photos in the past couple of years and we look forward to seeing more unique and beautiful images this year."

The Somerset County Business Partnership is looking for images that showcase people enjoying attractions, amenities and workplaces within the county for its 2018-2019 Somerset County Destination Guide.

Photo Contest entries should reflect one of five themes:

- Community e.g., neighborhoods, important local places, health & wellness, golf, etc.
- Natural Environment for example, lakes, rivers, forests, parks and golf courses, or wildlife
- Architecture and Urban Design including plazas, buildings, boulevards, work places, hotels, etc.
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> Submissions must be the original work of the applicant and not previously entered in the photo contest. A panel of judges will select two winners for each theme, as well as an overall contest winner in both the professional and amateur categories.

> To enter the contest, individuals must complete the form on Somerset County's website at: https://www.co.somerset.nj.us/residents/photocontest. One person can submit up to five images; the maximum size for each image is 10MB. See photo contest instructions for more information.

> Contestants are responsible for acquiring subject release forms from identifiable people featured in the photographs. All images must be received by 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 15. No late



(above) The above image, submitted in 2016 by Ghanshyam Patel, is an example of the "natural environment" theme.





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The Friends of the Watchung Library are offerings from week to week, featuring movies joining area farmers at the Watchung Farmer's for all ages on DVD, cookbooks, music on CD, Market again this summer and fall. This is the kids' books, and more. Friends' third season of setting up at the Farmers'

The Farmers' Markets are held Sundays from 10 am until 2 pm on the Best Lake parking area.



Markets. This year they are varying their

(above) A beautiful Sunday at the Watchung Farmers' Market.



(above) A patron chooses DVDs at the Friends of Watching Library table.

## **CALLING ALL BOYS IN 1ST THROUGH 5TH GRADE!**

FRIENDS AT THE WATCHUNG FARMER'S MARKET

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Come and check out Pack 32 of Watchung on Friday, September 22. We will be hosting our first pack meeting of the school year at the Bayberry APR beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Bring a parent early to learn more about scouting. Then stick around and meet our current Cub Scouts & Leaders and hear about our exciting plans!

If you have any questions, please contact: Kurt Weber, Committee Chair at pack32chair@gmail.com





(above) Webelo Scout River shares a moment with his dad, Kevin, at the Spring Cub Camporee. Scouting offers a wonderful opportunity for a parent and child to spend quality time together.







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## **ANNUAL DOG ADOPTION EVENT SEPT. 9**

Meisel Park will 'go to the dogs' this year as Berkeley Heights-based Home for Good Dog Rescue brings its Seventh Annual "Bark-a-Que" & Dog Adoption Event to Springfield, NJ for the first time on Sept. 9.

From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the pet-friendly event, which attracts up to 3,000 attendees each year, will feature rescue dog adoptions, food and family activities. merchandise vendors, professional photos, canine contests-including the annual 'Mr. and Mrs. Bark-a-Que' Costume Contest—and on-site prizes and giveaways.

"We're so thrilled to welcome our community to join us for a day of food and fun as we



## WATCHUNG BOROUGH **SEPTEMBER 11TH MEMORIAL SERVICE** On September 11, 2017

the Mayor and Council will hold a memorial service to honor those who lost their lives during the terrorist attack of

September 11, 2001.

The service will be held rain or shine at

5:30pm on the Village Green at the Watchung Circle,

across from the Texier House.

The event will include the unveiling of the 9/11 monument. All are invited to attend.



celebrate the more than 5,300 dogs we have you're not ready to adopt right now, 'Bark-arescued since our inception," Richard Errico, Home for Good's co-founder and treasurer, said. "We hope to see so many new faces in 2017 at our exciting new venue in Springfield."

In addition to welcoming the general public and all of Home for Good's adoptive families, "Bark-a-Que" hosts the rescue's largest adoption event of the year. In 2016, the festivities placed nearly 30 dogs with loving permanent households.

"We are committed to rescuing dogs from high-kill shelters throughout South Carolina and Georgia, nurturing them at our rescue facility in Aiken, SC, and transporting them northward to New Jersey for adoption," Errico explained.

As a 100-percent foster-based organization, Home for Good then places each animal with a volunteer family rather than in a kennel or shelter until adoption into a loving, permanent home.

"Seeing our dogs go to good families makes all the hard work worth it," long-time volunteer Anna Newmark of Warren, NJ said. "But even if

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Que' is definitely a great time for adults and kids of all ages. It's just a fun day for any pet lover!"

This year, Home for Good Dog Rescue is encouraging attendees to register early as "Barka-Que VIPs" by visiting www.HomeforGoodDogs.org. For a suggested donation to the organization's rescue mission, families can avoid the line at the park entrance on Sept. 9.

Home for Good Dog Rescue is a 100% fosterbased, non-profit 501(c)(3) dog rescue established in 2010 in Summit, NJ with offices in Berkeley Heights, NJ. We rescue homeless dogs from high-kill shelters in the South, which are overflowing with unwanted dogs on the brink of being euthanized. We socialize, care for, and provide them life-saving medical care at our property in Aiken, SC, transport them to our rescue in New Jersey, and nurture them in our network of foster families while they await adoption into loving homes - giving them a second chance at life. Photo by Jessica Biamonte

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## **BIG BUILDERS AT** WATCHUNG LIBRARY

Children ages 4 to 6 will be "Big Builders" at the Watchung Library this month! Extending the 2017 summer reading theme of "Building a Better World," Friends of the Watchung Library are bringing the Young Genius Corporation to help children explore tactile, motor, and spatial skills while learning science and engineering principles. And it's all going to be great fun with the K'nex construction toy system.

"Big Builders," will be held on Saturday, September 16th, from 11:00 am until 11:45 am.



(above) K'nex Dinosaur.



(above) K'nex merry-go-round.

#### A complete listing of the 17 destinations offered through SCLSNJ's museum pass program:

- Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
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- Brooklyn Botanic Garden in Brooklyn, NY
- Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Museum, NY
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- Garden State Discovery Museum, NJ
- · Grounds For Sculpture in Hamilton, NJ
- Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, NY
- Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, NY
- Lehigh Valley Zoo in Schnecksville, PA
- Museum of the City of New York, NY
- The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) NY
- Morris Museum in Morristown, NJ
- New-York Historical Society, NY
- Pennsylvania Academy Of Fine Arts, PA
- Storm King Art Center in New Windsor, NY
- United States Golf Association Museum, NJ

## WATCHUNG LIBRARY

12 Stirling Road in Watchung, behind the Watchung Arts Center. For complete program registration information, please check the online calendar (www.somerset.lib.nj.us, then go to Events/Programs for Watchung).

Monday through Thursday, 9:30 am - 9 pm and Friday and Saturday, 9:30 am - 5 pm.

## **ROBOTS AT THE WATCHUNG LIBRARY**

There are robots galore at the Watchung Library! Inspired by the Build a Better World 2017 summer reading theme, Friends of the Watchung Library Board member Amy Fiorilla built a shiny silver model robot. She invited kids to choose a name for the robot and suggest what she might do. Some of the suggestions are practical, like these: "Angelica" bakes cakes, "Izzy" does homework, "Ruby Robot" reads to children, and "Malissa" helps people who are



(above) Shiny silver robot Watchung Library patrons were invited to name!

disabled. Other suggestions have community service in mind: "Elizabeth" donates to charity and cleans parks, while "Miss Shiny Skirt" translates books and gives books to people who don't have any.

Children and families are invited to make robots, too. Kids are asked "What kind of robot can you invent to make the world a better place?" The robots the kids have created so far are on display near the children's section of the library.



(above) Wonderful green robot created by a young Watchung Library patron.

## LIBRARY FRIENDS SUPPORT TEACHERS

The Friends of the Watchung Library have book purchased. announced a new way of building literacy and supporting education. They are offering a discount for Watchung teachers on books, DVDs, and CDs purchased from the Friends' in-library bookstore, Second Story Books.

This is the time of year when many teachers are building their classroom libraries, often using their own money. The Friends of the library have decided to help Watchung teachers by offering one book (of equal or lower price) for every three

"Now is an especially good time for teachers to shop at Second Story books," says Peggy Ellis, manager of the bookstore. "This summer we received an unusual number of donations of really beautiful books, including lots of good kids' literature." Ellis says that the selection at the Friends' bookstore includes hundreds of books, ranging from board books and read-aloud books for the youngest children up to fiction and nonfiction for young adults.

### **EXPLORE CULTURAL VENUES IN NJ AND BEYOND**

17 exciting destinations available to Somerset County residents for free all you need is your SCLSNJ Library Card!

your favorite couch, curled up under a shady SCLSNJ Library Card. tree, or spending time sipping an espresso in your neighborhood coffee shop. A book can allow you to travel to many exotic places without ever taking a step.

But, now, the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey wants you to combine your love of reading and your passion for adventure, and explore the amazing cultural institutions available to you throughout New Jersey and beyond. With SCLSNJ's museum

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## **RAPTOR TRUST SEPTEMBER EVENTS**

The Raptor Trust, located in Millington, NJ, would like to announce two upcoming public events in September. This non-profit wild bird rehabilitation center has a mission to provide care to injured, sick, and orphaned wild birds and to educate the public about these birds, especially birds of prey. Their location includes an avian medical infirmary, education building, a gift shop, and exterior cages and aviaries. The Trust gets about 6,000 birds brought to them per year. Thousands of these birds are able to receive medical attention, be rehabilitated and released back into the wild.

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND, 11:00 A.M. AND 1:00 P.M. RAPTOR TRUST "TOUR TALKS" \$10 ADULTS & CHILDREN 12 & UP \$5.00 CHILDREN 12 & UNDER

Take a guided tour of our outdoor display aviaries with one of our educators. Visit with our resident hawks, eagles, falcons, owls and vultures and learn about some of their fascinating stories as well as the mission of The Raptor Trust. Meet program focuses on the physical attributes of one of our education raptors up close. NJ's wild birds (plumage, size, shape), as well as

Please park in the visitor's lot, check in at the Gift Shop and meet one of our resident education raptors before the tour. To register, visit www.TheRaptorTrust.org

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 6:00 P.M. "NATURE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD - THE BIRDS ALL AROUND US" WITH IVAN KOSSAK

Join us for an evening lecture with long-time TRT friend and volunteer, Ivan Kossak. Ivan is an expert birder and has birded in over 30 states and in Canada. He leads bird walks in his native and beloved New Jersey. Ivan has been a member of the Hackensack Riverkeeper for over 15 years and currently serves as President of the Board of Trustees there.

This program will reveal the magic that allows all birders – from beginner to advanced – to identify birds in the field. Learn who is living in your backyard and living in your trees! The program focuses on the physical attributes of NJ's wild birds (plumage, size, shape), as well as behavior, range, habitat preferences, and vocalizations.

Come early to the Trust and enjoy a selfguided twilight tour of the aviaries prior to the talk. Light refreshments will be served.

#### FREE

#### **REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT THERAPTORTRUST.ORG**

The Raptor Trust is located at 1452 White Bridge Road in Millington, New Jersey and is open to the public 7 days a week to visitors who can come see and learn about some of the facility's avian residents such as hawks, eagles, falcons, and owls. They also offer outreach educational programs for children and adults by appointment. The organization runs on donations in order to provide its services year round, every day of the year. Visit their website at www.theraptortrust.org to find out more about their organizations, visiting and program schedules, or to donate.

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