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'GUYS AND DOLLS' ANNUAL SPRING MUSICAL SUCCESS!

Submitted by Denis Kelley

Annual spring musical, 'Guys and Dolls,' was a living-learning experience for a cast and crew of hundreds. Staging the annual spring musical at Watchung Hills Regional High Schools (WHRHS), which this year, 2018, was the iconic Broadway and Hollywood musical, "Guys and Dolls," was a living-learning experience for hundreds of students, teachers, parents, community volunteers, and supporters.

And, as if simply staging a high quality high school musical isn't enough of a challenge every year, this year had the added challenge of performance dates during March 2018, when there were multiple snow events during a roller coaster three weeks leading up to the scheduled musical performances. Lost school days due to inclement weather and icy and snowy driving conditions cut into the crucial last-minute days of mastering the acting, singing and dancing rehearsal and set production required for a massive 24-scene Broadway classic.

Plus, one of those snow events was during the very week of the scheduled and always-important dress rehearsal and the three days of evening performances and a Saturday matinee. Fortunately, only one performance had to be cancelled. Instead, that time was used for the dress rehearsal. The wait was well worth it, it turns out, as the school's Script and Cue student drama program thrilled audiences with memorable and stellar performances.

Mastering this living-learning experience was the collaboration, like the creation of a finely-tuned interdisciplinary independent study thesis project, of not just the actors, singers, and dancers on stage, but also the musicians on the Orchestra Pit. Plus, behind the scenes, there was another whole set of "crew" specialists, including set designers and artists for costume and make-up. Additional stage crew members hone the crafts of stage managing, prop coordination, lighting and sound technology, directing, and applied graphic arts support for media items such as programs, posters, and ancillary media press materials.

There are also related applied lessons for students to learn about the business of staging a musical, including budgeting, supplying and organizing refreshments, even coordinating an army of ushers to handle the orderly seating of hundreds of audience members.



(above, l-r) Scott Romankow
as Nathan Detroit and
Kyra Anthony as Adelaide.



(above) Will Broder
as Arvide Abernathy.



(above) Jack Melillo
as Nice-Nicely.

*List of cast, orchestra
and production staff
appears on page 10.*



(above) WHRS "Guys and Dolls" cast.

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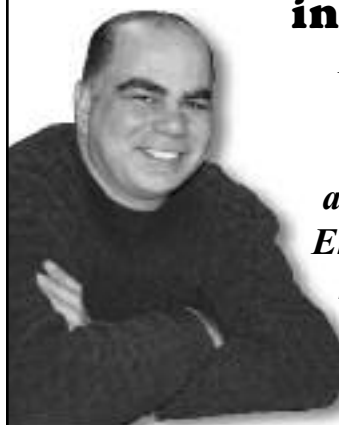
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SOPHIA AGRANOVICH TO PERFORM AT WATCHUNG ARTS CENTER

Classical pianist, Sophia Agranovich will perform on Saturday, May 19, 2018, at 8 p.m. There will be a dessert reception and an opportunity to meet the performer.

Her concert will be a Romantic and Modern Virtuoso program including works by Beethoven, Chopin, Liszt and Debussy; and pieces dedicated to Sophia by the contemporary French composer Françoise Choveaux. A Steinway Artist, Ms. Agranovich has performed in USA, Europe, Israel, and Canada. Among her venues are Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, Merkin Hall, Steinway Hall, and Bargemusic, Salle Cortot, and Ehrbarsaal. Ms. Agranovich has collaborated with prominent musicians and members of major orchestras. She is a First Prize winner of Ukrainian Young Artists and Bergen Philharmonic competitions, and a recipient of a Gold Medal and four Silver Medals from Global Music Awards, two Gold Medals from Prestige Music Awards, Best Classical Solo from Akademia Music Awards, Best Classical Piano Album from Clouzine International Music Awards, and Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award. Her CD albums are broadcasted on major stations worldwide, most recently in Brazil, Canada and New York on WWFM and WQXR.

Ms. Agranovich holds Bachelor and Master Degrees from the Juilliard School where she had a full scholarship and Fellowship teaching Piano Minor at Juilliard, and continued Doctoral studies at Columbia University. Her professors at Juilliard were legendary Sascha Gorodnitzki and Nadia Reisenberg.

Sophia Agranovich is an esteemed pedagogue and adjudicator and is a recipient of numerous teaching awards. Her students are consistently winning top prizes in regional, national and international competitions. Ms. Agranovich is the voting member of NARAS, listed in 'Who's Who in America' and 'Who's Who in the World', Artistic Director of classical music series at the


Watchung Arts Center and Program Chair of Music Educators Association of New Jersey.

Tickets for are \$18 in advance, \$22 (\$20 for WAC members, \$10 for students) at the door. You may purchase tickets securely through Eventbrite (watchungartscenter.eventbrite.com). Tickets can also be purchase in person during the Arts Center office hours, or by mail --- include an email address or phone number with mail orders.

The Watchung Arts Center, located at 18 Stirling Road in Watchung New Jersey on the Watchung Circle, is a multi-disciplinary arts facility serving Watchung, the surrounding communities and the Tri-State Area. To obtain more information about upcoming performances, classes and workshops, and monthly art exhibitions, please visit WatchungArts.org or call 908-753-0190.



(above) Sophia Agranovich



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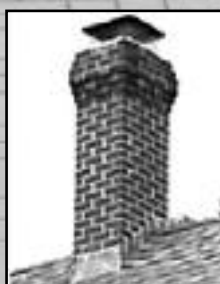
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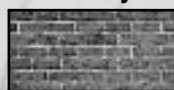
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"Libraries are presenters of the breadth of knowledge," said W. Keith McCoy, SCLSNJ's director of public services. "It's important that we offer programs that look at the culture of the world we live in, especially the local part we pass through each day. We're grateful that the state of New Jersey supports the humanities and public knowledge in this way."

According to NJCH, the Council subsidizes 200 high-quality public humanities programs for organizations throughout the state annually, providing opportunities for New Jersey communities to explore shared history, values, culture, and beliefs, and to engage in key questions with the support of a scholarly

perspective.

Your Library System will offer eight programs from the NJCH Public Scholars program exploring music to history and beyond.

May 2018 Event at Warren Township Library
Write Your Memoir Five Minutes at a Time (adults)

May 15, 7-8 p.m.

SCLSNJ's Warren Twp. Library branch, located at 42 Mountain Boulevard in Warren Twp., New Jersey.

Everyone has a story to tell, a story that matters. Learn how to develop a memoir writing practice in this workshop presented by Edvige Giunta, Professor of English at New Jersey City University. Registration is required: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/557505.

This program series has been made possible in part by the National Endowment for the

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SCLSNJ IS YOUR TICKET TO EXPLORATION AND ADVENTURE

Submitted by Tracy Carney

Throughout the month of May, the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) will commemorate Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month with a series of interactive and educational programs.

"We are excited to have our Libraries highlight the diverse cultures and traditions of the Asian and Pacific Islander American communities," said Jessica Trujillo, system youth services manager. "Patrons will have the opportunity to explore everything from Polynesian fire knife dancing, to Chinese and Japanese tea ceremonies. This series offers engaging programs for the whole family."

The Library System is committed to continuing to educate Somerset County residents of all ages on the various cultures of the world through programs that celebrate diversity. Over 600 individuals explored the history and

accomplishments of African-Americans during SCLSNJ's last cultural series in February.

Discover programs

Celebrate Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month through May 31 (all ages invited) SCLSNJ's Warren Township Library branch, located at 42 Mountain Boulevard in Warren Township, New Jersey.

This month-long program includes displays, crafts, and other activities. For more: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/582383.

Asian Tea Experience: China and Japan (adults)

May 19, 3 to 4 p.m.

SCLSNJ's North Plainfield Memorial Library branch, located at 6 Rockview Avenue in North Plainfield. Food Historian and Certified Tea

Specialist Judith Krall-Russo will lecture on unique tea preparations. Register: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/561460.

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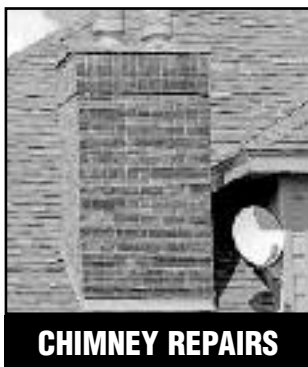




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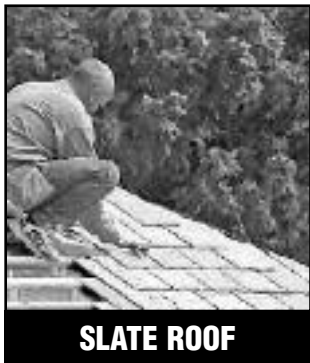
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MAY IS FUND DRIVE MONTH FOR WATCHUNG RESCUE SQUAD

By Jessica Wexler

In 1950, the 100 percent volunteer Watchung Rescue Squad (WRS) started with 15 men as members. They responded to their first call on December 31, 1950 in a 1929 Buick they purchased for \$1 from the Borough of North Plainfield.

Today, Watchung Rescue Squad is still all-volunteer, but they are now 40 members strong, men and women, with two state-of-the-art ambulances and a First Responder Vehicle. Their members range in age from 16 to 90, and many of them are Watchung residents; neighbors helping neighbors. Whether it's an allergic reaction, cardiac emergency, accident-related injury, or other medical issue, WRS is on call seven nights a week, holidays, and weekends, providing high-quality service and compassionate care.

Members of the squad pride themselves on being professional, knowledgeable, and hands-on. The EMTs, drivers, and cadets, ages 16 to 18, are trained to quickly assess what needs to be done, and then do it without hesitation. This

professionalism and confidence comes from training, experience, and genuine caring for each patient.

During the last major snowstorm, Life Member and past Captain Adam Wexler got out of the ambulance and walked in knee-deep snow up an exit ramp to Route 78 to reach a patient that had a medical emergency while stranded in his vehicle. During the month of January 2018, WRS EMT Emma Reedman performed CPR at Watchung Hills Regional High School, successfully saving the life of a fellow student who experienced sudden cardiac arrest while in class. These are only two examples of many where the squad's quick action and knowledgeable decision-making under pressure made all the difference.

WRS' members come from all backgrounds, and walks of life, but it is their passion for what they do and their sincere desire to help others that brings them together and makes it work. Former President Lysandra Plotkin says, "I initially joined the squad as a high schooler looking for community service hours, but the squad has become a part of my life. Being a member of the rescue squad gives you the opportunity to save lives, help out your neighbors, and to feel more like you're a part of the community. After the first time I saved a life, I felt a huge sense of fulfillment and accomplishment."

In our small Borough of Watchung, it hardly seems possible that the Squad responded to 316 calls last year, but they did. Residents Angel Quiros and Denise Wilson were last month's top responders to calls, with 62 and 61 calls, respectively, under their belts as of the end of March. While most calls occur in Watchung's residences, stores, and other businesses, and on the highways that run through the Borough, WRS

also lends a hand to neighboring towns whenever the need arises.

All Watchung Rescue Squad's members are certified in Healthcare Provider CPR. Those that successfully complete the course to become state-certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) put in over 200 hours of classroom training, which is in addition to any member's day job, school schedule, family time, and other responsibilities. Monthly in-house training drills, membership meetings, and seminars and workshops offered by neighboring squads and local hospitals are all in a day's work for WRS members.

Past President, Life Member, and Watchung resident Don Monetti notes that the great relationship that WRS has with the Police Department, Fire Department, Department of Public Works (DPW), the Borough Council, Mayor, and employees are what helps keep everything running smoothly even when the going gets tough.

Watchung Rescue Squad always responds free-of-charge, but donations are needed to purchase and maintain ambulances; buy medical supplies and equipment; provide training, protective clothing, and uniforms for volunteers; and, last, but not least, maintain their building on Watchung Circle at 10 Stirling Road. The majority of their income is derived from Watchung residents' donations. They are fully tax-deductible and greatly appreciated, in any amount. Donations can be made online through PayPal by visiting their website at watchungems.com, and you can reach them by telephone at 908-755-1297. Please look for their Fund Drive letter in your mailbox and stop by and say hello at the Memorial Day Picnic on May 19, 2018.



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(above, l-r) WRS at Harvest Festival: Paula Moszczynski, Kiera Vrindten, Treasurer Charles "Piv" Pivnichny, Adam Wexler, Denise Wilson, Liana Sa, Vice President Ali Diecke, Francis Teixeira Campos, and Sarah Haddican.

RESCUE SQUAD FUND DRIVE PHOTOS



(above) WRS at Memorial Day Picnic. (top row, l-r) Freddie Hayeck, Michael Erickson, Matt King, Victoria Solon, Admin Sgt. Angel Quiros.
(bottom row, l-r) Vice President Ali Diecke, and 2nd Lieutenant Nick Greico.



(above) WRS Members at Annual 9/11 Ceremony.



(above) WRS and Watchung Fire Department in action at a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Drill.

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2018 'GUYS AND DOLLS' CAST, ORCHESTRA AND PRODUCTION STAFF

CAST MEMBERS

The Cast included: Jacob Lesser at Sky Masterson and Christine Tanko as Sarah Brown; Scott Romankow as Nathan Detroit and Kyra Anthony as Adelaide; also, as the Guys, Jack Melillo as Nice-Nicely, Sam Sinnott as Benny Southwest, Ben Allgor as Rusty Charlie, Matt Oboh as Harry the Horse, Matt MacKrell as Angie the Ox, Andrew Moberly as Joey Biltmore, Will Johnson as Big Jule, Lucas Mammone as Lt. Brannigan, and Justin Horowitz as Master of Ceremonies.

The Mission soldiers included: Will Broder as Arvide Abernathy, Angie Carrano as Agatha, Summer Stuart as Calvina, Ariya Blow as Martha; and, as Mission soldiers, Brigita Przybylski, Maddie Johnson, Maddie Leong, Sophia Su, Angela Munoz, Natasha Bird and Kaelin Churchill.



(above, l-r) Backstage: Scott Romanhow, who portrayed "Nathan Detroit;" Kyra Anthony, who portrayed "Adelaide," Christine Tanko, who portrayed "Sarah Brown;" and Jacob Lesser, who portrayed "Sky Masterson."

The Crap Shooters/Dancers included: Matt Oboh, Ben Allgor, Kevin Lynch, Matt Mazzarisi, Spencer Acciarito, Chris Gagliano, Heather Sherry, Emma Giordano, and Jenny Miller.

The Hot Box Girls/Ensemble Dancers include: Emma Marszalek, Avery Noerr, Nicole Vila, Claire Vickery, Sophia Blanchard, Nicole Bell, Dana Wasserman, Francesca Infante-Meehan, Kayla Martins Anchal Dhir, Emma Leary and Giovanna DiSanto.

The Dance Captains were Sam Sinnott and Francesca Infante-Meehan.

The Havana Waiters were: Jenny Miller and Matt Mazzarisi. Playing parts in the opening "Runyonland Prologue" were: Actress, Giovanna DeSanto; Rich Woman, Emma Marszalek; Tour Guide, Matt McKrell; Sight Seer, Avery Noerr; Photographer, Kevin Lynch; Old Woman, Dana Wasserman; Street Walkers, Francesca Infante-Meehan, Kayla Martins, and Anchal Dhir; Texan, Chris Gagliano; Texan's Wife, Heather Sherry; Bobby Soxers, Emma Giordano and Emma Leary; Surly Person, Matt Mazzarisi; Policeman, Spencer Acciarito; Blind Man, Justin Horowitz, and Baby Carriage Hawker, Jenny Miller.

ORCHESTRA

The Orchestra included: Violins, Emma Golkin, Victor Hu, Harrison Lavelle, Jenny Li, Shruthi Ramasamy, Carter Rosen, Alvanna Tam, Neha Venkatesh, Jocelyn Wang, Tyler Wu, Jack White and Nandini Yellamelli; Viola, Valerie Wang; Cellos, Madeline Dietrich, Daria Monti, Spencer Shao, and William Wu; and Bass, Anjali

Blow and Roosevelt Porter;

Percussion, Ronald Dolce and Natalia Sosniak; Keyboard, Zoe Golkin;

Reeds: Elizabeth Baker, Jeremy Cui, Glen Diamond, Timothe Iroudassamy, Sanjay Subramanian, and Cherlin Zhu; Horn, Ben Walkins; Trumpets, Ryan Branco, Matthew Shaefer, and Carl Peterson; and Trombone, Jack Horan.

PRODUCTION STAFF

This production of Guys and Dolls was directed by WHRHS Drama Teacher Douglas Eaton. He was also the set designer. Music Direction was provided by WHRHS Choral Music Teacher Angela DiIorio Bird. The Orchestral Director was WHRHS Instrumental Music Teacher Paul McCullen.

The Chief Assistant Director was Emily Snead, Assistant Director, Kathleen O'Mullan; Production Stage Manager, Mark Caamano. Scenic Artist was Kate Griffin; Costume Design, Gail DeCicco; Lighting Design, Chris Valenti; Sound Design, Rick Clark; Lead Assistant Sound Mixer, Alexander Martin; Assistant Sound Mixer, Brianna Caetano.

Chief Carpenter was Nick DiNizio; Costumes, Alison Wolf; Costumes Crew, Arden Dettling, Erica Munoz, Sara Barrientos, Genevieve Rust, Maddy Goffredo; Prop Master, Jessica Pearlstein; and Prop Crew, Becca Dickerson, Rachel Krouk, Hannah Marszalek, and Michelle Chavanne.

Sound Mics, Michael Maloney and Krystyna Leski; Lighting Board Operator, Portia Rowley; Spot Lighting, Adam Noble and Michael Wong; Scenic Painters, Fiona Mulvey, Amelia Randolph, Marianna Renda, Ariana Gilligan, Kaitlin Chin and Stephanie Ormaeche; Hair and Makeup, Hollace Chase, Brianna Casas, Juliet Leary, Shelby Waddy, Hannah Stevens, Erin Pinto, Ivey Ledward, Arianne Rahimi, Julia Celeste, Madelena Goffredo, Ariana Gilligan, Josephine Pascale, Malvika George, Sophie Frank, and Kat Peterson.

Rigging, Pat Dempsey, Colin Beisler and Gabriel Snead; Running Crew, Max Dubliner, Gabby Raminez, Nina DiNorscio, Emily Dec, Gillian Loesberg, Michael Sullivan, Skylar Paltjon, Massai Shuler, Sophia Patti, Amelia Randolph, Katie Strong, Melissa Miketen, Kip Degeorges and Roshni Dave.

Tech on Deck, Tyler Horvath; Ushers, Navya Menon, Chelsea Kramer and Jennifer Buser; Head of House, Elizabeth Chapleski; Script & Cue Business manager, Dianne Krutz.

Program headshots and group shots, William Johnson; Play Program, Laura Zijdel.

Music and Lyrics for Guys and Dolls by Frank Loesser; Book by Abe Burrows and Jo Swerling. Based on the short story, The Idyll of Sarah Brown, and other characters developed by journalist and author Damon Runyon. The production is made through special arrangement through Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. For more information, visit MTIShows.com.



(above) Pit performance. The Orchestra for "Guys and Dolls" perform under the direction of WHRHS Instrumental Music Teacher and Orchestral Director Paul McCullen, standing right.

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WHO'S AFRAID OF THE BIG BAD WOLF? CUB SCOUTS PACK 32 AREN'T!

Submitted by Samantha Good

Two wolves visited the Cub Scouts of Watchung. The wolves came from Howling Woods Farms, Jackson, New Jersey. Pack 32 raised money from popcorn sales in 2017 and donated the funds to the wolf rescue.

The BEAR scouts began the evening at the Watchung Exempt Fireman's Hall with the Scouts' opening flag ceremony. Megan Quinn, HWF animal trainer and tour guide, and Michael Hodanish, president, and founder of Howling Woods Farm, brought Samson and Kotori, two hybrid wolves that live in the wolfdog rescue. The leaders began with a special presentation about the wolves. The Scouts learned that wolves are not dangerous; humans have more chance of being hit on the head by a coconut than being attacked by a wolf. Real wolves avoid people, are

extremely shy and not confrontational. Wolves can travel 50 miles or more per day looking for food. Wolves once lived in all 50 states of U.S. and were exterminated primarily by ranchers, farmers and early settlers who feared the animals. They now exist in abundance in Alaska and Minnesota and following reintroduction, wolves now also live in Arizona, Idaho, Michigan, Montana, New Mexico, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Wolves are federally protected by the Endangered Species Act.

During the evening the Cub Scouts were able to meet Samson and Kotori, who appeared in the November issue of Vogue with Daisy Ridley (Rey from "Star Wars"). Samson is a 13-year old mix of wolf and Alaskan malamute. He is 110 pounds and in 2010 he appeared in a Disney movie, "Sorcerer's Apprentice." Kotori is an 8-

year old white wolf-German Shepherd mix and is 90 pounds. Kotori's name means "screech owl spirit" in Hopi. Both wolves love company and that was demonstrated by their behavior whilst the cub scouts were close to them.

For more information about Howling Woods Farm please visit website howlingwoods.org.

For information on scouting please visit website beascout.scouting.org. If any boys and girls in kindergarten through fifth grade are interested in joining the Cub Scouts of Watchung, please contact the chair of Pack 32 at pack32chair@gmail.com.



(above) Cub Scout Pack 32 with Kotori from Howling Woods Farm.

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CONTEMPORARY ART GROUP ANNUAL MEMBERS SHOW AND SCULPTOR MICHAEL COOPER AT THE WATCHUNG ARTS CENTER

The Watchung Arts Center will present the annual members show of the Contemporary Art Group in its Upper Gallery. In the Lower Gallery, sculptor Michael Cooper will display his work in an exhibition entitled "Conception to Completion." The exhibitions will be on display until May 30, 2018. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

The Contemporary Art Group show represents 32 artists exhibiting painting, pastels, fine art photography, sculpture and ceramics. Participating artists are: Margaret McCrary Anderson, Dorothy Bellew, Ruth Brown, Virginia Carroll, Inna Chabanova, Alicia Flynn Cotter, Lesya Hanenko Dovbenko, Maryann Ficker, Diane Gallo, Tamara Hanenko, Avi Kiriakatis, Constantine Kiriakatis, Don Kuhn, Linda Lam,

Sheilia Lenga, James Long, Tom Martin, Charlann Meluso, Kathleen Nademus, Monica Schraiber Otero, Ghanshaym Patel, Tom Perri, Doris Prial, Eugene Prial, Linnea W. Rhodes, Sandy Ruda, Linda Schwartz, Cecilly Sullivan, Rosalia Verdun, Cynthia Walling, Cynthia Weiss, and Chris Winslow.

The Contemporary Art Group is a non-profit group of about 50 artists from central New Jersey who meet regularly at The Watchung Art Center to discuss art and support the creative endeavors of its members. CAG is a supportive group where there is mutual respect among members, where members exchange ideas, provide information about exhibit opportunities and share their own artistic development. More information about Contemporary Art Group can be found at contemporaryartgroup.org.

Michael Cooper is a visual artist working in the fine and commercial fields. His work is not dictated by any one medium or style, but rather his art designs point him to the method of creation for each piece. His visual ideas translate primarily into sculptures, but paintings and drawings as well.

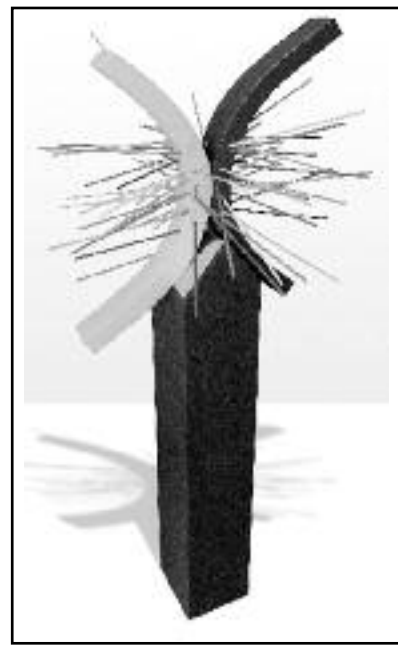
For the past several years, he has explored simple and graphic shapes in his work. His commercial art in many cases has to be bold and eye catching using simple designs, shapes and colors. The sculptures in this exhibit reflect those elements. However, these seemingly simple forms become intriguing in their positive and negative shapes and their interaction with each other and the environment around them.

In this series of sculptures, he works with wood and metal creating simple shapes that suggest some playfulness with gravity and intersecting. Contrasting colors help accentuate certain shapes and/ or areas. Reflections add another level of depth. His work is intended not to just sit on earth or a pedestal but to interact with the earth and pedestal. Some pieces suggest figurative notions, and all have geometric shapes interacting.

The Watchung Arts Center is located on the circle at 18 Stirling Road, Watchung, New Jersey. The Gallery is open Tuesday to Friday, noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information go to watchungarts.org or call 908-753-0190.



(above, left) Don Kuhn "Morning"
(above, right) Kathleen Nademus
"Laundry Day."



(above, l-r) Michael Cooper 's "Pivot", "Recreating the Wheel", and "Two Arcs"

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SCLSNJ HIRES NEW DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES

Submitted by Carolann DeMatos

The Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) new Director of Public Services Christopher "Chris" Korenowsky began working in public libraries when he was 15-years-old.

"I don't know anything else besides libraries, I don't remember a childhood or a life without the public library," explained Korenowsky. "I saw this posting and I knew this was my dream job. I've been looking for a position that is exactly this, a position that would really play to my strengths and would allow these same strengths to become an asset to the library I am serving. I want to be on the floor, in the branch, working with customers, and focusing on public service management."

Korenowsky joined the System as their newest public services director on April 16, 2018. Korenowsky, a graduate of Kent State University with his Master of Information Management and Library Sciences and Ohio State University with his Bachelor of Arts in English Literature, will replace W. Keith McCoy who is retiring after over 40 years of library service.

"I found Mr. Christopher Korenowsky to be extremely forthright and unequivocal in his responses to our inquiries; but more importantly, he convincingly imparted a positive and refreshing outlook that was underscored with an undeniable sense of confidence and authority," said Library commission personnel committee

member Dr. Anthony T. Suriano. "He is experienced, knowledgeable, and indeed approachable. I am certain that he will make a noteworthy contribution to the Somerset County Library's ongoing and concerted efforts to perfect the services that it offers its patrons."

"It is important to me and to this System that we continue to work to propel public services coaching and branch staff development, and to assure that superior public service is being offered to every customer who walks through the door, every single time," explained Korenowsky.

"Chris comes highly recommended for his skills in team building and services planning, and this will dovetail nicely with our upcoming strategic planning process," said County Library Administrator Brian Auger. "Additionally, his extensive background in nonprofit fundraising is sure to be a real asset as we grow our foundation."

"The cornerstone of what we do is ensuring that we have staff that supports exemplary customer service, all day, every day; it is what we do, it is who we are. In my opinion, there is nothing more important. This is critical to any future Library success," said Korenowsky.

According to Korenowsky, one of the best ways to get to know a new librarian is to take a peek at his bookshelf. Explore Korenowsky's favorite authors and their corresponding "best" books (according to this seasoned librarian):

· Elizabeth Strout: "Amy and Isabelle," "Olive

Kitteridge," and "Abide With Me"

Colum McCann: "Let the Great World Spin" and "Transatlantic"

Lauren Groff: "Delicate Edible Birds and Other Stories"

Joan Silber: "Ideas of Heaven"

Jane Hamilton: "The Short History of a Prince"

Elizabeth McCracken: "The Giant's House"

All books are available at your Library. Visit catalog.SCLSNJ.org to reserve your copy today.

Korenowsky can be contacted at ckorenowsky@sclibnj.org. For additional information about the Library visit SCLSNJ.org.

WATCHUNG LIBRARY MAY 2018 EVENTS

12 Stirling Road, Watchung, New Jersey.

For more information call 908-458-8455 or visit SCLSNJ.org.

All programs listed are free. Registration is required unless otherwise indicated and programs are subject to change; visit SCLSNJ.org or call the library for more information and to register.

Please note the Library will be closed on May 13, 22, 27, and 28.

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ADULT PROGRAMS

Mah Jong Club of Watchung

May 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29; 1 to 4 p.m.

Bridge Club

May 9, 16, 23, 30; 10 a.m. to noon.

Watchung Writers Group

May 10, 17; 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Canasta Group

May 10, 17, 24, 31; 1 to 2 p.m.

WATCHUNG SENIOR BUS TRIP TO RIVER LADY LUNCH CRUISE

Submitted by Madelyn Cornelisse

The Watchung Seniors will be hosting a bus trip to River Lady Lunch Cruise on May 17, 2018.

The trip will include a round trip bus ride, cruising on paddle boat narrated along the Toms River and Barnegat Bay. Selected lunch, cash bar, returning to Watchung, New Jersey at approximately 3:30 p.m. For information contact Brenda at 908-753-4586 or

Madelyn at 908-561-1932

The Watchung Seniors 55+ meet the second Wednesday of every month from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There are no meetings in the summer. Our yearly membership is from July 1 to June 30. Meetings are held at the Fireman's Exempt Hall, lower level, 57 Mountain Boulevard, next to Borough Hall, Watchung, New Jersey. They have guest speakers, trips, and fun parties. Contact for more information: 732-968-7843. New members are always welcome.

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WHRHS STUDENT AANIKA SADANA'S DRAWING DISPLAYED AT MORRIS MUSEUM

Submitted by Rita Sadana

Aanika Sadana, a junior (Grade 10) at Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS), Watchung, New Jersey, currently has a drawing on display at the Fresh Perspectives: A Juried High School Art Exhibition at Morris Museum, Morristown, New Jersey.

Aanika has been drawing and painting since she was 5-years-old. Her artworks have been published in Celebrating Art Yearbook in 2016 and 2017. Celebrating Art is a nationwide art contest, and each year they publish two yearbooks; one in the fall and one in the spring. She was awarded High Merit in the Celebrating Art Contest in spring 2017 for her Two Birds drawing.

Fresh Perspectives will be on display until June 3, 2018. For more information, visit morrismuseum.org or call 973-971-3700



(above) "Two Birds" drawing
by Aanika Sadana.

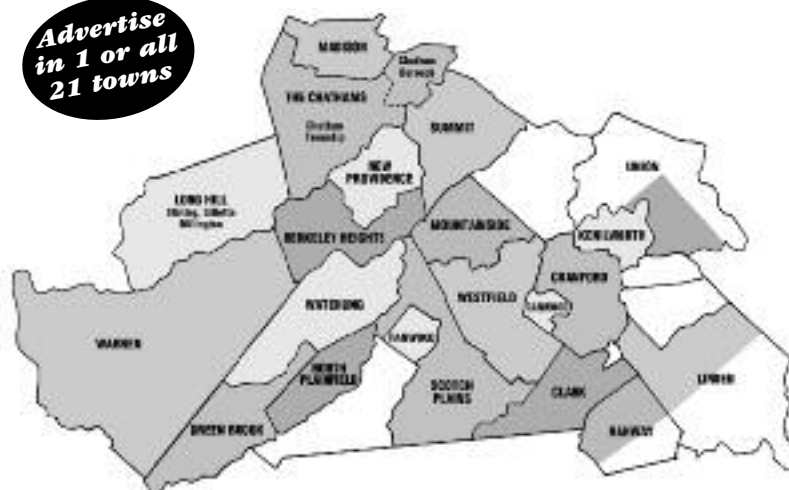
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Submitted by Gwen Chalker

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Bridge Group with Ronnie

May 8, 15, 22 and 29 1 to 3 p.m.

Bridge is a mentally challenging card game that offers intellectual and social stimulation. Playing bridge regularly stimulates your brain and helps keep your memory active and your brain alert. Join Ronnie and her group as they play bridge on a weekly basis. New members and beginners welcome (lessons available).

Tone and Flexibility Exercise Class with Sabina

May 2, 9, 23 and 30 10:45 a.m.

Enjoy an energizing class suitable for beginner and intermediate levels. Exercising with Sabina will boost your energy level, reduce stress, and help tone your body by using resistance bands, exercise balls and dance moves. Exercises can be done standing up or sitting down. No class on May 16.

Ballroom Dancing with Bice

May 9, 16, 23 and 30 1 to 3 p.m.

Meet new people and make some friends while exercising! Dancing is a great way for people of all ages to get and stay in shape. Besides being fun, dancing has many health benefits. Dance can have an incredible impact on overall flexibility, strength, endurance, and emotional well-being. Join Bice, who has won several dance competitions, as she plays a variety of Ballroom Dance music.

Bingo

May 10, 17, 24 and 31 – 10:30 a.m.

Bingo is more than just an exciting activity. Researchers have found that playing Bingo has multiple health benefits. It promotes socialization, strengthens hand-eye coordination, and takes concentration which improves listening and short-term memory skills.

Brains, Games and Hand Bells with Adrienne

May 11, 18 and 25, 10:30 a.m.

Did you know that solving puzzles or challenging yourself with new mind-stretching activities like learning music can stimulate the brain and enhance your creative and critical thinking processes? Join Adrienne for some mind-tingling, brain-stumping word games and a fun-filled musical workout using hand bells.

Boggle and Word within a Larger Word

May 8, 15 and 22, 10:30 a.m.

This is a challenging game that is played using a grid of letters, in which attendees search for words that can be constructed from letters of sequentially adjacent letters. Words must be at least three letters long but may not use the same letter on the grid more than once per word. Then look for words within a larger word. Join us as we find as many words as possible.

Warrenbrook Book Club

First Tuesday of the Month May 8.

Featured book to be discussed: Cartwheels in a Sari by Jayanti Tamm, 1:30 p.m. New Members Welcome!

“Making 3-D Ornaments with Gwen

May 14, 10:30 a.m.

Using a variety of craft media, you will have the opportunity to decorate a large cordstock ornament that can be turned into a 3-D ornament. Preregistration is required by May 10.

“Walk with Ease Introduction”

by Caitlin Witucki, MS, Health Promotion Specialist,
Somerset County Office on Aging & Disability Services

May 16, 10:30 a.m.

Caitlin will introduce this very beneficial, evidence-based program entitled, Walk with Ease. This program was developed by the Arthritis Foundation and has been proven to reduce the pain of arthritis and improve health among adults with osteoarthritis who have been inactive.

This program is also appropriate for individuals who have been inactive for a period of time and are looking for a safe way to reintroduce themselves to exercise. Walk with Ease is a six-week program designed to be delivered in two formats;

Instructor-Led Group or Self-Directed Individual.

Both formats utilize a step-by-step workbook.

“Mocktails: Non-Alcoholic Mixology”

by Vanessa Young, Thirsty Radish

May 21, 10:30 a.m.

Beverages should be flavorful and festive even when they are non-alcoholic. Learn how to make delicious mocktails for parties, holidays, and everyday enjoyment. Discover how to create beautiful, seasonal drinks and find out the interesting stories behind these thirst-quenching treats.

Three Part iPhone/iPad Workshop:

Get the Most from this Powerful Tool in your Pocket

with Maureen Greenbaum

May 22, June 5 and 12, 10 a.m.

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State Health Insurance Program (SHIP).

May 25

A counselor will be available to provide free help to New Jersey Medicare beneficiaries who have problems with, or questions about their health benefits. SHIP is a statewide program by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services. Services available by advanced appointment only and will be available the last Friday of the month.

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