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# **RECYCLE, REUSE, AND RECOVER PROMOTED ATGREEN FAIR**

Warren and Watchung Green Teams

Many thanks to over 50 members of Warren Township and Watchung Borough's community service organizations, schools, Fortune 500 Companies, the Township Committee of Warren Township, Mayor Council of Watchung Borough, and professional speakers who offered residents the opportunity to drop off hard-to-recycle items and receive practical tips on protecting the environment at the Green Fair held on September 25, 2021. The practice of Recycle, Reuse, and Recover was evident that Saturday as the Warren Township and Watchung Borough Green Teams successfully held their annual Green Fair at the Municipal Grounds in Warren Township. The Green Fair delivered fun and an awareness of a range of educational environmental topics.

- Residents in 570 cars dropped off approximately:1.5 tractor truckloads of electronics to NewTech where they will be crushed and the remnants will be used for
- their raw materials (newtechrecycling.com).46 large bags of expanded polystyrene were collected and
- will be taken by Warren Township DPW to Foam Pack Industries for reduction then reuse,
- 200 eyeglasses and 25 hearing aids to the Warren Lions Club, which will be cleaned then either reused or sold with the proceeds supporting sight preservation programs.
  2000 books to Trinity United Church
- (trinityunitedchurch.org), which will be offered for sale at the Book Bin in the church or the upcoming Rummage Sale to be held on October 1 and 2.
- Unneeded medicines to the Warren Police that will be inactivated in a secure, and environmentally safe manner; warrenpolice.com/project-medicine-drop.

Additionally, residents were able to:

- Many thanks to over 50 members of Warren Township and atchung Borough's community service organizations, • Watch their documents be shredded by SafeGuard. (over 23 bins of paper in total).

  - Beekeepers Association; njbeekeepers.org/AboutUs.htm • Optimize energy use from PSE&G Technicians promoting
  - Quick Home Energy Checkups.
  - Discover the valuable Recycle Coach App
  - How to recycle rechargeable batteries to avoid fires
  - The hazards of Spotted Lanternflies and the value of native plants and seeds by Green Team Members.
  - Learn the value of COVID-19 vaccination and testing, and receive masks and hand sanitizer from Eze Udensi, Middlebrook Regional Health Commission.

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) and OEM members from both towns distributed information on emergency preparedness for disasters and registered residents for Register Ready, a service that checks on residents with disabilities during emergencies. Warren Township OEM wants to identify residents with disabilities or access/functional needs who may need help during emergencies. These residents can self-register at ready.nj.gov.

The Warren and Watchung Green Teams and community organizations are always looking for volunteers concerned about our environment and assisting the public. Please check the Warren Township (warrennj.org, creese@warrennj.org, facebook.com/WarrenOEM/ and co.somerset.nj.us or jasch@warrennj.org) and Watchung Borough (watchungnj.gov) websites, Facebooks, Instagram, For more about recycling go to recyclecoach.com.



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# **RIO CLEMENTE ~ THE BISHOP OF JAZZ LIVE AND LIVE STREAMED FROM ARTS CENTER**

Watchung Arts Center is once again proud to announce the return of critically acclaimed audience favorite Rio Clemente on Saturday, November 6 at 8 p.m. A consummate jazz musician who has performed at Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, and NJPAC, Rio holds his audiences spellbound with the sheer brilliance of his improvisations, and his unique fusions of classical passagework with jazz.

Rio Clemente draws the audience up in a musical embrace and then takes them on an extraordinary journey of fanciful melodies and scintillating rhythms. As a master pianist, educator, composer, arranger and recording artist, Clemente mixes a strong classical background with a rich knowledge of jazz history, and then adds an amazing sense of creativity and interpretation. The result is a smorgasbord of music that is different from others, and nearly always produces a standing ovation.

Mr. Clemente has performed from coast to coast for senators, governors, mayors, and other dignitaries and played in jazz clubs from Manhattan to Cape Cod and Florida to California. In December 2011 he tickled the keys of the historic 1938 Steinway piano and charmed the visitors in the East Room of the White House.

With his passionate musicality, impressive technique and nimble facility at the keyboard, Rio brings something very special and decidedly unequaled to his audience. Whether as a solo

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> Tickets are \$20 per person. Due to limited tickets, advance purchase for this concert is strongly recommended and can be purchased securely through Eventbrite (watchungartscenter.eventbrite.com).

> The Watchung Arts Center, located at 18 Stirling Road in Watchung 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) Rio Clemente ~ The Bishop of Jazz, Saturday, November 6, Watchung Arts Center

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# WATCHUNG HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year's Harvested Festival, was held on co-hosed by the Recreation Commission and the Watchung Hills Regional Municipal Alliance.

The event featured costume and pumpkin October 23rd at Mobus Field. The event was painting contests, music, games, prizes, pony rides and a petting zoo, hay stack, and inflatable rides. There was also free hot dogs, ice cream and snacks.

Photos from this and other events can be found online at rennamedia.com and on the Watchung Post page on facebook.com Feel free to "Like," "Tag," and "Share."



## **KINDNESS BEGINS WITH YOU**

#### Submitted by Nancy Scott

Several years ago, Watchung Girl Scout Troop 65114 approached Wilson Memorial Church with a proposal to create a Kindness Trail for their Silver Award Project on the wooded portion of the church property. They imagined a place where people could go to relax and enjoy nature's wonders. Above all, they wanted a place to contemplate choosing and practicing kindness. Wilson embraced the concept with enthusiasm since it parallels the mission of the church.

Donations of wood chips lined the newly cut path which is decorated with inspirational signs and messages. A talking table and benches are strategically placed along the trail, inviting visitors to turn off their phones; communicate with family and friends; or perhaps enjoy the challenge of a friendly game.

Last spring, Elliot Gargano of Watchung Troop 32, enhanced the trail with a sanctuary for small birds for his Eagle Scout Project. He created six birdhouses and several nesting platforms as well as identification signs. (Wilson is a charter organization for Troop 32 and Cub

Scout Pack 32).

After the trail was created, Wilson abandoned the "trunk-or-treat" gatherings held for the community each fall in favor of utilizing the Kindness Trail. Every October, the patch is transformed into a magical place by church members; "Fairy Tale Forest", "The Enchanted Forest" and "The Scarecrow Walk" were met with enthusiasm from young and old in the church and in the community.

You may contact the church office at 908-755-5020 or visit wilsonmemorialchurch.org for more information.



(above) A Kindness Trail was created at Wilson Memorial Church in collaboration with Watchung Girl Scout Troop 65114.

# **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

Submitted by Yvette Nora & Nancy Scott On October 3rd, in celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, several pets and their families gathered on the lawn in front of Wilson Memorial Church in Watchung, NJ for the Blessing of the Animals. The event honors the joy animals bring into our lives. Members of all faiths in the community are welcome to attend.

This year, our beloved pets received individual blessings from the Reverend Michael Droege. Some pets were recognized in memoriam by photograph. The recipients were cats and dogs. However, all pets are welcome. According to Reverend Droege, in past years he has bestowed blessings on birds, teddy bears and spiders! He acknowledged the love, support, and loyalty these companions provide.

St. Francis is known as the Patron Saint of

ecology, nature, animals, and merchants. He bestowed blessings and celebrated all creatures; companion animals, working animals and agricultural animals. He is one of the most respected religious figures.



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## I LAVA MY LIBRARY: **STEAM PROGRAMS THIS NOVEMBER**

According to the U.S. Department of Education, "it's more important than ever that our nation's youth are prepared to bring knowledge and skills to solve problems, make sense of information, and know how to gather and evaluate evidence to make decisions." These skills can be learned by exploring STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) concepts.

Local students in grades K-5 explored STEAM concepts at the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) Watchung branch this fall, by creating "volcanic eruptions" during an outdoor science program.

Connect with your Library and Discover STEAM concepts this November:

#### Watchung branch:

STEAM - Balloon Rockets (grades K-5): November 9, 4:30-5:15 p.m. Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5526173. Warren Township branch:

STEAM - Tessellations (grades K-5): November 22, 4:30-5:15 p.m. Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5472963.

For a complete list of programs at SCLSNJ, visit: SCLSNJ.org/events.



(above, l-r) Pictured are Loretta Mazzaferro, 5, May Mazzaferro, 3, and Katie Mazzaferro of Warren, working on their experiments.

## **CERAMIC COLLECTION AT WARREN TWP. LIBRARY**

Explore a unique display of Henna inspired ceramic pottery in the display cabinet in the Art to observe during regular hours of operation until Space at the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) Warren Township branch. The 34-piece exhibit was created by Bedminster artist Richa Gupta, who incorporates inspiration from Indian culture to the one-of-akind, colorful works. The pieces, which include trays, plates, cups, and vases, are functional as well as decorative.

The collection will be available for the public November 30. For more information, or for information about sharing works of art at the Library, contact Kathy DeCristofaro at kdecristofaro@sclibnj.org.

Discover how to make your own creative ceramic pieces with your Library and Creativebug today: SCLSNJ.org/creativebug.



# **NOVEMBER PROGRAMS AT THE WARREN TOWNSHIP LIBRARY**

#### **EXPLORE FROM HOME:** VIRTUAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS FOR ADULTS

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier - A Hundred Year History 1921-2021 November 1, 7-8 p.m.

Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4877392. Winter Adaptations

November 4, 7-8 p.m. Presented by the Somerset County Park Commission Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4952486.

**Kidney Health** November 5, 2-3:30 p.m. Presented by Dr. Cedrick Batchateu Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5123272. **Align Your Potential By Identifying Your** 

#### **Natural Abilities** November 16, 10 a.m. - noon

Presented by Jan Goodman Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5118794.

#### **Meet the Author - Gabrielle Glaser**

November 17, 7-8 p.m. Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4952537. Making Career Connections Work For You

November 19, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Presented by The Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board

Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5099200. **Native American Folkways** November 23, 7-8 p.m.

Presented by Historic Cold Spring Village Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5178063. Library will be closed on November 25

**IN-BRANCH PROGRAMS CHILDREN, TWEENS, TEENS** 

Let's Cook - Apple Pie Bites (grades 3-5) November 1, 4:30-5:15 p.m. **Baby Storytime** (ages birth - 18 months and caregivers) November 2, 9, 16, 23; 10:15-10:45 a.m.

**Toddler Storytime** (ages 18 months - 3 years and caregivers) November 3, 10, 17, 24; 10:15-10:45 a.m.

Family Storytime (families with children) November 3, 10, 17; 6:30-7 p.m.

**Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5 and caregivers)** November 4, 11, 18; 10:15-10:45 a.m. **Tween Library Club (grades 4-6)** 

November 4, 6-7 p.m. Early Reader Book Club (grades K-2) November 8, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

**Teen Leadership Committee (grades 6-12)** November 11, 6-7 p.m.

Teen Trivia - Must See TV (grades 6-12) November 18, 6-7 p.m. STEAM - Tessellations(grades K-5)

November 22, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

#### **IN-BRANCH PROGRAMS** FOR ADULTS

**Pearl Harbor - A Day of Infamy Presented by Paul Zigo** November 30, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

#### **EXPLORE FROM HOME:** VIRTUAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS **CHILDREN, TWEENS, TEENS**

**Jellyfish Storytime and Craft** (ages 3-6 and caregivers) November 3, 10:30-11 a.m. Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5190711. **Alvin Ailey West African Dance Workshop** (grades 6-8) November 4, 5-6 p.m. Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5112836. **Cooking Fun - Thanksgiving Treats (grades 1-4)** November 17, 3:30-4 p.m. Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5500385. **Turkey Temptation - A Honey Heist Adventure** (grades 6-12) November 17, 4:30-6 p.m.

Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5475901. **Meet the Author - Lauren Tarshis** 

(grades 2 and up) November 30, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5041397.



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