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joined the Township of Green Brook in the annual 911 ceremony at Top of the World Park. As usual, the Scouts were honored to be the Color Guard and carry the flags and stand with the Mayor, Town Council, Police, Fire, and other

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SENIORS CELEBRATE DIWALI

somerset county-operated Senior Wellness Centers that celebrated Diwali on Friday, October 21st, 2022. Diwali is the festival of lights that symbolizes victory of good over evil, light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance.

The senior community came together and watched the live Indian classical dance performed by Nirupamaa Chandrasekaran, Founder & Artistic Director of the Institute of Indian dance music & culture. The Montgomerv Volunteers Harinee and Nandini gave a

Warrenbrook Senior Center is one of the six presentation on importance and history of Diwali celebrated by South Asians. The seniors also participated in Indian Dance (Dandiya) and made sand art (rangoli). As we have clients from across the globe in all the six county-operated senior centers they celebrate and respect all the cultures with great zeal and enthusiasm.

> The senior centers are open during the weekdays from 9 a.m. -4 p.m. for activities and congregate meals.

> We provide transportation to the clients who are unable to drive. Please call (908) 753-9440 if you need any further information.





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SEEKING VOLUNTEERS AND MEMBERS

The Green Brook Cultural, Heritage and Historic Preservation Committee/Green Brook Historical Society is always looking for people of all ages interested in joining our group as a volunteer or member. There are also opportunities to get involved on an occasional basis, for special events or work days.

In October, we will be participating in the county-wide 'Weekend Journey Through the Past' event, which will be held on on Saturday, 10/8 and Sunday, 10/9. We are hosting a table up at Washington Rock and distributing information about the history that took place there in 1777. General George Washington will make an appearance on Saturday, from 1 - 2 p.m. to give an interesting presentation. The Rock has also been the site of other interesting happenings throughout the decades.

The Dr. John Vermeule House at 223 Rock Avenue, Green Brook will be open for visitors, on 10/8 from 10 am – 5 pm and 10/9 from 12 pm - 4pm. The House dates back to 1799 and offers an interesting glimpse into 19th-20th century rural living. There are some interesting outbuildings and farm equipment to see, on the 2-acre property.

Mark your calendars and consider participating as a volunteer or enjoy the event as a proud resident!

Our meetings are held at Green Brook Town Hall, 111 Greenbrook Road on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We also offer Zoom, for those who can't come in person. Our group has a lot of fun exploring our local history and doing our best to preserve and document its rich heritage. Please consider joining us!



(above) Sam Davis as General George Washington Courtesy photo



FIRE DEPARTMENT VISIT WITH THE LIONS CLUB

The Green Brook Lions were happy to host need for additional volunteers. members of the Green Brook Volunteer Fire Company at the October 17th dinner meeting. The discussion focused on the many services they provide to the community, as well as the

For information about volunteering, contact the Fire Company at 732-968-0121 or stop at Firehouse #1 on any Monday night.



(above, l-r) Lions VP Pat Boccio, Fire Captain Marc Gottlick, Chief Geno Panella and Lion President Jerry Accomando.

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BROOK ARTS CENTER HOLIDAY SEASON

Discover the magic of the theater this holiday season at the Brook Arts Center in Bound Brook, NJ, as special holiday events, musicals, and concerts light up the spirit of the season. From Seussical to A Christmas Carol and everything in between, there's a lot going on this holiday season at the Historic Brook Theater!

November 11-20: Seussical is a fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza! Immerse yourself in the world of all our favorite Dr. Seuss characters - Horton the, The Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, Mayzie, and Jojo, a little boy with a big imagination

December 2-11: A Christmas Carol -Experience the timeless tale of Ebenezer Scrooge on his redemptive journey with Christmas Past, Present, and Future, and rediscover the true meaning of the holidays.

December 10-12 pm: All aboard The Polar Express! Come watch The Polar Express on the big screen in your comfiest pajamas with friends and family. Get your Golden Ticket and enjoy the movie, cookies, and a sleigh bell for every child, given out by Santa himself.

December 16, 8 pm: Christmas with Chris Ruggiero features fan favorites from his muchanticipated Christmas album such as "Sleigh Ride," "Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)," and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" as well as songs from his four albums, all delivered in Chris's own classic style. Joined by Emil Stucchio & the Classics.

December 18, 3 pm: Brook Orchestra Holiday Pops. Deck the concert hall with holly jolly fun as Conductor Thomas Vacca and the Brook Orchestra fills the theater with timeless holiday music favorites.

Visit our website www.brookarts.org for information and discounted advance purchase tickets or call 732-469-7700. Box Office Opens at 6 pm for walk-up sales. Concessions, Bar, and Free Parking are available. The Brook Arts Center is located in Bound Brook, NJ, one block from the Bound Brook Train station and a few short miles from Rt 22, 287, and 78.

BROOK ARTS CENTER COMMUNITY PLAYERS PRESENT SEUSSICAL: THE MUSICAL

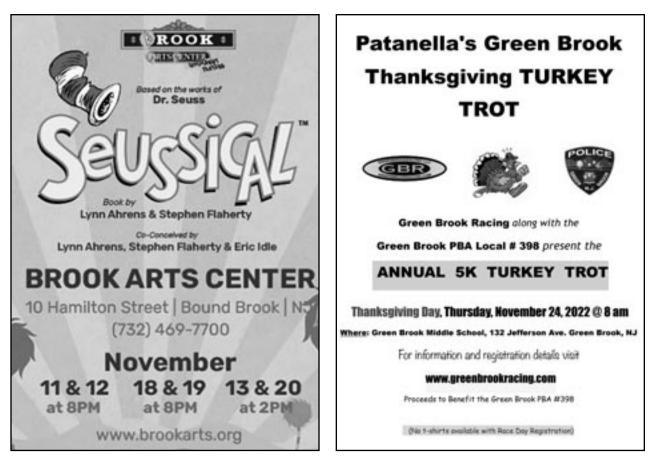
Community Players will present Seussical: The Musical at the Brook Arts Center in Bound Brook, from Friday, November 11 through Sunday, November 20. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 pm. Sunday performances are at 2 pm.

Based on works by Dr. Seuss with music by Stephen Flaherty, lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, and a book by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty. The show was Co-Created by Stephen Flaherty, Lynn Ahrens and Eric Idle. Many of Dr. Seuss's most beloved characters are brought to life by some of New Jersey's most talented artists.

The Cat in the Hat tells the story of Horton, an elephant who discovers a speck of dust that contains the Whos, including Jojo, a Who child sent off to military school for thinking too many

Perry Award-winning Brook Arts Center "thinks." Horton faces a double challenge: not only must he protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, but he must guard an abandoned egg, left in his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger, kidnapping, and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him. Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family, and community are challenged and emerge triumphant.

Tickets are available online at brookarts.org or 732-469-7700. Box Office Opens at 7 p.m. for walk-up sales. All seats are reserved seating. Concessions, bar, and free parking are available. The Brook Arts Center is located in historic downtown Bound Brook, NJ, one block from the Bound Brook Train station and a few short miles from Rt 22, 287, and 78.







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(above) Throughout November 2022, the Art Space at Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) Warren branch will be exhibiting the work of Warren Township fiber artist, Carolvn Hanson.





LOCAL FIBER ARTIST EXHIBITS WEARABLE ART

Throughout November 2022, the Art Space at busy. She has given me quite a gift." Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) Warren branch will be exhibiting the work of Warren Township fiber artist, Carolyn Hanson.

Hanson designs and creates one-of-a-kind wearable art accessories including scarves. shawls, wraps, and handbags.

"Creativity has been an integral part of my life," said Hanson. "I was a nail biter, so my mom may have taught me to knit to keep my hands

Her knitted and/or crocheted pieces are expressions of subtle simplicity, color, and texture that often incorporate multiple fibers and techniques to form unique statements.

The art display will be available to view during regular hours of operation. The Warren branch is located at 42 Mountain Boulevard in Warren.

For more information,

email Kathy DeCristofaro at kdecristofaro@sclibnj.org.

LIBRARY STAFF DONATE OVER 400 POUNDS OF NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS TO THOSE IN NEED

For the twelfth consecutive year, the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) has collected and donated school supplies and non-perishable items for Somerset County community members in need.

The 11-branch system – through a program organized by Charlene Perkins and Jennifer McClear, co-chairs of SCLSNJ's feeding minds and bodies donation drive committee - collected over 434 pounds of donation items for The Food Bank Network of Somerset County, located on Easy Street.

"Food bank volunteers were thrilled when the SCLSNJ van pulled into the Food Bank garage to unload the 26 boxes of collected school supplies and non-perishable food," said Perkins. "It's a wonderful feeling to know that SCLSNJ employees are so generous in donating to this annual drive."

The mission of The Food Bank Network of Somerset County is "to distribute food and to provide other basic human needs to those less fortunate in our community in a manner which recognizes and advances self worth and human dignity." To learn more about The Food Bank Network of Somerset County, visit somersetfoodbank.org or call 732-560-1813.

To discover all SCLSNJ has to offer, visit SCLSNJ.org or connect with SCLSNJ on Facebook, Twitter, or YouTube.



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To join a virtual program by phone, dial 646-876-9923. After dialing, you will be prompted to enter a meeting ID, which is unique for every event. The meeting ID is the series of numbers at the end of the Zoom link posted for each event.

The Polling History of Roe vs Wade -The Correlation of Public Opinion and the **Supreme Court**

November 2, 7-8 p.m. sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6718578 **Searching for Atticus Finch** November 7, 7-8 p.m. sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6570943 The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

November 8, 7-8 p.m. sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6310382 The Pilgrims and The Mayflower -

From Sea to Shining Sea November 10, 7-8 p.m. sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6268509 **Rich Resources - Presented by the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board** November 11, 11 a.m. - noon

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What's So Great About New Jersey's Great Seal? - The History and Symbolism of the **Garden State's Coat of Arms** November 14, 7-8 p.m. sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6621146 The Pacific Northwest and Alaska November 15, 7-8 p.m. sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6632867 **Business Etiquette for Jobseekers - First Impressions Count - Presented by Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Center** November 16, 10 a.m. - noon sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6563799 Black Earth, Red Earth, and Lumpy Beer -The Cuisine of Ancient Egypt November 16, 7-8 p.m. sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6565452 Waves of Hope - The Inspiring Story of Agnes Joan Negra With Author Ronald Edward Negra and Valerie Negra November 17, 7-8 p.m. sclsni.libnet.info/event/6625851 13 Moons - The Story of the Wampanoag

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WARRENBROOK SENIOR CENTER NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

Performance by the Raritan Valley Community College Dance Ensemble November 4, 11 a.m.

The performance includes dances created by the Raritan Valley Community College faculty, students and guest artists, and exposes the communicative aspects of the art form. It features dancers performing a variety of dances set to a wide range of music and sound accompaniment and runs approximately fortyfive minutes. In addition to dance performances, the program will include improvisations and Q&A session. The audience will also have a chance to inspire movements that will be incorporated into dance phrases.

The Campbell's Soup Company: **More Than Just Soup**

November 16, 11 a.m. The Campbell's Soup Company: More Than Just Soup by Marisa Bozarth, Historian. Marisa will discuss the history of the Cambell's soup company's humble beginnings to become a million-dollar company and the role local New Jersey residents played in the process. Made possible by funds from the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission, a partner of

the New Jersey Historical Commission.



Beating the Holiday Blues

November 21, 11 a.m.

Beating the Holiday Blues by Chris Kellogg, NightingaleNJ. For some, the holidays are not filled with joy and excitement. The Holiday Blues can be a particularly difficult time for the elderly and their adult children. Join Chris for an informative session on how loss of family, friends, and function impacts the elderly and can lead to the Holiday Blues. Learn proven

tools and techniques to help manage the Holiday Blues for you and your loved ones.

Campaigns in the Delaware Valley

November 28, 11 a.m. Casimir Pulaski's Campaigns in the Delaware Valley by Joseph Wroblewski, Historian. Joseph will discuss the history of Brigadier General Casimir Pulaski and how he fled Poland to become the first Commander of the Continental Cavalry and the eighteen months he spent fighting in the Deleware Valley before heading south and meeting his eventual death.

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