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RESTAURANT WEEK - MARCH 20TH-26TH

A taste of Millburn-Short Hills' diverse restaurant scene

Mark your calendars for Millburn-Short Hills' first ever "Restaurant Week." The event will take place from Monday, March 20 through Sunday, March 26, 2023 throughout our five commercial districts including the beautiful Downtown. Millburn and Short Hills boast over 40 restaurants in over 20 culinary categories and we encourage participants to enjoy unique features and prix fixe meals as well as custom wine pairings from local shops at BYOB restaurants and special baked goods and desserts from some of the best spots in Essex

Restaurant Week is organized and presented by Explore Millburn-Short Hills - the Special Improvement District for Millburn Township. Explore has partnered with Opportunity Project, a Millburn-based non-profit which provides programs and services for individuals with brain injuries, including work adjustment, training and supported employment services. Participating restaurants will raise money for the nonprofit and some will also offer Opportunity Project members (survivors of brain injury) opportunities to work in their establishments.

Leaders in the local restaurant community have committed to the event with additional restaurants signing up daily. Ehren Ryan, owner and chef at Common Lot, said, "I am honored to be participating in the first annual Restaurant Week. It's a great opportunity to showcase a growing restaurant scene in and around town. To find hidden gems that you might not know of or show support for your regular restaurant. We have such a fantastic variety of places." Moonshine Modern Supper Club, Millburn Standard, Basilico, Splurge Bakery, Saigon Cafe, Boxcar Bar & Grill, the Millburn Deli, Liv Breads and Unwined Boutique are just a sampling of the restaurants, bakeries and wine shops that are participating. Various meal options will be lunch, dinner, Saturday Family Brunch and Sunday Brunch. Menus will become available as they are completed. Vegetarian, vegan, kosher and gluten free options will be notated in each profile as well as whether the restaurant is BYOB.

March is Brain Injury Awareness month and it could not be more fitting than to partner with this organization which trains and reintroduces people back into the workforce after they have suffered a brain injury and are on the road to recovery. Opportunity Project has brought Bank of America Private Bank and Newark Beth Israel Medical Center as additional sponsors of Restaurant Week.

To learn more about Millburn-Short Hills Restaurant Week, visit exploremillburnshorthills.org/about-restaurant-week/ Questions? Email marketing@exploremillburnshorthill.org. For updates follow Explore on Instagram and Facebook

@exploremillburnshorthills

To learn more about Opportunity Project, email Julie London jlondon@opportunityproject.org or visit the website www.opportunityproject.org

"Explore" is an independent 501c3 non-profit organization that serves as the Special Improvement District (SID) for the town. Established by the Township Committee in August 2020, the SID encompasses five distinct commercial areas and serves nearly 500 businesses.

If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Amanda Dean by phone 908-833-8612 or by email marketing@exploremillburnshorthills.org.





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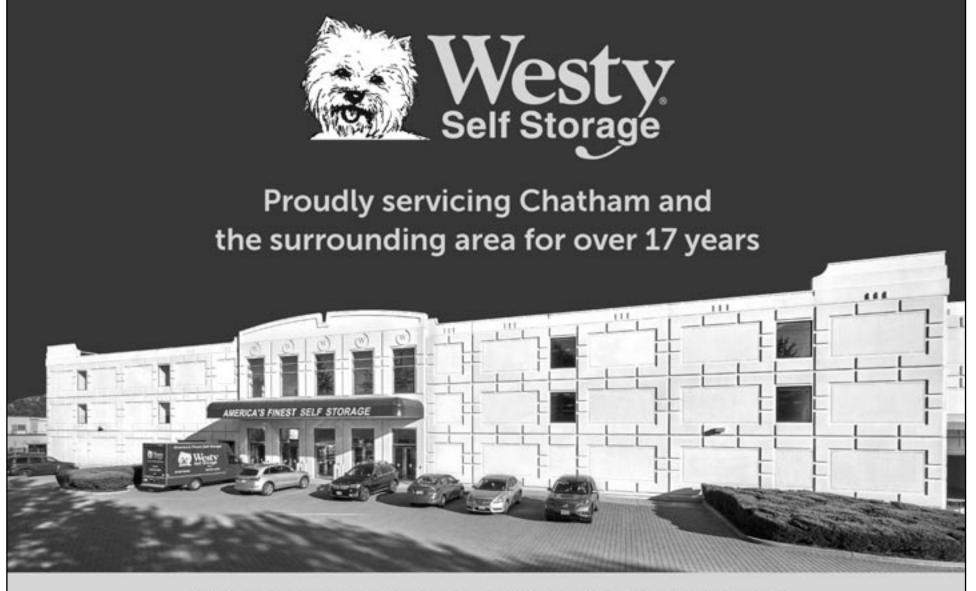
2023 U.S. Middle School Squash Championships, which took place in Philadelphia in January.

Albert Fu, David Salzman, Daniel Meng, Rishaan Manglik, Avery Arjoon, and Logan

Six MMS students finished in 3rd place at the Bergam competed as a mixed team in Boys Division I. MMS was the highest placing NJ and public school team in Boys Division I. Overall, 67 middle school teams competed in the Championship, with 44 teams in the Boys Division.

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(above) Joe Oneill Benners Auto veteran car donation

CAR DONATIONS BENEFIT VETS IN NEED

Submitted by Michael Boll, Director New Jersey Veterans Network

For the last few years the New Jersey Veterans Network (NJVN) has grown to a full time charity that provides life changing and saving resources. Nearly every day the NJVN is conducting numerous charitable pickups and drop offs throughout the state. To accomplish our vital and important missions, we rely on using our trucks and vans. The NJVN fleet is small, and all the vehicles are used, but they are able to deliver because of both of our team board members, Adam Rempfer, owner of DeFalco's Towing, and Joseph O'Neill, owner of Benner's Auto. Not only have these two men always played a major role with the NJVN day to day operations, they have helped countless people in need.

Adam Rempfer, owner of DeFalco's Towing and Auto Body, joined our team after his shop donated a refurbished car to a disabled veteran. For years Adam and DeFalco's have been donating cars to people in need and hosting various charity events. Also, they have contributed huge financial donations to the Law Enforcement Unity Tour and NJ State Police. Now Adam is a NJVN board member and has graciously taken on all the NJVN vehicle repair and maintenance. However, Adam and DeFalco's generosity doesn't stop there; they have hosted and sponsored numerous events at our VA Hospitals and veteran shelters.

Joseph O'Neill, owner of Benner's Auto Body, was a board member of the NABC Charity Cars, and a few years ago he contacted the NJVN about donating several refurbished cars to our veterans. After working with Joe and Benner's Auto, and seeing what an incredible job they did, we asked him to join the NJVN team. For a long time, Joe and Benner's have been helping people who were desperately in need, and they have hosted different types of charitable events and galas. Joe is also a cancer survivor and has done a tremendous job raising and providing large financial donations to fight cancer and fund cancer research. Recently, Joe and Benner's Auto have taken on NJVN vehicle care and maintenance.

Every day the NJVN is providing resources to veterans in need, and now we know there is nothing stopping us from completing our mission because of amazing men like Joe O'Neill and Adam Rempfer. Each of them has always put others first and loves being able to help our veterans live a better way of life.

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NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR STUDENT JOB TRAINING

Millburn Township Public Schools

The Millburn High School Student Life Experience (SLE) program has recently begun a new business partnership for their job training program with the CBI Preschool at Congregation B'nai Israel. The job training program at Millburn High School seeks to help students to learn valuable skills on the jobsite. The partnership with the preschool has been a great opportunity for Thomas Neiman, a student who is interested in working in an early childhood education program. He is gaining valuable skills and making great strides by being onsite in the classroom.

Rabbi Julie Schwarzwald, Director of Congregational Learning at Congregation B'nai Israel, says, "CBI Preschool embraces the opportunity to partner with the job training program as a positive experience for all involved. We are excited to be able to be a part of it."

Millburn High School's Job Training Program partners with the following local businesses: CVS, Millburn Board of Education, Summit YMCA, Taste Buddy, Maplewood Cleaners, Farmers Insurance, Master Pizza, Millburn Camera and Walgreens. They are always looking for additional opportunities for the students so if you would like to learn more, please reach out to Roger Askins, Transition Coordinator/Study Skills Teacher, at roger.askins@millburn.org.



(above) Thomas Neiman with some of his preschool students.

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LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL - SUN. MARCH 5

Submitted by Hongxia Yang

The Millburn Lunar New Year Festival will be held on Sunday, March 5, 2023 on Millburn Ave., between Main & Spring Streets. The Millburn Short Hills Chinese Association (MSHCA) and the Millburn Institute of Talent (MIOT) invite you to celebrate the Year of the Rabbit with us at a lively street fair in downtown Millburn.

The Festival will feature a vibrant street fair with delicious food, live music, and cultural performances. There will also be many exciting hands-on activities for both adults and children, including carnival games with free prizes, scavenger hunts with special gifts, bouncing house and rides, dragon dances, and martial arts demonstrations, to name just a few.

Whether you're looking to indulge in authentic Asian cuisine, learn more about Asian culture, or simply enjoy a fun day out with

family and friends, the 2023 Millburn Lunar New Year Festival has something for you.

We look forward to seeing you there and wish you a prosperous and happy Year of Rabbit!

MILLBURN SHORT HILLS CHINESE ASSOCIATION

The Millburn Short Hills Chinese Association (MSHCA) is a registered 501(c) (3) non-profit community organization of Chinese residents in Millburn and Short Hills areas.

The Millburn Short Hills Chinese Association was established in 2005, its family membership has been growing from less 100 participants to more than two hundred member families and 1,000+ members. The MSHCA was formed for the purpose of servicing local Chinese community, introducing Chinese tradition and culture to residents, actively participating and contributing to local community activities at Millburn Township. To learn more visit millburnchinese.org.





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ART STUDENTS WIN 53 AWARDS IN COMPETITION

Millburn Township Public Schools

Millburn High School Art Students have won 53 awards in the 2023 Northern NJ Regional Scholastic Art and Writing Awards competition. The competition is the nation's longest-running, largest and most prestigious recognition program for creative teenagers in the visual and literary arts in the United States. The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards competition is sponsored by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers. The mission of the competition is to identify, motivate and validate the next generation of artists and writers. The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards receives hundreds of thousands of entries for art and writing from across the nation each year, and winning a Regional award is an extremely prestigious achievement. The Regional Awards include the Gold Key, Silver Key and Honorable Mention in both the Individual category and the Senior Portfolio category, as well as specific individual categories.

A panel of jurors, consisting of professional artists, photographers, designers, educators and curators, reviewed the works of art submitted by students in grades 7-12 from throughout the Northern New Jersey Region.

The Scholastic Awards website explains that entries are selected for awards without knowledge of the student's gender, age, ethnicity, or hometown by some of the foremost leaders in the visual and literary arts. Jurors look for works that exemplify the Awards' core values: originality, technical skill, and the emergence of a personal voice or vision. As mentioned on the Scholastic Awards' website, "Since 1923, the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards have recognized some of America's most celebrated artists while they were teenagers, including: Andy Warhol, Zac Posen, Idelle Weber, Ken Burns, Luis Jiménez, and Kay WalkingStick."

The art instructors at the Millburn High School encourage their students to participate in the Scholastic Art Awards competition as the experience offers the students an opportunity to gain recognition in a wide range of media and celebrates the students' unique creative visions. Winning students represent the diversity of the art curriculum and include works in media such as printmaking, painting, drawing, digital arts, sculpture, crafts and photography. The High School Art Staff includes Kathleen Harte Gilsenan, Christina Benson Vos, Susan Bromirski, Katherine Reilly, Linda Kim and Jackie Hummer.

Millburn Township has every reason to be extremely proud to count this year's winners among these esteemed Scholastic Awards

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alumni! The work of all of the winners will be on display at the Youth Art Month exhibit at Dosanj-Mikkelsen, Riana Joseph, Aryana Millburn High School, 462 Millburn Ave, Millburn, NJ, 07041, on March 22, 2023 from 6:30-8:00 PM.

Students who have won a Regional Gold Key award will also have their work on display in the Gold Key Regional Show, on March 4, 2023, at Gallery Aferro, 73 Market St., Newark, NJ 07102, aferro.org. Gold Key Awards are also considered for national-level recognition. National awards include Gold Award and Silver Award in both individual and senior portfolio categories. Students receiving a Gold National Award will be honored at a ceremony in New York City in the spring.

11 Gold Key Awards: Cadence Burke, Raoul Kapoor, Erika Kasuga (5), Ona Munne, Casey Xu

15 Silver Key Awards: Ryan Cohen, Vikram Gupta(2), Esther Hong, Noah Hrung (2), Erika Kasuga (2), Fumiko Komori, Emma Laffler, Finlay LaLonde, Olivia LI, Theodore Shriber, Joanna Yao, Mia Zhou

27 Honorable Mention Awards: Lucille Andre, Layla Barjesteh(2), Evan Chen, Ryan Cohen (2), Sophie Cohen, Charlotte Delahunt(2), Charlotte DeRosa, Obenewaa Frimpomaa, Emma Glickman, Wanjia He, Esther Hong, Noah Hrung, Anusha Kadyan, Erika Kasuga (3), Finlay LaLonde (2), Katherine Ross, Noa Rubin, Elise Samson (2), Raina Wang, Joanna Yao





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The pantry accepts monetary donations which are exchanged for gift cards to local supermarkets, then distributed to food pantry recipients. If you would like to make a donation, please contact the Town Social Worker, or make a check out to the Township of Millburn and mail it to Ana Millan, Millburn Health Department at 375 Millburn Ave. Millburn, NJ 07041.

Non-perishables can also be brought to Town Hall and Green Nectar Juicery during business hours, or to 15 Cypress Street. Thank you for your generosity.

HELP WANTED

Explore Millbun- Short Hills has launched a new webpage which promotes open jobs in the town.

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On a mission to transform lives, Broadway's brassiest join forces with a courageous girl and the town's citizens and the result is love that brings them all together. Winner of the Drama Desk Award for Best Musical, THE PROM expertly captures all the humor and heart of a classic musical comedy with a message that resonates with audiences now more than ever.

Performances are Friday, March 10th and Saturday, March 11th at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 12th at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at mhsnj.booktix.com.

ANNIKA SHARMA CROWNED MISS MASSACHUSETTS

Millburn Township Public Schools

A former Millburn student, Annika Sharma '17, was crowned Miss Massachusetts USA 2023 on Sunday, January 29 at Boston Marriott Burlington. Sharma is a student at Boston College and a former Miss Massachusetts Teen USA winner. She will now represent Massachusetts at Miss USA 2023 in Reno, Nevada later this year.

While at MHS, Annika founded Girl Talk Millburn, a peer to peer mentoring program to foster empowerment in middle school girls.









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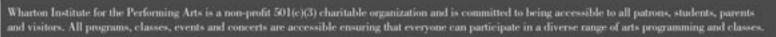
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CHESS IN MILLBURN'S BILGEN SAZCI EXCELLES IN VIRGINIA TOURNAMENT



(above) Bilgen Sazci was presented with second place prize money at the 2022 Virginia Eastern Open.

Chess in Millburn owner, National Master Bilgen Sazci, placed second in the 47th Annual Virginia Eastern Open in the U2200 section with a score of 6.5/8. He also tied for fourth place in the Blitz Tournament scoring 6/8 points. The 4-day tournament was held in Virginia and took place over the 2022 Christmas holiday school break.

Bilgen won six games and drew one in besting all but one of the 105 players participating. He played a total of 18 games in the Open and Blitz tournaments. Bilgen was hoping to duplicate his success in 2017 when he finished first in the Philadelphia National Congress Tournament U2200 section.

Chess in Millburn was established in 2015 and operates in two locations, Millburn and Springfield, NJ. The Academy provides in-person

and online classes. Bilgen and his older brother Gensay, both teach students from beginners to experts. They have been playing chess for more than 19 years and both have competed in international tournaments throughout their chess careers.

They decided to open their own academy to teach everyone, especially children, how to improve in chess and teach logical thinking. Bilgen says "I think chess is a great game of intellect and strategy. I love playing and sharing what I know about chess."

Anyone interested in learning to play, or improving their game, can email Bilgen at chessinmillburn@gmail.com or reach him on instagram @chessinmillburn. You may also visit his website chessinmillburn.com for more information.



(above, back, l-r) Coaches Gensay and Bilgen Sazci with winners of the February 2023 tournament.



(above) Chess teaching for seniors at Bauer Community Center in Taylor Park.





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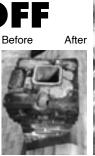
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LET'S DISH! COOKBOOK CLUB

Wednesday, March 8, 12-1pm In Person, Room B

Do you enjoy cooking and sharing your love of food with others? Join our new Cookbook Club! Every month we pick a new theme and you select, make, and bring the recipe of your choice. Feb: Chocolate

BOOK CHAT

Mondays March 13 & 27, 11am-12pm Online

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Thursday March 30, 7-8pm - Online Our workshop will help to ease the transition from motherhood to working mom. We will identify your strategic, emotional and logistics needs and share tips and tools for implementation. This virtual conversation is hands-on, giving you tangible take-aways to create success across your work and home life.

TWEENS & TEENS: **COLLEGE VISITS WITH COLLEGEWISE**

Thursday, March 9, 7-8pm = Online Get a walkthrough of what to expect during on campus visits, how to get the most out of it and even how to have fun along the way.

JUNIOR YEAR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS WITH COLLEGEWISE

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Wednesday, March 22, 4-5pm In Person, Children's Room. For ages 4-12 What does crafts + afternoon equal? Why, crafternoon of course! Kids are invited to make a fun seasonal craft in the children's room.

Drop in. **COME & COLOR**

Friday, March 10, 10am-12pm In Person, Children's Room. For ages 2-8 Our crayons and coloring pages are back every other Friday this spring! Drop in.

POKÉMON CLUB

Wednesday, March 29, 4:00-5:00pm In Person, Auditorium. For ages 4-12 Join us for games and conversation about all things Pokémon! Kids may trade cards if they like – and we'll have a Pokémon craft, too!

ZOEY WONDERS WHY: AUTHOR VISIT WITH NADIA KHAN

Friday, March 17, 4:00-5:00pm In Person, Auditorium. For ages 4-9 Join local author Nadia Khan for a read aloud of her Mom's Choice Awards children's book Zoey Wonders Why followed by a fun activity. Registration required.

ALL AGES: BINGO

Friday, March 10, 4-5pm In Person, Room A Join us for a few rounds of the classic game with prizes!

ALL AGES CALMING CRAFTS: PERLER BEADS

Friday, March 24, 2023, 4-5pm In Person, Auditorium For all ages! Join us for crafts that are relaxing, easy to make, and cute to look at (an awesome bonus).

NJ MAKERS DAY

Saturday, March 25, 11am-2pm In Person, Auditorium

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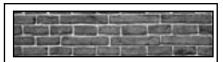
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Meet the Mayors is sponsored by the Interchamber Coordinating Council comprised of the North Essex Chamber, Livingston Chamber, SOMA Chamber, West Orange Chamber and Millburn-Short Hills Chamber. Mayors from 22 municipalities in Essex County have been invited to enjoy and participants will have the opportunity to network and ask questions during the panel presentation.

This year's panel features Mayor Ras Baraka

Essex County residents, business leaders and of Newark, Mayor Theodore Green of East Orange, Mayor Michael Vierira of Livingston and President Sheena Collum of South Orange. The panel of Mayors will be joined by Tom Bracken, President of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce. The panelists will be addressing topics that are affecting local municipalities and businesses alike including a tight labor market, continuing inflation, rising health care costs.

> Because of the generosity of our event sponsors, everyone is invited to attend this event for free but pre-registration is required.

> Please visit tinyurl.com/MeetTheMayors2022 for more information and to complete the registration.

SUPPORTING CHILDREN COPING WITH LOSS -WEBINAR, MAR. 21

Children will experience different losses in life: divorce, moving, friendships ending, sports injuries or the death of a friend or family member. Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss is working to create grief informed communities where children will be surrounded by adults who are able to provide support as they cope with these losses.

On Tuesday, March 21st from 7:00–8:30 p.m., Imagine will offer a webinar on Supporting Children Coping with Loss for anyone who wants to learn how to support a child who is grieving. While loss due to death will be the primary focus of this webinar, the concepts that will be presented are applicable to all types of loss. It is important for parents especially grandparents, guardians, teachers, members of community organizations, coaches, therapists, counselors, and social workers to attend this program. The webinar will be offered in both English and Spanish.

THOSE WHO ATTEND WILL BE ABLE TO:

- 1. Define the terms "loss," "grief," and "mourning"
- 2. Understand the different types of loss and the impact of those losses
- 3. Identify similarities and differences on how children, teens, and adults experience their
- 4. Learn how to support someone who is grieving

CEUs are available for social workers with a \$30 registration fee. For those who do not need CEUs, a \$30 donation is appreciated, but not required.

Those interested in the Spanish-speaking webinar do not need to register, but may contact Imagine's Training and Education Director, Veronica Ortiz at veronica@imaginenj.org to receive the link to join the webinar.

Please join Imagine in our effort to create supportive communities for children who are grieving. To register for the English-speaking webinar, please scan the QR code below or visit imaginenj.org.







CAR DONATIONS BENEFIT VETS IN NEED

Submitted by Michael Boll, Director New Jersey Veterans Network

For the last few years the New Jersey Veterans Network (NJVN) has grown to a full time charity that provides life changing and saving resources. Nearly every day the NJVN is conducting numerous charitable pickups and drop offs throughout the state. To accomplish our vital and important missions, we rely on using our trucks and vans. The NJVN fleet is small, and all the vehicles are used, but they are able to deliver because of both of our team board members, Adam Rempfer, owner of DeFalco's Towing, and Joseph O'Neill, owner of Benner's Auto. Not only have these two men always played a major role with the NJVN day to day operations, they have helped countless people in need.

Adam Rempfer, owner of DeFalco's Towing and Auto Body, joined our team after his shop donated a refurbished car to a disabled veteran. For years Adam and DeFalco's have been donating cars to people in need and hosting various charity events. Also, they have contributed huge financial donations to the Law Enforcement Unity Tour and NJ State Police. Now Adam is a NJVN board member and has graciously taken on all the NJVN vehicle repair and maintenance. However, Adam and DeFalco's generosity doesn't stop there; they have hosted and sponsored numerous events at our VA Hospitals and veteran shelters.

Joseph O'Neill, owner of Benner's Auto Body, was a board member of the NABC Charity Cars, and a few years ago he contacted the NJVN about donating several refurbished cars to our veterans. After working with Joe and Benner's Auto, and seeing what an incredible job they did, we asked

him to join the NJVN team. For a long time, Joe and Benner's have been helping people who were desperately in need, and they have hosted different types of charitable events and galas. Joe is also a cancer survivor and has done a tremendous job raising and providing large financial donations to fight cancer and fund cancer research. Recently, Joe and Benner's Auto have taken on NJVN vehicle care and maintenance.

Every day the NJVN is providing resources to veterans in need, and now we know there is nothing stopping us from completing our mission because of amazing men like Joe O'Neill and Adam Rempfer. Each of them has always put others first and loves being able to help our veterans live a better way of life.

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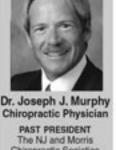
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39TH ANNUAL QUILT SHOW - MARCH 25

Harvest Quilters of Central NJ will present painting and needlework. their 39th annual quilt show on Saturday, March 25, 2023. Sharing the Quilts XXXIX will be held at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, 1961 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains NJ from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adult admission is \$8 and \$3 for children under twelve.

the show, with local charities benefiting from the sale of fabric and drawings for a quilt and fabric basket. A special display will feature several of the over 300 colorful pillowcases and lap quilts made by members and donated to a children's hospital under the umbrella of Ryan's Case for Smiles.

At 11 a.m., nationally recognized quilt book author Karen Gloeggler of Rahway will speak on "The Secrets to Preventing Unfinished Projects." The award-winning quilter is the author of "Jane Austen's Quilts Inspired by Her Novels" (available for purchase at the show) and "Crazy, Luscious Quilting" due out by the end of the year.

Diane Fleming of Westfield will be honored as 2023 featured quilter. Known for creating oneof-a-kind king-sized works of her own design, Fleming's 13-year journey as a quilter will be explored through 20 spectacular themed quilts. "My interests in art history and watercolor painting influence my fabric and design choices," said the avid gardener and mother of three grown sons, who will also display examples of her

Linda Blauvelt, artist-in-residence, will exhibit original oil paintings. A quilter for many years, she has branched out into this second art form, recently displaying her work at the Westfield Public Library.

A memorial tribute will be on display for Peg As always, giving back will be at the heart of Foy, coverlet expert and prolific miniature quilter. Late Harvest Quilters founder Ann Eelman will also be remembered.

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