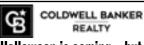
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### FRAZEE HOUSE FALL ACTIVITIES AND PUMPKIN PATCH

Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club

There is an exciting line-up of Fall activities scheduled at the Frazee House Park in Scotch Plains throughout October. The site will be decorated for Halloween and the Great Pumpkin Patch will be back for its eight year! Hundreds of pumpkins will be available, and they'll be sold every day from 11am to dusk throughout the month of October.

During the weekend of October 18h and 19th there will be games for children, a Big Bake sale and many photo opportunities. These will begin on Saturday October 18th at 11 a.m. The Big Bake Sale will be back for the second year and will offer a wide variety of sweet treats including brownies, cookies, cupcakes and fall specialties. Additionally, the Frazee House will participate in Union County's annual "Four Centuries in a Weekend". Representatives will be at the Frazee site between 12 - 5 p.m. on both days with brochures, bookmarks, and an internal tour of the renovated areas of the house. History buffs can note that the Frazee House is one of the stops on the Battle of Short Hills Historic Trail as well as being renowned for the legendary confrontation between General Cornwallis and Aunt Betty Frazee.

On October 24th and 25th, the popular Ghost Walking tours will be back at the Frazee House. The pre-Halloween tours will be conducted by renowned psychic-medium Jane Doherty. Each presentation will begin with a short orientation at the restored Frazee homestead, including details about the spirit world. The 90-minute tours will proceed with a walk along the property, stopping at each "ghost hangout" to reveal the stories and secrets there. There are two tours on 10/24 at 6 p.m. and 7:45 p.m., and three tours on 10/25 at 5 p.m., 6:45 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Finally, October activities will end with the first ever séance at the Frazee found at frazeehouse.org.



(above) The Frazee House in Fanwood

House, held in one of the newly renovated rooms. There will be only one session at 7 p.m. on November 1st. Seating will be limited. The séance will be led by renowned psychic-medium Jane Doherty.

All proceeds will go toward completing the renovation of the historic Frazee house. The October activities are a great opportunity for the community to visit the site and see it for themselves. More information about the Frazee House and a complete schedule of events can be

### **OSBORN CANNONBALL HOUSE MUSEUM**

The Osborn Cannonball House Will Be Open For Scotch Plains Day and for Four Centuries in a Weekend.

The Osborn Cannonball House Museum, located at 1840 Front Street in Scotch Plains, will be open to the public on Sunday, October 5th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and for Four Centuries in a Weekend on Saturday, October 18, 2025, and Sunday, October 19, 2025 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days.

The museum will feature a display entitled "NJ Passengers Aboard the RMS Titanic," which will include replicas of the actual items used aboard the ship. From the museum's vast antique clothing collection, mannequins will be dressed in "Titanic era," or Edwardian, clothing. This display will have clothing representing the three classes aboard the ship.

Costumed docents will give tours of the 1750 home of the Osborn family, who witnessed and played a role in the Revolutionary War and the founding of the town of Scotch Plains. For the Four Centuries in a Weekend event, there will also be a children's craft in our craft tent along with an early Halloween treat!

For further information email Info@HistoricalSocietySPFNJ.org or call (908) 322-6700, Ext. 230.



(above) The museum will feature a display "NJ Passengers Aboard the RMS Titanic,.

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### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY EVENTS

Big changes are underway with the Friends of a dozen others. the Scotch Plains Public Library, a dynamic nonprofit dedicated to enriching community life through the library. The group proudly announces the appointment of its new leadership team, the welcoming of new members, and a packed calendar of can't-miss fall events.

Leading the charge are newly elected board members: Christine Szeluga, President; Dan Marcus, Treasurer; Sara August, Secretary; Lauren Marcus and Kristin Vassallo, Membersat-Large.

The Friends extend heartfelt thanks to outgoing board members for their generous service and steadfast support of the library's mission.

"Our new board is energized and ready to continue the incredible momentum the Friends have built," said Christine Szeluga, incoming President. "We're especially excited to bring the community together through fun, impactful events this fall."

### LITERACY AND COMMUNITY ACCESS

Over the years, the Friends have raised thousands of dollars to fund some of the Scotch Plains Public Library's most beloved programs. Recent highlights include:

Full sponsorship of the Summer Reading Program, which engaged more than 650 local children this year.

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### **EVENTS TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

The Friends are turning up the volume this fall with a series of exciting community events:

### **Scotch Plains Pub Crawl**

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### **Annual Friendsgiving**

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### **Holiday Jewelry Sale**

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### **GET INVOLVED – ALL ARE WELCOME.**

Public meetings are held monthly and open to all - members and curious newcomers alike: November 10 and December 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Scotch Plains Public Library Meeting Room. Attendees will hear updates on fundraising, upcoming programs, and how to get involved in supporting the library's mission. As a bonus, Friends members enjoy exclusive perks, including local business discounts and early access to the Annual Book Sale held every June. Learn more or to join, donate, or find out how to get involved, visit: scotlib.org/friends-of-thelibrary, and/or email spplfriends1@gmail.com.



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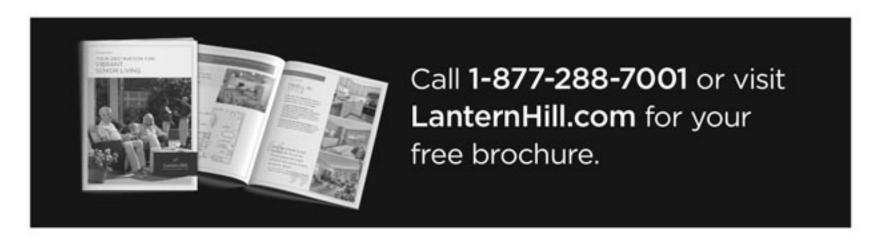
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Founded on the belief that orchestra is for everyone, NJIO welcomes people of all ages and



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musical levels into its four non-audition orchestras. By blending generations and skill levels, NJIO creates more than music; it creates moments of human connection, belonging, and

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### A SEASON OF "SPIRIT"

This year, NJIO's 32nd concert season carries the theme "Get Into the Spirit!", highlighting the natural spirit, the holiday spirit, the human spirit, and the national spirit. Each program is designed to draw people together around a shared experience of beauty and hope.

### • FALL CONCERT:

### The Natural Spirit November 2, 2025 at 3pm **Crescent Ave Presbyterian Church, Plainfield**

Beethoven's "Pastoral" Symphony paints a picture of meadows, flowing streams, and a sudden storm. The concert also features the NJIO 2025 Young Artist Concerto Competition winner (sponsored by NJIO's community partner, Elefante Music), Marcus Chong-Wah Wong, a 9th grade violinist from Edgewater, NJ.



### FAMILY HOLIDAY CONCERT: The Holiday Spirit December 13, 2025 at 2pm **Summit Middle School**

A joyful celebration of holiday and winter favorites, including interactive moments for kids and an Instrument Petting Zoo sponsored by Elefante Music.

### **ABOUT NJIO**

The New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra (NJIO) brings together musicians of all ages and skill levels through four non-audition orchestras and educational programs. Its mission is to open the world of orchestral music to diverse audiences and to foster human connection through education and performance.

For more information, visit www.njio.org or email info@njio.org.



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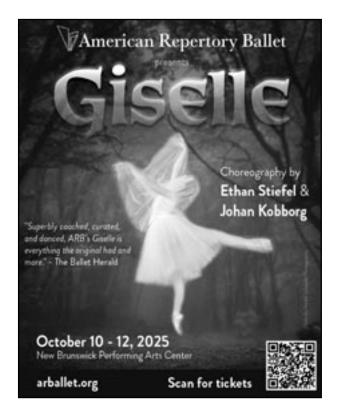
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### AMERICAN REPERTORY BALLET PRESENTS THE **RETURN OF STIEFEL & KOBBORG'S GISELLE**

American Repertory Ballet (ARB) opens its 2025/26 season at the New Brunswick Performing Arts Center (NBPAC) with the highly anticipated return of Ethan Stiefel and Johan Kobborg's acclaimed adaptation of the classic ballet Giselle. Presented Friday, October 10, 2025 through Sunday, October 12, 2025, Giselle tells the story of a young woman who dies of a broken heart—only to confront, and eventually forgive, her beloved from beyond the

Originally choreographed in 2012 for the Royal New Zealand Ballet under Stiefel's artistic leadership, Giselle was initially restaged and partially redesigned specifically for ARB at NBPAC in 2022 by the award-winning team of Howard Jones (Scenic Designer), Natalia Stewart (Costume Designer), and Joseph R. Walls (Lighting Designer). Giselle is celebrated as being "[s]uperbly coached, curated, and danced," says The Ballet Herald's Nadia Vostrikov. "ARB's Giselle is everything the original had and more."

Featuring emotionally powerful and technically stunning performances, this moving production will no doubt get audiences in the Halloween spirit via this haunting tale of love, betrayal, and the supernatural.

### **TICKET AND VENUE INFORMATION**

- New Brunswick Performing Art Center New Brunswick, NJ
- Friday, October 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM\*
- Saturday, October 11, 2025 at 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM
- Sunday, October 12, 2025 at 2:00 PM\*\* Tickets for Giselle range from \$42 to \$72, not including additional 4% NBPAC Ticket Fee.
- \*Post-Show Reception (\$50 add-on to ticket purchase) with ARB Dancers, artistic leadership, and VIPs immediately following the performance. Light bites and beverages will be served.
- \*\*Come to the performance dressed in costume for a festive Halloween season kickoff!

Tall/wide hats, light up accessories, and weapons will not be permitted.

The New Brunswick Performing Arts Center is located at 11 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

The venue can be reached by car or New Jersey Transit and has ample parking in its attached parking deck.

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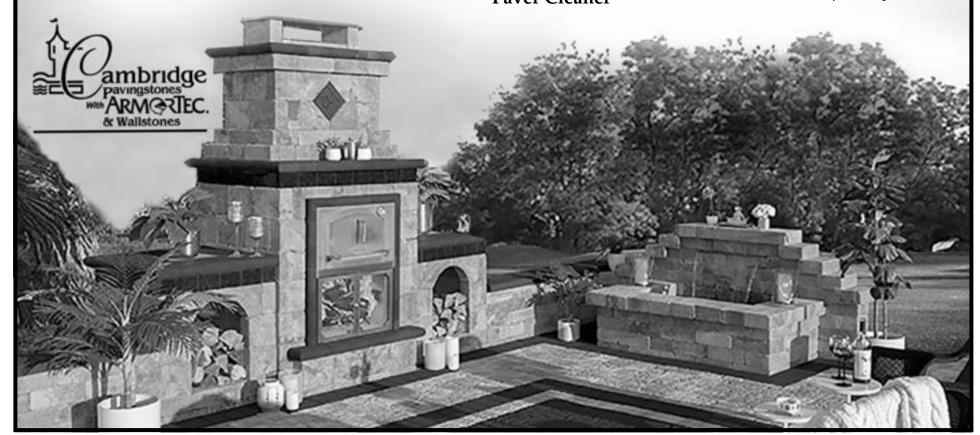
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## A BELOVED ART EVENT MAKES A REMARKABLE RETURN TO THE ARMORY

Westfield will once again will play host to a remarkable art event - one unlike any other in the greater New York metro area.

First launched in 1982 as the Westfield Craft Market, this event enjoyed a 20-year run, earning a reputation for quality and community spirit. Now, producers Richard & Joanna Rothbard - owners of An American Craftsman Galleries in NYC and Great Barrington, MA return with fresh energy to reintroduce Westfield to a cultural tradition it once embraced.

Sharing the spotlight will be 80 gifted artists and designers including several nationally recognized for their award winning accomplishments; many traveling from across the U.S., from as far as California and Florida. Guests will enjoy work never before seen on the East Coast. The fair could be called a weekend "Off-Broadway production" - with a great cast, many stars, with several booths designed like stage sets.

### HALLOWEEN EVE KICKOFF: ALL WEEKEND PASS FOR PARENTS AND KIDS FOR FREE.

The show opens Friday, October 31, with a family-friendly Trick-or-Treat Party. Kids can:

- Collect their treats while meeting the artists
- Create their own art on the famous Art Wall

Join a weekend-long Treasure Hunt. Great prizes made by the artists. And throughout the weekend, visitors can win original art prizes donated by An American Craftsman Gallery.

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- Westfield Armory is Just 5 minutes from Exit 135 on the Garden State Parkway
- Free parking at the Armory or across the street at the High School.
- \$12 weekend pass covers all three days. SENIORS \$10. Under 10 Free

### **Show Hours**

Trick or Treat party
Friday Oct. 31 - 3 pm-7 pm
Saturday Nov.1. - 10 am-6 pm
Sunday Nov. 2 - 10 am-5 pm

An incredible selection of ceramics, independent fashion artists, fine woodworking, jewelry, paintings, mixed media, Illustration, photography, and art glass - from \$25 keepsakes to Michael Alexander's \$10,000 masterpieces.

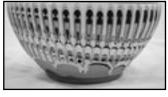
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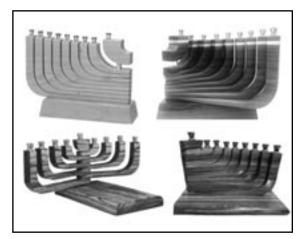
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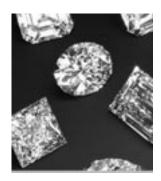
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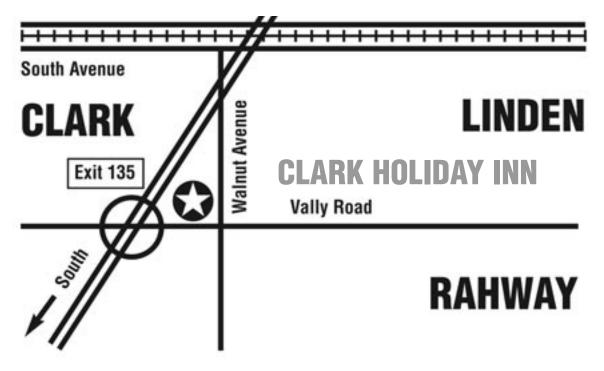
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### Hitler's American Accomplices



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> Tuesday, October 28, at 7 pm Shady Rest Country Club

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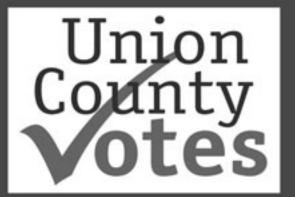
As Hitler rose to power in the 1930s, his American strategy was simple: keep the US from interfering with his plans for a European war and genocide. In America, he had plenty of accomplices—some witting, some unwitting and some just witless. Come to the Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood's October 28th program at 7:30 p.m. to find out about Hitler's American accomplices - including some based right here in Scotch Plains - in our next historical true crime presentation with JD Solomon.

JD Solomon, a Westfield resident and retired journalist, gives presentations about historical true crime at senior centers and community organizations in Union County. He is the author

of two historical novels. His first, The Tinen Killings, is a thriller about aging Civil War veterans in Philadelphia in 1898. His second, Home News, is a thriller about bootlegging set in his home town of Bay Shore, NY in 1928.

This third true crime presentation meeting of the Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood is free and open to the public. The meeting on Wednesday October 28th starts at 7:30 p.m. and is held at the Shady Rest Golf Club at 820 Jerusalem Road (at the corner of Plainfield Ave.) in Scotch Plains. Refreshments and fellowship follow the presentation.

For further information, contact Connie Klock at 908-337-7735.



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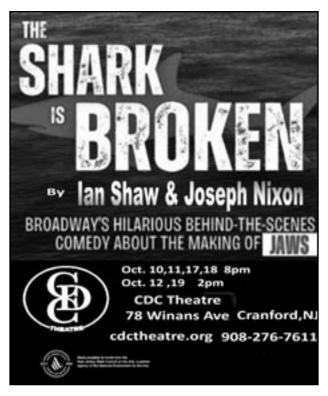
Women in Harmony is the brainchild of Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district. While she adored teaching children, it was always her dream to conduct an adult group of community

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Follow it up with our next Opera Talk with Opera Educator Lou Barrella on Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 2:00 pm entitled "The 'Love Triangle' Trios of Giuseppe Verdi. George Bernard Shaw said that "Opera is when a Tenor and a Soprano want to make love and are prevented from doing so by a Baritone!" \$10 registration fee for Opera Talks!

Opera at Florham has been northern New Jersey's leading Opera company since its founding in 1982. This 2023-2024 Season, we present six concerts, including the International Vocal Competition, and the educational series Opera Talk. Our concerts are performed by professionally trained artists singing Opera Arias and excerpts from Broadway musical theater and The Great American Songbook.

### **OPERAS ON FILM ANNOUNCES SEASON LINEUP**

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Operas on Film, now in its 12th season is held at the Mountainside Rescue Squad.

The selected films from famous opera houses throughout the world, will be played with subtitles on the second Friday of the month at 1 p.m. hosted by Mena Clemson and Norma Huber, Jr. It is free to attend.

Whether you are an opera buff or an opera neophyte, you are invited to join us for the following films:

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### **UNICO'S ANNUAL LABOR DAY ITALIAN FESTIVAL A SMASHING SUCCESS**

Once again, the annual Labor Day Festival held at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church entertained thousands of visitors near and far over the span of four evenings. The sights, sounds, smells, and smiles were out in full force from opening night until the festival's closing moments on Labor Day.

Festival patrons enjoyed the beautiful weather as they feasted on sausage and pepper sandwiches, pizza, pastries, and zeppoles and walked the festival grounds with family and friends. Along the way, they were sure to purchase their Super 50/50 tickets for a chance at this year's jackpot, which reached over \$76,000. Festival volunteers donated their time and talents to work the games and rarely had a lull in the action. Children of all ages had their choice of rides such as the teacup ride and the Ferris Wheel. Visitors were also treated to a variety of entertainers: Wolf Creek, Anthony Liguori as Elvis, The Broadcasters, and Jimmy and the Parrots.

As is festival tradition, the Saturday 5 p.m. Italian mass was celebrated by Father Matthew

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Monge, and German Gonzalez were also in attendance. Following the mass, a procession with the two festival patron saints, St. Bartholomew and St. Nicholas of Bari, was led through the festival grounds. Visitors then sang both the American and Italian national anthems to conclude the ceremony, and the festival continued throughout the evening.

When all was said and done, the festival cosponsors - St. Bart's Church, Scotch-Plains Fanwood UNICO, and St. Bartholomew Academy - celebrated yet another memorable festival weekend. All festival proceeds will benefit the three co-sponsors and will help with parish and school programs and UNICO scholarships. St. Bart's and Scotch Plains-Fanwood UNICO would like to extend a special thank you to the festival committee and the festival volunteers, all of whom helped make this year's festival a huge success.





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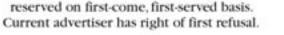
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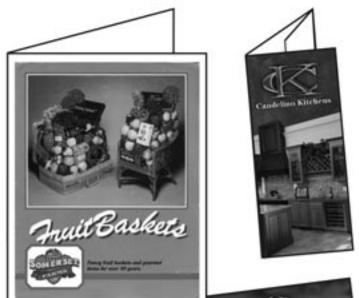
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