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## ARTS COUNCIL INVITES PUBLIC TO THREE CURRENT EVENTS

### FOR THE LOVE OF ART

The Arts Council of Livingston's winter show, For the LOVE of ART, opened on January 24th and will run thru Sunday, February 8th at the Arts Center of Livingston, 240 E. Northfield Road. The show will display a variety of different styles of art and media.

Additionally, there will be a workshop of ekphrastic poetry led by poet and artist Ken Ronkowitz on Sunday, February 8 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Arts Center of Livingston. More about ekphrastic poetry can be found on our website [aclgallery.com](http://aclgallery.com).

While the session is free to attend, a donation of \$10 is suggested.

### REMNANTS OF COMMUNICATION

The Arts Council of Livingston is pleased to announce Remnants of Communication, a new exhibition showcasing the inventive and meticulously crafted artwork of Audrey Yankielun, a self-taught "artistic philatelist" who transforms postage stamps into quilts, dresses, sculptures, puzzles, and toys.

Yankielun's work reimagines the world of philately through a contemporary artistic lens. Her creations range from a full-sized women's dress stitched with 1,200 U.S. postage stamps to stamp-covered quilts, puzzles, and sculptural forms.

Remnants of Communication will be on view in the lobby of Livingston Town Hall, 357 S. Livingston Avenue, beginning Friday, January 9. The exhibition runs through Tuesday, March 3 and is open to the public during regular Town Hall hours.

### THROUGH THE LENS

The Livingston Camera Club is proud to present Through the Lens, a photography exhibit sponsored by the Arts Council of Livingston and currently on display at the Livingston Senior/Community Center, 204 Hillside Avenue. The exhibit features a variety of images captured by club members and showcases different styles, subjects, and perspectives from local photographers.



(above) Audrey Yankielun, "artistic philatelist"

Organized in 1971, the Livingston Camera Club (LCC) is a member of the New Jersey Federation of Camera Clubs (NJFCC) and is dedicated to promoting photography with color and monochromatic images in print and digital formats as an enjoyable amateur recreational endeavor.

Meetings are held twice a month on Monday nights from September to May at the Livingston Community/Senior Center, 204 Hillside Avenue, at 7:00 p.m.

Visitors are welcome. Learn more at the LCC online at [Livingstoncameraclub.org](http://Livingstoncameraclub.org).

Additional information about all three events is available online at [aclgallery.com](http://aclgallery.com).



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# SHARP-SHINNED HAWK RELEASED BACK TO WILD

This feisty Sharp-shinned Hawk was admitted on 12/22/25 after being found in a yard in Warren following a window strike. On intake, the hawk had bloody nares and mouth, consistent with head trauma often seen after collisions. The nares are a bird's nostrils, located near the base of the beak, and bleeding there often points to head or facial trauma from collisions.

With supportive care and time to heal, this "Sharpie" as we call them, made great progress and was moved to an outside flight cage on 12/28/25. After proving strong, steady flight and good awareness, the hawk was successfully released back to the wild on 1/2/2026.

Sharp-shinned Hawks are incredibly fast and agile forest hunters, built to weave through dense trees while chasing small birds. That same speed and focus, however, can make them especially vulnerable to window strikes when reflective glass looks like open sky or habitat..

**ABOUT THE RAPTOR TRUST**

The Raptor Trust is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization located at 1390 White Bridge Rd., Millington, NJ. They provide free care and assistance to injured, sick, or orphaned wild birds. They offer educational programs to the public about wild birds, especially birds of prey. They strive to provide a human example for others. For more information, or to make a donation visit [info@theraptortrust.org](mailto:info@theraptortrust.org). To report an injured bird call 908-647-2353.



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If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Cannizzo at [acannizzo@theraptortrust.org](mailto:acannizzo@theraptortrust.org)

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PEGASUS: THE ORCHESTRA BENEFIT CONCERT FOR THERAYOUTH

At Dorothy Young Center for the Arts, Drew University, Madison, NJ • Saturday, March 21, 2026 • 4:00 PM

Pegasus: The Orchestra will perform at Drew University on Saturday, March 21 at 4:00 PM for the TheraYouth Foundation’s Third Annual Concert fundraiser. Held at the Dorothy Young Center for the Arts, the concert will unite world-class professional musicians with local student performers to raise critical funds for TheraYouth’s mission to provide needed physical, occupational, and speech therapy services to disadvantaged children who cannot otherwise access care.

Pegasus: The Orchestra pairs artistic excellence with social impact. Pianist, conductor and composer Karén Hakobyan founded the group in 2017 as a nonprofit dedicated to supporting exceptional musical talent, and to bringing world-class performances to underserved communities. True to its namesake, the ensemble empowers its musicians to soar artistically. Pegasus functions as a collective of artist leaders, resulting in performances that run the range of vibrant, driven orchestral performances alternating with intimate and chamber-like expression. The New York Concert Review calls Pegasus “a truly first-rate ensemble” and a “can’t miss” group, urging audiences to “get your tickets right away before they sell out.”

As a composer-arranger, Director Hakobyan frequently crafts orchestral works to showcase the unique musicality of the ensemble’s artists, as in this concert which Hakobyan specifically

wrote for this performance. The concert opens with the urgency of Haydn’s Symphony No. 59 (“Fire”), followed by the delicate, Three Armenian Miniatures by Komitas. Acclaimed Grammy-nominated cellist Sergey Antonov follows with Saint-Saëns’ Cello Concerto No. 1, where the audience can truly appreciate his masterful playing in the intimate chamber orchestra setting. Pegasus’s program continues with the soulful elegance of Rachmaninoff’s Vocalise before concluding with Gershwin’s Rhapsody in Blue, capturing the spirit of American jazz in an exuberant finale.

The Chatham High School Chamber Choir, directed by Kenneth Bryson, will perform the Interlude. This ensemble has performed at venues including the White House, the National Anthem at Citi Field to open a Mets game, the Empire State Building, and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, and appreciated for their

musical excellence.

The proceeds from this concert will support the TheraYouth Foundation, whose mission is to ensure that children are never denied critical physical, occupational, or speech therapy simply because their families cannot afford it. TheraYouth serves disadvantaged youth with treatable conditions, helping them gain strength, communication, and independence. Funded entirely through donations and fundraisers, every dollar raised supports life-changing therapy sessions for children who might otherwise go without the care they need to thrive.

“Every child deserves the chance to reach their full potential,” said TheraYouth founder, Dr. Irina Marcoff, DPT. “This concert not only raises vital funds but brings the community together around the belief that early, high-quality therapy can change the course of a child’s life.”



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This fast-paced ensemble comedy celebrates acceptance, forgiveness, and the true meaning of family. At the Steinberg wedding, nothing is what it seems; religions collide, Machiavellian plots are revealed, promises are broken, secrets are exposed and hope springs from the most unlikely of places. The charming, funny musical, *It Shoulda Been You*, invites you to a wedding day that you'll never forget, with blushing brides, nervous grooms, overbearing moms, unexpected guests and plenty of crazy twists and turns. Anything that can go wrong does, and love pops


up in mysterious places. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays from February 13th- 28th at 8pm, and Sundays February 22 and March 1 at 2pm.

CDC Theatre is happy to announce that as part of a new pilot program, the February 22nd matinee performance will be ASL interpreted. For tickets and more details, visit [cdctheatre.org](http://cdctheatre.org).




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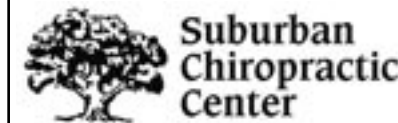
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Lenfell Hall, The Mansion, Fairleigh Dickinson University (285 Madison Ave, Madison, NJ)  
Sunday, February 15, 2026 at 2:00 PM

Opera at Florham invites audiences to celebrate Valentine's Day weekend with a concert of love on stage: Valentine Serenade, a special Sunday afternoon concert on February 15, 2026 at 2:00 pm at Lenfell Hall, The Mansion, Fairleigh Dickinson University (285 Madison Ave, Madison, NJ 07940).

Featuring beloved Opera at Florham favorites Sarah Barrera, Soprano, and Pedro Barrera, Tenor, this program showcases a married couple united on and off the stage, whose shared artistry brings rare intimacy and authenticity to every performance. Rather than a traditional recital, the concert unfolds as a cinematic emotional journey—exploring love, longing, joy, and farewell through music that resonates deeply with the heart.

In past performances, the Barreras have captivated audiences with repertoire ranging from Giuseppe Verdi, Giacomo Puccini, and Charles Gounod to Ennio Morricone, Stephen Sondheim, and other modern favorites, seamlessly bridging Opera, theater, and film in performances that are both emotionally rich and theatrically compelling.

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- A rare opportunity to hear a married couple perform together, bringing genuine intimacy

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- A cinematic, story-driven program that goes beyond a traditional recital
- A unique blend of Opera, musical theater, and film music
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A Valentine Serenade is presented by Opera at Florham as part of its ongoing commitment to offering inspired, intimate performances in one of New Jersey's most beautiful historic venues. Reserve your seat online and early to enjoy this afternoon of love and passion, as limited tickets will be available at the door.

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Data from the U.S. Small Business Administration has shown that small business owners with an established mentor have twice the success rate – 70 percent versus 35 percent – as those who do not have a mentor.

In conjunction with National Military Appreciation Month in May, SCORE, a national nonprofit organization that assists small businesses, has developed specific resources for use by its 10,000 mentors nationally in mentoring veterans.



*(above) Since 1964, SCORE has helped more than 17 million entrepreneurs start, grow or successfully exit a business. SCORE's 10,000 volunteers provide free, expert mentoring, resources and education in all 50 U.S. states and territories. Visit SCORE at [score.org](http://score.org).*

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The SCORE Veterans Small Business Resource Guide features veterans-specific resources to offer insight on developing a business plan, securing funding, starting a business, buying an existing business, buying a franchise, connecting with one of SCORE's volunteer mentors, and gaining a better understanding of business through webinars and workshops.

"Volunteering at SCORE is my way of showing appreciation to those who helped and guided me during my career while sharing my background and experience to help entrepreneurs succeed," said SCORE Mid-Atlantic Regional Vice President Ed Coleman. "While I enjoy

working with all SCORE clients, as a U.S. Army veteran, I particularly enjoy working with veterans to translate their military experience into entrepreneurship. Helping clients realize their dreams is very gratifying and the essence of the SCORE mission."

SCORE Central Jersey Chapter Chair Nancy Verduin said mentors continually expand their knowledge base to better assist veterans on their entrepreneurial journey.

"Military transitioning from active duty have different needs than civilians in terms of starting a business," said Verduin. "It's wonderful to have veterans' resources at our volunteers' fingertips to aid in mentoring our service men and women."

Veterans account for about 10 percent of SCORE's client base. Veterans own 10 percent of small businesses and 14 percent of franchises. Since franchisors have a defined plan of what the business should entail, veterans represent the perfect franchisee given their ability to effectively execute plans as intended.

Nationally, veterans own nearly 2 million businesses, employing more than 5 million Americans, and generating more than \$1 trillion in annual income. Of those, 40 percent of veteran-owned businesses generate more than \$500,000 in annual revenue.

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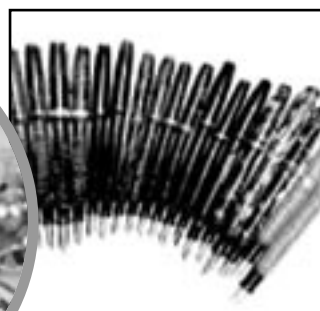


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In February, we will have four speakers:

### FEBRUARY 3RD, MATTHEW LIBERA

Professor of Materials Science and Engineering at Stevens Institute of Technology, will tell us how to make a better hip implant. Biomedical implants such as hip and knee prostheses have had a huge impact on human health and have improved the quality of life for millions of patients. However, in addition to their wonderful healing properties, these, and other tissue-contacting biomedical devices (e.g., catheters, tissue-expanders, pacemakers, etc.) can also catalyze infection. Infection rates vary from about 1-5% but can be as high as 50% depending on the nature of the device. Device-associated infection can be a life-changing complication which currently has no cure. Professor Libera will give an overview of tissue-contacting implants using hips as a prime example and then describe the infection problem as well as ongoing efforts to prevent, detect, and cure these infections.

### FEBRUARY 10TH, NANCY ORI

Nancy Ori will discuss ‘Nature as the Inspiration of Art’. Nancy has been an internationally respected photographer for over 35 years and a video producer for Ciba-Geigy and Novartis, and is owner of New Jersey Media Center, LLC in Berkeley Heights, NJ. Nancy studied with Ansel Adams and was a teaching assistant for many years with the Ansel Adams Workshop in California. In 1994 she established the NJ Photography Forum, a group of professional and serious amateur photographers. Nancy will share her personal interpretation of the landscape and architecture, demonstrating how she uses photographs to transform natural and man-made settings. Her images, which reveal a love of light, shadow, and form, become powerful documents that express the land's vulnerability and endurance.



### FEBRUARY 17TH, STEVE NISBERG

We will learn about the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF). Our speaker will be Steve Nisberg, a human resource specialist. Steve will give us insight into this global Non-Governmental Organization and share its history, the work that it does around the world to stabilize the climate, strengthen the ability of people and nature to thrive and support people's health through eight key areas of focus.

### FEBRUARY 24TH, KEN CAVANAGH

We'll delve into AI – artificial intelligence. Our speaker will be Ken Cavanagh, former faculty member, cyber security, Fordham University. Ken will review the various elements of AI and how they affect our daily experiences, including debunking common misconceptions and highlighting ways AI is used today, such as virtual assistants, healthcare, and daily assistance.



(above, l-r) Matthew Libera, Nancy Ori, Steve Nisberg, and Ken Cavanagh



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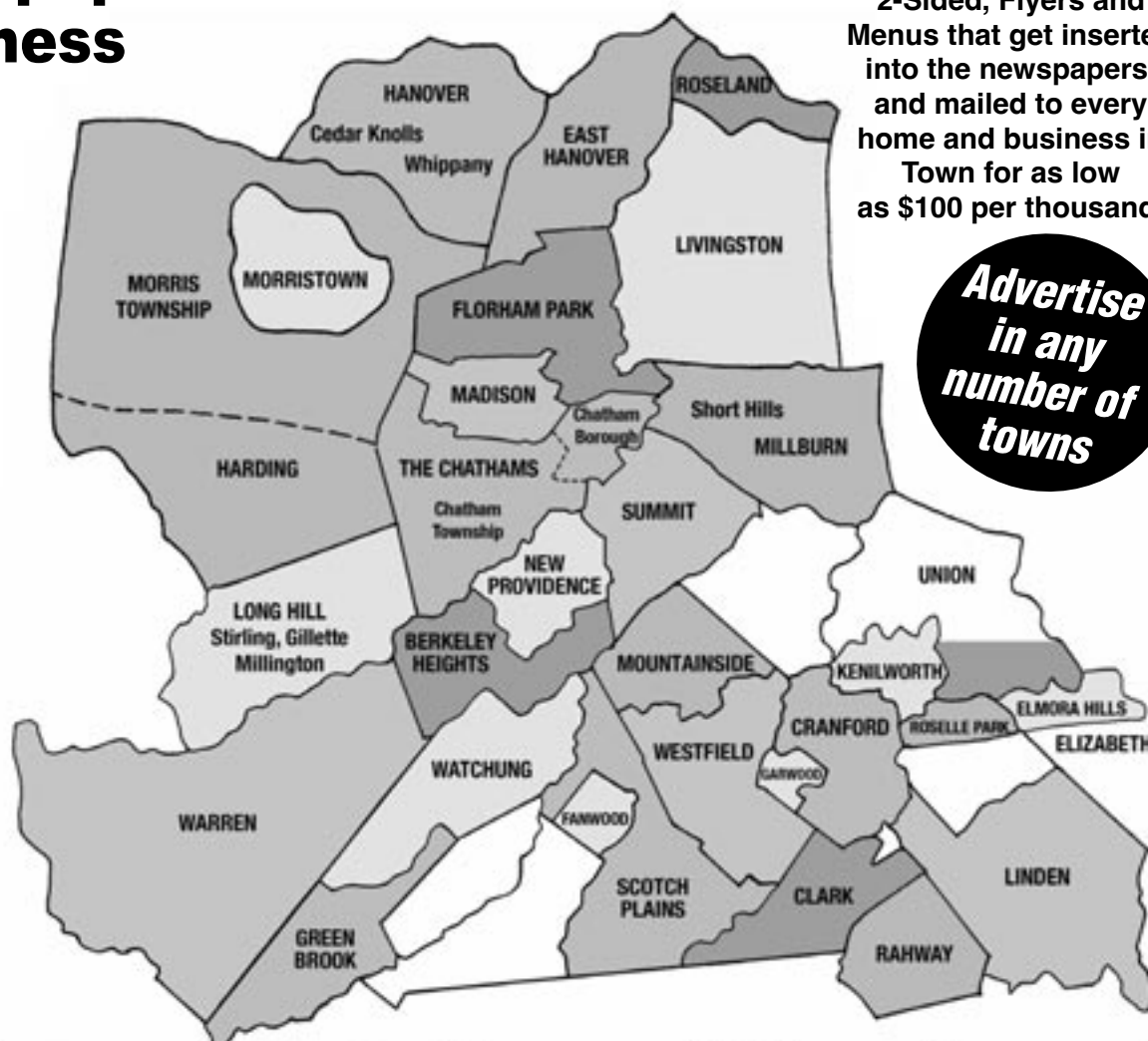
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# VOLUNTEER FACILITATORS JOIN COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY

## Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss

The staff at Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss are so excited to welcome 10 wonderful new volunteers to the Imagine community! This group recently spent 3 full days or 24 hours sharing stories of loss and giving and receiving support. During their training, these new volunteers also learned about the Companionship Model for grief support created by Dr. Alan

Wolfelt and practiced in Imagine's support groups. The idea is that we're not going to be able to fix anyone's grief, but we can walk alongside them as companions on their grief journey. We can create opportunities for story sharing, connection, and support, which is what Imagine's volunteer facilitators do night after night in Imagine's support groups.

Many who have attended Imagine's trainings

have shared that they use the skills gained during the training in their everyday lives as they support and connect with others. One volunteer shared this about her training experience: "This training gave me skills that I didn't even know I needed. What I gained from taking part in this facilitator training will assist me in every relationship I have. I've already learned how to be a better listener to my children, to my husband, and to my friends...this training was life-changing!"

The staff at Imagine are so pleased to welcome these compassionate new volunteers to their incredible community of facilitators that's now over 140 strong! Imagine couldn't possibly support the hundreds of participants who take part in their support groups each year without their volunteer facilitators...they are truly the heart of Imagine.

If you are inspired by this work, please visit [imagineinnj.org](http://imagineinnj.org) to learn more about joining the Imagine family.

Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss is a 501c3 that offers training and education on loss and grief to the community and free year-round grief support groups for children ages 3-18 and young adults 19-30 who are coping with a loss due to death. Concurrently, support groups are available for the parents and caregivers of the children in the groups and offered in English and Spanish. Imagine has centers in Newark and Mountainside and offers virtual groups as well. For more information, please contact Imagine at 908-264-3100 or [info@imagineinnj.org](mailto:info@imagineinnj.org) or visit our website at [imagineinnj.org](http://imagineinnj.org).



(above, l-r) Imagine's latest Facilitator Training class members Back Row: Justin Mitchell, Jennifer Moshier, Susan Gray, Josie Gray, John Karuitha, Fabio Taliercio. Front Row: Lindsay Sherman, Imagine's MSW Intern, Lucy Makin, Caroline Shelby and Silquia Patel

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