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Declaration of Independence in Ringwood

Hear a dramatic reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 4 at Ringwood Manor. Festivities to celebrate the 235th anniversary of American independence will begin at 1 pm with crafters, demonstrations and displays creating an atmosphere of a town square. At 2 pm, a presentation about the history of the area and the Declaration of Independence will be followed by a lively debate between British loyalists and colonial rebels as Revolutionary militia muster. Then, the Declaration will be delivered by a messenger on horseback and read to those assembled. The day’s activities will be presented by North Jersey Highlands Historical Society and the Ringwood State Park staff. The Park is at 1304 Sloatsburg Rd., Ringwood. For info: www.RingwoodManor.com.

Other Upcoming PC Arts Events

- July 7: PYPP Photography Exhibit Opens, Paterson
- July 8: Swingman and the Misfit-Mutts Concert, Clifton
- July 9: Clifton Community Band, Clifton
- July 10: Cory Chisel, New Legacy Concert, Ringwood
- July 14: PCCHC Arts Grants Deadline, Paterson
- July 15: RMAA Photo Competition Deadline, Ringwood
- July 21: ABC Concert with The Kootz, Little Falls
- July 15: PCCHC History Grants Deadline, Paterson
- July 30: John Gatti Trio, Ringwood Farmers’ Market
- Aug. 6: Shakespeare in the State Park, West Milford

Great Falls Festival & Labor Parade: Festival at the Great Falls of Paterson on Sept. 3-5 with a Labor Parade beginning at the Botto House in Haledon on Sept. 4. Call 973-321-1600.
Dance Under the Stars in Downtown Clifton July 8, from 6 to 10 pm, when the big band Swingman and the Misfit-Mutts create a night of dancing and fun at the parking lot at Clifton and First Aves. Presented by the Downtown Clifton Economic Development Group, there will be dance contests, events for the kids, food vendors and a DJ. Details at www.downtownclifton.com or call 973-253-1455. Raindate is July 15.

Little Falls Alliance for a Better Community (ABC) presents the 4th Annual Summer in the Park Concert Series at the Gazebo in Memorial Park, at Main St. and Wilmore Rd. Concerts are free and take place each Thursday through Sept. 29 from 7-8:30 pm. Call 973-812-7916 or go to www.abc-littlefalls.org.

The John Gatti Trio pull an early morning gig at the Ringwood Farmer’s Market on July 30 at 10:30 with selections from their CD, Destinations, as well as original arrangements of jazz standards. The Market is open through Oct. 29, rain or shine. A project of Eat Local, Inc. and dedicated to bringing locally grown and produced foods to the community, the Market is in the Ringwood Park and Ride. Bring a chair, reusable bags and dogs on leashes. Vendor and music performances info: www.ringwoodfarmersmarket.org.

Cory Chisel and the Wandering Sons will perform at the next New Legacy Concert at the Ringwood Public Library on July 10 at 2 pm. Fresh from his appearance at the noted Bonnaroo Music Festival, Chisel will feature new songs from his forthcoming album, as well as from his 2009 major label album Death Won’t Send a Letter. Tickets are $18, available at the Library or at www.ringwoodlibrary.org/newlegacy.

The 9th Annual Free Outdoor Concert featuring the Clifton Community Band is on July 9 at 6 pm on the City Hall campus. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and enjoy an evening of classic American music, showtunes and more under the baton of Marching Mustang Band Director Bob Morgan. Call 973-777-1781 or write to CliftonBand@optonline.net.

Shakespeare in the State Park presented by Friends of Long Pond Ironworks (FOLPI) will stage a free performance of Henry V in West Milford on Aug. 6 at 5 pm. Info at www.LongPondIronworks.org.

Sculptures and pottery by Clifton artist Susana Barbetti-Norton and Carol Harris are featured at the Sussex County Arts and Heritage Council Gallery, Newton, 133 Spring St. Both are members of the Clifton Association of Artists and the Potter’s Guild of NJ. Details at www.pottersguildnj.org.

The exhibit runs through July 9. For questions or details go to sbdn@optonline.net, or carolharris8@verizon.net.
CBGB WAS MY HIGH SCHOOL

A Rose Comes of Age on the Razor's Edge

CBGB Was My High School - A Rose Comes of Age on the Razor’s Edge. Author Gina Stritch grew up in the Raritan Bay town of Perth Amboy but often found her way to Greenwich Village where she frequented the famed music club CBGB’s. In her new book, the Wayne resident documents encounters with poets, sampling of genres of music from punk to Sinatra and the cultural scene of NYC during the 70s. Purchase her memoir in NYC at Bleeker Street Bookmarc on Bleeker and West 11th. St. and St. Mark’s Bookshop on Third Ave., also at www.barnesandnoble.com.

Elizabeth Alexander of Hamden, CT, (pictured) is the winner of the 2011 Paterson Poetry Prize, for Crave Radiance: New and Selected Poems 1990-2010 (Graywolf Press, Minneapolis, MN). The Paterson Poetry Prize of $1,000 is given annually by the Poetry Center at Passaic County Community College for a book of poetry (48 pages or more) published in the previous year, with a minimum press run of 500 copies.

The Finalists are: Michael Cirelli, Brooklyn, NY, Vacations on The Black Star Line (Hanging Loose Press, Brooklyn, NY); Stephen Dobyns, Westerly, RI, Winter’s Journey (Copper Canyon Press, Port Townsend, WA); W. D. Ehrhart, Philadelphia, PA, The Bodies Beneath the Table (Adastra Press, Easthampton, MA); Erica Miriam Fabri, New York, NY, Dialect of a Skirt (Hanging Loose Press, Brooklyn, NY); Rebecca Foust, Ross, CA, All That Gorgeous Pitiless Song (Many Mountains Moving Press, Philadelphia, PA); Tony Medina, Hyattsville, MD, My Old Man Was Always on the Lam (NYQ Books, New York, NY); Lois Roma-Deeley, Scottsdale, AZ, High Notes (Benu Press, Hopkins, MN); Jackie Sheeler, New York, NY, Earthquake Came to Harlem (NYQ Books, New York, NY).


The Paterson Award for Literary Excellence for previous finalists of the Paterson Poetry Prize include: Eamon Grennan, Poughkeepsie, NY, Out of Sight: New & Selected Poems (Graywolf Press, Minneapolis, MN); Bob Hicok, Blacksburg, VA, Words for Empty and Words for Full (University of Pittsburgh Press, Pittsburgh, PA); Tony Hoagland, Houston, TX, Unincorporated Persons in the Late Honda Dynasty (Graywolf Press, Minneapolis, MN); Lowell Jaeger, Bigfork, MT, We (Main Street Rag Publishing Company, Charlotte, NC); Alex Lemon, Forth Worth, TX, Fancy Beasts (Milkweed Editions, Minneapolis, MN); Erika Meitner, Blacksburg, VA, Ideal Cities (Harper Perennial, New York, NY); Mervyn Taylor, Brooklyn, NY, No Back Door (Shearsman Books, Exeter, England).

A reading by the winner and finalist will be held April 14, 2012, For more on the Paterson Poetry Prize, contact Maria Mazziotti Gillan, Executive Director, The Poetry Center at Passaic County Community College, at 973-684-6555 or visit www.pccc.edu/poetry.
40 color prints by photographers, ages 9 to 14 participating in the Paterson Youth Photography Project, are on view in the Broadway & LRC Galleries (Broadway at Memorial Dr., Paterson) at PCCC from July 7 through Sept. 15. Free and open to the public, summer hours are Mon. to Thurs., 9 am to 9 pm. The mission of PYPP is to enrich the lives of school age children in Paterson by introducing them to photography. Call 973-684-5448, write jhaw@pccc.edu or go to www.pccc.edu/art/gallery.

Passaic County Technical Institute’s (PCTI) spring musical Hairspray (right) received two Rising Star Award nominations for Educational Impact and Inclusion and Access. The Rising Star Awards were created in 1996 to encourage and reward exceptional accomplishments in the production of New Jersey high school musicals.

To help ensure that everyone regardless of age or disability can participate fully in the diverse cultural programs offered, PCCHC asks that organizations listing submissions to passaic county artsnews provide accessibility services offered at each venue. Please refer to the chart above as a guide. Please call presenters/venues to confirm event and accessibility information. Services may be available without being noted in this listing.

The Rory D. Quince Scholarship Endowment was created to honor the legacy of Rory D. Quince, a talented, young musician who passed on July 15, 2005, at the age of 21. A benefit concert held last June at William Paterson University raised $17,857 towards the $25,000 scholarship goal. An additional $7,143 must be raised so that other young musicians may have the ability to pursue their dreams at WPU. Checks can be made payable to the William Paterson University Foundation. In the memo, write: Rory Quince Scholarship Endowment. For details, call 973-720-2478.

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