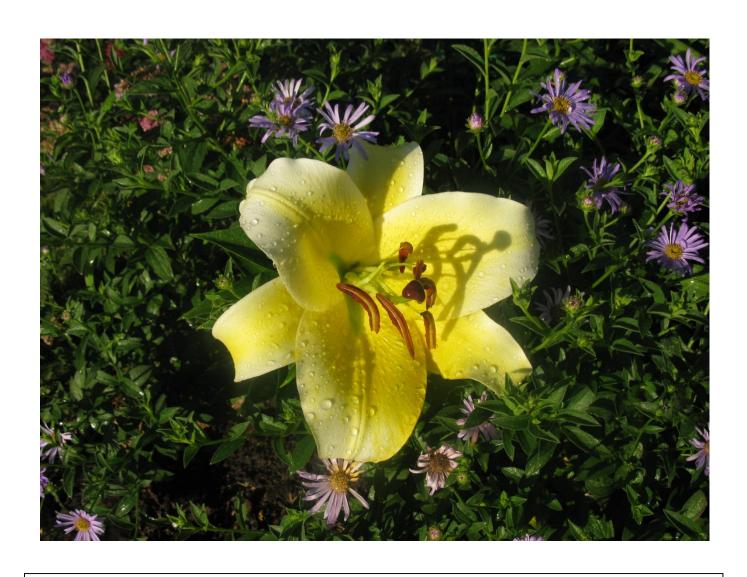


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April Cultural Connections Calendar



Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs 633 Pearl Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202 Phone: (908) 558-2550 • Fax: (908) 558-2652 • NJ Relay Users 711 culturalinfo@ucnj.org • www.ucnj.org/cultural

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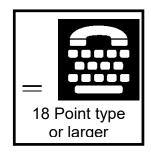
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Services that are listed are available. Other services may be available with advance request.

Contact the organization two weeks in advance.

The Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs suggest that you call the sponsoring organization to verify event details

Want to list your event? email <u>culturalinfo@ucnj.org</u> to receive a writable Cultural Calendar Event Form

For more Union County Event Listings go to http://ucnj.org/parks-activities/parks-special-event-calendar



ART EXHIBITS

2/5/2016 thru 5/8/2016

Reeves-Reed Arboretum presents "NEW GROWTH: bent-wood sculptures" artwork by Susan Manspeizer.

Reeves-Reed Arboretum

Wisner House

165 Hobart Avenue, Summit

Tues – Fri: 9am - 4:30 pm

Sat & Sun: reeves-reedarboretum.org/hours.php

(908) 273-8787

reeves-reedarboretum.org

3/1/2016 thru 5/26/2016 ★**①**

Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders presents artwork from the Occupational Center of Union County.

Freeholders Gallery

Union County Administration Building

10 Elizabethtown Plaza , Elizabeth

Mon – Fri: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Free

(908) 558-2550

3/22/2016 thru 6/20/2016 **A O S**

3/22/2016 – Reception 5:00 – 7:00 pm
* Assistive services are available by request
Healing Arts present "Paint Your Pain" An
Exhibition to Explain the Pain Experience - Living
with It, Losing It, or Both. People experiencing
pain often find that their feelings go beyond verbal
expression. Sometimes there are no words to
describe the physical feelings or experience one is
having. "Paint Your Pain" offers the opportunity to
express those feelings through art.

Overlook Medical Center 99 Beauvoir Avenue, Summit Free

(973) 660-3533

3/30/2016 thru 6/10/2016 ★

Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders presents Paintings by Agnieszka Solawa. Pearl Street Gallery Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs 633 Pearl Street, Elizabeth Mon – Fri: 9am - 4:30 pm Free (908) 558-2550

3/31/2016 thru 4/29/2016 2

Elizabeth Public Library presents "Women Artists of Elizabeth" A Multi-Media Exhibit featuring work by six local artists.

Elizabeth Public Library

11 South Broad Street, Elizabeth Mon - Thurs: 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Fri: 10:00 am - 9:00 pm Sat: 9:00 am -5:00 pm

Free

(908) 354-6060 www.elizpl.org

4/3/2016

The Westfield Historical Society presents "A Visual Walk Through Time of The Presbyterian Church" The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, along with the Burial Grounds of the West Fields of Elizabethtown, have played an important role in the community from its earliest foundations right up to the present day. Come by the Reeve House to learn the rest of the stories and more! Reeve History & Cultural Resource Center 314 Mountain Avenue, Westfield 1:00 – 3:00 pm (908) 654-1794 www.westfieldhistoricalsociety.org

4/17/2016 2

Visual Arts Center of New Jersey presents "Art Afternoon" Celebrate the opening of the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey's spring exhibitions, Recharging the Image: Selections from the Mott Warsh Collection, Elizabeth Duffy: Maximum Security and Judith Henry: Me as Her. All ages are invited to view the exhibitions and participate in hands-on art making activities.

Visual Arts Center of New Jersey
68 Elm Street, Summit
2:00 – 4:00 pm
\$5.00 per family
(908) 273-9121
www.artcenternj.org



ART EXHIBITS

6/13/2016 thru 8/12/2016 *

Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders presents Paintings by Sonia Ash.
Pearl Street Gallery
Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs
633 Pearl Street, Elizabeth
Mon – Fri: 9am - 4:30 pm

Free

(908) 558-2550

5/26/2016thru 7/13/2016 ★**①**

Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders presents work from the Union County Employee Art Show Winners.
Freeholders Gallery
Union County Administration Building

10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth

Mon – Fri: 9am - 4:30 pm

Free

(908) 558-2550

7/13/2016thru 8/16/2016 **★ ①**

Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders presents work from the Union County Senior Art Show Winners.

Freeholders Gallery
Union County Administration Building
10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth
Mon – Fri: 9am - 4:30 pm
Free

(908) 558-2550

8/5/2016 thru 10/21/2016 ★

Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders presents Paintings by Roberta Zlatkin.
Pearl Street Gallery
Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs
633 Pearl Street, Elizabeth
Mon – Fri: 9am - 4:30 pm
Free
(908) 558-2550

8/16/2016thru 11/1/2016 ★**①**

Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders presents work from the Westfield Art Association. Freeholders Gallery Union County Administration Building 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth Mon – Fri: 9am - 4:30 pm

Free

(908) 558-2550

10/24/2016 thru 12/30/2016 ★

Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders presents Paintings by Avi & Constantine Kiriakatis.

Pearl Street Gallery
Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs
633 Pearl Street, Elizabeth
Mon – Fri: 9am - 4:30 pm
Free
(908) 558-2550

11/1/2016thru 1/3/2017 ★**①**

Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders presents "Teen Arts Traveling Show" selection of work from the Union County Teen Arts Festival.. Freeholders Gallery Union County Administration Building 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth

Mon – Fri: 9am - 4:30 pm

Free

(908) 558-2550



4/2/2016 H∂

* Assistive services are available by request Plainfield Symphony present "Welcome Back, Maestro Serebrier" Soloist Elmira Darvarova. Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church 716 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield 7:00 pm \$35.00 General; \$25.00 Seniors & Children (908) 561-5140 www.plainfieldsymphony.org

4/9/2016 H∂€

Crescent Concerts present "Simply Schubert" The Crescent Choral Society with professional orchestra and soloists, F. Allen Artz, III, conductor.

Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church
716 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield
7:00 pm
\$20.00 General; \$15.00 Seniors; \$5.00 Students
(908) 756-2468
www.crescentconcerts.org

4/9/2016

Salem Roadhouse Cafe present "Rich Kubicz and Damn the Torpedoes & Friends".
Townley Presbyterian Church
829 Salem Road, Union
7:45 pm
\$20.00 Admission; \$10.00 Students
(908) 686-1028 (leave message)
www.roadhousecafe.org

4/16/2016 **①**

Split Level Concerts presents Sloan Wainwright with guest Sharon Goldman.
Union County Performing Arts Center
The Loft
1601 Irving Street, Rahway
8:00 pm
\$20.00
Box Office: (732) 499-8226
www.ucpac.org

5/7/2016 H∂

* Assistive services are available by request Plainfield Symphony present "Rule Britannia!" Elgar: Pomp & Circumstance March, Enigma Variations.

Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church 716 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield 7:00 pm

\$35.00 General; \$25.00 Seniors & Children (908) 561-5140 www.plainfieldsymphony.org

5/7/2016 0

Split Level Concerts presents Mia Dyson.
Union County Performing Arts Center
Hamilton Stage
360 Hamilton Street, Rahway
8:00 pm
\$20.00

Box Office: (732) 499-8226 www.ucpac.org

5/15/2015 ♠∂€

New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra present "Dancing to a New Beat" NJIO performs Prokofiev and Marquez.
Summit High School
125 Kent Place Blvd, Summit
3:00 pm
Free
(908) 603-7691
www.njio.org

5/22/2016 H∂**⑤**

Crescent Concerts present "Love is a Many-Splendored Thing" The Crescent Singers sing favorite love songs both sacred and secular, F. Allen Artz, III, conductor.
Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church 716 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield 3:00 pm \$20.00 General; \$15.00 Seniors; \$5.00 Students (908) 756-2468 www.crescentconcerts.org



5/22/2016 H∂**⑤**

Summit Symphony Orchestra present Young Artist Concert "Triumph" Semiramide Overture – Rossini; Winners of the Young Artists Concerto Competition; Symphony No. 2 - Sibelius Summit High School 125 Kent Place Boulevard, Summit 3:00 pm Free (908) 464-7215 www.summitsymphonynj.org



THEATER

(908) 276-7220

4/20/2016 ♠ **①** - 8:00 pm

4/21/2016 ♠ ① - 8:00 pm

4/22/2016 ♦ ① - 8:00 pm

4/23/2016 ♠ **①** - 8:00 pm

4/24/2016 ♦ ① - 3:00 pm

4/27/2016 ♠ **①** - 8:00 pm

4/28/2016 ♠ **①** - 8:00 pm

4/29/2016 ♠ ① - 8:00 pm

4/30/2016 ♦ ● - 8:00 pm

5/1/2016 ♠ ① - 3:00 pm

American Theater Group presents "Crossing Swords" a passionate and sensitive show about a high school drama club that puts on the classic play *Cyrano de Bergerac*.

Union County Performing Arts Center

Hamilton Stage

360 Hamilton Street, Rahway

\$35.00

Box Office: (732) 499-8226

www.ucpac.org

4/22/2016 ● - 3:00 pm

Union County Performing Arts Center presents "Clifford, the Big Red Dog - Live!" It only takes a little to BE BIG!TM The 'big red dog,' a character beloved for generations, comes to life on stage in a BIG way in this interactive musical! Join Clifford, Emily Elizabeth and all their friends from Birdwell Island as they embark on an adventure filled with singing, dancing and more.
Union County Performing Arts Center 1601 Irving Street, Rahway
\$15.00, \$20.00, \$25.00
& \$50.00 includes meet & Greet with Clifford Box Office: (732) 499 8226

Box Office: (732) 499-8226

www.ucpac.org

4/29/2016 ♠ ① ② 7:00 pm

4/30/2016 ♠ ① ② 7:00 pm

Saint Theresa School presents "Sound of Music" The Sound of Music is a beautiful story of love: love of God, love of family, love of country, & love of one another. Each character is a part of a much greater picture than we could imagine living in Europe during the 1940's.

Saint Theresa School

McVey Hall (auditorium)

540 Washington Ave, Kenilworth

\$6.00



LECTURES & WORKSHOPS

4/3/2016

JCC of Central New Jersey presents University Lecture series featuring "Just Kids From the Bronx: Telling It the Way It Was: An Oral History with author Arlene Alda" Through vivid oral histories, Arlene Alda reveals what it was like to grow up in a place that bred the influencers in just about every field of endeavor. The Bronx is where Michael Kay, the NY Yankees' play-by-play broadcaster first experienced baseball, where J. Crew's CEO Millard Drexler found his ambition and singer-songwriter Dio DiMucci and hip-hop's Grandmaster Melle Mel were inspired by local music. Alda will tell their stories, forming them into one great collective story of the Bronx from the early twentieth century until today.

JCC of Central NJ

1391 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains 7:30 pm

\$16.00 Non Members

\$14.00 Members, Seniors & Student:

(908) 889-8800 x205

www.jccnj.org

4/4/2016 ∂ **4/18/2016**

Elizabeth Public Library presents "World Book Online: Your Passport to Information" From your computer explore your world, visit ancient ruins, access biographies, read the classics online, learn life skills, and much more. Come to a training session to learn how all this information and more is at your fingertips. An Elizabeth Public Library card is required to access this database.

Elizabeth Public Library

11 South Broad Street, Elizabeth

6:30 pm

Free

Spaces are limited. Call to register. (908) 354-6060, ext. 7203 www.elizpl.org

4/6/2016

Westfield Historical Society presents Wednesday Luncheon "Art's Impact on Saving the Environment" how an artist tries to educate and inspire action concerning our behavior towards each other and the natural world. Working closely with the NJ Audubon Society, Pat has transformed her property into a native habitat benefiting birds, bees and pollinators. She will discuss her collaboration with NJ Audubon and the work inspired from this partnership.

Echo Lake Country Club 515 Springfield Ave, Westfield 12:00 pm \$30.00 WHS members \$35.00 Non-members (908) 233-2930 www.westfieldhistoricalsociety.org

4/6/2016

JCC of Central New Jersey presents University Lecture series featuring "The 2016 U.S. Presidential Election with Professor Julian Zelizer" Our presidential campaign is well underway with both parties engaged in heated primaries as frontrunners facing unexpected challenges, The nation has been closely following what Republicans and Democrats have to say about the big issues of the day. The next president and Congress will play a big role in determining the fate of policies put into place under previous presidents. Big issues, such as immigration and Israel, will be on the agenda. The decision that Americans make in 2016 will have a big impact on the direction of the country.

JCC of Central NJ 1391 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains 7:30 pm \$16.00 Non Members \$14.00 Members, Seniors & Student: (908) 889-8800 x205 www.jccnj.org



LECTURES & WORKSHOPS

4/9/2016 ∂ **4/23/2016**

Elizabeth Public Library presents "NewsBank Workshop" Come and learn all about this database where you can find U.S. news content from local, regional, and national sources. The largest resource of its kind, NewsBank includes printed and online newspapers, blogs, journals, newswires and more.

Elizabeth Public Library 11 South Broad Street, Elizabeth 2:30 – 4:00 pm Free Spaces are limited. Call to register. (908) 354-6060, ext. 7203 www.elizpl.org

4/14/2016

Elizabeth Public Library presents "Nineteenth Century New Jersey Photographers with Gary A. Saretzky" In a slide lecture; Gary D. Saretzky will profile these pioneers, especially in Elizabeth, Rahway, and Plainfield, and discuss them within the larger context of New Jersey photography in the Nineteenth-Century. Among the photographers to be featured will be Alfred S. Campbell and Guillermo Thorn.

Elizabeth Public Library 11 South Broad Street, Elizabeth 12:00 – 1:00 pm Free (908) 354-6060 www.elizpl.org

4/17/2016

Elizabeth Public Library presents "Plasmas: The First State of Matter" presented by worldrenowned plasma expert, Prof. Jose L. Lopez, Ph.D. and his colleagues from the Laboratory of Electrophysics & Atmospheric Plasmas (LEAP) in the Department of Physics at Seton Hall University. Join us for an interactive presentation which will explore various natural plasmas such as the billions of stars that exist in the Universe. We will also examine the many types of artificial plasmas used in applications such as fluorescent lamps, along with the tremendous breath of plasma-enabled technologies such as microchips. Elizabeth Public Library Elmora Branch, 740 West Grand Street, Elizabeth 1:30 - 3:30 pmFree (908) 353-4820 www.elizpl.org

4/18/2016

JCC of Central New Jersey presents University Lecture series featuring "Killing A King: The Assassination of Yitzhak Rabin and the Remaking of Israel with author Dan Ephron" The assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin by Orthodox Jew Yigal Amir twenty years ago remains the single most consequential event in Irael's recent history. Dan Ephron's book relates the parallel stories of Rabin and Amir over the two years leading up to the assassination, as one of them plotted political deals he hoped would lead to peace and the other plotted murder. He will help us understand Israel today, from the paralysis in peacemaking to the fraught relationship between Netanyahu and Obama.

JCC of Central NJ 1391 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains 7:30 pm \$16.00 Non Members \$14.00 Members, Seniors & Student: (908) 889-8800 x205 www.jccnj.org



LECTURES & WORKSHOPS

4/18/2016

SCORE Business Mentors & Elizabeth Public Library presents "Starting a Home-Based Business" Home based businesses offer a costeffective way of starting a business and offer a part time or full time solution for many to obtain a supplemental income. This two hour seminar covers the steps that you need to take to effectively start a home based business and is designed for starters or for those that are presently engaged in operating one. Elizabeth Public Library Auditorium 11 South Broad Street, Elizabeth 6:30 - 8:30 pmCall to register

Free (908) 354-6060 x.7223

www.elizpl.org

4/27/2016

Elizabeth Public Library presents "NewsBank Workshop" Come and learn all about this database where you can find U.S. news content from local, regional, and national sources. The largest resource of its kind, NewsBank includes printed and online newspapers, blogs, journals, newswires and more.

Elizabeth Public Library Elmora Branch, 740 West Grand Street, Elizabeth 2:30 - 4:00 pmFree Spaces are limited. Call to register. (908) 354-6060, ext. 7203 www.elizpl.org





4/29/2016 ∂

Visual Arts Center of New Jersey presents "Herman's House" Watch a screening of the documentary film Herman's House about the longest-serving prisoner in solitary confinement in American. Film expert, Kaia Shivers of Rutgers University will introduce the film and lead a discussion afterwards. Film is shown in conjunction with current exhibition of work by Elizabeth Duffy "Maximum Security." Film run time is 90 minutes.

Visual Arts Center of New Jersey 68 Elm Street, Summit 6:30 pm \$5.00 members; \$10.00 non-members (908) 273-9121 www.artcenternj.org



Hctivities, Events Fairs and Festivals

4/3/2016

Summit Historical Society present "29th Annual Taste of Summit" is a gourmet extravaganza featuring 20 of Summit's finest restaurants and food stores. Major fundraiser for the Summit Historical Society, an all-volunteer not-for-profit organization dedicated to preserving and promoting the history of Summit through the Carter House Museum and its archives. Grand Summit Hotel 570 Springfield Avenue, Springfield 6:00 - 8:30 pm \$50.00 per person 908-277-1747 www.summitnjhistory.org

4/10/2016

Miller-Cory House Museum present "An Old-Fashioned Doll Social" Ideal for Children.
Miller-Cory House Museum
614 Mountain Avenue, Westfield
2:00 - 4:00 pm
\$4.00 adults; \$3.00 children ages 3-12;
Free children under age 3
908-232-1776
www.millercoryhouse.org

4/11-15/2016 ∂

Visual Arts Center of New Jersey presents "Spring Break Art Camp" offering a five day creativity-building Art Camp during the week of Spring Break. You can sign your child up for the entire week or single days of camp. Camp runs 10 to 3, and 5-8 and 9-12. Children will create up to three works of art each day in one or more of these media: painting, mixed media, model-building, pen and ink, collage, and pastel. All materials are included. Limited space available.

Visual Arts Center of New Jersey
68 Elm Street, Summit
\$90 - \$385
(908) 273-9121
www.artcenternj.org

4/24/2016

Miller-Cory House Museum present "Annual Sheep-to-Shawl Festival" Ideal for Children. Miller-Cory House Museum 614 Mountain Avenue, Westfield 1:00 - 4:00 pm \$4.00 adults; \$3.00 children ages 3-12; Free children under age 3 908-232-1776 www.millercoryhouse.org

4/24/2016

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders presents "Wild Earth Fest" Celebrate 75 years of Environmental Education at Trailside with a fun family event. Learn ways to become eco-friendly & increase your awareness of wildlife conservation. Trailside Nature & Science Center 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside \$4.00 admission; Free ages 6 and under (908) 789-3670 www.ucnj.org/trailside

4/27/2016

Visual Arts Center of New Jersey presents "Road Trip: The Oranges Art Tour" Make a day of it! Join the Art Center for an exclusive insider's tour of a contemporary private art collection as well as artists' studios in the vibrant Valley Arts District of Orange, NJ. Transportation, Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Space is limited. Visual Arts Center of New Jersey 68 Elm Street, Summit 9:30 am – 3:00 pm \$125.00 (908) 273-9121 www.artcenternj.org

5/1/2016

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders presents "Touch a Truck" Youngsters can climb aboard dump trucks, bull dozers, police cars, HAZMAT response units, & "The Bear," used by the Union County SWAT team in serious emergencies.

Watchung Reservation Loop Area Parking Lot \$4.00 admission; Free ages 6 and under (908) 527-4900 www.ucnj.org/trailside



Activities, Events Fairs and Festivals

5/15/2016

Miller-Cory House Museum present "Theorem Painting Craft for Children" Ideal for Children and house tours will be conducted.

Miller-Cory House Museum
614 Mountain Avenue, Westfield
2:00 - 4:00 pm
\$4.00 adults; \$3.00 children ages 3-12;
Free children under age 3
908-232-1776

www.millercoryhouse.org

5/22/2016

Miller-Cory House Museum present "Tin Piercing Craft for Children" Ideal for Children and house tours will be conducted.

Miller-Cory House Museum
614 Mountain Avenue, Westfield
2:00 - 4:00 pm
\$4.00 adults; \$3.00 children ages 3-12;
Free children under age 3
908-232-1776

www.millercoryhouse.org

5/28/2016

Miller-Cory House Museum present "Aunt Carrie's Attic Sale". Miller-Cory House Museum 614 Mountain Avenue, Westfield 9:00 am - 2:00 pm 908-232-1776 www.millercoryhouse.org

6/5/2016

Miller-Cory House Museum present "Cooking with Herbs" Ideal for Children and house tours will be conducted.

Miller-Cory House Museum
614 Mountain Avenue, Westfield
2:00 - 4:00 pm
\$4.00 adults; \$3.00 children ages 3-12;
Free children under age 3
908-232-1776
www.millercoryhouse.org

6/10 & 11/2016

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders presents "Bio-Blitz 2016" A 24-hour survey of all things living! Teams of volunteers, scientists and naturalists will scour field, woodlands, streams and ponds in search of plant, animal and fungi species. Kawameeh Park in Union Township Black Brook Park in Kenilworth Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth Free admission (908) 789-3683 ww.ucnj.org/parks-recreation



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