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Thanks to Janet Schwartz-O'Leary for submitting the cover photo of the People's Choice Award winners for the Winter Art Show at Galerie OV. Mirtha De La Reza and Mike Lucas are shown with their winning works. (Please see related stories on pages 12, 14 and 15.) *The Villager* welcomes submissions for cover consideration. Submissions must be emailed as high-resolution jpeg images to [cking@oronoquevillage.com](mailto:cking@oronoquevillage.com)

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE OVCA PRESIDENT

*This column originally was distributed to residents as an Eblast on Friday, April 21, 2017.*



**Search for Executive Director Update:** On Monday, March 20th, the Search Committee process was launched. Every question submitted was reviewed under the categories of: Interpersonal Skills, Communications, Management and Finance, and Accounting. We have conducted our initial

Skype interviews. Second-round interviews will be occurring shortly, and a third round of interviews will take place with the finalist. At this point we are cautiously optimistic that the Search Committee could be making a recommendation to the OVCA Board in the coming weeks.



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**Meeting with Stratford Town Officials:** We recently met with Stratford's Chief Administrative Officer, Chris Tymniak, to discuss the widening of Oronoque Lane adjacent to the maintenance building in order to improve safety and accommodate diagonal parking. The town has included this proposal as part of its overall 2017/18 budget. Once the budget is passed, it is estimated that work will be scheduled in late summer or early fall.

Additionally, officials have agreed to a Town Hall-style meeting at Oronoque Village. Town officials would discuss Stratford's approved budget. They will also discuss the property assessment appeals process including requirement documentation. There will then be an opportunity to ask questions. Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 18th, 2:00 pm in the NCB. **(Please note corrected date.)**

**IT Systems and Network Security:** After review, we met with the company, Axiom, to discuss overall system improvements and structuring to improve our overall network security. They will propose recommended technical and cost options to be considered. A recommendation may be forthcoming to the OVCA Board.

**Human Resources/Employee Relations Committee:** Job descriptions for employees have been completed. The Employee Handbook has been updated and is with our lawyers for final review and approval. We met with EPIC, OV's 401K Advisor. We will be organizing an employee informational meeting with EP-IC. This will include the opportunity for employees to meet one-on-one with the advisor.

New rain gear for our maintenance staff has been distributed. The maintenance team has finished updating their break room, small foreman's office and the painting of the entryway.

### Projects: Good News Updates:

**Flood Zone Update:** FEMA requested additional graphics. The information has been sent. We continue to wait for a reply.

**2017/18 Budget:** Our treasurer, Bob Romatzick, led a team of volunteers along with Diane Roche, our CPA, to generate a budget for the upcoming year. It is exciting to announce that the combined recommended budget of OVCA and OVTD contains a 1.9% overall increase over the 2016-17 budget.

**Oronoque Country Club:** Oronoque Country Club is interested in improving the food and service for banquets and private parties. They will be contacting district reps and clubs to gather data regarding the issues that have been encountered. The goal is to work together to make Oronoque Country Club your selected destination for Oronoque Village

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# SAVE THE DATE!

## MAY 20 IS SPRING CLEANUP DAY

Villagers will have multiple opportunities to get rid of unwanted goods from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 20. Dumpsters will be placed in the rear parking lot of SCB for the disposal of household items, including furniture, appliances and metal objects that are less than 8 feet in size. Members of the Maintenance staff will be on hand to assist residents.

There will be a dumpster for metal and another for bulk items. All metal items must be separated from other materials.

### Bulk collection items include the following:

- Furniture
- Mattresses and box springs
- Carpeting
- Large metal items (8' maximum)
- Fencing

### Shredding Truck at NCB

Bouvier Insurance will, once again, sponsor a shredding truck on Cleanup Day. On-Site Shredding will be parked at NCB from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Villagers are encouraged to use this service to destroy outdated confidential documents, such as bank statements, credit card receipts, invoices, insurance forms and cancelled checks.

### Charitable Donations at SCB

Representatives from Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Southwestern Connecticut will be on hand to accept donations. The organization will gladly accept clothes, toys, shoes, books, electronics, small furniture, household items, tools, jewelry, bedding and more.

Please see the back cover for more information. 



**PLEASE NOTE:** The following items are not allowed for disposal in the dumpsters provided on Cleanup Day. These items must be taken directly to the Town of Stratford Transfer Station:

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| Household trash  | Demolition material (i.e. asphalt, shingles, sheet-rock, concrete, tile, brick or any other masonry debris) |
| Small items that would normally fit into the trash container for weekly pickup, including cardboard. | Freon-containing appliances (i.e. refrigerators)  |
| Leaves, branches, stumps   | Electronics of any kind   |
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NOTICE:**  
**PLEASE REVIEW THE IMPORTANT  
BUDGET-RELATED  
INSERTS IN THIS ISSUE OF *THE VILLAGER***

## SAC PRESENTS MIDSUMMER MUSEUM & GARDEN TOUR

On Thursday, June 15, SAC will visit the home of Theodate Pope, a pioneering woman architect who designed this early 19th-century home on more than 150 beautiful acres in Farmington. The property was named Hill-Stead and, today, the Hill-Stead Museum is a favorite designation for art and nature lovers.

We will be guided through the home, furnished as it was more than 100 years ago, and view an extensive collection of American and French impressionistic art. There will be an opportunity to stroll the sunken gardens on the estate and the surrounding meadowlands.

Participants will have a catered lunch of gourmet wraps, salads and desserts. To finish this midsummer tour, we will visit the famous Elizabeth Rose Gardens in Hartford.

For more information, call Jeanette at 203-345-6493.

## DATE CORRECTION FOR "ROARING '20S" PARTY

The April 17 issue of *The Villager* published an incorrect date for the Tennis Club "Roaring '20s" party. The event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 24.

## SCULPTURE CLASS

Fun and creativity — and, sometimes, creativity and fun! You are invited to join us for the next series of five weekly sculpture classes that take place on Wednesdays, May 3 through May 31, in the Arts and Crafts room at SCB.

The class is from 10 a.m. to noon and is limited to the first eight people. Beginners are welcome and encouraged! The last day to sign up is Monday, May 1. The cost is \$55, which includes the classes and the supplies. Contact instructor Wendy Swain, 203 386-9125, [wendysw10s@gmail.com](mailto:wendysw10s@gmail.com).

## MERRIT PARKWAY LANE CLOSURES

The Merritt Parkway is undergoing a construction project on a five-mile stretch between the Congress Street Bridge in Fairfield to the Newtown Turnpike overpass in Westport.

The project is expected to conclude in August 2019. According to the state Department of Transportation, lane closures will take place.

Northbound lane closures are planned from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. from Saturday to Wednesday and from 9 p.m. to 8 a.m. on Thursday and Friday.

Southbound lane closures are from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday through Thursday; from 8 p.m. Friday to 8 a.m. Saturday and from 8 p.m. Saturday to 8 a.m. Sunday.

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# ACTIVITIES

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *To ensure accuracy, information must be submitted, via email, to Carol King at [cking@oronoquevillage.com](mailto:cking@oronoquevillage.com). (Submissions must be typed, in upper and lower case.) The deadline to be included in the next issue of The Villager, on May 15, is May 2 at noon.*

## ADULT COLORING

- Adult Coloring takes place on Fridays from 2-4 p.m. at SCB.

## BOCCE

- Weekly games are played on Thursdays at 10 a.m. on the bocce court at the North Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome. Questions? Call Sue or Ralph Trapasso at 916-7156.

## CURRENT EVENTS

- The Current Events Discussion Group will meet in SCB Card Room 1 at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays May 3, May 17, June 7 and June 21. Please bring a news article to the meeting.

## DOLLCRAFTERS

- Dollcrafters meets at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays at NCB.

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

- All resident women are welcome to attend a Bible study



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group on the second and fourth Fridays of each month from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Card Room at NCB. The next meeting is Friday, May 12. The subject will be prayer. Questions? Call Tina (375-0291) or Helen (355-0007).

## LINE DANCING

- Line dancing classes take place at NCB on Wednesdays. A beginner class is held at 9:30 a.m. followed by a class for all levels at 10 a.m.

## TEA, TALK & CRAFTS

- Tea, Talk and Crafts meets on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. in Card Room 2 at SCB. Bring your own projects or mending, etc. Refreshments will be served. Dues are \$6. Each member is required to supply a dessert twice. For information, call Cynthia Harms at 203-402-9083.

## WALKING GROUP

- The Walking Group meets in the NCB parking lot on Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. Walks can range from 1 to 2 miles. For information, call Bill or Dorothy Tanski at 609-876-3520 or email [cwdtans@gmail.com](mailto:cwdtans@gmail.com)



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# CALENDAR

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## MONDAY, MAY 1

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball, RSF (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Tennis Club Meeting, NCB, Aud (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Bridge, NCB, C/R (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Bridge Group, NCB, Library (C)
- 7:00 p.m. – Bulls & Bears, SCB (C)
- 7:30 p.m. – Carp Poker Game, SCB, C/R (C)
- 7:30 p.m. – SAC Committee Meeting, NCB, B/R (O)

## TUESDAY, MAY 2

- 9:00 a.m. – Yoga for Seniors, SCB, C/R2 (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba Gold, NCB, Aud (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB, Library (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – House & Garden Brd Mtg, NCB, B/R (C)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)



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The cost is 3 cards for \$6  
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- 7:00 p.m. – Funseekers Board Meeting, SCB (C)
- 7:00 p.m. – Pickleball Club Meeting, NCB, Library (O)

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

- 9:30 a.m. – Beginner Line Dancing, NCB, Aud (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Line Dancing, NCB, Aud (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Sculpting Class, SCB, A/C Rm (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Communications Committee, NCB, B/R (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Current Events, SCB (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball, RSF (O)
- 5:00 p.m. – Poker, NCB, C/R (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry's Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Book Club, NCB, Library (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – OVTD Meeting, NCB (O)

## THURSDAY, MAY 4

- 8:30 a.m. – Walking Group, NCB Parking Lot (O)
- 9:30 a.m. – House Committee Meeting, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB (O)
- 1:00 p.m. – Dominoes, SCB, C/R2 (C)
- 1:30 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB (O)
- 1:30 p.m. – Bridge, NCB, Aud (C)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry's Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)

## FRIDAY, MAY 5

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Adult Coloring, SCB, C/R (O)
- 4:30 p.m. – It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere, NCB (O)

## SATURDAY, MAY 6

- 9:30 a.m. – Pickleball Round Robin & Brunch, RSF (O)

## SUNDAY, MAY 7: No events scheduled

## MONDAY, MAY 8

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 9:30 a.m. – Architectural Committee Mtg, NCB (O)

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- 1:30 p.m. – House & Garden General Mtg, SCB (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Maintenance Committee Meeting, NCB (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball, RSF (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Bridge, NCB, C/R (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Bridge Group, NCB, Library (C)
- 7:30 p.m. – Carp Poker Game, SCB, C/R (C)

## TUESDAY, MAY 9

- 9:00 a.m. – Yoga for Seniors, SCB, C/R2 (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba Gold, NCB, Aud (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB, Library (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)
- 4:30 p.m. – Tennis Club Board Mtg, NCB, B/R (C)
- 7:00 p.m. – Funseekers Meeting, SCB (O)

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

- 9:00 a.m. – Men's Club Presentation on Senior Services, SCB (O)
- 9:30 a.m. – Beginner Line Dancing, NCB, Aud (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Line Dancing, NCB, Aud (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Sculpting Class, SCB, A/C Rm (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Hadassah Board Meeting, NCB, C/R (C)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball, RSF (O)
- 5:00 p.m. – Poker, NCB, C/R (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry's Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – General Mtg of Unit Owners, NCB (O)

## THURSDAY, MAY 11

- 8:30 a.m. – Walking Group, NCB Parking Lot (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB (O)
- 1:00 p.m. – Dominoes, SCB, C/R2 (C)
- 1:30 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB (O)
- 1:30 p.m. – Bridge, NCB, Aud (C)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry's Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – Unit Owners Budget Rejection Vote, NCB (O)

## FRIDAY, MAY 12

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB (O)
- 10:30 a.m. – Ladies Bible Study, NCB, C/R (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Adult Coloring, SCB, C/R (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Movie: *La La Land* NCB (O)

## SATURDAY, MAY 13

- 8:00 a.m. – Tennis Club Breakfast & Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 9:30 a.m. – Pickleball, RSF (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – Weekenders Event, NCB (O)

## SUNDAY, MAY 14: No events scheduled

## MONDAY, MAY 15

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball, RSF (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Bridge, NCB, C/R (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Bridge Group, NCB, Library (C)
- 7:30 p.m. – Carp Poker Game, SCB, C/R (C)



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# MAINTENANCE MATTERS

By Ken Block and Mark Rhatigan

## **IMPORTANT**

We have now received the new approved lawn lamp bulbs. Please put a work order in to have the Maintenance Department install them into your lawn lamps. These bulbs are brighter and less expensive for us to buy and use, so it would be to your advantage to replace the bulbs you currently have. Life expectancy of these new bulbs is 9-11 years. The sooner you can put the work order in, the sooner you will have these new lights installed.

## **REMINDERS**

- 1.) When walking your dog -- in the nighttime or in the daytime -- be sure to wear light-colored clothing and have reflectors on the front and back of your clothing. It is also advisable to carry a flashlight in one hand or, if possible, both hands. Also, walk against traffic, so that you can see cars that are heading toward you.
- 2.) Please do not feed any of the animals that wander around Oronoque. We do not know what germs or bugs they carry.
- 3.) Springtime is upon us, so if you are planning a home improvement that requires permits, etc., please contact the Maintenance Office and they will help you.

## **ODDS AND ENDS**

New lights in rear of the South Clubhouse are now in operation. OV

## PLEASE, CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOGS!



Please be courteous to your neighbors and clean up after your pets.

Dog waste is unsightly and it is full of bacteria, attracts flies and can wash into waterways during rain.

Residents must take responsibility for their dogs and clean up after them.

# SAC NUTRITION SEMINAR

Story by Linda Schoennagel ~

Photo by Dave Schoennagel

In March, SAC presented a seminar, led by Nutritionist Joanne Hoffman, titled "Don't Judge A Food By Its Label." The presentation was a real eye-opener. Joanne demonstrated how, often, consumers purchase products that they believe are healthy choices ... but the products are not healthy at all!

She showed us how to read food labels and what to look for so that we are aware of our sodium, sugar and fat intake. Lessons we took away are that all yogurts are not created equally, whole-grain products are far superior to their whole-wheat coun-



terparts and, when it comes to peanut butter, Teddie is Joanne's brand of choice because it is an all-natural product. Joanne also emphasized the dangers of consuming trans fats, which raise bad cholesterol, lower good cholesterol and are a leading cause of coronary heart disease.

The program was informative, interactive and fun. We learned how to be healthy and feel better as we are what we eat from our head to our feet!

Joanne has been designing personal nutrition programs since 1994. Visit Joanne's website at [eats4life.com](http://eats4life.com) for more information. OV

# UPDATE ON PROPOSED JAMES FARM ROAD HOUSING PROJECT

By Lee Shlafer

Many residents of Oronoque Village have been following the efforts started in 2015 to develop property at 795 James Farm Road. This property is located about a half-mile from the intersection of Oronoque Lane and James Farm Road, roughly across from Alexandra and Candlewood Lanes which are on the golf course side of James Farm Road.

The property at 795 James Farm Road abuts Roosevelt Forest. The original plans that were submitted by the developer, 500 North LLC, sought to change the zoning from one-acre single-family to multifamily, permitting a 72-unit affordable housing complex to be built on the site.

In response to this request for a zoning change, a number

of residents in the area organized to oppose the application. The Town of Stratford Planning and Zoning Commission scheduled hearings that were held during the summer of 2016. These hearings were very well-attended and both the developer and the opposition presented their cases to the commission.

In August of 2016, the zoning commission ruled against the zoning change, a decision largely based on concerns about the negative effect on ground water and neighboring wells, fire risk and access and egress from and to the complex. In October, the developer submitted a modified application, reducing the units from 72 to 60. This revision was also rejected by the Planning and Zoning Commission in November for essentially the same reasons as cited previously.

The developer is now appealing the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission in Connecticut Superior Court.

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## Save the Date for *Mama Mia!*

Hadassah is going to see *Mama Mia* at the Westchester Dinner Theater on Wednesday, June 21. Please RSVP with a check in the amount of \$89 ASAP and details about with whom you wish to sit. Each table accommodates four people. Checks should be placed in the Hadassah box at NCB. Reservations are a must! Deadline is May 19.

For information, call Gladys-203-380-8866, Barbara-203-378-7781 or Arlene-203-345-1196.



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# GALERIE OV SPRING ART SHOW RECEPTION



Story by **Ray Vermette**

Photos by **Janet Schwartz-O'Leary**

A reception was held on April 9 to open the Galerie OV spring art show. The theme of the current mixed-media exhibit is "Colors of Spring." The Galerie OV exhibits, organized by the OV Arts Guild, are presented quarterly during the year.

For the spring show, residents responded to the "Call for Entries" by submitting a spectrum of colorful, artistic and creative works, which will delight viewers. The pieces on exhibit range from oil, acrylic and watercolor paintings, photographs and stained glass, to various types of needlework.

SAC sponsored the reception and guests had the opportunity to meet the artists while enjoying the offerings of wine and cheese. A more formal recognition of the participating artists followed. **Barbara Minoff** welcomed everyone on be-

half of SAC. **Barbara Stewart** thanked **Pat Spodick** and **Sylvia Penzel**, the SAC members who helped with the reception, and also gave applause to Arts Guild members **Diana Strassburger**, **Nancy Gloh-Rosenthal**, **Robert Collins**, **Sharon Sells** and **Ray Vermette**, who worked so hard on hanging the exhibit.

**Wendy Swain**, who teaches the OV sculpture classes, spoke about the variety of wonderful and imaginative sculptures created by her students, which were on display during the winter exhibit, "Student Sculpture & Photography." Wendy presented the Winter Show People's Choice Award for Sculpture to **Mirtha De La Reza** for her piece, titled "Oliver," which is a rendering of a puppy. An Honorable Mention award was given to **Gail Bushell** for her intricate sculpture of a woman's head adorned with jewelry. The winner of the People's Choice Award for Photography was **Mike Lucas** for his photograph of "Captains Cove." Both winning pieces will continue to be seen in the SCB lobby for the next three months. **Sandy Lunt** presented Mike with an award from the Men's Club, and Mike spoke about the subject of the photograph and its location. (See pages 14 and 15 for articles on Mike and Mirtha.)

Barbara Stewart introduced the artists participating in the "Colors of Spring" exhibit. Participants in attendance spoke briefly about their artwork hanging in the exhibit. The exhibiting artists for this quarter are **Pearl Spodick**, **Anthony Memoli**, **Mark Sills**, **Barry Wilensky**, **Loretta Sills**, **Kitty Olsen**, **Nancy Gloh-Rosenthal**, **Claire Carew**, **Cynthia Harms**, **Joe Hayducky**, **Cheryl Comen**, **Mary Jane Champagne**, **Wallace Sloves**, **Mel Robinson**, **Fred Brideschge**, **Lynette Steinfeldt**, **Barbara Stewart**, **Tina Vermette**, **Martha Talburt** and **Robert Collins**. All residents are invited to visit the SCB lobby, view the exhibit, and cast a vote to select the next "People's Choice Award" winner.

The spring exhibit concludes in June. The summer exhibit, beginning July 1, will feature quilts.



Top: Artists participating in the current Galerie OV show. Above, Wendy Swain and Barbara Stewart.

# SAC TO HOST FOURTH ALZHEIMER MINI WALK

Story by Barbara Minoff ~ Photo by Peter Feick

On your mark, get set, go! Please join us on Saturday morning, June 3, for a mini walk to support the Connecticut Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Every 67 seconds someone in America develops Alzheimer's. Connecticut families dealing with the effects of this disease need our support now more than ever!

These funds will be used within Fairfield County to provide services for people with Alzheimer's disease. The walk is a short route around South Trail, commencing at 9 a.m. at the back parking lot of the South Clubhouse, and circling around back to the South Clubhouse for the finish.

The recommended entry donation is \$10 per walker, but donations above the entry are very much appreciated. You can also get your own sponsors from family and friends for your walk, adding support and helping to raise more funds. Please also bring your sponsors' donations on the



day of the walk. We encourage you to bring family members and friends to walk with you. Grandchildren are welcome! Join us for support, even if you cannot participate in the walk. Let's work together to exceed last year's goal of \$2,500.

Water will be provided and it will be a great day for camaraderie, exercise and giving back to the community!

SAC will also host a bake sale, so please bring money to indulge in and enjoy our delectable assortment of goodies after the walk.

In addition to our mini walk, SAC will host a Classic Car Show at 10 a.m. in the South Clubhouse parking lot. Reserve your car space now for an entry donation of just \$10. All proceeds will benefit the Connecticut Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

For further information please contact Barbara at 203-366-0533, or Dave at 203-502-0131. We thank you in advance for your participation!

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## FUNSEEKERS' SNAPSHOTS



Above, Performer Peter McKiernan with resident Jeanne Hartley during the St. Patrick's Day celebration. Jeanne is imitating animals while Peter leads attendees in a rendition of *The Unicorn*.

Right, last month's featured performer, Jack Lynn, stands with Joan Zbell, "Dean Martin" and resident Sonya DeBiase.



Photos by Bob Krakovich

# PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD WINNER: SCULPTURE

Story and photo by Carol King

Before arriving at Oronoque Village two years ago, Mirtha De La Reza was unaware of her artistic talent. Today, however, she is a People's Choice Award winner. "Oliver," a sculpture of her dog, was named a winner in the Winter Art Show, themed "Student Sculpture & Photography," at Galerie OV at SCB.

The award was presented in early April during the opening reception for the gallery's current show, "Colors of Spring." Mirtha's blue-ribbon-winning replica of her Maltese-Shih Tzu mix will remain on view in the gallery through June.

Mirtha explains that finding her inner artist was a very welcome surprise. "My neighbor, Pearl Spodick, invited me to come with her to a sculpture class, which is taught by Wendy Swain. I had never sculpted before. But, when I worked with the clay, it did what I wanted; it was like playing with Play-Doh! It was then that I found my talent. Now I have a new hobby."

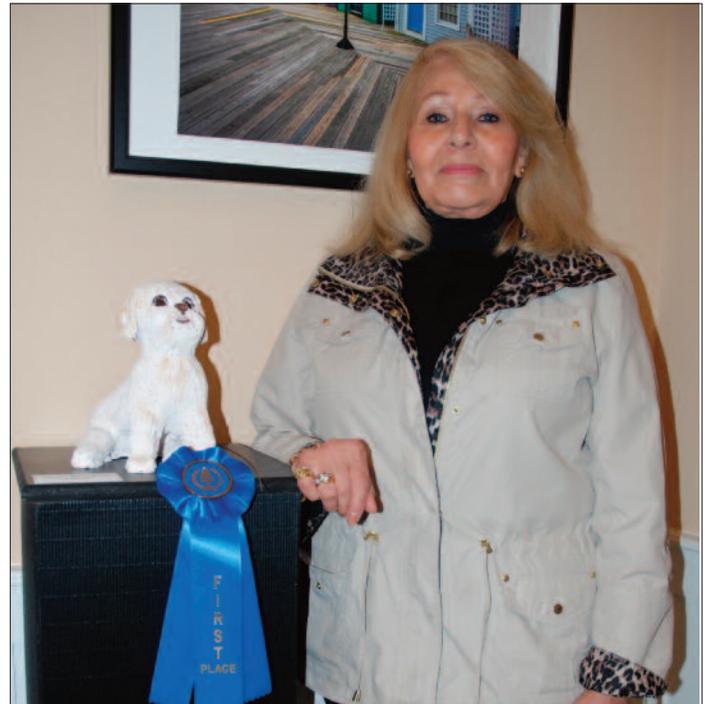
She thanks the OV Arts Guild and all who voted for her and praises Wendy's teaching technique. "Wendy allows members of her class to be creative, yet work independently on their own projects. She is a very patient teacher."

"Oliver" is Mirtha's third creation. She previously sculpted a bust and a figurine as part of her classroom projects.

She attends the sculpture classes as often as she can. "I have two children in Florida who I visit quite frequently," she says.

Mirtha and her husband, Marcelo, are both from Bolivia. "I came to the United States when I was a teenager and lived in the Virginia and Washington, D.C., areas," she says.

Marcelo's work at Xerox required the couple to travel to a variety of locations. "We have lived as far away as Rio de



Janeiro and as nearby as Trumbull," says Mirtha. "After our retirement, we came to Oronoque Village to live near our son in New Haven."

The social opportunities at Oronoque Village were a draw for the De La Rezas. "We liked the community and we were impressed by all the activities that are available to residents," notes Mirtha. "This is a great community for retirees. I also take the watercolor painting classes and, when I can, I participate in Ladies Poker games!"

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## Notice of Changes for Memorial Day, May 29

**The Business and Maintenance Offices will be closed on Monday, May 29, due to the Memorial Day holiday.**

**The holiday will cause trash & recycling pickup to occur one day later than usual. Pickup will occur on Thursday, June 1.**

# PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD WINNER: PHOTOGRAPHY

Story and photo by Carol King

Michael Lucas' photograph, "Captain's Cove," is the winner of the People's Choice Award for the Galerie OV Winter Show.

Mike has enjoyed photography most of his life, but it wasn't until his retirement that he was able to pursue a new phase of the art form. When he retired from a 38-year career as director of engineering with the State Department of Mental Health, his parents presented him with the gift of a digital camera, which opened up a whole new world to him.

While in college, he took several courses in black-and-white film photography and enjoyed helping to teach developing and printing in the darkroom to fellow students.

This new vista of digital photography, however, changed his whole approach to taking pictures. He discovered that digital photography equaled -- and even exceeded -- the capabilities of film photography.

Software was now available to him that allowed him to do pre- and post-processing with color as well as black-and-white photos. He joined several competitive camera clubs and started doing photo shoots for his church, the Villager publication here at Oronoque and even for special occasions that have arisen.

His skills include other facets in the photography field,



such as offering portrait sessions, matting, framing and the restoration of old photographs.

Mike's photos have been exhibited at the Stratford Library, the Milford Library, the Open Door Tea Room on Paradise Green in Stratford as well as at the Harborview Market in the Black Rock area of Bridgeport.

If you have questions about photography, please call him at 203-727-7429. He would be delighted to help. For now, enjoy Michael's creativity, which is on view at SCB through June.

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## BEYOND THE VILLAGE

Yale Repertory Theatre concludes its 50th anniversary season with the world premiere of *Mary Jane* by Amy Herzog, directed by Anne Kauffman, through May 20. Opening night is Friday, May 5.

As *Mary Jane* (Emily Donahue) navigates both the mundane and the unfathomable realities of caring for Alex, her chronically ill young son, she finds herself building a community of women from many walks of life. *Mary Jane* is Pulitzer Prize-finalist Amy Herzog's compassionate portrait of a contemporary American woman striving for grace.

Tickets range from \$12–99 and are available online at [yalerep.org](http://yalerep.org), by phone at 203-432-1234 and in-person at the Yale Rep Box Office (1120 Chapel St.).

Downtown Cabaret Main Stage Theatre in Bridgeport presents *In the Heights* by Lin-Manuel Miranda. The production runs Fridays (7:30 p.m.), Saturdays (5 p.m. and 8:15 p.m.) and Sundays (5 p.m.) through May 21. *In the Heights* tells the universal story of a vibrant community in New York's Washington Heights neighborhood – a place where the coffee from the corner bodega is light and sweet, the windows are always open and the breeze carries the rhythm of three generations of music. It's a community on the brink of change, full of hopes, dreams

and pressures, where the biggest struggles can be deciding which traditions you take with you and which ones you leave behind. *In the Heights* was the winner of the 2008 Tony Awards for Best Musical, Best Score, Best Choreography and Best Orchestrations.

For tickets and information, visit [MyCabaret.org](http://MyCabaret.org) or call the box office at 203-576-1636, Option 0.

Fairfield County Children's Choir's final regular season concert will be performed at the Quick Center for the Arts at Fairfield University on May 13 at 7 pm. Concertgoers will be taken on a journey back to their childhood and around the world as favorite and new folk songs are sung by the children. The concert – "Music Makes the World Go Round" – will focus on community music through the ages featuring selections from the 13th century through today.

Fairfield County Children's Choir (FCCC) is a community-based choral program made up of 300 children in grades 4 through 12 from communities in and around Fairfield County. For information on the FCCC, visit [SingFCCC.org](http://SingFCCC.org).

Tickets are available through [theklein.org](http://theklein.org) or by calling 1-800-424-0160.

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# FITNESS FOR OLDER ADULTS

## IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO START

By Ed Genga, M.A., CSCS

**E**xercise is an important key to aging successfully. It's never too late to start. In the following questions we will look at how our bodies age, and the benefits of exercising as you age.

**What Happens to Muscles As We Age?** As we age, muscle mass decreases. Between the third and eighth decades of life, we lose up to 15 percent of our lean muscle mass, which contributes to a lower metabolic rate, as we get older. Maintaining muscle strength and mass helps burn calories to maintain a healthy weight, strengthens bones and restores balance.

**Is It Ever Too Late to Build Muscle?** It's never too late to exercise and build muscle. The body is responsive to strength training at any age. Strength training can help reduce symptoms of some common problems we encounter as we age including arthritis, diabetes, osteoporosis, obesity, back pain and depression.

**Can I Get Stronger Without Building Big Muscles?** Strength doesn't just involve building large muscles. Lifting weights just two or three times a week can increase strength by building lean muscle. Studies have shown that even this small an amount of strength training can increase bone density, overall strength and balance. It can also reduce the risk of falls that can lead to fractures.

**What Happens to Endurance As We Age?** Just as muscle mass declines with age, so does endurance. The good news is that the body also responds to endurance fitness training such as walking. Any activity that increases heart rate and breathing for an extended period is considered endurance exercise. In addition to walking, swimming, cycling, dancing and tennis are all endurance activities.

**What Happens to Flexibility As We Age?** Along with muscle mass and endurance, flexibility also decreases as we age. But like strength and endurance, flexibility too can be improved. Increased flexibility allows for more freedom of movement and greater range of motion. Areas to pay attention to are the neck, shoulders, elbows, wrists, hips, knees and ankles.

**What Happens to Balance As We Age?** As we age, balance decreases and falls can lead to fractures. The National Institutes of Health estimates more than one-third of people over the age of 65 fall each year, often resulting in injuries such as hip fractures, which are a major cause of surgeries and disability among the elderly. Balance and strength exercises can help maintain balance and reduce the risk of falling.

**What Happens to Bones As We Age?** As we age, bone density decreases as well and can lead to osteoporosis, a



condition in which the bones become fragile and weak, and are more prone to fractures. More than 40 million Americans have or are at risk for osteoporosis, and it is more common in women than in men. Exercise can increase bone strength and density. Weight-bearing activity, in particular, is useful as this causes the bones to work harder. Strength training as well strengthens muscles and helps strengthen bones.

**What Happens to Our Joints As We Age?** Osteoarthritis becomes more common as we age – about 27 million people in the U.S. have osteoarthritis, a condition in which the cartilage between the joints breaks down, causing stiffness, pain, and loss of movement in the joints. One of the best ways to manage osteoarthritis is to stay active and maintain a healthy weight. Lack of movement contributes to stiffness and weak joints. Exercises include those for range of motion and flexibility, endurance and strength. **OV**

*Ed Genga is an Oronoque Village resident and a fitness professional with more than 35 years of experience in a wide variety of industry disciplines including club management, corporate wellness, group fitness, college-level athletic coaching, personal training, phase 3 cardiac rehabilitation and exercise for cancer patients. You may submit questions about exercise to Ed at eegenga@gmail.com*

### CLASSIC & ANTIQUE CARS WANTED

**If you would like to show off your vintage vehicle and raise funds for a good cause, please participate in the Classic Car Show on June 3 at SCB to benefit the Connecticut Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. The show begins at 10 a.m.**

**Reserve your space now for a donation of \$10. For further information, please contact Barbara at 203-366-0533 or Dave at 203-502-0131.**

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

events. This is so important as Oronoque Country Club's success is our success. We have a very important relationship to protect for the future well-being of both our Village and OCC.

**Communications Committee:** Following OVCA board approval at the April meeting, it was announced that a new so-cial Facebook page will be starting shortly. This is being created to foster accelerated social interaction among our residents. The site will promote the organizations, events and social groups within OV. It will aim to help new residents with their orientation to OV and the surrounding area. The site will be strictly social and voluntary. The site will not allow any

Oronoque Village, local, state or national political and/or religious views to be posted. It will also not allow critical comments towards anyone or any group, club or organization within OV. The guidelines created emphasize strict controls and posts will be deleted on anything deemed negative. Monitoring will be done multiple times daily. A special thank you to Bill Tanski, who originated the plan and who will assist Carol King with the monitoring. Bob Grosso recently appointed Bill Tanski as a member of the Communications Committee. 

## A MESSAGE REGARDING TAG/ESTATE SALE RULES

Dear Residents,

The following are the current rules related to estate/tag sales. We will be examining the ordinance for possible relevant changes in the future.

Thank you.

*Bob Grosso, OVA President  
Steve Brieger, OVTD President*

### ORONOQUE VILLAGE TAX DISTRICT

#### Ordinance Number 3

#### Regulation of Tag Sales/Actions

**Section 1.** Tag Sales/Auctions shall be prohibited within the boundaries of the Oronoque Village Tax District unless:

- a. An application for a Tag Sale/Auction signed by the resident taxpayer or renter is submitted to the Executive Manager at least 30 days prior to the sale along with an application fee of \$10.00.
- b. Friday shall be the only Tag Sale or Auction day authorized by the Executive Manager.
- c. The hours between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. shall be the only hours authorized for Tag Sales/Auctions.
- d. Due to traffic considerations, only one Tag Sale or Auction per day shall be permitted on any one street within the boundaries of the Oronoque Village Tax District.
- e. Applications shall be limited to a resident taxpayer selling their unit or to a renter relocating.

#### Section 2. Signs

- a. Small, unobtrusive signs may be placed at the corners at Oronoque Lane and North or South Trail no earlier than 8:00 a.m. on the day approved.
- b. Similar small, unobtrusive signs may be placed in front of the taxpayer's unit or renter no earlier than 8:00 a.m. on the day approved.
- c. All signs shall be removed by the resident taxpayer or renter no later than 4:00 p.m. on the day authorized.

**Section 3.** The Executive Manager shall be responsible for approval of all Tag Sale/Auction applications, at his discretion, including any requirement for police protection at the expense of the individual responsible for the Tag Sale/Auction.

- a. If the application is denied, the resident taxpayer or renter may appeal to the Tax District Board at their next monthly meeting.

**Section 4.** Any resident taxpayer or any individual renting the unit shall be fined \$50.00 for the first violation, \$100.00 for the second violation and \$200.00 for the third violation for failure to comply with this ordinance.

*Ordinance enacted 9/22/1992*

*Roy F. Dietrich  
President*

# RECIPE: MINI-MORSEL CHOCOLATE-CHIP POUND CAKE

## NEEDED:

3c all-purpose flour  
1 tsp baking powder  
1/2 tsp salt  
2c sugar  
1c ( 2 sticks) butter, softened  
3 tsp vanilla extract  
4 eggs  
3/4c milk  
1 (12oz) pkg Nestle Toll House semi-sweet chocolate mini-morsels  
Confectioners sugar (optional)

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In a small bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt; set aside. In a large bowl, beat sugar, butter and vanilla extract until creamy.

Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Gradually beat in flour mixture alternately with milk. Stir in Mini Morsels.

Pour into greased and floured 10-inch fluted-tube pan. (I have found that Pam For Baking is better than greasing and flouring a pan). Bake 70- to 80 minutes or until skewer inserted in center of cake comes out clean.

Cool in pan 15 minutes. Remove from pan and cool completely. Sprinkle with confectioners sugar, if desired.

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--Submitted by Ken Block

## HELPFUL TIPS FROM THE PHARMACIST

By Al Schlager

### APPLYING EYE OINTMENT (use a mirror)

Using your finger, pull down lower lid and look into mirror, squeeze out the prescribed amount into lower lid; do not touch eye with tip of tube. Close eye and gently massage lower lid to disperse ointment.

### APPLYING EYE DROPS (use a mirror)

When using plastic dropper bottles, open, then invert ... you will get one drop at a time due to gravity. Do not squeeze or shake the container (unless directions specify that you do so) or you will get air bubbles.

Look in the mirror with your chin slightly up. Pull lower lid down gently. Do not touch your eyes with the bottle.

For dry eyes, you can use artificial tears. This can be caused by contacts, laser cataract surgery, weather conditions, allergies, blurry eyes/tears, etc.

Only try for a few days. If there is no improvement, see your ophthalmologist.

### HIGH OCULAR PRESSURE

This is due to blockage of tear ducts on the inside corner of eyes. Discuss all options with you ophthalmologist, i.e., drops, laser surgery, etc.

When using drops for this condition, put drops into outside corner of eye. Close eyes gently, wait at least 3-4 minutes then open.

### EYE INFECTIONS

Antibiotics/cortisone usually shake gently.

Put drops into inside corner of eye. Keep eyes open.

### MACULAR DEGENERATION

Test: Look at a vertical straight long object (example, window blinds). Close one eye and look at the object. Follow the same procedure with the other eyes. If the object appears blurry on one or both eyes, see your retinologist for further tests on this disease.

### SHAVING (for men)

Are you using a straight razor and getting skin problems, such as a rash, pimples, redness? Try this: wet your face, then use soapy water, then apply Noxema skin cream, then apply your shaving cream. Shave with your razor, wash off with cold water and then apply Witch Hazel.

### FUNGUS ON NAILS

Apply ointment/cream to cuticle area (not the nail). Apply twice daily (morning and evening) or as directed. Do not wash after you apply. You can use an emery board to file nails if ridged and split.

### NOSE

Before using a nose spray, blow gently through both nostrils. Hold head slightly down, exhale and start to inhale then spray, keep inhaling until all spray is inhaled. Repeat with other nostril. Wait a minute if directions are for another spray.

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*Al Schlager has been a resident of Oronoque Village for 16 years. He retired about six years ago after owning pharmacies in New York and Connecticut.*

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## COME ONE, COME ALL..... TO OV PICKLE BALL!!

### **TUESDAY, MAY 2, 7 PM, NCB LIBRARY**

ALL OV Residents are invited to attend the first PBC Meeting of the 2017 Season. Meet the OV P B Board and Club Members. Preview the Round Robin Game Schedule and entertaining Social Events offered to PBC Club Members. Discover the Joys and Rewards of P B play!!



### **SATURDAY, MAY 6, 9:30-11:30 AM RACQUET SPORTS FACILITY**

ALL OV Residents are invited to attend and partake in Round Robin P B game play. Instruction and equipment will be provided. Tennis/court shoes are required footwear. Immediately following, a light, outdoor Brunch will be served.

***(Should inclement weather prevail, RR play will be canceled.***

***A "Meet and Greet" Brunch will be served, 10:30 AM, in the NCB.)***

Looking forward to Your Company and enjoying "another" Fabulous OV PBC Season!!!

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Gery Cuccaro, (203) 283-4399.



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**Oronoque Village House & Garden Club Annual Plant Sale**  
**Saturday, May 20, Pick Up Time: 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. at NCB**  
**Deadline for Orders is Friday, May 12**

**4-inch potted geraniums from Glendale Farms .. \$3 per geranium / \$32 per dozen plants**  
**10-inch assorted hanging baskets ... \$11.50 per basket**  
**4-inch pot of New Guinea Impatiens ... \$3 per pot**

**Geraniums**

**New Guinea Impatiens**

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 \_\_\_ Hanging Basket \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Bright Red \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_ White \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(Deliver this form with a check to NCB H&G Box)

**Questions? Call Mary: 203-375-2526 or Doris: 203-375-1662**



**OV Men's Club is sponsoring an outreach program with the  
 Stratford Senior Services to provide FREE information to Oronoque residents about:**

- Homecare**
- Transportation**
- Adult Day Care**
- Benefit Programs**

**WHEN: May 10, 2017 from 9 - 11 am in front meeting room in South Clubhouse**

**No appointment is necessary.. All information is kept highly confidential.**

**Mary Balog, Outreach Coordinator, will be available to speak to you.**

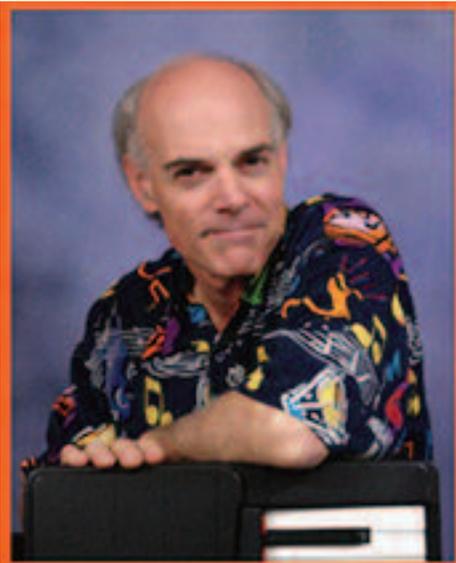
***This event also will be offered on June 14, 2017 at SCB from 10 am to noon***



The House and Garden Club will meet Monday, May 8, at 1:30 p.m. at SCB to hear a presentation by Attorney Sandra Lax. She will draw on her experience with Elder Law for her talk, "Protect Your Future," and will share important information for us to keep in mind as we age.

Refreshments will be provided by the Hospitality Committee.  
Guests are welcome.

### **WEEKENDERS EVENT ON MAY 13**



Weekenders' next event will be held on Saturday, May 13, at 6 p.m. at the North Clubhouse. Brian Gillie will present an evening of the history of song and dance unlike any history lesson you have ever seen or heard. Humor, costumes, props, original sound bites, radio commercials and impersonations serve to reveal the songs that shaped the music of Motown, soul, novelty tunes and much more.

Brian is a full-time performance/educator with Arts for Learning Connecticut and the Connecticut Commission on Arts and Tourism. He has worked as an itinerant music and dance historian and teacher for 34 years. He also was a pianist, singer and dancer in many of New England's' restaurants and clubs.

Sam Levinson is planning a great meal of fried chicken and all the fixin's and we all look forward an abundance of desserts. Please make your reservations early so you don't miss your chance to enjoy this fabulous evening. Places checks for \$18 per person (made out to Weekenders) in the box at NCB. Please include your seating preference.



### WINNING COMBO COMES TO ORONOQUE ON MAY 9

FUNSEEKERS presents the Larry Ayce Band, a combo that will bring us an evening of incredible music on Tuesday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m. at SCB. *(Please note corrected date!)*

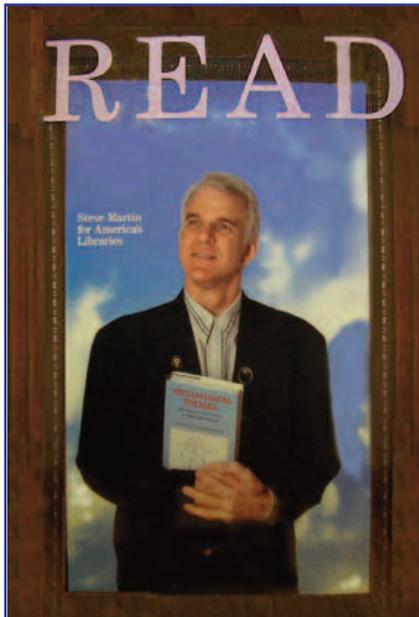
Larry Ayce provides his powerful voice and virtuosic guitar playing. Larry's wife, Doreen Marie, adds her 25 years of Nashville experience to energize with her striking harmony and love of dance. Add the crowning talent of a Bass guitarist considered one of the best steel guitarist in New England and we are guaranteed a memorable night of music.

Admission is \$2 members, \$5 guests, annual dues \$10. BYOB and snacks/foods to our cabaret setting where you can meet new friends or gather a group of friends from the past. Desserts and beverages follow the performance. Questions? Bob Krakovich, (203) 752-6105



### **MEN'S CLUB TRIP TO MOHEGAN SUN MONDAY, MAY 15 DEPARTING REAR OF SCB AT 1 P.M. LEAVING CASINO AT 8:30 P.M. COST PER PERSON: \$25**

**A check made out to Oronoque Village Men's Club is your reservation. Please place check in the Men's Club box at NCB. Questions? Call Sandy Lunt: 203 377- 5833 or Jerry Brown: 203 378-7781**



**The Oronoque Village Book Club meets at 7 p.m.  
on the first Wednesday of every month at NCB.  
All Villagers are welcome.  
Need a ride or information? Call Barbara at 203-612-1373**

For **May 3:** *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah.

**For June 7:** *All I Love and Know* by Judith Frank is a novel that perfectly balances fine writing, provocative topics, and a page-turning love story. *All I Love and Know* is Frank's second novel, in which she introduces Daniel and Matt, a gay couple whose relationship is challenged when Daniel's brother and sister-in-law are killed in a terrorist bombing in Jerusalem. It explores issues such as adoption, gay marriage and true love -- lost and found. Frank also weaves in the complex history and realities of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the raw unrelenting process of grieving to make *All I Love and Know* a novel which stirs the reader intellectually as well as emotionally. (from Book Club Girl)

Scott Turow says, "It is a brave, moving and deeply compelling book, written with grace, about the ways even love and family devotion are challenged when the worst occurs."



**PLETMAN CONCERT, SUNDAY, MAY 21, 3 P.M. AT NCB**  
**Music from Latin America & Spain for**  
**Classical Guitar & Mandolin**  
**by Judy Handler & Mark Levesque**  
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Husband-and-wife duo, Handler and Levesque have performed more than 2,000 concerts together in the United States and Europe at festivals, arts centers, universities and museums. Recent highlights include performances in Portugal and Spain in August 2016, Eurofest 2014 in Bruchsal, Germany and The English Church in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, among many others.

Judy Handler received a master of music in guitar performance from the Hartt School of Music, a bachelor of music from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, a diploma of merit from Accademia Musicale Chigiana in Siena, Italy, a certificate from Curs Internacional de Música at the Vila-Seca i Salou Conservatory in Spain and a diploma from the Aspen Music School. She is the founder of the Connecticut Guitar Society.

Mark Levesque has performed on guitar (classical, jazz archtop, 12-string, electric and gypsy), mandolin and cuatro in numerous ensembles throughout New England, most recently with the City Singers of Hartford. He has played and arranged jazz, Latin and blues music, and has worked with synthesizer orchestration and studio recording. His passion for guitar and mandolin music has led him to research music from all over the world and his creative ideas have been the stimulus for many of the arrangements performed by the group.



## The Movie Club Presents *La La Land*



The Movie Club is sponsored by Len Learner, Marcia Klein, Dee Tuozzoli, and innumerable volunteers.

**Friday, May 12, 7 p.m. at NCB**  
**Wednesday, May 17, at 2 p.m. at SCB**  
**\$1 admission includes popcorn**

*La La Land* is a 2016 American musical romantic drama film starring Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone as a musician and an aspiring actress who meet and fall in love in Los Angeles. The film's title refers both to the city of Los Angeles and to the idiom for being out of touch with reality. *La La Land* received critical acclaim and was regarded as one of the best films of 2016. It received 14 nominations at the 89th Academy Awards, tying the record for most nominations with *Titanic* (1997) and *All About Eve* (1950), and won the awards for Best Director, Best Actress (Stone), Best Cinematography, Best Original Score, Best Original Song ("City of Stars") and Best Production Design.

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**Bingo: Presented by the Men's Club**  
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## TENTATIVE DEADLINES FOR 2017 VILLAGERS

The Villager magazine is published twice-monthly, on the 1st and the 15th, when possible. Below is a tentative schedule for 2017. (These dates are subject to change.)

May 15 issue has a deadline of May 2

June 1 issue has a deadline of May 18

June 15 issue has a deadline of June 2

July 3 issue has a deadline of June 20

July 17 issue has a deadline of July 3

Aug. 1 issue has a deadline of July 19

Aug. 15 issue has a deadline of Aug. 2

Sept. 1 issue has a deadline of Aug. 21



Sept. 15 issue has a deadline of Sept. 1

Oct. 2 issue has a deadline of Sept. 19

Oct. 16 issue has a deadline of Oct. 3

Nov. 1 issue has a deadline of Oct. 19

Nov. 15 issue has a deadline of Nov. 2

Dec. 1 issue has a deadline of Nov. 20

Dec. 15 issue has a deadline of Dec. 4.

## COME ONE, COME ALL!!

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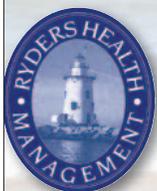
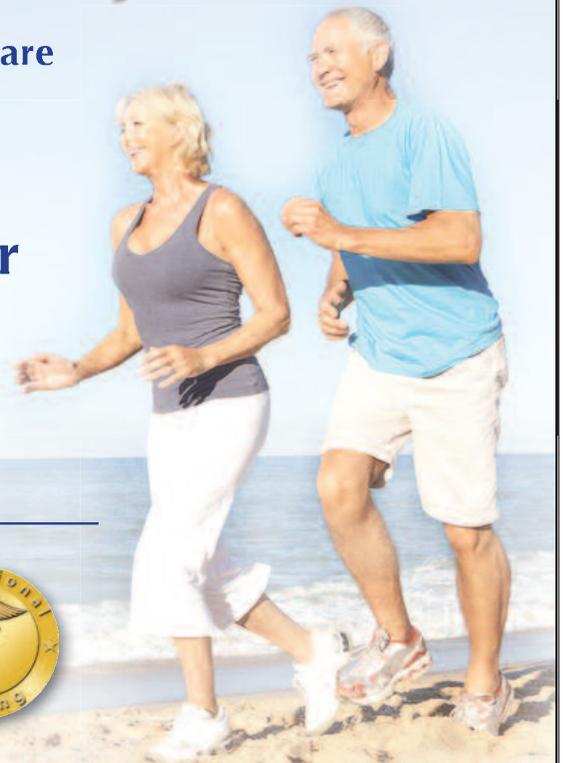


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