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**FREE SUMMER CONCERT MONDAY AUGUST 10th**

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**THIRD ANNUAL FREE SUMMER CONCERT AUGUST 10th**

On Monday, August 10th, 2009, the Township of Springfield will present its third annual free summer concert on the front lawn of the Jonathan Dayton High school at 730 PM. In the event of rain, the concert will move inside to the High School Auditorium. Light refreshments will be available for purchase, such as soda, water, ice cream and cotton candy.

This year's concert features, Jim Yester of the Association with the Yesterdaze Band.

Born in Birmingham, Alabama, Jim Yester's first major music credit was as a member of the Modern Folk Quartet, a folk-rock outfit founded by his brother Jerry, which made a brief splash in the mid-'60s. Jim Yester was later the last original member of the Association to be recruited, and he co-authored several songs, including the single "No Fair at All." He also received a Grammy nomination for the song "Goodbye, Columbus," which was cut by the group and used in the film (and on the soundtrack) of the same name in 1969. Jim Yester's most visible moment with the group, however, came not with a song he had a hand in writing, but with their third single, "Along Comes Mary," written by Tandy Almer, on which he sang lead -- it became their first hit and one of the group's two signature tunes (alongside Terry Kirkman's "Cherish"). He was part of the group's reunion in the late 1970s, remaining with them until 1981.

Once again, Investors Savings Bank will be the primary

sponsor of this year's concert. Additional sponsors include Springfield Chamber of Commerce, Take Pride in Springfield Committee and Cardinal Land Properties, Inc. and Licensed Real Estate Brokers.



*Chamber of Commerce Officials meet with Investors Savings Bank to accept their sponsorship check for the third annual Springfield free summer concert to be held on Monday August 10, 2009 at 730 PM.*

*(above, l-r) John Cottage, Chamber Treasurer; Patrick Paolella & Scott Seidel, Chamber Co-Chairs; Laura Kaplan-Grimshaw - Third Vice President and Howard Becker - First Vice President of Investors Savings Bank.*

**SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY JULY 4TH CELEBRATION**

Georgous weather and a very large crowd make Springfield's 2009 July 4th celebration a memorable one.

The early arriving crowd really enjoyed the Pony Rides, Petty Zoo and the Train Ride and the Water Slide

This years concert featured two groups, The 1910 Fruitgum Company and Terry Sylvester former lead singer

of The Hollies. With the Fruitgum doing their hits Simon Says, 1-2-3 Red Light and Goody Goody Gumdrops followed by Terry Sylvester doing Hollies hits Carrie Anne, Bus Stop and He Ain't Heavy, He's my Brother, the crowd was warmed up for Springfield's traditional Fireworks display.



*(above) Traditional Fireworks Display*



*(above) The 1910 Fruitgum Company*

*(below) Terry Sylvester and band*



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## Message from the Mayor



The township committee and specifically the finance committee, chaired by Ziad Shehady and co-chaired by Beth Manes, spent many hours preparing the 2009 municipal budget. They met with each department to determine where spending could be reduced. Then the finance committee held an open meeting in the fire house training room to provide the public with information about the budget. On June 9th, during a regularly scheduled township committee meeting, the budget was introduced and all department heads were made available to answer questions from the public. The last budget meeting will be held on July 14th at which time the township committee will be asked for its final vote and approval.

It is the intent of the township committee to provide as much information as possible to our residents. Unfortunately, for the second consecutive year, attendance at the budget meetings has been very low, despite the fact the meetings were listed in various newspapers and our town website. We are always open to ideas and recommendations from our residents and will listen and consider the benefits of them.

In a recent report from our DPW, we were advised that during the first quarter of 2009 our recycling had increased sufficiently to result in a savings to the town of almost \$25,000 in reduced tipping fees for garbage dumping. All residents should be applauded for their efforts and we hope everyone understands how recycling can save us a lot of money.

With school in recess for the summer, many of our children are spending more time in and around town on their bicycles. I asked our traffic officer Jon Rachel to prepare an article about bicycle safety in this month's Patriot. I hope that everyone, especially the parents of children who ride their bicycles in town, read the article and impress upon their children the importance of following the safety rules.

Since this article will appear after July 4th, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those people who volunteered their time to help with the celebration. Scott Seidel, Patrick Paoella and John Cottage have been on the July 4th committee for about 31 years and they begin planning in January. Our Auxillary Police always help in order to minimize the number of county police officers needed, and our fire department and First Aid Squad also are present. Our residents should also know that without the help of the Chamber of Commerce, the fireworks celebration would not be possible, since they are the ones who collect the donations and sponsorships to pay for event.

I would like to wish everyone a healthy and enjoyable summer and as well as some sunshine.

*Mayor Bart Fraenkel*

## TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES & SCHEDULES

### TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Tues. of the month unless otherwise noted in the Municipal Building.

Work Shop Sessions 7:30 pm.

followed by Regular meeting 8:00 pm.

Executive Meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Mon. of the month unless otherwise noted in the Emergency Management Office top floor of the Fire House at 7:00 pm.

### PLANNING BOARD

1st Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Municipal Building

### BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m., Municipal Building

### DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Municipal Building

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Chisholm Center

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m., Annex building

### BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.,  
Municipal Building

### LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Library

### RENT LEVELING BOARD

Last Thursday of Month, 8 p.m.,  
Municipal Building

### SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Springfield Board of Education meets at 7:00 pm for Executive Sessions and 7:30 pm for Public Sessions in the Instructional Media Center located on the 1st floor of Jonathan Dayton High School.

July 20 Regular meeting

### CURBSIDE RECYCLE DATES:

July 23

## GATEWAY CHAMBER EVENTS

7/14 6pm NETWORKING OUTSIDE THE BOX  
Stone House at Stirling Ridge, Warren, NJ  
7/16 GATEWAY ASSOCIATION OF  
BUSINESS WOMEN MEETING  
11:45am La Casa di Martino, Roselle Park, NJ  
7/21 IRISH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION  
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6pm Molly Maguire's Irish Pub, Clark, NJ  
7/24 SOMERSET HILLS BUSINESS  
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# SPORTS DISCUSSION BREAKFAST WITH SID DORFMAN

The Springfield chapter of B’Nai B’rith and Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael’s Men’s Club jointly sponsored a sports Discussion Breakfast with the legendary Sid Dorfman as the guest speaker held at Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael in Springfield N.J. Shown in the picture from left to right are Joe Tanenbaum, B’Nai B’Rith President, Sid Dorfman, and Elliot Y Merkin, TBAY Vice-President. A complementary buffet breakfast was had by all attending. Sid currently writes a sports column every Wednesday for the NJ Star Ledger, has been a sports writer for over 75 years, and is a member of seven different Sports Hall of Fame.

Sid was hired by Willie Klein at age 15 as school correspondent and high school rewrite

person for the Morning Ledger. Three years later he was hired to handle sports. Two years after that in 1939, S Newhouse bought the Star Eagle and created the Star Ledger. Sid was ask to take over the main sports desk as copy editor and has been with the Star Ledger ever since. He was responsible for recommending Jerry Izenberg to become a sports columnist and later conducted the syndication of the Izenberg column. Sid’s other entities, companies he has formed and various other accomplishments are too numerous to list. Sid concluded his discussion with a question and answer session. It was truly a remarkable morning event listening to one of the greatest sports journalists of our time.



(above, l-r) Joe Tanenbaum; B’Nai B’Rith President, Sid Dorfman, and Elliot Y Merkin, TBAY Vice-President



## FREE SYMPHONIC CONCERT AUGUST 16

The August Symphony Orchestra will present a free concert in Springfield on Sunday, August 16, 3:00PM in the Jonathan Dayton High School Auditorium, 139 Mountain Avenue, Springfield.

Under the direction of Martin Sklar, founder of The August Symphony Orchestra is a New Jersey based group of extraordinary musicians composed of amateurs, professionals, students and retirees. Since 1970, Maestro Sklar has been a symphonic bassist with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra.

The August 16th program consists of 3 works: Ludwig van Beethoven’s Leonore Overture No.2, Benjamin Britten’s Four Sea Preludes from Peter Grimes and George Bizet’s L’Arlesienne Suites Nos. 1 and 2.

Although the concert is free, a donation of \$10 will be greatly appreciated. The auditorium is comfortable and air-conditioned. Ample free parking is available and the venue is handicap accessible. A large print program will be distributed to those who request it.

Funding for the concert has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, and the Palriwala Foundation.

Mr. Sklar can be reached at (973) 743-5425; TASO@RCN.com and AugustSymphony.org.

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HAZEL H. HARDGROVE  
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Hazel H. Hardgrove, "the unofficial senior mayor" of the Township of Springfield, passed away peacefully on June 2, 2009. Ms. Hardgrove was the widow of former Springfield Mayor

Robert D. Hardgrove Jr.

Ms. Hardgrove was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield. Ms. Hardgrove had many hobbies, most notably painting, photographer and writing. She collaborated in the publishing of a book about the history of the Township of Springfield. She was passionate about hometown and world issues and wrote "Letters to the Editor" on a weekly basis.

Ms. Hardgrove was past president and current executive council member of the Springfield Historical Society; past president of Continental Unit No. 228 of the American Legion Auxiliary, and current Girls State chairman. She was also past president of the Springfield Woman's Club, the Westfield area Chapter No. 4137 of AARP, the Florence M. Gaudineer School Parent-Teachers Association and the Union County Environmental Health Advisory Committee. Additionally, Ms. Hardgrove was past vice-president of the Springfield Association of Creative Arts; vice-president of the Union County Historical Society; a member of Alliance Francaise de Montclair and a past member of the Springfield Board of Adjustment. She was also a den mother for a Cub pack; a member of the Paper Mill Playhouse Guild and the Springfield Fourth of July Committee; publicity chairman of the 1994 Springfield Bicentennial Committee, and a member of the Westfield and Kenilworth historical societies, the Genealogical Society of the West Fields, the Mountainside Senior Citizens Club and the Westfield Art Association. Also, she was a past member of the Long Range Planning Committee of the Springfield Board of Education and a member of the Union County Seniors Council.

Ms. Hardgrove acted with the Stony Hill Players and belonged to the Senior Legislative Issues Coalition of Union County and the Homestead Farm Preservation Committee in Clark, N.J., and was the current president of the Union County Historical Society

MEDICAL CAREERS  
 CLUB RAISES MONEY  
 WITH FINAL EXAM  
 SNACK BAGS



(above) Top fund-raiser George Stevens delivers snack bags to students before final exam week. The club will donate money raised to the Leukemia Society in memory of Jordan Lee Fish, and to the Myelin Project for research on nerve disorders. George, a junior, is an active member of the Medical Club and volunteers on the Springfield First Aid Squad.

LOCAL NURSE  
 HONORED WITH  
 2009 LIFETIME  
 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



The Union County Commission on the Status of Women honored Springfield resident and long-time Solaris Health Care System member Patricia Murphy, RN, MSN, with its 2009 Women of Excellence Lifetime Achievement Award

in Healthcare at its 17th annual dinner on March 27, 2009.

Nominated by her peers for the valued expertise and hard work she brings to each and every initiative, Mrs. Murphy has earned recognized success throughout her career and has utilized her position, stature, and expertise to effect positive change. “Her commitment and dedication to the field of healthcare and its benefits to the communities at large are exemplary of extraordinary nurses,” says Judy Mathews, Dean, Muhlenberg Harold B. & Dorothy A. Snyder School of Nursing. The accolades bestowed to Mrs. Murphy pays tribute to her lifetime accomplishments and serves as a celebration of her vision and creativity in helping others.

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## SENIORS TREATED TO COOKIE TASTING PARTY

Members of Girl Scout Troop 40-756 hosted a “Cookie Tasting Party for Seniors” at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center. Caroline Haskins, Kaitlyn Sanford and Emily Weissman treated the Seniors to nine varieties of Girl Scout Cookies, which were purchased with the profits the troop had earned selling cookies in January. In addition to the eight varieties available from the Girl Scouts Westfield Service Center, the girls were able to buy Sugar-Free Chocolate Chip cookies from the Montclair Service Center, which has a different baker. “The girls really put a lot of thought into this project and realized that some of our Senior Citizens might be on a sugar-restricted diet,” said Troop Leader, Heather Sanford. “They wanted to make sure all our guests could enjoy treats at the Cookie Tasting Party.” The troop also provided decorations for the room and even some entertainment. Caroline and Emily sang “Homeward Bound”, while Kaitlyn accompanied them on the piano. Kaitlyn also played “Addams Family”, “Old Joe Clark’s Boogie” and “Rockin’ Robin” -- a particular favorite that inspired some dancing.

On April 23rd, Kaitlyn and Caroline provided an encore performance at “Snacks for our Seniors” – a program sponsored by the Community Conference Group, at the Senior Citizens’ Housing on Independence Way. As a result of their hard work, Caroline and Kaitlyn have earned their Bronze Awards – the highest award available to Junior Girl Scouts. “Emily just joined the troop this year, and was not eligible to earn the Bronze Award due to all the pre-requisites, but she worked very hard on this project and has been very supportive of her friends” said Mrs. Sanford. “I’m very proud of all they have achieved as Junior Girl Scouts. This was their final project and they have now bridged to Cadette Girl Scouts where they will have even greater opportunities.”

This troop won first prized in a video contest held by the Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey Westfield Service Center. Their video taught Daisy Girl Scouts how to sell Girl Scout cookies as part of the Girl Scout product sales program. The girls also marched in Springfield’s Memorial Day Parade and attended the Town Hall and Veterans Park ceremonies.

If you know of anyone who is interested in joining Girl Scouts, please have them contact Springfield’s Service Unit Manager, Lori Hogge, at loriannh@comcast.net or 973-202-4541. Girls should be Kindergarten-aged or older. The 2009-2010 troops are forming now for the fall. Registration is \$12 per person. Leaders are needed and training is provided.



(above, l-r) Members of Girl Scout Troop 40-756 Caroline Haskins, Kaitlyn Sanford and Emily Weissman hosted a "Cookie Tasting Party for Seniors"

## GRAND OPENING OF WELLNESS CENTER

Recently Drs. Michael and Fred Pine of the Pine Chiropractic Associates established the Creating Wellness Center at 824 Mountain Avenue, Springfield.



(above, l-r) Dr Fred Pine, Marilyn Pine, Dr Michael Pine, Mayor Bart Fraenkel, and Springfield Chamber of Commerce Secretary Elliot Merkin.

## JEAN DAY RAISES MONEY FOR ALZHEIMER’S



(above) Members of Fazio, Mannuzza, Roche, Tankel, LaPilusa, LLC, Springfield, participated in their first Alzheimer’s Jean Day to raise awareness and help the Alzheimer’s Association accelerate research and move closer to a cure. FMRTL members were encouraged to wear purple and denim in exchange for a \$5 donation to the Alzheimer’s Association. Pictured are members of the firm who supported Alzheimer’s Jean Day.

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## TROOP 73 PARTICIPATES IN FLAG DAY CEREMONY AT THE ELKS

On June 14, The Elks of Springfield/Hillside Lodge 2004 held their annual Flag Day ceremony. A history of the American flag was read by Elk members as renditions of each flag was escorted in by Boy Scouts of Springfield Troop 73. A traditional flag burning was also performed by the Boy Scouts, retiring one of the American Flags. Afterwards everyone was invited to enjoyed a BBQ and food prepared by Elk members.



## CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

(below) Springfield Orthodontics hosted the fourth grade of Caldwell School at their office at 165 Mountain Avenue, for a program to learn about orthodontics. This program is held in conjunction with Children's Dental Health Month and has been on going for the past 14 years. Dr. Kaswiner, or Dr. Lee as he is affectionately known, has been the chairman for the Health Month for The Union County Dental Society for the past 25 years.



## DAYTON HOLOCAUST ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS DONATED BY TBAY MEN'S CLUB

Three years ago, Bernard Flashberg – a retired school teacher and current VP of Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael ("TBAY") Men's club approached Mary Coking – a social studies teacher at Jonathon Dayton High School who teaches a Holocaust course - to create a scholarship program to be funded by the TBAY Men's Club for two graduating seniors attending this course. From the participating students who submitted an essay about what attending the course meant to them and how it helped them to better understand the atrocities that occurred in Europe during the Holocaust, two winners were selected.



(above, l-r) Elliot Y Merkin, TBAY Vice President; Mary Cokeing, Holocaust instructor; Casey Kennedy and Eric Rosenberg, scholarship winners, and Bernard Flashberg, TBAY Vice President.

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# BICYCLE SAFETY STARTS AT HOME

Submitted by Officer Jonathan Rachel

Parents teach their children some of the most valuable lessons in life, and provide them with knowledge that will last a lifetime. Now that schools are out and summer has arrived, parents have the perfect opportunity to spend time with their children and reiterate the importance of safe bicycle riding. The Springfield Police Department offers the following information to help parents educate their children on key issues of bicycle safety.

Wearing a helmet is not only the most important safety issue regarding bicycle riding, it also the law. New Jersey state law requires all bicycle riders 17 years old and younger to wear a properly fitting helmet. A child who violates this law is warned of the violation, and the child's parent or guardian is subject to a fine of \$25 to \$100. Each year, many bicyclists are killed or injured in New Jersey due to bicycle crashes. Bicycle crashes can happen anywhere, including parks, bike paths and driveways, and even the most minor incidents can result in serious injury. Wearing a properly fitting helmet significantly reduces the risk of head injury, which is the most common cause of death among bicyclists.

In New Jersey, bicycles are considered vehicles and must follow the same laws as motorists. Bicyclists must ride on the right side of the road with the flow traffic and obey all traffic signals. Bicyclists should never attempt stunts or tricks, ride with more people on the bike than for what it was designed, "hitch" rides by holding onto moving vehicles, weave in and out of traffic or between cars, ride against the flow of traffic, or ride at night without lights. When crossing the street, bicyclists should cross at marked crosswalks, cross only when traffic is clear or when there is a "WALK" signal at an intersection with traffic lights, and should dismount their bicycle and walk it across the roadway.

Bicycles should also be routinely inspected/maintained to ensure they are in good working order and sized properly for the rider. The tires/wheels, brakes, chain, reflectors, and seat height should be checked before every use to help prevent malfunction.

For any questions or for more information, please contact Traffic Safety Officer Jonathan Rachel or DARE/Bicycle Safety Patrol Officer Angelo BonavitaCola of the Springfield Police Department at (973) 376 – 0400.



## Fire Chief's Column Chief James Sanford

### FIRE FIGHTERS GRADUATE

On June 16, 2009, the Springfield Fire Department had four fire fighters graduate the Union County Fire Training Academy's Fire Fighter 1 and 2 program. For almost 60 years, the Union County Fire Chiefs' Association and the Union County Firemen's Association have operated the Fire Training Program. The Academy, under the sponsorship of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, is dedicated to the training of the fire fighters of the twenty one Union County municipalities. It also provides specialized education to ensure the very best in public safety.

Fire Fighter 1 introduces the novice to the basics of nationally recognized fire fighting techniques. In addition to classroom theory, students also participate in skill-oriented "hands on" drill sessions. Student performance is evaluated throughout the course including mid-term and final exams, both written and practical. The New Jersey Division of Fire Safety's standardized Fire Fighter 1 test is given as part of the final exam. Fire Fighter 1 meets the performance objectives of the N.F.P.A. standard 1001 and N.J.A.C. 5:73 4.3 standard which will allow a fire fighter to perform fire fighting under direct supervision only. All students will receive ICS Orientation, Bloodborne Pathogens, Right to Know and Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operational Levels of training as required by N.J.A.C. 5:75-6.1.

Fire Fighter 2 is the second level of a progression aimed at providing the student with the skills and knowledge necessary to function under general supervision. Students will learn how to function safely and effectively as an integral member of a fire fighting team. Successful students will be trained to perform fire fighting activities but they still must maintain direct communication with a supervisor.

Fire Chief James Sanford attended the graduation ceremony held at Union County College. Graduating from Springfield were Melvin Almonte, Peter Caro, Antonio DeCampos and Patrick Kelly. "These four

volunteers are now eligible to work along with our existing members at incidents. They have become valuable members of our fire fighting team", said Chief Sanford.

In each recruit class, the instructors recognize students for academic achievement and teamwork efforts. For the Spring 2009 class, Antonio DeCampos was awarded the Chief Anthony Shepis Award for his outstanding effort.

The next Fire Fighter 1 class will start at the end of August. Anyone interested in becoming a Fire Fighter should call Fire Headquarters at 973-912-2265 to learn more about joining the Springfield Fire Department.



(above) Springfield Firefighters bring their own classroom to school. Students from Thelma L. Sandmeier Elementary School practice fire safety and escape planning. Fire Safety House is provided by the Union County Fire Prevention and Protection Association.

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The Springfield YMCA understands that choosing the right school aged child care program for your child is an important decision for parents. The YMCA’s ‘09–‘10 school year, will continue to offer the highest quality care available. They pride themselves on their friendly, welcoming atmosphere and the excellent feedback from past and present parents. Under the supervision and expert guidance of Maria Marinaccio (known to the kids as Miss Maria) and a dedicated and professional childcare staff, the program continues to grow and to help children do the same.

The childcare programs have been specially designed for our children and for the ever-changing needs of their parents. In September, the following programs are being offered:

The Pre-K Wrap Program offers an early learning, weekly, theme related curriculum that reinforces basic skills that are taught to the students in Walton’s Pre-K program. From letters to basic sight words and from early math to the social sciences, Miss Maria gently encourages each child to perform according to and sometimes beyond their capabilities to better prepare them for the rigors of Kindergarten. Her motto is, “Always do your best, at least try, and never give up.” There is also plenty of time to burn off that extra energy in free or organized play.

The Afterschool Program, which receives children from all Springfield schools (grades K – 6), including St. James School, is a safe, nurturing, and structured environment where our kids have fun!

## SCULPTURE GRACES THE LAWN AT THE SPRINGFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Through the efforts of the Springfield Township Beautification Committee with Ruth Schwartz as Chair and Arlene Newman as Project Director, Fiore Blanco, a sculpture by New Jersey artist Elaine Lorenz was placed on the lawn in front of the library on June 8th, 2009, where it will remain for a year. No library funds were used for the placement.

Elaine Lorenz was born in the Bronx, to parents who were both landscape painters. They taught her to observe and appreciate the beauty of the natural world. They summered in the Berkshire Mountains, while living the rest of the year amidst the artistic variety of New York City. Understandably, she has been “making art” since she was a child. She received an M.F.A. from what is now called the Vermont College of Fine Arts, and is a tenured professor at William Paterson University in Wayne, NJ, where she teaches sculpture and ceramics.

The artist quotes Frank Lloyd Wright: “study nature, love nature, stay close to nature. It will never fail you,” saying that this could have been a guiding mantra for her work. “It is not biomimicry that I am interested in, but the emotion of joy, connection with the earth and renewed life that I try to capture.”

The construction of Fiore Blanco began with a welded steel armature to which she attached galvanized metal lath and woven fiberglass mesh to create the forms. The structure was then covered with layers of a mixture of cement, sand, water, and an acrylic polymer additive.



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for regular MGG schedule: [www.sfplnj.org](http://www.sfplnj.org)

### JULY

Library open 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays in July and August. Library Closed on Sunday beginning June 1st. Full Saturday hours resume on September 5th. Sunday hours resume October 4th.

**Every Monday Afternoon** **Coffee & Crosswords**  
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**Every Monday Night** **Scrabble Night**  
7:00 p.m.

**Monday, July 13th** **Knit Wits Knitting Group**  
10:00 a.m.

**Monday, July 13th** **Documentary Film**  
7:00 p.m. **– Emperors of Industry: Black Gold: the Story of Oil**  
**Lunchtime Video**

**Tuesday, July 14th** **– Audrey Hepburn as Holly Golightly**  
12:00 noon

**Thursday, July 16th** **Great Books Discussion Group**  
10:00 a.m. **– The Value of Science**  
**– Henri Poincare**

**Thursday, July 16th** **International Film Festival –**  
12:00 noon & 7:00 p.m. **Tuya’s Marriage (China)**

**Thursday, July 23rd** **Memoir Writing Group**  
10:15 a.m.

**Thursday, July 23rd** **International Film Festival**  
12:00 noon & 6:45 p.m. **– Under the Same Moon (Mexico)**

**Monday, July 27th** **Knit Wits Knitting Group**  
10:00 a.m.

**Monday, July 27th** **Documentary Film**  
7:00 p.m. **– The Eleventh Hour**

**Tuesday, July 28th** **Lunchtime Video**  
12:00 noon **– Audrey Hepburn & Shirley MacLaine**

**Thursday, July 30th** **International Film Festival**  
12:00 noon & 6:45 p.m. **– Tell No One (France)**

### AUGUST

**Thursday, August 6th** **International Film Festival –**  
12 noon and 6:45 p.m. **The Year My Parents Went on Vacation**

**Thursday, August 11th** **Charade**  
12 noon and 2 p.m. Cary Grant & Audrey Hepburn

**Thursday, August 13th** **International Film Festival –**  
12 noon and 6:45 p.m. **Slumdog Millionaire**

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