



THE DOWNTOWN WESTMINSTER MAIN STREET NEWS January/February 2011

The Art History Series Presents "How to Understand Abstract Art" at the Carroll Arts Center on January 6th

Susan Williamson, Visual Arts Coordinator for the Carroll Arts Center, will present a lecture on "How to Understand Abstract Art," as part of the on-going Art History Series at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Thursday, January 6th, at noon and 7:00 p.m. Through the use of slides, Susan will take you "through the ages" from Baroque to the wild ride of the 1960s when American artists broke all rules of convention to help you better understand "abstract" art. In the end, attendees can make their own call on "Is it art or is it not?" Tickets are \$10.00 per person and \$8.00 for Arts Council members.

Carroll Arts Center Presents *FotoFocus 2011* in the Community Gallery January 6th - February 18th

The Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, is pleased to present "*FotoFocus 2011: Solo Journeys Through the Lens*" in the Community Gallery from January 6th through February 18th during regular arts center hours. In the Fall of 2006, four photographers met for the first time in a Brooklandville studio to share and critique their work. One by one they unveiled their images, reflecting a variety of visions. The chemistry of the evening worked, and *FotoFocus* was born. Four years, thousands of shots and nine photographers later, *FotoFocus* remains committed to exploring the craft and visions of its members through constructive self-examination. The membership now includes a Baltimore Sun photographer; several award-winning studio, fine art and commercial photographers; and more than a few educators. Recent individual projects include an evocative "Lensbaby" look at the history of Baltimore's movie theaters, an exploration of the haunting scapes of Brittany, and a dreamlike celebration of high-intensity moments at the opera. These and other arresting subjects are highlighted in this, the group's first collective show. Explorers of all ages and interests are welcome. *FotoFocus 2011* exhibitors include Phyllis Berger, Amy Davis, Mal Druskin, Coos Hamburger, Penny Harris, Jesse Hellman, Shawn Levin, Leo Howard Lubow, Julia Pearson, Sayra Wells Meyerhoff, and Jeffrey Schraeder. A Meet the Artists Reception will be held on Thursday, January 20th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Birdie's Café Presents the Exhibition "Lucky 13" by Off Track Art; Artist Reception on January 7th

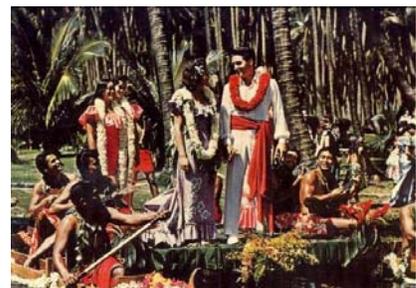
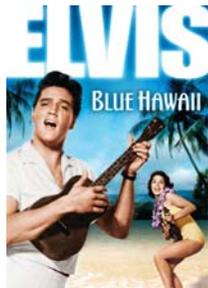
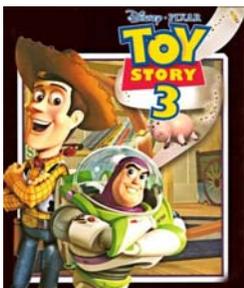
Birdie's Café, 233 East Main Street, kicks off the New Year with an exhibition entitled "*Lucky 13*" featuring the artists of Off Track Art, a co-op of local Carroll County artists, for the months of January and February 2011. The 13 partners of Off Track Artists will have a reception for the exhibition at Birdie's Café on the 13th day after Christmas, Friday, January 7, 2011, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. In the event winter weather closes Carroll County Public Schools that day, the reception will be held the following evening. Off Track Art is an artists' co-operative and gallery located in the lower level of the historic Liberty Building at 11 Liberty Street in downtown Westminister. The organization is dedicated to advancing the arts in Westminister and Carroll County, as well as the careers, ideas, and artistic visions of its partners.



Here are a few examples of items that might be displayed in the Off Track Art exhibition at Birdie's Café during January and February

Catch "Toy Story 3" during Family Movie Time at the Westminister Branch Library on January 8th

Join the staff of the Carroll County Public Library - Westminister Branch, 50 East Main Street, for some special family time, as they present the movie *Toy Story 3* on Saturday, January 8th, at 1:00 p.m. Bring your own snacks and beverages and relax as you enjoy this fun family movie. While open to all ages, children age 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.



Two matinee movies will be presented in Downtown on January 8th with *Toy Story 3* at the Library & *Blue Hawaii* at the Arts Center

WTTR-AM 1470 Presents Elvis in "Blue Hawaii" at the Carroll Arts Center on His Birthday - January 8th

Escape from the winter chill as WTTR celebrates Elvis' Birthday with a showing of "Blue Hawaii" at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, January 8th, at 2:00 p.m. WTTR on-air personalities Bob Mathers, Jack Edwards, Johnny Dark, and Bruce Main will MC this event. Everyone who buys a ticket to the movie will qualify to win a trip for two to Memphis that includes passes to Graceland and accommodations at the Elvis Heartbreak Hotel. Tickets are \$5.00 per person.

Common Ground on the Hill Presents Robin & Linda Williams at the Carroll Arts Center on Saturday, January 8th

Common Ground on the Hill's 2010-2011 Concerts Series continues with Robin and Linda Williams at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, January 8th, beginning at 8:00 p.m. For more than a quarter of a century, Virginia-based Robin and Linda Williams have delighted audiences large and small with a blend of bluegrass, folk, old-time and acoustic country that truly merits the title of "American music." Just released on Red House Records and produced by Tim O'Brien, Robin and Linda's new CD, "Buena Vista," is an exploration of life's hard times and unexpected joys featuring the duo's high, lonesome harmonies and their fiery guitar and banjo-picking. They are joined in concert by Jim Watson, a founding member of the Red Clay Ramblers, on bass, along with his distinctive harmony vocals. The fourth seat rotates between mandolin, fiddle, and dobro and is filled by either Jimmy Gaudreau, Chris Brashear, Kevin Maul or Tony Williamson. Tickets are \$19.00 for adults and \$17.00 for students with ID, children 18 years & under and seniors 60 years & over. For tickets or more information on the 2009-2010 Concert Series, call Common Ground on the Hill at (410) 857-2771.

The Church of the Ascension Presents the 4th Bi-Annual Boar's Head Feast on January 9th

Join the Church of the Ascension, 23 North Court Street, for a medieval celebration of the yuletide season on Sunday, January 9th. From 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., attend the Evensong of Lessons and Carols for the Epiphany Season in the historic Stone Church. After the Evensong, which is a service of the Anglican Evening Prayer where the liturgy is sung, the event moves over to Holy Cross Hall where a traditional 14th century feast will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Enjoy six removes served with wine. There will also be entertainment and fun for all. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and are available by contacting the Church of the Ascension Parish Office at (410) 876-0736 or (410) 848-3251.

January 11th's Box Lunch Talk Presents Perspectives on the Civil War

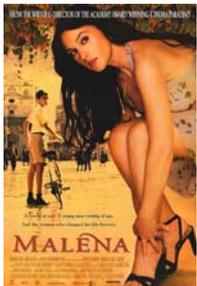
Join The Late Unpleasantness Players, an outreach resource of the Pipe Creek Civil War Round Table, as they discuss the Civil War from the perspective of a civilian man and woman and a Union and a Confederate soldier at the Tuesday, January 11th, Box Lunch Talk. Dressed in period attire, the group examines the causes of the war, the effect on the future of the government, technological advancements in warfare and weapons, the role of the women at home, and the training and attitudes of the soldiers. Presented by the Historical Society of Carroll County (HSCC), The Box Lunch Talks are a monthly lecture series on topics relating to local history. The talks are held the second Tuesday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. at Carroll Post #31 of the American Legion at the corner of East Green and Sycamore Streets. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch. Beverages and dessert are provided for all. Admission is \$1.00 for Historical Society members and a \$4.00 donation is requested from non-members.

"Secret Boxes" on Display in the Tevis Gallery from January 13th to March 26th

The Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, is pleased to present the exhibit "Secret Boxes" in the Tevis Gallery from January 13th to March 26th. Boxes hold stuff. However, this exhibit elevates the concept of boxes for everyday storage to works of fine art and mystery. The artists in this exhibit either create functional boxes from nature's bounty of elegant, finely grained woods or use boxes made from handmade paper to discarded materials to isolate objects of memory, objects of affection or a collection of found objects and make them precious. Often the exterior of the box tells the story and leaves the viewer searching for a deeper meaning. Artists to be featured include: Larry Fisher of Westminster; Chris Mona of Annapolis; Kyle Miller, Nadya Volicer, and Jean Cohen of Baltimore; Matt Keener of Chesapeake City; Mindi Hirt of Chevy Chase; Kerri Cushman of Longwood, VA; and others. A Meet with Artists Reception will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 20th.

FLICC presents "Malena" at the Carroll Arts Center on January 14th

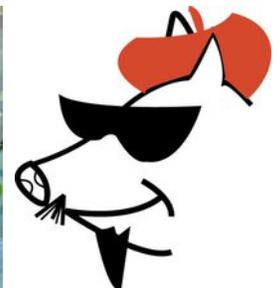
Film Lovers in Carroll County (FLICC) are proud to present "Malena" at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Friday, January 14th, at 8:00 p.m. The film is about a young boy and the woman who changed his life forever. On the day in 1940 that Italy enters the war, two things happen to the 12-year-old Renato: he gets his first bike, and he gets his first look at Malena. She is a beautiful, silent outsider who's moved to this Sicilian town to be with her husband, Nico. Nico promptly goes off to war, leaving her to the lustful eyes of the men and the sharp tongues of the women. During the next few years, as Renato grows toward manhood, he watches Malena suffer and prove her mettle. He sees her loneliness, then grief when Nico is reported dead, the effects of slander on her relationship with her father, her poverty and search for work, and final humiliations. Will Renato learn courage from Malena and stand up for her? No one under the age of 17 will be admitted without a parent, as the film is rated R. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for Arts Council members and seniors 60 years & over. For more information, call (410) 848-7272.



FLICC presents *Malena* at the Carroll Arts Center on January 14th



The Comedy Pigs return to the Carroll Arts Center on January 15th



The Comedy Pigs: Laugh 'Til You Oink! at the Carroll Arts Center on January 15th

The Comedy Pigs, Maryland's longest running professional improv comedy troupe, return to the stage of the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, January 15th, at 8:00 p.m. They have been seen on the Comedy Central cable network channel, at national improv festivals, and by audiences in Washington and Baltimore. The "Comedy Pigs" are under the umbrella of the Maryland Ensemble Theatre, one of the region's most acclaimed professional theatre companies. First envisioned in 1991, founder Tad Janes describes The Comedy Pigs as a cross between "Whose Line is it Anyway?" and "Saturday Night Live." These "piggies" will have you rolling in the aisles with their skits, parodies, songs, and humorous antics. The performance, which is suggested for mature audiences, is guaranteed to be full of side-splitting humor, raucous skits and timely parodies, some of which will be inspired by audience suggestions. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$12.00 for Arts Council members, students 18 & under, and seniors 60 years & over. For more information, call (410) 848-7272.

Carroll Arts Center Presents "To Kill a Mockingbird" to Commemorate Martin Luther King Day on January 17th

The Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, is proud to present the thought-provoking movie "To Kill a Mockingbird" to commemorate Martin Luther King Day on Monday, January 17th, at 2:00 p.m. "To Kill a Mockingbird" is one of the most moving portrayals of the civil rights struggles in a 1930s Southern town. The story is told through the eyes of a precocious young girl, Scout. Based on Harper Lee's semi-autobiographical novel that just celebrated its 50th anniversary, the story remains timeless and powerful. Gregory Peck's performance as the wise, quiet town lawyer who defends a poor, black man accused of rape is arguably one of the most riveting performances of all time. The Carroll County Arts Council is proud to present this thought-provoking film on Martin Luther King Day and hopes that it will serve as a springboard for family discussion around the dinner table. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for Arts Council members, students 18 & under, and seniors 60 years & over. For more information, call (410) 848-7272.

Celebrate Carroll County's 174th Birthday on Wednesday, January 19th

Join the Historical Society of Carroll County on Wednesday, January 19th, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., as they celebrate the founding of Carroll County on January 19, 1837, in Holy Cross Hall of the Church of the Ascension, 23 North Court Street. This year's guest speaker, Helen Jean Burn, examines the life of Elizabeth Patterson Bonaparte. Born in Baltimore to a wealthy family in 1785, Elizabeth "Betsy" Patterson summered in southern Carroll County at her father's estate, Springfield. She shook local and Parisian society when she wed Jerome Bonaparte, brother of the Emperor Napoleon. Insisting on a better future for his brother, the emperor annulled the marriage, but not before it produced a son, Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte. Betsy's failed quest to win royal status for her son and grandsons consumed the remainder of her seventy-four years, decades that transformed her from the glamorous "belle of Baltimore" into a shrewd and successful businesswoman determined to protect her family. Admission is free. Refreshments will be provided. Ample parking is available in the parking lot on Ralph Street behind the church. For more information on the celebration, call the Historical Society at (410) 848-6494.

The Art History Series Presents The Gee's Bend Quilters at the Carroll Arts Center on February 3rd

Susan Williamson, Visual Arts Coordinator for the Carroll Arts Center, will present a lecture and discussion on the works of the influential and world-renowned Gee's Bend Quilters Collective, as part of the on-going Art History Series at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Thursday, February 3rd, at noon and 7:00 p.m. Gee's Bend is a small, rural community nestled into a curve in the Alabama River southwest of Selma, Alabama. Founded in antebellum times, it was the site of cotton plantations, primarily the lands of Joseph Gee and his relative Mark Pettway, who bought the Gee estate in 1850. After the Civil War, the freed slaves took the name Pettway, became tenant farmers for the Pettway family, and founded an all-black community nearly isolated from the surrounding world. The town's women developed a distinctive, bold, and sophisticated quilting style based on traditional American and African American quilts, but with a geometric simplicity reminiscent of Amish quilts and modern art. The women of Gee's Bend passed their skills and aesthetic down through at least six generations to the present. It was in 2002 when the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, in partnership with the nonprofit Tinwood Alliance of Atlanta, presented an exhibition of seventy quilt masterpieces from the Bend that the quilters received their renown. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and \$8.00 for Arts Council members.

The 2011 Foreign Film Fest at the Carroll Arts Center Kicks Off with "The Secrets in Their Eyes" on February 4th

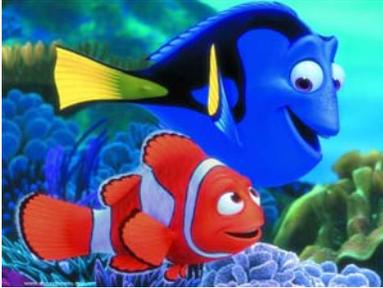
Film Lovers in Carroll County (FLICC) are proud to host the 8th annual Foreign Film Festival at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Friday evenings during the month of February. Per tradition, the Festival will start on Friday, February 4th, with the previous year's Academy Award winner for Best Foreign Film - *The Secrets in Their Eyes* from Argentina. The movie is about a retired legal counselor who writes a novel hoping to find closure for one of his past unresolved homicide cases and for his unreciprocated love with his superior - both of which still haunt him decades later. All of the films in the festival will start at 7:30 p.m. No one under the age of 17 will be admitted to the festival without a parent, as all of the films are rated R. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults; \$5.00 for Arts Council members and seniors 60 years & over; and free for McDaniel College students with ID. For more information, call (410) 848-7272.



Publicity posters and stills of this year's Foreign Film Festival films at the Carroll Arts Center

Catch "Finding Nemo" During Family Movie Time at the Westminster Branch Library on February 5th

Join the staff of the Carroll County Public Library - Westminster Branch, 50 East Main Street, for some special family time, as they present the movie *Finding Nemo* on Saturday, February 5th, at 1:00 p.m. Bring your own snacks and beverages and relax as you enjoy this fun family movie. While open to all ages, children age 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.



Finding Nemo can be found at 1pm at the Library on February 5th



Archie Fisher performs at the Carroll Arts Center on the evening of February 5th

Common Ground on the Hill Presents Archie Fisher at the Carroll Arts Center on February 5th

Common Ground on the Hill's 2010-2011 Concerts Series presents Scotland's foremost troubadour Archie Fisher at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, February 5th, beginning at 8:00 p.m. Master guitarist, singer and songwriter Archie Fisher is known throughout the United Kingdom as the host of BBC Radio Scotland's award-winning "Travelling Folk" show, which he has presented for over 25 years. Recognized for his contributions to Scottish folk music, he was inducted into the Scots Traditional Music Hall of Fame and in 2006 was awarded an MBE (Distinguished Member of the British Empire), a prestigious honor nominated by his peers and bestowed by Queen Elizabeth for services to traditional music in 2007. Tickets are \$19.00 for adults and \$17.00 for students with ID, children 18 years & under and seniors 60 years & over. For tickets or more information, call (410) 857-2771.

The Westminster Coin and Currency Show to be Held at the John Street Quarters on February 6th

The semi-annual Westminster Coin and Currency Show will be held in the John Street Quarters of the Westminster Fire Department, 28 John Street, on Sunday, February 6th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Coin and currency appraisals, buying, selling and trading will occur, with more than 30 coin dealers from Maryland, Delaware and Virginia in attendance. For more information, go to www.coinshows.com.

February 8th's Box Lunch Talk Focuses on the Sykesville Colored Schoolhouse

From January 1904 to May 1938, the little building outside Sykesville served as a one room schoolhouse for the Black children of the surrounding community. Join Pat Greenwald as she presents the history of this unique facility and the story of its transformation from a derelict structure awaiting demolition to a restored historic site at the Tuesday, February 8th, Box Lunch Talk. Presented by the Historical Society of Carroll County (HSCC), The Box Lunch Talks are a monthly lecture series on topics relating to local history. The talks are held the second Tuesday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. at Carroll Post #31 of the American Legion at the corner of East Green and Sycamore Streets. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch. Beverages and dessert are provided for all. Admission is \$1.00 for Historical Society members and a \$4.00 donation is requested from non-members.

"Volver" is the 2nd Film of the 2011 Foreign Film Fest at the Carroll Arts Center on February 11th

Film Lovers in Carroll County (FLICC) are pleased to present the Spanish film *Volver (To Return)* as the second installment of the 2011 Foreign Film Festival at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Friday, February 11th, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Two sisters learn that the bonds of family don't always end after death in this gentle, observational comedy drama by celebrated Spanish filmmaker Pedro Almodóvar. The story explores the interactions between three generations of women in a Spanish family. Raimunda (played by Penélope Cruz) was born and raised in a small village in La Mancha, Spain. She now resides in Madrid, where she is married to Paco, an unemployed laborer, and looks after her teenage daughter, Paula. Raimunda's mother, Irene, died several years back, along with her father, in a house fire. Raimunda's sister, Sole, also lives in Madrid and works as a hair stylist. Their Aunt Paula still makes her home in La Mancha, with occasional help from her next-door neighbor Agustina. The story takes an unusual and mystical twist when Aunt Paula mentions that Irene has begun appearing in ghostly form - a fact questioned by Raimunda and Sole. However, after the murder of Paco and the unexpected passing of Aunt Paula, her story is indeed corroborated by the appearance of Irene's spirit that has come to comfort her family. Raimunda now must decide how to respond to their long-dead mother's strange, enchanting presence. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults; \$5.00 for Arts Council members and seniors 60 years & over; and free for McDaniel College students with ID. For more information, call (410) 848-7272.

"After the Wedding" on February 18th is the 3rd Film of the 2011 Foreign Film Festival

On Friday, February 18th, beginning at 7:30 p.m., Film Lovers in Carroll County (FLICC) will proudly present the Danish film *After the Wedding* as the third film of the 2011 Foreign Film Festival at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street. Jacob Petersen has dedicated his life to helping street children in India. When the orphanage he heads is threatened by closure, he receives an unusual offer. A Danish businessman, Jørgen, offers him a donation of \$4 million dollars. There are, however, certain conditions... Not only must Jacob return to Denmark, he must also take part in the wedding of Jørgen's daughter. The wedding proves to be a critical juncture between past and future and catapults Jacob into the most intense dilemma of his life. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults; \$5.00 for Arts Council members and seniors 60 years & over; and free for McDaniel College students with ID. For more information, call (410) 848-7272.

Joe Forrester Presents an Evening with Elvis and Friends at the Carroll Arts Center on February 19th

Come and celebrate the King of Rock and Roll and some of his friends with Elvis tribute artist Joe Forrester at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, February 19th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Tribute artist Jed Duvall will portray the legendary Johnny Cash as well as Sir Paul McCartney at this show. All tickets are \$15.00 and are available at the Carroll Arts Center.



Joe Forrester (l) will step back in time as Elvis while Jed Duvall (r) will portray Johnny Cash on February 19th at the Carroll Arts Center

Carroll Arts Center Presents the Youth Arts Month Show in the Community Gallery February 24th - March 23rd

The Carroll County Arts Council is proud to present art work representing the finest in creativity in Carroll County's Elementary and Middle Schools in the Community Gallery of the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, from Thursday, February 24th through Wednesday, March 23rd. Joyful, colorful expressions of youthful vision will fill the gallery from floor to ceiling in this annual celebration.



Some previous works of art displayed during Youth Arts Month at the Carroll Arts Center

Foreign Film Fest at the Carroll Arts Center Concludes with "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" on February 26th

Film Lovers in Carroll County (FLICC) are pleased to conclude the 2011 Foreign Film Festival with a showing of the Swedish film *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, based on Stieg Larsson's international literary sensation by the same name, at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Friday, February 25th, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Forty years ago, Harriet Vanger disappeared from a family gathering on the island owned and inhabited by the powerful Vanger clan. Her body was never found, yet her uncle is convinced it was murder and that the killer is a member of his own tightly knit but dysfunctional family. He employs disgraced financial journalist Mikael Blomkvist and the tattooed, ruthless computer hacker Lisbeth Salander to investigate. When the pair link Harriet's disappearance to a number of grotesque murders from almost forty years ago, they begin to unravel a dark and appalling family history. But the Vanger's are a secretive clan, and Blomkvist and Salander are about to find out just how far they are prepared to go to protect themselves. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults; \$5.00 for Arts Council members and seniors 60 years & over; and Free for McDaniel College students with ID. For more information, call (410) 848-7272.

Downtown Business Happenings

Great Things to Check Out in Downtown

- While Chef Billy Schroeder is still working up the menus for both months' cooking classes, we are advising you that culinary delights will once again flourish at **Giulianova Groceria & Italian Deli**, 11 East Main Street, in January and February on the third Thursday of the month - January 20th & February 17th. Classes start at 7:15 p.m. To find out what Billy is cooking up or to sign-up for these classic culinary events, call Billy at (410) 876-7425 or visit <http://www.brothersun.biz/>.
- **O'Lordans Irish Pub** at 14 Liberty Street will have live music on Saturday nights from 9:00 p.m. to Midnight during January and February. The performance schedule is as follows: January 8th - Chris Swam; January 15th - NUA; January 22nd - Ben & Elena; January 29th - Gary Brown; February 5th - Finnegans Woo; February 12th - One Third Wish; February 19th - To be Announced; and February 26th - NUA. Also, don't forget that traditional Irish music sessions are held the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The sessions are open to all levels and all traditional Irish and Celtic musicians and listeners. To check out O'Lordan's great menu and beverages on tap, go to www.olordansirishpub.com.
- **Maggie's Restaurant**, 310 East Green Street, has live music on Saturday evenings from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. January's schedule is: January 8th - Ellis; January 15th - Rich & Famous; January 22nd - John Wesley; and January 29th - Ben Sherman. As the schedule is not yet in place for February, check out Maggie's website - <http://www.maggieswestminster.com/> for performers as February draws near.
- **Birdie's Café Gallery** at 233 East Main Street has the following live musical performances presently slated for January and February: January 7th - ATM Trio (in conjunction with the Off Track Art Artist Reception); January 8th - Lisa Cerbone; January 22nd - Brivelli; January 29th - Eric Belk; February 5 - Jason Iden and the Baker's Basement; February 17th - T3; and February 26th - Dave Wentz. Music happens from 8:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. except for January 7th and 29th when it starts at 7:00 p.m. Also, don't forget Birdie's Café's monthly poetry series, The Corner of Poetry and Main that is held on the third Saturday of every month from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the café, will occur on January 15th and February 19th.
- **Rafael's** at 32 West Main Street has local favorite Ben Sherman performing live from 9:00 p.m. to Midnight on Friday, January 7th. To find out what else is happening in January and February at Rafael's, call (410) 840-1919 or check out <http://rafaelsrestaurant.com/vcalendar/>. Did you know Rafael's is home to Ravens Roost #115? If not, join today!
- **Coffey Music** at 31 East Main Street is once again hosting open Bluegrass Jams on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month. Whether you're a picker, grinner or listener, you are welcome to join them. The jam starts at 7:00 p.m. and will be held on their showroom floor.
- **A Little Bit of Tuscany**, 84 East Main Street, will be closed until January 19th, as they redecorate the inside of the restaurant. To find out more about A Little Bit of Tuscany, visit <http://www.alittlebitoftuscany.com/>.

- **Wine Me Up!**, 61½ East Main Street, invites you to join them for a spoken word and poetry reading event, hosted by local author, R.J. Ridgley and Eric Poe, on Saturday, January 8th, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. All are welcome to come and listen or sign up to read your favorite words or own poetry! To check on news, specials and other events at Wine Me Up!, go to: <http://www.winemeupshoppeandtavern.com/index.html>.
- If you haven't heard or have been having difficulty linking to their website, **Papa Joe's Mexican Restaurant**, 27 East Main Street (Rear), has a new web address. It is <http://www.papajoeswestminstermd.com/>.

New Faces or Different Places

- **All About You-Salon**, LLC is now open for business at 16 North Court Street. All About You-Salon is an independently owned and operated salon, offering full salon services for all ages, including the elderly. Special services include on-site bride and bridal party preparation, prom and social functions, and many others. The salon is currently staffed by three cosmetologists with a combined total experience of over 40 years. For more information, visit <http://www.allaboutyou-salon.com/index.html>
- **Eclecticity Arts, Books, Music...and More Gallery** has located in the old **Cross Countries Travel & Art** location at 13 John Street. Local artist and former Locust Books employee Shawn Lockhart is the proprietor of this fine establishment where you can find fresh original art, new music, quality used books, and much more. While Shawn is reorganizing the space, hours of operation are by appointment only. Shawn can be reached at (240) 409-4863 or seanmhara@gmail.com. Once everything is in its place, hours are to be expected noon to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.
- **Room for Friends**, the face-to-face social network place at 11 Liberty Street, officially opens on Sunday, January 9th. Established by Laurie and Thomas Precht, **Room for Friends** offers rooms for small group events, classes, workshops, music jams and more, as well as a series of classes. **Room for Friends** offers two rooms from which to choose: The Living Room is an inviting room with comfortable seating that is arranged for conversation or music making while the Work Room has a generous table that provides the perfect workspace for your group to spread out and get things done. Check out **Room for Friends** or the interesting classes being offered by Laurie Precht, Anastasia Zepp and Tim Kennedy in January by visiting <http://www.roomforfriends.com>.
- **Gold Standard Consulting**, LLC, a mortgage services firm, now has offices at 280 East Main Street.
- **The Law Offices of Grant M. Murchison & Associates** are now located in the old Judge Bond House at 202 East Main Street.
- **The Law Office of Paul Capriolo, P.A.** has relocated from Eldersburg, Maryland to 196 East Main Street.
- **The Law Office of James F. Brewer** has moved to the 2nd floor of 181 East Main Street.

On the Radio

- Did you know that Steve (Aquino) and Charlie (Wolpoff) of **Aquino & Wolpoff Financial Group**, LLC, 63 East Main Street, have a weekly radio show on WTRR-AM 1470 every Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. called *The Carroll County Buzz?* January's guests on the show include: January 5th - Mike Shelah of the Carroll County Tech Council; January 12th - Renowned economist Anirban Basu of Sage Policy Group, Inc.; January 19th - Todd Sullivan of Erickson Retirement Communities and January 26th - U.S. Army veteran and recruiter Jimmy Schumacher.

Anniversaries

- **Wine Me Up!**, 61½ East Main Street, celebrates its 4th Anniversary this January. Congratulations to Patrice and Tony Campitelli!

If you have a business happening you want to share with the Downtown Westminster Main Street Community, please feel free to email Stan Ruchlewicz at sruchlewicz@westgov.com with the information for inclusion in a future issue.



DON'T FORGET TO SHOP DOWNTOWN WESTMINSTER FOR YOUR SWEETHEART THIS VALENTINE'S DAY!