



## THE DOWNTOWN WESTMINSTER MAIN STREET NEWS March/April 2011

### The Art History Series Presents "A Model for Matisse" at the Carroll Arts Center on March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Listen and watch as the poignant story about Henri Matisse and his inspiration for The Chapel of the Rosary in the French Mediterranean village of Venice unfolds as part of the on-going Art History Series at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at noon and 7:00 pm. Matisse was seeking a night nurse when this inspirational friendship developed. The outcome will surprise you. Susan Williamson, Visual Arts Coordinator for the Carroll Arts Center, will lead a discussion after the presentation. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and \$8.00 for Arts Council members.

### Off Track Art to Host an Exhibit by Digital Artist Scott Gore during March and April; Meet the Artist on March 4<sup>th</sup>

The partner artists of Off Track Art, 11 Liberty Street (Side Entrance) are excited to have Guest Artist, Scott Gore, exhibit at the cooperative's gallery during March and April. Mr. Gore is a digital artist who resides in Dillsburg, PA. With a Bachelor's degree in Graphic Design from Millersville University and a Master's of Fine Arts degree in Graphic Design from Towson University, Scott is currently the Chair of the Department of Fine and Performing Arts at Carroll Community College. Meet Scott and view his works at Off Track Art's 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Reception on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

### Common Ground on the Hill Presents Happy Traum at the Carroll Arts Center on March 5<sup>th</sup>

Common Ground on the Hill's 2010-2011 Concerts Series continues its season with Happy Traum at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:00 p.m. Happy Traum's skillful musicianship and avid interest in traditional and contemporary music has brought him worldwide recognition. He has performed extensively throughout the U.S. Canada, Europe, Australia and Japan, and has appeared on recordings as a featured artist and as a member of various ensembles. He has recorded and/or performed with many top artists, including Bob Dylan, Chris Smither, Maria Muldaur, Eric Andersen, Rory Block, Jerry Jeff Walker, Allen Ginsberg, Levon Helm, Rick Danko, Richard Manuel and numerous others. Aside from a distinguished solo career, Happy and his late brother, Artie Traum, played regularly as a duo for more than 40 years. Their first two Capitol albums, "Happy and Artie Traum" and "Double Back," are widely considered to be classics. Long-time residents of Woodstock, NY, Happy and Artie co-produced several important records for Rounder Records featuring some of the area's finest folk and rock musicians. These included "Mud Acres, Music among Friends" and "Woodstock Mountains." 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 2010-2011 Concert Series, call Common Ground on the Hill at (410) 857-2771.



Happy Traum Performs at the Arts Center on March 5<sup>th</sup>



Shawn Lockhart hard at work during *Art in the Park*; an example of her work



### Carroll Community College Hosts Art Exhibit of Downtown Businesswoman Shawn Lockhart Beginning March 6<sup>th</sup>

It is a busy week for Downtown Westminister businesswoman Shawn Lockhart. First, she has the grand opening of her new shop, Eclecticity, at 13 John Street on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Then, her exhibit entitled "Looking Glass: Echoes of Light and Shadow" debuts at the Gallery in the Scott Center on the campus of Carroll Community College, 1601 Washington Road, on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Shawn Lockhart's artist within emerged early in life and has taken her from Maryland to County Clare, Ireland and back again, each time falling more in love with the beauty and spirit of the Celtic homeland. Her work reflects a constantly evolving art form both varied and profoundly full of spiritual intonation. Mara, as she calls herself, reveals her Celtic soul in every work. "Looking Glass: Echoes of Light and Shadow" is on display through April 15<sup>th</sup>. An artist's reception will be held on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

### March 8<sup>th</sup>'s Box Lunch Talk Presents the Story of Heifer International

In 1944, the first shipment of 17 heifers left the United States, going to families whose children had never tasted milk. The idea of giving families a source of food rather than short-term relief caught on and has continued for more than 65 years. And a Carroll County farm in Union Bridge was the birth place for this organization. Join Patricia "Pat" Roop Hollinger, the farmer's daughter who witnessed the birth of the organization, as she tells the story of this amazing group based in New Windsor at the Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> Box Lunch Talk. Presented by the Historical Society of Carroll County, 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 pm 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.

**Carroll Players Present *The Amorous Ambassador* at the Carroll Arts Center on March 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> and March 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>**  
The Carroll Players will present the play *The Amorous Ambassador* at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, over two weekends: March 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> and March 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. When Harry Douglas, the new American Ambassador to Great Britain, tells his family he is going to Scotland to play golf, his wife and daughter announce weekend plans of their own. Their newly hired butler, Perkins, watches stoically as each leaves and secretly returns for a romantic rendezvous in an empty house. Harry's secretary and Captain South of Marine Corps Embassy Security then arrive in the wake of a bomb threat and the embassy is sealed off, with hilarious results. Even the imperturbable Perkins is drawn into the shenanigans. Performances begin at 8:00 pm on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and 2:00 pm on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$11.00 for Arts Council members and seniors 60 years & over. Tickets for groups of 10 or more are \$10.00 each.

### **Celebrate St. Patrick's Day! Eat & Drink Downtown!**

From Harry's Main Street Grille on West Main Street to Maggie's Restaurant on East Green Street, Downtown Westminster's restaurants and eateries will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, with Irish-flavored cuisine and beverages. Harry's Main Street Grille, 65 West Main Street, gets into the festive spirit by offering corned beef & cabbage, Irish stew, and green beer as their holiday treats. Rafael's, 32 West Main Street, will be having specials on Irish food and beer all day. Johansson's Dining House, 4 West Main Street, will be offering a special St. Patrick's Day menu. Café Tuscany, 84 East Main Street, will be holding its 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "St. Patrick was Italian" Day from noon to 10 pm. Join Café Tuscany's celebration of St. Patrick and his Roman parents by enjoying a delicious blend of Italian and Irish food, beer and cocktails. Rueben sandwiches and corned beef & cabbage with boiled potatoes will be served at Munch's Court Street Café, 199 East Main Street. O' Maggie's, 310 East Green Street, more commonly known as Maggie's Restaurant the other 364 days of the year, will be serving corned beef & cabbage and Irish stew. Green beer will be on tap while the Colgan & Hirsh will be performing from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Last but not least, O'Lordan's Irish Pub, home of the most redheaded Irish bartenders in Westminster, at 14 Liberty Street, will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Fine Irish food will be served from a limited menu between the hours of 10:00 am and 10:00 pm. It will be "First Come, First Served" at O'Lordan's, as no reservations are being taken. Finally, live music by NUA will be featured in the pub area from 7:00 pm to 11:30 pm. Don't forget to wear some green or you might get pinched!



Some of the downtown businesses are already decorated for St. Patrick's Day

### **Historical Society of Carroll County and Carroll Community College Present Maryland and the Civil War: A Regional Perspective on March 19<sup>th</sup>**

The Historical Society of Carroll County, in conjunction with Carroll Community College, will present the 14<sup>th</sup> annual *Maryland and the Civil War: A Regional Perspective* conference on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:00 am, at Carroll Community College, 1601 Washington Road. The conference focuses on various aspects of the Civil War and its impact on the region. The all-day event includes a series of general and concurrent sessions, along with an exhibit hall that allows participants to visit with representatives from several Civil War sites and museums, re-enactors and vendors. This year's topics include: *Could the Civil War Have Been Prevented?*; *Beacon of Freedom or Prison of Infamy: Fort McHenry During the Civil War*; *From Slave to Abolitionist: The Life of Rev. James W.C. Pennington*; *Agents & Activities of the Union Secret & Signal Services in Maryland 1861-1865*; *The Susquehanna Shall Run Red with Blood: The Secession Movement in Maryland*; and *Divided Voices: Maryland in the Civil War*. Advance registration is strongly recommended and includes all sessions, continental breakfast and box lunch. For more information or to register, go to: [http://www.carrollcc.edu/events/civilwar\\_event.asp](http://www.carrollcc.edu/events/civilwar_event.asp).

### **The Inaugural Celtic Canter Takes to the Streets of Downtown Westminster on March 19<sup>th</sup>**

Continue your St. Patrick's Day festivities by running in the inaugural 3-mile *Celtic Canter* fun run/walk through the streets of Downtown Westminster on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Hosted by Dr. Patrick Gallagher, DDS and O'Lordan's Irish Pub & Restaurant, the run, which begins at 10:00 am, will have an Irish atmosphere, complete with bagpipes and a post-race gathering at O'Lordan's. Of course, there will be the official *Celtic Canter* race t-shirt for all who run. The net proceeds of the *Celtic Canter* will benefit the Carroll County Children's Fund Inc. and Access Carroll, Inc. Registration for the *Celtic Canter* can be done online at: <https://www.raceit.com/register/default.aspx?event=3946>. Registration fee for the race is \$20.00 plus a \$2.00 online transaction fee. For questions, concerns and/or other registration options for the *Celtic Canter*, please call (443) 789-2063.

### **Discuss It!: *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* at the Westminster Branch Library on March 19<sup>th</sup>**

Join the staff of the Carroll County Public Library - Westminster Branch, 50 East Main Street, for a discussion of the book *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* by Stieg Larsson on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am. Have you seen the movie too? They'll be comparing the movie with the book as part of their discussion. This discussion is in conjunction with the showings of the Millennium Trilogy movies at the Carroll Arts Center. Book discussion participants will receive a coupon for a free small popcorn that can be redeemed at the Carroll Arts Center's Double Feature of "The Girl who Played with Fire" and "The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest" on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Catch "The Apple Dumpling Gang" During Family Movie Time at the Westminster Branch Library on March 19<sup>th</sup>**

Join the staff of the Carroll County Public Library - Westminster Branch, 50 East Main Street, as they go retro this spring with classic family movies! Bring the family for some special family time, as they present the movie *The Apple Dumpling Gang* on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm. 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.

**Westminster Branch Library Presents Meet the Author: Jill Sisson Quinn on March 24<sup>th</sup>**

Jill Sisson Quinn, who grew up in Carroll County, comes back home to read essays from her book *Deranged: Finding a Sense of Place in the Landscape and in the Lifespan* at the Carroll County Public Library - Westminster Branch on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. The author will also answer questions about her book and the art of writing. Copies of her books will be available for sale and signing at the reading.

**The Shakespeare Factory Players Present *The Winter's Tale* at the Arts Center on March 24<sup>th</sup>**

The Shakespeare Factory Players use their trademark "Original Practices Presentation" to bring humor and warmth to the presentation of Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale* at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm. The Players' interactive and fast-paced production brings Shakespeare to life as never before for audience members of all ages. The production's exploration of human relationships, both serious and silly, make it the perfect celebration of the change of season from winter to spring. This ensemble production uses traditional staging and audience interaction to bring Shakespeare to life. Audience members are encouraged to come in costume and party like it's 1599! There will be a free educational workshop for all ages at 6:45 pm, followed by pre-show entertainment beginning 15 minutes prior to curtain. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults; \$12.00 for students and seniors. Come in costume and receive a \$2.00 discount.

**Barleyjuice: Live in Concert at the Carroll Arts Center on March 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**

Every day is St. Patrick's Day when Barleyjuice takes the stage. Back by overwhelming demand is this Celtic Rock phenomenon that takes command of the stage with their high energy, hard driving rock performances. Often compared to The Pogues or Flogging Molly, this Philadelphia-based band will perform two 8:00 pm concerts at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Ireland has been called the land of happy war songs and sad love songs, and no one sings and celebrates this irony better than Barleyjuice. Their ode to the kilt, "What's Up Yours?", was voted Song of the Year 2005 by listeners of celticradio.net. Their sound (they call it tradigonal, neobilly, Brit-Scot-shamRock) is part traditional Irish, part rockabilly, part punk, and all good times. Barleyjuice sings the anthems of enjoying life and love to the extreme while having a sense of humor (and a few pints of Guinness) along the way. Tickets are \$25.00 for adults and \$22.00 for Arts Council members, students under 18 and seniors 60 years & over.



Barleyjuice, the shamRock band from Philadelphia, will play two 8:00 pm concerts at the Carroll Arts Center on March 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

**Civil War Ball at the Old Longwell Armory on March 26<sup>th</sup> to Benefit the Corbit's Charge Commemoration Committee**

The Corbit's Charge Commemoration Committee cordially invites you to join them for an evening of 1860s period dancing, dance instruction, light refreshments and fun, as they hold the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Corbit's Charge Civil War Ball on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 to 11:00 pm in the gym of the Old Longwell Armory, now the Westminster Family Fitness Center, at 11 Longwell Avenue. The event is for experienced and novice dancers alike. Live music will be provided by the ensemble of Smash the Windows, featuring Peg Shutes and Bruce Young. Briant and Karin Bohleke will serve as the Dance Master and Dance Mistress. Period or modern semi-formal attire is requested. Spurs, swords, heel plates, and firearms are prohibited in the gym and on the grounds. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults, \$10.00 for ages 13-18, and ages 12 & under are free. Proceeds from the ball will benefit the Corbit's Charge Commemoration Committee, a non-profit organization established to educate the public on the Civil War History of Westminster, MD. For tickets or more information on the Ball, call either Susan Harry at (410) 848-9161 or Kim Prehn at (410) 876-5390 or email them at [sharry@westgov.com](mailto:sharry@westgov.com) or [ujltd@msn.com](mailto:ujltd@msn.com) respectively.



Scenes from the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Corbit's Charge Civil War Ball in March 2010

**FLICC Presents the Millennium Trilogy Double Feature of *The Girl Who Played with Fire* and *The Girl Who Kicked the Hornets' Nest* at the Carroll Arts Center on March 27<sup>th</sup>**

Film Lovers in Carroll County will present a double feature of the films based on the second and third novels in Stieg Larsson's worldwide best-selling Millennium Series at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 1:00 pm. *The Girl Who Played with Fire* and *The Girl Who Kicked the Hornets' Nest* continue the story of Lisbeth Salander and Mikael Blomkvist as they try to uncover the dark and disturbing secrets about a criminal conspiracy that involves them both more than they could have ever imagined. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for Arts Council members and seniors 60 years & over.

**Seniors Keep in Touch Presents the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Silent Purse Auction on March 31<sup>st</sup> - April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Arts Center**

This silent auction held at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, showcases new purses, handbags, and totes filled with gift certificates, merchandise, sports memorabilia and more, as well as gently used purses available for cash and carry. Admission to the event is free. Auction hours are 10:00 am to 8:00 pm on Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> and Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>; and 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. All proceeds benefit Seniors Keep in Touch, a non-profit program, supporting homebound mature adults with the reassurance of companionship through daily, scheduled telephone contact.

**Common Ground on the Hill Presents Craobh Rua at the Carroll Arts Center on April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Common Ground on the Hill's 2010-2011 Music Concert Series closes with Craobh Rua at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, beginning at 8:00 pm. Craobh Rua translates from Irish to "red branch" and is a name that is well known in Celtic history from The Red Branch Knights of Ulster. This Belfast-based Irish Traditional Music band has given concert and festival performances in the United States, Canada, Australia, Germany, Austria, Italy, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Poland, Slovenia, Denmark, Norway, United Kingdom and Ireland. Their music has delighted audiences and earned them world-wide acclaim and recognition. They are now regarded around the world as one of the finest ambassadors of Irish Traditional Music. Craobh Rua's impeccable musicians bring their own individual experience to the group and fuse their talents to bring life to a wide array of instruments such as banjo, mandolin, fiddle, uilleann pipes, flute, tin whistle, guitar and vocals. Craobh Rua takes a refreshing, unpretentious but uncommonly skilled run at some of the greatest music in the world. 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.

**Free Screening of *Waiting for Superman* and Education Discussion Panel at the Carroll Arts Center on April 5<sup>th</sup>**

Carroll County Public Library and McDaniel College invite you to join them for a free showing of the documentary *Waiting for Superman*, followed by a Schools for Education Evolution town hall discussion, at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00 pm. The film, from director Davis Guggenheim and producer Lesley Chilcott, analyzes the shortcomings of American public education by following several students through the system. Guggenheim also directed *The First Year*, a documentary that chronicled the daily struggles of several freshmen California public school teachers. *Waiting for Superman* received the Audience Award for Best Documentary at the 2010 Sundance Film Festival. The film also received best documentary feature at the Critics' Choice movie awards. At the conclusion of the film, Dr. Roger Casey, President of McDaniel College, will serve as the facilitator for a discussion panel consisting of Stephen H. Guthrie, Carroll County Public Schools Superintendent; Eric Adler, Founder and CEO of The SEED Foundation, Inc.; Roxanna Harlow, Executive Director of Higher Learning, Inc. in Westminster; and Connie Unsel, Founder and Director of The Unsel's School in Baltimore. Admission is free.

**The Art History Series Presents "The Architecture of Westminster's Ascension Church" at the Carroll Arts Center on April 7<sup>th</sup>**

Kathy Gressieu will present a lecture on "The Architecture of Westminster's Ascension Church," as part of the on-going Art History Series at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at noon and 7:00 pm. Through the use of a PowerPoint presentation, Kathy will show you the unique architectural features of the Church of the Ascension that makes it one of the most photographed buildings in Downtown Westminster. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and \$8.00 for Arts Council members.

**The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual "Peep Show" Returns to the Carroll Arts Center April 8<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>**

The tantalizing "Peep Show" returns to the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, from Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. This "Peep Show" features the lovable, unnaturally colored marshmallow critters that invade store shelves before almost every holiday. Just Born, Inc. began making Peeps® in 1953 and they have been the #1 non-chocolate Easter candy brand in the U.S. for over a decade. The Carroll County Arts Council invites artists, community groups, businesses and anyone with a "sweet" sense of humor to participate in this exhibition. For the show, The Arts Council accepts dioramas, sculptures and mosaics, as long as they include actual Peeps®, in addition to entries utilizing photography, stop-action film making, or computer-generated art that feature Peeps® as the primary subject matter. "We're doing this to show that art doesn't always have to be serious," reports Executive Director Sandy Oxx, "and we were thrilled with the amazing showcase of creativity represented in last year's Peep Show. It far exceeded our wildest expectations of what could be created from bizarrely colored sugary puffs and we can't wait to see what comes in this year." Past exhibitors have immortalized moments in history, celebrated their favorite pop icons, recreated masterpiece paintings, modeled scenes from the latest blockbuster movies and even reflected slogans or play on words using Peeps®! The public will once again have the opportunity to vote on its favorites in a variety of categories. However, this year, the public can get additional vote chips by shopping and dining in downtown during the Peep Show. For every \$10.00 someone spends at a downtown shop or restaurant during the Peep Show, they will get a free vote chip. (Vote Chips are normally sold for \$1.00 each at the Peep Show.) You simply bring your receipts to the Arts Center box office to get your additional chips. Of course, the Arts Council will not keep original receipts in case you need to return an item. These bonus chips are for RETAIL AND RESTAURANTS PURCHASES ONLY. Sorry....you can't bring in a \$600.00 receipt from your dentist or lawyer! Show hours will be from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm daily, except Sunday when it will be open from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The show closes at 5:00 pm on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. It's not too late to enter your own piece of "Peep" art. Entrants must pre-register by March 26th. Guidelines and application forms can be downloaded from <http://www.carrollcountyartscouncil.org/documents/PEEPshow-Guidelines-Form-2011ID93.pdf>.



It is amazing what one can do with a few Peeps!

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual *Walk a Mile in Her Shoes*® Takes to the Streets of Downtown Westminster on April 9<sup>th</sup>

Rape Crisis Intervention Service of Carroll County, 224 North Center Street - Room 102, presents the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual *Walk a Mile in Her Shoes*®: *The International Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault and Gender Violence* on Saturday, April 9, 2011, beginning at 10:00 am. This year's event will begin with registration at Dutterer Park where the walk has previously been held. The walkers will then venture out of the park onto Pennsylvania Avenue and head down to Main Street. The walk will continue up Main Street and make a turn down Center Street to conclude the walk at Westminster City Park. Also new to this year's event is the ability to register online and with your registration fee you can receive a signature pair of high heels to wear in the event. There is an old saying: "You can't really understand another person's experience until you've walked a mile in their shoes." The *Walk a Mile in Her Shoes*® event asks men to literally walk one mile in women's high-heeled shoes. It's not easy walking in these shoes, but it is fun and it gets the community to talk about something that's really difficult to talk about: gender relations and sexual violence. To participate, go to: <http://www.walkamilecc.org/register.php>.

### They'd Tan Your Hides: A.K. Shriver & Sons and Tanning in the 19th Century is the Subject of April 12<sup>th</sup>'s Box Lunch Talk

It may have been a dirty, smelly business, but it was also profitable and there were many tanners in Carroll County in the 19th century. Join Charles Ives as he explains the process of turning hides into leather and tells the story of one of the largest tanneries in Carroll County, A.K. Shriver & Sons, at the Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> Box Lunch Talk. Presented by the Historical Society of Carroll County, 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 pm 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.

### The Annual Main Street Mile Runs Down Main Street on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

The annual Main Street Mile running event comes to Downtown Westminster on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by the Westminster Road Runners Club, 700 runners from all over the county and the State of Maryland are expected to race down East Main Street into the heart of Downtown Westminster, beginning at 7:00 pm. As always, there are two heats and the event will be held rain or shine. Heat #1 is officially timed, scored and awarded prizes while Heat #2 is a Fun Run with medals being awarded to all children, ages 10 and under, who finish the race. To qualify for Heat #1, you must be at least 11 years old and be capable of running a mile in less than 10 minutes. There is no on-site registration for the event, although runners will pick up their race packets at the Westminster Volunteer Fire Department at 28 John Street. For more information or registration forms, contact Beth Weisenborn at [wrrc.web@gmail.com](mailto:wrrc.web@gmail.com) or call (717) 677-6883.



Photos from last year's Main Street Mile events

### Join the Easter Bunny at the City of Westminster's Easter Egg Hunts on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

The City of Westminster's Annual Easter Egg Hunts will be held on the grounds of Westminster City Hall, 1838 Emerald Hill Lane, on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The first hunt will start promptly at 10:30 am for ages 1-4 years. The second hunt is for ages 5-8 years and begins at 11:30 am. There will be over 4,000 plastic filled eggs with 100 special prize eggs scattered throughout the grounds. The hunts are free and open to the public. Don't forget to bring your basket! There will be also a bunny petting zoo, face painting, and basket raffles. Food will be available for purchase. Of course, the Easter Bunny will be there too! Pre-registration is not required. For more information, call (410) 857-9072.

### Catch the Classic "National Velvet" During Family Movie Time at the Westminster Branch Library on April 30<sup>th</sup>

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 *National Velvet* on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm. 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.

## Downtown Business Happenings

### Great Things to Check Out

- **Birdie's Café** at 233 East Main Street has the following live musical performances presently slated for March and April: March 4<sup>th</sup> - Best Nauticals; March 5<sup>th</sup> - Tim Jenkins (in conjunction with the Grand Opening of Marilyn Jenkins: A Retrospective Art Exhibition from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm); March 11<sup>th</sup> - Bridget Joyce; March 12<sup>th</sup> - Chatham Street; March 18<sup>th</sup> - Static Trees; March 25<sup>th</sup> - ATM Trio; March 26<sup>th</sup> - Quiet Life Rebellion; April 1 - Kevin & Eric; April 8<sup>th</sup> - Bridget Joyce; April 9<sup>th</sup> - Rise of the Witness; April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Ceol Anan Cara; and April 30<sup>th</sup> - Blank Avenue. Music happens from 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm, except for March 25<sup>th</sup> when it starts at 8:00 pm. 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 pm to 9:00 pm at the café, which will occur on March 19<sup>th</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Culinary delights will once again flourish at **Giulianova Groceria & Italian Deli**, 11 East Main Street, with cooking lessons occurring in March and April. The March lesson will take place on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Chef Billy Schroeder will show you how to prepare shrimp parmesan; shrimp imperial; and shrimp ravioli with rose-basil sauce. The cost of the class is \$30.00 per person. Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> is the date of the April cooking class with braised, apple-stuffed, center cut pork chops; Pork tenderloin Italiano; and Chinese spare ribs as the items to be prepared. The cost of the class is \$25.00 per person. Don't forget that Lent begins March 9<sup>th</sup> and Giulianova will be stocked with our homemade coddies, salmon cakes, lump crab cakes and deviled eggs for the season. Also, Billy's famous cream of crab soup will be on tap every Friday during Lent. To sign-up for these classic culinary events, call Billy at (410) 876-7425.
- **Giulianova Groceria & Italian Deli**, 11 East Main Street, will also be holding a belated St. Patrick's Day Celebration on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Enjoy a menu of Irish cuisine that includes Irish stew & soda bread, corned beef & cabbage, bangers & mash and shepherd's pie, along with traditional Irish refreshments. The Christopher James Band will provide the musical entertainment for the event. Tickets are now on sale. Please call Billy O' Schroeder at (410) 876-7425 to make your reservations.
- **O'Lordans Irish Pub** at 14 Liberty Street will have live music on Saturday nights from 9:00 pm to Midnight during March and April. The performance schedule is as follows: March 5<sup>th</sup> - Chris Swam; March 12<sup>th</sup> - No Ego's; March 19<sup>th</sup> - Finnegan's Woo; March 26<sup>th</sup> - To be Announced; April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Gary Brown; April 9<sup>th</sup> - Ron Kraft; April 16<sup>th</sup> - Ben & Elena; April 23<sup>rd</sup> - NUA; and April 30<sup>th</sup> - Moe Stringz. O'Lordan's will have live Irish music by NUA in the Pub from 7:00 pm to 11:30 pm on St. Patrick's Day, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Also, don't forget that traditional Irish music sessions are held the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm. The traditional 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](http://www.olordansirishpub.com).
- The Two-Headed Pheasant Pub in **Johansson's Dining House** at 4 West Main Street has live music scheduled for Friday evenings in March from 9:30 pm to 12:30 am. The current performance schedule is as follows: March 4 - Debonis Trio; March 11<sup>th</sup> - Finnegan's Woo; March 18<sup>th</sup> - Chris Swam; and March 25<sup>th</sup> - Triple Shot.
- **Maggie's Restaurant**, 310 East Green Street, has live music on Saturday evenings from 9:30 pm to 12:30 am. March's schedule is: March 5<sup>th</sup> - Jim Morley; March 11<sup>th</sup> - Greg Gottlieb & Henry Mohlenrich; March 19<sup>th</sup> - Ben Sherman; and March 26<sup>th</sup> - Mike Wissing. As the schedule is not yet in place for April, check out Maggie's website - <http://www.maggieswestminster.com/> for performers as April draws near.
- **Café Tuscany**, 84 East Main Street, will be offering lunch and dinner specials Tuesday through Thursday beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>. The lunch special will be "All You Can Eat Soup, Salad and Breadsticks" for \$7.99 from noon to 3:00 pm while the dinner special will be "All You Can Eat House Pasta & Bread" for \$9.99 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. To find out more about Café Tuscany, visit <http://www.cafetuscanystwestminster.com/>.
- **Coffey Music** at 31 East Main Street continues to host open Bluegrass Jams on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of the month in March and April. Whether you're a picker, grinner or listener, you are welcome to join them. The jam will start at 7:00 pm and be held on their showroom floor. They'll also have an upright bass available for anyone to use.
- **Wine Me Up!**, 61½ East Main Street, will be holding Wine Tasting with Tony on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. To check on other news, specials and upcoming events, including their next karaoke night, at **Wine Me Up!**, go to: <http://www.winemeupshoppeandtavern.com/index.html> or join their Facebook following.
- **Rafael's**, 32 West Main Street, has DJ Chris McDonald spinning the tunes every Thursday from 9:30 pm to 12:30 am. On Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, Rafael's will be hosting a Comedy Dinner Show. The dinner begins at 7:00 pm with your choice of a garden or Caesar salad and a dinner entrée of seafood alfredo, chicken Marcelina or New York strip steak. The Comedy Show, which begins at 8:00 pm, will be hosted by Randy David and features Mike Diesel and Terry Duck. Tickets are \$40.00 per person. For more information on what is happening at Rafael's, call (410) 840-1919 or visit <http://rafaelsrestaurant.com/vcalendar/>.
- Join Julie Ballard and Stephanie Bunting of **Ballard-Bunting Boutique**, 79 East Main Street - Rear, as they present three workshops on how to make seasonal crafts at the Westminster Branch of the Carroll County Public Library, 50 East Main Street. All materials will be provided. The workshops will be held on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:00 pm.

### New Faces or Different Places

- **Eclecticity** is now open for business at 13 John Street. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 12 Noon to 7:00 pm and Saturday from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. **Eclecticity** features art, fine crafts and music CDs from local artists and a great selection of used books.



Visit Eclecticity at 13 John Street for arts, music, books and more!

- The Pottery Loft, 51 East Main Street, has a couple new faces to assist their customers - Ashley Logsdail and Marina Wickes.



Ashley (left) and Marina (right) pose with Pottery Loft owner Denise Swartz

#### Coming Soon...

- The Main Arterie, 51 East Main Street, is expected to open in the near future. It will feature jewelry, quilts, handbags, artwork and photography.
- Furnace Hills Coffee Co. will be establishing a coffee roasting operation at 71 West Main Street upon renovations and equipment relocation.

#### Anniversaries...

- Off Track Art, 11 Liberty Street (Side Entrance), is celebrating its 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, albeit belatedly, with an anniversary reception on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Off Track Art, a co-op of currently 13 local artists, first opened its doors to the public on Valentine's Day of 2009. Congratulations to all of the partner artists!
- Papa Joe's, 27 East Main Street (Rear), celebrates its 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations to Jose and Trish Alejandre!

#### On the Radio...

- If you didn't know, Steve Aquino and Charlie Wolpoff of Aquino & Wolpoff Financial Group, Inc., 63 East Main Street - Suite 102, host a weekly talk show called "The Carroll County Buzz" every Wednesday at 4:00 pm on WTTR AM1470. Their show's schedule of guests for March is: March 2<sup>nd</sup> - David Rousch, Carroll County Commissioner; March 9<sup>th</sup> - Janice Kispert, Director of Rape Crisis intervention Services; March 16<sup>th</sup> - Karen Sorrell, Owner of Simply Stone; March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Jimmy Schumacher, US National Guard Recruiter; and March 30<sup>th</sup> - Mike Kraus, Head Coach of the Carroll County Cannons. The March 30<sup>th</sup> show will also be live from Rafael's, 32 West Main Street. Catch the Buzz! The Carroll County Buzz, that is!!!

#### Kudos to...

- Karen Barbour of The Barbour Group at 20 Liberty Street, Suite 2-D for being appointed to the Governor's Commission on Small Business and then being selected its Co-Chair.
- Mercer Carpet One at 26 West Main Street for their "Help Support Our Troops" campaign that sent more than 90 care packages to our troops overseas at the end of January.

If you have a business happening you want to share with the Westminster Main Street Community, please feel free to email Stan Ruchlewicz at [sruchlewicz@westgov.com](mailto:sruchlewicz@westgov.com). Your information should be submitted to Stan Ruchlewicz before the last full week of February, April, June, August, October and December for inclusion in the next issue.

