



THE DOWNTOWN WESTMINSTER MAIN STREET NEWS March/April 2012

The Art History Series Presents “Japanese Art” at the Carroll Arts Center on March 1st

Join Guest Lecturer, Wayne McWilliams, for a fascinating talk on Japanese art as part of the on-going Art History Series at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Thursday, March 1st, at noon and 7:00 pm. Wayne will use his travels and knowledge of Japan to discuss these exotic art forms. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and \$8.00 for Arts Council members, students with ID and seniors 60 years & over. For more information, call the Carroll Arts Center at (410) 848-7272.

Join Read Across America with Dr. Seuss on March 2nd at the Westminister Branch Library

The Westminister Branch Library, 50 East Main Street, invites you to participate in the nationwide reading of Dr. Seuss's *The Lorax* in honor of the author's birthday on Friday, March 2nd, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with fun, stories, cake, and even a chance at taking home a present! Children age 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call the library at (410) 386-4488

Eclecticity to Hold a Birthday Bash on March 3rd

Eclecticity Arts, Books, Music ...and More! at 13 John Street will celebrate its first birthday on Saturday, March 3rd, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Some of the festivities that owner Shawn Lockhart has planned include: Tim Jenkins playing original jazz guitar songs starting at 1:00 p.m.; artist Suzanne Glover being on hand to do caricatures; a \$5 Bag o' Books Sale; yummy treats to taste by Rare Opportunity Farm and a chance to meet many of the artists featured in the shop.

Common Ground on the Hill Presents Gráinne Hambly and William Jackson at the Carroll Arts Center on March 3rd

Common Ground on the Hill's 2011-2012 Concerts Series continues its season with Gráinne Hambly and William Jackson at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, March 3rd, beginning at 8:00 p.m. Quite simply, Gráinne Hambly and William Jackson are two of the foremost harpers of Ireland and Scotland. Combining their extraordinary talents on harp as well as concertina, tinwhistle and bouzouki, these masters of the Celtic Harp have been performing all over the country and dazzling audiences with their artistry. With demanding solo careers that often have them performing on different continents, their *Two Sides of Celtic* show is a special treat. Two great players, one fantastic show! Be there! 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 2011-2012 Concert Series, call Common Ground on the Hill at (410) 857-2771.

A View from Russia, by Rail, an Illustrated Lecture, at the Carroll Arts Center on March 6th

The Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, is pleased to host *A View from Russia, by Rail: 6,000 miles, 7 time zones, 16 days on the Trans-Siberian Railroad* on Tuesday, March 6th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. *A View from Russia, on Rail* is an illustrated lecture by National Public Radio's current Morning Programming Host/Correspondent and former Moscow correspondent David Greene & photographer David Gilkey. Nearly 6,000 miles of railroad separates Russia's capital city of Moscow from Vladivostok on the Pacific Ocean. While crossing the world's largest country and bridging two continents, NPR's David Greene prepared a three-part series on how Russia's history has shaped its people and where, 20 years after the collapse of the Soviet Union, Russians want their country to go. Accompanying Greene was David Gilkey who has traveled the world on assignment for NPR, where he has worked for about four years as a photographer — for radio. Gilkey had 16 days to shoot a photo essay aboard the Trans-Siberian Railway. Highlights of their adventure will be shared this evening. Sponsored by McDaniel College with The Carroll County Public Library, admission is free and open to the public with first come, first served seating.

Barleyjuice: Live in Concert at the Carroll Arts Center on March 9th & 10th; March 10th Concert is already Sold Out!

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 9th and Saturday, March 10th. 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 and continues to be just one of the many highlights of their live shows. 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 \$23.00 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 9th & 10th

Westminster Branch Library Presents *You, the Magician* on March 10th

The Westminster Branch Library, 50 East Main Street, has invited the Magic and Illusion Club of Liberty High School to perform some amazing feats of prestidigitation at the library on Saturday, March 10th, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Not only that, but the club members will teach you some of their secrets. You will leave this program as a budding magician! Registration is required for this event. For more information, call the library at (410) 386-4488.

Paul Cullen: *Unplugged and Uncorked* at Giulianova Groceria on March 11th

Giulianova Groceria & Italian Deli, 11 East Main Street, is pleased to present Bad Company bassist Paul Cullen performing an acoustic show while presenting a wine tasting dinner of his artisanal wines on Sunday, March 11th, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cullen's private wine label currently offers four styles of wines: Sonata Rosso (red), Sonata Bianco (white), Sonata Rose (pink), and the soon-to-be-released Jazz Freak (Barbera). Each of these wines is cultivated in Eastern California's Sierra Foothills and offers an *exquisite tasting experience*. The menu will consist of 4 courses. The first course will be sweet Italian sausage with peppers and onion and caramelized fennel in Sonata Bianco wine sauce and served with Paul's own Sonata Bianco wine. The 2nd course will be rosemary pork tenderloin medallions with a Sonata Rosso reduction and served with Paul's Sonata Rosso. Grilled chicken breast with a Sonata Rose marinara and pecorino Romano will be the 3rd course, served with Paul's Sonata Rose. The 4th and final course will be a wild caught gulf shrimp paté served with all three of Paul's wines. Dinner is \$30.00 per person, all inclusive. To make a reservation, please call Giulianova Groceria at (410)876-7425.

Westminster Branch Library Presents *The Civil War: Women in Wartime* on March 12th

The Westminster Branch Library, 50 East Main Street, presents *The Civil War: Women in Wartime* on Monday, March 12th, at 7:00 p.m. Women played a critical role during the American Civil War. Join local historian Mike Eckard as he discusses experiences of women both on the home front and the battlefield. He'll also be bringing fascinating artifacts for display. For more information, call the Westminster Branch Library at (410) 386-4490.

March 13th's Box Lunch Talk Discusses an Architectural Masterpiece: The Church of the Ascension

Built in 1844, the Church of the Ascension, located at 23 North Court Street, is a fine example of Neo-Gothic architecture popular during the mid-19th century. Join Kathy Gressieux as she examines the building style and characteristics - interior and exterior - including elements from a wide range of art forms from Greek, Irish, French, English and Judaic styling and historical periods from the antiquity to the modern era. Special emphasis will be placed on elements commonly found during the Medieval period at the March 13th 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 \$5.00 for non-members.

Westminster Branch Library Presents *Puss in Boots* for Family Movie Night on March 14th

Join the Westminster Branch Library staff for an evening of family fun, as they present the film *Puss in Boots* on Wednesday, March 14th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Westminster Branch Library, 50 East Main Street. Sit back and relax with family and friends while watching a great new movie at the library. They'll even supply the popcorn! Children age 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (410) 386-4488.

FLICC Presents *The Children of Huang Shi* at the Carroll Arts Center on March 16th

Film Lovers in Carroll County (FLICC) is pleased to present *The Children of Huang Shi* at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Friday, March 16th, at 7:30 p.m. The movie, which is rated "R," is about a young Englishman, George Hogg, who leads sixty orphaned boys on a journey of over 500 perilous miles across the snow-bound Liu Pan Shan Mountains to safety on the edge of the Mongolian desert during the Japanese occupation of China in 1937. In doing so, he comes to understand the meaning of courage as he learns to rely on the support of Chen, the leader of the Chinese community partisan group who becomes his closest friend. The story shows that people thrown into unexpected and desperate situations often discover their capacity for love and responsibility. The film is in Japanese and will be screened with English subtitles. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults; \$5.00 for Arts Council members and seniors 60 years & over. For more information, call (410) 848-7272.

Historical Society's Past Times for Children Series Presents *Rural Free Post Office/Past & Present* on March 17th

The Historical Society of Carroll County is pleased to present *Rural Free Post Office/Past & Present* for this month's topic for the *Past Times for Children* series on Saturday, March 17th, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., in the Koontz-Yingling Learning Center at Cockey's, 216 East Main Street. Carroll County had the first rural free delivery of mail in the country. The children will learn about past and present mail through stories, songs and role-playing. They will create their own mail bag and distribute the mail. Through the History Hour program, children from 3 to 6 years old will discover what Carroll County was like in the 1800s. There is a \$5.00 charge for each class per child, and pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call the Historical Society of Carroll County at (410) 848-6494.



Downtown businesses get into the spirit of St. Patrick's Day

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day! Eat, Drink & Party in Downtown Westminster!

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 Saturday, March 17th, 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 long. Johansson's Dining House, 4 West Main Street, will be offering an \$11.17 St. Patrick's Day food special. CUP Tea Bar & Café, 7 East Main Street, will be serving corned beef, along with, of course, green tea. Giulianova Groceria & Italian Deli, 11 East Main Street, will be serving up Irish lamb stew on both March 16th and 17th. J Café, 172 East Main Street, will feature Rueben sandwiches, along with Guinness Stout, crème de mint and pistachio cupcakes. Birdie's Café, 233 East Main Street, will be serving Nutty Irishman lattes. 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. \$5.00 will get you the 2012 commemorative O'Maggie's button and glass. Colgan & Hirsch will be performing from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. O'Maggie's will be accepting reservations for the dining room, but not for the pub or outdoor seating areas. Last but not least, O'Lordan's Irish Pub, home of the most redheaded of Irish bartenders in Westminster, at 14 Liberty Street, will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day all weekend. O'Lordan's will be accepting reservations on Friday, March 16th, and will have Irish folk-rock band NUA performing in the pub from 9:00 p.m. to midnight. On St. Patrick's Day, O'Lordan's will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Breakfast service will be from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. while regular food service runs from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Liberty Court will be open and tented. A limited menu and two hour table limit will be in effect upstairs and in the Cottage Room so that all can enjoy "the luck of the Irish." Please note that it will be "First Come, First Served" at O'Lordan's, as no reservations are being taken for St. Patrick's Day. Live music will be featured in the pub area from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. by the Irish traditional band Seacht (Seven) and from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. by NUA. On March 18th, O'Lordan's will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. with reservations being accepted. Don't forget to wear some green or you might get pinched!

Spend An Evening with Elvis & Johnny Cash at the Carroll Arts Center on March 17th

Join tribute artists Joe Forrester and Jed Duvall at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, March 17th, at 7:00 p.m., for an evening of your favorite Elvis and Johnny Cash songs. Joe will be performing as Elvis while Jed will be performing as Johnny Cash. Tickets are \$15.00 a piece.



Joe Forrester (l) and Jed Duvall (r) return to the Carroll Arts Center as Elvis and Johnny Cash on March 17th

The Rainbow Fish Comes to the Arts Center for a Matinee Performance on March 18th

The Carroll County Arts Council is proud to bring back the acclaimed ArtsPower Professional Touring Theatre Company for a performance of "The Rainbow Fish" at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Sunday, March 18, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. ArtsPower has turned Marcus Pfister's bestselling children's book into a delightful and touching musical about the value of sharing true friendship with others. With her lovely colorful and shimmering scales, the Rainbow Fish is used to being the most beautiful creature in the ocean. So when the other fish ask her for some silver scales, she refuses. How can she sacrifice the one thing that makes her so unique? Will some good advice from the wise old octopus persuade the Rainbow Fish to share her gifts with those around her? Come find out! The family-friendly musical production is ideal for families with children ages 4-9. Tickets are \$9.00 for adults and \$6.00 for Arts Council members, students and seniors. For more info, call the Carroll Arts Center at (410) 848-7272.

One Tree Productions Presents Thursday Evening Poetry at the Carroll Arts Center on March 22nd

One Tree Productions invites you to the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, for an evening of poetry on Thursday, March 22nd, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Featured poets will be Susan Thornton and Christina Collins-Smith, along with One Tree founding poets. There will be an open mic for those poets wishing to share. Admission to the event is free. For more information, call the Carroll Arts Center at (410) 848-7272.

Free Civil War Lecture: *Marching through Maryland: Lee's Campaign of 1862* at Carroll Community College on March 24th

The Historical Society of Carroll County, 210 East Main Street, and the Carroll Community College are pleased to announce a free Civil War lecture entitled *Marching through Maryland: Lee's Campaign of 1862* at Carroll Community College, 1601 Washington Road, on Saturday, March 24th, at 9:30 a.m. The political and military dilemmas facing the Union and Confederate governments in the summer of 1862 powerfully influenced the direction of the Civil War. Join Thomas Clemens as he focuses on the issues that drove the campaign: Robert E. Lee's belief that a success in Maryland could win independence and international recognition for his nation; the horrific number of casualties on both sides; and, the devastation of the local civilian population. Using maps to trace the routes of the opposing armies, Clemens weaves an engaging story, explaining both actions and their consequences in this important campaign. This lecture is free and open to the public thanks to funding from the Maryland Humanities Council. This is the opening session for the *Maryland and the Civil War: A Regional Perspective* conference; conference registration is required to attend other sessions during the day.

Historical Society of Carroll County and Carroll Community College Present the 15th Annual *Maryland and the Civil War: A Regional Perspective* on March 24th

The Historical Society of Carroll County, 210 East Main Street, in conjunction with Carroll Community College, will present the 15th annual *Maryland and the Civil War: A Regional Perspective* conference on Saturday, March 24th, beginning at 9:00 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: *Marching through Maryland: Lee's Campaign of 1862; General Daniel Harvey Hill in the Maryland Campaign of 1862; The U.S. Presidential Election of 1860 in Maryland; Maryland Soldiers North and South; and "...owing to the excitement and confusion attending to the battle of Antietam..."*. Advance registration is strongly recommended and includes all sessions, continental breakfast and box lunch. On-site registration is available the day of the conference, however, lunch cannot be guaranteed for those registering the day of the event. For more information or to register, go to: <http://hsc.carr.org/calendar/civilwarregistration.htm>.

The 2nd Annual *Celtic Canter* Takes to the Streets of Downtown Westminster on March 24th

Continue your St. Patrick's Day festivities by running in the 2nd Annual 3-mile *Celtic Canter* fun run/walk through the streets of Downtown Westminster on Saturday, March 24th. 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. O'Lordan's, as they did last year, will be rewarding "of age" participants with a free beer. They will also be offering special pricing on their Irish Classics. It is recommended that you make reservations if you choose to stay for lunch after the event. The net proceeds of the *Celtic Canter* will benefit the Carroll County Children's Fund Inc., Access Carroll, Inc. and Target Community & Educational Services, Inc. Registration for the *Celtic Canter* can be done online at: <https://www.raceit.com/register/?event=9509>. The registration fee for the race is \$20.00 online and \$30.00 on-site at the event. For questions, concerns and/or other registration options for the *Celtic Canter*, please call (443) 789-2063.

Teelin Irish Dance Company at the Carroll Arts Center on March 24th

The Carroll County Arts Council is thrilled to announce a performance by the acclaimed Teelin Irish Dance Company at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, March 24th, at 3:00 p.m. The Teelin Irish Dance Company is known for their performances that accentuate the energy of Irish dance with envelope-pushing choreography. From the graceful beauty of jigs and reels, to the thundering beat of percussive dance, a performance by this company leaves audience members at the edge of their seats and wishing for more! The show fuses traditional and contemporary Irish dance and music in an exciting new way. Director Maureen Gately has extensive training in several dance styles, which enhance her mastery of traditional Irish step dance. Maureen's experience as a professional dance performer has inspired her to explore creative choreography, thereby eliciting in her dancers a passion for performing. This innovative style also won her the 2009 Individual Artist Award for Dance Choreography presented by the Maryland State Arts Council. Tickets for this performance are \$12.00 for adults and \$10.00 for Arts Council members, seniors 60+ and students ages 18 & under. For tickets or more information, call the Carroll Arts Center at (410) 848-7272.

Accidental Tonality to Perform at the Westminster Branch Library on March 28th

Catch McDaniel College's *Accidental Tonality*, an all-male a cappella group, as they sing contemporary songs at the Westminster Branch Library on Wednesday, March 28th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free. Children ages 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

The Music Café Presents *Beatwater: A Beatles Tribute* at the Carroll Arts Center on March 31st

The Music Café of Damascus, MD is pleased to present *Beatwater: A Beatles Tribute* at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, March 31st, beginning at 7:00 p.m. *Beatwater* is a musical and visual tribute to the music of the Beatles. The band specializes in recreating the energy of one of the greatest bands of all time and has performed together on many stages across the east coast for many years. They will be taking the Carroll Arts Center by storm! The price of your ticket includes all appetizers! Don't miss this exciting show! Tickets are \$20.00 per person.

Civil War Ball Returns to the Old Longwell Armory on March 31st

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 5th Annual Corbit's Charge Civil War Ball on Saturday, March 31st, 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 period 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 Nikki Haschert at (410) 848-9161 or Kim Paden at (410) 876-5390 or email them at nhaschert@westgov.com or ujltd@msn.com respectively.



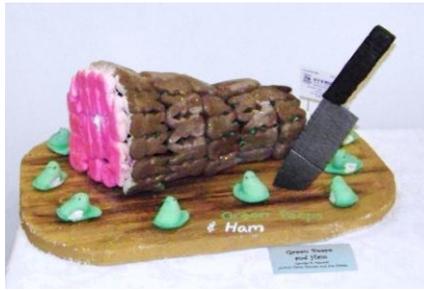
Scenes from the 4th Annual Corbit's Charge Civil War Ball in March 2011

Why I Left the Amish Author to Speak at the Westminster Branch Library on April 4th

The Westminster Branch Library, 50 East Main Street, is pleased to present the author of *Why I Left the Amish*, Saloma Miller Furlong, on Wednesday, April 4th, at 7:00 p.m. Many myths and misconceptions perpetuated in mainstream American culture make the Amish one of the most misunderstood subcultures in the United States. In her memoir, *Why I Left the Amish*, Saloma Miller Furlong demonstrates the resilience of the human spirit, for when she left her home at 20, she chose a whole new life -- one in which she first learned to survive and eventually to thrive. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Registration is required for this event and begins on March 21st. For more information, call the Westminster Branch Library at (410) 386-4488.

The 5th Annual "Peep Show" Returns to the Carroll Arts Center April 5th - 15th

The tantalizing "Peep Show" returns to the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, from Thursday, April 5th through Sunday, April 15th. 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, mosaics, photography, stop-action film making, or computer-generated art that feature Peeps® as the primary subject matter or artistic medium. "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 by purchasing voting chips. In addition, many other special artistic merit awards will be determined by the Arts Council staff and PEEP Show committee. The voting closes at 5:00 pm on Sunday, April 15th. Show hours will be from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm daily. It's not too late to enter your own piece of "Peep" art. Entrants must pre-register by March 23rd. Guidelines and application forms can be downloaded from <http://www.carrollcountyartsCouncil.org//documents/PEEPshow-Guidelines-2012ID124.pdf>.



It is amazing what folks can do with or about Peeps!

Join the Easter Bunny at the City of Westminster's Easter Egg Hunts on Saturday, April 7th

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 7th. 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.

Common Ground on the Hill Presents Kevin Burke at the Carroll Arts Center on April 7th

Common Ground on the Hill's 2011-2012 Music Concert Series closes with Irish fiddle master Kevin Burke at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, April 7th, beginning at 8:00 pm. Kevin's sparkling, lyrical fiddle playing has earned him a reputation as one of the finest, most influential players in music today. From The Bothy Band to Patrick Street, he has defined Irish fiddling for a generation. His work with artists as disparate as Kate Bush, Arlo Guthrie and Christy Moore has given him an audience that not only spans continents, it defies attempts at categorization. Described as "one of the greatest Celtic fiddlers alive" by *The New York Times*, Burke was recognized with a National Heritage Fellowship Award by the National Endowment For the Arts in 2002, this country's highest honor in the traditional arts. In 2005, he was named one of Irish America's Top 100 by Irish America Magazine. 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.

Westminster Branch Library Presents *The Civil War: The Black Experience* on April 9th

The Westminster Branch Library, 50 East Main Street, presents *The Civil War: The Black Experience* on Monday, April 9th, at 7:00 p.m. The Civil War was a tumultuous time in our nation's history, particularly for African Americans. Join local historian Mike Eckard as he discusses the black experience during this time, including subjects such as the Emancipation Proclamation, the abolitionist movement, and the wartime experiences of African American women and soldiers. Mr. Eckard will also bring artifacts for display. For more information, call the Westminster Branch Library at (410) 386-4490.

Symbols in Stone is the Topic of the April 10th Box Lunch Talk

Have you ever seen a symbol carved on a tombstone and wondered what it meant? Some are easy to interpret but others are more obscure. Join Diane Nesmeyer as she discusses what to consider when interpreting the meanings behind the symbols and shows examples of some of the most common symbols found in cemeteries at the Tuesday, March 10th, 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 \$5.00 for non-members.

Little Community Theater Presents *Blame It on the Pony Express!* on April 13th, 14th, 20th & 21st at St. Paul's UCC
The Little Community Theater of Carroll County is pleased to present *Blame It on the Pony Express!* by Whitney Garry at St. Paul's United Church of Christ at the corner of Bond and Green Streets on April 13th, 14th, 20th and 21st. Gideon Culpepper opens the Last Chance Inn and the guests pour in immediately! Dashing Horace Prickley agrees to help poor flower-peddler Flossie McDurdle become a lady, so she can win her heart's true love, the spineless but wealthy Theodore Vanderthistle. Teddy's scheming mother, Vedalia, has other plans though. She sends for Posey Lee Perriwinkle, a beautiful Southern belle who arrives via Pony Express as a mail-order bride. Unfortunately, Posey falls for Gideon instead. Meanwhile Horace finds that he is falling for Flossie and facing the dilemma of helping her and therefore losing her to Teddy. This clever play, a prequel to the other Calamity Gulch comedies, weaves together elements of "My Fair Lady" and "Gone with the Wind." The doors open at 6:00 p.m. with a silent auction. Dinner starts at 7:00 p.m. with the performance beginning at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 per person. For tickets, go to: <http://www.tlctheater.com/ticketbooth>. Proceeds from the performances benefit the Shepherd's Staff.

4th Annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® Takes to the Streets of Downtown Westminster on April 14th

Rape Crisis Intervention Service of Carroll County, 224 North Center Street - Room 102, presents the 4th Annual *Walk a Mile in Her Shoes®: The International Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault and Gender Violence* on Saturday, April 14, 2012. The event will begin at 11:00 a.m. in Dutterer Park, where registration begins at 10:00 a.m. The walkers will venture out of the park onto Pennsylvania Avenue towards Main Street. The walk will continue up Main Street and make a turn down Center Street to conclude the walk at Westminster City Park. New to this year's walk will be music, awards, food and a short program at the conclusion of the walk. Also, this year every walker will receive a free 2012 Walk a Mile in Her Shoes t-shirt. 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. Online registration is now open. To participate, go to: <http://www.walkamilecc.org/register.php>.

Westminster Branch Library Presents *Today's Hobbies - Yesterday's Way of Life* on April 14th

The Westminster Branch Library, 50 East Main Street, invites you to take a stroll down memory lane and join local artisans as they demonstrate lost arts of yesteryear on Saturday, April 14th, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Some of the activities will include beekeeping, chair caning, floor cloth painting, homemade ice cream and hand-churned butter. The Four County Squares will also make an appearance onstage in the Mary Lou Dewey Sculpture Park. Children age 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. This program is sponsored in part by a Community Arts Development grant from the Carroll County Arts Council and the Maryland State Arts Council.

Westminster Branch Library Presents *Dolphin Tale* for Family Movie Night on April 18th

Join the Westminster Branch Library staff for an evening of family fun, as they present the film *Dolphin Tale* on Wednesday, April 18th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Westminster Branch Library, 50 East Main Street. Sit back and relax with family and friends while watching a great new movie at the library. They'll even supply the popcorn! Children age 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (410) 386-4488.

The 31st Annual Main Street Mile Race Runs Down Main Street on Wednesday, April 18th

The 31st Annual Main Street Mile running event comes to Downtown Westminster on Wednesday, April 18th. 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 or call (717) 357-1666.



Photos from previous Main Street Mile events

The Historical Society's Past Times for Children Series Presents *Trains in Carroll County* on April 21st

The Historical Society of Carroll County is pleased to present *Trains in Carroll County* for this month's topic for the *Past Times for Children* series on Saturday, April 21st, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., in the Koontz-Yingling Learning Center at Cockey's, 216 East Main Street. Your child will discover the excitement of trains through music, literature and creativity. They will create their own train and bring it home. Through the History Hour program, children from 3 to 6 years old will discover what Carroll County was like in the 1800s. There is a \$5.00 charge for each class per child, and pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call the Historical Society of Carroll County at (410) 848-6494.

The Documentary *Finding Kind* to be Shown at the Carroll Arts Center on April 26th

The documentary film *Finding Kind* will be shown at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Thursday April 26th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. *Finding Kind* is a documentary film and a movement bringing awareness of the effects of meanness within “girl world”. It is an important event open to all parents and recommended for middle school, high school and college-age male and female students. Filmmakers Lauren Parsekian and Molly Thompson will be present for Q&A after the film. The event is a collaborative effort of the Carroll County Health Department, McDaniel College, Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County, and Rape Crisis Intervention Service of Carroll County. Admission is free. However, due to limited seating available, please visit www.HealthyCarroll.org to RSVP for the event. For more information about this event, contact Kim Spangler at (410) 876-4965.

One Tree Productions Presents Poet Laureate Michael S. Glaser at the Arts Center on April 26th

One Tree Productions invites you to the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, for a special evening of poetry on Thursday, April 26th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This evening’s featured poet will be Michael S. Glaser, Maryland State Poet Laureate from 2004 to 2009. Admission to the event is free. For more information, call the Carroll Arts Center at (410) 848-7272.

Giulianova Groceria & Italian Deli Presents *An Evening with Frank and Dean* on April 28th

Chef Billy Schroeder of Giulianova Groceria & Italian Deli, 11 East Main Street, strikes again with a fabulous dinner and show on Saturday, April 28th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Chef Billy will prepare another wonderful 5-course Italian dinner while Steve Flynn, the most popular Sinatra tribute artist in the Washington-Baltimore metropolitan area, and Eric Richardson, a Dean Martin impersonator from Bel Air, will present *A Evening with Frank and Dean* for the entertainment portion of the evening. Tickets are \$65.00 per person. For tickets and information, call Billy Schroeder at (410) 876-7425. You better hurry as they are going fast!

Downtown Business Happenings

Great Things to Check Out

- **Bill’s Seafood and Pit Beef**, 2 Washington Road, is now serving breakfast sandwiches and homemade chipped beef from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Monday through Saturday.
- **Birdie’s Café** at 233 East Main Street will host an Artist Reception for Donna Yarrish on Friday, March 2nd, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Donna’s works will be on display at **Birdie’s Café** throughout March and April. Joe Gaultier will be performing live on Saturday, March 3rd, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. **Birdie’s** will be hosting a booksigning event on Saturday, March 17th, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Irvin F. Stapf, Jr. will be at the café to sign his book entitled *Not for This Life Only*. 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, will occur on March 17th and April 21st.
- **CUP Tea Bar & Café** at 7 East Main Street has changed their Saturday hours to 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They have also changed the times of their Saturday Live Lunch concerts from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to noon to 2:00 p.m. Performers currently scheduled include: March 3rd - Keith & Nomi; March 10th - Jesse Cook and March 17th - Mike Lentino. For future performers, check out their Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/CUP-Tea-Bar-Cafe/197641980301952?sk=wall>.
- Culinary delights will once again flourish at **Giulianova Groceria & Italian Deli**, 11 East Main Street, with cooking lessons occurring in March and April. All classes start at 7:00 p.m. There are 2 different classes in March. The March 8th lesson is from “The Wonderful World of Frittatas” and will focus on the Art of Poaching. Chef Billy Schroeder will show you how to prepare a basic chicken stock; Italian chicken meatballs; egg drop soup; and broccoli raab. Thursday, March 15th, is “Chicken Night.” Chef Billy will show you how to prepare Fettuccine Carbonara with grilled chicken; Chicken Orobianco: chicken breast with sweet Italian sausage and mushrooms simmered in a white wine; and Coq Au Vin: chicken pieces with mushrooms and onions, braised with herbs and red wine. Thursday, April 19th is the date of the April cooking class with pasta primavera with baby vegetables and fresh herbs; asparagus frittata; and flank steak with mixed spring greens and homemade ranch dressing being the items to be prepared. The cost of the each class is \$25.00 per person. Don’t forget it is the Lenten season and **Giulianova** is stocked with their homemade coddies, salmon cakes, lump crab cakes and deviled eggs for the season. To sign-up for these classic culinary events or for more information, call Billy at (410) 876-7425.
- **Johansson Dining House** at 4 West Main Street continues its Brew Sessions series on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays in March and April from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with the following breweries being featured: March 10th - Yards Brewing Company from Philadelphia; March 24th - Goose Island Beer Company from Chicago; April 14th - Samuel Adams from Boston and April 28th - Carroll County Hops Growers.
- 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 performance schedule is as follows: March 2nd - Moe Stringz; March 9th - Altered Mike; March 16th - Ben Sherman; March 23rd - D.A.M. Trio; and March 30th - Triple Shot.
- **O’Lordans Irish Pub** at 14 Liberty Street has announced the following live performance schedule for March: March 10th - Chris Swam from 9:00 p.m. to midnight; March 16th - NUA from 9:00 p.m. to midnight; March 17th - Seacht (Seven) from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; March 17th - NUA from 7:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.; and March 24th - Finnegan’s Woo from 9:00 p.m. to midnight. 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 welcome all traditional Irish and Celtic musicians and listeners.
- **Maggie’s Restaurant**, 310 East Green Street, has live music on Saturday evenings from 9:30 pm to 12:30 am. March’s schedule to date is: March 3rd - Rich and Famous; March 10th - Chris Schoberg; March 17th - Colgan & Hirsch (7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.); March 24th - Middle Sister; and March 31st - Scott Usherman. On April 25th, **Maggie’s** will be holding another wine dinner. Check out **Maggie’s** website - <http://www.maggieswestminster.com/> for April’s music schedule and wine dinner information as April draws near.
- **Rafael’s**, 32 West Main Street, has karaoke with Jon Ardisone every Wednesday from 9:00 p.m. to midnight in March and April. On Thursday evenings, DJ Chris McDonald will spin the tunes from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at **Rafael’s**. **Rafael’s** current live music schedule in March and April is as follows: March 2nd - Chris Schoberg; March 3rd - Steve May; March 9th - Ben Sherman; March 10th - Greg Gottleib; March 17th - Tom Long Band; March 23rd - Rich Fehle; April 6th - Ben Sherman; April 7th - Steve May; April 14th - Chris Schoberg; April 21st - Chain Links; and April 28th - Rich Fehle. To find out what else is happening in March and April at **Rafael’s**, call (410) 840-1919 or check out <http://rafaelsrestaurant.com/vcalendar/>.

- **Coffey Music** at 31 East Main Street continues to host open Bluegrass Jams on the 1st and 3rd 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.
- **Eclecticity Arts, Books, Music ...and More!** at 13 John Street will be celebrating St. Paddy's Day on Saturday, March 17th, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Have a favorite Irish poem, story or song? Go to **Eclecticity** and share it on St. Patrick's Day. Browse a selection of Irish authors, Celtic knotwork, boxes, prints and journals, Irish photos and cards, St. Pat's cards, adopt a wee faeire or just find a green (or not) treasure. Complimentary tea & biscuits (a.k.a. cookies) will be present and there will be authentic Irish tunes on the box all day. Meanwhile, stop by **Eclecticity** for the \$5 bag o' books sale that runs through St. Patrick's Day.
- **Off Track Art**, 11 Liberty Street - Side Entrance, will be featuring the works of Lindsay Wailes in March and April. An artist reception is planned for Friday, March 16th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

New Faces or Different Places

- **KLIQ Boardshop** is now open for business at 85 West Main Street. Effective March 15th, the shop's hours of operation will change to Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. **KLIQ Boardshop** features snowboards, skateboards, skateboard accessories, boarding clothes and shoes. There is free parking next to the building.



Visit KLIQ Boardshop at 85 West Main Street for your skateboarding and snowboarding needs.

- **Hotlooks Hair Design** is pleased to announce stylist/master colorist Dawn Cover has joined the salon at 178 East Main Street.
- **But God Ministries & Thrift Store**, 2 Bond Street - Suite D, has opened.

Did You Know...

- The **Carroll Arts Center**, 91 West Main Street, has changed its hours to include being open on another evening - Tuesdays until 8 pm. The Art Center's regular hours will be as follows: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Arts Center is also open on evenings when there is a film or a performance in the theatre.

Coming Soon

- **Westminster Design Center**, 11 Liberty Street, will soon be offering interior inspiration at one location. Areas of design consulting the firm will cover include kitchen & bath cabinetry, area rugs & flooring, window treatments, custom wine cellars, and landscaping.
- Keep an eye out for information on **Downtown Westminster Restaurant Week** that is being planned for April 20th -28th.

Anniversaries...

- **Eclecticity Arts, Books, Music ...and More!** at 13 John Street is celebrating its 1st Anniversary on March 3rd. Congratulations Shawn!
- **Papa Joe's**, 27 East Main Street (Rear), celebrates its 5th Anniversary in Downtown Westminster this April 23rd. Congratulations to Jose and Trish Alejandrez!

Kudos to...

- Karen Barbour of **The Barbour Group** at 20 Liberty Street, Suite 2-D for being named one of Maryland's Top 100 Women by *The Daily Record*.

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. 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.