



## THE DOWNTOWN WESTMINSTER MAIN STREET NEWS November/December 2010

### The First Thursday Art History Film Series Presents *Titian* at the Carroll Arts Center on November 4<sup>th</sup>

The First Thursday Art History Film Series will present a study of Titian at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, at noon and 7:00 p.m. During the Renaissance, Titian broke painting barriers by using bold splashes of color and a radical approach to light and expressive composition. Using "*Titian*" from the film series "The Great Artists," narrated by Tim Marlow, as the starting point, Visual Arts Coordinator Susan Williamson will lead a lively post-film discussion. Tickets are \$10.00 and \$8.00 for Arts Council members.

### Little Community Theatre Presents "*Shop Til You Drop...Dead!*" at St. Paul's UCC November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

The Little Community Theatre will present a dinner theatre production of "*Shop Til You Drop...DEAD!*" at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, located at the corner of Bond and Green Streets, on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> to benefit The Shepherd's Staff and the Little Community Theatre. The hit TV game show, "Stop, Shop and Bankroll," comes to Westminister to tape a few segments. Director Astrid Cornelius carefully handles her temperamental stars while her game show announcer, Tony Gilmore, tries to help smooth the troubled waters, but to no avail. One of the stars "cashes in his chips" during the shopping portion of the game and the director sees an opportunity for a new TV game show through solving the crime with the cameras rolling. Of course, audience participation helps the cast find the culprit! A reception and silent auction kicks off the evening at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m., and the show at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 per person. For more information or to purchase tickets with cash or check, call (410) 751-9577.

### McDaniel Meets Main Street: McDaniel College's Homecoming Parade Travels Through Downtown on November 6<sup>th</sup>

With the theme of "Wild, Wild Westminister," McDaniel College's Homecoming Parade, which begins at "high noon," on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, is sure to have some very "interesting" floats and walking units to see as they parade up Main Street from Longwell Avenue to Bair Stadium on the McDaniel College Campus. Also, be on the lookout for ten Little Green Terrors on November 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> in downtown, as you will receive a reward for being the first person to find each individual terror hidden in shops and locations in Downtown Westminister. Wanted Posters will be displayed downtown on November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> to provide a description of these "wanted" little critters.

### "*Laura Ingalls Wilder*" on stage at the Carroll Arts Center on November 6<sup>th</sup>

Everyone's favorite pioneer girl, Laura Ingalls Wilder, will come to life on stage at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm for a marvelous musical interpretation of Wilder's life. The production will be performed by the acclaimed "Arts Power" National Touring Theatre based in New Jersey. The show follows Laura as she and her family travel across America in search of a place they can call home. Facing obstacles such as scarlet fever and eviction from their land, their pioneering spirit and family bonds are tested but never broken. The show is family-friendly and ideal for children in grades 1 through 6. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$7 for Arts Council members, students & seniors. For more information or to purchase tickets in advance with a credit card, call the Arts Center at (410) 848-7272.



The Carroll Arts Center will be busy on November 6<sup>th</sup> with the production "*Laura Ingalls Wilder*" in the afternoon and a concert by Jonathan Edwards in the evening

### Common Ground on the Hill Presents Jonathan Edwards on November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Carroll Arts Center

Common Ground on the Hill's 2010-2011 Roots Music Concerts Series is pleased to present Jonathan Edwards, a vital and relevant artist in today's folk and Americana scenes, at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:00 p.m., in a special solo performance. Four decades into a stellar career of uncompromising musical integrity, Jonathan Edwards simply delivers night after night - songs of passion, songs of insight, songs of humor, all rendered in that pure and powerful tenor which, like fine wine, has only grown sweeter with age. Since 1971, Jonathan has released 15 albums, including *Blue Ridge*, his standard-setting collaboration with bluegrass favorites the Seldom Scene, and *Little Hands*, his collection of children's songs, which was honored with a National Library Association award. An artist who measures his success by his ability to attract and take good care of an audience, Jonathan maintains that it is the feedback he receives after his shows that keeps him going. 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.

### November 9<sup>th</sup>'s Box Lunch Talk Focuses on Woodbine on the B&O

Join author John Foertschbeck as he looks at 200 years of the history and heritage of Woodbine and its surroundings in Carroll and Howard Counties at the Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> Box Lunch Talk. Through historic photographs and newspapers, he examines the area's evolution from an important stop on the B&O Railroad to a bedroom community for Baltimore and Washington. 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.

### Veterans' Day Service to be Held at the Old Westminster Armory on November 11<sup>th</sup>

Westminster's annual remembrance service for Veterans' Day will be held on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m., at the old Westminster Armory, 11 Longwell Avenue. The service is open to the public and honors veterans of the past and present. For more information on the service, call Carroll Post #31 of the American Legion at (410) 857-7953 or (410) 876-0746.

### The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Mistletoe Mart Brings the Holiday Season to Downtown Westminster beginning November 11<sup>th</sup>

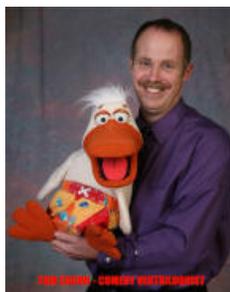
The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Mistletoe Mart at the Church of the Ascension, 23 North Court Street, helps kick off the Holiday Season from Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Purchase items from one of the fifty juried crafters or unusual gift shops. Additionally, there will be a café with savory fare, a silent auction, door prizes and tea served throughout the day. The Mistletoe Mart is open Thursday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children under the age of 12. For more information, go to: <http://mistletoemart.org/wp/>.

### Catch "Groovy" at the Carroll Arts Center November 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

The Carroll County Arts Council, in partnership with the Maryland Ensemble Theatre, will be presenting a fully staged 60's-era musical "Groovy," featuring the talents of local middle school actors, at the Carroll Arts Center from November 12<sup>th</sup> through November 14<sup>th</sup>. Show times are 7:00 p.m. on Friday November 12<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. The show follows Travis, Muriel and Alice who decide to throw a free 'Music, Beads and Flowers Celebration.' A popular singing group, the Lemon Bugs, loves the idea and donates their talent. In no time, crazily-painted busses start arriving at Crumb's Apple Farm, the site of the festival. Everything is going nicely until Mrs. Porter, who hates "The Love Generation," shows up and demands that the local police close it down. If this wasn't bad enough, two music promoters offer the Lemon Bugs a deal they can't refuse if they will skip the celebration. The show is directed by Julie Herber of Maryland Ensemble Theatre while Tabettha White is the Assistant Director and Stage Manager. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for Arts Council members, students 18 & under and Seniors 60+. For tickets or more information, call (410) 848-7272.

### FLICC presents "Julie & Julia" at the Carroll Arts Center on November 19<sup>th</sup>

Film Lovers in Carroll County (FLICC) are proud to present "Julie & Julia" at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. This contemporary look at the world's most beloved chef by director Nora Ephron provides the perfect inspiration as we prepare for Thanksgiving. In 1949, Julia Child is in Paris, the wife of a diplomat, wondering how to spend her days. She tries hat making, bridge, and then cooking lessons at Le Cordon Bleu. There she discovers her passion. In 2002, Julie Powell, about to turn 30 and underemployed with an unpublished novel, decides to cook her way through Child's "Mastering the Art of French Cooking" in a year and to blog about it. Though separated by time and space, both women are at loose ends... until they discover that with the right combination of passion, fearlessness and butter, anything is possible. Bring a non-perishable food item for Carroll Food Sunday to help those in need. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for Arts Council members, students under 18 and seniors 60 years & over.



It's a fulfilling weekend at the Carroll Arts Center on November 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> with the culinary delights of *Julie & Julia* on November 19<sup>th</sup> and the belly-busting comedy of Tom Crowl on November 20<sup>th</sup>

### Tom Crowl Presents *Alone Again, Un-Naturally: An Evening of Adult Comedy* at the Arts Center on November 20<sup>th</sup>

Comedian, ventriloquist and Westminster native Tom Crowl returns to the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, to perform an evening of adult comedy for the first time in two years on Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. Don't miss this rare local performance! Tom has been seen on NBC's Last Comic Standing. He also opened the 2010 International Ventriloquists Convention in July. The evening will begin with Tom's special guest, Mike Rose, "The Magic Kinda Guy". According to Tom, Mike is both a magician and a comedian, just not always simultaneously! Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$10.00 for Arts Council members and Seniors 60+. For tickets or more information, call (410) 848-7272.

### Catch the Holiday Spirit by Checking out the Holiday Storefronts in Downtown Westminster

Get into the holiday spirit by taking a stroll downtown with your loved ones some evening after Thanksgiving and checking out the numerous holiday storefront and window displays. Downtown Westminster is truly a festive looking place heading into the holidays with all of the decorated trees, shrubs and holiday lights done by the City and the many wonderful window displays completed by the downtown businesses. While many of the windows are done up to compete in the Mayor's Cup Holiday Decorating Contest that is

annually awarded at the tree lighting ceremony, there are just as many that do it solely for the spirit of the season. Come to Downtown Westminster and enjoy!



Here is a sampling of holiday window displays in Downtown Westminster from last year

### Starlight Shopping is on Friday November 26<sup>th</sup>; Don't Miss Downtown's 1<sup>st</sup> Ever Pajama Party Sale & Contest

Don't miss Starlight Shopping, Downtown's annual, late night holiday sales event on "Black Friday," Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Stroll through Downtown Westminster and view the holiday-themed window displays to get into the spirit of the season. Grab a bite to eat at one of our fine eateries to energize yourself before shopping to your heart's content. Check out all of Downtown's shops for those one-of-a-kind gifts you can't find in the mall or the big box stores. Entertainment, such as church choirs or school groups, is presently being scheduled for the event to add an even more festive feeling. Hoping to prove that some people will do anything for a special discount, the 1<sup>st</sup> Downtown Westminster Pajama Party Sale & Contest will be held during Starlight Shopping. During the hours of Starlight Shopping on "Black Friday," the Pajama Party Sale invites shoppers to slip into their footed pajamas, bunny slippers, and other assorted sleepwear to enjoy special deals and discounts. Shoppers entering the PJ contest, to be held at 8:00 p.m. in the atrium of the Winchester Exchange Building, 15 East Main Street, will be eligible for prizes in the categories of "Best Dressed Individual Shopper in Pajamas," "Best Dressed Pair of Shoppers in Pajamas," and "Best Dressed Shopping Group in Pajamas." Registration for the contest will begin at 7:30 p.m. After a long day of shopping, why not get in your PJs to shop and relax in Downtown Westminster?

### "Miracle on Main Street" Holiday Event Kicks Off the Holiday Season in Downtown on November 27<sup>th</sup>

Santa Claus is coming to town once again in a big way on Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup>! To celebrate his arrival and the start of the holiday season, Downtown Westminster will be abuzz with the "Miracle on Main Street" Holiday Event. The event, sponsored by the City of Westminster and the Main Street Committee of the Greater Westminster Development Corporation, kicks off at 3:00 p.m., with the opening of the ticket booths for the children carnival rides to be located along Paide Way near the Westminster Family Fitness Center (the old Armory), 11 Longwell Avenue. At 3:00 p.m., the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, will screen the classic holiday film *Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street* with a "Good Old Days" admission price of 25 cents. The film will conclude before the 4:45 p.m. start so you can have time to find yourself a great spot to watch the ensuing holiday parade. Westminster's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holiday Electric Parade will kick off at 5:00 p.m. Following the traditional parade route of Pennsylvania Avenue and Main Street to Longwell Avenue, lighted floats (with more than 2,000 lights on each), marching bands, horses, exotic cars, marching units and of course, the big guy himself - Santa Claus - will pass in the review through Historic Downtown Westminster. Immediately following the parade, the City's annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Locust Lane. Join Mayor Kevin R. Utz and other City Officials as he awards the Mayor's Cup to the best-decorated downtown storefront, sings carols to the music of the Westminster Municipal Band and, along with help from all of the youngsters in attendance, lights the holiday tree. After the tree is lit, Santa and the kids will head up to the gymnasium at the Westminster Family Fitness Center where the City's Department of Recreation and Parks will host Santa's Treat. This children's event is free and will feature games, crafts, activities, prizes and much more. Of course, great food and drink can be discovered downtown throughout the day. If you do not get into the holiday spirit after such an action packed day in Downtown Westminster, your last name must be Scrooge!



Some photographs of last year's "Miracle on Main Street" Holiday Event: A couple floats from the Holiday Electric Parade, Mayor Utz & Santa at the holiday tree lighting ceremony, Westminster Municipal Band playing holiday tunes at the tree lighting and some of the huge crowd at Santa's Treat

### 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Wreaths Begins December 1<sup>st</sup> at the Carroll Arts Center

For the 13<sup>th</sup> straight year, the Carroll County Arts Council will host its annual "Festival of Wreaths" from December 1<sup>st</sup> through December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street. The Festival, which has become one of Carroll County's best attended holiday events, will again feature more than 220 uniquely decorated theme wreaths on display for the public through a five-day silent auction. All proceeds from this annual event benefit the Carroll County Arts Council. The wreaths will range from elegantly tradition to radically whimsical. The public is invited to vote for their favorites throughout the event and awards in several categories will be presented on December 4<sup>th</sup>. The wreaths themselves are crafted from materials as diverse as copper tubing, thumb tacks, eyeglasses, stained glass, used auto parts, "Live Strong" bracelets, rope, cell phones, and, of course, duct tape. Festival Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and noon to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Bidding ends promptly at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. The highest bidders are not required to be present at the close of the auction. Admission to the Festival is free. For more information on The Festival of Wreaths, call the Carroll County Arts Council at (410) 848-7272.



Some examples of the wreaths displayed at last year's Festival of Wreaths

### Free Holiday Movies Slated for the Carroll Arts Center during the Festival Of Wreaths

During the Carroll County Arts Council's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Wreaths, the Arts Council will be hosting a series of free classic holiday films. Admission is free and advance tickets are not needed. Seating is on a "first come, first served" basis. Concessions will be available for sale. Before or after the films, be sure to take time to visit the Festival of Wreaths. The schedule is as follows:

#### Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

- 1:00 p.m. White Christmas
- 4:30 p.m. William Wegman's 12 Dogs of Christmas
- 5:15 p.m. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

#### Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

- 10:30 a.m. George Balanchine's Nutcracker
- 1:30 p.m. It's a Wonderful Life
- 5:00 p.m. How the Grinch Stole Christmas
- 6:15 p.m. A Christmas Story

#### Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

- 12:30 p.m. National Geographic Animal Holiday
- 1:15 p.m. Frosty the Snowman
- 2:00 p.m. How the Grinch Stole Christmas
- 2:45 p.m. Santa Claus is Coming to Town

### Carroll County Arts Council Presents A Charlie Brown Jazz Christmas December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at the Arts Center

What do you get when you pair the beloved animated holiday film *"Charlie Brown's Christmas"* with a live performance of the film's Vince Guaraldi jazz score? You get a fabulously festive show featuring Charlie Brown and the gang, along with the renowned Eric Byrd Trio! This annual presentation is always very popular with both families and discriminating jazz aficionados and is a great way to celebrate the season. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Before or after the show, you'll also be able to enjoy the Carroll County Arts Council's Festival of Wreaths. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for Arts Council members, students 18 years & under and seniors 60 years & over. For more information or to reserve tickets in advance, call (410) 848-7272.



Charlie Brown & the gang team up with the Eric Byrd Trio for A Charlie Brown Jazz Christmas at the Carroll Arts Center



Santa Claus greets folks in the snow and chats with friends at his house in Locust Lane Park on Saturdays in December

### Santa Claus Returns to Locust Lane on Saturday Afternoons in December

Santa Claus will once again make Locust Lane Park in Downtown Westminster his home away from home on Saturdays during the December shopping season. He is looking forward to seeing his many local friends at his house on Locust Lane across East Main Street from the library from Noon to 4:00 p.m. on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>. Parents are invited take their own photographs of their youngsters with Santa, but please don't forget to check the batteries, film or digital media card before you leave the house.

### Catch "Cars" during Family Movie Time at the Westminster Branch Library on December 4<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 *Cars* on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Gallery of Gifts to Fill the Tevis Gallery of the Arts Center during the Holidays - December 9<sup>th</sup> through January 8<sup>th</sup>

The Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, continues their annual tradition by transforming their Tevis Gallery into the "Gallery of Gifts" during the holiday shopping season. This special cash and carry exhibit will resemble an outdoor craft market rather than a traditional gallery exhibit, as more than 19 artists will display their festive wares in booth-style settings. The show will feature the same level of artistic quality that Arts Center visitors have come to expect. There will be a wide variety of hand-crafted creations from inexpensive stocking stuffers to truly elegant special gifts. Local artists combine with regional artists for a distinct flavor of fashion, fantasy and whimsy. To lessen the holiday stress, there will be complimentary gift wrapping for all purchases! The "Gallery of Gifts" will be open from Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Gallery hours will be 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, and from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday. The shopping frenzy will begin at a Meet the Artists' reception on Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### Maryland Ensemble Theatre presents "A Christmas Carol" at the Carroll Arts Center December 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

Back by popular demand at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, will be the holiday classic "A Christmas Carol." This is the timeless story of grumpy Ebenezer Scrooge who thinks Christmas is a "humbug." When the spirits of Christmas Past, Present and Future call on Christmas Eve, Mr. Scrooge starts to see his life in a different light. This clever and heartwarming adaptation is presented by the acclaimed Maryland Ensemble Theatre. The whole family will enjoy this beautifully staged production celebrating the true spirit of Christmas. Performances will be at 8:00 p.m. on both December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, along with a 3:00 p.m. performance on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$13.00 for Arts Council members, students 18 years & under and seniors 60 years & over.

### Holiday Favorites Sing-Along with the *Wee Women* at the Westminster Branch Library on December 11<sup>th</sup>

The *Wee Women*, a component ensemble of the Children's Chorus of Carroll County, will engage customers of the Carroll County Public Library - Westminster Branch, 50 East Main Street, in a holiday songfest on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m. The ensemble will sing secular and sacred pieces, as well as songs with an Irish lilt. While open to all ages, children age 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

### 2010 Historic Westminster Holiday House Tour Features the Houses of Belle Grove Square on December 11<sup>th</sup>

The Westminster Historic District Commission once again presents the Historic Westminster Holiday House Tour on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tour some of Westminster's beautifully decorated historic homes in the historic Belle Grove Square neighborhood. 8 homes and 2 churches will "deck their halls" to show off to the community. This is a rare chance to see inside some of Westminster's historic homes and hidden treasures. Individual tickets are \$10.00 in advance and \$12.00 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at the City Administrative Offices at 56 West Main Street, Carroll Arts Center at 91 West Main Street and from downtown merchants displaying House Tour signage stating "Tickets Sold Here." For more information on the Holiday House Tour, call Melissa Hynes at (410) 848-7967 or visit <http://www.westgov.com/citygov/HolidayHouseTour.html>.



Here is a sample of the homes that you'll be able to tour during the Historic Holiday House Tour on December 11<sup>th</sup>

### *The Homespun Ringers* to Perform at the Westminster Branch Library on December 13<sup>th</sup>

*The Homespun Ringers* will treat the customers of the Carroll County Public Library - Westminster Branch, 50 East Main Street, to a variety of handbell repertoire, including sacred, secular, and the classics, to ring in the holidays on Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.. This local group of 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> graders is a youth ensemble sponsored by the Westminster Ringers. While open to all ages, children age 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

### A Home in the Country is the Subject of December 14<sup>th</sup>'s Box Lunch Talk

Doughoregan Manor, built c.1727, was the country home of Charles Carroll of Carrollton from 1766 to 1832, a signer of the Declaration of Independence for Maryland, planter, landowner, politician, and U.S. Senator. He is buried in the family chapel attached to the north end of the mansion, his favorite country home. Join Bill Powell as he discusses the property which is the only home of a signer that is still in the family's hands, at the Box Lunch Talk on Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### *Walt Michael & Company* Return Home for the Holidays on December 18<sup>th</sup> for a Concert at the Arts Center

Common Ground on the Hill Founder and Executive Director Walt Michael wants you to catch the spirit of the season at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Walt Michael & Co. Holiday Concert, featuring top-drawer traditional acoustic music, at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on December 18<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:00 p.m. Half a century ago, people in the mountains of the North Carolina and Southwest Virginia celebrated Christmas quite differently than the way most of us do now. They held two weeks of informal house parties that were filled with old time fiddle music, song and dance - a tradition they called "Breaking Up Christmas." These Christmas parties ran through and ended with Old Christmas, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Walt Michael & Company will "break up Christmas" with you on December 19<sup>th</sup> as they share their wide-ranging repertoire of tunes and songs that reflect the rich musical heritage of the Appalachians. Welcome to an evening of old time music. Let the season begin! Tickets are \$19 for adults and \$17 for students with ID, children under 18 years and seniors 65 years & over. For tickets or more information, call Common Ground on the Hill at (410) 857-2771.

### Downtown Business Happenings

#### Great Things to Check Out in Downtown

- Clementine's Country Boutique at 18 John Street and The Olde Liberty Shop at 39 Liberty Street will be holding Holiday Open Houses from Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Their Open House hours are 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday and Friday; 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday and noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

- **The Hickory Stick** at 28 Liberty Street will be holding its Holiday Open House on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, with the event hours being 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.
- **Unique Jewelry** at 15 East Main Street will be holding its Holiday Open House on Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Save 20% off all gold jewelry during the Open House, as **Unique Jewelry** thanks its customers for their support of almost 20 years. **Unique Jewelry** will be celebrating 20 years in business in June of 2011.
- **Birdie's Café Gallery** at 233 East Main Street will host a major retrospective exhibit and sale of photographic works by Phil Grout from November 5<sup>th</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. The exhibit will be a collection of Phil's photographs from his 44 years as a photojournalist and 40 years as a resident of Carroll County, Maryland. An opening reception for the artist will be held on Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- In addition to **Birdie's Café's** monthly poetry series, **The Corner of Poetry and Main**, held the third Saturday of every month from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the café, **Birdie's Café**, 233 East Main Street, now has live music! Musical performances presently slated for November and December include: November 6<sup>th</sup> - Transcendant 3rd; November 13<sup>th</sup> - Chris & Jenna; November 27<sup>th</sup> - ATM Trio; and December 4<sup>th</sup> - Ceol Anam Cara. **The Corner of Poetry and Main** on November 20<sup>th</sup> will feature the poetry of Le Hinton and Sammy Miranda with music by Lynn Hollyfield, while the December 18<sup>th</sup> edition will feature Jim Warner and Elizabeth Hazen with music by Matt Pless.
- Culinary delights will once again abound at **Giulianova Groceria & Italian Deli**, 11 East Main Street, with cooking events occurring in November and December. The November culinary experience will be the 3rd Annual "Cooking with the Blues" on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Chef Billy Schroeder will show you how to prepare four blue crab recipes of Cajun influence. To accompany the blue crab dishes, Christopher James will perform live blues music. An added feature will be a wine tasting by College Square Liquors. In December, Chef Billy Schroeder will host his 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Advent Party on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Holiday food ideas will include standing prime rib roast, Gran Marnier ham, butter and sherry injected turkey breast, shrimp creole with saffron rice pilaf, jumbo lump crab marscapone, string beans with pancetta, and many Christmas desserts. There will also be a wine tasting by College Square Liquors, along with live music by Christopher James. The cost for each of these events is \$80.00 per person or \$70.00 per person when you reserve a table of 6. To sign-up for these classic culinary events, call Billy at (410) 876-7425.
- **O'Lordans Irish Pub** at 14 Liberty Street will have live music on Saturday nights from 9:00 p.m. to Midnight during November and December. The performance schedule is as follows: November 6<sup>th</sup> - One Third Wish; November 13<sup>th</sup> - Ben & Elena; November 20<sup>th</sup> - Gary Brown Duo; November 27<sup>th</sup> - NUA; December 4<sup>th</sup> - Finnegans Woo; December 11<sup>th</sup> - Ben & Elena; and December 18<sup>th</sup> - One Third Wish. Don't forget 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](http://www.olordansirishpub.com).
- **Rafael's** at 32 West Main Street begins *Monday Madness* on Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, by offering \$10 off bottles of wine all day and half price dinner entrees from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **Rafael's** also will have a DJ and live music during the months of November and December. To date, DJ Chris McDonald is slated to spin the tunes from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Local favorite Ben Sherman will perform live from 9:00 p.m. to Midnight on November 5<sup>th</sup> while the Tom Long Band, Second Venture Band and Virgil Cain will perform live from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> respectively. To find out what else is happening in November and December at **Rafael's**, call (410) 840-1919 or check out <http://rafaelsrestaurant.com/vcalendar/>.
- **A Little Bit of Tuscany**, 84 East Main Street, will have live music on most Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. during November and December. The performance schedule is as follows: November 4<sup>th</sup> - Gary Peeples; November 5<sup>th</sup> - Jon Seligman Trio; November 11<sup>th</sup> - Drew Stevyns; November 12<sup>th</sup> - Jon Seligman Trio; November 18<sup>th</sup> - Marty Dickerson; November 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> - Jon Seligman Trio; November 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> - Jon Seligman Trio; December 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mike Sharp; December 3<sup>rd</sup> - Drew Stevyns; December 9<sup>th</sup> - Joel David; December 10<sup>th</sup> - Marty Dickerson; December 11<sup>th</sup> - Don Bellew; December 16<sup>th</sup> - Mike Sharp; December 17<sup>th</sup> - Brian Farley; December 18<sup>th</sup> - Joel David; and December 31<sup>st</sup> - Jon Seligman & Russell Kirk. Enjoy authentic Tuscan food with wonderful Italian wines in a warm and welcoming atmosphere while listening to live local music. Reservations are requested. To find out what else might be happening at **A Little Bit of Tuscany** in November and December, visit <http://www.alittlebitoftuscany.com/>.
- Join Julie Ballard and Stephanie Bunting of **Ballard-Bunting Boutique**, 79 East Main Street - Rear, at the Westminster Branch of the Carroll County Public Library, 50 East Main Street, on Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., for Christmas craft making. All materials will be provided, and you must register to attend. Call (410) 386-4488 for more information.
- **Wine Me Up**, 61½ East Main Street, has Chris Hurley scheduled to perform on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. To check on news, specials and events at **Wine Me Up** in November, December and beyond, go to: <http://www.winemeupshoppeandtavern.com/index.html>.
- Beginning in December, **Maggie's Restaurant**, 310 East Green Street, will be having live music on Saturday evenings. As the schedule is not yet in place, check out Maggie's website - <http://www.maggieswestminster.com/>, Maggie's Facebook page or the Main Street Weekend Happenings link at [http://www.westminstermd.gov/mainstreet/mainstreet\\_events.html](http://www.westminstermd.gov/mainstreet/mainstreet_events.html) for performers as December draws near.
- The **Downtown Westminster Farmers' Market** will have Linda Johnson present a fun, informal introduction to saving seeds at the market on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Join the ranks of seed savers who grow and collect their own vegetable, flower, and herb seeds. Seed saving is a great way to perpetuate your garden naturally, while protecting traditional food crops from extinction. The last day of the 2010 season for the farmers' market is Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **Off Track Arts**, 11 Liberty Street - Side Entrance, and **Gizmos Art**, 195 West Main Street at 1 New Windsor Road, will be part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Carroll County Artists' Studio Tour on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Local artists will display their works at eight locations throughout Carroll County from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days. Take this unique opportunity to speak personally with the artists, and view demonstrations. Light refreshments will be provided along the tour. The tour is family-friendly, self-guided, and best of all, it's free! For more information on the studio tour and the participating artists, visit [www.ccartists.com](http://www.ccartists.com).

#### New Faces or Different Places

- **Harvestin' Natural Foods** is now open at 38 West Main Street, having moved from the old Firehouse Building at 66 East Main Street. Drop in and say "Hi" to Con and Ron Buczkowski and check out their new place.

### Coming Soon...

- Rumors have it that an art gallery will appear in time for the holiday season in the space last occupied by Cross Countries Travel at 13 John Street. Keep an eye out for it!

### Anniversaries

- Congratulations to **Bladerunner Hair, Nail & Skin** for celebrating their 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary in business this year. **Bladerunner** is located at 104 East Main Street.
- Tina Warehime at **Esquire and the Lady Salon**, 83 West Main Street, will be celebrating her 11<sup>th</sup> year in business in December.

### Extended Holiday Shopping Hours Announced

The following businesses are extending their hours during the holiday season, as noted below. Their hours on days not listed will remain the same as usual.

- **The Hickory Stick**, 28 Liberty Street, will stay open until 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning November 26<sup>th</sup>.
- **The Olde Liberty Shop**, 39 Liberty Street, will stay open until 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning November 26<sup>th</sup>.
- **ArtWorks and Apparel Boutique**, 29 East Main Street, will stay open until 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and will be open 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, beginning November 26<sup>th</sup> through December 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Gotham Comics**, 15 East Main Street, will have Saturday hours from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. from November 27<sup>th</sup> through December 18<sup>th</sup>, along with hours from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve for the last-minute shoppers.
- **Giulianova Groceria & Italian Deli**, 11 East Main Street, will have extended hours starting December 13<sup>th</sup>. Giulianova's extended hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on December 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>; 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on December 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on December 18<sup>th</sup>; 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on December 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>; 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on December 24<sup>th</sup>; 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on December 27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>; and 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Giulianova Groceria and Italian Deli will be closed on December 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Sidetracked**, 10 East Main Street, will be open Sundays in December from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Westminster Toy Shoppe**, 187 East Main Street, will be open Sundays in November and December from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Kudos to...

- Karen Barbour of **The Barbour Group** for receiving the 2010 Maryland Muscular Dystrophy Association Shining Star Award for Community Service. In the Fall of 2004, **The Barbour Group** began a volunteer relationship with the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) in Maryland. With the generous support of their clients, vendors, and community partners - they raised funds to assist MDA in its mission to serve the nearly 2,600 Maryland area children and adults with neuromuscular disease. As the first 100% woman-founded surety agency in Maryland, **The Barbour Group**, located at 20 Liberty Street - Suite 2D, provides bonding and commercial insurance to firms located throughout the United States.

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) with the information for inclusion in a future issue.

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