

# October '05

# The Port Washington Public Library

## REGISTRATIONS

Beginning October 1

Teen Babysitting Workshop... See Oct. 20

Beginning October 11

AARP Driver Safety... See Oct. 11

Beginning October 17

Teen Book Buddies... See Oct. 17

## EXHIBITS

In the Main Gallery

**KENSUKE WAKESHIMA:** Paintings on Rice Paper, October 1 through 30. The Art Advisory Council hosts a reception for the artist on Saturday, October 1 from 2 to 4 p.m. Story in this issue.

In the Photography Gallery

**THE LONG ISLAND MUSIC HALL OF FAME INAUGURAL EXHIBIT,** through October 31. The newly chartered group is dedicated to the idea that our Long Island musical heritage is an important resource to be celebrated and preserved. This exhibit, the first for the fledgling organization, is meant to inspire the desire to explore and celebrate the music that has been made by Long Islanders for over a century.

## 1

SATURDAY

**KEN WAKESHIMA:** The Art Advisory Council hosts a reception for the artist whose work is on exhibit in the Main Gallery this month. 2 to 4 p.m. Story in this issue.

## 2

SUNDAY

**LITTLE TOBY WALKER IN CONCERT:** One of Long Island's premier musicians visits for an afternoon of blues and bluegrass. 2 p.m. Story in this issue.

## 4

TUESDAY

**"ART OF THE SHORT FILM,"** Film Movement, an organization that makes award-winning foreign films, independent features and documentaries available to educational institutions, has compiled this collection of six short titles. The program includes Steve Pavlosky and Joe Weatherstone's Oscar-nominated *Inja* (2001-17 min.) (a drama about racism from South Africa); Prashant Bhargava's *Sangam* (2004-24 min.) (two South Asian men share their nostalgia, loneliness, hopes and despair about life in America); animator Koji Yamamura's Oscar-nominated *Mt. Head* (2002-10 min.) (a cherry tree grows out of a miser's head); Chris Stenner, Heidi Wittlinger and Arvid Uibel's Oscar-nominated *Das Rad (Rocks)* (2001-9 min.) (did you know that rocks can talk?); Leigh Dana Jackson's *The First Three Lives of Stuart Horsley* (2001-29 min.) (an inventor's time machine proves to be a waste of time); and Andy Watts' *Deathdealer: A Documentary* (2004-16 min.) (rocker Henry Rollins plays the Grim Reaper as a door-to-door salesman). Total running time: 105 min. 7:30 p.m.

## 5

WEDNESDAY

**LIBRARY MINI-COURSE:** Learn to use the library effectively. A tour designed to answer individual questions meets at the Information Desk. Every Wednesday at 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.

**RETIREMENT ROUNDTABLE:** For those previously registered. 7 p.m.

**VILLAGE OF SANDS POINT** hosts a multimedia presentation. *Echoes on the Sound* was produced in 1985 in conjunction with the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the incorporation of the village. It tells the history of Sands Point and its people using historic and contemporary photographs, historic documents and narration by well-known folk singer Oscar Brand. *Opening the Gates*, produced in honor of the 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Village Club of Sands Point by its Residents' Club Committee, covers the past 20 years and focuses on the acquisition and development of the Village Club and the changes to and development of the Village since 1985. George and Jon Pickoff produced both videos. Joan G. Kent, then a Sands Point resident, was Village production representative for the first program and served as Village Club liaison and wrote the script for the second. 7:30 p.m.

## 6

THURSDAY

**SENIOR CONNECTIONS:** Information and referral service staffed by trained volunteers designed to link older adults and their families to needed resources in the community. Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**GREAT BOOKS:** A discussion of *Two Shoes* by Carlos Fuentes. 8 p.m.

## 7

FRIDAY

**SANDWICHED IN:** Vietnam — Remembering the Past, Experiencing the Present with Sally Wendkos Olds. 12:10 p.m. Story in this issue.

**"LOOK AT ME" (Comme une Image).** Celebrity has unexpected consequences for everyone who lives in its shadow, as the family, friends and hangers-on of a famous writer discover in this comedy-drama from writer/director/actress Agnès Jaoui and co-writer/co-star Jean-Pierre Bacri. The movie won the Best Screenplay award at the Cannes Film Festival. In French with English subtitles. 7:30 p.m.

## 9

SUNDAY

**1929 DOUBLE FEATURE.** Travel back to the dawn of sound cinema with this charming double bill from the year 1929! First we screen Raoul Walsh and Irving Cummings' *In Old Arizona* (90 min.) starring Warner Baxter, who won a Best Actor Oscar for his flamboyant portrayal of that amorous bandit from south of the border, the Cisco Kid. After a brief intermission we bring you the first "All Talking! All Singing! All Dancing!" movie, *The Broadway Melody* (100 min.), directed by Harry Beaumont and featuring songs by Arthur Freed and Nacio Herb Brown. Charles King plays a song-and-dance man torn between two stagestruck sisters, Anita Page and Bessie Love. 1:30 p.m.

## 11

TUESDAY

**HYPERTENSION SCREENING:** Free screening conducted by St. Francis Hospital. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**AARP DRIVER SAFETY:** Registration begins for a class to be held November 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.. This program was developed by the National Retired Teachers Assn./AARP as a community service for motor vehicle operators age 50 and over. Those completing the course may be entitled to a 10 percent discount on the liability and collision portions of their auto insurance, as well as 4 violation points off their driver's license. *This program is available to residents of Port Washington only.* Fee is \$10 with check or money order payable to AARP at registration.

**TOPICAL TUESDAY:** What's new in the news? Join educator Ivan Krakowsky for a spirited discussion of current events. 7:30 p.m.

## 12

WEDNESDAY

**READING GROUP:** A discussion of *Journey from the Land of No* by Roya Hakakian, facilitated by Lee Ferritta. 7 p.m.

**"ISLAND IN THE SKY" (1953-109 min.).** John Wayne stars as Dooley, a former army pilot now flying transport missions. Dooley's leadership skills are tested when a storm blows him off course. Can rescue planes locate Dooley and his crew before they freeze, starve or go mad? The taut screenplay is by pilot Ernest K. Gann, adapting his own fact-inspired novel. Lloyd Nolan, Walter Abel, James Arness and Andy Devine also star in this thriller from director William A. Wellman. 7:30 p.m.

## 13

THURSDAY

**DIRECTOR'S CUT:** Film expert John Bosco will screen and discuss *A Very Long Engagement (Un Long Dimanche de Fiançailles)* (2004-133 min.). Director Jean-Pierre Jeunet also scripted this adaptation of Sébastien Japrisot's novel about Mathilde (Audrey Tautou), a young woman who refuses to believe that her lover Manech (Gaspard Ulliel) was killed at the front in World War I. In French with English subtitles. 7:30 p.m.

## 14

FRIDAY

**SANDWICHED IN:** The Perfect Medium — Photography and the Occult. A unique characteristic of photography has always been its ability to record the visible material world with truth and accuracy. Advocates of spiritualism at the turn of the last century enlisted photography to provide proof of the immaterial: emanations and auras, thoughts, hallucinations and dreams, or the spirits of the deceased. This slide-illustrated lecture by Metropolitan Museum of Art docent Leslie Klingner will discuss some of the stunning and surprising works in the exhibition, which reflect an attempt to reconcile the physical and spiritual worlds. "The Perfect Medium" exhibit at the Met continues to December 31. 12:10 p.m.

**MAESTRO VINCENT LA SELVA** presents an evening songs from famous operas. Sponsored by the John Michael Marino Lodge #1389, Order Sons of Italy in America. 8 p.m.

## 16

SUNDAY



**ECO DEL SUR:** Join this exuberant ensemble for a performance of musical genres as diverse as ancient Andean melodies and contemporary music from a variety of Latin American regions. 2 p.m. Story in this issue.

## 17

MONDAY

**CALLING ALL TEEN BOOK BUDDIES:** Part of reading for the fun of it is sharing the joy of books with others. Registration begins on October 17 for students (grades 7 through 12) interested in volunteering 1 or 2 regularly scheduled hours a week to share the wonders of reading with a young child. We'll call you to let you know when a training session will take place. Share a book, make a friend, be a role model. Great idea for community service projects. For more information, call TeenSpace, at 883-4400, Ext. 148. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

**AFTERNOON AT THE OPERA:** *Manon.* Jules Massenet composed 25 operas, among which are several that remain in the repertory of major opera houses. Many consider *Manon* to be one of the masterpieces of the French repertory along with *Faust* and *Carmen*. In recent years Renée Fleming, Marcello Giordani, Plácido Domingo and Thomas Hampson, among others, have championed various Massenet works. *Manon* was first performed at the Opéra-Comique in Paris on January 19, 1884. Join Professor James Kolb, Hofstra University, for an in-depth discussion. Sponsored by the Music Advisory Council. 4 p.m.

**FAMILY HEALTH PLUS AND CHILD HEALTH PLUS ENROLLMENT:** Free or low cost health insurance is available for you and your children or teenagers. Register or renew for Family and Child Health Plus/Medicaid. Please bring with you: 1. Proof of birth (birth certificate or baptismal certificate). 2. Social security card, green card or resident alien identification (if you have them). 3. Proof of total family income for one month (four consecutive pay stubs, letter from employer or most recent 1040 if self-employed). 4. Proof of residence (rent phone bill, electric bill or cable bill). 5. A blank check (in case you qualify for a low premium). Healthy Families and Catholic Charities are holding an open registration. If you have any questions, call (631) 789-2839, Ext. 0. Sponsored by the Health Advisory Council in cooperation with the library's ESOL program. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY

**AUTHOR MICHAEL JAN FRIEDMAN** visits as part of the Friends of the Library Autumn Leaves series. Fee: \$12. At the Knickerbocker Yacht Club. Story in this issue.

**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES** meets. Executive session at 7 p.m. The public is invited at 7:30 p.m.

**PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB OF LONG ISLAND** meets. 8 p.m.

## 20

THURSDAY

**READING GROUP:** A discussion of *Shadow Divers* by Robert Kurson, facilitated by Lee Ferritta. 1:30 p.m.

**3rd THURSDAYS @ 3:** Creative Play for Grownups. For those registered. 3 p.m.

**TEEN BABYSITTING WORKSHOP:** A free 4-session series for students (grades 7 through 12). Topics include basic child care, minor first aid, handling emergencies and entertaining children. Those completing the course will receive certificates and be eligible to be included in the library's list of available babysitters. *Registration begins October 1 in TeenSpace.* Sessions today, October 27, November 3 and November 10. Today's session: Basic Child Care. Katherine Crean, R.N. of St. Francis Hospital demonstrates feeding, washing, changing and bedtime techniques, as well as general tips for sitters. 4 to 5:30 p.m.

**GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP:** Tonight's discussion is of *Souls of Black Folk* by W.E.B. Dubois. 8 p.m.

## 21

FRIDAY

**SANDWICHED IN:** Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) was arguably the greatest composer of all time. A child prodigy, he began traveling extensively throughout Europe with his father, Leopold, at a very young age. Contrary to popular belief, Mozart was not the hapless, vulgar idiot depicted in the movie *Amadeus* — he was an industrious and intelligent artist. Mozart only lived to be 35, but in that very short time he composed 626 pieces of music across all genres. Mozart's life remains a great mystery to many — he was secretive and even in the misery of his final years, much about his personal life was unknown even to those closest to him. Join educator Stuart Bailin for this in-depth audio-enhanced discussion. 12:10 p.m.



Bob Spiotto

**WAY OFF BROADWAY:** *Courting the Jester. A Tribute to Danny Kaye.* From the Borscht Belt to Broadway and beyond, Danny Kaye delighted audiences and filled our hearts and souls with laughter. His unique humor and special charm brought out the child in all of us. Actor, director and producer Bob Spiotto pulls out all the stops in bringing us his entertaining tribute. Accompanied on piano, the performance features fascinating biographical background as well as stories and anecdotes, combined with such classic Kaye songs as *Ballin' the Jack*, *The Ugly Duckling* and *The Maladjusted Jester*. 8 p.m.

## 23

SUNDAY

**MEAGAN MILLER, SOPRANO & THOMAS BAGWELL, PIANIST:** The Music Advisory Council invites you to join them for a diverse program which will include the works of Poulenc and Brahms, as well as compositions from the Great American Songbook. 3 p.m. Story in this issue.

## 24

MONDAY

**PORT WASHINGTON LIBRARY FOUNDATION** meets. The public is invited. 7 p.m.

**"PRISONER OF PARADISE" (2002-100 min.).** Rotund Kurt Gerron was a well-known and beloved German-Jewish actor, director and cabaret star in the 1920s and '30s. Among his greatest accomplishments, Gerron co-starred with Marlene Dietrich in the film classic, *The Blue Angel*, and sang "Mack the Knife" in the original production of *The Threepenny Opera*. But Gerron did not heed the warning bells when Adolf Hitler rose to power. Malcolm Clarke and Stuart Sender's Oscar-nominated documentary reveals the artist's ironic and tragic fate in the hands of his Nazi captors. Ian Holm narrates. 7:30 p.m.

## 25

TUESDAY

**PREVENTION IS THE CURE FOR BREAST CANCER:** Empower yourself — reduce the risk to yourself and your family. Patti Wood, executive director of Grassroots Environmental Education, will present the latest peer-reviewed research on breast cancer and the environment. Leaders of local Breast Cancer Coalitions and New York State Breast Cancer Network will offer information on making simple lifestyle changes to reverse the increasing incidence of breast cancer. Organic refreshments will be provided. Sponsored by the Health Advisory Council and Grassroots Environmental Education. 7:30 p.m.

## 26

WEDNESDAY

**SOUNDSWAP:** Join Tony Traguardo for an evening of rarely seen vintage video clips and audio recordings of Long Island's own KISS. 7:30 p.m. Story in this issue.

**PORT WRITES:** A group of self-motivated writers reading and discussing their work, facilitated by Stacey McGlynn. 8 p.m.

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THURSDAY

**BABYSITTING WORKSHOP:** Today's session (for those registered) — Minor First Aid. Katherine Crean, R.N. focuses on minor health emergencies, getting help when needed and creating a safe environment for sitters and children alike. See October 20 for registration information. 4 to 5:30 p.m.

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FRIDAY

**SANDWICHED IN:** El Dia De Los Muertos. The Mexican Celebration of Life takes place annually on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and combines the Spanish Catholic feast of All Souls' Day with pre-conquest Indian rituals of death. This slide-illustrated presentation by Susan Aberth, professor at Bard College, provides a stunning visual survey of the altars, food, objects and observances connected with the holiday. *This program is made possible through the support of the New York Council for the Humanities' Speakers in the Humanities program.* 12:10 p.m.

**"THE UPSIDE OF ANGER" (2005-117 min.).** Joan Allen stars as Terry Wolfmeyer, whose life falls apart when her husband abandons her for a younger woman. Terry escapes into bitterness and alcohol, to the concern of her daughters Andy (Erika Christensen), Popeye (Evan Rachel Wood), Emily (Keri Russell) and Hadley (Alicia Witt). Further complications arise when hard-drinking, easy-going baseball-star-turned-radio-personality Denny Davies (Kevin Costner) tries to woo Terry. Writer/director Mike Binder also co-stars as Shep Goodman, Denny's radio producer. 7:30 p.m.

## 30

SUNDAY

**FACES OF LOVE:** Join us in the Hagedorn Room as two of Long Island's most prominent poets, Linda M. Davies and Joan Magiet, share their views on the many Faces of Love. 2 p.m.

**"MR. VAMPIRE" (1985-97 min.).** In Ricky Lau's martial arts horror comedy, undertaker Master Ko (Lam Ching Ling) has two bumbling assistants, one of whom (Chin Siu Ho) is romancing a beautiful ghoul (Pauline Wong), and the other of whom (Ricky Hui) is turning into a vampire! The film is chock full of lightning-fast kung fu fighting, jaw-dropping stunts, scares and laughs. Beware of the hopping vampires! In Cantonese with English subtitles. 2 p.m.

Refreshments for the Sandwiced In Series courtesy of Friends of the Library.

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Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.