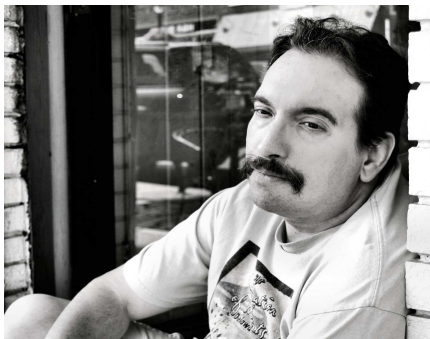


THE FORWARDIAN ARTS SOCIETY is a fellowship of people who love the arts sharing the belief the arts can inspire our creative dreams to become meaningful realities. We can revisit the many magnificent worlds of our deepest experiences reminding us who we really are. Therefore, our fellowship shares a desire to support, encourage, and explore the artistic experiences of creative individuals and groups as they go forward toward their dreams.” Mission Statement

As an Art Lover of our fellowship, you’re receiving our Newsletter on a monthly basis. However, if you’d like to stop receiving this newsletter, please feel free to let us know and we’ll be happy to comply with your request.

A FORWARDIAN GREETINGS TO THEE

Dear Friends in the Arts,



I hope my words find you well. Thank you for receiving this new edition of The Forwardian Arts Society Monthly Online Newsletter. It’s my hope you’ll find it meaningful and informative. Please feel free to forward this to Your Good Friends who loves the arts.

As the holidays are upon us and we come to the close of another calendar year, there is much to reflect upon as we continue to count our blessing.

These blessings often include our family, friends, and (for some of us) a good bottle of anti depressants with all the peace and serenity they have provided us throughout the turbulent times in our lives. I would like to take this time to thank you for being among those who have been a blessing in my life throughout 2011 as I’m certain it couldn’t have been as wonderful without you.

December afforded me with the opportunity to enjoy a great number of festive adventures. I’ve been to choral concerts, art exhibits, dance performances, and a puppet show. You can read more about them on our blogs but, as I was writing the articles I wrote and editing the pictures I took during the events, I asked myself the question, “Who does all this?” I am truly humbled by the fact I have an opportunity to enjoy such a variety of art related events and I thank the members of the creative community for bringing them about.

The list of groups and organizations who put forth initiatives and events which enhance the creative souls who are touched by their endeavors are too long to record here. Also, any attempt to list them all would certainly leave out a number of them who deserves recognition. So, I will refrain from creating such an insufficient list. However, on behalf of The entire Forwardian Arts Society, I would like to say thank you be being there and for being all you mean to us.

The Forwardian Arts Society fellowship has also accomplished a great deal to enhance the creative community this year. We've published two issues of our literary and arts magazine "Forwardian" with Volume I Issue 2 made available online in May and Volume I Issue 3 on Sunday December 11th. I would like to share a sincere thank you to everyone who were involved in its development. You can access links to all three Issues at www.theforwardianartsociety.com/Forwardian-Archive.html. Please feel free to check them all out. I'd be happy to learn what you think of it as I value your opinion highly.

In addition to publishing our magazine, we began holding art exhibitions at The Sarah Street Grill beginning with our "Cover to Cover" exhibit which served to help choose whose works would be placed on the front and back covers of our current issue. We also held a solo exhibition featuring the work of Kari Nespola. We also held our First Annual Forwardian Film Festival this year in which we showcased the work of local film makers in a wonderful evening of screenings, discussion, and fellowship. It is with great hope we'll continue publishing our magazine, presenting art and photography exhibits, and showcasing local filmmakers in 2012 and beyond. I also have great hopes you'll be involved in these and other endeavors we'll present in the coming year.

In the coming week, I'll be sending out a brief questionnaire which will basically be asking how you're doing. I'm sure a lot of changes in your life had taken place since I've last chatted with many of you and I would like to learn what they are. The questionnaire will also provide you with an opportunity to explore ways in which you can be more involved in the art related events and programs we hope to either continue or initiate as we go forward together. Please keep an eye out for it and return it with your responses at your earliest convenience.

Well, that's all from me for now. Again, I thank you for reading The Forwardian Arts Society Online Newsletter. As we continue exploring another month with you, I would like to learn your thoughts as we embark on our adventures as we go forward together.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ARTS

Here is a brief summary of the listed items submitted to The Forwardian Arts Society Passionate Art Lovers. You'll be able to read more information about them as well as view more items submitted by other members and non members on our website at www.theforwardianartsociety.com/Events-Opportunities-Educational-Listings.html. We update our listings frequently so please feel free to check them often.

If you would like to include your listings in our online newsletters, you may learn how to do so at www.theforwardianartsociety.com/Join-us.html.

THE FORWARDIAN ARTS SOCIETY EVENTS CALENDAR

The following is a listing of events which include concerts, theatrical events, art receptions, The Forwardian Arts Society Special Events, and more. Please feel free to share a press release regarding your upcoming events with us to be included in our website's listings.

Friday December 30th - The Pocono Community Theater will present the films "Young Adult," "Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows," and "My Week with Marilyn." The Screenings Continues Until January 5th.

Friday December 30th - The Sherman Theater in Stroudsburg, PA will present Set Phasers To Stun as part of their Independent Rock Series.

Saturday December 31st - The Deer Head Inn in Delaware Water Gap, PA will present a Special New Year's Eve Celebration beginning at 7pm featuring Bill Goodwin and The Resolutions with Special Guest Roseanna Vitro. The evening will include a dinner and a champagne toast.

Saturday December 31st - The Shawnee Playhouse in Shawnee on Delaware, PA will present their Special New Year Show beginning at 8pm featuring two days of song and laughter. The Event Continues Until January 1st.

You'll find more information about these Events at
www.theforwardianartsociety.com/Calendar-2B.html.

Thursday January 5 - The Deer Head Inn in Delaware Water Gap, PA will present a Jazz Jam with Bill Goodwin and Friends.

Friday January 6th - The Sherman Theater in Stroudsburg, PA will present Big D and the Kids Table.

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Friday January 6th - The Deer Head Inn in Delaware Water Gap, PA will present The Michele Bautier Duo.

Saturday January 7th - The Deer Head Inn in Delaware Water Gap, PA will hold Bill Goodwin's Birthday Bash.

Sunday January 8th - The Deer Head Inn in Delaware Water Gap, PA will present Davey Lantz.

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www.theforwardianartsociety.com/Calendar-1.html.**

Thursday January 12th - The Deer Head Inn in Delaware Water Gap, PA will present a Jazz Jam with Bill Goodwin and Friends.

Friday January 13th - The Deer Head Inn in Delaware Water Gap, PA will present Spencer Reed.

Saturday January 14th - The Deer Head Inn in Delaware Water Gap, PA will present The Marko Marcinco Latin Band.

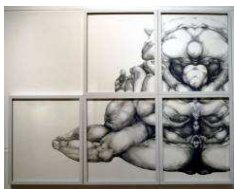
Saturday January 14th - The Centenary Stage Company in Hackettstown, NJ will present The Denise King Sextet beginning at 4pm as part of their Jazz in January series.

Sunday January 15th - The Deer Head Inn in Delaware Water Gap, PA will present Samuel St. Thomas and the Bovine Social Club Benefit.

Thursday January 19th - The Deer Head Inn in Delaware Water Gap, PA will present a Jazz Jam with Bill Goodwin and Friends.

Thursday January 19th - The Sherman Theater in Stroudsburg, PA will present "Where's The Band?" beginning at 7pm.

Friday January 20th - The Pocono Community Theater in East Stroudsburg, PA and The Buck Hill-Skytop Music Festival will present a screening of "Aida" as part of their Cinema Meets Culture Series.



Friday January 20th - The Gallery 180 located on the campus of The Illinois Institute of Art in Chicago, IL will hold an Artist's Reception for an exhibition titled, "Chi-Town, The Windy City" featuring the works of David Mazure. The Exhibition Continues Until March 1st. Image Provided by David Mazure.

Friday January 20th - The Deer Head Inn in Delaware Water Gap, PA will present The Nancy Coletti Trio.

**You'll find more information about these Events at
www.theforwardianartsociety.com/Calendar-1A.html.**

Saturday January 21st - The Deer Head Inn in Delaware Water Gap, PA will present Eric Doney and Zach Brock.



Saturday January 21st - The Centenary Stage Company in Hackettstown, NJ will present The Diva Orchestra led by Sherri Maricle beginning at 4pm featuring Tony-Award-winning Maurice Hines as part of their Jazz in January series. Photograph provided by The Centenary Stage Company.

Saturday January 21st - The Sherman Theater in Stroudsburg, PA will present Raymond the Amish Comic beginning at 8pm.

Saturday January 21st - The Pocono Community Theater in East Stroudsburg, PA will present a screening of "The Towering Inferno" beginning at 10pm as part of their Film Revival Series.

Sunday January 22nd - The Deer Head Inn in Delaware Water Gap, PA will present Walt Bibinger.

Thursday January 26th - The Deer Head Inn in Delaware Water Gap, PA will present a Jazz Jam with Bill Goodwin and Friends.

Friday January 27th - The Deer Head Inn in Delaware Water Gap, PA will present Jay Rattman and Sullivan Fortner.

Saturday January 28th - The Centenary Stage Company in Hackettstown, NJ will present and All-Star Jazz Jam beginning at 4pm as part of their Jazz in January series.

**You'll find more information about these Events at
www.theforwardianartsociety.com/Calendar-1B.html.**

THE FORWARDIAN ARTS SOCIETY OPPORTUNITIES LISTING

The following is a listing of opportunities which include Auditions for Performing Arts in the areas of Dance, Theatre, Film, and/or Music, Calls for Artists to participate in exhibitions and charity auctions, Meetings, Community Endeavors, The Forwardian Arts Society Special Opportunities, and more. Please feel free to share a press release regarding your upcoming opportunities with us to be included in our website's listings.

The Spirit of the Arts Foundation and Vendor Finders USA is seeking to help those who are experiencing financial and/or physical hardships through making their situation known through their email blasts which are sent out to over 2000 people on the 2nd Thursday of the Month.

The Shawnee Playhouse in Shawnee on Delaware, PA is currently accepting applications for their Summer 2012 Internship position offering qualified candidates the opportunity to serve as artistic interns for a season with the professional Acting Company as either a performance or technical intern, and offers a weekly stipend for candidates who are hired into the program. This current Internship positions will run from **May 21st - September 3rd** with the possibility of extension.

The Centenary Stage Company in Hackettstown, NJ is currently accepting applications for the Spring 2012 Internship position for those who would like to gain a clear understanding of how the business of theatre works on every level, and with real-world experience in a number of capacities using a wide range of skills, while also offering performance opportunities in the program. The position will run from **January 3rd until July 1st** with the possibility of extension into the 2012-13 CSC main stage season.

The Shawnee Playhouse in Shawnee on Delaware, PA is seeking aspiring playwrights to participate in their Shawnee Original Playwright Series (SOPS). **The Submission deadline is January 31, 2012** with Staged Readings of the finalist scheduled to take place **March 6th - 30th**.

You'll find more information about these On Going Opportunities at
www.theforwardianartssociety.com/OPON.html.

Wednesday December 28th - Actors as extras, bit players, and others are being sought to appear in a Short Film being shot at The Deer Head Inn in Delaware Water Gap, PA at 7pm. Around 50 people are needed with bit parts, lines, and cameos being assigned that night.

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Wednesday December 28th - The Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort in Shawnee on Delaware, PA will host its 3rd season of Community Outreach Dinners offering a no-cost dinners to those in need due to unemployment and other financial hardships. Volunteer are needed in many areas of the program.

You'll find more information about these Opportunities at www.theforwardianartsociety.com/Opportunities-2.html.

January 11th and 25th - The Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort in Shawnee on Delaware, PA will host its 3rd season of Community Outreach Dinners offering a no-cost dinners to those in need due to unemployment and other financial hardships. Volunteer are needed in many areas of the program. You'll find more information about these Opportunities at www.theforwardianartsociety.com/Opportunities-1.html.

THE FORWARDIAN ARTS SOCIETY EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

The following is a listing of educational experiences which include Workshops in the arts including those in the areas of Dance, Theatre, Film, and/or Music, Holistic Health including physical movement (Yoga, Tai Chi, etc), Lectures, Tours, and Pilgrimages, The Forwardian Arts Society Special Educational Experiences, and more. Please feel free to share a press release regarding your upcoming educational experiences with us to be included in our website's listings.

You'll find more information about these Ongoing Educational Experiences at www.theforwardianartsociety.com/EDON.html.

Tuesday January 17th - The Conservatory of Dance at Centenary College in in Hackettstown, NJ will hold classes in Modern, Jazz, Ballet, Tap, and Theater Dance. The Curriculum Continues Until May 7th.

January 27th - 29th - The Kirkridge Retreat Center in Bangor, PA will hold a workshop led by Jean Richardson and Anna Marie Garcia titled, "A Taste of New Mexico."

January 28th and January 29th - The Columcille Megalith Park and Celtic Center in Bangor, PA will hold their Annual Imbolc/Bridgit Retreat For Women led by The Women of Columcille.

You'll find more information about these Educational Experiences at www.theforwardianartsociety.com/Educational-1.html.

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WHAT'S ON THE FORWARDIAN ARTS SOCIETY BLOGS

Here is a brief summary of the adventures I had in the art community. Unless otherwise noted, you'll be able to read the full article as well as view more of the photographs I took through the links found on our website.

Tis the Season to be Artsy



The Pocono Arts Council held an Artists' Reception for their Annual Holiday Show and Sale of Fine Crafts (aka The Holiday Store) at the ArtSpace and Studio Galleries (aka The PoconoArts Community Cultural Center) in Stroudsburg, PA on Thursday December 1st. The works on display featured those created by the members of The Pocono Guild of Craftsmen. The Holiday Store concluded December 24th.

Theatrical Review: A Christmas Carol



The East Stroudsburg University Department of Theatre presented their production of "A Christmas Carol" which is a musical adaptation of the seasonal classic written by Charles Dickens. The production was directed by Margaret Ball and ran from December 1st until the 4th. Photograph provided by The East Stroudsburg University (ESU) Department of Theatre.

It's A Juggernaut World of ArtMusic



The ArtMusic Coffeehouse in East Stroudsburg, PA presented The Juggernaut String Band on Saturday December 3rd. The energy of the musicians who were to perform could be felt immediately upon entering the home of Don Slepian and Jan Julia. The greeting they and the home owners shared created an anticipation for the music that would entreat them (for many) an hour later.

An End to an Era of Dreams



The Dreamland Creations in Stroudsburg, PA held an Artist's Reception on Sunday December 4th for their exhibition titled, "Phantasms, Faces, Perspectives, and Places" featuring a wide variety of work created by Shane Izykowski which included not only the Photographic endeavors he is best known for but paintings, sketches, Three Dimensional pieces, and two short films. The Exhibition is The Dreamland Creations final one and continues until December 31st.

Scholastic Art in Review



The East Stroudsburg University of PA (ESU) Art Department held an Artists' Reception on Wednesday December 7th to present The Fall 2011 Fine Art Review of their students' creative achievements at the Madelon Powers Gallery which is located in The Fine and Performing Arts Building on the ESU Campus on its final day. A variety of styles and approaches were represented as were the students' youthful excitement of discovering new techniques to express their creativity.

The 2011 ESU Winter Choral Concert



The East Stroudsburg University of PA presented their Music Department's 2011 Winter Choral Concert on Wednesday December 7th in The Cecilia S. Cohen Recital Hall at their Fine and Performing Arts Center. The program consisted of performances given by the A Cappella Ensemble and The Concert Choir under the direction of Prof. James Maroney with Pauline Fox serving as musical accompanist. The well attended event featured the voices derived from members of the campus community along with those individuals residing in the surrounding area.

A Night of Dance and Puppetry



The School of Visual and Performing Arts in Stroudsburg, PA presented a holiday performance on Saturday December 10th featuring a puppet show and dance performances. The performance showcased the talents of their students and faculty as a gift to the community and those who support the school. The huge gathering of family and friends of the performers combined with the joy of experiencing the excited energies of those performing successfully created an atmosphere designed to delight the child within each attendee.

A Little Historical Night Music



The Monroe County Historical Association held its Annual Holiday Concert on Friday December 16th at The Stroud Mansion in Stroudsburg, PA. Performances were given by the local choral group “Discipleship in Song” and were followed by a series of soloist who performed a variety of selections designed to enhance the holiday season.

A Night With Miraglia



The ArtMusic Coffeehouse in East Stroudsburg, PA presented Singer/Song writer Danielle Miraglia Saturday December 17th. The Danielle Miraglia was the final concert to be held for 2011 and it was a very befitting gift for the holidays. The next Artmusic Concert will be held Saturday January 14th beginning at 8pm.

An Open Plath to Poetry



The Cheeky Monkey Coffeehouse in Stroudsburg, PA held an Open Mic Poetry Night Parsons on Tuesday December 20th. The event was hosted by Patrick Bresnyan and presented Tara Vivian as the evening's featured poet. The next Open Mic Poetry Night will be held Tuesday January 17th and the second Tuesday of every month beginning at 7pm hosted by Patrick Bresnyan.

To read articles/reviews and view photographs as they're posted,
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www.facebook.com/pages/The-Forwardian-Arts-Society/91146283760.

So, what would I like to do during January?

Saturday January 7th - The Shawnee Playhouse in Shawnee on Delaware, PA will present The Shawnee Original Playwright Series (SOPS) productions of "A Cabin fit for a King" written by Sarah McCaroll and Julie Longo and "The Messenger" by Paul Kodiak. The Productions Continues Until January 15th. I hope to attend the Sunday January 8th performance. You'll find more information about this Event at www.theforwardianartssociety.com/Calendar-1.html.

Saturday January 14th - The ArtMusic Coffeehouse in East Stroudsburg, PA will present Ian Ethan beginning at 8pm as part of The Concerts In Your Home Series.

Tuesday January 17th - The Cheeky Monkey Coffee House in Stroudsburg, PA will present an Open Mic Poetry Night beginning at 7pm hosted by Patrick Bresnyan.

Wednesday January 18th - The Pocono Arts Council will hold an Arts Town Hall meeting at The PoconoArts Cultural Center (aka Artspace gallery) beginning at 5:30pm. The meeting will include a talk given by John Kopp who Curator of their upcoming "Altered State?" Juried Photography Exhibit. You'll find more information about this Opportunity at www.theforwardianartssociety.com/Opportunities-1.html

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January 21st - 29th - The Shawnee Playhouse in Shawnee on Delaware, PA will present their production of "The Great American Trailer Park Musical." I hope to attend the Saturday January 21st performance.

Sunday January 22nd - The Sherman Theater in Stroudsburg, PA will present The 15th Annual Mountain Dance Concert Celebration.

Friday January 27th - The ArtMusic Coffeehouse in East Stroudsburg, PA will present Jacob Johnson beginning at 8pm as part of The Concerts In Your Home Series.

You'll find more information about these Events at
www.theforwardianartsociety.com/Calendar-1B.html.

So, what wonderful things are you planning to do this Month? I would love to learn all about them. And, it would be really great if you could join me in what I hope to do in the near future. Let me know if you are and we can meet up. What do you think?

SO, WHAT'S NEW WITH YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS?

The following presents news relating to your fellow members in The Forwardian Arts Society. This includes achievements, birthdays, new discounts for Passionate Art Lovers, and who joined our fellowship recently. This section also includes other news our friends wish to share such as recent setbacks and bereavements. You'll be able to read more about what your fellow members are doing at www.theforwardianartsociety.com/Member-Page.html.

The Forwardian Arts Society would like to wish a happy birthday to:

Mary Noguera and Raj Shankar
(both born on December 31st)
Amelia Pearn (January 1st)
Joanne Bridgman January 3rd
Carol Barwick (January 4th)
Jackie Liciaga and Ruvyn Spivak
(both born January 17th)
Karen Lesure and Anne Fetherman
(both January 22nd)
Ellen Gerber and Cheryl Yost
(both born January 31st)

We welcomed Carolyn Burbage, Peigi Durako, and Olivette Taylor who became new members of The Forwardian Arts Society.

We congratulated The State Theatre Regional Arts Center in New Brunswick, NJ who has been selected as a nominee for “Favorite Performing Arts Center” as part of the annual Discover Jersey Arts People’s Choice Awards.

We congratulated Sue Terry whose book titled, “Greatest Hits of The Blog That Ate Brooklyn: Inside the Mind of a Musician” is now published.

We congratulated Debbie Burke who has published her first book titled, “The Poconos in B Flat” which is available in paperback, hard cover, and ebook formats on several websites.

We congratulated those photographers chosen to be presented in The Stroud Region Open Space and Recreation Commission 2012 Calendar.

You’ll find more information about these achievements as well as to obtain information on how to share your congratulatory sentiments at www.theforwardianartssociety.com/Member-Page.html.

We now have over 700 members in total.

We continue to invite and encourage you to share your welcoming, congratulatory, and/or sympathetic thoughts with your fellow members. Please feel free to email them to me and I’ll be glad to pass your words along to them. Also, you may send your news to me via email as I would be happy to learn and share information on what you are doing.

Once again, I thank you for reading this issue of The Forwardian Arts Society Online Newsletter. Please feel free to share your thoughts on anything regarding you’ve discovered in our newsletter and/or The Forwardian Arts Society. I’m always eager to learn how our fellowship can serve you better.

Please feel free to share this newsletter with anyone whom you think would like to be a part of The Forwardian Arts Society. All they have to do is contact me and they’re in. I like easy. Smiles. I look forward to hearing from you soon and I’ll keep a good thought for you until then.

PHOTOS OF THE MONTH



The Photo on the left is one I took of Michael Parsons while he was looking at the work of Shane Izykowski which was presented at The Dreamland Creations in Stroudsburg, PA during an Artist's Reception on Sunday December 4th. It's their final exhibition as they are no longer holding them at their establishment. Although it was an enjoyable event, I think the blue tint in the photo reflects the sadness many felt knowing it would be the last show. The Exhibition continues until December 31st.

The Photo in the center is one I took during The East Stroudsburg University of PA Art Department's Artists' Reception for their Fall 2011 Fine Art Review of their students' creative achievements on Wednesday December 7th. I liked they way the piece utilized its space creating something interesting to photograph. Not quite sure what that something is, but I'm glad I caught it. What do you think?

The photo on the right is one I took of Patrick Bresnyan during Open Mic Poetry Night held at The Cheeky Monkey Coffeehouse on Tuesday December 20th. Along with the opportunity the event provided many poets and musicians to share their talents with others, it also presented Tara Vivian as the evening's featured poet. The next Open Mic Poetry Night will be held Tuesday January 17th and the second Tuesday of every month beginning at 7pm.

Send me your favorite photograph and you may see it posted here.

AND REMEMBER

"God Gave us Friends as an Apology for our Relatives."
Dr. Wayne Dwyer.

"Have you ever noticed how the best decisions you make
are preceded by the words, 'What The Hell?'"
Marilyn Monroe

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