



**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.**

**Well, it’s been quite a month for The Forwardian Arts Society. As the Spring Season made its way to us (finally), a flurry of activity in anticipation for the remainder of Spring and onto the Summer Months. We had several meetings throughout the month with writers, artists, editors, and gallery curators. So, we have lots of news for this issue of the newsletter and here it is.**

**Our First Forwardian Film Festival at The Cheeky Monkey Coffeehouse in Stroudsburg, PA (next to the Sherman Theater) on Friday April 15<sup>th</sup> was a great success. We’ve received a good number of DVDs which led to the viewing of some truly remarkable films. This encouraged the numerous attendees (they had to bring extra chairs in) shared some meaningful conversation with one another while munching on some really good cookies. In addition to all this, the establishment held a raffle with the proceeds going toward the printed publication of our literary and arts magazine, “Forwardian.”**

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Afterwards, those who attended the festival made some suggestions on what film we may view during our Film Lovers' Gathering we'll hold at The Cheeky Monkey on Friday May 20<sup>th</sup>. I'll be attaching a ballot for you to help choose what film you think we should see, but so far the choices are "Flowers in the Attic" followed by "Eternal Sunshine of a Spotless Mind." I can't wait to find out what film you vote for and all you need to do is email me the title of your choice. The screening will begin at 7pm and it's free of charge.

I recently had a meeting with Christy Connolly who is the bar manager at The Sarah Street Grill (SSG) in Stroudsburg, PA. She is also the curator of their art gallery which is located upstairs of the establishment. We talked about how The Forwardian Arts Society membership can showcase their work at the SSG. As a result of our conversation, we'll be holding a juried exhibition titled, "Cover to Cover" June 2<sup>nd</sup> to July 24<sup>th</sup> with an Artists' Reception on Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 6pm.

We've begun hearing from artists and photographers who want to become a part of the exhibition which will determine what images will be featured on the front and back covers on the August 2011 issue of our Literary and Arts Magazine "Forwardian." I have a flyer sharing how you and other artists and photographers can participate. Please feel free to print it out and share the information with your friends.

And Speaking of Forwardian, there's just a few loose ends to tie up before I publish it online on Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. No doubt, you'll be hearing from me when that occurs. Not only will notice of its posting will be gained through your email, but, if you listen very closely, you'll be able to hear me shouting from my roof top. Smiles.

Sometime later in May, I hope to have enough funds to publish a printed edition of Forwardian. If and when this occurs, you won't have to listen very closely at all. In fact, I would apologize ahead of time for all the windows I'll be shattering when I express my very vocal excitement once they arrive from the presses. However, there's a great deal of money that need to be raised before this occurs. So, if you can (as I know finances are rough for many), please consider become a patron, Page Sponsor, or provide us with a donation. Every little bit helps.

And finally, I'm in a play. It's called, "A Walk Down Lonely Street" and it's written by Our Good Friend Michael Wetmore. I play a homeless Viet Nam Vet named, "Homer" and the piece centers around Elvis Presley's birthday which is January 8<sup>th</sup>. To the best of my knowledge, it'll be performed at The Eastern Monroe Public Library on Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup>. I'll be sure to share more details via email or rooftop when I have them. I'll be going to our first rehearsal tomorrow.

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.

## **HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR MAGAZINE "FORWARDIAN"**

### **FORWARDIAN PAGE SPONSORS - \$50.00**

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We presently have 8 pages of our upcoming issue available for sponsorships.

### **FORWARDIAN PATRONS - \$20.00**

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### **DONATIONS**

Those who are unable to become a Forwardian Page Sponsor or Patron can still help us in our publication endeavors by making a donations in any amount they are comfortable with. Those who are able to make a donation will receive space for a 5 word statement to be presented in a special section of our magazine.

More information can be found at  
[www.theforwardianartsociety.com/Forwardian-Support.html](http://www.theforwardianartsociety.com/Forwardian-Support.html)  
or by emailing us.

## **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](http://www.theforwardianartsociety.com/Events-Opportunities-Educational-Listings.html). We update our listings frequently so please feel free to check them often.

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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](http://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.

Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup> - Feinstein's at The Loews Regency in New York, NY will present The Jennifer Leitham Trio at 10:30pm featuring Jennifer on bass and vocals, Sherrie Maricle on drums, and Deanna Witkowski on piano as part of the Late Night Jazz at Feinstein's Series. Please Explore Feinstein's at The Loews Regency Website at [www.feinsteinsattheregency.com](http://www.feinsteinsattheregency.com) for more information. **This information is not listed on our website.**

Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup> - The Main Line Unitarian Church in Devon Place, PA will present The Alan Segal Quartet featuring Carolyn Nelson beginning at 7:30pm. Please Explore The Carolyn Nelson Website at [www.carolynnelson.org](http://www.carolynnelson.org) for more information. **This information is not listed on our website.**

Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup> - The Centenary Stage Company Hackettstown, NJ will present their production of "Ubu Roi" written by Alfred Jarry. The Production Continues until May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please Explore The Centenary Stage Company Website at [www.centenarystageco.org](http://www.centenarystageco.org) for more information. **This information is not listed on our website.**

Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup> - The Sherman Theater in Stroudsburg, PA will "Taking Back Sunday" at 8pm.

Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup> - The Deer Head Inn in Delaware Water Gap, PA will present a Jazz Jam with The Bill Goodwin and Friends Quartet beginning at 8pm.

Friday April 29<sup>th</sup> - The Sherman Theater in Stroudsburg, PA will present their Annual Short Horror Film festival beginning at 7pm featuring original films submitted by local filmmakers as part of their Severed Sinema\* Series. The films will be accompanied by a screening of the film "Creepshow."

Friday April 29<sup>th</sup> - The Deer Head Inn in Delaware Water Gap, PA will present The Subtones beginning at 7pm.

Friday April 29<sup>th</sup> - The Sarah Street Grill in Stroudsburg, PA will hold their “Re - Halloween Party” beginning at 9pm hosted by Dream of Fire with special guest Wilbium.

April 29<sup>th</sup> - May 5<sup>th</sup> - The Pocono Community Theater in East Stroudsburg, PA will present the films “Water for Elephants,” “Jane Eyre,” and “Certified Copy.” Please Explore The Pocono Community Theater Website at [www.poconocommunitytheater.org](http://www.poconocommunitytheater.org) for more information. **This information is not listed on our website.**



Saturday Apr 30<sup>th</sup> - The Centenary Stage Company in Hackettstown, NJ will present Michael Hearst along with the League of Mechanical Urban Robots (LEMUR) beginning at 8pm featuring The Theremin, Claviola, stylophone, Zylo-bot and “Sonic Banana” in a concert titled, “Songs for Unusual Creatures.” Photograph provided by The Centenary Stage Company.

Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> - The Shawnee Gallery in Shawnee On Delaware, PA will host a Victorian Tea beginning at 1pm featuring a Watercolor painting demonstration by Gary Embich along with costume designer and historian Robin Stokes who will dress a live model in Victorian garb.

Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> - The Sherman Theatre in Stroudsburg, PA will present “Praise the Roof” at 6pm featuring a battle of the church bands with all proceeds to benefit Monroe County Habitat for Humanity.

Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> - The Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science, and Art in Scranton, PA will present an International Migratory Bird Day. Please Explore The Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science, and Art Website at [www.everhart-museum.org](http://www.everhart-museum.org) for more information. **This information is not listed on our website.**

Unless otherwise listed, you’ll find more information about these Events at [www.theforwardianartsociety.com/Calendar-2B.html](http://www.theforwardianartsociety.com/Calendar-2B.html).

Friday May 6<sup>th</sup> - The ArtMusic Coffeehouse in East Stroudsburg, PA will present Bob Marshall beginning at 8pm as part of the Concerts In Your Home Series.

Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> - The Castle Inn Gallery in Delaware water Gap, PA will hold an Artist’s Reception beginning at 4pm featuring the work of Randolph G. Philpotts. The Exhibition continues until June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> - The Sherman Theater in Stroudsburg, PA will present Electric Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes at 8pm.

**Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> - The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will hold it's Great Strides event at The Kirby Park in Wilkes-Barre, PA featuring food, fun, and music designed to raise funds for cystic fibrosis research. Photograph provided by Crystal Martinez**

**You'll find more information about these Events at [www.theforwardianartssociety.com/Calendar-1.html](http://www.theforwardianartssociety.com/Calendar-1.html).**

**May 12<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> - The Electric Theatre Company in Scranton, PA will present their production of "Parallel Lives" by Mo Gaffney and Kathy Nijamy.**



**Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> - The Sherman Theatre in Stroudsburg, PA will present Blackmore's Night beginning at 8pm featuring Richie Blackmore of Deep Purple offering a Renaissance Faire atmosphere with amazing new age and rock music. Photograph provided by The Sherman Theatre.**

**Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> - The Electric Theatre Company in Easton, PA will present a staged reading of "I Ought to be in Pictures" by Neil Simon beginning at 3pm directed by Ed Chemaly and featuring a New York cast.**

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**Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> - The Sherman Theatre in Stroudsburg, PA will present Kenny Vance and The Planotones at 8pm.**

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## **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 Eastburg Community Alliance (ECA) is currently seeking artists, authors, gardeners (landscape artists, master gardeners), non-profits, and artisans to participate in this year's Books, Brushes, and Blooms: Spring Arts and Literary Festival which will take place on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> at Millers Park in East Stroudsburg, PA beginning at noon.

The Forwardian Arts Society Literary and Arts Magazine "Forwardian" is seeking works of Poetry, Literature, Art, and Photography to be presented in their next issue. Submissions for our August 2011 issue will be accepted until Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup>. They are also seeking individuals to fill the Volunteer Managerial Positions of Copy Editor and Funding and Distribution Director.

The Presbyterian Church of the Mountain in Delaware Water Gap, PA is seeking golfers to participate in their 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament to be held Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup> at The Buck Hill Golf Club. Proceeds from sign up fees will benefit the church's many missions throughout the community.

The Dreamland Creations in Stroudsburg, PA is accepting art relating to the theme of their upcoming exhibition titled, "The Mythology Show." All forms of artistic expression including those in the mediums of Photography, Collages, Poetry, Oils, Acrylics, Watercolors, Poetry, etc are welcomed. The drop off date is Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup>. The exhibition begins with an Artists' Reception on Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> and Continues until August 1<sup>st</sup>. Please Contact The Dreamland Creations at 570-421-6313 for more information.

The "Art in our Backyard" committee is seeking artist to participate in its Annual Fine Art juried show to begin Sunday August 7th.

The Artspace Gallery in Stroudsburg, PA is seeking Artists to display their work during its June-November season. Both 2-D and 3-D artist are welcome and interested artists will be juried before being accepted into the gallery.

The Artspace Gallery in Stroudsburg, PA is seeking Poets to their work in their Hall of Poetry and Writings.

You'll find more information about these Opportunities at  
<http://www.theforwardianartssociety.com/OPON.html>.

Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> - The Presbyterian Church of the Mountain in Delaware Water Gap, PA will host Alice Visionary Foundation Project presentation of "A Touch of Kenya" Dessert Fundraiser beginning at 6:30pm in order to support their Mission in the Nyando District of Kenya featuring an all you can eat dessert bar along with Kenyan coffee, tea, and other drinks. There will also be an opportunity to purchase Kenyan jewelry and other items during a silent auction.

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**Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> - The Columcille Megalithic Park and Celtic Cultural Center in Bangor, PA will hold a Play Day beginning at 9am in order to tidy the land and ready it for their seasonal visitors and upcoming celebrations.**

**You'll find more information about these Opportunities at [www.theforwardianartsociety.com/Opportunities-2.html](http://www.theforwardianartsociety.com/Opportunities-2.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.**

**Wednesdays and Fridays - The Wellspring Holistic Center in Stroudsburg, PA will present classes in Taekwondo beginning at 7pm led by Nancy Olivieri of The Fire Mountain Taekwondo Academy.**

**You'll find more information about this workshop at [www.theforwardianartsociety.com/EDON.html](http://www.theforwardianartsociety.com/EDON.html).**

**Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> - The Wellspring Holistic Center in East Stroudsburg, PA will hold a Harmonic Medicine Level1 Workshop led by Rev. Denise Hylton, MS beginning at 2pm.**

**Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> - The Wellspring Holistic Center in Stroudsburg, PA will hold a New Moon Sedna Gong Mediation led by Rev. Denise Hylton, MS beginning at 5pm.**

**Monday May 9<sup>th</sup> - The Eastern Monroe Public Library in Stroudsburg, PA will hold a poetry workshop beginning at 7pm offering poets the opportunity to improve their craft. Published and unpublished Poets are welcomed and encouraged.**

**Tuesdays beginning May 10<sup>th</sup> - The Wellspring Holistic Center in East Stroudsburg, PA will hold a four week course titled, "Meditation made EASY" led by Anita Bondi beginning at 7pm. The course will conclude on Tuesday May 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**May 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> - The Kirkridge Retreat Center in Bangor, PA will hold a workshop led by Valerie Brown and Cat Greenstreet titled, "Journey Toward an Undivided Life: An Introductory Circle of Trust Retreat."**

May 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> - The Kirkridge Retreat Center in Bangor, PA will hold a workshop led by John Dear titled, "The School of Prophets."

Tuesday May 31<sup>st</sup> - The Kirkridge Retreat Center in Bangor, PA will hold a workshop led by Peter MacDonald titled, "Chasing The Wild Goose." The workshop Continues until June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

You'll find more information about these Workshops at [www.theforwardianartssociety.com/Educational-1.html](http://www.theforwardianartssociety.com/Educational-1.html).

## **WHAT'S ON THE FORWARDIAN ARTS SOCIETY BLOGS**

Here is a brief summary of the adventures I had in the art community. You'll be able to read more information about them as well as view more of the photographs I took at the following social networking sites. If you haven't done so already, please feel free to visit my profiles and add yourself to my friends' list. I would be honored to have you included.

Facebook at [www.facebook.com/forwardian.dude](http://www.facebook.com/forwardian.dude)

Myspace at [www.myspace.com/forwardian\\_arts](http://www.myspace.com/forwardian_arts)

Bloggers at [www.forwardianartssociety.blogspot.com](http://www.forwardianartssociety.blogspot.com)

### **The ESU Student Art Show**



The East Stroudsburg University (ESU) of PA Art Department held an Artists' Reception for their students participating in "The ESU Art Association All University Student Juried Art Exhibit" on Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup> in The Madelon Powers located within The campus' Fine and Performing Arts Building and continued until April 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Theatrical Review: "Skyscraper"**



The Shawnee Playhouse in Shawnee on the Delaware, PA presented The Worthington Players production of "Skyscraper" by David Auburn. You'll be able to read my theatrical review at our blogs. The production ran from March 25<sup>th</sup> to April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Photograph provided by The Shawnee Playhouse.

### The Art of Rendi



The Main St. Jukebox in Stroudsburg, PA held an Artist's Reception on Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup> which featured the works created by an artist simply known as Rendi. Music was provided by Rezlep and the Apparatus. The Exhibition continues until April 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Elementary, My Dear Dreamland



The Dreamland Creations in Stroudsburg, PA held an Artists' Reception on Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> which featured the works created by artists for their Element Show. Music was provided by Rezlep and the Apparatus. The Exhibition continues until May 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Theatrical Review: "Love, Sex, and the I. R. S."



The Shawnee Playhouse in Shawnee on the Delaware, PA presented Prestige Productions' "Love, Sex, and the I.R.S" by William "Billy" Zandt and Jane Milmore. The production ran from April 8<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup>. You'll be able to read my theatrical review on our blogs. Photograph provided by The Shawnee Playhouse.

### Theatrical Review: Blithe Spirit



The East Stroudsburg University Department of Theatre and Stage II presented their production of "Blithe Spirit" written by Sir Noël Peirce Coward. The production ran from April 12<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup>. You'll be able to read my review on our blogs. Photograph provided by David Dougherty of [www.davedocphotography.com](http://www.davedocphotography.com).

### Films Fit for a Forwardian



We, The Forwardian Arts Society, held our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Forwardian Film Festival at The Cheeky Monkey Coffeehouse in Stroudsburg, PA on Friday April 15<sup>th</sup>. The festival served to begin our 2011 Summer Season of monthly Film Lovers' Gatherings. The next one is scheduled to take place Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. More information about what film will be presented will be shared later.

### Earth Day at Night



Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup> saw a Special evening Celebration of Earth Day throughout the streets of Stroudsburg, PA which was organized by "Heartsphere." Several businesses along the town's main street turned off their lights for an hour while music was provided by Holly Avilla.

### So, what would I like to do the rest of April and May?

Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup> - The East Stroudsburg University of PA will hold an Artists' Reception beginning at 5:30pm for their Senior Seminar and Portfolio in Art Student Exhibition in The Madelon Powers. The Exhibition Continues until May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup> - The East Stroudsburg University of PA will present their Music Department's Spring Choral Concert in The Cecilia S. Cohen Recital Hall.

Friday April 29<sup>th</sup> - The Cheeky Monkey Coffeehouse in Stroudsburg, PA will hold a closing reception featuring the work of Ka-Son Reeves beginning at 6pm. Music will be provided by Jeni Hackett. Please Explore The Cheeky Monkey Coffeehouse Website at [www.cheekymonkeycoffee.com](http://www.cheekymonkeycoffee.com) for more information. **This information is not listed on our website.**

Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> - The ArtMusic Coffeehouse in East Stroudsburg, PA will present Hans York beginning at 8pm as part of the Concerts In Your Home Series.

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**Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> - The Columcille Megalithic Park and Celtic Cultural Center in Bangor, PA will celebrate Bealtainne (May Day) beginning at 2pm featuring Maypole, music, and great fun.**

**Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> - The Celebration of the Arts will hold their monthly meeting to plan their 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Jazz and Arts Festival at The Deer Head Inn in Delaware Water Gap, PA beginning at 7:30pm. The meeting is open to all music and arts lovers who would like to help put together this three day annual festival that takes place in The Delaware Water Gap, PA every September. Volunteers are needed in every area including box office, security, and stage crew. You'll find more information about this opportunity at:**

**[www.theforwardianartsociety.com/Opportunities-2.html](http://www.theforwardianartsociety.com/Opportunities-2.html)**

**Friday May 6<sup>th</sup> - The Cheeky Monkey Coffeehouse in Stroudsburg, PA will hold an Artist's Reception featuring the work of David Ohkerling\* beginning at 6pm. The Exhibition continues until June 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**May 6<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> - The Shawnee Playhouse in Shawnee on Delaware, PA will present The Center Stage Players production of "The Seafarer" by Conor McPherson.**

**Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> - The Eastburg Community Alliance (ECA) will hold their annual Books, Brushes and Blooms: Spring Arts and Literary Festival at Millers Park in East Stroudsburg, PA beginning at noon featuring artists, authors, gardeners (landscape artists, master gardeners), non-profits, and artisans along with live performances taking place throughout the day.**

**Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> - The Pocono Community Theater in East Stroudsburg, PA will hold an Artists' Reception beginning at 1pm for an exhibition titled, "The Flower Show." The Exhibition Continues until June 26<sup>th</sup>. Photograph provided by The Pocono Community Theater.**

**You'll find more information about these Events at  
[www.theforwardianartsociety.com/Calendar-1.html](http://www.theforwardianartsociety.com/Calendar-1.html)**

**Friday May 13<sup>th</sup> - The Cheeky Monkey Coffeehouse in Stroudsburg, PA will hold their comedy night featuring the Off Track Players beginning at 7pm.**

**Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> - The Starbucks Coffeehouse in Stroudsburg, PA will hold an Open Mic Night beginning at 6pm hosted by Singer/Songwriter Eric J. Becker.**



**Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup> - The Sherman Theater in Stroudsburg, PA will present The Dark Star Orchestra. Photograph provided by The Sherman Theatre.**

**Friday May 19<sup>th</sup> - The ArtMusic Coffeehouse in East Stroudsburg, PA will present Lynn Hanson beginning at 8pm as part of the Concerts In Your Home Series. Photograph provided by Lynn Hanson.**

**Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> - The Forwardian Arts Society will host a Film Lovers' Gathering at The Cheeky Monkey Coffeehouse in Stroudsburg, PA beginning at 7pm with a free screening of the film (TBA) which will be followed by an open discussion of the film in their cozy décor while enjoying a beverage The Cheeky Monkey Coffeehouse has available for purchase. All film lovers are welcomed. Please Contact us for more information.**

**Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> - The Shawnee Playhouse in Shawnee on Delaware, PA will present their production of "River's Edge: The Story of Shawnee" by Rod Foote and Midge McClosky. The production continues until September 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**You'll find more information about these Events at  
[www.theforwardianartsociety.com/Calendar-1A.html](http://www.theforwardianartsociety.com/Calendar-1A.html).**

**Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> - Moe'st Everything Muse in East Stroudsburg, PA will hold an Open Mic Night.**

**Friday May 27<sup>th</sup> - The ArtMusic Coffeehouse in East Stroudsburg, PA will present Sundad beginning at 8pm as part of the Concerts In Your Home Series.**

**Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> - The Cheeky Monkey Coffeehouse in Stroudsburg, PA will host The Urban Mountain Voices presentation of their Youth Open Mic Night beginning at 7pm.**

**Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup> - The Starbucks Coffeehouse in Stroudsburg, PA will hold an Open Mic Night beginning at 6pm hosted by Singer/Songwriter Eric J. Becker.**

**You'll find more information about these Events at  
[www.theforwardianartsociety.com/Calendar-1B.html](http://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.theforwardianartssociety.com/Member-Page.html](http://www.theforwardianartssociety.com/Member-Page.html).

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

Alfred Ruggiero (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
Ellen Bihler (May 6<sup>th</sup>)  
Chris Loeb sack (May 7<sup>th</sup>)  
Joseph Shannon (May 7<sup>th</sup>)  
Doug Sassaman (May 15<sup>th</sup>)  
Carlos Liciaga (May 17<sup>th</sup>)  
Pittershawn Palmer (May 19<sup>th</sup>)  
Maria I. Roman-Perez (May 30<sup>th</sup>)

We welcomed Ben Miranda who joined The Forwardian Arts Society on Friday April 8<sup>th</sup>.

We now have over 700 members in total.

We congratulated The Worthington Players who received awards from The Northeastern Pennsylvania Theatrical Alliance (NEPTA) who highlights and honors the best of the best in Community Theater with an Annual Award Ceremony mirroring those given during the Tony Awards. You'll find a complete listing along with our reviews of the play at [www.theforwardianartssociety.com/Member-Page.html](http://www.theforwardianartssociety.com/Member-Page.html).

We also congratulated Martyn and Celeste Aldridge who will manage a new coffeehouse in Milford, PA and Marelle Walmsley of La Marelle Gallery who was recently interviewed in relation to her work. Please feel free to share your congratulatory sentiment with them.

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.

## **PHOTO OF THE MONTH**



This Photograph was sent to us by our Good Friend Writer and Poet Valerie Cruz who took it while on a recent trip to Philadelphia, PA. You'll be able to read her work in the upcoming issue of our Literary and Arts magazine, "Forwardian" coming to a computer near you. Smiles.

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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