



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, what a Forwardian month it has been. Like many of you, I had plans and plans within plans to attend quite a few art related events. But alas, the weather decided otherwise. It’s often said if one wanted to see the divine laugh, all one has to do is tell it your plans. I must admit I was a bit disappointed when the cancellations came, but it is winter and I do live in the Pocono Region of PA. So, what else would I expect.

However, my heart still goes out to those who painstakingly planned on putting on an event for the community to enjoy only to have it exempted by the forces of nature. It’s hard to schedule anything this time of year whether it be a concert, an art exhibition, or a trip to the grocery store. The delightful flurries we see scattering about may transform into a blizzard in a blink of an eye. Of course, it isn’t that bad, but almost.

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I admit that I too have been affected by this feeling as I've experienced several disappointing episodes throughout January and February. Many have been either due to the weather changing schedules or having unrealistic expectations of what would occur during the events I experienced. But, some disappointments derived from being misinformed by those individuals and groups who overextended themselves and wound up not being able to do what they promoted.

Although each of these causes are understandable (especially the later one since I've done this many times in the past), the feeling of melancholy one feels obscures our ability to place the disappointments we receive into their proper perspective. We tend to feel what has happen will continue to repeat itself over and over again forgetting this may well be only a temporary occurrence and will right itself if we only step back and let it. We become disheartened and immobilized in our forgetfulness.

There has been many what would be considered by some as hardships in my life and my journey in The Forwardian Arts Society. During these experiences, I sometimes felt there was no way I could continue living or growing as things could never ever become better. There was no healing, help, or hope in sight for the future. But, something happened in each of those situations and I was not only able to survive, but I began to thrive as well.

In spite of our perceptions, the disappointments we encounter throughout our lives never last forever. In fact, they don't really last all that long a time. And, they weren't all that devastating. They may seem so overwhelming at the time we feel we may die from under their weight. But, the fact you're here today reading this proves they weren't. So, why should the disappointments and tragedies we face today and during our tomorrows have any different effect? All we need to do is remember and our perspective can change to help us to cope with what confronts us in a more reassuring way.

There are many who ask me what is The Forwardian Arts Society doing during this time of year. Most look at me more oddly than usual when I say "Nothing." Before they call in the guys in the white coats again, I share with them that I've decide a long time ago not to hold anything thing like an event or gathering between the months of November and March. I've lived in the area all my life and I know to do so would only lead to a possible cancellation so why bother. This isn't meant to become boastful in implying "I'm smarter than those who plan their events now." It's just letting those of you who are still wondering why we're off season now.

So, as 2011 continues, the way we experience everything we encounter through our hearts, minds, and souls can be influenced by our memories of how we faced similar and even greater challenges and how we prevailed. We are something amazing and we can do many wonderful things. This is especially true when friends gather together to share their memories and their dreams for the future in conversation and in activities that reflect their love for one another. I hope you'll have many opportunities throughout the remainder of the year and The Forwardian Arts Society through its many activities and programs provide some of them for you.

However, those of us who live in the northeast region of PA did get a visit from Spring, which helps us to remember the arts in this area are begging to take bloom. Concerts, Art Receptions, Poetry Readings, and other events are showing up like blips on a radar screen indicating how much more of the same we can come to expect with each passing day. As the song says, "The future's so bright, I gotta wear shades."

The Forwardian Arts Society has also blipped its way into this radar as things have been happening to give us a foretaste of what we, as a fellowship, can bring to the creative community this Spring. The submission deadline for our Literary and Arts Magazine, Forwardian, has past and, from what I've seen of what many of you have sent, our next issue promises to be a wonderfully impressive one.

Our Literary and Arts Magazine titled, "Forwardian" now has a managerial staff in place to begin the good work of selecting the wonderful material we received and putting it all together for the publication of our next issue which we hope (with fingers crossed) will be in April 2011. We met this past Saturday February 19th at The Cheeky Monkey Coffeehouse to explore the work, to discuss how to best proceed, and to learn more about each other and our love for the arts. It was a delightful and productive gathering planting the seeds for a great edition.

Our Magazine's Managerial Staff consists of Alexandra (aka Sunny) Carpenter who is our Literary and Poetry Editor. She joined the magazine a few months ago and her considerable literary talents and openness to all forms, topics, and styles has proved to be a great asset to the publication. I haven't seen all she is presently contemplating to include in our next issue. But, what I have seen assures me a very high quality of literature and poetry will greet our readers.

Andrea Robbins Rimberg joined Forwardian's managerial staff on Saturday February 12th as our Arts and Photography Director. Her Artistic talents are well know as her Paintings, Photographs, and sculptures are displayed in numerous venues throughout the country. Andrea's creative skills and experience brings something truly wonderful to our magazine as is evident in the selection of images she has chosen for our next issue. They grasp the attention and imagination of all who view them and are sure to inspire our readers to see their world in a new way.

Jan Julia joined Forwardian's managerial staff during our meeting at Cheeky Monkey on February 19th. She came uncertain about what position she was to embark upon as our next issue came into being, but the conversation relating to our endeavor convinced her to apply her considerable editorial skills to become our Editor in Chief. Although she is best known as a theatrical director with her most recent work being The Kaleidoscope Players production of "Whose Afraid of Virginia Woolf?", she is also a skilled editor whose talents will assure all the work presented in our magazine will faithfully reflect the intent each contributor had as their work was being created.

As we shared our dreams about Forwardian future during our February 19th meeting, it became clear to me our angels has brought us together. I personally feel any publication would be greatly enhanced by having any one of these women a part of it. I feel very fortunate to have all three to share this wonderful endeavor with and their desire to become a part of the magazine humbles me.

Throughout the spiritual history of mankind, the names of the deities who are accredited with creating all that is in existence all have the ah sound. God, Yahweh, Jehovah, Allah, Brahma, Ra, and so forth all share that sound. Even some of those who are chosen as profits such as Buddha, Krishna, Mohammad, and Joshua (Jesus' given name) also have the ah sound in their names. We even create the ah sound while we're in the act of creation (aka sex).

I can not help but notice something interesting about the names of our Managerial Staff. Alexandra, Andrea, and Jan Julia also share the Ah sound. I'm not sure what that means, but I know something wonderfully creative will come from what we do as we continue moving forward towards bringing the wonderful work we've received to print. I would like to take this time to sincerely thank each one of you who shared their incredible gifts with us. They honor and bless us and they are deeply appreciated.

However, there is more to be done. While we endeavor to bring all the talent Forwardian has received into being, we are very much aware they physical process of bringing the publication to print requires money. So, this is where you who are able to can help.

As you may know, Forwardian accepts financial support through three avenues. They are Page Sponsorships, Patronages, and Donations. Later in this newsletter, you'll be able to learn how you can support brining our next issue into being along with information on a special discount you, as a Passionate Art Lover, is entitled to. In the meantime, I would like to ask you keep a good thought for our magazine, our fellowship, and all who love the arts in your heart as we go forward together.

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

Forwardian Page Sponsors receive space for a 100 word statement to be presented along with a Website, Email Address, or Phone Number they would like to share with the public at the bottom of a page in our magazine.

A Special Discount for You.

As you may know, Passionate Art Lovers of The Forwardian Arts Society are entitled to a 10% discount off our Forwardian Page Sponsorships. This means they can become a Forwardian Page Sponsor for \$45.00.

If you upgrade your basic Art Lovers' Membership to the \$20 Passionate Art Lovers' level by March 15th, we'll combine your membership and a Forwardian Page Sponsorship at the cost of \$60. You'll then receive a 10% discount off the price of a Forwardian Page Sponsorship in all future issue of our magazine.

You'll be able to obtain information of other benefits we have for our Passionate Art Lovers at www.theforwardianartsociety.com/Join-us.html.

We presently have 10 pages of our upcoming issue available for sponsorships.

FORWARDIAN PATRONS - \$20.00

Forwardian Patrons receive space for a 20 word statement to be presented along with a Website, Email Address, or Phone Number they would like to share with the public in a special section of our magazine.

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.

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More information can be found at 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. 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.

Thursday February 24th - The Deer Head Inn in Delaware Water Gap, PA will present Jazz Jam with the Bill Goodwin and Friends beginning at 8pm.

Friday February 25th - The Deer Head Inn in Delaware Water Gap, PA will present Chuck Cooper beginning at 7pm.

February 25th – March 3rd – The Pocono Community Theater in East Stroudsburg, PA will present the films “Unknown,” “Blue Valentine,” and “The King's Speech.”

Saturday February 26th - Moe'st Everything Muse in East Stroudsburg, PA will hold an Open Mic Night.

March 1st - 29th - The Gallery at Chant Realtors LV in Lords Valley, PA presents a Group Show titled, “Abstract Expressions.”

Friday March 4th - The Deer Head Inn in Delaware Water Gap, PA will present The Zach Brock Trio beginning at 7pm.

Saturday March 4th - The Sherman Theatre in Stroudsburg, PA will present The Dave Dzambo Memorial Concert beginning at 6pm.



Saturday March 5th - The Sherman Theatre in Stroudsburg, PA will present Conspirator at 9pm featuring Marc Brownstein and Aron Magner of The Disco Biscuits. Photograph provided by The Sherman Theatre.

Saturday March 5th - The Deer Head Inn in Delaware Water Gap, PA will present The Ellington Legacy Band beginning at 7pm.

Sunday March 6th - The Deer Head Inn in Delaware Water Gap, PA will present Bob Leive and the Wooster Street Trolley Band beginning at 5pm.

Sunday March 6th - The Sherman Theatre in Stroudsburg, PA will present Men Aloud at 7pm.

March 9th - 27th - The Electric Theatre Company in Scranton, PA will present their production of "Rounding Third" by Richard Dresser.

Thursday March 10th - The Deer Head Inn in Delaware Water Gap, PA will present Jazz Jam with the Bill Goodwin and Friends beginning at 8pm.



Thursday March 10th - The Sherman Theater in Stroudsburg, PA will present Asleep At The Wheel at 7:30pm. Photograph provided by The Sherman Theater.

Saturday March 12th - The Deer Head Inn in Delaware Water Gap, PA will present a Guitar Trio featuring Bucky Pizzarelli, Walt Bibinger, and Ed Laub beginning at 7pm.

Sunday March 13th - The Sherman Theatre in Stroudsburg, PA will present The Elisabeth Campanelli Benefit Concert beginning at 3pm.

Thursday March 17th - The Deer Head Inn in Delaware Water Gap, PA will present Jazz Jam with the Bill Goodwin and Friends beginning at 8pm.

Sunday March 20th - The Deer Head Inn in Delaware Water Gap, PA will present Bill Charlap beginning at 5pm.

Thursday March 24th The Deer Head Inn in Delaware Water Gap, PA will present Jazz Jam with the Bill Goodwin and Friends beginning at 8pm.

Saturday March 26th – The Sherman Theatre in Stroudsburg, PA will present The Led Zeplin Experience Hammer of the Gods at 8pm.

Saturday March 26th - Moe'st Everything Muse in East Stroudsburg, PA will hold an Open Mic Night.



Saturday March 26th - The Deer Head Inn in Delaware Water Gap, PA will present Nancy and Spencer Reed beginning at 7pm. Photograph provided by Spencer Reed.

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.

In our Ongoing Opportunities Section:

The Shawnee Playhouse in Shawnee on Delaware, PA is looking for actors to participate in staged readings for The Worthington Players Original Playwright Series to be held on March 4th, 11th, and 18th. If you can do one, two or all three, please call the box office for more information. Please Contact The Shawnee Playhouse at 570-421-5093 for more information.

The Forwardian Arts Society is seeking bands and individual musicians to be a part of event they are either putting together or events they are supporting. They will take place at various times during the year in a variety of venues. If you would like to be considered, please contact The Forwardian Arts Society Music Director Kenneth Meyer at yourdrumteacher@yahoo.com.

The Forwardian Arts Society Literary and Arts Magazine “Forwardian” is seeking individuals to fill the following Volunteer Managerial Positions. They include Copy Editor and Funding and Distribution Director. Please send an email of interest to us to receive more information and a description of each position.

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 from Friday April 1st until Wednesday June 15th. The Guidelines for Submission and other information can be found by visiting www.theforwardianartsociety.com/Forwardian-Submissions.html.

The Forwardian Arts Society is seeking original films to be presented during its Spring Film Festival. Films may be of any subject, topic, or cinematic style. Submissions must be on DVD and sent by March 10th. Please contact us for more information.

The Forwardian Arts Society is seeking actors, playwrights, and other individuals to help form their theatrical company. Productions will include (but not be limited to) 10 minute plays, full length plays, and radio drama. Please contact us for more information.

We, The Forwardian Arts Society, will hold an Expedition Party featuring an opportunity for all art lovers to explore all the wonderful possibilities we can make manifest during our 10th season. Topics will include (but not be limited to) planning our future gatherings for those who love the performing, literary, and visual arts, future ArtSmash of the Poconos Festivals, and more. Please feel free to come ready to share any of your thoughts on what we can do to enhance the love for the arts in our community. The Expedition Party will take place Saturday March 19th beginning at 1pm. It’s location will be determined at a later time. Please contact us for more information and to RSVP by Tuesday March 1st.

Hemlock Farms in Lords Valley, PA is seeking quality art works of local artists and craftsmen to be a part of their annual juried Fine Arts and Crafts Show to be held Sunday July 17th. Fee required space reservations available on a first come first basis.

The PoconoArts Council in Stroudsburg, PA is seeking donations of art, a service items, and/or musical performances for their upcoming “Spring for the Arts” event scheduled to be held Saturday March 26th.

The Dreamland Creations in Stroudsburg, PA are accepting art relating to the theme of their upcoming exhibition titled, "The Elements 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 March 30th. The exhibition begins with an Artists' Reception on Sunday April 3rd and Continues until May 30th.

March 20th and 29th - The Shawnee Playhouse in Shawnee on Delaware, PA will hold Children's Auditions for their upcoming productions of "Annie" and "Alice in Wonderland Jr."

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.

February 25th - 27th - The Kirkridge Retreat Center in Bangor, PA will hold a workshop led by Mike Lew and Thom Harrigan titled, "Allies in Recovery: A Weekend Workshop for Sexual Abuse Survivors and their Partners."

Fridays Beginning March 4th - The PoconoArts Council in Stroudsburg, PA will hold a class titled, "Watercolor for the Beginner" beginning at 10am conducted by Will Daskal. The workshop concludes March 25th.

March 4th - 6th - The Kirkridge Retreat Center in Bangor, PA will hold a workshop led by Matthew Fox titled, "Exploring the Christian Mystical Tradition."

Mondays Beginning March 7th - The PoconoArts Council in Stroudsburg, PA will hold an Intermediate Watercolor Class beginning at 10am conducted by Joan Raushi. The workshop concludes March 28th.

Mondays Beginning March 7th - The PoconoArts Council in Stroudsburg, PA will hold an Acrylic Painting Class beginning at 6:30pm conducted by Will Daskal. The workshop concludes March 28th.

Thursdays Beginning March 10th - The PoconoArts Council in Stroudsburg, PA will hold a Basic Drawing Workshop beginning at 1pm conducted by Jill Swersie. The workshop concludes March 31st.

March 10th - 13th - The Kirkridge Retreat Center in Bangor, PA will hold a workshop led by Janet Chisholm and Barb Gessner titled, "Creating a Culture of Peace."

March 11th - 13th - The Kirkridge Retreat Center in Bangor, PA will hold a workshop led by Carolyn McDade titled, "Widening Embrace."

Monday March 14th - 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.

March 18th -20th - The Kirkridge Retreat Center in Bangor, PA will hold a workshop led by Barbara Crafton titled, "Forgiveness: What It Is and What It Isn't."

March 21st - 24th - The Kirkridge Retreat Center in Bangor, PA will hold a workshop led by John Bell titled, "Looking for a Larger Christ."

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

Myspace at www.myspace.com/forwardian_arts

Bloggers at www.forwardianartssociety.blogspot.com

A Musical Haven



Holly's Wholistic Haven in East Stroudsburg, PA held a drumming session on Saturday January 29th to celebrate the arrival of the new moon and Candlemas. The evening was hosted by Holly Avilla began with a potluck dinner served in her kitchen while those attending had an opportunity to share some great food and even greater conversation. The drumming session that followed the meal was enhanced as each avenue of music was inspired by the celestial occurrence and the influential beats of each other.

A Lyrical Dreamland



The Dreamland Creations in Stroudsburg, PA held an Artists Reception on Sunday February 6th which featured the work of numerous artists for their exhibition titled, “The Lyrics Show.” This was the first of themed exhibitions for 2011 which were made popular during 2010. The exhibition continues until March 28th.

Womanhood Celebrated at The Sherman

The Sherman Community Gallery located within The Sherman Theatre in Stroudsburg, PA held an Artists’ Reception on Friday February 11th for an exhibition titled, “Reveries of Form: A Celebration of Women” featuring the work of Photographer Sander Martijn. The reception served to support the endeavors of the Women’s Leadership Initiative of The United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley. The exhibition continues until April 1st. Due to a mistake I made during uploading them, there are no Photographs for this event.

An Afternoon with the Arts



The Artspace Gallery in Stroudsburg, PA held an Artists’ Reception for their Winter Art Exhibit on Saturday February 12th. The recent frigid weather the Pocono Area had experienced in the past few weeks gave way to a warming trend with was accentuated by the welcoming warmth found within the Gallery. A sizable crowd of art lovers gathered for the reception enhancing the conversation the works inspired. The exhibition will continue until February 27th.

Theatrical Review: “Spanakopita”



I reviewed The Shawnee Playhouse in Shawnee on the Delaware, PA presentation of The Worthington Players production of “Spanakopita” by Larry Rosler which won the full length play category of their 2010 Playwright Completion. The production ran February 12th - 20th. Photograph pro-vided by The Shawnee Playhouse.

A Forwardian Meeting



As you may have read earlier in our introductory message, we held The first meeting with them Managerial Staff of our Literary and Arts Magazine Forwardian on Saturday February 19th at The Cheeky Monkey Coffeeshouse in Stroudsburg, PA, I didn’t write an article about it so you won’t find it on our blogs. But, here’s a picture depicting our Literary and Poetry Editor Alexandra (aka Sunny) Carpenter, our Art and Photography Director Andrea Robbins Rimberg, and our Editor in Chief Jan Julia. Look for the result of our endeavors in April. Smiles.

So, what would I like to do the rest of February and March?

Friday February 25th - The ArtMusic Coffeeshouse in East Stroudsburg, PA will present The SheilaMark Duo beginning at 8pm.



February 25th - 27th - The Shawnee Playhouse in Shawnee on Delaware, PA will present Broadway on the Red Carpet” featuring the Songs both film and stage. I hope to attend the Saturday February 26th performance at 8pm. Photograph provided by The Shawnee Playhouse.

Saturday February 26th - The Cheeky Monkey in Stroudsburg, PA will host The Urban Mountain Voices presentation of their Youth Open Mic Night beginning at 7pm.

Friday March 4th - The Cheeky Monkey Coffeehouse in Stroudsburg, PA will hold an Artist’s Reception featuring the work of Ka-son Reeves beginning at 6pm. The Exhibition continues until May 1st.



March 4th - 18th - The Shawnee Playhouse in Shawnee on Delaware, PA will present The Worthington Players Staged Readings featuring the finalist of their Original Playwright Competition. Photograph provided by The Shawnee Playhouse



March 4th - 20th - The Shawnee Playhouse in Shawnee on Delaware, PA will present their Production of “Branigan’s Blarney” by Rod Foote. Photograph provided by The Shawnee Playhouse.

Saturday March 5th - The Castle Inn Gallery in Delaware Water Gap, PA will hold an Artists’ Reception beginning at 4pm featuring the works of Fernando Uriel Salomone and Joanne Castrillo. The Exhibition continues until May 6th.

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

Monday March 7th - The ArtMusic Coffeehouse in East Stroudsburg, PA will present Ann and Will Rowland beginning at 8pm.

Friday March 11th - The ArtMusic Coffeehouse in East Stroudsburg, PA will present Jeff Taylor beginning at 8pm.

Sunday March 20th - The Starbucks Coffeehouse in Stroudsburg, PA will hold an Open Mic Night beginning at 6pm hosted by Singer/Songwriter Eric J. Becker.

Wednesday March 23rd - The East Stroudsburg University of PA will hold an Artists' Reception beginning at 5:30pm for "The ESU Art Association* All University Student Juried Art Exhibit" featuring an award ceremony sponsored by The ESU Society of the Arts in The Madelon Powers. The Exhibition Continues until April 12th.

Friday March 25th - The Shawnee Playhouse in Shawnee on Delaware, PA will present The Worthington Players Production of "The Skyscraper" by David Auburn. The production continues until April 3rd.

Saturday March 26th - The ArtMusic Coffeehouse in East Stroudsburg, PA will present Rags to Riches beginning at 8pm.

Saturday March 26th - The PoconoArts Council in Stroudsburg, PA will hold their "Spring for the Arts" event featuring an opportunity to experience a variety of art created by local artists.

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.

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

**Rob Howell and Anglo Revilla III
(both born on March 15th)
Cindy Claus (March 18th)
Theresa Woehrel (March 20th)
Veronica Laster (March 23rd)
Anne' Huff (March 26th)**

Thank you for being in our lives.

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We welcomed Musician Jerry Geiger who joined 02-05-11 and Photographer Jill Nobles who joined 02-11-11.

We now have 700 members in total.

We congratulated The Alabaster Box who has officially moved to their new location at 522 Main St. in Stroudsburg, PA . They'll be holding a grand opening on Friday February 18th at 7pm.



We also Congratulated Jazz Bassist Jennifer Leitham whose documentary that tells my story titled, "I Stand Corrected" has wrapped and is now in post production. It will be released sometime this year. Photograph provided by Jennifer Leitham.

We also congratulated Marilyn Cooper who has established two new website which are www.littleriverwest.com www.pushingforpeace.org. Please feel free to contact her to share your congratulatory sentiments.



We welcomed Andrea Robbins-Rimberg who is now our new Art and Photography Director. We are privileged to have someone of her considerable talent working with us. She is featured on the cover the February 2011 issue of Connections Magazine at www.connections-magazine.com.



We also welcomed Jan Julia who is now the Editor in Chief of our Literary and Arts Magazine Forwardian. We are privileged to have someone of her considerable talent working with us.

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



Artist/photographer Joanne Bridgman shared this wintry scene with us which she took recently and is thinking of making it her Christmas card next year. If I get one, I'll be sure to place it on my mantle. Now, all I need is a mantle. As many who have seen her work displayed in a number of our ArtSmash Festivals can attest, her wonderfully creative talents and the gift of her friendship makes it Christmas every day.

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