



Hot Salsa and Cool Dance Options

Salsa today is a household name for a spicy condiment. But for many thrillseekers, salsa is also a particular music that seductively woos one to a sizzling world of dance.

In fact, salsa dancing, more often than not, heats up the dance floor with captivating spins, flirty skirts, stylish arms, svelte legs in gold, silver, even animal-print high heels, sexy footwork, as well as delicious hips and torso moves.

HotSalsaHot (HSH) offers sinfully flavorful dance classes taught by Henri Velandia. Originally from Venezuela, Henri has skillfully managed to transform a vernacular Latin movement vocabulary into a fun, accessible, and addictive set of dance moves, that embrace people of every age, race, body type, culture and experience.

Students at these classes range from high school students to housewives, teachers, cops, wrestlers, nurses, roofers, pharmacists and lawyers! A salsa class can provide a moment of euphoria when mastering the next sequence of sexy styling, footwork and partnering techniques! At times, even trained professional dancers will attempt the humbling process of conceding, not only to antiquated gender specific roles, but also to the fact that the fresh spontaneity of social dancing, can be just as challenging and complex as a set choreography in modern dance or ballet.

Since 2005, Henri has developed his distinct Salsa style—a blend of hip-urban street salsa, LA style footwork with a NY style flavor, and formal ballroom techniques, all infused with his intoxicating cool styling and sensual ease.

Henri finds his most gratifying aspect of teaching salsa is being able to guide his students through the difficult process of letting go, trusting, and believing in themselves. He adds, “It is amazing how Salsa can transform people’s lives in just a matter of months. I would call it a fun healing.”

Nancy Musco, a committed salsa student since 2006, admits, “Not only have I shed unwanted pounds and inches, but more importantly I have thrown off my hang ups about body, age and ability (mostly). I have gained confidence and along the way found a group of wonderful friends from



Dancers are Henri Velandia and Marie Alonzo Snyder.

photo by Elliot Gordon

many different locations and walks of life.”

Based in the Princeton area, HSH’s goal has been to develop a thriving community of Salseros and Salseras where creativity, camaraderie and passion for dancing are highly encouraged! For more information about lessons, workshops and performances, please visit www.hotsalsahot.com.

Experience Salsa, Swing, Mambo, and Bachata at Summer Night Swing on September 3, 10, 17, Forrestal Village on Route 1 South in Plainsboro where dance lessons begin at 7 pm and open dance begins at 8 pm. Henri Velandia will teach two 7-week HotSalsaHot! sessions at the YWCA Princeton between September 10 and December 17 from 5:30-8:30 pm.

The YWCA Princeton will also be offering two new exciting programs for dancers and is seeking choreographers to showcase in the “I’ll Have What She’s Having...” Dance Project in the spring.

The Y Dance Department is dedicated to growing and developing the dance community in Mercer County. Their new programs are designed to intrigue and enlighten not just dancers, but artists of any medium.

Conversations on Choreography will

be held on October 5, November 2 and December 7 from 7:30 to 9 pm. Facilitators Marie Alonzo Snyder (MFA Dance, NYU; EdD Dance, Columbia University) and Christine Colosimo (MA Dance, Columbia University) will engage dancers in an intellectual discussion and conversation with some movement experiences and video clips.

DanceLab on October 23 from 8 to 10 pm is an free performance opportunity for anyone to show his/her work in a supportive and informal setting. Finished works or works-in-progress are accepted. Please call (609) 497-2100, ext. 332 for an application.

Women Choreographers’ Showcase “I’ll have what she’s having...” Dance Project is for local, professional dancers over age 40 who are interested in choreographing and performing new and innovative works of dance that are risk-taking. Please call (609) 497-2100, ext. 332 for criteria and application before October 31.

The YWCA Princeton is located at 59 Paul Robeson Place. For more information or applications, please call Christine Colosimo, (609) 497-2100, ext. 332; email ccolosimo@ywcaprinceton.org; or visit www.ywcaprinceton.org.



Liselot van der Heijden, *Natural History I, part of Family*: Work by the TCNJ Art Faculty.

TCNJ Art Gallery Explores Family, Tyranny & Freedom

The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) as well as the Art Gallery will be exploring the theme of Family: Realities, Representations, and New Formations. Subthemes will include Families Disrupted by War, Neo-Families and Struggling Families. The exhibit *Family Matters* will introduce the theme with work by the TCNJ Art Faculty from September 9 through October 14.

Inherited Traits, opening on January 20 and closing on February 24 will continue the theme with work from contemporary artists who examine their ancestral legacies including shameful secrets, shared biological characteristics, and family legends.

Broaching next year's joint themes of Tyranny and Freedom, *Visualizing Distortions*, from October 28 to December 2, will feature work by Gilberto Esparza, Marcela Armas, Gerardo García de la Garza, Iván Abreu, Ale de la Puente, and Iván Puig.

Through media and installation art from Mexico City, this exhibit will examine the multiple ways of exercising hostility—methods and devices that are not necessarily acts of violence or cruelty, but are rather twists of interpretation or games of obstruction regarding histories. Non-hospitable means are employed to deal with information, image and memory... and above all, the experience of any given space. Common spaces that may be interpreted as camouflaged war zones or as the poetics of a community.

The Tyranny and Freedom investigation continues in 2010 with *Resisting Tyranny* from September 15 through October 27, and *Images of Slavery in Contemporary Art* from November 10 through December 8.

The first gallery space at TCNJ was in Phelps Hall during the 1960s. The gallery moved to Forcina Hall until the current space in Holman Hall was completed in 1972. Later, Teen Arts Festival occupied display area in the lobby of Holman Hall. At each location, there was an ongoing exhibition program, which consisted of juried shows, invitational exhibitions, and displays of work by art faculty and by major artists. TCNJ Art Gallery's expanded programs will move into a newly renovated and enlarged space in the former West Library in the fall of 2012. And, this January, the new art building, which includes a dedicated student exhibition space will open. This new space will increase student exhibitions.

The College of New Jersey, founded in 1855 as the New Jersey State Normal School, is primarily an undergraduate and residential college with targeted graduate programs. TCNJ's population constitutes a diverse community of learners, dedicated to free inquiry and open exchange, to excellence in teaching, creativity, scholarship and citizenship, and to the transformative power of education in a highly competitive institution.

Under the direction of Sarah Cunningham, the Art Gallery's contemporary visual arts programs aspire to make arts and music experiences readily available to all audiences. The themes of Family, and Tyranny & Freedom are especially critical in a society as diverse and complex as Mercer County.

The College of New Jersey Art Gallery is located in Holman Hall on the campus at 2000 Pennington Avenue in Ewing. For more information, please call (609) 771-2198 or visit www.tcnj.edu/~tcag.

A Christmas Story Comes to Kelsey Theatre

Ralphie again campaigns for a Red Ryder Carbine Action 200-Shot, Range Model Air Rifle in the Pennington Players production of *A Christmas Story* at Kelsey from November 27 through December 6.

Pennington Players have been entertaining local audiences since 1951. In 1964, they became the first group to perform at Washington Crossing State Park Open Air Theatre (OAT) in George Bernard Shaw's *The Devil's Disciple*, then the next year performed their first musical, *Plain and Fancy*, also the first musical to appear at OAT.

The company is open to anyone interested in community theatre—actors and crew. The energetic volunteer staff is willing to train crew recruits; and is especially proud of many young members who have gone on to careers in professional theater.

Pennington Players typically stage three or four productions each season at Kelsey. They have earned a reputation for producing new or unusual works, such as debut performances of *Fame* and *Jekyll and Hyde* at OAT, and the New Jersey premiere of *The Legend of Redwall Abbey* at Kelsey.

A Christmas Story will be performed at Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College at 1200 Old Trenton Road in West Windsor from November 27 through December 6. Performances will be on Friday and Saturday at 7 pm, and Saturday and Sunday at 2 pm. Tickets are \$10 to \$14. For more information, please call (609) 570-3333 or visit www.kelseyatmccc.org.

OnStage Podcasts

Backstage Pass is a podcast that provides an exclusive behind the scenes look at community theatre in central New Jersey. Hosts John and Dan Maurer interview actors, directors, musicians and others working in local community theater. Listen to discussions about past and upcoming productions, how to get started in community theater, the NJ Association of Community Theater Perry Awards. Find a podcast at www.mponstage.com/podcasts/index.php.

New Jersey Statewide Cultural Festival

September 26 • Noon-5 pm
South Riverwalk Park, Trenton
above Route 29 Tunnel
(609) 777-0881
www.njculturalfestival.com

Mercer County is Now on Twitter

Twitter is a free service that helps people keep in touch through the exchange of quick, frequent answers to one simple question: *What are you doing?* For more information or to start receiving MercerPIO's updates, visit www.twitter.com/MercerPIO.

Commissioner Honored

Dr. Howard Goldstein, Professor Emeritus of Art at The College of New Jersey, was recently honored by the Alumni Association of Buffalo State College by receiving the Senior Service Award. The award recognizes Buffalo State graduates of more than 50 years ago who, in their retirement, volunteer their time to help others, thereby creating positive changes within the community or college campus.

Congratulations Dr. Goldstein!

Blind Awareness Month

The New Jersey State Library will kick off Blind Awareness Month with a Fall Festival on October 3 from 10 am to 3 pm with keynote speaker Mary Jane Clark, author of eleven media-thriller novels.

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the Library for the Blind and Handicapped changing its name to the New Jersey State Library Talking Books and Braille Center.

The library is located at 2300 Stuyvesant Avenue in Ewing. For more information or to register for special accommodations (by September 10), please call (609) 530-6031 or visit www.njlbh.org. (WATSPLBV)

Mercer County Photo Show

Mercer County Photography Exhibition will be on display in The Gallery at Mercer County Community College from September 8 through October 8. The juried show is sponsored by Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission. Photographers 18 years or older who live, work or go to school in Mercer County may submit up to three entries for the one-day jury process.

Best of Show, Honorable Mention and Mercer County Art Collection Purchase awards will be announced at the opening reception on September 9 from 5 to 7:30 pm.

This year's juror is Edward Fausty, MFA Photography, Yale School of Art, BFA, Cooper Union School of Art.

For a full prospectus, please call The Gallery at (609) 570-3589, email galler@mtcc.edu or visit www.mercer-county.org or www.mccc.edu.

Dear Friends,

The sun is setting on summertime, but that's no reason to head indoors. Mercer County has a full schedule of festive cultural activities this autumn that have something for everyone to enjoy.

Our community looks forward to seasonal traditions as the air gets crisp, the leaves begin to turn, and sweaters emerge from drawers. From attending pumpkin harvests and sipping cider at Howell Farm to enjoying your own cultural traditions through special heritage-inspired celebrations held throughout the season, Mercer County residents have many options to choose from.

I encourage residents to peruse the events calendar found in this newsletter and take part in the many cultural activities being offered in the coming months. In addition to continuing outdoor events, a variety of art exhibits, theatre performances, and historical building tours offer enlightening, enjoyable, and often inexpensive ways to fill your day. Make the time to look around and explore your community, together with friends and family.

However you choose to experience Mercer County culture this fall, I wish you a wonderful season



Sincerely,

Brian M. Hughes
County Executive

Arts in Crisis: A Kennedy Center Initiative

Arts in Crisis: A Kennedy Center Initiative is a program designed to provide planning assistance and consulting to struggling arts organizations throughout the United States. Open to non-profit 501(c)(3) performing arts organizations, the program will provide counsel from Kennedy Center President Michael Kaiser and the Kennedy Center executive staff in the areas of fundraising, building more effective Boards of Trustees, budgeting, marketing, technology, and other areas pertinent to maintaining a vital performing arts organization during a troubled economy.

Mr. Kaiser began a 50-state tour to deliver guidance in person due to the relatively small volume of requests for help that were received.

His strongest message is to avoid "bunker mentality," advising that's the quickest path to organizational failure. Here are his core guidelines:

- Do new, adventurous things. Otherwise you'll be like everyone else, and won't get much attention or support.
- Be creative—do more for less. For examples, do staged readings, with the best actors, instead of full productions. Collaborate. Cut print marketing by using more online channels.
- Don't cut programming, because when you do, you cut a revenue source AND your ambitions.

The Kennedy Center and Mr. Kaiser offered swift, constructive, hands-on, and in-

spirational assistance for the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra following Hurricane Katrina, as well as New York City Opera, and Dance Theatre of Harlem.

Companies who would like to participate should visit www.artsincrisis.org and submit an online request. In some instances, answers to simple questions may suffice; in others, more in-depth consultations will be required. Michael Kaiser, along with the heads of the Kennedy Center's development & fundraising, marketing, finance, information technology, and education departments will assist through e-mail, phone calls, and in-person visits to the organization.

Artsincrisis.org also enables senior arts managers to volunteer as mentors to other arts organizations. When a request is received, the Center tries to match that request with an arts manager in that local area.

The Kennedy Center Institute for Arts Management provides a wide variety of training and support for arts management, including a capacity building program for arts organizations; a program to train board members; and artsmanager.org, an interactive web resource for arts management professionals. The Kennedy Center also offers internship and fellowship programs, exposing arts professionals to various facets of arts management.

For more information about the Initiative, Institute, to apply for assistance or to volunteer to become a mentor, please visit artsincrisis.org.



Calendar of Events

The Mercer County Culture and Heritage Commission cannot be responsible for errors or omissions. Call ahead to confirm times and prices. For an expanded listing, visit www.mercercounty.org/CH/nl.htm. Deadline for winter issue, which covers December, January and February is October 9, 2009.

Art Happenings

Docent Tour, weekends, 2 pm, Princeton University Art Museum, Princeton campus. (609) 258-3788; www.artmuseum.princeton.edu. (wv)

Changing Exhibits, ongoing, dining room, University Medical Center at Princeton, 253 Witherspoon Street. (888) 742-7496; www.princeton-hcs.org. (wv)

Intended Consequences, Jonathan Torgovnik photos, Sept. 4-Nov 13, Bernstein Gallery, Robertson Hall, Woodrow Wilson School, Washington Road, Princeton University campus. Panel discussion & reception Oct 5, 4:30-6 pm, Bowl 16. (609) 258-2943; www.wfs.princeton.edu. (wv)

Luster of Lenox, thru Sept. 6, New J State Museum, 205 West State Street, Trenton. (609) 292-6464; www.new-jerseystatemuseum.org. (wv)

Paul Faber Aquatint Etchings, thru Sept 7, Queenstown Gallery Hopewell 24 West Broad Street Hopewell. (609) 466-0817; www.thequeenstowngallery.com.

Daily Bread, Lisa Salamandra paintings, Sept 7-30, The Gallery at Chapin, Chapin School, 4101 Princeton Pike, Princeton. Reception Sept 16, 5-7 pm. (609) 924-7206; www.chapinschool.org. (wv)

Breaking Ground II, Bill Hardy landscapes, Sept 9-Oct 9, Anne Reid Gallery, Princeton Day School, The Great Road, Princeton. Reception Sept. 29, 5-7 pm Hours: Mon-Fri 8 am-5 pm (609) 924-6700; www.pds.org. (wv)

Family: Realities, Representations, and New Formations: TCNJ Art Faculty work, Sept 9-Oct 14, (closed Oct 11-13), The College of New Jersey Art Gallery, 2000 Pennington Avenue, Ewing. (609) 771-2198; www.tcnj.edu/~tcag/. (wv)

Faces of the Angkors, David H. Miller photos; Brighton Beach, Lucmila Koudinova photos, Sept 11-Oct 11., Gallery 14, 14 Mercer Street, Hopewell. Reception Sept. 11, 6-9 pm (609) 333-8511; www.photosgallery14.com.

Current Exposures, photos, Sept 11-Nov 7, Gallery 125, 125 South Warren Street, Trenton. Reception Sept 11, 6-9 pm. (609) 989-9119; www.gallery125.com.

Rex Goreleigh: Revisited in Princeton, Sept 13-Jan 18, Historical Society of Princeton, Bainbridge

House, 158 Nassau Street. Reception Sept 13, 2 pm (609) 921-6748, www.princetonhistory.org. (wv)

Native Son: Works Inspired by the Life and Legacy of Paul Robeson, thru Sept 19-Nov 13, Arts Council of Princeton, 102 Witherspoon Street, Princeton. Reception Sept 17, 5-7 pm. (609) 924-8777; www.artsCouncilofprinceton.org. (wv)

Member Show, thru Sept 19, Arts Council of Princeton, 102 Witherspoon Street. Reception, Sept 17, 5-7 pm. (609) 924-8777; www.artsCouncilofprinceton.org. (wv)

Marble And Mud, Digital Stone Project artists Ryan Higgins & Petra Valentova marble sculptures, Sept 19-Oct 23, ArtWorks, 19 Everett Alley, Trenton. Reception Sept 19, 6-9 pm. (609) 394-9436; www.artworkstrenton.org (wv)

Robert Heath photos, Sept 19-Nov 7, Queenstown Gallery Hopewell 24 West Broad Street Hopewell. Reception Sept. 19, 5:30-8 pm. (609) 466-0817; www.thequeenstowngallery.com. (wv)

Call for Submissions: Point of View, all media except video and installations, deadline Sept 23, Gallery 125, 125 South Warren Street, Trenton. Exhibit: Nov 13-Jan 2. (609) 989-9119; www.gallery125.com.

Avenue of the Arts Fete, Sept 26, MarketFair, Route 1 South, Princeton. **Parallel Art Exhibit**, Sept, West Windsor Library, 333 North Post Road, Princeton Junction. (609) 919-1982; www.westwindsorarts.org. (wv)

Yasmin Hernandez paintings, Oct-Nov, Anne Reid Gallery, Princeton Day School, The Great Road, Princeton. Hours: Mon-Fri 8 am-5 pm (609) 924-6700; www.pds.org. (wv)

Autumn Glow, Daniel Turner Thomas watercolors, Oct 1-31, West Windsor Library, 333 North Post Road. Reception Oct. 1, 10 am (609) 448-0560; www.mcl.org (wv)

Mary Bundy pastel paintings, Oct 5-31, Gallery at Chapin School, 4101 Princeton Pike, Princeton. Reception Oct 7, 5-7 pm. (609) 924-7206; www.chapinschool.org. (wv)

Lectures: Matt Mullican, Oct 6; **Amanda McDonald Crowley, Eye-beam in New York**, Oct 13; **Tom Burr**, Nov 17; **Trevor Smith, Peabody Essex Museum**, Nov 24, 4:30 pm, Lecture Room 219, Lewis Center for the Arts, 185 Nassau Street, Princeton. (609) 258-1500; www.princeton.edu/arts. (wv)

Distortions, Mexico City Artists, Oct 28-Dec 2, (closed Nov 25-29), The College of New Jersey Art Gallery, 2000 Pennington Avenue, Ewing. (609) 771-2198; www.tcnj.edu/~tcag/. (wv)

Eric Schultz, found object sculptures, Nov 1-Dec 11, The Gallery at Chapin, Chapin School, 4101 Princeton Pike, Princeton. Reception Nov 11, 5-7 pm. (609) 924-7206; www.chapinschool.org. (wv)

71 Fragments of a Dream, Maria Lau photos, thru Nov 4, New Jersey State Museum, 125 West State Street, Trenton. (609) 292-6464; www.state.nj.us/state/museum. (wv)

Jane Cohen oil paintings, Nov 14-Jan 9, Queenstown Gallery Hopewell 24 West Broad Street Hopewell. Opening reception Nov. 14 5:30-8 pm. (609) 466-0817; www.thequeenstowngallery.com. (wv)

A-Team exhibit, Nov 21-Jan 2, ArtWorks, 19 Everett Alley, Trenton. Reception Nov 21, 6-9 pm. Trenton Area Soup Kitchen artists. (609) 394-9436; www.artworkstrenton.org. (wv)

Crafters' Marketplace, Nov. 21-22, 10 am-5 pm, John Witherspoon Middle School, 217 Walnut Lane, Princeton. Benefits YWCA Princeton Pearl Bates Scholarship fund. (609) 497-2100; www.ywcaprinceton.org. (wv)

Peddie School

Rachel Frank reception Sept 11, 6:30-8 pm, Mariboe Gallery
Alexander Kariotis and the Rock Opera Orchestra, Sept 25, 8 pm
Paper Cuts reception Oct 2, 6:30-8 pm, Mariboe Gallery
Nilaja Sun's- No Child..., Sept 15, 8 pm, Mariboe Gallery
Jonathan Wayne reception, Sept 23, 6:30-8 pm, Mariboe Gallery
The Children's Hour, Nov 5-7, 8 pm
Student Fall Art Exhibition, Nov 11, 6:30-8 pm, Mariboe Gallery
Student Fall Music Concert, Nov 12, 7:30 pm

Peddie School, Ward Avenue, Hightstown. (609) 490.7500; www.peddie.org. (wv)

Princeton University

Art Museum

Highlights Tour, weekends, 2 pm
Life Objects: Rites of Passage in African Art, Sept. 12-Jan. 24
Ancient Ivories of Bering Strait, Oct. 3-Jan. 10

Emmet Gowin: A Collective Portrait, Oct. 24-Feb. 20

Princeton University Art Museum, McCormick Hall, Princeton University Campus. (609) 258-3788; www.art-museum.princeton.edu. (wv)

Library

Liberty and the American Revolution: Selections from the Collection of Sid Lapidus, thru Jan 3, Firestone Library Gallery

Imagerie populaire: 19th and 20th Century French Illustrated Broad-sides from the Cotsen Children's Library, thru Jan 2010, Milberg Gallery.

Treasures from the Archives, thru Jan 29, Mudd Manuscript Library.

Princeton University Library, One Washington Road, Princeton. (609) 258-3184; www.princeton.edu/~rbsc. (wv)

Lucas Gallery

Independent Work, Sept 30-Oct 16. Reception Sept 29, 6-8 pm.

Undergrad Drawings, Oct 21-30. Reception Oct 20, 6-8 pm.

Video Class Exhibition, Nov 11-13. Reception Nov 10, 6-8 pm.

Undergrad Paintings, Nov 18-Dec 4. Reception Nov 17, 6-8 pm.

Lucas Gallery, Princeton University Lewis Center for the Arts, 185 Nassau Street, Princeton. Hours Mon-Fri, 10 am-4:30 pm. (609) 258-1500; www.princeton.edu/arts. (wv)

West Windsor Arts Council

Foil Sculptures, Sept 12, 9 am-1 pm.
Tissue Paper Color Theory Studies, Sept 19, 9 am-1 pm.

GroWW, Environmental Fair, Oct 3, 10 am-3 pm.

Autumn Arts, Oct 17, 1-4 pm.
Frottage, collage, rubbings and texture, Oct 17, 9 am-1 pm.

West Windsor Community Farmers Market, Vaughn Drive, Princeton Junction. Sponsored by West Windsor Arts Council. (609) 919-1982; www.westwindsorarts.org. (wv)

Benefits

Mike Marino Comedy! Sept 12, 8 pm, Patriots Theatre at the War Memorial, 1 Memorial Drive, Trenton. Benefits Muscular Dystrophy Research. \$30-\$75. (609) 984-8400; www.thewar memorial.com. (wv)

Family Festival to Benefit Autism, Sept. 12-13, 12-5 pm, Hopewell Valley Vineyards, 46 Yard Road, Pennington. \$5. (609) 737-4465;

www.hopewellvalleyvineyards.com.

Epicurean Palette, Sept. 13, 1-4 pm, Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. Gourmet tastings benefits GFS programs. (609) 586-0616; www.grounds-forsculpture.org. (wl)

ARTbox Derby, Sept 20, 1 pm, Greenway Meadows Park, Rosedale Road, Princeton. Prizes for most creative, greenest & fastest hand-built coaster cars. Benefits Princeton Arts Council and D&R Greenway Land Trust. (609) 924-8777; www.artscouncilofprinceton.org.

Antiques and Art Show, Sept. 26, 10 am-6 pm; Sept. 27, 11 am-4 pm, Historical Society of Princeton, Princeton Airport, Route 206. Opening night preview gala, Sept. 25, 7 pm-10 pm, \$175. Benefits educational programs, exhibitions, and collections care. (609) 921-6748; www.princetonhistory.org. (wv)

Eden by Moonlight, Oct. 3, 6:30 pm, Eden Family of Services, Hamilton Manor, Hamilton. \$250. Register (609) 987-0099; www.edenservices.org. (wv)

Monsters Ball Halloween Party, Oct 31, 8 pm, ArtWorks, 19 Everett Alley, Trenton. Benefits Artworks' community arts programs. (609) 394-9436; www.artworkstrenton.org. (wv)

Brunch w/Santa, Nov. 28, 9:30 am & noon., Children's Home Society of New Jersey, Notre Dame High School, 601 Lawrence Road, Lawrenceville. \$5. Register (609) 882-0363; www.chsofnj.org. (wv)

Art Auction, Sept. 13, 4-7 pm, Johnson Education Center, One Preservation Place, Princeton. Benefits D&R Greenway mission. \$100. Register (609) 924-4646; www.drgreenway.org. (wv)

White Elephant Sale, Art, Antiques, Sept 26, 9 am-3 pm; Sept 27, 10 am-2 pm, Princeton Medical Center Hospital Parking Garage, 253 Witherspoon Street. (888) 742-7496; www.princetonhcs.org. (wv)

Celebrate OperaNJ Gala, Oct. 17, 6:30 pm, Hyatt Regency, 102 Carnegie Center, Princeton. \$250-\$500/sponsor. OperaNJ winter & summer seasons, Young Artist Program, education programs. (609) 799-7700 x 106; www.opera-nj.org.

Kids Earth Fund featuring student art prints, Nov-Jan, Anne Reid Gallery, Princeton Day School, The Great Road, Princeton. Hours: Mon-Fri 8 am-5 pm. Proceeds benefit Kids Earth Fund. (609) 924-6700; www.pds.org. (wv)

Dance

Flamenco, first & third Wed, 8 pm, Malaga Restaurant, 511 Lalor Street, Hamilton. \$10. Register (609) 396-8878; www.malagarestaurant.com.

Roxey Ballet performs Dracula in Cathedral Crypt, Oct. 23, 8 pm &

midnight; Oct. 24, 4 pm & 8 pm, Trinity Cathedral, 801 West State Street, Trenton. \$25-\$30. (609) 392-3805 ext. 100; www.trinitycathedralnj.org. (Remote closed circuit viewing/2 weeks notice).

McCarter Theater

Suzanne Farrell Ballet Celebrating Balanchine, Oct 4, 3 pm, Matthews Theatre. \$45-\$56.

David Parsons, Nov 18, 8 pm, Matthews Theatre. \$39-\$50.

Graham Lustig's The Nutcracker, Nov 27-29, 1 pm & 4:30 pm, Matthews Theatre. \$33-\$43.

McCarter Theater, 91 University Place, Princeton. (609) 258-2787; www.mccarter.org. (wv)

Dancing

Scottish Dancing, Mon, 7:30 pm, Meadow Lakes, Etra Road, Hightstown. \$3. (609) 584-9764; www.rscds-nj.org.

American Ballroom Dance, Wed, 7-9 pm; Fri, 8-11 pm, 569 Klockner Road, Hamilton. \$10-\$15. (609) 931-0149; www.americanballroomco.com.

Princeton Country Dancers, Contra, Wed, 8-10:30 pm; 4th Sat, 8-11 pm; **English Country**, 2nd Sat, 8-11 pm, Suzanne Patterson Center, Route 27 at 206, Princeton. \$4-\$7. (609) 924-6763; www.princetoncountrydancers.org.

Black Cat Argentine Tango, Thu 8-9 pm, intermediate; 9-10 pm beginner; 10 pm-12 am, practice, Suzanne Paterson Center, 45 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$10. (609) 273-1378; www.TheBlackCatTango.com.

Film

Trenton Film Festival Wednesday Night @ the Movies, 7 pm, Café Olé Coffeehouse, 126 South Warren Street, Trenton. \$5. (609) 396-2233; www.trentonfilmfestival.org.

Video Screenings & Lalithra Fernando Independent Work, Sept 29, 4:30-7 pm, James M. Stewart Theater, Lewis Center for the Arts, 185 Nassau Street, Princeton. (609) 258-1500; www.princeton.edu/arts.

Classic Movies, second Sun, 2 pm, **Foreign Films**, second Thur, 7 pm, Mercer County Library, Darrah Lane, Lawrenceville. (609) 989-6922; www.mcl.org. (wv)

Grounds for Sculpture

Free Admission Day, Sept 11

Painted Furniture & Found Objects Workshop w/Leni Paquet-Morante, Sat Sept. 12-Oct 3, 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$120-\$135. Register.

Collage & Written Word Workshop w/DJ Haslett & Jennifer Korolenko, Sept 12, 11 am. \$5.

Jonathan Edwards Trio, Sept 18, 8 pm. \$22-\$27.

Tots on Tour! w/Joslyn Johnson, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, 11 am & 1 pm. Ages 3-5.

Photography Workshop w/Sally Davidson, Oct 1,8,15,22, 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$55-\$65. SLR or digital camera required. Register

Outlet Dance Project, Oct 4, 2 pm.

Jacobo de la Serna ceramics, Oct 10-Jan 10, Toad Hall. Reception Oct 9, 5-7 pm.

Albert Paley, metal sculpture, Oct 11-April 18.

International Sculpture, Oct 11-Jan 10.

Albert Paley Gallery Talk & Book Signing, Oct. 11, 2 pm. \$10-\$12

Oktoberfest, Oct. 17, 12-5 pm. Rain-date Oct 24.

Altered Books Workshop w/Aylin Green, Oct 17, 24, 31, Nov 7, 10:30 am-1:30 pm. \$130-\$145. Register

Pit-Fired Ceramics Workshop w/Debbie Reichard, Oct 17-18, 10:30 am-4:30 pm. \$165-\$180. Register.

NJ Storytelling Fest, Oct. 18, 12-6 pm

Photo Matting Workshop w/Sally Davidson, Oct. 24, 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$20-\$25. Register.

Early Music Fest, Oct. 25, 12-5 pm.

Masquerade Ball, Oct 30, 8 pm. Register.

Beasts & Creatures Workshops w/Kathryn Sclavi, Nov 7, 11 am-12 pm. Ages 6-9; 1-3 pm. Ages 10-12.

Dana Stewart Gallery Talk, Nov 7, 2 pm. Register.

Beatlemania Now, Nov. 13, 8 pm. \$25-\$30.

Gingerbread House Demo w/Peter Max Dierkes, Nov. 14, 12 pm; **Workshop**, Nov. 14, 1:30 pm. Ages 10-up. \$20-\$25. Register.

Holiday Workshop, Nov. 21, 1-2:30 pm. Ages 6-12. \$10-\$12.

Decorate Holiday Cookies, Nov 28, 1-4 pm. \$5; **Holiday Music**, Nov 28, 3-5 pm.; **Lights On**, Nov 28, 5 pm.

Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$6-\$10. (609) 586-0616; www.grounds-forsculpture.org. (wv)

History Activities

John Abbott House, weekends noon-5 pm, 2200 Kuser Road, Hamilton. (609) 585-1686.

Brearley House, first Sat, 10 am-noon, Meadow Lane, Lawrenceville. Lawrence Historical Society. (609) 895-1728; www.thelhs.org. (wv)

Civil War/Native American Museum, second & third weekends, 1-4 pm, Camp Olden, 2202 Kuser Road, Hamilton. (609) 585-8900; www.campolden.org.

Drumthwacket, Wed, 11 am-2 pm, 354 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$5. Register (609) 683-0057; www.drumthwacket.org.

Ely House Library, Tues, 7-9 pm,

164 North Main Street, Hightstown. (609) 799-8598; www.hewhs.org.

Morven Tour and Tea, Wed, 11:15 am-2:15 pm, 55 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$15. Register (609) 924-8144; www.morven.org. (wv)

Princeton Doll & Toy Museum, 8 Somerset Street, Hopewell. (609) 333-8600; www.princetondollandtoy.org.

State House, Mon-Fri, 10 am-3 pm, Sat, noon-3 pm, 125 West State Street, Trenton. (609) 633-2709; www.njleg.state.nj.us. (wv)

Benjamin Temple House Library, Wed, 10 am-2 pm, Drake Farm Park, 27 Federal City Road @ Violet Cox Drive, Ewing. (609) 883-2455; www.ethps.org.

Schenck House, second Sun, 1-4 pm, West Windsor Historical Society, 50 Southfield Road. (609) 799-1278.

Mary Tanner Lecture: D&R Canal History, Oct 11, 2 pm, Rider Student Center 1083 Lawrenceville Road.

Author Talk: Gwen Southgate, Coin Street Chronicles, Nov 15, 2 pm, Lawrence Library, Darrah Lane. (609) 989-6922; www.mcl.org.

Camden & Amboy Railroad History Group meeting, Sept 11, 7:30 pm, Hightstown Freight Station, 164 North Main Street. www.trainweb.org/camdenandamboyrhistoricalgroup.

Hamilton Philatelic Society, third Tue 7 pm, Hamilton Library, Justice Alito Jr. Way, Hamilton. (609) 890-8211; www.hamilton.home.att.net. (wv)

Antique Car Show, Sept. 26, 11 am-3 pm, Princeton Shopping Center, 301 North Harrison Street. (609) 921-6234; www.princetonshoppingcenter.com. (wv)

Princeton University Archives Open House, Oct 10, 10 am-1 pm, Mudd Manuscript Library, 65 Olden Street, Princeton, NJ 08540. Tours: 10:15, 11:15, 12:15. (609) 258-6345; www.princeton.edu/~rbcs. (wv)

Princeton Historical Society From Revolution to Relativity walking tour, Sun, 2 pm

Stroller Strides Walking Tour, Sept 2, Oct 7, Nov 4, 10 am. \$5-\$7.

Historical House Tour, Nov 7, 10 am-4 pm.

Historical Society of Princeton, Bainbridge House, 158 Nassau Street. (609) 921-6748; www.princetonhistory.org.

Howell Farm

Plowing Match, Sept. 5, 9:30 am-4 pm

Back to School, Sept. 12.

Corn Maze, weekends Sept. 12-Nov. 14, 12-4 pm. \$8.

Canning, Sept. 19.

Pleasant Valley Tours, Sept. 20, noon.

Saving NJ's Barns, Sept. 25, 7:30 pm

Fall Tillage Wagon Tours, Sept. 26.

Fall Festival, Oct. 3, 10 am-4 pm; Oct. 4, 12-4 pm

Popcorn & Pumpkin Harvest, Oct. 10, 10 am-3 pm
Get to Know Quilts, Oct. 16, 7:30 pm
Quilting, Oct. 17.
Bacon, Sausage, Scrapple, Nov. 7.
Harvest Moon Dance, Nov. 13, 7:30 pm
Old Time Auction, Nov. 21.
Open Hearth Cooking, Nov. 22, noon.
Thanksgiving Hayrides, Nov. 28.

*Howell Farm is a Mercer County Park System facility, Valley Road, Titusville. 10 am-4 pm unless noted. *Wheelchair accessible hayride: (609) 737-3299; www.howellfarm.org.*

Holiday/Heritage

Indo American Festival, Sept 5-6, 11 am-7 pm, Mercer County Park, Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. Raindate Sept 7. (609) 275-1334; www.indoamericanfair.com.

Italian classes, Dorothea's House, 120 John Street, Princeton. \$70-110. (908) 359-1564; www.dorotheashouse.org.

Italian American Festival, Sept 25-27, 12-10 pm, Mercer County Park, Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. (609) 631-7544; www.italianamericanfestival.com.

NJ State Cultural Fair, Sept 26, 12-5 pm, South Riverwalk Park, over Route 129 tunnel Trenton. (609)777-0881; www.njculturfestival.com. (wv)

Hopewell Harvest Fair, Oct 3, 10 am-4 pm, Hopewell Elementary School, 35 Princeton Avenue. Raindate Oct 4. www.hopewellharvestfair.org.

Hightstown Community Fair, Oct 10, 10 am-4 pm, Main Street. Raindate Oct 11. (609) 448-6352; www.hightstownborough.com.

Halloween Parade, Oct. 30, 5 pm, Public Library Plaza w/Princeton University Band to Palmer Square. Arts Council of Princeton, Princeton (609) 924-8777; www.artscouncilofprinceton.org.

Day of the Dead, Nov. 2, 2-5 pm, Arts Council of Princeton, 102 Witherspoon Street. (609) 924-8777; www.artscouncilofprinceton.org.

Kristallnacht Remembrance, Nov. 13, 7 pm, NJ Assembly Chambers, State House, 125 West State Street, Trenton. (609) 292-9274; www.state.nj.us.

Holiday House Tour, Dec 5, noon-5 pm, Mill Hill Historic District, Trenton. Snow date Dec. 6. \$15-\$20. (609) 393-9565; www.trentonmillhill.org.

German American Club

Sept Dance w/Windjammers, Sept 19, 8 pm. Dinner 6-8:30 pm. \$9. Reservations (856) 764-3106.

Schnitzel Fest, Sept 27, 1-5 pm. \$7-\$14.
American Oldies Dance w/DJ Brett Gash, Oct 3, 8 pm-12 am. Dinner 6:30-8:30 pm. Register.

Fall Picnic, Oct 4, 12-6 pm.

Chili Cook Off, Oct 10, 1-6 pm. \$10. To enter (609) 208-2170.

Halloween Dance w/Bud & Linda Gramer, Oct 24, 8 pm. \$9. Costume Contest. Dinner 6-8:30 pm. Register.
Schlachtfest, Nov 1, 12:30, 2:30, and 4:30 pm seatings. \$7-\$14.

Grand Ball w/Rick Koreyva, Nov 21, 8 pm. \$9. Dinner 6-8:30 pm. Register.

German American Club, 215 Uncle Pete's Road, Yardville. Registration (856) 764-3106. (609) 585-5200; www.gakclub.org.

Literary Events

Read & Pick: Apples, Sept 1; **Sunflowers**, Sept 15; **Indian Corn**, Sept 29; **Pumpkins**, Oct 6, 9:30 am & 11 am, Terhune Orchards, 330 Cold Soil Road. \$7. Register (609) 924-2310; www.terhuneorchards.com.

Book Sale, Sept 17-20, 9:30 am, Ewing Library, 61 Scotch Road, Ewing. (609) 882-3130; www.mcl.org. (wv)

Book Sale, Sept 26, 9:30 am-5 pm, Lawrence Library, Darrah Lane and Route 1, Lawrence Township. (609) 989-6922; www.mcl.org. (wv)

Althea Clark Reading Series, Simon Armitage, Tony Hoagland; Sept 23, **Maxine Kumin, Joyce Carol Oates**; Oct 21, **Robert Stone, C.K. Williams**, Nov 18, 4:30 pm, Stewart Theater, Lewis Center for the Arts, 185 Nassau Street, Princeton. (609) 258-1500; www.princeton.edu/arts.

Tellabration, Nov 22, 1-5 pm, Hamilton Library, 1 Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr., Way. \$10-\$20. (609) 499-0107; gardenstatestorytellersleague.org. (wv)

Musical Performances

Acoustic Singer-Songwriter Showcase, Wed in Sept, 7:30-11 pm, KatManDu, Waterfront Park, Route 29, Trenton. (609) 393-7300; www.katmandutrenton.com.

Al Oliver Gentle Jazz, Sept 3-Nov 28, 7:30-9:30 pm, Nick's Cafe 72, 72 West Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton. (609) 882-0087; www.cafe72nj.com.

Jazz Feast, Sept 12, noon-5 pm, Palmer Square Green, Princeton. (800) 303-6557; www.njjs.org.

Princeton Folk Music Society, Claudia Schmidt, Sept 25; **Gordon Bok**, Oct 16; **The Jmcrackers: Dan Berggren, Peggy Lynn, Dan Duggan**, Nov 20, 8 pm, Christ Congregation Church, 50 Walnut Lane, Princeton. \$15-\$20. (609) 799-0944; www.princetonfolk.org.

Cafe Improv, Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 28, 7 pm, Arts Council of Princeton, 102 Witherspoon Street. \$2. Register to perform (609) 924-8777; www.cafeimprov.com. (wv)

Open Mic, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, 7:30-9:30 pm, Chicklet Bookstore, Princeton Shopping Center, 301 North Harrison Street. (908) 963-0142. (609) 279-2121; www.chickletbooks.com. (wv)

OperaNJ Concert, Oct. 16, 1:30 pm, Meadow Lakes, 300 Meadow

Lakes, Hightstown. (609) 799-7700; www.opera-nj.org. (wv)

Lux Aeterna, Morten Lauridsen Concert, Nov. 7, 8 pm; Princeton University Chapel, Elm Drive. \$10-\$35. (609) 683-5122; www.princetonpromusica.org.

Concerts at the Crossing

Tracie Grammer & Meg Hutchinson, Sept 26. \$20-\$23.

Susan Cowsill & Anthony DaCosta, Oct 24, \$23.

Maura Kennedy & Friends, Nov 21, \$23-\$25.

Concerts at the Crossing, UU Church at Washington Crossing, 268 Route 546, Titusville. Concerts start 8 pm. (609) 510-6278; www.concertsatthecrossing.com. (wv)

Trenton War Memorial

Peter Nero & Philly Pops Broadway Showstoppers, Oct 3, 8 pm \$30-\$75.

Kansas & Greater Trenton Symphony Orchestra, Oct. 17, 7:30 pm. \$35-\$75.

David Garrett, violin, Sept. 17, 7:30 pm. \$19-\$30.

War Memorial, 1 Memorial Drive, Trenton. (609) 984-8400; www.thewar memorial.com; www.onpatriotsstage.com. (wv)

Trinity Cathedral

Trinity Fest w/Absalom Jones Inspirational Choir, Cathedral Singers, Cathedral Chanters, Sept. 27, 3 pm. \$10-\$15.

Diaspora Chamber Music Players, Oct. 18, 4 pm. \$7-\$10.

Chant Alive! The Cathedral Chanters, Nov 8, 4 pm.

Trinity Cathedral, 801 West State Street, Trenton. (609) 392-3805 ext. 100; www.trinitycathedralnj.org. (wv)

VOICES Chorale audition, weekly rehearsals, 7:30 pm, Music Together, 225 Pennington-Hopewell Road, Pennington. Schedule audition (609) 799-2211; www.VOICESChorale.org

VOICES Chorale Composition Contest. Ages 5-12. 609-397-0756; www.VOICESChorale.org.

Theatre

24-Hour Play Festival, Oct. 4, 8 pm, Theatre Intime, Hamilton Murray Theatre, Princeton University. (609) 258-1742; www.theatreintime.org.

Samuel Beckett's Happy Days, Oct 23-24, 28-30, 8 pm, Matthews Acting Studio, Lewis Center for the Arts, 185 Nassau Street, Princeton. (609) 258-9220; www.princeton.edu/arts.

Kelsey Theatre

Alice in Wonderland, Fri-Sat 7 pm; Sat-Sun 2 pm. 20 Minutes to Curtain Productions. \$12-\$50.

Jekyll & Hyde, Sept 18-27, Fri-Sat 8

pm; Sun 2 pm, Cheng/Ferrara Productions. \$12-\$16.

Hollywood Arms, Oct 2-11, Fri-Sat 8 pm; Sun 2 pm; Oct. 10, at 2 pm, Maurer Productions OnStage. \$10-\$14

Bus Stop, Oct 16-25, Fri-Sat 8 pm; Sun 2 pm. Yardley Players. \$10-\$14

Equus, Oct. 30- Nov 8, Fri-Sat 8 pm; Sun 2 pm. PinnWorth Productions. \$10-14.

Mel Brooks' The Producers, Nov. 13-22, Fri-Sat 8 pm; Sun 2 pm. Pierrot Productions. \$12-\$16.

A Christmas Story, Nov 27-Dec 6, Fri-Sat 7 pm; Sat-Sun 2 pm. The Pennington Players. \$10-\$14.

Kelsey Kids

Aladdin, Sept 26. Kaleidoscope Theatre.

Snow White, Oct. 3, Theatre IV

The Three Pigs, Oct. 17. Kaleidoscope Theatre

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing, Nov. 21, Theatretworks/Two Bean Productions.

The Kelsey Theatre at MCCC, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. 2 pm & 4 pm. \$8-\$10. (609) 570-3333; www.kelseyatmccc.org.

McCarter

Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years, Sept 11-Oct 18, Tue-Thur 7:30 pm; Fri 8 pm; Sat 3 pm & 8 pm; Sun 2 pm & 7:30 pm \$20-\$55

David Sedaris, Oct 2, 7:30 pm \$38-\$50

She Stoops to Conquer, Oct 13-Nov 1, Tue-Thur 7:30 pm; Fri 8 pm; Sat 3 pm & 8 pm; Sun 2 pm & 7:30 pm. \$15-\$43.

Mike Super Magic & Illusion, Oct 23, 7:30 pm. \$45.

Roger Rees in What You Will, Nov 3, 8 pm. \$39-\$50.

Princeton Triangle Show, Nov 13-14, 8 pm

My Fair Lady, Nov 13-14, 19-21, 8 pm, Berlind Theatre.

McCarter Theatre, 91 University Place, Princeton. (609) 258-2787; www.mccarter.org.

YouthStages Classes

Playshops, Sat, Sept 12-Dec 5, 10:15 am-12:15 pm, Kelsey Theatre, MCCC, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. \$175-\$360. (609) 570-3566.

Drama, Tue, Sept-Nov. 3-4 pm, grades K-2, Community Park School, 372 Witherspoon Street, Princeton. \$85.

Acting, Wed, Sept-Nov. 3:50-4:50 pm, grades 3-5, Alexander School, 20 Robert Frost Drive, Hamilton. \$70.

Drama, Wed, Sept-Nov. 1:35-2:35 pm, grades JK-1, Princeton Day School, 650 Great Road, Princeton.

Drama and Acting, Mon-Wed, Oct-Dec. 3:30-4:30 pm, grades 1-3 & 4-5, West Windsor-Plainsboro schools. (609) 716-5030 x5032.

YouthStages. (609) 430-9000; www.youthstages.com.

Labor Day

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, Labor Day was the creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a national tribute to the contributions workers have made to U.S. strength, prosperity, and well-being.

The Central Labor Union (CLU) held the first two Labor Day celebrations in New York City on September 5 in 1882 and 1883. In 1884, the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday by the CLU, which urged similar organizations to celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that day.

The first state to enact Labor Day legislation was Oregon, on February 21, 1887. By 1894, 23 states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28 of that year, Congress passed an act making the first Monday of each September a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

Early observances of Labor Day took the form of parades and festivals for the recreation and amusement of workers and their families. A shift in emphasis and medium of expression meant more subdued events like Labor Day addresses by leading union officials, industrialists, educators, clerics and government officials covered by newspapers, radio, and television.

The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production in the world, and has brought the U.S. closer to the realization of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate to pay tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership — the American worker.



2009 Marks 50th Anniversary of Princeton University Archives

The richness and depth of the Princeton University Archives are currently the focus of *The Best Old Place of All: Treasures from the Princeton University Archives*.

This special 50th anniversary exhibition features some of the most historically significant documents and objects from the collection alongside seldom-seen treasures. A page from the 1783 Minutes of the Board of Trustees containing the trustees' request that George Washington sit for a portrait and a draft of Woodrow Wilson's argument on the location of the Graduate College offer a glimpse into Princeton's presidential past. Course examinations, class schedules, and a set of handwritten student lecture notes from the colonial era contrast with 20th century football programs to illustrate the evolving nature of the student experience. Meanwhile, the extensive memorabilia collection is represented by curiosities such as the reunion jacket of Adlai Stevenson and the discus Robert Garrett threw in the 1896 Athens Olympics.

The Princeton University Archives was officially established in October of 1959 to collect records created by university faculty, staff, and students. These records document university administration, the development of academic departments and

programs, as well as student life.

The University Archives consists of over 15,000 linear feet of records, and since 1976 has been housed in the Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library, where a sophisticated security system, environmental controls, and a Halon fire suppression system ensure the protection and preservation of the library's holdings. The library services over 5,000 researchers each year and is currently in the midst of several processing initiatives aimed at increasing digital access to the collections for remote users around the world.

Seeley Greenleaf Mudd (1895-1968) was an M.D. graduate from Harvard University, practicing cardiologist, academic, and a member of the boards of many prestigious schools. He was keenly interested in promoting higher education, and contributed more than \$10 million to private colleges and universities. His will established a \$44 million fund for American university and college buildings.

The Mudd Library and the exhibit are open to the public Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4:45 pm, with a special Open House on October 10, 10 am to 1 pm. Additional information about the library is available at: www.princeton.edu/mudd.

A Place in Time Stockton Street Historic District

The Stockton Street Historic District in Hightstown, which includes fifty-six beautiful dwellings, twenty-six support structures, one monument and a church, is listed on the National and State Registers of Historic Places. The four-block district runs along Stockton Street, a portion of Rogers Avenue, and includes approximately 14.35 acres in the Borough of Hightstown. The residential dwellings date from just prior to the Civil War through the turn of the twentieth century. The large stone United Methodist Church is situated in the center of the district and a small triangular park with a marble monument to the Civil War is located at the intersection of Rogers and Stockton Street.

The district represents an architectural timeline that followed the growth of Hightstown from Main Street out along Stock-

ton Street. There are examples of early Federal, high-style Victorian, ecclesiastic, and turn-of-the-century eclectic.

The district's history is also rooted in its ties to early transportation. Most notably the John Bull, the first passenger train in the United States, which ran between New York and Philadelphia through Hightstown. The town's prosperity grew significantly by having a busy railroad stop along this route. While the train tracks are long since gone, there still remains a few of the stone buttresses that the train tracks used to sit upon. One can be found at the intersection of Franklin and Main streets that now proudly displays a sign that reads Historic Hightstown, Est. 1721.

The Freight Station, dedicated in 1999 as the Sara Hutchinson West Education Center, is located behind the Ely House Mu-



seum at 164 North Main Street. The museum and center offer a well stocked library and a large collection of historical treasures, and are usually open the last Sunday each month. For more information or to arrange a group tour, please call (609) 448-3155 or visit www.hewhs.org or www.downtownhightstown.org.



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