
WHAT IS GOING ON AT THE CULTURAL CENTER?

September 30th - 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Please mark your calendar to come and be part of the opening of our next exhibit "Autumn 2007 The Magic and Mystique of Mandalas." The Cultural Center is located on Route 306 just north of Pomona Road.

If you are unable to be at the opening, the exhibit will be on display until November 10th. You are welcome to see the exhibit any Friday, Saturday or Sunday from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

For more information on the opening exhibit at the cultural center, see page 1.

October 6, 7, 13, 14 - 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Papier Mache Mask Making Workshop, a perennial favorite. Master puppet maker/instructor Barbara Pollitt is back. All materials are supplied by the instructor, however, you might like to bring additional decorations, e.g., feathers, beads, rhinestones, etc. For info call the cultural center at 362-8062.

October 20 - 8:00 p.m.

Fall Concert featuring Dana Mase and company. Light refreshments will be served. Dana is a resident of the village and an internationally acclaimed performer. With numerous film and t.v. credits including Dawson's Creek, Joan of Arcadia, and several Lifetime, CBS and HBO series, Mase's introspective music has consistently seen continual success.

Dana's most recently released CD, The Colors of Black & White, is a career-spanning collection from the Top 20 Billboard, of her most revered work from 1994 to 2004. It captures the highlights of her dilemmas, the self-discovery and missteps of a woman who is both a successful artist, mother and an Orthodox Jew and a female singer/songwriter. Check out www.danamase.com for more information about Dana.

November 10 - 4:00 p.m.

Special multi-media presentation, "Music For the Eyes: A Mandala Metamorphosis" by John H. Davis. The show will include a screening of the documentary, Exploring Bhutan: Land of the Thunder Dragon.

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You 're Invited...

Pomona Cultural Center Opening

“The Magic and Mystique of Mandalas”

Sunday, September 30th from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

featuring Nyack artist Jon H. Davis, who creates contemporary mandalas inspired by this traditional Himalayan art form and a sampling of ceramics from members of the Clay Arts group. There will be gourmet snacks and a short documentary film, Exploring Bhutan: Land of the Thunder Dragon, created by Jon H. Davis and Iris Brooks.

The opening will also feature a “Spirit of Place” performance by musician and cultural writer, Iris Brooks, who brings her text, flute playing, and images of other continents together to capture her experience of different locales. Composer/performer Miguel Frasconi will complement the musical offerings, focusing on imaginary places with a concert on his collection of glass instruments and found objects.

A silent auction at the opening will include a recent mandala by Jon H. Davis, a painting by Pomona Cultural Center director, Tjok Gde Arsa Artha, and a ceramic piece by Audrey Worman, President of Clay Arts. Part of the proceeds will benefit the Tibetan orphanage, Home of Hope.



Clay Art by Audrey Worman



Mandala by Jon H. Davis

What is a Mandala?

The word “mandala” is from the classical Indian language of Sanskrit. Loosely translated to mean “circle,” a mandala is far more than a simple shape. It represents wholeness and can be seen as a model for the organizational structure of life itself—a cosmic diagram that reminds us of our relation to the infinite, the world that extends both beyond and within our bodies and minds.

Read more about photographer Jon H. Davis and the Clay Arts group at our website, www.pomonavillage.com on the cultural center page!



Some notes from the Mayor ...

I want to use this month's Mayor's notes to let the village residents know more about the lawsuits that the village is involved with.

The question on most residents' minds concerns the current status of the Tartikov lawsuit. As you are no doubt aware, the village was sued in Federal Court by the Congregation Rabbinical College of Tartikov, et al., in which they have alleged that the village has violated their civil rights as protected by the US and New York State Constitutions, the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA) and the Fair Housing Act. They allege that the village's zoning code prevents them from using the property they own for a Rabbinical College with housing for the students and their families. The village intends to vigorously defend itself from these allegations, and to that end have assembled a formidable legal team to represent the village. We have retained the law firm of Robinson & Cole to be our lead litigators in this action, and have also retained Prof. Marci Hamilton to be of special counsel. The lawsuit is in the early stages and we will be responding to the lawsuit as directed by the court. I will periodically use this forum to keep you informed as to the progress of the case.

Another case that the village is involved with is the lawsuit brought by the villages of Chestnut Ridge, Montebello,

Pomona and Wesley Hills against the Town of Ramapo. This action was brought to challenge the Town's adoption of the Adult Student Housing local law and the project on Grandview Avenue (former Nike base).

The State Supreme Court dismissed the action by the villages on the grounds that the villages did not have standing to bring the lawsuit. The villages appealed, and recently the Appellate Division, in a unanimous decision, found that the villages do have standing on the issues of SEQRA, the Town's failure to adequately address the environmental issues, and on certain procedural issues. It also found that Wesley Hills has standing to challenge the Grandview Avenue project. This means that the lawsuit is reinstated, and can go forward to conclusion.

Our attorneys in this case are the law firm of Zarin and Steinmetz, and they have been instructed to request the court to reinstate the Temporary Restraining Order which was lifted when the action was dismissed. The TRO, if granted, will stop all construction at the Nike base, and will keep the other three adult student housing sites from applying for and getting their multi-family housing developments, one of which would be slated for the Patrick Farm, immediately adjacent to the village.

As usual, if any resident wishes to discuss these matters, or any other village business, please feel free to get in touch with me. I will always do my best to keep you informed.

RECREATION COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

*For questions or participation on any of the Recreation events/programs,
please call Leslie at 354-0843 or e-mail Lesliesan@yahoo.com*

Fun Run

If you are interested in participating in a "Fun Run" (or Walk) in the village, please let us know.

Moms & Tots

Our Moms & Tots get-together was held at the Burgess Meredith Playground on Saturday morning. Despite the heat, everyone had a good time! If you are interested in joining next time, please watch the website for the October date—we are planning a nature walk!

Halloween Parade & Party

Mark Your Calendar for our annual "Halloween Parade & Party" on October 27, 2007. If you wish to participate in the Parade, we are meeting at the Hindu Temple by 1:00 p.m. and walking to Village Hall. When we arrive at Village Hall, all children will be "treated" to a party with lots of treats (no tricks!)

Volunteers

If any adults care to volunteer with the Recreation Committee on October 27, please let Leslie know.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h2 style="margin: 0;">September 2007</h2>						
1	3	4	5	6	7 Yoga class 9.00am Village Hall	8 Moms & Tots Burgess Meredith Park Playground - 11.00am
2	Bulk Trash/Garbage Ramapo	Bulk Trash/Garbage Haverstraw	Recycling - paper 	Bulk Trash/Garbage Ramapo	Bulk Trash/Garbage Haverstraw	
9 Coffee with the Mayor Village Hall 10.00am	10  7.30 Village Hall Village Board Workshop Meeting Bulk Trash/Garbage Ramapo	11 Bulk Trash/Garbage Haverstraw	12 Recycling - bottles/cans 	13 Bulk Trash/Garbage Ramapo	14 Yoga class 9.00am Village Hall	15
16 Yoga class 5.30 pm Village Hall	17 Bulk Trash/Garbage Ramapo	18 Bulk Trash/Garbage Haverstraw	19 Recycling - paper 	20 Bulk Trash/Garbage Ramapo	21 Yoga class 9.00am Village Hall	22
23 Yoga class 5.30 pm Village Hall	24  7.30pm Village Hall Village Board Regular Meeting Bulk Trash/Garbage Ramapo	25 Bulk Trash/Garbage Haverstraw	26  8.00 pm Village Hall ZBA meeting planned	27  8.00pm Village Hall Planning Board Tentative date	28 Yoga class 9.00am Village Hall	29
30 Cultural Center Autumn Exhibition Opening Reception 4.00pm - 7.00pm Yoga class 5.30 pm Village Hall						

FYI

- The Sunday evening Yoga class will start again on Sunday, Sept. 16th at 5:30 p.m. If you wish to participate, the class is free to village residents (\$10 per class for non-residents). Just bring a mat or towel and wear comfortable clothing. All levels are welcome.
- STAR (New York State's School Tax Relief Program that includes a school property tax rebate program and a partial property tax exemption from school taxes)

Rebate checks will be available in early fall. However, this year, the NYS Dept. Of Taxation and Finance informs New Yorkers that no application is required if you are presently receiving Enhanced* STAR. Check will be issued automatically. If you are receiving basic STAR benefits, an application is required. The application will be sent to property owners on the files that the agency receives from the State Office of Real Property Services. Applications will be mailed out September 17, 2007. The NYS Tax Dept. is encouraging property owners to apply online, but you can also complete the paper application. Apply for your rebate by going to the Tax Dept's website at www.nystax.gov. You can call the Tax Dept. at 1-877-678-2769.

*Enhanced Star is available for the primary residences of senior citizens (65 and older) with yearly household incomes not exceeding the statewide standard. Call your Town tax accessor for more info.

- It's Tick Season - Tick Removal Advice (this is great advice that we would like to pass on). Deer and deer ticks are prevalent in our area. This piece of advice came to our attention by a school nurse. It is a great way to remove a tick; ticks are sometimes difficult to get to with tweezers; between toes, in the middle of a head full of dark hair, etc. Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and let it stay on the repulsive insect for 15 - 20 seconds, after which the tick will come out on its own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away. This technique has worked every single time, according to the nurse who passed along the info.
- The next Coffee with the Mayor will be Sunday, October 14th.