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"On the Edge"

One-Woman Show to Have World Premiere in Michigan City

by Kayla Weiss

Christine St. John's journey to create a one-woman show about Bette Davis began with a discovery: an advertisement the two-time Oscar winner placed in *The Hollywood Reporter* in 1962 looking for work.

Curious as to why she placed an ad seeking work, St. John dug deep into research. The result was a voyage of discovery for her about a woman widely regarded as one of the greatest actresses ever.

"She had an extraordinary life," St. John said. "If she thought something was wrong, she stuck to her guns and would not be deterred."

"I was moved by what I learned. I had the chance to look through her person-

al photo albums, and to see all of the photos of her children in costumes or during the holidays was incredible. She wasn't part of the Hollywood scene. She had a lot of courage for any woman, especially during that time period."

Equally incredible is that St. John will hold the world premiere of her 90-minute one-woman show, "Bette Davis: On the Edge," in Michigan City. The play, directed by Jane Drake Brody, will be performed Sept. 12-13 and 19-20 at Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St.

The performances are a joint effort through the Purdue University-North Central Odyssey Arts Series, Festival Players Guild and Michigan City Public Library, the latter having shown films by Davis as a precursor to the performances. After Michigan City, the show will tour the U.S. before performances in New York City and London.

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Christine St. John gets into character as Bette Davis while rehearsing at Mainstreet Theatre.



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"Bette Davis: On the Edge" begins in the early morning hours of Oct. 31, 1962, as Davis, her career fading, awaits reviews of "Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?" The dark psychological thriller directed by Robert Aldrich ("The Longest Yard") starred Davis as a washed-up child actress who torments her actress sister, played by Oscar-winner Joan Crawford. If the movie flops, Davis fears her career will officially come to an embarrassing end.



Bette Davis and Joan Crawford in "Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?"

(The movie ended up being a surprise hit, reviving interest in the careers of both actresses.)

St. John began her research in November 2009, finding anything she could about Davis. She got her hands on every book available — autobiographies and biographies — reading them over a short time period, from January to early spring 2010. She subsequently embarked on research at The Margaret Herrick Library through the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and the Bette Davis Archival Collection in Boston.

"With an airtight treatment, or story outline, you can't go wrong," St. John said. "You spend an enormous amount of time outlining your story, figuring out what it is you're wanting to tell the audience through this story. With all of the help from everyone at the Motion Picture Academy Library and the Bette Davis Archival Collection, I was able to

glean everything I needed in order to tell the story I thought she deserved."

The learning process didn't stop with St. John's first draft.

Once she met with a producer, the process started all over again. She ended up at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, taking paid tours and asking Patricia Hanson, of its library, any questions that came to mind.

"I could have called all of these people and asked them what they could find for me," St. John said, "but I just wanted to do it all myself, to make sure I ended up with everything I needed, and that's how it turned into a nearly three-year process."

"I had known her as an actress, but I didn't actually know anything about her. I knew what has been advertised, pumped into the public — all of the gossip, basically — but I wanted to know who she was as a person, not as a Hollywood starlet."

Through her research, St. John uncovered many interesting tidbits.

Davis was a devoted mother of three and fiercely committed to the Civil Rights movement. She enjoyed working on projects with actress Hattie McDaniel ("Gone With the Wind"), and even set up a performance for African-American soldiers fighting during World War II with Lena Horne and Ethel Walters.

"I was reading through this and realized just how little I really knew about her personal life," St. John said. "I was so surprised that this wasn't included in any of the biographies I had read."



Christine St. John stands outside of Mainstreet Theatre, where she will stage the world premiere of "Bette Davis: On the Edge."



A publicity photo for Bette Davis around the time "All About Eve" (1950) was released.

"All of these things culminated into the person we saw portraying all of these characters on the big screen. That's what I thought was most important about her. That's what I wanted to portray. So, I took all of these things I had learned about her and did my best to find her inner essence, the person she really was behind all of the characters and cameras."

A graduate of The Goodman School of Drama of The Art Institute of Chicago, St. John furthered her studies at The Sorbonne and The American Center, Paris.

For the past 24 years, she lived in London and was a founding member of the touring group Act 3 Theatre Co., performing in the works of Noel Coward, Anton Chekhov and adaptations of Edith Wharton. She also has been involved in theater projects in Ethiopia and India, and has been a Fellow at The Royal Geographical Society in London since 1993.

A former teacher and longtime friend of St. John's, Brody, the director, is an award-winning stage director, master teacher, former actress and casting director who has spent the past 30 years helping and developing actors. In 1980, she founded Acting Studio Chicago and has been a casting director since 1986. Her casting company, Jane Brody Casting, now known as Paskal-Rudnicke Casting, was instrumental in casting movies and TV shows such as "Groundhog Day," "The Women of Brewster Place," "A League of Their Own" and "Public Enemies." Her former students include Michael Shan-

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non, T.R. Knight, Alex Koch, Pegg Roeder, Adam Brown and Melissa Peterman.

"I am so excited to be working with Jane on this project," St. John said. "Jane is terrific, and she got things really moving. I'm very grateful to her. She's the best."



Christine St. John (right) and director Jane Brody rehearse "Bette Davis: On the Edge" at Mainstreet Theatre.

"I did the read-through for her, and that was that. The rest is history. There might be one or two that's good, but there is absolutely no one better than Jane."

So how did "Bette Davis on the Edge" end up having its world premiere in Michigan City? Through a unique turns of events.

After a Chicago theater didn't work out for the play, St. John and Brody started looking for a suitable replacement. While at Chicago's Royal George

Theatre, the two met a friendly couple, Jan and Marian Dick, who were seated in the lobby and offered a helpful solution to their problem.

Jan is acting president of Festival Players Guild, which operates Mainstreet Theatre, home to Canterbury Summer Theatre. Jan and Marian insisted on offering Mainstreet as the site for the premiere. Brody was familiar with the area, so she and St. John accepted the invitation.

"The moral of this story is that one should always talk to strangers in lobbies, and that there are no strangers," St. John said with a laugh.



Christine St. John (second from right) appears with a few Festival Players Guild representatives in the Mainstreet Theatre lobby, including (from right) Lori Grogg, David Graham, Joan Moore and Connie Bauer.

IF YOU GO

Performances of "Bette Davis: On the Edge" are at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 12-13 and 19-20, at Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St. Tickets, which are \$20, are available by calling (219) 874-4269 or emailing info@festivalplayersguild.org

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PNC Hosts "FLIGHT" Exhibit

Purdue University-North Central Odyssey Arts and Cultural Events Series will present the exhibit "FLIGHT," lithographs compiled by the International Rescue Committee, through May 31, 2015.

The series of 12 lithographs, each produced by a modern master of art, represent personal interpretations of the struggle to freedom people faced under dire circumstances. Three hundred sets of the lithographs were produced, the originals destroyed.

The International Rescue Committee was created in 1933, the same year Adolph Hitler became chancellor of the German Reich. It was formed by Albert Einstein, educator John Dewey, Eleanor Roosevelt and others, with the mission being to help those trying to escape the Nazis.

American journalist Varian Fry was asked to carry out a rescue operation to help those trying to flee Europe, among them artists, writers and other intellectuals in France who faced certain death. With \$3,000 strapped to the inside of his pant leg, Fry infiltrated Nazi-occupied France and made it possible for more than 2,000 refugees to come to America.



A "Flight" exhibit piece by artist Maria Helena Vieira Da Silva.

The committee exists to this day, and has aided millions of refugees.

In the 1960s, Fry was asked to assemble a collection of art the IRC commissioned to help raise money for its refugee aid. Some of the contributing artists had been brought to freedom through the IRC. The effort was completed in 1971 and included the works of Joan Miró, Marc Chagall, Robert Motherwell, Alexander Calder, Jacque Lipchitz and Adolph Gottlieb. Fry died in 1967 at 59 before the collection was completed.

One of the "FLIGHT" collections was purchased in 1971 by Warren and Lynda Meeker, supporters of the International Rescue Committee and friends of Leo Cherne, chair of the IRC Board of Directors.

In 2014, Lynda Meeker donated the art to Sinai Temple in Michigan City in memory of her husband. The works exhibited at PNC are on loan from the temple.

The exhibit can be viewed in the PNC Library-Student-Faulty Building student lounge, Room 062. Building hours are 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. The building is closed Sundays.

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History, Tradition Focus of Polish Heritage Festival

by William Halliar

Heritage, history, family and tradition.

All will be celebrated during the third annual Polish Heritage Festival on Sunday, Sept. 14, at International Friendship Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. 12.

People of Polish descent first arrived in the new world at the Virginia Colony in 1608. Their skilled craftsmanship was a welcome addition as the colony struggled to grow and survive. These early settlers quickly assimilated with other colonists, but retained the memories brought with them across the sea through foods, the arts and music, which they in turn passed down to their children.

These old world traditions added to the fabric of American culture — this is their heritage.

The celebration at the Gardens begins at 11 a.m. with a Polish-English Mass celebrated under the direction of the Rev. Steve Kosinski from All Saints Catholic Church, Hammond Ind. The Wedding Garden canopy will shade celebrants as they enjoy a choir singing traditional hymns of the faith and hear a message of inspiration in two languages. A host of young people in traditional colorful Polish attire will form the backdrop to the event in a garden awash in foliage of the season. A representative of the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago will greet guests and join in the celebration of Mass.



Cavalier Inn serves Polish fare ranging from pierogi to kielbasa.

At 12:30 p.m., the enthusiastic young folks of Wesoly Lud will take to the stage. There is a certain sparkle and light that shines from the eyes of young adults who are inspired by the traditions of their grandparents, who honor the heritage from which they spring. These young people from Chicago will swing through the afternoon with grace, agility and enthusiasm, delighting young and old alike.

New to the festival this year is the “Male Wici” Youth Dancers, who will perform at 3 p.m. on the main stage in the Celebration Garden. These young people are sure to inspire a pride in the continuation of their heritage.

The entire day will be filled with the joyous sounds of Eddie Sienkowski and the E-Z tones, a band that has been a tradition in the area for more than 40 years. No written music is used by these musicians as they carry the refrains of familiar polkas in their hearts and pass them, with joy, directly to the hearts of all who hear them. Everyone is invited to join them and dance the polka.

Vendors and displays of Polish culture will be in the Celebration Garden. Guests are invited to stroll by them to see the Polish pottery of Krystyna Sweeney, the ornate wood carvings of Robert Tylicz or take home a souvenir of Poland. There will be a raffle of Polish items and a booth displaying artifacts of the history and traditions of Poland. Baker’s Dozen, a favorite from last year, will return, offering delicious Polish bakery products.

Theresa Child will demonstrate the folk art of *Pisanki*, or egg decorating, a process described as “wax resist,” a skill she learned from her grandmother. These beautiful creations, with their delicate filigree, are stunning examples of art from Poland.



Performances by Wesoly Lud are a highlight of the Polish Heritage Festival

At noon, a sumptuous feast will be served in the Celebration Garden. Festivalgoers will heap their plates with traditional Polish fare prepared by Cavalier Inn, Hammond. There will be plenty of tasty *pierogi*, pots of steaming *golabki* and, of course, juicy Polish sausage (*kielbasa*) to tempt the taste buds. The beer garden will provide a variety of domestic brews and a special Polish beer that should not be missed. All would agree that for a real taste of Poland, there is nothing like the culinary offerings of Cavalier Inn.

No celebration of Polish heritage would be complete without the joyous, energetic and lively music of the people, and wonderfully costumed dancers, who whorl, gallop and stomp to its contagious rhythms.

IF YOU GO

The Polish Heritage Festival Committee and Polish Business and Professional Club will present the Polish Heritage Festival from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, at International Friendship Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. 12. Admission is \$5 per person, while children 12 and younger are free.

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For the third year in a row, local partners have united to host a visit from Wilderness Inquiry's Canoemobile – a fleet of six 24-foot Voyageur canoes rolling into Michigan City on Sept. 15-20 to educate local youth while paddling Trail Creek.

The canoemobile delivers place-based education on urban rivers and waterways nationwide. In collaboration with the Trail Creek Watershed, local partner organizations, which include the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, La Porte County Soil and Water Conservation District, Urban Waters, Izaak Walton League, Michigan City Sanitary District, Shirley Heinze Land Trust, Dunes Learning Center, National Park Service, Michigan City Parks and Northwest Indiana Paddling Association, will bring a wide array of educational opportunities as part of the week-long effort. Activities will focus on water ecology, fishing, the river's history, wildlife, water safety and paddling.

To ensure the success of 2014 programming and continue future partnerships, local partners are encouraging the community to assist Wilderness Inquiry's efforts by supporting the program through a crowdfunding campaign at <http://igg.me/at/Canoemobile-MichiganCity>.



Participants in the 2013 Michigan City Canoemobile visit.

Funds are being raised until Sept. 12.

According to Nicole Messacar, La Porte County Soil and Water Conservation District education coordinator, more than 1,000 local students have participated in the program partially funded through a Michigan City Community En-

richment Corp. grant.

The Canoemobile will tour 24 cities this year, including New York City, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and Michigan City, serving more than 7,500 kids. Since its inception in 2010, it has served more than 10,000 students, addressing nature deficit disorder, summer learning loss and the achievement gap. Participants will experience Trail Creek from 24-foot, handmade voyageur canoes that seat nine participants and are captained by trained guides.

A public event is planned on Trail Creek on Saturday, Sept. 20, following the "Beaches and Blueways" scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon. Participants can explore the shoreline from the safety and stability of a Voyageur canoe. Wilderness Inquiry provides all the necessary equipment. No experience or registration is necessary.

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Old Lighthouse Museum Honors Michigan City Fire Department

What do you do when you have one turnout coat and helmet, one dress blue uniform and hat, a plethora of photos and a million memories?

You create an exhibit honoring the Michigan City Fire Department back through the years.

That's what Old Lighthouse Museum volunteers Rod and Jan Hoepfner did.

"My dad, Jim Schroll, who passed away in 1998, was a Michigan City fireman from 1948 to 1968," Jan said in a press release. "His dress uniform and fire turnout coat have been hanging in one of our closets since 2002 when our mom, Pat, passed away.

"Childhood memories of being a fireman's kid abound, as they do for all firemen's kids. Visiting the stations with my brothers, Jim, Jerry and Gary...my dad giving my Brownie troop a tour of Central Station when we were in second grade...when my dad would be called into work on a day off to assist on big fires and our mom would listen to the radio to try to keep track of what was happening...hearing the stories of the fires from the previous day at work, and learning lessons of what to do if we were to find ourselves in similar situations.

"When thinking of an exhibit, it was the obvious choice."

The connection to the Michigan City Fire Department for the Hoepfners, however, was not one-sided.

"My great-grandfather, Fred Schultz, son of Dr. Henry Schultz who immigrated from Germany to



Michigan City Common Councilman Chris Schwanke (from left), Michigan City Fire Department Chief Ronnie Martin and Old Lighthouse Museum volunteers Jan and Rod Hoepfner.

Michigan City to become one of the city's first physicians in 1852, was not only a member of the Michigan City Fire Department when it was still a volunteer organization, but he was also a member of the Life Saving Service, which evolved into the Coast Guard," Rod said.

He has a couple of the original certificates his great-grandfather earned as a member of Michigan City's Osceola Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1 in 1890 and 1892.

Rod began to hunt through the Old Lighthouse Museum archives. He began to accumulate many old Fire Department photos and articles, back as far as the 1880s. They added photos from the publications put out by the Michigan City Fire Department through the years, along with photos and articles from Schroll's own scrapbooks that chronicled years of the Michigan City Fire Department.

The exhibit covers fire stations, fire trucks, firemen and some of the big fires. Thanks to Assistant Chief Daryl Westphal, it also contains a set of the clothes firemen wear into fires in present day. That allows visitors to compare what firemen wore previously to today's gear. Westphal also has donated the nameplates from several

past fire trucks.

Michigan City firemen who lost their lives in the line of duty are also honored. The names and photos of Alfred "Legs" Zoch, George Neulieb, George Dabagia and Lee Brady are displayed.

Jan clearly remembers Dabagia and Brady.

"They were good friends of my dad," she said. But along with them is a name some people may not be familiar with.

Harold Nolen was a young man in his 20s who lost his life in the line of duty back in 1921.

Expressing his appreciation, Michigan City Fire Chief Ronnie Martin said, "I applaud Rod and Jan for capturing the rich history and tradition of one of America's most heroic professions."

IF YOU GO

The exhibit will be on display through the remainder of the season at the Old Lighthouse Museum in Washington Park. Museum hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays (closed Mondays) through Oct. 31, as well as from 5 to 8 p.m. on First Fridays with free admission. Visit www.oldlighthousemuseum.org or call (219) 872-6133 for more information.

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Muggy Weather Does Not Spoil Delightful Barker Mansion Concert

By Jan Van Ausdal

The weather may have been hot and muggy — a typical summer afternoon in Northwest Indiana — but 61 people arrived at Barker Mansion on Aug. 30 to be delighted by an outdoor concert.

Lee Meyer was at the keyboard. Seven vocalists, one of whom also played a trumpet, performed Broadway hits and pop standards of the 1940s.

The vocalists were Frank Casorio, Noel Carlson, Laura Meyer, Dan Moser, Deb Reason, Felicia Thomas and Karol Valek. Thomas also played the trumpet. I settled in to enjoy the entertainment, music I listened to and learned the words to as I was growing up. Deb and Dan sang a delightful duet of “Anything You Can Do” from “Annie Get Your Gun.” A vocal contest of who can do it better: the male or the female. An age-old lament with no answer.



Deb Reason and Dan Moser sing “Anything You Can Do” from “Annie Get Your Gun.”

Next, Karol heartily sang “Fools Rush In.” The next words after the title are “Where Angels Fear to Tread.” Another of my favorites was next. “Don’t Fence Me In” was performed by the quartet of Laura, Noel, Karol and Dan. Though not mentioned in the program, the song appeared in the movie “Paleface” with Bob Hope, Jane Russell and Bing Crosby. Another song in this movie was “Buttons and Bows,” which became “my song.” I even named my male Siamese cat Buttons. In the very early part of the program, Frank belted out “You’ll Never Know.” What “Will You Never Know?” “Just How Much I Love You.” That could be a game.



Karol Valek performs “Fools Rush In.”

The last selection of the afternoon was “Rum and Coca Cola” sung by a female trio of Felicia, Deb and Laura. I remember hearing that song when I was in high school, and I could relate my after school experience with those two ingredients...but I won’t do that. Some things are better left to one’s imagination!

A short intermission gave entertainers a chance to rest their vocal chords and the audience a chance to visit with friends and stretch their legs. Two women shared an umbrella and found it cooler beneath its shade. Others wore hats to be more comfortable. Deb, one of the soloists, wore a summer hat and a delightfully flowery dress. During intermission, some people moved underneath the shaded patio where a delightful breeze blew through. Others fanned themselves.

The crowd applauded heartily to indicate they would consider returning to the mansion again next year for such a great performance. Those who still had time before they had to leave stopped underneath the patio to have Barker Mansion iced tea, water or coffee with an array of chocolate and non-chocolate cookies. And, again, more time to visit with friends or meet new ones.

I chatted with Angie Zdyb, Trail Creek, and her daughter, Dolores. Both volunteer at the mansion. Dolores sometimes guides tours. Angie not only volunteers at Barker Mansion, but also attends events there.



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For those former math majors who might be interested, I calculated some other data or statistics using the event's program:

- 61 was the total attendance for the afternoon.
- 23 musical numbers were on the program.
- 14 was the number of vocal solos.
- 2 solos were instrumental.
- 9 performers, including Lee Meyer, the director and accompanist.
- 6 duets were sung: Two each by Felicia and Dan and Deb and Frank, and one each by Laura and Karol and Deb and Dan.



The crowd listens to Deb Reason and Frank Casorio sing two numbers

The program lasted about two hours. As I enjoyed my refreshments, I realized spending more than two hours shopping before covering an assignment leaves one almost too tired to move. I didn't want to get up from my chair under the covered patio.

Barker Mansion Executive Director Cecilia Zubler thanked me for coming and discussed upcoming events at the mansion.

So, I'll be back.

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Noel Carlson belts out "A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square."

yet pleasant morning or afternoon, depending on the particular event in which you choose to participate. Coffee is being served at the mansion through the end of September. Also, the guided summer tour continues through Sept. 30. A special Smithsonian event is Sept. 27.

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These sculptures, titled "Celebrate" and "Duet," are two of 13 pieces displayed in downtown Michigan City and the lakefront that comprise SculptFusion, a Michigan City Public Art Committee beautification project. Now in its second year, SculptFusion is a rotating exhibit of public sculptures intended to highlight the Uptown Arts District and encourage lakefront visitors to experience what the rest of Michigan City has to offer.

The 13 sculptures were created by artists from all over the country. Michigan City Public Art Committee board member Janet Bloch said the committee wants to learn which sculptures most caught people's attention. Either text the name of your favorite sculpture to the number 22333 or take an online poll at PolEv.com/sculptfusion. Only one vote per person is allowed. Voting runs through Sept. 13.

Note that No. 1 no longer exists on the map. Michael Gruzca's sculpture "Alter Ego" was removed due to accidental damage.

2. "Chorus" is a cast bronze sculpture in abstracted, organic form created by South Bend's Jan Dean. Text CHORUS1 to 22333.

3. "Flip Flop" is another piece created by Gruzca and made from powder-coated and painted aluminum, as well as folded and fabricated plate. Text FLIPFLOP to 22333.

4. "Duet" is created from welded aluminum by

artist Douglas Gruizenga, Interlochen, Mich. The piece is a replica of two neck and head sections representing string instruments. Text DUET to 22333.

5. "Mount" is a piece created by Terrence Karpowicz, Chicago. The sculpture harmonizes granite, steel and polymer. Text MOUNT2 to 22333.

6. "Two to Tango" was formed by the strength of fabricated steel, painted with an epoxy undercoat and finished with a hi-solid urethane. It was created by Richard Kiebdaj from Beverly Shores. Text TWOTOTANGO to 22333.

7. "Whispering Stones" is composed of steel rods and 56 granite boulders found in Ohio. It was created by Kees Ouwens, Blissfield, Mich. Text WHISPERINGSTONE to 22333.

8. "Thin Series: Off the Diet" is a piece carved out of granite and created by Ken Thompson, Blissfield. Text THINSERIES

to 22333.

9. "Dasein," created by John Sauve, Brighton, Mich., was formed out of painted steel. Text DASEIN to 22333.

10. "Horizon" is a piece created by Mathew Berg, Valparaiso. Text HORIZON1 to 22333.

11. "Red Green" features combinations of geometric and organic elements that convey kinetic energy. It was created by Ray Katz, Pontiac, Mich. Text REDGREEN to 22333.

12. The sculpture "Celebrate" was created from welded fabricated steel by Ruth Aizuss Migdal, Chicago. Text CELEBRATE1 to 22333.

13. "Bright Days" by Nathan Pierce, Cape Girardeau, Mo., is a painted structural steel structure. Text BRIGHTDAYS to 22333.

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SMSO Kicks Off Latest Season

The Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra opens its 64th season with "Around the World in 80 Minutes" featuring soprano Juliet Petrus at 4 p.m. EDT Sunday, Sept. 14, at the Howard Performing Arts Center at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Music Director Robin Fountain will host a Pre-Concert Conversation at 3 p.m. EDT in the auditorium, offering insight into the music and music-makers.

Petrus, a native of Farmington, Mich., recently made her debut with the St. Louis Symphony as the soprano soloist in "Carmina Burana." She recently completed a tour throughout the U.S. and Paris, and has made her debuts with the South Bend Symphony Orchestra, Tower Chorale and International Chamber Artists in Chicago, where she expanded her repertoire to include the Soprano II solos in Mozart's "C minor Mass."

She made her first solo appearance with Music of the Baroque under the direction of Nicholas Kraemer at The Harris Theatre in Chicago.

The SMSO program includes "Carnival Overture" by Dvorak, "Peer Gynt Suite No. 1" by Grieg, "Knoxville Summer of 1915" by Barber and "Capriccio Espagnol" by Rimsky-Korsakov.

Various ticket packages are available. Contact the Symphony office at (269) 982-4030 or visit www.smso.org for more information.



Juliet Petrus

PNC Homecoming Activities

Purdue University-North Central will celebrate its annual homecoming weekend Friday and Saturday, Sept. 12-13, at the Westville campus.

All activities are open to the public.

Activities begin at 5 p.m. Sept. 12 with registration for a one-mile fun run, with the race starting at 6 p.m. Runners are encouraged to dress as their favorite super hero, which is the theme of the race. Prizes will be awarded for best dressed runner, and overall male and female race winners. There is a \$5 registration fee, with proceeds benefitting PNC Student Athletics.

A variety of free games and activities for all ages starts at 6 p.m. The band Black Water Levee will provide musical entertainment. Food vendors will have items for sale.

The evening will culminate with a fireworks show hosted by the Purdue North Central Alumni Association and presented by Badaboom that begins at dark. Spectators may take lawn chairs and blankets. No coolers or outside food are allowed. PNC is an alcohol- and tobacco-free campus.

Activities continue Sept. 13 with an Alumni Softball Game at 10 a.m. at Practice Field at 9450 W. County Road 125 South.

A car and bike show are from noon to 2 p.m., with spectators admitted free. Those who want to exhibit vehicles can register early from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$10. Proceeds aid the Warriors First Foundation and PNC Student Government. Questions about the show may be directed to PNC Student Government President Matt Migliorini at (812) 564-1805. Additional information is available at <https://www.facebook.com/PNC2014CarAndBikeShow>

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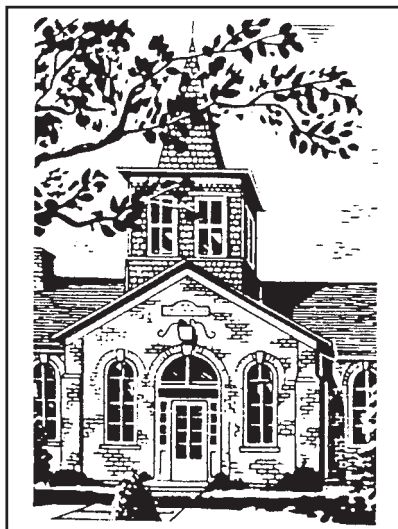


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Sailing4Sight Foundation Provides Free Vision Screenings

Editor's note — This article was submitted by Linda Bechinski, Michigan City Area Schools nursing chairwoman.

The Sailing4Sight Foundation came to Michigan City in August to provide free vision screenings and eyeglasses to children in need.

Sailing4Sight is a group of recreational boaters that helps children in coastal communities across the United States who need vision exams and eyeglasses. More than 20 children in Michigan City were evaluated, and the majority needed eyeglasses.

In my role as nursing chair for Michigan City Area Schools, I was able to help organize this event and participate as a volunteer. It was so gratifying to watch the children being tested, as they would light up and say for the first time, "I can SEE!"

The next step was to try on frames. They got so into selecting what they thought was the perfect style, especially the girls. The frames were then ordered and delivered within two weeks, just in time for the start of the new school year.

Our schools appreciate the efforts of Sailing4Sight Director Greg Dallas and Event Coordinator Bill Wittlief for making this happen. Not only did they get the wheels turning, but they worked the entire afternoon to complete the project. Working with them to register the students were volunteers Sheila Burkhart and Michelle Burkhart.

The event would not have been possible without Dr. Ossip and Dr. Coalter and the staff at Optical One in Michigan City, where the exams took place. Dr. Coalter, along with Dr. Petry of Spencer, Ind.,



Dr. Petry examines one of the students.

and Dr. Jill Buck of Greenwood, Ind., provided their professional services at no charge. Three of Optical One staff members — Kim, Pat and Betty — also volunteered for the day.

According to the Vision Council of America, 48 percent of children in the U.S. younger than 12 have never been to an eye doctor. Sailing4Sight is a nonprofit organization and could benefit greatly from tax-deductible donations, which can be made easily and safely at www.sailing4sight.com.

Sailing4Sight isn't the only group helping our students in need of vision care. The Rotary Club of Michigan City provides free eye exams and glasses for the students throughout the school year. After students with visual problems are identified at the school, the Rotary Club and Dunes Optical work together to provide the eye exam and glasses at no cost to those in need.

Thank you to all who are a part of both of these wonderful programs!



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The Goshen native was known as "one of the top unknown artists" in the industry until he released "Tuscan Sky" in 2013. The CD spent 16 weeks on the Smooth Jazz radio charts Top 40,

while two songs of his songs, "Sydney's Way" and "Tuscan Sky," were ranked in the Top 100 of Smooth Jazz for 2013. His track "Vineyard Groove" was licensed by Microsoft to use as the theme song for the release of its new EBS server product, and Hobby Lobby bought 30,000 copies of his Christmas CD, "We Three Strings," to sell in its stores.

Doors open at 7 p.m., with the concert starting at 8 p.m., both Eastern time. Tickets, which are \$15, can be purchased at http://www.homesteadevents.com/event/Bryan_Lubeck

PNC Receives 9/11 Sculpture

Purdue University-North Central has received, as a gift, a large marble sculpture commemorating the 9/11 attacks that will become part of its permanent collection.

The sculpture will be unveiled and dedicated during a brief ceremony as part of PNC's 9/11 memorial service Thursday, Sept. 11, marking the 13th anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center. The public is invited. The service starts promptly at 7:30 a.m. at Schwarz Hall. A moment of silence will be observed at 8:03 a.m., signifying the time the second plane struck the South Tower of the World Trade Center. The event ends at 8:30 a.m. Light refreshments will be served.

The sculpture, "Lexeme VIII," is a gift from internationally acclaimed artist Bill Barrett and his wife, Debora. The Barretts will attend the memorial service and dedication. Judy Jacobi, PNC assistant vice chancellor of marketing and campus relations, contacted the Barretts in June about hosting one of Bill's pieces as part of PNC's Odyssey sculpture collection. Instead, the Barretts offered "Lexeme VIII" as a gift. A Purdue alumnus, Thomas Lawyer, and his family co-sponsored transportation of the piece from Carrara, Italy.

Barrett, born in 1934 in California, attended high school in South Bend. Over the years, he made a name for himself by shaping aluminum and bronze into abstract sculptures. He has a studio in New York City just 10 blocks from what is now known as Ground Zero. In the aftermath of the attacks, he began a series of work he called "Lexeme," which grew to 15 pieces in total.

The sculpture is made of marble. It measures 11 feet high, 8 feet wide and 6 feet deep. PNC will keep it on permanent display on campus. The public may visit any time the campus is open. Parking is free, but guests are asked to not park in the "A" or reserved spaces. More information is available by calling Jacobi at (219) 785-5200, Ext. 5593.



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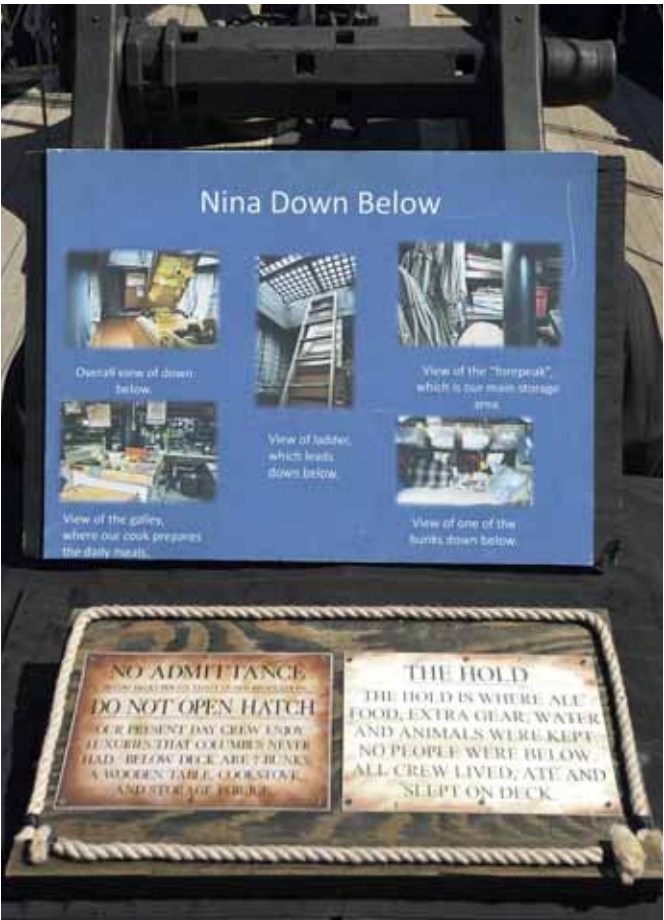
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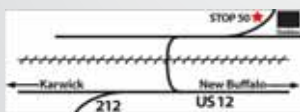
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Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

The following programs are through Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore:

• **Junior Wildland Firefighter Program from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at the campground amphitheater.**

Meet the park's fire crew and learn about their jobs and equipment. Children then receive a Junior Wildland Firefighter activity book and patch.

The campground is at Broadway and U.S. 12 in Beverly Shores.

• **The free Junior Ranger Program from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center and Paul H. Douglas Center.**

A variety of Junior Ranger programs exist, from a short Beachcombers Activity Page to an extensive Junior Rangers Booklet. Complete a program and earn a prize. Stop by the Visitor Center or Douglas Center to pick up a free program booklet.

• **"Park in Focus" from 1 to 3 p.m. every Saturday at the Paul H. Douglas Center.**

Park staff will host special programs focusing on park resources, hot topics in research, new environmental films or guest speakers.

• **"Kid's Rule" from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.**

Join a ranger in the Visitor Center's activity room for stories and activities. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The Visitor Center is at 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. The Paul H. Douglas Center is on Lake Street north of U.S. 12 in the Miller Beach neighborhood of Gary. Call (219) 395-1882 for more information.

Women In Leadership

Women In Leadership will host a luncheon, "From Here to Eternity...You've Got to Fund It!," on Tuesday, Sept. 16, at Stop 50 Pizza, 500 El Portal Drive, Michiana Shores.

Dave Ghormley from MFS Investments will discuss strategies and pitfalls specific to women when planning for their future.

Lunch, which starts at 11:30 a.m., costs \$17 for members and \$22 for non-members. RSVP at www.women-in-leadership.com

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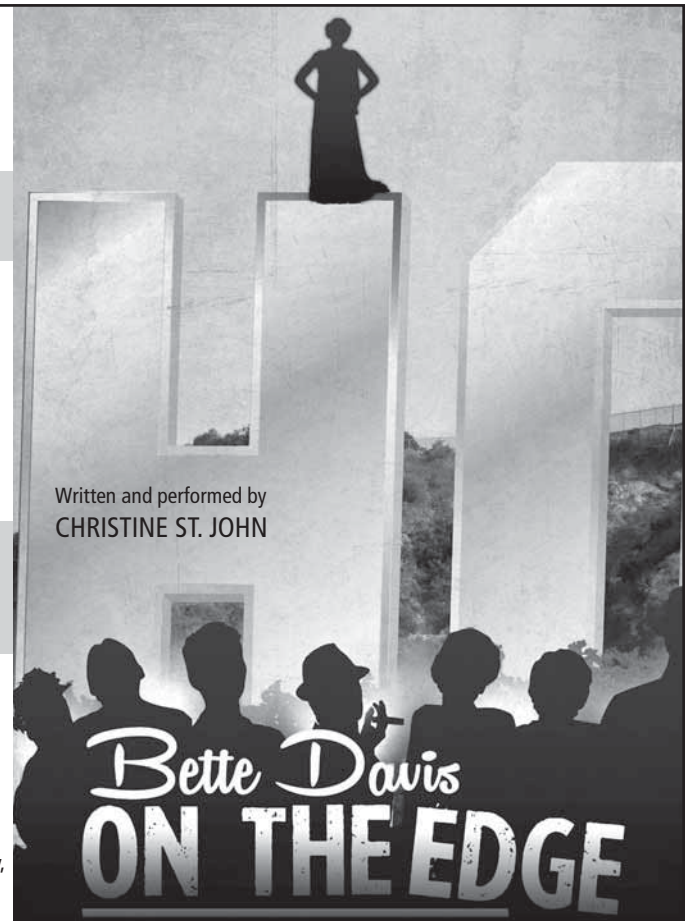
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Short Story Workshop

The Purdue University-North Central Office of Graduate and Extended Learning and Department of English and Modern Languages will offer a non-credit workshop series for people who want to learn how to write effective short stories.

The program will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 7-Nov. 11. The \$139 registration fee for community members includes all materials. Special rates are available for PNC students, alumni and employees. The registration deadline is at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16. Writers of all interests and abilities are welcome.

The instructor is award-winning author Lucrecia Guerrero, whose work has appeared in numerous journals, a short-story collection and other works.

Guerrero describes the program as beneficial for those who have a story to tell, but may be overwhelmed by longer form writing or are attracted to the shorter form. Participants will be led into writing short stories of 300 to 1,000 words through in-class writing exercises and mini lessons on craft.

Visit <http://www.pnc.edu/gel/> to register for more information. Contact Cassandra Boehlke, coordinator of Graduate and Extended Learning, at (219) 785-5748 or cboehlke@pnc.edu for more information.

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MQT Student Studying Abroad

Marquette Catholic High School's first student has departed to study abroad for one semester at St. Denis International School in Loches, France.



Sophomore Olivia Lembcke, the daughter of Roslyn Davila, Chesterton, will be enrolled at Marquette and St. Denis for the fall semester of the 2014-2015 academic year.

While abroad, she will study courses typical of a student enrolled at St. Denis. Some classes will be in English and some in French; however, this

is a full immersion program. During the week, Olivia will stay in the school's dormitory. On weekends, she will spend time with a host family in Paris (the school is approximately two hours from Paris by train).

Meg Richardson, Marquette's alumni relations director and global studies coordinator, escorted Olivia to St. Denis. Once she is acclimated and settled, Richardson will travel to Barcelona, Spain, to secure similar partnerships with schools in that area.

La Porte County Parks



All registrations and questions go through the Red Mill County Park Administrative Office, 0185 S. Holmesville Road, La Porte. Call (219) 325-8315 or visit www.laportecountyparks.org for more information.

Stroller, Baby and You

Aimed at toddlers and preschoolers, programs include music, dance, storytelling and a hike (weather permitting).

The free program is from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 15, at Red Mill County Park. Call at least one week in advance to register.

Senior Lifestyles

Join the free 55+ Club, a social club designed for adults 55 and older to learn and explore various types of nature. Free coffee is served to participants.

The group meets from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Red Mill County Park. The schedule is:

- Oct. 1 — Tips on gardening, including preparing a garden for winter, by Sacha Burns of Sunkissed Organics.
- Nov. 5 — La Porte County Historian Fern Eddy Schultz discusses Indiana historical markers in La Porte County.

Michigan City Walk for PKD

The annual event is Saturday, Sept. 20, at Creek Ridge County Park, 7943 W. County Road 400 North.

Check-in is at 9 a.m., followed by the walk at 10 a.m. Individuals can walk, form a team, help with the committee or volunteer.

Contact Walk Coordinator Laura Moyer at (219) 878-3062 or michigancityindianawalk@pkdcure.org if interested. Visit www.walkforpkd.org/michigancity for more information.

23rd Annual Pioneer Days

The event is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 27-28, at Creek Ridge County Park, 7943 W. County Road 400 North, Michigan City.

Featured are wagon rides, outdoor cooking, crafts, food and historically clad vendors. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children or seniors.

Teachers-Groups-Scout Leaders

Free environmental education programs are offered to groups throughout the year. Programs last one hour or longer depending on the group size and age. Programs can be scheduled at Creek Ridge, Luhr, Bluhm or Red Mill parks. Call (219) 325-8315 for more information or to make a reservation.

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What's Cooking

by Jim LaRocco

With the start of school, I can't help but think back before the days of closed lunches at Elston Senior and Junior High Schools, and all of the great places a starving student could get lunch.

There was Belle's Grill at Barker and Franklin, The Sugar Bowl and the Hilltop Restaurants between Williams and Ripley streets. All three were great places for lunch. My lunchtime pal through most of junior high school and part of senior high was Chuck Lungren.

Chuck and I would race down Pine Street to Eighth Street to the little train car called Harold's Diner, across from Sears, because they only had 10 stools at the counter and you had to hurry to get one. Hamburgers were just a quarter, and your mouth would water while you listened to them sizzle on the hot griddle. The buns were grilled and the steaming burger placed upon it: well worth running for. A really great lady, Mrs. Feldman, bought the place, always welcoming starving students.

On alternate days, we would go to Woolworth's and get those great hot dogs with the grilled buns. The buns were flat on the sides, buttered and placed on the grill until they were nice and toasty. The dogs rested deep in the bun, making plenty of room for your "fixins." I always had two.

Maybe one day we would have a Hoagie filled with meat, cheese, lettuce and tomato and the best vinegar and oil dressing. It was a whopping 39 cents, if memory serves correctly. Some days, we would top off lunch with a huge bag of hot, fresh popcorn.

Some days, we would go to the Eighth Street Cafe owned by Norm Hutmacher. He used to feed those great Fighting Red Devil basketball teams before the games. I used to like the open-faced turkey sandwich with dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy: Just the thing to warm you up for the walk back to school those cold and windy winter days.

If you are a 60-something like me, I am sure you remember these things...and more.

Until next time, enjoy.

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MQT Intern Program

Marquette Catholic High School's internship program, coordinated by alumni relations director Meg Richardson, begins its second year this fall.

Interested students must complete an application and essay the semester prior to the internship. Seniors receive priority, but all students are welcome to apply. A complete internship consists of at least 75 hours of work, with nine to 15 of these hours spent reporting. Participating students receive one credit hour for each completed internship.



Tim Haas of Hass Engineering appears with Marquette intern Elliott Sass.

Four Marquette seniors applied and were accepted into this year's program. Libbey Cook has been placed with Darling Boutique, Hunter Moldenhauer is interning with Dr. Wolf of Wolf Family Dentistry, Elliott Sass is working with Tim Haas at Hass Engineering and Jenael Weist's internship is with Handley Elementary School in La Porte.

Brauer Museum of Art New Season

Valparaiso University's Brauer Museum of Art continues to expand its permanent collection with major acquisitions from the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries.

These, along with prints, sculptures, paintings and other works from artists from around the world, comprise the 2014-2015 season.

The fall exhibits run through Dec. 14, with selections from the permanent collection on display in the Sloan Gallery. In the Wehling and McGill galleries, "Orange Meditations: Recent Sculpture by Herbert George" features stone sculptures that reflect the artist's interest in themes of justice and humanity.

Andrew Nunemaker (Class of 1991), an entrepreneur and philanthropist who serves on VU's Board of Directors, has assembled a collection for the West Gallery that demonstrates his interest in diverse approaches of the contemporary scene, as well as modern masters.

In the Ferguson Gallery, "From 2/11 to Today: Recent Work by Ted Halkin" showcases new paintings and works on paper by the Chicago artist that explore gesture and surface.

The final fall exhibit, "Uniforms, Outfits and Accessories: Photographs by Joel DeGrand" in the Education Room and Gallery 1212, highlights the Northwest Indiana photographer's insights and handling of his medium.

In October, "Borders: An Installation by Steinunn Thorarinsdottir," currently on display in Chicago, features a dramatic sculpture grouping of 22 life-sized figures in steel and aluminum by Icelandic artist Steinunn Thorarinsdottir.

The museum will open its winter exhibitions Jan. 9, 2015, with "Inner Visions: Sacred Plants, Art and Spirituality," curated by Luis Eduardo Luna, in the Wehling and McGill Galleries, and "Erno Koch: Everything is Possible (only how to do?)" in the Education Room and Gallery 1212.

In April 2015, the museum will display original artwork by VU students in the Wehling and McGill galleries. Also, students will curate an exhibit of Greek and Roman tablets from the permanent collection in the Education Room, and the Ferguson Gallery will house Andy Warhol screen prints, also from the museum's permanent collection.

During spring and summer 2015, Gallery 1212 will feature "The Preposthumous Works of Harry Brown." The summer exhibits, on display May 15 through Aug. 9, 2015, include selections from the permanent collection in the Wehling and McGill galleries, new acquisitions in the West Gallery and "Herman Gurfinkel: Hidden Northwest Indiana Legend" in the Ferguson Gallery.

Visit valpo.edu/artmuseum for more information about the season and upcoming events, including gallery talks and a new film/lecture series.

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Indiana Dunes State Park

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Saturday, Sept. 13

• 9:30 a.m. — Fall Birding.

Explore back dune sites known for migrant warblers and thrushes. Meet at the campground gate for the trek that lasts a little more than an hour. Take binoculars or borrow a pair at the hike.

• 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. — Beach Glass Jewelry Workshops.

Register for one of two workshops that allow users to learn the art of wire-wrapping, and make beach glass or stone jewelry. Space is limited (extra spots are held for campers). Meet at the Nature Center Auditorium. The cost is \$5 per person per workshop. Register by calling (219) 926-1390.

Sunday, Sept. 14

• 10 a.m. — Trek to the Paw Paw Patch.

Take a hike down Trail 2 to visit the park's many Paw Paw patches. Search for some "Indiana Bananas." Meet at the Wilson Shelter.

• 2 p.m. — Early Fall Colors.

Meet at the Nature Center to explore the different colors being produced now, and the conditions that will arrive in a few weeks.

Indiana Dunes State Park is at 1600 N. County Road 25 East (the north end of Indiana 49), Chesterton. Call (219) 926-1390 for more information.

Westchester Public Library

The following programs are available through Westchester Public Library:

• History Discussion Group from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, in the parlor at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

Benjamin Franklin is the topic. The group is open to anyone interested in, and conversations about, history. Registration is not necessary.

• Mad About Mysteries at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at Westchester Township History Museum.

Angel Goins leads the discussion on author Sandra Parshall, who introduced veterinarian Rachel Goddard in her Agatha Award-winning first published novel, "The Heat of the Moon," in 2006.

• Annual History Hunt from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13.

This year's hunt takes participants across Chesterton and Porter to learn local history. The hunt starts at Westchester Township History Museum.

Participants should use bicycles or vehicles to conduct the hunt because it is approximately seven miles and will take about an hour to complete. A treat awaits those who finish the hunt.

• The craft session Gabe's World from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, in the Bertha Wood meeting room on the second floor of Thomas Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

Attendees will learn the technique of making braided wire rings. Materials will be provided. Registration is necessary by calling (219) 926-7696.

• Drop-in craft program, The Art Box, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday in September except Sept. 27, in the Children's Department at Thomas Library.

Children of all ages accompanied by parents are welcome. No registration is necessary. On Sept. 27, children can join the Indiana Writers Consortium for a drop-in creative writing program from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sarett Nature Center

The following programs are available through Sarett Nature Center, 2300 Benton Center Road, Benton Harbor, Mich.:

• Take a trip to Spirit Springs Sanctuary at 9:15 a.m. EDT Friday, Sept. 12.

The \$25 fee includes transportation and admission fees. Take a sack lunch.

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The Purdue University-North Central Concurrent Enrollment Program has received an Indiana Commission for Higher Education grant that will aid it in developing graduate-level courses for high school instructors teaching PNC Concurrent Enrollment courses in area high schools.

The Concurrent Enrollment program allows qualifying high school juniors and seniors who attend participating schools to earn college credits for selected upper-level classes taught in their own schools during the regular school day.

The grant will help PNC create online graduate courses in specific disciplines that will enable high school teachers to become certified by PNC to teach university level courses in their high school Concurrent Enrollment classes.

A second aspect of the grant addresses the need to provide quality curricular content to the high school teachers, and to assist them as they develop and deliver their Concurrent Enrollment courses.

These grant-funded programs will be implemented during a 24-month period.

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Michigan City Rifle Club, 4801 E. U.S. 20, will host an eight-hour NRA Basic Handgun Shooting Course at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20.

The course introduces students to the knowledge, skills and attitude necessary for safely owning and using a handgun. Fees range from \$175 to \$125, depending on if participants take his/her handgun and ammunition or use the club's equipment. The fee includes light refreshments and lunch. Class size is limited, and preregistration with deposit is required.

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Call for Entries

The Midwest Museum of American Art, 429 S. Main St., Elkhart, has issued a "call for entries" for the 36th Elkhart Juried Regional Exhibit.

Artists 18 and older can submit works in the all-media competition, sponsored by the Elkhart County Conventions & Visitors Bureau, on Sept. 13-27. Eligible are artists from Allen, Dekalb, Elkhart, Fulton, Jasper, Kosciusko, Lake, LaGrange, La Porte, Marshall, Newton, Noble, Porter, Pulaski, St. Joseph, Starke, Steuben or Whitley counties in Indiana and Berrien, Branch, Cass or St. Joseph counties in Michigan.

Each entrant may submit one work in any media for a \$25 fee. A \$40 entry fee is charged for two works. Any art submitted for judging must be original in concept and execution, created within the last two years, not completed under instruction and not previously exhibited at the museum or any other competition in the Michiana region. Entries must be hand delivered and prepared for installation.

Entry forms can be downloaded from MidwestMuseum.US. Also available on the website is a prospectus containing all the competition rules.

Awards of more than \$25,000 will be made by the jurors and Purchase Award patrons. The jurors are: Rachel Perry, Indiana State Museum curator of art emeritus, and Steven Conant, an art collector and artist from Indianapolis.

Call the museum at (574) 293-6660 for more information.

Artist Reception

An artist reception featuring Robin Maxon's watercolors is from 6 to 8 p.m. EDT Thursday, Sept. 18, at The Inn at Harbor Shores, 800 Whitwam Drive, St. Joseph, Mich.

Maxon, St. Joseph, is the second featured artist displayed in the new gallery. Her watercolor paintings, which feature various Southwest Michigan scenes, will remain on display through Nov. 3.

The inn's art program has two components: the permanent collection displayed in rooms and public areas, and the revolving gallery exhibits curated by Susan Wilczak.

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Some of the featured vendors include: All Creatures Features Animal Hospital; Michiana Humane Society; Trail Creek Dog Training Club; Great Lakes Greyhound of Indiana; La Porte County Small Animal Shelter; Lazy Dog Pet Sitting and Services; Guardians of the Green Mile; and Independent Cat Society. Many downtown businesses participating in Second Saturday will have water and treats available for dogs.

Karahtess Clothing on Indiana Avenue will make T-shirts while people wait. Engstrom's Jewelers on Lincolnway will have customizable dog tags for sale, a sidewalk sale and showcase its Watch Dog program, in which part of the proceeds from watch-battery replacements go to Guardians of the Green Mile. A new collection by Martha Cares, artist and activist for rescue animals, will be on display at La Porte County Public Library. Temple News Agency will serve ice cream and treats for people and pets.

Contact Thaddeus Cutler at cutler@lpchamber.com or (219) 362-3178 for more information.

New Troy 5K Registration

The third annual Run to the Center of the World 5K Fun Run & Walk is Saturday, Sept. 20.

In addition to a free T-shirt and goodies bag, participants now will receive a free breakfast thanks to donations by area bakeries, restaurants and stores.

Also for the first time, prizes will be awarded in several categories: First Place Overall; Best Costume; Largest Team; and Longest Distance Traveled. First-place medals will be awarded in each age category, and the name and time of First Place Overall will be engraved on a brick permanently mounted in the New Troy Community Center's Friends Garden.

Early registration for the all-ages event ended Sept. 4, but runners and walkers may register through the morning of the race at a \$25 cost. Forms can be picked up at the New Troy Community Center, 13372 California Road, or Center of the World Woodshop, 13400 Red Arrow Highway, Sawyer, or downloaded from www.friendsofnewtroy.org/announcements/

Check-in is at 8 a.m. and the race at 9 a.m., both Eastern time.

Proceeds benefit the New Troy Community Center, an all-volunteer facility run by the non-profit organization Friends of New Troy. Contact Terry Hanover at (269) 426-4199 or the Community Center at (269) 426-3909 for more information.

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The course will meet from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 2 through Nov. 6. The \$159 registration fee includes all books and materials. The fee for those who participated in the beginner class in June and still have the textbook is \$129. Special rates are available for PNC students, alumni and employees. The registration deadline is 4 p.m. Sept. 18.

The program will be taught by an instructor with 11 years of PNC teaching experience and 20 years of management experience in an office environment. Participants will be introduced to intermediate and advanced concepts, and techniques for using the software in personal and business applications.

A brief review is planned of concepts taught in the beginner-level program before learning intermediate and advanced functions of the software. Instruction will include how to create data and pivot tables, as well as shared and merged workbooks, how to use various financial and logical functions, how to use advanced sorting features and how to use custom and advanced filters.

Class members will learn software functions such as Goal Seek, Solver, dashboards and Scenarios, how to track changes, add comments and import external data from Microsoft Access. There also will be instruction on how to create defined names in formulas, how to create outlines and linked cells between more than one worksheet.

Visit <http://www.pnc.edu/gel/> or contact Cassandra Boehlke, coordinator of Graduate and Extended Learning, at (219) 785-5748 or cboehlke@pnc.edu to register or for more information.

"Ladies Night Out" Vendors

Leadership La Porte County is seeking vendors for its first "Ladies Night Out," which is from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, in the Eagle's Nest at Portofino Grill, 3233 N. Indiana 39, La Porte.

Vendors with crafts, merchandise or homemade items to sell can register for a booth space, which is standard card-table size and costs \$25. Vendors are encouraged to take samples, cash/carry item to sell and take orders.

Contact "LNO" Event Chairwoman Cathy Homan at (219) 363-0122 or cathyhoman@csinet.net, or the Leadership La Porte County office at info@leadershiplaportecounty.com for an application. Only one vendor from each company will be accepted. Space is limited.

Tickets to attend the event will be available soon. The cost is \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door.

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"Dreams and the Industrial Revolution"

Scarlet Macaw Community Art Centers, 5888 Sawyer Road, Sawyer, Mich., will present a major solo exhibit by New Carlisle-based, Mexican-born Rodolfo Zarate Guzman, "Dreams and the Industrial Revolution," through Sept. 28.

Guzman's figurations and sculptural interpretations explore the relationships between the evolution of man's dreams and his technological achievements during the Industrial Revolution.

From approximately 1760 to 1840, manufactured goods evolved from hand- to machine-made production. Power evolved from wood to bio-fuels and water power to steam power. The use of chemicals shifted the ways metals were produced, agricultural technology allowed lower costs for food and transportation improvements provided for an expansion of the population.

Guzman apprenticed for Guillermo Chavez Vega while in Mexico and studied at The School of Fine Arts of Guadalajara, as well as Indiana University-South Bend. The images and narrative constructions in his exhibit confront the viewer through humor and discomfort. He draws on historical relevance while addressing a distinct set of mechanisms of social relationships and power.

Call (269) 363-1832, email ScarletMacawCAC@aol.com or visit Scarlet Macaw Community Art Center for more information.

La Porte County Historical Society

The first fall meeting of the La Porte County Historical Society Inc. is Tuesday, Sept. 16, at First Baptist Church, 802 Indiana Ave., La Porte.

A carry-in dinner is planned. Social time starts at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Take a covered dish (salad, vegetable, dessert). Meat (chicken) and table service will be provided.

Greg Fruth will present the program "Athletic Director to Anesthesiologist." En route to being claimed "one of the world's foremost anesthesiologists," E.A. Rovenstine stopped in La Porte for three years to teach science, coach football, basketball and baseball. His 56-25 basketball record still establishes the highest winning percentage for Slicer basketball. A PowerPoint presentation follows Rovenstine from his birth in Atwood, Ind., to his eventual medical career in New York's Bellevue Hospital.

Reservations are required by 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12. Call (219) 324-6767, email info@laportecountyhistory.org or stop at the museum.

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September 11-12 — PNC Players auditions, Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa's "Rough Magic," 5-8 p.m. Thurs./1-5 p.m. Fri., PNC Technology Building, Room 301. Info: btlee@pnc.edu, (219) 785-5229.

September 11-15 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* "Magic in the Moonlight." Rated PG-13. Times: 6:15 p.m. Thurs.-Mon. *Also:* "A Most Wanted Man." Rated R. Times: 9 p.m. Thurs.-Mon., also 3 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

September 12 — Trivia Fest 2014, Michiana Resources Inc., 4315 E. Michigan Blvd., Michigan City. Doors open 6 p.m., contest at 7 p.m. Cost: \$10 per player. Info: (219) 874-4288.

September 12 — Depot Friday, 5-7 p.m., The Depot at Beverly Shores Art Gallery, Gift Shop & Museum, 525 Broadway. Featured artist: Tamara Lyn Browne.

September 12-14 — Olde Farmers Fest, downtown Rolling Prairie. Free admission/parking. Info: visit Rolling Prairie Business & Community Association on facebook.

September 13 — Michigan City Mainstreet Association Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Eighth and Washington streets, through October. Second Saturdays, (chef's demonstrations, special market activities, food truck, artists, music), 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

September 13 — La Porte Urban Enterprise Association Farmers Market, Lincolnway and Monroe Street, through October. Info: (219) 362-8260.

September 13 — Hoosier Star 2014, La Porte Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge St., La Porte. Civic opens 6 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Pre-sale tickets: \$10 / adults (\$15 at the door), \$5/children 12 & younger. Reservations: www.hoosierstar.com

September 13 — Farm dinner, 5-9 p.m., State Street between Monroe and Jackson streets, La Porte. Cost: \$25/advance, \$30/door. Reservations: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/760842>

September 13 — Duneland Weavers Guild, 10 a.m., Westchester Library Annex, 100 W. Indiana St., Chesterton. Info: www.dunelandweaversguild.org

September 13 — Writing Out Loud: David Hoppe, 7:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

September 13 — Family Fun Day, 1-3 p.m. EDT, New Buffalo Railroad Museum, 530 S. Whittaker St. Info: new-buffalo-railroad-museum.org

September 13 — History Discussion Group, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

September 13 — Mad About Mysteries, 2 p.m., Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

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September 14 — Lyric Opera of Chicago: "Don Giovanni," 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

September 14 — Polish Heritage Festival, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., International Friendship Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. 12. Cost: \$5/free children 12 and younger. Info: www.facebook.com/PolishHeritageFestivalMC

September 14 — Opening reception, 1:30 p.m., stained glass works by Judy Gregurich, Pines Village Retirement Communities, 3303 Pines Village Circle, Valparaiso. Info: (219) 465-1591.

September 14 — "Charles Troy: The Creation of 'West Side Story'," 2 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Cost: \$15. Info: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.

September 18 — Northwest Indiana Green Drinks in Michigan City, 6:30 p.m., Shoreline Brewery, 208 Wabash St., Michigan City. Suggested donation: \$5, \$2/students. Info: (219) 874-6809.

September 19 — Indiana University's Another Round Concert, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Taltree Arboretum & Gardens, 450 W. County Road 100 North, Valparaiso. Tickets/info: Taltree.org, (219) 462-0025.

Mondays — Codependents Anonymous (CoDA), 6 p.m., Franciscan Alliance-St. Anthony Health. Info: (219) 879-3817

Wednesdays — Al-Anon meetings, 7-8 p.m., Long Beach Old School Community Center, 2501 Oriole Trail. Info: (219) 716-2690.

Farther Afield:

September 12 — Opening reception, Area Artists Association exhibit, 6-9 p.m., Marshall J. Gardner Art Center, 540 S. Lake St., Miller Beach Arts & Creative District.

September 13 — "Cocktails & Car Show," 11 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT, Round Barn Winery, 10983 Hills Road, Baroda, Mich. Info: roundbarnwinery.com, (269) 422-1617.

September 13 — The Riversong Music Society Young Talent Showcase, 7:30 p.m. EDT, The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Tickets: \$10/general admission, \$8/students and seniors, free/children 12 and younger. Info/reservations: (269) 983-3688, info@boxfactoryforthearts.org, www.boxfactoryforthearts.org

September 18 — Artist reception, Robin Maxon's watercolors, 6-8 p.m. EDT, The Inn at Harbor Shores, 800 Whitwam Drive, St. Joseph, Mich. Info: www.innatharborshores.com, (269) 983-1111.

Through September 21 — "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," Crown Point Community Theatre, 1125 Merrillville Road. Times: 8 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 3 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$15 general admission, \$12 students/seniors/military personnel with ID. Info/reservations: cpct.biz, (219) 805-4255.

Through September 28 — Rodolfo Zarate Guzman's art exhibit, "Dreams and the Industrial Revolution," Scarlet Macaw Community Art Centers, 5888 Sawyer Road, Sawyer, Mich. Info: (269) 363-1832

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this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3x). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in Eternal Glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted.

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On September 11, 1847, at Andre's Eagle Ice Cream Saloon, in Pittsburg, the audience sang Stephen Foster's *Oh Susanna*. This was reported to have been the first public performance of the song.

On September 11, 1897, a strike in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia ended with coal miners winning an eight-hour workday.

On September 11, 1927, an American meat packer announced the production of a frankfurter with a zipper. The instructions were: "boil the hot dog in its zippered casing and then discard it." There is no record as to how many, following these instructions, threw away the hot dog and kept the casing.

On September 11, 1954, the Miss America Pageant was shown on television for the first time. The winner was Lee Ann Meriwether, Miss California.

On September 11, 1961, "Bozo's Circus" made its TV debut on WGN.

On September 11, 1962, the Beatles recorded their first single – "Love Me Do" and "P.S. I Love You" – at Abbey Road Studios in London.

On September 11, 1985, Pete Rose, of the Cincinnati Reds, got hit number 4,192, breaking the record held by Ty Cobb.

On September 12, 1886, the opening of the New York stage show, *The Black Crook*, marked the beginning of the era of "girlie" shows in the United States.

On September 12, 1972, the situation comedy "Maude" premiered on CBS.

On September 12, 1984, the Chicago Bulls selected Michael Jordan as their No. 1 choice in the NBA draft.

On September 12, 1992, the space shuttle *Endeavour* blasted off with Mark Lee and Jan Davis, the first married couple in space; Mae Jemison, the first black woman in space; and Mamoru Mohri, the first Japanese citizen to fly on a U.S. spaceship.

On September 12, 1994, a stolen single-engine Cessna crashed into the south lawn of the White House, coming to rest against the executive mansion; the pilot, Frank Corder, was killed.

On September 13, 1872, presidential candidate George Francis Train described his qualification for office as follows: "I am that wonderful, eccentric, independent, extraordinary genius and political reformer of America, who is sweeping off all the politi-

cians before him like a hurricane. I am your modest, diffident, unassuming friend, the future President of America -- George Francis Train." He received no votes in the general election the following November.

On September 14, 1741, George Fredrick Handel, having worked without interruption for 23 days, finished his composition of *The Messiah*.

On September 14, 1886, George K. Anderson, of Memphis, TN, patented the typewriter ribbon.

On September 14, 1901, President William McKinley died, in Buffalo, of gunshot wounds inflicted eight days earlier. Vice President Theodore Roosevelt succeeded him.

On September 14, 1972, "The Waltons" premiered on CBS.

On September 15, 1949, "The Lone Ranger" premiered on ABC television.

On September 15, 1966, *Gemini 2*, after a record 3-day space flight, splashed down in the Atlantic Ocean.

On September 15, 2003, the WUSA soccer league shut down operations five days before the Women's World Cup, saying it didn't have enough money to stay in business for a fourth season.

On September 16, 1620, after two previous false starts — 74 men and 28 women — along with a small crew, set sail from Plymouth, England aboard *HMS Mayflower*. The "Mayflower," originally designed as a wine ship, reached Provincetown, MA, on December 26, 1620.

On September 16, 1908, General Motors first filed papers of incorporation.

On September 16, 1953, "The Robe," the first movie presented in the widescreen process Cinema-scope, had its world premiere in New York.

On September 16, 1966, the Metropolitan Opera opened its season in the new opera house at New York's Lincoln Center. The audience saw the premiere of Samuel Barber's "Anthony and Cleopatra."

On September 16, 1971, citing increased postal rates and declining advertising revenue, "Look" magazine announced it was discontinuing operations.

On September 16, 1972, "The Bob Newhart Show" premiered on CBS.

On September 17, 1920, the American Professional Football Association — precursor of the National Football League — was formed in Canton, OH.

On September 17, 1972, "M*A*S*H" premiered on CBS.

On September 17, 1976, NASA publicly unveiled the space shuttle *Enterprise* at ceremonies in Palm-dale, CA.

On September 17, 1994, Heather Whitestone of Alabama was crowned Miss America, the first ever deaf contestant to win the title.

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The talk is through The Indiana Conservation Alliance, which is hosting regional grass roots meetings to identify and engage conservation-minded citizens. Holly Jones, co-chair of INCA's steering committee and executive director of Indiana Urban Forest Council, will share information about INCA and provide a brief history of its conservation funding advocacy and the results. She wants to hear from people as to what is important to protect, what communities are doing and how state programs might be useful.

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The event will feature train songs by Garth Taylor and the School of American Music, as well as tours, games and refreshments. The community can add their voices and instruments to the music.

The historic New Buffalo fire engine that helped fight the Chicago fire will be dedicated during brief ceremonies, and the museum's new exhibit of Rodger Despres' 45-foot long paper train, which represents 1,500 hours of folding, will be on display.

Visit new-buffalo-railroad-museum.org for more information.

Duneland Weavers Guild

The Duneland Weavers Guild will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, in the Westchester Library Annex, 100 W. Indiana St., Chesterton.

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The workshop meets from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 2-30. The \$189 registration fee includes all materials. Special rates are available for PNC students, alumni and employees. The registration deadline is 4 p.m. Sept. 18.

During the first half of the program, participants learn the basics of photography technique and composition through hands-on and traditional instruction. They also receive general and individualized assistance with the settings and functions of their digital cameras. During the second half of the program, participants get hands-on experience with Adobe Photoshop.

Visit <http://www.pnc.edu/gel/> or contact Cassandra Boehlke, Graduate and Extended Learning coordinator, at (219) 785-5200, Ext. 5748, or cboehlke@pnc.edu to register or for more information.

"Cocktails & Car Show"

Round Barn Winery, 10983 Hills Road, Baroda, Mich., will present its "Cocktails & Car Show" from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT Saturday, Sept. 13.

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The following programs are available through Taltree Arboretum & Gardens, 450 W. County Road 100 North, Valparaiso:

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• **Indiana University's Another Round Concert from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19.**

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Nalbinding 101

Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich., will present Nalbinding 101 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. EDT Sunday, Sept. 14.

Nan Crofoot is the instructor. Nalbinding, the predecessor to knitting and crocheting, is an ancient Scandinavian craft, creating a shaped fabric out of connected loops of thread. The class uses a single-eyed handmade wooden needle (provided) and woolen yarn (instructor will advise) to fashion a small pouch.

No previous experience is necessary. Men and women are welcome. The cost is \$55, or \$44 for members.

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Children's Art Classes

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- Sketching and Sketches on Sept. 13. Participants will work on capturing an image in minimal lines.
- Simple Jewelry on Sept. 20. Students learn the basic skills for creating bracelets, necklaces and earrings.
- The two-part class Hand-Building and Coil Pots on Sept. 27 and Oct. 4. Students create coil pots Sept. 27 and glaze them Oct. 4.

Call (219) 926-4711 to register. Visit www.chestertonart.com for more information.

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Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

The Secret Place by Tana French (hardcover, \$27.95 retail in bookstores and online)

Teenagers and secrets. Nothing new there.

How about teenagers and murder?

This week's recommendation is a jaw-dropping murder-mystery set at a private boarding school in Dublin, Ireland. Trust me, it's a winner...and here's a sneak peek why.

First, we meet Det. Stephen Moran of the Dublin Police Department. He's stuck in the Cold Case Department, but has ambition and would love to get his foot in the Murder Squad. After all, he grew up in the inner city and knows his way around.

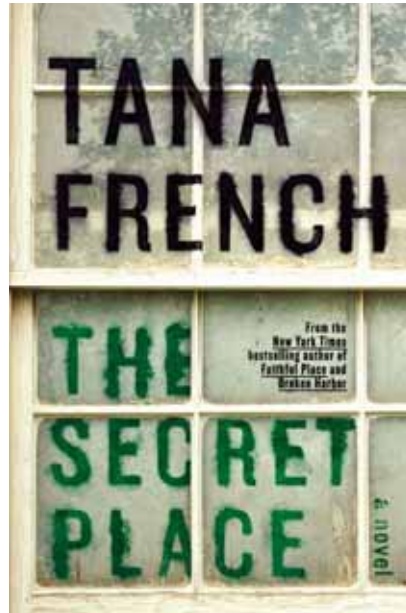
One morning, Holly Mackey shows up to see Moran. He's confused, since Holly is the 16-year-old daughter of a fellow cop and a fourth-year student at St. Kilda's Girls' School. Kind of a posh place for a cop's daughter, but Moran never questioned her dad since he could help him get into the tight-knit Murder Squad...if he wanted to.

Holly met Moran when she was only 9 and the witness to a murder. Now, she presents him with evidence that could help in an unsolved murder case. Just last year, 16-year-old Christopher Harper was found murdered, his head bashed in with a garden hoe on the grounds at St. Kilda's. He had attended Colm's, a private boys school not far from St. Kilda's.

Holly gives Moran a picture of the dead boy with the words "*I know who killed him*" underneath. She says she found it on the board known as The Secret Place, a bulletin board at St. Kilda's where the girls can vent their feelings anonymously. What a stroke of luck! What with the lack of evidence in the past months, this may be Moran's ticket into the Murder Squad.

Moran meets Det. Antoinette Conway, the lead detective on the Harper case. He's not ready for the unpleasant Conway, who's rude, short-tempered and also a product of inner-city Dublin. It is obvious she's had to work harder than any man to prove her place in this boys' club of cops. That's OK. Moran can handle it. After all, he just wants to make himself worthy of notice by the powers that be.

Since Moran has a connection with Holly, the decision is made to temporarily release him from Cold Case and let him work with Conway. Armed with the new evidence, the pair visit St. Kilda's and begin the process of first narrowing down the



number of girls who have knowledge of Harper. It doesn't take long to get the list down to two different groups of fourth-year students: Holly Mackey and her friends Selena, Julia and Rebecca, and the group led by Joanne Heffernan ("queen bee of cool crowd") and friends Orla, Gemma and Alison.

Not making the headmistress very happy, but realizing that dealing with the police is better than dealing with angry parents, she allows Moran and Conway to interview each of the eight girls separately. This is where teenagers' natural aversion to adults and Moran's natural ability to get people to talk to him become interesting, indeed.

Friendship at the teenage level can be complicated, hard to understand, but very loyal. Moran's and Conway's tactics of asking seemingly simple questions that make the girls wary eventually give the detectives an ever-evolving picture of misplaced loyalty, brutal rivalry and a whole lot of teenage hormones.

As the detectives keep honing in on what really happened last year at St. Kilda's, the story uses alternating chapters to take us back a year and unfold the story of what was going on then, but not to the extent of giving it all away. Oh, no. It will take you to the stunning conclusion of the investigation to see "oh what a web we weave, when first we practice to deceive."

French gives an amazing wealth of knowledge about teenagers and their secret world. I was mesmerized by how easily she slipped into their feelings of love and friendship. But don't forget the adults in this story — they're pretty complicated, too.

At 452 pages, this is not a quick read, but one you will relish every word of.

Enjoy!

Kirkus Reviews gave *The Secret Place* a starred review, as well as *Publishers Weekly*, which also named it a Top 10 Mystery & Thriller Pick for Fall 2014.

The Washington Post dubbed French as "one of the most talented crime writers alive."

French grew up in Ireland, Italy, the United States and Malawi. She is the recipient of many literary awards for *In the Woods* and *Broken Harbor*. Her other titles are *The Likeness* and *Faithful Place*. She now lives in Dublin with her husband and two children.

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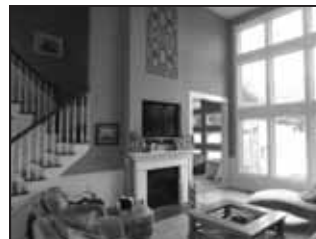
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