



Downtown Gallery Opens with Hicks

by Don Courtemanche, New Britain Downtown District Executive Director



Downtown Gallery photo by Cora Marshall

What a thrill it was to see over 75 people crowded into the New Britain Downtown District Visitors' Center for the inaugural opening of the Downtown Gallery on April 13. After months of planning and weeks of construction it was great to see it all come together. Food by Famous Dave's, C-Town, and Leaves and Pages (beautifully presented by Mel Ellis ably assisted by Joan Morgan and Marilyn Petroka) greatly enhanced the festivity of the event. The new gallery is intended both as a way to promote area visual artists and also increase traffic into the Visitors' Center and downtown New Britain. So far, its doing both.

The first exhibit features works by selected members of the Hicks Artists' Cooperative and is titled: *Hicks Prelude*. The New Britain Artists Cooperative at 66 West Main Street is back on track after a two year hiatus and this exhibi-

tion was an opportunity for the artists to show their work together for the first time. Featured in the exhibit are works by Rodney Bull, Ray Carrier, Carlos Gonzales, Tom Gradante, Jennifer Lepke, and Mike Walters. Most of the artwork is for sale. It was very gratifying that this exhibition enabled some of these artists to meet for the first time.

Cora Marshall, chair, and the other members of the Gallery Committee (Mel Ellis, Don Courtemanche, Stephen Hard, Diane Rubacha, Robert Diamond, Rick Dighello, and Fred D'Aprile) contributed many hours to get the new gallery off on as professional a footing as possible. The exhibition was co-curated by Robert Diamond, Manager of the Chen Gallery at CCSU, and Fred D'Aprile, chair of the New Britain Commission on the Arts. Robert and Fred coordinated communications with the artists and were

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Plainville Wind Ensemble Joins the GNBAA

by Stephen Hard, GNBAA Executive Director

The Plainville Wind Ensemble presented a fun, enthusiastic, and soul stirring performance of *Music Around the World* at Trinity-On-Main on April 15. I had only vaguely heard about the Ensemble and had no idea what to expect. What a revelation! How is it possible that more people do not know about this delightful group? The Ensemble straddles that musical territory between the purely classical and the merely popular. In other words, there is superb musicianship but the focus is on presenting music that has wide popularity rather than appealing to people with special training in music. We were taken on a plane trip to experience music from around the world complete with the roar of jet engines and were even interrupted at one point by a tardy and disgruntled passenger. Voluminous luggage in tow, and making her way to the "gangway," she cracked up even, or more accurately especially, Musical Director Rick Lawrence.

The Greater New Britain Arts Alliance exists to promote the creative, performing, and visual arts. As you may know, we are in the process of reaching out to the arts organizations in the communities surrounding New Britain to interest them in joining the Alliance for everyone's benefit. The Plainville Wind Ensemble is a wonderful addition to

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Plainville Wind Ensemble poses at CCSU Welte Auditorium

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responsible for all decisions about placement of the pieces in the exhibition.

Financially, the Downtown District and Connecticut Furs (the owner of the building) bore the expenses of the renovation of the space. Hardware City Antiques, 33 Main Street (owned by our own Fred and Carol North of Industrial Museum fame) sponsored the inaugural exhibition with funds that covered the costs of signage and publicity.

Special recognition needs to be paid to GNBA Executive Director Stephen Hard whose enthusiasm translated into countless hours doing everything from the design of the space; spackling, sanding, and painting it; designing all of

the signage and marketing materials; and preparation of the publicity. Stephen was not working alone, but he allowed me to have all the fun with the paint sprayer. A great deal of "sweat equity" went into this project!

The current exhibition runs through June 1. A summer show is in the planning stages. The Downtown Gallery is located in the New Britain's Visitors' Center 117 West Main Street. The Gallery is open Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Evening and Saturday hours are planned for the future. For further information please contact the Arts Alliance or the Downtown District (860) 229-0878.

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the ranks of the Alliance. Founded in 1987, the Ensemble is a concert and jazz band made up of 60 adult musicians from Plainville and surrounding towns. The mission of the Ensemble is to provide an educational, social, and performing environment for local musicians in the tradition of the community band. It is a delight to welcome the Plainville Wind Ensemble as an arts organizational member of the GNBA. I am sure this new relationship will be of great benefit to both organizations.

General Manager of the Ensemble and flutist Kathleen Marsan put it well: "Our group wants to help as many people as possible to enjoy good music. The mission of the Arts Alliance and our mission seem to be a natural fit. We are really pleased to make this connection with the wider New Britain community." The Plainville Wind Ensemble is open to all. Check them out on the Web at www.PlainvilleWindEnsemble.com or learn about their schedule of rehearsals and events in the Arts Happenings section of this Newsletter.

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Historic Trinity-On-Main to Host GNBAA Annual Meeting

Contributed by Candice Brown, Co-chair Annual Meeting Committee

The Annual Meeting of the Greater New Britain Arts Alliance will take place on Thursday, May 17, 2007, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Trinity-On-Main, 69 Main Street in downtown New Britain. The decision to hold the Annual Meeting at T-O-M was made so the GNBAA could join in the celebration of T-O-M's being placed on Connecticut's Register of Historic Places and its being recommended by the State for inclusion on the National Register. A favorable decision by the National Register is expected any day and the Arts Alliance wants to part of the celebration!

Live jazz will accompany a social hour from 5 to 6 p.m. in the rotunda. Paintings by Columbian artists Alina Zuniga and Edgar Sabogal will be on display. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. with a brief multimedia presentation of highlights from area arts followed by welcoming remarks from GNBAA president Alan Ettinger and Mayor Timothy Stewart. The presentation of awards will follow the election of new member to the GNBAA Board of Directors. Jill Crandall has been nominated to the Board to represent the New Britain Chamber of Commerce and area business interests. Candice Brown, Joseph Centofanti, Rick Dighello, Gina Kahn, and Cora Marshall will be returning to continue their service. Catherine Stockman, after many years on the GNBAA Board, will be taking a break to focus her energies on her new position as Executive Director of the New Britain Symphony and her many other involvements.

The Arts Alliance proudly will be giving awards to organizations and individuals who have made a difference in the arts in our area. Topping the list is this year's Lifetime Contribution to the Arts Award being given to Richard Coffey. Rick has been a driving force for the arts in New Britain and beyond for a long time. He has been Music Minister of South Church for over thirty years. He not only is Artistic Director of both the Music Series at South



Church and CONCORA, but founded both of these organizations. More recently he was instrumental in the establishment of the Main Street Singers.

Warren Kingsbury will be receiving the Individual Contribution to the Arts Award for his unflagging efforts in making the New Britain Industrial Museum a reality. The Special Recognition of an Arts Organization this year will be presented to the Southington Arts Council celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year. The New Britain Downtown District will be awarded the Special Recognition of a Business or Non-arts Organization in recognition of its collaboration with the GNBAA to promote the arts. The District's Visitors' Center, stocked with arts brochures and posters, and the new Downtown Gallery recently opened in the Visitors' Center are only the two most obvious examples of how supportive the Downtown District has been of the arts.

Bill DeMaio has long served New Britain and the area as Director of Parks and Recreation. He will be recognized as Public Servant of the Year. New Britain's Parks and Recreation Department includes an amazing amount of arts programming. From summer concerts in Central and Walnut Hill Parks to music lessons in City Hall to theater and dance programs, as Bill likes to remind us: "The Benefits are Endless."

Jesse Levine, the new Music Director and Conductor of the New Britain Symphony Orchestra, will interrupt the awards ceremony to play on the viola Romance by German composer Max Bruch (1838 –1920). He will be accompanied on the piano by Reinis Zarins, a student from Riga, Latvia, at the Yale School of Music studying with Boris Berman.

The final event of the evening will be the announcement of this year's Unsung Hero. This is kept secret, so you'll have to come to the meeting to find out. We hope to see you there!



Richard Coffey conducts CONCORA

New Britain Foundations Strengthen Their Support for the GNBA

The Community Foundation of Greater New Britain and the American Savings Foundation have been major benefactors of the GNBA for many years. Both foundations have recently substantially increased their level of contribution to the work of the Alliance. For the support of the work of our Executive Director the Community Foundation increased their contribution from \$10,000 to \$13,000. For our Joint Advertising Program the American Saving Foundation support went from \$9,500 to \$17,316. These in-

creases are extremely important as the Alliance seeks to stabilize its financial base and augment its activities in support of our 35 member organizations.

In addition, the GNBA in collaboration with CONCORA has once again been selected by the American Savings Foundation to receive the services of a full-time intern for 10 weeks this summer. CONCORA will use the intern primarily to assist them with their annual Summer Chorale

Workshop. The Arts Alliance utilization of the intern will be for outreach activities especially with arts organizations in Berlin, Newington, Plainville, and Southington; individual artists; and members of our area minority communities.

The Arts Alliance is continually looking for ways to strengthen area arts without adding to the financial burden on artists and arts organizations. We are very grateful to all those who make our work possible especially our major funders who in addition to the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain and American Savings Foundation includes TD Banknorth Charitable Foundation, the City of New Britain, The Herald, and the Hartford Advocate.



CONCORA performs at the Belding Theater at the Bushnell Center in Hartford

1930's School Murals Find New Home in Children's Library

Contributed by Alderman Louis Salvio

New Britain's Benjamin Franklin Elementary School opened in 1927 and closed as a school in 1975. As a student there in the early 1940s, I remember vividly that the interior walls of the school's auditorium were adorned with paintings of scenes from various fairy tales/children's stories. Knowing of the student involvement in the artwork, I inquired about the fate of the paintings and learned that they were removed from the walls when the auditorium space was converted into classroom. In the spring of 2006 the paintings were found by staff of the Human Resources Association that currently utilizes the space. They were temporarily moved to the former school gym. There are five that are four feet by eight feet and one that is about half that size. Funds necessary for framing the paintings have been obtained and they will be displayed permanently in the Children's section of the New Britain Public Library.

A dedication ceremony will take place at the Library, 30 High Street, May 10, at 6:30 p.m. Several of the student artists who still live in New Britain have been invited to the

dedication. Also invited will be those individuals and/or foundations that contributed funds for the project. I hope

you can come to the dedication or stop by during normal Library hours to see these wonderful artifacts of New Britain art history.



Children's Department
New Britain Public Library, new home to the
Benjamin Franklin School Paintings

Arts Happenings

Art in the Heart of the City

New Britain City Hall Second Floor • Open M-F 8:15 am – 4:30 pm, M-Th most evenings until 8 pm • Call ahead to verify evening hours • Free • For information call 860-826-3303

Wed, May 2 • 5-7 pm • Opening Reception for Art Exhibit to Showcase Pathways/Senderos Youth • Exhibition continues through May 16 • (860) 229-2776 • www.pathways-senderos.com • nbtp@sn.net

Wed, May 23 • 5-7 pm • Opening Reception for Photography by Carol North • Exhibition continues through June 29

Art League of New Britain

30 Cedar Street rear • (860) 229.1484 • www.alnb.org • Gallery open Sat, Sun 1-4 • Free

Thursdays • 7-10 pm • Open Studio Figure Drawing • Study the human figure with short and long poses. Bring your own supplies—paper and drawing pencil or charcoal. Model fees included • \$7 adult (per session), \$5 students • For information contact LeeAnn Cogswell: 860-219-0344

Saturdays • 9:30 am-12:30 pm • Open Studio Clothed Model Atelier • Study the human figure with short and long poses. Bring your own supplies—paper and drawing pencil or charcoal. Model fees included • \$7 adult (per session), \$5 students • For information contact Pam Ferzacca: 860-404-0591

May 11-June 8 • 4th Annual Spring Juried Exhibition

Wed, May 23 • 6-8 pm • Reception for the 4th Annual Spring Juried Exhibition

Sat, May 12 • Gardner's Delight Spring Clean-up Day! Join us in sprucing the ALNB up for the spring and summer

Central Arts

Half-hour weekly show produced for Connecticut's cable television stations. It features the breadth of fine arts activity at the University including The University Singers, Dancentral, the Jazz Ensembles, art exhibitions, chamber and orchestral ensembles, poetry readings, technical and performance theater, and student video projects. Community Specials are produced with a focus on the arts. Contact centralarts@ccsu.edu or visit: www.ccsu.edu/centralarts.

April 23-29 • J. D. McClatchy Poetry Reading

April 30-May 6 • Redux Deux

May 7-13 • Jazz Concert Fall 2005

CCSU Department of Art

Chen Art Gallery, second floor of Maloney Hall • Regular Hours: M-Sa, 1-4 pm • All Events and Exhibitions are Free and Open to the Public • Special visitation hours are available by appointment. For more information call (860) 832-2620 or visit: www.art.ccsu.edu/Gallery

Tu, May 1 • 4-7 pm • Opening for Studio Art Majors Capstone Exhibition • Exhibition continues through May 11

CCSU Department of Music

All concerts are on the CCSU campus and free unless otherwise indicated • Founders Hall and Torp Theater are located in Davidson Hall. For more information please contact the Music Department at (860) 832-2912 or visit: www.music.ccsu.edu

Th, April 26 • 7:30 pm • Sinfonietta/Chamber Winds Concert • Founders Hall in Davidson

M, April 30 • 7:30 pm • Sinfonietta & Chorale Concert • Welte Auditorium

Tu, May 1 • 12:40 pm Student Recital • Torp Theatre

Wed, May 2 • 7:30 pm • Flute Ensemble Concert • Founders Hall in Davidson

Th, May 3 • 12:40 pm • Student Recital • Founders Hall in Davidson

Th, May 3 • 7:30 pm • Jazz Combo Concert • Torp Theatre

Fri, May 4 • 1:00 pm • Percussion Recital/Concert • Welte Room 019

7:30 pm • University Singers • Congregational Church, South Glastonbury

Tu, May 8 • 7:30 pm • Wind Symphony Concert • Welte Auditorium

CCSU Department of Theatre

(860) 832-3150 • www.theatre.ccsu.edu

May 1-5 • 7:30 pm • House of Blue Leaves by John Guare • Black Box Theatre

May 9 • 7:30 pm • Mobiloxyslock #64 • Black Box Theatre

May 11-12 • 7:30 pm • The Double Bill: Perriconeology by Joanna Perricone, This is a Test by Stephen Gregg • Location TBA

Children's Dance Theater Connection

(860) 827-9774 • dance2thebeat@sbcglobal.net

Sa, June 23 • 1:30 pm & 4:00 pm • Thumbelina • Trinity-on-Main • \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under

CONCORA

860-224-7500 • www.concora.org • contact@concora.org • Special subscription rates available

Sun, May 20 • 7:30 pm • Classic and Neoclassic: Masses of Haydn and Stravinski • Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 872 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford • \$25 - \$45, Students \$10 • (860) 224-7500

Connecticut Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra

(860) 612-4371 • www.thevirtuosi.org

Sun, April 29 • 6 pm • Charles Gounod's *Romeo & Juliet* presented with the Connecticut Lyric Opera • \$30, patrons; \$18, regular; \$14, seniors; \$5, students

Fri, May 18 • 8 pm • *Chopin and Friends* • Trinity-On-Main, New Britain • \$30 patrons, \$18 regular, \$14 seniors, \$5 students

Copernican Observatory and Planetarium

Observing sessions on the roof of Copernicus Hall, 8:30 to 9 pm, are open to the public. Take the elevator to the 5th or 6th floor and follow the signs to the rooftop observing platform. All sessions are weather-permitting (clear skies) • Mon April 23, Th April 26, Mon April 30, Mon May 7, Tu May 8, Wed, May 9, Mon May 14, Wed May 16 • Free • www.ccsu.edu/astronomy

Saturdays May 5 & 19 • 8 pm • Planetarium show, followed by a session in the observatory (weather permitting). Seating is first come, first served • Free!

Downtown Gallery

117 West Main Street in the New Britain Visitors' Center • M-F 9 am – 4 pm • (860) 832-8299 or (860) 229-0878 • www.NewBritainArts.org

Through June 1 • Hicks Prelude: Works from Selected Members of the Hicks Artists' Cooperative

Tu, June 19 • 4:30—7 pm • Opening reception of Summer Show featuring works by Jennifer Knaus and Tanya Wolski-Kazak • Refreshments • Free • Exhibition continues through July 27



The Ball Players by Rett Hart

First Church Gallery

830 Corbin Avenue • 860-229-3709 • www.firstnewbritain.org • Gallery Hours: M-F, 8:30 am-4:30 pm, Sun., 11 am-12:30 pm • Free

through April 29 • *In the Footsteps of the Masters: Paintings by Percy Thompson* •

Sun, May 6 • 11 am -12:30 pm • Opening for the exhibition / *oppo'flazH'-flaj'* Paintings and Sculpture by Rett Hart • Refreshments • Free • Exhibition continues through May 27

Sun, June 3 • 11 am -12:30 pm • Opening for an exhibition of photographs by Carol North • Refreshments • Free • Exhibition continues through June 29

Hole in the Wall Theater

116 Main Street • (860) 229-3049 • www.hitw.org • Performances at 8 pm • Suggested donation \$15

Wed, May 16 • 7 pm • Annual Meeting

May 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26, June 1, 2, 8, 9 • *Tartuffe* by Jean-Baptiste Moliere, directed by Antoni Sadlak, produced by Stephen Liskow

July 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28, August 3, 4, 10, 11 • *A Dog's Tale* by Jenny Lecce, directed by Tony Palmieri, produced by Theresa D'Arcangelo

Main Street Singers

860-223-3691 x123 • neaton@southchurch.org

Sat, May 5 • 4:00 pm • Spring Concert - The Main Street Singers • South Church, 90 Main Street, New Britain • Adults \$5, children 12 and under free • 860-223-3691, ext. 123

Music Series at South Church

90 Main Street • 860-223-7555 • claird@southchurch.org

Sun, April 29 • 4 pm • Gospel Singer Theresa Thomason with Paul Halley and the South Church Chancel Choir • Free-will donation.

Sun, June 3 • 4 pm • Introducing "Jazz in June" with The Joel Frahm Quartet • \$25 Premium, \$15 General, \$10 Senior/Student and Dvorak • Reception, free-will donation

New Britain Camera Club

(860) 561-8910 or (860) 225-3612 •

www.newbritaincameraclub.org • All meetings and events in the Community Room of the New Britain Public Library • Free and open to the public

New Britain Industrial Museum

I.T.B.D., CCSU Downtown Building • 185 Main Street (Second Floor) • 860-832-8654 • www.nbim.org • Experience New Britain's industrial past and be inspired for the future • M-F, 2-5, W 12-5 • Free

New Britain Museum of American Art

56 Lexington Street • 860-229-0257 • www.nbmaa.org • Tu, W, F: 11 am-5 pm; Th: 11 am-8 pm; Sa: 10 am-5 pm; Su: 12-5 pm • Adults, \$9; seniors, \$8; students, \$7; children under 12 and Museum members are free • Free admission Sa, 10 am-Noon • Programs are free with admission unless indicated with an *

Th, April 26 • 5:30-9 pm • Multimedia Arts Presentation: Recharging the Sensorium • 5:30 pm reception, 6 pm program

Th, May 3, Fri, May 4 • 11 am-8 pm • Spring Gala Preview Fri, May 4 • 5:30-8 pm • *First Friday* featuring live jazz by The Christine Spero Group *

Sa, May 5 • 10 am-5 pm Spring Gala Preview 6-11 pm • Spring Gala and Silent Auction*

Th, May 10 • 4:30-7 pm • Educator Evening 5:30-7 pm • Art Happy Hour • Joanne and Bill Rees will speak about California in Connecticut

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Sun, May 13 • Free admission for all mothers & special Mother's Day activities
 2-3 pm • Mother's Day Portrait Studio
 2-3 pm • Music Series: American Women: A Chamber Music Exploration presented by Blackledgemusic Inc.
 Th, May 17 • 6-8 pm Opening: Art from the New Britain Public and Parochial Schools

Sa, May 19 • 1-2 pm • The Life and Thoughts of Painter Alan Tompkins

Th, May 24 • 6-7 pm • Conversation with Painter Judith Linhares

Sun, May 27 • Last Day: Art from the New Britain Public and Parochial Schools
 2-4 pm • Book Making with Maureen Newman*

Th, May 31 • 4 and 6 pm • Film and video screenings of *Andy Warhol: Images of an Image*
 5:30-7:30 pm • Art and Food*

Fri, June 1 • 5:30-8 pm *First Friday**

Fri, June 8 • 8-11 pm • Juneteenth Gala*

Sun, June 10 • 2-3 pm Music Series • Concert for Families: Songs of America

Th, June 14 • 5:30-7 pm • Art Happy Hour • Conn. State Troubadour Thomisina Levy

Sun, June 17 • Special Father's Day activities including free admission for all fathers
 Last Day: NEW/NOW Christopher Hewat

Wed, June 20 • 2-3 pm • The New York/California Connection, James Kopp

Th, June 21 • 5:30-7:30 pm • Art and Food*

Sun, June 24 • 2-4 pm • Opening Reception, NEW/NOW: Gail Boyajian • 2:30 pm Artist's Remarks

Th, June 28 • 5:30 pm • Film introduction by Artist/Director Lance Richbourg
 6 pm • Film: The Cowboy Who Ate the World

Fri, June 29 • 5:30-7:30 pm • Charles B. Ferguson Lecture, Speaker: Philip Linhares • 5:30 pm Reception • 6 pm Lecture

Fri, July 6 • 5:30-8 pm *First Friday**

New Britain Musical Club

860-223-2564 • Meetings are held at First Church, 830 Corbin Avenue, usually on the 4th Tuesday of each month • Performances begin at 7:30 pm • Refreshments • Guest fee \$4, \$3 seniors and students

New Britain Parks and Recreation

Where the benefits are endless • 27 West Main Street • www.new-britain.net/liv_prknrecPRG • Register for programs using Tele Trac (860) 826-3375 • Call (860)-826-3360 for further information

Piano and Voice Lessons • William L. Hively, Instructor • Room 210 City Hall

Wednesdays in June • 11:30 am – 1:30 pm • Lunch time concerts in Central Park

Mondays and Wednesdays in July and August • 7-9 pm • Summer Music Festival • Darius Miller Memorial Band Shell, Walnut Hill Park • Free

Fri, May 11 • 5 – 8:30 pm • *New Britain is Alive* Children's Festival • Featuring clowns, caricaturists, climbing walls, moonwalks, maze, carnival games, DJ music all night long, walk around entertainment and more! • New Britain Stadium at Willow Brook Park • \$5 per person • (860) 826-3360

May 23 & 24 • 6-8 pm • Auditions for *Once on This Island Jr* • Trinity-On-Main, 69 Main Street downtown New Britain

Wed, May 30 • 6 pm • Memorial Day Parade • Main Street Downtown New Britain

Wed, June 6 • 11:30 am – 1:30 pm • Gopher Broke, acoustic classic rock • Central Park • Free

June 25-August 10 • 9 am – 3 pm M-F • Summer Theatre Workshops for Cast and Crew, ages 8-16 • Full enrollment \$350, Weekly enrollment \$100 per week

June 27-July 26, M-F • 11:30 am – 3:30 pm • Summer Music Day Camp • 4th-9th Grade Students • Willow Brook Park and Pool • \$70

June 27-July 26, M-F • 9 am – 12 pm • Summer Music Workshop • 4th-9th grade students for choral and piano, 5th-9th grades for instrumental • Willow Brook Park and Pool • \$150

Wed, June 27 • 11:30 am – 1:30 pm • Tirebiter, classic rock music from the 50's to the present • Central Park • Free

Mon, July 9 • 7 – 9 pm • Hot House Band, from dance and rock to swing and standards • Darius Miller Band Shell, Walnut Hill Park • Free

Wed, July 11 • 7 – 9 pm • The Dramatix, 8 piece Show Band—familiar songs with a twist • Darius Miller Band Shell, Walnut Hill Park • Free

New Britain Public Library

20 High Street • 860-224-3155 x121 • www.nbpl.info • All programs occur at the Main Library, unless otherwise noted. There is no charge for any library programs. Registration is not required unless otherwise noted. Adult Department offers computer instruction. Call the library or check the Website for dates and times.

Terrific Tots • Most Mondays • 10 am • Stories, fingerplays, and a simple craft activity or short video for children ages 2 ½-3 ½ accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

SuperKids • Most Wednesdays • 10 am • Stories, a craft or short film for children 3-5; caregivers must remain in the Children's Department.

Time for Tots • Most Fridays • 10 am • Mini-storytimes with lots of play with toys • Children ages birth to 3 accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Computer Club • Most Thursdays • Instruction in basic computer skills and research techniques; guided web browsing; time for independent Internet exploration • Different theme is featured each week • Participants must be in grades 3-6 • Advance registration required.

Toddler Time • Most Thursdays • 10am • Storytime for ages 2-5 • Jefferson Branch (860-225-4700)

Wed, April 11 • 2:00 pm • Half-Day Movie Madness: Movie for all ages • Children under 10 should be accompanied by parent/caregiver • Jefferson Branch

Th, April 12 • 3-6 pm • Spring Book Sale Preview • \$5 admission

Th, April 12 • 6:30 pm • West African Drumming Program • Join in the library's celebration of the World of Words. Enjoy drumming from the African countries of Mali, Guinea, and Nigeria • All ages wel-



come

- Fri, April 13** • 12-4 pm & April 14, 9 am-2 pm • Spring Book Sale • Free admission
- Tu, April 17** • 7 pm • Book Discussion Group: The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith
- Th, April 19** • 2 pm • Henna Body Art • For ages 11+. Call (860)224-3155 ext. 130 to register
- Th, April 19** • 6:30 pm • Earth Day Story/Craft • Best suited for children ages 3-8 accompanied by a parent or caregiver
- Fri, April 20** • 2 pm • Oddfellows Traveling Circus Company presents Seven Suitcases, a Trunk, and an Egg, a show of dazzling circus artistry for all ages
- M, April 23** • 7 pm • Crafters' Circle • Conversation & creativity • Call (860)224-3155 ext. 125 to register
- Tu, April 24** • 7 pm • Telling Passages with Okey Nbide • Author Okey Nbide will describe his journey from Nigeria to the United States
- Wed, April 25** • 12 pm • Lunchtime Matinee: *My Man Godfrey* • Bring your lunch, beverages & dessert will be provided
- Th, April 26** • 6:30 pm • Assyrian Adventure: Stories from the Assyrian tradition; and other surprises • Best suited for children ages 3-8 accompanied by a parent or caregiver
- Sa, April 28** • 10:30 am • Community Birthday Party: Sponsored by the New Britain Discovery Collaborative • Children who are turning 3 or 4 during March, April, or May 2007 are invited to attend a party in their honor. Crafts, birthday cake, storytime, and a gift for the birthday child • For more information, please call 229-6018, ext. 309
- Th, May 3** • 6:30 pm • Mother's Day Story/Craft: Best suited for children ages 3-8 years, accompanied by a parent or caregiver
- Th, May 10** • 6:30 pm • Benjamin Franklin School Artwork Dedication • Children's Department of the New Britain Public Library • No registration • free • (860) 224-3155
- Tu, May 15** • 7 pm • Book Discussion Group: To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
- Wed, May 16** • 2:00 pm • Half-Day Movie Madness: Movie for all ages • Children under 10 should be accompanied by parent/caregiver • Jefferson Branch
- Sa, May 19** • 12-5 pm • Battle of the Bands • Call Ann Marie ext. 130 for further information. Winner will be the lead band for a performance of High Strung at the Library on June 26
- Tu, May 22** • 7 pm • Crafters' Circle • Conversation & creativity • Call (860) 224-3155 ext. 125 to register
- Wed, May 30** • 12 pm • Lunchtime Matinee: Hop Scotch • Bring your lunch, beverages & dessert will be provided
- Th, June 14** • 6:30 pm • Father's Day Story/Craft: Best suited for children ages 3-8 years, accompanied by a parent or caregiver
- Sa, June 16** • 10:30 am • Community Birthday Party: Sponsored by the New Britain Discovery Collaborative • Children who are turning 3 or 4 during June, July, or August 2007 are invited to attend a party in their honor. Crafts, birthday cake, storytime, and a gift for the birthday child. For more information, please call 229-6018, ext. 309
- Tu, June 26** • 2:00 pm • Tuesday Afternoon at the Movies-- Children 12 years and under are invited to enjoy popcorn and a popular movie • Children 8 years and younger must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver
- M, June 18** • Summer Reading Club registration begins for children ages 3-12 • Call 224-3155, extension 121 for more

information

- Tu, June 19** • 7 pm • Book Discussion Group: A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith
- M, June 25** • 7 pm • Crafters' Circle • Conversation & creativity • Call (860) 224-3155 ext. 125 to register
- Tu, June 26** • High Strung in Concert • 6 pm winner of the May 19 Battle of the Banks will perform, High Strung at 7 pm
- Wed, June 27** • 12 pm • Lunchtime Matinee: *Casablanca* • Bring your lunch, beverages & dessert will be provided

New Britain Symphony

(860) 826-6344 • www.newbritainsymphony.org

- Sat, May 12** • 6 -10 pm • Viennese Night, Viennese cuisine, wine, dancing; "Yesterday's Dances" with Joel Silvestro and Natalie Lindstrom with ensemble from NB Symphony; Silent Auction • Shuttle Meadow Country Club, New Britain • \$100 donor, \$125 patron, \$150 benefactor • 860 826-6344

New Britain Youth Museum

30 High Street • 860-225-3020 • Tu-F 1-4, Sa 10-4 • Free • Dinosaurs, historical children's collections, puppet theater, cultural exhibits, games, activities, crafts, group programs • Parenting organizations and child play groups of 10 or more can reserve the museum free of charge any available Wednesday or Friday morning • Call the museum for more information

- Tuesdays until May 29** • 10:00 am - 11:00 am • Alphabet Story Hour for children ages 2 to 5 years old • Free



Rick Lawrence, Conductor and Music Director
Plainville Wind Ensemble

New Britain Youth Museum at Hungerford Park

191 Farmington Avenue, Kensington • 860-827-9064 • www.newbritainyouthmuseum.org • Outdoor adventures, barnyard full of animal friends, free nature trails, gardens, a pond observation station, picnic areas, Puppet Theater, "Bear's Den" slide, old time Ice Cream Parlor and other interactive exhibits • Birthday parties • Tu-F 1-5, Sa 10-5 • Adults \$4, Seniors \$3, Children \$2, under 2 free

Tuesdays until June 5 • 9:30 am - 10:30 am • Hopper's, program for 3-5 year olds • Members \$42, \$56 non-members

Tuesdays until June 5 • 10:45 am - 11:45 am • Hopper's, program for 3-5 year olds • Members \$42, \$56 non-members

Thursdays until June 7 • 9:30 am - 10:30 am • Just the 2 of Us • Classes for children ages 2 ½ - 3 ½ • Members \$42, \$56 non-members

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Sat, May 19 • 10:00 am - 4:00 pm • Family Nature and Heritage Day • Live raptor demonstration, nature walks, crafts, animal programs, live music and food, hay ride (weather permitting)

Plainville Wind Ensemble

Rehearsals are held Tuesday Evenings at 7 pm at the Plainville High School Band Room 47 Robert Holcomb Way Plainville (860) 793-3220 or the Middle School of Plainville 150 Northwest Drive, Plainville (860) 793-3250 • www.plainvillewindensemble.com • kamar-san@comcast.net • (860) 747-1851

Sun, May 20 • 11 am to 7 pm • The Second John Philip Sousa Festival of Bands • Camp Sloper, East Street, Southington • featuring John Philip Sousa IV, great grandson of the March King • For more information: www.ymcacampsloper.org

Tu, June 12 • 6:30 pm • Summer Concert Series at Norton Park, Plainville

Repertory Theater of New Britain

23 Norden Street • 860-223-3147 • www.nbrep.org

May 4-5, 11-12-13, 18-19 • 8:15 pm, Sunday at 5:15 pm • *Grease*, Book, Music & Lyrics by Jim Jacobs & Warren Casey • Adults \$21, Seniors/Students \$18, Children under 12 \$13

Southington Arts Council

258 Moore Hill Drive, Southington 06489 • 860-621-ARTS • Programs in the Arts Space of the Southington Historical Center, 239 Main Street, Southington unless noted otherwise • Parking in the rear of the building

Mondays through May 14 • 7 pm • Intermediate Yoga • \$28 members, \$33 nonmembers

Wednesdays through May 16 • 7 pm • All Levels Yoga • \$28 members, \$33 nonmembers

Fridays through May 18 • 6 pm • Beginners Yoga • \$28 members, \$33 nonmembers

Mon, April 28 • 2 pm • Writers Workshop, focus on poetry • Southington Public Library • Free!

Trinity-On-Main

Corner of Chestnut and Main Streets Downtown • 860-229-2072 • www.trinityonmain.org • apilla@sbcglobal.net • Free evening/weekend parking on the street and in the city garage

Sun, April 29 • 6 pm • The Connecticut Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra and Connecticut Lyric Opera present Charles Gounod's *Romeo & Juliet*

Fri, May 11 • *Cheek to Cheek: Classical & Jazz* • Adrienne Milics, vocalist Alex Nahkimovsky, piano.

Th, May 17 • 5-7 pm • Greater New Britain Artist Alliance Annual Meeting • Live music, refreshments • Free and open to the public

Fri, May 18 • 8 pm • *Chopin and Friends* • Connecticut Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra • \$30 patrons, \$18 regular, \$14 seniors, \$5 students

Sat, May 19 • 8 pm • Comedy Night • Final comedy night of the season. partnering with Treehouse Comedy • \$20 • (860) 229-2072 • treehousecomedy.com

Wed, May 23 and Th, May 24 • 6-8 pm • New Britain Parks and Recreation Youth Theater Auditions

Woman's Club of New Britain

(860) 225-7997 • Since 1901, promoting cultural, social and intellectual activities for its members • Meetings held October to April at First Church, 830 Corbin Avenue • Annual dues \$25.00 includes attendance at all meetings.



Linking People and the Arts

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Seeking Seventy-Six Trombones!



Trumpeters from the New Britain High School Golden Hurricane Marching Band

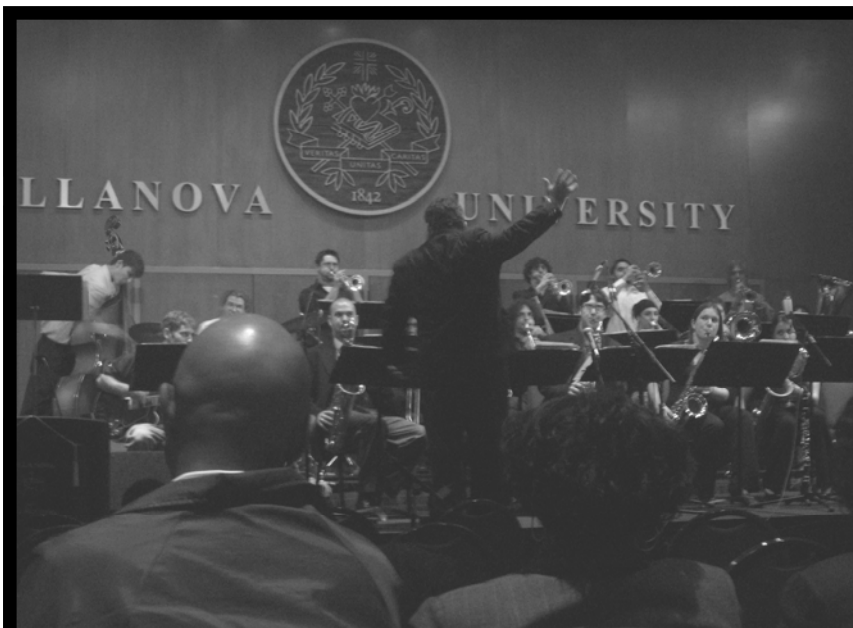
New Britain High School Golden Hurricane Marching Band has been renowned for many years. An emphasis on musical instruction starts long before High School in the New Britain School District. The Hurricane Marching Band has been so good for so long precisely because so

many students coming to the High School have already had years of training in the various instruments. That excellence is threatened by tight resources for musical instruction.

Unfortunately, the limited resources for the arts in our schools is even more problematical today than in the past. Larger numbers of students in our school system come from disadvantaged families. There is a way that some of us can help bring music into the lives of our young people and assure the continuation of the excellence of the music programming of our public schools. Check your closets, your attic, and your basement for those musical instruments you perhaps haven't even thought about in years and donate them to the New Britain Parent Music Association. Seventy-six trombones may be more than needed, but whether brass or percussion, reed, or string your donation will be gratefully received and make a big difference in the life of some young person. Please contact either Tom Leipao at Vance School (860) 225-8731 or Chuck Lunn at New Britain High School (860) 225-6300.

CCSU Jazz Band Receives Recognition

The CCSU Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Carl Knox placed 2nd at the prestigious Villanova Collegiate Jazz Festival on Saturday March 31, 2007. The band also won several individual awards including outstanding soloist: saxophonist Andrew Lefebvre (sophomore from Rocky Hill) and outstanding trombone section: Dennis Alex, A'Lvaro Maldonado, Dana Russo, John Anderson and Weena Walton. "I'm extremely proud of the band this year" says Dr. Knox who is in his tenth year at CCSU as Director of Jazz Studies and Associate Professor of Saxophone. "They worked very hard and performed extremely well placing above bands from much larger schools and very big music programs". Additionally, the Jazz Combo placed 2nd in the combo competition. The combo is overseen by Knox but is directed by drummer Tom Melito. For more information about the Department of Music at CCSU peruse their Website at www.music.ccsu.edu.



CCSU Jazz Ensemble in competition at Villanova University

Thanks to our individual and household members for their support!

Those listed below have current membership as of March 1, 2007. Membership expiration dates are included with your address. If your membership is due to renew please complete the form on the back cover of the Newsletter. Thank you.

Ann & Herm Anderson
Paul Archaski and Steve Banasiewicz
Margaret Baylock Renzella
Cindy Belanger
Elizabeth Berry
Marie Bogdanski
Sylvia Bonney
Nancy & Philip Brockett
Paul Catanzaro
Richard Charnick
Justine Clark
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Felicia Gajda
Stephen Hard and Mark Giuliatti
Claudia & Art Helfgott
Barry and Regina Jacobson
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Richard Roth
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Debra Scarlett
Ada Seaman
Morton and Lynn Silverman
Linda Sturtevant
Becky Toth Trutter and Tom Trutter
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Irene Truss
Geraldine & F. Richard Tucker
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Enhanced Support of the Arts

Please consider making a contribution to the GNBAA beyond basic membership.

Arts Enthusiast

\$50 - \$99

Basic member benefits plus GNBAA folding umbrella.

Outstanding Arts Enthusiast

\$100 - \$249

Arts Enthusiast benefits and listing on the GNBAA Website.

Another Friday Level

\$250 - \$499

Arts Enthusiast benefits, plus listing as the sponsor of an *Another Friday* in the event program, on the GNBAA Website, and in all advertising for the event.

Complementary admission for two people to all *Another Friday* events for one year.

Downtown Gallery Level

\$500 - \$999

Arts Enthusiast benefits, plus sponsorship signage in the Downtown Gallery for the duration of an exhibit and listing as sponsor in the program for the opening and all exhibition publicity.

Listing as Gallery Sponsor on the GNBAA Website.

Major Arts Funder

\$1,000 or more

Arts Enthusiast benefits, plus company/individual name or logo on all GNBAA publications, on the GNBAA Website homepage including a link to company/organization /individual Website, sponsorship of the GNBAA Annual Meeting and verbal acknowledgement at all GNBAA events.



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Please include me as a proud member of the Greater New Britain Arts Alliance in the following category:

- Household** \$25
- Individual** \$20
- Artist/Art Professional** \$15
(please specify discipline)
- Business or Non-art Organization** \$30

NON-PROFIT ART ORGANIZATION

Annual dues are based on organization's annual budget.

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>DUES</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0—\$49,999	\$35
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The Greater New Britain Arts Alliance exists to promote the creative, performing and visual arts; to provide a unified voice for arts organizations; to serve as a catalyst for arts-related collaborations; to nurture individual creative abilities; and to advocate the arts as vital to the economic health and quality of life in the region.

Membership in the Arts Alliance

We welcome new members in any of four classifications

- General Members, i.e., individuals, households, students and seniors interested in the purposes and programs of the Alliance
- Artists and Art Professionals, i.e., individuals engaged in the creative, performing, or visual arts or in support services to these endeavors
- Not-for-profit Arts Organizations
- General Businesses and Organizations, i.e., either for-profit arts businesses, or other businesses and organizations (whether for-profit or not-for-profit) that are not directly involved in the arts but wish to support the purposes and programs of the Alliance

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