



SALES & FESTS

Art on the Block

May 12, 2-6 p.m.

Over 55 local artists will be participating in "Art on the Block" in Historic Occoquan at the following galleries:

- Art A La Carte - 310 Mill Street
- Artists' Undertaking Gallery - 309 Mill Street
- Kelly's Artbox - 304 Mill Street
- The Loft Gallery - 313 Mill Street

There will be a reception at each of these galleries promoting the works of many local artists. Come in, meet the artists, and sign up for special drawings. ★

Needlework Exhibit

May 12-June 10

Woodlawn Plantation's Annual Needlework Exhibit has been shifted from its regularly scheduled March appearance due to the window restoration project. Come see beautiful needlework from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (closed Tuesdays). Don't miss the ever-popular Nelly's Tea Room on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Unfortunately the mansion is closed for general tours this year. Visit www.woodlawn1805.org for info. ★

Open House

May 13, 1-5 p.m.

The Torpedo Factory (105 N. Union St. Alexandria) is holding its annual open house. Blossoms and bright palettes are bountiful at this year's annual Spring Open House! Take in the fresh artwork while strolling through studios and galleries as you enjoy a lively Mother's Day afternoon filled with treats and sweets, artist demonstrations, and special spring activities! For more info, visit www.torpedofactory.org or call 703-838-4565. ★

Sidewalk Sale

May 19, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

The annual Sidewalk Sale to benefit ALIVE! House is on South Payne Street between Commerce and Prince Streets. Rain Date Sunday, May 20th. Donations WELCOMED. Please bring to the Ice House, 200 Commerce St., May 12 from 9-5, and May 13 from 1-5. Call 703-683-5138 or email susannearnold@verizon.net for more information and for pick up of large items. Volunteers are needed to organize donations, price, and SELL! ALIVE! House, sheltering women & families since 1972, wants your support! You'll make a difference in the lives of our ALIVE! House families. ★



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Vendors Needed

Sign Up Now

Vendors are needed for a flea market to be held at American Legion Post 180, (330 Center St., N, Vienna, VA, 22180) on Saturday, June 9. \$25 per table inside, \$15 outside. Contact Janet Renner, 703-625-5736 or 703-938-9535, or rennerj7396@verizon.net. ★

Spring Festival

May 19, noon-4 p.m.

Fellowship Baptist Church will hold a Spring Festival (5936 Rolling Road, Springfield) with a petting zoo, moon bounce, obstacle course, remote control race course, games for all ages, crafts, cake walk, prizes and refreshments. This is a FREE event and all are welcome to attend. For directions, visit www.honoringGod.org. ★

VA Wine & Craft Fest

May 19, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Come to downtown Front Royal for the day and enjoy wine tastings from 20 of the best of Virginia wineries. Over 100 artisans and crafters from all over the east coast display fine handmade jewelry, candles, pottery, art, wood and iron works. There will also be a variety of regional foods, including the best BBQ in the Shenandoah Valley, or visit one of the many restaurants located at the event site. Children can enjoy rides, games, and face painting. Live entertainment to please everyone's taste. Admission is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the gate for those who wish to sample the wine or general admission is \$2.00. Free parking. No Pets Allowed. Visit www.wineandcraftfestival.com or call 540-635-3185 for more information. ★

Consignment Sale

May 19

Abiding Presence is having a Children's Consignment Sale. Items that may be consigned are Spring/Summer children's clothing, toys, shoes, books, games, infant items and maternity clothes. For more info and to sign up to sell/volunteer go to www.abidingpresence.net. Volunteers are vital to the success of the sale. As our thank you, we will offer all volunteers the opportunity to shop during the volunteer pre-sale on Friday, May 18. Contact Lynne Linder or Sharon Downs for questions regarding the registration process. ★

McLean Day

May 19, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

The McLean Community Center's (MCC) annual community festival McLean Day 2012: "Celebrating Our

Hometown" will be held at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road. Admission is free. Come out and bring every member of the family for a fun day of outdoor activities. ★

Benefit Auction

May 19, 4 p.m.

The public is invited to the Vienna Arts Society's annual TICKET to ART benefit auction at the Vienna Art Center, (115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna). This year the Arts Society is teaming with the American Legion, and a portion of the proceeds will benefit the American Legion's emergency fund for military families in distress. Drop by the Art Center from May 1-19 to view and bid on original art donated by local artists, as well as a variety of silent auction items. Center hours are Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For more info, call 703-319-3971 or visit www.ViennaArtsSociety.org. ★

Bingo Fundraiser

June 9, 1-3:30 p.m.

Come to a family friendly Bingo Fundraiser at Parish Center Gym, St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, (3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax). Doors open at 12:30 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke (SCFB) and its work for area seniors. Tickets: \$10.00 each, which includes 2 Bingo Cards that can be played for the entire event, and complimentary beverages and snacks. Additional cards may be purchased on site, \$1.00 per card per game. Prizes for each game donated by local merchants. To purchase tickets, please call Lisa Carroll, 703-426-2824. Go to www.fairfax-burkesc.org for more information about SCFB. ★

KIDS & FAMILIES

LEGO® Master

May 12-13, Noon -4:00 pm

Watch a LEGO® Master in Action at the National Building Museum. Meet and talk with LEGO® master Adam Reed Tucker as he completes the White House for the Museum's current exhibition LEGO® Architecture: Towering Ambition. Take part in LEGO® design challenges throughout both days. Become your own LEGO® master and build with thousands of bricks in the Great Hall. For more info, visit www.ngm.org or call 202-272-2448. ★

Art for Families

May 12, 2-4 p.m.

Spend the afternoon creating a mixed media artwork inspired by The Textile Museum's (2320 S Street, NW) collection using fabric, paper, yarn, crayons, markers, and glue. Free; no reservations required. For more info, visit www.textilemuseum.org or call 202-667-0441. ★

Dreamcoat

May 12-20

The Center for the Arts' Pied Piper Theatre presents its musical production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor® Dreamcoat," May 12-20. With lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, this musical production brings to life the Biblical story of Joseph, the favorite son of Jacob. When Joseph's jealous brothers come to Egypt to beg for food, he reveals himself as the brother they betrayed years before. A musical extravaganza, this production pro-

vides a wide array of music and dances as well as stunning sets and costumes. Over 40 of the area's most talented young singers, actors and dancers are showcased in this captivating production. Performs on Saturdays, May 12 and 19 at 7:00 p.m. and Sundays, May 13 and 20 at 4:00 p.m. at Gar-Field High School, (14000 Smoke-town Rd., Woodbridge). Tickets are available for \$9 in advance online at www.center-for-the-arts.org or at the door for \$10. Group tickets are available for scouts, church groups, and other organizations with 8 or more in the group by calling 703-330-2787. ★

Mulan Jr.

May 25-26, June 1-2

Northern Virginia Players presents Disney's "Mulan Jr." The Huns have invaded and it's up to the misfit Mulan and her mischievous sidekick Mushu to save the Emperor! Disney's "Mulan Jr." is a heartwarming celebration of culture, honor and a fighting spirit. The score includes favorites like "Reflection," "Honor to Us All" and "I'll Make a Man Out of You" as well as new songs that will get you on your feet. Shows start at 7:30 p.m., at Burke Community Church (9900 Old Keene Mill Road, Burke). Visit www.nvplayers.com or call 703-866-3546. ★

Summer Drama Camp

Registration Now Open

Little Theatre of Alexandria (LTA) is offering summer drama camp for children of all ages from preschool through high school. In a nurturing environment with limited class sizes and experienced, accredited teachers, LTA has something for everyone. The curriculum includes fun theatre games that help our students learn to think fast. Children expand their theatre vocabulary through the working process of putting on a show. Our musical theatre program features live accompaniment, dance instruction or creative movement, vocal instruction, auditioning processes, and advanced performance techniques. Above all, each child is respected and valued as an individual and end the session with a sense of accomplishment for a job well done. So hitch your child's star to LTA's summer drama camp program and see how brightly they can shine! Visit www.thelittletheatre.com and click on "Take a Class" or call the business office at 703-683-5778 x2. ★

Summer Camp

Registration Now Open

The Fairfax County Park Authority is the largest provider of summer camps in Northern Virginia. There are camps for every interest. Check out the latest "Parktakes" available at your local library or browse camps online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks. ★

Theatre in the Woods

New Performers for 2012

Wolf Trap Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods is a unique outdoor venue that brings music, dance, puppetry, and storytelling to young audiences and their families all summer long. The 2012 season of Theatre-in-the-Woods presents a NEW line-up of performers from across the country and around the globe, including Nashville duo Eric Brace & Peter Cooper on Friday & Saturday, June 29 & 30. Enjoy gentle country melodies and charming lyrics from their 2011 GRAMMY-nominated album, I Love: Tom T. Hall's Songs of Fox Hollow. This creative

revitalization of a classic children's album inspires compassion, mindfulness, and preservation and is guaranteed to delight children and parents alike. Visit www.wolftrap.org for a complete lineup and to buy tickets. ★

Rapunzel

Through May 20

Imagination Stage (4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda) presents "Rapunzel." Rapunzel is a typical teenage girl, with a few exceptions: she was stolen from her real parents by a wicked witch who pretends to be her mother; her home is a high-security tower in the middle of nowhere; and her hair is long enough to be used as a ladder. On her sixteenth birthday, the charming and handsome Prince Brian when stumbles upon her remote abode, and she realizes how much she has been missing! Brian dodges the witch to visit his new friend regularly, and the two plot an escape. But the witch is crafty and casts a spell that sets the young couple on a zany path to a happy ending. Appropriate for ages 4+. Call 301-280-1660 or visit www.imaginationstage.org. ★

SENIORS

Crafters Wanted

Apply Now

The Kingstowne Center for Active Adults, (6488 Landsdowne Center, Alex, VA 22315) is having its annual craft fair on Saturday, September 29, 9-3 p.m. We are looking for crafters of handmade goods who are interested in selling their wares. I will need to see your craft either in person or picture. Please call Kate Wildman at 703-339-7676 or email M.McGraw-Wildman@fairfaxcounty.gov for information. ★

Seniors Golf Club

April-October

Interested golfers are invited to join the Burke Lake Seniors Golf Club. Must be 55 or older, enjoy playing golf, meeting new people and having an all around good time. Reserved tee times on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the Par 3 Burke Lake Golf Course on Ox Road. Annual dues for the season - April through Oct - are only \$20 plus green fees at a reduced rate. For more information, call Karla at 703-455-5132. ★

Senior Softball

Sign Up Now

Sign up with NVSS to play slow-pitch senior softball Tuesday and Thursday mornings for the April 12-August 5 Season. Placement on one of 26 teams in one of 3 skill-level conferences is by a skill assessment, not a try-out. Everyone present bats and 11 play defense. For fun, fitness, and friendship, see nvss.org and call Dave at 703-524-5576. ★

Lunch N' Life

Reserve by May 10

Are You 50 or Better? Please join us for the next Lunch N' Life sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke on Thursday, May 17, (12:00-2:00 p.m.) at Church of the Good Shepherd, 9350 Braddock Rd., Fairfax). The program will be The Golden Rays, Seniors Tap Dancing Ensemble. For reservations, call Faye Quisenberry, 703-620-0161, by May 10th. The cost is \$8.00; checks payable to SCFB. If transportation is needed, call the SCFB office 703-323-4788. See www.fairfax-burkesc.org. ★

Wednesday at the Movies

2nd Wednesday

This very popular program offered by the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke (SCFB) meets at Cinema Arts Theatre (Pickett Rd. at 236) on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The attendees view a movie selected by SCFB (\$4.50 senior ticket) followed by an enjoyable discussion to share opinions about it. Call the SCFB office at 703-323-4788 to be added to the notification list (email) so that future announcements about selected movies can be sent to you and to request transportation to and from the theater for those who no longer drive. Those interested parties that are without access to email may call the office early in the scheduled week (second Wednesday of every month) to ascertain the chosen production, the actors involved and the start time. ★

YOUR LIFE

Human Services

Database Online

Looking for human services in Fairfax County? Check out the redesigned Human Services Resource Guide (HSRG) at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hstrg/. This user-friendly, online database contains information about services available to Fairfax County residents, ranging from basic needs (clothing, food, housing and transportation) to recreation and support. The HSRG has listings for hundreds of public and non-profit human service providers. Detailed descriptions, eligibility requirements, location details and contact information are displayed for each provider. ★

Men's Group

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

One in six men is sexually abused before age 18. When no one talks about this, men feel ashamed and confused. A free support group for men who were sexually abused as children meets the first and third Tuesday of each month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in a private conference room at the Pohick Regional Library (6450 Sydenstricker Rd., Burke). No pre-registration is required. For more information, please contact the Fairfax County Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services: Chris Davies at 703-704-6727 or Debra Ranf at 703-324-9497; TTY 703-324-5706. ★

Alzheimer's

Third Wednesday, Monthly

Alzheimer's Family Day Center (2812 Old Lee Highway, Suite 210, Fairfax) offers free monthly classes for Family Caregivers on the third Wednesday from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

- May 16-Communication & Behaviors. Behaviors can be the best source of communication for those with Alzheimer's disease. Successful communication is directly related to positive behaviors. Strategies for minimizing and dealing with challenging behaviors will be discussed.
- June 20-Taking Care of Business. Many practical legal matters need to be taken care of. A community-based elder law attorney will help evaluate your needs and the steps that should be taken for a smooth transition.

To register, call 703 204 4664, TTY 711, or e-mail afdc@alzheimersfdc.org. Respite care is available. Call to make arrangements in advance. ★

Sexual Assault Support

Winter/Spring Support Groups
The Alexandria Sexual Assault Center is currently holding winter/spring support groups for survivors of childhood and adulthood sexual assault. Group is a safe place to connect with other survivors and learn new ways to cope and move forward on your healing journey. Contact Eliana Burnham at the Sexual Assault Center for more information or to sign up: 703-746-3134. ★

Caregiving Seminars

Upcoming Events

Fairfax County's Free Seminars for Family Caregivers offers events to help family caregivers of older adults and adults with disabilities. Speakers include experts in law, care management, finances and community resources. Upcoming seminars include:

- May 15, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. "Communicating with the Doctor." Burke Centre Library (5935 Freds Oak Rd.)
 - May 16, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. "Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) Answers." Chantilly Regional Library (4000 Stringfellow Rd.)
 - May 18, 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. "Legal Tools for Caregivers." Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr.)
 - Thursday, May 24, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. "Legal Tools for Caregivers." (Same program as May 18.) Thomas Jefferson Library (7415 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church)
- Register by e-mailing Caregiver @fairfaxcounty.gov, or call 703-324-5205, TTY 711. ★

Care Connection

Alzheimer's Phone Support

A social work team facilitates these monthly one-hour phone sessions. Callers can ask questions, share experiences or simply listen. Sessions are held on the second Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Call toll-free: 1-877-232-2992, TTY 711. Your guest identification number is 271004#. Upcoming dates and topics:

- May 10-Alzheimer's Disease Social Adult Day Care. Guest: Christopher Nadeau, executive director, New York Memory Center, Brooklyn, NY.
- June 14-Presence Care Approach to Dementia Care. Guest: Marguerite Manteau-Rao, social worker and author, Palo Alt.

For more info about this program, visit www.alzfdn.org/AFAServices/careconnection.html. ★

Domestic Abuse Support

Every Tuesday

City of Alexandria women who are victims of domestic violence can attend a support group every Tuesday from 7-8:30 p.m. (Childcare provided.). Call the 24 hr. hotline, 703-746-4911 to register and for location. ★

Dementia Care Givers

Ongoing Support

The Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke now offers three support groups open to anyone who wants to be of service to a friend or relative with a dementia disorder. Learn and share with others experiencing similar challenges. The groups meet at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, (5114 Twinbrook Rd., Fairfax) the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 12:00-1:30 p.m.; the 4th Tuesday of each month, 12:00-1:30 p.m.; and the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Before attending, contact facilitator Eileen Thompson at 703-451-8626 or eileen.thompson1@gmail.com. See also www.fairfax-burkesc.org. ★

Al Anon Men's Group
Every Saturday, 8-9 a.m.

The Al Anon Men's Group meets in Room B7, Burke United Methodist Church, (6200 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke). For info contact Chris at cbnp15@verizon.net. ★

MUSEUMS

NGA Images

Now Online

The National Gallery of Art has launched NGA Images, a new online resource that revolutionizes the way the public may interact with its world-class collection at <http://images.nga.gov>. This repository of digital images documenting the National Gallery of Art collection allows users to search, browse, share, and download images believed to be in the public domain, underscoring the Gallery's mission and national role in making its collection images and information available to scholars, educators, and the general public. Designed by Gallery experts to facilitate learning, enrichment, enjoyment, and exploration, NGA Images features more than 20,000 open access digital images, up to 3,000 pixels each, available free of charge for download and use. Under the open access policy, users may download any of these images free of charge and without seeking authorization from the Gallery for any use, commercial or non-commercial. ★

New at the Newseum

HP Gallery Now Open

The Newseum, in partnership with technology giant Hewlett-Packard, will open its 15th gallery. Today, news and images flow instantaneously around the world through mobile devices and social media. The HP New Media Gallery harnesses the power of these new tools to demonstrate new media's immense impact on our lives by letting visitors step into a three-dimensional social network. Call 888-639-7386 or visit www.newseum.org. ★

Earth as Art

Through May 31

When Earth is viewed from space, cloud formations, coastlines, mountain ranges, islands, deltas, glaciers and rivers take on patterns resembling abstract art—with striking textures and brilliant colors. These images can be seen in a new exhibit at the Library of Congress. The U.S. Geological Survey's "Earth as Art" will be on display in the exhibition hall outside the Geography and Map Reading Room, on the basement level of the James Madison Building, 101 Independence Ave. S.E., Washington, D.C. The exhibit, which is free and open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.loc.gov. ★

Annie Leibovitz

Through May 20

In this exhibition at the American Art Museum (8th and F streets, NW), famed American portrait photographer Annie Leibovitz pursues a passion for history and lets us see familiar icons in a fresh light. Best known for her staged and carefully lit portraits made on assignment for popular magazines and advertising clients, the 70 photographs in this show speak in a commonplace language to the photographer's curiosity about the world she inherited. Visit www.americanart.si.edu or call 202-633-1000. ★

Beyond the Story

Through May 28

Among the topics explored in 2011 by National Geographic Magazine were orphaned elephants, explosive volca-

noes, the nuclear zone in Japan, deer hunters, and female empowerment in Brazil. A handful of carefully chosen images help shape each article, yet thousands of worthy photographs never make the cut. Selected from images shot on assignment for 29 articles, "Beyond the Story: National Geographic Unpublished 2011" offers a glimpse at the richness of what is left when editing is complete. Free. For more info, visit www.nationalgeographic.com or call 202-857-7588. ★

Unbuilt Washington

Through May 28

"Unbuilt Washington," on view at the National Building Museum (401 F Street NW), reveals the Washington that could have been by presenting architectural and urban design projects that were proposed but, for widely varied reasons, never executed. Such projects often exercised a profound influence on what was built and may offer lessons that inform ongoing debates about the design and development of Washington and other cities. What were the motives, assumptions, and cultural trends underlying such proposals? Why were these designs never realized? What was their impact on projects that were completed? Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free access to the Great Hall, historic building tours, Museum Shop, & cafe. Exhibition admission: \$8 for adults/\$5 for youth, students, & seniors. For more info, call 202-272-2448 or visit www.nbm.org. ★

I Spy

Through August 5

Since the invention of small handheld cameras and faster films in the late 19th century, photographers have been fascinated with capturing everyday life in the urban environment. An exhibition of nearly 90 works will celebrate how photographers such as Harry Callahan, Bruce Davidson, Philip-Lorca diCorcia, Walker Evans, Robert Frank, and Beat Streuli creatively pursued a new genre of street photography, capturing the diversity and rapid pace of modern life. I Spy: Photography and the Theater of the Street, 1938-2010 at the National Gallery of Art. Call 202-737-4215 or visit www.nga.gov. ★

African American Art

Through September 3

"African American Art: Harlem Renaissance, Civil Rights Era and Beyond" presents a selection of works by 43 black artists who lived through the tremendous changes of the 20th century. In paintings, sculpture, prints and photographs, the featured artists embrace themes both universal and specific to the African American experience, including the exploration of identity, the struggle for equality, the power of music and the beauties and hardships of life in rural and urban America. At the American Art Museum (8th and F Streets, N.W.). For more info, visit www.americanart.si.edu or call 202-633-7970. ★

Samurai

Through September 3

Now open at the National Geographic Museum (17th and M Streets N.W.), "Samurai: The Warrior Transformed" explores the way that Japan's iconic hereditary class transitioned from warriors to statesmen and diplomats, and helped open up Japan to the Western world. Examine swords, armor, and other gifts presented to Presidents Grant, Wilson, and Theodore Roosevelt, along with images of Japan by Eliza Scidmore, the first female board member of the National Geographic Society. For more info, call 202-857-7588 or visit www.nationalgeographic.com. ★



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Lonely Planet

Lonely Planet takes place in a small map store on the oldest street in an unnamed American city. It is here that an extraordinary story unfolds. Steven Dietz, one of the most prolific, versatile and widely produced playwrights in the country, has written a brilliant, evocative, award-winning play about the power of friendship in a world of potential terror and suffering. Dietz's love of maps and the absurdist world inhabited by Ionesco's masterpiece *The Chairs*, coupled with game playing, truth telling, absurdist flights of fantasy and surprising moments of humor, creates a world where friendship and fear collide, and the compassion, empathy and commitment of Jody, the store's owner and Carl, a frequent visitor, can resonate and survive.

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CONCERTS

Concerts at the Alden Upcoming Concerts

This free classical music series, now in its 37th season, features professional musicians who have won international recognition for their artistry. The new season's series also includes four Young Soloists Recitals that will showcase the talents of local school-age musicians. Upcoming concerts:

- May 13, Rob Patterson, clarinet
- May 27, Young Soloists Recital

Concerts start at 3 p.m. and are held at the Alden Theatre of the McLean Community Center (1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean). Free Admission. Please note: Performances are subject to change. For information, call 703-790-0123; TTY 703-324-8365. ★

Jazz Festival May 10-12

The 17th annual Mary Lou Williams Women in Jazz Festival features today's top female jazz artists in three evening concerts. The Washington Post says the festival "speaks volumes about the contributions women have made to jazz, and continue to make, both here and abroad."

- Thu., May 10: pianist Chihiro Yamanaka and her Trio; saxophonist Jane Bunnett and pianist Hilario Duran, with special guest and NEA Jazz Master percussionist Candido; and vocalist Carmen Lundy and her Quartet.

- Fri., May 11: composer and bassist Linda Oh and her quartet; percussionist Allison Miller with her BOOM TIC BOOM project; and vocalist Carla Cook.

- Sat., May 12: violinist Diane Monroe; plus percussionist and band-leader Terri Lyne Carrington brings the Grammy-winning Mosaic Project with an all-star line-up including Ingrid Jensen on trumpet, Tia Fuller on saxophone, Helen Sung on piano, and Mimi Jones on bass.

In the Kennedy Center's Terrace Theater. Tickets are \$38/concert. Charge by phone at 202-467-4600 or online at www.kennedy-center.org. ★

Encore Chorale

Friday, May 11, 7:30 p.m.

Encore Chorale, the nation's largest choral program for older adults, will present our spring concert, at Washington-Lee High School, (1301 N. Stafford Street, Arlington). This concert is sponsored by Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs. Over 175 singers, ages 55+, will perform Spirituals, Civil War music, and a Gilbert and Sullivan Victorian Bouquet arranged especially for Encore by John Barry Talley, retired director of musical activities at the United States Naval Academy. Guest artists include the Washington-Lee High School Jazz Band conducted by Alex Robinson and Arlington baritone David Williams. This concert is free and perfect for all ages. Jeanne Kelly, Founder of Encore and past conductor of the United States Naval Academy Women's Glee Club and Georgetown University Concert Choir, will conduct. For more information, please call Encore at 301-261-5747 or visit <http://encorecreativity.org>. ★

U.S. Navy Band

May 12, 6 p.m.

The City of Alexandria will host the "Navy Band Cruisers," the U.S. Navy's premiere contemporary entertainment ensemble at Market Square, (301 King St.). Admission is free, and attendees are welcome to bring chairs or sit around the bench seating in front of City Hall. The Cruisers feature seven of the Navy's most dynamic performers and takes its name from the Navy's versatile and flexible

ship—the Cruiser. The band plays many genres of music ranging from jazz & standards, rhythm & blues, classic rock, adult contemporary and pop as well as original material. The group plays across the United States as well as abroad entertaining audiences with their world-class musicianship and high energy, fun-filled performances. For more information on the U. S. Navy Band Cruisers, visit www.navyband.navy.mil/cruisers.shtml. ★

Fairfax Choral Society May 12, 8 p.m.

Come join us at our final concert of the season where we will celebrate the richness and diversity of French and English music with works from some of their finest composers. There will be a free pre-concert discussion with Rachel Franklin at 7:00 p.m. Performed a George Mason University's Center for the Arts (Intersection of Braddock Road For tickets or more information, call 888-945-2468 or visit www.gmu.edu/cfa. ★

City of Fairfax Band Upcoming Concerts

The City of Fairfax Band announces their upcoming May concerts:

- May 12, 8 p.m. "Dancing Down Broadway" Everybody loves a winner—dance music from award-winning Broadway shows plus the scholarship winner of Fairfax Band's Young Artists Competition, in solo performance with the City of Fairfax Band. Don't miss this show, featuring dance music from West Side Story, On The Town, Fiddler On The Roof, and more! Tickets \$17, Seniors \$11, Students Free. Woodson High School, (9525 Main Street, Fairfax)

- May 20, 3 p.m., "Rite of Spring" Join us for the Northern Virginia Youth Winds inaugural season closer! Northern Virginia Youth Winds, the official youth ensemble of the City of Fairfax Band Association, is comprised of high school woodwind, brass and percussion students selected by competitive audition. Tickets \$5, Students Free. Oakton High School (2900 Sutton Rd., Vienna). ★

Suite Meditations

Sunday, May 13, 3:00 p.m.

Celebrate Mother's Day with beautiful music performed by the American Youth String Ensemble, Cheri Collins, Conductor. The program includes Spata: "Violet's Tango," Jarrett: "Meditation," Copland: "Hoedown" from Rodeo, and more. At Bishop Ireton High School, (201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria). For tickets or more info, visit www.aypo.org. ★

Itzhak Perlman

May 14

Super-star violinist Itzhak Perlman will perform with his long-time collaborator, pianist Rohan De Silva, at the Kennedy Center Concert Hall. For tickets or info, visit www.kennedy-center.org or call 202-467-4600. ★

Singing Sergeants

May 15, 7:30 p.m.

The United States Air Force Concert Band and soloists from the Singing Sergeants will perform a free concert at Hayfield Secondary School (7630 Telegraph Rd, Alexandria). Tickets are not required. For more information call The United States Air Force Band's Concert Line at 202-767-5658 or visit our www.usafband.af.mil. ★

Singing Sergeants

May 17, 7:30 p.m.

The United States Air Force Concert Band and soloists from the Singing Sergeants will perform a free concert at W. T. Woodson High School (9525 Main St, Fairfax). Tickets are not required. For more information call The United States Air Force Band's

Concert Line at 202-767-5658 or visit our www.usafband.af.mil. ★

WSHS Choir Shows

May 17 & 19

The WSHS Personality Show Choir and Musical Theatre ensembles present an evening of high-impact song and dance: Personality Show Choir rocks the stage with numbers from Madonna, "Firework" by Katy Perry, and more. Musical Theatre brings a bit of Broadway to West Springfield with a number from Oliver! and a 30-minute medley from CATS showcasing professional choreography and costumes. Small ensembles round out the show with both pop and Broadway songs. The spring shows All That Jazz & Musical Revue are being combined into one show for a two-night run: Thursday, May 17, and Saturday, May 19. The show will be held both nights at 7:00 p.m. in the West Springfield High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students at the door. (There's no show Friday due to Relay for Life. Please support a participating team.) ★

Woodwinds

May 18, 8 p.m.

The United States Air Force Band presents "An Evening of Music for Woodwind Quintet," at The Lyceum (201 S. Washington St., Alexandria). This is a free concert and tickets are not required. Call 202-767-5658 or visit our www.usafband.af.mil. ★

Civil War Concert

May 24, 7 p.m.

Enjoy an evening concert of songs from the Civil War era performed by the Washington Revels Heritage Voices in the Fort Ward Park (4301 W. Braddock Rd., Alexandria) amphitheatre. Free. A rain date is scheduled for May 31 at 7 p.m. The Washington Revels celebrate the history and cultural traditions of the Washington area and beyond. Their repertoire of Civil War music includes military and patriotic songs, African American spirituals, and popular folk tunes. For more info, visit www.forward.org or call 703-746-4848. ★

ON STAGE

Xanadu

May 8-July 1

Signature Theatre closes out its 2011/12 season sporting funky leg-warmers and wielding neon glow sticks with the Washington premiere of the musical comedy hit "Xanadu." It is 1980 in Venice, California. Leg-warmers are in and roller skates are way sexy. Kira, one of seven quirky Greek muses, is sworn to three things: to inspire mortals, never reveal her identity and never, ever fall in love. When she emboldens struggling artist Sonny to create the first roller disco, Kira feels the artistic pull of her own. For tickets or more info, visit www.signature-theatre.org or call 703-573-7328. ★

Witness

Through May 12

Next up at the Little Theatre of Alexandria (600 Wolfe St.) is "Witness for the Prosecution." Unravel the mystery of Leonard Vole, a small-time inventor accused of murdering a rich old widow. All evidence points toward Vole, but only his wife, Christine, can save him from the gallows. After a trial filled with many surprises, Leonard's wife does appear on the witness stand – but for the prosecution. A fabulous twisted plot and Christie's pitch-perfect writing make this an enjoyable and suspenseful romp. For tickets or more info, visit www.thelittletheatre.com or call 703-683-0496. ★

Werther

May 12-27

The Washington National Opera presents one of opera's greatest love stories with "Werther." One hundred twenty years after the opera's premiere, "Werther" is celebrated as one of Massenet's finest works, with a lush score of tragically beautiful music. The young poet Werther has fallen desperately in love with the beautiful Charlotte. When he discovers that she is honor-bound to marry Albert, he tries to stay away, but his passion draws him back to her. In despair, Werther decides the only way he can find peace is through death. Sung in French with English supertitles. Charge by phone at 202-467-4600 or at www.kennedy-center.org. ★

Working—A Musical

Through May 13

Keegan Theatre (1742 Church St. NW) presents "Working—A Musical." Based on Studs Terkel's best-selling book of interviews with American workers, "Working" paints a vivid portrait of the men and women the world so often takes for granted: the school-teacher, the parking lot attendant, the waitress, the millworker, the mason, the trucker, the fireman, the housewife, just to name a few. It's a highly original look at the American landscape that's simply impossible to forget. Visit www.keegantheatre.com or call 703-892-0202. ★

Servant of Two Masters

May 15-June 24

The Shakespeare Theatre Company presents its first Carlo Goldoni classic: "The Servant of Two Masters." This magical, highly physical, commedia dell'arte production will run at the Lansburgh Theatre (450 7th Street NW). "The Servant of Two Masters" centers on the wily servant Truffaldino, played by Steven Epp, who devises a zany scheme to double his wages by serving two masters at once. Mayhem erupts when identities are mistaken, engagements are broken and lovers are reunited in this commedia dell'arte masterpiece. For tickets or more info, visit www.shakespearetheatre.org or call 202-547-1122. ★

Flora...

May 18-June 17

Flora the Red Menace, a musical by John Kander and Fred Ebb is next up at 1st Stage (1524 Spring Hill Rd., Tyson's Corner). Not even the Great Depression is enough to dampen Flora's determination to land a fashion job, that is, until she meets Harry, the stammering handsome face of the local workers' party. Suddenly life is full of choices...love, ideology or a paycheck? It will take more than picket lines to stop this sparkling story of hope and determination. For tickets, \$30, visit www.1ststagetysons.org or call 703-854-1856. ★

1776

Through May 19

Ford's Theatre Society (511 10th Street NW) presents the musical classic "1776." With quick-witted dialogue and a playful score, "1776" dramatizes the impassioned debates of Philadelphia's Second Continental Congress and the writing of the Declaration of Independence. Inspired by the letters and memoirs of America's founding fathers, this classic, Tony Award-winning musical showcases the principles, pride and determination that influenced the birth of our nation. For tickets visit www.fords.org or call 800-982-2787. ★

The Seafarer

Through May 20

Scena Theater(H St. Playhouse, 1365 H St., NE) presents Conor McPher-

son's "The Seafarer." The plot begins with "Sharky" returning home to a suburb of Dublin to take care of his blind, ungrateful brother. The pair join a group of Irish mates and play a whiskey-fueled card game on Christmas Eve. Suddenly, a man from Sharky's past arrives to collect an old bet dating back 25 years. Now, Sharky must examine his past choices and take responsibility for his recklessness. Will he pull himself out of the depths of darkness—or be swallowed by a hell of his own making? Visit www.scenatheater.org or call 703-683-2824. ★

God of Carnage

Through June 24

Signature Theatre (8500 Campbell Ave., Shirlington) presents Yasmina Reza's "God of Carnage." From the award-winning author of "Art" comes this shrewd and vicious comedy that gleefully flouts the perception of human "civility." Two upper-middle-class Brooklyn couples meet to discuss an incident of playground violence between their sons. Though the evening begins with polite pleasantries, it quickly descends into primal madness as tempers flare, loyalties shift and the parents devolve into children. For tickets or more info, visit www.signature-theatre.org or call 703-820-9771. ★

Beauty and the Beast

June 12-24

Disney's "Beauty and the Beast," the award-winning worldwide smash hit Broadway musical, is returning to Washington, D.C. This elaborate theatrical production will come to life on stage at the National Theatre for two weeks only. Tickets begin at \$56.50 (plus applicable service charges) are on sale through Telecharge at 800-447-7400, and at Telecharge.com. Tickets go on sale at the National Theatre Box office on May 21. For group tickets of 15 or more, call 866-276-2947. For more information, please visit NationalTheatre.org or BeautyAndTheBeastOnTour.com. ★

Taming of the Shrew

May 1-June 10

Folger Theatre presents "The Taming of the Shrew." The production is situated loosely in some kind of a saloon in some version of the Old West, circa 1880. Of course it is not exactly that, it is our own imagined world, but it is closer to that than anything else. Any scant resemblance to the HBO series "Deadwood" is anything but accidental. For tickets and info, call 202-544-7077, or visit www.folger.edu/theatre. ★

Lonely Planet

May 10-June 17

Metro Stage (1201 N. Royal St., Alexandria) Lonely Planet takes

place in a small map store on the oldest street in an unnamed American city. It is here that an extraordinary story unfolds. Steven Dietz, one of the most prolific, versatile and widely produced playwrights in the country, has written a brilliant, evocative play about the power of friendship in a world of potential terror and suffering. Visit www.metrostage.org or call 703-548-9044. ★

Music Man

May 11-July 22

Arena Stage presents "Music Man." Having exhausted all 102 counties in Illinois, "Professor" Harold Hill gives Iowa a try and soon enough convinces River City of its trouble with the "sin and corruption" of the pool hall, trouble that can only be stopped by forming a boys' band. Marian the librarian suspects he's a con man, but she begins to trust him after seeing how he's given confidence to her shy younger brother. Soon, this "Music Man" has transformed the entire town, not only turning the bickering school board into a barbershop quartet, but himself into an honest man. When the stage erupts with "76 Trombones," you'll be cheering along with River City for Harold Hill! Visit www.arenastage.org or call 202-488-3300. ★

The Normal Heart

June 8-July 29

Tony winner George C. Wolfe, ("Angels in America") brings Larry Kramer's Tony Award-winning Broadway production of "The Normal Heart" to Arena Stage for a special limited engagement. Fueled by love, anger, hope and pride, a circle of friends struggle to contain the mysterious disease ravaging New York's gay community. Dismissed by politicians, frustrated by doctors and fighting with each other, their differences could tear them apart—or change the world. For tickets or more info, visit www.arenastage.org or call 202-488-3300. ★

Sister Mary

June 8-July 7

American Century Theater (TACT) presents "Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You." Helen Hayes-honored director Joe Banno makes his American Century Theater stage debut with playwright Christopher Durang's first TACT appearance, a hard-nosed comedy that takes on religion, dogma, and the Catholic Church. The play stars celebrated D.C. actress Cam McGee as the formidable Sister Mary. "Nonsense" this is not. TACT performs at Theater II in the Gunston Arts Center, located at 2700 South Lang Street, Arlington VA 22206. Tickets can be purchased at www.americancentury.org or by calling 703-998-4555. ★

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IN THE PARKS

Rec-PAC Hiring Open Hire Sessions

The Fairfax County Park Authority is looking for creative, high-energy, motivated candidates for part-time camp leader and site director positions in the Rec-PAC summer camp program. Open Hire sessions are slated to fill opening for the 2012 season. Rec-PAC, (Pretty Awesome Children) is a six-week structured recreation program with an emphasis on leisure skills. Camps will be offered at 50 elementary schools on weekdays from July 2 through August 9. Summer staff will be assigned to a site and work daily from 8:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Open Hire sessions will be held on the first floor of the Herry Building (12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax) from noon to 4:30 p.m. on:

- Friday, May 22,
- Friday, May 31

An original Social Security Card and DMV photo ID are required. Visit the Rec-PAC jobs website for application forms: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/employment/summercampjobs.htm ★

Farmer's Markets Now Open

It's Spring and fresh fruits, vegetables and more are available at area farmers markets. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/wp-farm-mkt.htm and <http://alexandriava.gov/FarmersMarket> for a list of park authority markets. ★

Mt. Zion

Open For the Season

The historic 1851 Mt. Zion Baptist Church, sitting alongside Rt. 50 east of Gilbert's Corner, will open its doors to the public again this year for guided tours and living history programs on the fourth Sunday of each month through October 28, from 1 to 5 p.m. Used as a place of worship by members of the Old School Baptists from 1851 until 1980, Mt. Zion Church and its adjoining cemetery witnessed fighting during the Civil War, but also served in the aftermath of battle as a hospital for the wounded and as a final resting place from some who fought in the war. Admission to the fourth Sunday programs & tours are free, but donations are gratefully accepted. For more info, contact Tracy J. Gillespie at tgillespie@nvrpa.org or call 703-327-9777. ★

Aldie Mill Historic Park Open for Season

Aldie Mill Historic Park (39401 John Mosby Highway), a property of Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, has begun its 2012 season of guided tours, programs, and grinding corn. The mill is open weekends from April 14 through November 18, 12:00-5:00 each day. Admission is free. For more information about Aldie Mill's guided tours and special programs, contact Tracy Gillespie at tgillespie@nvrpa.org, 703-327-9777, or visit www.nvrpa.org. ★

Spring Garden Day

Saturday, May 19

From 9 a.m.-3 p.m. more than 40 vendors of rare and unusual plants descend on Green Spring Gardens in Alexandria to fill your spring gardening needs! FROGS receive 10% off plants in the Garden Gate Plant Shop. Don't miss this exciting annual tradition. Call 703-642-5173 for more information. ★

History Huntley

Opening May 19

Historic Huntley, (6918 Harrison Ln., Alexandria), is a federal period villa built in 1825 for Thomson Francis Mason, a grandson of George Mason. Acquired by the Park Authority in

1989, the house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Virginia Landmarks Register, and the Fairfax County Inventory of Historic Sites. On Saturday, May 19, ribbon cutting ceremonies will take place at 2:30 p.m. and the site will open to the public Tours, entertainment and other activities will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. ★

NOTICES

Boater Education

Now Enrolling

Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia all require boating education. The requirements are based on age. To legally operate a powerboat, proof of completion of an approved boating education course must be carried on the boat. A boater's education course that meets the boating education requirements of all states is offered by Flotilla 25-8 of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary on May 26, June 30, and October 20. The class is from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, (8592 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA 22309). Contact Paul or Fran Spoltore at 571-257-9692 or email pspoltore@cox.net for more info and enrollment form. ★

Walk for the Cure

Walk on June 2

The 2012 Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure™ will be held at the National Mall on June 2. All registration fees include a Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure™ T-shirt, which will be included in your Event Kit along with your official Race bib (and timing chip if you are registered as a runner). Event kits will be mailed to your home address if you register on or before Sunday, May 20. Visit www.komen.org and start a team, join a team or register as an individual. ★

Volunteer

Current Opportunities

The McLean Center is always looking for volunteers. For more information on volunteer opportunities at the Center or the volunteer awards, contact the Center at 703-790-0123, or visit www.mcleancenter.org/contact/involved.asp. ★

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Volunteers Needed

Ongoing

Shepherd's Center of Fairfax Burke Needs Volunteer Office Workers and Drivers: The Center's Medical Transportation and Companion Shopping programs offer free transportation to seniors in the Fairfax and Burke area who no longer drive. The trips normally take two hours and average about 20 miles, and destinations are to medical, dental, rehab, and shopping locations in the Fairfax and Burke regions. Transportation must be scheduled three days in advance. Office volunteers take phone requests and arrange for drivers. Volunteer drivers are not asked to take more than one drive per week. Medical drives can be scheduled Monday through Friday, while shopping trips are scheduled only on Tuesday afternoon and Friday morning. Volunteers work in our office at 4019 Olley Lane, Fairfax for three hours every other week. If you can volunteer your time, please contact the office at 703-323-4788. ★

THINGS TO DO

Hunt Club Memberships Ongoing

Hunt membership includes use of 20+ private properties in N. VA & S. MD for hunting, fishing and target shooting. Call 703-670-978 or www.nsa-inc.com. ★

Civil War Lecture

May 12, 1 p.m.

Fort Ward Museum (4301 West Brad-dock Road) will sponsor a lecture on "The Story of Alexandria's Civil War Crimean Ovens and Camp California" presented by Wally Owen, Assistant Director at Fort Ward Museum, at 1 p.m. in the Museum library. Admission to the program is \$10 per person. Reservations are recommended due to limited seating. The lecture will present new research highlighting the story behind Alexandria's rare archaeological features that were discovered in 2003 and used to heat hospital tents, and their relationship to Camp California. Camp California was home to 10,000 Civil War soldiers from December 1861 to March 1862. Located in today's West End of Alexandria, the Camp was an early war training ground for the Union Army of the Potomac. For more info, please visit www.forward.org, or call 703-746-4848. ★

Ilda Pool

Upcoming Events

Welcome to Ilda Pool which is right around the corner and in the middle of the neighborhoods of Willow Woods, Woods of Ilda, Springbrook Forest and Oak Hill (8900 Braeburn Dr., Annandale). What better way to enjoy the hot summer, than taking a dip or glide down our new curly slide? **Open House:** Saturday, May 12 (1-4 p.m.). Find out about Friday Night Socials and other social activities planned for this season. Sign up your swimmers for the Swim and Dive Team. Free Ice Cream. **Annual Member Meeting:** Friday, May 25 (7 p.m.). Ilda will hold its annual member meeting, followed by a social gathering. Join us at the pavilion for a brief business meeting followed by a social gathering. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and drinks. **Opening Day/Dip'n Dive:** Saturday, May 26th (11 a.m.). LRCA provides free ice cream (1-4 p.m.). Please visit www.ildapool.org for more info. ★

Mother's Day Tea

Sunday, May 13, 2 p.m.

Treat your mother, grandmother or special woman in your life to an elegant afternoon tea at historic Carlyle House (121 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria). Relax in the beautiful setting of our Magnolia Terrace and enjoy classical harp music. Experience personalized tableside service and scrumptious food catered by Calling Card Events. Space is limited and filling up fast \$27/person. Reservations required. Call 703-549-2997 or e-mail carlyle@nvrpa.org to reserve your space. ★

Mother's Day Tea

Sunday, May 13, 1-3 p.m.

Come to Green Spring Gardens in Alexandria for Mother's Day Tea. Mother's Day and afternoon tea go together like scones and clotted cream. But what is clotted cream anyway? Let's brush up on our knowledge of teatime history, traditions and etiquette and treat our mothers to a memorable and thoroughly "proper" tea party! \$27. Call 703-941-7987 for reservations. ★

Genealogy Meeting

May 15, 1 p.m.

The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society (MVGGS) will meet in room 112 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center (1500

Shenandoah Road, Alexandria). It's free and open to the public. The presentation "Turning Biographical Facts into Real Life Events" will be presented by John Philip Colletta. This lecture demonstrates how to turn biographical facts into the real-life experiences they were; how to gather together and evaluate evidence about a particular event, including its historical context, to "individualize" every ancestor in your family tree. Visit www.MVGenealogy.org for more info. ★

Stargazing

May 16, 8:30-10 p.m.

The National Air and Space Museum's Public Observatory on the National Mall will be open for special nighttime stargazing. Do not miss this chance to see an array of celestial objects through a powerful professional telescope as well as additional portable telescopes. Free admission. For more info, visit www.nasm.si.edu or call 202-633-1000. ★

Game Night

May 18, 6-10 p.m.

The Kingstowne Center for Active Adults (488 Landsdowne Center, Alexandria, VA (next to the library) is sponsoring a Game Night. The entry fee of \$9.00 includes subs, chips, soda, snacks, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Adults 18 and over please. Bridge, Pinochle, Poker, Chess, Trivial Pursuit, Scattagories, Tri-Ominos, and other board games will be set up. We will also have Bingo. Feel free to bring your own game if you wish. Sign up and prepayment at the Center is required. This is a fundraiser for the Kingstowne Center for Active Adults Advisory Council. If you have any questions please contact us at 703-339-7676. ★

Artomatic

May 18-June 23

Artomatic is well known for transforming empty spaces into vibrant arts communities that celebrate creativity and create a unique and exciting event for tens of thousands of visitors-all free to visit. This year it will be held in Crystal City at Vornado/Charles E. Smith's 1851 South Bell St. Come discover new art, listen to music, go on dates, grab a drink, and mingle with the creative community. Artomatic features dozens of daytime art workshops for kids and adults. No matter what kind of creative events you enjoy, you'll find something to like. Visit www.artomatic.org for info on all events. ★

Trains

May 20, 1-4 p.m.

The Northern Virginia NTRACK members will have a display and N gauge trains running at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum (11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station). Cost is \$3 for adults; \$1 for children. Information on the museum and shows is at www.fairfax-station.org or call 703-425-9225. ★

Azalea Lecture

Tuesday, May 22

Azalea and rhododendron expert, Don Hyatt has grown numerous azaleas and rhododendrons in McLean Virginia and in the Shenandoah Valley and will present a talk from 7:30-8:30 p.m. titled "Things I Tried That Died." Learn where success triumphed, or didn't, as he entertains us with his trials and tribulations growing these gorgeous shrubs. Proceeds support the White Gardens, a new public garden park in Falls Church featuring azaleas and rhododendrons. Meets at Green Spring Gardens. Register at fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring or call 703-642-5173. \$15. Code: 570 289 4201. ★

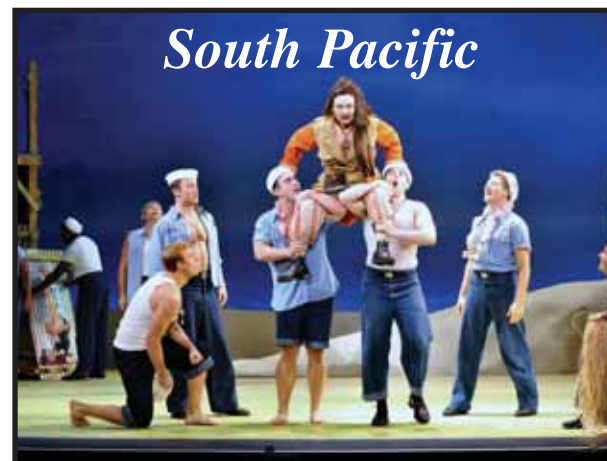
Mother's Day Weekend at Mount Vernon



Join the "Mother of Our Country," Martha Washington, and her granddaughter "Nelly" as they celebrate this special weekend with visitors. Enjoy "Lady Washington's" reminiscences of motherhood and her sage advice to her youngest granddaughter. Martha Washington will hand out lavender sachets of her own recipe for mothers (while supplies last).

May 12-13, 8:00 a.m.-5 p.m.

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South Pacific

May 31-June 3

Rodgers & Hammerstein's moving wartime love story, *South Pacific*, comes to life featuring timeless classics "Some Enchanted Evening," "There is Nothin Like a Dame," "Younger than Springtime," "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outta My Hair," "Bali Hai," and more.

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