

# December '07 The Port Washington Public Library

## EXHIBITS

In the Main Gallery

FOLK TALES, December 1 through January 30. Folk art from the collection of Flora and Adam Hanft. Story in this issue.

In the Photography Gallery



ROBIN APPEL: *EYES AND THE WORLD*, through December 30. Freelance photographer Robin Appel writes, "As I was going through the selection process for this show, I realized that consistently in my photographs I was attracted to the eyes of my subjects. I hope that as you view these photographs you see a parallel portrayal between the emotions and characteristics of the people and their environments, and that this exhibit gives you a better understanding about the lives of citizens around the world." Ms. Appel lives in Glen Head with her husband and their two children. The family has traveled to six continents and have begun plans to travel to the seventh.

## REGISTRATIONS

Beginning December 4

Computer Classes for Adults ... See Dec. 4  
Yoga ... See Dec. 4

Beginning 11

AARP Driver Safety ... See Dec. 11

Beginning December 13

Social Networking on the Internet for Parents ... See Dec. 13

Beginning December 18

Exercise for Over 50 ... See Dec. 18

## 2 SUNDAY

ALL STAR KLEZMER BAND: Originally, klezmer (plural *klezmerim*) referred to musical instruments, and was later extended to refer to musicians themselves. It was not until the mid-to-late 20<sup>th</sup> Century that the word was used to identify a musical genre. Early recordings and writings often refer to the style as "Yiddish" music, although it is sometimes called *Frailech music*. Whatever the definition, it is music for the whole family to enjoy. Temple Beth Israel's 12-member All Star Klezmer Band performs for your listening and dancing pleasure. 2 p.m.

## 3 MONDAY

"CALL OF THE WILD" (1835-81 min.). Adventurer Jack Thornton (Clark Gable) travels to the Yukon in search of gold. When he pays \$250 for a half-wolf sled dog named Buck, his luck changes for the better. Then Jack and his buddy Shorty Hoolihan (Jack Oakie) encounter Claire Blake (Loretta Young), whose husband has disappeared. Screenwriters Gene Fowler and Leonard Praskins adapted this Jack London yarn for director William Wellman; Charles Rosher provided the cinematography. 7:30 p.m.

## 4 TUESDAY

COMPUTER CLASSES FOR ADULTS: Registration begins December 4 for classes to take place in January. Computer Kindergarten, Saturday, January 5; Computer First Grade, Saturday, January 12; Computer Second Grade, Saturday, January 19; Computer Third Grade, Saturday, January 26. All classes are from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. A fee of \$12 per class is due at registration. *For Port Washington residents only.*

YOGA: Registration begins December 4 for a series of 7 classes on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. beginning January 16. Payment of \$25 for the series is due at registration.

## 6 THURSDAY

GREAT BOOKS: A discussion of Herman Melville's *Bartleby the Scrivener*. 8 p.m.

## 7 FRIDAY

SANDWICHED IN: Golden Voices from Abroad. Explore the passions of operatic stars and composers who immigrated to the United States in search of new opportunities to find their voices. This amazing journey will take you from Italy and Germany to Brazil and Poland, recreating extraordinary lives and careers. Join Dr. Jasmin Bey Cowin for this multimedia lecture. Dr. Cowin, a trained German harpist, studied at the Staatliche Hochschule fuer Musik in Karlsruhe. 12:10 p.m.

"HINDABYNE" (2006-123 min.). A wife (Laura Linney) is shocked to learn that when her husband (Gabriel Byrne) discovered the floating body of a murdered Aborigine woman on his annual fishing trip with his buddies, he waited until after the weekend to report the incident. Beatrix Christian scripted this Australian production, from the Raymond Carver short story, "So Much Water So Close to Home," which also inspired a segment of Robert Altman's "Short Cuts." Ray Lawrence directed. 7:30 p.m.

## 8 SATURDAY

LET'S CHAT: Spanish conversation with Alba Forman. *Proficiency in the language required.* 10 a.m.

READING BETWEEN THE LINES: The third in a series of four monthly discussions sponsored by the New York Council for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Today's discussion is of *Paradise* by Toni Morrison, facilitated by Fran Cohen. On January 12 the last discussion in the series will be of *Final Payments* by Mary Gordon. Light refreshments will be served courtesy of the Friends of the Library. 10:30 a.m.

## 9 SUNDAY

FORMOSA QUARTET: The string ensemble performs selections from Mendelssohn, Shih-hui Chen, Hugo Wolf and Mozart in a concert sponsored by the Music Council. 3 p.m. Story in this issue.

## 10 MONDAY



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT: The fourth in a series of five monthly discussions on the theme: Neighbors, the World Next Door. Professor Sally Ann Drucker leads the discussion of Bernard Malamud's *The Assistant*. On January 14, the discussion will be of *Mona in the Promised Land* by Gish Jen. Sponsored by American Library Association, Nextbook and Friends of the Library. 11 a.m.

"THE CLOCK" (1945-90 min.). Alice Murphy (Judy Garland) falls head over heels in love with Corporal Joe Allen (Robert Walker), who is visiting New York City on a two-day pass. Screenwriters Robert Nathan and Joseph Schrank adapted a story by Paul and Pauline Gallico for director Vincente Minnelli. The supporting cast includes James Gleason, Keenan Wynn and Marshall Thompson. Before the feature, we will screen Tex Avery's cartoon *Screwy Truant* (1945-7 min.) and Joe Allen's short *Holly-wood Scout* (1945-8 min.). 7:30 p.m.

## 11 TUESDAY

AARP DRIVER SAFETY: Registration begins December 11 for a class to take place Saturday, January 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Your \$10 check or money order payable to AARP is due at registration.

HYPERTENSION SCREENING: Free blood pressure screening conducted by St. Francis Hospital. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MEDITATION FOR WELLBEING: A Relaxation Workshop to Benefit Mind, Body and Spirit. Learn how to meditate to feel better. Achieve physical relaxation, inner peace, stress reduction and many other benefits. Presented by Eileen Feinman, social worker and certified holistic counselor, with Alice Melzer, experienced mediator. Sponsored by the Health Advisory Council. 8 p.m.

## 12 WEDNESDAY

READING GROUP: A discussion of *Passing Under Heaven* by Justin Hill; facilitated by Lee Fertitta. 7:30 p.m.

## 13 THURSDAY

SOCIAL NETWORKING ON THE INTERNET: A Workshop for Parents and Other Adults. Free registration begins December 13 for a program on January 10 at 7 p.m. The Internet provides many ways to meet new people, stay in touch with long-distance relatives and friends, and socialize in the online environment. More information on back page.

DIRECTOR'S CUT: Film expert John Bosco will screen and discuss the quirky comedy-drama *Waitress* (2007-107 min.). Unhappily married coffee shop waitress Jenna (Keri Russell) is dismayed to learn that she is pregnant. When she visits the local clinic, her doctor (Nathan Fillion) falls madly in love with her. Writer/director Adrienne Shelly also co-stars with Cheryl Hines, Jeremy Sisto and Andy Griffith. 7:30 p.m.

## 14 FRIDAY

SANDWICHED IN: Christmas at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Christmas is celebrated in many ways at the Met, from the annual display of the Angel Tree and Neapolitan Baroque Creche to many works that can be seen all year long in different galleries. This slide-illustrated talk looks at some of the well-loved and familiar as well as some of the not so well-known representations of the Christmas story and festivities in the Museum's collections. Vivian Gordon is a lecturer for the Education Department at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. A specialist in European Art, Ms. Gordon has graduate degrees in art history from Columbia University. 12:10 p.m.

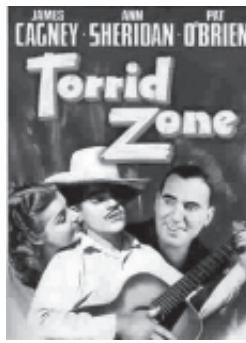
"TV LAND MOGULS: THE 1950s." Bob Waldman, who has appeared at the library with numerous shows from the golden age of live television, presents one of his own programs, the premiere episode of *TV Land Moguls*. Mr. Waldman created this critically acclaimed 2004 series for the TV Land network to salute the most influential movers and shakers in television history. This installment chronicles moguls Desi Arnaz, Lucille Ball, Danny Thomas and Sheldon Leonard, who developed breakthrough production techniques and three-camera filming before a live audience. They were instrumental in moving television production to Los Angeles, and created quality, character-driven sitcoms that were ratings winners. Merv Griffin hosts and Adam Arkin narrates this show. 7:30 p.m.

## 16 SUNDAY

LAURA LEIGH CARROLL: Take a sentimental journey with vocalist Laura Leigh Carroll and enjoy the enduring standards of the Great American Songbook. 2 p.m. Story in this issue.

## 17 MONDAY

AFTERNOON AT THE OPERA: *Der fliegende Holländer* (The Flying Dutchman). First performed in Dresden in 1843, *Der fliegende Holländer* remains the earliest opera of Wagner's to remain in the standard repertoire of most opera houses. In three short acts, the work represents the first of Wagner's operas to utilize the musical motifs and other devices that would characterize all of his later work. Join professor James Kolb for a stimulating audio/visual lecture. Sponsored by the Music Advisory Council and Friends of the Library. 3 p.m.



"TORRID ZONE" (1940-88 min.). Banana plantation owner Steve Case (Pat O'Brien) knows only one man who can run his farm — troublemaker Nicky Butler (James Cagney). Both men have their hands full with card shark Lee Donley (Ann Sheridan), not to mention a burgeoning revolution. Richard Macaulay and Jerry Wald scripted this ripping adventure comedy for director William Keighley. Before the feature, we'll screen Roy Mack's *Ozzie Nelson and His Orchestra* (1940-10 min.), Breezy Reeves Eason's *Pony Express Days* (1940-10 min.) and Tex Avery's Oscar-nominated cartoon, *A Wild Hare* (1940-8 min.). 7:30 p.m.

## 18 TUESDAY

EXERCISE FOR OVER 50: Registration begins December 18 for a series of 10 classes on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. OR 10 a.m., starting January 8 and Thursdays at 9 a.m., starting January 10. Please have your check for \$35 for each series ready at time of registration. *Participants may only register and pay for themselves and/or a spouse. This program available for Port Washington residents only.*

## 19 WEDNESDAY

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES meet. Executive session at 7 p.m.. The public is invited at 7:30 p.m.

## 20 THURSDAY

READING GROUP: A discussion of *Dreams from My Father* by Barack Obama; facilitated by Lee Fertitta. 1:30 p.m.

3RD THURSDAY @ 3: The Unicorn Tapestries. This lecture, accompanied by visual imagery, will explore the seven tapestries in the Cloisters Museum collection in NYC. The works represent a complex and multi-layered allegory of sacred and secular, Christian and pagan iconography. Detailed interpretations of these magnificently preserved woven masterpieces will be the topic of conversation. The theme of the Unicorn in world art, along with a comparison between the "Lady and the Unicorn" series of six tapestries in the Musée Cluny, Paris and their NYC counterparts will be addressed. Interestingly, both series contain the Mille Fleur (1000 flowers) style and may have been created in the same medieval workshop. The Cloisters Museum has traveled it extensively throughout Europe and currently teaches painting, drawing and art history at the State University of New York at Farmingdale. This is the third of a four-part series moderated by Professor Germano, sponsored by Friends of the Library. 3 p.m.

SOUNDSWAP: An evening of Native American storytelling featuring the words and drums of John Two Crows and Stanley Standing One. 7:30 p.m. Story in this issue.

GREAT BOOKS: A discussion of *Infidel* by Ayaan Hirsi Ali. 8 p.m.

## 21 FRIDAY

SANDWICHED IN: Extra-Terrestrial Life. Looking for ET? Fortunately, there's a way to calculate the chance of finding intelligent life in the Milky Way. It's called the Drake Equation, and lecturer Patrick Di Justo will take you on a step-by-step PowerPoint-illustrated journey to learn the possibility of finding new life and new civilizations in the galaxy. The results may surprise you! Patrick Di Justo was the planetarium director for Westchester's Andrus Planetarium, and an astrophysics instructor at the Rose Center for Earth and Space. He has designed experiments that have flown on the Space Shuttle. 12:10 p.m.

"YEAR OF THE DOG" (2007-96 min.). Chipper secretary Peggy (Molly Shannon) lives alone with her beloved dog Pencil. When her pet unexpectedly expires, Peggy's search for a new companion takes her on a spiritual journey. This moving comedy-drama from writer/director Mike White also stars Laura Dern, Regina King, John C. Reilly and Peter Sarsgaard. 7:30 p.m.

## 23 SUNDAY

"JEAN DE FLORETTE" (1986-122 min.). Wily farmer Yves Montand blocks the spring of his neighbor, hunchbacked farmer Gérard Depardieu. Daniel Auteuil and Elisabeth Depardieu also star in Claude Berr's adaptation of Marcel Pagnol's novel. In French with English subtitles. Look for the sequel, *Manon of the Spring*, next Sunday. 2 p.m.

## 26 WEDNESDAY

PORT WRITES: A group of self-motivated writers reading and discussing their work, facilitated by Michael Chaplan. 8 p.m.

## 28 FRIDAY

SANDWICHED IN: Two by Dickens. *The Chimes* is a witty, ironic and poignant short novel exposing how the rich think the poor should live; it's a ghostly tale that does for New Year's Eve what *A Christmas Carol* does for Christmas. *Bob Sawyer's Party* is a comedy chapter from *Pickwick Papers* in which a disorganized medical student attempts to throw a party for visiting travelers and fails at every turn, almost being evicted before it's all over. David Houston's readings of these Dickens' classics in the style of old time radio will warm the cockles of your heart. 12:10 p.m.

"ZODIAC" (2007-157 min.). San Francisco police detectives David Toschi and William Armstrong (Mark Ruffalo, Anthony Edwards) and *San Francisco Chronicle* reporters Paul Avery and Robert Graysmith (Robert Downey Jr., Jake Gyllenhaal) investigate the case of the Zodiac serial killer. James Vanderbilt scripted this fact-based thriller, from Graysmith's book, for director David Fincher. The supporting cast includes Brian Cox, Elias Koteas, Donal Logue, Dermot Mulroney, Chloe Sevigny, Candy Clark, John Getz, Philip Baker Hall, Adam Goldberg, Charles Fleischer and Clea DuVall. 7:30 p.m.

## 30 SUNDAY

"MANON OF THE SPRING" (1986-113 min.). Manon (Emmanuelle Béart) takes revenge on her father's neighbors (Yves Montand, Daniel Auteuil) in Claude Berr's sequel to *Jean de Florette*. In French with English subtitles. 2 p.m.

Refreshments for the Sandwiched In Series courtesy of Friends of the Library.

*Priority seating at all events is given to Port Washington residents and cardholders.*

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LIBRARY HOURS

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Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.