

Arden Club Calendar

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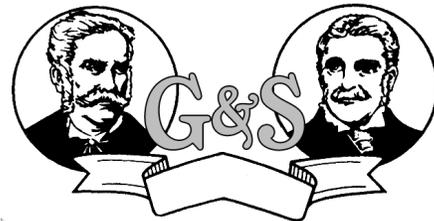
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ARDENSINGERS GILD

Fall 2016 – Gilbert & Sullivan Christmas Carol

Performances of our fall show, “A Gilbert & Sullivan Christmas Carol,” will be December 10, 16 & 17, 2016 at 8:00 PM and December 10 & 18 at 2:00 PM. This humorous adaptation of A Christmas Carol is set to the music of Arthur Sullivan, but remains faithful to the spirit of the Charles Dickens original.



Ticket prices are \$17 for adults, \$14 for seniors, \$5 for children and students in advance and \$20 for adults, \$17 for seniors, \$7 for children and students at the door. You can purchase tickets online at www.ardensingers.org or by contacting John Trexler at ardensingers@gmail.com or (484)319-2350.

Stage direction is by Ken Mammarella and music direction by Deborah Fox.

Spring 2017 – Grand Duke

Lead roles for our Spring 2017 show, Gilbert and Sullivan’s “The Grand Duke,” have been cast; however, we would welcome former, current, and future chorus members and production crew. The show will run from April 21-29, 2017, with rehearsals beginning in January on Sunday afternoons from 2:00-4:30 and Tuesday evenings from 7:30-10:00.

As many G&S fans know, “The Grand Duke” is a larger production than their other shows and therefore is rarely performed. In fact, the Ardensingers have not performed it since 1984! We are pleased to be bringing it to the stage again and hope to see many familiar and new faces join us. It’s a wonderful opportunity to complete the canon for the die hard G&S fan!

Stage direction will be by Kate Nealley with music direction by Alan Paller. To express interest in joining the chorus or our production team, please contact John Trexler at ardensingers@gmail.com or (484)319-2350.



DRUMMERS' CIRCLE

The Arden Drummers’ Circle, sponsored by the Concert Gild, meets at Gild Hall every third Sunday at 1 PM. Beginners and professionals alike are invited. Bring a drum or two and/or percussion instruments. We often play some common rhythms and then improvise. In fair weather, we meet outdoors; in rainy weather, we move into the lower Gild Hall. We will be presenting our annual “Drummers and Dancers” evening event on Friday, December 23 at 8 PM.

For more information about this event or to join our e-mail list contact ardendrumcircle@yahoo.com; or look for us on Face Book: Arden Drum Circle.

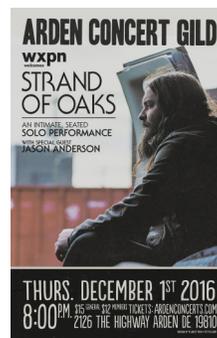
CONCERT GILD

Members simply email us at concerts@ardenclub.org for reservations! Low price, no fees!

WXPn Welcomes Strand of Oaks with Jason Anderson

Thursday, December 1 at 8 PM; \$15 (members \$12)

Strand of Oaks returns to Arden for a solo gig just before his 3-night stand at Boot and Saddle in Philly. His friend Jason Anderson opens this intimate seated performance. He has been working on a new LP and we know his Arden fans (from our 2014 show) would love to hear new music!



The Spring Standards Boxing Day!

Monday, December 26 at 8 PM; \$20 (members \$17)

James Heather and James are back (is this 10 years? depends how you count!) The Spring Standards' annual celebration and home town reunion concert / party at Gild Hall. Always sells out. Get yours now!

Donny McCaslin Group

Saturday, January 14, 2017 8 PM; \$25 (members \$20)

Donny and his band (Tim Lefebvre, Mark Guiliana, and Jason Lindner) are featured on the new David Bowie recording Blackstar, released in January, 2016, which has garnered significant world-wide acclaim since its release. Donny was also the featured soloist on the David Bowie single Sue in 2014. He won the Downbeat critics poll for rising star in 2008 & 2009 and received a Chamber Music of America new works grant in 2006. He also received the French Jazz Man award in 2007 for the recording In Pursuit and has toured with Maria Schneider, Dave Douglas, Danilo Perez, Brian Blade, Gil Evans project, Steps Ahead, and many others. He lives in Brooklyn with his wife and two young children.



WXPn Welcomes The Suffers

February 23, 2017 8 PM - \$25 (members \$20)

The Suffers are here to shake up the notion that they're another soul revival band. Just as much influenced by classic rock & roll, country, Latin and Southern hip hop as they are the Stax/Volt or Muscle Shoals era, The Suffers are bringing a fresh approach to what they have coined Gulf Coast Soul.

GARDENERS GILD

The Gardeners Gild will meet on Monday, January 16, 2017, at 7:30 PM in the Lower Gild Hall. In the middle of winter, we will spend some time reviewing our past gardening successes and challenges, and we will share our ideas and gardening plans for the New Year. Please bring your favorite seed catalogs, your “extra” special seeds, your favorite and most indispensable gardening tool, your special preserved garden produce or other inspiring gardening-related item. We will take turns sharing experiences and ideas so that we may learn more about gardening and about our community.

Also, thanks to the Nancy Ellen Banis Memorial Education Fund, we will make plans for a bus tour to a garden destination; possibly a 2-3 day trip. Please bring your suggestions for an educational and fun group road-trip.

For questions please call either Maura Lynch, or Barbara Conway, at 529-9464



POETRY GILD

The Arden Poetry Gild meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. There is a short business meeting at 7:30 PM, followed by poetry readings and discussions of literature and poetry. We encourage young writers/ poets and everyone to attend! Bring original writings, bring prose or poems for sharing, or just bring yourself. Come early... cookies are warm upon arrival and go quickly. Bring your own refreshments.



2016 Pathways Patrons Drawing Winners

Congratulations to Steven and Kate Threefoot, the 2016 winners of the Arden Club's Pathways Patrons Membership Drawing held on Thursday, November 10, at the Arden Club Board meeting. As winners of this special drawing, Steven and Kate will enjoy the following Arden Club prizes beginning January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017:

- * 4 individual passes to an Ardensingers performance
- * 4 individual passes to a select Concert Gild performance
- * 4 individual passes to a Dinner Gild Saturday evening meal
- * 4 individual passes to a Folk Gild dance
- * 4 individual passes to a Shakespeare Gild performance
- * 4 individual passes to the Swim Club pool

Pathways Patrons provide special support to the Arden Club. Pathways Patrons levels include Clubhouse (\$75/annual gift), Rocky Path (\$150/annual gift), The Glen (\$300/annual gift), Indian Circle (\$500/annual gift), and Milky Way (\$1,000/annual gift). Pathways Patrons enjoy all regular membership benefits as well as special benefits including dinner passes, pool passes, and Pathways drawing tickets. Find more information about the Arden Club Pathways Patrons program in the Arden Club brochure.

DINNER GILD

Each week the specific menus will be on the Arden Club website under the Dinner Gild sub category that you can access on the right side of the screen. They will also be posted on Arden Dinner Gild Facebook page and of course, the recording for the telephone line **302-792-7139** or via e-mail (adgregreservations@gmail.com).

Remember your reservation must be made **prior to 6:00 PM the Thursday before the dinner; the cooks must begin shopping!** It is most important that you tell the reservationist (1) your name, (2) phone number, (3) who's coming (member, non-member, child), (4) if you would like the vegetarian alternative, and (5) if you know in advance whether you will be taking your dinner home with you. Take-out containers are sold for \$1 each, or you may bring your own. Our prices remain: members \$11; non-members \$13; children \$6, and leftovers \$6.

What's for Dinner?

December 3: **Brewer's Plate by The Bischoff/Robinson Family:** Homemade bread, beet and cucumber salad, bratwurst and weisswurst served with sauerkraut and warm German potato salad, with apple strudel for dessert.

Seasonal beers will be for SALE and are matched with the dinner!

December 10: DINNER MAY BE CANCELLED UNLESS SOMEONE VOLUNTEERS TO COOK!

NO DINNERS FOR THE REST OF 2016

January 7: Chili cook-off – no reservations required.

January 14: Gardeners Gild's delicious short rib dinner.

January 21: Scholar's Gild.

January 28: Age of Aquarius: ...wear your stars, moons, peace sign or anything that suits you. The Phalans, the Schwaber/ Whipples, the Henry/Schweers, and the O'Regans are cooking this down-to-earth dinner of comfort food of roast pork loin, mashed potatoes, glazed roasted carrots, salad, garlic bread, and apple/cranberry crisp for dessert!

February 2: Vegan dinner by Cindy Cohen

February 11: RESCHEDULED BURNS SUPPER



BRIDGE GILD

We play in the Bratten Room of the Lower Gild Hall the first and third Thursdays of the month from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Our December dates are December 1 and December 15. The January 2017 dates are January 5 and 19. The cost is \$1 for members and \$2 for non-members.

SEE YOU THERE!



SWIM GILD

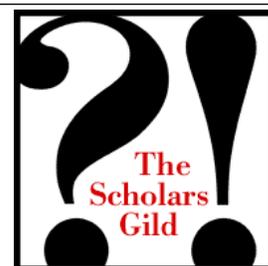
The 3rd Annual Chili Cook-off hosted by the Swim Gild is scheduled for Saturday, January 7, 2017, at the Arden Gild Hall. It will run from 6:00 -9:00 PM. If you make great chili, sign up with Hope Zucker at 302-740-2340 to enter. The bigger the variety of entries the better! Traditional beef or turkey chili, version chili, chicken chili, veggie chili, seafood chili, vegan chili; whatever you make the best, enter it in the contest! Entrants must drop off the chili between 3:00 and 5:00 PM. People who enjoy tasting chili and would like to vote for your favorite chili: \$10 gets you in and all the tastings plus 3 votes for best chili. Beer and soda will be sold. Entrants must also pay \$10 to taste, but no cost to enter the contest.



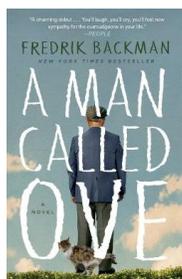
SCHOLARS GILD

The Scholars Gild discussions are held at 7:30 PM on the third Tuesday of the month (except July and August) in the Lower Gild Hall.

On Tuesday, December 20, author Seamus McGraw will lead our discussion on climate change. Climate change has become one of the most polarizing issues of our time. Extremists on the left regularly issue hyperbolic jeremiads about the impending destruction of the environment, while extremists on the right counter with crass, tortured denials. But out in the vast middle are ordinary people dealing with stronger storms and more intense droughts than they've ever known. This middle ground is the focus of Mr. McGraw's 2015 book "Betting the Farm on a Drought," a lively, thought-provoking book that lays out the whole story of climate change. (<http://seamusmcgraw.com/>).



LIBRARY GILD



Booklist starred (May 15, 2014 (Vol. 110, No. 18))

At 59, Ove is a grumble Gus of the first degree. Rules are made to be followed, signs are meant to be obeyed, and don't even get him started about computers and mobile phones. In truth, Ove has been this way his whole life, but he's gotten worse in the last four years since his wife, Sonia, died, taking with her all the color in a world Ove sees as black-and-white. Ove has decided life without Sonia is not worth living and plans to join her in the next world. But a young couple and their two children (a third is on the way) move in next door, his oldest friend and most feared enemy is about to be forcibly removed to a nursing home, and a street-scarred cat insinuates itself into his life. Suddenly, Ove's suicide plans get delayed as he helps solve neighborly crises large and small. Though Ove's dark mission mitigates any treacly upstaging by animals and small children, readers seeking feel-good tales with a message will rave about the rantings of this solitary old man with a singular outlook. If there was an award for Most Charming Book of the Year, this first novel by a Swedish blogger-turned-overnight-sensation would win hands down.

Librarian's Pick!

From time to time the librarians will share something they have recently read and enjoyed. This is mine. I read it for something to do and could not put it down so I heartily agree with the review posted below. Not a laugh a minute, but a warm-hearted read. (How could I not like it, it features a cat and Saabs?) Stop in Sunday afternoon from 2:30 to 4 PM, Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9 PM, Thursday afternoon from 3:30 to 5 PM, or after any regular Saturday Dinner Gild dinner to check out *A Man Called Ove* or one of our other many choices.

-Elizabeth Varley

FOLK DANCERS GILD

December 4, Sun.: Box & String (band), Bill Quern (fiddle, mando, banjo, melodian, harmonica) and Sarah Gowen (guitar, concertina), Miranda Weinberg (fiddle), with calling by Jan Alter; 1:30-2 PM Contra dance lesson, dance 2-5 PM. \$9 Arden Club members, \$10 non-members, students \$5.

December 7, Wed.: Jenny Brown leading International Folk and some English dancing, 7:30-9:30 PM, \$4, \$5.

December 14, Wed.: Israeli dancing with Sharon Kleban, 7:30-9:30 PM, \$4, \$5.

December 21, Wed.: Jenny Brown leading International Folk and some English dancing, 7:30-9:30 PM, \$4, \$5.

December 28, Wed.: Israeli dancing with Sharon Kleban, 7:30-9:30 PM, \$4, \$5.

January 1, 2017, Sunday: New Year's Day Dances - International Folk Sounds 2-5 PM, Pot-Luck 5-7 PM, Contra dance 7-10 PM, with Dave Weisler and Friends -Katie McNally, Catherine Miller (both on fiddles), Mark Hillegonds (calling). All-day: members \$21, non-members \$23, students \$13. One dance: \$11 members, \$12 non-members, \$7 students.

January 4, Wed.: Jenny Brown International Folk & English Country, 7:30-9:30 PM, \$4, \$5.

January 11, Wed.: Israeli dancing with Sharon Kleban, 7:30-9:30 PM, \$4, \$5.

January 15, Sunday: Contra - Mason Dixon Contra Dance Orchestra: Baltimore Open Band and SPUDS band from Philadelphia, Susan Taylor and Jan Alter (calling), \$10, \$11, students \$5, 2-5 PM, Potluck dinner and Jamming 5-7:30 PM.

January 18, Wed.: Jenny Brown International Folk & English Country, 7:30-9:30 PM, \$4, \$5.

January 19 - May 11: Scottish/English dance classes resume with Terry Harvey on Thursdays; about 12 Lessons, members: \$40, others \$50; 7:30-9:30 PM. Scottish/English Social Dance with live music: 8:00-11:00 PM. \$9, \$10.

January 25, Wed.: Israeli dancing with Sharon Kleban, 7:30-9:30 PM, \$4, \$5.



For more info: Call Ann 302-478-7257 or June 610-277-0844, or see website: Ardenclub.org. Also see Facebook on Arden Folk Dance.

New Year's Eve Potluck and Dance



Come dance the New Year in with one of Wilmington's best dance bands, Universal Funk Order. U.F.O. is bringing their old funk sounds with full horn section with a young attitude that will rock you out of your seats and on to the dance floor!

Tickets are \$25, \$20 for Arden club members; beer, wine, and soda are included. Bring a dish to share for potluck.

Doors open at 8 PM. Band starts at 9 PM. Call or text George for reservations - 302-562-2215.

The Gift of Membership

As you search for just the right gift for friends and family this year, consider the gift of membership in The Arden Club. The Arden Club offers something of interest for almost everyone. Gilds include Ardensingers, Bridge Guild, Concert Guild, Dinner Guild, Folk and Contra Dancing Guild, Gardeners Guild, Library Guild, Poetry Guild, Scholars Guild, Shakespeare Guild, and Arden Swim Club. Best of all, residency in the Ardens is not required for membership. A gift of membership in the Arden Club is a gift that has value all year. Club members are eligible for discounts at many gild events including dinners, concerts, theater performances, and more!

Annual Membership Fees

\$20 for Adult Members, ages 18 through 64

\$15 for Senior Members, age 65 and older

\$ 7 for Junior Members, ages 3 through 17

\$50 for Household Membership, includes all adults and children
residing at the same address

Pathway Patron Memberships

(special support with benefit packages increasing with donation levels)

\$75/Clubhouse, \$150/Rocky Walk, \$300/The Glen

\$500/Indian Circle & \$1000/Milky Way

Find more information about the benefits of membership in the Arden Club brochure.

Because the Arden Club is an IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, membership dues and many other contributions to the Arden Club are tax deductible to the donor.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Time to Renew?

Check your mailing label on the back page. The end date of your Club membership is there. To renew, send in this form. **Questions?** Call Debbie Ricard, 302 529-1510, or visit the Membership page of our website, www.ArdenClub.org. **To correct an address or ask about expiration dates**, please call Pat and Linda Toman at 302 475-7508.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

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Phone(s) _____

Email _____

To learn about the benefits of "Clubhouse" and higher levels of Pathways memberships, visit the Membership page of our website: www.ArdenClub.org.

Regular and Pathway Memberships

- Adult: 18-64, \$20
- Senior: 65 and over, \$15
- Junior, 3-17, \$7
- Household (all at one address): Maximum = \$50.
- *Clubhouse Path level: 1 membership, \$75
- *Rocky Walk level: 1 or multiple memberships, \$150
- *The Glen level: 1 or multiple memberships, \$300
- *Indian Circle level: 1 or multiple memberships, \$500
- *Milky Way Path level: 1 or multiple memberships, \$1,000

*Eligible for year-end drawing of valuable prizes

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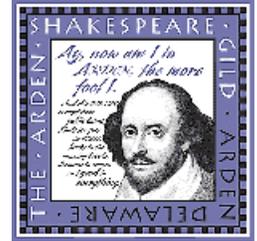
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Make checks payable to "The Arden Club, Inc."
Mail this form and your check to The Arden Club,
2126 The Highway, Arden, DE 19810-4059.

SHAKESPEARE GILD

Auditions/Registration for Young Actors Workshop

December 3, 1 PM at the Arden Gild Hall



Registration and group auditions for the nineteenth annual Young Actors Workshop will take place on Saturday, December 3, 2016, at the Gild Hall in Arden. This 6-week workshop under the direction of Arden Shakespeare Gild members will begin on January 7, 2017 and culminate in a February 12, 2017 performance. Short scenes and monologues from Shakespeare plays are the focus of the workshop. Rehearsals of 90 minutes each are held on Saturdays between 9:30 AM and 3:30 PM. Children are grouped in age-related groups. All young actors between 6 -16 years old are invited. For information call Mary Catherine Kelley at (302) 655 1253.

A Midsummer Night's Dream

The Shakespeare Gild's summer production for 2017, A Midsummer Night's Dream directed by Tanya Lazar will hold auditions on March 13 and 14 at 7 PM, with call backs if necessary on March 16. Rehearsals will begin in late March or early April. Needed are men and women of various ages, including several young people. Musicians, especially some who can read music, will also be welcome. The Shakespeare Gild also welcomes anyone who would like to help "backstage," in various areas of production.

The play focuses on three distinct groups: The court of Theseus, the "rude mechanicals" (i.e., blue collar craftsmen), and the Fairy Kingdom. The first two groups will be in modern dress, the fairies will be in their own world.

The production is scheduled for the second, third, and fourth weeks in June.

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