2019 Pathways Patron Drawing Winner

Congratulations to Catherine Holley, the 2019 winner of the Arden Club’s Pathways Patrons Membership Drawing, held on Thursday, November 14th, at the Arden Club Board meeting. As the winner of this special drawing, Catherine will enjoy the following Arden Club prizes beginning January 1, 2019 and through December 31, 2020:

- 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 Patron 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.

CONCERT GILD

Saturday, February 1, 2020 - 8:00 PM
Front Country with Siobhán O’Brien

$14 Members $17 General Seating - Email concerts@ardenclub.org for member reservations!

“In the bluegrass world, musicians tend to define themselves by their tradition and discipline. But Front Country is defined by its no-rules approach.”-NPR

Front Country starts with bluegrass and then goes wherever their muse takes them. Winners of Newgrass competitions, including at RockyGrass and Telluride, Front Country is 'fronted' by dynamic singer Melody Walker, who won the songwriting competition at MerleFest in 2013. Whether you consider them to be 'progressive bluegrass' or 'action-packed roots-pop', there's nobody on the scene quite like them.

Siobhán O’Brien (born in Limerick, Ireland) is a singer-songwriter who performs with acoustic guitar and harmonica. O’Brien has performed with The San Diego Symphony, The Chieftains at Boston Symphony Hall and supported such acts as Christy Moore, Donovan, Damien Dempsey and Pete Cummings.

Saturday February 15, 2020 - 8:00 PM
Vanessa Collier and Deb Callahan - Night of the Mighty Blues Women

$16 Members $20 General Seating - Email concerts@ardenclub.org for member reservations!

Vanessa Collier and Deb Callahan bring their bands to the Arden Gild Hall to celebrate the 'Night Of The Mighty Blues Women'. Vanessa Collier and Deb Callahan bring their bands to the Arden Gild Hall to celebrate the 'Night Of The Mighty Blues Women'. Vanessa won the Blues Music Award for Best Horn Player this year, and blew the roof off the Hall when she brought her sax onstage to reunite with friend and mentor Joe Louis Walker. She’s a great singer, songwriter and instrumentalist, and is already...
a national star. Sultry and soulful singer and songwriter Deb Callahan has built a large and enthusiastic reputation regionally, and her battle-tested band is one of the best in the mid-Atlantic area.

**Friday, March 6, 2020 - 8:00 PM**
A Tribute to John Wesley Harding Feat. Robert Lloyd, Wesley Stace with special guest John Faye
$17 Members  $20 General - Email concerts@ardenclub.org for member reservations!

Once upon a time, there was an iconic folk singer named John Wesley Harding. He is known for catchy tunes like Kill The Messenger, The Devil in Me, Here Comes The Groom and of course his rousing cover of Madonna’s Like A Prayer. We are thrilled to announce that Wesley Stace has agreed to perform music from John Wesley Harding’s songbook at the Arden Gild Hall on March 6, 2020. He will be accompanied by the exceptional Robert Lloyd on keyboard, mandolin, and accordion, who was recently coaxed out of retirement in order to pay tribute the Harding’s work. Delaware’s own John Faye will open the show, fresh off his reunion show with The Caulfields.

**DRUM CIRCLE**

Instead of our usual 3rd Sunday Drum Circle in December, the Arden Club’s Concert Gild Drum Circle will again host the annual December "Drummers and Dancers" event; a special evening event for Drummers, Twirlers, and Dancers, 8 pm to 11 pm, Friday, December 20, 2019 in the Upper Gild Hall. BYOB and food/snacks to share, Donations are strongly encouraged to help the Club's maintenance and building fund. If anyone is interested in decorating and/or running this event, contact Allan Kleban.

In cold or foul weather our location is inside the Gild Hall, or outside on the Shady Grove stage in warmer weather. Bring your drums, percussives, and positive energy. Events are free and donations are requested. To be added to our e-mailing list, contact Allan Kleban at ardendrumcircle@yahoo.com

**DINNER GILD**

The Club’s Dinner Gild will be hosting several dinners over the next two months. If you see an open date (like January 11!), and you’d like to get together with your friends and create one, please contact Laura Wallace and she will schedule it! We meet on the first Monday of every month, at 7:30pm in the Lower Gild Hall and you are very welcome to join us!

**December 7th:** Our resident Chef, Edmond Bischoff, with friends and family, will serve rustic Panzanella salad with herb-crusted Pecorino Chicken, Tuscan vegetables served with penne pasta in a blush sauce, topped off with Tiramisu for dessert. A veggie option will be available.

**December 14th:** Linda Toman (with friends and family) will prepare a Hanukah dinner for us all: Mississippi Pot Roast (or a veggie nut loaf), potato latkes, oven-roasted Brussels sprouts and finished with off with a delicious apple cake.

***** NO DINNERS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2019 *****

**January 4, 2020:** Annual Swim Gild Chili Cookoff! (See SWIM GILD)

**January 11:** No cooks, no dinner ...

**January 18:** Library Gild dinner: Chicken Marsala with linguini and spring vegetables, Caesar salad, baguettes, creamy mushroom soup. Dessert will be Vanilla ice cream with a toasty-crunchy topping.

**January 25:** SPECIAL EVENT, by Stuart and Mhairi Craig and their crew, The Annual Burns Supper! This is a special dinner with different pricing, so please check the Dinner Gild Facebook page for more info as the time gets closer.
FOLK DANCERS GILD

**December 4 Wed.** Israeli dancing with Marilyn Metter, 7:30-9:30 PM, $4,$5

**December 8th** CONTRA (2nd Sunday) Raise the Roof (Mat Clark - fiddle and mando, Judi Stellar - hammered dulcimer and banjo, Kathy Talvitie - piano and guitar, Bob Pasquarello - bass). Calling by Mark Hillegonds, 2 PM Contra Dance Lesson, Dance 2:30-5:30 PM, $9 Arden Club members, $10 non-members, $5 students.

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

**December 18 Wed.** Line Dancing with Eric Mosley leading says: Come out and join us on the dance floor for an awesome fusion of country, pop and soul, line and couples dance with 6:30 PM LESSONS ranging from beginner to intermediate. 7:00-9:30 PM $4, $5.

**December 25 Wed.** NO DANCE - Happy Christmas Day!

**December 29 Sunday** AIM Arden In Motion at 3-5 PM Lower Gild Hall - Arden In Motion - Stretch! Move! Explore! Get rejuvenated as you are lead through stretching and informal dance/movement improvisation to live music featuring WOZ (band) and members of the Arden Drum Circle. Cost Best donation $15, Minimum Donation: $5 Seniors, Kids under 12 free with adult.

**January 1, 2020 Wednesday** New Year’s Day Dances, afternoon
International Folk Dance 2:30-5 PM- with John Matulis on accordion, and Dottie Yacek-Matulis (sings, domra, doumek); recorded music 2-2:30 and during the break. Cost: $9/members; $10/non-members; $6/students

**January 1, 2020** Pot-Luck Dinner Lower Gild Hall 5-7 PM. Bring a dish to share.

**January 1, 2020 Wednesday** New Year’s Day Dances, evening
CONTRA Dance 7-10 PM Dave Wiesler (keyboard, guitar), Mara Shea and James MacQueen (both play fiddle.) Calling by Christine Merryman,
Cost: $11/members; $12/non-members; $7/students
Both sessions - $19/members; $21/non-members; $12/students

**January 9, 16, 23, 30. February 6,13,20,27; and March 5,12,19,26 THURSDAY nights 7:30-9:30**
Scottish/English Dance Lessons Taught by Terry Harvey and Michael Wood; March 27 Friday night is SOCIAL dance. Cost is non-members: $8/Lesson or $60 for series of 12 Lessons ; Arden Club members: $7/Lesson or $48 for series; Students $5 or $30 for series

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**January 15 Wed.** Line Dancing with Eric Mosley leading says: Come out and join us on the dance floor for an awesome fusion of country, pop and soul, line and couples dance with 6:30 PM LESSONS ranging from beginner to intermediate. 7:00-9:30 PM $4, $5.

**January 22 Wed.** Israeli dancing with Marilyn Metter, 7:30-9:30 PM, $4,$5

**January 26 Sunday** AIM Arden In Motion at 3-5 PM Lower Gild Hall - Arden In Motion - Stretch! Move! Explore! Get rejuvenated as you are lead through stretching and informal dance/movement improvisation to live music featuring WOZ (band) and members of the Arden Drum Circle. Cost Best donation $15, Minimum Donation: $5 Seniors, Kids under 12 free with adult.

**January 29 Wed.** Folk dancing with Lorraine Cohn, 7:30-9:30 PM, $4,$5

For more information, call 302-478-7257 or 610-277-0844. And, find us on FACEBOOK: Arden Folk Dance, or website: ardenclub.org
GARDENERS GILD

Our Gardeners Gild enjoyed a presentation about how we can help our birds survive the winter, given by Lorene Athey of the Delaware Nature Society. For starters, try to not rake all your leaves! If you need to save some grass, how about raking the leaves to your garden beds, where they will provide homes for hundreds of insects and caterpillars! Another tip is to leave some wood -- perhaps a log, a pile of twigs and branches, even the stump of an ex-tree -- for bird habitats, as well as all those insects and caterpillars! In addition, she showed us many great plantings to encourage and protect birds at every time of year, from big trees to smaller trees and shrubs, to various plants and grasses.

On January 20 we’ll welcome back Tom Borkowski, who will surely delight us again, and we already have speakers lined up for most of the spring, so please plan to join us on third Mondays in the Lower Gild Hall, beginning at 7:30PM. There is no charge, although we welcome donations to our Arden Club!

SWIM GILD

SAVE THE DATE!
The Annual Chili Cook Off will be Saturday, January 4, 2020, from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Gild Hall. $10 per person plus a cash bar for beer, wine, and soda.
Chili entrants please contact Hope at 302-740 2340.
The Arden Club pool is closed for the season, although in the summer months, it’s a wonderful place to cool off, get exercise, and make new friends!

LIBRARY GILD

New books for the library! Selections also include four new titles by Louise Penny: The Cruelest Month, A Rule Against Murder, A Great Reckoning, and Glass Houses.
If you would like to be one of our “book buddies,” email Kathleen Jost (kathleen@josts.us) to make your request and we will deliver it to you.

Join us on January 18, 2020 for the Library Gild’s Saturday night dinner.

Can Scotland Yard DS Duncan Kincaid and his wife, DI Gemma James, sit back and enjoy their Cotswolds weekend at fancy Beck House? Not when a car smashup and several unexpected deaths proclaim anxiety for the celebrated chef catering a glittery charity luncheon at the estate. -Library Journal (May 1, 2019)

Nat, a 47 year-old veteran of Britain’s Secret Intelligence, Service, believes his years as an agent runner are over. He is back in London with his wife, the long-suffering Prue, although with the growing threat from MoscowCentre, the office has one more job for him. Nat is to take over The Haven, a defunct substation of London General with a rag-tag band of spies. The only bright light on the team is young Florence, who has her eye on Russia Department and a Ukrainian oligarch with a finger in the Russia pie.
Bil Bryson (The Road to Little Dribbling), well known for his travel narratives and, more recently, his popular scientific works, turns his humorous and curious eye to the human body. Through anecdotes about scientific history and startling facts that seem too extraordinary to be true, like: the DNA in one person, if stretched out, would measure billions of miles and reach beyond Pluto, Bryson draws the reader into his subject.

The Library Gild is going to resume our Author Evenings soon. Details will be announced on our Facebook page. If you or anyone you know is a local author who wishes to present at one of these evenings, please contact Kathleen Jost at kathleen@josts.us.

SCHOLARS GILD

Tuesday, December 17, 2019, at 7:30 pm in the Upper Gild Hall
Enjoy an evening of history, beer, and legend as historian John Medkeff weaves for us the story of the king of beer, King Gambrinus, together with Delaware’s long tradition of brewing and, of course, drinking. Did you know that you are driving right on top of Delaware’s brewing history every time you drive on I-95 through Wilmington? Did you know that women did most of the brewing in the late 1600’s and early 1700’s? Mr. Medkeff will also discuss the significance of Delaware’s King Gambrinus statue, and the effort to preserve the iconic statue for long-term public display. Come find out more about the fascinating history of beer in Delaware in this lively Scholars evening.

A native and resident Wilmington, John Medkeff Jr. has been researching, writing, and speaking about Delaware beer and brewing history since 1996. As Delaware’s foremost expert on state brewing history, he has written articles on First State beer history for both local and national publications.

We are also very excited that Bellefonte Brewing Company will be serving beer to complement the experience of the evening free of charge. Established in 2016, Bellefonte offers an array of popular ales, lagers, and goses at their brewery in Marshallton, Delaware, and select dispensaries in the region. The company will soon be opening a second location, just south of Arden in the Plaza III Shopping Center on Marsh Road.

The Scholars Gild meets the third Tuesday of the month, September through June. Follow the “Arden Scholars’ Gild” on Facebook to get all the updates. If you would like to receive email notifications about this or future Scholars Gild events, contact the Scholars Gild via jborders444@gmail.com. There is no fee to attend Scholars Gild discussions. Please consider making a donation at the door to help cover the costs of putting on these events and to support the Arden Club.

AI and Machine Learning Demystified
Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 7:30 pm in the Upper Gild Hall
Recent advances in computing technology, large data-set availability, and algorithmic breakthroughs have ushered in a new era of machine learning, especially ‘deep neural networks’. What are ‘Artificial Intelligence’, ‘Machine Learning’ and ‘Deep Neural Networks’? How do we even know when a machine is ‘intelligent’? Dr. Rishi Khan will discuss the differences among these terms, their history, and the math behind them in layman’s terms. He’ll discuss where AI works, and what are its blind spots. You’ll hear about amazing cases of fakery, creativity, and epic fails. You’ll see examples of machines that can answer trivia questions, derive math theorems, discover physics relationships, identify cancer, write music, compose news articles, autonomously drive cars and make anyone say anything. But you’ll also see examples of machines that can’t tell the difference between a panda and a gibbon, a 3 and a 9, a stop sign and a 45 MPH speed limit sign. Expect to leave this discussion with an appreciation of what AI is, how it works, when it works, and what’s on the frontier. You may never see AI or the world in the same way. You take the blue pill—the story ends, you wake up in your bed and believe whatever you want to believe. You take the red pill—you come to Scholar’s Gild Evening, and Dr. Khan shows you how deep the rabbit hole goes!

Dr. Rishi Khan has spent his career building software and hardware to extract knowledge from massive
data sets. He has a BS in Computer Engineering and a PhD in Computational Biology. After his PhD, he led an R&D team at a small startup to build high performance computing (HPC) parallel system software for the DOE and DOD. Whether it’s billion node, trillion edge graphs or orchestrating hundreds of thousands of enterprise systems, he gets his jollies from extracting actionable insight from large datasets.

**BRIDGE GILD**

The Bridge Gild meets regularly in the Bratton Room (downstairs) in the Gild Hall on the first and third Thursdays of every month, including both December and January.

We look forward to having you join us!

**SHAKESPEARE GILD**

The Young Actors Workshop will hold its annual audition/registration on December 7 for children ages 6 to 16. This year the audition will be held at the Buzz Ware Village Center from 1 pm to 3 pm. This is a wonderful introduction for young actors to perform the works of the Bard. They work on scenes from the various plays, guided by adult members of the Shakespeare Gild. The culmination of their efforts is presented on February 9 on the stage of the Gild Hall. The cost is $30 per individual, $50 per family.

*The Shakespeare Gild meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30. All are welcome.*

**ARDENSINGERS GILD**

**Christmas at the Tower**

with - St. George & the Dragon, a mummers play  
**Shows:** Fri. Dec. 6 & 13 at 8pm, Sat. Dec. 7 & 14 at 2pm

It’s 16th Century London, and the town is in a festive mood, with traditional songs and dance, processions, folk plays, mischief, and general merry-making, all intended to chase the dark winter away! A highlight of the show will be presentation of a mummers play, St. George and the Dragon, by our young actors. Ticket sales information is available from our website, [www.ardensingers.org](http://www.ardensingers.org). E-mail us at ardensingers@gmail.com with questions, or call John Trexler at (484) 319-2350.

**Gilbert & Sullivan's "Princess Ida"**

**Shows:** April 24 - May 2, 2020 at the Gild Hall  
May 16, 2020 at the Smyrna Opera House

Princess Ida tells the hilarious tale of a princess and prince whose marriage was arranged when they were infants. Prince Hilarion has been waiting 20 years to meet his bride, but learns instead that Princess Ida will not honor the commitment, and has gone off to start a women’s college. In an attempt to woo her, Hilarion and two companions dress up as maidens and sneak into the school. Violence between the two families looks certain, but true love prevails!

Rehearsals will be Sunday afternoons (2 - 4:30pm) and Tuesday evenings (7:30 - 10pm), starting with our Kick-off Party on Sunday January 19th.

Lead roles were cast at auditions in late August, but we’d welcome additional singers and actors for the chorus, and assistance on our business and production committees (including trainees). Contact us at [ardensingers@gmail.com](mailto:ardensingers@gmail.com) for more information, or to express interest in joining us. The cast list, and additional information about the show, is available from our website, [www.ardensingers.org](http://www.ardensingers.org).
WRITERS GILD

The Arden Writers Gild, in conjunction with The Arden Club, gathers on the second Tuesday of every month at 7PM for a two hour mini-retreat. We meet in The Arden Gild Hall Library. Our casual and inclusive family is open to anyone looking to be inspired by the power of words. Our small group format encourages dialogue and sharing without criticism. We do not critique work; instead, we use our stories and poems (or stories and poems by authors we love) to launch discussions about life and our common humanity. You don’t have to be a writer to join our family, just be willing to listen respectfully and to respond in positive and affirming ways. Warm cookies are provided as an added incentive! We hope to see you soon!

ARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP

If you aren’t a member, we hope that you will become one soon -- the Arden Club welcomes you!

If you are a member, please keep your membership current!

When does a Membership expire? The expiration date of your membership is on the top right corner of your mailing label. To renew, fill in this form and mail it with your check to:

Arden Club Membership 2126 The Highway
Arden DE, 19810-4059

Questions? Change of Address? Email us at membership@ardenclub.org.

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Date of Application ___________________________________________________________________

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

Regular Memberships: (Please enter the number of members)

____ Adult: 18-64, $25
____ Senior: 65 and over, $20
____ Junior, 3-17, $10
____ Household (all at one address): Max = $60
____*Clubhouse Path: 1 membership, $75
____*Rocky Walk: 1 or multiple members, $150
____*The Glen: 1 or multiple members, $300
____*Indian Circle: 1 or multiple members, $500
____*MilkyWay Path: 1 or multiple members, $1K

*Eligible for year-end drawing of valuable prizes

I am enclosing $___________________

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Arden, DE 19810-4059
December 2019 – January 2020 Arden Club Calendar

NEW YEAR’S EVE PARTY! PARTY!
AT THE GILD HALL, 8:00 PM
DECEMBER 31, 2019
BEER, WINE, CHAMPAGNE TOAST and HORS D’OEUVRES

Live music by CRASH HARRIS

Arden Club Members $30 EACH
NON-MEMBERS $35 EACH

a fundraiser for the arden club

ARDEN PROM

Sequins, suits, ruffles, satin... Wear your finest prom night fashion!

Saturday, Feb 8, 7:00-11:00pm Desserts, drinks, and dancing at Arden Gild Hall

$25 PER PERSON FOR CLUB MEMBERS $35 PER PERSON FOR NON-MEMBERS

Reserve tickets at ardenprom@gmail.com or 302.290.7572

ADMISSION INCLUDES DESSERTS, DANCING, & TWO DRINK TICKETS, AGES 21 AND UP.
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