A NOTE FROM OUR ARDEN CLUB PRESIDENT, Pat Toman

Thank you to all the individuals and families who so generously contributed to the Arden Club Annual Renovation Fund. A total of over $7,000 was collected and will be used for various capital improvement projects we have identified for this coming year.

Many contributed to the honor or memory of someone important in their lives. Included were Richard Brown, Larry Lipstein, Donna Dreisbach, Heidi Springer, Helen Winslow, Murray Laskey, June Kleban, Steven Threefoot, Robert Beavins, and ... Ron Ozer’s Birthday!

Thank you again to all who have contributed AND your continued support of the Arden Club.

ARDE suspicious

ARDEN PROM  A fundraiser for the Arden Club
February 8th at 7 pm
Prepay $25 for Members $35 for Nonmembers
$40 at the door ... if we are not sold out!
Music by DJ James Evans Entertainment Dessert Buffet
Photos by Moonloop Photography
Beer, Wine, and signature cocktail punch
2 complementary drink tickets

Come alone, come with friends, come as you are!

Reserve tickets at ardenprom@gmail.com or call 302.290.7572

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
Come join us for a drum jam every 3rd Sunday, January to November, 1 to 3 pm. In February, we’ll meet on Sunday the 16th!

In cold or foul weather our location is inside the Gild Hall. We’ll gather 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

FOLK GILD
February 2 Sunday: CONTRA dance David Wiesler (keyboard, guitar) and David Knight (fiddle), with Caroline Barnes (caller). 2 PM Contra Dance Lesson, Dance 2:30-5:30 PM, $9 Arden Club members, $10 non-members, $5 students.
February 5 Wed: Folk dancing with Jenny Brown, 7:30-9:30 PM, $4,$5
February 12 Wed: Israeli dancing with Sharon Kleban, 7:30-9:30 PM, $4,$5
February 19 Wed: Line Dancing with Eric Mosley leading, who 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.
February 26 Wed: Israeli dancing with Marilyn Metter, 7:30-9:30 PM, $4,$5
February 29 Sunday: AIM - Arden In Motion at 3-5 PM Upper Hall. Stretch! Move! Explore! Get rejuvenated as you led 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.
March 1 Sunday: Grip It & Rip It (band) with calling by Don Flaherty, Rich Meyers on mandolin, Larry Feldman on fiddle, Mark Schultz on banjo, Ed Borghi on guitar, Ron Greenstein on acoustic bass, 2 PM Contra Dance Lesson, Dance 2:30-5:30 PM, $9 Arden Club members, $10 non-members, $5 students.

Find us on FACEBOOK: Arden Folk Dance, or website: ardenclub.org
DINNER GILD

Regular dinner prices are $12 for adults who are Arden Club members, $15 for adult non-members, $7 for children 12 and under, and $7/8 for takeout meals (depending on whether you need to purchase a container). For dinner reservations, please contact Claire at 302-792-7139 or adgreservations@gmail.com. If you would like a vegetarian meal, request it clearly as you make your reservation: usually only as many veggies dinners are made as there are requests. So, no last-minute (Saturday evening) requests, please!

February 1: Ivy Gables will prepare Caesar Salad, Medallions of balsamic- and herb-encrusted beef tenderloin with madeira demi-glace, white sweet potato, fresh asparagus, bread pudding with fresh whipped cream.

Feb 8: Enjoy the Arden Prom! It will be upstairs and has its own pricing.

February 15: Games Gild: The Famous Rochester Garbage Plate! Cheeseburger, macaroni with special sauce; veggie option will be a portobello mushroom “burger”

February 22 Harvey Road Crew: Spinach Lasagna with meat -- no meat for vegetarian dinners -- roasted broccoli, garlic bread, plus salad and dessert (to be determined)!

February 29 Arden Woods Counseling and Families: Delicious Butter Chicken with a vegetarian option of veggie butter chickpeas, with the rest of menu still to be determined. Check FB later in February!

March 7: Bridge Gild: Coconut vegetable curry. The rest of menu to be determined. Look for the March Calendar to report the full menu!

The Dinner Gild will be hosting several dinners over the next months. If you see an open date and you’d like to get together with your friends and create a meal for our community, please contact Laura Wallace and she will schedule it! We hold our meetings on the first Monday of every month, at 7:30pm in the Lower Gild Hall and you are very welcome to join us!

GARDENERS GILD

On February 17, we’ll enjoy Gardening Naturally: Small Steps for Big Impact. Join Eileen Hazard, Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator at Mt. Cuba Center, and learn how taking small steps in your yard can make a positive impact on our currently beleaguered environment.

Mt. Cuba Center’s stunning naturalist gardens provide food and shelter for our birds, butterflies and other pollinators; benefit our local water resources; and provide healthy spaces for our guests to enjoy. She will share eco-friendly gardening actions, practical examples, and plenty of native plant suggestions so you can do the same at home. You’ll be inspired to enhance your yard and community garden with native plants and will be equipped with practical advice to get started eco-gardening this spring!

Mt. Cuba Center is a native plant botanical garden and conservation organization located just a few miles away in Hockessin, Delaware. This former farmland was transformed by the Copeland family into lush gardens featuring both formal and naturalistic areas, as well as over 1000 acres of preserved open space.

Eileen is currently the Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator at Mt. Cuba Center. Eileen focuses on sharing the message of conservation and native plants with the local community and developing partnerships with like-minded institutions. Her role also includes managing Mt. Cuba Center’s volunteers and citizen scientists. Prior to joining Mt Cuba, Eileen worked at a local watershed organization and as an environmental consultant, and has degrees from Lafayette College and the University of Vermont.

Please plan to join us on third Mondays in the Lower Gild Hall.
And join our FB page: Arden Club Gardeners Gild
SHAKESPEARE GILD

SAVE THE DATE(S) -- it’s going to be a busy spring and summer!

The YOUNG ACTORS WORKSHOP will present the talents of 18 young people performing scenes from the Bard’s plays under the directorship of adult members of the Shakespeare Gild on Sunday, February 9, on stage in the Gild Hall.

AUDITIONS for our summer production of As You Like It will be held on March 9 and 10, with call-backs on March 12. Directed by Mary Catherine Kelley, rehearsals will be on Sundays, Mondays, and Thursdays, beginning on April 6.

On MARCH 17 we will present a lecture on As You Like It by Linda Emerick, a Shakespeare scholar and teacher (under the joint sponsorship of the Shakespeare and Scholars Gilds).

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

LIBRARY GILD

“Calling All Books: Please Come Home, We Miss You”

To all the avid readers in the Ardens (and environs), The Library Gild is still looking for some very overdue books. Please take a few moments to look around your shelves and tables for anything that has an Arden Library Gild label on it. We are currently offering Overdue Book Amnesty until the end of February. Since we have had some positive responses and we haven’t gotten all the overdue notices mailed, we have extended this amnesty period.

Beginning March 1st, 2020, we will start sending out overdue book notices on a regular basis AND fines will be charged for overdue books. Rates are going up to $1 per book per week. Patrons will also be responsible for the replacement cost of lost or damaged books. Patrons with outstanding fines will need to clear them before lending privileges are renewed. Yes, we know this sounds like a major change, we just ask you to look at it from our standpoint, our resources are limited, and we need to be good stewards of the material under our care.

If you would like to see our new material as it comes in, (and we do have some great new titles) consider volunteering to be a librarian. The time commitment is modest, we ask for one day per month and our open times are only an hour and a half. If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth Varley at eliz.varley@gmail.com for more information.

SWIM GILD

The Annual Chili Cook Off (held January 4) was a great success!

Thank you -- to everyone who brought their wonderful Chilis, and to everyone who came out to enjoy them!

♥♥♥♥♥ Sunday, February 15th, 9am to noon-ish: VALENTINE’S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST! We will be serving up blueberry or plain pancakes, and sausage (a veggie sausage option will be available).

Coffee, Tea, OJ, Milk, and Mimosas (for a small extra fee).

♥♥♥♥♥♥ EVERYONE IS WELCOME!  Adults, $7 and kids $5. ♥♥♥♥♥♥

The Arden Club pool is currently closed, although in the summer months, it’s a wonderful place to cool off, get exercise, and make new friends.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT Hope Zucker
SCHOLARS GILD

Tuesday, February 18, 2019, at 7:30 pm in the Upper Gild Hall
The Tricky Business of Balancing Feminism and Multiculturalism

Most liberals (including the speaker) believe in both feminism and multiculturalism, but are these values easily compatible? Feminism is about equal respect and opportunity for women. Multiculturalism advances the idea of cultural rights and cultural equality. Although the majority of cultures accord higher status to men, the gendered practices of some cultural groups living within liberal democracies seem extreme and unhealthy to women and girls. Some examples include restrictive dress, confinement to the domestic sphere, child marriage, female genital cutting and honor killing. Some of the questions raised in this discussion are: Should women and men from the dominant culture speak for women within special cultural groups? Can we achieve unity across such diverse lines? When a government demands that women in a cultural/religious minority conform to the standards of the larger culture, are they helping the women to progress or squeezing them into an impossible role where they’re more restricted than ever? How do feminist initiatives play out on the world stage? A range of policies across Europe and the United States have been enacted to deal with these cultural practices that exist within growing immigrant and refugee populations. Most of these policies have been fueled by ethnocentrism and prejudice, although there has been concern as well. In general they have been top-heavy, put in place by law makers that have not bothered to listen to the women involved. As we welcome immigrants and refugees to our neighborhoods, it’s important to have a conversation that addresses some of the cultural tensions that may occur.

Reference note: This topic explores and updates the content of a 1999 book by Susan Okin (1946-2004), Is Multiculturalism Bad for Women? She poses that question in her first essay and includes 15 follow up essays by scholars who expand and/or critique her premise.

Suzanne Cherrin has a PhD in Sociology from the University of Delaware. After graduation, she became core faculty in the University’s Women and Gender Studies department. She originally taught courses on women’s status in the United States, but went on to develop the department’s first international course, expanded the number of global courses and specialized in teaching courses on gender in Latin America. She co-authored a textbook, Women, Families and Feminist Politics: a global exploration. Her interest in women’s rights, culture and political dynamics worldwide prompted focused travel missions that included: 1) leading a Women’s Studies mission to China through the “People to People”; 2) serving as a “fellow” to a human rights session of the Salzburg Seminar in Austria; 3) conducting research in Nicaragua; 4) co-leading two study abroad programs to Buenos Aires, Argentina. Since retirement she has been taking courses at the Life Long Learning Institute and exploring her passions of film, dance and politics. She lives in Ardentown. Ask her about her doctoral dissertation because she believes it’s particularly relevant today.

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.

BRIDGE GILD

Like to have an evening with some easygoing folks and play some cards as well? Come join the Bridge Gild on Thursday evenings! We play the first and third Thursday of the month and in the months there is a fifth Thursday, we play that day as well. To be specific, this year those dates are: April 30, July 30, October 29. (While December also has a fifth Thursday we won’t gather as it is New Year’s Eve.) Even if your bridge skills are a little rusty or you are still learning, come and join us for some informal lessons. The game starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Bratton Room (the room next to the lower hall).
WRITERS GILD

Join The Arden Writers’ Gild!
(Sponsored by The Arden Club)

Featuring New Works by Local Authors
Dusted-Off Works by Dead Writers
Lively Discussion Fueled by Warm Cookies!
2nd Tuesday of Each Month, at the Arden Gild Hall

ARDENSINGERS

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!

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 for more information, or to express interest in joining us. The
cast list, and additional information about the show, is available from our
ARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

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

Name(s) ____________________________________________________________

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Phone(s) ________________________________

Email ________________________________

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

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