CONCERT GILD

At press time your Arden Concert Gild was finalizing plans for some Livestream shows from our Gild Hall, so stay tuned to ardenconcerts.com for that info. We also will have new partner, Livestreams, kept up to date on our new Partner Show website, https://ardenconcerts.com/partners.

First up, we are excited to announce a partnership with Town Hall, the great upper West Side venue in Manhattan with a legendary history. This co-production will feature Judy Collins re-creating her 1964 Town Hall show which was a popular live recording including her first Bob Dylan covers, streaming ticket for this February 12 show with 2 days of continuing access on sale very soon at ardenconcerts.com. The other concert is the wonderful Portuguese singer Mariza, live from a Fado bar in Lisbon streaming January 29. Again a co-production with Arden, we are helping produce each of these shows to receive a considerable portion of each ticket.

Meanwhile here are a few of the partner shows we want to highlight:

**January 10, 2021 (4 pm ET)** – A special matinee show focused on the band’s favorite cover songs + Jayhawks classics

**THE JAYHAWKS**
On our list of “bands we would love to play Gild Hall”, we are excited to offer The Jayhawks show online to Arden fans in a partnership which provides a portion of each ticket to our still basically closed barn. Arden’s ticket link is at ardenconcerts.com/partners.

The band has constructed a replica of their secret lakeside retreat Camp Jayhawk, and will be broadcasting live with a full blown stage setup and a multi-camera video crew on Mandolin’s high quality streaming platform.
Arden Gild Hall is proud to partner with the wonderful Molly Tuttle, guitarist extraordinaire and singer-songwriter to bring you access to her LIVESTREAM performance series Thursday, December 3rd & Thursday, December 17th at 8pm EST Tickets are $15 and on sale now at ardenconcerts.com/partners. - A portion of each ticket sold benefits Arden. Watch these shows live as we are not sure replays will be allowed!

December 3 is a night of songs for social change and Dec 17th She’s throwing a pickin’ party with some very special guest instrumentalists.

DINNER GILD

FUNDRAISER TAKE-OUT NIGHT
Saturday December 12th -- Pickup Between 5-6:00PM at the Gild Hall

Please support this fundraiser in honor of George and his Crew, who make all the Gild Hall events we miss so much, possible.

Menu: Chicken Marbella (Chicken first marinated in oil, vinegar, capers, olives, prunes, and herbs, then baked with added brown sugar and white wine). Rice Side, Veg Side/Side Salad, Cookies (Vegetarian Option: Tofu Marbella)

Reservations must be made by December 7th at 5pm via email at ardenprom@gmail.com or via phone at 302.290.7572. Please indicate how many dinners you will be ordering and if any are vegetarian. Payment can be made via Venmo @Jennifer-ONeil-15, check sent directly to the Gild or dropped in the mailbox and cash that evening.

FOLK GILD

Arden In Motion December 2020 and January 2021
Fourth Sunday of the month from 3-4:30 pm:
December 27 and January 24
Guided improvisational dance to LIVE MUSIC on ZOOM, no experience necessary.
For more info contact: ArdeninMotion@gmail.com
Donation ($5-15) link: http://ardenclub.org/donate/
Virtual on ZOOM: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85091610140

Check with Lorraine Cohn 302 691 7134 or email: ofolkdancer@gmail.com for dates and times
December 6 IFD, 13 Israeli, 20 IFD, 27 Israel Sunday morning 10 - 11am.
January 3 IFD, 10 Israeli, 17 IFD, 24 Israeli, 31 IFD Sunday morning 10 – 11am.
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82812168681?pwd=UE15TGN5RVhBbTFLa1E2YkFsVGM1UT09

Meeting ID: 828 1216 8681
Passcode: 175145

DRUM CIRCLE
The Arden Drum Circle has been hosting 'pandemic, socially distanced' Drum Circles outdoors when the weather has been good. We drum on **3rd Sunday’s at 1 pm** in the Shady Grove behind the Gild Hall if there is no rain and the temperature is above 50 degrees with little or no wind. There is a possibility that we might be able to drum indoors at the Hall if the weather is bad.

Keep an eye open for my emails and postings on Facebook’s Arden Drum Circle page about whether the weather cooperates with us or if we are able to play indoors. If you are not on my eMail list, and would like to be, contact me at ardendrumcircle@yahoo.com.

If we are outdoors, please wear a mask until you are situated at the proper distances, bring your own seating and drums or percussion instruments. You may park cars down Pond Lane on the Shady Grove side if you do not want to walk from the parking lot.

**GARDENERS GILD**

Our November meeting featured Elaine Schmerling who was excellent! She related the history of our SLF (Spotted Lantern Fly) Task Force and its varied and important activities to save our trees, since early 2019. Now we have learned that SLF activity – getting rid of them! – is an ongoing, year-long task where everyone can help, and **you are needed**. Begin by scraping their egg masses off trees, on trash, and under ivy (!), among so many other places, and look to FB Gardeners Gild page for group walks to identify them and scrape them into oblivion, usually on Sundays.

In December we will take a virtual (Zoom) tour of the Philadelphia Art Museum’s (PMA) artworks featuring flowers and plants, led by our Gildmistress, who is an active PMA Museum Guide. Something different, no? On **Zoom at 7:30PM, Monday December 14** (yes, it’s the 2nd Monday). Hope to see you there! If you’re not on the mailing list and would like to attend, please email jeana.carey@gmail.com for the Zoom info.

In January, we are pleased to announce that members of the DCH (Delaware Horticultural Society) are going to present their program Delaware Center for Horticulture’s *Branches to Chances* (BTC), a Return-to-Work Program providing economic opportunities and empowering low-to-moderate income persons to achieve self-sufficiency. Through direct services, BTC hires and trains unemployed, underemployed, and previously incarcerated individuals for entry-level positions in the horticulture industry. Upon successful completion of the program, BTC participants have knowledge, skills, and experience in job readiness, personal finance, and horticulture. As of December 2018, 73 men and women successfully completed BTC training, and an **encouraging two-thirds of the graduates went on to secure employment**.

The January meeting will be on **Zoom, Monday January 18 at 7:30PM**. If you don’t receive the Zoom link by January 12, please contact: jeana.carey@gmail.com.

**SHAKESPEARE GILD**
CALLING ALL YOUNG ACTORS!

The Young Actors Workshop (YAW) has been a successful program of the Shakespeare Gild for more than 20 years. Hundreds of young people have participated. Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, we will not be able to present the workshop in the usual format, BUT the Arden Shakespeare Gild has come up with a solution.

This is a chance for each young actor to present a monologue from Shakespeare, directed by one of our Gild team, rehearsed one-on-one, and filmed or streamed as performance.

Each actor MUST have a parent or other adult present during the rehearsals which will last 30-45 minutes. We will be using the same Saturday schedules as we always have and, adhering to Arden Club and CDC rules and guidelines, masking and social distancing will be observed. Example: from 10-10:30, actor A will take the stage with his/her director at least 15-20 feet away. Actor B and companion should not arrive until 10:30 and may wait in the lobby. Actor A finishes and exits through the balcony door, Actor B takes the stage.

On “performance” day, actors will be scheduled in 20, 3-minute increments for the video recording. There may be additional people for filming, light and sound, but no more than 3 others.

We will need you to register by December 12. Enrollment will be limited to 15 young actors ages 6 to 16. The fee is as usual $30.00 per attendee, $50.00 per family. If you are NOT a member of the Arden Club, that separate membership is also required. Registration materials will be posted on the Arden Club web page by end of November. In this year of COVID-19 economic disruptions, if you can’t sign up for financial reasons, please contact us, we may be able to help.

For more information, call Mary Catherine Kelley at 302 655 1253

LIBRARY GILD

Our Arden Library welcomes visitors using COVID 19 safeguards: Only ONE visitor at a time will be allowed in the Library. All visitors are required to wear a correctly-fitted face mask. The Library will have hand sanitizer, and all entering the Library are required to use it when entering the building! The Library will also offer Curbside pick-up of books reserved from the online catalog found here http://ardenclub.org/library-catalog/

The search function, called “Blocks”, is located on the right side of the Green Banner in the center of the page. Books may be searched by Title, Author, or Subject. Please email theardenlibrary@gmail to arrange a window of time for pick-up during our regular hours. Hours are Sunday 2:30-4PM, Wednesday :7:30 – 9, and Thursday 3-4:30 PM.

The library recently received a donation of books by Peter Robinson. For those who haven’t read any of his work, Robinson is an award winning (Martin Beck Award, The Crime Writer’s Association Dagger Awards, Edgar Award, among others) English-Canadian crime writer, best known for his crime novels set in Yorkshire featuring Inspector Alan Banks. Included are the following titles:
A Dedicated Man: 1988 (paper)
A Necessary End (1989) paper
Hanging Valley (1989) paper
Final Account (2004). Paper
Close to Home (2004) paper

Sleeping in the Ground (2017) paper: A wedding in a picture-perfect church in the Yorkshire Dales is ripped apart by an assault rifle, resulting in five people shot to death, including the bride. In the twenty-fourth Detective Chief Inspector Alan Banks mystery, Robinson brings to bear his considerable knowledge of police procedure. But this is no bloodless investigation; Robinson is adept at showing the emotional toll of working on a case in which one cop witnessed the horror, another was wounded, and most of the victims, being locals, were known to Banks and his team.

SCHOLARS GILD

Arden Scholars Gild Holiday Cocktail and Wine Tasting

Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at 7:30 PM

The December Scholars evening will offer a fun opportunity to try out new cocktails, taste some holiday wines and swap some esoteric knowledge with your neighbors.

Arden’s culinary wizard, Jill Althouse-Wood, along with neighbor David Gerbec, will be showing us how to make sparkling holiday cocktails and mocktails with a virtual demonstration. Then we will shift gears for some holiday wine sampling from owner/wine aficionado Dave Govatos from Swigg Wine, Craft Beer & Spirits. Plus, he will be sharing with us the story behind the wines.

Of course, this will all be done virtually, but we encourage you to purchase the ingredients in advance to participate (but not required to enjoy the evening!). To make this easier, we can provide the ingredients for the make-at-home cocktail and the wines for the evening in a “Scholars Tasting Package” at cost (TBD). Email us with your interest purchasing the Tasting Package by December 8th at ScholarsGild@gmail.com. You can also connect to us by checking on the Arden Scholars’ Gild Facebook site for details and all the recipes.

For the evening, we challenge you to bring your own esoteric factoids about wine, drinks and spirits to share with all of us. For instance, did you know the hot toddy comes from India?

Join your Scholars Gild friends for this fun community toast to the season!

The Scholars Gild meets the third Tuesday of the month, September through June. This season, we will continue to meet virtually via Zoom until further notice.
There is no fee to attend Scholars Gild discussions. Since we usually ask for donations to the Arden Club at our live evenings, we would like to encourage all to continue this tradition by making a donation on at http://ardenclub.org/donate/. Your support helps keep the virtual and in-person lights on at the Club and makes possible dynamic programming like concerts, theater, dance, and of course, our Scholars Gild evenings.

Follow the “Arden Scholars Gild” on Facebook to get all the updates. And, if you would like to receive email notifications about this or future Scholars Gild events, contact the Scholars Gild via ScholarsGild@gmail.com.

**Zoom link for this Scholars Gild evening:**

Topic: Scholars Gild Evening

Time: Dec 17, 2020 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83613335180?pwd=VkZKV094T3IyMDM4OGFRSkNKajVUZz09

Meeting ID: 836 1333 5180

Passcode: 385509

**SWIM GILD**

The Arden Swim Club would like to thank our members for a fabulous summer and wish everyone the happiest of holidays! We would also like to announce that Jacqui Stevenson has moved into the role of Arden Swim Club Board Gildmistress. We extend a very special thanks to Hope Zucker for her years of service as Gildmistress. Remember to check out www.ardenswimclub.com and the Arden Swim Club Facebook page for updates on fundraising, events and the 2021 season! For questions or inquiries, the Board of Directors can be reached at ardenswimgild@gmail.com.

**WRITERS GILD**

The Arden Writers’ Gild continues to meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. We meet on my back patio wearing masks and observe social distancing and other recommended safety guidelines. My wife provides warm cookies that have been approved by all consumers! We encourage folks to stop by, read your works, musings by other great writers, and/or favorite writings of long-deceased prognosticators. This is a non-critique group that discusses everything from atomic theory to the nature of the Universe. All are welcome!

Contact: gregwright10449@hotmail.com

**ARDENSINGERS**
The Ardensingers is creating fun opportunities to bring music to you in different ways, since we unfortunately will not be holding a fall performance. Instead, we will be hosting virtual social events. If you are interested in participating in any of the events listed below, please email ardensingers@gmail.com

**Read-Through of W.S. Gilbert’s play, The Fairy’s Dilemmas**

**When: December 3rd at 7:30pm, Where: Zoom**

Come read through W.S. Gilbert’s play, The Fairy’s Dilemmas. The play is about Rosebud who is desperate! She’s a good fairy, responsible for happy outcomes for young couples. Business has been poor, but she has a plan! Will her plan work or will it go awry? Are you interested? Email us!

**Virtual Caroling Event, When: December 17th at 7:30pm, Where: Zoom**

December is right around the corner and we are looking to sing our favorite carols. Come to our Virtual Caroling Event to sing/listen to your favorite carols. Are you interested? Email us!

**Magical Musical Mondays** Every Monday on our Facebook and YouTube channel, we are presenting highlights from our past shows as a way to say thank you for your support. Check them out! We hope these videos give you a few moments of musical magic on Mondays.

We are continuously planning more events, so stay up to date! Feel free to email us or like us on Facebook to learn more about future events. 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!

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.

To Join, please complete and mail this form:

Name(s)________________________________________________________

Address________________________________________________________

Date of Application______________________________________________

I am enclosing  $  __________

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

*Eligible for year-end drawing of valuable prizes

___ Adult: 18-64, $25
___ Senior: 65 and over, $20
___ Junior, 3–17, $10
___ *Clubhouse Path: 1 membership, $75
___ *Rocky Walk: 1 or multiple members, $150
___ *The Glen:1 or multiple members, $300
___ *Indian Circle:1/ multiple members,$500
___ *MilkyWay Path:1/multiple members, $1K

Announcing the Winner of the Pathways Drawing!
We are pleased to announce that Danny Schweers and Barbara Henry were the lucky winners of the November Pathways Drawing. They will receive all these things!

• 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

Because of the current shutdown situation, there will be no expiration date for when they can redeem their winnings.

Please consider joining at a Pathways Level when you renew your membership.
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