CONCERT GILD

Arden Concert Gild is again finalizing plans for more Livestream shows from our Gild Hall, so stay tuned to ardenconcerts.com for that info. We also will have new partner Livestreams, up to date on our Shows page, https://ardenconcerts.com/events/. You can also buy our new Arden Concert Gild Tee shirt here: https://ardenconcerts.com/shop/

Our partnership with Town Hall continues - the great upper West Side venue in Manhattan with a legendary history. This co-production will feature Judy Collins recreating her 1964 Town Hall show which was a popular live recording including her first Bob Dylan covers, the streaming ticket for this February 12 show with 2 days of continuous access on sale very soon at ardenconcerts.com. Again a co-production with Arden, we are helping produce each of these shows to receive a considerable portion of each ticket.

On February 5 at 8 PM, Amy Rigby comes to Arden Gild Hall to stream a live solo show, again available for 48 hours afterwards on demand. Only $15 - Email concerts@ardenclub.org for a $2 member discount code to use on the web.

Amy Rigby has been writing, performing, and recording her transcendent songs about everyday life for over thirty years, first with bands Last Roundup and the Shams in NYC’s East Village, then as a solo artist beginning with classic album Diary Of A Mod Housewife up through The Old Guys (2018) and A One Way Ticket To My Life: 4 Track Demos (2019). She has appeared on Mountain Stage, World Cafe, NPR’s All Things Considered, and was recently interviewed by Terry Gross for Fresh Air. Her first book, Girl To City: A Memoir was published last year and is now out as a podcast. Amy will play songs written during the pandemic, share stories from her book and get in some favorites/forgotten numbers from her catalog. “…one of the country’s best songwriters, with a mordant wit and keen eye for emotional detail.” – Chicago Reader
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.

Please wear a mask and observe 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.

FOLK GILD

Arden In Motion, guided improvisational dance, 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/87608918506
Fourth Sunday of the month from 3-4:30 pm: February 28, March 28 - 2021

International and Israeli Dancing lead by Lorraine Cohn Virtual on ZOOM
February and March 2021 every Sunday
February 7, IFD
February 14, Israeli
February 21, IFD
February 28, Israeli

Lorraine Cohn (302 691 7134 or email: otfolkdancer@gmail.com):
Sunday morning at 10 - 11am.

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82812168681?pwd=UE15TGN5RVhBbTFLa1E2YkFsVGM1UT09

Meeting ID: 828 1216 8681
Passcode: 175145
GARDENERS GILD

In February, we’re delighted to host a program from ELA (Ecological Landscaping Association), called “Pollinator Ecology”. It explores the garden with a focus on the basics of pollination biology and plant ecology to encourage native pollinators. This Zoom presentation will feature Rebecca McMackin, Director of Horticulture at Brooklyn Bridge Park (BBP). Rebecca is a self-described “ecologically obsessed horticulturist and garden designer” who oversees 85 acres of ornamental beds, forest ecosystems, meadows, wetland, green roofs, and turf areas at the BBP, where landscapes are managed organically and with the aim of encouraging biodiversity. She reminds us that “by 2050, 9 billion people on this planet will live in cities. With development this rapid and rabid, it is critical that we incorporate wildlife habitat into our gardens and forest areas, or else many organisms will be in serious trouble, humanity included.” Personally, I have previewed this Zoom presentation, and I was enchanted! For my own reminder, I call it “Sex and Plants.”

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We are currently planning our (first ever!) Gardeners Gild Native Shrub and Tree sale! We will be emailing a list of plants that we know are going to be available, and would like to first have an idea of how many of which ones you’d like to order so we can reserve the plants -- which are selling out already! We’re asking you to spend time in February taking a look around your yards and gardens to consider what kinds of shrub/s or tree/s you’d like to add. We will highlight several recommendations for replacements, especially for invasive shrubs like burning bush, privet and barberry, which many of us have inherited but which unfortunately seed into the woods and displace our natives. In March we will supply an order form for your pre-paid orders, for contactless pickup at the Gild Hall in April. Look in your inbox first for the survey, then the order form in March! We will also post plant suggestions and new information on our Gardeners Gild FB site.

The GG February meeting will be on Zoom, Monday February 15 at 7:30PM.
Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88450729176

We meet on the third Monday of the month, at 7:30PM, currently via Zoom. Our meetings and activities are open to all!

If you would like more information, please contact: jeana.carey@gmail.com.

SWIM GILD

The Arden Swim Gild would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Chili Dinner in support of the pool! Special thanks to the amazing team of planners and chefs: Pat Toman, Jill Althouse-Wood, Jonah & Mark Wood, Keri and Joel del Tufo, and the Curley family. The contributions will go a long way in making needed upgrades to the pool. Stay tuned for announcements about fundraising events and our plans for Summer 2021! For any inquiries regarding the Arden Swim Club, please email ardenswimgild@gmail.com.
LIBRARY GILD

IF you joined the Scholar’s Gild for the December soujourn into drinks that might make long winter nights more platable, you may remember the reference to *The Drunken Botanist* by Amy Stewart. The Library Gild now has a copy and you can be the first to check it out. It is even easier now to get to the library, we have added Saturday afternoons. Our hours are:

Saturday from 2:30 to 4 pm, Sunday from 2:30 to 4 pm, Wednesday from 7:30 to 9 pm, Thursday from 3 to 4:30 pm.

*Kirkus Reviews (January 15, 2013)*

A comprehensive guide to the intersection of plants and booze. Fine Gardening contributor Stewart (Wicked Bugs: The Louse that Conquered Napoleon's Army & Other Diabolical Insects, 2011, etc.) brings together an encyclopedia of information on 160 plants from around the world that are often used in alcoholic beverages. Her enthusiasm is evident throughout, as she brings readers into "the dazzlingly rich, complex, and delicious lives of the plants that go into all those bottles behind the bar."

Classic plants like grapes, apples, corn and sugarcane are just a few of the botanicals that Stewart examines. She also studies the herbs and spices used to flavor base alcohols, as well as elderflowers, hops, roses and violets, which will alert gardeners to the potential living in the garden.

Stewart rounds out her in-depth coverage with a full section on fruit, including apricots and yuzus, and nuts and seeds like almonds and walnuts. The history of fermentation and distillation, the origins of plant-based medicines, tips on growing your own plants and more than 50 cocktail recipes add multiple layers to an already vast amount of information on botanicals.

Gardeners, nature lovers and mixologists will find themselves reaching frequently for this volume; the hard part will be deciding what to try next as they discover that a liquor store is really "a fantastical greenhouse, the world's most exotic botanical garden, the sort of strange and overgrown conservatory we only encounter in our dreams." A rich compendium of botanical lore for cocktail lovers.

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, 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://ardencilub.org/library-catalog/](http://ardencilub.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.
SCHOLARS GILD

Scholars Evening February 16, 7:30 PM, via Zoom

Join us for this very timely talk on the science and development of vaccines with Dr. Craig Hooper from Thomas Jefferson University. He will discuss with us the history of vaccination, different types of vaccines, and why the current Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 mRNA vaccines are the most advanced and safest yet. The discussion will be interactive with interruptions for questions welcome.

Dr. Craig Hooper is a Professor in the Departments of Cancer Biology and Neurological Surgery and Member of the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Thomas Jefferson University. Trained in Immunology at McGill University, in virology at the University of Bristol and the University of Pennsylvania, he has expertise in both immunology and virology and has been responsible for the development of both anti-viral and cancer vaccines and immunotherapies. For this innovative work he was elected as a Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors in 2017.

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. 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: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83613335180
Meeting ID: 836 1333 5180, Passcode: 385509

SHAKESPEARE GILD

Pandemic strikes again! The Shakespeare Gild will not be able to meet our enrollment criteria for the 2021 Young Actors’ Workshop and therefore will be cancelling this year’s program. Stay tuned. WE’LL BE BACK!

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

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 are creating fun opportunities to bring music to you in different ways since we unfortunately will not be holding a live 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/ Sing-Through: Alice and Wonderland

When: February 4th at 7:30pm, on Zoom

Come join us for a Zoom read-through (and sing-through) of Alice in Wonderland, Thurs. 2/2/2021 at 7:30pm. This adaptation is close to the original (libretto by H. Savile-Claire, music by Walter Slaughter). There are 15 named parts, so there are plenty of opportunities for everybody to perform. We intend to do this mostly as a read-through, but feel free to sing the musical selections for your part, if you have a chance to review them. Are you interested? Email us!

Virtual Open Mic Night

When: February 18th at 7:30pm, on Zoom

February is right around the corner and we are looking to create a virtual space for people to perform. You can perform a poem, sing a song or play your instrument. Not interested in performing then sign up to listen in. 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!

THANK YOU from the Arden Club

The Arden Club thanks all those who have so generously contributed to our Annual Fund drive.

Your contributions will go a long way in ensuring that everything that our Club and the Gilds have brought to the community throughout the years will continue past our current challenges.

Donations were also left in the memory of Murray Laskey, Jim Semenick, Kate & Marvin Sayer, Mary Murphy, Heidi Springer, and Donna Driesbach
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

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Date of Application

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*Pathway Membership - eligible for year-end drawing of valuable prizes (see box below)

___ 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

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

Annual Pathways Membership Drawing!

Every year we hold a drawing to award Pathways members the following prizes:

- 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 CO VID-19 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.
February 2021 Arden Club Calendar