BARRONFEST

A. BarronFest is Woodbridge Township's annual fine arts festival in the centrally located Parker Press Park. Organized by the Barron Arts Center, in collaboration with Woodbridge Township & the Woodbridge Township Cultural Arts Commission, BarronFest transforms the park into an outdoor art gallery, with more than 60 artists and crafters showing and selling their work free of commission. Woodbridge Township supports BarronFest through its use of staff resources, technical support, and facility operations through the many township departments that help with event logistics. In addition, Woodbridge Township funds the production and printing of the accompanying Advertising Journal published in conjunction every year. Barronfest supports Woodbridge Township Economic Development, our own Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce, Local Business, Grassroots Efforts and other non-profit organizations as well as artists & arts organizations in Woodbridge & beyond.

- **B.** With the creation of Barronfest, we wanted to strengthen an already established arts foundation through community interaction, cooperative measures with local businesses, arts oriented businesses and institutions and most importantly artists and artisans in and around Woodbridge Township. In addition, BarronFest helps build Woodbridge's grassroots efforts by working in collaboration with local non-profit organizations, such as the Woodbridge Township Cultural Arts Commission, who regularly fundraise to help support free programming at the Barron Arts Center. BarronFest also hosts non-profit organizations as exhibiting vendors, such as the Westfield Art Association, and local arts groups like the Woodbridge Artisan Guild.
- C. BarronFest helps create a positive and ever-increasing foundation on which to build our Creative Placemaking Plan. BarronFest builds relationships and helps local artists and artisans promote & sell their work. Unlike other area arts festivals, BarronFest does not charge artists to participate. Each artist is given a free space to exhibit and sell. Additionally, 100% of art sales go to the artist. The reach of artists involved in BarronFest spans the tri-state area and beyond, as well as artists from our own backyard.
- **D.** To further emphasize the benefit to our Creative Placemaking Plan, BarronFest strengthens both local businesses and the Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce by increasing the visibility of our thriving downtown area, and bringing hundreds of visitors to the festival. At the same time, BarronFest introduces new patrons to our shops, restaurants, and services. The accompanying Advertising Journal allows us to highlight area businesses and gain support of the arts through the purchase of ad space.

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- *2018 will bring the 11th annual BarronFest. With each subsequent year, the foundation that started in 2007 continues to grow and evolve. This event allows artists to freely display their work in the picturesque setting of Parker Press Park. As a result, the final design and atmosphere of the festival derives greatly from various artistic visions.
- *BarronFest allows Woodbridge Township to consistently reach more artists, businesses, organizations, and creative people in a firmly established arts community.
- *Barronfest has partnered with other arts organizations in the surrounding area. We have also extended invitations to participate to young adult artist and student artists age 18 & older.

Local News (Patch) Link — https://patch.com/new-jersey/woodbridge/calendar/event/20181013/425413/barronfest-2018-fine-arts-crafts-festival



BARRON ARTS CENTER

SUMMER/FALL 2018

39th Annual Woodbridge Township Senior Citizen Art Show Exhibit Dates: May 5-14, 2018

Closing Reception: May 14, 6-8pm

For more information on registering your art work, or information regarding the exhibit and reception call Evergreen Senior Center at (732)726-6261 Sycamore Senior Center at (732)726-7087 or The Barron Arts Center at (732)634-0413



The Barron Arts Center & The Middlesex County Cultural & Heritage Commission Present

Garden State World Beat 2

2018 Concert & Lecture Series



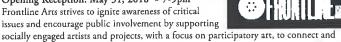
The Chinese Music **Ensemble of New York** May 18, 2018 ~ 7:30pm Location: Woodbridge Middle School Theatre (525 Barron Avenue, Woodbridge, NJ) Founded in 1961 the Chinese Music Ensemble of New York has grown from a few music lovers presenting Cantonese traditional music to becoming the oldest and largest Chinese orchestra in

the United States. Its present membership of almost fifty musicians plays practically every type of Chinese musical instrument. No Reservations needed! FREE admission

Exhibit: Frontline Arts at the Barron Arts Center

Exhibit Dates: May 31-June 17, 2018 Opening Reception: May 31, 2018 - 7-9pm Frontline Arts strives to ignite awareness of critical

build communities and amplify marginalized voices.





The Spirit of Feria: Photography Exhibit Exhibit Dates: July 7-22, 2018

This exhibit showcases photography taken during Feria de Sevilla, a celebration of Spanish dance and heritage, organized by Alborada Spanish Dance Theatre. Participants were tasked with capturing the raw emotion and vibrant pageantry of traditional Spanish dance. For more information please call (732)634-0413



The Barron Arts Center Annual Outdoor Flea Market

July 14, 2018 ~ 8am-2:30pm RAIN OR SHINE! This year located at Woodbridge's Parker Press Park (400 Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge)

Between Walgreens and the NJ Transit Woodbridge Station. Benefits the Woodbridge Township Cultural Arts Commission and future programing at the Barron Arts Center. For more information call (732)634-0413



The Barron Arts Center & The Middlesex County Cultural & Heritage Commission Present

Garden State World Beat 2

2018 Concert & Lecture Series

Lecture: The Foods & Wines of Spain July 19, 2018 ~ 7:30pm

From Paellas to Jamon Serranos, to the wonderful fruits & vegetables therein, learn about many well known foods & wines of Spain. This lecture/demonstration will also include a live paella preparation & sampling! FREE admission. Limited Seating. Reservations Essential. Call (732)634-0413





Lecture: All the Tea in China August 15, 2018 ~ 7:30pm

Tea, the most consumed beverage in China, has been a staple since ancient times. It is drunk is tea houses and work places, on the street and in the parks throughout the day. Learn more about traditional tea varieties and the Chinese tea ceremony known as gong fu cha. Presented by Tea & Food Historian Judith Krall-Russo, FREE admission. Limited Seating. Reservations Essential. Call (732)634-0413

Exhibit: The Earth Speaks

Exhibit Dates: August 4-26, 2018 Artist Reception: August 7, 2018 - 7-9pm If the Earth speaks, what would it say to you? This juried exhibit asked the artists to re-examine our responsibilities by taking an honest look at environmentalism in the 21st century.

A portion of the proceeds from "The Earth Speaks" will be donated the Woodbridge River Watch 501 (c) (3).





FUNDRAISER: The Woodbridge Psychic Fair August 18, 2018 - 11am-5pm

Location: Woodbridge Middle School (525 Barron Avenue, Woodbridge)

Find out about the future or learn from the past from some of NJ's best psychic mediums, clairvoyants, tarot card readers, tea leaf readers and astrology readers. The fair will also include vendors and lectures. Admission \$5.00 at the door, lectures are free, readings are separate. Admission fee benefits future programming at the Barron Arts Center. For more info visit www.woodbridgepsychicfair.com

POETSWEDNESDAY

POETSWEDNESDAY: FEATURING POET JOHN DORSEY WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018 * 8-10PM ~ WORKSHOP 7PM

POETSWEDNESDAY: FEATURING POET MARIO MORONI WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2018 * 8-10PM ~ WORKSHOP 7PM

POETSWEDNESDAY: FEATURING POET SEAN THOMAS DOUGHERTY WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2018 '8-10PM ~ WORKSHOP 7PM

POETSWEDNESDAY: FEATURED POET TBA WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2018 * 8-10PM ~ WORKSHOP 7PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT POETRY DIRECTOR DEBORAH C. LAVEGLIA AT TEL. (908) 272-3141 EMAIL: POETRED@AOL.COM

BARRON ARTS CENTER

SUMMER / FALL 2018



NEW & RETURNING ART CLASSES AND GROUPS AT THE BAC!

Painting & Drawing Classes for Kids and Adults

For all experience levels who wish to learn or improve their skills

Kids: Drawing Program: 8 week session Saturday Mornings: 10am-11am (\$80.00)

Kids: Painting Program: 8 week session Saturday Mornings: 10am-11am (\$90.00)

Adults: Painting Program: 8 week session Saturday Mornings 9am-10am (\$115.00)

Classes are held year round!
Email: jeffcohenbarronarts@hotmail.com
for more information

ART HISTORY

FOR KIDS!

(For Kids Ages 8-12) Sundays • 1-2:30pm

Students will learn about the styles and techniques of the great masters and eras of art while each week completing a project based on that artist. Some lessons may include Jackson Pollock & Abstract Expressionism, Monet & the Impressionists & Andy Warhol & Pop Art!

\$125 per 8 week session ~ Limited Space Sign up Early! For more info call 732-726-7024

Or email arthistorycartooning@gmail.com





(Ages 8-12) Sundays 3:30-4:30pm

This introductory course focuses on the basics of drawing your own cartoon characters. If you've never had an art course before, don't worry. If you can draw basic shapes, you're halfway there! You'll learn how to draw cartoon people, animals and things through tips, tricks, exercises and practice. You will also learn some tips on easy ways to draw your favorite cartoon characters WITHOUT tracing!

\$125 per child per 8-week session Limited Space ~ Register Early

For more info call 732-726-7024 or email arthistorycartooning@gmail.com





SAVE THE DATE!

AUTUMN EVENTS AT BARRON ARTS CENTER

Sept 29 • The Barron Arts Center's 2nd Annual Poetry / Literary Festival

(Location: Woodbridge Middle School)

Oct 4-25. The Barron Arts Center's ARTIST of the YEAR Exhibit

Oct 13 • The 11th Annual BARRONFEST
Arts & Crafts Festival

(Location: Parker Press Park)

Oct 27 • NJ Paranormal's Annual GHOST HUNT at the BARRON ARTS CENTER









Become a Friend & Fan of the "Barron Arts Center" on Facebook and Follow us on Twitter BarronArtsCtr

Are you interested in supporting the arts with your time and talents? Help to make a difference in Woodbridge by volunteering at The Barron Arts Center. Call 732-634-0413 or stop in to sign up! If someone you know would like to be notified about the Barron Art Center's upcoming programs or events, please have them call or stop in! We'd love to add them to our mailing list!





























