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LONG HILL TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY HONORS STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

By René T. Rovtar

On Thursday, May 14, 2015, the Long Hill Township Historical Society honored a group of 29 students who had submitted winning entries in the Society's recent essay contest: "What I Like About Long Hill Township – Old and New." The honored students were presented with a certificate and a book. Students were offered the opportunity to read their essay to the large audience of friends, family and Historical Society members. One of the students described Long Hill as a "Brigadoon," which the Merriam Webster Dictionary describes as "a place that is idyllic, unaffected by time, or remote from reality." While the community has certainly been affected by time, as evidenced by the growth in population since the community's founding in 1864, and by the changes in the various amenities the local residents can enjoy, the strong sentiment conveyed over and over again in these essay was that the students consider Long Hill Township an "idyllic" place to grow up.

The essays displayed an in depth knowledge of the history of Passaic Township, the former name of Long Hill Township. Students described the ice harvesting that took place at Stirling Lake, the Stirling Silk Mills, the original Schoolhouse located in Millington and the Nicholas Thomas Lumber Company that operated on Long Hill Road in Millington in the early 1900's. They articulated the many aspects of the community that they cherish such as Gillette, Millington and Central Middle Schools, the excellent recreational facilities available, including Matthew Kantor Memorial Park and the Little League Complex, and the accessibility of the Great Swamp and Hicks Tract for hiking and communing with nature. Stirling Lake was singled out as a favorite location with year 'round activities including swimming, skating, and dances. The addition of the wibit inflatable water park last summer was a big hit with the lake-goers. Students expressed fond memories of attending story hour at the Long Hill Township Public Library and participating in the many free children's programs offered there. They are grateful for the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program and the way it has connected them to the local law enforcement officers in a friendly and helpful way. They look forward to the annual visits by the Fire Departments for Fire Prevention month in the fall. The scouting programs and wide range of recreation sport programs were also celebrated.

At the conclusion of the evening, the singular impression conveyed was that these students did a more masterful job at describing the virtues of life in Long Hill Township than any Madison Avenue advertising agency could have ever done. It was uplifting to see the joy and passion this youngest generation of Long Hill residents has for the people, the history and the uniqueness that Long Hill Township continues to offer its citizens.



(above, l-r): Brendan Rae, Long Hill Township Mayor; Barbara Grillo, President of the Long Hill Township Historical Society; Jake Oleske and Sam DeMizio; 5th grade winners of the essay contest; and Kelly Roshto, Long Hill Township Historian.

THE CONTEST WINNERS WERE:

Grade 1: 1st Place: Daniel Raimer

Grade 2: 1st Place: Luke Mazza;

2nd: Lucia Perez

Grade 5: 1st Place winners: Sam DeMizio, Dylan Singh, Connor Dreyer, Jake Oleske, Kate Schmitt - 2nd Place winners: Luka Hadzic,

> Payton Carn, Scott Donahue, Rohan Prabhu, Melissa Sabatella

Grade 6: 1st Place: Matthew Gentile, Wendy Molina 2nd Place: Christian Capawana, Tarun Panesar

Grade 7: 1st Place: Maija Golden, Justine Wang, Ruben Alvarez, Alexander Martin, Maxim Nikolov

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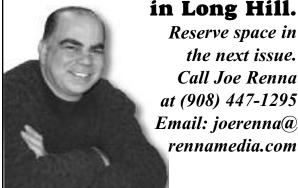
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at 1st Presbyterian Church Of Stirling

The First Presbyterian Church of Stirling is holding an Argyle's Fish & Chips Fundraising Dinner on Saturday, June 6, 2015 from 5:30-7:30 pm at the church, located at 158 Central Avenue in Stirling. Bagpipers from The Rampant Lions Pipe Band will perform at some point during the dinner. Proceeds will help fund the new parking lot resurfacing project.

"Argyle Restaurant of Kearney is known throughout North Jersey for its great fish and chips dinner," said Paul Wermuth, event coordinator. "We hope that lots of people in the community will come out to enjoy a tasty meal, and support this important fundraiser."

Dinners include fish, chips, coleslaw, beverage, and dessert. Take-out meals are available. People are strongly urged to purchase tickets in advance so as not to be left out! Tickets are priced at \$20 for adults, \$15 for senior citizens, and \$10 for children aged 10 and

under, and may be obtained from the church office (908-647-1033), from Paul Wermuth (908-350-8091) or from any church member.

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LONG HILL 7TH GRADERS PERFORM AT PEDIATRIC CANCER BENEFIT

On Thursday April 30th, the Pediatric Residents at Goryeb Children's Hospital of Morristown Medical Center held a fundraiser for the Valerie Cancer Center at Goryeb Children's Hospital. Both patients, doctors and hospital staff members all performed. The list of performers included many pediatric patients. The acts ranged from a Bottle Balancing number from Fiddler on the Roof, to hip hop dancing, to many singers / musicians and comedy bits. Jacob Lesser and Jack Melillo, both 7th graders from Long Hill Township, performed the song "My Hero" by the Foo Fighters and Jacob dedicated it to his friend, Dr. Harvey Bieler. It was a wonderful night for the community and staff - bringing together children with special challenges and their compassionate doctors. It was a magical fun-filled night for all.



(above, l-r): Jack Melillo and Jacob Lesser perform "My Hero" at the Goryeb Children's Hospital Fundraiser.

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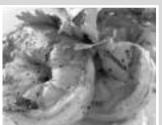
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CHARMED AGAIN BY COCKTAIL WHISPERER

Submitted by Lena Golden

They say that third time is a charm. Warren Bobrow has now charmed us not just once and twice but on Friday May 8that the Long Hill Township Library guests at the event hosted by the Friends of the library were again charmed by the wit and excellent cocktails by the Morristown mixologist.

Mr Bobrow held a speech and read from his new book "Bitters and Shrub Syrup Cocktails -Restorative Vintage Cocktails, Mocktails and Elixirs", just released this month, and entertained a delighted and amused audience.

It has been a sheer pleasure for us to get to know Warren and sample his great cocktails during the years since the release of his first

book, Apothecary Cocktails, and to have also had the opportunity to have him at the library this past November to have him share his second publication, Whiskey Cocktails, says Lena Golden, president of the Friends of the Library. It is so rewarding to watch a man completely change his career from NYC banking to freelance writer, brand ambassador and mixologist and do it so well.

Guests were treated to an amazing drinking experience with Pickett's Hot n'Spicy Ginger Beer, bitters and the Austrian Stroh 80 rum, a truly divine experience.

In addition to his popular blog, The Cocktail Whisperer, Warren has written Foodista.com, Voda Magazine, Saveur, Serious Eats, and Edible. He tweets @WarrenBobrow1.



(above) l-r): Kendra Okonski, Lena Golden, Warren Bobrow, Library Director Alexandria Arnold, Jena Rae, Helen Mederos and Gail Moizeau.

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STIRLING ARTIST'S "SPRING VARIATIONS"

"Spring Variations", an exhibit of the works of New Jersey artists Judith O'Donnell (Stirling) and C. B. Anderson (Warren) will be on display in the Heinz W. Otto Gallery of the Watchung Arts Center from June 3 through June 27. The public is invited to attend the opening reception on Friday, June 19th from 7-9 pm to meet the artists. Refreshments will be served.

Judith O'Donnell is a fine artist residing in Stirling, NJ. She utilizes the medium of oils almost exclusively, but when traveling she only works in water color and pastels. An often sought-after portrait painter, Judith has completed many commissioned portraits both in the United States and overseas.

Judith's landscape and garden paintings are mostly about taking you on a journey both in time and place, a good escape and a place to rest in a world that is frantic. As peace gets harder to find and we never seem to slow down, Judith feels that it becomes more important than ever to have a quiet place. That quiet place, she feels, can be as simple as looking at a restful painting.

Judith has studied at Kean College, New Jersey, but has almost exclusively studied with teachers and artists that she admires; her mentor being Margie Cochran. She has studied in the United States with Albert Bross, Adolph Conrad and Alex Piccirillo and in England with Catherine Duckworth-King and Gerald Tucker. In association with Rene Robles, with whom she worked closely, she travelled to the Philippines for an art exhibition and jointly presented his book "Assersionisim" in which her work was featured.

Judith has had many exhibitions in the United States and overseas, both singularly and with a



number of like-minded artists with whom she paints. Judith held her most recent art show, at the Watchung Arts Center, Watchung, New Jerseywww.watchungarts.org. The art show she presented was about many of her favorite places both in the United States and Europe, showing countries and the places which she has enjoyed traveling to, finding visions such as these.

She has been painting for many years in the United States and Europe. She is deeply moved by 'Mother Nature' and the sights and sounds of the surroundings of the many places that she has visited. Her next project is to undertake a series of paintings based in France, from Brittany to Provence.

To see some of Judith's paintings, visit her website at www.judithodonnell.com.

The Watchung Arts Center is located on the circle at 18 Stirling Road , Watchung , NJ . The Gallery is open Tues.-Fri. noon-5pm and Sat. 10:00am-3:00pm. For more information go to watchungarts.org or call 908 753 0190.

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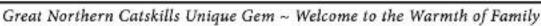


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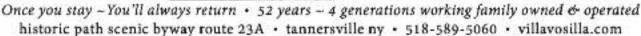












ARTS FESTIVAL SHOWCASED STUDENTS' TALENTS

By Denis J. Kelly

The Open House of the 15th annual student Spring Arts Festival, on Tuesday, May 12, showcased the contributions of many of this year's 1,671 participating students, including the art pieces and performances in wood working, jewelry, pottery, graphic design, photography, drawing, painting and fine arts artists, as well as musicians and singers.

Artwork was on display throughout the school's atrium entrance and the hallways up near the Performing Arts Center, instrumental, choral, and theater arts and arts studios.

And, performances featuring student singers and musicians in individual performances, in duets, and in various combinations and small groups, received enthusiastic receptions for several hours in the Performing Arts Center.

The full concert spring performances by the music department will be held during the first week of June, the instrumental performance will be held at 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 3, and the choral performance will be held at 7 p.m., Friday, June 5.

The Arts Festival Film presentations and Theater performances were held on Wednesday, May 13, generated films being shown in the South Auditorium, and a Theater performances, featuring student work on stage and behind the scenes in production, were held in Room 94.

Various iterations of student achievement in dance were presented Thursday, May 14, through Saturday, May 16, in the Performing Arts Center.

"Our students' work shows imagination, creativity, and an emerging, often acquired, sense of technique, all of which are a reflection on the commitment and professionalism of our Arts staff," said Brad Commerford, supervisor for Arts and World Languages.



(above, l-r) Sophomore Anthony Speros of Stirling shows his mother, Deborah Bruno, one of his ceramics creations.



(above) Senior Erin Topel of Stirling holds her pottery entry.



(above) Senior Ali Allocco of Gillette stands next to her photography and collage entries at the Student Art Festival.



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