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## MOUNT HOREB SCHOOL CELEBRATES GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

By Mary Ann McGann

It was a sea of vivid red, blue, orange, purple, and green tie dye as students and staff kicked off a yearlong celebration of the 50th anniversary of Mount Horeb School.

"Today is such a significant day," said principal Scott Cook. "Kids in 1965 walked down these halls. Isn't that cool?"

Cook took a photographic journey back in time to show the students what was happening 50 years ago. The Civil Rights Movement. The Beatles. Hillary Clinton in high school. The surface of Mars as seen by the spacecraft, Mariner 4. And, of course, that space-aged animated sitcom, The Jetsons.

"Let's watch some cartoons in school, shall we," Cook quipped.

Several former Mount Horeb teachers joined in the merriment on October 9, as did former principals Joseph Palumbo (1992-2007) and William Kimmick (2007-2014).

"You make the school," Kimmick, now the district's curriculum coordinator, told the enthusiastic K-5 gathering. "As adults, we are fortunate to come to school and work with you. We learn as much from you as you do from us."

"Keep studying. Keep working hard and success will come to you," Palumbo added.

Photos by Mary Ann McGann



(above) Grace DiNardi dances "The Twist" with her kindergarten classmates as they celebrate Mt. Horeb School's golden anniversary.

Cook, who succeeded Kimmick as principal in early 2014, also announced that the school's PTO will buy a time capsule for the students.

Fittingly, the festivities ended with a video of Chubby Checkers and his 1960s dance craze, "The Twist," with staff and students alike on their feet and wriggling to the beat before heading back to class.



(above) Mt. Horeb School principal Scott Cook kicks off a yearlong celebration of the elementary school's golden anniversary.



(left) Former principals William Kimmick (L) and Joseph Palumbo.



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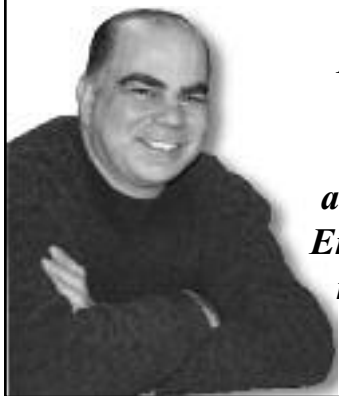
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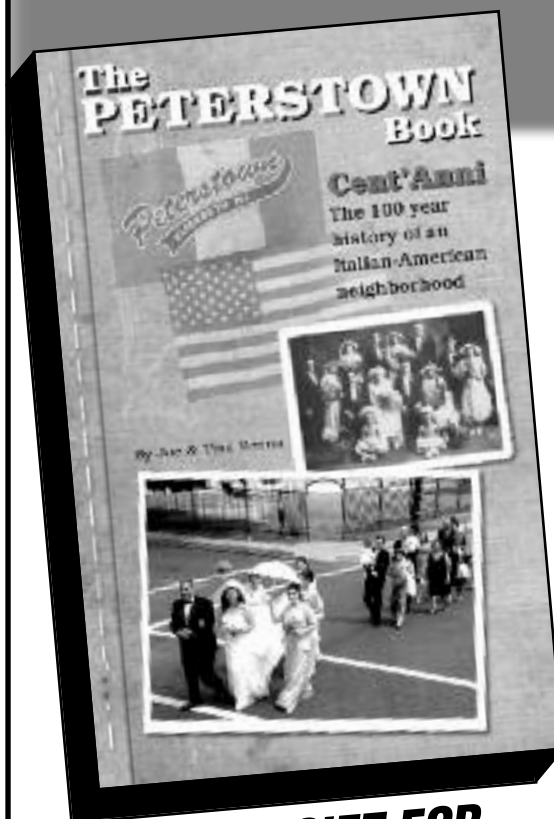
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Tickets for the Turkey Dinner are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children 10-years-old and under. While tickets are available at the door, reservations are recommended as this event traditionally sells-out. Take-out orders are also available at \$15 per serving. Reservations and take-out orders can be made by phone or online at [www.mthorebumcwarren.org](http://www.mthorebumcwarren.org). Please place take-out orders anytime between now and noon on Nov. 14. Orders will be available for pick-up after 4 pm on Nov. 14.

For nearly 20 years this annual event has raised funds to support the congregation's many programs of volunteer service to the local community.

## HILLS MARCHING WARRIORS BAND WINS FIRST PLACE IN CLASS AT COMPETITION



(above) The Watchung Hills Regional High School Marching Warriors Band won first place in their class of schools, and fourth place overall, at the U.S. Bands-sponsored band competition held on Saturday, Sept. 12, at Edison High School, Edison Township. From left are: Senior Tuba player John Ray of Warren Township, who is also the band's Brass Captain; Sophomore Tuba player Ethan Marmolejos of Watchung; Junior Clarinet player Amelia Stepperfenne of Millington; and new Band Director Minesh Shah. The Marching Warriors Band can be seen performing at all home football games, and their program this year is organized under the theme, "A Night with Netflix," and features music from the movies, "Captain America," "The Lion King" and "Slumdog Millionaire."

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By Mary Ann McGann

There's a lot of talk about STEM these days. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. In recent years, there's also been talk of adding the arts to the equation, making it STEAM. But whether STEM or STEAM, it's an area of education that has great impact on the daily work of students and teachers.

Educators and policymakers alike agree on the need for an increased focus on STEM education. New Jersey is among 14 states, along with the District of Columbia, to have adopted the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), with plans to implement the new standards in grades 6-12 for the 2016-17 school year and for grades K-5 the following year.

In preparation for the new standards, the Warren Township School District continues to provide professional development opportunities in STEM and NGSS to its science educators.

In July, the district sent three teachers from Warren Middle School to a weeklong science institute at Raritan Valley Community College. Three additional teachers from the district attended the institute the summer before while others participated in the New Jersey Science Convention last October.

"The NGSS line up very neatly with the Common Core standards already adopted in math and language arts," says Kelly Brown, who teaches 8th grade science and who attended the summer institute. "[The new science standards] focus on student-centered learning, which is the direction we have already taken. There are a few changes that we are in the process of making, like teaching the students to be more evidence-based

in their investigations and communicating results based on their evidence."

The foundation of the NGSS is "A Framework for K-12 Science Education," an evidence-based curriculum that focuses on scientific practice (investigative models and theories used by scientists and engineers); crosscutting concepts (a way of linking the different scientific domains and other academic subject areas); and disciplinary core ideas (broad ideas that relate to student interests and are teachable/learnable across multiple grades).

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"Our teachers are breaking down the key NGSS practices and crosscutting concepts and

beginning to think about how best to apply the standards in the classroom," says curriculum supervisor Stacey Hann-Modugno. Hann-Modugno and curriculum coordinator William Kimmick are spearheading implementation of the new standards.

A series of additional training sessions are planned for the school year. Science teachers in grades 6-8 will attend workshops on such topics as planning/carrying out scientific investigations, engineering design and technology, developing and using models, and planning NGSS-aligned lessons.

"We like how the NGSS involve the engineering practices and the cross cutting concepts of language arts and math, preparing our students for jobs that have not yet been created," says Brown.



(above) Warren Middle School science teachers are preparing for NGSS. (L-R) Simone Miller, Kelly Brown, Carolyn McCloskey, Daniel Ticchio, Ann Marie Christou, O'Brien Speckin. Not pictured: Michele Kraminitz, Sandy Foley, Patricia LaMorte. Cathlin Sweeney

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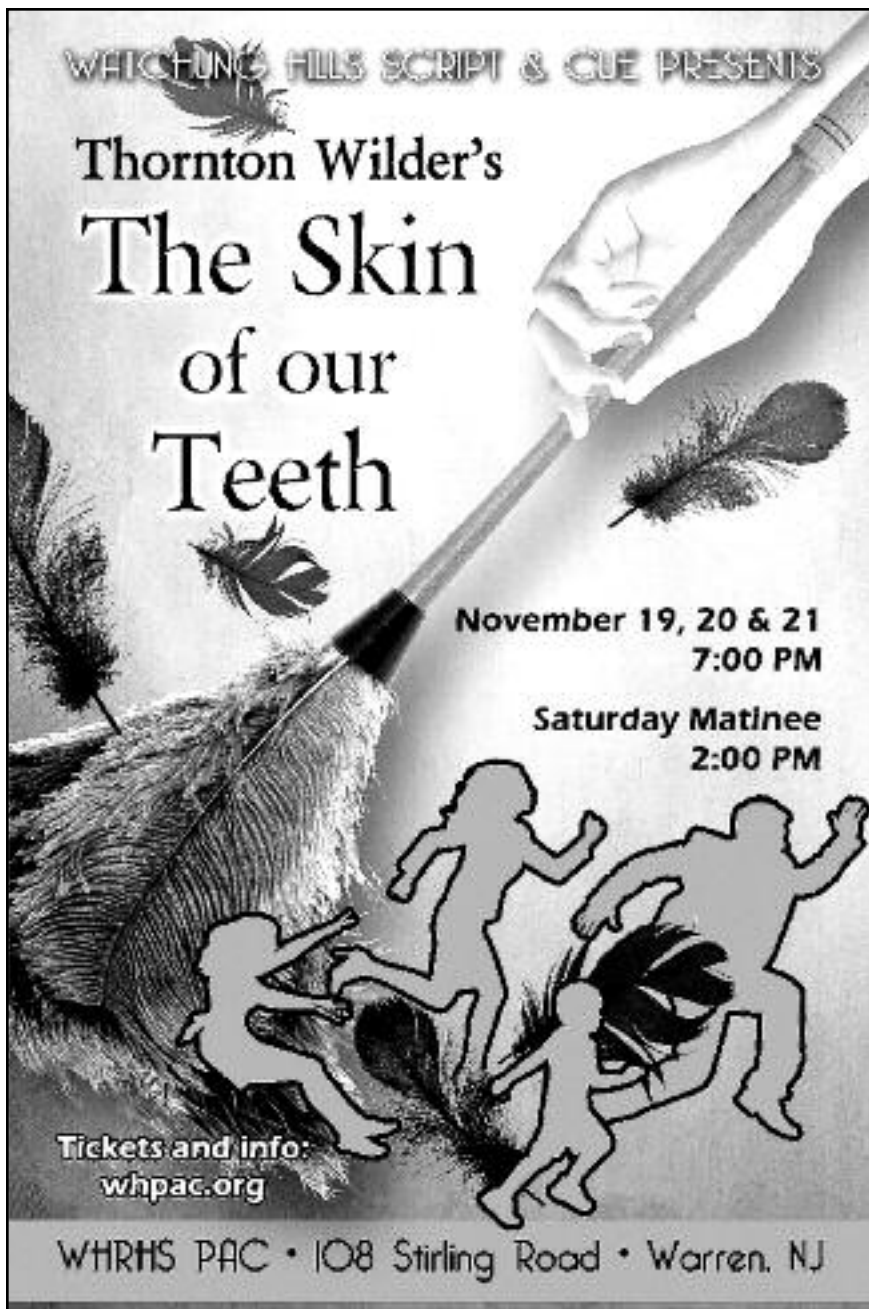
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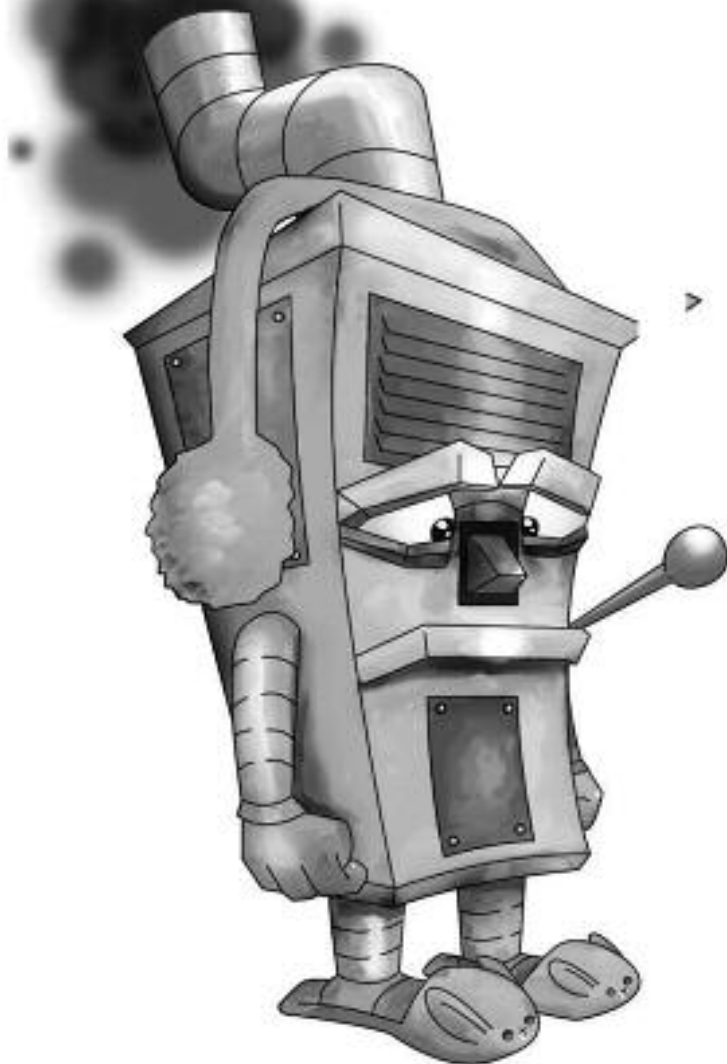
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# LOCAL ARTISTS TAKE NOTE: THERE'S A NEW PLACE TO DISPLAY YOUR WORK

In October, Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's Warren Township Library branch, located at 42 Mountain Blvd. in Warren Township, unveiled a new space for local artists to display their work in the library. First up were paintings by chair of exhibitions at the Center for Contemporary Art in Bedminster, Wes Sherman.

"Many times people ask us if libraries are still relevant, stating that they can find all the information they need on the internet," said Marcela Dunham, Adult Programming Coordinator at SCLSNJ's Warren Township Library branch and the curator for the artist displays at the library. "However, there are many reasons to come to the library. Programs for children and adults bring thousands of people to the library every year; last year, almost 4,000 adults attended the programs I coordinated. And now there is a new reason to come to the library: to enjoy and admire the works of local professional and amateur artists who will be displaying their artwork at SCLSNJ's Warren Township Library branch."

In November, patrons can expect to see artwork created by Sherman's students during their summer plein air classes. In December, a patron will be displaying his watercolor paintings.

"We are looking not only for paintings, but also pottery, small sculptures and more, which can be shown in a special display case," said Dunham.

Artists interested in displaying their artwork can contact Dunham at [mdunham@scslnj.org](mailto:mdunham@scslnj.org).

## ABOUT WES SHERMAN

Artist Wes Sherman has been painting since 1992, in that time he has had over 30 solo shows and included in numerous group shows across the county. He received his MFA from Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University in 2003. He is an adjunct professor of studio arts and the chair of exhibitions at The Center for Contemporary Art in Bedminster, New Jersey. Sherman has also been a visiting artist at many universities among them Temple, Rutgers, and Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. In 2011, he



*Paintings by Wes Sherman, Chair of Exhibitions at the Center for Contemporary Art in Bedminster (above), were on display at SCLSNJ's Warren Township Library branch, located at 42 Mountain Blvd., during the month of October in the newly created art space.*

also received a fellowship for painting from New Jersey Council of the Arts.

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