



Ancient Mosaic Glass
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Roosevelt Arts Project Event Schedule 2023–2024

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Open Mic Night, Hosted by Gus Vuolle

Saturday, August 19, 2023, 6:00–9:00 PM, FDR Memorial Amphitheatre, Rochdale Avenue (Rt. 571)

A community open mic night for our neighborhood artists to express themselves. Open to everyone and anyone to perform, collaborate, jam, or tell a joke or two with fellow Rooseveltians and area neighbors. **As a gift to the community from RAP, this first event of the year is free to the public.**

Art and Garden Tour

Saturday, September 23, 2023, 1:00–4:00 PM

(Rain Date: Sunday, September 24; map available on RAP website closer to event)

Once again, we will explore a few of Roosevelt's gardens, designed by the artists that live here, and see their creative works in their natural habitat. Visit the gardens of some of Roosevelt's most passionate gardeners, and experience the artwork that will be on display. The urge to create, whether with brush, chisel, or trowel, thrives in Roosevelt, generating beauty, raising food crops, and creating spaces for quiet reflection.

Eighth Annual Art Walk and Open-Air Gallery

Saturday, October 14, 2023, 1:00–4:00 PM

Roosevelt Public School, 2 School Lane, Roosevelt NJ

Spend an autumn day walking down a wooded trail beside a gently flowing creek, and along the way enjoy artistic creations made by Roosevelt resident. On your journey you may take a moment to hear a tune played by local musicians or listen to poetry being recited.

NEW THIS YEAR! The Art Walk will begin at the Roosevelt Public School. There you will be able to view the New Deal mural in the school's lobby, painted by the local Great Depression-era artist Ben Shahn. Light refreshments and restroom facilities will be available. Follow the signs and you will see the monumental sculpture of Franklin Delano Roosevelt created by renowned sculptor Jonathan Shahn.

ALSO NEW THIS YEAR! Children's arts and crafts projects will be set up on tables beneath the FDR bust sculpture at the amphitheatre.

An Evening of Nightclub Music With Pat Monteleone and Friends

Saturday, November 11, 2023, 7:30–9:30 PM, Roosevelt Borough Hall

Vocalist and ukulele player extraordinaire Pat Monteleone will offer a variety of old standards, vintage country songs, and blues music, accompanied by local musicians and guest performers. Picture a setting of a smoky 1930s cabaret or speakeasy (without the smoke!), and you'll know what to expect, as Pat's mellow, jazzy voice smooths the walls of the Roosevelt Borough Hall.

Drumming for Every One

Sunday, December 3, 2023, 3:30–5:00 PM, Roosevelt Public School

A treat for those of all ages, drum facilitator Ange Chianese invites everyone who would like to participate to create a community of happy drummers with drums, bells, whistles, shakers and other percussives. Children of all ages will have a chance to join in the fun. Expect some magic to happen if you choose to play with him!

STORY-VELT

Saturday, January 20, 2024, 7:30 PM, Roosevelt Borough Hall

An evening of Rooseveltians spinning yarns, recalling anecdotes, & telling stories.

The Light of Winter: An Evening of Song and Friendship

Sunday, February 18, 2024, 7:30 PM, Saks home, 13 Pine Drive

Presented by Gabe and the Saks Family Band, with special guests including The Knockabouts and Rick Pressler. Join us to celebrate the inspiration of music and the warmth of community with original songs and rejuvenating sing-alongs. Hot drinks and baked goods will be served.

Facets of Bach

Saturday, March 9, 2024, 7:30 PM, Roosevelt Borough Hall

Pianist Alan Mallach offers a different take on Johann Sebastian Bach's keyboard music by performing piano transcriptions of some of his greatest organ works, complemented by works from Bach's son Carl Phillip Emanuel, and by Brahms. As expected, the music will be illuminated by Mallach's always interesting commentary.

Drawings & Found Objects

Saturday, March 23, 2024, 1:00–5:00 PM, Roosevelt Borough Hall

Oftentimes a drawing or a found object can be the inspiration for a more complicated painting or sculpture—but sometimes simply pairing a drawing and an object can reveal the similarities of their linear structures. This one-day exhibition of found objects, small sculptures, pottery and drawings by local artists will explore the relationship between objects and drawings.

Poevent

Saturday, April 27, 2024, 7:30 PM, Roosevelt Borough Hall

As the town's late Shan Ellentuck said upon hearing of the Roosevelt Poets upcoming event, "Isn't everyone a poet?" And the response: "Yes, but only a few people admit to it!"

This year, you're invited to read one poem of your own, along with the RAP poets!

Roosevelt String Band

Sunday, May 5, 2024, 3:00 PM, Roosevelt Borough Hall

The Roosevelt String Band (with David Brahinsky, guitar and vocals; Ed Cedar, a variety of string instruments; Joe Pepitone, bass; Noemi Bolton, banjo uke, guitar and vocals; Nancy Wilson, guitar and vocals; Guy DeRosa, harmonicas) concert this year will feature a variety of songs from the folk and singer-songwriter traditions, including songs by Leonard Cohen, Stan Rogers, Chris Smither, Pete Seeger, Kate Wolf, Cheryl Wheeler and many others.

Slavery Trail

Saturday, June 8, 2024, 7:30 PM, Roosevelt Borough Hall

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere" is the motto for our multi-media event. Photos, music, and poems will celebrate how America's slavery trail became its civil rights trail. We'll be telling the story of how suffering yielded overcoming. A narrative of our nine-day drive from Greensboro to Selma, Birmingham to Montgomery to Washington, D.C., visiting the Civil Rights Institute and Birmingham Jail and ending at the National Museum of African American History & Culture. What we learn is that Black history is the history of ALL Americans; as Fannie Lou Hamer said, "Nobody's Free Until Everybody's Free."