

Roosevelt Arts Project

2016 -2017 Schedule of Events

Collaborative Book Project: Planning Meeting

Saturday, September 24, 2016, 10:00 AM - Noon
Borough Hall
33 North Rochdale Avenue
Roosevelt, NJ 08555

Calling all artists! This is the kickoff meeting for the creation of a collaborative art book whose format and themes will be discussed at the meeting. The goal of the project is to create a book composed of art works from many artists in diverse media which can be collated, produced, and exhibited at the end of the RAP season (June 3rd, 2017). Each contributing artist will receive a copy.

18th Century English Caricature

Saturday, October 1, 2016, 8:00 PM
Borough Hall
33 North Rochdale Avenue
Roosevelt, NJ 08555

Everyone knows that the 18th century gave birth to the English novel. But there was another art form, less well-known today, but equally popular and radical at the time: English caricature. Jim Sherry will provide a visual and verbal tour of the hilarious prints that shaped today's comics, political cartoons, and more. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person.

Woodland Trail Art Walk and Open Gallery

Saturday, October 22, 2016, 3:00 - 5:00 PM
Tour begins at the Roosevelt Post Office
North Rochdale Avenue
Roosevelt, NJ 08555

In celebration of the restoration of the trail along Empty Box Brook, you are invited to make the path an open gallery for art and music. Inspired by the natural surroundings, poets can read poems, actors recite monologues, musicians play or record music, and visual artists sketch, paint, or display their artworks *en plein air*. Or you can just walk the path and enjoy the fall colors. Contact Hunter Ellentuck (hunter@ellentuck.com) for more information and guidelines for participating. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person.

A Hidden Child's Story

Saturday, October 29, 2016, 8:00 PM
Borough Hall
33 North Rochdale Avenue
Roosevelt, NJ 08555

Between the ages of five and ten, longtime Roosevelt resident Al Hepner was hidden from the Nazis in his homeland of Belgium and moved from one place of shelter to another as detection became imminent. In this film of an interview conducted at the SAR Academy in Riverdale, Bronx, Al responds to questions from students about his experiences. After the film, Al will be available to answer any further questions from the RAP audience.

There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person.

Art and Artifact Show and Sale

Sunday, November 13, 2016, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Roosevelt Public School
2a School Lane
Roosevelt, NJ 08555

A combination art exhibit and flea market, this event has something for everyone. Residents of Roosevelt and artists from neighboring towns will come together to display their works of art and offer them for sale in time for the holidays. The twist is this: there will also be artifacts for sale that are more typically found at antique flea markets. Live music will be provided by local musicians. A talk about the famous Ben Shahn Roosevelt Mural will start at 11:00. Contact Heidi Monteleone (h.aldin@comcast.net) for more information about participating as a vendor. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person.

Film Series: Trumbo

Saturday, December 10, 2016, 8:00 PM
Borough Hall
33 North Rochdale Avenue
Roosevelt, NJ 08555

"Are you now, or have you ever been, a member of the Communist Party?" These words were widely feared during the late 1940's to the late 1950's as Roosevelt artists and their friends found themselves under the scrutiny of the federal government's purge on supposed communist sympathizers during the McCarthy era. We kickoff a series of films and documentaries related to the history of Roosevelt with our presentation of the 2015 film, *Trumbo*. Breaking Bad actor Brian Cranston stars as the rebellious, freewheeling, and heroic Hollywood screenwriter Dalton Trumbo, as he

leads the fight against censorship in the film industry.
There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person.

Open Jam Session

Saturday, January 14, 2017, 8:00 PM
Borough Hall
33 North Rochdale Avenue
Roosevelt, NJ 08555

Attention all musicians and singers. Come gather for an open jam session. All are welcome to play and sing along with neighbors and friends. Music will be provided, but bring your favorites as well. For further information, contact Rob Atwood (rdja13@gmail.com).
There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person.

Songs of Bitter-Sweet Love

Saturday, February 18, 2017, 8:00 PM
Borough Hall
33 North Rochdale Avenue
Roosevelt, NJ 08555

Jazz-singing ukulele player Patsy Monteleone will perform "love-lost/love-found/love-lost-again" pop tunes representing music from five decades—the 1920s through the 1960s. Selections include songs made famous by artists as different in style and substance as Al Jolson, The Beatles, Billie Holiday, Sam Cooke, Peggy Lee, The Coasters, Cole Porter, and The Mamas and the Papas. Familiar musical friends from Roosevelt will accompany Patsy on some of the numbers.
There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person.

Leipzig: A Musical Biography

Saturday, March 11, 2017, 8:00 PM
Borough Hall
33 North Rochdale Avenue
Roosevelt, NJ 08555

What do Bach, Telemann, Mendelssohn, Schumann, Wagner and a host of other less renowned composers have in common? They were all either born, or lived and made music in Leipzig, an unpretentious, mid-sized city in eastern Germany. Through the keyboard music of composers from the 17th through the 20th century and his illuminating commentary, Alan Mallach will tell the story of this remarkable city and its musical figures, from Johann Kuhnau who depicted Bible stories in keyboard sonatas, to the Jewish composers who followed Mendelssohn there in the 19th century. And last but not least, Hanns Eisler, who was deported from the United States in 1948 and wrote

everything from Hollywood film music to Communist marching songs.
There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person.

Spring Cleaning: A Poetry Reading

Saturday, April 8, 2017, 8:00 PM
Borough Hall
33 North Rochdale Avenue
Roosevelt, NJ 08555

Come join the Roosevelt poets as they dust away the cobwebs of the soul.
There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person.

The Roosevelt String Band in Concert

Friday & Saturday, May 5 & 6, 2017, 8:00 PM
Borough Hall
33 North Rochdale Avenue
Roosevelt, NJ 08555

For their 30th anniversary, the String Band plans to present an evening of greatest hits— songs from the past that delighted, thrilled, challenged, or inspired their audiences. The band will include the usual suspects: David Brahinsky, Paul Prestopino, Ed and Sam Cedar, Kai Altair, Joe Pepitone, and (if the stars align) Howie Jacobson. There is a suggested donation of \$10 per person; \$5 for seniors and students.

Collaborative Book Project: Exhibition

Saturday, June 3, 2017, 1:00 - 5:00 PM
Assifa Space
40 Tamara Drive
Roosevelt, NJ 08555

The collaborative art book effort, whose planning began in September, will culminate in an exhibition and celebration of the completed work. Copies will be available for all to see, and individual copies will be distributed to the participating artists.

NOTE: To receive timely email reminders of RAP events one to two weeks before they occur, please join our [mailing list](#). It's the best way to keep up with our wonderful programs!