

September 2020 Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

September is here and, despite the circumstances, we are safely continuing to meet both outdoors and on Zoom.

Please check all our activities and social gatherings: the book-club, visits to gardens, restaurants, and don't miss our yearly Fall Party on Saturday the 12th!

This year we are very thankful to Donna Passarotti for opening her beautiful three-decked patio overlooking a lake in Rockaway! We will all comply with safe social distancing guidelines.

Another highlight coming up is our new on-line movie discussion.

The first meeting will be on October 1st with the incredible privilege of having our member Salem Murphy, an actress in the movie "ABE," to lead our discussion.

Stay safe and connected!

Best wishes to all,

Florencia

Save the Dates (Details in Newsletter)

- Sep 3 - Sip and Share -
- Sep 12 - Autumn Social
- Sep 16 - Book Club - Giver of Stars
- Sep 16 - Foreign Film - Hispanic Heritage Month
- Sep 17 - Sip and Share
- Sep 23 or 24 - Lunch Ill Monello
- Sep 30 - Foreign Film- Hispanic Heritage Month
- Oct 1 - Movie Discussion - Abe
- Oct 14 - Foreign Film - Hispanic Heritage Month

Movie dates for Roberts Cinema will be announced through periodic emails (when they reopen)

[Monthly Board meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Morris County Library at 10 am All members are welcome to attend.](#)

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Join Us!!!

Sip and Share Social

We're continuing our social meetings in a park or other outdoor venue in a virtual setting. We practice social distancing and wear masks.

We bring our chairs, a snack and something to drink.

It's a wonderful opportunity to stay in contact with our friends and neighbors!

Sept 3 –Freylinghuysen Arboretum 2:00
Sept 17 –Macculloch Hall Gardens 3:30

Watch your email for updates. Weather may cause a reschedule or switch to zoom

Frelinghuysen Arboretum

The weather is expected to be cooler, so our next Sip & Share will be at Frelinghuysen Arboretum, recently reopened by the Morris County Park Commission. While the gardens (outdoors) are currently open from "noon to dusk" -- buildings will remain closed. Bring your chair, snack, and something to drink. We will follow social distancing guidelines and wear masks.



We will gather at 2:00 in the parking lot area near the gazebo, then by 2:15 we will decide where we want to hang out (we will move to a more enjoyable spot, perhaps under a large tree). By 3:00 or so, we can decide whether we (all or some of us) want to go for a little hike on the property before heading back home.

Be sure to RSVP ahead of time to Joni Gilton at joni.gg@gmail.com or text 512.786.0285 so that we will know to look out/wait for you.

Location address:
353 E. Hanover Ave
Morris Township, NJ 07962
(973) 326-7603

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Macculloch Hall Gardens



Join us in enjoying the beautiful gardens of Macculloch Hall... one of Morristown's hidden gems. Bring your chair, snack, and something to drink. We will follow social distancing guidelines and wear masks.

We will meet in front of Macculloch Hall at 3:30. Please confirm your attendance by texting Judy Till at 201.650.4383.

Location address:
45 Macculloch Avenue
Morristown, NJ 07960

Join Us!!!

Il Monello on Wednesday, September 23, or Thursday, September 24

During these Covid times it's been challenging, to say the least, to recommend safe outdoor venues to enjoy getting together for a meal.

We scheduled a trial get-together for a late lunch/early dinner on Wednesday, August 5th, at Il Monello in Peapack--which had to be cancelled due to hurricane Isaias.

Il Monello's large outdoor patio is completely tented, with free-standing heaters now as well.

Il Monello focuses on authentic cuisine from the Abruzzo region of southern Italy, and its expert preparation of those dishes and impeccable service always make it a most delightful dining experience.

Please contact Dawne Drake if you're interested in trying Il Monello on Wednesday, September 23, or Thursday, September 24, at 1:30P for a late lunch.

Date:	Wednesday, September 23 or Thursday, September 24
Time - Lunch	1:30 PM
Location:	Il Monello Restaurant 89 Main Street Peapack, NJ 908-470-0005
Cost:	Order off menu
BYOB?:	Yes
RSVP To:	Dawne Drake dawnedrake@hotmail.com 973-538-7461
RSVP By:	Wednesday, September 9

Book Club

The Book Club provides an opportunity to read some wonderful novels.

We would love to have more members share in our friendly discussion about insights and ideas contained in the monthly book selection.

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Zoom or other location

If you enjoy reading and would like to attend, please RSVP to Marge Leitch at Marge.Leitch@gmail.com.

Date	Title/Author	Reviewer
9/16/2020	Giver of Stars by Jo Jo Moyes	Arlene Lipsman
10/28/2020	TBD	
12/2/2020	TBD	



We plan to take advantage of the good weather and a lovely venue by holding our next book club discussion at Macculloch Hall Gardens in Morristown.

The gardens has some lovely areas with gracious old trees. Everyone should bring their own chair and wear a mask.

We will meet in front of Macculloch Hall (45 Macculloch Avenue, Morristown) at 9.50. Text Judy for questions 201.650.4383

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Splendor in September

The "Mansion in May" fundraiser hosted by the Women's Association of Morristown Medical Center, originally scheduled in May, was postponed due to the Pandemic.

The event has been renamed "Splendor in September" and is scheduled to open September 8 - October 4. The tour will be held at the Tyvan Hill Mansion in New Vernon



Dee Wilson and her husband, Dennis, as event sponsors, have FREE TICKETS to the event. And they have graciously offered them to our members.

Masks, Social Distancing, and Safety Policies of the Medical Center apply.

If you are interested in attending, please call Dee Wilson at 973-425-1610 for more information.

For those interested in going, we can plan to attend on the same day.

Cinema Group



Film Discussion of "Abe" with Cast Member and Neighbor, Salem Murphy

Even though we cannot do everything we used to do, such as meet at Roberts Cinema to watch a film and then head over to Blossom Asian Bistro for dinner and conversation, we can still enjoy film-related activities, just in a different way. Rather than go to the theater, we can watch selected films at home via the Internet, and then meet via Zoom to discuss the film and socialize. So, let's do it! We hope you can join us for our first film event experienced virtually!

The first film on our virtual list is "Abe – about a 12-year-old boy from Brooklyn who cooks to unite his half Israeli and half Palestinian family, and learns that relationships can be, shall we say, complicated. Thanks to Eileen Kohnle for recommending this film after discovering that one of our members, Salem Murphy, is an actor and cast member in the film.

What makes this event really special is being able to learn more about the film from a cast member who will share her experience and answer our questions.

Thursday, October 1, 4:30pm

Via Zoom (you must RSVP in advance to receive Zoom link to join meeting) RSVP to Joni Gilton at joni.gg@gmail.com. You will receive Zoom link by email the day before the event. (For

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Watch Abe film trailer on YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/KGO-CqiAvCQ>

Abe film is available via: Amazon Prime at

[https://www.amazon.com/Abe-Noah-](https://www.amazon.com/Abe-Noah-Schnapp/dp/B0867FFN7J)

Schnapp/dp/B0867FFN7J YouTube at

<https://youtu.be/QXexMkesNYw>

Morristown Library Foreign Film Lovers Club

Morristown Library is starting their Foreign Film Lovers Club, beginning with Latino themed films for Hispanic Heritage Month.

Films can be viewed on Kanopy

mmt.kanopy.com and then discussions

will be held at 7pm on the following dates

via "go to meeting"

-September 16

-September 30

-October 14

The process is just getting started, so check your email for more information.

Click on Casual and then "I have a partner" . You will need to know your partners sign in name. If any of you are already playing this game with a partner, let us know how it's going.

Interested in Learning a New Craft?

Michaels is offering a wide variety of free online classes. There are many topics...floral wreaths, painting, knitting, jewelry making.

Check it out at

<https://www.michaels.com/onlineclasses>



Ladies Bridge

Our Bridge sessions have been on hold and will continue to remain so until restrictions are eased.

There are online bridge games. A popular one is BridgeBase.com. You can play by yourself or you can play with a real person.