

More Amherst Town Library News

Boston Saxophone Quartet Performs Duke Ellington: Beyond Category Concert

AMHERST – The long awaited concert of the Boston Saxophone Quartet performing “Duke Ellington: Beyond Category Concert” is happening on Sunday, April 26 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Main Reading Room of the Amherst Town Library. Postponed due to snow twice this winter, we are looking forward to beautiful weather on April 26 (keep your fingers crossed) for this final program of the Sundays at 4 music series! The Boston Saxophone Quartet is a unique blend of musicians who have performed with the Boston Pops and Boston Symphony Orchestra and leading Broadway theaters throughout New England. The BSQ musicians are proficient on all the woodwinds including flute, clarinet, oboe, and bassoon, in addition to, of course, the saxophone. The four members of the BSQ are Tom Ferrante (soprano saxophone and bass clarinet), Greg Floor (alto saxophone and flute), Brent Beech (baritone saxophone and clarinet), and Peter Cokkinias (tenor saxophone and clarinet). The Library is grateful to be hosting these stellar professional musicians under our roof!

Sharing a dual career as an instrumentalist and conductor, Peter Cokkinias has conducted the Boston Ballet, Boston Pops, Springfield Symphony (MA), and the Atlantic Sinfonietta (NY). He has performed with the Boston Lyric Opera, Boston Ballet, and Cincinnati, Hartford, Pittsburgh, and Boston Symphony Orchestras. Presently,

Dr. Cokkinias is in his 30th season as Music Director/Conductor of the Metrowest Symphony Orchestra (MA), Professor at Berklee College of Music, and is a woodwind doubler at the North Shore Music Theater in Beverly (MA) and Colonial and Wang Theaters in Boston (MA). Tom Ferrante's performing career has been in the orchestras of the Colonial, Wang, and Schubert Theaters of Boston. Other credits include membership in the Herb Pomeroy Jazz Orchestra, The Viola Premier Saxophone Quartet, and the Greg Hopkins Big Band. A former Director of Bands for Waltham (MA) High School, Tom has been featured jazz clarinet soloist with the Boston Pops Orchestra for the past twenty seasons. Music is in the blood of renowned saxophonist Greg Floor. The clarinet was the instrument of choice for his grandfather and his father and his sister is a pianist. Greg graduated from the New England Conservatory in Boston where he received his Master of Music (Jazz Performance) under the instruction of virtuoso tenor saxophonist, Jerry Bergonzi. Greg was a featured soloist with the Boston Pops under the direction of the legendary John Williams. He has appeared in Jazz Festivals across the world. Brent Beech rounds out the quartet with his exuberant baritone saxophone and clarinet. He is an active woodwind performer now in the Boston area after his years in the Air Force band program. Brent completed undergraduate and Mas-



ters degrees as a classically trained clarinetist while performing professionally as a multi-instrumentalist specializing in woodwinds. His commercial work includes national tours with Maureen McGovern, John Pizzarelli as well as working with John Denver, Crystal Gayle, Bob Mintzer, Bob Newhart, Kenny Rodgers, Morton Gould, Paquito D'Rivera, Ed Shaunese and many others.

The Amherst Town Library is appreciative for the funding provided by the Friends of the Amherst Town

Library for the entire 2015 Sundays at 4 music series.

All library events are free and open to the public. However, registration is REQUIRED for each performance due to space limitations. To register for any or all of the Sundays at 4 concerts, please call 673-2288, email library@amherstlibrary.org or visit our website at www.amherstlibrary.org and select the “Community Services” tab, then click on drop down “Sign-Up for Programs.”

Spring is in The Air: Student Art Show May 2015!

AMHERST – When it is Spring, it is time for the Student Art Show! Mark those calendars the Friends of the Amherst Town Library will be showcasing selected artworks from the SAU-39 schools in the 2015 Student Art Show during the month of May at the Amherst Town Library. Artists' reception to be held on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Again this year, in addition to students receiving participation ribbons, art awards will be given to selected artworks juried by five local artists.

Awards will take the form of framing two-dimensional artworks or a plaque for three-dimensional artworks. Award ceremony for selected juried artwork will be at 3:00 p.m. on Mother's Day. Artists selected for awards will be notified prior to award ceremony.

Currently we are in need of 3 more businesses or patrons of youth art to help sponsor the remaining awards. If you would like to make a \$100.00 tax deductible donation to sponsor an award please contact Christine Farris by e-mailing for details at christine.farris@mac.com by April 30th.



Artist: Alex Airey, 2014

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Cooking With Chocolate and Chef Liz Barbour

AMHERST – The Amherst Town Library hosts Chef Liz Barbour in the delicious, entertaining and informative program, “Cooking with Chocolate,” on Tuesday, April 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the Johnson Meeting Room. This presentation is the final program in the Library's month long series for adults, Field of Dreams: Baseball, Travel, & Anything Chocolate. Chocolate is not a dessert; it's everything you need! You can influence a lot of people and change your world if you have the right chocolate recipe. Join Chef/Instructor Liz Barbour as she uses chocolate as the main ingredient in recipes that are not just for dessert. Add in Liz's easy cooking technique and you are on your way to creating great meals you can prepare at home.

Liz Barbour has been cooking professionally in the Boston area since 1992, and started Liz Barbour's Creative Feast in 2004. Liz built her cooking career in a variety of Boston's catering and restaurant settings. Liz's cooking demonstrations have been featured on New Hampshire Chronicle and she appears regularly on WMUR Channel 9's “Cook's Corner.”

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Chef Liz Barbour event, Tuesday, April 21

Spring Clothes and Treasures at The Spring Rummage Sale

AMHERST – Great buys are the hallmark of the twice-yearly rummage sales at the Congregational Church of Amherst. The spring sale, sponsored by the Woman's Association (WA), will take place on Friday evening, April 17 and Saturday morning, April 18. Spring and summer clothing, jewelry, antiques and vintage items, collectibles, toys, games, puzzles, books, linens, towels, household and home décor items are all available at excellent prices. On Friday, items are individually priced. On Saturday, the price is \$5 per bag.

The Spring and Fall Rummage Sales are two of the largest fundraisers of the WA and a longstanding tradition in the church and the community. In addition to providing support to the church and the Senior High mission trip, the WA makes annual contributions to local charities.

Come early to find the best selection! Sale hours are Friday, April 17 from 5:00-7:30 pm and Saturday, April 18 from 9:00 am to noon. The church is located at 11 Church Street, on the town green in Amherst and is handicap accessible. Additional information can be found at www.ccamherst.org



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Art Inventory Reduction Sale

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