

MPNA News

The Melrose Park Neighbors Association

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From MPNA President – Andy Rudin
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The Friends of High School Park are hosting two exciting programs this weekend.

Program registration must be received by Thursday, December 1

Just in time to decorate your home for the winter holidays...

Gather Greens & Decorate Workshop

December 4, 2011, 12:30-2:00 pm

Diana K. Weiner, Meet at the FHSP Office-7910 Montgomery Ave

Take a walk through High School Park with Diana K. Weiner, our Park Restoration Manager to gather greens, vines, seed heads and cones of various plants. We will go back to the office and make a swag to hang on your door, window or garden gate for the holidays. Programs are free for members and \$5 for others. Register by calling 215.782.8082 or email to info@fhsp.org

Bird Feeding 101-A Family Workshop

December 4, 2011, 2:00-3:30 pm

Diana K. Weiner, Meet at the FHSP Office-7910 Montgomery Ave

Who eats what? Find out what our feathered friends like to eat and the many different types of feeders you can use. We will be repurposing common household items and each participant will bring home a birdfeeder they have made themselves! Register by calling 215-782-8082 or email us at info@fhsp.org. Free for members/\$5 for non members.

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Terry Rivel

Glenside House Concerts (Hosts Ken Yavit & Donna Ryder) presents a concert and party to celebrate the release of his new CD "Broken People"

Saturday, December 3, 2011 - 8PM

Donation: \$15-20 (All money goes to performer) Glenside, PA

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Please call to reserve a seat: 215-572-7715 or write us at: GlensideHC1@comcast.net

Whether calling or writing to reserve seats, please provide BOTH a phone number AND an e-mail address, and tell us how many seats you want to reserve.

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WHITE PINES SUMMER 2011 RESIDENT ENSEMBLE FEATURED ON WHY'Y'S NEWSWORKS. FACILITATORS OF JULY 2011 WORKSHOP RETURN FOR ONLY TWO PHILADELPHIA APPEARANCES.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 17TH AT 3 AND 7 PM AT THE ELKINS ESTATE

Fools Mass is set during the Plague years, where a group of village idiots are forced to enact their own Mass due to the untimely death of their beloved pastor, an extraordinary man who had given them shelter and trained them to sing. Despite this solemn premise, the piece is full of buffoonery and comic audience participation, along with choral singing of sacred hymns and chants from the 8th through the 17th centuries. The performers wear the vestments, not of priests but of medieval bedlam idiots who are called upon by circumstance to celebrate a Mass even though they do not know how. Moving easily between the sublime and the ridiculous, drawing its audience through laughter toward participation and contemplation, the work resists being categorized as either theater or religion, becoming both at once in an event experienced by many as transformative.

Fools Mass is a demonstration of what might happen if the liturgy was stripped of all pretension and reduced to the fragmented but beautifully human insights of the patients in some medieval asylum. The audience is transformed into a worshipping congregation. When I was privileged to sit in on Fools Mass, I was not even sure how this transformation took place: the performers entered so truthfully into their characters and related so lovingly with the spectators, we had no choice but to be engaged and to engage in wonder. Dzieci is not simply a troupe of performers but a community seeking together a profound relationship with the Spiritual. Rex Deverell, Minister Emeritus of Calvary Baptist Church in Toronto

Cast: Megan Bones, Yvonne Brecht, Golan, Jesse Hathaway, Martha Hoffman, Zachary Koval, Elsa Lam, Leanora Logan, Matt Mitler, John Norman, Rebecca Sokoll, Bob Strock

Costumes by Karen Hatt. Choral Direction by John Norman. Directed by Matt Mitler

Suggested donation: \$20.00 Register at <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/2522149818>

Also, the **George Weldon Trio** will perform on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 from 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM. They perform the music of America's Greatest Composers. Please join us on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 8:00pm to kick off the holiday season. The event is free. MPNA

This Newsletter

If you have any suggestions for items for this newsletter, feel free to email them to me at andrewrudin@earthlink.net MPNA

MPNA memberships

Membership in MPNA helps pay for plantings, signage, and many other things. Annual dues are \$10 per individual, \$20 per household. Send your contribution to MPNA Board member Jim Muldoon, 106 Parkview Road, Cheltenham, PA 19012. The membership cycle is the calendar year. MPNA

MPNA Board

Members of the MPNA Board are Andrew Rudin, Phil Kates, Michael Sheckman, Jim Muldoon, Debbie Posmontier and Albert Fried-Cassorla. If you are interested in helping out with MPNA, please email me atandrewrudin@earthlink.net. This newsletter is available or will be soon on our website –www.melroseparkneighbors.org MPNA

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